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The Alamo Chapter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NO CHAPTER XV BOARD MEETING

NO MEMBER MEETING



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:

I hope everyone enjoyed their Labor Day weekend. That is right CH XV, we are now in September. We made it through June, July, and August and did not see a 100-degree weather day. However, we still have a couple more weeks of summer. But I feel, the hottest days are behind us.

Saturday, September 11th, Patriot Day, marks the 20-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. There were several events going on that day, so just a reminder there will be NO CHAPTER MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

There were two motorcycle rides on September 11th. The Iron Asses for Basasses 3 Ride benefitted the Green Beret Foundation. For more information about it contact Dave Marshall at dmarshall@greenberetfoundation.org. The other ride was the 9/11 Memorial Ride, which was run by local VFW posts, started at John Lott Municipal Park in Lytle, TX, 78052.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, September 17th.

The event planned for Saturday, September 18th, at the Longtab Brewing Company, hosting the Benavidez family and serving their "TMM" beer in honor of MSG Roy P. Benavidez has been postponed. We will let you know when it is rescheduled.

Autumn begins on Wednesday, September 22nd.

We are a little over one month away from the Special Operations Association Reunion and the Special Forces Association International Convention in Las Vegas, NV. Again, those dates are October 18th – 22nd for the SOAR event, and October 22nd – 25th for the SFAIC event. Both events will be held at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Registration info is in the current Summer 2021 edition of The Drop.

Nominations for the 2022-23 Slate of Chapter Officers is now open. Since there will be no chapter meeting in September, Chuck Rose will be taking the names of the nominees for the ballot. You can send him the name(s) at chuckrose@gvtc.com (<mailto:Chuckrose@gvtc.com>).

We are looking for 1-2 non-board chapter members for a teller committee. They will be responsible for taking all ballots, counting them, and verifying membership. If interested please see myself or Chuck Rose for details.

Christmas Banquet: Saturday, Dec 11th, at Texas Republic Golf Club. Christmas banquet ticket will be on sale at our October 9th meeting.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 9th. Our board meeting will start at 11:30am. Lunch will begin at noon. Our membership meeting will start at 1pm. Hope to see you there and stay safe!



John A. Lopez
President, SFA Chapter XV

president@sfa-XV.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Postweb page www.vfwpost8541.org All the latest info on activities and latest calendar. Email: adjutant@vfwpost8541.org</p>	<p>V Post 8541 V # One Commander - Bill Smith Sr. Vice Commander - Chris Marshall Quartermaster - Tom Parisano</p>		<p>Post in TEXAS</p>			<p>Saturday Bands play from 7 to 11 Meals are 5 to 7</p>
<p>SICKCALL IS EVERY SUNDAY FROM 1300 - 1500</p>	<p>Alamo Model A Club Meeting 3rd Sunday at 1 PM</p>	<p>1 POOL Kitchen Open 4 - 7</p>	<p>2 1900 General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings Victory Over Japan</p>	<p>3 P 7 PM</p>	<p>4 Caribbean Night Jerk Chicken Rice & Peas Fried Plantains Mike the DJ</p>	
<p>5 Pool League</p> <p>Church Services Rodella Rm. 1030</p>	<p>6 7 PM P KITCHEN OPEN 4 - 7</p>	<p>7 Poker</p>	<p>8 POOL Kitchen Open 4 - 7</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 O</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>Church Services Rodella Rm. 1030</p>	<p>13 O Kitchen Open 4 - 7</p>	<p>14 Texas Hold'em 7 PM</p>	<p>15 POOL KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</p>	<p>16 House Committee Meeting 1:30</p>	<p>17 K</p>	
<p>19 Pool League Church Services Rodella Rm. 1030 Sunday Brunch 11 to 2 - \$15 POW/MIA Day</p>	<p>20 K Kitchen Open 4 - 7</p>	<p>21 Texas Hold'Em 7 PM</p>	<p>22 POOL KITCHEN OPEN 4 - 7</p>	<p>23 SUPPORT YOUR POST. BUY YOUR BUDDY A DRINK.</p>	<p>24 E</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>Church Services Rodella Rm. 1030</p>	<p>27 R KITCHEN OPEN 4 - 7</p>	<p>28 TEXAS HOLD EM</p>	<p>29 POOL Kitchen Open 4 - 7</p>	<p>30 The latest info on Post activities is at</p>	<p>25 Jagerschnitzel Bratkartoffeln (Sliced Potatoes w/ Bacon) Green Beans Top Shelf Band</p>	
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August Member Meeting Minutes

SFA CHAPTER XV MEETING MINUTES

Chapter Meeting Date: 14 August 2021

Headcount: 35

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 POW's was held. **John Lopez welcomed** new members/associate members and guests to the Chapter:

- Joe Doris, friend of Art Medina
- John Madden, medically retired from 1st SFG. Lives in New Braunfels, TX
- Don Hubbs from Floresville, TX
- Christopher Livesay, former 5th SFG, retired, lives in New Braunfels, TX
- Scotty Skyler, former 10th SFG, lives in Timber Hill, TX
- Happy 98th birthday to Vito Cellini

Sick & distressed to be recognized:

- David Benavides funeral services were recognized, CH XV donated \$250 to help the family
- Lou Colantoni was reported recovering well from his stroke he had in May
- Richard Harvey's wife, Sally underwent major back surgery and is recovering at BAMC
- Steve Walsh has recovered from COVID
- David Marshall has recovered from COVID
- Pat, Mary, and Alysia Meffert have recovered from COVID

August - December 2021 Business

- 1. Budget & Treasurer's report: Merrill Hall**, monthly and annual budget reports were presented and accepted as read.
- 2. Minutes:** June and July meeting minutes were posted in their respected Newsletters and those minutes were accepted as posted.
- 3. Membership report: Sergio Venegas stated** the chapter currently stands at 232 members.
- 4. John Lopez gave** update on the Texas SF License plate.

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August Member Meeting Minutes (continued)

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5. **John Lopez informed** chapter on Club Express and SFA National looking for a chapter consultant. **Sergio Venegas volunteered** for the position.
6. **John Lopez informed** chapter members of new law in reference DV license plates and ADA placards starting September 1st.
7. **John Lopez put** out information on 5th SFG anniversary reunion in FT Campbell, KY/Clarksville, TN.
8. **Fred Solis informed** chapter that the annual Dick's Last Resort fundraiser has been cancelled due to venue renovations. Several ideas were brought up to make up for the fundraiser.
9. **Chuck Rose informed** chapter of procedures for nominations of 2022–2023-chapter board directors.
10. **John Lopez informed** chapter of upcoming Special Operations Association Reunion and Special Forces Association Convention in Las Vegas in October.
11. **John Lopez informed** chapter that there will be no flag detail needed for Veterans Day ceremony at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.
12. **John Lopez informed** chapter of chapter Christmas banquet information that will be in December.
13. **Bill Smith made a motion** and it was seconded and voted on to cancel September meeting due to several events happening on September 11th. Next meeting will be on Saturday, October 9th.
14. **Bill Smith announced** that VFW Post 8541 will have four 5K VFW scholarships for 2022.
15. **Father Steve Rindahl informed** chapter that August will be last month for Swordbearer's Chapel service, and will pick up sometime after the Spain Pilgrimage. Date TBD.
16. Door prizes: **Raul de la Garza read** off winning tickets.
17. Meeting adjourned.

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

September 11th



Chptr. Pres. John Lopez, MSG (Ret) Joni Davis, & Jennifer Hougahl at the VFW 9/11 Memorial Ride in Lytle, TX.

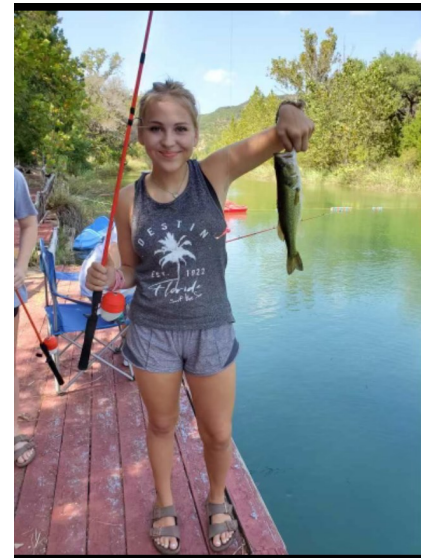
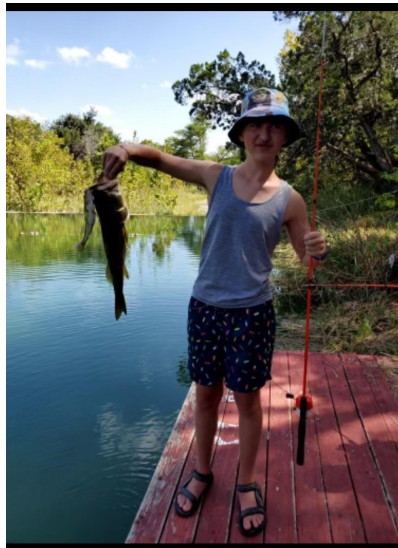


Dave Marshall at the Shade Tree Saloon & Grill



David Marshall at the Iron Asses for Bad Asses III 9/11 Ride

Labor Day



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Community Information

Nomination of Chapter XV 2022-23 Officers

Nominations for Chapter XV 2022-23 Officers, as of September 15, 2021:

- 1) Chuck Rose is still taking nominations for each of the officers' positions. You can email him your nomination(s) at Chuckrose@gvvc.com
- 2) During the Chapter Meeting on October 9th final nominations will be excepted and the ballot finalized. The ballot will be published in the Chapter October Newsletter.
- 3) If you are unable to attend the November 13th meeting, you can mail you ballot to the Telling Committee, SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, Texas 78265. Ballots will be tabulated at the November Meeting and Chapter Officers for 2022 -23 that will be sworn-in at the December 11th Baquet.

CHAPTER XV NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 2021-2022

PRESIDENT:

Juan Lopez

David Marshall

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Pat Meffert

SECRETARY:

Mike Brown

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

Sergio Venegas

TREASURER:

Pete Martinez

ASSISTANT TREASURER:

Merrill Hall

SGT- at-ARMS:

Gordon Lee

ASSISTANT SGT-at -ARMS:

Raul De La Garza

\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, August 2021:

The August Meal was compliments of Sergio Venegas.

Fiesta Medals sales continue and we are in profit side.

Frank Sills donated \$25 to the SFA Building Memorial Fund and I forwarded that to the National Chapter.

The Chapter also sent a check to Tammy Benavides to help cover the cost of food for David's funeral.

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

Merrill Hall, Treasurer
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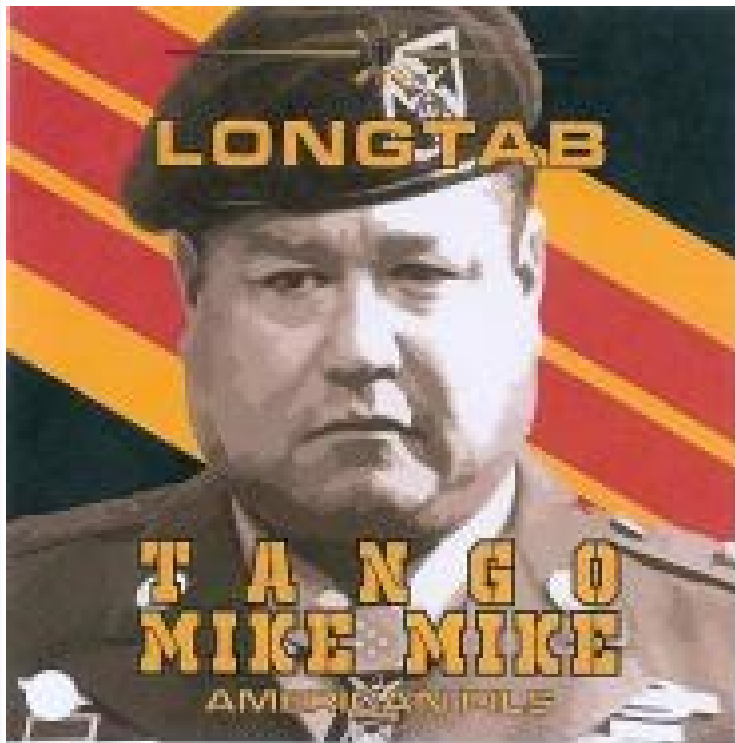
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POSTPONEMENT

The LongTab event, scheduled for Saturday, September 18th, hosting the Benavidez family and serving their "TMM" beer in honor of MSG Roy P. Benavidez has been postponed. New Date TBD.



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In 2021 we have the emotions that naturally occur on 9/11 compounded by the disintegration of Afghanistan with the total take over by the Taliban. We have an unprecedented rise in covid infections and deaths brought on by a mixture of slowing vaccination rates, discontinuing infection risk mitigation methods, and the introduction of new variants. The

economy struggles to recover, but nobody seems willing to work with "help wanted" signs on nearly every business. With these and other challenges, it might be tempting to say to the world – Wake Me Up When September Ends. If this is your temptation, do not forget the hope of a brighter future.



Look forward to the new life of spring, and ring out the bells again. Remember that:

"The right hand of the Lord is with you: and He is your helper: and peace was prepared for you, before ever your war was."

~ *The Odes of Solomon, "Ode 8"* ~

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve

CH (MAJ, Ret.) Steven G Rindahl, DMin
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GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

2021 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>08 Board Meeting 1000hrs 09 Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>13 Board Meeting 1000hrs 13 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due 26 CH XV 44th Anniversary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>06 Board Meeting 1100hrs 06 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 14 Daylight Savings 17 Saint Patrick's Day 21 GBF Blues, Brews, & Bugs 25 CMOH Day 28 Palm Sunday</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>03 Crawfish Boil - Longtab 1400hrs 10 Board Meeting 1130hrs 10 Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>08 Joe Dawson Farwell @Longtab 09 Mother's Day NO BOARD MEETING NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 15 Chapter Picnic @the Meffert's 15 Drop Input Due 31 Memorial Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>12 Board Meeting 1130hrs 12 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 14 U.S. Army Birthday 14 Flag Day 20 Father's Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>04 Independence Day 10 Board Meeting 1100hrs 10 Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>14 Board Meeting 1130hrs 14 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>06 Labor Day 11 Board Meeting 1100hrs 11 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 17 POW/MIA Day</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>09 Board Meeting 1100hrs 09 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 11 Columbus Day 14 or 21 DLR's Fundraiser 16 JBSA Octoberfest 18-22 SOAR Reunion 22-25 SFAIC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>11 Veterans Day 13 Board Meeting 1100hrs 13 Membership Meeting 1300hrs 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>07 Pearl Harbor Day 11 Board Meeting 1100hrs NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 11 Christmas Banquet</p>

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**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.
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