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**Christmas Banquet:** Chuck Rose & Mario Guerra

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November

**05 Board Meeting 1400**  
**07 Membership Meeting 1300**  
**(Election and Scholarships)**  
**11 Veterans Day Ceremonies 1000**  
**28 Scholarship Results**

### December

**03 Dec. Board Meeting 1400**  
**05 Christmas Banquet 1730**  
**(& Installation of Officers)**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **President Sends:**

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. Our meeting is on Saturday the 7th of November and the Board meeting is Thursday the 5th at 1400. I hope to see everyone there. We have a lot of things coming up and I could use everyone's assistance.

I want to welcome Dan Hopgood back and it was great seeing him at Sunday choir practice. Dan, we will continue to pray for your continued recovery.

JW Martin stepped up this week and visited a 10<sup>th</sup> Group SF Soldier at SAMC who was injured in an accident in Africa. I cannot thank JW enough for visiting with the family on a moment's notice and reaching out to them. The soldier is SSG Kolling and we will keep everyone posted on his recovery.

November 7<sup>th</sup> is the dedication of the Rose room to the MSG(R) Rodela room. We will start our meeting at noon and then move in to the dedication at 1330. We will serve food after the dedication and I am asking for those attending to please bring a covered dish or desert. This should be a good event and a well deserved recognition.

Solis is continuing to do great work and coordination with the upcoming Dick's Last Resort fundraiser. We are still looking for items for silent auction and raffle. It will be a great event and should be a good time.

I have the tickets for the Christmas Banquet on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Please get with me at the upcoming events to get your tickets. Also, go on line to reserve your rooms. I am working with Yvette to get the rate changed to the agreed upon \$89. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I had my ankle surgery on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> and I have to use a knee cart to get around for the next several weeks. My wife says I am starting to make the house look like a Nursing Home. I have to love her humor.

Until our meeting I hope everyone stays safe and has a great remainder of the month. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me.

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William Smith  
Chapter XV President

# **Photos from our October Meeting**



**Alamo Chapter President Bill Smith and Medal of Honor recipient SSG Joe Rodela announcing the upcoming dedication of the VFW Banquet room to be renamed the Rodela Banquet Hall in his honor. The dedication will be on Saturday, 7 November.**



**Mike Maloy on his newest toy, the Hoverboard.**

## GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2015 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
8 Board Meeting 1400 10 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Motorcycl Mtg 1500	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 6-8 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD 28 Welcome Vietnam Vet TBD
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
9 Apr Board Meeting 1400 11 Membership Meeting 1300 11 Chpt Memorial Service 1000 30 Apr Board Meeting 1400	2 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 15-17 Jack Hogue Picnic 25 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations TBD	4 Jun Board Meeting 1400 6 Membership Meeting 1300 4-10 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 9 Board Meeting 1400 11 Mebership Meeting 1300 30 Aug Board Meeting 1300	1 Mebership Meeting 1300	3 Sep Board Meet 1400 5 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
1 Oct Board Meeting 1400 3 Mebership Meeting 1300 TBD Octoberfest Party TBD Dick's Fund Raiser	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship) 11 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 28 Scholarship Results	3 Dec Board Meeting 1400 5 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers  <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>

**All Chapter Meeting unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month. A meal will be served at 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday proir to the Membership Meeting at 1400 hrs unless announced otherwise.**

### *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 matched 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!"**

