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FUTURE MEETINGS

XMAS MEETING: J.D. and Shirley Bath are our hosts for the December 5th meeting in Lakeland. Comfort Inn and Suites will be home for the travelers. Phone # is 863-859-0100. Identify yourself as Special Forces, Chapter 21 or Green Beret for \$ 69.00 plus tax rate. Please see page 4.

SPRING MEETING 2010: Mike and Mary Ann Stover and Jim and Cretia Braddock will act as hosts for this meeting scheduled for April 24, 2010 in Cocoa Beach.

Other Important Events:

SFA Convention ~ 7 to 13 June 2010 Fayetteville, NC

CORRESPONDENCE

URGENT---December Newsletter will **not** be printed until after the December 5th meeting and the swearing-in of new officers for 2010-2011. That December issue will be the last printed by **Speedy and Suzie**. It is time for us to pass this responsibility to someone else. There is no question Chapter XXI has the finest group of Special Forces families. We are proud to be associated with all of you and will look forward in future meetings to seeing you all again. **Note:** the masthead of the December newsletter will carry the names and addresses of the new officers. Be sure and post those addresses so you can maintain contact within the chapter. We look forward to seeing you in December and again in April at the Cocoa Beach gathering.

Paul Hankin has a new address: 10660 Old St. Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

ANNUAL DUES

That time of the year has arrived for annual members to pay their dues. It is very important to pay dues promptly to avoid losing DROP Magazines in the future. If you received an application form in the October newsletter please send that and a check for dues and mail to Tom Tomlin 1408 Gulfwood Court, Brandon, FL 33510-4017.

Speaking of **Tom**, he is looking forward to receiving more ticket sale monies for the Xmas meeting December 5th in Lakeland.

NOMINEES

Charlie Gray of the SFA Memorial Building Fund has requested each Chapter to nominate one name as the possible candidate for name inclusion into the Memorial Building Site. At our August meeting three names were recommended: Sam Bass, Bob Salzman, and Chuck Hoagland. Chapter XXI members are urged to vote for one of the three and mail their choices to Speedy Gaspard, 816 Mill Pond Court, Fruit Cove, FL 32259 or send via email to gwgsg@aol.com. The cut off date is December 5th. The selected deceased member's name will be announced at the December meeting in Lakeland and Chapter XXI will contribute \$200.00 to the Building Fund plus the identity of the selected name.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Ralph Bailey \$ 20.00

(Ralph, please excuse me for this late reporting, Speedy)

Roy Bahr \$ 500.00 to Support The Troops Program. WOW!

Gerald Naquin \$ 80.00

RAFFLE

Pedro **Rodriguez** has donated a unique handsome folding card table for our Xmas meeting grand prize. Displaying an inlaid Flag of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico the table is popular among domino players.

Sharon **Hoagland** has offered a hand-sewn quilt for our Xmas drawing.

Additionally Ann **Tomlin**, Charlotte **Lasher** and Suzie **Gaspard** are donating two sets of four wine glasses commemorating the 50th anniversary of Special Forces. A distinctive bottle of wine will be presented with each of the sets. Tickets will be drawn December 5th at the Xmas meeting

TAPS NON-MEMBERS

Ed (Too Tall) Clough
Mike Karr (D-7065)
Col. Kenneth B. Facey
Edward H (Little Mac) MacDougall
Robert D. 'Bob' Schreiber (D-3411)
Angelo Demis (D-3502L)
Larry L. Pease (D-794)
James Sudderth (D-5988)

Active: SSG Buck Rietkerk 3rd SFG Boating Accident
SFC David E. Metzger 3rd Bn 7th SFG (helicopter)
SSG Keith R. Bishop 3rd Bn 7th SFG (helicopter)

SOME THOUGHTS

Speedy and Suzie enjoyed a nine- day vacation in Virginia. For both of us it was a refreshment of our basic beliefs, the dynamic founding of America and how this Republic evolved from a patriotic citizen group. For us, it reaffirmed the high standards and vigilance necessary to keep our wonderful nation a great nation. If only all Americans were required to travel to Williamsburg, walk the colonial squares, ride the Colonial Memorial Parkway to Yorktown and Jamestown and then venture 100 miles west to Charlottesville to visit the homes of three contemporary Presidents: Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, all living within thirty miles of each other. America, fight for your freedoms and demand loyalty from those who serve us!

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CHRISTMAS MEETING...
December 4th thru 6th, 2009

Our hotel will be the Comfort Inn and Suites, 3520 North 98, Lakeland Florida. The phone number is 1-863-859-0100. You will need to identify yourself as "Special Forces Chapter 21 or Green Beret" for the special rate of \$69.00 + tax per room. Reservations are open and check in time is 1600 hours.

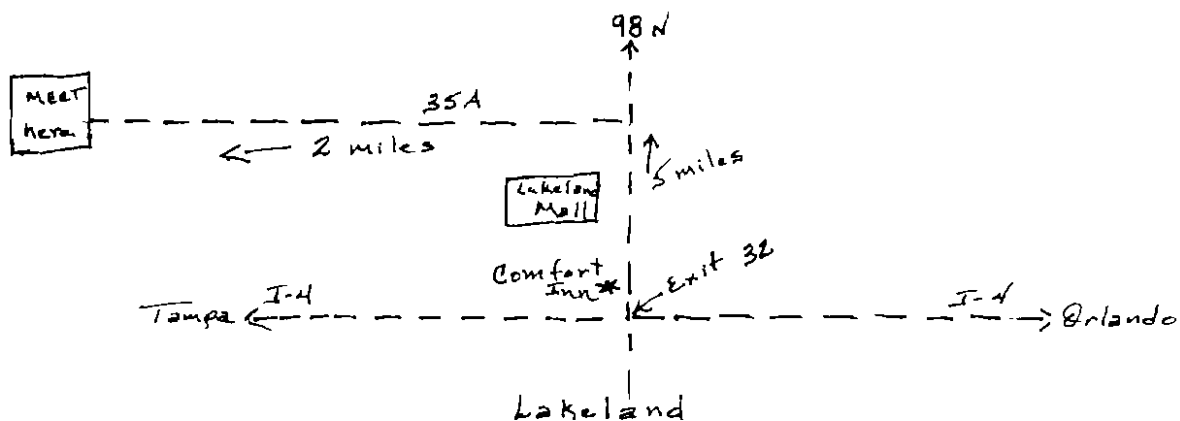
Hospitality room is on the second floor across from the elevator.

Dinner Saturday evening will be your choice of pulled pork or bbq chicken. Be sure and identify the entrée you want. Included are: baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, grilled potatoes, bread, butter, coffee or tea. Desserts are strawberry shortcake with whip cream and an assortment of other sweets. The cost is \$ 10.00 per individual or \$20.00 per couple.. Please mail your check to J D Bath, 1925 Duff Road, Lakeland, FL 33810.

J D also is offering all the opportunity to experience u-pick citrus. JD requests that you bring your own containers for grapefruit and/or a variety of oranges.

Restaurants in the area are numerous. Some examples are Fridays, Chilis, Red Lobster, Olive Garden Bob Evans. Lakeland Mall is close by.

The meeting site will be a large gazebo located on eight acres. The area is under the sponsorship of Ladies of the Kathleen Historical Society. A large marquee sign will identify Chapter XXI as you drive in.



Name: _____

Menu choice: **Pulled Pork** ___ **BBQ Chicken** ___
Please indicate number of meals for each selection

Menu choice and checks (___ x \$10.00) should be made out to SFA Chapter XXI and mailed to:

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