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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



July 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 11 — SFA July Board Meeting

1400—VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

July 13 — Membership Meeting

1200 — noon meal served

1300 — Business meeting



DON'T FORGET



- Registration continues for the 2019 Annual SFA Convention 13-18 August in Charleston, W.V. Some rooms are still available at main convention

hotel and other nearby hotels. This year's theme honors Gold Star families. See full schedule at [SFA website](http://www.sfa-xv.org).

- Sick call every Sunday, 1300 hours at VFW Post 8541. POC is Bill Beall.



R.I.P.
 Capt. D.L.
 "Pappy"
 Hicks

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying family. Our board meeting will not be on 4 July but on 11 July due to the holiday weekend. We will meet at 1400 hours as always. Our membership meeting will be 13 July with lunch at 1200 and the meeting starting at 1300.

Our next main event will be the National SFA Convention in West Virginia. This year they will be honoring Gold Star families. As of a couple of days ago, there are rooms available at the main hotel and others close by. There is still time to sign up for the convention and to purchase tickets for the many events. It should be a great event.

Tickets For the Chapter Christmas banquet will be available at our meeting, and I believe Buddy is able to get them on the web for purchase as well. Rick Salinas will be the entertainment again this year. There will be an installation of officers this year. Nominations will be in September and October, with the voting in November. Chuck Rose is heading up the nominations committee with assistance from Bobby Walker.

There is currently no solid answer on Dick's Last Resort for this year. If anyone has other ideas for fundraising, please feel free to bring them up for discussion.

Chuck Rose made a motion to have members donate money toward the framed Fiesta Medal and Poster. A picture is available in this newsletter. Once the money is raised, the poster will remain the property of Chapter XV. The poster will be displayed at the Long Tab Brewery in Leon Valley, an SF-owned business. If the business moves or goes out of business, the poster will be returned to the Chapter. If there are any further questions or if you would like to donate to the project, get with one of the board members at the next meeting.

I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys their family.

William Smith
Chapter XV President



\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, June 2019

The Chapter salutes several donors for their generous gifts during June.

Our hats are off to John Lopez and Kim Phillips for their donation toward a Chapter meeting meal. We also thank the following who made cash donations: Bob and Denyse Simpson, David Benavides, John Rodden, Johnnie and Mandy Terrazas, Donald and Patricia Burton and one anonymous donor.

Michele Buratti renewed her membership for life, and Leroy Techendorf renewed and transferred his SFA membership to Chapter XV.

Gordon Lee added nearly \$300 to the Fiesta medal sales account.

Expenses for June were minimal. Bob Walker and Brent Davis shared the cost of a delicious meeting meal. Operating expenses included a reimbursement for Canyon Lake expenses, website maintenance fees and a small PayPal transfer fee. A more precise accounting will be briefed at the monthly membership meeting on 13 July.

Also at the meeting, we understand that Karen Hermann will have a nice check to present the Chapter from proceeds of the 2nd annual Caribbean Cruise.

See you there.

Buddy Gee
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Minutes of June Meeting

Chapter Meeting Date: 1 June 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Smith at 1300 hrs. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Rudy Johnson gave the invocation. A moment of silence for fallen comrades and POW's was held.

President Smith welcomed new members/associate members and guests to the Chapter. Larry Tesechendorf transferred in, giving us 204 members, with 46 present.

Members Sick or In Distress: JR is still having foot problems and Richard Harvey is recovering from back surgery.

The President presented a memorial plaque to the family of Alex (Godfather) Flores on behalf of the SFA.

Treasurer's Report: Buddy Gee presented the monthly (April and May) financial reports and they were accepted as read.

April Minutes: as published in the newsletter were accepted by the membership.

Membership report: Marti Scott stated that we currently have 204 members

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cruise:** Karen Hermann is looking at dates and options for next year's cruise, as it was again a great success.
- Scholarships:** 5 Scholarships were awarded this year: Antonio Dawson, son of Joel Dawson; Rachel Jimenez,

granddaughter of Henry Jimenez; Daniel Kremer, grandson of Barry Archer; John Lopez, Chapter member; and Natalie James, Granddaughter of Jose Compos.

- Christmas Banquet:** Set for Saturday, December 14, 2019 at El Tropicano Hotel. Room reservations are \$109 per night, tickets go on sale in July for \$55 ea.
- JROTC Awards:** John Lopez stated that 36 awards were given out by the chapter this year. Great job, John!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chapter elections are coming up and the election committee will form in July with nominations in Sep and Oct, with the vote in Nov.
- The President gave an overview of upcoming events at the VFW.
- Buddy Gee briefed the membership on the improved web site.
- The President showed off the 1st Fiesta Medal and Shadow Box from Fiesta. Several recommendations were made on it and will be discussed later.

The meeting was adjourned at 1400.

Respectfully submitted,
JW Martin, D2041L
Chapter Secretary



Marsha Scott signs up a new member, bringing us to a total of 204.



David Benavidez waits for start of the June meeting.



Lisa Estrada receives plaque presented in memory of her father, Alex Flores.

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Remembering Pappy

D.L. 'PAPPY' HICKS

April 12, 1933—June 19, 2019



Pappy couldn't attend Chapter meetings during his later days



CPT Hicks in the Central Highlands, 1967



Sketch from his 1995 book detailing his Cherokee heritage

CPT David L. "Pappy" Hicks was a long-time member of SFA Chapter XV, but in his later years could not travel to Chapter events. He kept in touch with his many Chapter friends by email, telephone and through occasional visits by Chapter members to his home in Troup, Texas.

Pappy was a proud veteran of his service in the Korean War and several tours in Laos and other Southeast Asian countries.

"Uncle Larry was one of the most interesting men you will meet, with hundreds of stories to tell. He was an American hero, having served in both the Korean & Vietnam Wars. He was also the principal Chief of the Texas Cherokee and author of several war novels. Uncle Larry will be greatly missed!" — Mark Seth Hicks Sr., nephew

"I learned much from Pappy, and he was very influential to my career. A truly great man. We shall all miss him." — Col (Ret) Allan Bucknell, Chapter XV

In 1999, Pappy was honored at a ceremony in Washington D.C. by fellow members of the "Secret Army," which operated in Laos during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Later, he was honored in Congress as "a true American hero." Part of that tribute by U.S. Rep. Ralph M. Hall:

"Pappy was a deep, covert operator in clandestine operations in

South Asia from 1959 until 1982. Many of these operations have remained concealed over the years as a result of their top secret nature. American citizens and U.S. troops alike were unaware that any fighting was occurring in Laos during the Vietnam War. The Secret Army was comprised of Hmong and other Laotian mountain people in cooperation with the Royal Laotian Army and American advisors...Their mission was to find potential enemies of the United States operating within the Laotian borders with the North Vietnamese.

"Reportedly, these men saved thousands of American lives through their efforts; thus, their recent Washington tribute was an emotional one for Pappy. At the ceremony, he fought back tears as he recollected his time in Laos and the injuries he sustained while operating in that area. As he spoke to his fellow soldiers, Pappy remarked, 'Every so often, years after the fact when we become old men, we who worked in the dark are let out in the light for a moment of glory. For me, this is the day.'"

Funeral service was held June 26 with burial at Pinecrest Cemetery N. in Troup. Pappy's survivors include his sons David Hicks Jr. of Arp, Daniel Hicks of Tyler, Ty Hicks of Troup; daughter Sandra Evans of Whitehouse; brothers Gerald Hicks of Dothan, AL and Dr. Daylon Hicks of Florida; sisters Delores Sampson of Winona and Katherine Cates of Austin; 9 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Chapter News

Movin' On Up...



In top photo, Chapter XV President Bill Smith (far right) and Vice

President Juan Lopez (second from right) are sworn in for new terms as Commander and Senior Vice Commander, respectively, of VFW Post 8541. The other officers are (from left) Stan Grover, Wayne McNeely, Graham Montgomery, Adan Flores, Tom Parisano and Brandon Thacker.

Bottom photo: Bill Smith (third from right) becomes Junior Vice Commander of Texas VFW's District 20.

Congratulations to our own leaders of the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Chapter Election 2019

A new slate of Chapter officers will be elected in November to serve a two-year term from January 2020 to December 2022. The election process begins in August.

Chapter elections are conducted in accordance with Article VI of the By-Laws. The process begins with the appointment of a Nominating Chairman who will be a non-office holding general member appointed by the Chapter President. The Nominating Committee Chairman will appoint two non-office holding general or associate members to assist in the performance of the duties of the committee.

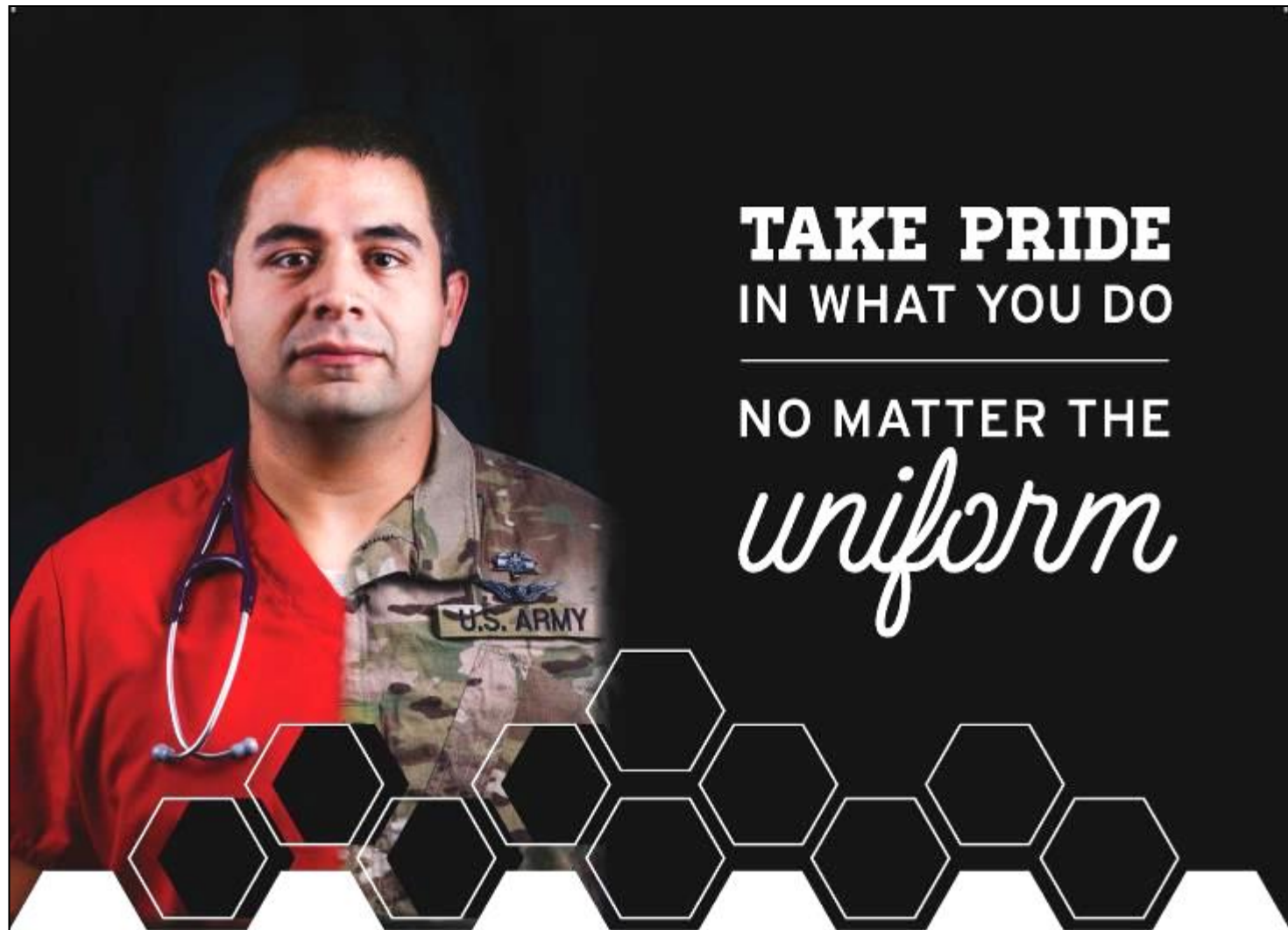
The committee is responsible for preparing a draft comprehensive schedule of related events for the approval of the President and Chapter officers, leading up to and including the date of the election and announcement of the results. The committee should begin its work as early as possible to seek out candidates for the next election and to receive nominations from the membership.

The Chapter President will also appoint a Teller Committee chairman, who will in-turn appoint two non-office holding members to assist with validating the election ballots, count the

votes and announce the election results at the November General Membership meeting. Newly elected officers will be installed at the Chapter Christmas Banquet on December 14, 2019.

The following are positions to be elected, (current incumbent) and special rules:

- ◆ Chapter President: (Bill Smith), must be a General Member
- ◆ Chapter Vice President: (John Lopez), must be a General Member
- ◆ Secretary: (J.W. Martin), General or Associate Member
- ◆ Treasurer: (Buddy Gee), General or Associate Member
- ◆ Sergeant-at-Arms: (Raul de la Garza), General or Associate Member
- ◆ Assistant Secretary: (David Marshall), General or Associate Member
- ◆ Assistant Treasurer: (Mike Pagel), General or Associate Member
- ◆ Assistant Sergeant at Arms: (Gordon Lee), General or Associate Member



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Banquet Tickets on Sale Soon

Chapter XV's annual Christmas Banquet and installation of officers is set for Saturday, December 14, 2019. Tickets are \$55 per person and will go on sale at the July 13 membership meeting.

For the first time, tickets may be purchased on the Chapter website with a credit card or PayPal. Online purchasers may opt to pick up their tickets from president Bill Smith or request they be sent by mail. Tickets may also be purchased in person with cash, check or credit card at a Chapter membership meeting.

Once again, arrangements for reduced room rates have been made with the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel. The reservation code will be published as soon as available. (Room rates last year were \$109 plus tax.)

A complimentary hospitality room will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. The banquet and installation ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. Rick Salinas will be the entertainer for the evening.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET DECEMBER 14, 2019

El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel

110 Lexington Ave., San Antonio 78205

- ◆ Hospitality Room, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- ◆ Social, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Banquet, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (approximate)
- ◆ Dancing to the music of Rick Salinas, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- ◆ Tickets: \$55 each

Purchase tickets online with credit card or PayPal. www.sfa-xv.org

Hospice Seeks Veteran Volunteers

A Message from Laura Brown

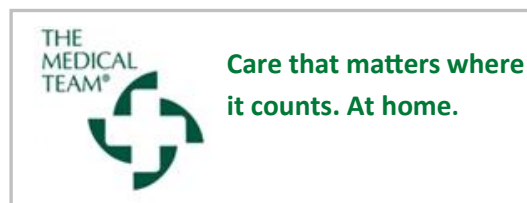
Our hospice program has a number of patients who have served in the armed forces both in combat and noncombat situations. These veterans would benefit so much from a brother or sister in arms to come by and visit, to swap stories, to sit with them while their caregiver runs errands or attends their own appointments. No caregiving skills are required, just a kindred spirit and a service heart. Some of them love to hear music, some love to hear Bible verses, others would love to watch old wartime movies with someone who sees them the same way.

You could make an incredible difference for someone who has served like you have. Every day, every minute for these veterans is precious and they may need an ear or just the presence of another who has been far from home, possibly in a situation of fear or uncertainty. It can mean so much to know that someone understands your experiences, even if no words are spoken between you.

YOU CAN SERVE THESE PATRIOTS IN A WAY THAT WE CANNOT. PLEASE HELP US MEET THE UNSPOKEN NEED.

If you have an hour or two a month to spend with another Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine, please contact Diane Sell, Volunteer Services Coordinator
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Chapter News

A Busy Year for JROTC Awards

From John Lopez

2019 was another busy year for our Chapter in supporting our local and surrounding area high schools' JROTC programs.

I would not have been able to support 36 high schools (two more than last year) without the help from our Chapter. I would like to recognize those individuals that helped me present the JROTC awards and make it all possible.

- Jose Campos (Schertz & Cibolo)
- Lou Colantoni (New Braunfels & Canyon Lake)
- Raul De La Garza (San Antonio)
- Steve Hermann (Fort Sam Houston)
- Chris Marshall (San Antonio)
- Bill Martin (Floresville)
- J.W. Martin (San Antonio)
- Pat Meffert (Spring Branch)
- Juan Moya (McAllen)
- Kim Phillips (delivered awards to local schools and area schools in New Braunfels and Boerne)



This is the official 2019 Fiesta poster, framed with the very first Chapter XV Fiesta Medal. Members are being asked to donate toward purchase of the artwork, which will be displayed on permanent loan at Longtab Brewing in San Antonio.



Service Set for 7th Group Soldier Rey Ramos

MSgt Reynaldo Ramos (US Army, Ret.) died June 19 at age 64. He proudly served with 7th Army Special Forces as Special Ops Instructor in Colombia, El Salvador, Panama, Mexico, Ecuador, Venezuela, Uruguay, Paraguay, Greece, Honduras, Libya, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Peru, and Canada. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in addition to other medals.

After retirement, he worked as a military contractor and security specialist for several international companies. He was a member of the American Legion and the Rough Riders Motorcycle Club.

His family will receive friends on Friday, July 5, at 8 a.m. Funeral Service will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Angelus Funeral Home, 1119 N. St. Mary's St. Interment with military honors will follow at 10 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with Fr. Steve Rindahl officiating.

Groundbreaking Rescheduled for New Tejada Outpatient Clinic

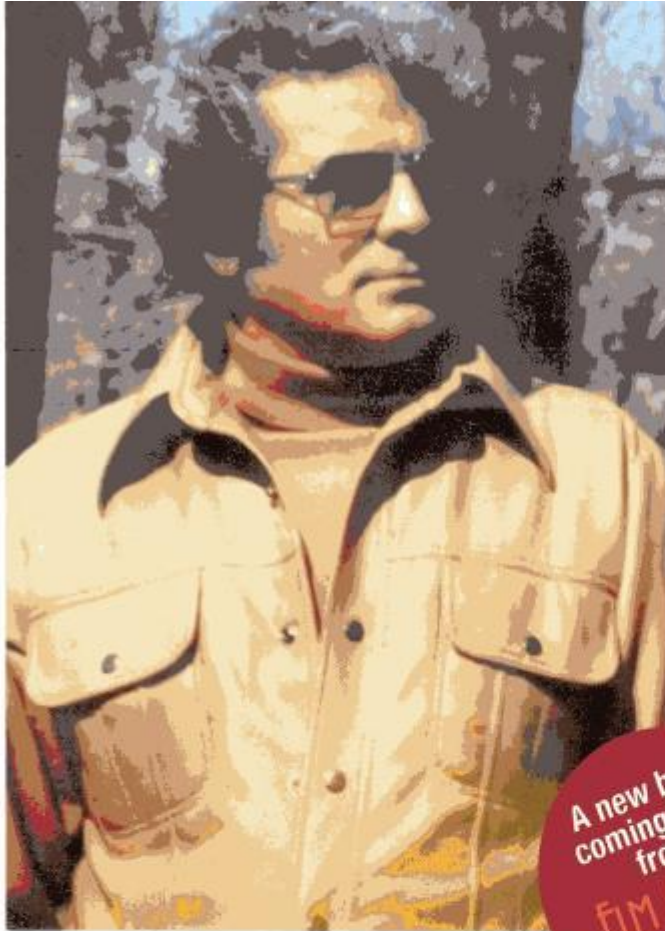


JR Garza reports that groundbreaking on a new Frank Tejada VA Outpatient Clinic has been tentatively rescheduled for Friday, July 12, in Westover Hills.

The location is a large empty lot next to Sea World Area Holiday Inn at Rogers Road and Highway 151.

The scheduled groundbreaking on June 28 was canceled because of thunderstorms in the area.

Detailed information about the new clinic will be available as soon as released by the VA. The original release said all operations at the VA Datapoint location (eye, dental and women's clinics) will be consolidated at the new location, along with operations of the existing Tejada Outpatient Clinic. The new clinic should be fully operational in late 2021. Meanwhile, all clinics will remain the same.



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Born in New York and raised in Italy, Vito "Tutuc" Cellini went from street gangster to soldier to resistance fighter to secret agent – all before he was twenty-one years of age.

Drafted into the fascist Italian army against his will and sent to the front line, he deserted and joined Tito's Yugoslavian Partisans fighting the Nazis, returning to Italy to join the Allies amid one of the biggest cover-ups of the European war.

He ended the war working covertly with the American OSS (forerunner of the CIA) hunting down criminals and undesirables.

Sailing home to New York in 1948 with a forged Italian passport and just 12 cents in his pocket, he was arrested at Ellis Island. Since then, Cellini's inventiveness, reputation and irrepressible sense of adventure have taken him all over the world, often putting his life in great peril.

Respected by the New York Mafia, Cellini later negotiated with some of the most feared organized crime syndicates in Italy. Nicaragua's President Somoza sought his advice on guerilla warfare and weapons tactics, and while in Nicaragua he was embroiled in the assassination of a high profile journalist and had

to flee for his life.

Cellini has kept Federal Agents informed of credible plots to assassinate known enemies of the United States. He even served for a short time, albeit inadvertently, as bodyguard for a notorious drug lord in Mexico.

He has never been afraid of taking the law into his own hands because, he says, sometimes that is the only way to survive.

His inventions, including the *Cellini Muzzle Brake*, have earned him 19 patents and the undying respect and gratitude of members of the U.S. Special Forces and Law Enforcement. He has been privileged to count some of America's most revered and decorated military heroes among his closest friends.

Cellini is, more than anything, a patriot; a man who puts honor above all. And while some of his adventures make fictional spies and secret agents pale by comparison, unlike his fictitious counterparts, Cellini always remained faithful to one woman.

Now at the age of 94, he finally feels comfortable talking about his life, and he isn't pulling any punches.

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It is July and in the United States – that means the 4th of July AKA Independence Day. The day the colonists rang the Liberty Bell and declared themselves free from the rule of England and free to govern ourselves.

Just what does it mean to be independent or free? Much to many people's surprise, the Founding Fathers did not mean total and absolute independence or freedom. That would lead to anarchy, and the 13 fledgling colonies turned states would have devolved into chaos.

No, instead rules were established for the sake of protecting people from oppression while still safeguarding the good governance of the country and ensuring a social order which would strengthen society instead of tearing it apart. The actor Jim Caviezel (*Person of Interest*, *Passion of Christ*, *The Thin Red Line*, etc) stated in an interview that "freedom is not the ability to do what we want, it is having the right to do what we ought." Well, what ought we to do?

Our actions need to be driven by a desire to make life better. Better for our selves, better for our families, better for our fellow citizens, and better for our country. Then, prayerfully, a better country – a better USA – brings a better world. A world that is safer no matter where one lives. This is why, as a country, we go out of our way to help those who are not

blessed as richly as we are. We sacrifice so that others may be liberated from the oppression that they are under. We, as a country, are free to do what we ought.

In similar fashion, people are often individually held captive in bad habits, destructive behaviors, in emotional and behavioral traps. We have all heard somebody say (or possibly have said ourselves), I want to quit xyz, but I can't seem to do it. In this way, people are subjected to personal oppression that they need to be liberated from. Jesus said that He came "to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Luke 4:18).

As the sounds of fireworks fade and the celebration of our national liberty dies down for another year, I ask you to ask yourself – Have I experienced liberty in my own life? If not, let me introduce you to the One who can help you gain that liberty.

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve
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GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2019 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
10 Board Meeting 1400 12 Membership Meeting 31 February Board Meeting	2 Membership Meeting 15 Drop Input Due 26 Ch. XV 42nd anniversary 28 March Board Meeting	2 Membership Meeting 8-10 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff 29 Vietnam Veterans Day
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
4 Board Meeting 1400 6 Chapter Memorial Service 0900 6 Membership Meeting 1100 28-5 Ch. XV Cruise/fundraiser 30 Scholarship applications due TBD JROTC Presentations	2 Board Meeting 1400 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 15 Drop Input Due 17-19 Canyon Lake Picnic 27 Memorial Day Serv 0930 TBD - JROTC Presentations 30 June Board Meeting 1400	1 Membership Meeting 14 Flag Day & Army Birthday
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Independence Day 11 Board Meeting 1400 13 Membership Meeting	1 Board Meeting 1400 3 Membership Meeting 13-18 SFA National Convention 15 Drop Input Due	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 20 POW/MIA Day TBD Scholarship Applications Due
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
3 Board Meeting 1400 5 Membership Meeting 31 November Board meeting	2 Membership Meeting Officer Elections 11 Veterans Day Ceremony 1000 15 Drop Input Due	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Pearl Harbor Day NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING 14 Christmas Banquet
<p>All Chapter Meetings, unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings begin at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the calendar.) A lunch meal will be served from 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meetings will be held the Thursday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1400 hours unless announced otherwise.</p>		

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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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



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13-18 AUG 2019 SFA International Convention, Charleston, WV.
Charleston Marriott Town Center
POC Kevin Harry, divemedic@yahoo.com
<https://www.sfanationalconvention.com/>

16-21 SEPT 2019 5th Special Forces Group Reunion, Clarksville, TN
Country Inn & Suites
POC: www.sfa38.org

13-17 OCT 2019 1st Special Forces Group Reunion, Las Vegas, NV.
The Plaza Hotel & Casino
POC Phil Grounds, steppingwild@gmail.com

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