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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

07 Committee Meetings 1100
07 Party at the El Tropicano Hotel 1730
07 Membership Meeting at the El Tropicano Hotel 1800

October

03 Oct Board Meeting 1300
05 Committee Leads 1000
05 Membership Meeting 1300
(Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)
31 Nov Board Meeting 1300

November

02 Committee Leads 1000
02 Membership Meeting 1300
(Election and Scholarship Results)
10 Drop Input Due
11 Veterans Day Ceremony (time TBD)
11 Dick's Fund Raiser (time TBD)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As previously announced, the September General Membership Meeting will take place in the La Habana Banquet Room at the El Tropicano Hotel, on September 7th at 1730 hours. The room and bar will open at 1730 hours and a modified General Membership Meeting will begin at 1800 hours. Immediately following the short meeting, we will begin the party to celebrate the success of our 2013 SFA National Convention. The party is open only to Chapter Members and their spouses or significant others. No dinner meal will be provided during this event, but there will be an open bar and finger snacks throughout the evening. A live band will provide music for dancing and entertainment. The El Tropicano Hotel has agreed to provide our membership with the special room rate of \$79.00 a night, available over the dates of September 6th-September 8th. If you want a room at the El Tropicano Hotel, call 210- 223-9461 and ask for the Special Forces Block Rate.

Please join me in welcoming to the Chapter, the following new members: Arturo De La Garza; Daniel Edwards; Steven K. Faucette; Rolando C. Garza; Richard D. Gilliam; Donald G. Iverson; Lyle R. Jackson; Marius V. Pular; Jerrie LeBleu; Joe Robles; John Woodward; Ben Scott; J. R. Garza; and Jason Sloan.

The chapter has a lot of activities scheduled in the fourth quarter of this year: On October 20th we will be participating at the Oktoberfest Event, in conjunction with VFW Post 8541. During the November 2nd General Membership Meeting, we will be voting on the Chapter Officers for 2014. On November 11th the Chapter will participate in the Veterans Day Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston in the morning, and that evening we will conduct our annual fund raising event at Dick's Last Resort, on the Riverwalk. On December 7th (Pearl Harbor Day) is our Annual Christmas Banquet, which once again will be at the El Tropicano Hotel, with the installation of officers, plenty of food, libations and a live band. Our guest speaker will be Jack Tobin, President of the Special Forces Association. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these events. Additional information will be sent to the membership on each of these events in upcoming months.

The September Board Meeting will be held on September 5, at the VFW, at 1300 hours. You are welcome to attend.

Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV



Chapter XV General Membership Meeting August 3, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Rose at 1300 hours. He congratulated members for putting on “one hell of a convention” – the largest SFA Convention ever. After invocation by Rudy Johnson and moment of silence for fallen comrades, guests were introduced: Adele and her friends Emma and Albert; John Woodworth’s wife Darwina, an Air Force lieutenant colonel just returned from deployment in Afghanistan; and Jeff Cott, a guest of new member Rich Anschutz.

Sick and in distress: Bob Hand now walking on his new hip; still in rehab for paralyzed arm.

Chuck introduced guest speaker J.R. Garza, new liaison for the State Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. Garza warned members of telephone scams, such as fake calls for jury duty, to get personal information. Two bills sponsored by Sen. Van de Putte would extend the property tax exemption for Gold Star wives and would exempt houses donated to disabled vets. Garza encouraged votes for these two proposals on the November ballot. He also advised that if you are 100 percent, do not re-open your VA claim. He invited members to contact him if they have VA issues, and gave his phone number: 210-722-4256. (Best to call after 2 p.m.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of July meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Mario Guerra reported on the Chapter’s financial state. Buddy and Mario are preparing to close out the books on Convention account and urged members to cash any outstanding checks.

Membership: Marsha Scott said we have added 9 new members since May. Dues-delinquents have been removed from the chapter roster. She suggested lifetime membership to save money and hassle of annual dues.

Newsletter: Let Mike Maloy know (by e-mail: chinook501@aol.com) if you are not receiving the newsletter.

Web site: Scotty Sutherland posted the revised national constitution & by-laws on Web site.

Convention: Fred Solis said the Convention After-Action Report is 95% complete and running to 40 pages. Chuck will check on \$4,500 promised from Green Beret Charitable Trust. Convention account will be left open for two months to accommodate late invoices or income.

Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to organizations and individuals who provided special support. Please submit names of deserving people.

Nominations: Buddy Gee said the slate of officers for 2014 will be presented at the September general meeting. The floor will open for other nominations at the September meeting and close at the November meeting, when ballots will be counted and new officers announced.

Chuck said annual Fund-Raiser at Dick's Last Resort will be Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and it will be just for Chapter XV, not split with another organization. Same band and set-up as last year. We already have a TV set and a pistol to auction, and may do event T-shirts.

Bill Smith said the Christmas Banquet will be Dec. 7 at El Tropicano Hotel, with a band and dancing afterward. SFA President Jack Tobin will be the guest speaker.

Fred Solis has obtained a speaker and microphone system for chapter use.

■ 15-minute Break

NEW BUSINESS: Chuck said the chapter will have a party in September to celebrate success of convention. Bill and Mario will look into having the party at El Tropicano.

At Bill Smith's request, members voted to donate 20 cases of water and 8 cases of soda for 636 MI (??) Organization Day. Also, 4 cases of beer for SAPD event.

Rich Anschutz described a proposal by a non-profit group who want to have a Firing Range and Team House in the San Antonio area for Special Operations personnel. The group's steering committee would purchase a property with the first donations and develop pistol and rifle range, etc.

Chuck said there will be a "team day" in October to paint and clean the storage shed at VFW.

On a motion by Len Czarnecki, members approved board's appointment of three honorary chapter members: Ben Scott, J.R. Garza, and Jason Sloan.

OPEN FORUM: Bob Walker – Veterans of the Greater San Antonio Area will have a golf tournament Aug. 11 for American Wounded Heroes Inc. ... Buddy Gee – 5th Group Reunion at Fort Campbell will be in September ... Len Czarnecki –take books from Miguel de la Pena's library ... David Benavidez – Aug. 18 is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Medina. Meeting was adjourned at 0225 hours.

Respectfully submitted, Buddy Gee



Special Notices:

As previously announced, the September General Membership Meeting will take place in the La Habana Banquet Room at the Tropicano Hotel, on **Saturday, September 7th, at 1800 hours**. The room and bar will open at 1730 hours and a modified General Membership Meeting will begin at 1800 hours. Immediately following the short meeting, we will begin the party to celebrate the success of our 2013 SFA National Convention. The party is open to Chapter Members and their spouses or significant others. No dinner meal will be provided during this event, but there will be an open bar and finger snacks throughout the evening. A live band will provide music for dancing and entertainment.

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There will be a planning meeting for the Chapter Party this coming **Wednesday, August 28th, at 1400 hours**, at the VFW. Everyone willing to help coordinate and support the party please attend this meeting.

Also, during the evening of **Wednesday, August 28th, from 1900 to 2200 hours**, John Magaldi of the Big Jazz Band is conducting a fundraiser at the Cove Restaurant, at 606 W Cypress Street. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Chapter XV. Chapter XV members are encouraged to attend. John Magaldi is also celebrating his birthday. John has supported our Chapter on numerous occasions.

The September Board Meeting will be **Thursday, September 5th at 1300 hours**, at the VFW. This meeting is open to the general membership.

Recap:

- 28 Aug, 1400, VFW, Chapter Party Planning Meeting.
- 28 Aug, 1900, Cove.
- 05 Sep, 1300, VFW, Chapter Board Meeting.
- 07 Sep, 1730, Tropicano, Chapter Meeting and Party.

Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV



Canine Sgt. Rambo **(Article received from Marti Scott)**

I want to share a 'special story' with you about an event that happened to me this past Friday, Aug 19, 2013 while I was working at San Antonio International Airport. I work there three days a week as a volunteer and on Friday we had the last flight of the Heroes Flight WW II Veterans going to Washington, DC to see their WW II Memorial and to visit and pay tribute to the other War Memorials there.

In this group was a Retired Military Working Dog. Sgt. Rambo and his owner Lisa Phillips were in the group of other Veterans. Sgt Rambo was in the Marines stationed at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. He was injured in a training accident in 2011 with amputation of his left foreleg following a year later in 2012 due to complications from the injury.

One quick note on Sgt. Rambo: As I was sitting talking with his owner, I noticed a 1st Group Flash AND an SF Crest on his vest! I asked about it and she told me they were in an airport recently and a soldier walked up and asked about Sgt. Rambo. After she relayed his story, he removed his insignia and placed them on Rambo's vest. Stood up, saluted him and thanked him and headed to his gate for his flight. As typical of an SF soldier, he paid respect to another injured soldier! A tip of the Beret to this unknown Special Forces member.

When she relayed this to me, I KNEW I needed to share this with all of you. God Bless this unknown SF soldier and God Bless America!!! Photo of Sgt. Rambo and his owner Lisa Phillips below.



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2013 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
05 Convention Meeting 1000 05 Jan Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 25 Feb Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300 28 Mar Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 08-10 Cotulla Hog Cook-off 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
04 Apr Board Meeting 1300 06 Convention Meeting 1100 06 Membership Meeting 1300 13 Chpt Memorial Service 1100 for Fallen brothers/spouses 20 Convention Cmt Mtg 1300 20 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500	04 May Board Meeting 1000 04 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 10 Drop Input Due 17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic 27 Memorial Day Serv 1000 30 Jun Board Meeting 1300 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	01 ConventionCmt Mtg 1100 01 Membership Meeting 1300 01 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500 22 Jul Board Meeting 1300 26-30 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
04 Fourth of July Parade TBD 06 Committee Meetings 1100 06 Mebership Meeting 1300 30 Aug Board Meeting 1300	03 Committee Meetings 1100 03 Mebership Meeting 1300 29 Sep Board Meet 1300	07 Committee Meetings 1100 07 Mebership Meeting 1300
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
03 Oct Board Meeting 1300 05 Committee Leads 1000 05 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications) TBD Dick's Fund Raiser 31 Nov Board Meeting 1300	02 Committee Leads 1000 02 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship Results) 10 Drop Input Due TBD Veterans Day Ceremony	07 Dec Board & 1000 Committee Leads Meeting 14 Christmas Banquet 1800 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month. A meal will be served at 12:00 to 1:00 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Committee Meetings will begin at 11:00 hrs on the first Saturday of the month at the VFW. Board Meeting will be held during the week proir to the Membership Meeting.

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 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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and Iced Cold Beer

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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 Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

