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The Alamo Chapter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



January 2 — SFA Board Meeting

1400—VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

January 4 — Membership Meeting

1200 - Noon meal served

1300 - Business meeting

January 30 — February Board meeting



DON'T FORGET



- New Chapter officers will conduct the first business meeting of their two-year term on Jan. 2. Be there to lend your support.
- Still time to reserve your spot for next year's Chapter Beach Getaway to Secrets Akumal, Mexico. Details, Page 5.

- Dates and schedule for the 2020 National SFA Convention have been announced. See Page 6.
- Annual dues must be paid by the end of January to avoid delinquency. See reminder on Page 4.
- Fr. Steve Rindahl is conducting a "Swordbearers Chapel" service at VFW 8541, every Sunday at 1030. Sick call with Bill Beall at 1200.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

As the 2020 - 2022 Special Forces Association Chapter XV president, I am both proud and excited to have the privilege to serve the Alamo Chapter. I would like to thank everyone who supported me and made it possible for me to serve you. It is truly an honor. Thank you!

I joined the chapter in March of 2007, and since then I have seen how great and special our chapter really is. Our previous board officers have done an outstanding job serving the chapter in the past, and our chapter members are truly an incredible bunch of people to be a part of. The chapter has great support from our members, and the camaraderie within our group is something that I have truly missed since retiring in 2012.

Together we are an outstanding chapter, and I see us only getting better and continuing to grow in numbers — as we have been. Please feel free to talk to me about any ideas or suggestions you may have for the Chapter. My door is always open. Thanks again for your support!



Our next board meeting is Thursday 2 January, with our membership meeting following on Saturday 4 January at our usual times. See you there!

Juan Lopez, President
presidentchapterxv@gmail.com

\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, December 2019

I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas holiday and that you are all refreshed and ready for another great Special Forces year of camaraderie and social activities.

It is time for me to say goodbye as your treasurer, but I'm not leaving. We extend a hearty welcome to Merrill Hall as the newly elected treasurer. I'm certain that he will do a superb job of accounting for Chapter funds.

This is my last writing of the \$\$\$ Dollars and Cents column and I assure you that the financial status of the Chapter is rated A+. The year is closing out within budget. Sharon and I will continue publishing the Chapter newsletter.

At the January 4 membership meeting, the Christmas Banquet financials and annual budget report for 2019 will be briefed, and we will vote to accept (I hope) the Treasurer's Reports for November and December.

The bulk of the income for December was for the sale of Christmas Banquet tickets. David Marshall presented a check for \$300 on behalf of the Green Beret Foundation. This was from the proceeds of SF Motorcycle Brotherhood fundraiser. Once again, we give our thanks to George Garcia and John Rodden for their monthly donations. J.R. Garza also donated to the Chapter. Congratulations to William Watson, who renewed his membership and is the Chapter's newest Life Member.

On the expense side of the ledger, the Christmas Banquet was the big-ticket item for December. Funds were also expended for awards, website maintenance and bank fees.

Thank you all for your support and donations throughout these four years that I have been the treasurer. Please continue your support to Merrill and the newly elected board.

Regards,
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A Reminder... From Marsha 'Marti' Scott, Membership Secretary

Happy New Year to each of our Chapter members! We start off a new year with great expectations for greater things for the continued growth of our Chapter. We are officially into 2020 — wow that sounds unbelievable since it seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Y2K!!!

As you all are aware, our annual dues paying members must now have their fees in to the Chapter to not have to pay delinquent fees. We do have a small window for a 'grace period', but after that there will be a small amount

attached to regular fees for reinstatement. PLEASE ensure that you have your fees to us within the next couple of weeks. Annual Membership fee is \$40, and after the grace period dues will be \$45 for reinstatement.

You may pay by either mailing your check for fees to our Chapter's mailbox. That address is: SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265. Please make your checks out to: Special Forces Association.

You may also pay in person at our next Chapter meeting or you can pay online through the Chapter website.

Wishing each of you a wonderful New Year, good health, continuous prosperity and fellowship with our GREAT SFA Chapter XV!!!

Chapter XV Receives Maestro Fiddle Donated and Signed by Charlie Daniels



Music legend Charlie Daniels is a patriot who loves the military and is especially close to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and SFA Chapter 38 at Fort Campbell. For the past two years, Charlie has hosted 5th Group Reunion attendees to a luncheon in Nashville.

In 2019, Charlie also hosted a tour of his office and recording studio. At the luncheon, Charlie's manager David Corlew announced that Charlie was donating a

fiddle to use as a fundraiser for the SFA Chapters

represented at the luncheon. Buddy Gee from Chapter XV was in attendance and received a fiddle on behalf of Chapter XV. The set includes a certificate of authenticity, case, bow, CD and autographed photo of Charlie.

Chapter XV members will decide in 2020 how to use this fiddle as a fundraiser.

Chapter News

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National SF News

7th Group soldier killed in Afghanistan

Associated Press
December 27, 2019

WASHINGTON -- A U.S. Special Forces soldier who died in Afghanistan this week was seizing a Taliban weapons cache when he was killed, the U.S. military said Friday.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Goble was with his unit when its members discovered an undisclosed amount of Taliban weapons in Kunduz Province, said Eric Pahon, a spokesman for the U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Pahon said Goble and others were



clearing out the cache when an explosion happened.

Pahon said the Taliban wrongly claimed that the service members were in a convoy and targeted by a roadside bomb during a raid.

Goble, 33, of Washington Township in Bergen County, New Jersey, was killed Monday and an Afghan service member was wounded.

Goble served with the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group.

Chapter XV received this message from Goble's former teammate

December 27, 2019
Dear Ch XV team -

My name is Daniel Carlton, retired SF CW2 & 18C. My membership number is M-13595, CH VII member for life. I'm a resident of New Braunfels and in the recent news you may have seen that SFC Mike Goble of 7th Group was KIA (Dec 23). Mike and I were teammates and served in

combat together (he was there when I was WIA October 2008), and with me for other SF missions. I'm writing to ask for a meeting with the chapter to tell his story and see if there's a possibility of raising some money for his family. Thank you so much and DOL.

—Dan

This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Chapter XV- The Alamo Chapter (<https://sfa-xv.org>)

Editor's Note: CW2 Dan Carlton has been invited to address the Chapter at the January meeting.

2020 SFA National Convention Details Announced

From Cliff Newman, Executive Director
Special Forces Association, Fayetteville, N.C.

WARNING ORDER – 2020 SFA CONVENTION

Who: SFA Membership
What: 2020 SFA International Convention
When: 12-15 August 2020
Where: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin Fl.
Why: Tradition, camaraderie, and because it's a good thing

CONVENTION GENERAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday August 12, 2020

1200 – 2000 2020 Convention Registration
1400 – 1600 Chapters Presidents' Meeting
1400 – 1800 Sponsors Displays
1800 – 2000 No-host reception
2000 – 2200 Hospitality Suites

Thursday August 13, 2020

0800 – 2000 2020 Convention Registration
0800 – 0900 Transportation to 7th SFG(A) compound

0900 – 1800 Sponsors Displays
1000 – 1300 Tour of 7th SFG(A) compound / Mod Demo / Meet & Greet
1300 – 1700 Picnic
1700 – 1800 Transportation to Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort
2000 – 2300 Hospitality Suites

Friday August 14, 2020

0800 – 2000 2020 Convention Registration
0800 – 1300 Golf Tournament
0900 – 1800 Sponsors Displays
1400 – 1700 Motorcycle Ride
1730 – 1900 Gold Star Families Dinner
2000 – 2300 Hospitality Suites

Saturday August 15, 2020

0900 – 1300 Visit to Destin Commons and local outlets
0900 – 1300 Sponsors Displays
0900 – 1000 General Membership Meeting
1015 – 1100 1st Special Forces Command Brief
1115 – 1200 Special Warfare Center Brief
1700 – 1800 Pre-Banquet Social
1800 – 2200 Banquet



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Christmas Banquet 2019

Dec. 20, 2019



'Twas the week before Christmas, and COL (Ret.) Tim Ochsner, at the podium, swears in the new Chapter XV officers for 2020-2022. They are (from left) Raul de la Garza, Merrill Hall, Buddy Gee, Mike Brown, Gordon Lee and Juan Lopez, the new Chapter president.

It was a gala evening at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk, featuring fancy hors d'oeuvres and drinks before a delicious dinner. Col. Ochsner gave an informative talk about his days as commander of Special Operations Detachment-Africa and swore in the new officers. After the formalities, about 100 members and guests danced the night away to live music by Rick Salinas — with help from a few 'freelance' performers in our midst.

Below left, outgoing President William Smith recognizes new President Lopez for his work during the previous two years. Below center, CSM Brian Harless and a soldier from C-119 were among distinguished military guests at this year's banquet. At right, Cystal says the bar is open; Ochsner receives plaque of appreciation from President Bill.



Christmas Banquet (2)



'TIS THE SEASON: Helping spread Christmas cheer are party goers (counterclockwise, from top left) John and Susanne Armezzani, Bob and Denyse Simpson, Laura and Mike Brown, Gloria and David Saenz, JW and Charlotte Martin, Karen Hermann, and impromptu entertainer Dave Marshall. During the gala, Dave also presented a check from the Green Beret Foundation. Mike Brown provided a keg from Long Tab Brewery, and wife Laura donated shrimp appetizers from The Medical Team Hospice.

*Photos by Chris Marshall,
Ben Scott and
Steve Wolverton*



Christmas Banquet (3)



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VFW Post 8541 2020 Educational Scholarship

The VFW Post 8541 Educational Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance through an annual scholarship of \$4,000. There will be two scholarships awarded. Recipients will be announced on 15 April each year.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a current member in good standing of VFW Post 8541, its Auxiliary, or an immediate family member of such VFW/Auxiliary member.
2. Qualified applicants must be:
 - A. A high school senior who will graduate in the Spring and has a current letter of acceptance, or
 - B. Currently attending or accepted by an accredited college, university, or vocational institution.
 - C. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or better at the time of application.

Procedure: Eligible applicants must submit the following:

- a. A personal letter detailing the applicant's affiliation with VFW Post 8541, education plans, summary of achievements, career aspirations, and name of school they plan to attend.
- b. Contact name of the recipient institution's financial office to receive funds on behalf of the student.
- c. Copies of applicant's most recent academic transcripts or, if awaiting high school graduation, SAT/ACT scores, along with transcripts.
- d. Two letters of reference from a professor, instructor, teacher or administrator from current or former educational institution.

Applications must be received by VFW Post 8541 no later than 31 March 2020. Send to

Commander William Smith, VFW Post 8541

Attn: Scholarship Committee

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- Packets that are not complete will not be considered for the scholarship.

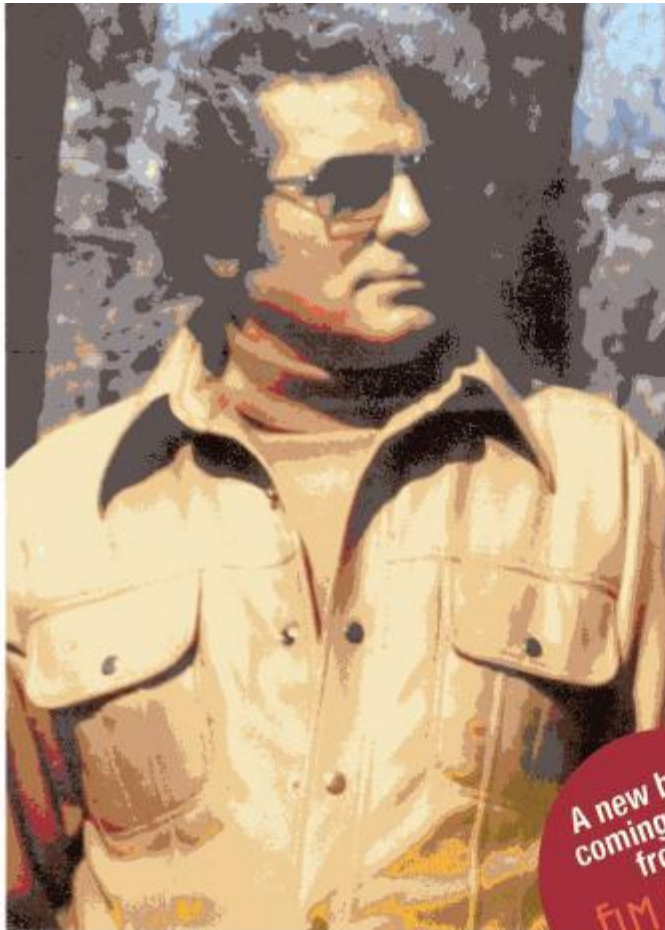
- If selected, applicant should be prepared to submit a photo for use in the Post newsletter and other publications.

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Drafted into the fascist Italian army against his will and sent to the front line, he deserted and joined Tito's Yugoslavian Partisans fighting the Nazis, returning to Italy to join the Allies amid one of the biggest cover-ups of the European war.

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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2020: A time for every matter under heaven

Happy New Year 2020! Did you know that the typical vision screening chart with the big E at the top has a 20/20 line that reads DEFPOTEC? I memorized it when I was a young soldier and wanting to go to every school I could get approved to attend and was afraid my eyesight would someday fail me, I would then fail the physical requirements of the school (whichever that may be), and then I would not get to train. The technique "worked" for years even though it did not have to, as I was never selected to go to any school that requires 20/20 vision.

Now, as we enter the year 2020, it may be a good idea to consider what it means to have "perfect vision" – especially as we look to our futures. Just what is perfect vision when we look at our lives? That answer may be elusive but there are a few things that it is not. It is not the so-called "rose colored glasses" that tell us that everything will be fine and good and happy. We all know that troubles exist in the world and a changing calendar will not change that fact. It is not looking backwards at what once was – an emotional memorization of DEFPOTEC – when we were all more fit and able than we are now. No, perfect vision is seeing good with bad, beauty with beast, and ease with hardship, for the new year will prove once again the wisdom of "the preacher" who said:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1–8.)



May your New Year be marked with 20/20 vision that can see and honor all. Before closing – let me invite you to Chapel here at VFW 8541. Sundays at 1030, we have "Swordbearer Chapel – "A Veteran Faith Community" open to everybody with a special emphasis on serving those who have served and their families.

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve, CH (MAJ-Ret) Steven G Rindahl, DMin
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2020 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Membership Meeting 1300 30 February Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>1 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due 26 Ch. XV 43rd anniversary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 13-15 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff 29 Vietnam Veterans Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Chapter Memorial Service 0900 4 Membership Meeting 1100 30 Scholarship applications due TBD JROTC Presentations 30 May Board Meeting 1400</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 15 Drop Input Due 15-17 Canyon Lake Picnic 25 Memorial Day Serv 0930 TBD - JROTC Presentations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>4 Board Meeting 1400 6 Membership Meeting 1300 14 Flag Day & Army Birthday</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>4 Independence Day 9 Board Meeting 1400 11 Membership Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>6 Board Meeting 1400 8 Membership Meeting 1300 12-15 SFA National Convention 15 Drop Input Due 18-23 Escape to 'Secrets Akumal'</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>3 Board Meeting 1400 5 Membership Meeting 1300 20 POW/MIA Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>1 Board Meeting 1400 3 Membership Meeting 1300 TBD Dick's Last Resort fundraiser TBD Oktoberfest at FSH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>5 Board meeting 01400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 11 Veterans Day 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>3 Board Meeting 1400 7 Pearl Harbor Day NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 12 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.

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

12-15 AUG 2020 Special Forces Association Convention
Sandestin Beach and Spa Resort, Destin, FL

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

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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 Buddy Gee at editor@sfa-xv.org, or mail them to Chapter President Bill Smith at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.

The Editors



“Carry on!”