



SFA Chapter LXXII Newsletter

The Trojan Horse Chapter



Greetings to all our SF Family from the chilly confines of southern NH. As I write this column, the weather outside is a balmy 7 degrees. Thank God for global warming, or we really would be in the deep freeze! Regardless of the temperature, I hope everyone had a great Christmas or Hanukah holidays. Welcome to 2010 and to our upcoming chapter meeting on January 30th. Our January meeting will be at the VFW in Merrimack, NH. The dinner will be served at 1:00pm. It will consist of roast-beef au jus, vegetable medley, roasted red bliss potatoes, large garden salad, and sheet cake for desert. If you join us for dinner, the price is only \$20. The bar will open at noon and the meeting will soon follow the dinner.

On November 14th, we had

a joint dedication ceremony with chapter 54 of an SF Plaque at the Veteran Cemetery in Boscawan, NH.



Our chaplain, Jim Crispen, read the SF prayer and the names of our deceased brothers were read from both chapters. As is usual, with our dedication ceremonies, it was pouring rain; a reminder of the dedication held at the Cathedral of Pines, last year. I encourage all of our members to visit the Veteran Cemetery, in Boscawen, if you have not already done so. The grounds are beautiful and you can see our dedicated plaque along the Walk of Honor. As you visit the Veteran's Cemetery do not forget to visit chapter 72's monument, which was dedicated a few years ago. The monument is located below the walk; just look for the flagpole.



Presidents Corner:

For those of us in Massachusetts, we have a big day coming up on the 19th. The race for a new Senator will be decided by the people. Please get out and vote for your favorite conservative so we will keep our rights. Let us keep God in our trust and keep the liberals from demanding how we should live under their abuse. only my thoughts. You will have to decide for yourself. A big thank you to all who were able to go to Mikes wake and/or funeral. I was still recovering from pneumonia and am sorry I could not participate. Hope to see as many as possible at our next function and meeting.

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On December 29th, our chapter lost a member of our family. Captain Michael P. Duggan succumbed to his long battle with cancer. The wake was well attended by members of chapter 72. Our chaplain, Jim Crispen, held a short ceremony and presented an SF Plaque to his widow Lucy. Below is a copy of his obituary.



Michael P Duggan passed away at the age of 65 on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the son of Charles and Sirka M. (Hirst) Duggan. Mike leaves behind his loving wife, Lucy (Macell) Duggan; two daughters Karen M. Lambert and her husband Ronald of Charlton and Tina A. Mascia of Spencer; two

Brothers, Charles H. Duggan, Jr., of Greenfield MA, Thomas J. Duggan and wife Noreen of Attleboro; four sisters, Ann Cowell of Marion, Sirkka Duggan and Maura Duggan, both of Worcester, Christine Barbera and her husband David of Hubbardston; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Born in Fitchburg, Mike lived most of his life in Worcester, graduating from North High School. He received his degree in Philosophy from UMass Amherst. Mike served three years in the U.S Army, honorably discharged as a Captain in 1971. A Special Forces Green Beret Officer, he was the SOG commando team leader of Recon Team Moccasin and saw considerable action behind enemy lines in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. He was awarded the Silver Star, three bronze stars, and the Air Medal. After his mission was declassified, he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation in 1997. Mike was very proud of his Irish and Finnish

ancestry as well as his Worcester roots on Bell Hill. He was an adventurer who enjoyed rock climbing, scuba diving, flying small planes, sailing, and travel. He was an avid Patriot's fan and season ticket holder for 30 years. Mike was very close, caring, and attentive to his wife, children, and grandchildren. He also leaves behind a multitude of loyal friends whose lives were forever changed for the better because of having met him. A communicant at St. John's on Temple Street, Hibernians, the Finnish Center at Saima Park, the Special Operatives Association, and Special Forces Association Trojan Horse Chapter 72. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the charity of your choice.

Annual Dues: Dues need to be paid by January 30th to avoid the \$5.00 lapse penalty. Please send payment to our Treasurer Bill Herr at 431 Osgood Rd, Milford NH 03055. Annual dues are \$30. The check should be payable to SFA Chapter 72.



Retired Col. Robert Lewis Howard, a man considered to be the country's most decorated soldier, died Wednesday. He was 70. Howard was battling pancreatic cancer and died about noon at a hospice, his friend Benito Guerrero, a Vietnam veteran and retired sergeant major, told the San Antonio Express-News. The Army veteran died in Waco, according to Oak Crest Funeral Home. At the time of his death, he was the most decorated American soldier, the funeral home obituary said. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. No date has been set, the funeral home said. Howard grew up in Opelika, Ala., and served in the Army from 1956 to 1992. He was part of the U.S. Army Special Forces, known as the Green Berets, and ran

cross-border operations in Laos, Cambodia and North Vietnam. He was wounded 14 times in Vietnam and was awarded eight Purple Hearts. He was nominated three times for the Medal of Honor, the nation's most prestigious award for combat veterans. President Richard Nixon presented him with the honor at the White House in 1971 for his bravery in Vietnam during a mission to rescue a missing soldier in enemy territory. During that mission, the platoon was attacked. Howard tended to his wounded platoon leader while under fire and rallied platoon members into an organized defense force until rescue helicopters could land. "With complete disregard for his safety, 1st Lt. Howard crawled from position to position, administering first aid to the wounded, giving encouragement to the defenders and directing their fire on the encircling enemy. For 3½ hours 1st Lt. Howard's small force and supporting aircraft successfully repulsed enemy attacks and finally were in sufficient control to permit the landing of rescue helicopters

," according to his Medal of Honor citation. His other two nominations were downgraded, one to the Distinguished Service Cross, the other to the Silver Star. At a gathering earlier this year for Medal of Honor recipients, Howard said he and others given the medal don't wear their awards for themselves. "It is for all those who have and do wear the uniform of this great country of ours," he told the crowd. "For those who stood beside us and for those who did not come home." In April, Howard traveled to Iraq and Afghanistan to talk to troops. About two months ago, he visited troops in Germany, Bosnia and Kosovo, the Express-News reported. "As one of America's most decorated veterans, Col. Howard inspired everyone he met to consider their own commitment to our nation's essential values, and was the bravest soldier I ever met," Gov. Rick Perry said in a statement. Howard is survived by his children, Denicia Howard of Florida; Melissa Gentsch and her husband, Assistant Police Chief Frank Gentsch of Waco; Rosslyn Howard of California; and Robert Howard Jr. and wife, Tori, of California.



January 30th
at the VFW in
Merrimack, NH

Please make every effort to attend, if you can. We have many items to discuss.



We will be voting on a Honorary Membership to our chapter for a MOH winner.



We will present you with options for a variety of outerwear with chapter 72

embroidered logo, for both men and women.



I was given a box of premium cigars from the President of Drew Estates to share with members who occasionally enjoy a great smoke.

Liga Privada No. 9 Parejo Maduro was originally created for the sole smoking pleasure of Drew Estate president Steve Saka. Exquisitely blended from 7 different tobaccos from 7 different farms, it is handcrafted only by the factory's absolute best torcedores. Each cigar is flawless in construction, flavor and character. Rich, complex and full-bodied without being harsh. Liga Privada (meaning private blend)



SFA National Convention 2010

Fort Bragg, June 7th thru 13th.

Come and renew your acquaintances with old SF warriors. Visit Smoke Bomb Hill, the Airborne & Special Operations Museum and tour Camp MacKall. The ladies will be able to shop at Carolina Pottery, participate in a wine tasting event and have breakfast at the Mall. There will be a Rifle Marksmanship Match at the Cross Creek Range and a Golf Tournament at a location TBD. And if any of the above is not enough, there is always those Hospitality Rooms! Additional details for hotel reservations and contacts is available on our website. See you all on the 30th of January! De Oppresso Liber