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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



May 2 — SFA Board Meeting 1400—VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 17-19 — Canyon Lake Weekend

May 18—Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake

May 27 — Memorial Day Service

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

May 30 — June Board Meeting



DON'T FORGET



- Deadline for scholarship applications is April 30. Details on Page 13.
- Canyon Lake Weekend is coming up, and Raul still has a few trailers available.
 Reserve by May 5. See Page 6.
- The Chapter Fiesta medals are selling very well. You still have time to request these award-

winning first-year medals from Gordon Lee and sell them to your friends. \$10 each.

 The new Chapter website is now live online. See Page 5 to learn about the many improvements, including your ability to pay online for picnic cabins, Christmas Banquet tickets, etc.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

hope everyone is having a great year. Our Board Meeting will be Thursday 2 May at 1400 hrs. I know some of the officers will be on the cruise, but if we have enough for quorum, we will have the meeting. So if you are planning on attending make sure to show up.

Canyon Lake on 17-18-19 May will be our membership meeting for the month. If you do not have a trailer as of yet, you need to book it with Raul over the next week.

We laid to rest Alejandro "Godfather" Flores on 15 April. Our chapter lost another great warrior. The number of attendees was a testament to the man he was. It was a great celebration of his life at the VFW that day. I had a lapse in memory and due to that; we will present the chapter plaque to the family at Canyon Lake. I know Alex always enjoyed the Canyon Lake gathering very much.

There are plans to have another SF/Ranger breakfast at the VFW on Saturday 4 May. If you are able to make it, it will start at 0900 as it did last time.

This year is an election year and we will be looking for individuals to come forward to fill some vacant positions. If

you are willing to fill some positions or serve as an officer of the chapter, nominations will begin in September.

he Fiesta medals are selling well. Thanks to Gordon for the design and to all who have put out the effort to sell them. I know I will forget a name or two and it is not on purpose. Many



thanks to Karen, Steve, Buddy, Sharon, John & Kim, Chris, Suzanne, Merrill, Mario, Chuck, John Tippy and others. Once again, our chapter has come together for a great fundraiser.

I truly appreciate the team effort of our chapter. Chapter XV is a great chapter due to its members. Until Canyon Lake, I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys their family.

William Smith
Chapter XV President

\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, April 2019

ncome for the month of April has been above average, but much of it is just passing through the chapter books. The Chapter does not keep any of the Canyon Lake cabin fees, and the bulk of membership fees go to SFA National.

The primary sources of revenue for April were donations from Mario Guerra, George Garcia, John Rodden and Ramiro Daniel. Edgar Morales contributed a nice check to the Scholarship Fund IMO Alex Flores, and Gordon Lee has organized a sales team who are exceeding all expectations in Fiesta Medal sales.

Thanks to Mike Simpson for sponsoring the April meeting meal IMO his son, Mike Simpson, who died of wounds from an IED while serving with the 1ST Group in Afghanistan. Somehow, I failed to congratulate Robert Richmond for joining our Chapter and signing up for life membership. Welcome and congratulations to Robert!

Now the bad news. Expenses have been extraordinary during April. A wide array of events and purchases were funded. The laundry list includes a charitable donation to the Fort Sam Houston Memorial Service Detachment, a contribution towards the reception in honor of "the Godfather" Alex Flores following his funeral, roses for the annual Chapter Memorial Service, and payment for JROTC supplies and postage. The Chapter also paid for a redesign of the Chapter website and a first-Fiesta Medal framing to be auctioned as a fundraiser.

There will not be a Chapter membership meeting in May. Several of the officers will be away on the Chapter fundraising cruise 28 April to 5 May. We hope to see you at the annual Canyon Lake Weekend and Jack Hogue picnic May 17-19. See details elsewhere in this newsletter or on the Chapter web site: www.sfa-xv.org

Buddy Gee

Treasurer - sqmqee@aol.com

Minutes of March Meeting

Chapter Meeting Date: 6 April 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1107 by President Bill Smith. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, the invocation by Father Steve and a moment of silence for fallen comrades and POWs. New member Doug Latour joined us today. The President presented a check to the Memorial Service Detachment for their support of the Chapter. He also recognized Chris and Susan Marshall for the custom tablecloth that was made for the Chapter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Treasure's Report: Buddy Gee presented the monthly report and it was approved as read.
- b. Minutes for the March 2019 meeting were approved.
- c. President said Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff was a great success and Chapter participation with family members grows each year. Mike and Steve did a great job with it.
- d. Cruise: Karen gave an update on the cruise; 43 people were signed up and it was still possible for people to sign up.
- e. Fiesta Medals: Gordon Lee gave a short brief on the medals and the upcoming Fiesta events.
- f. Canyon Lake is on line and cabins must be paid in advance. See Raul if you wish to get one.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Scholarships: April 30 is the last date to apply.
- b. Cascade Paint Armor is promoting the 1st Annual Crawfish Boil at the VFW with proceeds supporting the Green Beret Foundation and local veterans.
- c. The Vice President is looking for volunteers to present JROTC Awards at the numerous high schools that we cover.
- d. Buddy Gee briefed the El Campo trip and highway dedication in honor of Roy Benavidez.
- e. The President gave information on the Honor Flight trip for those veterans who could not make the Washington trip. They would be taken to Fredericksburg to visit the Museum of the Pacific on 25 May with the VFW providing support.
- f. It was noted that the Godfather's services would be at Ft Sam Cemetery on 15 March at 1000 hrs.
- g. Michael Simpson donated today's lunch in honor of his son Michael H. Simpson KIA 1 May 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 1150 hrs.

Submitted by: JW Martin, Secretary - D2041L



Chapter officers (I to r) Juan Lopez, Bill Smith and Buddy Gee use new SFA logo tablecloth during April meeting.



President Bill Smith presents check to Bill Neuiszer for FSH Memorial Service Detachment.



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Chapter News

New Chapter website now live online



Check it out:

www.sfa-xv.org.

The new Chapter website went online April 21. Thanks to the efforts and talents of a New Yorker

named Jackie Leavitt, the site boasts significant improvements:

- Members can now renew membership online and pay with a debit or credit card.
- Events such as Canyon Lake cabins or Christmas
 Banquet tickets can be paid online.
- People can make donations online.
- A Chapter PayPal account has been set up to handle the online transactions. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use this service. At checkout, customers are given a choice of how to pay – debit card, credit card or Pay Pal.
- New email accounts are being set up for Chapter officers and project chairmen. This eliminates the need for officers to use their personal email accounts and allows for easy transfer when positions change. Two accounts are already active: editor@sfa-xv.org and JROTC@sfa-xv.org. A complete list will be published when ready.

Your treasurer is donating three months of website maintenance to test the service.

Thanks to John Armezzani of Green Beret Foundation (OASIS Program Manager) for recommending Jackie Leavitt, a Web designer who has also designed sites for SOA and other SFA chapters.

-Buddy Gee



PRESENTATIONS: VP Juan Lopez presents JROTC award to Cadet Victor Trevino at O'Connor High School. Juan says: "Anybody wanting to present a JROTC award at a local high school please contact me if you have not already (210 -606-3932.) Also, if you would like to help deliver/drop off the awards to the high schools it would be a big help. Just let me know what schools you can do."

Cruisers ready to cruise

From Karen Hermann:

We are at 43 for the 2nd annual Chapter cruise, which departs Galveston April 28 and returns May 5. We are planning our special excursion to Little French Key for May 2 in Roatan.

If you are doing the Cozumel Bar Hop tour www.cozumelbarhop.com, here's a tip to make a difference: Cozumel Bar Hop is a proud supporter of the Cozumel Chrysalis Group, dedicated to helping low-income families with the cost of educating their children. Chrysalis provides shoes, uniforms and school supplies to over 300 students on the island. Please consider bringing a backpack of school supplies to donate. Current needs include backpacks, scissors (round point), good pencil sharpeners, rulers, geometry sets and individual compasses. You can learn more at www.cozumelchrysalisgroup.org.

Chapter News

Ready for the big weekend at Canyon Lake?

few cottages are still available for our Canyon Lake Weekend May 17-19. Deadline to reserve the cottages (3-bedroom trailers) is May 5. Price is \$110 per night with a two-night minimum.

Contact Raul de la Garza to reserve.

This fun weekend starts Friday afternoon with fajitas, margaritas and

beer. Saturday is the big Jack Hogue Picnic and barbecue (bring a salad, side dish or dessert.) Sunday morning features traditional SOS and Bloody Mary breakfast.

For those who don't plan to stay overnight, the picnic



takes place around noon on Saturday, May 18. This year, we'll have a special activity for the ladies Saturday afternoon, and live music by Rick Salinas Saturday evening. Hope to see everyone there!

The event is held at Joint Base SA Recreation Area at Canyon Lake, 698 Jacobs Creek Park Rd., about an hour's

drive from San Antonio. Directions: Take I-35 north from San Antonio to Canyon Lake Exit (Exit 191.) Turn left on Farm Road 306, follow for 16 miles through Canyon City. Turn left onto Jacobs Creek Park Road (sign for Recreation Area.) Go straight approximately ½ mile.



BLACK DAGGERS: Bill Smith and John Tippy (at right in the photo) watch one of the jumpers repack a parachute after a demonstration jump at Fort Sam Houston on April 20. The Daggers had a neighboring tent at the Fiesta Fireworks and family day where we sold our Fiesta medals. The Black Daggers are the official U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team. They are headquartered at Fort Bragg, NC, and their mission is to perform live aerial demonstrations in support of Army Special Operations community relations and recruiting.

Remembering Earline



Earline Marie Turner, widow of the late SGM Sammy C. Turner, died April 8 in San Antonio. Her husband, who was a life member of Chapter XV, died on active duty in 1993.

She is survived by daughter Rhonda
K. Wolff-Johnson and son Jay A.
Turner, 10 grandchildren, two great-

grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Fentress Community Cemetery, Highway 80, Fentress, TX.

Our Newest Old Member



Lt. Col. (ret) Robert I. Simpson Jr., life member of Chapter XV who has been away from San Antonio for 15 years, is back! We met him and his wife Denyse (who worked on the Chapter cookbook way back when) during Fiesta

Fireworks day at Fort Sam Houston. Marti is putting them back on the membership roster, and they are reserving a cottage for Canyon Lake Weekend. Be sure to greet them!

Remembering Alex **ALEJANDRO FLORES**

Nov. 24, 1940-March 18, 2019







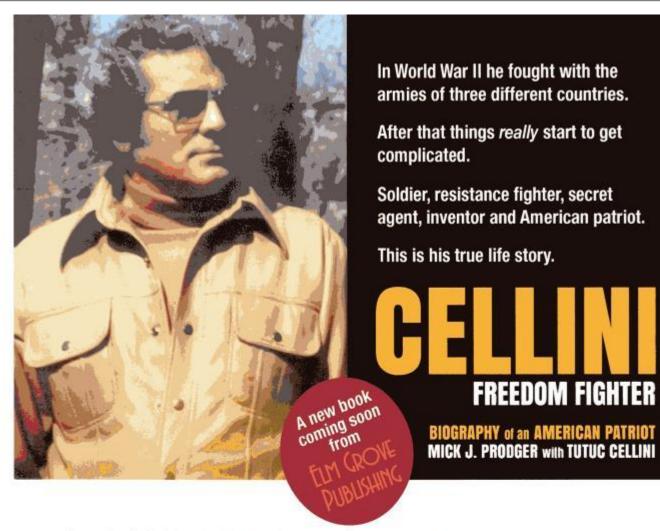


April 15, 2019

Above, U.S. Army and **Chapter XV members pay** final respects to "Godfather" Alex Flores.

At left, a few of Alex's favorite things are served at reception following the graveside service. At right, his children Alejandro Rey Flores, Lisa Estrada and Claudia Flores lead a tequila toast to Alex, as he requested.





Born in New York and raised in Italy, Vito "Tutuc" Cellini went from street gangster to soldier to resistance fighter to secret agent – all before he was twenty-one years of age.

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.

The good. The bad. The ugly. The truth.





Cellini: Freedom Fighter
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Fiesta San Antonio 2019

FIGURE 2019

MEDAL MANIA

It was our first Fiesta medal, and it won first place in the military/veterans category of *Express-News* competition. (Kudos to Gordon Lee!) At right, super sellers Mario

Guerra, Dana Lee and Susan Marshall hawk our medals at Pin Pandemonium on opening day of Fiesta San Antonio. Below right, Juan Lopez, Kim Phillips, Susan, Sharon and Buddy Gee, Steve Rindahl and Karen Hermann set up for serious action at HemisFair Park. Bottom right, even the park police got into medal mode. Below, Mario helps another happy customer.











Fiesta San Antonio 2019 (cont.)

MEDAL MANIA: Sales were brisk at the Fort Sam Houston Fiesta Fireworks and family day. Thanks to "Market Master" Karen Hermann, who coordinated sales at two Fiesta events. Karen says: "These events were a big success and lots of fun as well. We sold over \$1,800 at the two events alone! A special thanks to all of our volunteers: Melissa Alderman, Mike and Laura Brown, **Buddy and Sharon Gee, Mario** Guerra, Merrill Hall, Steve Hermann, Gordon and Dana Lee, John Lopez and Kim Phillips, Chris and Susan Marshall, Steve Rindahl, Chuck Rose, Bill Smith, John Tippy and Bobby Walker. We'll have more events next year!"





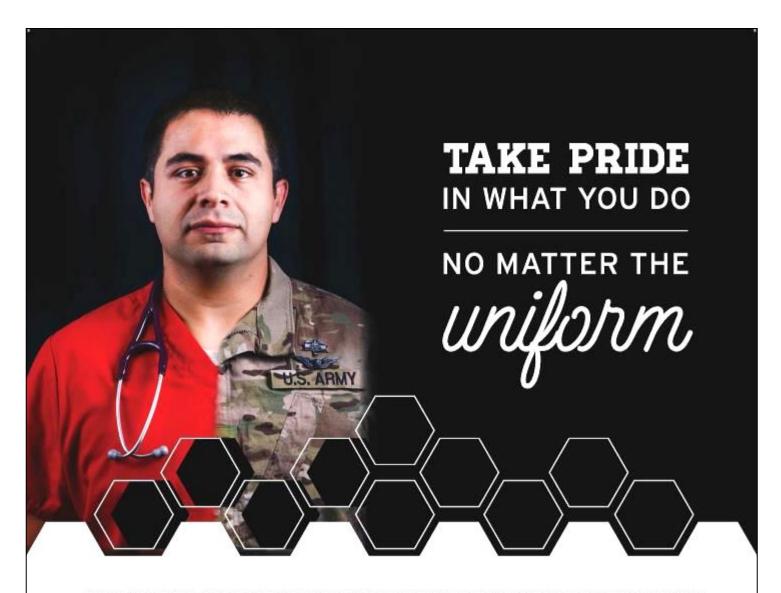












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Chapter Memorial Service

Honoring those who have gone before





Members turned out for the annual Chapter Memorial Service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. We take this occasion every year to remember our departed members and spouses. The event was coordinated by JW Martin. FSH Memorial Service Detachment provided full military honors.











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 condsidered. 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

National SFA Convention to honor Gold Star Families

From Kevin Harry

President/Chairman

Chapter LXVIII is working hard to get everything locked in for next year's convention. The Office of Governor Jim Justice, City of Charleston, West Virginia National Guard and many local businesses are all stepping up to make sure your visit to West Virginia will be a memorable one.

We have signed all the hotel contracts and updated the reservation codes for each

listed below. The host hotel will be the Charleston Marriott Town Center with some sessions located in the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston. Our newly renovated Charleston Convention Center and Colosseum will be the location of the SFA Banquet held on Saturday 17 August, 2019.

The theme will be 'A Tribute to Gold Star Families' and we have asked each chapter to host a Gold Star Family member(s) to attend all or part of the convention and banquet. Our Welcome Night event will be at our State Capitol Complex with tours of the Capitol, Governor's

2019 SFA International Convention

13-18 August 2019

Charleston, West Virginia

Hosted by SFA Chapter LXVIII, the MSG Vernon L. Ramey Memorial Chapter

Mansion, State Museum along with food and drink.

The SFA Picnic will be at 130th Air Wing with Static Aircraft display, USASOC mobility and equipment, band, USASOC Black Daggers Parachute Demonstration Team, Special Forces Association Parachute Team. Our Annual Gold Star Motorcycle ride will end at this location that typically draws over 250 riders.

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Attendees will also be given tokens to be redeemed for an entrée and drink at several downtown restaurants. We are also planning a Golf Tournament but have not locked in all the details. It will be a best ball format with threeperson teams. The fourth person will be a Gold Star Family member or an SFA Convention sponsor. Thanks for your patience as we continue to plan.

Schedule of events is posted on the SFA website, as well registration forms. Full registration, including all scheduled events, is \$125 until May 31, \$150 afterward.



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GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2019 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
10 Board Meeting 1400	2 Membership Meeting	2 Membership Meeting
12 Membership Meeting	15 Drop Input Due	8-10 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff
31 February Board Meeting	26 Ch. XV 42nd anniversary	29 Vietnam Veterans Day
	28 March Board Meeting	
<u>APRIL</u>	MAY	JUNE
4 Board Meeting 1400	2 Board Meeting 1400	1 Membership Meeting
6 Chapter Memorial Service 0900	NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	14 Flag Day & Army Birthday
6 Membership Meeting 1100	15 Drop Input Due	TBD JROTC Presentations
28-5 Ch. XV Cruise/fundraiser	17-19 Canyon Lake Picnic	
30 Scholarship applications due	27 Memorial Day Serv 0930	
TBD JROTC Presentations	TBD - JROTC Presentations 30 June Board Meeting 1400	
<u>JULY</u>	AUGUST	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Independence Day	1 Board Meeting 1400	5 Board Meeting 1400
11 Board Meeting 1400	3 Membership Meeting	7 Membership Meeting
13 Membership Meeting	13-18 SFA National Convention	20 POW/MIA Day
	15 Drop Input Due	TBD Scholarship Applications Due
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
3 Board Meeting 1400	2 Membership Meeting	5 Board Meeting 1400
5 Membership Meeting	Officer Elections	7 Pearl Harbor Day
31 November Board meeting	11 Veterans Day Ceremony 1000	NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	15 Drop Input Due	14 Christmas Banquet
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 hours unless announced otherw	e held the Thursday prior to the vise.	Membership Meeting at 1400

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.

1 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 quidance of my God,

I will conquer my fears and succeed.

I will keeps 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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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



10/10/17

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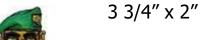




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Calendar of Significant Special Forces Events

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

Thanks to Ben Scott, Kim Philips, Chris Marshall, Steve Rindahl and Karen Hermann 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 sgmgee@aol.com, or mail them to Chapter President Bill Smith at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.

The Editors



"Carry on!"