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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

04 Board Meeting 1300
Happy Birthday to the Editor
09 Membership Meeting 1900; meal: 1800
Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted

SEPTEMBER

01 Board Meeting 1300 08 OKTOBER FEST VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted

OCTOBER

06 Board Meeting 1300
11 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00
** fund raiser at Dick's ?? TBA
Scholarship Applications Accepted
Nominations for Chapter Officers



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with a great and profound sense of loss that I inform you of the death of another Green Beret Chapter XV brother. Dennis (Skip) Bailey entered into eternal rest on July 18, 2012 after a long illness. He died at Christus Santa Rosa Hospital in New Braunfels, Texas surrounded by his family members. A Memorial Service was held in his honor on July 21st at the Comal Country Church near Canyon Lake, Texas. He was interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on July 27th with full military honors in the presence of many chapter members, immediate family and members of the Alamo Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association.

Skip graduated from Special Forces Training in 1964 and served with the 6Th Special Forces Group in Smoke Bomb Hill until 1966, when he attended and graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1967. Upon graduation, he was deployed to Vietnam and assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group and later re-assigned to Special Projects with Sigma. After his tour, Skip graduated from Flight School at Fort Walters, Texas and was reassigned to Vietnam where he flew Hueys!

Skip served his country with honor and distinction. He ran the race, kept the faith and never faltered. "He was a good dog too" You will be missed Skip, but not forgotten. I have nothing else to say at this time except that life here on earth is merely a "way station" so enjoy the ride and harbor no regrets. 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.

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.



Meeting Minutes----Thursday, August 9, 2012 (30+ members and quests attending)

- 1. Meeting called to order at 19:00
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance; moment of silence for our pow's, mia's and fallen SF brothers and spouses.(Skip Bailey) raise our glasses to Skip.
- 3. Meal: Pat Connolly. cooks, Bill and Adan
- 4. Recognition of new members and special guests
- 5. Members sick or in distress: Miguel, Bob Hand
- 6. * Presentation of SFA Memorial Plaque to Rachel Johnson
- 7. Educational Grant: deadline NLT November 1st of any year
- 8. Update on Convention 2013 after break under new business
- 9. Paid to Convention 2013 commemorative glasses
- 10. SOAR: October 22-26
- 11. 5TH Special Forces Reunion: September 19-23
- 12. Treasurer's Report

15 minute break

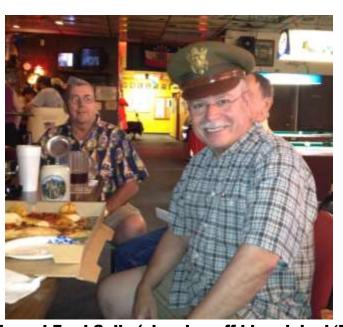
- 1. Unfinished Business:
- 2. New Business: update on Convention 2013
- 3. Dick's Last Resort fund raiser
- 4. Open forum
- 5. Motion to adjourn
- 6. Raffle



RELAXING AFTER A RIGOROUS BOARD MEETING



From L to R: John Tippy, Pat Connolly, and Fred Solis.



From L to R: Pat Connolly and Fred Solis (showing off his original 'Brown Shoe Army' hat).



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 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	o attend the Convention.
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SFA Member Number:		
Name on ID Tag:	Number of Guests:	
Names on Guest(s) ID Tag:		
Please check if you do want yo	our 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) 85 (210) 826-8023	54-5555 EMAIL: sfa.colonel@hotmail.com or Pat Connolly @	

SFA Convention 2013

San Antonio, TX

Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History June 26 - 30, 2013 Schedule of Events

		Schedule of Events				
Date	<u>Time</u>	Event	Special Notes			
26 Jun 13	0800 - 1700	Registration				
(Wednesday)		Motorcycle Ride				
		Hospitality Room				
	0900 - 1800					
	1300 - ????					
	1800 - 2100	Opening Reception				
27 Jun 13		Registration				
(Thursday)		Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300			
NBO/Chapter Pr	_	nal Reps Meeting				
	0900 - 1800					
		Hospitality Room				
(Hospitality F		e during picnic and r	•			
		Texas Style BBQ Pic	nic			
	1600 – 2400	Hospitality Room				
28 Jun 13		Registration				
(Friday)	0900 - 1800					
		Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers (No Alcohol Served During Meeting)				
	,	Hospitality Room				
		• •	rgers/Hot Dogs, \$2.00 Beer			
		re Info to Come via Flyer in Gift Bag				
Free Day Open f			d Surrounding Military Installations			
29 Jun 13	0800 - 1400	Registration				
(Sat)	0900 - 1600	Vendors				
	0900 - 1000	SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo				
	1000 - 1700	Hospitality Room				
	1800 - 1900	Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar)				
	1900 - 2300	Banquet/Ballroom (C	ash Bar)			
30 Jun 13	Dawn -1200	Checkout/Departure				
(Sun)	0800 - 1200	Hospitality Room (Coffee/Bloody Mary's)				
	Hotel will have a special rate Breakfast for guests					
Hotel	<u>Telephor</u>	<u> ne</u>	Rate			
Hyatt Regency	1-888-421-		106 (Double Occupancy)			
(Primary Hotel)	Group #822	20 Special Forces Assi	n. (Additional Charge for extra guest)			

(Hotel will extend rate 3 days +/-)

Overflow Hotel: Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St., San Antonio, Texas 78205

The Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant

The Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant is designed to provide a one time monetary educational grant. The number of grants and the amounts will be determined by the chapter Scholarship Committee and with the approval of the chapter president. Recipient (s) will normally be announced at the Annual Installation of Officers Banquet in December.

Eligibility

- 1. Applicants must be an SFA member in good standing, a legal dependant of such a member or a grandchild.
- 2. A high school graduate or a student anticipating graduation during the year of application.
- 3. The grant must be used to attend an accredited college, university, or a vocational institution.

<u>Application Procedures:</u> Eligible applicants must submit the following information to the chapter president in person or P.O. Box 33782 San Antonio, Texas 78265-3782 * <u>no later than November 1</u> of any year.

- a. A personal letter detailing the applicant's educational plans, career aspirations and planned use of the grant.
- b. Copies of the most recent academic transcripts, SAT scores and other scholastic achievements.
- c. A letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor or a principal.
- d. A summary of extra-curricular activities, non-academic achievements and/or hobbies



Chapter XV, 'The Chief,' the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assoc. (Alamo Chapter) and members of VFW Post 8541 participate in the annual Windcrest 4th of July parade.





GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2012 CALENDAR

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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.



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.

1 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 quidance of my God,

I will conquer my fears and succeed.

I will keeps 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 D.M. White

T've lifted my glass and drank my fill, Of the wine that's known as pride.

T'be 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



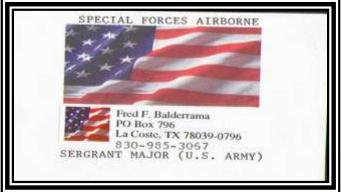


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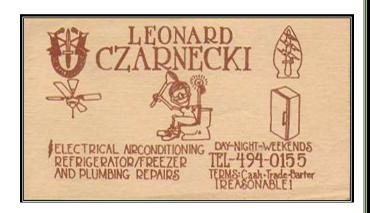
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