



# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

## *The Alamo Chapter*

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Canyon Lake Picnic: Raul de la Garza  
Dick's Fund Raiser: Fred Solis  
Christmas Banquet: Bill Smith  
Budget Committee: Buddy Gee  
Chapter Memorial Svc: JW Martin

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 6 — Board Meeting (postponed from June 29)**

1100 - VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin Highway

**July 8 — Membership Meeting (postponed from July 1)**

1200 - Meal served (pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad)

1300-Business Meeting (and Drawing for AR-15 and Glock)



**Note: DATE OF DICK'S LAST RESORT FUNDRAISER IS CHANGED TO SEPT. 21**

## DON'T FORGET



**R.I.P. Mike Maloy**  
Aug. 4, 1947 - June 19, 2017

Mike was an Honorary Member of Chapter XV and award-winning editor of this newsletter for many years.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Aug. 4 (Mike's birthday.) See more notes about him in President's Message, p. 2, and In Memoriam, P. 6.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## President Sends:

Our Membership meeting is set for 8 July at the VFW. The board meeting will be at 1100 on Thursday 6 July.

We lost a great member of the Chapter this past month and he will be forever remembered. Mike Maloy has been a big part of our Chapter. Mike received many awards for doing our newsletter over the last several years. Choir practice on Sundays at the VFW will not be the same. As soon as I get further information on funeral services I will get it out. The services are tentatively set for 4 August.



I, along with other chapter members, attended the National SFA Convention in Fayetteville. It was a good time and a large turn-out. The main focus of the meetings during the convention was the recovery of the National HQ. As everyone knows there was a significant loss and damage to national. The HQ is functional and they are slowly getting it back to normal. The team house is not done and will cost a significant amount of money. They are looking at doing things in phases. As it stands now they are going to fix the pavilion first. I will keep everyone posted as I get the information.

If you have any rifle tickets and money, be sure to bring them to this meeting or get them to me prior. We will draw at the meeting.

Dick's Last Resort fundraiser is set for 21 September. I will have the tickets at the meeting. Fred needs donation items for the silent auction. If you have anything or know of someone who does, please get it to Fred or myself as soon as possible. This event is coming up quick.

Until the Memberhip Meeting I hope everyone stays safe and has a great remainder of the month. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me.

*presidentchapterxv@gmail.com*

William Smith  
Chapter XV President



## \$\$\$ DOLLARS AND CENTS

### Treasurer's Report, June 2017

Expenses for June were abnormally high.

In accordance with Chapter by laws, the president received \$750 to help defray expenses to attend the SFA National Conference in Fayetteville; Bob Hand's memorial plaque was \$45, and the Chapter donated \$120 in his memory for a post-funeral gathering with his family.

\$100 was donated IMO Steve Stone's wife Karen with Chapter 38. Steve is our Webmaster and designer of the Alamo Chapter web site. Raul purchased a \$450 resupply of merchandise ... Come early to the next membership meeting and get the best selections from his new line of inventory (shirts and hats).

A tip of the beret goes to Chapter member John Rodden for a generous donation. Thank you, John.

Raul and Gordon sold \$150 in merchandise and collected \$140 for door prize drawings at the June meeting. Rudy Johnson, Bob Walker and Chuck Rose all made good on their pledges to host a noon meal. Thanks, guys!

Buddy Gee  
Chapter XV Treasurer  
*sgmgee@aol.com*

# Minutes of June 3 Meeting

## Chapter Meeting Date: 03 June 2017

The meeting was called to order by President **William Smith** at 1300 hrs. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance. **Rudy Johnson** gave the invocation. A moment of silence for fallen comrades and POW's was held.

**William Smith** welcomed new members/associate members and guests to the Chapter.

**SGM Chris Marshal**, AMEDD Center

**Bill Neuiszer** SGM, (retired)

**Pat Meffert** (retired)

**Rolando Garza** (retired)

**Vincent Trevino** (retired)

**Earline Turner** (Sam Turner's wife)

**Penny Hand** was presented a plaque in honor of **Bob Hand**

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Treasurer's Report:** **Buddy Gee** presented the monthly & Canyon Lake budget reports to Ch XV members and it was approved as read.

**Website update:** **Steve Stone** from Ft Campbell assisting with development. Project is delayed due to unexpected death of Steve's wife.

**Membership Report:** presented by **Marti Scott**, is currently at 186 members.

**Canyon Lake Picnic:** **Raul De La Garza**, went well, stayed within budget.

**Christmas Banquet:** **Bill Smith**, scheduled for Saturday, 09 Dec 2017, tickets go on sale in July.

**National Convention:** Starts in two weeks.

**Gun Donation:** 80 tickets remaining, drawing in July.

**Dick's Last Resort:** Thursday, 21 Sept 2017, 6pm-9pm, \$30.00 per ticket.

**Motorcycle Ride:** **Gordon Lee**, we are looking at late October 2017 time frame, live shoot option, still looking for prize donations, shooting range TBD.

## NEW BUSINESS:

a. **JROTC awards:** **Jose Campos & Dan Hopgood**, 30 high school cadets received awards.

b. **Mini Convention:** Will not be happening this year.

c. **Election Slating:** Starts in July, ends in November.

d. **Open Discussion**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Juan A. Lopez, D-8306  
SFA Chapter XV Secretary



(L to R) Vince Trevino with Ed Morales and Bobby Walker; Penny Hand with Bob's plaque; Sim Trombitas speaking about Bob Hand; Ben Scott wins a door prize.

## In Memoriam

*Reprinted from the Web site of China Post 1 (Chinapost1.org) with permission of Commander Ron Burkett, a member of Chapter XV.*

### Michael R. 'Hooker' Maloy

A long time China Post 1 member Mike Maloy passed away in San Antonio, Texas June 19, 2017. Mike has been a long time China Post 1 Dragon Rider and member of Chapter XV of the Special Forces Association. He has been a good friend to many people in this organization and will be missed.

Mike had an immoderate sense of humor and may hold the distinction of being the only China Post 1 member to have been conceived in the American Club in Shanghai, China, before its closing in 1949. The following is an email from Mike to the former Director of the Dragon Riders and current CP 01 Commander.

Ron,

*Thanks for the link to China Post #1. This is the first time I noticed the "History" tab and I really enjoyed reading the entire thing.*

*You may recall, I was born in Nanking (now pronounced*

*Nanjing), China in 1947. My mom and dad were both there from 1944 until sometime in mid 1948. Mom worked for the US State Dept. and Dad was a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Force as a night fighter pilot flying P-61's. They met in Nanking in 1945, got married in November 1946, honeymooned in Shanghai, and I was born exactly 270 days (that's 9 months) later in August 1947.*

*My dad stayed in the Air Force and retired as Major General in 1975. He also flew F-4 Phantoms in Vietnam in 1967 and was shot down over North Vietnam and rescued by Jolly Green in October of 1967. Dad died of cancer in 1995. I remember him saying he and Mom visited the American Club in Shanghai while on their honeymoon so there is a very good chance I began life at the home of China Post #1, The American Club, in Shanghai in*



*November of 1946.*

*I joined China Post #1 as soon as I heard about it in 1998, from some friends who, like me, were also pilots in S.E.A. Sorry to be so long winded but I thought you might enjoy hearing the background on my CP#1 membership.*

*Look forward to seeing you at the SFA Christmas Banquet next month.*

*Mike*

## Member News

### New book will detail escapades of Chapter XV's Vito Cellini



British author J. Michael Hand has spent two years interviewing, traveling with and verifying the stories of 94-year-old Vito Cellini for a book to be published this year. It is "the biography of a soldier, guerilla fighter, secret agent and weapons inventor," according to advance materials.

Cellini, a long-time member of Chapter XV, is inventor of the Cellini Suppressor, a muzzle brake weapons system used by U.S. Special Forces and law enforcement agencies, among other inventions. He holds 19 U.S. patents.

# SFA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Our Guys at the Conference

The 2017 International Conference was held in Fayetteville, N.C., "where it all began" 65 years ago. The theme was *"Unconventional Warriors: The Mission Continues"* and included briefings on current strategies, tactics and operational concepts.

Members of Chapter XV attending the confab were President Bill Smith, seen at left in the hospitality room with Bobby Walker and their old friend Don Blue.

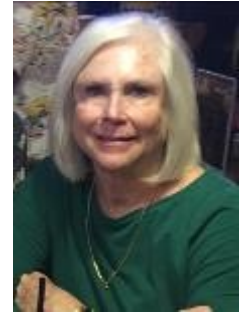
Photos below are from the concluding banquet. (L to R) Toby and Linda Todd, Bill and Tanya Smith, Barry and Iris Archer, Jerrie LeBleu and husband Pete Morakan.



# From Membership Secretary

## Late Dues Notice

If you are not, or have not received any commo from Chapter XV or are not receiving your Copy of THE DROP .... WELL, that's your first warning sign that you are not current with your Annual Dues with the Special Forces Association.



Remember that annual fees are \$40 (member in good standing) and are due NLT December 31 of each year.

It could also mean that you have not kept the Chapter current of your new email address (we do not have a glass ball). Also, any other information regarding your mailing address/phone number.

PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY CHANGES YOU MAY HAVE THAT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF AT THIS TIME.

Annual Member Dues are \$45 for reinstatement and should be mailed to:

SFA Chapter XV  
P.O. Box 33782  
San Antonio, TX 78265.

For email, mailing address, phone number changes, etc: [oneangeLFL@hotmail.com](mailto:oneangeLFL@hotmail.com) or [sgmgee@aol.com](mailto:sgmgee@aol.com)

We'll be glad to get you back in the loop with commo! THANKS!

**Marsha Scott**



## Forgotten Warrior:

A Moment in Time

A Military Science Fiction novel by SFA member Glenn A. Barnes (M9559)



- US Army Ranger Mark Chandler tries to cheat death and end up 500 years in the future. Is he ready for the 26<sup>th</sup> century...is the 26<sup>th</sup> century ready for a Ranger?
- 5 stars Amazon.com
- Reviews:
  - Fast paced tale of a man out of his element slowly finding familiar links to grow back into his element. Enough medical realism to allow for that thread of possibility. Fun read.
  - OUTSTANDING BOOK GLENN !! I cant wait for the next book in the series. I enjoyed the detail of each aspect of this rangers journey. Along with what must have been hours of research describing the multitude of equipment and new environments your corrcor encounters. RLW !! I look forward to the next one.
  - <https://www.amazon.com/dp/15202272995>

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# Remembering Bob

R.I.P.

**Robert 'Bob' Hand**

Sept. 23, 1945 - May 14, 2017



SF brothers and other friends bid farewell to Bob Hand at a graveside service with full military honors. In the photos below, 1) Army representative presents flag to Bob's widow, Penny Hand, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. 2) Bob's son reads a tribute to his father. 3) Penny receives a plaque from Chapter XV Vice President Barry Archer at post-ceremony reception. 4) Members drink a toast to Bob at VFW Post 8541: (l to r) Buddy Gee, Henry Jimenez, John Tippy, Bill Beall and Arnulfo Vasquez.





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## FYI ...

### SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 15

Operation Game Thief Shootout, Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> at the National Shooting Complex, 5931 Roft Road, San Antonio, TX 78253



Registration starts at 0730 and shoot starts at 0900. Register at [ogtx.org](http://ogtx.org)

Or call 512-389-4628

### China Post 1 Reunion

The 2017 Reunion of China Post 1, American Legion, will be 21-24 Sept. at Westgate Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Register by Aug. 31.

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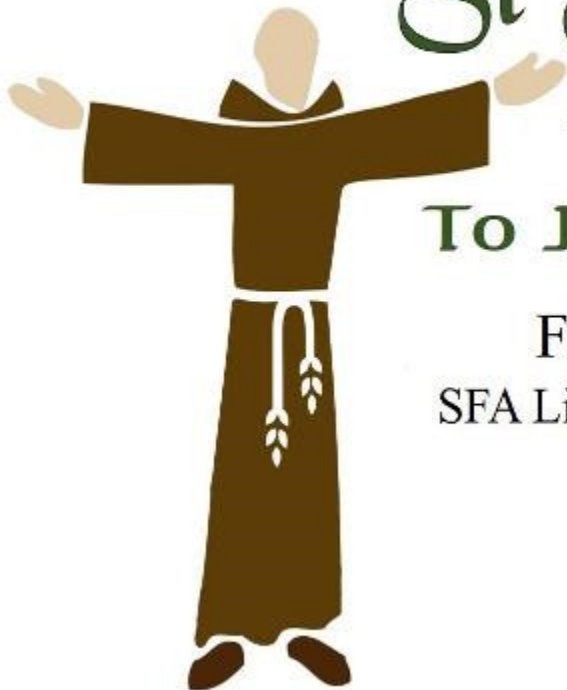
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# CSM (Ret.) Bill Smith still plays leading roles



William E. “Bill” Smith has worn many hats in his 32-year career. In left photo, he is seen with Afghan soldiers after clearing a village with French SOF in Afghanistan. Photos below show his earlier service with 82nd Airborne in Italy, and as a rookie patrolman with SAPD.



weapons sergeant (7<sup>th</sup> Group) until 1993, with combat assignments in Panama and Afghanistan.

During the next two years, he went on Army Reserve duty, joined the San Antonio Police Department and enrolled for courses at San Antonio College.

Bill had immediate success as a rookie patrol officer, apprehending three murder suspects during a South Side operation. “They were in a blue Grand Am,” he recalls, and “all three got 80 years.” Many police chases, apprehensions and training duties later, he retired from SAPD as a Patrol Sergeant in 2016.

He progressed to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant and Sergeant Major in the Reserves, returning to active duty for tours in Iraq (5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group) and later Afghanistan (3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Groups). He was Command Sergeant Major of C Co, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 19<sup>th</sup> SFG, Texas National Guard and then CSM, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 19<sup>th</sup> SF, Utah National Guard. From 2011 to his retirement in 2015, he was CSM of the 636<sup>th</sup> MI Bn, Texas National Guard.

Meanwhile, he picked up bachelor’s and master’s degrees -- and received certifications in dozens of law enforcement and military specialties. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice at Wayland Baptist University.

Bill is married to Than Van, a radiologist at UT Health Science San Antonio. He is the father of three children.



**H**e’s been a Green Beret. He’s been a cop. He’s been a teacher, a trainer, a mentor. But during all those parts of a 32-year career, he’s always been a leader.

That’s William E. “Bill” Smith, president of SFA Chapter XV and new Commander of VFW Post 8541 in San Antonio.

In his newest leadership role, Bill hopes to “clean up and fix up” the physical premises of the VFW post home and set its financial house in order. It’s a tall order, but now retired from his police and military duties, he is lining up troops to get the job done.

For the past three years, he has led the Alamo Chapter in recruiting more (and younger) members, increasing its charitable contributions, sponsoring many activities and maintaining a spirit of cooperation and camaraderie. “Building that bridge” between different generations of SF veterans has been his overriding goal.

Bill first discovered his taste for “adrenaline” as an airborne infantryman in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division (1983 to 1988.) He remained on active duty as a Special Forces

# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

## 2017 CALENDAR

<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>	<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH</u></b>
5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300	2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Membership Meeting 1200 40th Anniv celebration 1300  15 Drop Input Due	7 Board Meeting 1300 <del>4 Membership Meeting 1300</del> 10-12 Cotulla Hog Cook-off  30 Apr Board Meeting 1400
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	<b><u>MAY</u></b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
1 Membership Meeting 1300 1 Chpt Memorial Service 1000  JROTC Presentations TBD	4 Board Meeting 1400 15 Drop Input Due 19-20 Jack Hogue Picnic 29 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations TBD <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	1 Board Meeting 1400 3 Membership Meeting 1300 12-17 National Convention JROTC Presentations TBD
<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>
4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 6 Board Meeting 1100 8 Membership Meeting 1300	3 Board Meeting 1400 5 Membership Meeting 1300  15 Drop Input Due	7 Board Meeting 1400 9 Membership Meeting 1300 (Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)  21 Dick's Fund Raiser
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>
5 Oct Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300  TBD Motorcycle Ride	2 Board Meeting 1400 4 Membership Meeting 1300 (Election) 11 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 15 Drop Input Due  28 Scholarship Results	7 Dec Board Meeting 1400 9 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers  <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>

**All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1300 hrs on the first Saturday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the calendar). A meal will be served at 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday prior to the Membership Meeting at 1400 hours unless announced otherwise.**

### ***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.A. 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 watched 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*

## **RECUERDO (REMEMBRANCE)**

**I sing of one who would remain unsung,  
whose name would fade like tracks upon the  
sand. For him no bells were ordered to be  
rung; no banners lowered by a grieving  
land. No bugles blew the moment that he  
expired; no clock was stopped to fix the final  
hour; no doors were draped in black, no  
cannons fired. These are the rites of men of  
rank and power.**

**But still I sing of him with mounting pride,  
who seized the challenge with uncommon  
heart then ran the course with firm  
unfaltering stride to reach the mark  
determined from the start.**

**The measure of a man who runs the race —  
lies in his distance from the starting place.**

**Anonymous**



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## Calendar of Significant Special Forces Events

20-23 SEPT 2017 5th Special Forces (Airborne) Group Reunion  
Country Inn and Suites, Fort Campbell, KY  
POC: <http://www.sfa38.org>

12-16 JUNE 2018 Special Forces Association International Conference 2018  
Hotel Paseo del Norte, El Paso, TX  
POC: <http://sfa2018elpaso.blogspot.com>

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**The Editors**



**"Carry on!"**