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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

02 Convention Meeting 1100 02 Membership Meeting 1300 **10 Drop Input Due** 28 March Board Meeting

March

02 Convention Meeting 1100 02 Membership Meeting 1300 **08-10 Cotulia Hog Cook-off**

April

04 April Board Meeting 06 Convention Meeting 1100 06 Membership Meeting 1300

TBD: Memorial Service for Fallen Brothers/Spouses 1100



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, I want to thank Bill Beall for his support and total dedication to Chapter XV as the Vice President and then President during the past year. Bill resigned as president because he did not feel he could fully support the chapter and its membership due to his job and the distance he resides from San Antonio. Bill will continue to be a vital asset to the chapter and the board as the Assistant Secretary, active member and occupying a key position in supporting the upcoming National Convention.

As your 2013 Chapter XV President, I promise you my full support and total dedication to the Chapter and its membership. My primary goal as your president this year is to enhance camaraderie within the membership, while increasing chapter membership and membership participation.

Our chapter has a lot on its plate this year, with the normal fundraising drives (The Cove and Dick's Last Resort); Camaraderie get-togethers (Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-off, Jack Hogue Picnic, October Fest, and Christmas Banquet). Last, but not least, sponsoring the 2013 SFA National Convention, in June, a major undertaking, requiring a lot of support and team work, which is not uncommon among Special Forces personnel.

The Chapter general membership voted to change the meeting times to Saturdays, for a six-month test period, in hopes of increasing membership attendance at the meetings. Changing the meeting time to 1300 hours on Saturday will enable a lot of our out-of-town personnel to attend our meetings, as well as those personnel having difficulty driving at night. Our next meeting is scheduled on **Saturday**, **February 2**nd. Lunch will be served at 1200 hours; the Convention Committee Meeting will take place at 1100 hours on the same date. Spouses are also encouraged to attend the meetings with the member.

I am also establishing a guest speaker program during the meetings. These presentations will be of special interest to our membership and will last about 15-20 minutes in duration. At the February 2nd meeting our guest speaker is Jeffrey F. Addicott. His biography is in this newsletter. His topic will be <u>National Security Policies</u> of the Obama Administration in the 'War on Terror'.

Please review the minutes from the January Meeting to see what other activities are happening within the chapter. I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on February 2nd.

Chuck Rose President



February Guest Speaker

<u>TOPIC:</u> National Security Policies of the Obama Administration in the "War on Terror"

JEFFREY F. ADDICOTT

Professor Jeffrey F. Addicott is a Distinguished Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas. An active duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for twenty years (he retired in 2000 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel), Professor Addicott spent a quarter of his career as the senior legal advisor to the United States Army's Special Forces. As an internationally recognized authority on national security law Professor Addicott not only lectures and participates in professional and academic organizations both in the United States and abroad (over 600), but he also testifies before Congress on a variety of legal issues. He is also a frequent contributor to national and international news media outlets to include FOX NEWS Channel, MSNBC, CNN, BBC, New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, etc. (over 3,000). Professor Addicott is a prolific author, publishing over 40 books, articles, and monographs on a variety of legal topics. Addicott's most recent book (2011) is titled: Terrorism Law: Cases, Materials, Comments, 6th edition.

Among his many contributions to the field, Professor Addicott pioneered the teaching of law of war and human rights courses to the militaries of numerous nascent democracies in Eastern Europe and Latin America. For these efforts he was awarded the Legion of Merit, named the "Army Judge Advocate of the Year," and honored as a co-recipient of the American Bar Association's Hodson Award. Addicott has served in senior legal positions in Germany, Korea, Panama, and throughout the United States. Professor Addicott holds a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Virginia, School of Law. He also received a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the Army Judge Advocate General's School, where he was the Deputy Director of the International & Operational Law Division, and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Alabama, School of Law. Apart from teaching a variety of courses at the law school to include National Security Law and Terrorism Law, Dr. Addicott served as the Associate Dean for Administration at St. Mary's University School of Law Distinguished Faculty Award."



SFA Chapter XV Membership Meeting

VFW Post 8541, January 10, 2013

President Chuck Rose called the meeting to order at 1900 Hours.

President Rose led the "Pledge of Allegiance"

Invocation by Adan Flores, Chapter chaplain

Moment of Silence for fallen comrades

Chuck welcomed guests and new members:

Guests: Antonio (Tony) Stokely

Steve (last name not available) from Spring Branch, TX

Mark Osborne

Sick or in distress: Bob Hand (recovering from and preparing for surgery)

Old Business:

Minutes of the December meeting are in the last newsletter. Motion to approve made by Bob Walker, second by Henry Jimenez and approved by member vote.

Treasurers' Financial Report distributed to the membership (attached). Motion to accept made by Henry Jimenez and second by Delbert Hayes. Voted and accepted by the members.

Bill Beall reported that the Christmas banquet was a resounding success. It was small by comparison to previous years, but still a wonderful event. Kudos to Mario and all supporting hands for a job well done. The El Tropicano gave us a big \$1,500 break regarding the number of meals ordered versus the number of meals purchased.

The Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-off is March 8-10. The chapter has purchased two spaces and needs a committee chair to lead the event. Look for more information in the February newsletter and at the February membership meeting.

A date in April for the annual memorial for Chapter XV fallen brothers and spouses is to be determined. Bob Walker said the former cemetery director, who was Angie's cousin, had passed away and a new director was on the way in. Bob hopes to meet with the new director and secure a date for the memorial.

Cove fundraiser. Mario reported that the fundraiser was held on a Sunday, but we didn't do so well with bbq plates because they have opened the kitchen on Sundays. Last year it was a lot of work and we made only \$400. Mario will meet with Sam and Lisa to discuss new fund-raising ideas.

Jack Hogue Picnic at Canyon Lake is scheduled for May 17-19. The chair, Bob Hand, was absent due to illness, but Buddy Gee, who has been helping Bob, reported that cottages have been secured and the rate is \$85.00 per night. Bob is looking for volunteers to help with the picnic.

Dick's Last Resort 2012 fundraiser: Fred Solis said this was our seventh year to do the benefit. This year the restaurant is under a new manager and we were paired up with the Wounded Warriors. It really didn't work out as well as past years and we still do not have a firm figure on the funds. The manager is following up on checks that have not come in. We have received \$4,000 from cash, checks and credit cards, but must split with The Wounded Warrior Foundation. It is noted that the bulk of the raffle items were from the Wounded Warriors.

Bob Walker has emailed James Boone (the manager) to request a meeting to plan for the 2013 benefit. Convention Committee Report: Bob Walker briefed the membership on the Convention Committee Meeting held January 8. Minutes attached. Additionally, bus transportation estimates received were a 56 passenger bus costs \$125 per hour with a four-hour minimum. The committee is meeting with the El Tropicano for a deal on rooms as an overflow. Fred cautioned not to overbook rooms, but we are still looking for more.

In November there was discussion of moving meetings to Saturday which was deferred. Len Czarnecki recommended moving to Saturday because people cannot see to drive at night. He proposed the following Saturday schedule and said the VFW Commander would support it. Lenny made a motion that starting in February 2013 we try it for six months. Fred Solis seconded. The motion passed. Chuck said he would inquire with Jesse (the VFW Commander).

NOTE: Subsequently, Chuck found out from the VFW that the meeting room was available the 1st Saturday of every month. The next Membership Meeting will be February 2nd at 13:00 hrs, with lunch being served between 1200 and 1300 hrs. There will be a Convention Committee Meeting at 1100 hrs on the 2nd and all members are welcome to attend.

15 Minute Break

New Business:

Chuck Rose said the February meeting would be moved from Feb 14 to Feb 9. NOTE: The membership meeting will be on February 2 because the meeting room is not available on the second Saturday (Feb 9).

Chuck announced the new Chapter Board of Officers for 2013:

Chuck Rose, president
Bill Smith, vice president
Bob Hand, secretary
Mario Guerra, treasurer
Pat Connolly, sergeant at arms
Buddy Gee, assistant treasurer

BOARD APPOINTEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Membership Secretary –Marti Scott
Assist Secretary/past president – Bill Beall
Assist Sergeant at Arms – Dan Hopgood
Newsletter Editor – Mike Maloy
Chaplains - Rudy Johnson/Adan Flores

Website Master: Scott Sutherland Public Affairs Officer: Buddy Gee

Recruiters: Joe Cavallero/ John Tippy/TBD

COMMITTEE LEADS APPOINTMENTS

SFA Convention: Fred Solis, Chairman Bobby Walker, Assistant Chairman

JROTC Superior Performance Award Medal Program: Dan Hopgood and Henry Jimenez

Scholarship Program: Alex Flores

SFA Convention Motorcycle Ride: John T. McClinton

Cove Fund Raiser: Mario Guerro

Memorial to Fallen Brothers and Spouses: Bobby Walker

Jack Hogue Picnic Canyon Lake: Bob Hand Memorial Day Ceremony: Bobby Walker

4th of July Parade: Bill Beall October Fest VFW: Bill Beall Dick's Last Resort: (TBD)

Nomination Committee: Buddy Gee Tellers Committee: Len Czarnecki Christmas Banquet: Bill Smith

President Rose informed the membership that they had options under the bylaws to accept the appointed board members or to have an election under the rule of "matters of importance." After discussion, Bill Beall made a motion that we should vote no if we did not think it was a matter of importance, or to vote yes if we accepted the appointed board of officers. Bob Walker seconded the motion. The vote carried to accept the appointed board of officers.

Notes from SFA National: A company is selling ammo on line and a portion of the proceeds are being donated to SFA National.

SOC South will be conducting an International Special Operations Competition at Camp Bullis from June 17-28, during our SFA National Convention.

Len Czarnecki expressed some concerns with the bylaws as written. After discussion, Len made a motion to establish a committee and to review and if necessary revise the bylaws. Bill Smith seconded and the motion carried. President Rose agreed to establish a special committee chaired by VP Bill Smith, with Len Czarnecki, Buddy Gee and David Benavides, to review the bylaws and revise if needed; any changes would be voted on during the November Chapter Elections.

Open Forum:

Bill Beall announced there would be two president's messages in the Winter Drop. Mando had written and submitted a message prior to his death and Bill also submitted one.

Henry Jimenez presented artwork for a ceiling tile in memory of Armando Canales for the VFW. (Attached) President Rose announced that VP Bill Smith has agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet during SFA National Convention 2013.

John Edmiston said that work was continuing on the book of the history of Chapter XV.

Bill Beall says thanks for the meal with credit to the cooks. He said \$100 does not really pick up the costs. With lunches in the future due to Saturday afternoon meetings, \$100 may cover the meal costs. Will have to wait and see.

Pat Connolly reported that a Chapter member thought we should have a Special Forces Regimental Flag. He inquired and found the price for a medium flag with fringe is \$780 and battle streamers are an additional \$85. Discussion affirmed that the Chapter does not need a Regimental flag. President Rose will contact National and ask to borrow their Regimental Flag for the Convention.

John McClinton reported on the Convention Motorcycle Ride committee Jan 8 planning meeting. Buddy has produced a flyer that looks good. The ride will be a scenic hill country ride and there will be no rain that day. The ride will go, rain or shine. We are looking at a 6-7 hour ride with options for riders to peel off if they want a shorter ride. There will be on-site registration the day of the ride. We are trying to get the parking lot next to VFW Post 76 (10th and Broadway). Tee Shirts in design stage -- will be tan with Green Beret logos. Starting in February there will be two meetings per month. The next meetings will be Feb 2 and Feb 23 at 1300 hours. President Rose announced that Buddy Gee, as assistant chapter treasurer, has been appointed as the convention treasurer.

John Tippy made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by David Benavides. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Buddy Gee, Recorder/Acting Secretary

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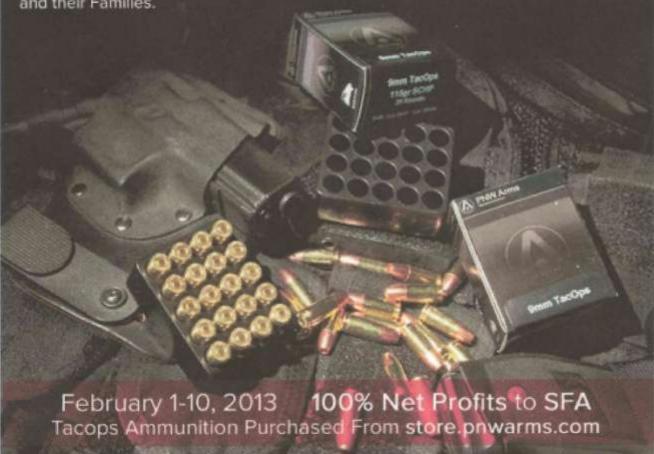


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******Special Notices *****

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 email 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 email you the newsletter and other notices.

Message from Pat Connolly: Re-gifting is good for the Alamo Chapter. Anytime you receive a gift that you can't use or just plain don't like, give it to our SFA Green Beret Chapter XV and we will raffle it off (and if you win the raffle, give it back to us and we'll raffle it off again, as many times as it takes to get rid of it).

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.



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2013 CALENDAR

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|---|--|---|
| 05 Convention Meeting 1100 05 Jan Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 25 Feb Board Meeting 1300 | 02 Convention Meeting 1100 02 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 28 Mar Board Meeting 1300 | 02 Convention Meeting 1100 02 Membership Meeting 1300 08-10 Cotulla Hog Cook-off |
| APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
| 04 Apr Board Meeting 1300 06 Convention Meeting 1100 06 Membership Meeting 1300 TBD Memorial Service 1100 for Fallen brothers/spouses | 04 May Board & 1100 Committee Leads Meeting 10 Drop Input Due 17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic 30 Jun Board Meetin 1300 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 01 Convention Meeting 1100 01 Membership Meeting 1300 22 Jul Board & 1300 Convention Meeting 26-30 National Convention |
| JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
| 04 Fourth of July Parade TBD 06 Committee Leads 1100 06 Mebership Meeting 1300 | 01 Aug Board Meetin 1300 03 Committee Leads 1100 03 Mebership Meeting 1300 29 Sep Board Meet 1300 | 07 Committee Leads 1100 07 Mebership Meeting 1300 |
| OCTOBER NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER |
| 03 Oct Board Meeting 1300 05 Committee Leads 1100 05 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications) TBD Dick's Fund Raiser 31 Nov Board Meeting 1300 | 02 Committee Leads 1100 02 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship Results) 10 Drop Input Due TBD Veterans Day Ceremony | 07 Dec Board & 1100 Committee Leads Meeting 14 Christmas Banquet 1800 & 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. Convention Committee updates with the board will begin at 11:00 hrs on the first Saturday of the month at the VFW. Board Meeting will be held during the week proir to the Membership Meeting.

SFA National Convention 2013

San Antonio, TX
June 26 –30, 2013
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
Hosted by Chapter XV

Registration Form

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

(1-888-421-1442, Group #8220, Special Forces Association)

COST: The full registration is \$135.00

(Includes PICNIC, BANQUET, RECEPTION and HOSPITALITY ROOM)

If you are not to attend all events, please use the Limited Registration section below. Any registration with insufficient funds will be returned to the applicant.

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MAIL TO: SFA Chapter 15 Convention 2013
Attn: Convention Registration

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Sponsor must be an SFA Member in Good Standing to attend the Convention.

| SFA Member Number: | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Name on ID Tag: | Number of Guests: | | |
| Names on Guest(s) ID Tag: | | | |
| Please check if you do want you | ur name listed on the Attendance Roster at the Convention_ | | |
| FULL REGISTRATION | Number of Attendees X \$135.00 = | | |
| | LIMITED REGISTRATION | | |
| Banquet: No. of Attendees | X \$50.00 = | | |
| Picnic: No. of Attendees | _ X \$25.00 = | | |
| Hospitality: No. of Attendees | X \$60.00 = | | |
| Reception: No. of Attendees | FREE | | |
| | TOTAL = | | |
| Convention Chairman: Fred Solis | | | |
| For questions, please call: (210) 854 (210) 826-8023 | 4-5555 EMAIL: sfa.colonel@hotmail.com or Pat Connolly @ | | |

SFA Convention 2013

San Antonio, TX

Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History June 26 - 30, 2013

Schedule of Events

| Date | <u>Time</u> | Event | Special Notes | |
|--|-----------------|--|---|--|
| 26 Jun 13 | 0800 - 1700 | Registration | | |
| (Wednesday) | 1000 - 2400 | Hospitality Room | | |
| | 0900 - 1800 | Vendors | | |
| | 1300 - ???? | Free Time | | |
| | 1800 - 2100 | Opening Reception | | |
| 27 Jun 13 | 0800 - 1700 | Registration | | |
| (Thursday) | | Golf Tournament | POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300 | |
| NBO/Chapter Presidents/Regional Reps Meeting | | | | |
| _ | 0900 - 1800 | Vendors | | |
| | 1000 - 1300 | Hospitality Room | | |
| (Hospitality F | Room will close | e during picnic and re | open after picnic) | |
| | 1400 - 1700 | Texas Style BBQ Picn | nic | |
| | 1600 - 2400 | Hospitality Room | | |
| 28 Jun 13 | 0800 - 1700 | Registration | | |
| (Friday) | 0900 - 1800 | _ | | |
| • | 0900 - 1200 | Annual General Meml | bership Meeting/Guest Speakers | |
| (No Alcohol Served During Meeting) | | | | |
| | 1200 - 2400 | Hospitality Room | | |
| | 1800 - 2100 | VFW Post 76 Hambur | gers/Hot Dogs, \$2.00 Beer | |
| | Mor | e Info to Come via Fly | er in Gift Bag | |
| Free Day Open for Attendees to Tour San Antonio and Surrounding Military Installations | | | | |
| 29 Jun 13 | 0800 - 1400 | Registration | | |
| (Sat) | 0800 - 1200 | Motorcycle Ride | | |
| | 0900 - 1600 | Vendors | | |
| | 0900 - 1000 | SFA Wreath Laying C | Ceremony at The Alamo | |
| | | Hospitality Room | | |
| | 1800 - 1900 | Cocktails and Receiving | ng Line (Ballroom Cash Bar) | |
| | 1900 - 2300 | Banquet/Ballroom (Ca | ash Bar) | |
| 30 Jun 13 | Dawn -1200 | Checkout/Departure | | |
| (Sun) | | Hospitality Room (Co | | |
| | | ve a special rate Break | fast for guests | |
| <u>Hotel</u> | <u>Telephor</u> | | Rate | |
| Hyatt Regency | 1-888-421- | | | |
| (Primary Hotel) | | 220 Special Forces Assn. (Additional Charge for extra guest) | | |
| (Hotel will extend rate 3 days +/-) | | | | |
| Overflow Hotel | : Grand Hyat | t, 600 E. Market St., S | San Antonio, Texas 78205 | |

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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.

1 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 quidance of my God,

I will conquer my fears and succeed.

I will keeps 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

T'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,

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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!"

