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## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

05 BOARD MEETING @ 1300 Hrs.  
10 MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 1900 Hrs. MEAL @ 1800 Hrs.  
12 COTULLA COOK-OFF  
**!!! HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY !!!**

### APRIL

09 BOARD MEETING 1300  
10 FUND RAISER AT THE "COVE" NOON TILL 2000  
14 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1900: MEAL:1800  
23 MEMORIAL FOR CHAPTER FALLEN BROTHERS/SPOUSES, FSH CEMETERY,  
11:00 COMMITTAL SHELTER # 3  
**!!!Happy Easter!!!**

### MAY

14 Board Meeting 13:00  
20-22 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake  
30 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH  
\* DROP input due  
**NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Happy Mother's Day**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

If there's one single thing that I detest about being president of Special Forces Chapter XV, it is coordinating and participating in funerals of chapter members and spouses. Some deaths, I must admit, affect me more adversely than others and that was the case of the passing of my long time amigo and Special Forces brother, Dallas Longstreath III. His history as a quiet and heroic green beret warrior is well documented in numerous after-action official reports but I believe it is most vividly indelible in the hearts and minds of his Special Forces brothers that fought alongside him in many combat operations in Vietnam.

As told by several Special Operations soldiers, Dallas was instrumental in saving many lives. He will long be remembered and talked about in venues such as national conventions, but mostly in the Hospitality Rooms of the Special Operations Reunions! Dallas, being an extremely private person, except while enjoying a cold Bud lite, and in the company of his special and close friends, never expounded on his heroic exploits in combat. In fact if he did, he had a humorous way of recalling his stories. That's truly a mark of and a definition of a warrior! He never "blew his own horn".

I first met Dallas in Kontum in 1968 when he was assigned to the then, secret and clandestine organization, Studies and Observation Group based at Forward Observation Base II and I was doing some interesting work with the Phoenix/Provincial Reconnaissance Unit. I lost track of him until I retired in 1983 when I became active in chapter XV. Since that time, we continued to be close friends. I bid you farewell amigo. You ran the race, kept the faith and never faltered in combat. We will meet again. Of that I am certain! You did your duty and served our country well. "You were a good guy, you! My brother wrote a poem about our older brother upon his death. Both were WWII Veterans. I sincerely believe that it applies to Dallas so it is reprinted here on the following page.

My special thanks to all the chapter members, spouses and friends who helped to organize and assist with the funeral details. This is all I want to say at this time. Please refer to the calendar for upcoming chapter activities and events. Hasta luego, Mando **(Red Bird)** Canales.



**Red Bird** sends.



# **RECUERDO (REMEMBRANCE)**

**By Ernesto Canales**

**I sing of him who would remain unsung,  
whose name would fade like tracks upon the sand.**

**For him no bells were ordered to be rung;  
no banners lowered by a grieving land.  
No bugles blew the moment he expired.  
No clock was stopped to fix the final hour;  
no doors were draped in black, no cannons fired;  
(these are the rites for men of rank and power)**

**But still i sing of him with mounting pride,  
who seized the challenge with uncommon heart and  
valor,  
then ran the course with firm , unfaltering stride,  
to reach the mark determined from the start.**

**The measure of the man who runs the race,  
lies in his distance from the starting place.**



# **MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEB, 2011**

SFA Chapter XV Membership Meeting February 10, 2011

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours by Chapter President

1. Pledge of Allegiance to our nation's flag. Prayer offered by Chapter Chaplain Adan Flores.
2. Moment of silence for our fallen brother, Dallas Longstreath. May he rest in peace. Our profound condolences to his family, sister, niece and nephew who are here with us tonight. Dallas passed away on Tuesday, February 8.
3. Members sick or in distress:
  - Wally in hospital
  - Danny Kling getting better
  - Buddy Gee
4. Meal was very good tonight. Sponsored by Marti & Ben.
5. Chapter members Bill Beall and Rick Matheney attended Memorial Service for Ret. Major Paul Stoner in Fredericksburg on Monday, Feb. 7. Maj. Stoner was a member of the San Diego, Calif. SFA chapter and had just moved to Texas.
6. New member for our chapter, Levi Rodgers attended tonight. He is on active duty with the 7<sup>th</sup> Group (11 years) and is being treated for wounds at BAMC suffered in Afghanistan.
7. Our chapter treasurer, Mario, is visiting Europe with his daughter
8. Request for member's email addresses so newsletter can be sent.
9. 2011 Calendar dates are locked in for "Cove" fundraiser, Canyon Lake Picnic, and December Christmas banquet
10. Bobby Walker has tickets for March 12, Military Ball at Lackland AFB. Tickets are \$40 each. See Bobby if interested.
11. Bill Beall will be cooking briskets for the "Cove" fundraiser
12. Mike Maloy is doing a great job of input of our chapter's info into the DROP Magazine 4 times each year.
13. Financial report has been submitted to SFA
14. Our board meeting in April will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the membership meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The fundraiser at the "Cove" will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
15. Open Forum:
  - Ballots available for associates rights from Pat Connolly
  - Miquel De La Pena birthday... 92 years young
  - Marti... thanks to Dallas' family for coming to the meeting and sharing some stories about our SF brother, who will be greatly missed.
  - Bobby Walker gave update on the new guy in charge at FSH cemetery, with changes coming
  - Beall explained cost of chapter meeting meals and how the money is distributed

Motion to adjourn... 1955 hrs



**Funeral of:**  
**Dallas R. Longstreath III**

**Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery**

**21 February, 2011**







*“We Salute You, Dallas”*



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**!!!Special Notice!!!**

**LAST CHANCE**

**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.**



# *Some of The Good Things Our Chapter Does*

**“Bacsi” Dale Jennings delivering Girl Scout cookies to some “old soldiers” in the Veterans Home just outside of San Antonio in Floresville, TX in December. Every year Dale buys up 40 or 50 boxes of Girl Scout cookies from his two granddaughters and enjoys the smiles he puts on the faces of some veterans when he delivers and donates the cookies to them. Dale is shown here wearing his Special Forces Motorcycle Club vest.**





# Once Upon A Time....

## Barry Archer, 1970 and 1971



1Lt. Barry archer & Mike Force striker at Thuon Duc, Vietnam, August 1970.



CPT Barry Archer and ODA-40, 10TH SF Gp, White Mountains, NH, March 1971

Capt. Barry Archer (lower right) with 10<sup>th</sup> SF Group White Mountains, New Hampshire in March 1971.

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## Dick Clarke, 1965 and 1966



Specialist Dick Clarke onboard the U.S.S. Walker in South Vietnam, 1965.



Dick Clarke in 1966 in Vietnam with two Rhade Montagnards.

**Please submit your "Once Upon A Time" photos to Editor, Mike Maloy at [Chinook501@aol.com](mailto:Chinook501@aol.com)**



**GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV  
2011 CALENDAR**

<p><b><u>JANUARY</u></b></p> <p>08 Board Meeting 1300 13 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 <b>Happy New Year</b></p>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 <b>HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>MARCH</u></b></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 12 Cotulla cook-off <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b></p>
<p><b><u>APRIL</u></b></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 <b>Happy Easter</b></p>	<p><b><u>MAY</u></b></p> <p>14 Board Meeting 13:00 20-22 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake 30 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH * DROP input due <b><u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u></b> <b>Happy Mother's Day</b></p>	<p><b><u>JUNE</u></b></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 National Convention: June 23-27 Orlando, Florida <b>Happy Father's Day</b></p>
<p><b><u>JULY</u></b></p> <p>02 Board Meeting 13:00 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ?? <b>HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> of July!</b></p>	<p><b><u>AUGUST</u></b></p> <p>06 Board Meeting 1300 11 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted DROP input due <b>Happy VJ Day</b></p>	<p><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 10-Cajunfest Celebration VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted <b><u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u></b> <b>Happy Patriot's Day</b></p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b></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 <b>Happy Halloween</b></p>	<p><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b></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 ???? <b>Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Veteran's Day</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 17 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet, at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk *No Membership Meeting <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b></p>

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1900 hours on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

*Bob and Vicki Walker*





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**"Carry on!"**

