



The Leaflet Drop

The Newsletter of the PSYOP Veterans Association
(POVA)

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A Letter from POVA President Mike Stoeckert

Dear POVA Members and Friends,

THIS IS THE MONTH FOR POVA'S BIENNIAL REUNION. We are coming together in Fayetteville, NC from 11-14 August. If you haven't already signed up and made your hotel reservation, please do it soon, send us your banquet dinner selections, and look forward to a really enjoyable time with your fellow Psywarriors and families.

Be sure to check our Reunion website located at www.povareunion2016.org for the latest updates and info on the reunion. You can also buy your BBQ and banquet tickets, make a donation to your Association, and even buy one of our awesome POVA shirts and Challenge Coin. All proceeds go to support our Reunion and programs which will focus on helping our fellow veterans in need.

I'm pleased to mention that POVA has corrected two egregious oversights....two of our long-standing Life Members, Hammond Salley and Jim Danger Fisher, had been accidentally left off our roster of Life Members. Ham has been a Life Member of POVA for over 20 years, and Jim was made a Life Member as a result of his graduation from the POQC in 2003 as the Distinguished Honor Graduate. I sincerely regret these omissions. Will be good to see Ham Salley and Jim at the August Reunion.

I am pleased to announce that Benjamin Tipton has applied for and been accepted as a POVA Life Member. Ben and wife Julie will attend the Reunion in Fayetteville. Will be good to meet them.

We have completed the initial process of preparing and mailing POVA Life Member certificates to those who will be unable to attend the Reunion; our new Life Member pins have also been mailed or will be presented to those in attendance at the Reunion in Fayetteville.

Hope to see you in Fayetteville in August. It will be a great reunion.

In Brotherhood,

Mike Stoeckert
President

Update on the Reunion

Dates: Thursday through Sunday, 11-14 August 2016
Location: Fayetteville, NC

Hotel Reservations at 2 Host Hotels by Hilton are now available:

Double Tree by Hilton
1965 Cedar Creek Road
Fayetteville, NC
(910) 323-8282
Rate- \$98 per night

Hampton Inn I-95
1922 Cedar Creek Road
Fayetteville, NC
(910) 323-0011
Rate - \$72 per night

Reservation Group Code: PXM

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When you call the hotel of your choice, be sure to tell them the code (above) for the hotel you are calling so you can take advantage of the preferred rate.

Key Reunion events and activities

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| 11 August...Thursday: | Arrival, checkin, general reconnection with friends and families |
| 12 August...Friday: | Local area visits, visits to Airborne & Special Operations Museum (ASOM), Fayetteville 1400 hrs: POVA Business Mtg @ASOM Conf Room (POVA members only) 1800 hrs: POVA BBQ at the Special Forces Campground |
| 13 August...Saturday: | 1300 Hours: arrive on Ft Bragg for visit to 4 th MISGroup (A) and 6 th MIS Bn (A), Media Operations Center, and briefings 1600-1630 Hours: return to reunion hotels 1800 hrs: Piping Call to Assemble for Dinner and Program |
| 14 August...Sunday: | Farewells, departures |

Key Locations and Addresses

Here are key addresses which will be involved in our Reunion:

Airborne & Special Operations Museum
100 Bragg Boulevard
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Special Forces Association HQ & Camp Ground
4990 Doc Bennett Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306

POVA will provide easy-to-follow maps and instructions to our various visit venues.

POVA Business Meeting Agenda Coming Together.....Member input needed!

During our POVA Business Meeting on 12 August at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum (ASOM) in Fayetteville, we will be addressing several key issues vital to our ongoing growth and success. Among these issues will be:

- Presentation of Joe Meissner’s visit to Dien Bien Phu battlefield and lessons learned.
- Update on our 501c3 IRS filing process
- Amendments and ratification of our Constitution and Bylaws. Discuss and approve “Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow” as the theme for POVA’s growth
- Election of officers for the 2016-18 Biennium. Review and approval of new POVA Recognitions and Awards program.
- Formation of POVA chapters and developing fund-raising activities
- Replenish the joint POA-POVA benefit fund to assist our soldiers and families

As you can see, much is happening with our Association, and your input is needed. If you don't participate, decisions will be left to those in attendance, and your voice may not be heard. We need that! Please plan to attend the Business Meeting.

Status of POVA Officer Nominations

Here's where we are with nominations for officers. As some positions have no nominees, or we've decided to consolidate positions that had not been very functional in the past, these are the positions we seek to fill at the Business Meeting. There is still time for you to nominate somebody for these offices, but any nominee must be a full member of POVA (dues paying or Active Duty military):

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| President | Chad Spawr |
| First Vice President | Stu Clark |
| VP & Chaplain | John Cheney |
| VP Finance & Member Development | Rich Hosier |
| VP Corporate Relations | Curtis Boyd |
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| | Rick Hofmann |
| | Doug Elwell |
| | Larry Dietz |
| | Howard Patrick |
| | Matt Robbins |
| | Open |

In the event there is no nominee for the Newsletter Editor position, then that will remain with the President for the foreseeable future.

POVA Attends 2d PSYOP Group (A) Change of Command



L-R: 2d POG CSM Benedict, COL Jessie C. Manning, COL Michael Barger and MG Daniel R. Ammerman, CG USACAPOC

POVA First VP Chad Spawr attended the 2d POG's Change of Command ceremony in Twinsburg, OH, on Saturday 7 July 2016. The Change of Command was presided over by Major General Daniel R. Ammerman, who will serve as Guest Speaker at POVA's Biennial Reunion in August. Meeting MG Ammerman was a long overdue pleasure.

Outgoing CO Michael Barger is replaced by COL Jessie Manning of Dallas, TX. It was a great pleasure working with COL Barger. COL Manning has expressed his interest in maintaining ties between his Command and POVA.

These are impressive and extremely confident veteran PSYOP leaders! It was a great pleasure.



***COL Michael G. Barger
Former CO, 2d PSYOP Group***

Colonel Michael Barger graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1988, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. His career included leadership assignments with the 4th Infantry Division, the 6th Infantry Division, and the 501st Infantry (Airborne). He has held multiple Civil Affairs and PSYOP positions during his career, and commanded the 17th PSYOP Battalion from 2008 to 2011.

His military education included the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Ranger School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, PSYOP Officer Qualification Course, Russian Basic Military Language Courses, and the Army War College. He has served multiple tours in Iraq. He has been awarded Airborne badges from Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Brazil, and the Philippines.

A native of Juneau, AK, COL Barger holds the B.S. degree in Military History from West Point, a Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree from US Army Command and General Staff School, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College. COL Barger is married to the former Donna Ann Perniola; she their daughter Kristen will accompany him to his new assignment.

Colonel Barger's replacement is COL Jesse C. Manning, a synopsis of whose bio is included below. Welcome Aboard COL Manning; POVA is here in support of you and your command.

Colonel Jesse C. Manning was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in May 1989 following graduation from the New Mexico Military Institute. He also holds a BA degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Texas. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Leaders Course, the PSYOP Qualification Course, Airborne Course, Infantry Captains Career Course, Parachute Operations Mishap Prevention Course, Air Assault Course, Jumpmaster Course, Command and General Staff College, and Advanced Joint Professional Military Education Course.

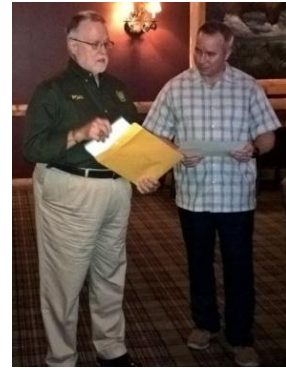
As a member of the Texas National Guard, COL Manning served as Infantry Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Battalion Motor Officer, and Battalion S6 with the 3/144th Mech Infantry Battalion and as a Tank Platoon commander with 1/112th Tank Battalion.

COL Manning has served multiple foreign tours including tours in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. He has also commanded the 345th Tactical PSYOP Company and Commander of HHC 451st Civil Affairs Battalion. He most recently commanded 2d Battalion of the 354th Regiment (BCT). In his civilian occupation, COL Manning serves as a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Officer and as an Unmanned Aerial System Pilot for the City of Arlington, TX. He is married to the former Melissa A. Martinez, and has a son, Christopher, and daughter Brianna.



***COL Jesse C. Manning, Commanding Officer
2d PSYOP Group***

On the evening prior to the Change of Command, POVA First VP Chad Spawr attended the farewell banquet for COL Barger, and presented him with a POVA Active Duty Membership certificate and the new POVA Challenge Coin. COL Barger's banquet was attended by many members of his command and families, including BG Richard K. Sele, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), and BG Christopher W. Stockel, Commanding General, 351 Civil Affairs Command



POVA First VP Chad Spawr & COL Michael G. Barger

POVA Commissions New Life Member Pin



POVA has been awarding its distinctive membership pin to members and to friends of POVA since first acquiring them in 2015. Just in time for our Biennial Reunion, we have commissioned a new pin designating those members who have made a Life Member commitment. The pins will be awarded at the Reunion to those Life Members in attendance, and mailed to those unable to attend. The Life Member pin cost is free of charge to Life Members! You've already committed so much to POVA and our future success.

Here is the artist's rendering of the new pin. POVA will have a limited number of these, so take a minute to join with us as a Life Member and reserve your pin in advance.

POVA's Life Members

Many thanks to each and every Life Member for your invaluable support, guidance, and brotherhood over the years.

**David Schultz
David Albanese
David Affleck *
John Henry "Jack" O'Neil *
Alfred Paddock
John Cheney
Arlo Despain
William Forgey
Eric Hersh
Rick Hofmann
Stanley Michelsen**

**Hammond Salley
James Osborne
Chad Spawr
Jim Danger Fisher
Dennis Smiser
Rich Hosier
Curtis Boyd
Carrie Spivey-Vernon
Lawrence Dietz
Mike Stoeckert
Ray Ambrozak**

**Roxanne M. Merritt
Norton "Tony" Newcomb
Miguel Hobbs
Ferdinand Irizarry II
Joseph Meissner
Floyd Turnquist
Steven N. Collins
Richard Caplin
Matthew F. Robbins
Benjamin Tipton**

*Deceased Life Member

Sound Off!

Last month's newsletter included information on the work done by COL-Ret. Al Paddock for our PSYOP community and profession, and also specifically mentioned his championship of MG Robert Alexis McClure, the father of today's military special operations. Al wrote and offered additional commentary and updates:

Chad,

Many thanks for the newsletter and your gracious comments on my career. Here's an important note of clarification. Your note at the bottom of page 5, "the Army's USASOC HQ at Ft. Bragg being named in honor of Major General Robert A. McClure, considered by many to be the father of modern Special Operations and PSYOP." In fact, he was officially designated as the father of special warfare. At the USASOC headquarters entrance, this plaque states simply, but eloquently, IN MEMORY OF MG ROBERT ALEXIS McCLURE. 4 MAR 1897-1 JAN 1957, THE FATHER OF ARMY SPECIAL WARFARE. BUILDING DEDICATED 19 JANUARY 2001. I was honored to be asked by the CG, USASOC, to present introductory remarks for the dedication ceremony on 19 January 2001.

Also, the photo of my book in your newsletter is the original edition, published by NDU Press in 1982. University Press of Kansas published the revised edition in 2002, which includes a new chapter on Vietnam. This book is still in print.

Thanks to Al for his update and clarification.

Have questions, comments, complaints, or suggestions for your Association and/or its members? Please feel free to send any such commo to Chad Spawr, and the newsletter following receipt will include your note/comment. If you ask specific questions, we'll reply directly to you as appropriate, but will also include the answer with your question. If there is a question e cannot answer, we'll tell you that. Let's try it and see how it goes, OK?

German Special Operations Liaison Team Sponsoring Oktoberfest

Here is a message to all POVA friends and members from the German Liaison Team regarding their sponsorship of an Oktoberfest celebration. If I lived closer to Fayetteville.....

Sirs, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The DEU Liaison Team at Ft Bragg is glad to inform you about the upcoming German Oktoberfest/October fest at Ft Bragg on 24 September 2016, 0630PM (824 QM, Parachute Rigging Facility, Pratt Street A6399, next to XVIII ABNC NCO Academy). (See flyer below).

Following an old tradition we are hosting the well-known Oktoberfest/October fest this year again. Due to limited tickets availability, we would like to provide the chance to not only save the date but also save your ticket(s). This is especially considering the guests who enjoyed the Oktoberfest/October fest in the last years and to the great staff of USASOC and their subordinated units.

From now on until the 18th August 2016 you can contact:

1. SGM Ronny Haehnlein at: ronny.hahnlein@soc.mil or call: (910) 432-2461 to save your ticket(s)!

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!

Also, in case you hear from a friend or colleague "I was invited every year and this year I haven't received an invitation", please provide this email to this person and all trusted friends of our community.

After the 18th August we will sent out the official invitation and provide further information.

Further on, we will be available personally beginning 19 August every Friday between 1130 and 1230 in the entrance hall of USASOC HQ to purchase the tickets.

For any questions don't hesitate to contact us (see information below or on the flyer).

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Hope to see you at the event!

Best regards

The DEU Liaison Team



Save the Date!!!

The German Army Liaison Team
will host its annually
Oktoberfest/October fest
on Saturday the 24th of September 2016, 0630pm
at Fort Bragg, NC!

Tickets are limited and can be reserved for \$30 per person (kids up to 18 years are free)!
Price includes original German beer, German food and soft drinks!
We will have live music from the German Air Force Band!
For any questions, please contact SGM Konstantin Jabs or SGM Ronny Haehelein
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| COL-Ret. Larry Dietz PSYOP Blog | | www.psyopregiment.blogspot.com | |

In Closing If you have a correction to previous information, or something you'd like to add to a future newsletter, send it to Chad at the email address listed below.

In Brotherhood,

***Chad Spawr
First Vice President & Interim Editor***