



SFA-LA Chapter 32/50 Indian Nations Chapter Ladies Auxiliary Newsletter

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Happy Labor Day



President's Notes for September

Hello Ladies,

Hope all of you had an enjoyable Labor Day. I was unable to attend the fish fry in Duncan, Oklahoma, in August, but understand it was a great success, despite the rainy weather!! We are so grateful to Butch and Bonnie Graham for their generous hospitality. They know how to host a party!!!!

At the August meeting, the members voted on a recommendation from the Soldier's and Veteran's Committee chaired by Bonnie Graham, to give \$500.00 to the "Homeless Alliance" program of the Veteran's Association for bus passes for homeless vets in Oklahoma cities so they can travel to their medical and dental appointments. A check was presented to Marcus Whitt who will deliver it on the member's behalf.

Information for upcoming meetings:

September 9: "Meet and Greet" starts at 12:00 and the actual meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. The location is the meeting room behind Uncle Buck's Restaurant in the Bass Pro Shop, 101 Bass Pro Drive, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012. See page 2 of this newsletter or go on the SFA website for directions. Their phone number is 1-918-355-7600. There are restaurants in the area, and the shop has a fishing area if you would like to bring your fishing pole or

grandkids to fish. I will bring the new shirts for anyone who wants to buy them for \$20.00 each.

October 14: Halloween Costume Contest and Chili Cook Off at the Veterans Museum, 1010 West Main Street, Yukon, Oklahoma. I am checking with Rick Cacini to see if the chili cook off will be possible at that location. If so, each member is to bring chili, crackers, cheese, bowls, spoons, desserts or other fixings, and encouraged to wear a Halloween costume. \$5.00 charge for bowl of chili and dessert.

November 11: Thanksgiving luncheon and Veteran's Day celebration hosted by the women at Madison's Kitchen, 4747 S.E. 29th St., Del City, OK 73115.

December 9: Christmas Party at VFW Post 362 in El Reno with a raffle at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Oklahoma as a possible fundraiser. Details to be discussed at our September meeting.

With decreasing numbers of members attending each month, I ask that all auxiliary members bring their ideas about the future of our organization to the September meeting.

Hope to see all of you in Broken Arrow,

Shirley Williams, President

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In September, we will discuss a Christmas raffle of a weekend holiday at the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Oklahoma. In October, we will have a chili cook off and charge \$5.00 per bowl, pending approval from Rick Cacini to do this at the Veteran's Museum.

- September 9, 2017: Meeting will be held at the Bass Pro Shop, 101 Bass Pro Blvd., in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.
- October 14, 2017 - Halloween Costume Contest and Chili Cook Off at the Veterans Museum, 1010 West Main Street, Yukon, Oklahoma. 11:00 Meet and Greet, meeting at noon, lunch at 12:30.
- View our newsletter, minutes, and agenda on the SFA's website at www.sfa32.org.



Looking forward to the chili and Halloween desserts and treats that members are asked to bring to the October meeting. Many, many, thanks to the generous donations from our members each month.

Reminders:

Our lady veterans continue to be in need of small toiletry items, socks (with friction), puzzle books, pencils with erasers, note pads, and lap blankets. Please donate items in numbers of 6 to Marie-Paul Kleckner, our Chaplain, at the next meeting. Our agenda, minutes, and newsletter are posted on the SFA, Chapter 32/50 website at www.sfa32.org.



September Birthday

In Thought, Prayer, and Praise

We remember those affected by Hurricane Harvey, and are grateful that our own Irey and Robin Cobb and Alan and Judy Jordan live near the areas hit, but are still high and dry. We also pray for Kathy Cacini, and the leadership of our country.

We continue to send thoughts and prayers to Dee Oliphant, whose wife recently passed away; Ellis Edwards, who continues to struggle with MS; and, Sarge Cronic, who continues to monitor his heart issues and whose wife is battling cancer. Please keep Loretta "Bo" Casarez in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recover and heal from her back surgery.



September 6 - Robin Cobb

Recipe of the Month:

Quiche Lorraine

(great for breakfast before the Bass Pro Shop meeting)



- 1/2 pound sliced bacon
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 eggs
- 1 can evaporated milk (13 oz.)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 10-inc unbaked pie shell
- 1/2 pound grated Swiss cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter

1. Preheat oven to 425 °.
2. In a skillet, brown the bacon, until crisp. Remove bacon, crumble, and set aside.
3. In the bacon grease, saute the onion until it is clear.
4. Remove the onion with a slotted spoon, being careful to drain excess grease from the onion.
5. In a medium bowl, beat eggs with a fork.
6. Stir in milk and seasonings.
7. Place crisp bacon in bottom of pie shell.
8. Place onions on top of bacon.
9. Sprinkle grated Swiss cheese on top of onions.
10. Pour milk mixture over layers and dot with butter.
11. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 300° and bake an additional 30 minutes or until crust is golden brown.
12. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes before cutting.

Directions to the Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow:

Bass Pro Shop
101 Bass Pro Drive
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012

Take Highway 51 (the Broken Arrow Expressway) through town.

Continue southeast to the exit for Elm Street in Broken Arrow.

Go north on Elm to Albany Street, and turn right (east).

Albany Street will take you southeast to Bass Pro Drive.

Their phone number is 1-918-355-7600.



Pictures from the Fish Fry in Duncan, Oklahoma on August 12, 2017



Despite the downpour of rain, many members and auxiliary members attended the Fish Fry in Duncan.



David "Sarge" Cronin presented Bonnie Graham with a gift (wooden cross) from the men of Chapter 32/50 to thank her for her hospitality and generosity in providing the fish fry.



Vice President Bonnie Graham gave the auxiliary report, in the absence of President Shirley Williams.



Jack Farr, Bonnie Graham, and Butch Graham presented Jerry Haney with watermelons for his many contributions.



Sarge also presented Butch Graham with a painting of wild horses, to thank him for his from the men of Chapter 32/50 to thank him for his hospitality and generosity in providing the fish fry.

FOCUS on Chapter 32/50 SFAMember, MSG Gene Hall



MSG Gene Hall joined the National Guard on September 1, 1950, and retired from the Army on August 31, 1975, as a Master Sergeant, serving in the military for over 25 years, with 22 ½ of those years on active duty. He has served in the 1st Special Forces Group in Okinawa, the 3rd at Ft. Bragg, the 7th in Germany, and the 8th in Panama. Significant points in his military career include:

- 1950 Enlisted in the National Guard and trained at then Camp Polk, Louisiana
- 1951-52 Sergeant told him "Pack your bags, you're going to Korea." Became part of the 179th Infantry and served in the coldest winter of the Korean War in pioneer ammunitions. To keep his toes from freezing, he exercised. Was discharged in 1952.
- 1955 Re-enlisted after 2 ½ years, and had to go through basic training again – same rank as his sergeant at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, and became the light infantry squad leader.
- 1956 Ft. Richardson, Alaska for 1 year jumping on winter maneuvers.
- 1957 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington.
- 1957-59 Cold War. English 9th Combat Battalion, stationed at a gyroscope unit in Germany as part of a military swap. Toured Europe while there. In 1958, was sent to Lebanon on a peace keeping mission.

- 1960 Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri. Paratrooper training. Reassigned to the 101st Airborne at Ft. Bragg, 7th SF Group. Deployed to Vietnam.
- 1961-63 Billed contingency force for Southeast Asia and Vietnam - Smoke Bomb Hill, demolitions sergeant in SF. White Star secret mission.
- 1964-65 Advisor in Korea
- 1966 7th SF Group, trained with Navy Seals
- 1968-70 8th SF Group for 2 years, special duty in Panama, jungle warfare unit.
- 1970-71 Thailand training mission.
- 1972-73 Taipei, Taiwan, training mission.
- 1974 Ft Bragg.
- 1975 Retired.

MSG Hall was part of a secret mission in Laos known as the White Star Mobile Training Team. The purpose of the mission was to "organize, advise and equip indigenous fighters for guerilla warfare and survival tactics." He was one of twelve team members that would send smaller teams for "milk runs" into the jungle. They planned an engagement against the Pathet Lao, Viet Cong. On one operation, they were cut off behind enemy lines for 3 days, and 2 members of the team were hit hard by mortar. Their small team sought shelter in a bamboo jungle while the Laotians ran off and went MIA for 3 days. Getting out of the jungle required walking across rice patties, while armed with a .45 and an M-1 Garand rifle, where they had to kill a King Cobra. Through the process, he learned he did not have many survival tactics to teach the Laotian army.

"The military is a brotherhood, not many things like it. Every one of us would kill for each other, out of love and respect. And, in the SFA, we all understand a lot of what each other went through."

Thank you for your service!!