



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

The Alamo Chapter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



January 11 — Chapter XV Monthly Meeting

VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

- 1100 — Board Meeting
- 1200 — Lunch
- 1300 — Membership Meeting



January 20—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

DON'T FORGET



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



President Sends:

Happy New Year SFA Chapter XV members, family and friends:

I trust everyone finished off 2024 with a bang and is ready for all that the coming year will bring which will hopefully include good health and happiness.

The annual Christmas Banquet was well attended with 14 more guests signing up this year for a total of over 90. Even though our guest speaker MG(R) Alfred Valenzuela was unable to attend at the last minute, we are glad that his wife Ester is back at home and recovering. Numerous Chapter donors and sponsors in attendance were recognized as well as Joe Finger who was voted an honorary Chapter member for his ongoing support to the Chapter golf tournament and other fund-raising activities.

Sadly, December marked the passing and internment of SF Regiment and Chapter members, spouses and friends:

Members of the Chapter attended the internment of Chapter member MSG(R) Edgar Morales on 5 December and Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment Dr. COL (R) Warner "Rocky" D. Farr on 20 December. Both were buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. A celebration of life was held at VFW Post 8541 for Edgar and at Longtab Brewing Co for Rocky.

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Rita Andrea Morales passed away on December 26, 2024, just four weeks after losing her husband MSG (R) Edgar Morales. Ed and Rita were married for 45 years and were a dear and loving couple. Burial plans are pending and will be sent out via email.

Sharon Rodriguez passed on 6 December 2024 after a long illness. She supported the Chapter for years by cooking meals on meeting days and will be sorely missed.

Our third fundraiser at Fish City Grill was held on 7 January 2025 to start the New Year out with a full stomach.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 11 January 2025 at 1300 hours at VFW Post 8541 located at 2222 Austin Highway, San Antonio. A business meeting will be held at 1100 hours for Chapter Board members and lunch will be available at 1200.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Dahlby
President SFA Chapter XV

Christmas Banquet Photos



Recognition by SFA Chapter XV President Jeff Dahlby of donors Sally and Richard Harvey at the Christmas Banquet.



L-R Buddy and Sharon Gee (Buddy was also celebrating his birthday a few days earlier) and Chapter XV Chaplain Steve Rindahl and his wife Rebecca.

Christmas Banquet Photos



L-R Marta and Michael Rozsypal, Harold and Ana Mc Bride, and Joe Finger. Harold received a plaque for his business RCEA Services for their sponsorship of the golf tournament and Joe Finger was recognized as an honorary Chapter XV member.



L-R Chapter XV VP Tom and Linda Tannahill and JW and Charlotte Martin.

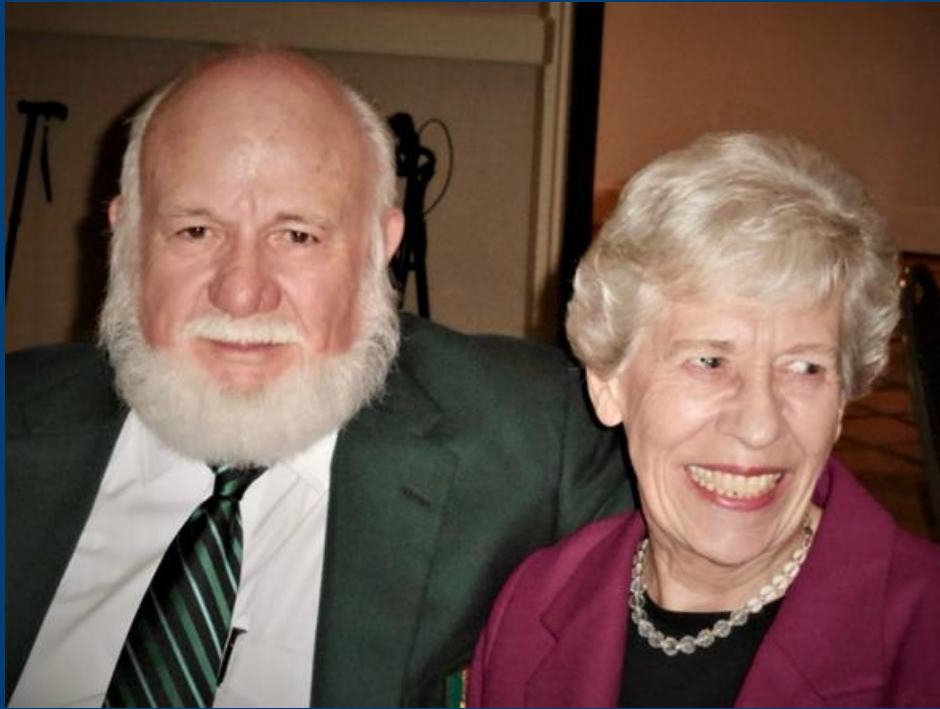
Christmas Banquet Photos



L-R Jeremy and Jessica Calvert and Alanna and John Dominguez. Jeremy's company Vighter was also recognized as a golf tournament sponsor. Tony and Maria George at the table to the rear.



L-R Chuck Rose, Angie, Bob and Vicki Walker, Susan and Chapter XV Secretary Fred Solis, and Ron Burkett.



MSG(R) Edgar and Rita Morales. May they rest in eternal peace.



Passage of the flag at the internment of COL (R) Warner "Rocky" Dahlgren Farr

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2025 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
7 Fund Raiser Fish City Grill 11 Board Meeting 1100 11 Membership Meeting 1300 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	8 Board Meeting 1100 8 Membership Meeting 1300 14 Valentines Day 15 Drop Input Due 17 President's Day 26 Chapter Anniversary (1977)	1 Scholarship Apps Open 7-9 Cotulla Wild Hog Cookoff 17 St. Patrick's Day * No Chapter Meeting
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
12 Chapter Memorial Svc 1000 12 Board Meeting 1100 12 Membership Meeting 1300 24 to May 4 Fiesta Festival 2025 30 Scholarship Apps Close	11 Mothers' Day 15 Drop Input Due TBD Annual SFA Chapter Picnic 26 Memorial Day * No Chapter Meeting	14 Board Meeting 1100 14 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Flag Day & Army Birthday 15 Fathers' Day
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Independence Day 12 Board Meeting 1100 12 Membership Meeting 1300	9 Board Meeting 1100 9 Membership Meeting 1300 9 Drop Input Due	1 Labor Day 13 Board Meeting 1100 13 Membership Meeting 1300 19 POW/MIA Day 20-27 5th SFG 64th Reunion Clarksville, TN
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
11 Board Meeting 1100 11 Membership Meeting 1300 13 Columbus Day 14-17 SFA National Convention Las Vegas, NV 31 Halloween	8 Board Meeting 1100 8 Membership Meeting 1300 11 Veterans Day 15 Drop Input Due 27 Thanksgiving	7 Pearl Harbor Day TBD Annual Christmas Banquet 25 Christmas * No Chapter Meeting

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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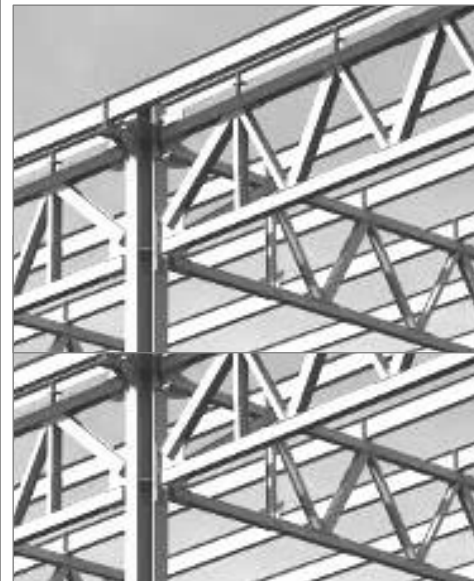
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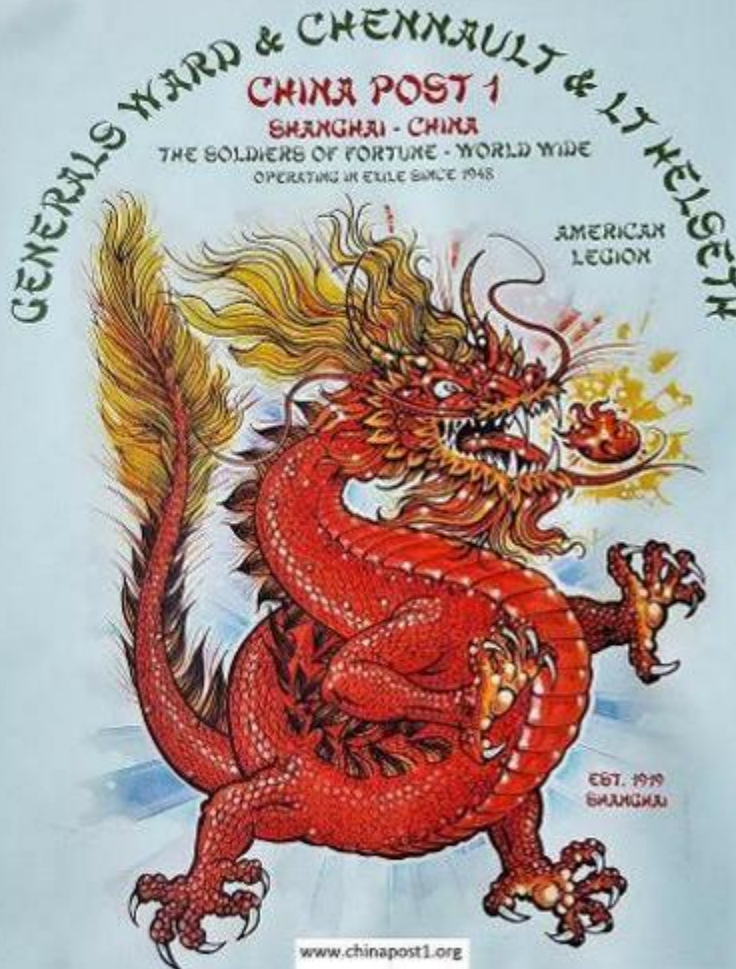
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Green Beret Motto: "De Oppresso Liber"

Translated from Latin, this motto means "To Free the Oppressed".


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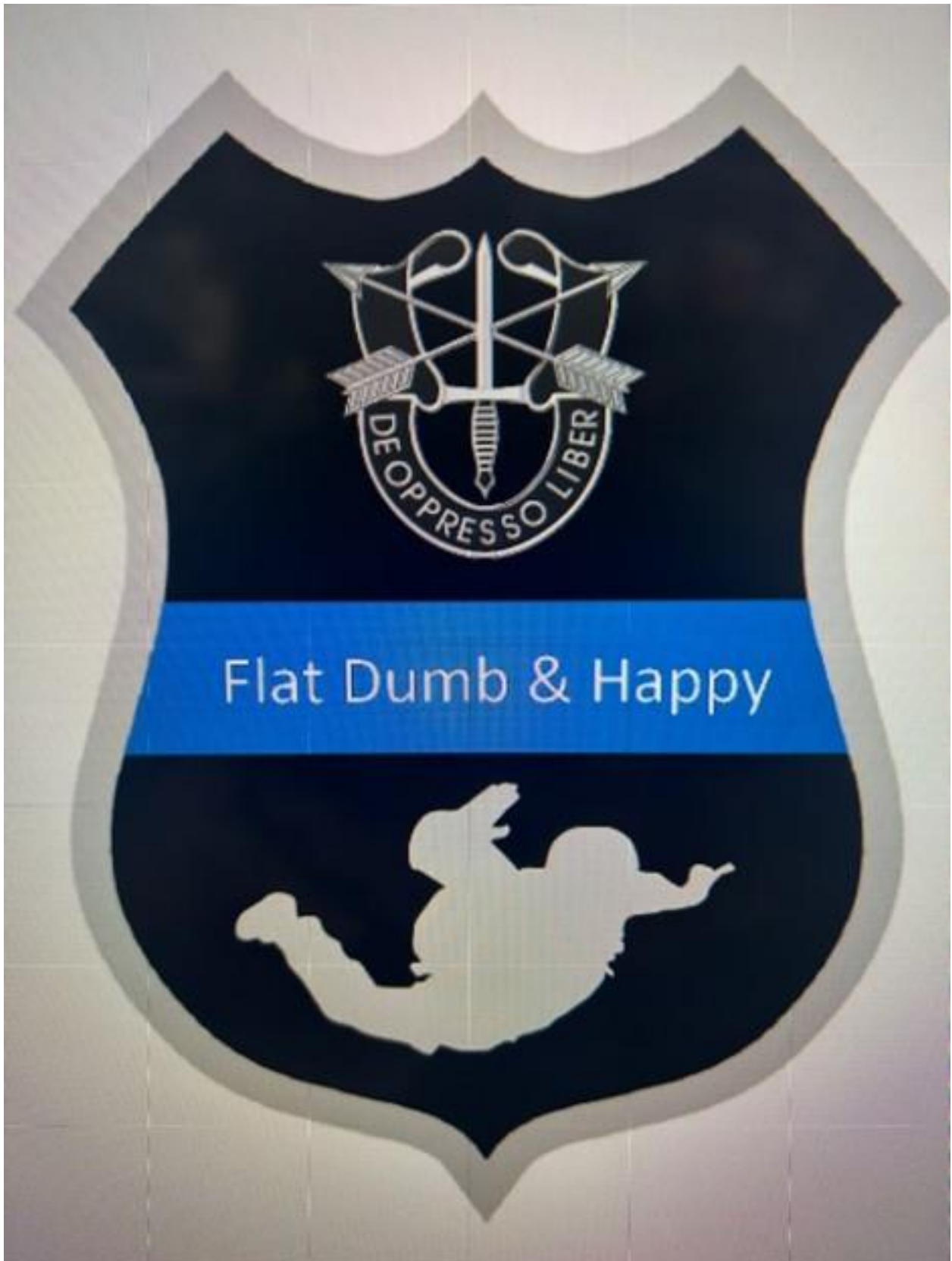
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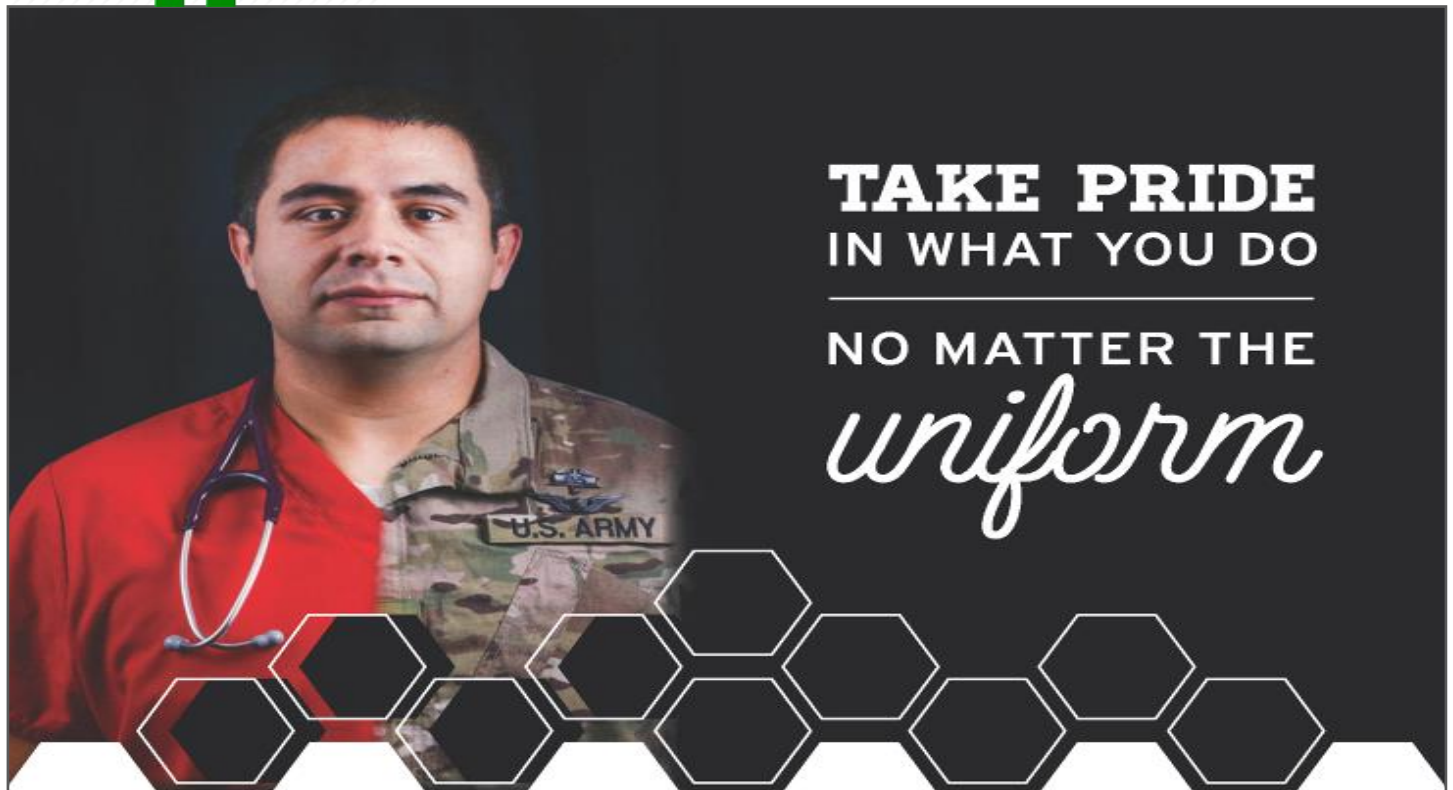


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Treasurer's Input—Not Received

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



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.M. 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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John and Amy Lopez

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