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*The Alamo Chapter*

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**FSH Cemetery Events:** JW Martin  
**Canyon Lake Picnic:** Raul de la Garza  
**Dick's Fund Raiser:** Fred Solis  
**Christmas Banquet:** Chuck Rose & Mario Guerra

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

**03 Board Meeting 1400**

**05 Membership Meeting 1300**

**10-13 Cotulla Cook-off**

**31 April Board Meeting 1400**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **President Sends:**

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. Our meeting is on Saturday the 5th of March and the Board meeting is Thursday the 3rd at 1400. I hope to see everyone there. I am donating my Spurs tickets versus the Warriors that take place on 10 April to the Chapter. I made up some fundraiser tickets and hope we can raise some money. Those who know the Spurs and how well the Warriors are doing know this could be the game of the year. I am going to ask for assistance getting the tickets out. I hope we can all assist. I will have you put your name on the back of the stub for the tickets you sell. We will draw the ticket on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at our meeting. The one who sold the winning ticket could win up to \$100.

Our next major function is the Cotulla Cook-off being headed up by Mike Brown. He will have some information to put out at the next meeting. I hope everyone will get the opportunity to go by and enjoy a cold one together. The event is 11-13 March. We are always looking for supporters or beer drinkers to help keep the team company during the event.

Remember in April our Chapter Memorial will be in the morning of our monthly meeting. It is set for 2 April and I hope to have a good turnout. We will have the memorial at 1000 hrs and then move back to the VFW for food and our meeting.

JROTC is coming up on us fast and I will be reaching out to the membership for assistance in presenting the awards. It is a great opportunity to get our Chapter out there and to recognize some outstanding students for their accomplishments. I have contacted several members and will contact the remaining. Dan is a great asset and continues to support this endeavor.

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.

**presidentchapterxv@gmail.com**

**William Smith  
Chapter XV President**



## \$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

### Report from the Treasurer

Thanks to generous donations from our members, the Chapter had income of \$975 during February. However, we laid out \$2,582 in expenses during the month – including \$1,875 in charitable contributions. \$525 of February income was earmarked for meals for the monthly meetings. We thank the donors who paid this month: Pat Connolly, J.W. Martin, Bill Smith, and Simeon Trombitas. Also a tip of our berets to members who donated a combined \$120 to the General and Scholarship Funds: John Rodden, J.R. Garza, Larry Dollarhide, and Steve Schoenicke. Sgt.-at-Arms Raul de la Garza collected \$150 from the door prize drawing and merchandise sales, and we had \$65 net income from member dues. Expenses included checks issued to the following nonprofit organizations, in accordance with the Chapter's 2016 budget: VFW Post 8541, Save the Montagnard People, Retired Border Patrol Association, and Veterans of Greater San Antonio.

At the February meeting, the membership voted to donate \$500 from the SF Emergency Relief Fund to the widow of a deceased member, and \$150 was donated for food at the funeral service of Chapter member Lewis W. Like. The month's expenses also covered new tires for the War Wagon, renewal of the Internet domain and payment for the meeting meal.

Your financial support is important to the success of the Alamo Chapter, so remember to buy your tickets for those door prize drawings -- and consider sponsoring an ad in this newsletter. A business card-size ad is only \$25 for 12 issues.

*Buddy Gee*  
*Treasurer, SFA Chapter XV*



# **SPECIAL NOTICE AND REMINDER TO ALL CHAPTER XV MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

**If you plan on joining us for a lot of fun and camaraderie at Canyon Lake this year and you need a trailer to sleep in, you need to contact Raul de la Garza as soon as possible to reserve your trailer and give him your check. Unlike previous years, your trailer is not reserved until Raul has your check in his hand.... No exceptions!!!**

**Contact Raul for details.**

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### *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!"**

