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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

05 Board Meeting 1300

10 Membership Meeting 1900

Meal: 1800

10 Drop Input Due

11 Veterans Ceremony FSH

Election and Scholarship results

15 Fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Veteran's Day

DECEMBER

03 Board Meeting 1300

17 Installation of Officers and

Christmas Banquet at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk

*No Membership Meeting

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We received a comprehensive briefing from Fred Solis on the status of the ongoing planning for SFA Convention 2013. Unfortunately, several chapter members who volunteered to assist Fred with the planning and coordination chose not to attend. I certainly hope that we get a better attendance at the next meeting.

Following Fred's briefing, we had our regular board meeting. Among the topics discussed were the following: Veteran's Day Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. Bobby Walker recommended that chapter members attending should arrive no later than 0800 due to the parking. The music is scheduled to start at 0915 and the formal ceremony at 10:00 hours. Attire for us is beret and green blazer with black trousers or appropriate civilian clothes (please, no jeans). Following the ceremony, the VFW Post 8541 will serve a light lunch. The following day a group of chapter members will travel to Bastrop, Texas via Bill Beall's RV to attend the red, blue and white Veteran's Banquet at the Bastrop High School. Billy Waugh and Ike Camacho are the featured speakers. The proceeds will be used to support the Navy JROTC and the local Veteran groups. We plan to RON and come back on Sunday. I still have two free tickets; first come, first served.

Don't forget that we're having our annual fund raiser at Dick's Last Resort on Tuesday, November 15th, 6pm-9pm. Bobby Walker has tickets for \$25 or you can pay at the door. All you can eat and drink with live music (what a deal) so come and support your chapter.

Once again our Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet will be held at the "El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk on December 17th. The tickets are \$45 each and will be available at our membership meeting on November 10 or you can call Mando at (210) 679-0622 for information. The Hospitality Room will be operational at 1500 with Mariachis at 17:30. Dinner will be served at about 7pm. The hospitality Room will reopen shortly after the dinner and formal program. We're getting a good rate on the rooms at \$89. The number to call for reservations is: 1-877-214-9768 and mention Special Forces chapter XV. I know it's a lot of data to digest but we go through this every year. Stay Thirsty my friends. **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, October 8, 2011

1. Mando was out of AO for a couple of weeks for a trip to Mississippi. He lost his long-time friend from 325, 82nd Airborne Division, Mitchell Sprayberry whom some of you met two years ago.
2. SOA reunion was anti-climatic... no amenities nor entertainment, sorry hospitality room. Mando will not attend next year. Lyle had bad luck at gambling.
3. Letter from SFA pertaining to Jumping Joe Rodriguez: he has until November 8 to appear before an SFA appeals board or submit a letter of resignation.
4. Fred Solis will not be here today... his mother in Brownsville is not doing well
5. Mando had breakfast Wed. with Jen and husband Roland at the DZ along with Marti, Bobby, and Mario also.
6. Sale of coins is on-going and our Chapter is making a very good profit.
7. Educational Grant: no applications to date.
8. Convention 2013: picnic is locked in for Thur., 27 June at the Villita Assembly Hall and Patio. Bar-B-Q Plate.
9. Drive thru flu shots: Audie Murphy on October 15 from 0800 – 1400. ID card needed.
10. Dick's Last Resort on November 15 from 6pm till 9pm. Bobby has tickets. Silent Auction: Jen Paquette - Art piece, Mike – pistol, Chapter – knives, Godfather – knife. Bottle of rare Jack Daniels from Buddy Gee.
11. We will rent a storage space to house donated Tequila and liquor being donated by our chapter members. Dan Fierro has donated 4 bottles and Tippy one. Mando will donate 2. Chapter will also accept triple sec donations.
12. Our Chapter Cajun Fest was a good time for all. Thanks to those who contributed food and time... Len, Lori, Bill, Marti and others.
13. Membership Meeting next Thursday, October 13. Art Kownslar, President of Austin Chapter will be our guest.

Open Forum

- Old friend, SSG R.M. Gaytan put up \$100 at the bar for everyone to enjoy drinks. It was in celebration of the anniversary of his "million dollar wound" from 1968 in Vietnam. He was hit by a ricocheting AK-47 round... but all is well ☺
- Bill Smith – Q Course update. Middle East update.
- Pat C. - we need items for our membership meeting raffle. Also reported that he has secured a \$35 rate at Fort Sam Golf Course for our 2013 Convention Tourney.
- John Edmiston – update on chapter book. Still doing interviews.
- Len – recently visited Mike De LaPena. Members should give him a call to cheer him up. His # 210.824.7865
- Adan - reported financial news concerning the VFW Post. Finances in bad shape.
- Smitty – spoke about visiting other SFA Chapters around the country and shared how badly he was treated at most of them. He said our chapter is open, friendly, and the best he has seen.
- Alex – asked about chapter involvement in VFW. Discussion.
- Marti – donation by Buddy Gee of special bottle of Bourbon
- Mario – treasurer's report
- Mike – said Dale Jennings bought a ranch in Oklahoma and has moved. Mike also sill wants photos for our newsletters.
- Bobby – Dick's Last Resort update: Nov. 15, we still need items for auction table. Bobby sold 31 tickets recently. Bill Beall will be helping. Veteran's Day coming up soon... details later.

Meeting adjourned – 1430 hrs

By secretary, *Rick Matheney*



Pictures from Veterans Day Tribute
November 11, 2011
Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery



SFA Chapter XV Honor Guard.



SFA Chapter XV Honor Guard.



Army veteran James Gerard(1951-1972) with Henry Jimenez.



Army veteran James Gerard with Armando Canales.



Army veteran James Gerard with Skip Bailey.



The Honor Guard relaxing afterwards.

Ballot for Chapter XV Officers

President

1. Armando Canales

2. Other (write-in) _____

Vice President

1. Bill Beall

2. Other (write-in) _____

Secretary

1. Rick Matheney

2. Other (write-in) _____

Treasurer

1. Mario Guerra

2. Other (write-in) _____

Sgt. At Arms

1. Pat Connolly

2. Other (write-in) _____

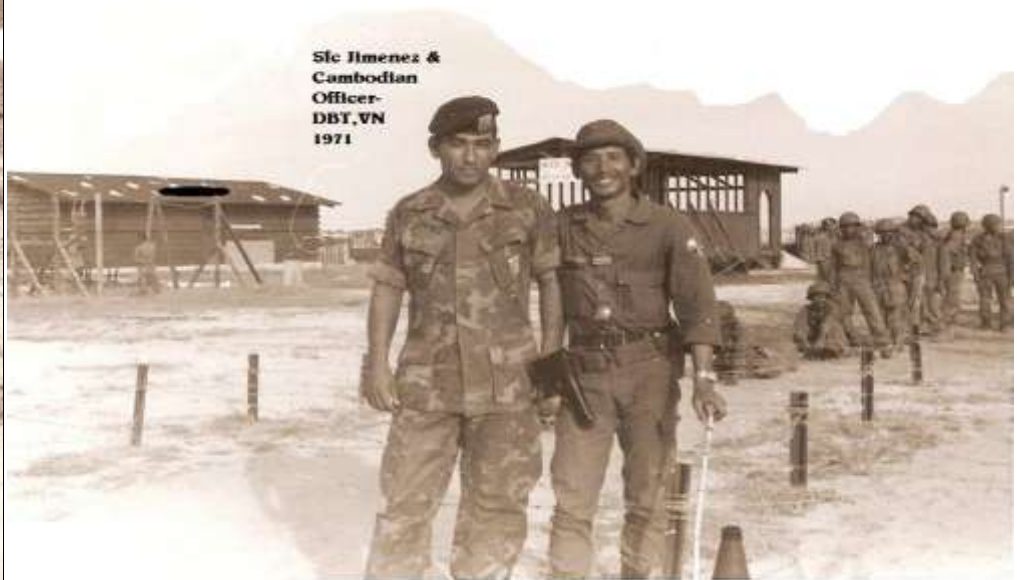
Notice: All other positions in Chapter XV are appointed rather than elected, which is why they don't appear on this ballot.

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



SFC Henry Jimenez at SFOB B-51, Dong Ba Thin, Vietnam, 1971.



SFC Henry Jimenez with a Cambodian Officer at Dong Ba Thin, Vietnam in 1971.

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). **CAUTION!!!!** The next time I receive an original photo I intend to run it through my shredder instead of my scanner.





**The Green Beret Alamo Chapter XV and Dick's Last
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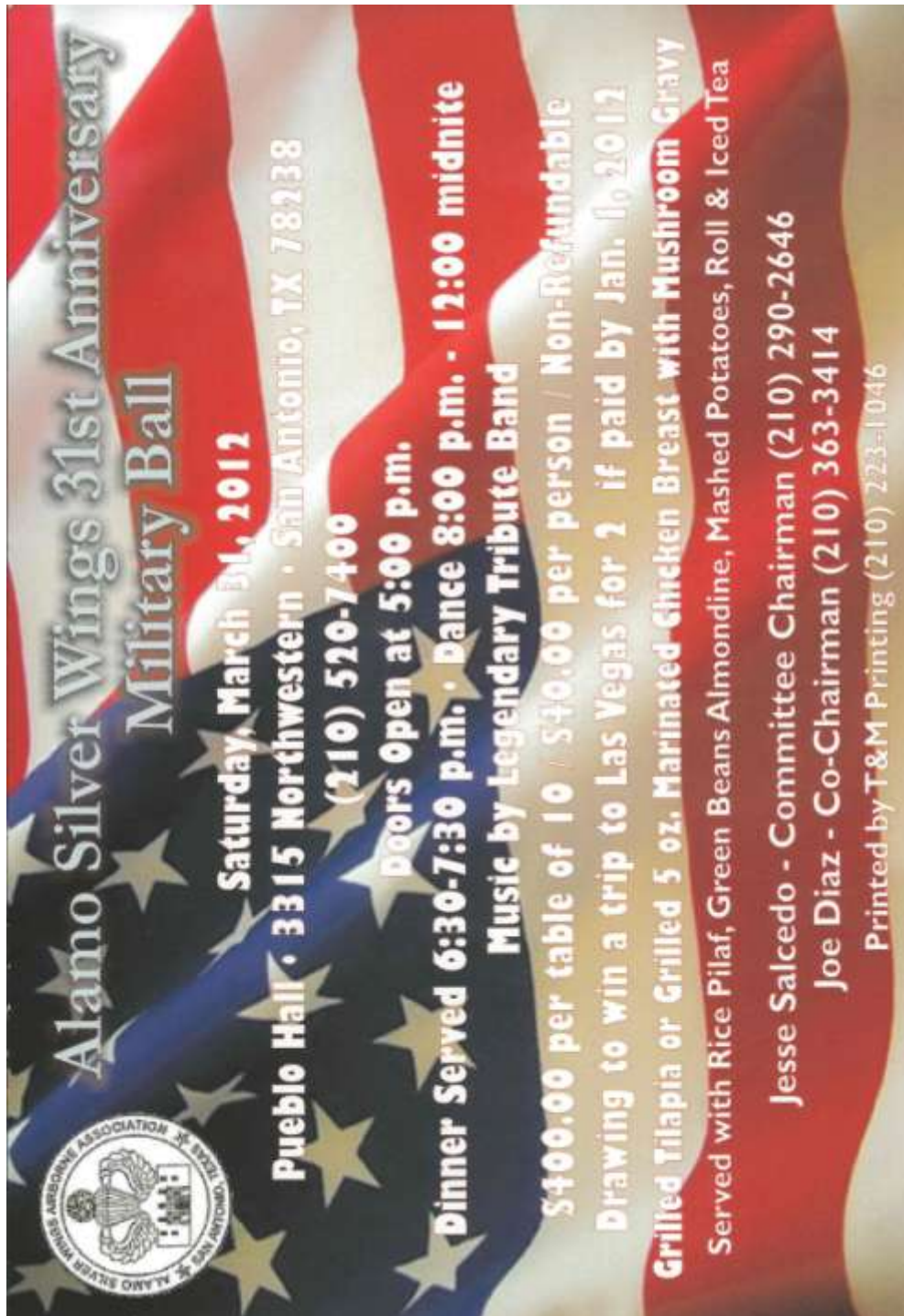
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**100% of the proceeds go to the Green Beret Special Forces Association
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Jesse Salcedo - Committee Chairman (210) 290-2646

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**For tickets to this event please call Bob Walker at:
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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!"