



# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 11— Board Meeting 1130**

**VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway**

**Membership Meeting**

**1200— Noon Meal Served**

**1300— Business Meeting**



**June 14 — U.S. Army 's 247th Birthday / Flag Day**

**June 19 — Father's 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:

**F**irst off, I would like to wish all the father's out there in the chapter a happy Father's Day for the month of June. A toast to the fathers! Cheers.

We do not have any chapter events scheduled for this month. The Costa Rica trip has been canceled due to lack of interest.

The SFA National President, Kevin Harry, will be in San Antonio June 10th- June 13th, and will possibly be attending our meeting.

**Reminder:** The 70th Special Forces Anniversary Picnic is June 24, 2022 RSVP IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED: <http://evite.me/322zBhsaBQ>  
\*Please click details to the left of invitation for complete details and any donations for attendees.

**Who:** SF Alumni, SFA Members, Family and friends

**What:** 70th SF Anniversary Picnic Celebration

**When:** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Friday June 24, 2022

**Where:** SFA Headquarters, 4990 Doc Bennett Road, Fayetteville, NC 28306

**Why:** To celebrate 70 years of Special Forces and to highlight SF owned small businesses. 10' x 10' tents with various SF businesses at the event to display their merchandise or services.

**Uniform:** Casual

**Menu:** Mission BBQ, sides, rolls, dessert, beer, tea and water

**Entertainment:** BoneS Fork Band

**Cost:** SFA National is asking for a \$10.00 donation per person (additional amounts will go to SFA Memorial Building Fund) to: <https://www.specialforcesassociation.org/donate/>

**Note:** On Saturday, June 25, 2022, there will be activities hosted by SFA Chapter 1-18 - Motorcycle

Ride and SFA Chapter 100 - Stan the Man Golf

Tournament.

Information will be put out by individual SFA Chapters.

Safe travels.

As you all are all aware it is

getting hot outside. It's going to get hotter. Make sure you stay hydrated. Drinking alcohol does not count! So, by all means do enjoy your beverage's, but drink a bottle of water after each two or three of them, and watch after each other. Stay in the shade if possible. If not, put on that sunblock with a respectable SPF rating.

Holidays and dates of interest this month: The Army's 247th birthday and Flag Day is Tuesday, June 14th. Father's Day is Sunday, June, 19th, and Tuesday, June 21st is the first day of summer.

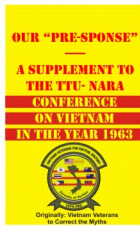
Our next meeting will be Saturday, July 9th at 1pm. Lunch will begin at noon; remember we are now buying our lunch from the kitchen. Plates are \$10-\$12 dollars depending on the entrée being served. Hope to see you there and stay safe!

John A. Lopez  
President, SFA Chapter XV

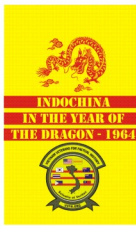
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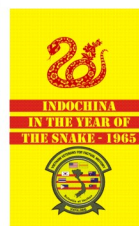
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The Snake  
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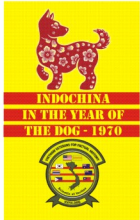
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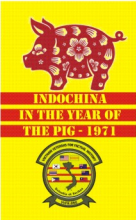
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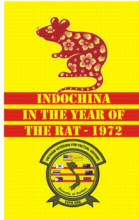
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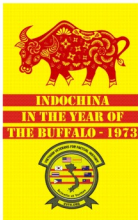
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# Strength, Confidence, and Comfort

**E**phrem the Syrian is remembered in June because he died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 373. Ephrem writing about his own approaching death, said: "I am setting out on a journey hard and dangerous. You, O Son of God, I have taken for my Viaticum. When I am hungry, I will feed on You. The infernal fire will not venture near me, for it cannot bear the fragrance of Your Body and Your Blood." The Viaticum, the "food for the journey," for St Ephrem was the Eucharist. As Ephrem approached his death, he found both strength, confidence, and comfort on this crucial sacrament of the Church.

Whenever anyone faces hardship and danger, they must draw strength, confidence, and comfort from somewhere. Different sources of hardship require different sources of strength. Soldiers draw strength and confidence from the training they have completed. That strength and confidence is reinforced through experience. Experience also proves that the strength and confidence that comes from training is not always enough.

In multiple parts of our country there have been shootings that have left communities hurt and grieving, most close to us is the

shooting of school-children and teachers in Uvalde. This has left the community reeling and in grief. Many have connected to family and friends as their source of strength, confidence, and comfort. It is yet to be seen how the communities affected will recover.



The truth is, life is filled with hardships and dangers. When you are "setting out on a journey hard and dangerous," whether that be physical, spiritual, or emotional; whether it be to your life, health, or family, what is your source of strength, confidence, and comfort? What is your viaticum to successfully sustain you in the journey? Choose wisely, like Ephrem, you want a source of strength, confidence, and comfort that will not fail you in your time of need.

Buen Camino,  
Fr Steve

CH (MAJ, Ret.) Steven G Rindahl, DMin  
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71-80	\$225.00	\$45.00 \$20.45
81 AND OVER	\$170.00	\$45.00 \$15.45

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<b>Sickcall Every Sunday</b> 1300 - 1500	<b>Saturday Music</b> 6:30 to 10:30 <b>Meals</b> 5:30 to 7:00				<b>POKER</b> <b>Texas Hold'em</b>	<b>Open Kitchen</b> Top Shelf Chicken Parmesan Spaghetti w- Sauce Side Salad Garlic Bread Sweet Tea Karaoke with David Sanchez
<b>Pool League</b>	<b>KITCHEN OPEN 5-7</b> D Day		<b>POOL</b> <b>POKER</b> KITCHEN OPEN 5-7 101st AB Meeting 1900	<b>House Committee Meeting</b> 1300	<b>POKER</b> <b>Texas Hold'em</b>	<b>Fish Fry</b> French Fries Hush Puppies \$10 Cole Slaw Karaoke with David Sanchez
<b>Pool League</b>	<b>KITCHEN OPEN 5-7</b>		<b>POOL</b> <b>POKER</b> KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	<b>SUPPORT YOUR POST. BUY YOUR BUDDY A DRINK.</b>	<b>TEXAS Hold'em</b>	<b>Jagerschnitzel</b> Potato Salad \$10 Sauerkraut Isaak Klaus and the Lederhosen Junkies German Polka band
<b>Pool League</b>	<b>KITCHEN OPEN 5-7</b>		<b>POOL</b> <b>POKER</b> KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	<b>Alamo Model A Club Meeting</b> 3rd Sunday at 1 PM	<b>VPR's at 6 PM</b>	<b>Calendar is subject to change. This is Version 2 effective 2 Jun 22</b>



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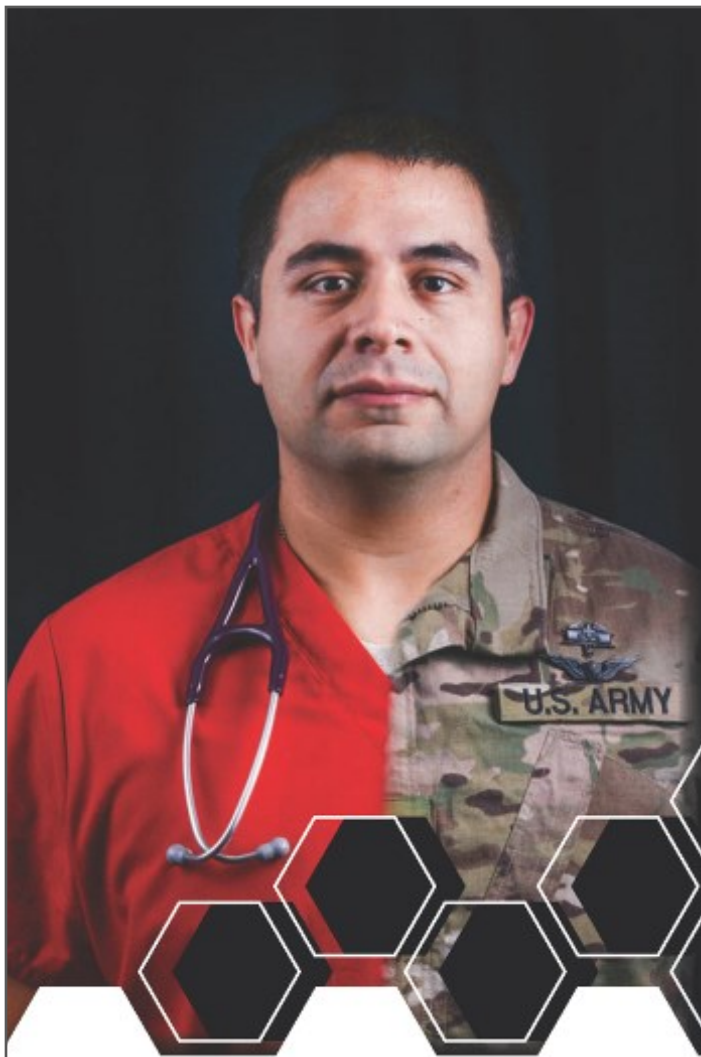
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# GREEN BERET SFA CHAPTER XV

## 2022 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 02 4th Annual GBF 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 <b>NO BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> 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
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
04 Independence Day 09 Board Meeting 1130hrs 09 Membership Meeting 1300hrs	13 Board Meeting 1130hrs 13 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due	05 Labor Day 10 Board Meeting 1130hrs 10 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 16 POW/MIA Day 20-24 SFAIC
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
08 Board Meeting 1130hrs 08 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 10 Columbus Day 13 or 27 DLR's Fundraiser 15 JBSA Octoberfest 17-21 SOAR Reunion	06 Daylights Saving Time Change 11 Veterans Day 12 Board Meeting 1130hrs 12 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due 24 Thanksgiving Day	07 Pearl Harbor Day <b>NO BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> 10 Christmas Banquet 25 Christmas Day

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### Treasurer's Report, June 2022:

Please join me in thanking George Garcia, like clockwork George's monthly donations are always helpful as we continue to grow the Chapter. Please welcome David Stephen Marcus, who recently submitted his Lifetime membership application. Welcome to the Chapter David.

The current balance sheet is as follows: Basic Account (\$6,208.45), Business Investment Acct ( \$13,221.90), and 12-month CD (\$15,071.35). The current burn rate (going out dollars) was \$1313.09, this higher than normal burn rate is to be expected with all the back 2 back events during this time of the year.

All the best,

Pete Martinez, Treasurer  
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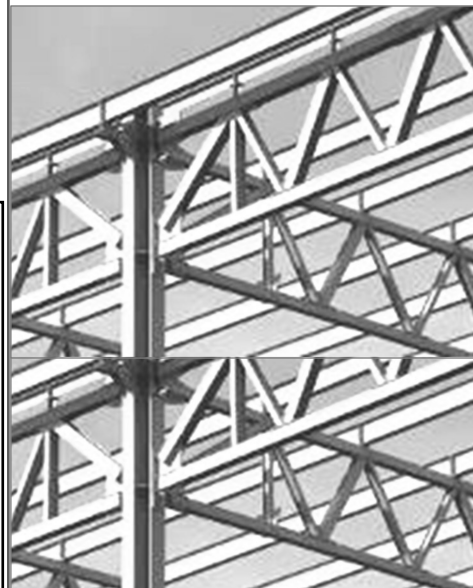
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## **RECUERDO (REMEMBRANCE)**

**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,  
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**"Carry on!"**