

SFA Chapter 78 July 2026 Chapter Meeting

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**Guest Speaker,
Sean Singleton**

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1 Guest speaker Sean Singleton shared insights from his career at the intersection of Special Operations, defense innovation, venture capital, and national security. His latest article, "Homecoming: A Framework for Harnessing Venture Capital for Strategic Advantage," explores how stronger partnerships between the DoD, VCs, and entrepreneurs can accelerate critical tech development and help America maintain its edge over strategic competitors. Read the article at: <https://thescif.org/homecoming-a-framework-for-harnessing-venture-capital-for-strategic-advantage-2d72a474563e>.

2 Chapter President James McLanahan presented challenge coins to members of the Chapter delegation for the recent Normandy tour. The coins were from Chuck Walton, a retired Navy SEAL and member of the Walk Among Heroes team, who served as their driver for the week.

3 Mike Jameson spoke about the recent graduation ceremony for the Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy and also discussed some details of the program.

4 5 Richard Simonian's 94th birthday was celebrated at the meeting.

6 President James McLanahan greets guest Jordan Wykoff.

7 How Miller and Jim Lockhart

8 Travis Mayfield, and Mark Miller

9 Chapter VP Don Deatherage, Mike Jamison and Nimo



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