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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug

01 Membership Meeting 1300

September

03 Sept. Board Meeting 1400

05 Membership Meeting 1300

(nomination of Officers & Scholarship applications)

October

01 October Board Meeting 1400

03 Membership Meeting 1300

TBD Octoberfest Party

TBD Dick's Fundraiser



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. Summer is flying by and I know many of you are still hitting vacation spots. I hope everyone is enjoying their time with family and staying safe. Our Board meeting was on Thursday, the 30th of July and our Membership meeting is on August 1st at 1300. I hope to see everyone there as we will be drawing for the shotgun and will enjoy another good lunch cooked by Colin Newbery.

MG(R) Trombitas's party and retirement went very well. I believe everyone had an enjoyable time and was able to reconnect with some SF types, both past and present. Notice I did not say old-timers as I did not want to offend anyone. HAHA

I still have some tickets left for the San Antonio Hispanic Hall of Fame dinner where MSG(R) Rodella will be inducted on the evening of 1 August. If you would like a ticket send me an email and I will get you the tickets and give you the details. I will let everyone know when they are gone. Tickets are a \$100 each.

Until our meeting I hope everyone stays safe and has a great remainder of the summer. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me.

presidentchapterxv@gmail.com

**William Smith
Chapter XV President**



Notice About 5th Special Forces Group Reunion

The official dates for the 54th Reunion/5th SFG(A) Activation will be 16-19 September 2015. The Chapter will again use the Holiday Inn Express in Oak Grove Kentucky as our Patrol Base. A block of rooms are already on hold for us, so you can reserve one now. We are still in the planning stages for some of the activities and will get the word out as soon as we can. I believe it will be a great reunion. This year we will have some honored friends who served in Vietnam at SF Camp A-325 with us. I also hope to see some friends from Desert Shield/Storm around as well since it is the 25th Anniversary of Desert Shield. You too can get a gun issued just in time to go to war! (3/5th)

Michael A Cunningham
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Major General Simeon Trombitas', retirement ceremony at Ft. Sam Houston, and party afterwards at his home.







SPECIAL FORCES GREEN BERETS

“The Alamo Chapter” XV

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August 1, 2015

At our Monthly Meeting



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GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2015 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
8 Board Meeting 1400 10 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Motorcycl Mtg 1500	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 6-8 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD 28 Welcome Vietnam Vet TBD
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
9 Apr Board Meeting 1400 11 Membership Meeting 1300 11 Chpt Memorial Service 1000 30 Apr Board Meeting 1400	2 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 15-17 Jack Hogue Picnic 25 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations TBD	4 Jun Board Meeting 1400 6 Membership Meeting 1300 4-10 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 9 Board Meeting 1400 11 Mebership Meeting 1300 30 Aug Board Meeting 1300	1 Mebership Meeting 1300	3 Sep Board Meet 1400 5 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
1 Oct Board Meeting 1400 3 Mebership Meeting 1300 TBD Octoberfest Party TBD Dick's Fund Raiser	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship 11 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 28 Scholarship Results	3 Dec Board Meeting 1400 5 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All Chapter Meeting unless announced 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 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday proir to the Membership Meeting at 1400 hrs unless announced otherwise.

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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Breakfast Tacos,
Lunch Specials,
and Iced Cold Beer

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"Carry on!"

