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## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

**12 Board Meeting 13:00**  
**18-20 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake**  
**28 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH**  
**\* DROP input due**  
**NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### June

**02 Board Meeting 1300**  
**07 Membership Meeting 1900---meal: 1800**  
**National Convention: June 11-17 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**

### July

**07 Board Meeting 13:00**  
**12 Membership Meeting 1900---meal: 1800**  
**Parade: TBA ??**  
**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> of July!**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**It is my sad duty to report the death of a chapter member, Lyle G. Sloan who died in March of 2012 at his home in Lytle, Texas and was interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors and surrounded by his family, chapter members and special friends. Lyle joined the Army in 1964 and was assigned to the 82ND Abn. Division. Sometime later he graduated from the Special Forces "Q" Course with honors. He served with the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam with the Hatchet Force as team leader out of Ban Me Thout. He was a proud member of the "Alamo Chapter" for many years. After retiring from the service, he taught SROTC along with Henry Jimenez at St. Mary's University. Lyle presented a rough exterior but he had a generous soul and made monetary donations to our chapter often, and although he used colorful language when he spoke, he was a gentle and affable person. He ran the race, never faltered and completed the mission. No one can ask more of a soldier. Rest in peace brother, all your trials and tribulations are now over. We shall remember you and you will be missed.**

**On April 14th we held our annual memorial service dedicated to our fallen SF brothers and spouses. We had a large crowd on hand and were privileged to have had Major General Trombitas, Commander of Army South and chapter XV member joining us. After a solemn ceremony with taps and roll call, we placed a red rose on the graves of those chapter members and spouses that are buried here at Ft. Sam Cemetery. After the service, we reassembled at the VFW for a light lunch and appropriate cold beverages.**

**In April we held a planning meeting for the Convention 2013 Committee and had over 30 people attending. We are making a lot of progress with our planning and we promise to provide all attendees with a great and enjoyable convention. Most of our activities except for the Golf Tournament are centralized along the famous San Antonio River. We are asking all SF chapters to sponsor a golf hole for \$100. If you wish to help, please mail your check to: SFA Chapter XV. P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, Texas 78265-3782. All chapters who sponsor a hole, will be acknowledged on the course.**

**We're making final preparations for our annual "Jack Hogue" picnic and retreat on May 18-20 at Canyon Lake Recreational Facility. We have reserved 25 cottages and are expecting SF compadres from Killeen, Austin, Houston and Oklahoma. We will RON Friday and Saturday and conduct "sick call" on Sunday with Bloody Marys and SOS provided by Marti Scott. We'll leave the lights on for you! God is Great, beer (Dos Equis) is good and people are plain loco. Stay thirsty my friends!**

**Red Bird sends**



**Red Bird sends.**

**!!!!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.**

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



# April 14<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service for our brothers and spouses held at Ft. Sam Houston





**As we grow older we have many memories over the span of years, however, those of us who have served in the military will always remember certain things about our time in service to our country. We rarely forget the date we entered the military or our service number or MOS. But more importantly we never forget those with whom we served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.**

**Once a SOLDIER**



**ALWAYS a SOLDIER**



**Presentation of Alamo Chapter Superior Performance Award Medal by Art Medina, to Air Force JROTC Cadet Brianna Schmigel at Clark High School on 25 April.**



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**Alamo Chapter member Larry Sills (white shirt) and Col. (ret.) Mike Eiland on their recent trip to Vietnam, and what might be called a tourist trap sign for the Cool Café in Vietnam!**



**Membership Meeting Minutes----Thursday, April 12, 2012**  
**(25+ members and guests attending)**

1. Meeting called to order at 19:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence for our POW'S, MIA'S and fallen chapter brothers and spouses.
3. Invocation: Adan or Rudy
4. Meal: Sponsored by Fred Solis, Bill and Mike cooked a fantastic meat loaf.
5. Recognition of new members/special guests
6. Members sick or in distress: Bob Hand, Skip Bailey,(Jack Bonner)
7. Memorial Service: FSH National Cemetery. Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 11:00 hours under the blue canopy in the back area. Recommended attire: berets, blazers and black trousers if you have them, if not appropriate civilian clothes. Recommend that you arrive a bit early as I plan to begin the service promptly at 11:00. You're all invited to a light lunch at VFW Post 8541 following the service.
8. Special Forces Branch Birthday celebration. MG Trombitas's office at 0900 in the Simon Bolivar Conference Room, 6th floor of the old BAMC building 1000 hrs. located at 4130 Stanley Road. Appropriate dress is Berets and an SF shirt.
- 9.SFA Superior Performance ROTC medals: Dan Hopgood, Henry, Bill, David Benavides, Redbird. Anyone else?
10. Treasurer's report

15 minute break

1. Unfinished business: Update on Convention 2013- Fred Solis, others.
2. New business: USAA will sponsor our convention. MG General Robles will be our keynote speaker.
3. Juan Lopes has agreed to assist Bill with Hospitality Room and coordinate beverage sponsors.
4. Mailed "once upon Pictorial to SFA to be incorporated in a video that will be shown at the convention in Fayetteville.
5. Mailed Schedule of Events for our convention to National. Thanks to Marti for a great job on the schedule.
6. VFW Post 76 will host a soiree for our convention attendees during convention. They will provide music and food and sell beer for \$2. You may bring your own bottle but not beer.
7. New VFW Commander: Jesse
8. SFA Memorial Building Raffle Tickets: turn stubs/money to Mario
- 9.DROP: Ballot for National Board.
10. Open forum: keep it short
11. Motion to adjourn..... Raffle



# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2012 CALENDAR

<p><b><u>JANUARY</u></b>  <b>07 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>12 Membership Meeting</b>  <b>1900</b>  <b>meal: 1800</b></p>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>  <b>04 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due</b>  <b>09 Membership Meeting</b>  <b>1900</b>  <b>meal:1800</b>  <b>HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b><u>MARCH</u></b>  <b>03 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>08 Membership Meeting 19:00</b>  <b>meal 18:00</b>  <b>9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off</b></p>
<p><b><u>APRIL</u></b>  <b>07 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>12 Membership Meeting</b>  <b>1900</b>  <b>meal:1800</b>  <b>10 Fund Raiser at the Cove</b>  <b>14 Memorial for chapter</b>  <b>fallen brothers/spouses,</b>  <b>FSH Cemetery, 11:00</b></p>	<p><b><u>MAY</u></b>  <b>12 Board Meeting 13:00</b>  <b>18-20 Jack Hogue Picnic,</b>  <b>Canyon Lake</b>  <b>28 Memorial Day Ceremony,</b>  <b>FSH</b>  <b>* DROP input due</b>  <b><u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>JUNE</u></b>  <b>02 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>07 Membership Meeting 1900</b>  <b>meal: 1800</b>  <b>National Convention: June 11-</b>  <b>17</b>  <b>FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.</b></p>
<p><b><u>JULY</u></b>  <b>07 Board Meeting 13:00</b>  <b>12 Membership Meeting</b>  <b>1900</b>  <b>meal: 1800</b>  <b>Parade: TBA ??</b>  <b>HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> of July!</b></p>	<p><b><u>AUGUST</u></b>  <b>04 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>09 Membership Meeting</b>  <b>1900</b>  <b>meal: 1800</b>  <b>Scholarship Grant</b>  <b>Applications Accepted</b></p>	<p><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>  <b>01 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>08 OKTOBER FEST VFW,</b>  <b>1200-?, Educational Grant</b>  <b>Applications, Nominations for</b>  <b>chapter officers accepted</b></p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>  <b>06 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>11 Membership Meeting</b>  <b>1900,</b>  <b>meal:18:00</b>  <b>** fund raiser at Dick's ??</b>  <b>TBA</b>  <b>Scholarship Applications</b>  <b>Accepted</b>  <b>Nominations for Chapter</b>  <b>Officers</b></p>	<p><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>  <b>03 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>08 Membership Meeting</b>  <b>1900 meal:1800</b>  <b>10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due</b>  <b>11 Veterans Ceremony FSH</b>  <b>Election and Scholarship</b>  <b>results</b>  <b>fund raiser at Dick's ????</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>  <b>01 Board Meeting 1300</b>  <b>15 Installation of Officers and</b>  <b>Christmas Banquet,</b>  <b>venue:TBA</b>  <b>EL TROPICANO HOTEL ON</b>  <b>RIVERWALK</b>  <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>  <b>*No Membership Meeting</b></p>

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 19:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 18:00 prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300. 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!"**

