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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

1 May Board Meeting 1300
15 Drop Input Due
16-18 Jack Hogue Picnic
26 Memorial Day Serv 0930
JROTC Presentations All Month
No Membership Meeting in May

JUNE

5 Jun Board Meeting 1300
7 Membership Meeting 1300
9-15 National Convention

July

3 Board Meeting 1300
4 Fourth of July Parade TBD
5 Membership Meeting 1300
31 Aug Board Meeting 1300

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is no general membership meeting in May, because of the Canyon Lake Picnic on 16-18 May. There will be a short meeting at Canyon Lake on Saturday, May 17th, at 1300 hrs, to welcome attendees from the other Texas and Oklahoma Chapters, and to show our appreciation to everyone who has supported the weekend festivities. There are still a few trailers available. You need to contact Bob Hand at 210-336-1102 and let him know you want a trailer before he turns them back to the Recreational Center for public use.

I want to thank Gordon Lee and the membership who supported the first Chapter Motorcycle Combat Challenge Ride on April 18th. Though the turnout of riders was a lot less than we expected, the event was an overwhelming success to those who did participate, and vowed to return next year, but with fellow riders. The Motorcycle Committee worked extremely hard in planning this event, and everything happened as planned. However, next year the chapter won't plan to conduct it on Easter Weekend, which contributed to the low turnout.

I hope to see everyone at Canyon Lake on May 16 through 18. Even if you can't come out for the entire weekend, bring the family on Saturday and enjoy some great food and camaraderie.

**Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV**



SFA Chapter XV Chapter XV takes on sponsorship of the Roy Benavides Elementary School in South San Antonio.



Picture showing The South San Antonio ISD presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Chapter XV for its contributions to Roy Benavidez Elementary School April 16, 2014. Principal Orosco is pictured to the right of SFA member Steve Twining along with two of her faculty. Others in the picture are the school board members.

Steve Twining is heading up a group of Chapter XV members, including but not limited to Raul De La Garza, Barry Archer, Bill Beall, Mike Maloy and others who are hard at work supporting this elementary school named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Roy Benavides. Steve Twining has scheduled a May 23 static display of The Chief and another immaculately restored Army Jeep. Steve and other Chapter XV members will be at the school all morning to talk to the students and answer their questions about Green Beret Special Forces and about the vehicles. If you would like to participate please contact Steve Twining.

See below for info about the school:

Denise Orosco, Principal
Roy Benavidez Elementary School
8340 S. IH 35, San Antonio, TX, 78224-1305

April 12, 2014 SFA Ch. XV members gathered at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery to remember our fallen brothers and their spouses.





**Special thanks to
Henry Jimenez
for taking all of
these great
photos.**

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 10 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</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 TBD 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) 10 Drop Input Due 10 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 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



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and Iced Cold Beer

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"Carry on!"

