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## Memorial Day Services

# Honoring Special Forces Departed

Memorial Day 2010  
DFW National Cemetery

## Chaplain's Message

### CENTER OF THE BIBLE

Shortest Chapter in the Bible – Psalms 117

Longest Chapter in the Bible – Psalms 119

The CENTER of the Bible – Psalms 118

There are 594 chapters before PSALMS 118

There are 594 Chapters after PSALMS 118

Add 594 + 594 = 1118

Center verse of the Bible – Psalms 118:

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will ... just send them to the center of HIS WORD!!

*Psalms 118:8 NKJV "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."*

Now, isn't that odd how this worked out ... or ... was God in the center of it?

Have a blessed summer.

Mike Edwards Chaplain

## Chapter Calendar

Oktoberfest TBD

Veteran's Day Parade in Dallas and Fund Raiser at Dick's Last Resort - 11 November

Christmas Party for Children of Deployed Service Members TBD

Chapter Christmas Party and Montagnard Christmas Party TBD

Vet to Vet Last Wed each month 6pm VA Spinal Cord



Hey it's mid-June already and time is flying by. Since our January Business meeting we have been rocking and Rolling.

On the 20th of February we had the Annual 'Honor the Ladies Nite at Manginos in Plano. It was a great evening with great food and more than 40 people in attendance. We gave a gift and flowers out to each of the ladies. I want to thank Fred Sebren for contributing \$500 for the room and Merle Eckles for the flowers. We are looking to move that to the

1st week in May next year during Military Spouses week.

On the 20th of March we had a St. Patricks Day party at Travis & Bobby Mills. Again we had a large group in attendance and a great time was had by all. Special guests include BG(R) Richard Mills and Jim Selders from Oklahoma Chapter XXXII.

On the 17th of April we had a large group of folks attend the Dallas Military Ball. A big Tip-O-The Beret to Mike O Shea for the hospitality suite and food and Tony Bandiera for the beverages. Though it is not one of our scheduled events I would encourage all members to attend this next year.

On the 31st of May we had our annual Memorial Day service at the North Texas Veterans Cemetery. Though it was warm we had a nice turnout and a good group photo in front of a Large SFA XXXI Wall-Board provided by Jim Curvan. After the ceremony it was over to Ben's for the BBQ Cook-Out. If you missed that you missed another super event. There was plenty of grilled goods, cold drinks and camaraderie for all. Next year we may look at adjusting the times so we are not doing the picnic so late in the afternoon during the hottest part of the day. Thank Ben for the meat and how it was cooked. Thank Tony and Segals Distributing for the beverages.

In June myself, James Curvan, Ron Piper, Charlie Barksdale, Jay Massey, Gene and Phyllis Pugh, Bill Brownell, Merle Eckles and Sam Wylie. attended the SFA National Convention in Fayetteville, NC. It was a fun and event filled week with more than enough to keep anyone busy. I attended the President's Meeting and will get detailed info out when I get a copy of the slides from National. I will tell you next years convention will be from June 20-25 in Orlando Florida. The hotel for the convention has not been finalized yet. The following year's convention will be back in Fayetteville celebrating Special Forces 60th birthday.

I should note that a few of our members attended an Oklahoma SFA convention in May. Linda Weston, Heidrun Berry, Kitty Wells and Merle Eckles all raved about how well they were received and what a great time they had. Though I was unable to attend myself I am encouraging all members to attend functions by our neighboring chapters. We have neighboring chapters in Oklahoma, Waco, Ft. Hood, San Antonio and El Paso that want to participate in each other's events. I will pass information of their events as I hear of them.

11 November is the Dallas Veteran's Day Parade and our Annual Fund Raiser. I would like as much participation in the parade as possible but I expect EVERYONE to attend the fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort. This is our signature event and main source of funds for the Chapter. It is imperative that everyone participates from selling entry tickets to assisting any way they can. We are meeting on a monthly basis in preparation for this event to make it as significant as possible. Not to burden you with details at this time but we will put out key information as we get details and plans firmed up towards the end of summer.

Vet-2-Vet is still the last Wednesday of each month. Mark those dates on your calendar so you can set some time aside to visit with us when we go.

In December (date and details to be determined) we will have our Chapter Christmas party as well as the Christmas party for the children and families of deployed service members at Dick's Last Resort.

Chapter enrollment and recruiting is still an issue. I encourage everyone to reach out and pull in those 'At Large' members and SFers that haven't joined yet. We are one of the largest metropolitan areas in the US but we don't have the membership to reflect that. Most everyone knows of SFers out there on the fringe. Please urge them to join and participate in Chapter events.

That's all for now.

Jerry

## Letter from Mrs. King



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February 22, 2010

Dear Gentlemen:

Thank you so much for the thoughtful Certificate of Appreciation. Your kindness is so very much appreciated.

I have to tell you that I was the one who was honored to assist MAJ (Ret) Petrie, it is men like him that have made this country the great Nation that it is. It was also a pleasure meeting all of you. Mr. Petrie is blessed to have such great friends and a son who would travel so far in his honor.

Thank you again for the kind gift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlene King". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Arlene King



## Annual Business Meeting



# Annual Business Meeting





## Montagnard Christmas



## Montagnard Christmas





### Military Ball



# Military Ball





## Convention 2010 Ft Bragg





## Editor's Request

It was originally requested that we should publish a monthly or quarterly newsletter and I was asked to try my hand at editing it. After an attempt at monthly it has been decided to go to a quarterly publication. I attempted to produce a newsletter that included any special forces news that seemed interesting. I now believe that it should be a CHAPTER newsletter only. In order for this to be a worthwhile publication it is necessary that any and all chapter related news be sent to me to be included. If it is about a chapter function or news about individuals in the chapter; please send to me. The same as any organization is no better than the members, this newsletter will be no better (interesting) than submissions.

Thanks,  
Sam Wylie  
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