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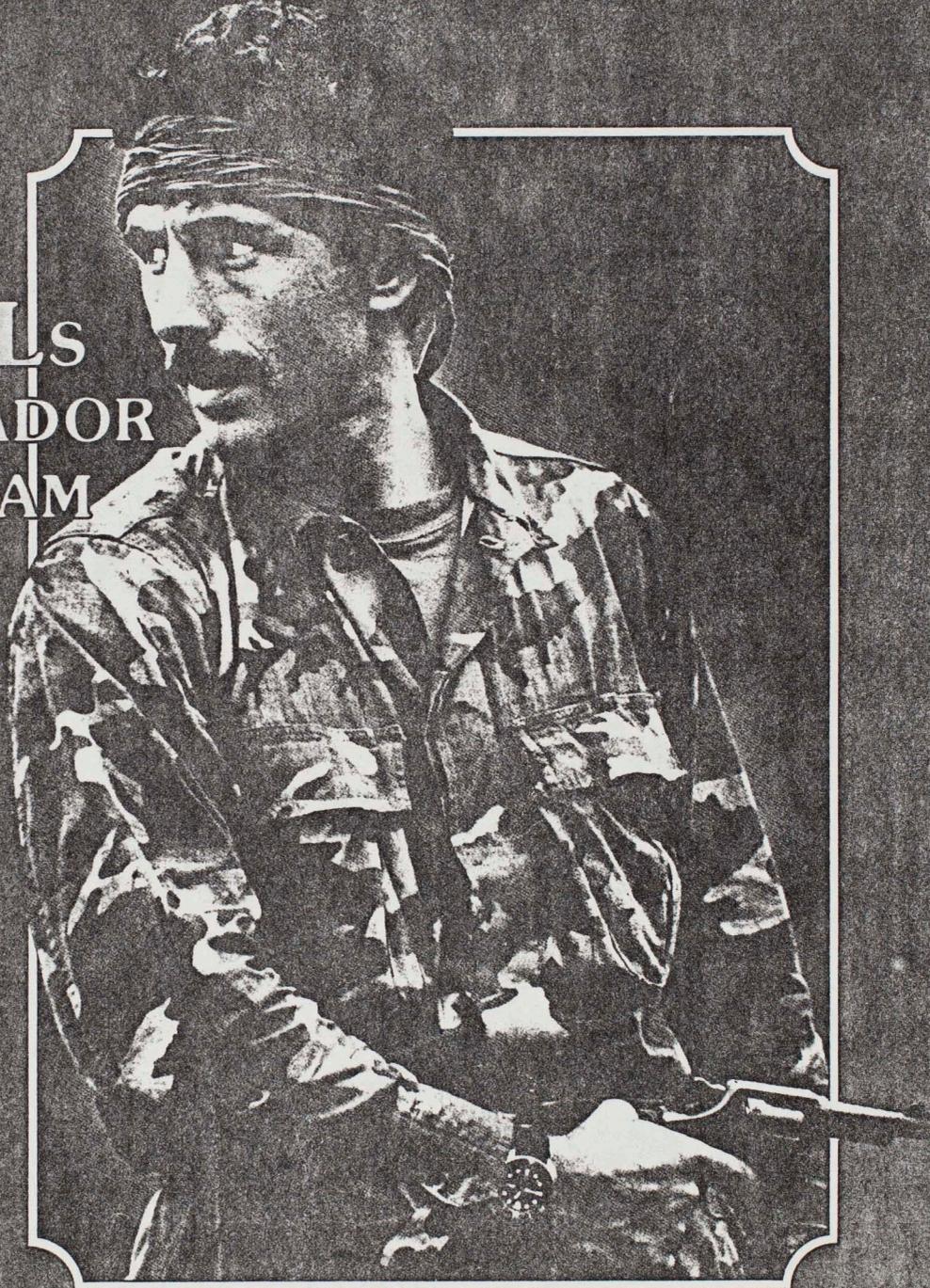
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## STAND UP, BE COUNTED...

In these days of special interest groups which fill political warchests to curry favor on Capitol Hill, it is increasingly important that individual voters make themselves heard as individuals — not just at the polls, but all year long. Every day our Congress takes up a multitude of topics ranging from Central America to Afghanistan to what kinds of weapons and ammunition you can keep in your own home. One way to keep abreast of the confusing list of issues is to read a good newspaper every day. Even if you get a stilted version, at least you'll be aware of the issue itself. Then call your elected representatives in Congress and tell them what you think. Democracy only works for those who participate in it. Here's how.

**Write your congressman, addressing him or her by name (U.S. Rep. John Doe), and send it to: U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20515. The address for the United States Senate is the same, except the Zip Code is 20510. Or call directly by dialing the U.S. Capitol switchboard, (202)224-3121, and asking for the office by name.** Tell the receptionist in that office that you'd like to talk with a staff person handling the issue you are interested in. Then tell that staff person what you think, who you are and how they can get back in touch with you. Organized telephone blitzes are particularly effective, as they keep staff attention focused on a single issue throughout the work day. Good luck.

# BULLETIN BOARD



## MAJ. NICHOLSON MEMORIAL FUND...

Friends grieved and outraged over the murder of U.S. Army Major Arthur D. Nicholson in Berlin have banded together to preserve his memory by helping his surviving family. Nicholson was shot to death by a Soviet guard earlier this year while performing authorized duties in an unrestricted military zone of Berlin, where Nicholson was attached to the nearby U.S. Military Liaison Mission. The MLM CO, Col. Roland Lajoie, was injured in a similar incident when his jeep was deliberately rammed by a Soviet truck. Driving the U.S. vehicle on both occasions was staff Sgt. Jesse Schatz. Although tough talk was exchanged between President Reagan and Soviet leaders over Nicholson's murder, it was quickly overshadowed by negotiations between the two superpowers to set up nuclear arms control talks. The Major Arthur D. Nicholson Memorial Fund was established to help care for his widow and daughter in the coming years. Those interested in contributing should send their donations to one of two addresses: **The Major Arthur D. Nicholson Memorial Fund, Dept. SOF, 11301 Cromwell Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Overseas contributions should be sent to: The Major Arthur D. Nicholson Memorial Fund, Dept. SOF, U.S. Military Liaison Mission, APO New York 09742.**



**William B. Guthrie, SOF's new executive editor.**

## SOF CHANGES THE GUARD...

It's official. No sooner had Captain Dale A. Dye, USMC (Ret.), marched *Soldier of Fortune* through its most successful year than he took off for bigger and better things — in Hollywood. Dye's professional acumen and military savvy (not to mention his drill instructor persona during convention pugil stick competition) will be sorely missed.

The Skipper came to SOF in June 1984 after retiring from 22 years in service. After a year — and with his first novel about to be published by Avon (*Run Between the Raindrops*) — Dye recognized an unfilled need in the film industry and decided to launch his own business, Warriors, Inc. Warriors offers professional technical advisers for films involving military personnel or equipment, trains actors in military know-how and provides technical and period research. In addition, Dye is trying his hand at script treatments and screenwriting.

Coming up through SOF's ranks to take over the helm from Dye is William B. Guthrie, who started at the magazine as a proofreader, then served as assistant editor, associate editor and most recently as senior editor before promotion by Publisher Robert K. Brown to SOF's top editorial slot. Dale Andrade will move up from associate editor to take over as senior editor.

## RATING RAMBO...

Sirs:

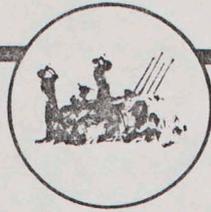
I'd like to commend you on "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (June '85 issue). This was a well-made movie and I'm glad to see that your magazine granted it the justice it deserves. The topic of POW/MIAs is one that has concerned me and many of my co-workers (I'm a security policeman, USAF). Though many of us were far too young to serve during the Vietnam War, our hearts and blessings are with the men and women who served.

Paul G. Arnsward  
A1C, USAF

Now that you've puffed Rambo with a cover story, don't you think you might get around to reviewing books by real veterans of the Vietnam War? I don't know what Stallone did in order to avoid the service, but I do know that Charles Anderson, author of **The Grunts and The Rear: Vietnam, the Other War**; Ken Miller, author of **Tiger the Lurp Dog**, and a dozen other poverty-stricken authors who fought in Vietnam deserve some attention.

Jim Dunlap  
Ann Arbor,  
Michigan

Rambo is a film which admirably works to convince Americans, many of whom are too young to remember, of the worth of the Vietnam War and its warriors. They were crusaders denied communion. Thus it is our hope that a widely viewed film like Rambo will work to bring those veterans and their cause back into the hearts of America in a way special-audience books never shall. And we haven't excluded such books; we print as many critiques of veterans' literature as any national magazine. We simply have not had room for all their reviews.



## FLAK



## THE ISSUE OF TERRORISM...

Sirs:

I would like to take this somber occasion [American civilian hostages held in Beirut this past July] to thank you for excellent reporting in SOF. I have been a subscriber since 1976 and find it the most complete way of keeping up with significant military events: the news other media don't publish.

Carey W. Taylor  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

*We're saddened and shamed that a handful of hoodlums can dictate terms to us. But that's the kind of foreign policy that results from a culture so devoid of a sense of mission that it can't make hard choices. The questions raised by this are hard, too, and you can read some of the answers in an incoming feature on Iran and the terror network.*



## BG-15 BLUNDER...

Sirs:

I must say that SOF keeps its readers well-informed on a wide area of information. I really enjoyed the July '85 issue, but I did pick up one minor mistake. David Isby's "Soviet BG-15" mentions that the RPG-18 is a copy of the U.S. LAW. In fact, it's not the U.S. M76 LAW but an M72-A2 LAW that is used in today's U.S. Armed Forces.

Michael E. Hair  
Sneads Ferry, North Carolina

*Sorry about the typo. We're as dedicated to accuracy as anyone and we're thankful for readers like you who help keep us on track.*

## LEGISLATIVE GUN GRABBING?...

Sirs:

I'd like to call attention to a number of unfair anti-gun bills pending in the California State Legislature. Bill AB 1509 by Assemblyman Art Agnos would limit the ownership of many semiautomatic weapons such as the Ruger Mini-14, HK 91, 93, and 94, and the Colt AR-15. Only those persons whom the Attorney General finds to have a "good" reason for owning one of these firearms could be issued an ownership permit.

Touted as a crime prevention bill, it would only infringe on all the Second Amendment rights of the law-abiding gun owner. Don't let would-be gun grabbers take away your semiauto sporters. Write your congressmen and assemblymen now.

Douglas J. Lovell  
Pacific Grove, California

*This is an unbelievable law, but — thank God — it appears to be failing; not the least because of NRA lobbying and mail drives. NRA membership is still the best money you can spend to protect your rights.*

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## FONDA FOOTAGE...

Sirs:

Accuracy in Media recently aired "Television's Vietnam: The Real Story," a critique of the PBS 13-part "Vietnam, A Television History." In it Hanoi Jane Fonda was shown dancing and prancing among her commie North Vietnamese hosts — all smiles as she mounted the *active* anti-aircraft piece being used to shoot down American patriots. We haven't seen this film footage since 1972; America's youth have never seen it. And being the darling of the media her recent career successes (and millions) are no surprise.

AIM is to be commended for including this footage. It's a big part of what went wrong in Vietnam. AIM plans to air the critique on cable TV in September and is looking for tax-deductible contributions to fund an aggressive publicity campaign. Contributions should go to: AIM Film Cable TV Project, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 28390, Washington, DC 20005.

Robert G. Wheaton,  
ETR3 USN (Ret.)  
San Antonio, Texas

## PROFILE OF A FOX?...

Sirs:

I just finished the article on RKB in the August Anniversary issue. Very interesting. But you left out a very important part. Since this guy is such a total fox, is he married? Next time do a centerfold.

J.R. Dailey  
Vail, Arizona

*Editor/Publisher Brown thanks you for your kind words but informs us he is married to his work. But he does appreciate the fan mail.*

## REMEMBERING VIET VETS...

Sirs:

I just returned from Washington D.C. and during my stay I took time to visit the Vietnam Memorial. Between this emotional experience, your firm position on the men who fought that war, and *National Geographic* coverage of the memorial, I thought it would be appropriate to write about this experience.

When I visited the memorial, I started to cry. It was somewhat embarrassing because 50-year-old men don't cry in broad daylight and in front of all those people. Right? Wrong! When I looked around, 80 percent of the people were doing the same thing.

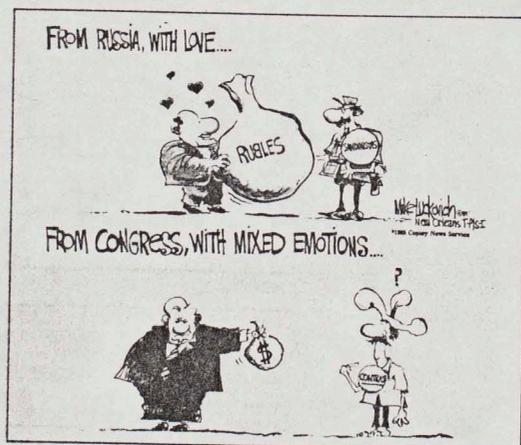
Because there are people like you, the history books will reflect the sacrifices and contributions all these people made on behalf of the people of the United States of America.

Leonard Stefanelli  
San Francisco, California

I know there are a lot of Vietnam vets out there that read *Soldier of Fortune* so I am writing to all who served there. I know how you were treated when you got home but I have always respected you. You're a special breed of soldier and I would like to say thanks and welcome home. I am proud of you. I'd love to hear from any Nam Vets, particularly anyone who fought on Hill 861 from January to March '68.

Diedrie Hulshof  
6371 Clymer Road  
Coloma, Michigan 49038

*We must all come to terms with what we lost: lives, limbs, friends, innocence and — for a short time — pride. But it's important to remember that America did fight a hard, dirty war and even though we didn't fight it the right way, we fought for the right reasons. America is only now learning to honor our dedication to the freedom of others during the Vietnam War.*



## STUDENTS AID AFGHANS...

Sirs:

Please find a donation to the Afghan Freedom Fighters Fund. The money was raised in a class project by students who raised money from the sale of printed shirts. Enclosed is also the silkscreen for your use for sale, donation or distribution to help raise further funds for the Afghans. From the response I have had while wearing the shirt I'd say considerable funds could be raised for the Afghan Freedom Fighters. We earnestly hope so.

Jim Adams  
Social Studies Teacher  
Brablec High School  
Roseville, Michigan

*We're confident that the shirts will be a hit with our readers. They'll be on sale at the Sixth Annual SOF Convention and Combat Weapons Military Expo, and, of course, through the magazine. So keep an eye out for them.*

## PUBLISHING CONGRATS...

Sirs:

I write to express my appreciation to you and your staff for your help and cooperation in my research for "The Vietnam Experience," a Time-Life/Boston Publishing book series. The information on SOF and modern mercenaries will be incorporated into a sidebar that will appear in volume 17 of the series.

Sandra Jacobs  
Boston Publishing Company,  
Inc.  
Boston, Massachusetts

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## A LEGACY OF TEARS...

One of the most long-suffering legacies of the Vietnam War is the plight endured by thousands of Amerasian children, the innocent offspring of U.S. servicemen and Vietnamese mothers. Vietnam, like Korea and most Asian cultures, socially shuns children of mixed race, especially if those children are already down and out. The State Department says they are a U.S. responsibility. Vietnam says it is willing to send them to this country. But Vietnam's Amerasian children are the victims of a lot of talk and very little action.

One man is trying to change that. Father Robin Connors of the Saint Francis Church in Spartanburg, S.C., has established the Queen of Peace Home to sponsor Amerasian children from Vietnam. Donations are tax deductible. More information is available by writing: **Queen of Peace Home, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 18372, Spartanburg, S.C. 29318.**

## SPECIAL COMMENDATION...

SOFers regularly send boxes of field equipment to the El Salvador/Nicaragua Defense Fund (5721 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO 80303) but John L. Burford has exceeded our expectations. Some \$20,000 of spare parts for helicopters arrived at the SOF warehouse, and they have since been trans-shipped to the grateful Salvadoran armed forces.

Burford dedicated this conspicuous act of patriotic generosity to "... all the men who served with Co. F (LRRP), 58th Inf. ABN, 101st ABN DIV RVN 1968."

## RANDALL BITES THE BULLET...

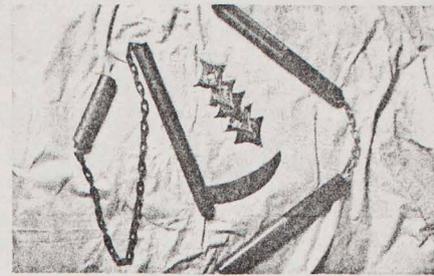
Admittedly, SOF's Military Small Arms Editor, Peter Kokalis, was a bit incredulous when he heard the news. The Randall LeMay .45 ACP, one of four stainless-steel pistols reviewed by Kokalis in the September issue ("Waterproof Weaponry"), is no longer in production. Despite a reorganization effort last year, the Randall Firearms Company was recently forced to file for bankruptcy. Said Mr. Machinegun: "The firearms industry continues to sail through a sea of turmoil and the collapse of other companies now seems certain. Randall apparently was painted into a corner by the introduction of Colt's stainless-steel version of their 1911A1 Government Model. The Randall will be missed. For one thing, the Colt Series 80 pistols all feature a firing-pin safety mechanism that appeals to none but Colt's product liability lawyers."



## GOLD BOUNTY STILL STANDS...

*Attention, grocery shoppers in Saudi Arabia!* Forget the stamps and coupons. Go for the gold. One SOF reader just saw \$10,000 on the hoof walk past him in a Jiddah grocery store. None other than Idi Amin, accompanied by a few of his large litter of children, was shopping — now get this — the Happy Family Super Market.

Amin still is living quite comfortably in Saudi Arabia, although he remains a very wanted man in Uganda. A reward of \$10,000 in gold for Amin from SOF Publisher Bob Brown still stands. The bounty is offered to anyone who can provide information leading directly to Amin's live capture and return to Uganda to stand trial for numerous crimes against humanity in general and his fellow Ugandans in particular. Happy hunting.



These are the types of martial arts weapons affected by the Kennedy bill.

## WHAT NEXT, CONGRESS?...

One of the supposed advantages of democracy in the United States is the freedom to say what you think. In so doing everyone can hear the pros and cons on which to base a rational decision. But in matters of weapons legislation, two things are becoming increasingly clear. First, if pro is the opposite of con, then progress must be the antithesis of Congress. Second, some of our elected members in Congress should be seen and not heard.

Take U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy ... Please.

One of Kennedy's staff members leaked a preliminary draft of a bill known as the Martial Arts Weapons Bill. As Kennedy originally intended the legislation, it would have banned the interstate sale and shipment of tomahawks and Bowie knives. The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, which has many members who use tomahawks and Bowie knives in primitive matches, was not happy. Neither was Jack Kelly, a black belt martial arts instructor from South Amherst, Mass., Kennedy's home state. Kelly quickly mailed a throwing star to every member of the U.S. Senate.

Fortunately, more level-headed members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, where Kennedy's bill was referred for review, prevailed on the liberal Democrat to make his bill more reasonable, relatively speaking. The Kennedy Martial Arts Weapons Bill (S. 1363) is now aimed at prohibiting buyers from using the U.S. Postal Service to circumvent state laws banning the sale of three weapons: the throwing star, nunchaku and manriki gusari (an ancient Okinawan weapon consisting of a handle with a weighted, curved blade attached to it by a chain). Senate bill 1363 specifically excludes from its jurisdiction knives, swords and "ceremonial and collector weapons."

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