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Dick's Fund Raiser: Fred Solis
Christmas Banquet: Chuck Rose & Mario Guerra

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

31 March Board Meeting 1400
02 Chapter Memorial Service 1000
02 Membership Meeting 1300
31 April Board Meeting 1400



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. Our meeting is on Saturday the 2nd of April and the Board meeting is Thursday the 31st of March at 1400. I hope to see everyone there. The donated Spurs tickets versus the Warriors that take place on 10 April are bringing in some money. I had hoped for better effort in selling them. I will make them available at the meeting and we will draw the winning ticket at the end of the meeting. Those who know the Spurs and how well the Warriors are doing know this could be the game of the year.

Do not forget our Chapter Memorial is this Saturday and it will start at 1000 hrs at the Fort Sam Cemetery. We will meet in the back pavilion area where we have done it for the past couple of years. I believe this is a great thing and an awesome way to remember those who are no longer with us physically.

The Cotulla Cook-off, headed up by Mike Brown was a great time and we had a good turnout. I believe in the future this event will continue to grow and will be good for the chapter. I want to thank those who took pictures and sent in articles for the newsletter.

JROTC is on us and I will continue to reach out to those who volunteered to sponsor a school. As I said in the last newsletter, this is a great opportunity to get our Chapter out there and to recognize some outstanding students for their accomplishments.

On April 7th the VFW will have its membership meeting. It is time again for post elections and most of us are members of 8541. I am asking members who are able to try and make the meeting in support of our post.

Until our meeting I hope everyone stays safe and has a great remainder of the month. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me.

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**William Smith
Chapter XV President**



Cotulla Hog Cook-off

11-13 March 2016

Article and Pictures Provided

By Buddy and Sharon Gee

Mike Brown headed up the committee. On Friday, Mike, Raul de la Garza and Noel Camacho loaded, drove to Cotulla, unloaded and set up the camp site.

Friday night, the beverages flowed while Steve Hermann grilled ribs and sausage to complement Noel's gourmet borracho beans. Sharon Gee provided a Happy Birthday cake for dessert and we celebrated Mike Brown's 38th Birthday. (That's what he told us.) Meanwhile, Chef Hermann got busy stoking the smoker and mixing up his secret rub to prepare the hogs, which had been killed and cleaned by Raul. David Benavides arrived a little later and helped tend the fire until the wee hours.

Saturday morning, Buddy Gee mixed Bloody Marys while Karen Hermann cooked up delicious breakfast tacos. We took in the carnival, the livestock show and the many colorful cooking booths spread over the fair grounds. Master Chef Steve returned to the outdoor kitchen and got busy smoking a pork butt for Saturday's dinner.

At precisely 12:10 p.m. Mike and Steve turned in a tasty sample of our wild hog entry to the judging station. Although we didn't bring home a trophy this time, Steve promises that next year Chapter XV's wild hog will be a winner.

In addition to the "weekenders" attending, (Mike, Raul, Noel, David, the Hermanns and the Gees), we had quite a few Day Visitors on Saturday:

Bill Smith, Chapter XV President

Juan Lopez, Chapter Secretary, with his two children & a friend

Ron and Marlys Burkett

Joe Lopez, (Juan's uncle who lives in Cotulla)

Jeff and Monica Dahlby (SFA Chapter 7) who plans to transfer to Chapter XV in the near future

Paulina Camacho (Wife of Noel)

La Salle County Sheriff Miguel A. Rodriguez

La Salle County Judge Joel Rodriguez Jr.

And others ...

To cap off the weekend, our camp was a great spot to hear the Saturday night concert by country singer Johnny Rodriguez.

We encourage you to put the La Salle County Wild Hog Cook Off on your travel calendar for next year. Cotulla is an easy day trip or a relaxing weekend get-away for the family. There are plenty of affordable accommodations nearby.

Respectfully submitted,
Buddy & Sharon Gee



Chapter XV was organized and well prepared for a great weekend.



Ron Burkett and David Benavides “jus relaxin” after a hard night



Noel and Raul admiring Mike's apartment - NOTE: Camping on the grounds is not allowed.



Jeff and Monica Dahle swapping war stories with Pres. Bill Smith



Buddy made his famous bloody marys to go with Karen Hermann's breakfast tacos.



Buddy and Sharon visited the "Hoggywood" movie production studio at the fairgrounds and met Mr and Mrs. Hogg.



OK, let me see, what the rules say about that. The pigs look done to me. Mike and Steve prepare portions for judging.



Mike enjoyed his 38th Birthday Party Cake



The Sheriff has Raul, Jeff and Buddy's attention.



La Salle County Sheriff Miguel Rodriguez had a chat with Chapter XV President Bill Smith.



SPECIAL NOTICE AND REMINDER TO ALL CHAPTER XV MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you plan on joining us for a lot of fun and camaraderie at Canyon Lake this year and you need a trailer to sleep in, you need to contact Raul de la Garza as soon as possible to reserve your trailer and give him your check. Unlike previous years, your trailer is not reserved until Raul has your check in his hand.... No exceptions!!!

Contact Raul for details.

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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.

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“Carry on!”

