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The Alamo Chapter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Happy
 Easter!**



April 9 — CH XV Memorial

Fort Sam Houston Cemetery (Assembly Area)

1130— Board Meeting

VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

Membership Meeting

1200— Noon Meal Served

1300— Business Meeting

April 17— Easter

April 18— Tax Day



DON'T FORGET



Swordbearer's Chapel service with Fr. Steve Rindahl is no longer meeting at VFW 8541, 1100 hrs. on Sunday in the Rodela Room.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Greetings CH XV. I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy Easter for 2022. The weather is starting to change, and we are seeing our afternoons getting a little warmer now. It will be getting warmer in the next month, as we all know Texas weather. So, enjoy the outdoors when you can, but be careful not to get too much sun and make sure you stay hydrated.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff last month. Special thanks to Kim, Raul, Merrill, & Tom for helping with towing the trailer, and setting it all up for us. Thank you, Jimmy and Chris, for bringing in some wild hog to put on the grill. Jimmy did a great job with the grilling, thank you Jimmy.

Just a reminder, our chapter memorial is Saturday morning, April 9th at 10 am. It is held at the assembly area at Fort Sam National Cemetery. After the ceremony, we will then travel to our VFW for lunch and monthly chapter membership meeting at our usual times.

Here is what we are looking at for this month:

- Friday, April 1st is April Fool's Day
- Saturday, April 9th is our CH XV Memorial at 10am at the assembly area of FT Sam Houston cemetery
- Sunday, April 10th is Palm Sunday
- Friday, April 15th is Good Friday
- Sunday, April 17th is Easter
- Monday, April 18th is Tax Day

At our last meeting the chapter voted on paying \$10-\$12 for lunch prepared by the VFW. We will be

having either chicken, fish, or BBQ brisket with sides and tea. You can pay when you order your plate at the kitchen window.

Our next board and

membership meeting will be on Saturday, April 9th. The board meeting will start at 11:30am, followed by lunch at Noon. The membership meeting will begin at 1pm. I look forward to seeing you there.



Stay safe!

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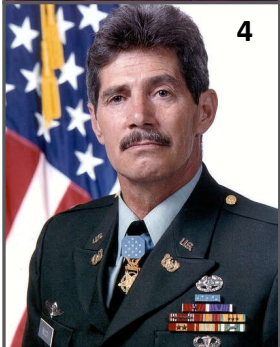
Happy April to the Alamo SFA Chapter! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather, I'm sure a lot of you are knees deep in getting that yard up to snuff. Without reservation I feel showing cash flow over the eye one was a great recommendation, thanks again for the feedback. As new San Antonians we look forward to Fiesta 2022 it's a lot to take in. Last month the Alamo Chapter put forth the scholarship challenge, the final numbers for that will be given at the next chapter

meeting. Additionally, last year's budget will be sent to National as part of our yearly requirements, those numbers will also be shared in the next meeting. Please send over any issues, concerns, or recommendations regarding dollars and cents.

All the best,

Pete Martinez, Treasurer
treasurer@sfa-XV.org

Medal of Honor Day



March 25th is Medal of Honor Day when we honor the 3,511 individuals who have received our nation's highest award for military valor. The Chapter did not have a special event to honor these heroes, but we take this opportunity to express our appreciation for their sacrifices and service to our country. There have been six Medal of Honor recipients who were either a member or closely affiliated with Chapter XV. In alphabetical order, they are:

1. MSG (then SSG) **ROY P. BENAVIDEZ** (1935 - 1998) distinguished himself by a series of daring and extremely valorous actions west of Loc Ninh, Cambodia, on 2 May 1968 while assigned to Detachment B-56, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, Republic of Vietnam.

He was born in Cuero, Texas.

2. MSG (then SSG) **JAMES L. BONDSTEEL** (1947-1987) distinguished himself while serving as a platoon sergeant with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry, 1st Infantry Division near the village of Lang Sau, Vietnam on 24 May 1969.

He was born in Jackson, Michigan.

3. COL (then SFC) **ROBERT L. "BOB" HOWARD** (1939 - 2009) distinguished himself while serving as platoon sergeant of an American-Vietnamese platoon during a rescue mission in Cambodia on 30 December 1968 while assigned to MACV-SOG. He was reportedly the most decorated Vietnam veteran. COL Howard lived in San Antonio and participated in Chapter XV functions, but never was a Chapter member.

He was born in Opelika, Alabama.

4. CW2 (then SFC) **LOUIS R. ROCCO** (1938-2002) Advisory Team 162, U. S. Military Assistance Command, distinguished himself on 24 May 1970 while serving as a medic on a medevac rescue helicopter Northeast of Katum, Republic of Vietnam.

He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

5. MSG (then SFC) **JOSÉ RODELA** (born 1937), Detachment B-36, Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, distinguished himself by acts of gallantry on 9 September 1969 while serving as company commander during combat operations against an armed enemy in Phuoc Long Province, Republic of Vietnam.

He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas.

6. 1SG (then SSG) **FRED W. ZABITOSKY** (1942 -1996), 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, distinguished himself on 19 February 1968 while serving as assistant team leader of a nine-man Special Forces long-range reconnaissance patrol in Laos.

He was born in Trenton, New Jersey.

Full Medal of Honor citations can be found at www.CMOHS.org.

Trip to Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff



Having some beers



Setting up the tent



Tom and John



Ted, Merrill, John, and Tom



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Vietnam Veterans Day

Buddy Gee was one of 10 members of the Alamo Silver Wings Airborne Association to be awarded a “Quilt of Valor” during a ceremony on March 29, national Vietnam Veterans Day.



The event was held at the site of the **Vietnam Army Grunt Museum** in Shavano Park. Michael J. Lynd Sr., founder of LYND, a San Antonio commercial real estate company, opened the museum two years ago with a goal to honor U.S. Army soldiers who fought on the ground in Vietnam. Lynd himself was an infantry officer in the Americal Division during 1968-69. The museum is located on the premises of LYND’s headquarters at 4499 Pond Hill Road and is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. [Home - Vietnam Museum \(vietnamgrunts.org\)](http://vietnamgrunts.org)

The quilts are made by volunteers in the Quilts of Valor Foundation, which began in 2003 with a quilt made by Catherine Roberts, mother of an Iraq war soldier. Its warmth brought hope and healing to a man emotionally “touched by war” and became the symbol of a volunteer movement in which nearly 300,000 quilts have been awarded to veterans of military service.

At the ceremony, each veteran was wrapped in his quilt and received a hug and a “welcome home” from a member of the Quilts of Valor organization. Other members of the Alamo Silver Wings who received quilts were Abel B. Candia Jr., Gilbert Carrasco, Jimmie Casias, Val Martinez, Roberto Perrill, John Riojas, Jose E. Rodriguez, Gary Smith and Manuel Trevino.

The prime organizer and master of ceremonies was Joseph “Joe” D. Bray, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (South Texas); Co-Chairman of the San Antonio Community Action Committee (“SACAC”), and Distinguished Quartermaster, ARNORTH. He served in Vietnam as an enlisted man – a “grunt.”



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This coming year, as the Special Forces community commemorates the 70th anniversary of its establishment, the Green Beret Foundation will mark an additional significant milestone: the launching of the Pineland Initiative.

Beginning in 2022, the Pineland Initiative will reflect a 3-year phased approach to growth and expansion of the Foundation's existing programs and services, in order to accommodate the needs of the pre-9/11 Green Beret population.

This is a groundbreaking moment not just for our organization, but for the Green Beret community as a whole. The bond between all Special Forces soldiers past, present, and future, is strong, and by way of the Pineland Initiative, we are building upon this tradition of Green Berets helping our own. In doing so, the Foundation will expand its reach nationwide--with additional Veteran Service Officers joining our team to provide a Foundation presence geographically located at each of the five Active Duty Special Forces groups and the two National Guard Special Forces Groups, across the country.

Our time spent in Pineland is a key rite of passage uniting all Green Berets. By supporting Green Berets of all generations, the Green Beret Foundation seeks to build upon and reinforce that legacy. We are asking that those who wish to back the Pineland Initiative campaign please consider making a commitment of support in the amount of just a \$12 monthly recurring contribution to the Green Beret Foundation. Honoring our 12-man ODA teams and emphasizing that the Pineland Initiative will be a team effort; your \$12 a month can make a life-changing difference for Green Berets and their families--past, present, and future.

For more information on how you can help to support the Pineland Initiative, please visit www.GreenBeretFoundation.org.

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March Meeting Minutes

SFA Chapter XV

05MAR22 1300 Member Meeting Notes

VFW Post 8541, San Antonio, Texas

Leadership Presiding:

President- John Lopez

Secretary-Mike Brown

Treasurer- Pete Martinez

Summary of Chapter Business:

1. **President John Lopez** that member **Edgar Morales** and **Tony Aquiningoc** were recovering from illness/injuries and provided the membership with updates.
2. Chapter **Treasurer Pete Martinez** provided the monthly and annual Budget. Membership voted unanimously to accept the budget reports as written.
3. **President John Lopez** announced that the FEB minutes were posted in the MAR newsletter. Membership voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.
4. **Membership Secretary Sergio Vanegas** announced Chapter membership stood at 242 members with the recent addition of **Judith Hines** and **David Oar**. A reminder that anyone with a change of email or phone number should let the Membership Secretary know so that the Chapter and National rosters are updated.
5. **Secretary and BBQ Coordinator Mike Brown** briefed the status of the 2022 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff on 12-13MAR22. Membership would be attending with plate entries for competition TBD at the time of the meeting.
6. **President John Lopez** discussed the Chapter's 26FEB22 45th Anniversary commemoration. There was robust attendance by former members, officers, and current members and family.
7. **Near-term Key dates were announced:**
 - a. **30APR** is the deadline for Applications for the SFA Chapter XV Scholarship for 2022. Contact Pat Connelly with applications.
 - b. **Thursday 31MAR-Sunday 10APR** is the annual San Antonio Fiesta celebration. Stay tuned for possible SFA Chapter XV participation at various events. Those with ideas and volunteering to coordinate participation can contact Chapter President John Lopez.

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March Meeting Minutes

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- c. **Saturday 09APR** is the annual Chapter XV memorial at FSH National Cemetery. The Chapter's monthly members meeting will be held immediately after at the VFW as in previous years.
 - d. **Friday 06MAY- Sunday 08MAY** is the Chapter XV annual Canyon Lake picnic. Members must put in a reservation 90 days out. As of the meeting, it did appear likely that the picnic will be allowed and go forward however reservations for cabins and RV spots are being handled differently than in previous years. We will not be able to reserve and control block spaces as in previous years. Contact coordinator Raul De La Garza for current information.
 - e. **Monday 30MAY (Memorial Day)** there will be a ceremony at the FSH National Cemetery. Chapter XV will provide a color guard. Color Guard volunteers should contact President John Lopez.
8. **President John Lopez announced** they are researching a Chapter XV vacation trip to a resort in Costa Rica in the month of July.
 9. The next SFA Chapter XV meeting will be held immediately following the annual Chapter VX memorial event at 1000 hours on 09APR22 per SOP.
 10. **President John Lopez** reminded the Chapter that the 2022 Christmas ball will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel San Antonio Airport. More information to follow.
 11. The membership had a brief discussion of the merits of paying for lunches via monthly donations vs. pay as you go at the VFW Post cantina kitchen. Members voted to change to pay as you go for monthly lunches to best support VFW Post 8541.
 12. Member **Tom Tannahill** will attend a ROTC Stiletto Knife award presentation at the Texas A&M Rudder's Ranger Banquet on Monday 18APR22. This is being done on behalf of SFA Chapter 28 in Montana. Toms' expenses are paid this year by Chapter 28 and following his trip he will provide a trip report. The Chapter will discuss and vote on assuming this mission in following years. Current Chapter XV member and former Chapter 28 member **Steve Damon** is helping coordinate this activity.
 13. Membership Comments:
 - a. Member **Mike Brown** announced that Saturday 09APR Longtab Brewing will be hosting a dedication beer release for fallen Green Beret SSG Mike Simpson, son of member **Mike Simpson**, on 30APR22 at Longtab Brewing at 1200 hours. All Chapter members and families are welcome to attend.
 14. Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.



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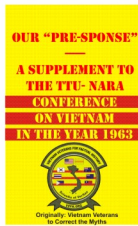
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2022 CALENDAR

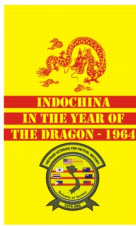
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01 New Year's Day 15 Board Meeting 1100hrs 15 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 17 Martin Luther King Day	12 Board Meeting 1130hrs 12 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 14 Valentine's Day 15 Drop Input Due 21 President's Day 26 CH XV 45 th Anniversary	02 Ash Wednesday 05 Board Meeting 1130hrs 05 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 11-13 Cotulla Event 13 Daylight Savings Time Change 17 St. Patrick's Day 20 Spring Begins 25 CMOH Day
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
01 April Fool's Day 09 4th Annual Crawfish Boil 09 CH XV Memorial 1000hrs 09 Board Meeting 1130hrs 09 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 10 Palm Sunday 15 Good Friday 17 Easter Sunday	08 Mother's Day NO BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING 13-15 Canyon Lake Picnic 15 Drop Input Due 30 Memorial Day	11 Board Meeting 1130hrs 11 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 14 Flag Day & Army Birthday 19 Father's Day/Juneteenth
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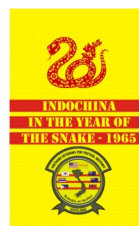
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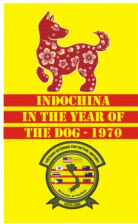
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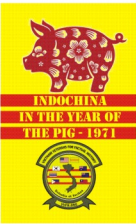
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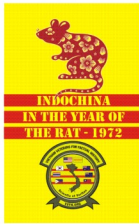
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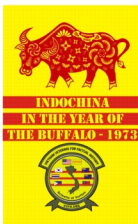
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10 	11 O Kitchen Open 5 - 7 K 7 PM	12 	13 POOL KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	14 	15 Texas Hold'em	16 Wayne's Gumbo White Rice Cornbread Canela 500 Band
17 	18 E Kitchen Open 5 - 7	19 	20 POOL KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	21 House Committee Meeting 7:00	22 Texas Hold'em POKER	23 BBQ Chicken Grilled Sausage Potato Salad Baked Beans Karaoke Far Out Freddy
24 	25 R Kitchen Open 5 - 7	26 	27 POOL KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	28 SUPPORT YOUR POST. BUY YOUR BUDDY A DRINK.	29 Texas Hold'em	30 Fish Fry French Fries Hush Puppies Cole Slaw
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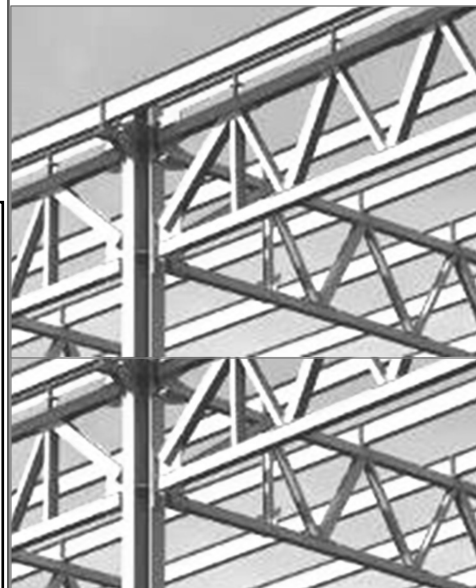


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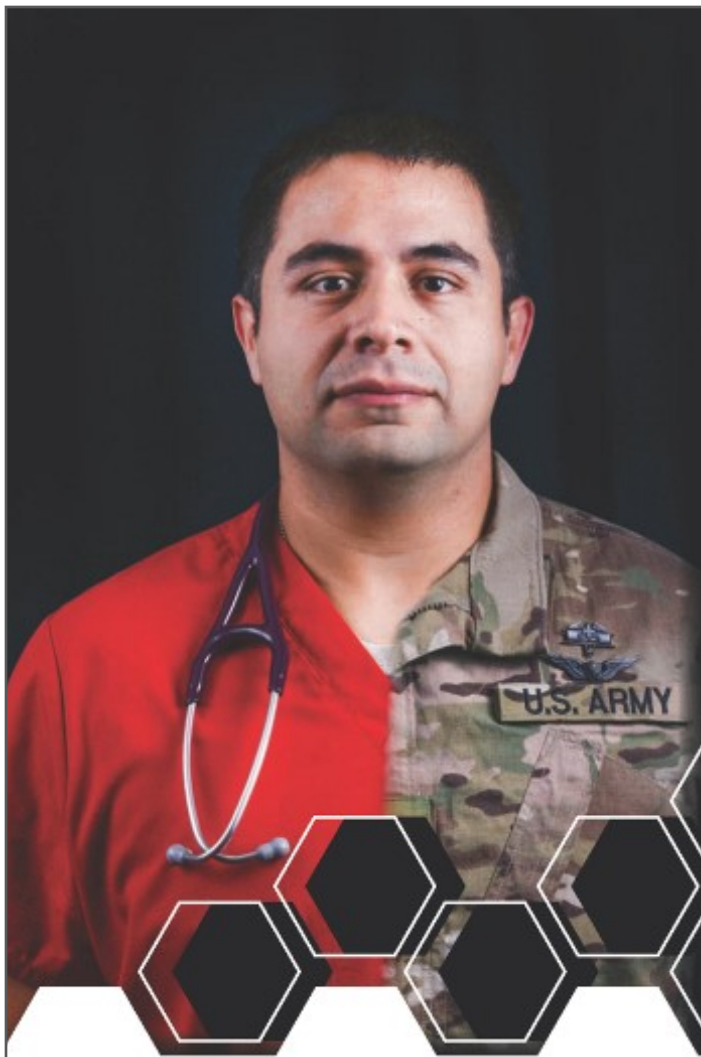
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RECUERDO (REMEMBRANCE)

**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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Spring Time Battles

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to war (2 Samuel 11:1). April is here but, it seems, March is not over. I know two common phrases associated with March. The first is – March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. The second is March Madness. In what appears to be a dose of madness, Putin, acting the part of a lion, launched an invasion into the Ukraine just days before the calendar turned to March. Now in April, Putin, with the lack of a quick decisive victory and fighting continuing to escalate, has not gone out like a lamb. In his planning, Putin apparently did not consider the question Jesus asks concerning the commitment of troops, “Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able” (Luke 14:31).

The global-scale issues currently in the news can be learning points for all of us. Although January is the month of resolutions, Spring is the season of change. As we see the world around us coming back to life, we get motivated to tackle big issues in our families, relationships, life goals, etc –

all to see things new and fresh.

Depending on a variety of factors, those changes can range from great ideas to disasters waiting to happen.

Before you choose to make changes in life, ask yourself – Is this idea really a springtime battle? Have a first sat down to deliberate if I am able? Will this bring me a victory in life? This spring fight the good fights of life – but make sure they are fights worth fighting.



Buen Camino,
Fr Steve

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