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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>March</u> 02 Convention Meeting 1100 02 Membership Meeting 1300 08-10 Cotulla Hog Cook-off <u>April</u> 04 April Board Meeting 06 Convention Meeting 1100 06 Membership Meeting 1300 TBD: Memorial Service for Fallen Brothers/Spouses 1100 <u>May</u> 04 May Board & Committee Leads 1100 10 Drop Input Due 17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic 30 June Board Meeting 1300 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February, 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had our first Saturday meeting this month and the turnout was fairly good, with about 30 attendees. This chapter has over 187 active members, and I was hoping the turnout would be somewhat larger. However, as the word spreads about the meetings being conducted on the first Saturday of each month, I am hoping that attendance will increase in the future. We did get three new members this month: Tony Stokely a new member, Louis T. Dechert transferred from the Portland, OR Chapter, and Jeffery Addicott reinstated his membership after 20 years. We welcome all three of these members to our chapter.

As you will notice in the minutes and calendar, there are a lot of chapter activities being coordinated and planned by our chapter members. I hope you are available to attend some, or all, of these events. March 8-10 is the Cotulla Hog Cook-off; April 13 is the Chapter Memorial Service for Fallen Brothers and Spouses; May 17-19 is the Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake; and 26-30 June is the Special Forces National Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on the Riverwalk.

There are several chapter members working extremely hard on various committees, planning for the events during the convention. Though we were initially told to estimate 400 attendees, based on the room reservations, we believe we are looking at closer to 800 - 1,000 attendees at this year's event. The committees are looking for additional support from the membership. Please consider volunteering for a committee, to help us ensure that the convention is a success. We want this convention to be so special that our SF Brothers will leave the convention saying this was one of the best they have ever attended. That is our goal as a chapter and to the SFA Membership.

The next Convention Committee Meeting is on February 23rd, at 1100 hours, at the VFW Post. Please come and join us. See where you can participate and help out.

Chuck Rose President



Minutes of Chapter XV Meeting 2-2-2013

President Chuck Rose called the meeting to order at 1300 Hours. Officers Present: Chuck Rose, Pres.; Pat Connolly, Sgt. at Arms; Buddy Gee, Asst.Treasurer; and Secretary. Sergeant of Arms Pat Connolly led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Moment of Silence for our fallen comrades.

Chuck welcomed guests and new members. New Member: Antonio 'Tony' Stokely, and his wife, Sheryl. Our guest today wasGuest Speaker Jeffrey F. Addicott, Director, Center for Terrorism Law St. Mary's University School of Law.

Sick or in distress: Lenny stated that Miguel De La Pena's daughter, Mary was having a hard time dealing with his death. Her phone number is 210-897-7100.

Old Business:

Minutes of the January meeting are in the last newsletter. Motion to approve by Bob Hand and seconded by Buddy Gee. Minutes approved by member vote.

Treasurers' Financial Report: Mario presented the financial report; Report was approved by the membership.

Membership Report: Marti, 185 paid up members, 18 Delinquent, 22 Deceased.

Newsletter/Drop update: Mike, submit items for the newsletter by 15th of month.

Website: Scotty, He will put our link on the national website.

By-Law Review Committee: Chair by Bill Smith: Covered by Chuck. Any recommended changes will be voted on during the November election. All recommended changes to By-Laws must be approved by Natl., prior to being voted on by chapter membership. Members must submit any recommended changes to By-Law Committee by the August meeting. **Committee Leads:**

Convention 2013: Fred Solis gave an update on the status for the convention. He stated rooms going fast. We have secured 100 more rooms at Tropicano and they will provide more if required. He is working on an additional ballroom, with A/V connections, to support overflow during the banquet, if the banquet headcount exceeds 850 people.

JROTC Superior Performance Award Program: Dan Hopgood/ Henry Jimenez: Dan is working on the awards and certificates for presentations in May. San Antonio area has 35 JROTC programs. Currently we have 9 schools in our program. Attempting contact with other schools to join our JROTC awards program.

Motorcycle Club: John McClinton: Buddy Gee gave an update on committee's plans for cycle ride during convention. The fee for ride will be \$35.00 and \$20.00 for a passenger.

Cove Fund Raiser: Mario Guerra said he is working with mgmt. at The Cove to see what other fund raising activities we might be able to do this year at their club.

Memorial To Fallen Brothers And Spouses: Bobby Walker has requested shelter 3 on the 13th of April at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. We are waiting on the Cemetery approval.

Jack Hogue Picnic Canyon Lake: Bob Hand. May 17,18, 19. 25- 3 bedroom trailers have been reserved for \$85.00 per day, pavilion # 5. Gas grill and trailer are reserved for the weekend. POC to reserve trailer is Bob Hand 210-336-1102.

Cotulla Wild Hog Cook off March 9-11: Bill Beall and Mike Maloy Will drive the chief to Cotulla. Bill has 2 pigs lined up. Mario has the passes.

Guest Speaker: Jeffrey F. Addicott gave a presentation on the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University.

15 Minute Break

New Business:

2013 Budget: Chuck Rose presented 2013 budget (approved by board) to the chapter members.

Motion Recommendation: Len Czarnecki made the motion that all new chapter members be given a copy of the SFA National Constitution and the chapter by-laws. Bob Hand seconded the motion. During the discussion Bill Beall made a motion that the original motion be amended to include a welcome letter and chapter history. The first motion was voted on and passed, then the second motion was voted on and passes.

Round Table: Marti reminded that the VFW will be having a steak dinner 22 Feb.

Raffle: Pat Connolly held the monthly Raffle.

Meeting Adjourned 14:30. Respectfully submitted, Bob Hand, Secretary

*****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 email 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 email 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.



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	2013 CALENDAR							
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All Chapter Meeting unless announce 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 12:00 to 1:00 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Convention Committee updates with the board 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

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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 AttendeesX \$60.00 =					
Reception: No. of Attendees FREE					
TOTAL = Convention Chairman: Fred Solis For questions, please call: (210) 854-5555 EMAIL: <u>sfa.colonel@hotmail.com</u> or Pat Connolly @ (210) 826-8023					
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		SFA Convention 2013				
San Antonio, TX Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History June 26 - 30, 2013						
Date	<u>Time</u>	Event Special Notes				
26 Jun 13	0800 - 1700					
(Wednesday)		Hospitality Room				
	0900 - 1800					
	1300 - ????					
	1800 - 2100	Opening Reception				
27 Jun 13	0800 - 1700	Registration				
(Thursday)	0800 - 1200	Golf Tournament POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300				
NBO/Chapter Pr	•	nal Reps Meeting				
	0900 - 1800					
		Hospitality Room				
(Hospitality F		e during picnic and reopen after picnic)				
		Texas Style BBQ Picnic				
	1600 - 2400	Hospitality Room				
28 Jun 13	0800 - 1700	Registration				
(Friday)	0900 - 1800	Vendors				
	0900 - 1200	Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers				
(No Alcohol Served During Meeting)						
		Hospitality Room				
		VFW Post 76 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, \$2.00 Beer				
		re Info to Come via Flyer in Gift Bag				
Free Day Open f	or Attendees to	o Tour San Antonio and Surrounding Military Installations				
29 Jun 13	0800 - 1400	Registration				
(Sat)	0800 - 1200	Motorcycle Ride				
	0900 - 1600	Vendors				
		SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo				
		Hospitality Room				
		Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar)				
	1900 – 2300	Banquet/Ballroom (Cash Bar)				
30 Jun 13	Dawn -1200	Checkout/Departure				
(Sun)	0800 - 1200	Hospitality Room (Coffee/Bloody Mary's)				
	Hotel will ha	ave a special rate Breakfast for guests				
Hotel	<u>Telephor</u>					
Hyatt Regency	1-888-421-					
(Primary Hotel)	-	20 Special Forces Assn. (Additional Charge for extra guest)				
		ill extend rate 3 days +/-)				
Overnow Hotel	s Grand Hyat	t, 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-SHIE			
Name of Rider				Shirt size		
Address		dir.	City	State Zip		
Email address			Cell Phone #			
Emergency Contact				Phone		
Name of Passenger	-		n n	Shirt size		
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Motorcycle: Year	Make	Model	Color	License No State		
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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" hamless 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 l 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:
Bike rentals available.	Make checks payable to SFA Convention 2013 Mail entry form and check to:	Bike Rider
Contact Mike Clepper at Alamo City Harley-	Green Beret Motorcycle Ride	Passenger\$20
Davidson (210) 646-	PO Box 33782 San Antonio TX 78265-3782	Additional T-shirts x \$20 =
0499, or Ricky Schweinsberg at		Sizes: S M L XL XXL
Caliente Harley- Davidson, (210) 681-	Ride Chairman: John T.McClinton Email: johntmcclinton@yahoo.com	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$
Davidson, (210) 081-	Phone: (210) 378-0049	

"A.R." Skeeba, widow of Vince Skeeba, relaxing with her stogie and a cold beer after the January Chapter XV meeting.



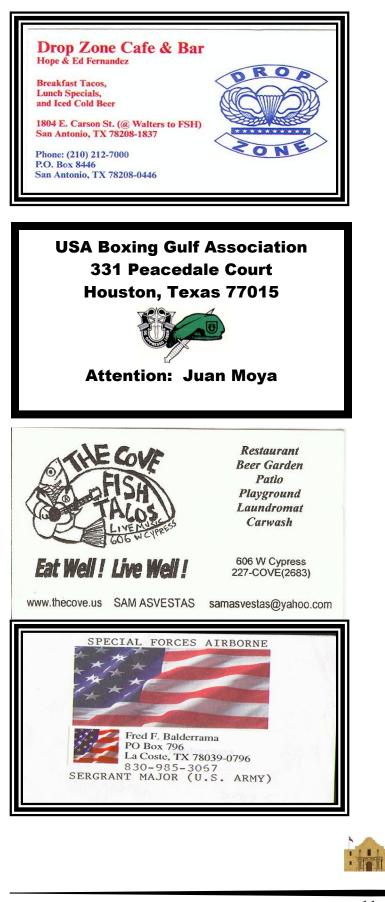


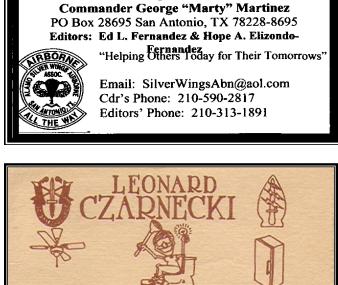
Special Forces Creed I am an American Special Forces Soldier. A professional! I will do all that my nation requires of me. I am a volunteer, knowing well the hazards of my profession. I serve with the memory of those who have gone before me: Roger's Rangers, Francis Marion, Mosby's Rangers, the 1st Special 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. 1 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 quidance of my God, I will conquer my fears and succeed. I will keeps 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, Gf 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,
Che 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,
Cill called again someday.
Che strength and character of an organization are measured by its members.
Bob and Vicki Walker







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Special thanks to our unofficial photographers who continue to provide us with numerous photographs of Chapter XV events: David Benavides, Henry Jimenez, Marti and Ben Scott, and Chapter XV chronicler John Edmiston. Selecting which ones to use is always a difficult decision, but we try to include everyone possible.

The 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 (copies only) for the newsletter to Editor Mike Maloy at <u>Chinook501@aol.com</u>, or mail them to Chapter President Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

