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Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**





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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



December 2017

As we enter the Holiday Season I want to wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year! I also want to congratulate the incoming Officers and their willingness to serve our Chapter. I am extremely grateful for your active support during my four years, without your efforts and support we would never have accomplished all that we did! I am certain you will continue to elevate your game in the coming term and support Gary Weber as we reach new levels of success! I strongly anticipate breaking ground on the Team House this year! Search inside yourself and find a way to serve, everyone can do something! The sky is the limit and we can realize so much with your help!

DOL,

Brian Wilson

President, SFA Chapter LX



SFA Chapter LX Minutes for 8 December 2017

The meeting was brought to order at 1730 hours by Chapter President Brian Wilson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jay Lovelace, followed by a Moment of Silence, then a prayer led by Bill Bennett.

Officers present were: President Brian Wilson; Vice President of Operations Pat Rizzi; Vice President of Support Kevin McCaffrey; Treasurer Rich Corson; and Secretary Amy Sitze.

Members in attendance include: Ray Millaway, Gary Weber, Terry O'Connor, Wayne Rich, Bill Bennett, Rod Nishimura, Mike Monroe, Jim McGarra, David Haddock, Jim Fagan, Lee Vannes, Steve Grewell, Dave Zilka, Keith Hanley, Bob Kvederas, Brenna Rutland, Rob Cavin, Jay Lovelace, Keith Pecha, Todd Reed, LeRoy Mitchell, Charles Brantley, Mick Cole, Gil Himes, and newest member of Chapter LX—Aaron Seifer.

We were honored with guest Melissa, the wife of Steve Grewell.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS.

President Wilson welcomed all in attendance, especially Jay Lovelace. We are happy to have Jay back with us after his motorcycle accident in November. May you continue to have a speedy recovery.

At the annual Christmas Party, we had record attendance. A total of 76 attended. It was held in a beautifully decorated venue with lots of food and celebration amongst friends. And the pistol presented to Don Cox was a complete surprise and left him speechless. Thank you to all that took the time to plan it and ensure it was a festive event.

Thank you to Dave Haddock and his crew for another great shoot.

A big hand goes out to all that supported the fundraiser. Mission BBQ donated all the food and Zilka Kotab PC was a major donator for the event. Based on those two donations, the shoot was mostly paid for allowing for majority of the money brought in by the silent auction, raffles, and shooters was net. One scholarship for next year's scholarship program is now accounted for.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary Sitze started off her report with the news all have been waiting for—the announcement of the newly elected officers. President—Gary Weber; Vice President of Operations—Brian Wilson; Vice President of Support—Todd Reed; Secretary—Amy Sitze; and Treasurer—Rich Corson. New officers will be sworn in at the January meeting.

Secretary Sitze started by requesting all, to include visitors, to sign the attendance roster. Also, anyone needing to update their information can do so on the sign in roster. Of course, any information updates can also be emailed to her. Please be sure that any time an email address, phone number or mailing address changes to notify Secretary Sitze. She does work with National to ensure the membership database is current. This ensures, not only that you stay connected with Chapter LX events and news, but also means you continue to receive your edition of the Drop quarterly.

1 October marked the opening of our Annual Membership Drive. If you are annual member, now through 30 January 2018 will be the time to renew. You may see Secretary Sitze directly with payment or mail it in. If you are interested in upgrading to a Lifetime membership, this is also the best window of opportunity to accomplish that upgrade. We will also use this year's drive as a recruiting drive. Many are learning more about our Team House dream and are interested in becoming a part of that dream.



Use the Team House as a means to generate interest and as a recruiting tool. Please invite anyone you know eligible for membership that is not yet a member to any of our meetings or Chapter Events. We would like to welcome our newest member MSG Aaron Seifer.

We have received notification that the JFKSWCS is seeking nominations for Distinguished/Honorary Members of the First Special Forces Regiment. If you know of someone that you believe is an eligible candidate for the honor, please let Secretary Sitze know. We have the criteria available upon request as well. The next scheduled ceremony will be on 4 May 2018 is scheduled for any nominees submitted and accepted by the board in February 2018. Secretary Sitze was asked if there is a list of Chapter LX members already Distinguished/Honorary Members of the Regiment. That information is unknown at the time, but Secretary Sitze will track it down.

A motion was made by Ray Millaway and seconded by Jay Lovelace to accept the Secretary's report. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A full treasurer's report was not provided due to guests in the audience. Yet, it was confirmed that all bills are paid to date. And yes, Rich's retirement account is alive and doing well. If you have any questions concerning the approved 2017 Budget, please get with Rich Corson to discuss.

Don has generously donated all the money that was raised in support of his gift, which Lee Vannes decided to donate, to the Team House. Thank You, Don!!!

A motion was made by Dave Zilka and seconded by David Haddock to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT.

Quartermaster Mr. Jim Fagan has all the specifics should you be interested in any Chapter gear. Currently, he has legacy apparel for sale until it is depleted. Once gone that is it. So, if you see something you like, best to get it now. Jim also has shirts for the women. For the guys, Jim has available Nike Golf shirts for \$45 and Cotton/Poly shirts for \$25 -- Large and Extra Large Shirts available and picking up more sizes. If you need gear or have any questions, get with Jim. For any additional personalizing you would like to have on your shirt, Name Tape on Dale Mabry provides those services and is a friend of the Chapter. Please note that each item embroidered is \$10 a piece, with a \$20 minimum. Jim will have his stock available at the meetings and events he is able to attend.

OLD BUSINESS.

"Mack" Macksam from Veterans Art Center Tampa Bay (VACTB) in St. Pete came last month to propose a request to Chapter members. Mack spoke of how the VACTB would like to honor a KIA service member and its family through a scholarship/award every year. This is a scholarship that will be awarded every year on the date that Soldier was KIA. The center is requesting that the family of the service member be actively involved as well. Mack asked Chapter LX to nominate someone that the scholarship/award would be named for. SSG Chris Falkel, KIA 8 August 2005, has been nominated.

An order of commemorative coins has been placed and we are awaiting shipment. These coins are to be used as a "Thank You" for the donors and sponsor that provide a sizable contribution to the Chapter initiatives. The board is in the process of pricing and finding a new supplier for our Chapter LX coins. These are the ones we have for sale, although we currently out.



Gasparilla 2018! Thanks to Ray Millaway doing such a fantastic job working with the committee and doing all the behind scenes work, Chapter LX is well prepared for our participation in the 2018 parade. Time for your pirate self to come out. 27 January 2018 is parade day, how do you want to participate? We will need volunteers to build the float and to march in the parade. Ray is asking that members sponsor the event and defer the cost to the Chapter by ordering a case of beads-- \$50 per case. Our Ye Special Forces Krewe Logo will quickly become a crowd favorite. In addition, we are selling raffle tickets for a Relic Wood Ye Special Forces Krewe Box to be raffled on parade day, compliments of Ray Millaway. **Dates to build the float will be on 20 and 24 Jan 2018 on the property, weather permitting.** This is a popular Tampa Bay event, and last year, we were a crowd favorite. This year it will be an even bigger event for the Chapter with the addition of our own float. So, let's show the community how proud we are of our Chapter. And if you are one that doesn't think you can participate because you can't walk the length of the parade, well this year you have additional options. If you are in town, come out for a good time. What a fun event it will be! If you missed last year, be sure not to miss this year. And if you are not already excited about participating, be sure to watch the video, <https://youtube/CrBt2MI4kdU>. Arrrrrrgggggg, Matie, it's Gasparilla!

NEW BUSINESS.

President Wilson asked if anyone is interested in hosting the Tet Party this year, as we do not yet have a host. It would be on / around 16 February 2018. If you are interested in hosting, please let a board member know ASAP.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Rich Corson is retiring!!! After 48 years, Rich has decided to retire from Federal Service. And he has invited each of you to help him celebrate. The retirement ceremony is on 4 January 2018 at 1400 with a reception following. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Secretary Sitze sent out

the evite via email. However, if you did not receive or need it to be resent, please let Secretary Sitze know. Congrats, Rich!!! Chapter LX is happy to hear you are staying in the area too. Jay Lovelace thanked all those that came to visit him in the hospital. He mentioned that the nurses were especially happy about it. It could have been a lot worse, but so happy it wasn't. We are glad to have you with us Jay and that you are back up walking around and in full recovery mode.

Outgoing President Wilson received a very special gift. Ray Millaway presented him with a fruit cake and after all the laughter ended also presented him with a flag very fitting of Brian. Ray did not forget incoming President Weber. He received a pom pom as he may need it when he takes over in January. All had a good laugh with the gift presentation.

President Wilson thanked all those that have supported him throughout his tenure. He knows he couldn't have done it without the members backing him and he appreciates it all. A number of great things have happened over the last four years. And President Wilson stated that he knows many more great things will continue to happen in the future.

For those of you that may be interested, here is a deal for you. For members of SFA, a deal is being offered. For just \$50, you can purchase a Swiss Army Knife. But you should hurry for the deal is only good through the month of December. Please contact joe at Jtraurig@verizon.net for information. If you would like to see the item for purchase, contact Secretary Sitze for the flyer.

50 / 50 Drawing.

There was \$127.00 in the pot. LeRoy Mitchell was the lucky winner for the night and donated it to the Team House. Many thanks, Mitch!

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1827 following a motion made by Kevin McCaffrey and seconded by Lee Vannes, it passed



unanimously. The meeting lasted 57 minutes.

The Next Membership Meeting.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 12 January 2018, at 1730hrs, at American Legion Post 139, 3818 West Bay Vista Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611. Telephone (813) 839-6740.



Getting in Touch:

Chapter LX Web-Site: <https://specialforces.org>. **(IF your computer, laptop, or iPhone has stored our old website in its memory, it will revert to that old site even though you enter in the new website. You must delete the old web site from its memory)**

Chapter Facebook Page: Here is the link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SFACHAP60> . Please go to that link and "like" us.

New Team House Video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?V=VLK9etIrx1s&t=50s)

[V=VLK9etIrx1s&t=50s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?V=VLK9etIrx1s&t=50s)



From National and Around the Chapters.

The National Special Forces Green Beret Memorial. This is a memorial to honor the elite Special Forces "Green Beret" of every era and the legacy of the Special Forces Regiment with a historic memorial park. It is planned to be a place premier park with public access and viewed as a tourist destination near Ft Bragg, NC. Money is being raised for the project and all donations are tax deductible. For more information, please go to:

www.specialforcesgreenberetmemorial.org. Or speak with Chapter member Geoff Barker as he is on the committee.

The National Museum of the United States Army is opening in 2019 at Ft. Belvoir, VA. They are asking for all those that have served over the years in the Army to register in their database. If you are interested in registering, donating, or learning more about the museum, go to WWW.armyhistory.org to find out more.



Team House Update.

The Architects and Engineers of the design team are presenting the proposed graphics and renderings to the Steering Committee on 18 December for final approval of what will be our primary tools for our marketing and fund-raising efforts. These are exciting times so stay tuned for coming announcements!



Hand Salute

Chapter LX has members deployed overseas in support of the War on Terror. Some of these men are still on active duty; others are on the retired rolls. When the call to arms sounded, each stepped forward. We members of the Chapter LX salute them for their service.

Ken Nifong, Afghanistan

Request members inform Gary Weber, glwb310@yahoo.com of those deployed.







Chapter LX Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party was at the La Teresita Restaurant in Tampa. It was a huge success with 76 members in attendance. This is the largest number of folks attending a Chapter party that I can remember.

A "Tip of the Beret" goes to Kevin McCaffrey and Amy Sitze for all the hard work in making this event a great success. The decorations were beautifully done. Kudos to all those who helped in the preparations of the Christmas Party and the White Elephant Gift exchange, especially **Brenna Rutland and Kristy Cavin**.

We also would like to thank **the staff of La Teresita for their excellent service**.











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Team House Update

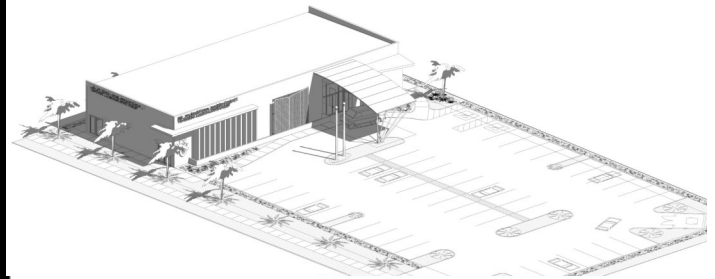
Last summer the Chapter formed a Team House Design Committee to begin working with an architect and builder to come up with a comprehensive plan to go from our empty lot to the grand opening of the preeminent Chapter Team House in the Special Forces Association. The Committee consisted of Chapter members Lee Vannes and Chuck Jenkins, along with the Boards of Officers from Chapter LX and TGBA, for a total of 11 Chapter members. The Committee evaluated several proposals and chose Bay Area Building Solutions as the builder and AI Collaborative as the architect. The plan that was subsequently developed consisted of three main phases.

Phase One was intended to produce a site plan for the property, a feasible floor plan and 3D sketches of the proposed building, and some photo-realistic drawings of the building and the site. The objective of this phase was to work with the architect and builder to create a feasible design that best met the initial requirements stated by the Chapter while taking in the limitations of the property and required code restrictions.

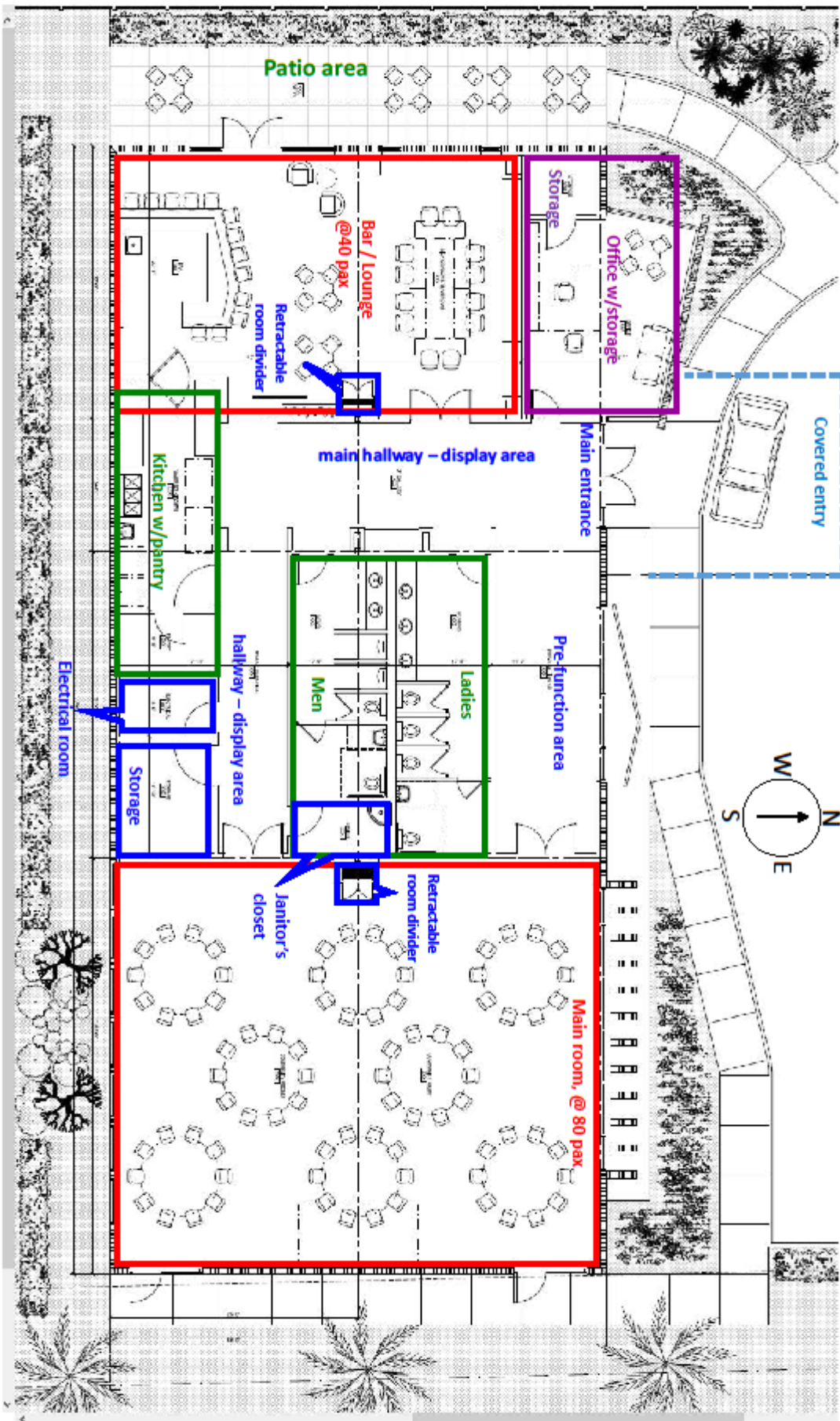
Phase Two is intended to be the fundraising phase, during which time the Chapter focuses on raising the funds needed to finalize the design and begin construction. The objective of this phase is to utilize the documents developed during Phase One to develop and execute a comprehensive fundraising campaign that will bring in the required funding. This phase is not time-dependent, but will conclude when the necessary funds have been raised.

Phase Three will finalize the design and complete the construction of the building and the site. The objective of this phase is to complete the site design and the interior/exterior building finishes, construct the building and associated structures (parking lot, etc.) and have TGBA take possession of the property for the Chapter.

Currently, we are nearing the end of Phase One, with only the photo-realistic drawings left to be completed. Here is the proposed site plan.



The building sits on the south end of the lot facing to the north for maximum visibility to vehicles entering MacDill AFB. The building will have a covered drive-up and dual flagpoles out front. The parking lot will have approximately 51 spaces including 2 handicapped spaces as required by code. The property will require a vault beneath the parking lot to hold runoff water due to the lack of available greenspace. A close up of the initial floor plan of the building can be seen on the next page.





The building is single story, approximately 6000 square feet in size, with a large event room capable of seating at least 80 pax, a smaller bar/lounge area seating at least 40 pax, an outdoor patio area, office space, adequate bathroom facilities, a warming kitchen and storage space. Additionally both the large event room and bar/lounge area have retractable room dividers to enable the rooms to be divided for events as needed. The hallways, pre-function area, etc. should be spacious enough to allow for display cases and wall displays. A 3 dimensional drawing of the building looks something like this.



As with any construction project, issues will come up and decisions will have to be made that may result in changes to this original plan in a variety of ways. But this is the status of the Team House design effort up to this point. We should have the photo-realistic drawings in the next couple of weeks, and we will include them in a subsequent issue of the newsletter. At that point we will officially transition to Phase Two (fundraising) where the really hard work begins.

We will most likely form a Fundraising Committee to develop and discuss strategy, explore the use of professional fundraisers, organize fundraising events, and a host of other things. If you'd like to be part of that effort, contact a Chapter board member. And watch for continued updates in your newsletter!



ARMY ALMANAC DECEMBER 2017

380 Years Ago – 13 December 1636, The first muster of Massachusetts Bay Colony Militia.

241 Years Ago – 12 December 1775, The Cavalry branch is established.

75 Years Ago – 07 December 1941, Japanese aircraft attack Hawaii.

75 Years Ago – 08 December 1941, The United States declares war on Japan, Japanese attack the Philippine Islands.

66 Years Ago – 26 December 1950, **Lieutenant General Mathew Ridgeway** assumes command of the Eighth U.S. Army in Korea.

30 Years Ago – 04 December 1986, U.S. Army South is activated in the Panama Canal Zone, with **Major General James R. Taylor** as its first Commander.

27 Years Ago – 19 December 1989, **Operation JUST CAUSE** (Panama) begins.

13 Years Ago – 13 December 2003, **Saddam Hussein** is captured near Tikrit, Iraq



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"Bane or Blessing"

"The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit."

Proverbs 15:4

The so called "Social Media" has become increasingly popular over these last years. Facebook, Twitter, and a host of other services support this new phenomenon. Individuals and families capitalize on the new technology to share family plans, triumphs and information with a wide variety of other family and friends. Such posts are a true blessing to those who participate.

Organizations and businesses invariably have a "Facebook" or some other page which replaces or enhances the more traditional website. These sites are essentially another means of marketing a product or service.

Social Media has also provided an inexpensive method for organizations to present their platforms and mobilize their adherents. Of course, these organizations run the gamut from religious, fraternal, charitable, to political. Some organizations are related to controversial subjects and span between advocacy and political action.

Social media during the most recent political campaign provided politician's opportunities to propound their policy positions and to vent their political bile. Unfortunately, civility was not often present.

As the Army dehumanizes the enemy to train its soldiers to kill other human beings, social media communications tend to impersonalize or even dehumanize its users, both sender and receiver. Just as it is easier to kill a dehumanized enemy who is identified by a denigrating name, so is it also easier to write impolite even hateful things to someone who espouses a position contrary to yours.

If the disagreement were to occur in face-to-face discussions, the antagonists would be able to make arguments not limited by 140 characters, to specifically address counter-arguments, to show nuance in the arguments, and to exercise self-control. Finally, people are more likely to maintain some degree of civility when personally interacting. On social media, such civility disappears. The lack of civility is incendiary and has cleaved asunder friendships and families. These characteristics are a bane of civilized society.

What can we do to minimize the negative effects of social media? Here are some ideas: First, do not allow your political positions primacy over your religious beliefs and familial ties. Maintain your perspective. Second, if you believe you must respond, keep your response focused on and limited to the argument at hand, not the individual. Do not respond in the heat of the moment. No *ad hominem* attacks. Third, never use images of others without their approval, especially in support of a political position. Finally, If the other party does not moderate the correspondence merely "unfriend" or "block" the antagonizing individual. Reading or responding to disagreeable posts is not worth the stress it creates.

Failure to follow these or similar guidelines may mark the correspondent as a person of little class and a troublemaker. Failure to follow these guidelines also harms the cause the user supports. No one likes a boor. Proverbs 17:20 cautions, *"One whose heart is corrupt does not prosper; one whose tongue is perverse falls into trouble."*

De Oppresso Liber

Bill





Veterans Affairs

Requesting Military Personnel Records.

Have you lost your military service records, medical records, personnel records, or records of awards and medals earned? Are you a family member seeking information about the military service of a next-of-kin? Find out how to request information and what forms you will have to fill out.

Military.com Remember: your military records are normally free to request from the Federal Government, companies that advertise copies of your DD-214 or military records for a fee are scams.

Normally only the veteran or the next-of-kin may request copies of military records.

What Information Is Needed to Request Records

Your request must contain certain basic information to locate your service records. This information includes:

The veteran's complete name used while in service Service number Social security number Branch of service Dates of service Date and place of birth (especially if the service number is not known). If you suspect your records may have been involved in the 1973 fire, also include: o Place of discharge o Last unit of assignment o Place of entry into the service, if known. All requests must be signed and dated by the veteran or next-of-kin. If you are the next of kin of a deceased veteran, you must provide proof of death of the veteran such as a copy of death certificate, letter from funeral home, or published obituary.

How to Request Service Information
The National Archives online program eVetRecs is the preferred and fastest method for requesting service information. Provide as much information as possible in the comments field. Should you prefer to submit your request using

a SF180 then provide as much information as possible and send the form to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138 Or Fax to: 314-801-9195

How Long Does It Take To Receive Copies of Records? According to the National Personnel Records Center 92% of separation record requests are processed within 10 days of receipt. However, health records may take longer. The eVetRecs website has instructions for emergency requests needing faster processing. (Note: If you have previously been told your records were destroyed in "the fire" you should request them again. Many records have been reconstructed.)



2018 VA Compensation Rates

Percent Disabled No Dependents /
Veteran & Spouse

10%	\$136.24	\$136.24
20%	\$269.30	\$269.30
30%	\$417.15	\$466.11
40%	\$600.90	\$667.20
50%	\$855.41	\$938.03
60%	\$1,083.52	\$1,182.46
70%	\$1,365.48	\$1,480.74
80%	\$1,587.25	\$1,719.85
90%	\$1,783.68	\$1,932.60
100%	\$2,973.86	\$3,139.67

+ You do not get paid as a veteran w/spouse unless you are rated at least 30% and you must file a VA form 21-686c. If you've not filed one see a VSO or go to www.va.gov/forms and download the form and follow the instructions. + For additional rates and special monthly compensation rates see: <https://benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/rates-index.asp>





Outside conservative groups entering the fight over VA health care reforms By: Leo Shane III October 23, 2017

WASHINGTON — When House lawmakers start debate on massive reforms to the veterans' health care system this week, they won't just be hearing from veterans pushing for changes. A coalition of conservative groups typically not connected to Veterans Affairs issues sent a letter to House leaders on Monday pushing them to rein in department spending and shift more resources to private-sector medical appointments for veterans who want them. "Americans who put their lives on the line for our country should have the freedom to choose to use their VA benefits in the private health care market," the letter states. The effort — led by Concerned Veterans for America, a conservative voice in the veterans' community in recent years — includes Americans for Prosperity, Heritage Action for America, National Taxpayers Union, Tea Party Nation and 11 other groups with ties to Republican Party donors and small-government initiatives. It comes one day before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee is scheduled to start debate at 10 a.m. on Tuesday to discuss the potential health reforms. (mil.com)



The Army Is Investigating The Pro-Communist West Point Grad.

The Army is "looking into" the West Point graduate and Afghanistan combat veteran who appeared to endorse communism

in social media posts, the U.S. Military Academy announced on Sept. 26.

A photo of 2nd Lt. Spenser Rapone in a West Point uni-form with a paper sign reading "Communism Will Win" tucked into his cover went viral with the hashtag #VeteransForKaepernick on Sept. 24. A self-described "commie/space cowboy," Rapone identifies himself as a member of the Democratic Socialists of America on his Twitter account. "Second Lieutenant Rapone's actions in no way reflect the values of the U.S. Military Academy or the U.S. Army," USMA said in a statement. "As figures of public trust, members of the military must exhibit exemplary conduct, and are prohibited from engaging in certain expressions of political speech in uniform." In a June 7 tweet, Rapone referred to Secretary of Defense James Mattis as "the most evil, vile f--k" in the Trump administration." (I hope the Army "looks into this" better than they did the Bergdahl desertion/treason case: Katz)



Trump's VA secretary said to be interviewing for new post.

A long-awaited overhaul of veterans' health care is being unveiled to the world. At the helm throughout the two years of developing this road map has been David J. Shulkin. As the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is finally on the cusp of rolling out its master plan to ensure every veteran has access to timely, quality care, the VA secretary reportedly is interviewing for another job.



As the Wall Street Journal revealed, the White House brought Shulkin in to discuss having him take over the Department of Health and Human Services, a post left vacant by the abrupt resignation of Tom Price. (VA did not confirm or deny the Journal's reporting.) There is no doubt the top post at Health and Human Services is vital to every American, given the raging debate over the future of health-care insurance, certainly including veterans. There is little doubt Shulkin is qualified. But the timing is dangerous to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the millions of veterans who depend



It's time to ensure you are prepared to file for all Florida homestead exemptions for which you qualify.

The exemption listed below is very often not known or is misunderstood. Other than the exemption granted Florida veterans with a permanent and total disability, this is the most valuable exemption. If you qualify start now to obtain the requisite letter from the VA.

Florida Statutes 196.082 – Discounts for disabled veterans

Current as of: 2016 | Check for updates
| Other versions

(1) Each veteran who is age 65 or older and is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property that the veteran owns and resides in if:

- (a) The disability was combat-related; and
 - (b) The veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service.
- (2) The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) To qualify for the discount granted under this section, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser by March 1:
- (a) An official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs which states the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat-related;
 - (b) A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge; and
 - (c) Proof of age as of January 1 of the year to which the discount will apply.

Go to: [http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=371864#{"issue_id":371864,"page":0}](http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=371864#{) pages 9-10 for a discussion on Florida's Veteran Tax Exemptions.



All Veterans articles come from:
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Heads Up!

*"Listen
up, you
knuckleheads.*



Be there. Be Square!"

**12 January 2018—Chapter LX
meeting, 1730, ALP 139, Tampa,
FL.**

**20 and 24 January 2018—Help
build our float on our property.**

**27 January 2018—Gasparilla
Parade, Tampa, FL.**

**9 February 2018—Chapter LX
meeting, 1730, ALP 139, Tampa,
FL**

**24 February 2018— TET Party,
1800, The Weber Hooch.**

**9 March 2018—Chapter LX
meeting, 1730, ALP 139, Tampa,
FL.**