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Canyon Lake Picnic: Raul de la Garza
Dick's Fund Raiser: Fred Solis
Christmas Banquet: Bill Smith
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3 — Board Meeting

1100 - VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway NOTE: Time Change

August 4 — Graveside service for Mike Maloy

0930—Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

August 5 — Membership Meeting

1200 - Meal served

1300-Business Meeting

Note: DATE OF DICK'S LAST RESORT FUNDRAISER IS SEPT. 21



DON'T FORGET

- **Applications** for scholarship grants are being accepted from now until 15 November. See scholarship guidelines on Page 8.
- **Auction items** are needed for the Dick's Last Resort annual Fundraiser. Please solicit donations from businesses you patronize. Get the whole scoop on this *fun* fundraiser from Chairman Fred Solis. Page 5.
- **Tickets** are now on sale for the 4th annual Wishes for Our Heroes gala, a benefit for local military families in need. See Page 10.
- **Cruising** next Spring? Details of proposed Chapter XV Caribbean cruise on Page 12.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

Our Membership meeting is set for 5 August at the VFW. The board meeting will be at **1100** on Thursday 3 August. I want to thank everyone for a great turnout at our last meeting. I believe it was a great time and an awesome time to reflect on our past and our present. Congratulations go out to Ben Scott for his newly acquired Glock 27 and Buddy's friend Richard Johnson for his new AR-15. I want to give a special thanks to Wayne McNeely of the VFW for stepping up and providing an outstanding meal. Raul and Gordon continue to do a great job with the door prizes at our meetings.

Mike Maloy's service is set for Friday 4 August at 9:30 a.m. Mike will be laid to rest at Fort Sam National Cemetery. There will be a gathering immediately after the service at the VFW. The VFW Post along with our Chapter will be providing food and refreshments. There will be a video in dedication of Mike's life put together by his sister. There will also be an opportunity for people to reflect on Mike and the times he shared with us. We are asking if you can bring a dessert or a side dish. The VFW staff is cooking the main food and requesting the side dishes or desserts. I hope to see you there and to celebrate Mike's life.

Our Dick's Last Resort fundraiser is 21 September. I have the tickets for this event and they are \$30. The more tickets we can sell prior to the event, the better we will do. I have received some items for the silent auction (a watch, a knife and a S&W 40 cal. pistol) and we need more. If you can donate items or know someone who will, it is greatly appreciated. Again, we are looking for items the women would enjoy also.

I have the tickets for the Christmas Banquet for 9 December. The tickets are \$55 each and you can contact me at any time to purchase them. This year we will be having a DJ to provide a variety of music. It will be a great time, and I will update on any additions to the venue. I will be receiving the code for the hotel rooms in the next week and will get them out.

Until the Membership Meeting, I hope everyone stays safe and has a great remainder of the month. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me..

presidentchapterxv@gmail.com

William Smith
Chapter XV President



\$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

Treasurer's Report, July 2017

July was a good month for the Chapter's dollars and cents. Thanks to Wayne McNeely, a member of VFW Post 8541 and a friend of the Chapter, who gave us a good deal on our noon meal. He cooked up a delicious pulled pork with sides and fed about 60 members and guests for \$120. The only other expense was \$87 to print tickets for the upcoming Dick's Last Resort Fundraiser and our annual Christmas Banquet.

We thank Kindred Hospice and Laura and Mike Brown for purchasing a full-page newsletter ad (See page 4). If you know someone needing hospice care, call Kindred Hospice at (210) 733-1212 for more information.

A tip of the beret also goes to John Rodden, Nick "Doc" Watson, and Houng "Robbie" and Thu Le for their generous donations to the Chapter. Raul and Gordon Lee did a great job as usual on the door prize drawings and merchandise sales. Among the sold items was a green blazer donated by Penny Hand.

President Bill Smith made a final push on ticket sales for the AR-15/Glock drawing, which brought in more than \$4,000.

Buddy Gee
Chapter XV Treasurer

Minutes of July 8 Meeting

Chapter Meeting Date: 08 July 2017

The meeting was called to order by President **William Smith** at 1300 hrs. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance. **William Smith** gave the invocation. A moment of silence for fallen comrades and POW's was held. **William Smith** welcomed new members/associate members and guests to the Chapter:

Dave & Emily Wyrick (new member from 10th SFG(A))
Don Blue
Vincent Trevino (from Kingsville, TX)
Pete Vasquez (from Kingsville, TX)
Richard Cuellar (from SAPD)
Huang "Robbie" Le (interpreter in Vietnam)
Nick Watson
SFBMC members

Members Sick or In Distress:

Mike Maloy funeral service will be on August 4, 0930 hrs at Ft Sam Houston cemetery.
Fred Solis's father-in-law recovering from a stroke.
Iris Archer undergoing back surgery on July 11.
Family of SAPD officer **Miguel Moreno** who was shot on June 29th and passed away the next day in the hospital.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: **Buddy Gee** presented the monthly report and it was voted on and accepted as read.

June meeting Minutes, motion passed & approved.

Membership Report: presented by **Marti Scott**, is currently at 186 members.

SFBMC selling raffle tickets for AK-47 & Glock 19, \$5 a ticket/\$20 for 5 tickets.

Motorcycle Ride: Gordon Lee, we are looking at late October 2017 time frame, live shoot option, still looking for prize donations, shooting range TBD.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **VA: William Smith** explained how disability appeals are currently taking up to 3-5 years due to the VA being backed up with over 100K appeals.
- b. **Christmas Banquet:** December 9, \$55 per ticket, El Tropicano Hotel, tickets are on sale.
- c. **Election Slating:** Starts in July, ends in November.
- d. **15th Annual Dick's Last Resort Fundraiser:** Thursday, 21 Sept 2017, 6pm-9pm, \$30 per ticket.
- e. **SFA Chapter XV Cruise: Karen Hermann** discussed details of cruise for next Spring, date TBD.
- f. **Veteran Golf Event:** Sonterra Golf Course, August 28.
- g. **Fundraiser for Officer Miguel Moreno:** July 22, 11am-6pm at VFW Post 8541.
- h. **Gun Raffle: Richard Johnson & Ben Scott** were winning ticket holders.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Juan A. Lopez, D-8306
SFA Chapter XV Secretary



Left, Welcome to new member Dave Wyrick and wife Emily. Center, Barry Archer greets special guests Thu and Huang "Robbie" Le. (Story on P. 9) Right, SAPD Officer Richard Cuellar examines photo presented by Alex Flores, a classmate of his late father.



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Chapter Fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort

WHO IS DICK?

According to their Web page at www.dickslastresort.com/citypage.cfm?store=SanAntonio, Dick is the ornery, politically incorrect curmudgeon who started the whole thing. Dick's Last Resort is known for its outrageous, surly, and energetic servers who dish out good grub, cold booze, and heaping helpings of sarcasm.

Well then, no wonder the members of our chapter have such a good time there! We fit right in!

That said, our annual fundraiser is scheduled for **September 21st** at Dick's on the Riverwalk, 406 Navarro Street, or Grid Coordinates Latitude: 29.425401 / Longitude: 98.489576 in case you want to "PATHFIND" your way there.

Join us from **1800 to 2100 hours**.

For anyone that is new to our chapter, after many other types of fundraisers over the years, this event has become our most productive event and it has allowed us to continue our good work in helping and supporting our chosen charities and events.



This would not be possible without the generosity of Dick's Corporate Office and our local managers Ryan Wood, David Swan and their terrific staff. All proceeds go directly to

our chapter with Dick's providing all of the food, drink and staff for the three-hour event.

Based on past fund raising experiences at the San Antonio location, Ryan has suggested some changes



for our silent auction that will increase our proceeds. Please provide quality item donations no later than our September meeting, and please, **DON'T FORGET SOME ITEMS FOR THE LADIES!**

Please contact me at 210-823-6818 if you need your donation to be picked up. We can also provide a donation form if anyone needs one. Think about the businesses you patronize and ask if they would donate a certificate for a service or item.

Tickets are now available, so join us in helping make this year's event a big one. As they say at Dick's . . .
..... EAT, DRINK, AND LAUGH!

—Fred Solis, Chairman

WHAT A DEAL!

Tickets for the annual Fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort are only \$30 for a whole night of fun and frolic.

From 6 to 9 p.m., you and your friends will enjoy a buffet of all-you-can-eat entrees and sides from Dick's delicious menu; open bar with all-you-can-drink beer, wine and well drinks; musical entertainment and dancing; silent auction and, of course, a little harassment from Dick's disreputable wait staff. Get your tickets ASAP.

—Editor

Remembering Mike

'It ain't dying I'm talking about... it's living.'

—Gus McCrae in “Lonesome Dove”

By **MARCY MALOY**

My brother was a tough soldier and his tenacity and will to live was a reflection of his commitment to life.

Mike was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer in 2014. He chose to fight as hard as he could. His doctors told him that he had to have chemotherapy every 3 weeks or he would die. I knew the side effects were brutal and I asked him how he could stand it. He shrugged and said, “hey, it beats the alternative.”

He was an army helicopter pilot, an undercover cop, a writer, a pool shark and a cool guy. He was born in Nanking in 1947. My father was a USAF pilot and my mother was a secretary for the military when they met and married there. Mike was born 9 months to the day afterwards. Later in life, he got a small tattoo on his upper arm that said “Made in China....by Americans”.

He loved a good joke and even now I keep waiting for him to jump out and prank me.

He was honest, protective of his family, competitive, stubborn and an



MIKE MALOY
(born 8/4/47 - died 6/19/17)

excellent friend to many people. He was also highly intelligent and he didn't tolerate fools.

Because my brother and I were military brats, we were raised with a “cowboy-up” attitude. As far back as I can remember, dealing with death and bad news was something that we

learned to do. “Wipe your nose, get back on your horse and press on” was the message we were given.

Mike will be buried on his birthday, August 4th at 9:30 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors. There will be a celebration of his life at his local VFW Lodge afterwards.

Many of his friends will be there and I wish he could be there, too. As Gus McCrae would say, “it's been quite a party.”



Mike accepts national award from Bill Smith, one of many he received as editor of the Chapter XV newsletter.



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Scholarship Applications Due

Pat Connolly, Scholarship Committee Chairman, reminds that applications are being accepted from now until 15 November. Here are the scholarship guidelines:



Special Forces Chapter XV Education Grant

The Special Forces Chapter XV Education Grant is designed to provide a one-time education grant of a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) The number and amount of grants are determined by the Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee with the approval of the Chapter president. Recipients will be announced at the annual Installation of Officers/ Christmas Banquet.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a SFA member or legal dependent or grandchild of a Chapter member in good standing.
2. A high school student anticipating graduation during the school year of application.
3. Grant must be used to attend an accredited college, university or vocational institution.
4. Eligible applicants must submit the following:
 - a. A personal letter detailing the applicant's education plans, career aspirations, school they plan to attend, and planned use for the grant.
 - b. Copies of the most recent academic transcripts, SAT scores and other scholastic achievements, and a recent photograph.
 - c. Two letters of reference from a teacher, school counselor or principal.
 - d. A summary of extracurricular activities, non-academic achievements and hobbies.
 - e. A copy of the application to the school or the acceptance letter.

Applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than 15 November. Send to

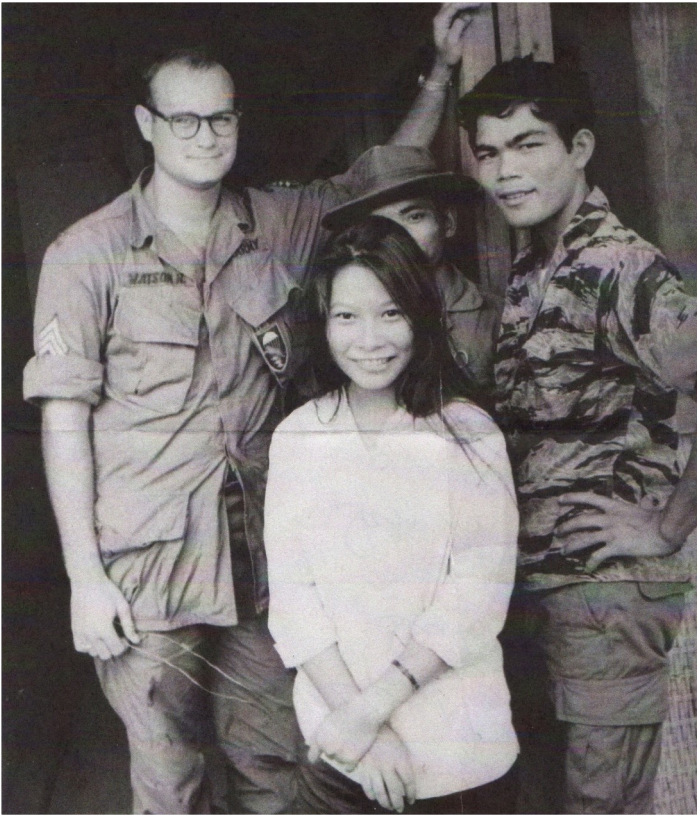
President William Smith, SFA Chapter XV

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P. O. Box 33782 - San Antonio TX 78265-3782

MEMORY LANE

Then and now: Comrades meet again after 49 years



Left is Sgt. Nick Watson with Vietnamese interpreter Huong Le and Nurse Linh at Camp Van Canh, Vietnam, in 1968. At right, Nick and Robbie meet again July 8 at Chapter XV meeting, with Buddy Gee, who also worked with Le in Vietnam and Robbie's wife, Thu.

By **BUDDY GEE**

It was an emotional reunion for Chapter member Nicholas “Doc” Watson and Huong “Robbie” Le, a combat interpreter in Vietnam. Their reunion at the July 8 Chapter meeting had been 49 years in the making.

Watson was a sergeant and a team medic for Det. A-223, Camp Van Canh, Vietnam, and Le was the team’s interpreter. When Nick left the team in 1968, he felt that Robbie was mad at him for some reason. “I had wondered all these years why Robbie was ticked off at me when I left Vietnam,” Nick said. When they met in San Antonio, Nick asked the question, but Robbie said “I do not remember.” They enjoyed the moment, recounted some old memories and vowed to visit frequently.

Robbie also worked as an interpreter at Det. B-22, Qui Nhon, with Buddy Gee. He later worked at the Qui Nhon Mobile Strike Force (MIKE Force) and with 4th Battalion, MIKE Force, Kontum. Robbie and Buddy had renewed their acquaintance earlier at a Special Forces event in Florida. Other Chapter XV members that were supported by Robbie in Vietnam but are no longer with us include Dale Prieser, Dom Campos, Dave Fidler and Chuck Hoagland.

After the fall of Saigon, Robbie was imprisoned by the North Vietnamese for four years. “Every night in the detention camp, I hoped that Special Forces would come and rescue me,” he said. Unfortunately, that could not happen.

After his release, Robbie and his wife Thu and their three children set sail in the middle of the night in a motorboat headed for the Philippines. Three days into their journey on the South China Sea, they ran out of oil and the boat motor gave out. They improvised, using a poncho as a sail and capturing rain water for survival. They docked in the Philippines five days later.

Robbie had an accident from which he is now paralyzed and confined to a wheel chair. That has not dampened his spirits nor his love for Special Forces. Robbie and Thu eventually made their way to the USA. They now live in Mansfield, Texas and Robbie has recently retired.

Editor’s Note: 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) employed combat interpreters as translators in garrison and in combat. Interpreters were civilians, but they were armed fighters as well. They wore tiger suits and the Green Beret with 5th Group flash.

HEROES Gala Sept. 29 will benefit local soldiers



On Sept.29, 2017, WISH for OUR HEROES (W4OH) will host the fourth annual Whiskey & Wishes Heroes Gala in conjunction with Coach Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs and other local celebrities. In its third year, the Gala has raised more than \$612,000 to assist local military families struggling with hardship situations (food, shelter, transportation, child needs, medical expenses, etc.)

This year, we are excited to announce that the gala will be held at Pedrotti's North Wind Ranch for the first time! We anticipate more than 1,000 attendees this year, and we're thankful to the Pedrotti family for allowing us to utilize their incredible facility. We're also super excited to



announce that Spurs favorites Matt Bonner and Andrew Monaco will join actor Drew Waters as the MC team for this year's event.

During the first three events, we granted 37 wishes to surprise local military families struggling with various basic needs. This year, we're going to step it up and grant even more wishes (by surprising military families attending the gala,) so that we can all pay tribute to our American heroes as we eat, drink and celebrate together.

Those wishing to attend this year's gala, have the following ticket options:

- **Military** – Free. Per our normal policy for any WISH for OUR HEROES event, active-duty military attend at no cost. Your money is no good here! In past years, we had to limit the number of military attendees to 200, but this year we have a much larger venue, which means MORE TROOPS can attend! If you are currently on active duty and would like to attend, fill out the military request form at www.whiskeyandwishes.org/tickets. You will be notified within 48 hours if you have been awarded tickets.
- **Individual Ticket** - \$125
- **Couple (2 Tickets)** - \$200
- **Table (10 Tickets/Includes Special Commemorative Gift)** - \$1,500
- **VIP Table (8 Tickets/Includes Special Commemorative Gift and Seating w/ a Celebrity or Wounded Hero)** - \$2,250

To purchase tickets, visit www.whiskeyandwishes.org/tickets.

DETAILS:

WHO: Coach Popovich, local military heroes, local celebrities.

WHAT: An evening of food, drink, fun and WISHES GRANTED for local military families. 100% of funds raised will remain within the greater San Antonio area to assist military families struggling to meet basic needs.

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 29, 2017 (Doors open at 6 p.m. /On-Stage activities commence at 7 p.m.)

WHERE: Pedrotti's North Wind Ranch, 13715 FM 1560 N, Helotes, TX 78023.

ENTERTAINMENT: A top Texas Country Music band. We will announce the band within the next two weeks.

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES: Matt Bonner, Andrew Monaco, & Drew Waters.

ATTIRE: Texas-Casual!

As always, if you'd like to learn more about WISH for OUR HEROES, visit our website at www.wishforourheroes.org.

Jeff Wells

President & Founder, WISH for OUR HEROES

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 - <https://www.amazon.com/dp/15202272995>

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CHAPTER XV CARIBBEAN CRUISE



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7 Night Western Caribbean

Liberty of the Seas

April 15, 2018

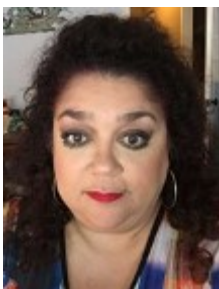
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Sun 4/15	Galveston, TX		04:00 PM
Mon 4/16	At Sea	—	—
Tue 4/17	Cozumel, Mexico	07:00 AM	04:00 PM
Wed 4/18	Georgetown, Grand Cayman	10:30 AM	06:00 PM
Thu 4/19	Falmouth, Jamaica	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Fri 4/20	At Sea	—	—
Sat 4/21	At Sea	—	—
Sun 4/22	Galveston, TX	06:30 AM	

Activities:

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Dining:

Don't forget to bring your appetite. Dine at the Jade Sushi for exquisite maki, sample the sprawling buffet at the Windjammer Café, or make dinnertime exceptional with an intimate 5-course dinner at the 150 Central Park restaurant.

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FYI ...

SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 15

Operation Game Thief Shootout, Friday September 15th at the National Shooting Complex, 5931 Roft Road, San Antonio, TX 78253



Registration starts at 0730 and shoot starts at 0900. Register at ogtx.org

Or call 512-389-4628

China Post 1 Reunion

The 2017 Reunion of China Post 1, American Legion, will be 21-24 Sept. at Westgate Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Register by Aug. 31.

POC:

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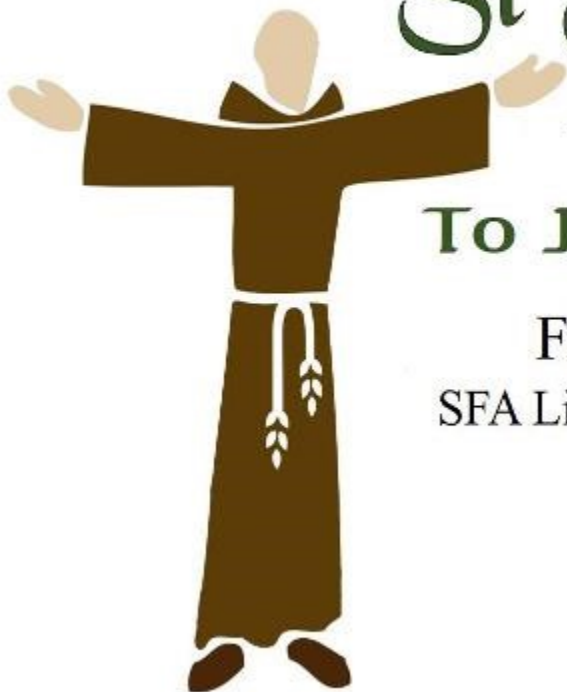
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GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

2017 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300	2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Membership Meeting 1200 40th Anniv celebration 1300 15 Drop Input Due	7 Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 10-12 Cotulla Hog Cook-off 30 Apr Board Meeting 1400
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
1 Membership Meeting 1300 1 Chpt Memorial Service 1000 JROTC Presentations TBD	4 Board Meeting 1400 15 Drop Input Due 19-20 Jack Hogue Picnic 29 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations TBD NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1 Board Meeting 1400 3 Membership Meeting 1300 12-17 National Convention JROTC Presentations TBD
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 6 Board Meeting 1100 8 Membership Meeting 1300	3 Board Meeting 1100 5 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due	7 Board Meeting 1400 9 Membership Meeting 1300 (Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications) 21 Dick's Fund Raiser
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
5 Oct Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 TBD Motorcycle Ride	2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Membership Meeting 1300 (Election) 11 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 15 Drop Input Due 28 Scholarship Results	7 Dec Board Meeting 1400 9 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the calendar). A meal will be served at 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meeting will be held during 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.
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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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