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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

07 Board Meeting 1300
12 Membership Meeting 1900
meal: 1800

FEBRUARY

04 Board Meeting 1300
10 Drop Input Due
09 Membership Meeting 1900
meal:1800
HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY

MARCH

03 Board Meeting 1300
08 Membership Meeting 19:00
meal 18:00
9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the president: Here we go again!

As we begin a new year, I want to express my sincere thanks to our chapter officers and membership for their continued support and commitment to our chapter agenda. As I stated at our Christmas Banquet, we have a mandate in our chapter and that is to remain active, viable and productive and I firmly believe that we're doing it with vigor and style! Despite the fact that we only have a small group of members who do the majority of the work, we're still able to maintain our mission and commitment. Once again, I invite all members to return to our chapter and help us, especially this year as we plan to host the Special Forces Convention in 2013.

For those of you that are annual dues paying members, our chapter only receives a few dollars from your dues. As for Life Members, the chapter retains a one-time small amount. While I'm on the subject, I wish to convey my thanks to those few of you that donate money to the chapter on a monthly basis. We rely on your generosity to fulfill our obligations.

Although we didn't have as many attendees at our annual Installation of Officers / Christmas Banquet, we still had a very enjoyable gala. We were honored to have Major General Trombitas and his lovely wife, Kellie, CSM Bollinger of the 19th National Guard Special Forces Group and renowned artist and sculptress, Rebecca Clark who presented a briefing on her ongoing project for Special Forces. Everyone that I spoke with after the formal dinner raved about the all female mariachis group, Las Coronelas and about the delicious chicken and steak that we had for dinner. The hospitality room amenities weren't shabby either! I want to thank Henry and Olivia for their assistance in setting up the room and to Henry and CSM Bill (wild man) Smith and Scotty for helping me with the cleanup and loading on Sunday morning.

As we start our new year, I'm looking forward to another successful year for our chapter and with your help I'm positive that we'll succeed. Until we meet again, I wish all of you a day of ordinary miracles: a fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself, green lights on your way to work or shop, I wish you the fastest line at the grocery store, your keys where you look, a good sing along song on the radio and especially, I wish you a day of peace, happiness and joy. Adios, **Red Bird sends**



Red Bird sends.

!!!Special Notices!!!

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify Bob Hand (830-609-1918) or 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.

Notice from Marti Scott

THE BELOW LISTED MEMBERS HAVE EITHER 1) CHANGED THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS OR 2) CANCELLED THEIR EMAIL SERVICE. PLEASE PROVIDE CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS IN ORDER FOR THE CHAPTER TO KEEP YOU POSTED ON ACTIVITIES!!! In order for us to place you back on the instant email list for CURRENT happenings. Thank you!!!

Please send your correct email address to: oneangelfl@hotmail.com (Marti) ; mandoangie@sbcglobal.net (Mando Canales); guerrargr@aol.com (Mario Guerra); or retsfcsmbh@sbcglobal.net (Robert Hand); To receive our monthly newsletter send your email address to chinook501@aol.com (Mike Maloy).

**John Bryan (M-9475)
Delbert Hayes (D-649)
William P. Martin (D-563)
Thomas P. McLeod (D-701)
Juan Moya (D-3181)
William L. Watson (M-1763)**



2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CHAPTER XV

These are some of things that we accomplished in 2011.

- 1. Held 12 board meetings**
- 2. held nine membership meetings**
- 3. Participated in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Ceremonies at FSH.**
- 4. Enjoyed our annual Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake**
- 5. Awarded eight SFA Leadership medals and certificates to JROTC units.**
- 6. Conducted several planning meetings on Convention 2013**
- 7. Participated in three parades**
- 8. Published twelve newsletters.**
- 9. Submitted four inputs to the DROP**
- 10. Conducted two fund raisers.**
- 11. Celebrated a Cajun Fest**
- 12. Traveled to Bastrop, TX. to attend a fund raiser with Billy Waugh and Ike Camacho.**
- 13. A group of chapter members attended the National Convention and SOA Reunion.**
- 14. Donated money to selected charities.**
- 15. Awarded an Educational Grant to Erin Czarnecki; Major General Valenzuela matched the \$500 from the chapter.**
- 16. Conducted our annual Memorial Day for our fallen chapter members and spouses.**



Membership Meeting Minutes---Thursday, January 12, 2012

(42+ members and guests attending)

1. Meeting called to order:

2. Pledge of Allegiance; moment of silence for our POW'S, MIA'S and fallen chapter brothers and spouses. Special prayer for Domingo Campos' family.

3. Invocation

4. Thanks to Bill and Adan for cooking our meal and to the Godfather for hosting it.

5. Recognition of new members/special guests

6. Members sick or in distress: Major General Valenzuela, Bob Hand, Skip Bailey, Godfather.

7. DROP

8. Newsletter-Mike

9. Pictorial special edition of chapter members-Mike. (show)

10. Letter from Ace Acevedo

11. Installation of Officers/ Christmas Banquet. (this year event will be on December 15th.

12. Calendar for 2012 (may be changes)

13. Cotulla wild hog cookoff- 9-11 March

14. Meals for this year: January--Godfather, February--Art Medina, March--Bobby Walker--April--Fred Solis, June--Edgar Morales-July--Adan flores-August--Pat Connolly, October- Marty, November-Chapter XV Thanks dudes!

15. Convention 2013- Preparations are looking good (. Fred Solis)

16. Treasurer's Report: Mario

15 minute break

1. Unfinished business:

2. New Business- Moving our gear back . I will notify you and ask for help

3. Open Forum- keep it short

4. Motion to adjourn

5. Raffle

By secretary: Rick Matheney

Alamo Silver Wings 31st Anniversary Military Ball

**Alamo Silver Wings 31st Anniversary
Military Ball**

Saturday, March 31, 2012

**Pueblo Hall • 3315 Northwestern • San Antonio, TX 78238
(210) 520-7400**

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner Served 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Dance 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

Music by Legendary Tribute Band

\$400.00 per table of 10 / \$40.00 per person / Non-Refundable

Drawing to win a trip to Las Vegas for 2 if paid by Jan. 10, 2012

Grilled Tilapia or Grilled 5 oz. Marinated Chicken Breast with Mushroom Gravy

Served with Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almondine, Mashed Potatoes, Roll & Iced Tea

Jesse Salcedo - Committee Chairman (210) 290-2646
Joe Diaz - Co-Chairman (210) 363-3414

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**For tickets to this event please call Bob Walker at:
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2012 CALENDAR

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

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 19:00 on the 2nd 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.

Christmas Banquet and Installation of Officers





The El Tropicano served a terrific meal and the service was excellent and the all female mariachi group was outstanding.



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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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 Mando Canales at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"