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The Alamo Chapter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



November 11 — Veterans Day (no ceremony)

November 14 — Board Meeting 1000

VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

November 15 — Membership Meeting

1200 — Noon meal served

1300 — Business meeting

November 26 — Thanksgiving Day



DON'T FORGET



• **MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE NOW ON 2ND SATURDAY.**

• VFW Post 8541 is open, but Covid protocols must be observed. Masks are required.

• Tickets for Chapter Christmas Banquet

will be on sale at the meeting. Details on Page 7.

• Sword Bearer Chapel in the Rodela Room, Sundays at 11 am with Fr. Steve Rindahl. All are welcome.

• Sick Call, 1 to 3 pm every Sunday at VFW Post 8541 with Bill Beall, PA.

CORRECTION

Chapter XV won Best Monthly Newsletter Award, not the Golden Quill Award, at the 2020 SFA Virtual Convention.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Hello CH XV, we are now in November. I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and continuing to stay safe while this COVID-19 pandemic is still lingering amongst us. Please keep doing what you have been doing so that you do remain healthy. We will get through this.

We are now in standard time, so our clocks have fallen back an hour. While gaining an hour of sleep, we also lose an hour of daylight in the evening. In the U.S., standard time is in use from the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March.

Our annual Dick's Last Resort fundraiser is still on hold. Fred Solis is doing an outstanding job keeping in contact with the management there. At this time, only the downstairs is open, and they are not really seeing many customers. We will continue to keep you posted on the status of the event. Thank you, Fred, we appreciate it!

Veterans Day falls on Wednesday the 11th this month. Just a reminder that there will be no ceremony this year at the Fort Sam Houston cemetery due to coronavirus health concerns. Modified COVID-19 guidelines are being followed and reduced hours may be in effect, in case you plan to visit the cemetery grounds that day.

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday the 26th. If you are traveling by plane, train or automobile, please take

necessary precautions and plan accordingly. I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving and hope you get to spend the time with your family and friends.

Christmas Banquet tickets are in and are available for purchase for \$55. We will have a table or two reserved for the SF units here in Texas. Our annual banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at the Republic Golf Club, 4226 SE Military Drive. Cocktails will start at 5pm, followed by a catered dinner at 6:30pm, then there will be music and dancing from 8-11pm. The Holiday Inn Express & Suites on 8222 City Base Landing is approximately 1.25 miles away and has given us a group rate for our event. Call (210) 337-3723 to make your reservations.

Just a reminder that our membership meetings are now on the second Saturday of the month at the same place and time. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 14th at 1pm. Lunch is at noon. Stay safe and see you all there!

John A. Lopez
President, SFA Chapter XV
president@sfa-XV.org



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Treasurer's Report, October 2020

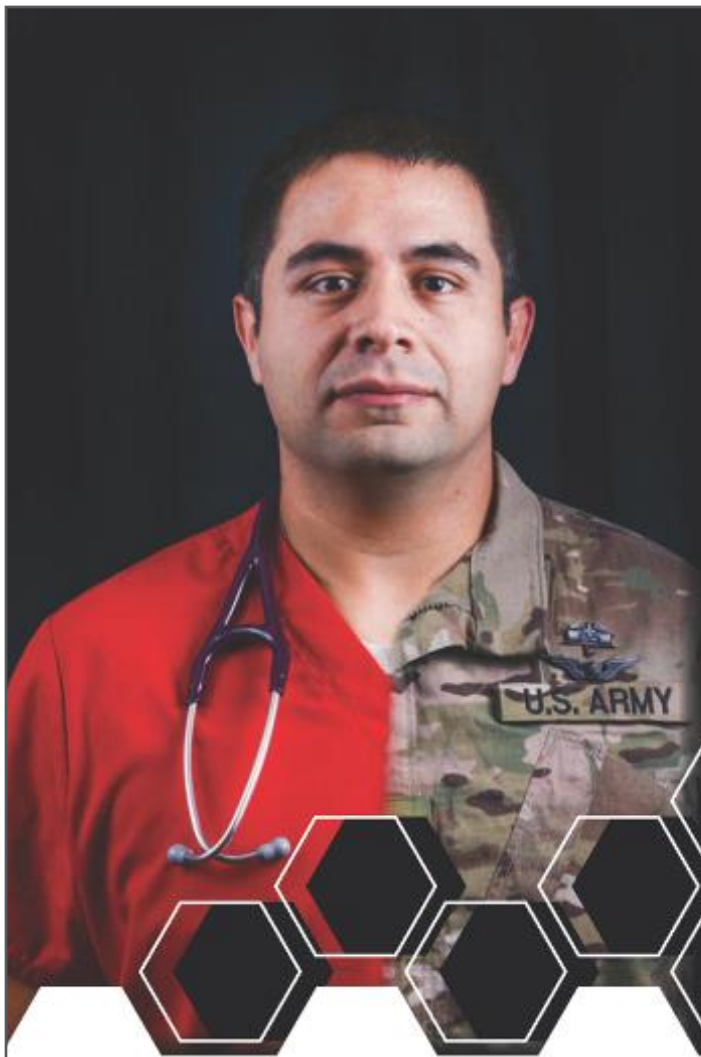
Karen informed me that the numbers are in for the Akumal trip. First I want to thank Sheri Green for donating her commission to the Chapter and Buddy and Sharon Gee for donation of their mark-up. That makes \$2,924.86 income for the Chapter.

Thanks to Johnnie Terrazas for renewing your newsletter ads. We had new membership for Jimmy Sellers and renewals for Harry Stevenson and John Lopez. Door prize income was \$70. October meal was

compliments of Bobby Walker. November meal was never assigned, so since there was no meeting April and July, November meal is compliments of John Tippy and Chris Perry. I also want to thank John Rodden and George Garcia for their monthly donations.

Expenses for the month were October's meal, \$175; membership payment of \$100 to SFA; and PayPal of \$2.94

Merrill Hall, Treasurer
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Minutes of October Meeting

Chapter Meeting Date: October 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President **John Lopez** at 1300 hrs. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chaplain **Steven Rindahl** gave the invocation. A moment of silence for fallen comrades and POW's was held.

John Lopez welcomed new members/associate members and guests to the Chapter.

Members Sick or In Distress: The daughters of **Buddy** and **Sharon Gee** have both recovered from COVID-19....**David Marshall** announced that **Jose Castro**, his friend and former teammate in 1st Group, recently passed away from cancer. He also announced that **Veronica**, the daughter **Joe McEnrow**, had passed away.

a. Budget & Treasurer's Report: **Merrill Hall** presented the monthly and annual budget reports and they were accepted as read.

b. Minutes: September meeting minutes as published in the October 2020 newsletter were accepted.

c. Membership report: **Marti Scott** stated that we currently have 226 members, including new member Jimmy S. Sellers of San Marcos.

President **John Lopez** made the following announcements:

- Dick's Last Resort annual fundraiser is still pending. **Fred Solis** is working the issue for possibly early November, but the date is uncertain due to COVID-19.
- The Fort Sam Houston Oktoberfest has been canceled. POC: **Chris Marshall**.
- Green Beret Charitable Trust is holding a shooting competition fundraiser at a San Antonio shooting range

Oct. 31. Thanks to **Tim Ochsner** who arranged for the aircraft for the **Black Dagger Parachute Team** to parachute into the event.

The 2020 live SOAR convention is canceled. There will be virtual meetings via Zoom Oct 19-23.

2020 Fiesta celebrations were canceled. **Gordon** and **Dana Lee** are still selling Fiesta Medals for \$15 each (plus \$7 if shipped.)

Veteran's Day ceremony Nov 11, 2020 has been canceled.

Chapter Christmas Banquet is set for Saturday, Dec. 12 at Republic Golf Club, 4226 SE Military Drive. Cocktails at 5 pm and catered dinner at 6:30 pm. Music and dancing 8-11 pm. Tickets \$55 per person now on sale. POC: **John Lopez**.

15 MINUTE BREAK

Karen Hermann briefed the Chapter trip to Akumal, Mexico. All felt safe from COVID-19 and had a great time. **Sheri Green**, trip travel agent, is donating 100 percent of her commission to the Chapter. Financial report is forthcoming and should exceed \$2,000.

Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-off: **Mike Brown** and **Steve Hermann**, March 12- 14, 2021 at La Salle County Fairgrounds in Cotulla, TX.

SFA CH XV Memorial Service will be Saturday April 10, 2021, 10 am at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. **Pat Meffert** is POC.

Canyon Lake Picnic: May 14-16, 2021. **Raul de la Garza**

Memorial Day Ceremony: May 31, 2021, 9:30 am at Fort SamHouston National Cemetery. POC: **Raul de la Garza**
5th Group Reunion, Clarksville, TN, Sep 18-22, 2021.

2021 SOAR Reunion and SFA National Conference, both to be held at Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas overlapping by one day.

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Pledging allegiance during October meeting: Front row, from left, are Joe Dawson, Mark and Celia Goode, Gordon Lee, Bob Walker.

Chapter News



TWO GENERATIONS: Chapter members Pat Connolly, left, and Chris Marshall trade older and newer war stories while enjoying a cold one before the meeting. At right, John and Susanne Armezzani are ready for whatever happens (could be anything!)

Minutes of October Meeting (cont'd)

SOAR Sept. 18-22; SFA Sept. 22-25.

The Chapter is seeking a newsletter editor. **Buddy** and **Sharon** are retiring at the end of this year after 4 ½ years on the job.

OPEN FORUM

Marti Scott announced that she is giving up the membership chair and is seeking someone to take it over.

Bill Smith, commander, VFW Post 8541 announced that the post would be granting three \$5,000 Educational Scholarships: Applications must be received by VFW Post 8541 NLT March 31, 2021.

Chaplain Fr. **Steve Rindahl** announced that Sword Bearer's Chapel would resume Oct. 25 at 11 am in the **Rodella Room**, VFW Post 8541

Bill Beal, PA, holds sick call from 1 to 3 pm every Sunday in the Canteen area of VFW Post 8541.

Dave Marshall initiated a discussion on making the DROP magazine virtual in lieu of hard-copy.

Raul conducted the door prize drawing: Winners were **Merrill Hall, Bill Smith** and **Susanne Armezzani**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldon A. "Buddy" Gee
Ass't Secretary

We're up to 227 members!



From Marti Scott
Membership Secretary

Welcome to the year that seems to never surprise us! I for one am ready to push this year out and pray for a much better year in 2021.

Although we have all been challenged with the events of this year, our Chapter has continued to grow. As of the end of October, we are 227 members strong. Our new fiscal year started 1 October, so all of you who are Annual

Members, your dues become delinquent as of 1 January 2021. You may pay your dues at a Chapter meeting, by accessing our Chapter web page or by mailing your check to our Chapter Mail Box. Whichever is best for you, just be sure that you keep current.

Another reminder, *which is most important!* If you change your email, phone number or address, please let us know!!! We constantly get the "I'm not getting my DROP/I'm not getting my newsletter, etc." Well, that is on you! PLEASE let us know so that we can keep our roster and National up to date! Until the next time, I wish you good health, a great Thanksgiving and always a toast to you!

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Chapter News

'Escape' netted almost \$3,000

From Karen Hermann:



Hi Everyone!
I am pleased to announce that we were able to raise \$2,924.86 for the Chapter with the Secrets Akumal trip. That's \$75.14 shy of 3K! Not bad for a five-night trip with 6.5 couples!

Please remember that Sheri Green, our travel agent in Austin, donated 100% of her commission on this trip in an effort to support the Chapter. To put that in

perspective: With our original financial agreement, we would have made about half. Anything we can do to recognize Sheri would be deeply appreciated. This has been an extremely tough year for our industry and travel in general, which makes this act even more selfless on her part.

I should have the check next week in time to present at the meeting.

With regard to next year's trip, I'm open to suggestions, but to me the safe bet is a return to another all-inclusive resort, perhaps a Dreams resort which is the same as Secrets but multi-generational. That way we could be more inclusive of families. That would also mean a summer time trip due to school. Please let me know your thoughts.



SFA Chapter XV CHRISTMAS BANQUET

December 12, 2020

Republic Golf Club
4226 SE Military Drive

5:00 pm Cocktails
6:30 pm Catered dinner
8-11 pm Music and dancing



\$55

We'll have a keynote speaker at the banquet and will host Special Forces soldiers from Texas National Guard units. Buy your tickets at the meeting or online at www.sfa-xv.org.

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 8222 City Base Landing is approximately 1.25 miles away and has given us a group rate for our event. Call (210) 337-3723 to make your reservations.

No Dick's Last Resort this year; fundraising under way

From Fred Solis:



With a very apologetic tone of disappointment, Mike Ochoa, manager of Dick's Last Resort, called to say that for the first time in 16

years, he must cancel our scheduled Chapter XV annual fundraiser.

The DLR location opened on October 1 at 50 percent capacity, and only on

the first floor of the restaurant. Business has been slow due to reduced foot traffic on the Riverwalk. To make matters worse, several employees tested COVID-19 positive resulting in a reduced staff. However, Mike has already committed to scheduling our event for next year.

We have raised at least \$5,000 each year from this event. As a personal commitment to Chapter XV, I have set a \$5,000 minimum to be collected in

donations to insure that the Chapter's scholarship and charitable support funds are not affected. At this time I have already collected \$3,000 and will continue to solicit donations in order to meet the goal amount. I ask for your assistance in raising at least another \$2,000 should you know someone that will assist in this effort. I hope to present a check(s) at our Christmas Banquet. Please contact me with any questions or big and small checks. (210-823-6818)

Chapter News

Ch. XV helps with SFCT charity shoot

Oct. 31, 2020



Special Forces Charitable Trust, headquartered in Essex, CT, traveled to San Antonio to conduct a fund raiser Oct. 31. The event kicked off when CW3 Chris Wilkerson and the USASOC Black Daggers parachute demonstration team jumped into the National Shooting Complex from a Texas DPS helicopter with flags while two women sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Tim Kennedy, a Texas National Guard Green Beret and noted TV/movie actor, was the event chairman. Several

SFA Chapter XV members supported the event and were in attendance for the shooting competitions and fund raiser. Bill Smith, past chapter president, coordinated the air support with the pilot, retired Col. Tim Ochsner, also Chapter XV. Others participating were Ben and Marti Scott and Mark and Celia Goode.

The Special Forces Charitable Trust is a 501 (c) (3) charity that provides support to the families of Green Berets.

AIR SUPPORT: Bill Smith poses with pilot Tim Ochsner in front of the chopper from Texas Department of Public Safety. Members of the Black Daggers brought in the U.S. flag, the Texas flag and the POW/MIA banner to start the fundraiser.



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Other News

National Park admission will be free to all vets

Military.com | By Amy Bushatz

National Parks, wildlife refuges and other federal lands will all be free for veterans and Gold Star family members to use starting [Veterans Day](#), Interior Department officials have announced.

The change extends to veterans and Gold Star families the existing free admission policy already in play for active-duty troops and their families, as well as Guard and Reserve members. It waives both entrance and day use recreation fees for lands managed by the Department of the Interior nationwide. While not all of the system's 2,000 public recreation areas charge entrance fees, many of the more popular destinations do, such as



Yellowstone National Park and Grand Canyon National Park. The fees vary by location.

Disabled veterans [qualify for the Access Pass](#), which gives free admission and a 50% discount on some costs such as camping or boat launch fees. Other passholders pay out of pocket for those costs.

The new program expands free park

access to millions of honorably discharged veterans. To gain access, veterans can present a DoD ID card; a Veteran Health Identification Card; a Veteran ID card; or a state-issued card displaying veteran status, according to the release. While the free pass for active-duty troops can be used by their dependents, the new free-access rule for veterans

does not extend to their immediate family members. That means that at parks where entrance fees are paid per vehicle, veterans and their families will be able to enter free using the veteran pass. At parks where admission is paid per person, however, only the veteran will be able to enter free.



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Seek the good, and give thanks

It is November and that should mean it is time to prepare for a Thanksgiving feast with family and friends and start decorating for Christmas.

This year is different, as we all know. The pandemic, which has disrupted everyone's lives, continues to create disruptions. Civil unrest has become quite uncivil, and violence that we would expect in other countries but not ours has erupted in cities across America. And it is, as I write this on election day – by the time you read this we will likely be enduring many efforts by both parties to challenge counts and get states to swing one way or the other. If worst case predictions come true, we are experiencing more violent outbreaks across the country. Can we celebrate Thanksgiving?

Yes, of course we can celebrate Thanksgiving and we should make a point of it! This year may indeed be one of the most important years to celebrate Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving tradition is born from the experience of a harrowing year for the first pilgrims in what was then the fledgling colonies. While exact details are debated,

their experience of a harsh winter, inadequate food stores, a plague, and a variety of other challenges created a death rate that was severe for both the pilgrims and the local native population. Those who lived chose to celebrate the good that was to be found in spite of the bad.



No matter which candidate is determined to have won the race being run today – there is good to be found, there are family and friends to love, there will be a sunrise tomorrow. It is prudent to prepare for the bad, but it feeds your soul to seek after the good. Find that for which to give thanks, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve
CH (MAJ-Ret) Steven G Rindahl, DMin
A-663 (Life)

“Set at liberty the oppressed” ~ Jesus ~



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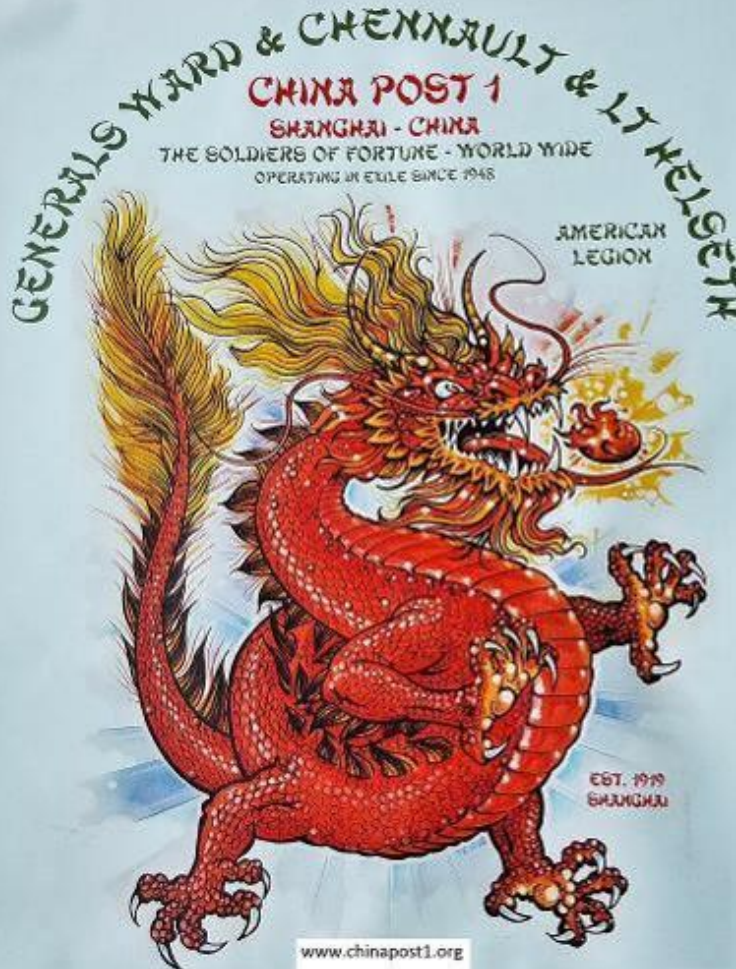
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Longtab Brewing: We are very proud to announce our fourth Longtab beer dedication, brewed in honor of GREEN BERET and Medal of Honor Recipient MSG Roy P. Benavidez. This beer is an American Pils and will be named TANGO MIKE MIKE which was his radio callsign. It is set to be released Nov. 28.

GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2020 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Membership Meeting 1300 31 February Board Meeting 1000</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>6 Board Meeting 1000 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>3 Board Meeting 1000 4 Chapter Memorial Service 1000 4 Membership Meeting 1300 30 Scholarship applications due TBD JROTC Presentations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>1 Board Meeting 1000 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>5 Board Meeting 1000 6 Membership Meeting 1300 14 Flag Day & Army Birthday</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>4 Independence Day 10 Board Meeting 1000 11 Membership Meeting 1300 31 August Board Meeting 1000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>1 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>11 Board Meeting 1000 12 Membership Meeting 1300 20 POW/MIA Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>9 Board Meeting 1000 10 Membership Meeting 1300 TBD Dick's Last Resort fundraiser TBD Oktoberefest at FSH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>11 Veterans Day 13 Board meeting 1000 14 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>4 Board Meeting 1400 5 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 Pearl Harbor Day 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 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 Membership Meeting. Board Meetings will be held the Friday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1000 hours unless announced otherwise.

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

18-22 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

Thanks to Ben Scott and Bill Smith for photos in this issue.

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 John Lopez at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio TX 78265.

The Editors



“Carry on!”