



SFA Chapter LXXII Newsletter The Trojan Horse Chapter



Meeting this Saturday!



Our chapter meeting is this Saturday, March 13th at the VFW in Merrimack, NH. The meeting is scheduled for 1pm. Be there and demonstrate your "Esprit de Corps". Besides the camaraderie and opportunity of meeting new members and making new friends, we will be serving pizza and a tab will be run at the bar, for anyone desiring a beer. The meeting will be held downstairs..



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Please mark your calendar for Veteran's Day, Thursday Nov 11th. We will have a



dedication ceremony at the Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. Our memorial stone and flagpole is scheduled to be moved to a better location along the "Walk of Honor". The stone and flagpole is scheduled to be relocated to its new location, in time for the Nov 11th ceremony.



At our last meeting, in January, the membership



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voted to make Medal of Honor recipient MSG Gary Gordon an Honorary Member of SFA Chapter 72. A page has been added to our website honoring his heroic efforts at Mogadishu, as well as, those who participated in the historic rescue.



We recently experienced recorded winds of 120mph in certain areas of NH, MA, ME, and VT. Limbs were everywhere and many trees were toppled, causing serious damage to power lines and many roofs. Power was out for several days, in many a neighborhood. Hopefully none of our membership experienced any serious damage and everything is back to normal. Mother Nature certainly gave us a reminder of the havoc that can be created by high winds.



Annual Dues: If you are not a "Life" member and have failed to renew your membership for 2010, it has now lapsed. Dues need to be paid by January 30th in order to avoid the \$5.00 lapse penalty. To be reinstated, please send your payment to our Treasurer Bill Herr at 431 Osgood Rd, Milford NH 03055. Payment now due is \$35, which includes the lapse fee. The check should be payable to SFA Chapter 72.



If you have a friend who is SF qualified and is not already a member of SFA,, have him visit our website at www.sfa-72.com or send an e-mail with the contact information to secretary@sfa-72.com



Sat March 13th, Meeting @ VFW in Merrimack, 1pm

SFA National Convention, Fayetteville NC. June 7th - 13th

Summer BBQ at Al Lentsch in Goffstown, NH June 19th 1pm

Summer cookout at Don Miller's in Shirley, Ma - Aug 7th at 1pm.

Dedication ceremony at VA Cemetery in Boscawen, NH on Veterans day – Nov 11th

October meeting TBA

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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.

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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