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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

04 Board Meeting 1300

09 Membership Meeting 1900

meal: 1800

National Convention: June 23-27

Orlando, Florida

Happy Father's Day

JULY

02 Board Meeting 13:00

07 Membership Meeting 1900

meal: 1800

Parade: TBA ??

HAPPY 4TH of July!

AUGUST

06 Board Meeting 1300

11 Membership Meeting 1900

meal: 1800

Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted

DROP input due

Happy Birthday Editor



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you throw a three-day/retreat and picnic at Canyon Lake, they will come! All of the preparations and hard work paid off. Over a hundred members and chapter friends joined us as we celebrated our annual "Jack Hogue gala on May 20-22. I still recall when a couple of us cooked a pound of fajitas for the occupants of two trailers many years ago. I cooked 50lbs on Friday for all our guests and in essence, we have extended our celebration which has proved to be a popular addition to our Saturday picnic.

We always extend an invitation to other chapters and this year we were happy to welcome our friends from Houston, Killeen, Oklahoma and Austin. If you're ever in our AO during Armed Forces weekend, you have an open invitation. It is an established fact that an SF soldier will travel many miles for a free beer! That may be true, but actually it's not really about the beers nor the food, it's about the brotherhood which is the fabric for our camaraderie.

The circle may be getting smaller but we still maintain our everlasting friendship. We enjoy each other's company because we have shared the same hardships and fears and of course, all the good times!

On behalf of our chapter, I wish to convey our thanks to all of you that joined us and especially those of you that traveled from out of town. The combat stories were just as good as before and all of us displayed a touch of class by pretending that we were hearing them for the very first time.

Thanks to the ladies for being so gracious in listening to our exploits! I personally wish to render special kudos to the following chapter members who went beyond the call of duty to make our fiesta a great success: Ben Scott for his cooking chores and Marti for the borracho beans and SOS on Sunday. Thanks to Len, for his overall help as always, and to Bill, Mario, Ramiro, Daniel, Greg Pena for the delicious Menudo, David Benavides and the rest of the folks for their generous donations and contributions of food. A special thanks to Vicente Trevino, Ray Gaytan and Bobby Walker for their monetary gift. I'm sure that I will hear from those of you that I forgot to mention. With all due respect, I suffer from a chronic case of CRS. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the "most interesting man in the world for his participation. Hasta luego and stay thirsty!

Red Bird sends



Red Bird sends.

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify Bob Hand (830-609-1918) or Marti Scott (210-491-2783) anytime you have a change to your address, phone number or e-mail address. If you have recently obtained an internet connection and now have an e-mail address please let us know as it saves our chapter \$\$\$\$\$\$ if we can e-mail you the newsletter and other notices.

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM LEN CZARNECKI

A tip of the beret to the members listed who paid/donated money for the briskets and pork for our annual Jack Hogue Memorial Picnic. A total of \$192.00 was donated by: Bill Beall, A.R. Skeebe, Alex Flores, Dan Hopgood, Jim Stanford, Ramiro Daniel, David Benavides, and yours truly, Lenny. Same time next year. If I missed anyone, sin loi, after all I am 80 years young!!!

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY, 2011

SFA Chapter XV Membership Meeting – MAY, 2011

There was no general membership meeting held in May because we had our annual Jack Hogue Memorial Picnic at Canyon Lake (see the pictures in this newsletter).

Once Upon A Time....

(These pictures are printed in the order in which they were submitted to the newsletter. We are finally receiving a great response to our request for old photos so there may be a delay in printing your photo in the newsletter. Please keep them coming. Thank you for your understanding. The Editor)



Bobby Walker on left, and Dustoff crew in I Corps South Vietnam, (2nd tour as a pilot) 1971-1972. (Note Bobby wears his .38 revolver worn between the legs to protect whatever, as most of us did.)



Dale Jennings counting bodies after a successful ambush in I Corps, 12 June, 1967.



Dale Jennings (on left) at Green Beret Memorial Ceremony honoring 27 Green Beret KIA's. This is the last picture taken of Dale before he was shot in the face in I Corps, 1967.

Please submit your **"Once Upon A Time"** photos to Editor, Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com. If you mail me your photos, **DO NOT** submit original photos (copies only because I automatically lose all originals). **CAUTION!!!!!!** The next time I receive an original photo I intend to run it through my shredder instead of my scanner.

April Contest

And the Answer is:

A



Mike Maloy, in basic training, Ft. Polk, LA May, 1967 just before helicopter flight school.

B



Leonard Czarnecki, preparing to go to war in Korea, at Sendai, Japan in 1949.



Responses to the April Contest:

#1 From Bart Severson-----A is Joe Caballero. B is Charlie Hoffman.

#2 From Linda Todd-----A and B are both Charlie Hoffman.

#3 From A.R. Skeebe-----A and B are both Mike Maloy.

#4 From Scotty Sutherland----A is Wally Swank. B is Lenny Czarnecki.

#5 From Lynn Kreiss-----A and B are both Mike Maloy.

#6 From Bill Beall-----A smaller than his M14 is Mike Maloy. B is possum smilin' Charley Hoffman.

#7 From Pat Connolly-----A is Mike Maloy. B is Charlie Hoffman.

#8 From Mando Canales-----A is Mike Maloy. B is Charlie Hoffman.

SORRY-----NOBODY GOT BOTH A. and B. CORRECT.....NO WINNERS----- However, in appreciation for your participation I will buy each of the entrants a beer at the next general membership meeting. The Editor, Mike Maloy

There were no winners of the April Contest. However, the Editor, in a moment of sincere appreciation, agreed to buy a beer at the next general membership meeting, for each of the members who submitted an entry.

Awards and Decorations

Dennis 'Skip' Bailey presenting the Alamo Chapter XV Special Forces Superior Performance Award Medal and Certificate to Cadet Jacob Almaguer at Seguin High School in May 2011.



Annual Jack Hogue Memorial Picnic at Canyon Lake







Memorial Day at Ft. Sam Houston



4th of July Parade

Once again we will be participating in a 4th of July Parade with our Chapter XV Deuce-and-a-Half, "The Chief". As in the past 4 years, we will participate in one of the small town parades (to be determined by June 15th) located in the immediate vicinity of San Antonio. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th.

'The Chief' will be departing from the VFW on Austin Hwy and we can seat as many as 30 troops (wives and girlfriends are welcome). 'The Chief' is air conditioned (we take the canvas top off for parades), it has wall-to-wall carpeting (outdoor carpeting donated by Home Depot), it has an elegant entryway to the rear passenger compartment (a six foot aluminum ladder), and liquid refreshments will be provided to all passengers by the onboard medic, 'Doc' Beall. The pilot will be your's truly, Mike Maloy. (former Chinook driver in northern I Corps). Additional info to be announced on June 15

**GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV
2011 CALENDAR**

<p align="center"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>08 Board Meeting 1300 13 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Happy New Year</p>	<p align="center"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 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 12 Cotulla cook-off Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p align="center"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>09 Board Meeting 1300 10 Fund Raiser at the "Cove" 14 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 23 Memorial for chapter fallen brothers/spouses, FSH Cemetery, 11:00 Committal Shelter # 3 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> 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 Happy Father's Day</p>
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<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 Happy Halloween</p>	<p align="center"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 Drop Input Due 11 Veterans Ceremony FSH Election and Scholarship results fund raiser at Dick's ???? 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, at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk *No Membership Meeting 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.

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.

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Please keep sending those "Once Upon a Time" photos. President Canales has suggested that when we have received a sufficient number of pictures we will publish a special edition of the newsletter containing all of your pictures. Thank you. Mike Maloy, Editor



When submitting articles or photos for the newsletter please enter "SFA newsletter input" in the subject line of your email. Please submit articles and pictures (copies only) for the newsletter to Editor Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com, or mail them to Chapter President Mando Canales at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

