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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING
13—15 Jack Hogue Canyon Lake picnic
30 Memorial Day Service 0930



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. As you all know we are not having a monthly membership meeting in lieu of our Annual Jack Hogue Memorial Picnic at Canyon Lake.

Dan Hopgood continues to do an outstanding job of organizing and distributing the medals and certificates which we now distribute to more than two dozen high schools in the South Texas area of San Antonio. The JROTC is a phenomenal resource for our military services and the medals and certificates distributed by our members to recognize some outstanding students for their accomplishments is an inspiration to all involved. Again, thanks to all of our members who volunteer their time to make these presentations to the young men and women of our communities.

On April 7th the VFW Post 8541 held it's annual elections and past Post Commander Jesse Dominguez, was elected to serve another term. Jesse has been a long time supporter of our SFA Chapter XV.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Canyon Lake picnic. Have a safe and enjoyable spring and try to enjoy all the rain we are finally getting, hopefully to put an end to our drought.

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**William Smith
Chapter XV President**



\$\$\$ Dollars and Cents

May 2016

There will not be a Chapter meeting this month since most of the members will be having a great time at the Jack Hogue Annual Picnic at Canyon Lake.

The monthly “\$\$\$ Dollars and Cents” article is intended to provide a financial overview of the Chapter’s finances. We also hope to reach the members who cannot attend meetings. This writing contains info for both March and April.

Time is running short to turn in your SF National Memorial Building Fund ticket stubs for the drawing at the SFA National Conference in Jacksonville, FL. You may give your stubs and check to Buddy Gee at Canyon Lake or mail them to the MBF committee. I will mail the stubs that I have on Monday, May 16. Remember to mark “Chapter XV” on your stubs. The Chapter gets back 40%.

We tip our berets to Chapter member *MG (Ret.) Fred Valenzuela’s Foundation* for matching our annual scholarship awards program. Checks to the recipients are forthcoming. We thank Gen. Valenzuela very much for his most gracious generosity.

The Chapter had a good month financially, thanks to the following donors who donated a total of \$960 to the General Fund:

Joe Dawson
Louis Dracoulis
Greta Wilkinson (In memory of Jim Hunt)
John Tippy
Juan Moya
John Rodden

A big Airborne Salute goes to the following list who donated in March and April to fund meals for our monthly meetings. Thanks to all, we are covered for the year:

Steve Herman (da chef)
Chuck Rose
Joe Haro
Jim Stanford
Delbert Hayes
Rudy Johnson
Bob Walker
Arnulfo Vasquez

Raul de la Garza (Sergeant at Arms) is doing well with the door prize drawings and merchandise sales. Raul will gladly accept donations of items for the drawing baskets.

Expenses for March and April were not too bad. We budgeted \$300 for the Cotulla Hog Cook Off and spent \$340. There was a glitch for the wild hog donor and we had to buy two hogs at \$20 each. Those who went to Cotulla will attest that it was money well spent.

The Chapter received more than \$600 in donations IMO Jim Hunt and spent \$390 of it for lunch and beverages for his memorial service. About 45 family, friends and Chapter members attended.

J. W. Martin purchased \$53 of roses for our annual Chapter Memorial Service, another well-attended event for Chapter members and families.

In March we spent \$200 to “roast” Len Czarnecki. We also made a \$500 deposit to the El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk to secure our annual Christmas Banquet facilities.

Your financial support is important to the success of the Alamo Chapter. A business card-size ad in this newsletter is only \$25 for 12 issues.

Buddy Gee
Treasurer, SFA Chapter XV



Jim Hunt Memorial Service at Ft. Sam

Unfortunately, long time Alamo Chapter member Jim Hunt died earlier this year and many of us attended his memorial service held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Following are pictures of the service.





Jim Hunt's family members receiving plaque from the Special Forces.

Notice to members and friends of SFA Chapter XV, The Alamo Chapter:
A FULL-PAGE AD in this Newsletter is only \$100 for 12 issues,
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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.

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The Editor

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"Carry on!"

