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We start this issue with a quick update on some of the many things that our VP, **James McLanahan** has been participating in, including The Tactical Games 2024 National Championships.

John “Doc” Padget, SOG veteran, shares a report (SOAF report on **Agent Orange Legacy Project**) about research on Agent Orange effects on SF veterans, conducted by

the SOA. The data comes from those willing to respond to a survey, and yields some interesting results, which Doc felt was important to share with the Regiment.

Frank Sobchek, Chair of Irregular Warfare Studies at the Modern War Institute, U.S. Military Academy, and coauthor of the acclaimed two-volume *The U.S. Army in the Iraq War*, was our November speaker. His scholarly and interesting book, *Training for Victory*, is intended to analyze and encapsulate the parts of what Green Berets do that have created such outstanding partner force units, and some of the things that should be emphasized and others that could be changed. His own GB experience has allowed him to focus on what is important.

Frank has shared an excerpt from his book which shows an example of the many factors that affected each mission. His insightful book is also a great vehicle for learning the history of SF in those 5 critical missions.

Greg Walker, retired Green Beret, frequent Sentinel contributor, author, and more, shares details of a recon mission just before the **Son Tay raid** that has yet to be seen in the official accounts. He first wrote of it in his 1993 book *At the Hurricane's Eye*, an excellent book about U.S. Special Operations Forces from Vietnam to Desert Storm. He continues to try to bring this operation into the official records, as is shown by his recent forays into the Freedom of Information Act process.

Don't miss page 14 with a link to a page on our website with a collection of links so that you can view SFACON 2024 participant photos, video presentations, and other convention coverage.

Also on page 14 is a note regarding the coverage of Chapter 78's holiday festivities. Unfortunately this issue is being sent to print the day before our event and so coverage will be included in our February issue.

Feel free to check out our chapter meeting pics, and, as always, please share with us your interesting stories at sfachapter78@gmail.com. ❖

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SFA Chapter 78 Monthly Meeting

January 18, 2024

Breakfast – 0800 • Meeting – 0830

Courtyard by Marriott

5865 Katella Ave, Room A

Cypress, CA 90630

2025 Meeting Schedule

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 15

December (to be announced)