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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

03 Board Meeting 1300
17 Installation of Officers and
Christmas Banquet at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk
***No Membership Meeting**

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Our annual calendar of events for 2012 will be published, as always, in our January issue of the Green Beret Alamo Chapter XV newsletter.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that all of you were able to enjoy a happy Thanksgiving with your loved ones and special friends. This is the time to reflect on all the blessings that we receive from our Almighty God. We have so many things that we as Americans are so fortunate to have. As we reflect on our liberties and freedoms, let us say a prayer for all the men and women in the Armed Forces for their dedication, hardships and commitment to keep our country strong and free. Let us also say a prayer for their families who also bear the burden of being separated.

On behalf of our chapter, I want to convey my thanks to the chapter members and friends that worked very hard to make our fund raiser at Dick's Last Resort a success. I want to especially single out the following chapter members for their outstanding support and commitment to our chapter: Bobby Walker, Bill Beale, Marty Scott, Godfather, Mario, Mike Maloy and Fred Solis. Forgive me if I omitted someone. (CRS, big time). It continues to be a conundrum to me why we can't get other chapter members to pitch in and help! We have over a hundred members on paper but less than twenty carry the burden for the rest! Where are you dudes? I realize that most of us are getting long in the tooth and some members still work but certainly some of you could be selective and assist with something!

Although it appears that we did not generate as much money as we did last year, Mario and I still plan to make our yearly monetary donations on behalf of Chapter XV next week to the Food Bank, The Battered Women's Shelter, The Boys and Girls Club of San Antonio and the Warrior's and Family Support Center. As money permits, we will make other donations to other entities.

We plan to culminate our busy year by taking some "R & R" at our annual Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet at the "El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk on December 17, 2011. For all the procrastinators who are planning to attend but haven't paid for tickets nor contacted me, you have until December 5th to arrange for tickets by attending our last board meeting on December 3rd or call me and reserve them at: (210) 679-0622. CAVEAT: once you commit for tickets, you're liable regardless if you have to cancel for any reason. Tickets are \$45 each. The Hospitality Room will be operational at about 1500 hrs. until 1845 hrs. Mariachis will play at 1745 until 1845. A plated dinner will be serve at about 1915 hrs. The Hospitality Room will reopen shortly after the dinner and formal program. We are not permitted to carry beverages from the hospitality room to the dining facility so the hotel will set up a cash bar for our convenience. Colonel Watt, Commander of the 19th National Guard Special Forces will be our guest speaker. The number to call for room reservations at the hotel is: 1-877-214-9768, Special Forces Chapter XV. The room rate is \$89. Until then, Happy Trails to all of you. **Red Bird sends**



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.

For those who are annual members, it is time to renew your membership for 2012. Please send your check made out to Chapter XV and note it is for your annual dues. Dues MUST be received before 31 December 2011. IF you send your dues to National directly (we prefer you send your dues to the Chapter so we may get our rebate for it), PLEASE note on the bottom it is for Annual Dues with Chapter XV so that we will get credit for our rebate from National. As always if you have any questions or issues, let me know. You may contact me via email at: oneangeLfl@hotmail.com or by telephone (210) 849-1242. Thank you.

Marti Scott, Membership Chairperson

John Edmiston, writer for the Chapter XV Special Forces book, is seeking photos, letters and other memorabilia from our Chapter XV members' time on duty. Please gather these items to be included in the SF book. You can scan them yourself or he will have them scanned and originals will be returned. Documents of your service would also be appreciated.

As to letters, they can be letters from family or wives and girl friends. If you kept 'Dear John' letters, he'd like to include those as well. You may contact John at his email address: jedmiston52340@satx.rr.com



Board Meeting Minutes----Saturday, November 10, 2011

(44+ members and guest attending)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 - Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen chapter brothers and spouses.
2. Invocation: Adan
3. Meal: J.W. Martin. Beall and Mike prepared.
4. Recognition of new members and special guests.
5. Members sick or in distress: Lenny doing fine (by-pass surgery), Jim Stanford doing ok... heart attack, Tony Rubio at BAMC.
6. Mando has tickets for the Christmas Banquet. \$45 each. El Tropicano Riverwalk.
7. Elections: Ballot in newsletter... please respond. Current officers have agreed to run for their offices for the next 2 years, but we must follow SFA election procedure.
8. Educational grant: we have received one application.
9. DROP input has been submitted. Thanks Mike, we made the deadline!
10. Coins for sale. \$15 each and still available.
11. \$4,000 is in Convention 2013 checking account.
12. Our storage unit is on Broadway, two blocks outside 410.
13. Treasurer's Report: Mario – our chapter is healthy. Received \$250 donation from SFC Milan Puente. She is Airborne and off to Afghanistan.
14. Unfinished business: nothing tabled.

15. New business:

- a. Veteran's Day Ceremony at Fort Sam. Bobby goes over details.
- b. Saturday's trip to Bastrop to attend fundraiser. Billy Waugh and Ike Camacho are the featured speakers. Beall is providing his RV for the trip.
- c. Dick's Last Resort: Tuesday, November 15. Tickets \$25. Silent Auction – Bill/Bobby.
- Christmas Banquet: December 17 at the El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk. \$45 per ticket. Hospitality Room opens at 1500 hrs. Mariachis at 17:30 hrs. Plated dinner at 1900 hrs. HR will re-open after dinner/formal program. Guest speaker will be Colonel Watt... 5 tours in Iraq & Afghanistan, Chief of Police in Utah, SF for many years.

OPEN FORUM

- CSM Bill Smith: updated us on his recent trip to Fort Bragg. Green Berets now in 54 countries under the radar. JFK graveside event taking place during November. New statue at Bragg... CSM one of the models for the statue. The artist is from Dallas.
- Check Facebook for green berets.
- Eileen – Vietnam series in HD on History Channel
- Bobby – just sent out email with details for Veteran's Day.
- Bobby – need names & addresses for donors who gave to Dick's Last Resort event so he can send thank you letters.
- Scotty – Lennydoing well.
- Buddy Gee – Larry McDonald said hello. NASCAR having tribute to Vets.
- Beall – used clothing needed... mostly men's stuff needed. For shelter that Beall volunteers for in downtown SA.
- Rudy - Old time Alamo defenders / 1986 inducted into chapter. Alex motion to invite. 2nd Ed.
- Meiyu – MLM business she will introduce in January.
- David B. – motion to make SFC Puente Associate Member of Chapter. Motion 2nd ED and passed.
- The latest word is that VFW is stable.

Motion to adjourn.

Raffle – thanks Pat C.

By secretary: Rick Matheney

Pictures from the Red, White and Blue Banquet in Bastrop, Texas on 11/12/2011



Chapter XV members pictured here are Mando Canales, Bill Beale, Alex Flores, Mario Guerra, Larry Sills, Henry Jimenez, Skip Bailey and Marti Scott. Also attending were Caroline Sills and Ben Scott. Special guests were Ike Camacho and Billy Waugh.

Once Upon A Time....

(These pictures are printed in the order in which they were submitted to the newsletter. We are finally receiving a great response to our request for old photos so there may be a delay in printing your photo in the newsletter. Please keep them coming. Thank you for your understanding. The Editor

YN2 Marti Byrd (Scott)



Marsha Byrd (Marti Scott) around May 1976 with the U.S. Navy Reserves stationed at North Island NAS, CA.

Sgt. John Brown & Cpl. Art Medina



SGT John Brown and CPL Arturo Medina at OP9 15 Jun 1978, SFQC weapons familiarization in Phase II;

Please submit your “Once Upon A Time” photos to Editor, Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com. If you mail me your photos, DO NOT submit original photos (copies only because I automatically lose all originals

PICTURES FROM 'DICK'S LAST RESORT' FUNDRAISER





A GREAT FUNDRAISER!

Alamo Silver Wings 31st 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 midnite

Music by Legendary Tribute Band

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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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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.

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The Editor

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“Carry on!”