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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 09 — Board Meeting 1130

VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

Membership Meeting

1200— Noon Meal Served

1300—Business Meeting

October 11 — Columbus Day

October 31 — Halloween



DON'T FORGET



Swordbearer's Chapel service with Fr. Steve Rindahl is no longer meeting at VFW 8541, 1100 hrs. on Sunday in the Rodela Room.

Sick call at 1300 hrs. every Sunday at VFW Post 8541. POC is Bill Beall.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Hello Chapter XV members! It is now October, and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Halloween this month for those that celebrate the day.

Just a reminder for those that did not attend our last meeting in August, and have not received the news, our annual Dick's Last Resort fundraiser has been cancelled due to renovations and staffing issues.

Columbus Day is Monday, October 11th. Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Italian explorer Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492. It was first celebrated in 1792 and named a federal holiday in 1937. A little-known fact is that South Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii do not recognize the holiday.

Halloween is Sunday, October 31st.

This month we have the Special Operations Association Reunion and the Special Forces Association International Convention in Las Vegas, NV. Again, those dates are October 18th – 22nd for the SOAR event, and October 22nd – 25th for the SFAIC event. Both events will be held at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Registration info is in the current

Summer 2021 edition of The Drop.

Nominations for the 2022-23 Slate of Chapter Officers have been open since September. Since there was no chapter meeting in September, Chuck Rose has been taking the names of the nominees for the ballot. You can send him the name(s) at Chuckrose@gvtc.com

(<mailto:Chuckrose@gvtc.com>). You can also bring them to Chuck during our October meeting.



We are still looking for 1-2 non-board chapter members for a teller committee. They will be responsible for taking all ballots, counting them, and verifying membership. If interested please see myself or Chuck Rose for details.

Christmas Banquet: Saturday, Dec 11th, at Texas Republic Golf Club. Christmas banquet ticket will be on sale at our October 9th meeting.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 9th. Our board meeting will start at 11:30am. Lunch will begin at noon. Our membership meeting will start at 1pm. Hope to see you there and stay safe!

John A. Lopez
President, SFA Chapter XV

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Qualifying Foreign Service (circle all applicable)

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Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5th Special Forces Group (Abn) 60th Anniversary and Reunion

By Buddy Gee

The annual 5th Group Reunion was extra special this year, as we were celebrating the Group's 60th anniversary.

Hosted by the Group's chain of command and SFA Chapter 38 in Clarksville, TN, the schedule kept everyone busy and entertained. Highlights included a day trip to Nashville, where we sampled 13 flavors of moonshine at the Ole Smokey Distillery and heard loud music on the rooftop lounge of the Kid Rock Bar. At the Marathon Motor Works museum, we met C. Mark Taylor, a former 5th Grouper who sells knives and pistols at one of the museum's small shops.

Reunion activities also included the traditional open house and firing range at Fort Campbell, a bike ride and a reunion dinner featuring a talk by LTG (Ret.) Mulholland. There were opportunities for cat fishing, clay shooting, golfing -- and of course, plenty of beverages and war stories in the daily hospitality room.

On Friday, we attended a mixer hosted by the 5th Group commander in their new team room adjacent to Gabriel Field. The "The Hall of Heroes" serves as a museum and has a bar. The room is sectioned to house memorabilia from the major combat eras of the Group. During the mixer, 100-year-old MG (Ret.) John K. Singlaub and the youngest soldier in 5th Group, a 19-year-old female parachute rigger, jointly cut the 60th anniversary cake.

The final day was family day with the traditional BBQ, music, and fireworks display.

NOTE: If you would like to contribute, contact the museum at 5sfg.museum@gmail.com.



**5th Special Forces Group
60th Anniversary cake
cutting by 100-year-old MG
(Ret.) John K. Singlaub and
5th Groups youngest soldier,
a 19-year-old parachute
rigger.**





COL Brent Lindeman, 5th SF Group Commander, makes welcoming remarks.



Jack McFadden, COL Jay Powers and Buddy Gee. Col Powers was 5th Group Commander 2017-2019. Jack and Buddy served together in Det. B-22, Qui Nhon, Vietnam



Mike, the Ole Smokey Distillery host serves up the 13 flavors of moonshine



Buddy Gee and Frank Wisniewski, Chapter 38 trip leader, taking a break after sampling 13 flavors of white lightning

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SFA Community



Chris Wilkerson, President of SFA Chapter 118 in Fayetteville, NC, and Bill Smith, Commander of VFW Post 8541 in San Antonio, TX, catch up at the monthly VFW meeting.

Farewell at Longtab

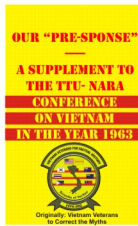


Local SOF Medics say farewell to chapter members Chris Perry and Andrew Proctor.

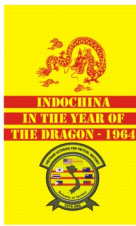


Bavarian strength contest: John Dominguez, Chris Perry, Patrick Brennan, and Andrew Proctor hold beer.

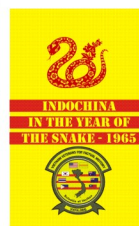
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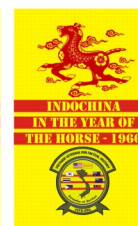
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The Horse
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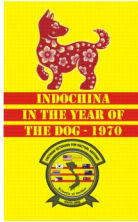
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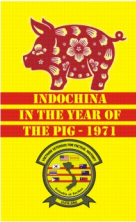
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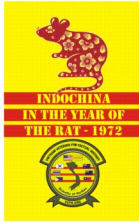
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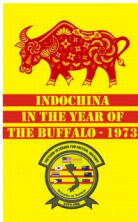
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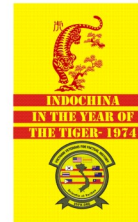
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The Rat
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The Buffalo
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Community Information

The minutes from the August meeting can be found in the September Newsletter, which can be found at <https://sfa-xv.org/september-2021/>. Please reference the September

Newsletter for information about nominations, as well.

Daniel Bell, Editor
editor@sfa-XV.org

\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, October 2021:

In that there was no Chapter meeting in September, the only transactions has been to support the News Letter and for our Post Office Box.

I also want to thank John Rodden and George Garcia for their monthly donations.

Merrill Hall, Treasurer
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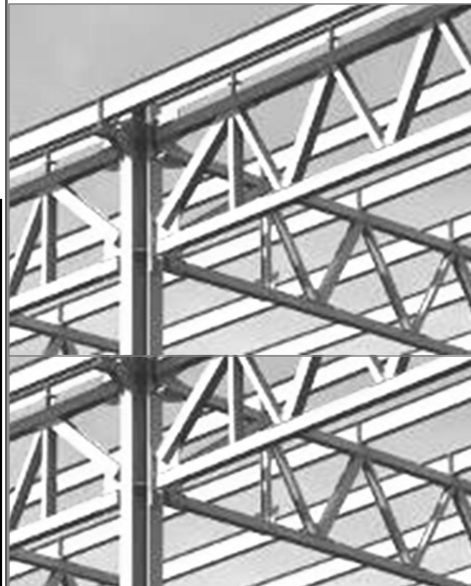
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Celebrate the Coming Holidays

October starts the run-up to all of the End of Year Holidays. We will soon be experiencing All Hallows Eve, more commonly known as Halloween, immediately followed by Dias de los Muertos (Days of the Dead – which has been connected by many to the Church holiday of All Souls falling on the same day) celebrated throughout the American Southwest, Mexico, and extending throughout much of Latin America.

We then have Thanksgiving, Advent (for those still in touch with the Church calendar,) Christmas and New Year's – just to hit the most popular celebrations among a large handful of others.

Each of these holidays has a distinct purpose. Halloween – AKA All Hallows – AKA All Saints, originally recognized the potential for sainthood among all who died in the faith. Dias de los Muertos and All Souls are the opportunity to remember our dead loved ones and keep their memory alive – celebrating their lives and importance in our own lives.

Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to enjoy the feast of riches with which our nation is blessed. Advent, in turn, gives a moment of pause to recognize that life is not as good as it could be and to focus on what could make it better (including of course, the power of God active in the world.) Christmas returns us to celebration, and New Year's points our attention to the hope of an even

better future to come.

All of these celebrations occur in the days which are darkest. Short days and long nights mark the winter, which these celebration opportunities protest against. These celebrations are here to shout out in a loud voice – Darkness does not have to win!



Make the most of the holidays before us. As the days approach, celebrate your loved ones, friends, and family – both living and dead. Give thanks for the great fortune of living in the United States and being beneficiary to its many blessings. Set a large table and invite others to celebrate with you. Seek within yourself how you can make your world better. Rejoice in the blessing of God's unlimited love for you. And, set your sights on an even brighter tomorrow.

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve

CH (MAJ, Ret.) Steven G Rindahl, DMin
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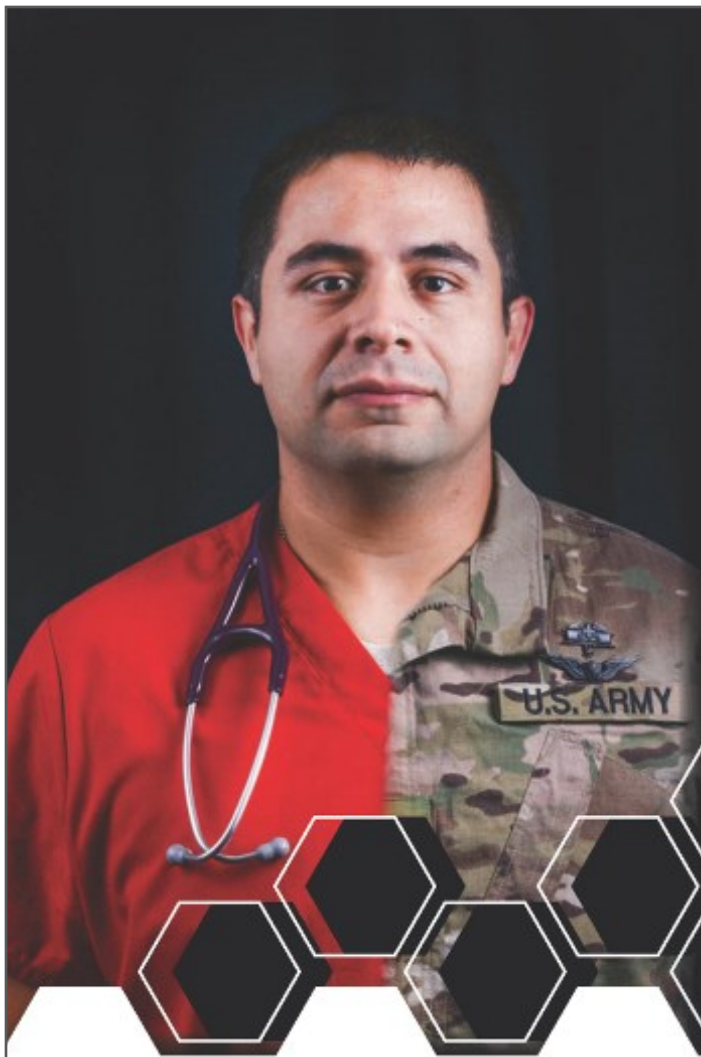
Combat Veterans on the Camino de Santiago
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 (a 501(c)(3) Veterans' organization)
 is a Veterans Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago (Spain) designed to put Warriors with PTSD and Moral Injury on the Way to Healing.

GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

2021 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>08 Board Meeting 1000hrs 09 Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>13 Board Meeting 1000hrs 13 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due 26 CH XV 44th Anniversary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>06 Board Meeting 1100hrs 06 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 14 Daylight Savings 17 Saint Patrick's Day 21 GBF Blues, Brews, & Bugs 25 CMOH Day 28 Palm Sunday</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>03 Crawfish Boil - Longtab 1400hrs 10 Board Meeting 1130hrs 10 Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>08 Joe Dawson Farwell @Longtab 09 Mother's Day NO BOARD MEETING NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 15 Chapter Picnic @the Meffert's 15 Drop Input Due 31 Memorial Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>12 Board Meeting 1130hrs 12 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 14 U.S. Army Birthday 14 Flag Day 20 Father's Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>04 Independence Day 10 Board Meeting 1100hrs 10 Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>14 Board Meeting 1130hrs 14 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>06 Labor Day 11 Board Meeting CANCELED 11 Membership Meeting CANCELED 17 POW/MIA Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>09 Board Meeting 1130hrs 09 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 11 Columbus Day 14 or 21 DLR's Fundraiser CANCELED 18-22 SOAR Reunion 22-25 SFAIC 23 Oktober Fest at Fort Sam</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>11 Veterans Day 13 Board Meeting 1100hrs 13 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>07 Pearl Harbor Day 11 Board Meeting 1100hrs NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 11 Christmas Banquet</p>

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RECUERDO (REMEMBRANCE)

**I sing of one who would remain unsung,
whose name would fade like tracks upon the
sand. For him no bells were ordered to be
rung; no banners lowered by a grieving
land. No bugles blew the moment that he
expired; no clock was stopped to fix the final
hour; no doors were draped in black, no
cannons fired. These are the rites of men of
rank and power.**

**But still I sing of him with mounting pride,
who seized the challenge with uncommon
heart then ran the course with firm
unfaltering stride to reach the mark
determined from the start.**

**The measure of a man who runs the race —
lies in his distance from the starting place.**

Anonymous



Special Forces Creed

*I am an American Special Forces Soldier. A professional!
I will do all that my nation requires of me.
I am a volunteer, knowing well the hazards of my profession.
I serve with the memory of those who have gone before me:
Roger's Rangers, Francis Marion, Mosby's Rangers,
the 1st Special Service Force, the Jedburghs, Detachment 101,
and the Special Forces Soldiers of the Vietnam War,
Who were awarded 17 Medals of Honor and 90 Distinguished Service Crosses.
I pledge to uphold the honor and integrity of all these,
In all That I am, all I do.
I am a professional soldier.
I will teach and fight whatever my nation requires,
To liberate the oppressed.
I will strive always, to excel in every art and artifice of war.
I know that I will be called upon to perform tasks in isolation
Far from familiar faces and voices.
With the help and guidance of my God,
I will conquer my fears and succeed.
I will keep my mind and body clean, alert and strong, for this is my debt
to those who depend upon me.
I will not fail those with whom I serve, I will not bring shame upon myself or the
Forces. I will maintain myself, my arms, and my equipment
In an immaculate state as befits a Special Forces Soldier.
My goal is to succeed in any mission—and live to succeed again.
I may not be found wanting, that I will not fail in this sacred trust*

Special Forces Poem

By P.A. White

*I've lifted my glass and drank my fill, Of the wine that's known as pride.
I've walked among some gallant men,
And watched them stride for stride. I've crammed my head with devious ways
To defeat the enemy's goal. And kept inside for loyalty's sake,
The tales that can't be told. The need is gone for my service now,
I'll hang up my green beret and sip no more the wine of pride,
Till called again someday.
The strength and character of an organization are measured by its members.
Bob and Vicki Walker*

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Calendar of Significant Special Forces Events

20-25 SEPT 2021 5th Group Reunion
Clarksville, TN

18-22 OCT 2021 Special Operations Association Reunion
The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

22-25 OCT 2021 Special Forces Association Convention
The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

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The Editors



"Carry on!"