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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

01 Board Meeting 1300

08 OKTOBER FEST VFW, 1200---?

Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted

OCTOBER

06 Board Meeting 1300

11 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00

**** Fund raiser at Dick's? TBA**

Scholarship Applications Accepted

Nominations for Chapter Officers

NOVEMBER

03 Board Meeting 1300

06 Fund raiser at Dick's Last Resort

08 Membership Meeting: 1900 meal: 1800

10 Drop Input Due

11 Veterans Ceremony FSH

Election and Scholarship results



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Godfather and I travelled to Rio Grande City (in the valley) two weeks ago to attend the funeral for Army veteran, Mando Acevedo, brother of Chapter XV member Ace Acevedo. Although it was a sad and solemn occasion, we had the pleasure of seeing and talking to Ace. He is doing well and in good spirits and sends his regards. We also ran into chapter members, Baldemar "Ram" Ramirez and Greg Pena.

Our annual Oktoberfest celebration was held at VFW Post 8541 on September 8th and about 40 chapter members and friends attended the event and enjoyed the delicious German (mostly) cuisine and SF camaraderie! We also celebrated Bill's and Marti's birthday. Marti baked a delectable cake to mark their special day. I want to thank Bill, Adan and Mike for their skills on cooking the excellent wiener schnitzels and also to all the members who brought the side dishes and desserts.

We have been given the "green light" to hold our annual fund raiser at Dick's Last Resort (on the Riverwalk) on Tuesday, November 6, 2013. The tickets will be ready soon and again will sell for \$25. The ticket will entitle you to eat and drink and be entertained for three hours, so mark your calendars and I would recommend to those attendees who are still working, to take the next day off so that you can really enjoy the soiree. More details will be provided after we meet with the manager.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to Fred Solis who despite his commitment as chairman for our 2013 National Convention, has stepped up to the plate once again to chair the event at Dick's. It is very disappointing that only a few members volunteer to do all the work for the chapter. The old excuse of "I don't have time" has grown old! Instead of the "dirty thirty" who used to support our chapter, that number is down to the "dirty fifteen". It's not my intent to sound condescending and climb on the soapbox, but it's really frustrating to conduct all our activities with the support and work of only a few members. It really baffles me why some people want to be members but yet remain on the periphery as observers and not doers! Oh well, it is what it is!

We were unable to hold a Convention 2013 meeting last month because Fred had a family commitment but hopefully soon, we will be able to meet and discuss the status of convention planning. Until the next time, happy trails to all and stay thirsty my friends! **Red Bird sends**



Red Bird sends.



!!!Special Notices!!!

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify 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.

We need volunteers to assist with all aspects of the 2013 SFA National Convention which we are hosting here in San Antonio next year. Please step forward and do your part.

Meeting Minutes---Thursday, September 13, 2012

There was no membership meeting held this month because we all got together on September 8th for our annual Oktoberfest and ate wiener schnitzel and drank beer and had a good time!!!



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS---UPCOMING EVENT

As most of you know by now, Bill Beall and I will be driving The Chief and Bill's RV to Victoria, TX on Friday, 12 October in order to participate in "The Parade That Never Was" which is being sponsored by "The Warrior's Weekend" association (they host fishing trips at no cost, for soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan). They are assisted by the Victoria VFW, the Victoria American Legion, and the City of Victoria and probably other sponsors I don't yet know about.

The purpose of the parade is to honor all the Vietnam Veterans who came home from the war and never had a parade. The parade is scheduled to begin at 1000 hours on Saturday, 13 October, followed by a luncheon at the Victoria Community Center at noon. We will depart for home after the luncheon.

We will be departing VFW 8541 at approximately noon on Friday, 12 October. On that night (Friday night) we have all been invited to a steak dinner at the Victoria American Legion Post and for those of us from Chapter XV and VFW 8541, the steak dinner is free (although I'm sure they would accept donations) in appreciation for our attending and bringing The Chief. VFW 8541 Commander Jesse Dominguez needs a head count and names of those who plan to attend for three reasons:

#1: To provide the American Legion with an accurate count of how many dinners they will be preparing.

#2: In order to reserve a block of rooms at the Victoria Holiday Inn (?) at a special reduced price. Let me know if you want a room or if you want to sleep in the bed of The Chief?

#3: So that the names of those in attendance may be read as we pass in front of the viewing stand.

At this time the info I have so far is sketchy and Jesse assures me he will have additional info soon. Please respond ASAP if you plan to attend so that I can compile the list for Jesse to send to Victoria.

Suggested uniform of the day for the parade would be Green Berets or other appropriate Vietnam era headgear (for those of us who don't wear the beret) and military shirts/jackets from the Vietnam era, and / or complete uniforms if you have them.

Again, please let me know ASAP if you plan to join us. Knowing how comfortable the ride is in the back of The Chief, I doubt we will have many who will want to make the trip to Victoria (and return) in the truck bed. We have limited space in Bill Beall's RV. Therefore, depending on the number of members who wish to attend we may end up in a convoy of multiple vehicles to Victoria. It is approximately 115 miles from VFW 8541 to Victoria, and at Mach 1 in The Chief it shouldn't take us more than about 2 hours and 45 minutes (not counting Dos Equis rest stops).

Bill Beall and Mike Maloy (co-owners of The Chief) email: Chinook501@aol.com

Bob Hand doing some yard work,
minus his hip joint!!!
You can't keep a good man down!



David Benavides with family at the Chapter XV Oktoberfest
wearing his home made Lederhosen! They look good Dave.



SFA National Convention 2013
San Antonio, TX
June 26 –30, 2013
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
Hosted by Chapter XV

Registration Form

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
(1-888-421-1442, Group #8220, Special Forces Association)

COST: The full registration is **\$135.00**
(Includes PICNIC, BANQUET, RECEPTION and HOSPITALITY ROOM)

If you are not to attend all events, please use the Limited Registration section below. Any registration with insufficient funds will be returned to the applicant.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SFA CHAPTER 15 CONVENTION 2013

MAIL TO: SFA Chapter 15 Convention 2013
Attn: Convention Registration
P.O. Box 33782
San Antonio, TX 78265-3782

Sponsor must be an SFA Member in Good Standing to attend the Convention.

SFA Member Number: _____

Name on ID Tag: _____ **Number of Guests:** _____

Names on Guest(s) ID Tag: _____

Please check if you do want your name listed on the Attendance Roster at the Convention

FULL REGISTRATION Number of Attendees ____ X \$135.00 = _____

LIMITED REGISTRATION

Banquet: No. of Attendees ____ X \$50.00 = _____

Picnic: No. of Attendees ____ X \$25.00 = _____

Hospitality: No. of Attendees ____ X \$60.00 = _____

Reception: No. of Attendees ____ FREE

TOTAL = _____

Convention Chairman: Fred Solis

For questions, please call: (210) 854-5555 EMAIL: sfa.colonel@hotmail.com or Pat Connolly @ (210) 826-8023

SFA Convention 2013
San Antonio, TX
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
June 26 - 30, 2013
Schedule of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Special Notes</u>
26 Jun 13 (Wednesday)	0800 – 1700	Registration	
	0800 – 1200	Motorcycle Ride	
	1000 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	1300 - ????	Free Time	
	1800 – 2100	Opening Reception	
27 Jun 13 (Thursday)	0800 – 1700	Registration	
	0800 – 1200	Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300
		NBO/Chapter Presidents/Regional Reps Meeting	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	1000 – 1300	Hospitality Room	
		(Hospitality Room will close during picnic and reopen after picnic)	
	1400 – 1700	Texas Style BBQ Picnic	
	1600 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
28 Jun 13 (Friday)	0800 – 1700	Registration	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	0900 – 1200	Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers	
		(No Alcohol Served During Meeting)	
	1200 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
	1800 – 2100	VFW Post 76 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, \$2.00 Beer	
		More Info to Come via Flyer in Gift Bag	
		Free Day Open for Attendees to Tour San Antonio and Surrounding Military Installations	
29 Jun 13 (Sat)	0800 – 1400	Registration	
	0900 – 1600	Vendors	
	0900 – 1000	SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo	
	1000 – 1700	Hospitality Room	
	1800 – 1900	Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar)	
	1900 – 2300	Banquet/Ballroom (Cash Bar)	
30 Jun 13 (Sun)	Dawn – 1200	Checkout/Departure	
	0800 – 1200	Hospitality Room (Coffee/Bloody Mary's)	
		Hotel will have a special rate Breakfast for guests	

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Hyatt Regency (Primary Hotel)	1-888-421-1442 Group #8220 Special Forces Assn.	\$106 (Double Occupancy) (Additional Charge for extra guest)
	(Hotel will extend rate 3 days +/-)	

Overflow Hotel: Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St., San Antonio, Texas 78205

The Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant

The Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant is designed to provide a one time monetary educational grant. The number of grants and the amounts will be determined by the chapter Scholarship Committee and with the approval of the chapter president. Recipient (s) will normally be announced at the Annual Installation of Officers Banquet in December.

Eligibility

- 1. Applicants must be an SFA member in good standing, a legal dependant of such a member or a grandchild.**
- 2. A high school graduate or a student anticipating graduation during the year of application.**
- 3. The grant must be used to attend an accredited college, university, or a vocational institution.**

Application Procedures: Eligible applicants must submit the following information to the chapter president in person or P.O. Box 33782 San Antonio, Texas 78265-3782 * no later than November 1 of any year.

- a. A personal letter detailing the applicant's educational plans, career aspirations and planned use of the grant.**
- b. Copies of the most recent academic transcripts, SAT scores and other scholastic achievements.**
- c. A letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor or a principal.**
- d. A summary of extra-curricular activities, non-academic achievements and/or hobbies**



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2012 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 Fund Raiser at the Cove 14 Memorial for chapter fallen brothers/spouses, FSH Cemetery, 11:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>12 Board Meeting 13:00 18-20 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake 28 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH * DROP input due <u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>02 Board Meeting 1300 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 National Convention: June 11- 17 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>07 Board Meeting 13:00 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ?? HAPPY 4TH of July!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>01 Board Meeting 1300 08 OKTOBER FEST VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted</p>
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All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 19:00 on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 18:00 prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300. 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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The 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!"

