



# “First-Coast Arrow”



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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It was my sad duty to notify the Chapter membership of the passing of Charles (Chuck) Daniels, a chartered member of our Chapter and a past President of our Chapter, more later.

The last couple of months has been challenging. We have looked at where we are now, where we are going, and how to get there. We have installed newly elected officers and filled some staff officer positions and committee positions. Also, we will probably create a couple of new committees. We hope to have all in place and operational by mid-year.

The S3 is planning, this year, to conduct Operation "Hard Night," the A-Team camp-out, and Operation "Viper Steel," which is A-Team live fire training at the range. We are refocusing on Special Forces operations and skills. Do not miss the train; get on board and join the Warrior spirit and SF fellowship. Once we complete the Chapters schedule for the year, it will be made available to the membership.

Back to the loss of Chuck; the family, and the Chapter have arranged a “Celebration of Life” for Chuck on **Sunday, 19 February 2023, at 16:00 hours, at the VFW, 915 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.**

The uniform for this event is the Green Beret and green jacket, Green Beret and SFA golf shirt, or Green Beret and w/other clothing.

(Editor – In lieu of flowers, the Daniels Family has requested Donations to SFA Chapter 88 be made in Chuck’s Memory! Mail Address: Wade Carroll (SFA88 Treasurer), 10539 Inverness Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32257-3704

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED**

**Now is an excellent time to review and update your personal affairs.** Also, the Chapter requires each member to submit their BIO information to the chapter secretary, and a form is available to members to help organize their data.

On behalf of the Officers and Staff, we look forward to seeing you at the next Chapter meeting on 4 March 2023.

*"De Oppresso Liber,"*

*Dewey Walker,*

*SFA Chapter 88, President 2023-2024*

### **Chuck Daniels Pictures**

Chuck was a career Green Beret/ASA and served with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> SFG(A)s



Above - Chuck at 10<sup>th</sup> SFG at Ft Devens MA



Above SOD Det Alaska - Chuck is 2<sup>nd</sup> row right of sign.



## **Chaplain's Corner**

By COL (Ret) Chaplain Daniel Davis

### **LOVE & fear**

Fear and anxiety are common in the lives of most people, though it is not healthy and certainly not desired. The One, True God has assured us through His word that His "Perfect love drives out fear." (1 John 4:18). Essentially what this means is this: those who live in the love of God need not worry about fear and anxiety, the perfect love of God takes care of it.

Prayer seems to heighten the awareness of the love of God in my life. For an "ole boy" with a terminal lung disease prayer and the love of God are indispensable for maintaining a meaningful life. Here is a prayer that I came across a few days ago that "spoke" to my heart:

*"You (God) say that if I give You my burdens, You will take care of me. You say that I should cast all my cares upon You, because You love me, because You can handle them all, and because it shows my faith in You. A burden that is heavy enough to sink me is as light as a feather to You. A fear that can paralyze me has no power over You. So I unload it all before You and hand it over for You to manage. I put my trust in You—not in my perspective or resources. You can do anything, God! I will not be afraid, because You are my King and Father. You are with me, and You are for me. You accept me as I need You and rely on You, and You walk with me now and always. You will strengthen me for whatever comes."*

**Recognize God's love for you, and learn to depend upon it. It will make a remarkable and positive difference in your daily life. Amen!**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES –  
Chaplain Davis**

## SFA88 MEMBER OF THE ISSUE

### RICHARD "DICK" GUNN



SFA88's Life Member Dick Gunn is a RVN 5<sup>th</sup> Grp veteran where he was with B-32 (Tay Ninh), A Co. in the III Corps region of VN and then ODA 301 in Trang Sup.

Dick and wife "Maggie" live in Daytona Beach. Although Dick doesn't get to too many chapter meetings, he is a frequent Zoom attendee and he and Maggie are regulars at the SFA Convention (above) and SFA88 Special Forces Regimental Balls (below) 2023 Dick, Maggie with Juan and Clemencia Perez.



Dick was born in California but grew up as an expatriate. In 1947 his Dad, an Engineer for Bectel Corp went to Kuwait for a year and then moved to Saudi for next 33 years of a varied career and retired from Raytheon in 1985. Dick's mom Jaqueline initially moved the family to San Francisco but in 1954 she and the four Gunn children moved to Lebanon then Saudi Arabia. Dick and his three siblings went to boarding schools in Lebanon and Egypt. Dick graduated HS in 1966 from Good Shepherd Secondary Inst. Beirut, Lebanon (French Baccalaureate level) followed by a year at a small, but prestigious Hagazian College (affiliated with the American University of Beirut).

In 1967 he wanted to enlist; his Dad suggested Dick "work back to America" so Dick signing on as engine room crewman on a Norwegian ship. In 1967 Dick arrived in New York via Horn of Good Hope and enlisted. He did basic at Ft Jackson, AIT at Leonard Wood and Airborne at Ft Benning. At Jump School at Ft. Benning Dick was recruited into Special Forces



Top - 1955 Jackie Gunn and kids at pyramids in Giza Egypt enroute to Saudi. Dick is on pony second from right.



Above –Commo Sgt Dick Gunn 40 km north of Trang Sup following night-long contact with VC and NVA regulars.

**(Cont)** Dick graduated from SF Radio Operator MOS training and "Q" course in November 1968 and was assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> SFGA. In October 1969 he shipped out for Viet Nam as part of 5<sup>th</sup> SFG and was assigned to B-32 (Tay Ninh), A Co, III Corps region of VN. From there, after a few weeks on Nui Ba Den Mountain he was assigned to A-301, *Dicks SF COMMO and COMSEC training was the foundation for his later long and distinguished civilian career with US Dept of State Foreign Service,*

## MEMBER OF ISSUE Cont.

### DICK GUNN



After a few weeks on Nui Ba Den Mountain, Dick was assigned to A-301 in Trang Sup, not far from the Cambodian border where his unit worked with local militia and mercenaries to interdict NVA and VC operations.



Above – Dick returned to Ft Bragg in Oct 1970 as a CIB wearing Green Beret buck Sergeant.

End of Oct 1970 he was ETS discharged and returned to San Francisco area to live with his Aunt and started a new life including being a Reserve Green Beret with 12<sup>th</sup> SFG at Ft Baker CA

April 1973 Dick married Lois (Bunny) Jenkins from Idaho and in May 73 joined the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State as a communications officer. He traveled to Washington DC for a few weeks training and was then assigned to Kuwait for a 2-year tour at the U.S. Embassy



ABOVE – DOS Senior Supervisory COMSEC Officer, Dick Gunn with some Texas politician to his right.

It was the beginning of a 34-year career in the Foreign Service for Dick and his family.

After Kuwait, Dick had assignments in Finland (1975-77), Sinai Field Mission (1977-78), Singapore (1978-1980), Khartoum, Sudan (1980-82), Nairobi, Kenya (1982-85), Grenada (1985-87), San Salvador, El Salvador (1987-91), Caracas, Venezuela (1991-94), Ft. Lauderdale Regional Information Management Center (1994-96), Lima, Peru (1996-2001), Paris, France (2001-2003), Baghdad (2003-2004), Paris (2004-2005), Ankara, Turkey (2005-07).

Dick' job was information technology he was Information Management Officer (senior communications resources manager) at my posts. He retired as a senior FS-01 (equals GS-15, or O-6 pay grades.)

Dick and Bunny had son Christopher, born in Helsinki, Finland in January 1976 and daughter, Jessica "Gunn" Olmstead born in Idaho in June 1977. Dick and Bunny separated in 1987. Currently Christopher, and Jessica and her husband live in Austin TX. Dick has no grandchildren.

After his divorce from Bunny, Dick met Ana (Maggie) Rodriguez of El Salvador. Dick and Maggie were married July 11, 1992 and celebrated 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last summer.

Dick "**retired**" from the Foreign Service in September 2007; however, since 2009 he has been a part time retired annuitant employee traveling to U.S. embassies worldwide to inspect communications facilities and train staffs in COMSEC. In this job he travels abroad 3-4 times a year for 4-5 weeks at a time and has visited over 100 countries since 2009. He joined SFA in 2002 and is a Life Member.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING AN ACTIVE SFA88 MEMBER and THANK YOU FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY - DOL**



<https://www.facebook.com/20thSFG>

## NEWS ABOUT 20th SFG(A)

### “OPERATION WHOLE BEAN COFFEE”

Since Christmas, 3/20<sup>th</sup> HHD’s 1SG Evans has received four shipments of whole bean coffee for their staff meeting. Two of the shipments were from SFA88 3/20 Warrior fund and two were funded by anonymous member donations. With the last tacking number sent 1SG Evans replied. **“Awesome!! Everyone knows where the coffee is coming from, and we are all appreciative! Thank you! Ron-** If you want to send some coffee of a care package HHD mail is going through Dept of State. Mailing Address:

**Robert Borger (RJE)**  
**2410 N’Djamina Place APT 31**  
**Dulles, VA 20189-2410**

20<sup>th</sup> SFG was established in 1961. Many of the 12<sup>th</sup> SFG soldiers became part of 20<sup>th</sup> when the ARNG and USAR were realigned. SFA88 Past President MSG (R) Mike Ricketts is an active 20<sup>th</sup> SFG alumni.

Mike is currently writing a full history on 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn and is in touch with current 20th GBs and many 3/20 alumni. If you have pictures or information contact Mike. His contact information is on page 1.

Recently Mike talked to “Chief Cooley” of the Green Cove Springs Alumni group and mentioned “Operation Whole Bean Coffee.” Chief Cooley and his guys are going to send SFA88 some donations. Mike also mentioned he had feedback that in addition to coffee, the guys would like high energy bars to carry in their rucks.

Donations of ether coffee or energy bars can be sent directly to the Dulles VA address above

Monetary donations to buy stuff can be sent to:

**Treasurer SFA 88**  
**c/o Wade Carroll,**  
**10539 Inverness Dr**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32257-3704**

## MEET THE NEW OFFICERS

### Mike Ricketts – S-3

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Mike is an SFA88 Past President and is returning to S-3. Is a Retired MSG who was an AGR with 20<sup>th</sup> SFG. Mike is an avid hunter and currently works for Florida Fish and Wild Life as an enforcement officer. Mike became a widower when his wife Marsha died from COVID19.

### Tom Burke – S-1

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Tom is a retired SF CPT who was a Marine NCO in RVN came home was Army OCS and graduated SFOC class 80-1 with Bruce P. After his military career including working SOMOLIA, he continued in Dept of State and served in Iraq and later oversaw PRTs in Afghanistan. He is a Harley owner and a member of Jax HOGs. Tom is a member of the OCS Hall of Fame and became an SES level DOS Officer The editor wants to thank Tom Burke and his wife Sandy for having Tom step up as SFA88 Secretary!!!



## JROTC & ROTC NEWS

**JROTC KEEPS KIDS IN SCHOOL!!**

**THANK YOU JROTC CADRE**

*ONE OF THE GREAT TRADITIONS OF SFA88 and ARMY JROTC is invitation of Sr Cadre and Spouses to the Special Forces Military Ball. Scott Eder SFA88 Scholarship Project Manager Pictured below L-R MAJ TC Ken Devoe from Wolfson and his wife, Lori Eder and LTC Chaplain William Liptrott (R) from Raines.*



**JOHN PAGE (Mason); SFA88's XO JROTC PROJECT MANAGER WILL ASK FOR MEMBER PRESENTERS VERY SOON!! .**

The 2023 "Call for Candidates" has gone out, XO John Page has already received requests from Cadre tentative presentation dates. If you have been a presenter in the past and want to be a presenter again in 2023, Please let the XO John Page know your availability to be a presenter this year.

The expansion of the number of \$500 scholarships from 4 to 7 to pick up Baldwin, Columbia County, Keystone Heights was post poned at the FEB meeting as new board wants to get a annual budget in place.



## "Snake" Moreland SFA88's Sergeant At Arms

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After a 2 year lay off Snake has re-upped to be SFA88's Sergeant At Arms. Snake served with Dewey in RVN and e and wife Cathy have been busy building a new house in GA.



## CHRIS MUNOZ – S-4

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Like "Snake" Chris is returning to a position he previously held as SFA88 S-4 Supply Officer. Chris is an alumni of both 12<sup>th</sup> SFG and 20<sup>th</sup> SFG. He and his wife Dolores live near World Golf Village in St Augustine. If you need any insignia or uniform items, SFA Green Jacket, Chris will ensure you get what you need. His phone is listed above.

# RIP...DOL

*"Rest easy, sleep well my brothers...Know the line was held, your job is done...Rest easy, sleep well.... Others have taken up where you fell, the line was held....  
Peace, peace and farewell."*



SFA88 Past President and SFA88 Charter Member Charles H. "Chuck" Daniels (MSG Ret) age 80 SFA LIFE member D8464 died suddenly Tuesday Feb 7, 2023. Chuck was born in Charleston SC 26 June 1942.

A memorial service will be held Sunday 19 February 2023 at 4pm at VFW Post 3270, located at 915 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.

Chuck didn't want flowers, family asked any memorial donations be sent to **Wade Carroll, Treasurer – SFA88 10539 Inverness Dr, Jacksonville FL 32257-3704**



**Above - William "Bruce" Moseley Age 82** Born June 1, 1940 Died February 2, 2023 – Bruce was a longtime member of 20<sup>th</sup> SFG and retired from FLARNG after 26 years. He had a 35yr career with JEA. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, 124 W. Ashley Street. Bruce will be buried at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF SFA88 CHAPTER EVENTS

## 2023

**When 09:00 Saturday Feb 25, 2023 Military Vehicle Preservation Association Winter Rally and Swap Meet**

**What - SFA88 has information & sales booth.**



**Where Location – Reynolds Industrial Park – Route 16 and Reynolds BLVD (Flashing Light near Shands Bridge), Green Cove Springs FL 32043**

<https://ffcmvpa.org/our-ffc-mvpa-events/>

**04 March, 10:00; Chapel of the High Speed Pass, JAX**



**Above – SFA88 Ladies Night 2021, glass of wine in Alhambra "Library" before the show**

**Friday 10 March, 17:30 – Ladies Night at Alhambra Dinner Theater, Beach Blvd Jax FL 32225**

01 April, 10:00 ; Chapel of the High Speed Pass, JAX

06 May, 10:00 ; Chapel of the High Speed Pass, JAX



## SFA88 LADIES NIGHT

**ALHAMBRA DINNER THEATER-  
FRIDAY 10 MAR 23 @ 17:30**



**\$73 per for Dinner, and Show (limited 30 Tix)  
As of 2/4/23 meeting only 4 tix left! Contact  
Dewey Walker at [SAF88@comcast.net](mailto:SAF88@comcast.net) for RSVP.  
**GREAT DATE NIGHT FOR THAT SPECIAL LADY****



Information on show, menu and cast will be available  
at web link [Alhambra Theatre & Dining](http://Alhambra Theatre & Dining)

# Green Beret Charity



# Tournament

## FRIDAY MAY 12, 2023



<https://green-beret-charity-golf.perfectgolfevent.com/>



**PAR 5 DRIVES WITH AR15!!** Above WW2 Jeeps at South  
Hampton GC for GBCGT and Wade Carroll Tournament PM.



**SFA88 "SPECIAL FORCES  
MILITARY BALL" at the  
HILLTOP CLUB, ORANGE PARK  
14 Jan 2023**



***THANK YOU WADE CARROLL AND  
OTHER BALL HELPERS, IT WAS A  
GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL – Bravo  
Zulu – De Oppresso Liber***

## SFA88 – MEETINGS – SHORT HISTORY!!

**Concept of Operations** “Northeast Florida Green Berets” a fellowship meeting with Saturday breakfast, continue to promote US Army Special Forces in NE FL

**WHEN** 1st Saturday of Month Time: 10:00 hrs.

**Where:** Chapel of High-Speed Pass  
) (Cecil Commerce Center)  
6112 POW-MIA Parkway  
Jacksonville, FL., 32221



Above –Members enjoying light breakfast of bread, Irish butter and cheese, cold cuts, donuts. Thanks to John Arnold, Panda Barrington and Wade Carroll

Below – President Walker welcomes newest member, Dudtin Edwards of a/2/3/20<sup>th</sup> SFG



Like many small organizations SFA88 doesn't own a “Lodge” or “Hall”; NEFL Green Berets of SFA88 Chapter have bounced around.

First location was a **Golden Corral** meeting Room. All Airborne - 82<sup>nd</sup> Association met at the Golden Corral and like a successful TV show spin off, SFA88 Charter Members decided to meet monthly for a second Saturday. After the Golden Coral closed the next location was **Ramada Inn Hotel off Baymeadows Road** in Jacksonville. New President IDewey Walker cut a deal with the Manager of the Hotel that SFA88 would be given an available room if all the members would eat breakfast at the Hotel's Breakfast Buffett. ***Right twist our arms for reasonable price good chow!***



Above – President Walker and XO John Page at Officer Table at the Ramada Inn



Above A/2/3<sup>rd</sup> SFG Armory - Mike Ricketts linked up with A/3/20<sup>th</sup> at Cecil Field and we met at the Armory. SFA88 continued the tradition of breakfast using the armory kitchen. It was nice to meet with the current 20<sup>th</sup> Green Berets. After deployments made A/2/3/20<sup>th</sup> Armory unfeasible, SFA88 Pat Mulvihill who is on POW/MIA Museum cut a deal with the Chapel of The High Speed pass for the current meeting site.

### ***BEER CALL!!ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PARTS OF SFA88 COMRADERIE IS.. POST MEETING BEER CALL!***

After Ramada Inn -we went to Veteran's United Brewery - After A Co/2/3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 20<sup>th</sup> SFG—Cecil Pines Golf Course, Once the Golf Course closed WE NOW go to **FATBOYS** on Normandy Blvd. ***COME JOIN US!!!***

