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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 9 Board Meeting 1400 hrs**
- 11 Chapter Memorial Serv. 1000 hrs**
- 11 Membership Meeting 1300 hrs**
- 30 May Board Meeting 1400 hrs**

May

- 02 Membership Meeting 1300 hrs**
- 15 Drop Input due**
- 15-17 Jack Hogue Picnic**
- 25 Memorial Day Service at 0930 hrs**

June

- 04 June Board Meeting 1400 hrs**
- 06 Membership Meeting 1300 hrs**
- 04-10 National Convention**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. It is that time again to prepare for our next meeting and to plan for our upcoming events. Due to the vacancy in the Treasurer position, Buddy Gee was moved up from Assistant Treasurer to Treasurer. The Board appointed Toby Todd as Assistant Treasurer through a unanimous vote of the Board. I would like to welcome Toby to the Board and we look forward to a good year. Buddy chaired the Budget Committee and we will be briefing the 2015 budget at the next meeting. The budget will then be put to a vote.

The Catulla cook-off went well and I would like to thank Bill Martin for the assistance in acquiring a pig. John Lopez will be posting some pictures and he advised me that the event went well and all had a good time.

Bob Hand is still doing an excellent job putting together and planning the Jack Hogue picnic in May. As of today all is on track. I have reached out to the SOD in Austin and to the SF Companies here in San Antonio. They have expressed an interest in at least coming by and having a cold one. If you need to pay for your trailer please do so in the near future.

Remember our next meeting is in conjunction with our Chapter Memorial Service. We will meet at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at approximately 0930 on 25 May. The ceremony will start at 1000 hours and will last approximately an hour. At the conclusion of the ceremony we will return to the VFW for our noon lunch. We will then have our monthly membership meeting at 1300.

Until our next meeting I hope everyone stays safe. My email is listed below if anyone wants to contact me.

PresidentChapterXV@gmail.com

**William Smith
Chapter XV President**



Special Notice

Jack Hogue Picnic, Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area, Canyon Lake, 15-17 May 2015

Friday, 15 May: 1300 hrs trailer keys will be available for issue at pavilion # 5. Friday: night fajitas by Ben and borracho beans by Marti. BYOB and whatever else you desire. The chapter will supply margaritas by Penny as usual.

Saturday, 16 May: Gordon Lee and Dana will start setting up the chow line at 1200. The Chapter will provide BBQ meats, chicken and sausage. Beer, sodas, water and condiments will also be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish, fruit or a desert. There will be power available for a limited number of Crock pots etc. Bring your own music, the chapter boom box will be there.

Sunday, 17 May: Bloody Mary's by Buddy and SOS by Marti. Police call and wash down of the pavilion area. Check out time is 1200 hrs.

There are 8, three bedroom trailers left, one is a pet trailer. Working dogs are permitted in any trailer but you must have the dog's certification with you. The cost of the trailer is \$110.00 per night or \$220.00 for the weekend. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Air Force raised the rates this year. POC to reserve a trailer is Bob Hand 210-336-1102 or e-mail retsfcsmbh@sbcglobal.net. Make checks out to SFA Chapter XV. Mailing address is Bob Hand, 5713 Fairways Dr., Cibolo, TX. 78108 or SFA Chapter XV, PO Box 33782 San Antonio, TX 78265-3782. Trailer reservations will not be confirmed until the money is received. For those of you who have your own RV trailers or motor homes, you must make a reservation at the recreation area. The phone number is 800-280-3466. Trailer reservations must be confirmed and paid for NLT 1200 hours, 11 May 2013 or the trailers will turned back in to the Recreation Center.

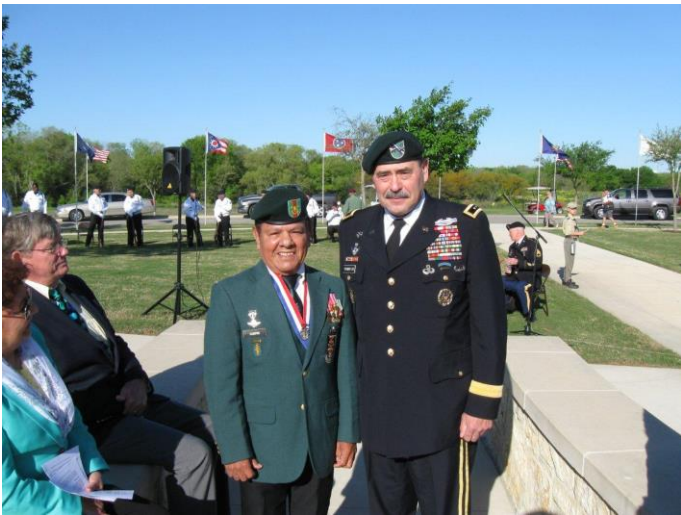


Pictures from the Cotulla “Wild Hog Cook-off!”



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service At Fort Sam Houston Natl. Cemetery 28 March 2015







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**SFA Chapter XV Board Meeting is on 9
April at 1400 hours and Membership
Meeting is on 11 April at 1300 hours.**

**If you take pictures send them to Editor
Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com**

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<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 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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.

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The Editor

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"Carry on!"

