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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

02 Board Meeting 1300
National Convention: June 11-17 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

July

07 Board Meeting 13:00
12 Membership Meeting 1900---meal: 1800
Parade: TBA ??
HAPPY 4TH of July!

August

04 Board Meeting 1300
09 Membership Meeting 1900; meal: 1800
Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We know for a fact that if you throw a three day picnic / retreat at Canyon Lake, the people will come! On May 18-20, we held our annual Jack Hogue celebration at the lake and all the preparation, coordination and hard work paid off. We had SF friends from Oklahoma, Dallas, Houston, Killeen, and Austin as well as many chapter XV members and special guests joining us.

I still remember many years ago that I cooked a pound of Fajitas for the occupants of two trailers and now I'm cooking over forty-five pounds! In essence we began the festivities on Friday evening. Besides the meal, Len has made a hit with his frozen Margaritas!

Thanks to the following individuals who worked very hard to make the picnic a huge success: Tippy, Ben and Marti, Bill, Lenny, Mike, Mario (for the shopping), Pat and Arline for setting up the food line on both days, and to all the chapter members who made a contribution. I apologize if I omitted someone but as you know I suffer from CRS!

In a few days some of us will be getting ready to go to Fayetteville to attend the convention. I wish to thank Buddy and Sharon for their work on the video presentation promoting our convention and to Marti for the early registration work that she has done. I will brief you on the convention in Fayetteville at our meetings in July.

"Stay Thirsty my friends". Red Bird sends



Red Bird sends.



!!!!Special Notices!!!!

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify Marti Scott (210-491-2783) anytime you have a change to your address, phone number or e-mail address. If you have recently obtained an internet connection and now have an e-mail address please let us know as it saves our chapter \$\$\$\$\$\$ if we can e-mail you the newsletter and other notices.

We need volunteers to assist with all aspects of the 2013 SFA National Convention which we are hosting here in San Antonio next year. Please step forward and do your part.



Pictures from Canyon Lake Jack Hogue Annual Picnic



Presentation of the SFA Alamo Chapter XV Superior Performance Award Medal by Members Skip Bailey and Dan Hopgood. Presented to Smithson Valley High School Navy JROTC cadet CPO Dylan Klaus on April 19, 2012.



Presentation of the SFA Alamo Chapter XV Superior Performance Award Medal by Member Dan Hopgood. Presented to Seguin High School Navy JROTC Cadet Jesse Salazar on 3 May 2012.



Special Forces 25th Anniversary Celebration at Fort Sam Houston
hosted by Major General Simeon Trombitas



Meeting Minutes---Saturday, June 2, 2012
(20+ members and guests attending)

- 1. Bob Hand: convalescing at home; awaiting hip replacement.**
- 2. Canyon Lake picnic/retreat. I act on behalf of chapter. That's why I was elected. Sometimes there's no time to consult the officers.**
- 3. Reserved 25 cottages. assignment changes. two cottages unoccupied. I gave one for free to a chapter member.**
- 4. Thanks to members that assisted: Tippy, Marti & Ben, Bill, Mike, Lenny and Maria, Pat and Arlene, Dan Fierro (paid for War Wagon tire) Buddy (Bloody Mary's) Mario (shopping) and to all who brought food.**
- 5. Thanks to Lenny for replacing locks for sheds**
- 6. Thanks to Bobby Walker for donating trailer**
- 7. SFA raffle tickets**
- 8. Food for today**
- 9. Cancellation of membership meeting (conflict with VFW)**
- 10. Memorial Day activities: Bobby Walker, food Bill**
- 11. National Convention at Fayetteville: Video shoots: Buddy and Sharon, (John Powell, professional photographer) free services**
- 12, Shirts for Convention (bucket of worms) Fred**
- 13. Fred and I will brief L.G. Speakes after we come back; may ask for money to publish our book. John also working on publisher**
- 14. Fayetteville: Marti, Early registrations, Alex, vendor tables- Alex. Promotional videos- Buddy and Sharon**
- 15. Maverick Plaza for our picnic. looks good. transportation**
- 16. VFW Post 76- will host a soiree: free food, beer \$2, music. Maybe byob. Working on Transportation: Barge. VFW has a connection?**
- 17. Entertainment: me and Mario**
- 18. Hospitality Room: Bill & Juan: need to confirm beverage sponsors. Shiner, Jerry Jochum, Linda**
- 19. Wreath Laying Ceremony: color guard, MC and program?**
- 20. Round Robin**



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>04 Board Meeting 1300 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 Fund Raiser at the Cove 14 Memorial for chapter fallen brothers/spouses, FSH Cemetery, 11:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>12 Board Meeting 13:00 18-20 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake 28 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH * DROP input due <u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>02 Board Meeting 1300 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 National Convention: June 11- 17 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>06 Board Meeting 1300 11 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00 ** fund raiser at Dick's ?? TBA Scholarship Applications Accepted Nominations for Chapter Officers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 11 Veterans Ceremony FSH Election and Scholarship results fund raiser at Dick's ????</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>01 Board Meeting 1300 15 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet, venue:TBA EL TROPICANO HOTEL ON RIVERWALK MERRY CHRISTMAS *No Membership Meeting</p>

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 19:00 on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 18:00 prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300. Changes TBA.



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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and Iced Cold Beer

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The Editor

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"Carry on!"

