

#### SPECIAL EDITION October 2024

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Fiesta Medals: Gordon Lee
Fundraising: Harold McBride

Cotulla: Mike Brown Picnic: Mark Goode

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Global Gathering of Green Berets



October 12

Purple Heart Ceremony @ 1100 hrs

4499 Pond Hill Rd.

Shavano Park, TX 78231

(Top floor of the office building housing the Vietnam Army Grunt Museum)





October 14 Columbus Day
October 19-24 SFA Convention

October 31 Halloween

#### **DON'T FORGET**



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

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

President Sends:

Greetings SFA Chapter XV members, family and friends:

Our monthly meeting was held on 14 September 2024 with many Chapter members in attendance. Many thanks to Secretary Fred Solis for the noon meal of lasagna and to the Chapter wives for their continued support.

A tip of the beret to our members Harold McBride, John Armezzani, Paul Coleman, and Bob Walker who have worked so hard towards fundraising in the last few months.



Thanks to all who attended the ceremony at Schreiner University in Kerrville, TX to commemorate the naming of their drill team after MACV B52 Recon Team Viper member SGT Irby Dyer III (Corky) who remains MIA. The event was well attended by the Chapter and the entire leadership of the Special Forces Brotherhood Motorcycle Club. The drill team members and families and University staff were appreciative of our support.

On 2 October 2024, Buddy Gee and I attended a ceremony at Roy Benavidez Elementary School to celebrate CMOH week being held in San Antonio. CMOH recipient MG(R) Patrick Brady was the guest speaker and the event was attended by Roy's son Noel and grandson Matthew as well as former El Campo Mayor and newspaper owner Chris Barbee who initially broke the story in the El Campo newspaper which led to the award of the CMOH to Roy Benavidez.

Chapter XV has submitted its single vote to National on the proposed changes to the bylaws and received acknowledgement of receipt. Thanks to all of the members who took the time to vote on these important issues affecting our organization.

The next membership meeting originally scheduled for Saturday, 12 October 2024 has been changed to a Purple Heart Ceremony for Chapter members CPT(R) Richard Harvey and SFC(R) Robert Carey. The ceremony will be held at 1100 hours on the top floor of the office building housing the Vietnam Army Grunt Museum located at 4499 Pond Hill Rd, Shavano Park, TX 78231. Please wear your green blazer and beret for the event if you have them. A catered lunch will be served following the event.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Dahlby President SFA Chapter XV

P.S.

Raffle tickets are on sale via the website or from Chapter members for a pistol donated to the chapter by VP Tom Tannahill. Additional details are available on the website.

The 14 December SFA Chapter XV Christmas Party tickets are on sale on the website. Hope to see you there!

#### **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES — 9/14/24**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Board members present:

President Jeff Dahlby
Vice President Tom Tannahill
Secretary Fred Solis
Treasurer Merrill Hall
Assistant Treasurer Bill Neuiszer

- 2. The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Dahlby at 1300 hrs. followed by V.P. Tom Tannahill leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Chaplain's invocation led by Chaplain Steve Rindahl. President Dahlby led a moment of silence for our fallen.
- 3. President Dahlby welcomed and recognized new members, guests and visitors.
  In addition to usual attendees, he acknowledged Sean McFadden, John and Alana, Tony Garcia from Chapter 67, Duncan Cook, Jeremy, Pat and his wife. Chuck Rose introduced his "Dad." Thanks were given to Fred Solis for the noon meal and to the wives for their support. In addition, Tom Stolskowsky from Fairways for Warriors who shared information on a golf tournament at the Hyatt Hill Country Course on October 7<sup>th</sup> with ten chapters across America participating every two years.
- 4. President Dahlby shared information on our members that are sick or in distress:
  - a. Daniel Bell continues to recover from his stroke on 30 June and came out to see the golf tournament.
  - b. Buddy Gee is still recovering from his fall with daily wound care.
  - c. John Armezzani is recovering from a bout of dysentery.
  - d. Raul De La Garza is getting back surgery on 17 September 2024.
  - e. Bill Neuiszer's wife Sheri is undergoing chemotherapy and is doing better.
- 5. TREASURER'S UPDATE: Treasurer Hall read the August 2024 report which was approved as presented.
- 6. MINUTES APPROVAL: August 2024 meeting minutes which were published in the September 2024 newsletter were approved as written.
- 7. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Asst Secretary & Membership Chair Sergio Venegas was traveling but provided an updated roster with 241 members.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (McBride/Coleman/Solis/Walker/Goode/Armezzani)
  - a. Golf Tournament. Harold McBride provided a wrap up from the first annual SFA Chapter XV golf tournament held on 10 Sep 2024 which netted the Chapter approximately \$18K. Thanks to chapter member Dave Holland for his sponsorship, swag for the goodie bags and for opening up on the Longtab day off to hold the mixer. Thanks to all of the tournament volunteers for their assistance. Recommendation to make Joe Finger an honorary chapter member was approved. Thanks also to other Chapter members Levi Rodgers of the Levi Rodgers Real Estate Group for being the overall tournament sponsor, sponsorship by Jeremy Calvert from Vighter, former Chapter President

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES — CONTINUED

- Bill Smith from Flat Dumb and Happy, Harold McBride from RCEA services, Jeff Dahlby from Tacuba Coffee Co, Gary Woods of Woods Storage and other non-chapter sponsors (The Warriors Journey, Wounded Warrior Project, Green Beret Foundation, Four9Cigars, Mam's Cigar Shop, Texas Drones, 1 Insurance Agency, and Tijerina Construction).
- b. Paul was traveling and provided the pistol raffle tickets at the 21 September ceremony at Schreiner University. Tickets sales will also be conducted through the website. The winner will be selected at our Christmas Ball on December 14, 2024.
- c. The fundraiser at the Fish City Grill 7010 W Loop 1604 N, Suite 111, San Antonio, TX 78254 was conducted on 3 September 2024.
- d. Recognized SFA Sandhills Chapter 62 for their \$1,000 donation to our Chapter fundraising. Former teammate David Jenkins and Chapter 62 member provided the check during his travel to SA to attend our golf tournament fundraiser. A \$200 donation was also made by Father Jeff Pehl, Parish Priest at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and parishioner Bill Havlic who donated of \$40. Chuck Rose donated \$500 along with Mike Shields who donated \$100.
- e. MAM's Cigar Shop donated a box of cigars to raffle. A raffle was conducted at the meeting and Jimmy Garza purchased the box for \$250.
- 2. CHRISTMAS BANQUET: Fred Solis (Chair), Tom Tannahill, Chuck Rose, Sergio Sanchez, Sim Trombitas. No change to report.
- 3. PICNIC: Mark Goode (Chair), John Armezzani, Art Medina, Chuck Rose, Jim Stafford, Paul Coleman. Still awaiting the recon of site.
- 4. SFA CRUISE 19-24 October Jeff reported that approximately 80 rooms left and available. We are working on a get together for SFA Chapter XV members.
- 5. For the 21 September ceremony outside Weir Hall at Schreiner University in Kerrville, TX to commemorate the naming of their drill team after MACV 5<sup>th</sup> Group B52 member Recon Team Viper Sgt Irby Dyer III (Corky). Retired 10<sup>th</sup> Gp 18Z Charlie Tilton is their advisor and he is setting it up. Breakfast will be at 07:30 with the ceremony starting at 08:00. Dress green blazer and beret or just beret. Identified Joe Cavallero, JW Martin, Tom Tannahill and Mark Goode who planned to attend the ceremony and emplace the four berets on the cadets. Parking in Logan library lot. Signage will be up. RSVP on website or let me know for a head count.
- 6. Fred provided a format for member bios which will be available on a website link only due to confidentiality. Remember it is voluntary and will be kept confidential.
- 7. John Armezzani invited guest speaker Robert Walsh to discuss wills, probate, trusts, etc. with Chapter members.
- 8. MOH convention in San Antonio. Sim Trombitas working with Robert Naething. Sim Trombitas provided updates.
- 9. Warrior Defense Project's Veterans Warrior Support Conference was held on 6 September at the Marriott Northwest Hotel. (Comments).
- 10. Meeting meals September, Fred provides lasagna
  - October, Fish Fry or lunch catered by the museum owner
  - November, Mike Brown will provide lunch

# SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES — CONTINUED

- 11. Voting is open to changing our National Bylaws. 30 total chapter members have voted either via the online link or paper ballots at the meeting. Paper votes were available at the September meeting. Voting closes on 15 September and Chapter XV will submit its single vote in each area in early October.
- 12. Buddy Gee provided certificate for Marcie Friedman to become an Honorary Chapter member.
- 13. Purple Heart ceremony on 12 October at 1200 hours for Richard Harvey from Vietnam and Robert Carey for two purple hearts from GWOT. Would like to invite reps from PH Association, Vietnam Vets Association, and SAPD. The building owner Michael Lynd has graciously allowed the use of his area and also will provide a catered lunch. Will use the top floor of a building housing the Vietnam Army Grunt museum at 4499 Pond Hill Rd, Shavano Park. Wear green blazers.

#### 10-minute break

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

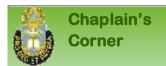
- 1. President Dahlby read a letter from National regarding email scams.
- 2. Anyone needing a new ID card can obtain it at the 19 October Veteran's event.
- 3. Chapter member David Marshall is on the Romanian "The Voice" talent event.
- 4. Karen Marshall was available for voter registration.
- 5. Santiago Sanchez spoke regarding a fundraiser for the Last GT-Fairway for Warriors that provides a free counseling service for both male and female combat veterans. This organization supported our golf tournament. Chapter voted to send a team to their tournament.
- 6. OPEN DISCUSSIONS None
- 7. 50/50 Raffle (Raul). Cecilia Goode won the 50/50 raffle.

#### **CALENDAR**

- 14-19 September 5<sup>th</sup> Group Reunion
- 16-20 September American Legion China Post 1 Convention in Las Vegas
- 20 September POW/MIA Day
- <u>21 September</u> Schreiner University ceremony
- <u>29 September</u> 5 October MOH Society meeting in San Antonio. See <a href="https://www.cmohssatx.org/">https://www.cmohssatx.org/</a>
- 12 October Purple Heart Ceremony (No formal meeting)
- 14-17 October SOA Convention in Las Vegas https://specialoperations.org/soa/
- <u>19-24 October</u> SFA Cruise departing from Tampa
- <u>9 November SFA Monthly Meeting</u>
- 14 December SFA Chapter XV Christmas Party (Tickets on Sale)

Motion to Close Meeting/Second at 1435 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted: Fred Solis SFA Chapter XV Secretary



#### Leaving your burdens behind

Greetings from the Camino de Santiago where 9 combat veterans are making our way across northern Spain as part of the Warriors on the Way pilgrimage. Over the course of 12 days of hiking we will travel 180 miles in the mountainous regions of Castilla Leon and Galicia. The purpose of this pilgrimage is to help combat veterans experience relief from PTSD and Moral Injury (feelings of guilt, shame, internal angst caused by things done/witnessed). One of the most challenging aspects of this pilgrimage for most of the veterans is the weight limit. Pilgrims are limited to a maximum pack weight of 18 pounds, which includes the pack itself, sleeping bag, wet weather top, and full 1-liter canteen, and clothing and personal items.



Everybody wants to overpack with a long list of "what if" contingency items. The common reply is "I used to carry. . ." with claims of high weights and long distances. There are a few concerns with such claims. The first and most obvious is "used to." More importantly is that the weight limit is a practical exercise in two things. Ridding yourself of what you do not need, so you are not burdened and slowed by what you should not be carrying; and, being willing to trust that the packing list truly does equip you with what you need. In other words — leave your burdens behind and learn to trust others. They are physical lessons, but they have much bigger meanings. We all carry emotional/spiritual burdens that we should leave behind. Trust in others can be hard to extend. By carrying those burdens and not allowing ourselves to trust anybody else, we make our lives much harder than they should and could be.

Our Warriors on the Way pilgrims each carry a rock (or rocks) symbolizing the emotional/spiritual burdens that they want to leave behind. Over the days hiking together our pilgrims learn to trust the pilgrimage to do what it does, and each other to accomplish each task before them. When we get to the Cruz de Ferro (the cross of iron) on top of a high mountain in Castilla Leon, the pilgrims leave those burdens at the foot of the cross with the intent of never picking them up again gaining freedom from them. Where will you leave your burdens? Who will you trust to help you? Knowing and acting on the answers will lighten the load you carry through life — and your life will be fuller for it.

Buen Camino, Fr Steve

CH (MAJ-Ret) Steven G Rindahl, DMin STM A-663 (Life)



#### **5th Group Reunion**

By: Buddy Gee

#### 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) 63rd Anniversary Reunion

Chapter members attending this year's 63rd Anniversary reunion of 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) were Buddy Gee and Pete and Lydia Vasquez. It was the usual meet-up with new friends, old acquaintances and some we never wanted to see again. This year there was a noticeable shortage of Vietnam Era 5<sup>th</sup> Group veterans.

The week kicked off September 14th with active-duty soldiers competing in clay shooting, the Tour de Legion Cycle Ride, flag football and softball competitions. On Tuesday the old-timers and recent veterans came trickling in and Chapter 38 opened the hospitality room. Highlight events for the rest of the week included the jaunt to Nashville on Wednesday, a fishing trip, prayer breakfast and Open House on Thursday, as well as the reunion dinner.

After the golf scramble on Friday, the hospitality room was hopping with the guitar trio of 12-year-old Myles Gee, Chapter 38 President Joel Pruitt and Myles' buddy Kaden Dame.

The picnic on Saturday included a myriad of activities for soldiers and their families with entertainment by a 160<sup>th</sup> Aviation Group soldier who sang and played guitar. Myles Gee was invited on stage, where he wowed the crowd with his guitar pickin' and surprised them with his friend and fellow Nashville entertainer, Mariah Faith. Mariah is the 2023 American Idol runner-up who appears to be on her way to stardom.

The reunion concluded Saturday, September 21st with brotherhood and fond farewells in the hospitality room. A good time was had by all.

For more on the reunion and the Chapter 38 activities and their Gabriel Field Legacy initiative to honor Vietnam Vets, see <a href="https://www.sfa38.org">www.sfa38.org</a>.





## 5th Group Reunion continued



Above: Col (Ret.) Lewis "Jay" Powers, Buddy and Myles Gee at Above: Myles Gee and Mariah Faith entertained for the picnic. the picnic. (Jay was 5th Group Commander July 2017 to July 2019).

Myles is the 12-year-old great grandson of Buddy. Mariah was Myles' guest singer and she was an American Idol finalist in 2023.



Joel Pruitt, Chapter 38 president, Myles and Kaden Dame formed a guitar trio and entertained the hospitality room on Friday night.

# **Schreiner University**



Left: Schreiner University Drill Team with their advisor SF MSG(R) Charlie Tilton on left in background

Below: Special Forces participants and Schreiner University President Charlie McCormick (Far Left)



Above: Chapter XV ceremony drill team beret presenters (L-R Tom Tannahill, Joe Cavallero, Tommy Shook, Mark Goode, JW Martin, and Jeff Dahlby)

# **CMOH Ceremony**



Above: CMOH Ceremony at Roy Benavidez Elementary School with grandson Matthew Benavidez (L) and son Noel Benavidez (R)

Above: Bust of CMOH Roy Benavidez on display at the entrance to Roy Benavidez Elementary School



# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2024 CALENDAR

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<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
2 Fund Raiser Fish City Grill	10 Board Meeting 1100	1 Scholarship Apps Open
13 Board Meeting 1100	10 Membership Meeting 1300	8-10 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff
13 Membership Meeting 1300	14 Valentines Day	9 Board Meeting 1100
	15 Drop Input Due	9 Membership Meeting 1300
	26 Chapter Anniversary (1977)	17 St. Patrick's Day
		19 Presidents Day
<u>APRIL</u>	MAY	<u>JUNE</u>
13 Chapter Memorial Svc 1000	12 Mothers' Day	14 Board Meeting 1100
13 Board Meeting 1100	15 Drop Input Due	14 Membership Meeting 1300
13 Membership Meeting 1300	17-19 Annual SFA Chapter Event	14 Flag Day & Army Birthday
18-28 Fiesta Festival 2024	(Formerly Canyon Lake)	16 Fathers' Day
30 Scholarship Apps Close	27 Memorial Day	
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JULY	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
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All Chapter Meetings, unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings begin at 1300 hrs on the second Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the calendar.) A lunch meal will be served from 1200 to 1300 hours prior to each Meeting.



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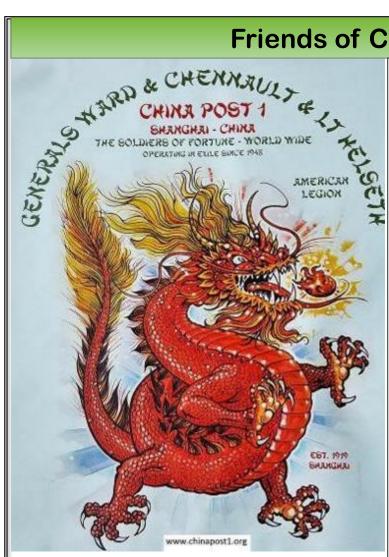
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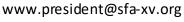
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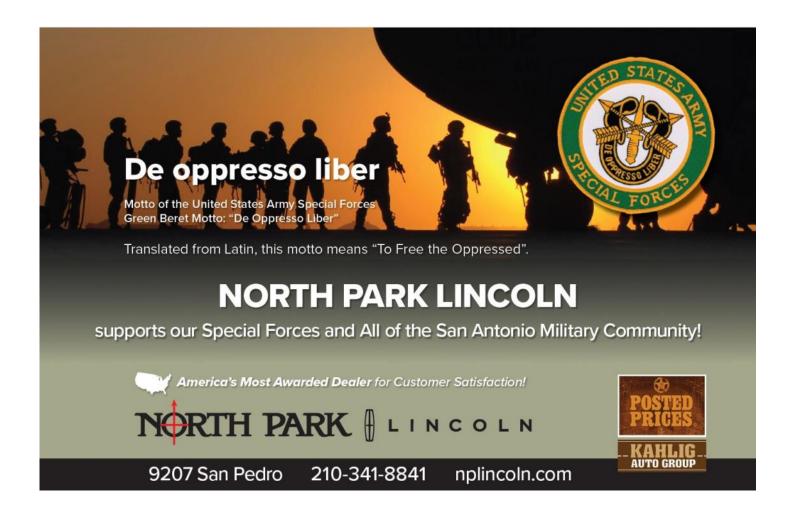
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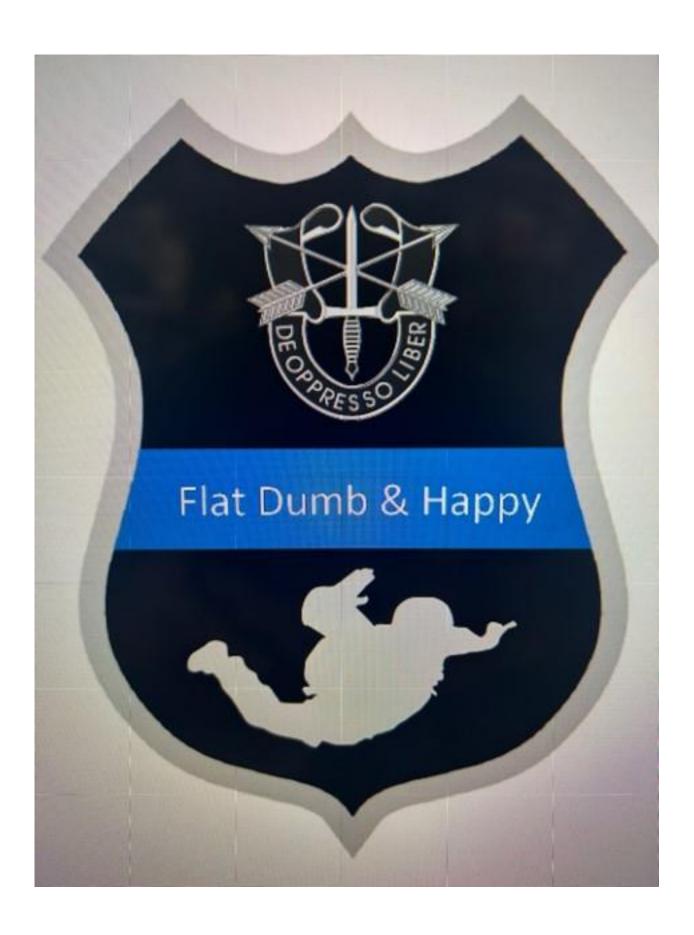


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Treasurer's Input—Not Received

Update will be given at the upcoming meeting.



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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



10/10/17

#### 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.

1 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 quidance of my God,

I will conquer my fears and succeed.

I will keeps 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.M. White

T've lifted my glass and drank my fill, Of the wine that's known as pride.

I'be walked among some gallant men,

And matched 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

1/9/2021

#### **Calendar of Significant Special Forces Events**

16-19 OCT 2024 Special Operations Association Reunion The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

19-24 OCT 2024 Special Forces Association Convention Cruise from Tampa, FL

Thank you to Buddy, Rebecca Gee, Lydia Vasquez, and Jeff Dahlby for photos in this issue.

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