



Chapter XXVIII  
Special Forces Association  
“Devils Brigade Chapter”  
*In Honor Of The First Special Service Force*

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Greetings as we claw our way slowly out of the depths of winter! Lot's of dispersed activity going on across the Chapter this snow season. The Chapter ran the annual Winter Respite in January that had over 50 active/family members, Gold Star families and enablers arrive at the Whitefish Lake Lodge to unplug for a week of skiing, snowboarding, dog sledding, hatchet throwing and camaraderie. A special thanks to all who supported including Kelly Sapp, Frank and Sue Curry, Shawn Modula and Annette, Ike, Bob Brugh, and our habitual sponsors, the Whitefish Lake Lodge, Whitefish Mountain Resort, and Hank's Hatchets.

Bill Waldron has also been as busy as a West Virginia tooth fairy organizing and running a multitude of tactical lanes over vast swaths of the state for active-duty units providing training in challenging terrain and weather that is unique to Montana.

The Chapter continues to sponsor the University of Montana, Montana State, U of Idaho and WSU Army ROTC pistol teams as well as the V42 MG Fredrick Awards to 19 University ROTC programs and the outstanding SFQC instructor for each Q Course.

Upcoming events include the annual active-duty respite to Ruby Springs Lodge over Memorial Day Weekend and a new event in true dude ranch style, at the K Bar L Ranch in the Bob Marshall in June.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Special Service Force will take place in Helena. In addition to the ceremonies, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> SFGs will providing MFF and static line drops as well as static displays.

It's high time we had had a full Chapter 28 rendezvous, so planning is now underway for a Chapter wide BBQ, tentatively set to be centrally located near Helena in early August. The general concept is to have a Saturday/Sunday event starting around 1300 on a Saturday with an update on Chapter business, a fully catered BBQ/Steak Fry supper and other activities. Lodging will be up to members and the plan is to have the venue where campers/RVs can park, tents can be pitched or sleeping under the stars is the order of the day. Sunday we will go into recovery mode, shake off any possible Irish Flu and break camp. We will be sending out an electronic survey shortly to gauge interest, desired dates, and recommendations.

As always, smaller, regional gatherings throughout the year of Chapter members are encouraged and just require a POC, a plan and coordination with our Treasurer, Bob Brugh for fiscal support.

Looking forward to catching up with you at various events and especially at the August BBQ.

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