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This issue opens with a cover story by Debra Holm on the new Special Forces Vietnam Monument dedicated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky—home of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)—on Gabriel Field. The monument honors 798 Special Forces soldiers killed or missing in action during the Vietnam War, which spanned South Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and North Vietnam.

James Bullinger of Chapter 88 shares the remarkable story of Green Beret medic Jarred

“Jay” Collins, recently appointed Lieutenant Governor of Florida. Decorated for valor and multiple Purple Hearts, Jay became the first Green Beret to return to full deployable status after losing a leg to combat wounds. His dedication to service continues in public life, and we wish him great success in his new role.

Also in this issue: a look ahead to the upcoming Son Tay Raiders Reunion, honoring those who carried out the daring 1970 mission to rescue American POWs near Hanoi. Though no prisoners were found, the operation became a model of precision planning and led to improved treatment of U.S. prisoners of war.

We’re also calling on readers to support the effort to establish a Special Forces Memorial at Jacksonville National Cemetery. The fundraising goal must be met by year’s end to allow for an unveiling in April 2026. Every contribution helps.

Author Jason Collins, known for the *Pucker Factor* series of books and the “MACV-SOG: Interviews with Warriors” *YouTube* channel, joins Jim Burns, Ron Winkles, and Charles Svoboda in profiling the USAF 20th SOS “Green Hornets,” who provided vital transport and fire support for SOG teams. I review their new book and Jason shares excerpts

from once-classified reports documenting the unit’s extraordinary record—including a gripping account of an aircrew forced down in Cambodia alongside Jerry “Mad Dog” Shriver’s recon team.

In “Lehr Regiment—Brandenburg z.b.V. 800,” COL (Ret.) Michael Haas recounts the exploits of Germany’s WWII special operations forces—from Otto Skorzeny’s rescue of Mussolini to Lt. Baron Adrian von Foelkersam’s deception tactics that helped capture the Maykop oilfields. His piece revisits daring missions and legendary ruses, including the infamous road-sign switch that stalled Patton’s advance.

From LTC (Ret.) George Williams, we have a photo of Medal of Honor recipient COL Ola Mize addressing Boy Scouts at a national jambo-ree—another reminder of Special Forces’ long support of Scouting.

Chapter 78’s Art Dolick contributes a page from the 17th Special Forces Group Daily Bulletin, a fascinating piece of SF history.

And finally, be sure to see our coverage of Chapter 78’s September meeting in Mojave, hosted by Afghan refugees supported by ACL and Chapter 78, with guest speaker Jim Shorten.

As always, enjoy—and please keep sending in your stories from life in Special Forces.❖

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SFA Chapter 78 Monthly Meeting November 15, 2025

Breakfast – 0800 • Meeting – 0830

Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos
The Pub at Fiddlers Green

4745 Yorktown Ave Bldg 19, Los Alamitos, CA 90720-5176

Chapter 78 Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
1601 Bayside Dr, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

1500 Cocktail Hour • Program Start Time 1600

With guest speaker Norma Donlon
Libations • Raffle • DJ and Dancing

COST

\$40.00 per person, same for guests

Special Note: Members of C/1/19 \$10 per person.

Please mail your check payable to SFA 78 **to arrive no later than 12/6/25** to: Santiago Corp, PO Box 11927, Santa Ana, CA 92711, Attn: Liz Rios

DRESS

Men: SFA Green Blazers, White Shirt with Regimental Tie,
Dark or Gray Slacks, or Sport Coat with Tie

Ladies: Cocktail Attire

If you haven’t sent your check in before December 3rd, please send an email to SFAChapter78@gmail.com with your name and guest name so we can have an accurate head count. Please make sure your check arrives on or before the 6th.

QUESTIONS??? Feel free to call or text Aaron Brandenburg (719) 963-3948 or send an email to abrandenburg443@gmail.com.