



# GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

*The Alamo Chapter*

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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

### October

- 2 Oct Board Meeting 1300
- 4 Membership Meeting 1300
- 4 Oktoberfest Party 1500
- 16 Dick's Fund Raiser 1800
- 1 Nov Board Meeting 1300

### November

- 1 Membership Meeting 1300  
(Election and Scholarships)
- 10 Drop Input Due
- 11 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**

We have only a few more Chapter events left in this calendar year:

Chapter Meeting / Oktoberfest Celebration - October 4<sup>th</sup> at VFW (12 -3pm)  
Dick's Last Resort Annual Fund Raiser - October 16<sup>th</sup> - at Dick's (6 - 9pm)  
Chapter Elections ballots due back by November 1st  
Chapter Meeting - Chapter Meeting at VFW (1-2:30pm)  
Veterans Day Service at FSH Cemetery - November 11th  
Scholarship Applications received by Alex Flores -November 15th  
Christmas Banquet and Installation of Officers - December 6<sup>th</sup>

Please put these events on your calendar and try to attend them, if at all possible. Rudy Johnson has done a tremendous job of coordinating the Oktoberfest Celebration, with authentic German band, dancers and food. Remember he needs a head-count for the food, so if you are bringing your spouse and loved ones to the event please let Rudy know at (210) 296-5475. The Chapter Meeting will be a short one and start at 12pm and celebration will be conducted from 1-3pm.

October 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual fund raising event, at Dick's Last Resort, from 6 - 9 PM. This year Dick's is going all out for us in supporting this event. Fred Solis has coordinated a phenomenal event for the chapter. For \$25.00 you get all the food, bar drinks, live music and dancing, door prizes and a silent auction, which will be second to none, that John Woodward is coordinating along with Pat Connolly and Dick's Resort. You don't want to miss this event. Yes, there will be several firearms being auctioned off during this event.

October is election month for the 2015 Chapter Officers. A copy of the ballot is attached in this newsletter. Please fill it in and place it in an envelope. Then either mail it in or bring it to either the October or November Meeting. Newly elected Chapter officers for 2015 will be announced at the November membership meeting and installed at the Christmas Banquet. This is your chapter and your officers that run the organization. Your vote counts, so please vote! Don't forget to put your SFA Membership # on the ballot or it will be invalid.

The Chapter Scholarship Request Form is also attached to this newsletter. If you have someone applying for a Chapter Scholarship this year, they will need the completed form and have all documentation to Committee Chair, Alex (Godfather) Flores, NLT November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to the membership for all of their help and their participation. We have one of the biggest and best Chapters in the country. Thank you for all your support!

**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.**

**SFA Chapter XV Nomination Process for Election of the 2015 Officer Sequence of Events**

- 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.
- Aug. 2014 Meeting** - 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.
- Oct. 2014 Meeting** - 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 November Membership Meeting in order to be validated and counted



**SFA Alamo Chapter XV 2015 Ballot**

PRESIDENT: William (Bill) Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Toby Todd \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

VICE-PRESIDENT: Barry Archer \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY: Juan Lopez \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Francisco \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: John McClinton \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER: Tony Stokely \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Buddy Gee \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Fierro \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

SGT. at Arms : Raul DeLa Garza \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT SGT. at ARMS: Gordon Lee \_\_\_\_\_ Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

\*SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ \*PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ \*No. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*REQUIRED TO VALIDATE YOUR VOTE**

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ALSO PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER BY-LAWS

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

\*SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ \*No. \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE RETURNED NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2014 TO:**

SFA, Chapter XV  
ATTN: Teller Committee  
P.O. Box 33782  
San Antonio, Texas 78265



## **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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## 2014 CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JANUARY</u></b></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;"><b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b></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;"><b><u>MARCH</u></b></p> <p>1 Membership Meeting 1300            1 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500            7-9 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>APRIL</u></b></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;"><b><u>MAY</u></b></p> <p>1 May Board Meeting 1300            10 Drop Input Due            16-18 Jack Hogue Picnic            26 Memorial Day Serv 0930            JROTC Presentations All Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JUNE</u></b></p> <p>5 Jun Board Meeting 1300            7 Membership Meeting 1300            9-15 National Convention</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JULY</u></b></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;"><b><u>AUGUST</u></b></p> <p>2 Membership Meeting 1300</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b></p> <p>4 Sep Board Meet 1300            6 Membership Meeting 1300                (Nomination of Officers &amp;                Scholarship Applications)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b></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;"><b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b></p> <p>1 Membership Meeting 1300                (Election and Scholarships)            10 Drop Input Due            10 Veterans Day Cerem 1000            28 Scholarship Results</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DECEMBER</u></b></p> <p>4 Dec Board Meeting 1300            6 Christmas Banquet 1730                &amp; Installation of Officers</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b></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*



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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](mailto: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!"**

