



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

The Alamo Chapter

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

04 May Board & Committee Leads 1100

10 Drop Input Due

17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic

27 May FSH Memorial Day Ceremony 0900

30 June Board Meeting 1300

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June

01 Convention Meeting 1100

01 Membership Meeting 1300

01 Motorcycle Meeting 1500

22 July Board Meeting 1300

26-30 National Convention

July

04 Fourth of July Parade TBD

06 Committee Meetings 1100

06 Membership Meeting 1300

30 August Board Meeting 1300

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Turnout of membership continues to be good at the Saturday Membership Meetings. Because of our Annual Canyon Lake Picnic, May 17 -19, there will not be a May Membership Meeting. Our next membership meeting will be June 1st, at 1300 hours. There will, however, be a Board Meeting at 10:00 hours on May 4th, followed by a Convention Committee Meeting at 1300 hours. Both meetings will be conducted at the VFW Post 8541.

I want to thank everyone who attended and made the Memorial Service to Fallen Brothers and Spouses a success this month. A special thanks to Bobby Walker as the committee lead for the event.

The next major event for the chapter membership is the Jack Hogue Canyon Lake Picnic, 17 – 19 May. If you are unable to be at Canyon Lake for the entire three-day event, I strongly encourage you to attend the picnic, with your family, on Saturday, May 18th. As in the past, a good time will be had by all!

The Special Forces Association Annual Convention is only two months away. The schedule of events and planned activities is all starting to fall into place. This should be a phenomenal event for all members of the Special Forces Association, as well as the members of Chapter XV. Some of the event committees still need help from the membership. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT. It would only involve your participation for a single day, and just for a couple of hours. As with every Special Forces Operation, when there is a team mission, the entire team jumps in to ensure the mission is successfully completed. Nothing has changed; let's make this convention a total success, and only you can make it happen!!**

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!

Don't forget the Memorial Day Ceremony to be held at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery on May 27, 2013 in the new assembly area (under the blue awning). Music begins at 0900 hours and the ceremony begins at 0930 hours.

**Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV**



********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.

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).

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

**Jack Hogue Picnic,
Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area, Canyon Lake,
17-19 May 2013**

Friday, 17 May, 14:00 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 as usual.

Saturday, 18 May. Pat Connolly and his Bride will start setting up the chow line at 12:00. 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, 19 May Bloody Mary's by Bobby and SOS by Marti. Police call and wash down of the pavilion area. Check out time is 12:00 Hrs.

There are three 3 bedroom trailers left. The cost of the trailer is \$85.00 per night or \$170.00 for the weekend. 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 12:00 hours, 13 May 2013 or the trailers will be turned back in to the Recreation Center.



CHAPTER XV APRIL 2013 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4TH, 2013 VFW POST 8541

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Chuck Rose 13:00 hrs.
- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALEGENCE:** Pat Connolly
- 3) **CHAPLIN'S INVOCATION:** Adan Flores
- 4) **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR FALLEN COMRADS:** Adan Flores
- 5) **MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS:** Adan Flores, None
 - A) **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **SECRETARY'S APPROVAL OF MARCH BOARD MINUTES - APPROVED**
 - b. **TRESUARER'S FINANCIAL REPORT – APPROVED**
 - c. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Marti, 199 current members 11 delinquent members
 - d. **NEWSLETTER/DROP:** Mike Maloy, newsletter will be out at the end of each month
 - e. **WEBSITE:** Scotty Sutherland, needs material for the website
 - f. **COMMITTEE LEADS UPDATE:**
 - i. **CHAPTER MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FALLEN BROTHERS AND SPOUSES (13 APR)**
Bobby Walker: 11:00 hrs. at the fort Sam Houston cemetery blue awning. Mario will pick up the roses
 - ii. **JROTC SUPERIOR AWARDS PROGRAM (MAY)** Dan Hopgood, 11 confirmed and 3 more possible
 - iii. **JACK HOGUE PINIC (17-19 MAY)** Bob Hand, everything is in place. Cutoff date for trailer reservations is 13 May 2013 12: 00 hrs. Dan Hopgood will back me up at the lake
 - iv. **MEMORIAL DAY SER VICE (27 MAY)** Bobby Walker, 09:00 hrs at the fort Sam Houston Cemetery. Flag bearers; J.W. Martin, Bill Smith, Dan Hopgood, Bart Seversen, Lenny Czarnecki, Fred Solis
 - v. **NATIONAL CONVENTION (26-30 JUNE)** Fred Solis, things are coming together. Sponsorship monies are coming in. Order form for the shirts will be sent out by e-mail in the next week. George Garcia said he will pay for the servers and tips at the picnic. We still need volunteers for the raffle and the hospitality room
 - vi. **BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Bill Smith: A motion was made that the chapter wait until after the first of the year and after National makes any changes to the constitution before we make any change to our by-laws. The motion was seconded and passed
 - vii. **JOHN EDMISTON** Update on the book he is writing about chapter members
 - B) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Marti reported that there will be a walk through at the WARRIOR and FAMILY SUPORT CENTER to see the bench the chapter had donated in memory of Ed Miller
 - b. Bill Smith said the date for the Christmas Banquet will be 7 Dec. 2013
 - c. Chapter will sponsor two golf holes at the convention golf tournament
 - C) **OPEN FORUM:**
 - a. Bill Martin donated a pig for the Jack Hogue Picnic
 - b. Barry Archer invited the chapter members to his house for a pre convention BBQ Tuesday 25 June 2013 12:00 hrs- 17:00 hrs. Cell 210-632-0359
 - c. Marti needs volunteers to stuff convention gift bags at the VFW Sat. 15 JUNE 2013 .12:00 hrs
 - D) **RAFFLE:** Pat Connolly

MEETING ADJOURNED: 14:15 Hrs. Minutes submitted by: Bob Hand, Secretary, Chapter XV

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 going 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 1000 – 2400 0900 – 1800 1300 - ????	Registration Hospitality Room Vendors Free Time	
	1800 – 2100	Opening Reception	
27 Jun 13 (Thursday)	0800 – 1700 0800 – 1200	Registration Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300
	0900 – 1800 1000 – 1300	Vendors Hospitality Room	
		(Hospitality Room will close during picnic and reopen after picnic)	
	1400 – 1700 1600 – 2400	Texas Style BBQ Picnic Hospitality Room	
28 Jun 13 (Friday)	0800 – 1700 0900 – 1800 0900 – 1200 1200 – 2400 1800 – 2100	Registration Vendors Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers (No Alcohol Served During Meeting) Hospitality Room 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 0800 – 1200 0900 – 1600 0900 – 1000 1000 – 1700 1800 – 1900 1900 – 2300	Registration Motorcycle Ride Vendors SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo Hospitality Room Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar) Banquet/Ballroom (Cash Bar)	
30 Jun 13 (Sun)	Dawn – 1200 0800 – 1200	Checkout/Departure 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			

Special Forces Association Convention 2013 Green Beret Alamo Chapter Motorcycle Ride

SFA Chapter XV, San Antonio, Texas



Saturday, June 29, 2013
Alamodome Parking Lot

Late Registration: 7 a.m. • Kickstands up: 8:30 a.m. • Ride-by in front of **The Alamo**: 8:45 a.m.
Scenic Hill Country Ride to Luckenbach, Texas

REGISTRATION FORM: (PLEASE PRINT) **REGISTER BY JUN 5 TO ASSURE A T-SHIRT**

Name of Rider _____ Shirt size _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Name of Passenger _____ Shirt size _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Motorcycle: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ License No. _____ State _____
 Trike ? ___ Trailer ? ___ CB Radio? _____ Are you able to volunteer/assist as road guard? _____

THIS IS A RELEASE - READ BEFORE SIGNING

I (We) agree that Chapter XV, SFA, and Special Forces Association and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the "RELEASED PARTIES") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any part of the SFA Convention 2013 Green Beret Alamo Chapter Motorcycle Ride, (hereinafter called "THE EVENT") and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the "RELEASED PARTIES", even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I (We) understand that all event participants and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk, and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I (We) release and hold the "RELEASED PARTIES" harmless from any injury, loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in "THE EVENT". I (We) understand that this means that I agree not to sue the "RELEASED PARTIES" for any injury or resulting damage to myself or my property arising from, or in connection with, the performance of duties in sponsoring, planning or conducting "THE EVENT" and I (we) agree to indemnify and reimburse the "RELEASED PARTIES" for any loss caused or claimed by me (us.) By signing this Release, I (We) certify that I (We) have read this Release and fully understand it, and that I (We) am not relying on any statement or representations made by the "RELEASED PARTIES".

Participant: _____ Date _____ Witness: _____

Passenger: _____ Date _____ Witness: _____

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 0499, or Ricky
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Mail entry form and check to:
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 PO Box 33782
 San Antonio TX 78265-3782



Ride Chairman: John T. McClinton
 Email: johntmcclinton@yahoo.com
 Phone: (210) 378-0049

Bike Rider\$35 \$ _____
 Passenger.....\$20 _____
 Additional T-shirts ___ x \$20 = _____
 Sizes: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

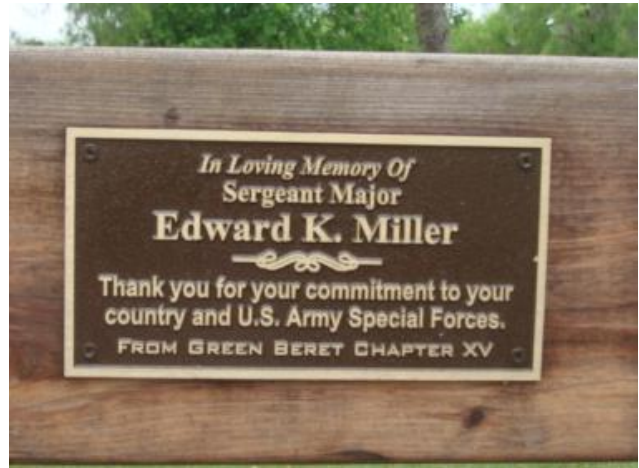
PICTURES FROM CHAPTER EVENTS

APRIL 2013

DEDICATION OF PARK BENCH IN MEMORY OF ED MILLER



Chapter XV members with Sue Miller (seated on bench).



Plaque honoring Chapter XV member Ed Miller.

DAN HOPGOOD PRESENTING CHAPTER MEDAL FOR ACHIEVEMENT TO CADET ENSIGN CLAYTON FRANK AT THE NAVAL JROTC SMITHSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ON 25 APR 13.



HONORING FALLEN BROTHERS AND SPOUSES



Members of Chapter XV honoring deceased. Dallas Longbreath. Wallace R. Swank.



Larry C. Kennemer. Amelia Jimenez & Henry. Adan Flores, Bill Smith, Chuck Rose.



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2013 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
05 Convention Meeting 1000	02 Convention Meeting 1000	02 Convention Meeting 1000
05 Jan Board Meeting 1300	02 Membership Meeting 1300	02 Membership Meeting 1300
10 Membership Meeting 1900	10 Drop Input Due	08-10 Cotulla Hog Cook-off
25 Feb Board Meeting 1300	23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100	23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100
	23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300	23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300
	28 Mar Board Meeting 1300	
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
04 Apr Board Meeting 1300	04 May Board Meeting 1000	01 ConventionCmt Mtg 1100
06 Convention Meeting 1100	04 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100	01 Membership Meeting 1300
06 Membership Meeting 1300	10 Drop Input Due	01 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500
13 Chpt Memorial Service 1100 for Fallen brothers/spouses	17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic	22 Jul Board Meeting 1300
20 Convention Cmt Mtg 1300	27 Memorial Day Serv 1000	26-30 National Convention
20 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500	30 Jun Board Meeting 1300	
	NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
04 Fourth of July Parade TBD	03 Committee Meetings 1100	07 Committee Meetings 1100
06 Committee Meetings 1100	03 Mebership Meeting 1300	07 Mebership Meeting 1300
06 Mebership Meeting 1300	29 Sep Board Meet 1300	
30 Aug Board Meeting 1300		
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
03 Oct Board Meeting 1300	02 Committee Leads 1000	07 Dec Board & 1000
05 Committee Leads 1000	02 Mebership Meeting 1300	Committee Leads Meeting
05 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)	(Election and Scholarship Results)	14 Christmas Banquet 1800 & Installation of Officers
TBD Dick's Fund Raiser	10 Drop Input Due	
31 Nov Board Meeting 1300	TBD Veterans Day Ceremony	NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month. A meal will be served at 12:00 to 1:00 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Committee Meetings will begin at 11:00 hrs on the first Saturday of the month at the VFW. Board Meeting will be held during the week proir to the Membership Meeting.

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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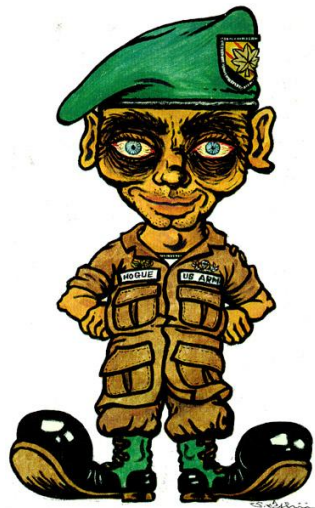
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Special thanks to our unofficial photographers who continue to provide us with numerous photographs of Chapter XV events: David Benavides, Henry Jimenez, Marti and Ben Scott. Selecting which ones to use is always a difficult decision, but we try to include everyone possible.

The Editor

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"Carry on!"

