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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



April 4 — SFA Board Meeting

1400—VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

April 6 — Chapter XV Memorial Service

0900 —Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1100 — Business Meeting, VFW Post 8541

1200 — Noon meal served

April 18-29 — Fiesta San Antonio

April 28-May 5 — Chapter Cruise/Fundraiser

April 30 — Scholarship Application Deadline



DON'T FORGET



- We'll gather at VFW Post 8541 after the Chapter Memorial Service on April 6. Regular meeting at 1100 hours (two hours earlier than usual,)

followed by lunch.

- Scholarship applications are now due. Get them in by April 30. Details on Page 14.

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ALEX FLORES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Our next board meeting is 4 April at 1400 hours. Our membership meeting is 6 April. This meeting is our annual memorial service. The memorial will start at 0900 at Fort Sam cemetery, with our meeting following the memorial back at the VFW. Lunch will follow the meeting.

This past week we paid respects to one of our members who took his spot in heaven. Alex Flores was a warrior and a great person. He personally helped me through some difficult times. The Godfather will be greatly missed.

I cannot thank Buddy and Sharon enough for the work they put in to provide our members with an outstanding newsletter. Buddy also has stepped up when my plate was full, and for that I am grateful.

Our Chapter continues to do great things and one coming up is the JROTC awards. If you can make a presentation at one of the high schools, please let John

know. We have been increasing the schools that we present our award to and we continue to grow the number.

This meeting will be your last chance to reserve a cabin for our Canyon Lake weekend May 17-19. See Raul for reservation form.

I hope everyone has a great week and I look forward to seeing everyone this Saturday at our memorial service.

Until our meeting stay safe and enjoy your families.

William Smith

Chapter XV President

presidentchapterxv@gmail.com



\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, March 2019

March has been a busy time for the Chapter and expenses were more than normal. The Cotulla Wild Hog Cook Off was another "great time had by all" and attendance was up once again. Mike and Laura Brown, Steve and Karen Hermann, Marti Scott and Mandy Terrazas prepared some delicious vittles. The event was under budget and there were more than enough beverages.

The Chapter also hosted a reception for the family and friends of Lala Benavidez, widow of MSG Roy P. Benavidez (MOH) following her funeral in San Antonio. VFW Posts 8541 and 12171 kicked in some support. Other expenses for the month included the meeting meal, printing a tri-fold Chapter brochure, purchasing JROTC medals, deposit for the 2019 Christmas Banquet and fees for Fiesta events in April.

Thanks to donors, our revenue pretty much covered our expenses. Again, a huge thank you to George Garcia, John Rodden and Ramiro Daniel for their monthly contributions. Thanks also to Noel Benavidez for a donation from his family. Raul de la Garza did a great job on ticket sales for the door prize drawing and passed out some very nice gift baskets.

Your board is managing your funds carefully, and all projects are still within budget.

We hope to see you at the Chapter Memorial Service and membership meeting on April 6th.

Buddy Gee

Treasurer

sgmgee@aol.com

Minutes of March Meeting

Chapter Meeting Date: 2 Mar 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1300 by President Bill Smith. New member Robert Richmond, who is moving from Corpus Christi, was recognized. Visitors were welcomed, including Mykola Pavlonik visiting from Michigan, Troy Konvicka and Randy Day. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, the invocation by Father Steve and a moment of silence for fallen comrades and POWs.

The President announced that the membership stands at 202. He also noted that Edgar Morales was recovering from knee surgery.

Buddy Gee presented the monthly treasurer's report and it was approved as read. Minutes for the Jan 2019 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff is Mar 8-10. Mike Brown briefed on the location, billeting and meals being provided. The Chapter will have some free tickets for the event.
- b. Christmas Party: The President stated 14 Dec 2019 would be the next date. He would like for a member to step forward to take responsibility for the next one.
- c. Fiesta Medals: Gordon Lee gave a short brief on the

medals and the upcoming Fiesta events. He stated that Channel 29 would have a contest and we could vote for the best medal.

- d. Canyon Lake Picnic is on line and cabins must be paid in advance. See Raul if you wish to get one.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Scholarships: See the newsletter for dates and application.
- b. JR Garza talked about the VA efforts on the Blue Water Navy exposure to Agent Orange; said the Purple Hearts and CMH recipients get priority and all others are on a long wait list
- c. The Vice President is looking for volunteers to present JROTC Awards at the many high schools that we cover.
- d. The President proposed hosting a Gold Star family member to the National Convention and the membership voted in favor.
- e. Gordon Lee and Ken Sienko sponsored today's lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 1405 hrs.

Submitted by:

JW Martin, D2041L



NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to Tom Peters (left) and Robert Richmond, who joined Chapter XV during the March meeting.



CHAT: John Tippy (left) talks with Troy Konvicka of Warriors Heart, a PTSD treatment program for military and police.

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Remembering Alex

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Nov. 24, 1940—March 18, 2019



Alex Flores, affectionately known to his SF friends as “the Godfather,” was an active and contributing member of Chapter XV since its beginning.

Alex was a native San Antonian, born here to a family of 13 children. He began military service as an MP in the National Guard, which he joined along with two brothers. He completed the medic course at Fort Sam Houston, went to jump school at Fort Bragg and did a stint in Korea with the 82nd Airborne Division. He also was deployed to the Dominican Republic during its civil war in 1965.

After completing his Special Forces training, he was promoted to E7 in Vietnam and received two Purple Hearts. As part of the Pleiku Mike Force sent to Camp Ben Het, he saw some of the most intense combat of the Vietnam war. During his career, he served with the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Groups and with Cambodian troops in Vietnam.

Alex died at the San Antonio Military Medical Center on March 18. He is survived by his daughters Claudia Flores and Lisa Estrada; son Alejandro Rey Flores; sisters Anita Rodriguez, Cida Saucedo, Lucinda Ricondo and Olga Galan; brothers Salvador Flores and Victor Flores; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on March 25 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Interment will be at Fort. Sam Houston National Cemetery at a later date.

The family has asked that those who wish may make a donation in Alex's name to the Special Forces Association Scholarship Fund, or to a charity of their choice.

Cards and condolences may be sent to:

The Alex Flores Family
13910 Thebes Circle
Universal City, TX 78148

Member News



Highway Dedication for a Chapter XV hero

March 23, 2019



Several members of Chapter XV helped dedicate a section of Highway 71 in Wharton County as the Roy P. Benavidez Memorial Highway in honor of Benavidez, a Medal of Honor recipient and Chapter life member.

At left, El Campo Mayor Randy Collins and State Rep. Phil Stephenson unveil the official highway sign, with assistance from CW5 Tony Goble and Staff Sgt. Juan Barocio from 5th SF Group at Fort Campbell, KY. Below left, Delbert Hayes, Buddy Gee and Jose Campos pose with Noel Benavidez, son of Roy. A highlight of the ceremony was the Missing Man Roll Call performed by Campos, Gee and the two 5th Group soldiers.



Chapter News

REMEMBERING LALA: Our departed member Roy Benavidez was much in our thoughts last month as his beloved wife, Hilaria (“Lala”) passed away just days before he was to be memorialized with a Texas highway dedication. His children — son Noel and daughters Denise and Yvette — trouped on with both ceremonies to honor their parents. Chapter XV was joined by VFW Post 8541 and new Post 12171, the Roy P. Benavidez Post, to host a reception after Hilaria’s burial at FSH National Cemetery. Below are photos from the burial and reception.



Above, Chapter member David Benavides (I) visits sculptors Mark and Jenelle Byrd with their bust of Roy P. Benavidez at their home in Dallas. They are hoping to erect a Benavidez monument in the San Antonio area.



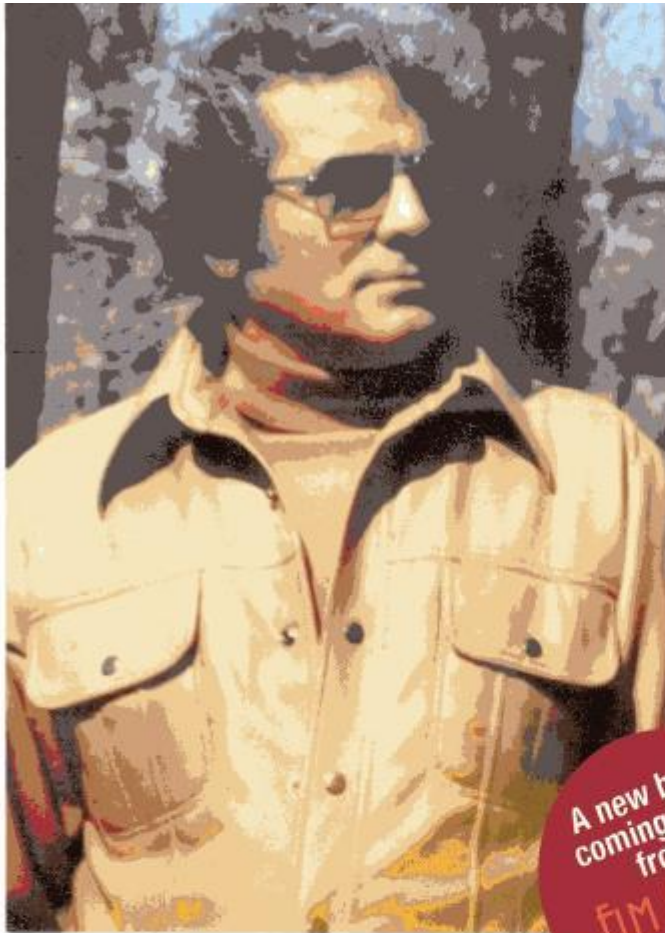
Rick Zamora, 1st vice commander of VFW Post 12171, presents check to VP Juan Lopez.



Dan Butler of Post 12171 with Noel Benavidez



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He ended the war working covertly with the American OSS (forerunner of the CIA) hunting down criminals and undesirables.

Sailing home to New York in 1948 with a forged Italian passport and just 12 cents in his pocket, he was arrested at Ellis Island. Since then, Cellini's inventiveness, reputation and irrepressible sense of adventure have taken him all over the world, often putting his life in great peril.

Respected by the New York Mafia, Cellini later negotiated with some of the most feared organized crime syndicates in Italy. Nicaragua's President Somoza sought his advice on guerilla warfare and weapons tactics, and while in Nicaragua he was embroiled in the assassination of a high profile journalist and had

to flee for his life.

Cellini has kept Federal Agents informed of credible plots to assassinate known enemies of the United States. He even served for a short time, albeit inadvertently, as bodyguard for a notorious drug lord in Mexico.

He has never been afraid of taking the law into his own hands because, he says, sometimes that is the only way to survive.

His inventions, including the *Cellini Muzzle Brake*, have earned him 19 patents and the undying respect and gratitude of members of the U.S. Special Forces and Law Enforcement. He has been privileged to count some of America's most revered and decorated military heroes among his closest friends.

Cellini is, more than anything, a patriot; a man who puts honor above all. And while some of his adventures make fictional spies and secret agents pale by comparison, unlike his fictitious counterparts, Cellini always remained faithful to one woman.

Now at the age of 94, he finally feels comfortable talking about his life, and he isn't pulling any punches.

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Chapter News



Full honors for April 6 Memorial

Chapter XV will conduct its Annual Memorial Ceremony for fallen members and spouses at 0900 on Saturday 6 April at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. All members, family and friends are invited to attend. Lunch and membership meeting will follow at VFW Post 8541.

The **Memorial Service Detachment** will provide full military honors at the ceremony, including taps and rifle volley. MSD is a unique all-volunteer Honor Guard patterned after a similar unit established at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. The MSD at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery began with one squad in December 1991 and grew to five squads by February 1983. To date, the MSD has provided final honors for over 36,600 veterans.

Almost ready for Fiesta San Antonio



The medals are here. The custom tablecloth has been designed and ordered by Chris and Susan Marshall (with technical help from Dave Marshall). The volunteer sign-up sheets are ready and will be available at the April 6 meeting.



All you have to do is mark your calendar for April 18, the opening of Fiesta 2019 and date of "Pin Pandemonium" at HemisFair Plaza, and April 20, date of the Fiesta Fireworks family day at Fort Sam Houston's McArthur Parade Field. Then sign up to work at these events, where we will be showing off our cargo trailer and selling our distinctive Fiesta medals. Viva Fiesta!



JR GARZA stands with historian Pete Torres at the Vietnam Traveling Wall, which was on display in March at FSH National Cemetery.



TWO MAYORS: Members gathered March 7 to greet Chapter member Nathan Dial (center left), mayor of Estancia, NM, and Mayor Dan Reese (center right), mayor of Windcrest, TX.

Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff

March 10, 2019



WHAT WILD HOG?

Our team was ready but the pig didn't show. No problem, as Boss Mike Brown and Chef Steve Hermann smoked up plenty of delicious pulled pork and beef ribs for the Exotic Category of the competition (and great BBQ for our 25 members and guests.)

Above, Laura Brown makes a breakfast taco while things get under way. At left, Mike and Steve prepare entry for the judging.



Meanwhile, Juan Lopez and Nate Dial survey the scene, Merrill Hall catches some Z's and Marsha Scott waves to the camera.

Cotulla (cont.)

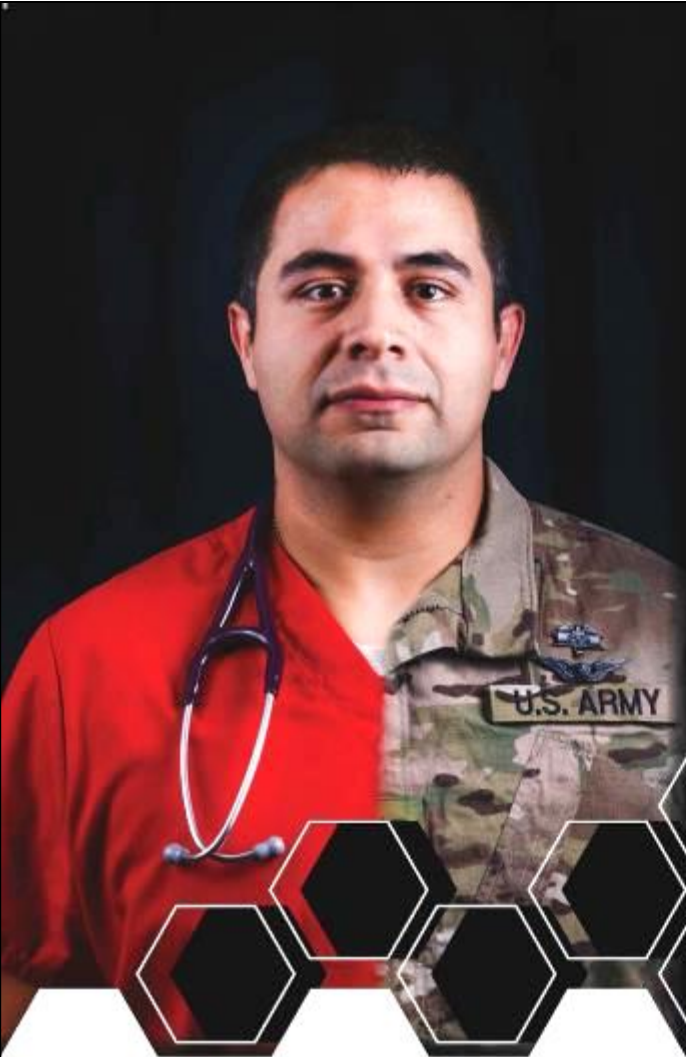
A weekend of fine weather, good food, cold beer, live music



Photos by Ben Scott



SITTIN' THE SHADE: Cotulla was the first big event to make use of our new cargo trailer. It's great! Not only a safe, dry place to store food, coolers and boom boxes, but a rolling advertisement for Chapter XV and Special Forces. It was seen by literally thousands of people attending the LaSalle County Fair. On sunny days, its decorated walls provide a shady spot to sit and relax. Above, Juan Lopez, Johnnie Terrazas, Dion and Delia Popoy, Merrill Hall and Bill Smith do just that.



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Embrace the Spring and all it represents

I grew up with the little saying that “April Showers Bring May Flowers.” Of course, I lived further north and the season of spring came later there than it does here – around here, flowers have been blooming for at least a few weeks.

Springtime naturally has us looking at the refreshing and renewal of nature around us. Most wildlife are birthed in spring, the plants return to green, flowers bloom, birds are hatched and are singing more loudly.

With all of this new life going on in Springtime it is not a surprise that, among those who are Jewish, the Passover is celebrated in the Spring as it marks a new life free of the bondage of Egypt. And, because the Passover is in the Spring and the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus occurred during the Passover, the Christian celebration of Easter with its setting people free from the bondage of sin, guilt, and/or shame, is in the Springtime. There is also the historical reality that “In the spring of the year, [it is] the time when kings go out to battle” (2nd Samuel 11:1).

We have all had the opportunity be part of when “kings go

out to battle” – probably more accurately said, when kings send soldiers out to battle. With a few exceptions, everyone who has been to war has both good and bad memories of the experience. The good are to be treasured but what of the bad?

I suggest embracing Springtime and all it represents. New birth, refreshing, being set free. For some, that will be through getting out in nature and letting what is going on around you become part of your life – a good thing for everybody regardless of their faith. I also suggest a new look at Easter. Look past the bunnies, the chocolates and the jelly beans. See instead the reality of being made new through the grace and mercy God delivered that day in the spring of AD33 which still flows today.

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve
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Scholarship Applications Now Due

Pat Connolly, Scholarship Committee Chairman, announces that applications are being accepted from now until **30 April, 2019**. PLEASE NOTE THE DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM PAST YEARS. Here are the revised scholarship guidelines:



Special Forces Chapter XV Education Grant

The Special Forces Chapter XV Education Grant provides scholarship grants to SFA Chapter XV members, their dependents, children and grandchildren. The number and amount of grants are determined by the budget and the Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee, with approval of the Chapter president. Recipients will be announced at the May Membership Meeting.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a Chapter member in good standing or the dependent spouse, child or grandchild of a member in good standing, or child or grandchild of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of death. Applicant must have been accepted by, or already attending an accredited college, university or vocational institution.

Application Process:

Applications must be submitted and postmarked not later than 30 April to be considered. Eligible applicants must submit the following:

- a. A sponsor letter from Chapter XV member that states full name, member number and relationship to applicant, and the applicant's full contact information.
- b. A personal letter detailing the applicant's education plans, career aspirations, school they plan to attend and planned use of the grant.
- c. Copies of most recent academic transcripts, SAT scores and other scholastic achievements, and a recent photograph.
- d. Reference letter from teacher(s), school counselor or principal. (minimum of one required)
- e. Summary of extra-curricular activities, non-academic achievements and hobbies.
- f. A copy of the application to the school, or acceptance letter from the registrar that the student has already been enrolled.

All items listed above are required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
Submit applications to:

President, SFA Chapter XV
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 33782 - San Antonio TX 78265-3782



Reinstatement fee now due for unpaid members

**From Marsha 'Marti' Scott,
Membership Secretary**

Send a check made out to Special Forces Association. Mail to SFA, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.

All Annual Dues Members: If your 2019 dues have not been received you will need to reinstate at this time. Reinstatement fee is \$45.

If you are not receiving your quarterly *The DROP*, that will be a signal that you are not current for 2019. (The \$40 is your actual dues and the other \$5 is to reinstate your membership.)

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**Membership Renewal Form
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Dues pay period is from 1 October through 31 January. Any annual members who have not paid their dues by the grace period will be placed in an Inactive roster and will be removed from the mailing list.

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GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2019 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
10 Board Meeting 1400 12 Membership Meeting 31 February Board Meeting	2 Membership Meeting 15 Drop Input Due 26 Ch. XV 42nd anniversary 28 March Board Meeting	2 Membership Meeting 8-10 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff 29 Vietnam Veterans Day
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
4 Board Meeting 1400 6 Chapter Memorial Service 0900 6 Membership Meeting 1100 28-5 Ch. XV Cruise/fundraiser 30 Scholarship applications due TBD JROTC Presentations	2 Board Meeting 1400 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 15 Drop Input Due 17-19 Canyon Lake Picnic 27 Memorial Day Serv 0930 TBD - JROTC Presentations 30 June Board Meeting 1400	1 Membership Meeting 14 Flag Day & Army Birthday TBD JROTC Presentations
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Independence Day 11 Board Meeting 1400 13 Membership Meeting	1 Board Meeting 1400 3 Membership Meeting 13-18 SFA National Convention 15 Drop Input Due	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 20 POW/MIA Day TBD Scholarship Applications Due
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
3 Board Meeting 1400 5 Membership Meeting 31 November Board meeting	2 Membership Meeting Officer Elections 11 Veterans Day Ceremony 1000 15 Drop Input Due	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Pearl Harbor Day NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 14 Christmas Banquet
<p>All Chapter Meetings, unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings begin at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the calendar.) A lunch meal will be served from 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meetings will be held the Thursday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1400 hours unless announced otherwise.</p>		

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*

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



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Calendar of Significant Special Forces Events

13-18 AUG 2019 SFA International Convention, Charleston, WV.
Charleston Marriott Town Center
POC Kevin Harry, divemedic@yahoo.com
<https://www.sfanationalconvention.com/>

16-21 SEPT 2019 5th Special Forces Group Reunion, Clarksville, TN
Country Inn & Suites
POC: www.sfa38.org

13-17 OCT 2019 1st Special Forces Group Reunion, Las Vegas, NV.
The Plaza Hotel & Casino
POC Phil Grounds, steppingwild@gmail.com

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The Editors



"Carry on!"