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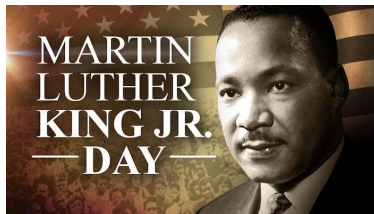
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Canyon Lake Picnic: Raul de la Garza
Dick's Fund Raiser: Fred Solis
Christmas Banquet: John Lopez
Budget Committee: Merrill Hall
Chapter Memorial Svc: Pat Meffert

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



January 14 — Member Meeting

VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

1200— Noon Meal Served

1300— Business Meeting

January 16 — MLK Jr. Day



DON'T FORGET



Sick call at 1300 hrs. every Sunday at VFW Post 8541. POC is Bill Beall.

November Member Meeting Minutes can be found in the December newsletter online at <https://sfa-xv.org/december-2022/>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Well Chapter XV, we made it through another year, and we are now in January 2023. Holidays and dates of interest this month are: Martin Luther King Jr Day is Monday the 16th.

We had a successful 2023 Christmas Banquet, and I would like to take this time to thank everyone that were able to attend. The overall attendance was just under 60 members, friends, family, and guests. The music and food were great, and it was really nice seeing everyone enjoying themselves. I also want to thank Raul De La Garza, Merrill Hall, Pat Connolly, Sergio Venegas, & Amy Grashuis for all their help getting everything loaded & unloaded. Your hard work was very much appreciated.

Another big thanks to Fred Solis for buying the Charlie Daniels fiddle in November, then making a very generous donation to our chapter education grant/scholarship this month as well.

Thanks to Joseph Haro for his donation last month.

Our next membership meeting is Saturday January 14th at 1pm. The kitchen will open at noon for lunch

orders from their menu. Plates are \$10-\$12 dollars depending on the entrée you order. I look forward to seeing you there.

Stay safe!

John A. Lopez
President, SFA Chapter XV

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2022 SFA Chapter XV Christmas Banquet



Bloodies with Buddy



Dave & Rhonda



DJ Jimmy & LTC M. Buratti



Guest speaker SFA National VP Bill Smith & SFA CH XV Prez John Lopez



Harold & Anna



Gordon, Amy, & Mario

2022 SFA Chapter XV Christmas Banquet



J.W. & Charlotte



Ladies dancing



Lee Otten, Jeff McNeely, & Merrill Hall



Mr & Mrs Simeon Trombitas



Mr and Mrs Steve Twining



Ron & Marlys Burkett

2022 SFA Chapter XV Christmas Banquet



Santiago & Mary Jane Sanchez, 46th Anniversary



SFA CH XV Prez John Lopez & Amy Grashuis



Smiles table



Steven & Becci Rindahl



Bill, Mario, & Dave



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We realize that a Green Beret's transition out of the military is one of the most critical and sometimes most difficult times in their life. We take this very seriously by focusing on our three pillars: Resiliency, Redirection, and Reintegration. Within each of those pillars, we provide trust, strength, and direction. We provide both in-house GBF support and external resources advocacy, consultancy, and community connection to support the Green Beret's transition. We focus on connecting Green Berets with the mentors, programs, and advocates needed to make their next mission a success.



VA BENEFITS & CLAIMS PROGRAM

The Green Beret Foundation's Next Ridgeline® Transition Support program is designed to provide the Special Operations community a comprehensive understanding of the VA Benefits & Disability Claims process, and internal systems to ensure a fair and thorough evaluation of VA claims. VA claims accuracy can result in a quantifiable increase in tax-free compensation to each Green Beret's entire household.

THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSES CHALLENGES BY PROVIDING:

- ➔ Veteran Affairs advocacy to review current military/personnel service medical records or post-service VA.
- ➔ Access to our regional Accredited Veterans Services Officers (VSO) to file an original or updated VA disability claim.
- ➔ Pre-transition briefings for Special Forces soldiers and their family.
- ➔ Locating any treatment records or archived documents as evidence to submit when filing VA disability claims.
- ➔ Assess previous service documentation or records for a condition or an injury that could have potentially led to a service-connection: the in-service injury or diagnosis.

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		initial payment	11 payments of
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41-50	\$375.00	\$45.00	\$34.09
51-60	\$335.00	\$45.00	\$30.45
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Qualifying Foreign Service (circle all applicable)

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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- MASTERCARD VISA DISCOVER AMEX CHECK

Dates and location of service in an overseas conflict:

Please list any campaign medals received below:

I affirm that I am a citizen or national of the United States that my Campaign Service was honorably and that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. government based on my overseas service or (2) I have served overseas in Korea or (3) I have received Imminent Danger or Imminent Threat Pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Member's Name and Membership Number: _____
 Quartermaster's Signature and Membership Number: _____



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Post Calendar Post Web Page Scholarship	 V Post 8541 V F Commander - Bill Smith F Sr. Vice Commander - Robert DeArmon W Quartermaster - Chris Espinoza W www.vfwpost8541.org		# One Post in TEXAS		Saturday Music 6:30 to 10:30 Meals 5:30 to 7:00	 1200-1400 2nd Sat. of the Month
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 P Kitchen Open 5-7	3 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5 - 7	4 P OOL K E R KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	5 1900 General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings Kitchen Open 4 - 7	6 P	7 Beef Fajita Spanish Rice Charro Beans Salsa \$12 Kraoke by Vicki & Don
8	9 O Kitchen Open 5-7	10 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5 - 7	11 P OOL K E R KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	12	13 POKER 7 PM	14 Kitchen Close Birthday Party for Wayne & Sharon 6:30 - 10:30 Magic Band
15	16 K 7 PM Kitchen Open 5-7	17 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5 - 7	18 P OOL K E R KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	19	20 K E R	21 Open Kitchen Kraoke by Vicki & Don
22	23 E Kitchen Open 5-7	24 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5 - 7	25 P OOL K E R KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	26 SUPPORT YOUR POST. BUY YOUR BUDDY A DRINK.	27 P O K E R	28 Steak Night Baked Potato Side Salad Dinner Roll \$15 Mike Clancy
29	30 R Kitchen Open 5-7	31 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5 - 7	ASWAA Meeting 1230 3rd Saturday VPR's at 6 PM	Alamo Model A Club Meeting 3rd Sunday at 1 PM	Sickcall Every Sunday 1300 - 1500	Calendar is subject to change. This is version 1 effective 28 Dec 22



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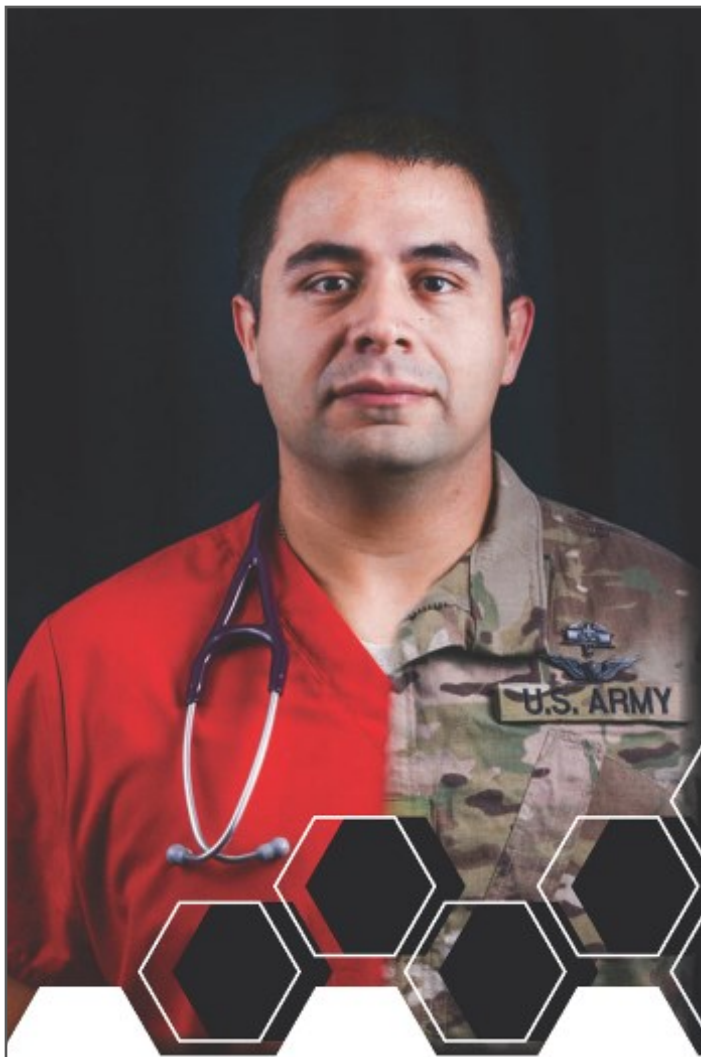


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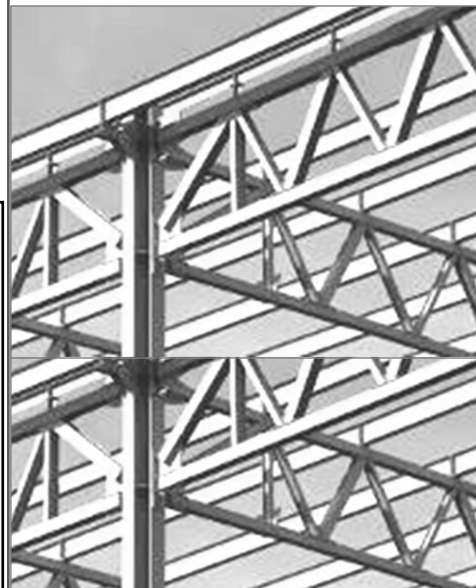


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RECUERDO (REMEMBRANCE)

**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



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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"Carry on!"