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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

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

August

04 Board Meeting 1300
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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this message, Miguel De La Pena has been transferred to Emeritus at Oakwell Farms, 3360 Oakwell Court, San Antonio, TX 78218, Telephone: (210) 820-8744 in room 215. I spoke with him at the hospital and he assured me that he had not broken any bones. It seems he will be there for the near future. I hope you will call or visit him as you are able to. I will of course keep you updated as I receive further information.

Our chapter was represented by ten members at the SFA Convention in Fayetteville and we got outstanding support in promoting our Convention 2013 from many people, especially Zipper Allen and Joe Dennison. Zipper was the convention chairman and Joe was his assistant. They both are planning to be with us next year and come early if we need them. This is SF brotherhood!

Congratulations are in order to Mike Maloy. Our newsletter was selected as the number one monthly newsletter! My contributions to the newsletter and the DROP are minimal compared to the hard work and dedication by Mike. I will be presenting a plaque to Mike at our Membership meeting next week.

The video promoting our convention and city that Buddy and Sharon put together was a tremendous hit. I also want to commend Marti and Godfather for their work on early registration and of course to Fred for his highly informative presentation at the General Membership Meeting. I remain very optimistic that we're going have a huge attendance at our convention next year. I want to invite our entire membership to get on the bandwagon and volunteer to serve in a committee supporting our event. Fred is planning to update us on the convention at both our meetings this month. We need your help. If you wish to help, contact Fred or Bobby Walker. If you are planning to attend the convention, I recommend that you make your room reservations early. You certainly don't want to end up at the overflow hotel! Until the next time, happy trails to all. **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, July 12, 2012

(40+ members and guests attending)

1. Meeting called to order at 19:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our POW's, MIA'S and fallen brothers and spouses:
3. Invocation: chaplain
4. Meal: Beale and Mike Maloy and Yolanda and Adan Flores.
5. Recognition of new members/special guests:
6. Members sick or indistress: Miguel de la Pena, Bob Hand, Skip Bailey. chemo therapy
7. Announcements:
 - a. National Covention: well organized. very good for our chapter.
 - b. Thanks to Marti for her work with early registration
 - c. Thanks to Sharon and Buddy for the outstanding video promoting our convention 2013 and our city. Very well received.
 - d. Many thanks to Fred for his presentation at the Membership meeting.
 - e. Thanks to the Godfather for manning the registration table.
 - f. Signed up two new chapter members: Frank Medina from AZ and Dan Chapa from 1-18.
 - g. New National Officers: President- Jack Tobin, Vice President: John Dixon, Asst. Secretary: Nick Panarella, Asst. Treasurer: Glenn Dyke *none are from chapter 1-18"
 - h. Voting was pathetic! Out of 9,116 SFA members, only 843 voted. our chapter: out of 140, only 18 voted: quit your sniveling!!.
 - i. We picked up some sponsors for our convention: Valero; Budweizer (Dallas); Glock will donate two pistols; and Bill Snider from El Paso- condiments.
8. Gold Star Families: need to find and bring into our fold.
9. Legal. zoom. com CEO is SF and will give members a discount.
10. Treasurer's Report: Mario

15 minute break

1. Unfinished Business: N/A
2. New Business: update on Convention 2013- Fred
3. Registration: Marti
4. Open Forum : keep it short
5. Motion to adjourn



President Mando Canales presents an award to Mario Guerra for his continuing hard work and dedication as Chapter XV Treasurer.



President Mando Canales presents a plaque from National SFA to Editor Mike Maloy for outstanding Chapter XV Newsletter 2012.



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	
	0700 – 1300	Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0800 – 1200
		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		

Snapshots from SFA National Convention in Fayetteville, N.C. 2012; Memorial Day at Ft. Sam Houston; Dan Hopgood presenting SFA Excellence Award; and Henry Jiminez visit to California.



Dennis “Skip” Bailey

R.I.P.

To all concerned Chapter XV members:

There will be a church service for Skip on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at Comal Country Church at 10:00.

Comal Country Church

9380 Farm to Market 306, Canyon Lake, TX

(830) 907-4004 · comalcountrychurch.org

This will be the only service performed for Skip. I will set up our military display about 0900 on Saturday morning as per Skip's request and will say a few words on his military service. I hope that we can have a good representation from our chapter. Attire will be: Green Blazers, Berets, and black trousers if you have them or appropriate civilian clothes (please no jeans nor shorts).

Driving directions from San Antonio: Take 35N and drive through New Braunfels and exit # 191 which is FM 306 (road going to Canyon Lake) turn left. Go past 5 traffic lights past Purgatory Road and the Exxon Station and the church will be on the right. It's a bit obscure but can be seen from FM 306. Please try to arrive NLT 09:30. We will sit on the front pew(s). Skip will be cremated next week and we will have a graveside service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Details on this service to be announced. If you have any questions please call me at 210-679-0622. **Red Bird sends**



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<p><u>JANUARY</u> 07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u> 04 Board Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u> 03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><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></p>	<p><u>JUNE</u> 02 Board Meeting 1300 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 National Convention: June 11- 17 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.</p>
<p><u>JULY</u> 07 Board Meeting 13:00 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ?? HAPPY 4TH of July!</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u> 04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted</p>	<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u> 01 Board Meeting 1300 08 OKTOBER FEST VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><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 ????</p>	<p><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</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.



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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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, and Chapter XV chronicler John Edmiston. Selecting which ones to use is always a difficult decision, but we try to include everyone possible.

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!"

