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The Alamo Chapter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



November 12 — Member Meeting

VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

1200— Noon Meal Served

1300— Business Meeting

November 11 — Veterans Day

0930—Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

November 24—Thanksgiving Day



DON'T FORGET



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Hello CH XV, we are now in November. I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. As of Sunday, November 6th, we will be on standard time so our clocks will have fallen back an hour. While gaining an hour of sleep, we also lose an hour of daylight in the evening. In the U.S., standard time is in use from the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March.

The Fort Sam National Cemetery is hosting a Veterans Day ceremony starting at 9:30am on Friday, November 11, 2022. The Fort Sam Houston Memorial Service Detachment is sponsoring the event, which is expected to draw 500 people.

Christmas banquet tickets are in and are available for purchase for \$55 each. You can purchase them at our meeting, or on our website under the "Donate" tab. Our annual banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th, 2022. It will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton San Antonio Airport, at 611 NW Loop 410, SATX, 78216. If you would like to book a room at the Double Tree, the group rate is \$89.00. Reservations must be made no later than November 21, 2022. Reservations can be made by phone: (888) 728-3031 or by going on the website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=SATATDT&groupCode=CDTSPA&arrivaldate=2022-12-10&departuredate=2022-12-11&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&roomId=HILTONLINKDIRECT%3E>

NOTE: If there are no rooms left, please contact me at 210-606-3932, and I will have the director

of catering and conference services open more rooms at our group rate.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 12th. The kitchen will

open at noon for lunch orders from their menu. Plates are \$10-\$12 depending on the entrée you order. Our membership meeting will start at 1pm. This will be the last meeting of the year and will run approximately 20 -30 minutes. We have no meeting in December because of our Christmas banquet. If you cannot make the meeting, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



John A. Lopez
President, SFA Chapter XV

president@sfa-XV.org

2022 Fishing Trip



October Meeting Minutes

SFA Chapter XV

08OCT22 1300 Member Meeting Notes

VFW Post 8541, San Antonio, Texas

Leadership Presiding:

President: John Lopez

Treasurer: Pete Martinez

Secretary: Mike Brown

Summary of Chapter Business:

1. **President John Lopez** announced Margaret Tippy, wife of member **John Tippy**, passed away on 15SEP and member **Robert Simpson Jr.** passed away on 10SEP. The Chapter expressed our sincerest condolences to their families and asked that you keep them in your prayers and memories.
2. **President John Lopez** announced the internment ceremony for member **Tony Aquiningoc** will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on 08NOV.
3. **Sick and Distressed:** Chapter member Edgar Morales is home recovering from multiple surgeries. He is available for visitation or phone calls.
4. Chapter **Treasurer Pete Martinez** provided the monthly and annual Budget update. The budget was accepted as read.
5. **Minutes:** The July minutes were posted in the August newsletter. Minutes were accepted as written.
6. **Chapter XV Membership** currently stands at 243 members. 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.
 - a. Two recent SFQC honor graduates who are still in training will be given memberships and added to our rolls. The Chapter looks forward to meeting them upon their completion of training.
7. **President Joh Lopez** thanked everyone for attending the SF Association Convention in September in Colorado Springs. Chapter XV was well represented with a total attendance of approximately 700. Next year's convention is 22-26MAY23 at the Wyndham Indianapolis Hotel. The convention coincides with the annual Indianapolis 500 which will occur the following weekend.

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8. The **“Wall that Heals”** is coming to the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Facility Thursday 03NOV until 06NOV. The traveling exhibit honors all Vietnam veterans and bears the name of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the conflict.
9. **President John Lopez** announced the due to unforecasted charges for holding the Chapter XV Christmas banquet at the Crowne Plaza and new location is pending. The Crowne Plaza is under new ownership and not honoring the previous tentative agreement with new charges totaling more than \$8,000 USD. More information to follow at the November meeting.
10. **Dick’s Last Resort Fundraiser:** as mentioned at prior meetings, Dicks Last Resort is under new management and this location no longer an option for an annual Chapter XV fundraiser. Coordinator **Fred Solis** for a new event location and sponsors currently. If anyone knows of potential sponsors, please contact Fred Solis with information. More information to follow at the November meeting.
11. SFA National Vice President **Bill Smith** announced that all current members will new members of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) based on a new partnership between SFA and AUSA. SFA members can opt out of membership through the **“DROP”** magazine if they so choose. See the SFA website for more information.
12. **Key dates were announced:**
 - a. **12NOV** is the November Chapter XV meeting per SOP.
 - b. **10DEC** is the annual Chapter XV Christmas Ball at a TBD location. No meeting will be held that month per normal practice.
13. Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.



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It is great to be back with everyone.

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve

CH (MAJ, Ret.) Steven G Rindahl, DMin
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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 #1 F Commander - Bill Smith F Post in TEXAS Sr. Vice Commander - Robert DeArmon W Quartermaster - Chris Espinoza W					
	ASWAA Meeting 1230 3rd Saturday	1 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5-7	2 POOL POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	3 1900 General Membership & Auxiliary Meetings Kitchen Open 5-7	4 SPECIAL FORCES 1200-1400 2nd Sat. of the Month POKER	5 Saturday Music 6:30 to 10:30 Meals 5:30 to 7:00 Crispy Taco Charro Beans Spanish Rice \$10 Karaoke with Dalia
6 Pool League	7 POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	8 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5-7	9 POOL POKER 10 1st AB Meeting 1900 Kitchen Open 5-7	10 SUPPORT YOUR POST. BUY YOUR BUDDY A DRINK.	11 Veteran's Day Food 1 - 4 PM VPR at 1 PM	12 Open Kitchen Karaoke with Dalia
13 Pool League	14 POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	15 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5-7	16 POOL POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	17	18 POKER	19 Brisket Spanish Rice Charro Beans \$12 Cross Hill Junction
20 Pool League	21 POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	22 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5-7	23 POOL POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	24 Happy Thanksgiving Sharon will be cookin' dinner from 1 to 5 Canteen 11 to 11	25 POKER	26 Close Kitchen Something Blue
27 Pool League	28 POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	29 Cornhole 1900 Kitchen Open 5-7	30 POOL POKER KITCHEN OPEN 5-7	31 Happy Thanksgiving	Alamo Model A Club Meeting 3rd Sunday at 1 PM	Calendar is subject to change. This is Version 1 effective 27 Oct 22

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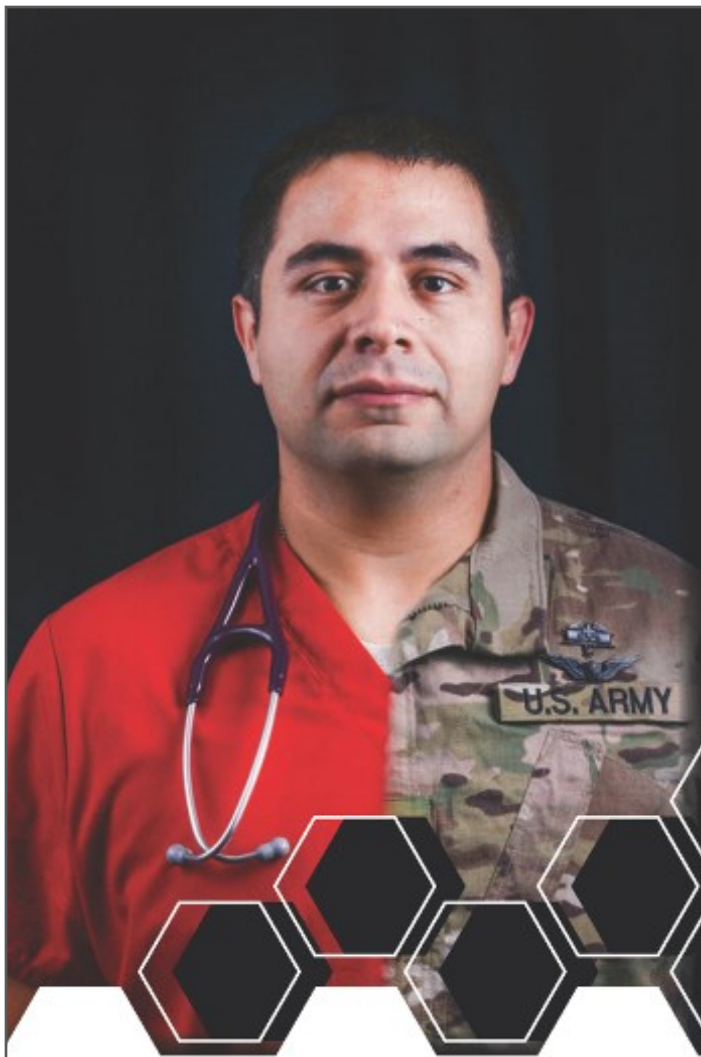
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2022 CALENDAR

<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 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 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 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
<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 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 10 Columbus Day 17-21 SOAR Reunion 31 Halloween	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 NO BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING 10 Christmas Banquet 25 Christmas Day

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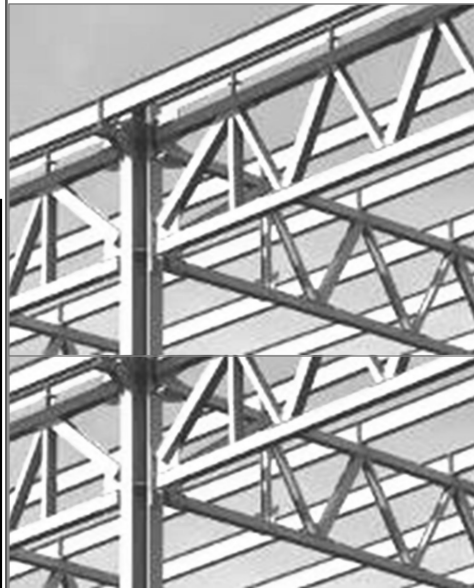


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RECUERDO (REMEMBRANCE)

**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.
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Bob and Vicki Walker*

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The Editors



"Carry on!"