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Scholarships: Alex Flores
Wounded Warriors: JW Martin
FSH Cemetery Events: JW Martin
Canyon Lake Picnic: Bob Hand
Dick's Fund Raiser: Fred Solis
Christmas Banquet: Chuck Rose & Mario Guerra

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

07 Jan. Board Meeting 1400

09 Membership Meeting 1300

February

04 Board Meeting 1400

06 Membership Meeting 1300

March

03 Board Meeting 1400

05 Membership Meeting 1300

10-13 Cotulla Cook-off

31 April Board Meeting 1400



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. My wife and I are somewhere on the high seas enjoying our New Years celebration while on our cruise. I sincerely hope all of you had a very safe and enjoyable New Years celebration.

Our Board Meeting is Thursday the 7th of January at 1400 and our membership meeting is on Saturday the 9th of January at 1300 following our lunch at 1200.

All is well and I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Until our meeting I hope everyone stays safe and has a fantastic year in 2016. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me.

presidentchapterxv@gmail.com

**William Smith
Chapter XV President**



2015 CHRISTMAS BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS









**GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV
(DRAFT) 2016 CALENDAR**

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
7 Board Meeting 9 Membership Meeting	4 Board Meeting 6 Membership Meeting	3 Board Meeting 5 Membership Meeting 10-13 Cotulla Cook-off 31 Board Meeting
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
2 Membership Meeting 2 Chpt Memorial Service 30 Apr Board Meeting 1400	12 Board Meeting 13-15 Jack Hogue Picnic 30 Memorial Day Serv 0930	2 Jun Board Meeting 4 Membership Meeting 12-19 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 7 Board Meeting 9 Membership Meeting	4 Board Meeting 6 Membership Meeting (Scholarship Applications)	8 Board Meeting 10 Membership Meeting 29 Board Meeting
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
3 Membership Meeting TBD Octoberfest Party TBD Dick's Fund Raiser	3 Board Meeting 5 Membership Meeting (Scholarships due) 11 Veterans Day Cerem 28 Scholarship Results	8 Dec Board Meeting 10 Christmas Banquet NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the calendar). A meal will be served at 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1400 hrs unless announced otherwise.

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.

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"Carry on!"

