



# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

*The Alamo Chapter*

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## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- 1 Membership Meeting 1300**
- 1 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500**
- 7-9 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD**

### APRIL

- 3 Apr Board Meeting 1300**
- 5 Membership Meeting 1300**
- 5 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500**
- 12 Chpt Memorial Serv 1100**  
for Fallen Brothers/Spouses
- TBD Motorcycle Rally**

### MAY

- 1 May Board Meeting 1300**
- 10 Drop Input Due**
- 16-18 Jack Hogue Picnic**
- 26 Memorial Day Serv 0930**
- JROTC Presentations All Month**

**NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Greeting from San Antonio, Texas! Last December we conducted our Chapter Annual Christmas Banquet with 98 guests in attendance. During the Banquet, the Chapter presented \$1,000 scholarships to Alyssa Elizonda, Rose De LA Garza, Justin Leugers and Cassandra Gomez. We were not aware until the night of the banquet that Cassandra's mother, Catherine, Pat Connolly's daughter, was the very first recipient of a Chapter Scholarship, in the amount of \$100, back in 1987. We were also honored to have Jack Tobin attend the banquet as our keynote speaker, and to swear in the elected officers for 2014.**

**Currently, the Chapter is planning a Motorcycle Challenge Rally, with Gordon Lee as chair, on April 19. A lot of the local motorcycle clubs are planning to participate in this event. It should be a good fundraiser for the chapter. Bob Hand is chairing the Annual Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake, May 16-18. We are anticipating a large gathering, since members from other Region VII Chapters are also planning to attend.**

**The Alamo Chapter is continuing to grow and we are happy to welcome the following new members: Tom Leugers, Jack Pinkerton and Michael Dwyer. The Chapter meets the first Saturday of each month, at 1300hrs, at VFW Post 8541, located at 2222 Austin Highway, San Antonio TX. If you are in the San Antonio area, please join us at one of our meetings and enjoy camaraderie and friendship.**

**Chuck Rose  
President  
SFA Chapter XV**



## SFA CHAPTER XV MEETING MINUTES

**Chapter Meeting Date: 1 February 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President **Chuck Rose** at 1300 hrs. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chaplain **Rudy Johnson** gave the invocation. A moment of silence for fallen comrades and POW's was held. There were no new members, guests and visitors present.

Members sick or in distress were mentioned:

- **Mike Wyatt** in ICU with pneumonia. Members may call wife (Hortencia) at 830-998-7135.
- **Tony Stokely** shoulder surgery – still recovering.
- **Raul de la Garza** to have shoulder surgery 4 – 7 February 14.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **January's Minutes:** The approval of January's Meeting Minutes will be voted on next month.
- b. **Treasurer's report** was given by **Mario Guerra**. Motion to approve report by **Lenny Czarnecki**/seconded by **Bob Walker**. Report approved by membership.
- c. **Membership report** given by **Marti Scott**: 197 chapter members with 31 delinquent on dues as of end of January 14. Request was also made for members to bring in their old copies of *The Drop* as many departed members' spouses do not receive it and would like to have a copy.
- d. **Alert Roster Update** was given by **Chuck Rose**. All changes/updates need to be forwarded to **Marti Scott** who is maintaining the master roster.
- e. **Chapter committees and other updates:**
  - **Bylaws Review Committee (Bill Smith csmsapd@satx.rr.com):** Current chapter and national bylaws are posted on chapter website. Bill will begin having committee meetings each Thursday with initial date to be determined. Review and make recommendations to Bill before or at February chapter meeting. Proposed amendments to chapter bylaws will be published and made available to chapter members prior to the March chapter meeting where voting, if required, will take place.
  - **Alamo Silver Wing Airborne Association's Military Ball** will be held at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton on 15 February 2014. Cost \$50 per person. See **Bob Walker** for additional details.
  - **Cotulla Hog Cookoff** will be held 7 – 8 March 2014. Chapter hopes to make contacts with oil company representatives for possible sponsorships who will be there. See **J. W. Martin** for details.
  - **Memorial for Chapter XV Fallen Members/Spouses** to be held at the Ft. Sam Houston Memorial Cemetery is schedule for 12 April 2014. **J. W. Martin** will be coordinating this activity and will brief us with further information at subsequent Chapter meetings. Set-up at 0930 hrs. Service beginning at 1000 hrs. Chow at the VFW after service.
  - **Motorcycle Challenge Fundraiser** will be held in 19 April 2014 with **Gordon Lee** coordinating. All motorcycle clubs/riders are welcome. Bike run to 5 stops at various participating VFW's from 0930 to 1530 hrs. (approximate times) with combat skills tested at each stop such as grenade accuracy throw and shooting skills (pistol, shotgun, etc.). NOTE: only dummy grenades and BB's or pellets will be used. If you want to be on Gordon's committee, let him know.
  - **JROTC Recognition Program** is very active. Chapter representative is present when a plaque and ribbon is presented to each recipient. If you wish to represent Chapter XV at one of the San Antonio high schools that is currently not in our program, please see **Dan Hopgood** for details. We now have 20 high schools participating in this program.
  - **Jack Hogue Picnic** at Canyon Lake will be held 16 - 18 May 2014. 30 trailers were available for rent, and they are going fast with only 19 left. All chapters from Texas and Oklahoma have been invited.

See **Bob Hand** (210-336-1102) to reserve a trailer. Looking to have a bigger turnout this year than last year!

- **SFA Annual Convention** in Columbia, SC this year from 9 – 15 June.
- **Dick's Last Resort** fund raiser dates will be locked-in in about two weeks.

## 15 MINUTE BREAK

### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **VA** and other updates from **J. R. Garza – Chuck Rose** indicated that **J. R. Garza** ([BGARZ@SATX.RR.COM](mailto:BGARZ@SATX.RR.COM)), who represents the DAV, could not be at meeting today and that he updated/briefed the Board on some significant issues:
  - New rule: If you are scheduled for a VA appointment and you miss two in a row without giving 24 hrs. notice of cancellation you will lose your medical benefits from VA.
  - There is a push that veterans receiving benefits from VA may lose those benefits when they become eligible to draw SSN.
  - There has been an electronic security breach of VA benefit files.
  - If your military ID has your SSN on it, it may be confiscated at the post gates by security. All new ID cards will be required to have DOD number. In 2015 there will be a new ID card for all retired personnel with a data chip giving individuals access to only certain areas of post.
- b. Board recommended a policy that Chapter donate \$300 to the Memorial Services Detachment. Motion made by **Bob Walker**/seconded by **Steve Timing** to add this to the 2014 budget. Approved by membership. This will give the Chapter a margin of \$775 at the end of the year.
- c. **Flower/card policy:** To establish consistency, Board recommended a flower/card policy that members/spouses would receive a card if in the hospital and up to \$150 for floral wreath if deceased. Motion was made by **Marti Scott**/seconded by **Dan Hopgood** to approve board recommended policy. Approved by membership.
- d. **President's travel expenses:** Board recommended a policy for subsidizing Chapter president or his/her representative to attend the SFA National Convention each year. Motion made by **Barry Archer**/seconded by **Marti Scott** to approve Board recommended policy that provides reimbursement funds for air transportation (or government rate for POV), lodging and registration fees only (no meals, beverages or car rental) for president or his representative. Approved by membership with no dollar limit.
- e. **Roy Benavidez Elementary School** – Chapter will be a sponsor to this school. **Steve Twining** will be point of contact for school.
- f. **Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library** – Discussion was held as to whether or not to petition to support keeping this post library open. Members indicated that, because of budgetary constraints and because very few younger members use the library (prefer Internet, etc.), all post libraries are in the process being closed. No action on this item from membership.
- g. **Finance Committee:** President **Chuck Rose** appointed a Finance Committee that will develop a proposed annual budget, present it to membership for review/approval, and monitor budget during the year. Appointees are **Mario Guerra, Buddy Gee, Gordon Lee** and **Tony Stokely**.
- h. **SFA 60 Year Patches, Coins and Chapter T Shirts** - are for sale.
- i. **Open Forum:**
  - Chapter Member **Jerrie Lebleu** announced that she will be hosting a party at her house, 107 W. Vista Ridge; San Antonio, for Chapter XV members on 28 February 2014 starting at around 1600 or 1700 hrs. and ending....whenever! Jerrie indicated that she has room for about 12 sleepovers. Contact Jerrie (210-691-0518) for further details.

- Chapter needs members who can carry the five service flags. See **Bob Walker** to volunteer.
- **Marti Scott** briefed membership about the US flag that flew on 29 June 2013 at the Alamo in honor of **Armando Canales** and that is now displayed in a shadow box above the conference room door at the VFW.
- Members who wish to participate as pall bearers for any upcoming funerals please give your names to **Chuck Rose**.
- There was general discussion as to how we are contacting young SF members/veterans in our area to get them to join the Chapter.
- Chapter XV Raffle Conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 1409 hrs. (motion to adjourn by **Pat Connolly**/seconded by **Barry Archer**).  
Respectfully submitted,

J. Barry Archer,  
SFA Chapter XV Assistant Secretary

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## **Jack Hogue Picnic, Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area, Canyon May 2014**

**Friday, 16 May**, 14:00 trailer keys will be available for issue at pavilion # 5. Friday: night fajitas b and borracho beans by Marti. BYOB and what ever else you desire. The chapter will supply margaritas by Pei usual.

**Saturday, 17 May.** Pat Connolly and his Bride will start setting up the chow line at 12:00. The Cha BBQ meats, chicken and sausage. Beer, sodas, water and condiments will also be provided. Please bring you f fruit or a desert. There will be power available for a limited number of Crock pots etc. Bring your our music, box will be there

**Sunday, 18 May** Bloody Mary's by Buddy and SOS by Marti. Police call and wash down of the pav out time is 12:00 Hrs.

We have 30 three bedroom trailers reserved of which 4 are pet friendly and 1 is for the physically cha of the trailer is \$85.00 a night or \$170.00 for the weekend. POC to reserve a trailer is Bob Hand 210-33 [retsfcsmbh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:retsfcsmbh@sbcglobal.net). Make checks out to SFA Chapter XV. Mailing address is Bob Hand, 5713 Fairway: 78108 or SFA Chapter XV PO Box 33782 San Antonio, TX 78265-3782. Trailer reservations will not be co money is received. For those of you who have your own RV trailers or motor homes, you must make a 1 recreation area. The phone number is 800-280-3466. **Trailer reservations must be confirmed and 12:00 hrs. 12 May 2014 or the trailers will be turned back in to the Recreation Center.**

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## Pictures from our March 1, 2014 Chapter XV Meeting



**GREEN BERET SIGN AND PRES. CHUCK ROSE**



**MR. J.R. GARZA & ALAMO XV GROUP PICTURE**



**ALEX FLORES AND MOH RECIPIENT\*\*\*BOB HAND AND MARIO GUERRA JOSE RODELA**



**RON BURKETT, JOHN MCLINTON  
AND GORDON LEE DISCUSSING  
THE MOTORCYCLE RIDE.**



**GROUP PIC WITH MOH JOSE RODELA  
SECOND FROM LEFT.**



**JOE CAMPOS & HENRY JIMINEZ.**

## 2014 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
2 Jan Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 4 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 30 Feb Board Meeting 1300	2 Membership Meeting 1300 2 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 10 Drop Input Due 27 Mar Board Meeting 1300	1 Membership Meeting 1300 1 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 7-9 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
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<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
3 Board Meeting 1300 4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 5 Membership Meeting 1300 31 Aug Board Meeting 1300	2 Membership Meeting 1300	4 Sep Board Meet 1300 6 Membership Meeting 1300 (Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
2 Oct Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 4 Oktoberfest Party 1500 TBD Dick's Fund Raiser 1800 1 Nov Board Meeting 1300	1 Membership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarships) 10 Drop Input Due 10 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 28 Scholarship Results	4 Dec Board Meeting 1300 6 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers  <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>

**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. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1300 hrs.**



### **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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