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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****



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 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 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 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	Registration	
	0800 – 1200	Motorcycle Ride	
	1000 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	1300 - ????	Free Time	
	1800 – 2100	Opening Reception	
27 Jun 13 (Thursday)	0800 – 1700	Registration	
	0800 – 1200	Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300
		NBO/Chapter Presidents/Regional Reps Meeting	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	1000 – 1300	Hospitality Room	
		(Hospitality Room will close during picnic and reopen after picnic)	
	1400 – 1700	Texas Style BBQ Picnic	
	1600 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
28 Jun 13 (Friday)	0800 – 1700	Registration	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	0900 – 1200	Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers	
		(No Alcohol Served During Meeting)	
	1200 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
	1800 – 2100	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	Registration	
	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 (Cash Bar)	
30 Jun 13 (Sun)	Dawn – 1200	Checkout/Departure	
	0800 – 1200	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		

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.**

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

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

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.

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!"

