



Chapter XXVIII  
 Special Forces Association  
 "Devils Brigade Chapter"  
 In Honor Of The First Special Service Force

**PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & BULLETINS**  
**2025 2<sup>nd</sup> QT SPRING.**

As of this date, there are 243 members, and it is the second largest of 95 chapters around the globe. Regional Demographics: 136- 56% "in"-state with (86 West of the Continental Divide and 50 East) and 107 members in 28 other States/APO & Canada.

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**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** has provided to date since 2003, 113 scholarships totaling \$140,500. The following seven Scholarships have been awarded for the scholastic Year 2025/6:

Lucille McGinnis	James Mason University	\$1,000.00
Ayden Paul	University of Alabama	\$1,000.00
Ruby Blazer	Montana State University	\$1,000.00
Josey Blazer	Montana State University	\$1,000.00
Julia Small	Georgetown	\$1,000.00
Alana Dumar	University of Michigan	\$2,000.00
Isabela Domeck	Oral Roberts	\$1,000.00

The Program is under the watchful and discerning eyes of Cate Catina & Sue Riopel.

**MARKSMENSHIP (PISTOL) TEAMS** at the Universities of Montana, Montana State, Washington State, and Idaho participated in the 2025 SECOND 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Competition held in



Missoula/Lewiston ID. in April. 2025, firing in two locations concurrent, with the same "Course of Fire." The winner- University of Idaho for the second year, continuing the custody of the DEVILS BRIGADE HORSE SOLDIER TROPHY for one more year. Member, Brent Schaff, former 10<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) & SWC(A) Weapons Instructor, ran a most efficient and effective competition at two locations.

Contemplating adding a new Institution for the 2025/6 Scholastic Year (Gonzaga & Eastern Washington candidates?)

**MG ROBERT T. FREDERICK LEADERSHIP AWARD™** ‘perpetuates the legacy of the First Special Service Force (FSSF) 1942; its founder MG. Robert T. Frederick, *USMA class of 1928*, and the US Army Special Forces.



Presented annually at **35 Institutions in 17 states and Canada**, to their outstanding ROTC or Service Academy senior cadet, soon to be 2<sup>ND</sup> Lieutenants in the US Army/Canadian Military. W.R. Case Cutlery has and continues to donate the award to each new state-sponsored university or college, until all fifty (50) states are represented, *with 33 more states to go!*



**South Carolina University** 2025 Recipient, Cadet Martel flanked by Professor of Military Science LTC Lindsay Dudley and SFA Chapter 43 (South Carolina) member Lyle Kendrick, making the presentation. Program Director Bob

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** This will have its purpose to create a semi perpetual robust account to preserve the Chapters’ primary activities of which initially is: 1.) MG Robert T. Frederick Leadership Award™; and then 2.) Scholarship Program. **Montana has a 30% Tax Credit (MT Taxpayers)** for donations made to certified endowment funds of which the Frederick Endowment Fund is one. **DEVIL’S BRIGADE FUND INC** is a Montana non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation. The focus of the Endowment Fund is to facilitate long-term growth and sustainability. Questions, contact Bob.

**THE V-42 “UPDATE” 150 V-42’W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery projects s to be ready July 2025.** We have a hardy and patient waiting list for the V-42 starting with #4688. First come first serve. The waiting list is digitally chronologically stored; DB 28 are the exclusive “*serial numbered*” *Case V-42 dealers*.

**“RESPITES”** have as their focus the *Preservation of the Force and Family*. In keeping with USSOCOM’s mandate to assess the SOF wear and tear on the soldiers. Our “Respites” provide such activities to positively improve marital and parental relationships of SOF families and bolster service members’ physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. The guests are sourced from: the **1st, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Groups** (with Gold Stars); **Canadian Special Operations Regiment** and the **US Army Special Warfare Training Center**; The activities center around: skiing; fly fishing; dog sled; snow mobile rides, all in Montana, *“The Last Best Place”*.

## **SCHEDULE 2025/ WINTER 2026**

- **Ruby Springs Lodge**, Alder, MT. Seven (7) cabins May 29-June 1, (11yrs.- 155 guests). *5<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) will send 16 quests.*
- **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, Whitefish, MT Feb 2026 (10yrs.- 312) guests to date). Our “hall mark” event which incorporates the annual membership gathering.

# 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Invasion of Southern France WWII by the First Airborne Task Force commanded by MG Robert T. Frederick & the Revealing of the bronze of Frederick in La Motte, sponsored by the La Motte Rotary (Reprint from Fall 2024)



This was a multi-day event to honor the men of the First Airborne Allied Task force which spearheaded the liberation of the south of France. Led by MG Robert T. Frederick in the first wave of the airborne assault wherein they established a Command Post in Le Mitran on August 16, 1944. (Left was the command post. right was the First aid station). La Motte, just down the road from Le Mitran, was the first village liberated, then Le Muy then Draguignan.



The La Motte chapter of Rotary International spearheaded the bronze effort with Elieen Ferrand being the lead. They “decided to honor his memory over two years ago when they opened a public subscription for 75.000 euros so we could order a life-size bronze statue of this exemplary soldier *before he and his men and their sacrifice fade from local memory*. The statue was installed in Memorial Park in La Motte at 6 pm on August 14, the 80th anniversary of his jump on our area on the night of August 14/15,1944”.

The next day, Pearl (My spouse) and I visited the Rhone American Cemetery & Memorial in Draguignan. We located five of the First Special Service Force members who gave the “ultimate sacrifice”:

(1) John Walkmeister Reg 1-1 (2) Théodore McDonald Reg 1-1. (3) Dewey Capps Reg 2-1 (4) John Driscoll Reg 3-1 (5) Harry Moore Reg 3-1.

The street activity entering Le Muy was evidence of the celebratory nature of the long-term effect of the success of liberation. On hand was a glider from the assault. The Frenchmen are eternally grateful, and you hear it from shops, boucherie, stores, boulangerie, restaurants to the local tourism offices.

Devils Brigade Chapter 28 was a capital contributor to the Frederick Bronze.



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