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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, another year is coming to an end and this one has been unfortunately eventful. Skip Bailey, Miguel De La Pena, and Mando [Redbird] Canales will no longer be present for manifest call. They all brought unique gifts to the unique and small fraternity of 'Quiet Professionals'.

The ethos and commitment continues in the current Special Forces to a technologically far greater degree than we could have imagined in the 1960s and early 1970s but the heart of the soldier who wears the Green Beret has not changed and continues to be the most qualified and professional soldier in the world.

We have a challenge in the coming year to uphold the commitments we have made for the convention and to continue the camaraderie and rituals that are ongoing proof of our friendship with each other, respect for our departed fellow soldiers, and to support of our SF and San Antonio community.

I, on behalf of the officers of SFA Chapter XV, the Alamo Chapter, hope your Christmas was blessed and wish you a Happy New Year.

See you at our board meeting on 5 January [location TBA] and for a general membership meeting on 10 January at the VFW.

**Bill Beall, President
"Mary" sends**



SGM Armando Canales (R.I.P.)



RED BIRD
KONTUM 1968



Pictures from the funeral of SGM Armando Canales



Chapter XV Christmas Banquet







********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.



SFA Chapter XV Board Meeting Minutes, 8 Dec. 2012

1. 13:45 hrs meeting called to order by Bill Beall. Sick or distress to address. Bob Hand going in SAMMC 13 Dec. 2012 for 5 days, skin graft.
2. Recognized new member, Christopher Uriegas.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Mario reported on Dick's Last Resort. No contact with Dick's for a final tally. Will contact them if we are not contacted by 15 Jan. 2013.
4. VFW paid for Mando's reception.
5. Bill Beall signed the Christmas banquet contract with the Tropicano Hotel. Guarantee \$5000.00. 100 attendees needed to break even. Bill Smith will ask his folks for a \$20.00 donation if they plan to attend the hospitality room and not the banquet. Alex has the roster of paid tickets (44) as of today. Bob Walker has control of the door. Len, Chuck, Delbert flag detail, Pat Connolly will get them there. Marti has the POW table and Bill Smith the Ballad of The Green Beret. Bill Beall will designate the toast. Yolanda Flores will accept the education grant. General(ret) Valenzuela will be the guest speaker and swear in the officers. Adel Salinas will be provided a complimentary ticket by Chuck and Bob Walker. Chuck Rose, Mario, and Pat will secure items needed for the hospitality room on Friday, 14 Dec from the class VI. Ice from the VFW. Lenny, Mario, Scotty, load up to set up hospitality room 0930 VFW. Bartender will work for tips. Make your own Bloody Mary on Sunday morning. Tamales and Menudo will be available. Retrograde and police call Sunday AM, Pat, Lenny and Chuck, out of hotel by 12:00 HRS.
6. Book is paid for. Donations were paid to John Edmiston, but Mario still needs to send a check from the board
7. Bill will resign after the first of the year. Chuck will move into the presidency and fill board vacancies by appointment.

New Business

8. \$1000.00 donation was made to the chapter by Mike and Marcia Maloy.
9. Mission road toy run was today. Chapter donated \$300.00. Mike reported the Toy run raised about \$5000.00. Xmas toys go to disabled children.
10. Chuck Rose presented a letter from the Fort Sam Houston Memorial Service Detachment requesting a donation for winter jackets and hats for the honor guard. Chuck made the motion the chapter donate \$300.00. Fred Solis second the motion. Passed by majority vote.
11. No December 2012 General membership meeting. Next board meeting 5 Jan. 2013 at 13:00 HRS.

Open Forum – Round Table.

12. Mike Maloy requested all input for the December newsletter be sent to him ASAP.
13. John McClinton Will conduct his First Annual Alamo Green Beret Chapter motorcycle ride to be done in conjunction with the Convention 2013. Next meeting will be 5 Jan. 2013 at 15:00 HRS. Next Convention meeting will be 5 Jan. 2013 at 11:30 HRS.
14. Buddy Gee made the motion meeting be adjourned, Pat Connolly seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 15:15 HRS.

Submitted by:
Bob Hand
Chapter XV Secretary

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	Registration	
	0800 – 1200	Motorcycle Ride	
	1000 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	1300 - ????	Free Time	
	1800 – 2100	Opening Reception	
27 Jun 13 (Thursday)	0800 – 1700	Registration	
	0800 – 1200	Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300
NBO/Chapter Presidents/Regional Reps Meeting			
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	1000 – 1300	Hospitality Room	
		(Hospitality Room will close during picnic and reopen after picnic)	
	1400 – 1700	Texas Style BBQ Picnic	
	1600 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
28 Jun 13 (Friday)	0800 – 1700	Registration	
	0900 – 1800	Vendors	
	0900 – 1200	Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers	
		(No Alcohol Served During Meeting)	
	1200 – 2400	Hospitality Room	
	1800 – 2100	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	Registration	
	0900 – 1600	Vendors	
	0900 – 1000	SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo	
	1000 – 1700	Hospitality Room	
	1800 – 1900	Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar)	
	1900 – 2300	Banquet/Ballroom (Cash Bar)	
30 Jun 13 (Sun)	Dawn – 1200	Checkout/Departure	
	0800 – 1200	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	1-888-421-1442	\$106	(Double Occupancy)
(Primary Hotel)	Group #8220 Special Forces Assn.	(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 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.

Bob and Vicki Walker



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and Iced Cold Beer

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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 Chinook501@aol.com, or mail them to Chapter Vice President Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

