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The Alamo Chapter

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 03 Board Meeting 1300**
06 Fund raiser at Dick's Last Resort
07 Visitation and Rosary for SGM Armando Canales 1800-2100
08 Graveside Service for SGM Canales at FSH---1130
10 Drop Input Due
15 Membership Meeting: 1900 meal: 1800
11 Veterans Ceremony FSH
Election and Scholarship results

DECEMBER

- 01 Board Meeting 1300**
15 Installation of Officers and
Christmas Banquet, EL TROPICANO HOTEL ON RIVERWALK
***No Membership Meeting---See you at the Banquet.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

[Mando sent me this 'Message From The President' on Monday morning, October 29th, 2012. As you all know by now, Mando died from a heart attack on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 30th, 2012. I'm certain, from conversations that I had with him on the 29th that he would want it published just as he wrote it. Mike Maloy, Editor]

Although we only had a few chapter members attending the SOAR in Vegas, we still had a great time reuniting with old amigos from the past.

I remind you that we still have several chapter activities before the end of the year. We will have our monthly Board Meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at VFW Post 8541. My flight from Fayetteville is scheduled to arrive at 13:10 so we have moved our meeting time to 14:00.

Our annual fund raiser at Dick's Last Resort is scheduled for November 6th from 6-9 P.M. Tickets will available at the board meeting and you can always pay at the door. The tickets are \$25 which entitles you to all you can eat, drinks, and live music and as always, we will have many items on the silent auction. Come and support the chapter!

We will co-sponsor a golf tournament the following day and a few chapter members will participate in Army North's tribute to all Vietnam Veterans at Fort Sam Houston beginning at 16:00.

We will culminate our agenda with our annual installation of Officers/Christmas Banquet on December 15th at the El Tropicano Hotel on the River walk. The tickets are \$25 per person and you can purchase them from me at our next two chapter meetings. If you have suitable items for the silent auction, please bring them on Saturday. We will get an update on Convention 2013 so try and be there. God is great, dos x's is good and people are loco. Stay thirsty my friends!

Red Bird sends from Heaven!



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ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR **FOR GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV.**

1. November 7, 2012- Golf Tournament, venue TBA, fund raiser.

2. November 7, 2012- Visitation and Rosary for SGM Armando Canales at Sunset Funeral Home on Austin Hwy. 1800-2100.

3. Graveside services at FSH Cemetery for SGM Canales...1130.

4. Reception for family and friends of SGM Canales at VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Hwy. at 1230 hours.

5. November 15, 2012- Membership Meeting, Post 8541, meal at 1815, meeting 1900.

6. December 1, 2012- Board Meeting Post 8541, 1300.

7. December 15, 2012- Installation of Officers/Christmas Banquet at the El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk. Tickets (\$50 each) on sale at next board meeting.

Reminder: Ads in newsletter must renew or they will be terminated.



Obituary for SGM Armando Canales

(from the San Antonio Express-News 4 November 2012)

Special Forces Sergeant Major Armando ‘Mando’ A. Canales went to be with our Lord when he died of a heart attack in his home at the age of 73 in San Antonio, TX on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. He was born in Uvalde, TX and is survived by his siblings, Ernesto Canales, Queta Young, Raul Canales, and Delfina Estrada, and Dan Apolinar. Married to his high school sweetheart, Angie for 53 years, he is survived by his children Frank, Monica, Natalie, Etta and Gentry; grandchildren Matthew, Alex, Christine, Eric and Justin; great-granddaughter Makenzie, and a robust family of loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends. A true and noble warrior, Mando prominently served his country for 25 years from 1958 to his retirement in 1983, serving in Okinawa, the Dominican Republic, Vietnam and Europe. After retirement he taught Junior ROTC at Burbank High School for 15 years. The Sergeant Major took the helm as President of the Special Forces Association Green Beret Chapter 15 in San Antonio, where he continued to serve for over 30 years. A firm believer in God and Country, he was known for his quiet strength, compassionate helping hand, and constant and consistent devotion to his family, he left this world respected, much loved and revered, confident that his love was felt by all who came into contact with him.



**RED BIRD
KONTUM 1968**



Pictures From LTC Miguel de la Pena's Funeral



Miguel de la Pena Obituary

Lt. Col. (ret) Miguel (Mike) de la Pena went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sep. 16, 2012. He is now at peace next to his beloved Ruby who died in 2005. Miguel, an American warrior and U. S. Army Special Forces (S.F.) soldier, was born on Feb. 17, 1919 in San Antonio, TX and was very proud of his heritage and country. After spending his childhood in Mexico, Milwaukee, Peoria, and San Antonio he grew up speaking only Spanish until the 5th grade. "My heritage and my family, I'm proud of them, but I'm an American!" Mike fought in 3 wars, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam and was awarded the coveted and prestigious Combat Infantry Badge three different times, a true feat and honor for any soldier. Speaking about combat Miguel said "I can't describe it, you know that you're in danger but you can't be terrified because then you will be helpless." Having completed jump school as a 36 year old Capt. and veteran of Normandy to Czechoslovakia and Korea, Mike was one of the first Hispanic officers to join S.F. in 1954. He was initially assigned to the 77th S. F. Group for Training and Qualification. Upon completion of the S.F. course, was reassigned as a detachment Commander with the 10th S.F. Grp. in Europe. Returning to Ft. Bragg in 1956, Miguel was assigned as Co. Commander with the 77th S.F. Group and later with the newly formed 7th S.F. Group. He was selected as an element leader for the "White Star" project where he commanded the weapons and demolition Training center at Pak Se, Laos in 1959-60. Then Major de la Pena served as the Grp. Intelligence Officer, 1st S.F. Group in Okinawa, Japan. He later took command of the Korean Resident "B" detachment and in that capacity served as the Senior Advisor to the Commander of the Korean Special Forces. Then he volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was assigned as Cmdr. of a "C" detachment of the 5th S.F. Group in 1964-65. Miguel was foremost in the organization and concept of the first operational deployment of the "Mike Force" which bore his name! Lt. Col. Miguel de la Pena served his country with distinction and honor until his retirement in 1967. Following his retirement, he joined the U. S. Tank and Automotive Command where as a weapons delivery Specialist, was instrumental in the delivery of special weapons to many foreign governments. Upon returning home to San Antonio, TX, he and Ruby bought a house near Ft. Sam Houston. Miguel joined the S.F.A. Ch. XV (The Alamo Chapter) and together they hosted the Chapter's Veteran's Day and Memorial activities for 20 years. Miguel provided guidance and leadership to the Chapter and to the S.F. community. Throughout his career Miguel truly embodied the spirit, dignity, and sacrifice to his Country and the United States Army. Miguel and Ruby Anne had a fairy tale adventure and were married for over 60 years. Miguel was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby, mother and father, three brothers, three sisters, and four children. Miguel is survived by his older brother Jim de la Pena and his wife Virginia, and daughter Mary Wenzel, sons Edward and Aaron, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Wounded Warriors.

!!!SPECIAL NOTICES!!!

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify Marti Scott (210-491-2783) anytime you have a change to your address, phone number or e-mail address. If you have recently obtained an internet connection and now have an e-mail address please let us know as it saves our chapter \$\$\$\$\$\$ if we can e-mail you the newsletter and other notices.

Message from Pat Connolly: Re-gifting is good for the Alamo Chapter. Anytime you receive a gift that you can't use or just plain don't like, give it to our SFA Green Beret Chapter XV and we will raffle it off (and if you win the raffle, give it back to us and we'll raffle it off again, as many times as it takes to get rid of it).

We need volunteers to assist with all aspects of the 2013 SFA National Convention which we are hosting here in San Antonio next year. Please step forward and do your part.



SFA Chapter XV Board Meeting Minutes, 11/03/2012

1. At 1 pm (1300 hours) Bill Beall called the meeting to order and welcomed guests: Joe Davies from Maryland, Bruno von Haas and wife Maria from Colorado, Steve Hewitt and Raul de la Garza, all who had served with Mando in SF. Davies and von Haas had been traveling to Fayetteville to attend his DMOR induction ceremony but changed plans when they learned of Mando's death, came to San Antonio instead. Later, Bill introduced Mando's grandsons Alex and Matt Rodriguez.
2. Bill commented on the chapter's "incredible loss" of President Armando "Redbird" Canales and invited members to recall moments with Mando. Some themes that emerged from the emotional round table remarks: Mando personally recruited many chapter members; he had a great sense of humor; he was fond of a fight; he was admired, respected and loved like a brother; he will be greatly missed. The comments also showed that Mando's spirit has inspired those left behind to greater efforts in pursuit of goals he set for the chapter.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Mike Maloy reported that he and three other members (Jim Bauer, Bill Beall, Lou Contini) represented the chapter at the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade in Victoria, riding in "The Chief." More than 10,000 people attended and more than 2000 participated in the parade.
4. Alex Flores said the chapter has received one application for the educational grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board was authorized to spend up to \$250 for appropriate funeral tribute.
2. Calendar for the week of 4-11 November was decided as follows:

NOV. 6, 6 to 9 p.m., annual fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort, tickets \$25. Fred Solis said volunteers are needed to sell tickets at the door (Bob, Marsha, Ben and Alex) and more prizes are needed for the silent auction. Dick's has already raised \$6,000. This year, proceeds will be split 50-50 with Warriors Support Foundation, which will also cosponsor a golf tournament supported by Chapter XV the next day.

Nov. 7 -- 1 p.m. Golf tournament at Republic Golf Club. Volunteers needed to help at the tourney (Pat, Bob, Bill, Mario and Felicia).

We will not participate in static display at Fort Sam Houston for Welcome Home Vietnam Vets.

6 to 9 p.m. Viewing at Sunset Funeral Home on Austin Highway. Family asks that chapter members wear blazers and berets, or military dress uniforms. Family requests rifle, boots, etc. to be displayed at viewing.

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Sunset Funeral Home.

NOV 8 – 11:30 a.m. Graveside service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Shelter 4. Please arrive early. Blazers and berets or dress uniform. Mario will bring Boombox for playing of "Ballad of the Green Beret."

12:30 – Reception at VFW Post 8541. Sandwich luncheon (no beer.) (VFW will donate \$100 toward food.) General Membership meeting postponed 7 days, to Nov. 15. Nov. 9 – No activities planned.

Nov. 10 – 1 p.m. Interim board meeting for planning Christmas banquet and SFA Convention 2013.

Nov. 11 - 9:30 a.m., Veterans Day ceremony at FSH Cemetery. Members who carry flags (Bobby, Len, Bill, Adan, Fred) should arrive by 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3 PM (1500 hours).

Respectfully submitted: Buddy Gee Sharon Gee

SFA Chapter XV Board Meeting 10 Nov. 2012

1. 13:00 hrs meeting called to order by Bill Beall. No sick or distress to address.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Mario reported on Dick's Last Resort's revenue. \$1588.00 in checks, \$348.00 in Master card receipts and \$2100.00 in cash. Mario and Bill Beall will meet with James Hanson from Dick's next week to finalize the balance of revenue from all receipts and the golf tournament. 50/50 split with wounded warriors.
3. An estimate of SF attendance last Thursday at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery was between 40 and 50. Special thanks to Pat Connolly, Len Czarnecki and others for their funeral support.
4. Flowers for the viewing were \$225.00. Mario paid for them with his credit card. Will be reimbursed.
5. Reception: Chapter XV contributed \$200.00 to the reception. Thanks to the VFW men's Aux for a \$100.00 donation. Also, \$100.00 on the bar by John Tippy and an additional \$50.00 by Mando's relative, Ballinger.

New Business

6. Bobby Walker will over see the Flag detail at Fort Sam Houston cemetery Sunday 11 Nov. 2011 for Veterans day. Link up 0830-0900 hrs.
7. Christmas Banquet 15 Dec: Mario and Bill need to go through Mando,s paper work to locate the mariachis info and cost (\$400.00 ?) and make final coordination with the hotel. A \$500.00 deposit has already been paid to the hotel. Mario has the tickets fo the banquet,\$50.00 each. The chapter needs to have 100 attendees to break even. Hospitality room, Alex Flores, Lou Colantoni, Bill Beall, Adan and Yolanda Flores will set up. Open at 15:00 hrs. Bill and Mario will pick up supplies at class 6. Honor Guard: Lenny, Fred, and Chuck. Toast and programs will be finalized at 8 Dec 2012 board meeting. Bill Smith has Balled of the Green Beret and Chapter (Pat Connolly) has boom box. Marti will take care of POW table and Bill will secure Table and chair POW drapes from the VFW. Chapter has the POW flag. (Pat). Scholarship Grant: Adan will coordinate with the recipient to accept or Yolanda Flores will accept on their behalf. Guest speaker: Chuck Rose will coordinate with General (Ret) Valenzuela and also the swearing in of the chapter officers. Clean up, police call and retrograde volunteers are Pat Connolly, Lenny, Adan and Mario.

Appointment / Election of Chapter officers- Bylaws

8. Bill Beall stated there are two ways to proceed to fill the president's vacancy: 1.) the vice presidency is vacated and he will be the acting president until we elect new offices. 2.) He could be approved as president and the board could appoint others to fill the vacancies.
9. Buddy gee said one paragraph of the chapter bylaws covers board vacancies: if the president can not serve, the vice president becomes the president and may appoint other officers.
10. Bill said he could not put in as much time as Mando. He lives 45 miles out of town and has other commitments, but he is willing to do the best he can. "If someone else can commit more time, it may be better for the chapter."
11. Pat Connolly reminded the board that there are two vacancies: vive president and secretary, he recommended filling both vacancies before proceeding with other options.
12. Buddy Gee suggested breaking for an executive meeting of officers to choose appointees to fill the vacancies. Chuck Rose and Bill Smith agreed to accept the vice presidency if appointed. Bob Hand agreed to serve as secretary with Buddy Gee as a back up if he could not be present. Bill recessed the open board meeting for 15 minutes. When the meeting was reconvened, Bill Beall announced Chuck Rose had been appointed and approved as vice president and Bob Hand was appointed and approved as secretary. Bill thanked Bill Smith for offering his service.
13. len Czarnecki said the new president should take the oath of office to make the transition official. Some stated that the oath was not necessary, but Bill Beall invited Adan Flores to administer the oath, which he did.

Completion of Book – Report by John Edmiston

14. John said he plans to complete writing by the end of December in order to have the book published and ready for distribution at the SFA convention in June 2013. Projected cost of the book to individuals may be \$10.00-\$15.00. He wants to complete production of a one hour DVD by late January 2013. Cost of the DVD approximately \$10.00-\$15.00 each. He requested \$500.00 for his videographer to complete the filming and editing. Len moved to approve the expense, but it exceeded the amount the board can approve (\$300.00) without membership approval. Edgar Morales and Mike Maloy each donated \$50.00 and Fred Solis donated \$100.00. Fred gave the \$200.00 to John Edmiston.

Open Form – Round Table.

15. Pat Connolly reported another golf hole sponsor for the convention Golf Tournament.
16. Fred Solis reported ¾ of the rooms reserved for the Convention have been reserved. There are no more rooms available for 25 June but he has arranged with the Menger Hotel to take reservations for that day at the same rate. (\$106.00) Rudy's BBQ will do the picnic plates for \$5.00 a plate. Enterprise vans are now "iffy". Web site not up yet. Noel Benavides, son of MOH recipient Roy Benavides, will participate in the Alamo Ceremony. Gen Valenzuela will help contact other potential convention sponsors.

SFA National Convention 2013
San Antonio, TX
June 26 –30, 2013
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
Hosted by Chapter XV

Registration Form

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
(1-888-421-1442, Group #8220, Special Forces Association)

COST: The full registration is **\$135.00**
(Includes PICNIC, BANQUET, RECEPTION and HOSPITALITY ROOM)

If you are not to attend all events, please use the Limited Registration section below. Any registration with insufficient funds will be returned to the applicant.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SFA CHAPTER 15 CONVENTION 2013

MAIL TO: SFA Chapter 15 Convention 2013
Attn: Convention Registration
P.O. Box 33782
San Antonio, TX 78265-3782

Sponsor must be an SFA Member in Good Standing to attend the Convention.

SFA Member Number: _____

Name on ID Tag: _____ **Number of Guests:** _____

Names on Guest(s) ID Tag: _____

Please check if you do want your name listed on the Attendance Roster at the Convention

FULL REGISTRATION Number of Attendees ____ X \$135.00 = _____

LIMITED REGISTRATION

Banquet: No. of Attendees ____ X \$50.00 = _____

Picnic: No. of Attendees ____ X \$25.00 = _____

Hospitality: No. of Attendees ____ X \$60.00 = _____

Reception: No. of Attendees ____ FREE

TOTAL = _____

Convention Chairman: Fred Solis

For questions, please call: (210) 854-5555 EMAIL: sfa.colonel@hotmail.com or Pat Connolly @ (210) 826-8023

SFA Convention 2013
San Antonio, TX
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
June 26 - 30, 2013
Schedule of Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Special Notes</u> |
|---|--|--|---|
| 26 Jun 13 (Wednesday) | 0800 – 1700 | Registration | |
| | 0800 – 1200 | Motorcycle Ride | |
| | 1000 – 2400 | Hospitality Room | |
| | 0900 – 1800 | Vendors | |
| | 1300 - ???? | Free Time | |
| | 1800 – 2100 | Opening Reception | |
| 27 Jun 13 (Thursday) | 0800 – 1700 | Registration | |
| | 0800 – 1200 | Golf Tournament | POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300 |
| | | NBO/Chapter Presidents/Regional Reps Meeting | |
| | 0900 – 1800 | Vendors | |
| | 1000 – 1300 | Hospitality Room | |
| | | (Hospitality Room will close during picnic and reopen after picnic) | |
| | 1400 – 1700 | Texas Style BBQ Picnic | |
| | 1600 – 2400 | Hospitality Room | |
| 28 Jun 13 (Friday) | 0800 – 1700 | Registration | |
| | 0900 – 1800 | Vendors | |
| | 0900 – 1200 | Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers | |
| | | (No Alcohol Served During Meeting) | |
| | 1200 – 2400 | Hospitality Room | |
| | 1800 – 2100 | VFW Post 76 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, \$2.00 Beer | |
| | | More Info to Come via Flyer in Gift Bag | |
| | | Free Day Open for Attendees to Tour San Antonio and Surrounding Military Installations | |
| 29 Jun 13 (Sat) | 0800 – 1400 | Registration | |
| | 0900 – 1600 | Vendors | |
| | 0900 – 1000 | SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo | |
| | 1000 – 1700 | Hospitality Room | |
| | 1800 – 1900 | Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar) | |
| | 1900 – 2300 | Banquet/Ballroom (Cash Bar) | |
| 30 Jun 13 (Sun) | Dawn – 1200 | Checkout/Departure | |
| | 0800 – 1200 | Hospitality Room (Coffee/Bloody Mary's) | |
| | | Hotel will have a special rate Breakfast for guests | |
| <u>Hotel</u> | <u>Telephone</u> | <u>Rate</u> | |
| Hyatt Regency | 1-888-421-1442 | \$106 | (Double Occupancy) |
| (Primary Hotel) | Group #8220 Special Forces Assn. (Additional Charge for extra guest) | | |
| | (Hotel will extend rate 3 days +/-) | | |
| Overflow Hotel: Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St., San Antonio, Texas 78205 | | | |

GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2012 CALENDAR

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| <u>JANUARY</u> 07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 | <u>FEBRUARY</u> 04 Board Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY | <u>MARCH</u> 03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off |
| <u>APRIL</u> 07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 Fund Raiser at the Cove 14 Memorial for chapter fallen brothers/spouses, FSH Cemetery, 11:00 | <u>MAY</u> 12 Board Meeting 13:00 18-20 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake 28 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH * DROP input due <u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u> | <u>JUNE</u> 02 Board Meeting 1300 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 National Convention: June 11- 17 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. |
| <u>JULY</u> 07 Board Meeting 13:00 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ?? HAPPY 4TH of July! | <u>AUGUST</u> 04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted | <u>SEPTEMBER</u> 01 Board Meeting 1300 08 OKTOBER FEST VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted |
| <u>OCTOBER</u> 06 Board Meeting 1300 11 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00 ** fund raiser at Dick's ?? TBA Scholarship Applications Accepted Nominations for Chapter Officers | <u>NOVEMBER</u> 03 Board Meeting 1300 06 fund raiser at Dick's 15 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 Drop Input Due Election and Scholarship results | <u>DECEMBER</u> 01 Board Meeting 1300 15 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet at the EL TROPICANO HOTEL ON RIVERWALK MERRY CHRISTMAS *No Membership Meeting |

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 19:00 on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 18:00 prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300. Changes TBA.



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. M. 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.*

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The Editor

When submitting articles or photos for the newsletter please enter "SFA newsletter input" in the subject line of your email. Please submit articles and pictures (copies only) for the newsletter to Editor Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com, or mail them to Chapter Vice President Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

