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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

08 BOARD MEETING @ 1300 Hrs.
13 MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 1900 Hrs. MEAL @ 1800 Hrs.

!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

FEBRUARY

05 BOARD MEETING @ 1300 Hrs.
10 MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 1900 Hrs. MEAL @ 1800 Hrs.
DROP INPUT DUE

!!! HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !!!

MARCH

05 BOARD MEETING @ 1300 Hrs.
10 MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 1900 Hrs. MEAL @ 1800 Hrs.
COTULLA COOK-OFF TBA

!!! HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY !!!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I begin my tenth year as president of our chapter, I still remain very optimistic about our status in the Special Forces Community and confident that we will continue to remain visible and viable and press forward with our commitment to serve and support our military family, community and without a doubt, continue to enjoy our terrific Green Beret brotherhood. It is an honor and privilege to be a member of our elite organization and to represent our chapter. I still maintain the desire, attitude, and energy to serve in this capacity. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those of you that have stood with me and supported our chapter for all these years. I realize that we don't always agree in every decision that is made but in the end we've always been able to support and respect each other. All I can do is give it my best shot and ask for your assistance. Together we will prevail! I take no credit for the success of our chapter. I've always had the uncanny ability however, to surround myself with quality people who stay committed to doing a great job and serving others. With that commitment, how can we fail?

I would like to thank our officers that served last year and to welcome our incoming officers who have volunteered to continue with the mission! I would also like to extend my appreciation to a small group of chapter members that perform an incredible array of tasks "behind the lines". Our chapter as all SF chapters, rely on monetary contributions from its members to support our agenda and we have a small group of generous members who donate twenty dollars each month to our coffers. If you're financially able and willing to donate, contact our officer in charge of collections.

Of course, you don't have to donate twenty dollars, any amount will be appreciated! As always, my hope is that we derive more participation from those members that for some reason have alienated themselves from the chapter. If you're a member, you might as well participate and become active once again **!NO QUESTIONS ASKED!** We're doing some good "stuff" in our chapter and hopefully our "lost souls" will come back. Most of us are getting "long in the tooth" to keep harboring ill feelings and promoting malicious gossip about other members, let's not get bogged down in trivial pursuits and instead learn to tolerate each other's opinions and differences. Let's all leave our egos at the doorway and enjoy our SF camaraderie and brotherhood! To my knowledge, we in SF have never flaunted our status, money nor rank to impress one another, rather we respected each other as a person. I don't mean to sound condescending, just offering my thoughts.

If you haven't heard by now, we are submitting a bid at this year's SFA convention to host the National Convention in 2013. We haven't hosted one since 1986. We're going to need a lot of help from all of you as this is quite an undertaking. If you wish to help, contact Fred Solis who has volunteered to "ram rod" the project. In closing, let us continue to respect each other and let's continue to make chapter XV the best ever! Until the next time, "STAY THIRSTY MY FRIENDS" Mando (Red Bird) Canales, sends.



Red Bird sends.



MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING DEC, 2010

- Dallas: pneumonia. 3 Days in hospital, at home now.
- Newsletter. Dick's Last Resort: financial report: Mario \$2000 / Frost Bank.
- Donations from Ch. XV to Battered Women's Shelter, Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio, Food Bank, & \$500 mailed to victims of warehouse fire in Stuttgart: 10th special forces, Soldiers / families.
- Will donate to Save the Montagnard People and to the Wounded Warriors & Family Support Center.
- Chapter 94 (Miami) failing to submit financial report.
- Primary care provider (over 65) Family Care Clinic (across from Station F)
- SF Chapter updates: 44 chapters failed to submit input to The Drop.
- Christmas Banquet: 90 attendees booked as of today.
- Dana Bowman, guest speaker, & General Valenzuela will administer the Oath of Office.
- Mario and I will meet with personnel from the El Tropicano Hotel on Tuesday.
- Hospitality Room: available for set-up by 1000 hrs. Need volunteers to help. All ice chests available, fill with ice from the VFW.
- Mario & I will shop for booze, food, paper products, etc.
- Chapter has purchased a new boom-box: old one is Kaput!
- Linda & helpers will decorate the hospitality room.
- Lore's granddaughter will be our bartender.
- Bill Beall will coordinate with the Mariachis, to play at 1745 hrs.
- Color Guard: Alamo Silver Wings.
- Wounded Warrior: SGT. Salvador Ramirez lost his arm in Afghanistan, and his wife Elizabeth will attend.
- We will pick up Dana at the airport early Saturday.
- Bobby Walker & volunteer at Registration Table.
- Door prizes.....no raffle.
- ***** go over program.
- Invocation and Benediction: Rudy Johnson.
- Adan and Ben will assist Dana Bowman with his presentation.
- Mario in charge of Hospitality Room & key.
- Cleanup on Sunday morning at 0930 hrs.
- Breakfast on your own. Restaurant opens at_____?
- Dinner Menu: we can have the Mexican buffet @ \$35 or the sit down plate dinner of BBQ brisket and stuffed chicken breast for \$38. I vote for the sit down dinner.
- Round Robin.
- MEETING ADJOURNED



!!!!Special Notice!!!!

ALAMO SILVER WINGS AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MILITARY BALL

**Saturday, March 12, 2011--Lackland Air Force Base--Mitchell Hall
(same location as last year)**

Cost is \$40.00/per individual--No refunds—

Doors open at 5:00 p.m..

Dinner served 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Music starts at 8:00 p.m., (Ramiro Cervera Orchestra)

Military Attire or Semi-Formal

I have reserved two tables (ten individuals per table) for Special Forces and Guests

**For tickets contact me, Bob Walker, at
(H) 210 684-8738 or (C) 210 415-4387**

Thank you.

!!! 2nd SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

GREAT IDEA FROM SFA MEMBER PAT CONNOLLY

IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OF RE-GIFTING, IF SOMEONE RECEIVED A GIFT THAT IS NOT A PERFECT FIT (physically or mentally) PLEASE DONATE TO OUR GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV SO THAT WE WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF ITEMS TO RAFFLE, AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THANK YOU,
PATRICK CONNOLLY



Annual Dues Reminder

ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS

The end of the year has now passed and with that so has the deadline for Annual Dues for 2011.

In order to continue to receive their quarterly DROPS and to continue to receive the monthly Chapter Newsletter each one of you who has not yet sent in your annual dues will need to send their annual dues (\$30, plus an additional \$5.00 for late fee for total \$35.00) to: Chapter XV; Attn: Membership; P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265-3782. **IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL, PLEASE ADVISE** via email at: oneangelfl@hotmail.com or by telcon to Membership Secretary Marti Scott at 210/849-1242. We want to keep you current with National and our Chapter here and **KEEP YOU** aware of current happenings within our Association.

REMEMBER, If you pay National directly the Chapter does **NOT** receive a rebate for our Chapter. We truly need your assistance in paying the Chapter directly so that we can get our 'little' bit to help us continue to provide quality newsletters out to each and everyone.

With Best Regards to You and your Family!
Mando **Red Bird** Canales

THIS IS A RECAP OF WHAT OUR CHAPTER DID IN 2010.

1. 12 board meetings
2. 8 membership meetings
3. Submitted 4 inputs to the DROP (as required)
4. Conducted memorial service for our fallen brothers/spouses.
5. Conducted two fund raisers; one at the Cove and one at Dick's Last Resort
6. Participated in the Memorial and Veteran's Day Ceremonies
7. Annual Jack Hogue picnic/retreat at Canyon Lake
8. 15 chapter members attended National Convention in Fayetteville, N.C.
9. Donated money to our charities
10. Participated in parade
11. Celebrated "Oktoberfest" at VFW
12. Conducted chapter elections as required
13. Published 11 newsletters
14. Conducted annual installation of officers/ Christmas banquet
15. Awarded two \$500 Miguel de la Pena Scholarship Grants



Once Upon A Time....



Rick Matheney, the tall skinny one, 2nd from left: Rick with his new pants: and Rick on Cambodian border op.



Henry Jiminez with Col. Maggie in New Orleans: and Henry with the little people (Cambodian soldiers).

**Please submit your “Once Upon A Time” photos to Editor,
Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com.**



**GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV
2011 CALENDAR**

<p align="center"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>08 Board Meeting 1300 13 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800</p> <p align="center">Happy New Year</p>	<p align="center"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800</p> <p align="center">HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</p>	<p align="center"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal: 18:00 Cotulla cook-off TBA</p> <p align="center">Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p align="center"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>02 Board Meeting 1300 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 ?? Fund Raiser at the "Cove" 23 Memorial for chapter fallen brothers/spouses, FSH Cemetery, 11:00 Committal Shelter # 3</p> <p align="center">Happy Easter</p>	<p align="center"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>14 Board Meeting 13:00 20-22 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake 30 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH * DROP input due <u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u></p> <p align="center">Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 National Convention: June 23-27 Orlando, Florida</p> <p align="center">Happy Father's Day</p>
<p align="center"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>02 Board Meeting 13:00 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ??</p> <p align="center">HAPPY 4TH of July!</p>	<p align="center"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>06 Board Meeting 1300 11 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted DROP input due</p> <p align="center">Happy VJ Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 10-Cajunfest Celebration VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted <u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u></p> <p align="center">Happy Patriot's Day</p>
<p align="center"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>01 Board Meeting 1300 06 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00 ** fund raiser at Dick's ?? TBA Scholarship Applications Accepted Nominations for Chapter Officers</p> <p align="center">Happy Halloween</p>	<p align="center"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 11 Veterans Ceremony FSH Election and Scholarship results fund raiser at Dick's ????</p> <p align="center">Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Veteran's Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 17 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet, venue:TBA</p> <p align="center">*No Membership Meeting</p> <p align="center">MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1900 hours on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 1800 hours prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300 hours. Changes TBA.

Photos from our Christmas Banquet, December 2010



Toby Todd, ??, and Buddy Gee in L.A.



Sgt. Dana Bowman and Pres. M. Canales



Hospitality room w/Mariachi band



Our Chapter XV Banner



Guest Speaker Bowman w/ Marti Scott



Len Czarnecki, Maria & Linda



Our newly installed Ch. XV Officers



Lynn Kreiss, Marti Scott, & Mario Guerra



Lynn Kreiss, Bob Walker, ??, and Gen. Valenzuela.



Mario Guerra & Bob Hand in hosp. room



Our Hospitality Room



Our Hospitality Room





Fred Solis, now Police Chief Solis



The ladies enjoying our hospitality room



Rick Matheny & wife confer w/Bill 'Doc' Beall



Mike Maloy and Bill 'Doc' Beall



Henry Jiminez and Mando Canales



Mike Maloy & Marti Scott in the hospitality rm.



Pres. Canales presents a scholarship check



Pres. Canales presents another check



Dana Bowman and Pres. Mando Canales



The food was excellent!!!



A.R. Skeeba, Wally, and Lenny



Delores Peterson & 'Doc' Beall



Mike and Marci Maloy



Alex Flores, Doc Beall, & Dave Benavides



Delores Peterson & Henry Jiminez

Special Forces Creed

I am an American Special Forces Soldier. A professional!

I will do all that my nation requires of me.

I am a volunteer, knowing well the hazards of my profession.

I serve with the memory of those who have gone before me:

*Roger's Rangers, Francis Marion, Mosby's Rangers,
the 1st Special Service Force, the Jedburghs, Detachment 101,
and the Special Forces Soldiers of the Vietnam War,*

Who were awarded 17 Medals of Honor and 90 Distinguished Service Crosses.

I pledge to uphold the honor and integrity of all these,

In all That I am, all I do.

I am a professional soldier.

I will teach and fight whatever my nation requires,

To liberate the oppressed.

I will strive always, to excel in every art and artifice of war.

I know that I will be called upon to perform tasks in isolation

Far from familiar faces and voices.

With the help and guidance of my God,

I will conquer my fears and succeed.

*I will keep my mind and body clean, alert and strong, for this is my debt
to those who depend upon me.*

*I will not fail those with whom I serve, I will not bring shame upon myself or the
Forces. I will maintain myself, my arms, and my equipment*

In an immaculate state as befits a Special Forces Soldier.

My goal is to succeed in any mission—and live to succeed again.

I may not be found wanting, that I will not fail in this sacred trust

Special Forces Poem

By P. M. White

I've lifted my glass and drank my fill, Of the wine that's known as pride.

I've walked among some gallant men,

And watched them stride for stride. I've crammed my head with devious ways

To defeat the enemy's goal. And kept inside for loyalty's sake,

The tales that can't be told. The need is gone for my service now,

I'll hang up my green beret and sip no more the wine of pride,

Till called again someday.

The strength and character of an organization are measured by its members.

Bob and Vicki Walker

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“Carry on!”

