

# The Red Arrowhead

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## Presidents letter

Chapter 28,

Welcome to this year's edition of the Devil's Brigade Chapter newsletter. Our intent is to leverage this product in conjunction with other media platforms; such as our website and facebook to keep you all up to date on chapter events, news, and strengthen our volunteer network. A special thank you to Tammy Nabozney for graciously pulling this newsletter together!

During this unprecedented period of the COVID-19 virus, organizations such as ours can become a vital link to each other and have the potential to provide support, connectivity and information. Given the historically dispersed geographical nature of our chapter, we are already damn good at "social distancing" and will take advantage of this current situation to fine tune our comms links.

The Devil's Brigade Chapter continues to plan, and adjust as necessary, our nationally recognized active duty respites and events for our members for this year and I ask you all to remain flexible. My deepest appreciation goes out to all of you who carried the crew served loads for all our events in the past and continue to do so today. From the Whitefish gang honchoing the winter and Flathead events and multiple banquets with Frank and Sue Curry and the rest of our lakeside members; Thom Browne who provided dog-sledding and Kelly Sapp who equipped us with snowmobiles for our winter retreat; the high energy Great Falls crew lead by Frank and Pat Norbury who support across the state; the Missoula gang and Bob Brugh who organized last year's annual rendezvous and bus tour; Ike Slaughter with the respites and VIP liaison; the Helena gang with Bill Waldron's tactical training events and special projects such as the V42, MSU, UM, Idaho and WSU pistol team sponsorship/combat leader seminars; Shawn Modula with cutting edge IT support; and all of the committees and individuals who get it done all year long, your efforts are remarkable and truly appreciated. I would also like to thank Bill Woon who took up the leadership task for the past year as President to enable us to get back on track with chapter officer timelines. Thank you, Bill, for stepping up to keep us covered!

To our individual, business and corporate sponsors; including Bob and Mary Beck, Bob Prasil, Don Clark, the Airpower Foundation, the Big Sky Brewery, the Green Beret Foundation, Kalispell Toyota, The Special Forces Charitable Trust, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Longview Foundation, Ruby Springs, Bar W Ranch, Flathead Lake Lodge, Whitefish Lodge and Big Mountain at Whitefish Resort, we extend our deepest gratitude for providing us with the resources to do our part to strengthen active duty Special Forces families and our membership.

It is with regret that I need to inform you that due to challenges with various public venues, we have postponed our annual Autumn meeting/banquet until 2021. We will continue to plan and as circumstances evolve we will keep you posted as to when we can gather in large numbers.

On behalf of the Devil's Brigade Chapter Officers, we pledge to stay focused on our association's goals and activities for this year, with adjustments as necessary. With two decades of success as our foundation, we look forward to continuing the chapter's vital work.

Wishing you good health and comradery,

De Opresso Liber,

Max



### *Chapter activities Spring-Summer 2020 with Covid -19*

Spring 2020. No one could have predicted the events of the last six months and its uncertain what the next six months will bring. As the COVID -19 pandemic unfolded, Montana was mandated to shut down (self quarantine) and engage in social distancing to check the spread of the virus.

Chapter 28 normally would have been in the process of engaging the essentials to facilitate our Spring and Summer "respites": Ruby Spring Lodge fly fishing adventure on the Ruby River and Flathead lake lodge at Big Fork. Unfortunately, due to the National and Regional mandates: social distancing; masks and abundance of cautions both hosts were precluded from hosting the soldiers and their families to "respites" in the Big Sky country. Additionally, securing guests from the SOA Units was not possible as well.

The General Robert Frederick award had its share of problems. The award is hosted by SFA Chapters in 7 states at 17 institutions. Chapter 34 South Carolina was hit the hardest with it's university systems locked down as well as most all of the other states: New York (West Point ) ; Virginia( VMI); Oregon (OU & OSU); MT & Idaho. The Special Warfare Center gives the MG Robert Frederick Distinguished Cadre Award to the outstanding cadre member at each SF Graduation ceremony. Of which on June 9 there was a combined graduation of two classes. The delivery of the awards to each awardee of the institutions & SWC was exasperated by the closing of W.R.Case & Sons Cutlery's facilities at Bedford, Pennsylvania, the manufactures of the V-42 and shadow boxes for awards. As of this writing, all awards have finally been delivered.

The Leadership Seminars which are conducted annually at the Montana Institutions and normally with the presentation of the General Robert Frederick awards was also not possible this year for all of the same reasons as stated.

Chapter Leadership has canceled our annual gatherings normally held in the fall due to the uncertainty of the conditions associated with the spread of the virus and the availability of getting the soldiers & their families to Big Sky Country.

## 1952 My path to Special Forces

by Henry Bertrand



After completing basic training in late reassignment orders. I waited almost and asked to be re-assigned. The there was a new unit forming at Ft. new unit that you had to be airborne reported to jump school at Fort

school I was ordered to the 87 Airborne replacement company awaiting further assignment. Three or four hours later I was told my transport was waiting outside the building. Upon going outside I did not find a transport vehicle just an army staff car. I kept waiting, finally the driver came up to me and asked if I was Bertrand, I said yes, then he said I am your transportation. As I got into the sedan I thought, "this is my kind of organization,, a staff car for a PFC.

fall of 1952. I was awaiting three week and no orders. So I went personnel sergeant advised me that Bragg, N.C. with the stipulation of the qualified. Upon receiving orders I Benning, GA. Upon completing jump

Upon arriving at Smoke Bomb Hill I was assigned to the 29th Detachment. The next morning was interviewed and had my MOS choices. I chose 91 Bravo, I had never been to Texas.

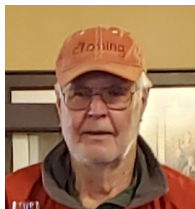
Not long after we were on a troop ship to Germany. Once arriving in port we were then on a train taking us to Bad Tolz.

I settled in and started training. Primary MOS training was in HHC and seven Lines companies I was assigned to the 7th Company. We made our first jump in Jan or Feb in snow. Training continues till the 1st maneuvers in the fall of 1954, known as 54-1 I remember this very vividly, as all of the equipment minus weapons were loaded into 2 door bundles. I was detailed to carry an additional rucksack, med bag, weapon and a full 5 galleon can of water. We were heavily loaded.

All for now.

*Henry Bertrand*

an original



## Committees

**SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS:** Paul Turpin; Steve Hoffa, Shawn Modula

**FUND RAISING ( Constituency Relationship Management) :** Bob Radcliffe; Bob Brugh

**RESPITES:** Ike slaughter, Bill Jacobson; Bob Brugh

**V-42 & GENERAL ROBERT FREDERICK AWARD:** Bob Brugh; Steve Hoffa

## Gen. Robert Frederick Award

The award is presented by the Sponsoring SFA Chapter to an Institution's selected Reserve Officer's Training Corps, U.S. Military Academy Cadet by those institutions. The criterion for determining awardees was a collaborative effort by the officers of SFA 28, the Professors of Military Science, and cadre of the first two participating Universities: ( award image attach) Each participating university, college or academy in the program will be provide one of the awards to hang in a prominent place in their respective Department offices.

Each V-42 is "faithfully true" to original, 1942 wartime production plans & specifications developed by then, COL Robert T. Frederick. The V-42 ("V" for Victory, 42 for the year of creation) was issued to each member of the FSSF and is part of the Special Forces Regimental Crest together with the crossed arrows worn by the FSSF. The walnut-constructed shadow box contains a centered, serial numbered V-42 stiletto as well as an image of Gen, Frederick, his biography, crossed arrows and the FSSF shoulder patch. Its size is 13 1/16"x 17 1/4" x 2 3/8".

To date, seventeen (17) Universities participate from South Carolina to Oregon. Each "new state" sponsored institution's department will receive the V-42 and shadow box award at no cost, courtesy of W.R. Case and Sons Cutlery, until all fifty (50) states are represented. The awardees Frederick award will be the expense of the sponsoring Chapter as well as subsequent universities & colleges "in" state.



# AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

As an official representative of the Chapter what can I do now to further the chapters goals and purposes?

MEMBERS make the commitment to do one or more of the Chapter purposes in the period you choose (daily, weekly, monthly or annually) and for this commitment to the Chapter we'll keep you in Business cards; "Thank you" cards; stationary and send the Chapter Activities hand book.

The purposes for the formation of the Devils Brigade Chapter of the Special Forces Association are:

1. TO UNITE FRATELNALLY ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMY SPECIAL FORCES AND TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES
2. TO ENCOURAGE CAMARADERIE AND PROMOTE THE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PROSPERITY OF ALL MEMBERS.
3. TO SUPPORT A STRONG UNITED STATES MILITARY AND A ROBUST JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCE.
4. TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE THE TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IT'S ARMED FORCES, AND THE US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES.
5. TO UNITE WITH OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE GENERAL BENEFIT OF ALL VETERANS.
6. TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT SPECIAL FORCES.
7. TO BE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND ESPRIT DE CORPS FOR SPECIAL FORCES.
8. TO PROMOTE CHAPTER XXVIII BY UTILIZING RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PLACES MONTANA HAS TO OFFER.

Send a note to Max, Bob or Shawn with your request for cards etc.



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Bob Brugh and I, Bob Radcliffe, just attended a class on “*Philanthropy*”. Hell, I didn’t even know what the word meant when I started the class, but I do now: “*Fundraising*”. Still can’t pronounce *Philanthropy*, though.

It is advertised as, “The Standard is a 40 hour program of online learning designed to give participants a thorough introduction to the process of fundraising and get them started on their first fundraising campaign. It provides an introduction to the nonprofit sector and its associated fundraising ethics, before taking the lid off what we know about giving (who gives and why). You’ll also receive a thorough grounding in the science and practice of communication design and how to raise substantively more money simply by avoiding common errors that nonprofits typically make and focusing on donor satisfaction and wellbeing.”

Well boys and girls we can tell you, either we are slow or this is no 40 hour – 8 week course. It’s more like double or triple 40 hours with a test at the end of each week and a final at the end of the course. It reminds me of a college graduate course and befitting, for two ex-military guys, that our professor was a world-renowned professor named Dr. Sergeant. Kind of like your first drill sergeant, which all of us remember - mine was Sergeant Fesco, what a guy!

It taught us Fundraising, especially successful fundraising, can be seen as a process of building a mutually beneficial relationship between a donor and an organization (MacQuillin and Sargeant, 2015). Or, talks about the need for fundraisers to focus on the “why” question and not the “what.” So, better to talk about why the work of the organization is important, rather than the nature of that work, per se. We see this as a smart approach, not least because the “why” is almost always vast in comparison to the “what.” Which suggests that if that vastness is placed at the core of the rationale for the relationship, the contribution that relationship can make to the wellbeing of the supporter is greatly enhanced. Higher and more sustained giving will follow.

Now, for two old guys, between the two of us, maybe we can put together and retain half of what a normal person would retain after taking this course. What we did learn, mainly Bob Brugh, is the way we have fundraised in the past was not the best way to maximize returns. Since we are such a unique and specialized organization with a unique and specialized membership, the organization has done quite well in spite of everything.

Nonprofits have fallen into a logic trap that does them no good at all. They have this theory that makes perfect sense on one level: “If we show people how great we are as an organization, they’ll support us. The more we talk about our programs, our successes, our data, the more money we’ll make.” Wrong!

Look, the donor assumes your organization pretty much does what it says it does.

What this all means is, we have learned that everyone in the organization needs to pitch-in when it comes to fundraising. Now, with our new fundraising software revamping the way we do fundraising, it will make it way easier for the members of the organization to do just that. Hopefully, this will head us in the right direction to continue to be a successful organization.

### Scholarships 2020

Alexia Crevens (sponsor) Lee Cravens; James Madison University	\$1,000
Steven Snapp (sponsor) Kelley Snapp; Liberty University	\$1,000
Travis Catina (sponsor) Cate & Rich Catina; United States Military Academy	\$3,000
Conar Jensen (sponsor) Peter Jensen; Rocky Mountain College	\$1,000
Cameron Carpenter (sponsor) ( Isabel & Max Carpenter; Nebraska Methodist College	\$1,000
Megan Wold; (sponsor) Dawn & Paul Turpin; Valley City State University;.	\$1,000
Michelle Carpenter( sponsor) Isabel & Max Carpenter; Nebraska Methodist College;	\$1,000
Sara Sorenson; (sponsor ) Chris Sorenson; United States Airforce Academy	\$2,000
Zachary Turner (sponsor) Matt Turner; Flathead Valley Community College.	\$1,000
Rebecca Catina; (sponsor ) Cate & Rich Catina; University of Massachusetts.	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b> Ten 10 Scholartships	<b>\$14,000</b>

TO DATE : Since 2003 we have awarded 85 scholarships totaling \$106,500 with an average of \$5,406 per year and a average award of \$1,253 per awardee.

### Financial Information

Checking Main account	xxxx4296	\$36,324.74
Checking V-42	xxxx9300	\$5,901.29
TD Ameritrade	xxxx2650	\$83,741.23
Real Estate	18 acres Dick Creek	\$25,000.00

### Chapter Officers



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