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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 5 Jun Board Meeting 1300**
- 7 Membership Meeting 1300**
- 9-15 National Convention**

July

- 3 Board Meeting 1300**
- 4 Fourth of July Parade TBD**
- 5 Membership Meeting 1300**
- 31 Aug Board Meeting 1300**

August

- 2 Membership Meeting 1300**

This Newsletter contains your new calendar for 2014.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Jack Hogue Canyon Lake Picnic was once again a huge success this year, and I want to personally thank the Event Chairman, Bob Hand, and all the other Chapter Members that supported him in making this such an outstanding event. The weather was perfect, and the food was fantastic and abundant. Every event, from the Friday night's Fajitas & Penny's Margaritas, to Marti's SOS Breakfast on Sunday morning, was well organized and enjoyed by all. We had about 150 attendees throughout the weekend. Fellow Association members and their families from the Austin, Killeen, Dallas and Houston Chapters were in attendance. I want to thank Don Iverson who brought his own grill and assisted Ben Scott in preparing the meals for Friday night and all day Saturday. Also, John Lopez, who provided speed-boat rides to those who wanted to participate.

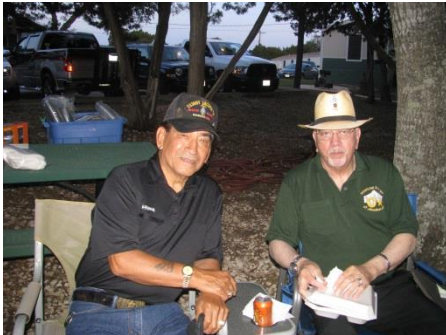
Memorial Day is Monday, May 26th. The Chapter is again carrying Service Flags during the ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. Flag bearers are requested to be at the cemetery no later than 0930 hours. Uniform is green jacket, black pants and beret.

The next General Membership Meeting is on Saturday, June 7th at 1300 hrs at VFW Post 8541. Lunch will be served at 1200 hrs. The Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5th at 1300 hrs.

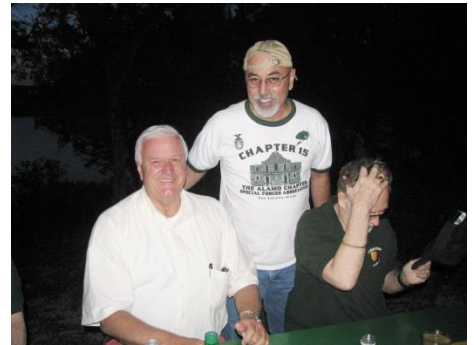
**Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV**



May 16-18 Our Annual Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake, Texas



Canyon Lake Pictures **(continued).**



**Special thank you to
Henry Jimenez for
doing his usual great
job taking pics.**



A memorable Memorial weekend at the Roy Benavidez Elementary School in San Antonio sponsored by SFA Green Beret Alamo Ch. XV

By: Steve Twining

Chapter XV members Jose Campos, Bill Beall, Steve Twining and Mike Maloy, along with VFW Men's Auxiliary member Colin Newbery participated in the Roy Benavidez Elementary School Memorial Day Activities on Friday morning, 23 May 2014. Principal Denise Orosco sent over 650 students to see the exhibits. Jose Campos brought his wonderful customized Wrangler and provided an inspirational presentation. Mike Maloy and Bill Beall brought The Chief (their 1971 US Army deuce-and-a-half. Mike and Bill gave each child a chance to sit in The Chief's driver's seat and blast the air horn. Bill explained the purpose of military vehicles like The Chief and showed one of his war wounds (relax. it was the bullet still in his leg). He received a lot of oohs a aahs and yucks from the kids over that. The children asked numerous questions and Jose, Mike, Bill and Steve tried to answer them all.

Jose brought a PRC-77, helmet, and mess kit. The students were awed at Jose's explanation of how to take a bath in the field using the helmet. Bill and Mike let the kids pound on the sturdy Chief.

The Roy Benavidez Elementary School students ranged from 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten students through fifth graders. This marks another project to assist the school. The positive impact on the students was evident throughout the day. School ends on June 6, but Principal Orosco and some of her staff will be at the school until early July and then return in late July to start off next year's school year. Anyone having books for young children from age 4 to 12 are encouraged to drop them by the school. The school is located at 8340 South IH 35 just east of I-35 and Poteet Jourdanton Freeway. If you have books to donate and can't get to the school, just give them to Steve at a Chapter XV meeting or activity. Other Chapter XV activities this summer include support for building gardens for each grade. Please contact Raul De La Garza if you have any materials or can assist in that effort.

A few pictures from Roy Benavidez Elementary School



A wet Memorial Day service at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery



2014 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
2 Jan Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 4 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 30 Feb Board Meeting 1300	2 Membership Meeting 1300 2 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 10 Drop Input Due 27 Mar Board Meeting 1300	1 Membership Meeting 1300 1 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 7-9 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
3 Apr Board Meeting 1300 5 Membership Meeting 1300 5 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 12 Chpt Memorial Serv 1100 for Fallen Brothers/Spouses TBD Motorcycle Rally	1 May Board Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 16-18 Jack Hogue Picnic 26 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations All Month NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	5 Jun Board Meeting 1300 7 Membership Meeting 1300 9-15 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
3 Board Meeting 1300 4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 5 Membership Meeting 1300 31 Aug Board Meeting 1300	2 Membership Meeting 1300	4 Sep Board Meet 1300 6 Membership Meeting 1300 (Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
2 Oct Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 4 Oktoberfest Party 1500 TBD Dick's Fund Raiser 1800 1 Nov Board Meeting 1300	1 Membership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarships) 10 Drop Input Due 10 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 28 Scholarship Results	4 Dec Board Meeting 1300 6 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All Chapter Meeting unless announce otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. 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. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1300 hrs.

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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and Iced Cold Beer

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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, Dan Hopgood and Marti and Ben Scott. Selecting which ones to use is always a difficult decision, but we try to include everyone possible.

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"Carry on!"

