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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 — Board meeting

1000— VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

March 7 — Membership Meeting

1200 - Noon meal served

1300 - Business meeting

March 13-15 — Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-Off

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day

March 29 — Vietnam Veterans Day



DON'T FORGET



- Chapter board meetings are now held on Friday mornings at 10 a.m., one day before monthly membership meeting.

- Daylight Savings time starts March 8.

- Chapter XV scholarship applications being accepted until April 30. VFW scholarships also offered through March 31. See Pages 12 and 14.



- Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff coming up! Join our team for the weekend, or plan a day trip to South Texas. See Page 8.

- Fr. Steve Rindahl is conducting a "Swordbearers Chapel" service at VFW

8541 every Sunday at 1030 hrs.

- Sick call with Bill Beall Sundays at 1200.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Hello Chapter XV!! It is time again to turn those clocks up an hour, eat some wild hog, and pour some green beer!

March is now upon us, and winter will be winding down this month. Daylight Savings Time will start on Sunday March 8, and Spring 2020 will officially begin on Thursday, March 19.

Just a quick reminder: Our board meeting is at 1000 hours on Friday, March 6, and our membership meeting will be on Saturday, March 7 at 1300 hours (lunch at noon). Both meetings will be held at our usual location.

PLEASE JOIN US for the 48th annual La Salle County Wild Hog Cook-Off and Fair in Cotulla, TX. It was first held in March of 1972. For the past several years, Chapter XV members have made the short 90-mile trip to enjoy Chapter XV camaraderie, good food, drinks, music, carnival, cook-off, contests, livestock show, ranch rodeo and parade.

The event is from Friday, March 13, to Sunday, March 15. Perhaps there will be some green beer being

poured there in our area because Saint Patrick's Day falls on Tuesday, March 17, and we would not want anybody missing out on their chance of green beer and to celebrate with friends. Please bring your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled day or weekend. Hope to see you there!



JROTC high school award ceremonies will be starting this month as well. If you are interested in presenting the Special Forces Association Award of Excellence to an outstanding JROTC cadet at one of our local high schools, please come talk with me for the details. We supported 36 high schools last year.

Thank you Chapter XV for all your help and support!

John A. Lopez
President, SFA CH XV

\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, February 2019

March is almost here and it will be time for the Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-off. Hopefully we have a hog for this year. (I am working to make that happen.) 40 ROTC medal sets have been ordered for the 2020 awards.

Our newest life time member is Leroy Teschendorf and we have two new members, Richard Walton and Larry Dollarhide. Elbert Marshall also renewed his membership. An application for membership is pending for Sarun Sar.

Bobby Walker and Daniel Bell Realtor have renewed their Newsletter ads.

I want to thank Iris Archer for the March meal donation. We also received meal donations for the year from Chris Perry, John Armezzani, Fred Villarreal and Bobby Walker. That leaves the meal for November as the only month that is not covered.

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

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Minutes of February Meeting

Chapter Meeting Date: Feb. 1, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE: Minutes of the February meeting were not available at press time. However, we can share some photos from the meeting.

At right, our new officers hard at work. Also, Gordon Lee and David Benavidez have a chat. Below left, Don and Mary Beth Blue with their favorite friend; at right, our members pledge allegiance to the flag.



Above, Dion Popoy and Merrill Hall visit during the break. Center: President John presents a plaque thanking former President Bill Smith for his years of outstanding service. Right: John and Susanne Armezzani win a door prize.



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Chapter News

Remembering SFC Javier J. Gutierrez

A memorial service honoring the life of SFC Javier J. Gutierrez of San Antonio was held Feb. 21 and his funeral with full military honors was held Feb. 22 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Military News reported that Gutierrez and SFC Antonio R. Rodriguez of Las Cruces, NM, both 28, were killed and six others wounded by an apparent insider attack in Afghanistan on Feb 8. Both men were assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group.

Gutierrez was a 2009 graduate of Burbank High School and its JROTC program. He leaves a wife, Gabriela “Gabby” Gutierrez, and four children aged 2 to 7. He was known as a deeply religious man devoted to his family.

The soldier was accorded many honors during his final journey home. Both President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Spence attended the “dignified transfer” of the soldiers’ bodies at Dover AFB. San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg ordered flags to be flown at half-staff until Gutierrez’s interment.

CHAPTER XV loaned its “Fallen Soldier” memorial display for the burial service, which was attended by a dozen Chapter members. At least 20 active duty soldiers from 7th Group headquartered at Eglin AFB in Florida also attended the service, including several who had served with Gutierrez. MAJ Richard Dunkin and MSG (Ret.) Dave Ogle were his first team leader and team sergeant on ODA 7313.

MG John W. Brennan Jr., commander of 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne) traveled from Fort Bragg, NC, and presented flags to Gutierrez’s widow and family.

A [GoFundMe campaign](#) has been set up by a fellow military spouse to help the Gutierrez family.



SFC Gutierrez

Below, Ch. XV members and their ‘Fallen Soldier’ display



Fallen San Antonio Soldier Laid to Rest



R.I.P. Sgt. Gutierrez

At left, MG John Brennan presents flag to widow Gabriela Gutierrez “on behalf of a grateful nation.”

Below center, soldier’s father Javier Gutierrez expresses appreciation for the hundreds attending burial service. At right, members of Fort Sam Houston Honors Detachment ceremonially fold the flag.

Bottom, MSG (Ret) Dave Ogle, Gutierrez’s first team sergeant; MAJ Richard Duncan, his first team commander; SFC Jeff Thorn, current commo teammate, with Chapter XV member Buddy Gee at the service.

Seen at right are a few of the many motorcycle club flags arrayed for the ceremony.



Chapter News

Ready for Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-Off?

Everyone is invited to join us March 13-15 in Cotulla, TX, for the annual Wild Hog Cook-Off and LaSalle County Fair. Trail Boss Mike Brown and Chapter Chef Steve Hermann will be smokin' up a culinary delight to enter the contest again this year.

Chapter XV has been attending the Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-Off for more than 30 years. Activities have evolved from a "beer drinking weekend" to a full-blown family affair with the goal of taking home a trophy.

Cotulla is about 100 miles south of San Antonio on Interstate 35 toward Laredo— an easy day trip if you just want to go for the cook-off. Many members travel Friday afternoon and stay overnight at the Eagle's Den



Suites. (For reservations call Celia Avila at 830 325-2360 and request the Special Forces rate of \$75 per night).

The Chapter has two spaces at the corner of the road entering the Fairgrounds and the parking area. Stop by on your way in and pick up an arm band to save \$5 per person. Bring a lawn chair, ice chest and any special

libations you may want. The Chapter provides the vittles and beer.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Setup Friday afternoon. Friday evening, we'll grill burgers or dogs, relax and enjoy each other's company. Saturday morning, arrive early for Karen's breakfast tacos and Buddy's Bloody Marys while our cooks prepare the wild hog entry to be presented to the judges around noon. Saturday afternoon is good for touring the attractions at the county fair, the livestock show and the hundreds of campsites where cook-off contestants have set up their space. Live music is nearby both Friday and Saturday nights, and there's a rodeo on Sunday.

NOTE: Pets are not allowed on the fairgrounds.



**From Marti Scott,
Membership Secretary**

WOW...February shot by FAST!!!

As of the end of February we currently have 213 members. Some are still delinquent, and we hope that these few individuals who are not receiving their commo or DROP will contact us so that we can get them reinstated.

If one of your friends complains that they are not getting info/DROP...ask them if they are an Annual Member and explain that they may be delinquent. Your help in this helps them and the Chapter.

Reinstatement fee is \$45.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting. Bring a friend/buddy and let's get them into the *best* Chapter in SFA! Have a great March and stay safe!!!



CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT PAT MEFFERT poses with a bottle of Horse Soldier Bourbon in front of the "First Response" statue at Ground Zero in New York City. Pat was in New York to teach a class of NYPD police officers. The bourbon is made by some of the original members of ODA-595, the SF team that first arrived in Afghanistan after 9/11, now known as the horse soldiers.

No, the whisky is not available in San Antonio and can't be shipped to Texas. But it was introduced by retailers in Kentucky last month and sold out in the first two hours. (See Pat for a little sip.)

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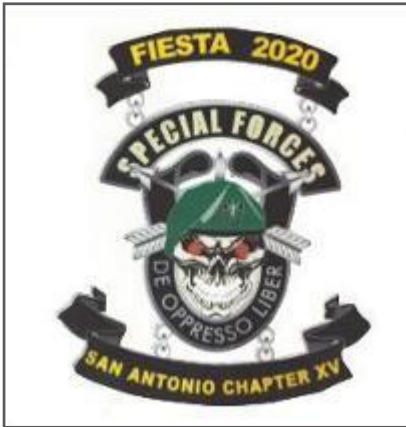
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2020 Fiesta Medals Are Due Any Day



Gordon and Dana Lee have placed an order for 750 Chapter XV Fiesta medals for 2020. The interesting design eliminates the usual ribbon and adds two sets of chains. The figure has red eyes that light up! This will be our second year of Fiesta medals, which proved to be a great fundraiser in 2019. This year's medals will sell for \$15. They are expected to arrive in early March.

The medals are being manufactured in China and have been delayed. But the local company handling our order says the manufacturer is not in an area near the coronavirus hotspots and should be delivered without problems. Members will be asked to help sell the medals at several scheduled events.

Chapter's August Getaway

Karen Hermann reports that 40 people have now reserved space for the Chapter's August fundraising trip to Secrets Akumal. This all-inclusive, adults-only resort on Mexico's Riviera Maya features unlimited access to its gourmet restaurants, bars, pools, beaches and nightly entertainment. (All details on Page 9.)

Karen encourages everyone to take the trip insurance offered by Sheri Green agency. She also reminds that passports must be good for six months after the travel dates.

Prices — ranging from \$1,100 to \$1,400 per person for the 5-night vacation — include taxes, fees and transfers to and from the Cancun airport. Therefore, your flight schedule should be emailed to Karen so she can make these arrangements. (FYI: Southwest Airlines will open its summer schedule starting March 13.) Final payment for the trip is due by June 4.



Coming Up this Spring:

April 4: Chapter XV Memorial Service, Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. POC is JW Martin.

April 16 — Fiesta kickoff and "Pin Pandemonium." Hemisfair Park. Volunteers needed to sell Fiesta medals. Contact Karen Hermann.

April 19 — Fort Sam Houston Fiesta Fireworks, MacArthur Parade Field. Volunteers needed to set up and sell. Sign-up sheet at Chapter meetings.

May 15-17 — Annual Canyon Lake Picnic. POC is Raul de la Garza.

JROTC Medals Ready

President John Lopez has received 40 medal sets for presentation to top JROTC cadets in Bexar County.

Last year, members of Chapter XV presented the medals and certificates at 36 South Texas high schools. If you can help by presenting an award, please see John and let him know which high school(s) you can handle.

These presentations are a great way to represent Special Forces Association in the community.



Chapter News

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Scholarship Applications Now Due

Pat Connolly, Scholarship Committee Chairman, announces that applications are being accepted from now until 30 April, 2020. PLEASE NOTE THE DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM PAST YEARS. Here are the revised scholarship guidelines:



Special Forces Chapter XV Education Grant

The Special Forces Chapter XV Education Grant provides scholarship grants to SFA Chapter XV members, their dependents, children and grandchildren. The number and amount of grants are determined by the budget and the Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee, with approval of the Chapter president. Recipients will be announced at the June Membership Meeting.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a Chapter member in good standing or the dependent spouse, child or grandchild of a member in good standing, or child or grandchild of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of death. Applicant must have been accepted by, or already attending an accredited college, university or vocational institution.

Application Process:

Applications must be submitted and postmarked not later than 30 April to be considered. Eligible applicants must submit the following:

- a. A sponsor letter from Chapter XV member that states full name, member number and relationship to applicant, and the applicant's full contact information.
- b. A personal letter detailing the applicant's education plans, career aspirations, school they plan to attend and planned use of the grant.
- c. Copies of most recent academic transcripts, SAT scores and other scholastic achievements, and a recent photograph.
- d. Reference letter from teacher(s), school counselor or principal. (minimum of one required)
- e. Summary of extra-curricular activities, non-academic achievements and hobbies.
- f. A copy of the application to the school, or acceptance letter from the registrar that the student has already been enrolled.

All items listed above are required. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Submit applications to:

President, SFA Chapter XV
Attn: Scholarship Committee
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The VFW Post 8541 Educational Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance through an annual scholarship of \$4,000. There will be two scholarships awarded. Recipients will be announced on 15 April each year.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a current member in good standing of VFW Post 8541, its Auxiliary, or an immediate family member of such VFW/Auxiliary member.
2. Qualified applicants must be:
 - A. A high school senior who will graduate in the Spring and has a current letter of acceptance, or
 - B. Currently attending or accepted by an accredited college, university, or vocational institution.
 - C. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or better at the time of application.

Procedure: Eligible applicants must submit the following:

- a. A personal letter detailing the applicant's affiliation with VFW Post 8541, education plans, summary of achievements, career aspirations, and name of school they plan to attend.
- b. Contact name of the recipient institution's financial office to receive funds on behalf of the student.
- c. Copies of applicant's most recent academic transcripts or, if awaiting high school graduation, SAT/ACT scores, along with transcripts.
- d. Two letters of reference from a professor, instructor, teacher or administrator from current or former educational institution.

Applications must be received by VFW Post 8541 no later than 31 March 2020. Send to

Commander William Smith, VFW Post 8541

Attn: Scholarship Committee

2222 Austin Highway – San Antonio TX 78218

- Packets that are not complete will not be considered for the scholarship.

- If selected, applicant should be prepared to submit a photo for use in the Post newsletter and other publications.

William E. Smith

William E. Smith

Commander

12/19



Tough Times? Hold On for Better Days

Welcome to March! When I was a kid and living in the North, we used to say, "March – In like a lion and out like a lamb." As you know or can easily guess, the phrase reflected the fact that March comes in cold and windy but by the end of the month, it is warming to pleasant spring temps for April. The lesson is – just hold on through the rough part and it will get better.

We can apply that principle to a lot of things. Just about every bit of military training, beginning with Basic Training, starts harsh and as we become more adept, mentally, physically, and in attitude, they become easier. The same can be said of going to school, being in relationships, and a variety of other situations in life. If you can hang on through the initial shock and need to adapt to new and, potentially harsh, circumstances, you can see your way to better days.

Why do I bring all of this up? Well, the Bible says – "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a **roaring lion**, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith,

knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." (1st Peter 5:8-10)



Whether it is as simple as giving up on goals, more seriously – giving up on relationships, or most seriously – giving up on life itself, too many veterans are allowing the roaring lion to win. Fight back, resist, stand firm, join forces with your brotherhood, and live to see the better days – those as gentle as lambs.

Buen Camino,
Fr Steve
CH (MAJ-Ret) Steven G Rindahl, DMin
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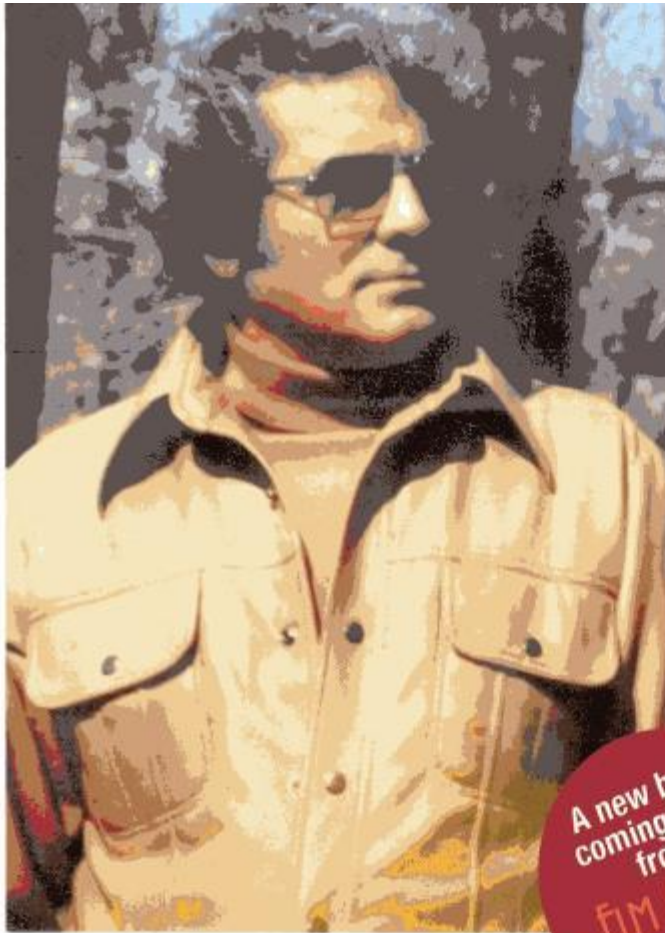
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Drafted into the fascist Italian army against his will and sent to the front line, he deserted and joined Tito's Yugoslavian Partisans fighting the Nazis, returning to Italy to join the Allies amid one of the biggest cover-ups of the European war.

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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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 43nd 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</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>7 Board Meeting 1000 8 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>4 Board Meeting 1000 5 Membership Meeting 1300 20 POW/MIA Day</p>
<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>2 Board Meeting 1000 3 Membership Meeting 1300 TBD Dick's Last Resort fundraiser TBD Oktoberfest at FSH</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>6 Board meeting 1000 7 Membership Meeting 1300 11 Veterans Day 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 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.

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*

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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