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Here is the February newsletter. This is the first issue under new editors. Juan Lopez, our immediate past president and his wife Amy.

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The Alamo Chapter

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SPECIAL EDITION

February 20

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Committee Chairs
Nominations: Chuck Rose
Membership: Sergio Venegas
JROTC Awards: John Lopez
Scholarships: Pat Connolly
Christmas Banquet: Jeff Dahlby
Budget Committee: Deon Popoy
Chapter Memorial Svc: Jeff Dahlby
Fiesta Medals: Gordon Lee
Fundraising: Jeff Dahlby

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10—Chapter XV Monthly Meeting
 VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway



- 1100—Board Meeting
- 1200— BBQ Lunch
- 1300 — Membership Meeting



February 14 — Valentines Day

February 19— President’s Day

February 26— Chapter XV 47th Anniversary

DON'T FORGET



- Sick call at 1300 every Sunday at VFW Post 8541. POC is Bill Beall.
- Annual membership dues were due January 31.
- Scholarship applications open March 1st and close April 30th.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Greetings SFA Chapter XV,

In January we held our first meeting of the year with the new Chapter leadership preceded by a business meeting and brunch hosted by the VFW. Thanks for all who attended. It was great to see some members who have returned to include: Steve Damon, Art Medina, Jimmy Sellers, and Tommy Shook. There was a lot to discuss with our planned Chapter events for 2024.

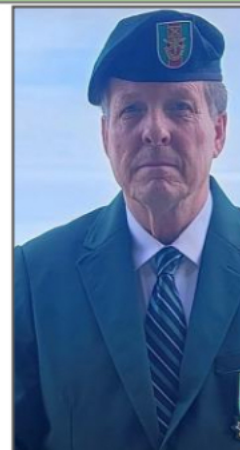
During the meeting a briefing was provided by Connections Across Texas representative Barry Bertola regarding his organizations ability to support Veteran's and spouses in a variety of areas. A tip of the beret to Chuck Rose for inviting Barry to speak.

Given the different organizations we plan to support in 2024, a fund-raising committee was formed to include: Paul Coleman, Mark Goode, Harold McBride, Fred Solis, and Bob Walker.

Our next membership meeting is Saturday, 10 February at 1pm with a board meeting preceding at 11am. We will be having a BBQ lunch thanks to a generous donation by our secretary Fred Solis. I look forward to seeing you there to start the year out right.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Dahlby
President
SFA Chapter XV



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Max Krupp,
SFA Chapter 31 (Dallas)



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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES — 1/13/24

I. Board members present:

President Jeff Dahlby
Vice President Tom Tanahill
Secretary Fred Solis
Asst. Secretary Sergio Venegas

Treasurer Leonicio Popoy
Asst. Treasurer Merrill Hall
SGT-at-Arms Raul de la Garza
Asst. SGT-at-Arms Gordon Lee

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Dahlby** at 1300 hrs. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation by **Chaplain Steve Rindahl**. A moment of silence was held for fallen comrades and POW's. **President Dahlby** welcomed new members/associate members and guest the Chapter: **Tommy Shook, Jeff Conqui, Steve Damon**

II. **Members Sick or In Distress:** Henry Jimenez fell from a ladder and is recovering from a head inju

III. **November 2023 meeting Minutes:** accepted as presented. (no December meeting)

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** accepted as Presented by Leonicio. Pete Martinez announced he will be ava to assist our new treasurer during the transition period and reported he will continue to assist as needed. Our new officers have signed the bank account signature cards.

V. Membership report:

- 236 members are on the roster, but Sergio will provide an update once new members and members owing past dues are tabulated.
- Sergio also requested that members update their email addresses as he is receiving non-deli messages as well as physical address and phone numbers.
- Please email Sergio Venegas at: notsergio2@gmail.com

VI. President's Comments:

- Jeff has been attending other organization's meetings and has been networking. He encour our members to follow suit as this will expand our Chapter XV's footprint and perhaps recrui members.
- All donations/donors will receive a written receipt at our monthly meetings and will also be available on-line.
- Members made some comments regarding our Christmas Banquet to include hospitality roo issues, cost, etc. A committee will begin working on this year's banquet and consider the information provided.
- John Lopez provided an update on the cruise and Jeff presented information on a second cru The next SFA convention will be on the ship.

VII. New Business:

- President Dahlby shared the January Board meeting agenda/discussion as follows:
 - ◇ Bylaws review/amendments: An Officer Removal clause will be added to our bylaws
 - ◇ The scholarship committee will review donations and awards procedures. Pat made donation of \$100.
 - ◇ Our website is outdated and updating requirements are being explored to include obtaining three quotes for a new website that will include the ability to make donati on-line, fundraising communication such as advertising our next fundraiser at Fish C Grill on September 3rd.

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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES — CONTINUED

- ◇ A fundraising committee is being established and a combined effort is being encouraged in support of the Tuesday March 5th DAV Fish City Grill fundraiser, as well as the Purple Heart group with Chapter XV members Mark Goode, Bobby, Paul Coleman, Harold McBride and Fred.
- ◇ Hold off on Newsletter ad spots as John Lopez will work to revamp the process.
- ◇ Meeting lunches: Jeff has reached out to Shawn and is working towards the best method of providing lunch each month. Fred is donating a BBQ meal for February.
- ◇ Our next Board meeting will again be at 1100 hrs. prior to our February meeting.
- ◇ Drop input is needed on a quarterly basis.
- **Additional New Business:**
 - ◇ Per John Lopez, our Chapter Anniversary is celebrated every 5 years.
 - ◇ Scholarship application deadline is April 30, 2024.
 - ◇ The Cotula Event is held on the second Saturday of March each year. Mike Brown will submit the application if the decision is made to do it. John will do it if Mike cannot. A dozen members raised their hands in favor. The Eagles Den Hotel is the place to hold the meeting. The meeting will not be held that Saturday.
 - ◇ Our Memorial Service will be held on April 13th, followed by the monthly meeting.
 - ◇ We have 50 Fiesta medals available, Jeff proposed sales booth to sell them. We must pay Fiesta Commission dues, Jeff stated we need a head start for fundraising.
 - ◇ May picnic: Mark Goode visited 3 sites for consideration, pricing is unknown as of yet. All three are about \$150. Jeff asked for a briefing to the membership at our next meeting with a vote to follow.
 - ◇ JROTC awards: John will continue in charge. March to June presentations.
 - ◇ Ed Morales donated two boxes of cigars that were sold to Paul Coleman to be a \$1,750.00 donation for the scholarship fund.
 - ◇ It was agreed to have a Memorial Service Volley at our annual memorial.
- **Open Forum:**
 - ◇ Buddy announced the need for volunteers at the Gold Star Camp volunteers.
 - ◇ Contact Barry Bertola Lion.Barry@yahoo.com 210-859-3453 for information on "Connections across Texas."
 - ◇ We received a \$100 donation from Robert Saenz.
 - ◇ Harold McBride announced that he has security jobs available. Contact him at: RCE vices, 210-288-5476, or mcbrideharold21@gmail.com.
- **Meeting Adjourned at: 14:17**

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Solis SFA Chapter XV Secretary

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JANUARY MEETING - 2024



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**Chaplain's
Corner**

Will you finish well?

February is a month full of observances. There is Valentine's Day, on the 14th, of course. There is President George Washington's Birthday on the 22nd. There is President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday on the 12th. Splitting the difference between them is President's Day on the 19th. On the 23rd of February there is a holiday that few know unless they go above and beyond in following the Church's calendar. February 23rd is the Feast of Saint Polycarp. Polycarp lived in the first century and was a student of John (as in the Gospel of John – following Matthew, Mark, and Luke). At the age of 86, Polycarp got on the wrong side of Caesar – refusing to acknowledge him as a god. When threatened with the wild beasts of the colosseum unless he denounced Christ and claimed Caesar, Polycarp replied that he had served Christ for 86 years and had always been blessed – he would not blaspheme Jesus now. When threatened with being burned at the stake, the 86-year-old saint replied that their fire would only last a short time but that they would face an eternal tormenting fire. Polycarp then told them to bring their fire. On or about the 23rd of February

in AD 166, Polycarp was burned at the stake, willingly giving his life for what he believed, and his ashes were spread so that no relics could be collected by those who were present. Unlike the civic practice of remembering famous people's birthdays, the Church remembers and celebrates the day people leave this life and enter the Kingdom of God.



Bring us back to today, everybody living ha: born. Few live their lives faithful to their individual callings until the times of their deaths. Starting well is important, but finishing well is essential. As you run the race of life, are you running to finish well?

Buen Camino,

Fr Steve
CH (MAJ-Ret) Steven G Rindahl, DMin STM
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2024 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>2 Fund Raiser Fish City Grill 13 Board Meeting 1100 13 Membership Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>10 Board Meeting 1100 10 Membership Meeting 1300 14 Valentines Day 15 Drop Input Due 26 Chapter Anniversary (1977)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>1 Scholarship Apps Open 8-10 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff 9 Board Meeting 1100 9 Membership Meeting 1300 17 St. Patrick's Day 19 Presidents Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>13 Chapter Memorial Svc 1000 13 Board Meeting 1100 13 Membership Meeting 1300 18-28 Fiesta Festival 2024 30 Scholarship Apps Close</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>12 Mothers' Day 15 Drop Input Due 17-19 Annual SFA Chapter Event (Formerly Canyon Lake) 27 Memorial Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>14 Board Meeting 1100 14 Membership Meeting 1300 14 Flag Day & Army Birthday 16 Fathers' Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>4 Independence Day 13 Board Meeting 1100 13 Membership Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>13 Board Meeting 1100 13 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>2 Labor Day 14 Board Meeting 1100 14 Membership Meeting 1300 20 POW/MIA Day 17-22 5th SFG 63rd Reunion Clarksville, TN</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>12 Board Meeting 1100 12 Membership Meeting 1300 14 Columbus Day 19-24 SFA Nat'l Convention Cruise from Tampa, FL 31 Halloween TBD Oktoberfest at FSH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>9 Board Meeting 1100 9 Membership Meeting 1300 11 Veterans Day 15 Drop Input Due 28 Thanksgiving</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 Annual Christmas Banquet 7 Pearl Harbor Day 25 Christmas</p>

All Chapter Meetings, unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings begin at 1300 hrs on the second Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the calendar.) A lunch meal will be served from 1200 to 1300 hours prior to each Meeting.

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Echo Hill Gold Star Camp Auction

A 1960's-era M-416 Trailer (project) for sale.

By Brian Kanof

The M-416 was the continuation of the M-100, which was towed behind the WWII and Korean War Jeeps (M-38 series) The rounded fenders were changed to squared ones to match the Vietnam series M-151's which were manufactured from 1960 to 1980. Larger trailers were then made to follow behind the Humvees from 1980 to present.

The M-416 survivors are very hard to find in any condition. Because they only weight 600 lbs., they can be towed on or off road by even the smallest 4-cylinder vehicles. There are Facebook sites devoted to them. Modified examples for camping use can drive the price up thousands.

Marcie Friedman is selling hers to support the Echo Hill Gold Star Camp. Bids start at \$500. Sale price will be 1040 deductible, as the camp is a 501c3 nonprofit. The trailer is in need of restoration but is complete. New tires and a bearing repack (and Pintel hitch) are all that are needed to pull it home. Contact Marcie Friedman at [Echo Hill Ranch](#) for more details.



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Special Forces Chapter XV Education Grant

Pat Connolly, Scholarship Committee Chairman, announces that applications are being accepted from 1 March until 30 April, 2024. PLEASE NOTE THE DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM PAST YEARS. Here are the current 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 June 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

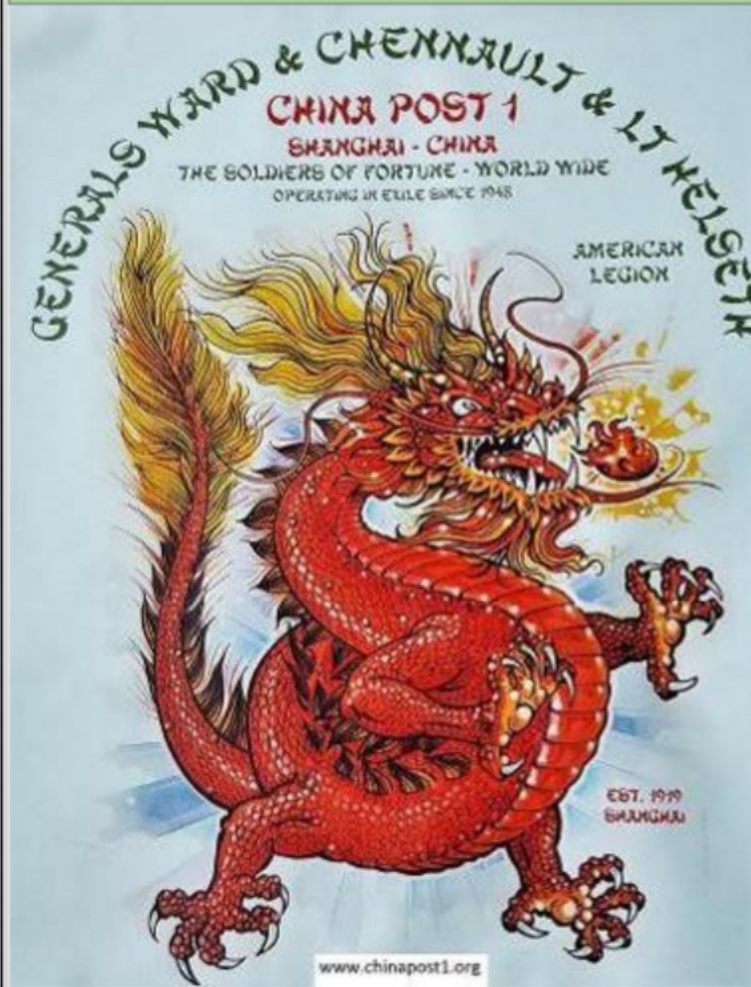
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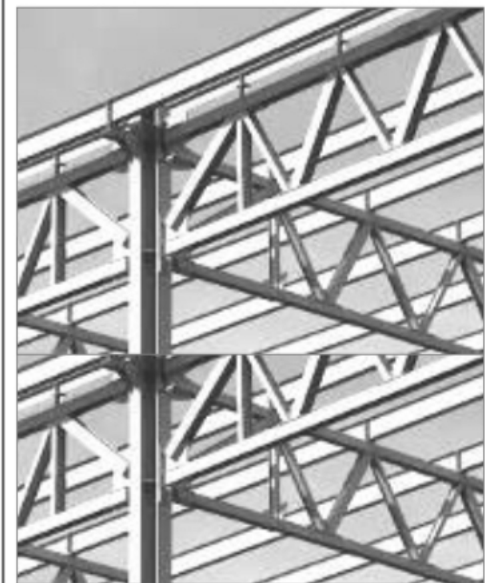
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Treasurer's Input—Not Received

Update will be given at the upcoming meeting.



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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



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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 matched 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

17-22 SEPT 2024 5th Group Reunion
Country Inn & Suites, Clarksville, TN

16-19 OCT 2024 Special Operations Association Reunion
The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

22-25 OCT 2024 Special Forces Association Convention
Cruise from Tampa, FL

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John and Amy Lopez
The Editors



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