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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

November

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

December

- 4 Dec Board Meeting 1300**
- 6 Christmas Banquet 1730
& Installation of Officers**
- NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank Rudy Johnson for all his hard work and dedication in coordinating the Chapter Oktoberfest Celebration. Although I wasn't able to attend, I understand it was an overwhelming success. Great job, Rudy! I also want to thank Fred Solis for all his hard work in coordinating the Chapter's Fund Raising Event at Dick's Last Resort on October 16th. The turnout of chapter members supporting the event was fantastic. Dick's was packed throughout the night, and everything except for two items sold during the silent auction. Dick's staff did a superb job supporting our event, soliciting customers for us off the Riverwalk, and doing what they do best, harassing the customers in a fun way and ensuring everyone is having a good time. I also want to thank John Woodworth and his company for supporting us with sport memorabilia for the auction, and supporting the Chapter throughout the silent auction. There are two events left in 2014. The General Membership Meeting on November 1st starting at 1300 hours and the Christmas Banquet & Installation of 2015 Chapter Officers on December 6th at the El Tropicano Hotel.

Chapter elections for 2015 will conclude at the November Membership Meeting. If you have not turned in your voting ballot, please get it mailed so it will arrive at the Chapter PO Box, by October 31st or bring it to the meeting at the VFW Post on November 1st. Don't forget, we are also voting on whether to accept or reject proposed Chapter By-Laws changes that have been sent to all chapter members for review. A Chapter Ballot is included in this Newsletter. Do not forget to put your SFA Membership Number on the ballot or it will be invalid.

If you, or one of your loved ones, are applying for a Chapter Scholarship, Alex Flores must receive the completed applications no later than November 15th. Individuals selected to receive a scholarship will be awarded the scholarship at the Christmas Banquet.

Tickets for the Christmas Banquet go on sale at the November 1st meeting. Tickets are \$50.00 each. We are expecting a large turnout at the banquet. We only have 120 tickets available, to meet the Fire Marshall's Code for both our Banquet and Hospitality Rooms. If you are unable to attend the November Meeting and want tickets, you can contact either Jerrie Lebleu at 210-872-9985 or Chuck Rose at 210-854-4131 to reserve tickets. If you reserve tickets, then you will pay for them, even if you decide not to attend. More information on the Christmas Banquet is forth-coming.

**Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV**



Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant

The Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant is designed to provide a one-time educational grant of a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500). The number and amount of grants are determined by the chapter Scholarship Selection Committee with the approval of the chapter president. Recipient(s) will be announced at the annual Installation of Officers/Christmas Banquet.

Eligibility:

- 1. Applicant must be an SFA member in good standing, a legal dependent, or a grandchild.**
- 2. A high school graduate or a student anticipating graduation during the school year of application.**
- 3. Grant must be used to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational institution.**
- 4. Eligible applicants must submit the following:**
 - a. A personal letter detailing the applicant's educational plans, career aspirations, and planned use for the grant awarded.**
 - b. Copies of the most recent academic transcripts, SAT scores, and other scholastic achievements.**
 - c. A letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor, or a principal.**
 - d. A summary of extra-curricular activities, non-academic achievements, and hobbies.**
 - e. A copy of the acceptance letter from the institution of higher learning the applicant will attend.**
- 5. Above criteria must be received by the scholarship committee no later than 15 November. Send to:**

**President Chuck Rose
SFA Chapter XV
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 33782
San Antonio TX 78265-3782**

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Special Notice

Beginning 1 October, the 2015 SFA dues are now due and payable.

Dues are due not later than 31 December. Yearly dues are \$30.00 for those members who are current with the SFA. Please make your check payable to “SFA Chapter XV” and you may mail your dues to:

**SFA Chapter XV
P.O. Box 33782
San Antonio, TX 78245**

You also have the option to pay your dues at the next Chapter XV meeting on Saturday, 1 November. Remember, there will not be a Chapter meeting in December as we are having our annual Christmas Banquet and Installation of Chapter Officers in lieu of the meeting.

**Thank you,
Marti Scott**



Oktoberfest 2014



Dick's Last Resort fundraiser pictures will be sent out next week in a special edition as soon as we work out our computer problems. Thank you. The Editor



2014 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>2 Jan Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 4 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 30 Feb Board Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>2 Membership Meeting 1300 2 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 10 Drop Input Due 27 Mar Board Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>1 Membership Meeting 1300 1 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 7-9 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY</u></p> <p>1 May Board Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due 16-18 Jack Hogue Picnic 26 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations All Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>5 Jun Board Meeting 1300 7 Membership Meeting 1300 9-15 National Convention</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>3 Board Meeting 1300 4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 5 Membership Meeting 1300 31 Aug Board Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>2 Membership Meeting 1300 15 Drop Input Due</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>4 Sep Board Meet 1300 6 Membership Meeting 1300 (Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>2 Oct Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 4 Oktoberfest Party 1500 16 Dick's Fund Raiser 1800 1 Nov Board Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>1 Membership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarships) 15 Drop Input Due 14 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 28 Scholarship Results</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>4 Dec Board Meeting 1300 6 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</p>

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

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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

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!"

