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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

14 Board Meeting 13:00
20-22 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake
30 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH
* DROP input sent out on May 9
NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Happy Mother's Day

JUNE

04 Board Meeting 1300
09 Membership Meeting 1900
meal: 1800
National Convention: June 23-27
Orlando, Florida

Happy Father's Day

JULY

02 Board Meeting 13:00
07 Membership Meeting 1900
meal: 1800
Parade: TBA ??

HAPPY 4TH of July!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this message, my brother is still in ICU at the Methodist Hospital on Floyd Curl. On behalf of the Canales's family, I wish to thank those of you that have offered your kind thoughts and prayers for his recovery. His critical numbers are slightly improving but he is "not out of the woods yet." We all remain hopeful and optimistic that he will beat this thing.

Our annual Memorial Service held on April 23, 2011 was well attended and the weather, as opposed to last year, was good with the exception of a brisk wind. As long as we remember our loved ones who have gone before us, they will be with us forever.

Our book project dedicated to chapter XV warriors is taking shape. We already have input from about twelve members. Eventually, we hope to record the biographies and combat experiences of at least thirty or forty members. Remember, if you don't want to do it for yourselves, do it for your families so that they can have these memories of you forever. We don't want gory tales nor atrocities but rather an honest recollection of your military history.

Our annual "Jack Hogue Memorial Picnic/Retreat is fast approaching and all of the 25 cottages that were made available to us have been reserved, although several members have not paid as of yet. If you're in this category, I urge you to pay for the rental at our board meeting or mail me a check made out to Chapter XV, and send it to my address at: 4418 Albert Martin, San Antonio, Texas, 78253. Do this ASAP as we have to pay for the cottages before the picnic date, May 20th. I will put out a memo on the picnic/retreat early next week. "Don't Retreat, Reload" **Red Bird sends**



Red Bird sends.

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.

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL, 2011

SFA Chapter XV Membership Meeting – April 14, 2011

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 by President Mando Canales
2. Pledge of Allegiance / moment of silence for our POW's, MIA's, and our fallen Green Beret brothers & spouses
3. Invocation by Adan Flores
4. Meal paid for by Bobby Walker. Bobby is in Oklahoma and Mario is at Fiesta
5. Recognition of new members and special guests: Wally's family, Tony & wife, Sue & Judy, Adel & Gloria, and Dalbert Hayes... all present. (a) Wally Swank was buried on Monday. The reception was here at the VFW Post. Family and friends were present and everyone had a shot of Tequila in Wally's honor. The family thanks everyone at Chapter XV. (b) John Grogh: Christus Santa Rosa... spoke with his son. Pneumonia, feeding tube, rehab. (c) Danny Kling present with his wife (d) George Petri (e) Marti is okay
6. JROTC medals: Cole High School on May 5, Boerne High and Madison High. Bill Beall, Skip, Bob Hand, and Henry Jimenez to represent Chapter.
7. Drop Zone is now open.
8. Name plates for Dallas and Wally: Godfather
9. Treasurer's report: next month
10. Wayne Christian is now judge for the Veteran's Court. He is easier on Vets.
11. BREAK 15 minutes
1. Unfinished Business: Fundraiser at The Cove: not very good results. Competed with the Cove's kitchen. May clear \$500. Next year we may qualify for start-up money from the Fiesta Committee.
2. New Business: motions from Beall and Mando on special project concerning The Green Beret Foundation. Mrs. Jen Paquette in attendance ... VP San Antonio GB Foundation, a 501(c)3. She explained programs which are donor supported. Coming out party on June 18 at The Omni. Chapter voted to support the foundation.
3. Cottages at Canyon Lake: will sponsor John McIntosh from 1/19 and Roland Paquette. Roland's wife is VP of Green Beret Foundation. Rates for cottages are \$170 of the weekend. Donation of \$5 to defray cost of beverages and food.
4. Open Forum: Beall makes motion for chapter book to be written by John Edmiston and paid for by Chapter. Motion is seconded. Book would be marketed. Discussion – Lenny, Barry, Beall, Levi, Wally's granddaughter. Pros & Cons. Motion passed.
5. Open Forum: Wally's family thanks chapter again for all that was done to honor him... Danny Kling thanks chapter for support while he was in hospital... Beall has line on a supplier for SF rings for those interested.

Meeting adjourned.

Raffle to raise funds for the Chapter charities was held.



CHAPTER XV PICTURES APRIL 23, 2011

Memorial for fallen brothers/spouses



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. Keep them coming. Thank you for your understanding. The Editor)

Lyle "Babycakes" Sloan with Colonel Maggie in South Vietnam. (Unk. in background)



Mario Guerra, C Co. 75th Rangers IFFV, II Corp, South Vietnam, 1970.



Please submit your “Once Upon A Time” photos to Editor, Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com. If you mail me your photos, please do not submit original photos (copies only because I will probably lose them).

**Special Notice:
Don't forget that May 20, 21, and 22 is the weekend of our annual Jack Hogue Memorial Picnic at Canyon Lake. We look forward to seeing you there!**



April Contest

(The Editor will buy a beer or other appropriate beverage for the first ten members who correctly identify the soldier or soldiers in these two pictures.)

And the Answer is: To Be Revealed at the Canyon Lake Picnic and in the June newsletter.



And the winners (if any) of the April Contest will also be announced at the annual Jack Hogue Memorial Canyon Lake Picnic.

Entries will continue to be accepted through Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Thus far only six (6) members have ventured a guess. Apparently we have only 6 thirsty members!!!



**GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV
2011 CALENDAR**

<p align="center"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>08 Board Meeting 1300 13 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Happy New Year</p>	<p align="center"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</p>	<p align="center"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 12 Cotulla cook-off Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p align="center"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>09 Board Meeting 1300 10 Fund Raiser at the "Cove" 14 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 23 Memorial for chapter fallen brothers/spouses, FSH Cemetery, 11:00 Committal Shelter # 3 Happy Easter</p>	<p align="center"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>14 Board Meeting 13:00 20-22 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake 30 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH * DROP input due <u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u> Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 National Convention: June 23-27 Orlando, Florida Happy Father's Day</p>
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<p align="center"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>01 Board Meeting 1300 06 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00 ** fund raiser at Dick's ?? TBA Scholarship Applications Accepted Nominations for Chapter Officers Happy Halloween</p>	<p align="center"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 11 Veterans Ceremony FSH Election and Scholarship results fund raiser at Dick's ???? Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Veteran's Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 17 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet, at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk *No Membership Meeting MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1900 hours on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 1800 hours prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300 hours. Changes TBA.



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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Please keep sending those "Once Upon a Time" photos. President Canales has suggested that when we have received a sufficient number of pictures we will publish a special edition of the newsletter containing all of your pictures. Thank you. Mike Maloy, Editor



When submitting articles or photos for the newsletter please enter "SFA newsletter input" in the subject line of your email. Please submit articles and pictures for the newsletter to Editor Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com, or mail them to Chapter President Mando Canales at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

