

*A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution*



*The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution*

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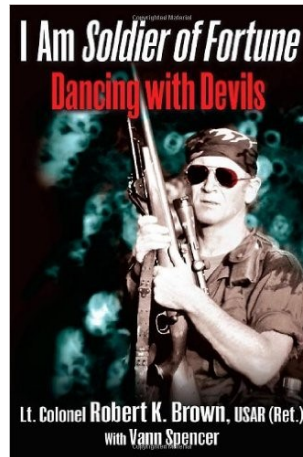
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## Lt Col Robert K Brown to Speak at May 12th PPFC Meeting

**Lt Col Robert K Brown**, NRA Board of Directors member and Publisher of *Soldier of Fortune* magazine will be our May 12th PPFC membership meeting speaker.

As a misfit Vietnam vet, Lt Col and SOF publisher Robert K. Brown, searching for more adventure, went to Africa to find some action in the bloody Bush War in Rhodesia. While there, he hung around with an American, Bruce Campbell – a member of the Rhodesian police. Over Lion Lagers one evening, in the up-scale Monamatapa bar, one of Campbell’s buddies admitted, “When our contracts are up with the Rhodesians, some of my mates and I are going to sign on with the Sultan of Oman.”

At the time, Oman was suffering a low-grade insurgency sparked by Yemeni rebel tribes. The British Army and the Royal Marines had been in Oman off and on to protect the Sultanate from tribal rebellions and invasions. A number of mercenaries of different nationalities supplemented a number of British officers “seconded” to the Sultan.



“Mitch, can you get me the address for the Sultan’s Defense Minister?” Brown asked.

“No problem mate,” he replied.

When the Colonel got back to the states, he sent an inquiry letter with his resume and DD214 to the Defense Minister of Oman and received a reply in a couple of weeks. Along with a contract, he received 40 mimeographed pages describing the pay, benefits, the insurgency, culture, climate, etc. Although in between odd jobs including private investigator, cement foreman, freelance author, roofing laborer, and other unsavory jobs, he really didn’t fancy running around the desert after some “rag heads”. But, just but, he thought, “Maybe this info can be turned into a money maker.” He put together a cheap ad that ran in Shotgun News about four column inches long, which read something like, “BE A MERCENARY IN THE MIDDLE EAST! All necessary info including pay and benefits. Forty pages. Send five dollars to...” The orders started pouring in from all over the U.S.

Then Newsweek published an article, included in the international edition, featuring Vinnell, the first U.S. Corporation that had signed a contract with the by

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 12, 6:00PM: PPFC board of Directors Meeting, VFW Post 4051**
- **May 12, 7:00PM: PPFC General Membership Meeting**

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now oil rich Saudi Monarchy to train the Saudi Arabian National Guard. The feature included a sidebar on mercs. Some editor with a sense of humor ran RKB's printed ad as it appeared in Shotgun News for a graphic, with no intention that it be taken as an ad. When Newsweek hit the newsstands worldwide, the response was overwhelming. RKB received requests from Greece, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan, Australian, and of course the Anglo file countries of United States, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Many of the Americans were Vietnam Vets.

SOF was born! He decided to take a big jump and go from selling packets of merc info to publishing a magazine. He kicked the concept around with his Nam buddies and finally decided to roll the dice. He started running small classified ads in gun magazines and spreading the word by mouth. He sold the merc packs for a profit that came to about \$5000. He started selling subscriptions. In no time, he reached his goal of 4,400 subscriptions at \$8.00 apiece for \$35,200, which would allow him to publish four issues of SOF during the year. He did not have to send back the uncashed checks he stashed in a shoebox that he was going to return if he didn't meet his goal. The adventure magazine, which focused on military, professional soldiers and guns and gear was born. SOF soon became the voice of the military troops and law enforcement members and an spokesman for the 2nd amendment. After 40 years, SOF continues to roll, bringing monthly accounts of military and global adventure.

**This is a real honor for the PPFC and one that you don't want to miss. Put this on your calendar!**

### **Win a Handgun!**

We are currently selling raffle tickets for a Springfield XD .45 ACP handgun! There are only 100 tickets available at \$10 each. The drawing will be at our June 9th meeting. Tickets are available at our meetings or you can mail a check to PPFC Raffle, PO Box 76521, Colorado Springs, CO 80970. You can purchase tickets on line by making a donation in multiples of \$10. Select "PPFC General" and put "Springfield" in the "Directions for Purpose of Donation" box. Thank you to Paul Paradis, Paradise Sales, for donating our raffle prize.



### **Renew and Stay Involved**

If the member expiration date above your address is not 12/31/2015 or later, your membership has expired. We need YOUR membership to ensure that PPFC remains a powerful voice in protecting our rights.

PLEASE renew your membership now! You can renew at our meeting, on-line on the PPFC website, or mail a check to PPFC at the above address. Dues are only \$20 for individual and \$30 for family memberships. There is also a \$10 Student membership for students not already in a family membership. Please renew today! The PPFC Board has voted to increase our membership dues for new or renewing members as of July 1, 2016. The new rates will be: Individual: \$30, Family: \$40, and Student/Active Duty Military: \$15. If your membership has expired, renew NOW and save money. (Note: Expiration date status as of April 30, 2016.)