



# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### NO BOARD OR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**December 11 — Army-Navy Game 1400**

Longtab Brewing, 4700 Timco W

**Chapter Christmas Banquet**

Republic Golf Club, 4226 SE Military Drive

**1700— Cocktails**

**1830— Texas BBQ Dinner**

**December 25 — Christmas 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:

**H**appy Holidays Chapter XV! I hope everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving last month. We are almost to the end another year. It has been my pleasure serving as chapter president the last two years. I look forward to serving for another two years. Thank you, for giving me the opportunity to serve a second term.

Some important dates for this month. Tuesday, December 7th is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and Tuesday, December 21st is the first day of winter.

Happy belated birthday to Bobby Walker (November 29th), and happy birthday to our December folks: Arline Connolly (December 2nd), Buddy Gee (December 9th), Raul De La Garza, Joe Dawson out in Germany (December 30th), and Bill Smith (December 31st). Anyone else I did not know about, well Happy Birthday to you as well.

Longtab Brewing Company will be hosting a watch party for the Army-Navy Game on Saturday, December 11th, at 2pm. The Army Black Knight football team will have the Special Forces crest on their helmets, and SF logos on their uniforms. They will have all three TVs in the back tuned to the station. This is not a private event so seating is first come first serve. Longtab will entertain recommendations or requests but will assess based on their regularly scheduled Saturday OPS. Be aware this is the same day as our Christmas party, but its early enough that some folks can still make some or all of it as appropriate.

Our Christmas banquet is set for Saturday, December 11th, Christmas banquet tickets are still available for purchase for \$55. You can purchase your tickets on the chapter website. Click on the "Donate" tab up on top, scroll to the bottom and click on "Donate Now". Enter the dollar amount of tickets you want to buy. The

donation falls under the General Charitable Fund. Pay with credit card or Paypal and it will record your name.

We will know what the money is for by the amount. Our banquet will

be at the Republic Golf Club, 4226 SE Military Drive, same as last year. Cocktails will start at 5pm, followed by a Texas style BBQ catered dinner at 6:30pm. Then there will be music by DJ Jimmie Salas, along with dancing from 8-11pm. The Holiday Inn Express & Suites on 8222 City Base Landing is approximately 1.25. Call (210) 337-3723 to make your reservations. Ask to make the reservations under the SA Special Forces Christmas Party Group. Hope to see you there!

Just a reminder, there is no board or membership meeting this month because of our Christmas banquet. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 8th, 2022. Our board meeting will start at 11:30am. Lunch will begin at noon. Our membership meeting will start at 1pm. Merry Christmas and stay safe.



John A. Lopez  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sickcall Every Sunday 1300 - 1500	The latest info on Post activities is at <a href="http://www.vfwpost8541.org">www.vfwpost8541.org</a>	<b>V Post 8541</b> <b>Commander - Bill Smith</b> Sr. Vice Commander - Chris Marshall Quartermaster - Tom Parisano	<b># One Post in TEXAS</b>	<b>1900 General Membership &amp; Auxiliary Meetings</b> Kitchen Open 4-7	<b>POKER</b> 7 PM	<b>Saturday Bands Play From 6:30 to 10:30</b> Meals are 5:30 to 7:00
<b>Alamo Model A Club Meeting 3rd Sunday at 1 PM</b>	<b>ASWAA Meeting 1230 on 18 Dec 21</b>	<b>1 POKER</b>	<b>2 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>3 POKER</b>	<b>4 Jambalaya White Rice \$12</b> Karaoke-Dalila	<b>BBQ Brisket Mac/Cheese Potato Salad Bread \$10</b> Julio Reyes Band
<b>5 Pool League</b>	<b>6 RAYG'S BIRTHDAY</b> <b>P KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>7 POKER</b> Pearl Harbor Day <b>Texas Hold'em 7 PM</b>	<b>8 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b> 101st AB Meeting 1900 RayG's 80th	<b>9 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7-800</b>	<b>10 POKER</b>	<b>11 CIGAR BOB'S BIRTHDAY</b> Turkey-Ham \$10 Mashed Potatoes Stuffing - Green Beans Cranberries Sauces Karaoke-Dalila
<b>12 Pool League</b>	<b>13 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>14 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 PM</b>	<b>15 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>16 SUPPORT YOUR POST. BUY YOUR BUDDY A DRINK.</b>	<b>17 Canteen Open 1100-2000</b>	<b>18 TBA</b>
<b>19 Pool League</b>	<b>20 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>21 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 PM</b>	<b>22 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>23 BILL S'S BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>24 TBA</b>	<b>Calendar is subject to change. This is Version 1 effective 29 Nov 21</b>
<b>26 Pool League</b>	<b>27 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>28 TEXAS HOLD'EM</b>	<b>29 KITCHEN OPEN 4-7</b>	<b>30 Karaoke with Sam</b>		

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# November Meeting Minutes

SFA Chapter XV

13NOV21 1300 Member Meeting Notes

VFW Post 8541, San Antonio, Texas

Leadership Presiding:

President- John Lopez

Secretary-Mike Brown

## Summary of Chapter Business:

1. **President John Lopez** provided the Chapter with an update on members who are sick and in distress.
2. **President John Lopez** announced new members **Steve Damond** (10<sup>th</sup> SFG), **JD Green** (5<sup>th</sup> SFG), and **William Munn** (USASOC Black Daggers).
3. **President John Lopez** provided the monthly Budget Report since Chapter **Treasurer Merrill Hall** was recovering from surgery and not present for the meeting. Membership voted unanimously to accept the budget reports as written.
  - a. \$777 is currently budgeted for the purchase of Chapter XV merchandise to be sold to raise money for the Chapter. The funds will be used to purchase merchandise from “Excalibur” with examples on display at the annual Christmas Banquet 11DEC21.
4. **President John Lopez** provided a Chapter donation to the Blue Knights representative “Papa John” Lozad in the amount of \$300.00 The Blue Knights are a Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club that meets at VFW Post 8541 and provides charitable support to a variety of San Antonio organizations and charities.
5. The October 2021 member meeting minutes were posted in the November newsletter. Membership voted unanimously to accept the October minutes as written.
6. **Membership Secretary Sergio Vanegas** was not present, so the **Chapter President John Lopez** announced Chapter membership stood at 236 members. Distinguished Honor Graduate of a recent SFQC class was Texas Army National Guard 19<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) soldier **Vincent Capra**. He is currently attending language school and will return to SATX next summer and become a new lifetime member of Chapter XV. The SF Charitable Trust and Black Rifle Coffee Company sponsor SFA lifetime memberships to graduating Honor Graduates.
7. **President John Lopez** announced that next years SFA National Convention will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Date will be announced at a later meeting.
8. **President John Lopez** announced that all people with DV license plates will have to have a blue ADA placard to park in a disabled spot. After 01DEC21 you will have to have a doctor’s signature to obtain disabled/handicapped license tags.
9. The VA Central Scheduling phone number changed to 210-949-9702.

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10. The new Board will be sworn in during the December Christmas Banquet on 11DEC. POC for this effort were members **Chuck Rose** and **Bobby Walker**.
11. **President John Lopez** announced the 2021 Chapter XV Christmas Banquet will be held Saturday 11DEC21. Currently the event will be held at the Texas Republic Golf Club at the same venue as the 2020 event. Tickets are available online at the Chapter XV website. Members and guests can buy tickets by making a donation in the amount of \$55.00 per person.
12. The Chapter is looking for members to volunteer to be part of a merchandise committee. The Chapter will be buying merchandise to sell to raise funds for the Chapter's activities. Interested members should contact **Vice President Pat Meffert** or President John Lopez.
13. The Green Beret Foundation announced that the organization is transitioning to now provide support to pre-9-11 SF soldiers. Any SF Soldier from any era can now request support.
14. **Head of the 2021 Election Committee Chuck Rose** announced the results of the 2021 Board of Directors election. Election winners and the new SFA Chapter IV Board of Directors is as follows:
  - President: John Lopez**
  - Vice President: Pat Meffert**
  - Secretary: Mike Brown**
  - Assistant Secretary: Sergio Vanegas**
  - Treasurer: Peter Martinez**
  - Assistant Treasurer: Merle Hall**
  - Sgt of Arms: Gordon Lee**
  - Asst Sgt of Arms: Raul de La Garza**
15. Meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

## \$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

### **Treasurer's Report, December 2021:**

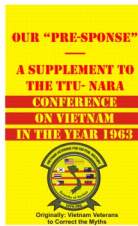
Last month I had back surgery and I am on the mend. I will be at the Christmas Banquet. Speaking of the Christmas Banquet things are looking really good, we have had almost sixty people purchased tickets. My term as Treasurer is coming to a close, it has been a honor to serve this post for the last two years. As I step down to serve as Assistant Treasurer, I

would like to welcome Pete Martinez as the new Treasurer.

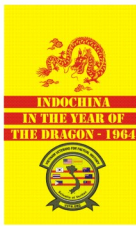
I also want to thank John Rodden and George Garcia for their monthly donations and Angie Canales for her donation.

Merrill Hall, Treasurer  
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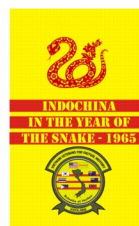
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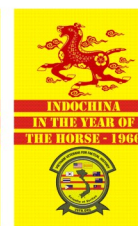
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“Little Yellow Book”



The Dragon  
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The Snake  
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The Horse  
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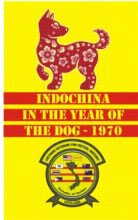
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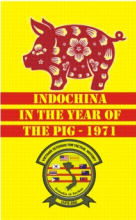
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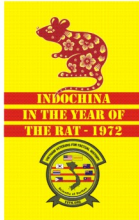
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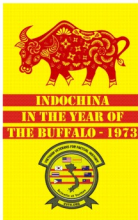
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The Pig  
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The Rat  
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The Buffalo  
1973



The Tiger  
1974



The Cat  
1975



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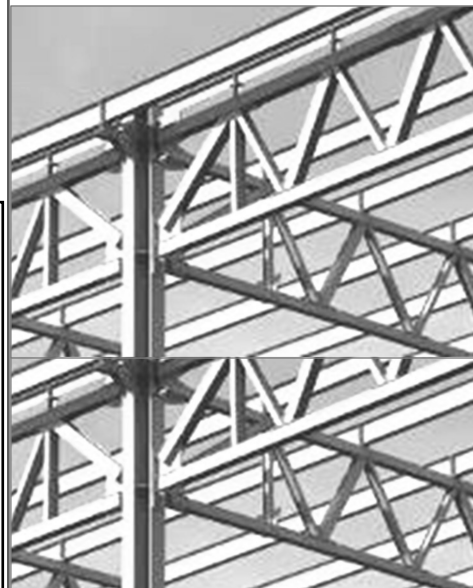
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# Celebrate the Coming Holidays

It is December, and that means holiday parties. Friends, family, workplaces, and associations like ours will be planning and conducting holiday parties – mostly Christmas parties – over the next few weeks. Just a week later, there will be New Year's Eve parties to mark our entry into the eagerly awaited 2022 (may it be better than 2021 and much better than 2020). Both Christmas and New Year's Eve, as well as Hanukkah currently in progress as I write this, and Epiphany to be celebrated on the 6th of January), are festivals of light. Hanukkah promises that the oil for the lamp will not run dry in the dark of winter. Christmas marks the birth of Christ, "the Light of the World," to save us all from the darkness of sin. On New Year's, we make a point of lighting up midnight to signify that next year will be brighter than this year. Finally, Epiphany is the celebration of the Three Kings arriving in Bethlehem to give their gifts to the Christ child and, as they returned to their native lands, bringing the promise of the "Light of the World" to the rest of the world.

However, the holiday season within December that is frequently ignored (except for chocolate calendars) is Advent. Advent is the season put on the Church's calendar in which we are encouraged to consider what we need to change about

ourselves before Jesus' promised return occurs. As a result, Advent is a somewhat penitential season (certainly contributing to it being ignored). That is unfortunate. Just like when trying to improve one's fitness, it is good to take a close look in the mirror to see exactly what needs to be improved – we need to hold a mirror up to our inner selves and do an examination of every aspect of life to clearly see what needs to be improved. Whether you do this as a practice of faith or out of simple self-improvement, observing a good Advent will help bring about a more joyous Christmas and better New Year we all desire.



Buen Camino,  
Fr Steve

CH (MAJ, Ret.) Steven G Rindahl, DMin  
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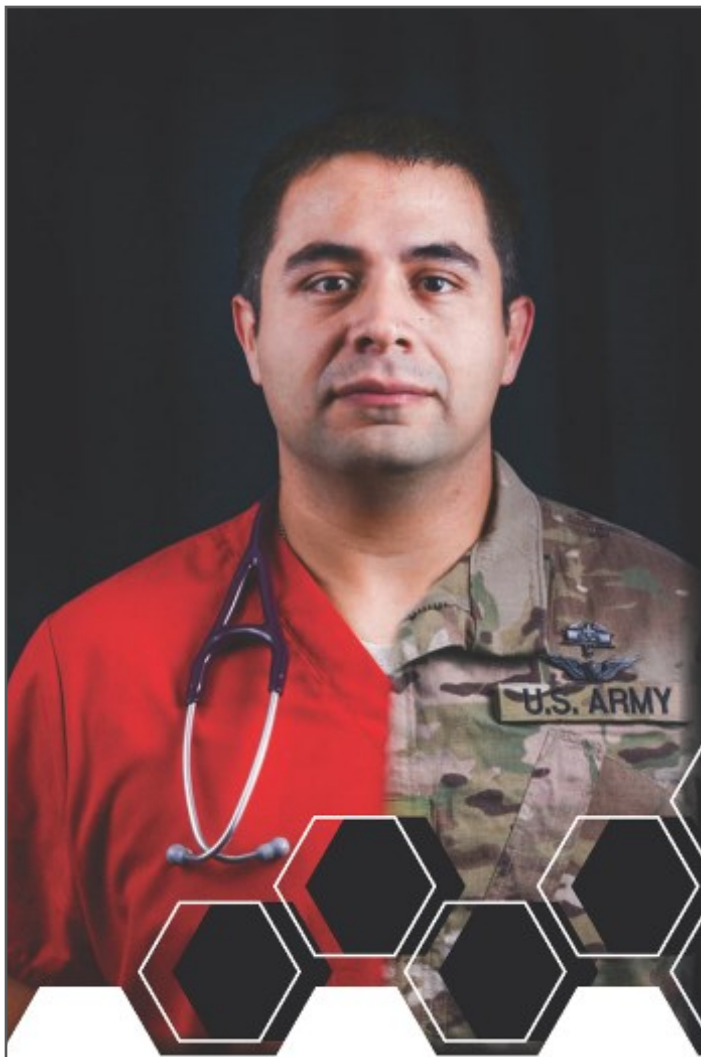
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## 2021 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JANUARY</u></b></p> <p><b>08</b> Board Meeting 1000hrs  <b>09</b> Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b></p> <p><b>13</b> Board Meeting 1000hrs  <b>13</b> Membership Meeting 1300hrs  <b>15</b> Drop Input Due  <b>26</b> CH XV 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MARCH</u></b></p> <p><b>06</b> Board Meeting 1100hrs  <b>06</b> Membership Meeting 1300hrs  <b>14</b> Daylight Savings  <b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day  <b>21</b> GBF Blues, Brews, &amp; Bugs  <b>25</b> CMOH Day  <b>28</b> Palm Sunday</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>APRIL</u></b></p> <p><b>03</b> Crawfish Boil - Longtab 1400hrs  <b>10</b> Board Meeting 1130hrs  <b>10</b> Membership Meeting 1300hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MAY</u></b></p> <p><b>08</b> Joe Dawson Farwell @Longtab  <b>09</b> Mother's Day  <b>NO BOARD MEETING</b>  <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>  <b>15</b> Chapter Picnic @the Meffert's  <b>15</b> Drop Input Due  <b>31</b> Memorial Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JUNE</u></b></p> <p><b>12</b> Board Meeting 1130hrs  <b>12</b> Membership Meeting 1300hrs  <b>14</b> U.S. Army Birthday  <b>14</b> Flag Day  <b>20</b> Father's Day</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b></p> <p><b>09</b> Board Meeting 1130hrs  <b>09</b> Membership Meeting 1300hrs  <b>11</b> Columbus Day  <b>14 or 21</b> DLR's Fundraiser CANCELED  <b>18-22</b> SOAR Reunion  <b>22-25</b> SFAIC  <b>23</b> Oktober Fest at Fort Sam</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b></p> <p><b>11</b> Veterans Day  <b>13</b> Board Meeting 1100hrs  <b>13</b> Membership Meeting 1300hrs  <b>15</b> Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b></p> <p><b>07</b> Pearl Harbor Day  <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>  <b>11</b> Christmas Banquet  <b>25</b> Christmas Day</p>

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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.  
The strength and character of an organization are measured by its members.  
Bob and Vicki Walker*

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