



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

The Alamo Chapter

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

04 April Board Meeting
06 Convention Meeting 1100
06 Membership Meeting 1300
13 Memorial Service for Fallen Brothers/Spouses 1100

May

04 May Board & Committee Leads 1100
10 Drop Input Due
17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic
30 June Board Meeting 1300
NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June

01 Convention Meeting 1100
01 Membership Meeting 1300
01 Motorcycle Meeting 1500
22 July Board Meeting 1300
26-30 National Convention

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had over 40 people at the last Chapter Meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, that is roughly 20% of our membership. As the word continues to spread about the Saturday meetings, I am sure that attendance will continue to increase. We had two new members join our Chapter this month. They are **Victor O. Perales** and **Ronald E. Williams**. We welcome both of them to our Chapter. We also had several other members renew their memberships. We are getting closer to having 200 active members in our chapter.

Most of you, by now, have received the Memorial Building Fund Raffle Tickets. If you bring them to the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 6 April, and give them to Mario, we will consolidate all the tickets and checks and mail them to SFA for you. You can mail them in yourself, but **please ensure you put Chapter XV** on the ticket stub where it requests the Chapter #. This way the chapter gets a portion of the funds back, to support local charities and our membership activities.

The convention is only **three months** away. This convention is only going to be as good as the membership of Chapter XV makes it. Fred Solis and the committee leads have done a tremendous job in organizing and planning for each of the major events, but, they need your help in pulling it off during the convention. We don't want anyone to have to work the entire convention, but to only serve on a committee and support a specific event or activity would make the whole convention run smoothly. Please reach out to the committee leads and offer them your help during their event. The leads are:

Marti Scott - Registration

Alex Flores – Vendor Tables

Ben Scott – Hospitality Room

Pat Connolly – Raffle

Susan Solis – Lady Events

David Benavides - Opening Reception

Pat Connolly - Golf Tournament

Fred Solis - Picnic at La Villita

Security – Bill Smith

John McClinton – Motorcycle Rally

Bobby Walker - Alamo Ceremony/Reception

Fred Solis – Banquet

Sponsorship – Chuck Rose

Transportation – Chuck Rose

Hotels -Fred Solis

Public Affairs – Buddy Gee

Bill Francisco - VFW Post Dinner

The next Convention Committee Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at 1100 -1230 hrs, at the VFW, prior to the General Membership Meeting. You are more than welcome and encouraged to attend the Convention Meetings, and to help with the planning. We have a lot on-going within the Chapter, not only all the planning for the National Convention in June, but also for various chapter activities for our membership. The Chapter Memorial Service for our fallen Brothers and Spouses is on **Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 hrs**, at Fort San Houston Cemetery in the New Assembly Area, under the blue awning. I encourage everyone to attend and recognize our chapter's fallen brothers and spouses. Following the service, we will convene at the VFW for lunch. On **May 17 through 19** is the Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake. (**SEE BOB HAND'S MESSAGE IN THIS NEWS LETTER**). Even if you are not renting a trailer or not planning to stay at Canyon Lake, please attend the picnic on Saturday with your family! Just let Bob Hand know you're coming, so we can get a headcount for food.

Chapter Board Meetings: All members are invited to attend the board meetings and listen to the topics and discussions. The purpose of the Board Meetings is for board members and appointed board members to discuss chapter business in preparation for the General Membership Meetings. This is not a General Membership Meeting and only board members can make motions and vote on motions at this meeting. The next board meeting is on April 4th at 1300 hrs at the VFW. Chuck Rose, President, SFA Chapter XV.

********Special Notices********

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify 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.

Message from Pat Connolly: Re-gifting is good for the Alamo Chapter. Anytime you receive a gift that you can't use or just plain don't like, give it to our SFA Green Beret Chapter XV and we will raffle it off (and if you win the raffle, give it back to us and we'll raffle it off again, as many times as it takes to get rid of it).

We need volunteers to assist with all aspects of the 2013 SFA National Convention which we are hosting here in San Antonio next year. Please step forward and do your part.

Jack Hogue Picnic, Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area, Canyon Lake, 17-19 May 2013

Friday, 17 May, 14:00 trailer keys will be available for issue at pavilion # 5. Friday: night fajitas by Ben and borracho beans by Marti. BYOB and what ever else you desire. The chapter will supply margaritas as usual.

Saturday, 18 May. Pat Connolly and his Bride will start setting up the chow line at 12:00. The Chapter with provide BBQ meats, chicken and sausage. Beer, sodas, water and condiments will also be provided. Please bring you favorite side dish, fruit or a desert. There will be power available for a limited number of Crock pots etc. Bring your our music, the chapter boom box will be there

Sunday, 19 May Bloody Mary's by Bubby and SOS by Marti. Police call and wash down of the pavilion area. Check out time is 12:00 Hrs.

There are 10, 3 bedroom trailers left. The cost of the trailer is \$85.00 a night or \$170.00 for the weekend. POC to reserve a trailer is Bob Hand 210-336-1102 or e-mail retsfcsmbh@sbcglobal.net. Make checks out to SFA Chapter XV. Mailing address is Bob Hand, 5713 Fairways Dr., Cibolo, TX. 78108 or SFA Chapter XV PO Box 33782 San Antonio, TX 78265-3782. Trailer reservations will not be confirmed until the money is received. For those of you who have your own RV trailers or motor homes, you must make a reservation at the recreation area. The phone number is 800-280-3466.



CHAPTER XV SFA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 2013

- 1) CALL TO ORDER (PRES) Chuck Rose 13:00
 - 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (SGT OF ARMS) Pat Connolly
 - 3) CHAPLAIN'S INVOCATION – Rudy Johnson
 - 4) MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALL COMRADES (PRES)
 - 5) WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS /GUESTS/VISTORS : R. William's grandson Alex Blake.
 - 6) MEMBER'S SICK OR IN DISTRESS –
 - Bill Beall's wife is in the hospital in Houston.
 - Vito Cellini's wife is in Methodist Hospital
 - 7) AGENDA FOR TODAY'S MEETING: OLD BUSINESS
 - a. SECRETARY'S APPROVAL OF MINUTES (SECRETARY) APPROVED
 - b. TRESUARES ' FINANCIAL REPORT (MARIO) APPROVED. Chuck presented the 2013 budget to the membership. The membership approved the budbet.
 - c. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – (MARTI) Picked-up two new members. Victor O. Perales and Ronald E. Williams. Marti will be revising the roster over the next month.
 - d. NEWLETTER/DROP UPDATE – (MIKE) Need material by 20th for Newsletter
 - e. WEBSITE – (SCOTTY) Chapter Website now has a direct link in the National Website
 - f. COMMITTEE LEADS UPDATES (PRES)
 - i. BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (BILL SMITH) Reminded everyone that proposed changes to the chapter by-laws must to the committee no latter than the Aug. membership meeting.
 - ii. COTULLA WILD HOG COOKOFF 8-10 MAR (BILL SMITH): The Chief will depart the VFW at 11:00 On Friday the 8th. Billy Martin donated the hog.
 - iii. CHAPTER MEMORIAL TO FALLEN BROTHERS AND SPOUSES 13 APR (BOBBY) Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery New Assembly area NLT 11:00 AM at the Blue Awning.
 - iv. JROTC SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARD PROGRAM MAY – (DAN HOPGOOD /HENRY JIMENEZ) there are approximately 25 programs in San Antonio and the surrounding area. We currently are presenting 8 awards. All the schools have their award presentation the end of Apr. or the beginning of May. If we want to expand to more schools, we will need more volunteers to present the awards.
 - v. JACK HOGUE PICNIC CANYON LAKE- 17-19 MAY – (BOB HAND): Everything is laid on. We only have 15 trailers left. Raul De La Garza volunteered to take the war wagon to the Lake.
 - vi. MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE (27 MAY) – (BOBBY WALKER) Still looking for flag bearers for this event. Time TBD
 - vii. COVE FUND RAISER-(TBD) - (MARIO GUERRA)
 - viii. NATIONAL CONVENTION 26-30 JUNE - (FRED SOLIS): Fred gave an update on the progress of the convention. There are still rooms available at the Tropicano. We still need volunteers for set up/tear down for the La Villita Picnic and to work the registration table.
 - g. NEW MEMBERS WELCOMING PACKET: Chuck has completed the Welcome Letter, with chapter history for new members. It will be sent to each new member along with a copy of the Chapter By-Laws and a copy of the National Constitution.
 - 8) 15 MINUTE BREAK
 - B) NEW BUSINESS (PRES)
 - a. Copy of the State Hazelwood Act sent to the membership to review
 - b. Ground breaking VA Hospital in Austin. Movement to name the hospital after Roy Benavidez.
 - c. New Roster Marti redoing roster
 - d. Membership approved \$250 for the NG Family Readiness Group supporting SOF Forces deployment to Afghanistan
 - 9) RAFFLE (PAT)
- MEETING ADJOURNED (PRES) 14:30. Submitted by: Bob Hand, Chapter XV Secretary

GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2013 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
05 Convention Meeting 1000 05 Jan Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 25 Feb Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300 28 Mar Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 08-10 Cotulla Hog Cook-off 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
04 Apr Board Meeting 1300 06 Convention Meeting 1100 06 Membership Meeting 1300 13 Chpt Memorial Service 1100 for Fallen brothers/spouses 20 Convention Cmt Mtg 1300 20 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500	04 May Board Meeting 1000 04 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 10 Drop Input Due 17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic 27 Memorial Day Serv 1000 30 Jun Board Meeting 1300 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	01 ConventionCmt Mtg 1100 01 Membership Meeting 1300 01 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500 22 Jul Board Meeting 1300 26-30 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
04 Fourth of July Parade TBD 06 Committee Meetings 1100 06 Mebership Meeting 1300 30 Aug Board Meeting 1300	03 Committee Meetings 1100 03 Mebership Meeting 1300 29 Sep Board Meet 1300	07 Committee Meetings 1100 07 Mebership Meeting 1300
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
03 Oct Board Meeting 1300 05 Committee Leads 1000 05 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications) TBD Dick's Fund Raiser 31 Nov Board Meeting 1300	02 Committee Leads 1000 02 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship Results) 10 Drop Input Due TBD Veterans Day Ceremony	07 Dec Board & 1000 Committee Leads Meeting 14 Christmas Banquet 1800 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month. A meal will be served at 12:00 to 1:00 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Committee Meetings will begin at 11:00 hrs on the first Saturday of the month at the VFW. Board Meeting will be held during the week proir to the Membership Meeting.

SFA National Convention 2013
San Antonio, TX
June 26 –30, 2013
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
Hosted by Chapter XV

Registration Form

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
(1-888-421-1442, Group #8220, Special Forces Association)

COST: The full registration is **\$135.00**
(Includes PICNIC, BANQUET, RECEPTION and HOSPITALITY ROOM)

If you are not to attend all events, please use the Limited Registration section below. Any registration with insufficient funds will be returned to the applicant.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SFA CHAPTER 15 CONVENTION 2013

MAIL TO: SFA Chapter 15 Convention 2013
Attn: Convention Registration
P.O. Box 33782
San Antonio, TX 78265-3782

Sponsor must be an SFA Member in Good Standing to attend the Convention.

SFA Member Number: _____

Name on ID Tag: _____ **Number of Guests:** _____

Names on Guest(s) ID Tag: _____

Please check if you do want your name listed on the Attendance Roster at the Convention

FULL REGISTRATION Number of Attendees ____ X \$135.00 = _____

LIMITED REGISTRATION

Banquet: No. of Attendees ____ X \$50.00 = _____

Picnic: No. of Attendees ____ X \$25.00 = _____

Hospitality: No. of Attendees ____ X \$60.00 = _____

Reception: No. of Attendees ____ FREE

TOTAL = _____

Convention Chairman: Fred Solis

For questions, please call: (210) 854-5555 EMAIL: sfa.colonel@hotmail.com or Pat Connolly @ (210) 826-8023

SFA Convention 2013

San Antonio, TX
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
June 26 - 30, 2013
Schedule of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Special Notes</u>
26 Jun 13 (Wednesday)	0800 – 1700 1000 – 2400 0900 – 1800 1300 - ????	Registration Hospitality Room Vendors Free Time	
	1800 – 2100	Opening Reception	
27 Jun 13 (Thursday)	0800 – 1700 0800 – 1200	Registration Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300
		NBO/Chapter Presidents/Regional Reps Meeting	
	0900 – 1800 1000 – 1300	Vendors Hospitality Room	
		(Hospitality Room will close during picnic and reopen after picnic)	
	1400 – 1700 1600 – 2400	Texas Style BBQ Picnic Hospitality Room	
28 Jun 13 (Friday)	0800 – 1700 0900 – 1800 0900 – 1200	Registration Vendors Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers	
		(No Alcohol Served During Meeting)	
	1200 – 2400 1800 – 2100	Hospitality Room VFW Post 76 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, \$2.00 Beer	
		More Info to Come via Flyer in Gift Bag	
		Free Day Open for Attendees to Tour San Antonio and Surrounding Military Installations	
29 Jun 13 (Sat)	0800 – 1400 0800 – 1200 0900 – 1600 0900 – 1000 1000 – 1700 1800 – 1900 1900 – 2300	Registration Motorcycle Ride Vendors SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo Hospitality Room Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar) Banquet/Ballroom (Cash Bar)	
30 Jun 13 (Sun)	Dawn – 1200 0800 – 1200	Checkout/Departure Hospitality Room (Coffee/Bloody Mary's)	
		Hotel will have a special rate Breakfast for guests	

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Hyatt Regency (Primary Hotel)	1-888-421-1442 Group #8220 Special Forces Assn.	\$106 (Double Occupancy) (Additional Charge for extra guest)
	(Hotel will extend rate 3 days +/-)	

Overflow Hotel: Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St., San Antonio, Texas 78205

Special Forces Association Convention 2013
Green Beret Alamo Chapter Motorcycle Ride

SFA Chapter XV, San Antonio, Texas



Saturday, June 29, 2013
Alamodome Parking Lot

Late Registration: 7 a.m. • Kickstands up: 8:30 a.m. • Ride-by in front of **The Alamo**: 8:45 a.m.
 Scenic Hill Country Ride to Luckenbach, Texas

REGISTRATION FORM: (PLEASE PRINT)

REGISTER BY JUN 5 TO ASSURE A T-SHIRT

Name of Rider _____ Shirt size _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Name of Passenger _____ Shirt size _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Motorcycle: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ License No. _____ State _____
 Trike ? ___ Trailer ? ___ CB Radio? _____ Are you able to volunteer/assist as road guard? _____

THIS IS A RELEASE - READ BEFORE SIGNING

I (We) agree that Chapter XV, SFA, and Special Forces Association and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the "RELEASED PARTIES") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any part of the SFA Convention 2013 Green Beret Alamo Chapter Motorcycle Ride, (hereinafter called "THE EVENT") and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the "RELEASED PARTIES", even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I (We) understand that all event participants and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk, and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I (We) release and hold the "RELEASED PARTIES" harmless from any injury, loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in "THE EVENT". I (We) understand that this means that I agree not to sue the "RELEASED PARTIES" for any injury or resulting damage to myself or my property arising from, or in connection with, the performance of duties in sponsoring, planning or conducting "THE EVENT" and I (we) agree to indemnify and reimburse the "RELEASED PARTIES" for any loss caused or claimed by me (us.) By signing this Release, I (We) certify that I (We) have read this Release and fully understand it, and that I (We) am not relying on any statement or representations made by the "RELEASED PARTIES".

Participant: _____ Date _____ Witness: _____

Passenger: _____ Date _____ Witness: _____

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 Green Beret Motorcycle Ride
 PO Box 33782
 San Antonio TX 78265-3782



Ride Chairman: John T. McClinton
 Email: johntmcclinton@yahoo.com
 Phone: (210) 378-0049

Bike Rider\$35 \$ _____
 Passenger.....\$20 _____
 Additional T-shirts ___ x \$20 = _____
 Sizes: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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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The Editor

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"Carry on!"

