



**SFA CHAPTER LXXXIX (89)**  
*SFC ALLEN C. JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHAPTER*  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-SOUTHWEST OREGON-NORTHWEST NEVADA  
(<http://www.sfachapter89.com>)

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**SFA Chapter 89 Minutes 10 January 2009**

General Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday, 10 January 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was gavelled to order at 1300 hours by Chapter President John C. Cleckner. A quorum being present, the business meeting continued.

**Announcements:** The Chapter will now hold its business meetings at the home of Bob and Kathy Maraviov. The Chapter was reminded that Jim Wipf had taken over the duties of Assistant Secretary for the Chapter. Mike had informed the Chapter President that he would remain deployed until March. He would be returning home for a couple of months and then be redeployed. President Cleckner Stated that Jim had been nominated for the Chapter Secretary position.

**ROLL CALL:** The current officers present were: President John Cleckner; Vice-President Jack Bowles; Treasurer Bob Maraviov; Assistant Secretary, Jim Wipf and

Sergeant at Arms, Scott Masterson. President Cleckner asked all those present to sign in. Those in attendance were Ken Delfino and Sue Houston. The Chapter Chaplain, Reverend Don Mangrum was unavoidably committed elsewhere

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented to the Flag of the United States by those Chapter members present and a moment of silence was held for our fallen comrades.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the 11 November 2008 Chapter Business meeting were revisited and accepted as read. Scott Masterson making the motion and seconded by Ken Delfino. President Cleckner reminded all present that a copy of those minutes would be sent to SFA national and all Chapter members.

**CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE:** The recent correspondence from SFA National was discussed. Specifically the new SFA Governing Documents, Policies and Procedures. As this information was very current the discussion was brief at this meeting. There was a brief overview and elaboration presented reference the “Strategic Plan.” Members were advised to visit the SFA site, download those particular documents and be prepared to discuss said guidance at the next business meeting. Specific procedures for accessing the SFA web-site were provided to the Chapter membership.

The Chapter was notified by Chapter Member, Captain John Cleckner II that he would be deploying to Afghanistan on 24 January. He would appreciate emails if you have time; [JCSFDeuce@aol.com](mailto:JCSFDeuce@aol.com) - his mailing address is: Captain John Cleckner, PRT Farah, APO AE 09354.

**OFFICERS REPORT:** There not being an officer’s meeting over the holidays, there was no report due.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer Bob Maraviov reported that the Chapter had total assets of \$5337.77. Liabilities of \$4816.20. Leaving liquid assets of \$521.57 available. Other upcoming liabilities were also discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Bob reported that he had “recruited “a local bank in Shasta Lake to possibly contribute a donation to the Chapter’s ongoing projects. Although, the bank was favorably inclined to do so, an elaboration of those Chapter projects was requested. Jim Wipf was tasked to draft an information letter for the bank’s use and possible use for other corporate sponsors in the future.

Jim Wipf reported that the SFA & ROTC Distinguished Cadet Award Program was on schedule. The eleven JROTC Programs in the Washoe County School District, Northwestern Nevada, had Award’s Ceremonies Scheduled. That schedule has already been provided to the Chapter. Volunteers to assist in those award’s presentations in May would soon be solicited. . Enterprise HS NJROTC, Redding, California had not yet

published their date. The Douglas HS JROTC, Minden, Nevada, date is still pending as well.

Chapter Nomination Committee Chairman, Jim Wipf announced that the following Chapter members had thus far been nominated: John C. Cleckner for President; Scott Masterson for Vice-President; Bob Maraviov for Treasurer; and Jim Wipf for Secretary. Those present were reminded that nominations would be accepted until 31 March 2009. An official preliminary slate will be provided the Chapter on 28 February 2009. A final slate will be provided the Chapter NLT 1 April 2009. Election to be conducted at the 11 April 2009 Chapter Business meeting. Contingency plans for balloting was discussed.

The ongoing Chapter Newsletter and the Banner effort were also discussed by Jim Wipf. Both are on track and being re-designed and refined by SFA Chapter 89 Northwestern Nevada Detachment (NWND) member Mark King.

Chapter President John Cleckner reported that he had contacted Chastity Eaton and that she and “Jenny” Johnson had arranged a meeting with the Los Molinos HS. Dates and other pertinent information reference the Scholarship program will be forthcoming as soon as the school makes that information available.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

President Cleckner stated that a Teller Committee was needed and must be selected for the forthcoming Chapter elections. Chapter VP, Jack Bowles was selected as the Committee Chair. Bob Maraviov and Sue Houston also “volunteered” to serve on the Teller’s Committee.

President Cleckner then briefed on the current status of the **Special Forces Memorial Monument** @ the NCVV located in Igo, California. The Northern California State Administrator had contacted John that week. He informed John that the Secretary of Veteran’s Affairs **had** approved the Chapter’s plans for the construction of a Special Forces Memorial Monument at the Northern California Veteran’s Cemetery @ Igo. John reported that we were now in the pre-construction phase. The decision was made that after closing the business meeting, to adjourn to the NCVV to view the site and make the final selection of the monument’s color scheme. A full description of the Monument is provided in the Chapter’s Winter 2008 Newsletter. (See **Note-1**)

President Cleckner reminded all present that the Chapter’s **2009 Annual Calendar** was published and provided on the Chapter’s web-site. He also advised that Chapter namesake Allen Johnson’s services would be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May @ 1100 hours. In keeping with the wishes of “Jenny” Johnson, the services would be both brief and ‘low key’, but properly respectful, at the Los Molinos Cemetery. Those in attendance will then adjourn for a “no host’ casual luncheon at the Riverside Bar and Grill in Red Bluff.

Those present were reminded that Bryan Furman now had our web-site up and operational. They were reminded that all late-short notice-information reference Chapter operations would be provided by being posted on the Message Board of the web-site. E.g. the time and location of meetings and events, and emergency info especially.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Cleckner stated that he wanted a way to honor "Sam" Houston and was considering a Scholarship in conjunction with the JR ROTC Awards program at Enterprise HS. A motion was made by Scott Masterson, seconded by Ken Delfino, that an "Educational Scholarship" be included as a part of the SFA/ROTC Award @ Enterprise HS JROTC. The motion was then approved by those members present. At the meeting John Cleckner and Ken Delfino both committed \$100.00 each toward this endeavor. Ideas were solicited of the Chapter membership by John Cleckner. Decisions to be made later. (See Note- 2)

Ken Delfino suggested "That in order to increase the visibility/awareness of the SFA Chapter 89 in the Redding metropolitan area, have members keep ears and eyes open when it came to citizens stepping forth to publicly support our uniformed personnel. Articles could be submitted or referred to an Awards Committee "(Which, BTW Ken volunteered to "Chair"). Ken additionally offered to donate an annual "Citizen-of-the-Year", and "Family-of-the-Year" plaque to be given to deserving citizens. Appropriate recognition could be affected at a city council meeting or on Veteran's Day.

Chapter member, and beloved wife of Sam Houston, Sue proposed to Chapter President John Cleckner that "It's now time to do the Ceremonies for Sam". Dates and ideas were shared .However, nothing yet confirmed. Date, time and details TBD. But, soon!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Accolades and deep appreciation were again extended to the Maraviiov's for both hosting the Chapter Christmas Party and allowing us to continue using their residence as the Chapter Team House. Tis deeply appreciated.

Chapter members were reminded that the SFA National Convention was scheduled 7-11 June 2009 in Las Vegas Nevada. Details in the back of " *The DROP*". At the time of the meeting three Chapter members had reservations and plans confirmed to attend. (See Note-3)

A Raffle and 50/50 drawing was held. Sue Houston won a photo frame. Bob Maraviiov won a "JEEP" scabbard knife (K-Bar style) which had been donated by Ken Delfino. Sue also won a book donated by Ken; reference the "Brown Water Navy". Also donated by Ken. Scott Masterson won the "50/50" drawing. The proceeds of which, about \$30.00 were immediately donated back to the Chapter 'coffers". Thanks Scott.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1520 hours with the caveat that a few selected members would travel to and reconvene at the NCVC @ Igo for the selection of the color scheme for the SF monument.

**Wellness Update:**

Chapter Brother Bryan Furman continues to recover from injuries sustained as a result of his “free fall” from his roof in Hydesville.

Chapter Brother Rodney Dean is convalescing with family in Eureka, California

**FOOTNOTES:**

1. Since the meeting, a generous anonymous donation was made IMO to the SF Memorial Monument Fund in the amount of \$2000.00. Additionally, on 21/22 January a select few Chapter members, friends and relatives poured the concrete base/pedestal on which the Monument is to set.

Additionally, subsequent to the meeting, the decision was made to call the award in Sam’s honor **“The Everett “Sam” Houston Memorial Excellence Award”**

2. Post, 10 January meeting Mike and Carrie Walker donated \$300.00 to the Memorial IMO Sam Houston, and one of Sam’s Classmates, Paul “Shep” Shepanek also contributed \$300.00 to “Sam’s” Memorial Award. With John and Ken’s donations this means the Award is solvent for the next 8 years.

3. **Five** Chapter Members now have reservations and are committed to attending the Las Vegas National Convention.

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For the Chapter President:

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