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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



September 7—Labor Day

September 11— Board meeting 1000

VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

September 12 — Membership Meeting

1200 — Noon meal served

1300 — Business meeting

September 20—POW/MIA Day



DON'T FORGET



• **MONTHLY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO 2ND SATURDAY.**

• Masks and social distancing will be required. The bar at Post 8541 remains closed and meeting size is limited.

• Fiesta San Antonio has been canceled

for 2020, but Gordon and Dana Lee have our "historic"

2020 Fiesta medals. Contact them to get your medals, only \$15 each.

• Welcome new advertiser Green Beret Foundation. Page 3.

BULLETIN

For the second year in a row, Chapter XV has won the SFA Golden Quill Award for Best Newsletter.

See Page 2.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

A happy and safe Labor Day weekend wish to all Ch. XV members, family and friends from your President! That's right, folks, we made it through the summer and are now moving into September with Labor Day falling on Monday the 7th. Autumn 2020 begins Tuesday, September 22nd.

What is the difference between Autumn and Fall? Well, both are used for the season between summer and winter, and one can use either of the two without being incorrect. Autumn is purely American while Fall is a British word for the season that reflects the fall of leaves in England.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK KAREN HERMANN for organizing our Ch XV trip to Akumal, Mexico, and recognize everyone that was able to make it to Mexico for our annual vacation trip: Steve & Karen Hermann, Mike & Carle Hurst, Fred & Lucy Villarreal, Dave and Rhonda Marshall, Lee and Diane Teschendorf, Linda Houston, Merrill Hall, and Kim Phillips and myself. We had a great time and it was well worth the wait. We also had a smaller group make it out to Galveston, TX: Bill Smith and Thanh Van, and Buddy and Sharon Gee.

This is a great Newsletter, and it is great because of the input it gets from this chapter. It is so great that during

the virtual SFA National Convention last month, our chapter again won the SFA Golden Quill Award for Best Monthly Newsletter. So, I would like to thank everyone that has contributed input, pictures, information, etc., this past year to our Newsletter. Of course, all this input has to be organized and edited, so I would also like to thank our editors, Buddy & Sharon Gee for putting all this together for us. Job well done!!



For those who did not make our August meeting, we had a vote on moving our meetings to the second Saturday of the month (same time and place). The majority vote was for moving the meetings. **So, our meetings will now be on the second Saturday of the month.** We had a head count of 25 at our August meeting; I hope to see more of you at our next meeting on Saturday, September 12 at 1 pm (lunch is at noon). Have a great Labor Day weekend, stay cool and stay safe!

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

\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, August 2020

This month was the trip to Secrets Akumal, so we will have some income from the trip later this year.

For August, we received \$60 for the Door Prize drawing. We also had income from two new memberships and from several Newsletter ad renewals, including Texas Tech Health Science Center and Warriors on the Way. Thank you!

I also want to thank John Rodden and George Garcia for their monthly donations.

On the expense side, I mailed \$600 checks to our five scholarship recipients in early August. We also paid our normal \$79 for website maintenance.

Merrill Hall, Treasurer
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Minutes of August Meeting

Chapter Meeting Date: 01 August 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 POWs was held.

John Lopez welcomed new members/associate members and guests to the Chapter. Headcount: 25.

Sick & distressed: JR Garza has been experiencing stomach problems. Sharon Gee's daughter Wendy has tested positive for COVID-19.

Remaining 2020 Business

1. **Treasurer's report:** Merrill Hall, monthly and annual budget reports were presented and accepted as read.

2. **Minutes:** There were no July minutes in August Newsletter because we did not have a meeting in July. However, the March and June meeting minutes were posted in the August Newsletter and those minutes were accepted as posted.

3. **Membership report:** We are at 221 members now.

4. **SFA CH XV 2020 Educational Scholarship:** Checks were mailed out to all five recipients.

5. **SFA International Convention** was canceled due to COVID-19. However, there was a virtual convention for the same dates as originally planned. Steve Sherman (Ch 39, Houston) coordinated with Ch 7 in Florida and SFA National to make this happen.

6. **2020 Escape to Secrets Akumal** Riviera Maya, Mexico: Karen Hermann, 18-23 August 2020, (Tu- Sun) 5 nights, 6 days. All-inclusive resort.

7. **SF Charitable Trust** plans to host a shooting competition at the National Shooting Complex on 31 October. We are looking into setting up a table to sell Ch XV merchandise.

8. **5th Special Forces Grp** reunion is the week of 20 September. Oak Grove, KY, just outside of Fort Campbell.

9. **16th Annual Dick's Last Resort** Fundraiser: Fred Solis, DLR has committed for this October already. We are looking at Thursday the 1st or 8th of October 2020, 1800-2100hrs. \$30 a ticket, all the food and drink you want.

10. **JBSA Oktoberfest 2020:** TBD, Chris Marshall, Saturday 17 October 2020 event on Fort Sam. We ask for volunteers to help with the sales at our tables.

11. **Special Operations Association Reunion:** Has been canceled due to COVID-19.

12. **Veterans Day:** Falls on Wednesday, 11 Nov. 2020. Ceremony will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. No volunteers needed.

13. **2020 SFA Ch XV Christmas Banquet:** Saturday, 12 December at the Texas Republic Golf Club.

14. **Open discussion:** A motion was made to move our membership meetings to the second Saturday of the month. **Approved by majority vote.**

15. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Lopez, D-8306
SFA Chapter XV President



Meeting again

About 25 Chapter XV members ventured out for the August meeting, where chairs and tables in the VFW canteen had been spaced for social distancing. The bar was (and still is) closed by order of the governor. The April and July meetings had been canceled due to coronavirus (not to mention cancellation of the May annual picnic at Canyon Lake.)

Chapter News

Here's SITREP on Dick's Last Resort fundraiser

From Fred Solis
Event Chairman



Contact continues with Dick's Last Resort Manager Mike Ochoa, but unfortunately the restaurant is still closed due to COVID-19. As of 08/25/20, he hopes to reopen within "a couple of weeks," but it is unknown at this

time under what crowd size restrictions. At present all establishments in Texas are still under the no more than 10 persons restriction.

Since the infection rate for Bexar County is slowly but steadily decreasing, we hope that some operating restrictions will be lifted after the Labor Day holiday.

Our Chapter XV President, John Lopez, is holding the autographed fiddle donated by Charlie Daniels prior to his passing in July. Should



we not be able to hold our event under the usual circumstances, we have proposed to Mike to consider and seek approval from DLR Corporate for a live broadcast from DLR on the Riverwalk by local radio station KJ97, in order to hold a live auction. If we can make it happen, this should be of mutual marketing benefit for both our Chapter as well as Dick's.

Our October 15 agreed-upon date for our 16th Annual Event may have to be changed, but we will adjust our draft plan as needed. Updates to follow as available.

Chapter XV is 223 members strong



From Marti Scott
Membership Secretary

Greetings Chapter XV Family! Here we are almost at the end of Summer! Ah, Summer? What happened to the end of Winter, Spring and Summer? Oh yes, we all

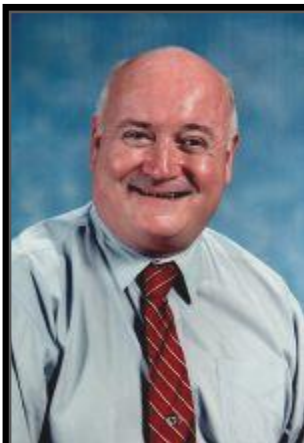
remained at home or somewhere near it!

Here's wishing that the isolation from everything we hold dear soon comes to at least a situation where we can

gather once more and support each other in learning how to live outside of the bubble again.

We sadly lost one of our Chapter members this month but still remain at 223 members strong. We do have a couple more potential members that we should be adding to Chapter XV soon.

Remember, for those who pay Annual Dues, the renewal date for you to stay current will start 1 October 2020 and should be paid by 31 December 2020. You can pay online through our Chapter website or mail your payment to our Chapter XV mailing address that is posted in the DROP or on our website. Stay safe and hopefully we will see you at our September Chapter Meeting.



R.I.P. LARRY DOLLARHIDE 1940-2020

Larry Lee Dollarhide, a long-time member of Chapter XV, died August 13 of a heart attack.

He was a Vietnam veteran who served as an intelligence analyst with 5th Special Forces Group from 1961 to 1965. After his

Army service, he became a beloved teacher who specialized in industrial arts. He retired from the Floresville ISD in 2004.

Larry had not been active in the Chapter for many years, but he is well remembered by Delbert Hayes, who served with him in Vietnam, and by Bill Martin and

Bobby Walker, early members of the Chapter.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Josefina Aguado Dollarhide; son Michael Dollarhide and daughter Ann Shane. Chapter XV provided the memorial display for a private service with military honors at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery.

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Chapter News

Our gang at Akumal on the Riviera Maya

Aug. 18-23, 2020



GREAT ESCAPE: Fourteen members and friends of Chapter XV lived it up at the all-inclusive Secrets Akumal resort in Mexico. It was the third annual “escape” organized by Karen Hermann as a Chapter fundraiser. In addition to Karen and husband Steve Hermann, the party goers included President John Lopez and Kim Phillips, Mike and Carle Hurst, Fred and Lucy Villarreal, Dave and Rhonda Marshall, Lee and Diane Teschendorf, Linda Houston, and Merrill Hall. See Merrill’s trip report, next page.

Chapter News



Beach beauties Lucy, Carle and Karen



Wine cellar dinner for the gang from Chapter XV

6 days of fun, adventure on coast of Mexico

By MERRILL HALL

As one of the lucky 14 who made our “escape” to Secrets Akumal, I flew out early Tuesday morning 18 Aug. and landed in Cancun, Mexico. It was a short hour drive south to the resort at Akumal. There I met up with our chapter president John Lopez and Kim Phillips, Steve and Karen Hermann, David and Rhonda Marshall, Lee and Diane Teschendorf, Fred and Lucy Villarreal, Mike and Carle Hurst and Linda Houston (her husband “Naked Steve” Wolverton was not able to make it.)

The resort was outstanding -- large rooms with a jacuzzi tub, and all the rooms on the first floor had swim-out pools. There was a large quiet pool and a large pool down by the beach that had a swim-up bar.

THE BEACH was great with plenty of room. Cabanas on one side and chaise lounges with umbrellas on the other side. You never had to look very far for service for a drink. I did my best to get my money’s worth on the drinks. Just a short walk down the beach was a dive shop by the city Akumal.

THE RESTAURANTS available on the property were Italian, French, Japanese, Mexican, steak, seafood and a buffet. Karen arranged one night for dinner in the wine cellar. A soup bowl was placed in front of me with just some croutons and spices and no liquid. I was staring at the

empty bowl, trying to figure out what was going on, when they brought out a boat with the soup and poured into my bowl. The soup had five different kinds of mushrooms including truffles. It was the most delicious soup I have ever tasted. The main course was a filet and salmon. The wine was paired perfectly with each course. I would rate the experience as five-star. Great job by Karen!

ENTERTAINMENT was provided each day, evening and night. Probably the best was one of our own, David singing karaoke.

On Thursday, John, Kim and I went to Xcaret, a nature park nearby. John started the experience by the two of us swimming in one of the underground rivers that go from one end of the park to the other. That took about 45 minutes. Then, walking back to retrieve our belongings, I was able to see all kinds of wildlife, including things I had never seen before. These included manatee and tapir. We did the Tropical Jungle trail, Butterfly Pavilion, Aviary trail, Coral reef aquarium, the Jaguar Island (although we could not find the jaguars, the cougar was very active.) We also had the option of swimming with the sharks and dolphins. One day is not enough time to see it all.

Other excursions were scuba diving, snorkeling, riding ATV’s, zip lining and rappelling. I really enjoyed myself and am looking forward to doing it again -- hopefully with the whole group from Chapter XV.

Chapter News

Meanwhile, back in Texas ...

Buddy Gee and Sharon, Bill Smith and Tanya took a “consolation trip” to Galveston and did a little fishing.

They were trying for redfish but mostly caught a bunch of sharks. That was fun!



Imagining ‘do-over’ for another trip to Akumal

From Karen Hermann, Event Planner

A great time was had by all who attended our much needed Chapter XV Escape to Akumal.

Those of you who weren’t able to join us were sorely missed, but we persevered, toasted and made up for your bar consumption! We had a great time together on one of the most beautiful beaches ever, hung out in various bars, cafés and restaurants and of course on the beach. It was such a blessing to share a vacation with our friends and feel “normal” during this crazy time.

Most of the resort is open-air, so once we checked in, we

were mask free and able to relax. The resort was pristine and the attention to safety for each guest was amazing. Though the beach was officially “closed” by the government, as well as the beach bar (boo) and snorkel shack, as we had private access to the beach, we could enjoy at our own “risk.” Nevertheless, we had chair, towel and beach service galore. A lot of us went on excursions from Eco parks to zip lining and had a blast, with plenty of shared stories of their day of adventure.

We are reconciling the financials in the next week so we should have the Chapter donation amount calculated soon. Everyone I spoke with who went wanted a “do-over,” so I’m not sure, but it’s a future consideration.

HAPPY DAY

It was a sneaky surprise, but Birthday Boy Steve Hermann loved it when a caravan of Chapter XV members came parading by his house on his special day (Aug. 7). Wife Karen, always the “event planner,” kept this one under wraps but organized the covid-style celebration for Steve’s 60th. Happy Birthday, Steve!





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Chapter News

Dana Bowman jumps into Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

Chapter XV member Dana Bowman, a double amputee and former member of the Golden Knights, parachuted in to the 80th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota August 13. He lost both legs in a tragic training accident in 1994, but re-enlisted in the Army and returned to parachuting within a year.

Now an acclaimed motivational speaker, he has made over 4,000 jumps from an airplane and was proud to bring in the U.S. flag at the rally. Fellow veterans caught the flag before it touched the ground, according to news reports.



Scott Olson/ Getty Images



Wedding Bells

John Dominguez and Alannah Parrinello were married in Las Vegas August 1. Good friends representing Chapter XV at the wedding were Chris Perry, Steve Wolverton and Linda Houston.

The newlyweds have bought a house in the Castle Hills area and are settling down to life in San Antonio.

Congratulations, John and Alannah!

DoD News

New ID cards coming

24 Aug 2020

Military.com | By Bing Xiao

The military is ditching flimsy laminated paper-based ID cards for military retirees and dependents for an all-new card system: the Next Generation Uniform Services Identification Card.

According to a Defense Department announcement, the cards, which represent the first ID update for these military communities since 1993, will be more durable and more closely resemble the Common Access Cards, or CACs, used by active-duty troops and DoD civilians.

The new USID cards are enhanced with security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud. To date, only about 20 sites now offer the new cards; other sites await equipment upgrades in order to make them. All DoD USID card facilities are set to offer the IDs by December 2020, according to the release. The complete transition to new USID cards is targeted for January 2026. This transition doesn't affect current card expiration dates.



Let's have liberty at home, too

Welcome to September. In 2005 the band Green Day released the song "Wake Me Up When September Ends." In the official video, a young romantic couple fall in love, the summer ends, in an attempt to improve their lives he enters the military (much to his now wife's distress), and then goes off to war. In scenes that cut back and forth, she waits every day in fear of hearing the worst, and he is experiencing the worst.

The lyrics provide voice over – "Wake me up when September ends." In other words, I want all of this to be over so we can be at peace again.

Today many might be singing a similar tune – Wake me up when 2020 ends. Here in the United States we are experiencing civil unrest unlike any since the 1960s and, it seems at least, a greater level of domestic violence that has been experienced since the Civil War nearly tore our country in two.

The First Amendment of the US Constitution states that the government cannot "abridge the ... the right to

peaceably assemble, or the right to petition the government for redress of grievances." Those who are protesting may, and likely do, have some legitimate grievances in need of redress, but their bent to violence and destruction makes it near impossible to hear their voices.

Rather than sleep until it is over – let us all work and pray towards peace. As a people committed to the liberty of the oppressed, let us commit to liberty at home as well as abroad.



Buen Camino,

Fr Steve

CH (MAJ-Ret) Steven G Rindahl, DMin

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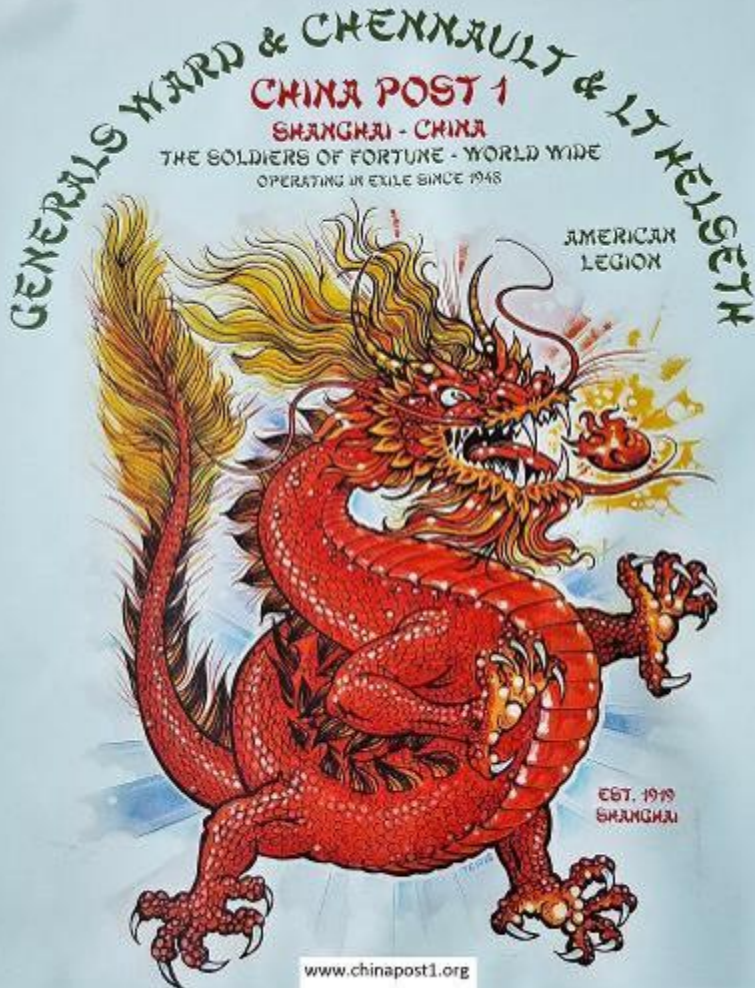


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GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2020 CALENDAR

<p><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Membership Meeting 1300 31 February Board Meeting 1000</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>1 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due 26 Ch. XV 43rd anniversary</p>	<p><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><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><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><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>5 Board Meeting 1000 6 Membership Meeting 1300 14 Flag Day & Army Birthday</p>
<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>4 Independence Day 10 Board Meeting 1000 11 Membership Meeting 1300 31 August Board Meeting 1000</p>	<p><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><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>11 Board Meeting 1000 12 Membership Meeting 1300 20 POW/MIA Day</p>
<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>9 Board Meeting 1000 10 Membership Meeting 1300 TBD Dick's Last Resort fundraiser TBD Oktoberfest at FSH</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>11 Veterans Day 13 Board meeting 1000 14 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p><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

12-15 AUG 2020 Special Forces Association Convention
Sandestin Beach and Spa Resort, Destin, FL

22-25 OCT 2020 Special Operations Association Reunion
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