

# SFA Chapter 29



## Jade Helm 15 - The Brink of Martial Law?

The online hysteria over Jade Helm 15, a UWOA FTX involving 7th and 19th SF Groups, has continued to explode across the Internet driven by conspiracy theorists claiming that the exercise is a cover for the launch of martial law in those states.

Jade Helm 15 will be primarily an Army SOF exercise, primarily SF, but will also involve Naval and Air Force SOF, and a number of conventional units. Several thousand troops will be involved, and numerous B and C teams, in the exercise which will encompass seven southwestern states.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott added to the carnival of confusion and misinformation when on 28 April he ordered the Texas State Guard to monitor all Jade Helm 15 units operating on Texas soil.

Ted Cruz, Texas senator, on 2 May "reached out to the Pentagon" about the exercise, noting that all the "Hostile" training areas were in areas of Republican majority.

Actor Chuck Norris added to the fray on 4 May when he wrote an online column supporting Gov. Abbott's actions and implied connections between Jade Helm and Islamic extremists.



We all have been involved in training exercises, some of us in the planning of same, and can recognize this for what it is, a UWOA FTX. The paranoia about this exercise is more about unemployment, political animosities, boredom and fantasies of anarchy than it is about martial law.

So, do our SF brothers involved in this exercise a favor, if given a chance, try to explain that this is nothing more than a training exercise and that several thousand troops could not instill martial law in one state, much less seven. It is also doubtful that U.S. troops would obey such orders.

## 2015 National Convention

The Special Forces Association 2015 National Convention is fast approaching and Chapter 47 is on time and on target for shepherding one of the best national conventions ever.

The convention will be from June 4 through 10 in Portland, Oregon, and that week's schedule is jamb-packed with fun and frivolity. It may be too much fun for some people. Consult your doctor.



All necessary information, a schedule, lodging and registration can be found at the following web site: <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/2015-sfa-convention/>

### CALENDAR

**4 May** - BOD meeting, Delta Systems

**9 May** - Breakfast Mtg, Hilton Garden Inn, KCK

**25 May** - Memorial Day

**29 May** - JFK's Birthday

**June** - No BoD or membership meetings.

**June** - National Convention, 4 to 10 June, Portland, OR.

**July** - No BoD or

membership meetings.

**July** - Ross Worley's Annual SF Picnic, date TBA.

### Newsletter Submissions:

If ever you have any ideas, info or articles for this newsletter, please, contact Jeff Forker: [jaforker@everestkc.net](mailto:jaforker@everestkc.net) They are due by the 19th of each month.

## Newsletter Going Bi-Monthly

The chapter newsletter will, starting immediately, go out bi-monthly, every other month, instead of monthly. It will be published electronically and be sent out on the first of the following six months:

1. January
2. March
3. May
4. July

5. September

6. November

Continue to send all those submissions for inclusion in this newsletter.

These editors will regularly assess the newsletter needs of the chapter, as to whether bi-monthly is enough, or if quarterly would suffice, or going back to monthly would be necessary.

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## May Presentation: Mosby Raiders

Roy Williams will talk at the May 9 Chapter 29 breakfast meeting about COL John S. Mosby and the 43d Battalion Virginia Cavalry.

Mosby's Raiders, also known as Mosby's Raiders and Mosby's Rangers, was a unit of Virginia partisan cavalry of the Confederate Army during the Civil War and is considered one of the early Special Operations units, known for their



lightning strikes and guerrilla tactics conducted on Union units and targets, and their ability to consistently elude pursuit, thus, they are, somewhat tangentially, part of Special Forces lineage.

So, come hear Roy wax confederate on Civil War Special Operations at the April chapter breakfast meeting. Lively discussion might ensue as there are other Civil War enthusiasts and aficionados in the chapter.

Oops:

“No militia will ever acquire the habits to resist a regular force.”

—George Washington, 1780

## Chapter Online Store

The chapter has an online store. Available are polos shirts, chapter challenge coins and bracelets.

The web site address is: <http://www.sfa29.org/merchandise.htm>

If you have any ideas on things you would like to see in the store, let us know.

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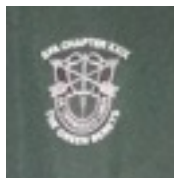
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