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## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### APRIL

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

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Our deepest, heartfelt condolences to Marti and Ben on the loss of Marti's mom. The viewing was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Spring lake N.C. and interment was on February 4th. Stay SF strong Marti and we'll be praying for you and your family.**

**Since my last message, I have solidified reservations for 25 cottages at Canyon Lake for our annual Jack Hogue picnic to be held May 18-20, 2012. The rental rates for the units are the same as last year, \$150 for the weekend. There are two pet friendly units; 26 and 27. Lyle has already paid for unit #26 so if anyone else wants the other one, let me know (first come, first served).**

**As I informed you last month, several chapter members decided not to attend the Christmas Banquet and notified me after I had already committed for the food therefore, the chapter was compelled to pay for those meals. To keep that situation from occurring again, I will not reserve any cottages at Canyon Lake unless I receive the money upfront (show me the money)!**

**I have also signed the contract for our Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet at the El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Since attendance has been declining at the gala, I have opted to reserve a smaller dining room for our meal. It accommodates up to 120 people so I'm sure we'll be OK with it. The best thing is that this room is located across the hallway from our Hospitality Room! We will also have the same all female Mariachi group that everyone seemed to enjoy.**

**The "Once Upon A Time" pictorial Special Edition has been published and we will have it for sale for \$12.50 at the monthly meeting on Feb. 9. This would be a nice gift for your family to have and enjoy. I want to thank Mike Maloy once again for his hard work, expertise and commitment to our chapter and of course thank all of the chapter members that contributed their photos for the project.**

**Until the next time, Hasta Luego, Buena Suerte and stay thirsty my friends.**



**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.

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

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**William P. Martin (D-563)**

**Thomas P. McLeod (D-701)**

**Juan Moya (D-3181)**

**William L. Watson (M-1763)**



**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**

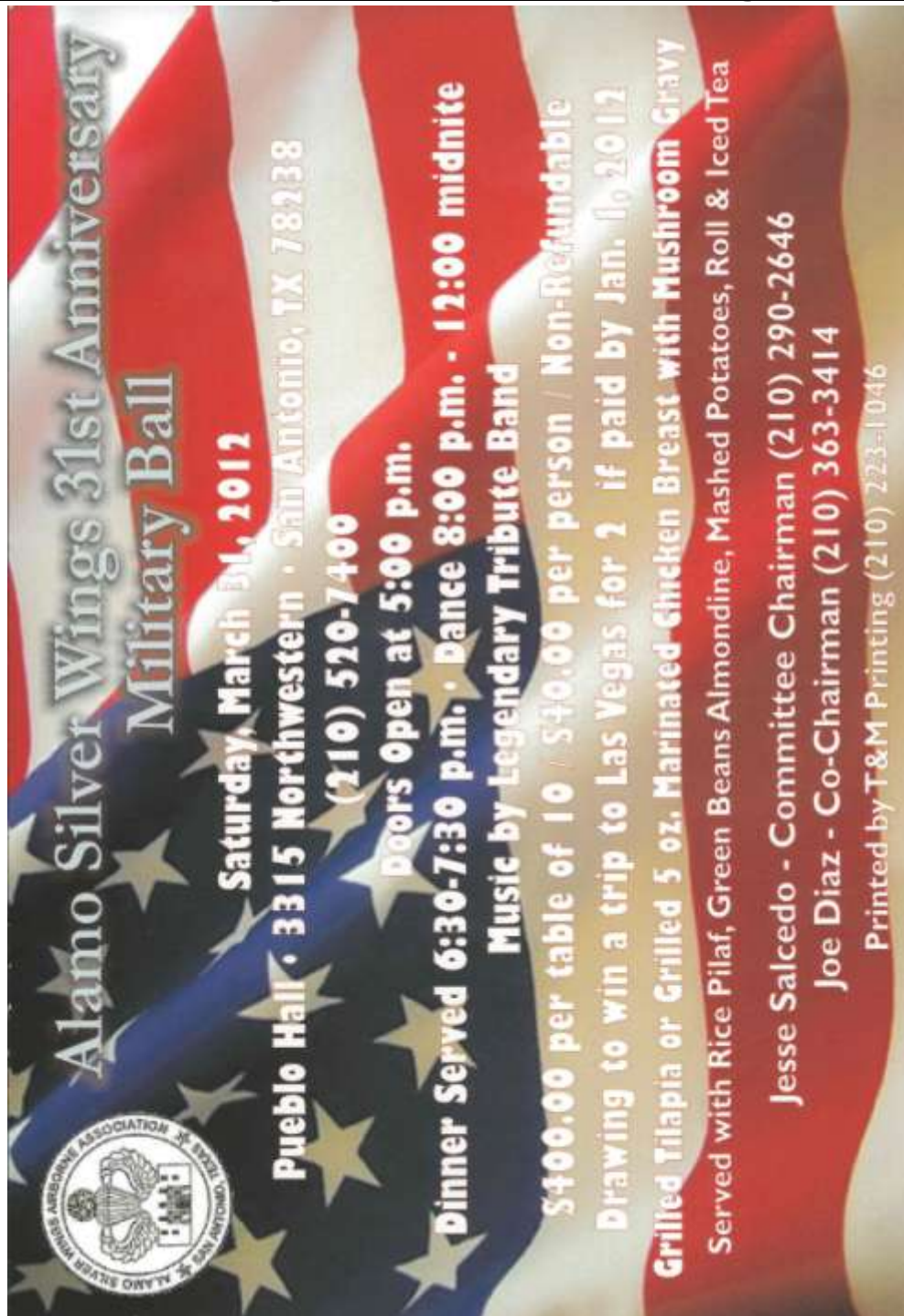
**3. Open Forum- keep it short**

**4. Motion to adjourn**

**5. Raffle**

**By secretary: Rick Matheney**

# Alamo Silver Wings 31<sup>st</sup> 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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JANUARY</u></b></p> <p>07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 <b>HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MARCH</u></b></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JULY</u></b></p> <p>07 Board Meeting 13:00 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ?? <b>HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> of July!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AUGUST</u></b></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b></p> <p>01 Board Meeting 1300 08 <b>OKTOBER FEST</b> VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b></p> <p>01 Board Meeting 1300 15 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet, venue:TBA <b>EL TROPICANO HOTEL ON RIVERWALK</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> *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 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.



In case you missed it, this was in the Express-News this past Sunday.

WORLD

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS 2/5/12

AFGHANISTAN TRANSITION

# Special forces role grows

NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The United States' plan to wind down its combat role in Afghanistan a year earlier than expected relies on shifting responsibility to Special Operations forces that hunt insurgent leaders and train local troops, according to senior Pentagon officials and military officers. These forces could remain in the country well after the NATO mission ends in late 2014.

The plan, if approved by President Barack Obama, would amount to the most significant evolution in the military campaign since Obama sent in 32,000 more troops to wage an intensive and costly counterinsurgency effort.

Under the emerging plan, U.S. conventional forces, focused on policing large parts of Afghanistan, will be the first to leave, while thousands of U.S. Special Operations forces remain, making up an increasing percentage of the troops on the ground. Their number may even grow.

The evolving strategy is far different from the

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withdrawal plan for Iraq, where almost all U.S. forces, conventional or otherwise, have left. Iraq has devolved into sectarian violence ever since the withdrawal in December, which threatens to undo the political and security gains there.

Pentagon officials and military planners say the new plan for Afghanistan is not a direct response to the deteriorating conditions in Iraq. Even so, the shift could give Obama a political shield against attacks from his Republican rivals in the presidential race who already have begun criticizing him for moving too swiftly to extract troops from Afghanistan.

Unlike in Iraq, where domestic political pressure gave Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki reason to resist a continued U.S. military presence into 2012, in Afghanistan, President Hamid Karzai

and his senior aides have expressed an initial willingness to continue a partnership with the United States that includes counterterrorism missions and training.

Senior U.S. officials also have expressed a desire to keep some training and counterterrorism troops in Afghanistan past 2014. The transition plan for the next three years in Afghanistan could be a model for such a continued military relationship.

The new focus builds on a desire to use the nation's most elite troops to counter any residual terrorist threat over the coming months as well as to devote the military's best trainers to the difficult task of preparing Afghan security forces to take over responsibilities in their country.

The plan would put a particularly heavy focus on Army Special Forces, also known as the Green Berets. They would be in charge of training a variety of Afghan security forces. At the same time, the elite commando teams within Special Operations forces would continue their raids to

hunt down, capture or kill insurgent leaders and keep pressure on cells of fighters to prevent attacks.

The Green Berets, created by President John F. Kennedy in the 1960s, have as one of their core missions what is called "foreign internal defense" — using combat, mentoring, language and cross-cultural skills to train local forces in rugged environments. They do so today in missions conducted quietly in dozens of nations.

Just as significant would be what the U.S. military's conventional forces stop doing.

Americans would no longer be carrying out large numbers of patrols to clear vast areas of Afghanistan of insurgents, or holding villages and towns vulnerable to militant attacks while local forces and government agencies rebuild the local economy and empower local governments.

Those tasks would fall to Afghan forces, with Special Operations forces remaining in the field to guide them. The shift already has begun to take place.



## **A picture from our not too distant past.**

**(Thanks to Henry Jimenez for sending this to us)**



**This picture, taken circa 1999, includes several of our dearly departed comrades. Back row standing, from L to R: Bart Severson, Bob Walker, Wally Swank (RIP), Miguel De La Pena, Lenny Czarnecki, and Mando Canales. Front row seated, from L to R: Carl (Miguel's son-in-law), Vince Skeebe (RIP), Ruby De La Pena (RIP), Ed Miller (RIP), and Tony Recio.**





### *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**

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**"Carry on!"**

