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The Alamo Chapter

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Scholarships: Alex Flores
SFA Motorcycle: John McClinton
Cove Fund Raiser: Mario Guerra

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

03 Committee Meetings 1100
03 Membership Meeting 1300
04 Editor's Birthday
29 Sept. Board Meeting 1300

September

07 Committee Meetings 1100
07 Membership Meeting 1300

October

03 Board Meeting 1300
05 Committee Leads 1000
05 Membership Meeting 1300
(Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)
TBD Dick's Fund Raiser
31 Nov Board Meeting 1300

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The members of Chapter XV – DID IT!! They coordinated and supported one of the largest Special Forces Association Conventions ever, with over 1,100 attendees -OUTSTANDING JOB! The reports and responses that I am receiving from around the country say that everyone had a great time, totally enjoyed all the activities, and thought this was one of the best conventions ever!! “JOB WELL DONE” Chapter XV - kudos to everyone! With that being said, we still have a lot of work to do, with the goal of wrapping up the Convention Budget by July 30th and completing the After Action Report by 15 August. We are planning to have our own Chapter party to celebrate our hard work and success, in the September timeframe, giving everyone a little time to recuperate from the convention. The exact date and location of the party will be announced next month.

I want to congratulate Mike Maloy for being awarded the “Golden Quill Award” from National for the “Best Chapter Newsletters of the Year”. Well deserved, and thank you for an outstanding job every month, Mike!! I also want to congratulate Marti Scott for her special recognition by the Montagnards. Marti is the second woman ever to be recognized by the Montagnards. Col Maggie (Martha Raye) was the only other woman. Congratulations Marti!!

I want to congratulate JR Garza for being appointed as a Texas State Commissioner serving as the Military-Veterans Advisor/Liaison for the Senate Armed Services Committee for Military Affairs and Installations. JR now represents over 1.5 million Texas Veterans at the State Capital. I have asked JR to continue updating our chapter membership on current issues and changes within the VA or other military activities on a quarterly basis. JR happily agreed to do so. He will be addressing the Chapter Members at the 3 August Meeting.

On a more solemn note, we had to bury one of our brothers this past month, Col Dale Prieser. I want to personally thank the chapter members that supported the funeral. Our prayers and wishes are with his family.

Please plan to attend the Chapter Membership Meeting on Saturday, 3 August at 1300 hours. Tony will be preparing a lunch meal, which will be served at 1200 hours. See you on the 3rd.

**Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV**



SFA Chapter XV General Membership Meeting July 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Vice President Bill Smith, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and said the opening prayer. Mike Maloy moved the minutes be approved as printed in newsletter; seconded by John Tippy and approved by membership.

Mario Guerra said the financial report for the National Convention probably will not be final until early September. He said money donated for the convention has been moved from chapter account to convention account. Expenses for Jack Hogue Picnic have been paid.

July 4th Parade: Mike Maloy said large crowds turned out for the Windcrest parade. Brakes held up on "The Chief," and about 20 people rode in the back. Toby Todd walked the entire parade route, and John Tippy rode a bicycle.

Membership: Marti Scott reported 3 new members on the record for this month. Several more applications have been sent to national.

President's report:

- Bill Smith asked that members submit names to him or Chuck Rose of people who helped and supported Chapter XV during the national convention. Dan Hopgood will prepare certificates of appreciation when he returns from vacation. Bill Martin suggested buying frames for all the certificates; Bill Smith can donate frames. List of recipients will be compiled at August meeting.
- Purchase of PA system and speakers for chapter meetings is "in the works."
- Bob Hand is still in 4 West at SAMMC.
- Dale Prieser died Thursday. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Porter Loring North; rosary and funeral 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Chapel in The Village at Incarnate Word.

Bob Walker requested members to attend funeral of SFA member Marcellino Matamoros, who died July 3. Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Funeral Home.

SFA Convention 2013: Fred Solis reported that the convention was a great success, with the chapter receiving many kudos. "The only kink was the 300 un-registered people who showed up at the last minute." While 874 had registered before the convention, the total actually attending was over 1,100. Fred said the Hyatt Regency Hotel was responsive to the last-minute storm, providing an extra ballroom to accommodate a final banquet count of 1,005 people. He asked for everyone's input for the After Action Report, which will be done by Aug. 15. (No AARs have been done for the last 4-5 years, so we didn't have the benefit -- but these are needed to help future convention planners.) Email input to Fred ... Dave Leonhardt, one of two photographers who covered the convention, asked for pictures to be included on a DVD he is planning. Put name IDs on the pictures ... Some of the left-over liquor, beer and soft drinks will be used for a chapter party in September or October ... Mike Maloy received Golden Quill Award for best SFA newsletter ... Marti reported POW-MIA table cover, which was borrowed from VFW, disappeared during the convention. She is ordering another for VFW and one for the chapter. John Edmiston said he is turning manuscript of the Chapter XV book over to editors. The DVD is almost ready and will sell for \$25 or \$29 each.

Closing prayer by Bill Smith. Len Czarnecki moved the meeting adjourn; seconded by Marti Scott. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m .

Respectfully submitted, Buddy Gee

********Special Notices********

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

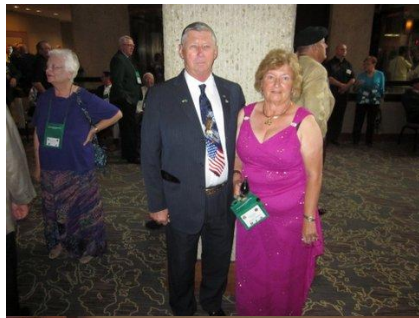
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Message from Pat Connolly: Re-gifting is good for the Alamo Chapter. Anytime you receive a gift that you can't use or just plain don't like, give it to our SFA Green Beret Chapter XV and we will raffle it off (and if you win the raffle, give it back to us and we'll raffle it off again, as many times as it takes to get rid of it).



PICTURES FROM SFA 2013 ALAMO CITY NATIONAL CONVENTION











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

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 Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

