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*The Alamo Chapter*

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## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Membership Meeting 1300**
- 1 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500**
- 10 Drop Input Due**
- 27 Mar Board Meeting 1300**

### 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**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**During the January Membership Meeting, we reviewed results of last year's budget and the proposed budget for 2014. The Chapter is financially sound, with monies in CD's, savings account and in the checking account. The 2014 Board Strategy was presented and approved by the general membership. A copy of the Strategy is attached as part of January's Minutes in this Newsletter.**

**Our next major event is the Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake, May 16 -18. Bob Hand has included information on the picnic in this newsletter. I have sent out invitations to the other Chapters in Region 7, inviting their membership to attend. Bob has secured 30 trailers. If you want a trailer for this event please contact Bob and get him your trailer payment as soon as possible. I suspect these trailers will go fairly fast. We will request more if needed, but we are not sure how many more we will be given by the Recreation Center.**

**We have locked in Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at the El Tropicano Hotel for this year's Christmas Party again. This year's party will be bigger and better than last year. The hotel has guaranteed chapter members a room rate of \$89.00. I would strongly suggest your secure your room as soon as possible. We currently have 20 rooms locked in, and can obtain several more if needed, but we need to act early. This year the San Antonio Rock & Roll Festival is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. They are anticipating 35,000 visitors from out of town to attend this festival, so hotel rooms throughout San Antonio will go fast for both Saturday and Sunday nights.**

**I want to welcome new members Jack D. Pinkerton and Dr. Michael Dwyer to our chapter.**

**Finally, I want to encourage everyone to attend the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1300 hrs. Lunch will be served at 1200 hrs. Remember, this is your chapter, and your voice and participation is what makes it work!**

**Chuck Rose  
President  
SFA Chapter XV**



**p.s. I would like to extend a personal invitation to the membership of each of your Chapters, to join the members of Chapter XV for fun and camaraderie at the Annual Jack Houge Picnic, at the Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area, Canyon Lake, Texas, May 16 thru 18, 2014. Bob Hand is the Committee Chair for the picnic, and can be contacted at 210-336-1102. Below is the information that was sent to our membership concerning this event. Though we have only reserved 30 trailers so far, we can obtain additional trailers if needed. But we need to move fairly quickly to secure the additional trailers. So please, let Bob know as soon as possible if members from your chapter plan to attend and need a trailer.**

### **SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, 16th May: At 1400 hrs, trailer keys will be available for issue at pavilion #5. Friday night fajitas by Ben Scott and Borracho Beans by Marti Scott. BYOB, through the chapter will provide margaritas this night, supplied by Penny Hand as usual.**

**Saturday, 17th May: Pat and Arline Connolly will start setting up the chow line at 1200 hrs. The Chapter will provide BBQ meats, chicken and sausage, Beer, sodas, water and condiments will be provided by the Chapter. Please bring your favorite side dish, fruit or a desert. There will be power available for a limited number of Crock Pots, etc. Bring your own music the chapter boom box will be there.**

**Sunday, 18th May: Bloody Mary's by Buddy and SOS by Marti. Police call and wash down of the pavilion area. Check out time is 1200 hrs.**

**We have 30 three-bedroom trailers reserved, of which 4 are pet friendly, and 1 is for the physically challenged. The cost of the trailer is \$85.00 a night or \$170.00 for the weekend. The POC to reserve a trailer is Bob Hand 210-336-1102 or email [retsfcsmbh@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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, ATTN: Bob Hand, San Antonio, TX 78265-3782. The 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 your own reservation for the space in the recreation area. The phone number is 800-280-3466. Trailer reservations must be confirmed and paid for NLT 1200 hrs, 12 May 2014. All unused trailers will be turned back into the FSH Recreation Center the afternoon of May 12th. NO RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

**I look forward to seeing as many SFA Members as possible from Region 7. Members of the 19th SF GP will also joining us on Saturday.**

**Chuck Rose  
President  
SFA Chapter XV**

## SFA CHAPTER XV MEETING MINUTES

Chapter Meeting Date: 4 January 2014

The meeting was called to order by President **Chuck Rose** at 1300 hrs. (Board Attendance – Present: **Chuck Rose, Bill Smith, Buddy Gee, Barry Archer, Pat Connolly** and **Raul de la Garza**. Absent: **Mario Guerra** and **Bob Hand**). 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. New members, guests and visitors were recognized.

Members sick or in distress were mentioned:

- **Danny Kling** still in hospital recovering.
- **Ramiro Domingo** recovering, at home, after falling from a horse.
- **George Garcia** recovering in hospital.
- **A.R.** recovering at home and doing well.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary's November meeting minutes approved (motion to approve by **Rudy Johnson**/seconded by **Bobby Walker**).

Treasurer and Membership Reports given:

- **2013 Chapter XV Annual Budget Closeout Report** presented and approved (motion by **Barry Archer**/seconded by **Buddy Gee**).
- **Current Chapter XV Financial Report** presented and approved (motion by **Barry Archer**/seconded by **Bobby Walker**).
- **Audit of Chapter XV Financial Records/Books** will be conducted by **Sheryl Stokely** in accordance with chapter bylaws.
- **Membership Status Update** by **Marti Scott**: 194 members (includes honorary) and 6 widows of departed members. Members reminded to send membership renewals through Chapter XV and not directly to SFA national. If you have sent to SFA national immediately notify Chapter XV.

Chapter Committee and other Updates/actions:

- **J. R. Garza** ([BGARZ@SATX.RR.COM](mailto:BGARZ@SATX.RR.COM)) representing the DAV, thanked chapter for donations, discussed VA treatment options, and the current situation with the COLA reduction. Briefed members about adding names to the wall of KIA'd Vietnam Veterans if subsequent death was as a result of injury/illness from Vietnam War. Briefed members on program the VA has for the homeless.
- **Bylaws Review Committee** (**Bill Smith** [csmsapd@satx.rr.com](mailto:csmsapd@satx.rr.com)): Current chapter and national bylaws are posted on chapter website. 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 Wings Airborne Association's Military Ball** will be held at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton on 15 February 2014. Cost \$50 per person. Band: *Final Cut Band*. Chapter XV has reserved a table for 10 but will get another table if needed. See **Bobby Walker** for additional details.
- **The Catula Hog Cook-off** will be held in March (Date to be determined). Looks like a good opportunity to network with potential Chapter XV supporters from the shale oilfield industry who be attending. Members invited to camp out with President **Chuck Rose** and other members during the event.
- **Memorial for Chapter XV Fallen Members/Spouses** to be held at the Ft. Sam Houston Memorial Cemetery is tentatively schedule for 12 April 2014. **J. W. Martin** will be coordinating this activity and will brief us with further information at subsequent Chapter XV meetings.

- **Motorcycle Challenge Fundraiser** will be held April 19th with **Gordon Lee** as the committee lead. All motorcycle clubs/riders are welcome. Bike run will be from 0930-1530 hours, begin at the VFW and then traveling to 5 various locations where participants will be tested on their combat skills at each stop, such as grenade accuracy throw and shooting skills (pistol, shotgun, etc.). NOTE: only dummy grenades and BB's, pellets or paint guns will be used in the competition. There is all ready a lot of interest in participating from other motorcycle clubs in the area. If you want to be on Gordon's committee, let him know.
- **JROTC Recognition Program** is active. **Dan Hopgood** briefed Chapter XV members on what is involved and showed us the plaque and ribbon that each JROTC recipient is presented. If you wish to represent Chapter XV at one of the San Antonio or South Texas high schools, please see Dan for details. The chapter is trying to expand our participation in area by identifying new high schools to add to the program.
- **Jack Hogue Picnic** at Canyon Lake will be held 16-18 May 2014. 30 trailers are available for rent. Chapters from Texas and Oklahoma are invited. See **Bobby Hand** for further details or to help out at the picnic. Looking to have a bigger turnout this year!
- **2014 Memorial Day Services** will be coordinated by **J. W. Martin**.
- Vice President **Bill Smith** was given the oath of office by President **Chuck Rose** and sworn in. In addition, Chuck presented Bill with a plaque for his outstanding efforts regarding the SFA Annual Convention.

**15 MINUTE BREAK** (starting at 1408 hrs.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Chapter XV Proposed 2014 Budget** was presented by President **Chuck Rose** and approved (motion to approve by **Barry Archer**/ seconded by **Buddy Gee**)
- **Chapter XV 2014 Board Strategy** was presented by President **Chuck Rose** with discussion by Chapter XV members. (Attached)
- **2014 Chapter XV Calendar of Events** – Some dates are still being coordinated shown as TBD.
- **Alert Roster Reestablished.** This process, explained by President **Chuck Rose**, assigns blocks of members to each of the Chapter XV board members for contacting on an emergency basis (deaths, serious problems, etc.). Roster updates will be conducted when contacting Chapter XV members. This should help facilitate effective communication.
- **Notes from SFA National:** The same SFA National board members will run for office again this year. Ballets will come out shortly.
- **SFA 60 Year Patches and Coins are for sale - see Chuck Rose**
- **Open Forum:**
  1. Chapter Member **Jerrie Lebleu** announced that she will be hosting a party at her house for Chapter XV members. Details to be forthcoming.
  2. Vice President **Bill Smith** announced that he is engaged.
  3. **Raul De La Garza** inventoried all items in the storage sheds.
  4. **Chapter XV 2014 Christmas Party** to be held on Saturday, December 6th.
- Chapter XV Raffle was conducted.
- Meeting adjourned at 1435 hrs. (motion to adjourn by **Pat Connolly**/seconded by **Barry Archer**).

Respectfully submitted,

J. Barry Archer,  
Assistant Secretary

## **SFA CHAPTER XV BOARD STRATEGY FOR 2014**

### **SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT:**

**The Special Forces Association is a non-profit veteran's fraternal organization. Our mission is to serve as the Voice for the Special Forces Community; Perpetuate Special Forces Traditions and Brotherhood; Advance the Public Image of Special Forces and Promote the General Welfare of the Special Forces Community.**

### **2014 BOARD GOALS:**

- 1. Primary Goal is Membership Camaraderie and Fun and Support of Scholarship & Non-Profit Organizations.**
- 2. Increase our Chapter Membership**
  - a. Membership activity reach out and pursue SF and SF Associate Qualified Members on the active duty, national guard, reserve and living in the local communities within San Antonio and South Texas.**
- 3. Increase Membership Participation**
  - a. Getting lost members to attend chapter meetings and become more involved with the chapter activities.**
  - b. Promote better communications within the membership.**
  - c. Establish an Alert System/Roster to notify membership of critical items**
  - d. Increase membership support on various committees throughout the year.**
- 4. Establish a 2014 Chapter Budget and achieve all planned financial objectives.**
- 5. Conduct an Audit of Chapter Financial Records in 2014.**
- 6. Establish written processes for each of the major events the Chapter conducts annually.**
- 7. Ensure the success of the Chapter Events in 2014 and support Committee Leads.**
  - a. Chapter Buy-law Review Committee: (Bill Smith)**
  - b. Chapter Cooks Teams: (Tony & Sheryl Stokely / Adan & Yolanda Flores)**
  - c. JROTC Superior Performance Award Medal Program: (Dan Hopgood)**
  - d. Scholarship Program: (Alex Flores)**

- e. Motorcycle Ride Fund-Raiser: (Gordon Lee /John McClinton)**
- f. Cove Fund-Raiser: (Mario Guerra)**
- g. Memorial to Chapter Fallen Brothers and Spouses: (JW Martin)**
- h. Jack Hogue Picnic Canyon Lake: (Bob Hand)**
- i. Memorial Day Ceremony Support: (JW Martin)**
- j. Parade Participation: (Mike Maloy)**
- k. October Fest VFW: (Bill Beall)**
- l. Dick's Last Resort Fund-Raiser: (Fred Solis)**
- m. Nomination Committee: (Buddy Gee (per By-Laws)**
- n. Tellers Committee: (Lenny Czarnecki)**
- o. Veterans Day Ceremony Support: (JR Martin)**
- p. Christmas Banquet: (Chuck Rose/ Mario Guerra)**

**NOTE: The committee leads will be responsible for determining the manpower requirements and needs and establishing their committee or sub-committees required. The Board of Directors will assist and support the committee leads when requested.**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2014:**

**Membership Secretary /Chapter Roster Coordinator: Marti Scott/Henry Jimenez**

**Newsletter/Drop Input Editor: Mike Maloy**

**Chaplains: Rudy Johnson/Adan Flores**

**Website Master: Codename Scott**

**Public Affairs Officer: Sharon Gee (Alt) Buddy Gee**

**Recruiters: Tom Laugers / Victor Perales**

**Wounded Warrior Interface: Tom Laugers / Victor Perales/ JW Martin/ Dan Hopgood**

**Veterans of Greater San Antonio Representative: JW Martin**

**VA/DAV Representative: JR Garza**

**Legal Consulate: David Benavides**

## 2014 CALENDAR

<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>	<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH</u></b>
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
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	<b><u>MAY</u></b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
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	1 May Board Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 16-18 Jack Hogue Picnic 26 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations All Month  <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	5 Jun Board Meeting 1300 7 Membership Meeting 1300 9-15 National Convention
<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>
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)
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>
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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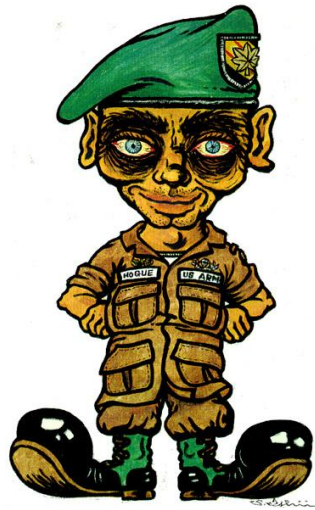
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**Special thanks to our unofficial photographers who continue to provide us with numerous photographs of Chapter XV events: David Benavides, Henry Jimenez, Dan Hopgood and Marti and Ben Scott. Selecting which ones to use is always a difficult decision, but we try to include everyone possible.**

### **The Editor**

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**“Carry on!”**

