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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

08 Board Meeting 1300
13 Membership Meeting 1900,
Meal: 1800
Fund raiser at Dick's on Nov. 15th
Scholarship Applications Accepted
Nominations for Chapter Officers
Happy Halloween

NOVEMBER

05 Board Meeting 1300
10 Membership Meeting 1900
Meal: 1800
10 Drop Input Due
11 Veterans Ceremony FSH
Election and Scholarship results
15 Fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort
Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Veteran's Day

DECEMBER

03 Board Meeting 1300
17 Installation of Officers and
Christmas Banquet at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk
*No Membership Meeting
MERRY CHRISTMAS



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been out of the AO for a while due to personal reasons and SF events and it's good to be back. Our board meeting on October 8th was well attended and pertinent information was discussed. We also commemorated chapter member Ramon Gaytan's "million dollar combat wound that allowed him to be evacuated from Viet-Nam in 1968. Ray set up the bar for several rounds of libations; thanks bud!

Chapter member and acting Quatermanster for VFW Post 8541 Adan Flores, briefed us on the financial difficulties of the VFW Post. He stated that the Post is in arrears for thousands of dollars and the possibility exists that it may be forced to cease operations. Although we have heard similar reports in the past, this sounds more substantial and it presents a situation where we may have to look for another venue in which to hold our meetings and other chapter functions. For certain, we will be renting a storage space and transfer all our chapter belongings next week. We were actually going to rent a space before Convention 2013 so this situation with the post just gives us an impetus to do so now. I will of course keep you apprised of all changes as they occur.

On another note, for some time now, a few chapter members have been discussing the idea of procuring a permanent "safe house" for our chapter. This will entail finding a suitable parcel of land and build a pre-fab building, or purchase a double wide mobile home in which we can display our chapter artifacts and hold other chapter functions. If anyone knows of a plot of land that may be available, please contact CSM Bill Smith, The Godfather, Mike Maloy or Smitty. These members compose the Ad Hoc committee involved in this venture. The following are a list of functions/events that involve our chapter:

1. Veteran's Day Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery on November 11, 2013. Assembly time is 0930 under the blue canopy in the back area of the cemetery (same road as the new Administration Building). Attire: Green Beret and black trousers or appropriate civilian clothes.
2. Dick's Last Resort Fund Raiser on November 15, 2013. Tickets are now available from Bobby Walker and Bill Beall. The tickets are \$25 dollars for all you can eat buffet, bar drinks and live music. We will also have a Silent Auction and we are asking for donations of suitable items for the auction. Come and support the chapter!
3. Installation of officers and Christmas Banquet at the El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk on December 17, 2011. The number to call for reservations is (877) 214-9768 or go on line at www.eltropicanohotel.com. More information on this event will be provided next month.
4. National Convention 2013: our chapter is hosting the convention on June 26-July 02 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on the River. Room rates are: \$106 per night. The reservation number is: 1-888-421-1442. We expect a huge crowd so it would be wise to reserve your room asap.

That's enough for now! Until we meet again, Happy Trails to all of you; stay thirsty my friends. **Red Bird sends**



Red Bird sends.



!!!!Special Notices!!!!

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify Bob Hand (830-609-1918) or Marti Scott (210-491-2783) anytime you have a change to your address, phone number or e-mail address. If you have recently obtained an internet connection and now have an e-mail address please let us know as it saves our chapter \$\$\$\$\$\$ if we can e-mail you the newsletter and other notices.

For those who are annual members, it is time to renew your membership for 2012. Please send your check made out to Chapter XV and note it is for your annual dues. Dues MUST be received before 31 December 2011. IF you send your dues to National directly (we prefer you send your dues to the Chapter so we may get our rebate for it), PLEASE note on the bottom it is for Annual Dues with Chapter XV so that we will get credit for our rebate from National. As always if you have any questions or issues, let me know. You may contact me via email at: oneangeLfl@hotmail.com or by telephone (210) 849-1242. Thank you.

Marti Scott, Membership Chairperson

John Edmiston, writer for the Chapter XV Special Forces book, is seeking photos, letters and other memorabilia from our Chapter XV members' time on duty. Please gather these items to be included in the SF book. You can scan them yourself or he will have them scanned and originals will be returned. Documents of your service would also be appreciated.

As to letters, they can be letters from family or wives and girl friends. If you kept 'Dear John' letters, he'd like to include those as well. You may contact John at his email address: jedmiston52340@satx.rr.com



Board Meeting Minutes----Saturday, September 3, 2011

1. 1300 hrs. President starts board meeting... 17 people present. Scotty brings pizza for everyone.
2. Mando thanks everyone for the support & prayers for his brother who passed away. AC had 2 tours of duty in Vietnam and was buried at Fort Sam. He had suffered a long time and was ready to go said Mando. God Bless.
3. No pre-convention meeting today because Fred was dealing with a hacker who hacked into office computers.
4. Mando reports that Lance Hines may re-join our association.
5. Chapter Coins are in and our association is making a nice profit (close to \$3,000) to be used for start-up money for the 2013 Convention in San Antonio. Thanks go out to Henry, who also paid \$400 for his coin today.
6. Scotty reports the Chapter XV newsletters that we mail to those without computers will continue somehow. The cost to print and mail is significant, but Mando said we will find a way. Donations always accepted.
7. Jumping Joe is no longer associated with our chapter.
8. Nominations for chapter officers are coming up and Mando has asked present officers to continue through the 2013 Convention to have continuity. Of course, voting will still take place.
9. Nominations for Educational Fund are also coming up and Alex is in charge. Lenny has criteria for anyone interested.
10. John Graw made a \$500 donation for the 2013 Convention.
11. Bank of America on post at Fort Sam is now a civilian bank, no longer a military bank.
12. Tuesday evening, November 15 will be our fundraiser at Dick's Last Resort. We need good items for silent auction. See Mando for more info.
13. We have secured Assembly Hall for 2013 Convention. It can accommodate over 1,000 people and is within walking distance of our Convention Hotel.
14. More Convention news: Pat Connolly is heading up the golf tourney. The shooting venue has been lined up. We need beer sponsors! Beall suggests a brewery tour to several establishments in the greater San Antonio area. Mando said we may have a short pre-convention meeting before next week's Cajun Fest. Liquor by the half-gallon is already being stockpiled by the Chapter for the convention, thanks to donations by John Tippy, Dan Fierro, and several others.
15. Texas Drivers Licenses will soon be marked with a special designation for Veterans. This will be simpler than carrying a copy of your DD214.
16. Cajun Fest chow line to open at 12 noon on Sept. 10 at the VFW. Chapter will donate to the VFW Men's Auxiliary. Lenny makes a motion to donate \$250 and it is 2nd by Beall and passed by show of hands. Colin is donating his time in the kitchen. No outside drinks... we will purchase from VFW.
17. Drive by Flu Shots available at Audie Murphy VA Hospital on Sept 24, from 8am till 2pm. Also on October 15 at same times. No need to get out of your vehicle... truly a drive-by operation.
18. Awards Medals for Junior ROTC. Dan H. is paying for 15 medals.

OPEN FORUM

- Beall suggest offering SF rings for sale at our convention to make a profit for chapter. He shows a ring design that could be used. Discussion... voted no by members present.
- John Edmiston, who is writing a book on our Chapter, asks for love letters, etc. from Vietnam and other wars. Also would like to have maps, photos, or anything personal from chapter member's war experiences. He is still conducting interviews if interested in sharing your military experiences. Will publish before 2013 Convention.
- Alex is working a deal for a machine that will do embroidery, and could be used for our shirts and other clothing. Would save money on having it done elsewhere.
- Scotty had BBQ info
- Bart offered banking info
- Mike asked for photos for our newsletters
- Adan discussed cost of our meals at membership meetings. He is the new Quartermaster at the VFW. He and his wife, Yolanda, are doing a great job serving up tasty meals for our meetings. He asked for a small donation to the VFW to help make up for missing funds and to pay past bills not paid by previous management.
- Bobby thanks those who offered support to his daughter during her recent surgery. She's doing better.
- Henry has an SF friend in Australia who enjoys our newsletters.

Meeting adjourned @ 1400----- hrs. By secretary – Rick Matheney



Once Upon A Time...

(These pictures are printed in the order in which they were submitted to the newsletter. We are finally receiving a great response to our request for old photos so there may be a delay in printing your photo in the newsletter. Please keep them coming. Thank you for your understanding. The Editor



Buddy Gee in Scotland,
July 1970 after VN,

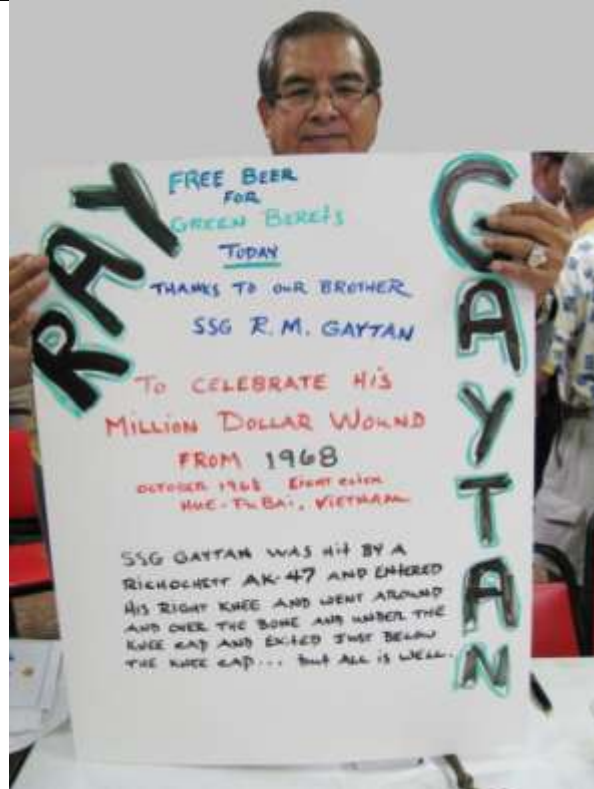


Buddy Gee, waiting for the helicopter for a parachute
jump in South Vietnam, 1968.

Please submit your **“Once Upon A Time”** photos to Editor, Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com. If you mail me your photos, **DO NOT** submit original photos (copies only because I automatically lose all originals). **CAUTION!!!! The next time I receive an original photo I intend to run it through my shredder instead of my scanner.**



October 8, 2011 was Ray Gaytan Day for Chapter XV



To Ray Gaytan:

Just wanted to let you know that everyone at the staff meeting enjoyed celebrating your million dollar wound. We got a posterboard and Rick Matheny recounted your injury on it. Henry Jimenez took some pictures that the group posed for. I placed \$100 on the bar and we all enjoyed a few rounds in your honor (you can place the money in the chapter account at your convenience).

Thanks,
Mario-out



Pictures from the October Staff Meeting





**The Green Beret Alamo Chapter XV and Dick's Last
Resort Presents**

The 6th Annual NIGHT AT

DICK'S LAST RESORT

406 Navarro Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

210/224-0026

November 15, 2011 6 p.m. to 9 p.m

To Benefit

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Tickets \$25.00

Includes: All Food & Well Drinks, Draft Beer, Wine and Live Music

For Ticket Information:

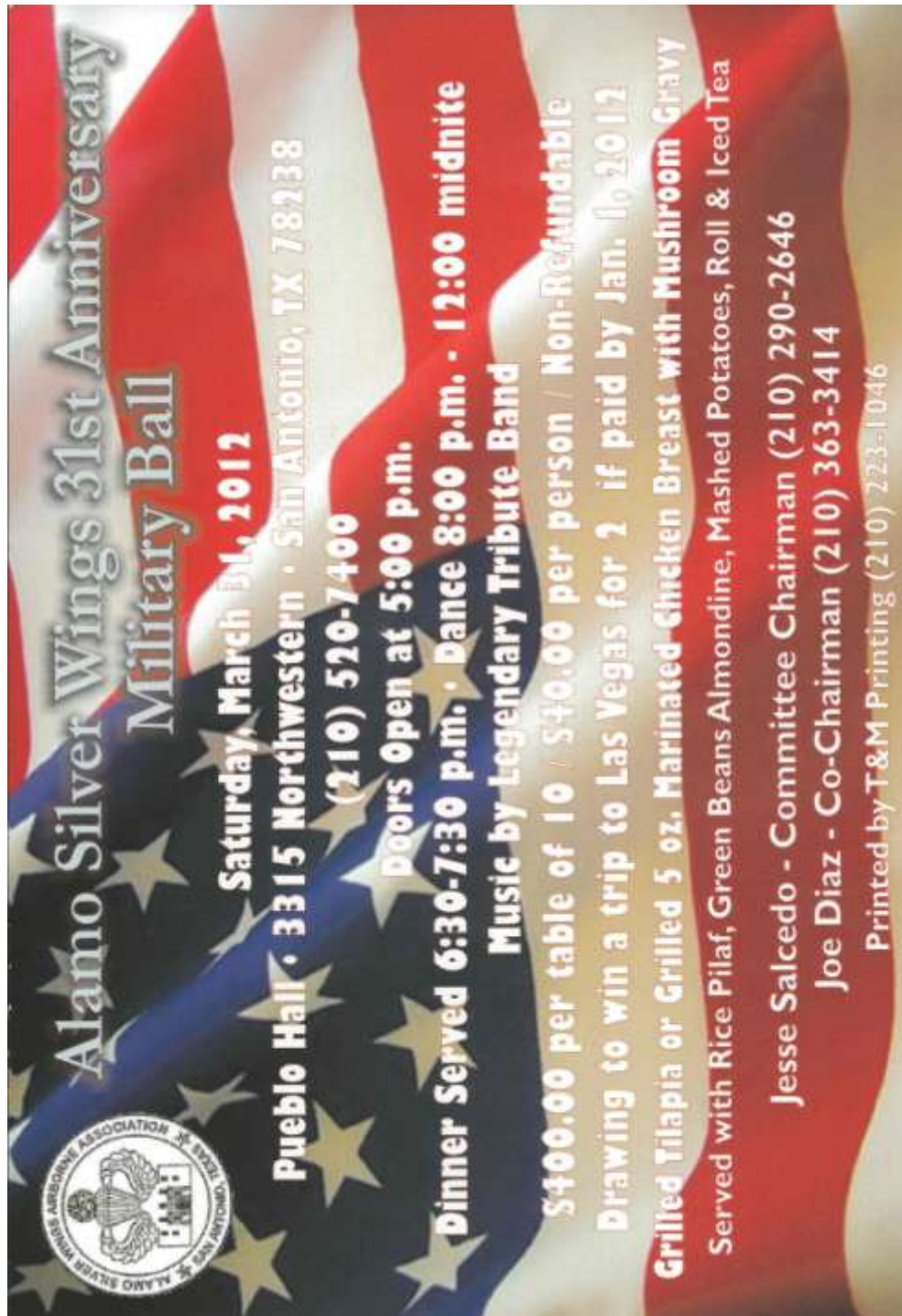
Contact: Armando Canales at 210-679-0622 or email

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Saturday, March 31, 2012

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Jesse Salcedo - Committee Chairman (210) 290-2646
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**For tickets to this event please call Bob Walker at:
Home---(210) 684-8738 or Cell---(210) 415-4387**

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.

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The Editor

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"Carry on!"