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John E. Cleckner, Sr. to be inducted into the Special Forces Hall of Fame

This Chapter is dedicated and named in honor of Sergeant First Class Allen C. Johnson from Los Molinos, California, his wife, two children and parents. Allen was an SF Medic serving with the 7th Special Forces Group in Afghanistan, when he gave "The Last Full Measure of Devotion" on 26 April 2005. SFC Johnson was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for Valor for his heroic actions on that date.

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On 12 October 2010, SFA Chapter 89 President **John E. Cleckner, Sr.** was officially notified that he was to be inducted into the Special Forces Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member of the 1st Special Forces Regiment (DMOR). The notification came from the office of the Commanding General, US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School, Brigadier General Bennet S. Sacolick. The notification further stated that "It seems fitting, given your distinguished career and contributions to the force, that you be inducted as a Distinguished Member of The Regiment."

The induction is scheduled to take place as a part of the Regimental First Formation on November 18, 2010 at JFK Memorial Plaza at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. John has also been invited to attend the Special Forces Qualification Course Graduation on

Friday, November 19, at the Crown Coliseum.

Though many of us know of some of John's exploits and accomplishments, I believe that sharing the following condensed version of his career highlights which were used for the qualification phase of the selection process will be most revealing and enlightening. Obviously a well deserved honor.

John Edward Cleckner Sr., Major, United States Army Special Forces Retired has been selected for induction into the Special Forces Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

This great honor will happen during the Regimental First Formation on the 18th of November 2010 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

John has also been honored by the Special Force Association. During the National Convention in Fayetteville, NC in 2006 he was inducted into the Order of Saint Philip Neri and awarded the Saint Philip Neri Silver Medal, #4. That same year the State of Ohio honored John by inducting him into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor and he was awarded the Ohio Medal of Valor, #91.

In June 2003 John was given the first Military Officers Association of America "Presidents Award" for his exceptional leadership and meritorious service to his country, his community and to his fellow Veterans.

John was honored with the "1973 Berlin American Citizen of the Year Award" and in 1968 he was made a "Kentucky Colonel" by then, Governor Louis B. Nunn for his exceptional service to the Military Sons of Kentucky.

He planned and established the first Special Olympics in Central North Carolina and was recognized by the Kennedy Family.

In 1991 John was given the "Veteran of the Year" Award by Shasta County California and in 1993 John was recognized by the City of Redding CA, Shasta County CA and the –



John E. Cleckner, Sr.-Special Forces Hall of Fame Inductee

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Vietnam Veterans of America as the Outstanding Veteran and Civic Leader of the year.

John is a member of the First Special Forces Regiment, he is a Master Mason, a Noble in the A.A.O.N.M.S.(Shrine), a member of the Legion of the Moose, the Sons of Italy and an Elk.

John was published five (5) times in the Army. He and his committee's (O&I) two operations Sergeants rewrote the complete Special Forces O&I Program.

John served as the Senior Aide de Camp to the United States Commander of Berlin, Germany (Major General Wm. Cobb)

John also served as Aide de Camp to the United States Commander of Special Forces at Ft. Bragg, NC (Brigadier General Stillwell)

He also served as the 5th SFGA Briefing Officer and Aide to Colonel Mike Healy.

John served as a Special Forces Executive Officer and Commander of a Special Forces "A" Team in Combat in 1966, 67, 68, and 69. John was wounded 6 times in combat and wears three Purple Hearts.

During his command of A-102 Tien Phuoc, his "A" Team fought under siege for 143 days in 1969 and the Camp held. Wounded three times at Tien Phuoc and decorated three times for Valor, after briefing Colonel Bob Rheault he was selected as his 5th GP briefing officer. In 1967 John was the XO of A-222 Dong Tre. While checking the Camp's perimeter one night he entered a burning bunker and saved the lives of its five occupants. He was awarded the Solders Medal for his Heroism.

John's Veterans Advocacy work is Legendary. He wrote the legislation for the Northern California Veterans Cemetery and Veterans Home and is currently serving on both Boards as a Consultant and Member.

John is the Past President of the Shasta County Veterans Affiliated Council, Past Chairman of the Board, Victory Ensured Through Service, and Founder and First Chairman of the Board of the

Northern California VA Health Care System Advisory Council. (16 Northern Counties of CA) He co-founded Chapter 2001, Military Order of the Purple Heart, SFA Chapter 89, the current Veterans Administration Outpatient Medical Clinic and the California Veterans Cemetery Association.

John is married to the former Doris Elaine Bonner. They have 8 children, 18 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren. They reside in Redding, California.

For those who still might not be familiar with the DMOR Program, I would share the following information from the USASOC:

"Distinguished Members of The Regiment are those Special Forces Soldiers who have been singled out by fellow members of the Regiment as pillars of the Green Beret community for their service to the nation worthy of emulation by current and future Special Forces Soldiers. Criteria for a Distinguished Member of the Regiment include:

To have graduated from Special Forces Qualification Course and/or been awarded the SF Tab and served in the Special Forces Regiment.

To have made significant contributions to the regimental success on the battlefield and/or to the training and qualification of new members of the regiment.

An individual's nomination will further highlight contributions the nominee has made to the Regiment and/or the local community upon separation or retirement from the Army. Continued service to the Regiment after separation from the military is particularly important to the program and can be through both formal and informal activities."

Anyone, who has known John, for even just a brief period of time, will readily recognize that John is superbly qualified and deserving of this most prestigious Honor. This IS a really significant honor!!

Congratulations... John!! And, a well deserved "atta boy" to Doris for hanging in there and having been so invaluable supportive of John throughout the years.

Chapter 89 Activities and events for the last Quarter:

Chapter Fund Raiser Campaign:

The long awaited and publicized Annual Chapter Fund Raising Campaign kicked off at the September GM&B meeting. Nine great prizes had been initially donated by Chapter members and staunch Chapter supporter, Skagen Designs. A tenth prize has subsequently been donated by **Wes Fowler**; another Cabela's Gift Certificate. This was Wes's second prize donation. Why two prizes donated?? Well... Wes had been seen enjoying a few beer with the Chapter Secretary while trap shooting near Sierraville, California.

As a result of some very aggressive promotion by a few Chapter members, ALL raffle tickets were sold within 30 days. Six (6)

Chapter members picked up, promoted and sold raffle tickets. An additional seven (7) Chapter members supported this Chapter effort by purchasing raffle tickets. A total of thirteen (13) Chapter members purchased raffle tickets. The Chapter coffers had a net gain of \$1600.00 via this Chapter fund raising effort. The raffle drawing will be conducted at the Annual Chapter Christmas Gathering on the 11th of December. Good luck to all of the ticket holders and thanks to the supporters of this Chapter project. A very special Thank You is once again due Mark King for his impressive and invaluable Raffle Prize "Flyer" in addition to facilitating the Skagen raffle prizes.

Jenny Johnson's Annual Scholarship Fund Raiser Campaign:

The yard sales are over for this year and **Jenny** has earned a well deserved respite from this very challenging (time and effort) labor of love. Jenny has sold a total of \$2455.34 worth of items this past year which will greatly enhance the Allen C. Johnson Scholarship Fund. Additionally, \$194.28 has been donated to the Chapter

General Fund. A big Thank You and, "Tip of the Beret" to Jenny for her success and Chapter support. Many thanks as well to those Chapter members, who donated items, helped set up & break down and helped during the sales. It could not have happened without you.

Chapter 89 Activities and events for the last Quarter:

Reno Fall Gathering:

On the 23rd of October, thirteen hardy Chapter members, spouses, family and friends met at the home of **Jim Wipf** in Reno, Nevada. **John & Doris Cleckner**, **Bob & Kathy Maraviiov**, **Scott Masterson**, **Ken & Sue Holmes**, **Brad Hines**, **Wes Fowler**, **Erick Wipf**, **Jim & Marlie**, and **Fred Egenberger** enjoyed an abundance of vittles and libations. Not even intermittent rain and wind could dampen the spirits and/or enthusiasm of those gathered. However, "Static" never ventured far from the outdoor fireplace.



John, Doris and Kathy guarding the kitchen.

Of special note during the festivities was a special gift presented to the Chapter by **Erick Wipf**, Jim's son. The gift was a specially made sign banning the introduction and/or consumption of Keystone Beer at any of the Chapter's official functions. The sign (a reminder), which Chapter President **John Cleckner** begrudgingly accepted on behalf of the Chapter, will be prominently displayed at all Chapter meetings in the future. A photo of the sign is included in this newsletter. All of this was of course done in jest; however, President John declined having his own personal copy of the sign to display at home.



Jim & Erick Wipf in front of their "handiwork".



John attempts to act happy about the new gift and Chapter beer rules.

A special thank you is due: **Marlie Byrd** for her invaluable assistance in helping prepare for this Chapter event; **Kathy Maraviiov** for the delicious "Brownies"; **Doris Cleckner** for the Banana Nut Bread; **Jack and Becky Bowles** for the meat donation ; and **Brad Hines** for the cases of beer. A free gratis raffle was also conducted during the gathering. Another special thanks is due **Fred Egenberger**, Chairman of the Cal- Nevada "All Airborne" Chapter headquartered here in Reno, for his creation and donation of a special exotic wood container with an SFA Chapter 89 coin embedded in it. That was won by **Wes Fowler**. A great time was enjoyed by all in attendance... me thinks.



Ken Holmes and Wes Fowler at the Reno Chapter gathering.

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John asks for a revote on the Keystone ban while Bob, Scott and Wes abstain.



Brad Hines recounts the votes while the group looks on.



Recount confirmed... Five to one! Keystone ban remains in effect!!



A Special Gift for the Chapter Team House.

Chapter Member Birth Date & Wedding Anniversaries:

Recently Celebrated & this upcoming Quarter:

Note that the dates are now reconfigured and included to insure that the newsletter is received (when possible) before the anniversaries.

Wedding Anniversaries

13 Oct..... John & Kelly Cleckner
 17 Nov..... Mike & Carrie Walker
 6 Dec..... Bob & Kathy Maraviov
 8 Jan..... John & Louise Nieland

Birthdays

1 Oct..... Louise Neiland	1 Nov..... Jan Sorenson
1 Oct..... Bryan Furman	3 Nov..... Susan Holmes
17 Oct..... Gary Maraviov	29 Nov..... John Houson
22 Oct..... Manuela Davenport	4 Dec..... Cathy Maraviov
25 Oct..... Jim Wipf	12 Dec..... John Cleckner, Sr.
26 Oct..... Mike Walker	15 Dec..... Jack Bowles
30 Oct..... Marlie Byrd	16 Jan..... Jenny Johnson
	17 Jan..... Doris Cleckner

Chapter 89 Activities and events for the last Quarter:



Bob practicing his presentation to Jack.

Bob w/ a special bouquet for Jack Bowles.

Upcoming Chapter Events & Activities:

Annual Shasta County Veteran's Day Parade:

This is scheduled for 6 November 2010. Meet and assemble at the Maraviov Team House NLT 0900. Food, refreshments and SF

camaraderie will be available after the parade. A Chapter GM&B meeting is NOT scheduled for that day..

Chapter Annual Christmas Gathering:

The Chapter's Annual Christmas Gathering is scheduled for 11 December 2010. The meeting site is yet TBD. The Fund Raiser Raffle

will be conducted in concert with the Christmas gathering. Stay tuned.

Chapter Biennial Elections:

Chapter 89 elections of officers will be held during the April 2011 Chapter GM&B meeting. A Nomination Committee will be created and announced in early February. Nominations and/or notification of willingness to serve are welcome before then. An obvious, but

perhaps overlooked reality, that IF this Chapter, or any other chapter, is to survive and be a viable and effective entity, then members must be willing to step up and serve. All positions are open for consideration.

Annual SFA Dues:

Dues are now payable for those Chapter members on the annual plan. IAW the SFA Constitution (dated 1- Jan-2009) dues are delinquent after the 31st of December. Members who have not renewed by the 31st of January are considered lapsed members. A reinstatement fee may be assessed for members falling in this

category. BTW- This has never been an issue with SFA Chapter 89 membership.... Please remember to submit//remit the annual dues through Chapter Treasurer **Bob "Static" Maraviov**. Thank you.

SFC Allen C. Johnson Memorial at Fort Bragg:

In mid-August **Kathy Navarro**, wife of Chapter member and 1st Battalion -7th SFGA Commander, **LTC "Bull" Navarro**, provided an update and photo of SFC Johnson's rock. The rock, no doubt one of many, presently occupies a place in the 1st Battalion "Rock Garden" at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The "Rock Garden", which is located in front of the Battalion Headquarters, prominently displays a series of these rocks in memory of their/our fallen comrades. Kathy wrote that this past Memorial Day that she had noticed that someone had placed a beer, as well as a flag, by each stone. "It was a sight to see!!"

Chapter **President John Cleckner** also shared that he and past Chapter President **Larry Trimble** had seen the rock(s) when they went back to Fort Bragg a number of years ago and visited with MSG "Q" and his team. John further shared that this, and the other memorial rocks, will be relocated to Florida when the 7th SFGA moves to Eglin AFB.

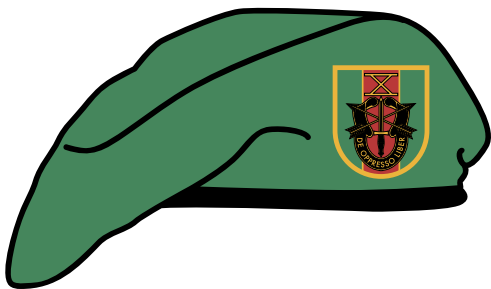
Memorial Rocks... Who would have think it?? Fallen comrades... Absent, but never forgotten!!



SFC Allen C. Johnson Memorial Stone @ 1/7th SFGA

SFA Chapter 89 Member in Iowa stays active:

Chapter member and past mayor of Marion, Iowa, **John Nieland** is staying very busy in Iowa. "Da Mayor", a past American Legion Post Commander continues to support Veteran's activities in his AO. His post supports between 40-50 Military Rites Ceremonies annually in the Iowa area. Most of which, he reports, are for WW-II veterans. John is also an active member of the "Legion Riders" and has been involved in the MIAP for the past few years. Way to go... John.



John Nieland prepared to represent the American Legion

The “Deuce” be doing his thing:

The “Deuce”, more appropriately known as **Captain John E. Cleckner II (USAF)** is continuing to make dad and the USAF proud. “Doc”, currently serving stateside, has recently returned from another overseas deployment. The most recent, his 40th deployment in 18 years, according to dad, was in Afghanistan. That assignment, with the Air Forces Special Operations Command was in direct support of the recently created MARSOF. According to dad-“Deuce” speaks highly of the MARSOF. For those who might not be aware, “Deuce” is a 14 year US Army Special Forces Medic Veteran. A photo of “deuce” and his team in Afghanistan during his most recent deployment is to the right.



Captain “Deuce” Cleckner (w/silver beard) and his team in Afghanistan.

Recon in Reno

In early August, **Bob & Kathy Maraviov** made a short trip to Reno, Nevada. Bob, ever the responsible one, believed that a recon of the Reno area, before the October Gathering, was in order. It was a great idea which was enjoyed tremendously by **Jim and Marlie**. Bob was able to sample the local “brew” and menu, assuring that it was up to the Chapter’s discerning taste, and Jim and Marlie were able to repay the Maraviov’s always generous and welcome hospitality. Perhaps, next trip Kathy will be able to visit downtown Reno.



Marlie and Bob “smelling the roses” (Gaura) in Reno



Marlie, Bob and Kathy in Reno.



GAMEWARDENS Reunion:

In early October 2010, Chapter Associate member and Chapter supporter extraordinaire, **Ken Delfino** was both the host and Chairman for the GAMEWARDENS of Viet-Nam Association's 44th Anniversary reunion. The "Welcome Home" reunion. The GAMEWARDENS were sailors who patrolled the waters of the Mekong Delta and I Corps from 1966 through 1970. A group often referred to by some as the "Brown Water Navy". As many Chapter members are aware, Ken served 22 months with River Division 533. (10/66-7/68).



John & Doris Cleckner and Ken and Melba Delfino at the "GAMEWARDENS" Reunion.

The GAMEWARDENS conduct their reunions every two years (even years). Ken shared that for about 95% of this year's attendees, this was their first time back in their original training ground in the Suisun Sloughs. The unit was based out of Mare Island, California.

Ken and Melba Delfino hosted SFA Chapter 89 President **John Cleckner** and wife **Doris** at the event. John has already sent an AAR to the Chapter about the great and memorable time that they enjoyed

aboard the paddle wheeler "The Lady of Suisun" and among these unsung and not well known Warriors. John further shared in his AAR to the Chapter that "this was one of the most enjoyable Military Conventions (reunions) that he had ever attended. Doris and he really enjoyed themselves. And... he wanted it to be known that being invited to the event was a great honor and distinct pleasure".

Congratulations to Ken and Melba for the great success.

CN-AA (82d ABN Assoc) BBQ:

On the 17th of July, I, **Marlie** and the **Mark King** family had the pleasure of joining with the Cal-Nevada "All- Airborne" Chapter Annual BBQ at the home of Chapter Chairman **Fred Egenberger**.



Mark, Sally and rest of the Kings.

Mark, Brad Hines and I are also members of the CN-AA Chapter here in Northern Nevada. It was a real pleasure to see Mark and Sally able to take time off to enjoy the festivities. They do live a busy life.



Mark King (r) with Bob Sihner (11th Abn Div) at a CN-AA BBQ

To the right is a photo of Mark and a **Bob Sihner**. Bob is also a member of the CNAA. Bob Sihner, a Combat Veteran of the 11th Airborne Division, has a very interesting story that he occasionally shares. Bob participated in and survived two combat jumps with the 11th Airborne in the Philippines. One jump was from an L-4. As one would expect, Bob is often asked to share his history with the 11th, especially the combat jumps. One night while driving Bob home after a meeting, Bob commented to me that although he was often asked

about the combat jumps, he was never asked about just how long it took him to get through "Jump School". Well, being the curious rascal that I am, I had to ask. IF ... I can recall the story accurately, Bob had already earned the CIB and had two combat jumps by the time he had completed "Jump School". Bob it appears OJT'd in the Philippines. Some story!!

Chapter members "Happenings & Other News" this past quarter:

Kathy Maraviov and **Carrie Walker** along with their respective groups continue with the "Lap Throw" project. You will recall that the "lap throw" project was started within the Chapter a few months ago by Kathy Maraviov. The lap throws being made are currently being given to veterans, some of whom are in the VA Veteran's Hospital in Reno, Nevada I have been told. Once the Veteran's Home in Redding is opened the lap throws will be donated there. Great job... ladies. BTW- donation of yarn is always appreciated.

Many thanks to **Wes Fowler** for the donation of 94 paperback books to the Cal-Nevada "All- Airborne" Chapter's Operation Paperback project. The CN-AA, to which three Northern Nevada SFA Chapter 89 members also belong have been sending about 1400 paperback books to deployed Airborne troops a year. This project, at a cost of nearly \$1000.00 per year, is now in its third year. Wes has also donated another \$50.00 Cabela's Gift Certificate to the Chapter's annual fund raiser. This is the second \$50.00 Gift Certificate that Wes has donated to the Fund Raiser Raffle. Thanks again, Wes.

A very recent report from within the shadow of the flagpole shared that **Mike Walker** might be back in the area for a week or so around the 1st of December. Only time will tell. We would certainly look forward to seeing and visiting with Mike once again.

Tracy Jones, daughter of **Bob and Kathy Maraviov**, a very accomplished professional photographer has very quietly offered to donate 15% of her photography sales to this Chapter. This generous offer by this very talented, but modest young lady was accomplished without fanfare or drawing self-serving attention to herself. I just happened to discover this fact when searching for the Chapters' website. Her site had been listed immediately following the Chapter's site. Proud mom and dad, Bob & Kathy where genuinely surprised when I brought the fact to their attention. Casey, the son in law is now serving with the US Navy Reserve.



Examples of the "Lap Throws"

Bryan Furman continues to oversee and manage the Chapter's website. He has recently managed to renew the Chapter's contract with the site designer and manager. Again, all Chapter members are reminded to visit and use the Chapter's website. This is a great site which has elicited much praise from other SFA members.

Chapter President **John Cleckner** was recently inducted into the "Sons of Italy" in the Redding area. Congratulations, John. It has not been able to be confirmed whether the "Godfather" was in attendance... or not. Upon hearing of this event I felt compelled to remind John that it was not Columbus who discovered America. That in fact, America was never lost. The "American Indians" were here for a long time before the Europeans graced these shores.

Sick and Distressed:

Well wishes are sent to Chapter Chaplain **Don Magnuson** in support of his ongoing challenges with various health and medical issues. Hang in there, Don. We look forward to you being an active member of the Chapter once again.

Well wishes are also sent to Chapter President **John Cleckner** who has been dealing with a whole gamut of various medical issues over the last few months. We're here for you, so hang in there... Although, we know that it's not a laughing matter, we were bemused to observe you attempting to learn to operate the motorized wheel chair, we are very pleased to see that you can now get around without it. However, should the progress regress, We did have a number of races lined up for you and we were ready to bet our money on you... Once you could master those "Rabbit and Tortoise" control symbols.

John Nieland has recently undergone spinal surgery. **Louise**, John's child-bride, has reported:

"His surgery went well. I thought that he would likely have to stay the night, but he was relatively pain free, was able to eat, was able to walk, was able to pee (TMI!!) so they said that he could come home. The doctor said that they scraped out a bunch of arthritis and removed part of the disc that was putting pressure on the nerve. John thinks that his walking has already improved, but I do not know. They said that there's an 80% chance that the nerve will completely regenerate itself, so we'll hope that he's in that group".

(Editor's note: John's back problems are no doubt exacerbated by the fact that he was "blown up" in a 3/4 ton truck while serving with the 1st SFGA in RVN, but, yet continues to ride an "iron pony"... Sell the motorcycle... Brother John!!)

Sick and Distressed (continued):

Jack Bowles has been home now for a while recovering from hip surgery. Jack is no doubt being ably tended to by wife and partner Becky. Although Jack has not commented on Bob's visit to the hospital and his special bouquet and presentations, we can only trust that he enjoyed it as much as did Bob. (A follow up call with Jack on 11/1/2010 revealed that Jack did get a „buzz” out of the bouquet. It is, in fact, still living (green) and occupying a spot on the Bowles mantle.) We missed you at the Chapter gathering in Reno.

On the 18th of October, **Jim Sorensen** underwent major surgery. During the gathering in Reno on 22 October Jim provided an email to be shared with those Chapter members in attendance. He explained the very serious nature of the operation and that he would be glad to share in detail what he has learned from his research and experience over the past seven weeks with any of us interested. As of the 22nd Jim reported that his doctor already had the pathology report and that the lymph glands had tested negative for cancer. He stated that of course he did not yet have a complete bill of health, but he felt positive about it. He will not be reassured of that until follow-up testing in January. Jim is being ably attended to by both wife Jan and his daughter who made the trip down from Portland to be with dad. Jim further wrote that he's looking forward to being fit enough to resume participation with the Chapter in a month or two. Get well soon Jim.... We both miss and need you with us.

“FLASH”!!! A late arriving report just in from the flagpole. It appears that **Bob Maraviov** has just had a very harrowing and stressful experience at the local VA Clinic. Last Friday during a visit to the

VA, after having donated three vials of blood, Bob was informed that would have to undergo a “24 hour urine analysis test”???. Well, not being familiar with this, he asked the young lady, whom he had just been very complimentary about, just what this test entailed. She told him that he would have to urinate in a jug(s) for a 24 hour period. Furthermore, he could not drink even one beer!! Well, perish that thought, however, Bob being the ever obliging patient and very concerned about his health, determined to follow instructions. Yesterday morning (10/31) he began the 24 hour abstinence from beer and suffered the humiliation of having to repeatedly “go” into a 1/2 gallon jug. (Note: the young female medical specialist had offered him a one gallon jug just in case.) Well, this AM Bob arrived at the VA bright and early, with little yellow jug in hand, and proudly presented it to another medical specialist. That medical specialist, a male, looking in askance at Bob asked him what in heck that was for?? Bob patiently explained what he had been instructed by the young female specialist to do. The male specialist began laughing informed him that he did not have to do that, and then asked Bob why he had a jug with someone else's name on it. jug Bob repeated what he had been instructed to do, and that he had only followed the instructions printed on the jug... to write his name on the jug and return it. So, Bob did write his name on a piece of tape and placed it on the little yellow jug... above someone else's name !!

Well, I would assume that you're getting the picture by this time?? Bob has threatened legal action for spiritual deprivation, hops and grain dehydration and cruel and unusual treatment. The female specialist is expected to be out of ICU in about 5-6 days!!

Back in the Day Photos



“Smilin’ Jack Bowles” on patrol with A-421 on Nui Gai ('67).



My Phouc Tay (A-411) - Bryan Furman's first camp: Back row: (L-R) MSG Farrington, CPT Sauvageau, Spec DeMello, 1LT Wright, and SFC Bowman. Front row: (L-R) 1LT Wharton, SFC Harrison, SGT Shimokonon, and SGT (“bac si”) Bryan Furman.



Gary & Bob Maraviov – March '68. Gary, 1st I.D. and Bob, 6th SF.



John E. Cleckner, Sr.- “Jump School” Honor Graduate- 1957.

Final Thoughts to Ponder

Most of you will have no doubt realized that the usual "Chapter President's Corner" was not a part of this issue. That decision was made in light of John's selection as a "Distinguished Member of The Regiment" and his upcoming induction into the Special Forces Hall of Fame. You have also probably noted that the "Spotlight on Sponsors" column was also not included. We have pretty much worked our way through those. However, beginning with the next Chapter Newsletter I am intending (hoping) to be able to spotlight a Chapter member in each issue. So, get ready and dust off those old files, resumes, histories and photos.

The Chapter Leadership Team is looking forward to having as many of you as possible join with the rest of us at the Christmas gathering on 11 December 2010. We are also trusting that some of you will seriously consider stepping up and becoming more involved in the leadership and management of the Chapter. The probable consequences of non involvement and support are no doubt patently

obvious and clear to all of the local membership. We do have eighteen (18) Chapter members who reside within four hours of the "flagpole". Of course one of them is deployed.

Historical Quotes to Ponder:

"Laws are inoperative in War" ...*Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 BC)*
 "If men make war in slavish obedience to rules... They will fail"
 ... *Ulysses S. Grant*

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For the Chapter President
 Jim Wipf (M-1645-L)
 SFA Chapter 89 Secretary

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