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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

07 Board Meeting 1300
12 Membership Meeting 1900--- meal:1800
10 Fund Raiser at the "Cove"??
14 Memorial for chapter fallen brothers/spouses,
FSH Cemetery, 11:00 UNDER BLUE CANOPY

May

12 Board Meeting 13:00
18-20 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake
28 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH
* DROP input due
NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June

02 Board Meeting 1300
07 Membership Meeting 1900--- meal: 1800
National Convention: June 11-17 FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By now of course, most of you are aware of Lyle Sloan's death in March. Our group of Vietnam chapter members continues to diminish so we need to enjoy our lives and live each day as if there's no tomorrow. Lyle possessed a unique personality and a very colorful manner of communicating with his friends and even more colorful with those people that he didn't like. He might have appeared rude and crusty on the outside but he was an affable, easy going man with an extremely generous heart. I will miss my friend and I'm sure others will too. Rest easy amigo, all your trials are over! Irene, we are here for you.

As I write this message, Bob Hand is still convalescing in preparation for hip replacement surgery on April 19th. Say a special prayer for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery. He plans to attend our picnic at Canyon Lake in May! I spoke with Skip Bailey yesterday and he's not, according to him, doing well health wise. If you have a chance, give him a call and wish him well.

We had a good attendance at our board meeting on Saturday and the Chili and Tamales were delicious. Thanks Edgar!

Although I couldn't attend the Convention 2013 meeting on March 24th, thanks to all of you that did attend. We still need volunteers so I urge all members who are able, to climb on the bandwagon and join us for this historical event.

Our annual Memorial Ceremony dedicated to our fallen chapter brothers and spouses will be held on Saturday, April 14th at 1100 hours under the blue canopy in the back area of Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Recommended attire: berets, green blazer and black trousers or Appropriate Civilian Clothes. We will start the service promptly at 11 A.M. so please get there early. Our chapter will provide a light lunch at the VFW (8541) following the ceremony.

I remind you again about selling or buying the SFA Memorial Building Tickets and turn the stubs and money over to Mario. Our chapter derives 50% of all tickets sold by our membership. See you all at our membership meeting on Thursday. Hasta luego. **Red Bird sends**



Red Bird sends.

Lyle G. Sloan

Rest In Peace

To all concerned Chapter XV members from Armando Canales: I regret to inform you that our Chapter XV brother Lyle Sloan died in March at his home in Lytle, Texas. Lyle had been in ill health for some time. Say a prayer for Irene. Following are pictures taken at Lyle's funeral at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and his wake at VFW Post 8541. His obituary follows pictures.



Lyle Glen Sloan



Lyle Glen Sloan was born August of 1945 to Purl & Josephine (Loen) Sloan. He grew up in Mentor, MN and graduated from high school in Mentor, NM. He attended Bemidji State University and later joined the [Army](#) in 1964. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne and a graduate of Special Forces Training with Honor. Lyle was a career Army enlisted man who served four tours of duty in Vietnam as a Green Beret (Ret. MSG). He was cited for Valor on several occasions and was a "Hatchet Team" Leader based at Ban Me Thuot, Vietnam. He was very proud of his Montagnard Teams who engaged the enemy in more than 100 fire fights. He received the [Bronze Star](#) and the Presidential Unit Citation as a member of the Studies and Operations Group (SOG). Lyle served his country as a supreme warrior during the [Vietnam War](#). Unfortunately, the war was never far from his memory. He loved his family, especially his wife, Irene (Kretshmere) Sloan and his two boys, Lyle "Glen" Sloan, Jr. and Jason. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, former wife, Donna Sloan, and his many [veteran](#) friends of the Vietnam conflict. He is a member of the Special Forces Association, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Order of the Sons of Hermann and American Legion. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Luke, Adam, Lily, Josephine and Ian. He loved his grandchildren very much. Full Military Honors will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas, on Tuesday, 20 March 2012 at 10:30am. Published in Express-News on March 18, 2012



!!!Special Notices!!!

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify 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.

**We need volunteers to assist with
all aspects of the 2013 SFA
National Convention which we are
hosting here in San Antonio next
year. Please step forward and do
your part.**



**SFA Alamo Chapter 15 Member in Hue, Vietnam!!!
(from left to right, Larry Sills, unknown and Mel Wick)**



Membership Meeting Minutes----Thursday, March 8, 2012
(30+ members and guests attending)

- 1. Bob Hand: rehab from Hip replacement**
- 2. Fund Raiser at the "Cove"**
- 3. Meeting next week with representative of D.R.T.
discussion of wreath laying ceremony convention2013.**
- 4. Effected contact with Amy Miller, Operations Coordinator for
Spoetzi, Brewery of Shiner products. She advised to call her back in
January**
- 5. Spoke with Tony, Commander of 8541. He has a person that will do
posters/printing for Convention 2013.**
- 6. Made contact with Morgan Montalvo, teacher who teaches Social
Studies at a high school. He is a former Navy aviator. He has a group
of students that perform color guards dressed in authentic military
uniforms. Also has a lot of military equipment for display.**
- 7. Once Upon a Time pictorial: \$12.50. We have a few left.**
- 8. Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-off March 9-11. Chief?, who's going? what
day? Rudy Johnson furnishing "guest of honor" (hog) will assist in
cooking. Bill, ram rod? Lyle Sloan has mesquite wood/ can pick up on
way to Cotulla?**
- 9. Alamo Silver Wings Military Ball. March 31st**
- 10. Cottages at Canyon Lake: have 3 left for rental.**
- 11. Chapter Coins still available: \$15 each**
- 12. Meal for Thursday:Bobby Walker**
- 13. Round Robin**



Alamo Silver Wings 31st Anniversary Military Ball



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2012 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u> 07 Board Meeting 1300 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800	<u>FEBRUARY</u> 04 Board Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY	<u>MARCH</u> 03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off
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<u>JULY</u> 07 Board Meeting 13:00 12 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ?? HAPPY 4TH of July!	<u>AUGUST</u> 04 Board Meeting 1300 09 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 01 Board Meeting 1300 08 OKTOBER FEST VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted
<u>OCTOBER</u> 06 Board Meeting 1300 11 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00 ** fund raiser at Dick's ?? TBA Scholarship Applications Accepted Nominations for Chapter Officers	<u>NOVEMBER</u> 03 Board Meeting 1300 08 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 Drop Input Due 11 Veterans Ceremony FSH Election and Scholarship results fund raiser at Dick's ????	<u>DECEMBER</u> 01 Board Meeting 1300 15 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet, venue:TBA EL TROPICANO HOTEL ON RIVERWALK MERRY CHRISTMAS *No Membership Meeting

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 19:00 on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 18:00 prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300. Changes TBA.

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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The Editor

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"Carry on!"

