



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

The Alamo Chapter

P.O. BOX 33782 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78265-3782

Issue #14-8

August, 2014

President: Chuck Rose
Vice-President: Bill Smith
Treasurer: Mario Guerra
Secretary: Bob Hand
Sgt at Arms: Pat Connolly
Asst. Treasurer: Buddy Gee
Membership Secy: Marti Scott
Asst. Sgt at Arms: Raul de la Garza
Public Affairs Off.: Buddy Gee
Recruiter: John Tippy
Recruiter: Joe Cavallero
Recruiter: TBD
Tellers Chairman: Len Czarnecki
Canyon Lake Picnic: Bob Hand
Dick's Last Resort: TBD
Nomination Committee: Buddy Gee
Christmas Banquet: Bill Smith

Visit us at our home page:
www.sfa-xv.org



Editor: Mike Maloy
Web Master: Scott Codename
Asst. Secy/Past Pres.: Bill Beall
July 4th Parade: Bill Beall
Oktober Fest VFW: Bill Beall
Chaplain: Adan Flores
Chaplain: Rudy Johnson
SFA Conv. Chmn: Fred Solis
SFA Conv Asst.Chmn: Bob Walker
Memorial To Fallen: Bob Walker
Memorial Day: Bob Walker
JROTC Awards: Dan Hopgood
JROTC Awards: Henry Jimenez
Scholarships: Alex Flores
SFA Motorcycle: Gordon Lee
Cove Fund Raiser: Mario Guerra

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

4 Sep Board Meet 1300
6 Membership Meeting 1300
(Nomination of Officers &

October

2 Oct Board Meeting 1300
4 Membership Meeting 1300
4 Oktoberfest Party 1500
16 Dick's Fund Raiser 1800
1 Nov Board Meeting 1300

November

1 Membership Meeting 1300
(Election and Scholarships)
10 Drop Input Due
10 Veterans Day Cerem 1000
28 Scholarship Results

This Newsletter contains your calendar for 2014.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

August has been a fairly slow month for the Chapter, as a lot of members were on the road vacationing. There was also a lot of planning ongoing for upcoming events that are taking place in October and December. The Chapter will celebrate Oktoberfest following the October 4th General Membership Meeting, which will begin at 1200 hours, not the normal 1300 hours. Rudy Johnson has taken the lead on this event, and without letting the cat out of the bag, I believe it is going to be an event to be remembered.

October 16th will be the Chapter's Annual Fund Raising Event at Dick's Last Resort on the Riverwalk. Dick's is going all out in support of us this year. The Silent Auction will be unprecedented. You will not want to miss this event, along with numerous door prizes including round trip get-a-ways. Tickets for this event are \$25.00 each, which includes food, bar drinks, live music and dancing from 6 - 9 PM. You cannot beat that price anywhere on the River. Every member is encouraged to sell 10 tickets each to friends and family.

Then, on December 6th we will hold our Annual Christmas Banquet and the installation of Chapter Officers for 2015. Major General Trombitas, a chapter member, who has just returned to San Antonio to become the Deputy Commanding General of US Army North, has agreed to be our Keynote Speaker that evening. The tickets for this event will go on sell in October. Tickets are \$50.00 each. The Hospitality Room will open at 1500 hrs. A Mariachi Group will entertain us from 1700-1800 hrs, followed by the Banquet from 1800 to 2030 hours, and then back to the Hospitality Room with a live band for dancing and entertainment until 2400 hours. Food, drinks, live entertainment and camaraderie for \$50.00; you just can't beat that price. The dinner meal will be the same as last year, because of all the rave reviews about the meal that were made following last year's banquet.

Several of our members are expected to undergo surgery in September for hip and knee replacements. I will try to keep membership informed of their status and whereabouts. Our Chapter continues to grow, but we still need to bring back numerous lost souls that have been dropped from the roster over the past several years. We have a great Chapter with fantastic membership, and we just need to communicate that to these personnel, and try to get them to rejoin. So if you know of a past member, reach out to him and try to have him attend an upcoming meeting.

**Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV**



Bobby Walker has prepared the following Chapter XV Board Election Schedule which is in effect until the elections are completed.

SFA Chapter XV Nomination Process for Election of the 2015 Officer Sequence of Events

- July 2014 Meeting** - Announce the Upcoming Election of Officers. Present the informal Preliminary State of Officers for 2015. Inform the Membership a Formal Preliminary Slate will Be introduced at the August Meeting and we will also begin accepting nominations for the Final Slate of Nominees. Announce the Elections in the Chapter Newsletter.
- Aug. 2014 Meeting** - Call for nominations in each of the Elective Positions. Inform the Membership of the Current Preliminary Slate and advise that Nominations will again be accepted in September and afterwards the Nominations will be closed. Once again have the upcoming elections announced in the Chapter Newsletter to all members.
- Sept. 2014 Meeting** - Call for nominations in each of the Elective Positions for the Final Slate of Officers for 2015. Once completed inform the Membership of the Final Slate of Nominees and announce that the Nominations are now closed. The Nominations Committee Chairman will prepare a Final Slate of Nominees in Ballot form to be Presented to the Membership at the October Meeting for distribution to the Chapter members. Continue to announce the elections in the Newsletter. The Final Ballot will be included in the Newsletter to the Membership in October.
- Oct. 2014 Meeting** - Announce to the Membership the Ballots will be in the October Newsletter for Distribution to the Membership. Inform the members that all ballots **must be returned** to the Teller Committee by the date of the November Membership Meeting in order to be validated and counted



Benavidez Elementary School Requests Help

By: Steve Twining

Marcos Perez has been assigned as the new principal at Roy Benavidez Elementary School. The previous principal, Denise Orosco, received a promotion to the central administration for South San Antonio Independent School District (SSAISD). Principal Perez is a very experienced and accomplished educator. He called recently with two needs. He is interested in seeing if anyone is interested in helping with traffic at the school from 0730-0800 and/or 1430-1515 daily.

He will also have a need in middle of September for anyone interested in assisting in supervising Kindergarten - Grade 2 kids during the reading level testing. This would be augmenting and assisting the staff rather than being responsible for the whole class by oneself.

If anyone is interested, please contact Principal Perez at 210-977-7175 or just stop by the school located at 8340 S. IH 35. They always need help.

.....

Special Message from the Editor

Most of you are aware that during the first two weeks of August, I was hospitalized at Northeast Baptist Hospital for a life threatening medical emergency. Fortunately, after exploratory surgery and corrective procedures I recovered and was able to go home on 13 August.

I wish to thank all of our Chapter XV members for your thoughts, wishes, and prayers for my recovery as well as your visits and phone calls. Unfortunately, as doped up as I was, I'm afraid I wasn't a terrific host when you came to visit, and I've been told I frequently nodded off in the middle of conversations.

Thanks again to all of our Alamo Chapter XV members for your thoughts and best wishes.

Sincerely,
Mike Maloy



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>
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 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	5 Jun Board Meeting 1300 7 Membership Meeting 1300 9-15 National Convention
<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 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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



Drop Zone Cafe & Bar
 Hope & Ed Fernandez

Breakfast Tacos,
 Lunch Specials,
 and Iced Cold Beer



1804 E. Carson St. (@ Walters to FSH)
 San Antonio, TX 78208-1837

Phone: (210) 212-7000
 P.O. Box 8446
 San Antonio, TX 78208-0446

Alamo Silver Wings Airborne Association
Commander George "Marty" Martinez
 PO Box 28695 San Antonio, TX 78228-8695
Editors: Ed L. Fernandez & Hope A. Elizondo-Fernandez
 "Helping Others Today for Their Tomorrows"



Email: SilverWingsAbn@aol.com
 Cdr's Phone: 210-590-2817
 Editors' Phone: 210-313-1891

USA Boxing Gulf Association
331 Peacedale Court
Houston, Texas 77015



Attention: Juan Moya

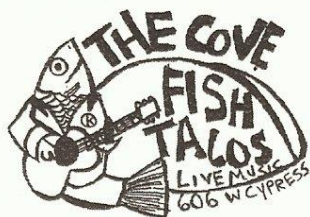


NEED A TUTOR?
 • All Subjects • PreK - Adult
 • LD/ADD • SAT/ACT Prep
 • One-On-One Sessions
 • Affordable Rates • Certified Teachers

DR. STEVE TWINING
 Area Director/Owner

8111 Mainland
 Suite 104-220
 San Antonio, TX 78240
 www.clubztutoring.com

Phone: 210-412-1622
 Fax: 210-520-0229
 clubzsanantonio@gmail.com
 clubztutoring.com/nsanantonio



*Restaurant
 Beer Garden
 Patio
 Playground
 Laundromat
 Carwash*

Eat Well! Live Well!

606 W Cypress
 227-COVE(2683)

www.thecove.us SAM ASVESTAS samasvestas@yahoo.com



SPECIAL FORCES AIRBORNE



Fred F. Balderrama
 PO Box 796
 La Coste, TX 78039-0796
 830-985-3067

SERGRANT MAJOR (U.S. ARMY)



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

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 President Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

