

# SFA Chapter 78 VP James McLanahan Represents the Chapter at November Events

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## Oxnard College Veteran's Day Celebration

On Tuesday, November 12, Chapter Vice President James McLanahan served as a special guest speaker at the Oxnard College Veterans Day Celebration. During the event, he had the honor of meeting Leo Orange, Coordinator of the Educational Assistance Center and the Veteran Resource Center at Oxnard College. James presented Mr. Orange with an SFA Chapter 78 challenge coin.

Leo Orange, who founded the Veterans Center at Oxnard College in 2010—the first in the district—has played a pivotal role in supporting student veterans. The celebration featured a Color Guard performance and a thrilling, unscheduled, vintage plane flyover. Special thanks go to Johann Hindert for facilitating James' participation in this event.

## The Tactical Games 2024 National Championship

Later in November, James competed in The Tactical Games 2024 National Championship, held November 15–17 in Florence, TX. The event provided an excellent opportunity to connect with the Special Forces Charitable Trust (SFCT), an organization recommended by James' friend Earl Plumlee. The SFCT provides a remarkable range of programs supporting active-duty Special Forces soldiers, their families, and veterans. More details about their impactful work can be found at [specialforcescharitabletrust.org](https://specialforcescharitabletrust.org).

During the championship, James had the privilege of meeting SFCT leadership, including CEO Jodi Burns, CPO Cameron Davis, CSO Spencer Milo, and Senior Events Manager Inez Nichols. He also reunited with Airborne Ranger buddy Mitch Moody and his mentor Joshua Heck, CSO of Anyone Home Inc. ❖

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Left, James presents Oxnard College's Leo Church with a chapter coin; center, James was the event's guest speaker; right, the event's Color Guard.

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Left, James and the SFCT team; CPO Cameron Davis, James McLanahan, CEO Jodi Burns, Senior Events Manager Inez Nichols, and CSO Spencer Milo.; center, James at the event; right, James with Airborne Ranger buddy Mitch Moody and mentor, Joshua Heck of Anyone Home Inc..