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July, 2014

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2 Membership Meeting 1300

September

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

<u>October</u>

- 2 Oct Board Meeting 1300
- 4 Membership Meeting 1300
- 4 Oktoberfest Party 1500
- 16 Dick's Fund Raiser1800
- 1 Nov Board Meeting 1300

This Newsletter contains your new calendar for 2014.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is having a great summer! It's going to be fairly quiet for the next few months. Our next major event will be Okoberfest Celebration which Lenny Czarnecki has agreed to chair and Steve Twining agreed to co-chair. During the general membership meeting, it was voted to conduct this celebration on the day of our October General Membership meeting, however, this is subject to change depending on the response from a survey of our members at our August meeting. We'll keep you advised. We will finalize the date of the event at the next General Membership Meeting on August 2nd.

As I mentioned earlier, our chapter's major fund raising event is scheduled for October 16th from 6 -9 PM at Dick's Last Resort on the Riverwalk. Fred Solis is chairing this event again this year. He is asking for donations for silent auction items and manpower to help during the event. We have 300 tickets available for sale, at \$25.00 each, which include a buffet, well-drinks, live music and dancing. You can't beat this price anywhere along the Riverwalk. I am asking all of our members to sell 10 tickets each to family and friends to assist the chapter in raising money for our charities. Fred is conducting a planning meeting for this event at 12:00 PM on August 2nd an hour prior to our general membership meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

I hope to see everyone at the August General Membership 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.

<u>SFA Chapter XV Nomination Process for Election of the 2015</u> <u>Officer Sequence of Events</u>

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.

- <u>Aug. 2014 Meeting</u> 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.
- <u>Oct. 2014 Meeting</u> 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 <u>November Membership</u> Meeting in order to be validated and counted



Alamo Alamo Chapter XV member Bobby Walker is presented with the SFA National Silver Saint Philip Neri Award by Chapter President Chuck Rose on 12 July 2014.





Alamo Alamo Chapter XV newsletter editor, <u>Mike Maloy is presented with the SFA Golden</u> <u>Quill Award for the 3rd year in a row for</u> <u>outstanding newsletter. Mike has been editor of</u> <u>the newsletter since October 2009.</u> <u>Presenting the plaque to Mike is Chapter</u> <u>President Chuck Rose on 12 July 2014.</u>





| 2014 CALENDAR | | |
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| <u>JANUARY</u> | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
| 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 |
| APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
| 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 | May Board Meeting 1300 Drop Input Due 16-18 Jack Hogue Picnic Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations All Month NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 5 Jun Board Meeting 1300 7 Membership Meeting 1300 9-15 National Convention |
| JULY | AUGUST | <u>SEPTEMBER</u> |
| 3Board Meeting13004Fourth of July ParadeTBD5Membership Meeting130031Aug Board Meeting1300 | 2 Membership Meeting 1300 | 4 Sep Board Meet 1300 6 Membership Meeting 1300 (Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications) |
| <u>OCTOBER</u> | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
| 2 Oct Board Meeting 1300 4 Membership Meeting 1300 4 Oktoberfest Party 1500 TBD Dick's Fund Raiser 1800 1 Nov Board Meeting 1300 | Membership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarships) Drop Input Due Veterans Day Cerem 1000 Scholarship Results | 4 Dec Board Meeting 1300 6 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING |
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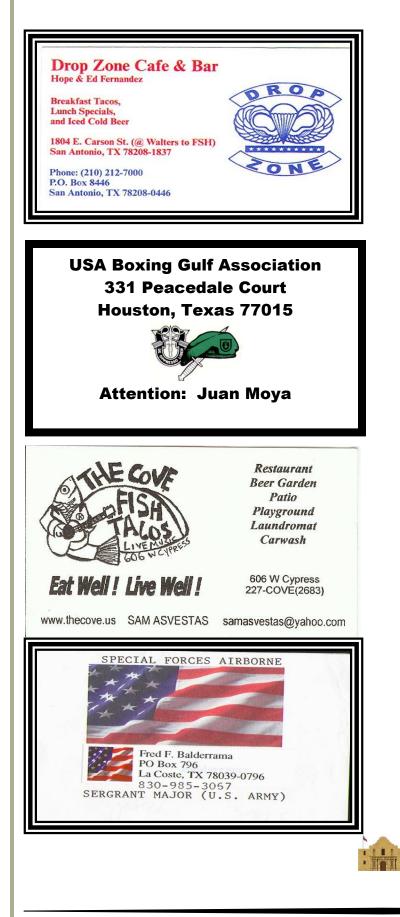
All Chapter Meeting unless announce otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month. A meal will be served at 12:00 to 1:00 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1300 hrs.

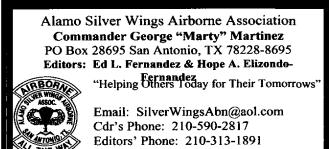
Special Forces Creed I am an American Special Forces Soldier. A professional! I will do all that my nation requires of me. I am a volunteer, knowing well the hazards of my profession. I serve with the memory of those who have gone before me: Roger's Rangers, Francis Marion, Mosby's Rangers, the 1st Special 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. 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

I've lifted my glass and drank my fill, Gf 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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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 <u>Chinook501@aol.com</u>, or mail them to Chapter President Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

