



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

The Alamo Chapter

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

01 Convention Meeting 1100
01 Membership Meeting 1300
01 Motorcycle Meeting 1500
22 July Board Meeting 1300
26-30 National Convention

July

04 Fourth of July Parade TBD
06 Committee Meetings 1100
06 Membership Meeting 1300
30 August Board Meeting 1300

August

03 Committee Meetings 1100
03 Membership Meeting 1300
04 Editor's Birthday
29 Sept. Board Meeting 1300

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Annual Jack Hogue Canyon Lake Picnic was an over whelming success and a great time was had by all. Other Texas Chapters, Dallas, Houston, Austin and Killeen were also represented at the event. Tales, stories, and jokes were shared by all throughout the day and into the late evenings on both Friday and Saturday. Bob Hand and his dedicated committee members did a tremendous job ensuring that everything was accomplished to ensure a successful event. Many thanks to all the people who worked so hard in making this event the success it was!

The other Chapter event this month is the Memorial Day Ceremony, at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery, on May 27th at 0930 hours. I am hoping we have a good Chapter representation at this event.

The Convention is a month away and we are still anticipating over 800 personnel attending this convention at the Hyatt Regency (downtown). A lot of planning and hard work has gone into the preparation and organization for the convention by the membership of this Chapter. We still need volunteer support and assistance at some of the events and activities. I plan to discuss, in detail, the timelines and each of the events at the next Membership Meeting on June 1st, at 1300 hours, at VFW Post 8541. If you have not scheduled a room at the hotel for the convention, the El Tropicano Hotel still has rooms available at the convention rates, which includes a free breakfast and free parking. There will be a continuous shuttle from 0800 until 2400 between the hotels. The convention rates will no longer be available after May 28th. Suggest you reserve your room now, if you want the cheaper rate.

Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 30th at 1300 hours at VFW Post 8541. It is open to the membership. Our Chapter membership continues to grow. We now have 203 active members in our Chapter.

**Chuck Rose
President**



********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.

Message from Pat Connolly: Re-gifting is good for the Alamo Chapter. Anytime you receive a gift that you can't use or just plain don't like, give it to our SFA Green Beret Chapter XV and we will raffle it off (and if you win the raffle, give it back to us and we'll raffle it off again, as many times as it takes to get rid of it).

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



SFA National Convention 2013
San Antonio, TX
June 26 –30, 2013
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
Hosted by Chapter XV

Registration Form

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
(1-888-421-1442, Group #8220, Special Forces Association)

COST: The full registration is **\$135.00**
(Includes PICNIC, BANQUET, RECEPTION and HOSPITALITY ROOM)

If you are not going to attend all events, please use the Limited Registration section below. Any registration with insufficient funds will be returned to the applicant.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SFA CHAPTER 15 CONVENTION 2013

MAIL TO: SFA Chapter 15 Convention 2013
Attn: Convention Registration
P.O. Box 33782
San Antonio, TX 78265-3782

Sponsor must be an SFA Member in Good Standing to attend the Convention.

SFA Member Number: _____

Name on ID Tag: _____ **Number of Guests:** _____

Names on Guest(s) ID Tag: _____

Please check if you do want your name listed on the Attendance Roster at the Convention

FULL REGISTRATION Number of Attendees ____ X \$135.00 = _____

LIMITED REGISTRATION

Banquet: No. of Attendees ____ X \$50.00 = _____

Picnic: No. of Attendees ____ X \$25.00 = _____

Hospitality: No. of Attendees ____ X \$60.00 = _____

Reception: No. of Attendees ____ FREE

TOTAL = _____

Convention Chairman: Fred Solis

For questions, please call: (210) 854-5555 EMAIL: sfa.colonel@hotmail.com or Pat Connolly @ (210) 826-8023

SFA Convention 2013
San Antonio, TX
Special Forces Traditions Adapting and Making History
June 26 - 30, 2013
Schedule of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Special Notes</u>
26 Jun 13 (Wednesday)	0800 – 1700 1000 – 2400 0900 – 1800 1300 - ????	Registration Hospitality Room Vendors Free Time	
	1800 – 2100	Opening Reception	
27 Jun 13 (Thursday)	0800 – 1700 0800 – 1200	Registration Golf Tournament	POVs/Shuttle to Golf Course 0700 – 1300
	0900 – 1800 1000 – 1300	Vendors Hospitality Room	
		(Hospitality Room will close during picnic and reopen after picnic)	
	1400 – 1700 1600 – 2400	Texas Style BBQ Picnic Hospitality Room	
28 Jun 13 (Friday)	0800 – 1700 0900 – 1800 0900 – 1200 1200 – 2400 1800 – 2100	Registration Vendors Annual General Membership Meeting/Guest Speakers (No Alcohol Served During Meeting) Hospitality Room VFW Post 76 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, \$2.00 Beer	
		More Info to Come via Flyer in Gift Bag	
		Free Day Open for Attendees to Tour San Antonio and Surrounding Military Installations	
29 Jun 13 (Sat)	0800 – 1400 0800 – 1200 0900 – 1600 0900 – 1000 1000 – 1700 1800 – 1900 1900 – 2300	Registration Motorcycle Ride Vendors SFA Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Alamo Hospitality Room Cocktails and Receiving Line (Ballroom Cash Bar) Banquet/Ballroom (Cash Bar)	
30 Jun 13 (Sun)	Dawn – 1200 0800 – 1200	Checkout/Departure Hospitality Room (Coffee/Bloody Mary's)	
		Hotel will have a special rate Breakfast for guests	
<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Hyatt Regency (Primary Hotel)	1-888-421-1442 Group #8220	\$106 (Double Occupancy) Special Forces Assn. (Additional Charge for extra guest)	
		(Hotel will extend rate 3 days +/-)	
Overflow Hotel: Grand Hyatt, 600 E. Market St., San Antonio, Texas 78205			

Special Forces Association Convention 2013 Green Beret Alamo Chapter Motorcycle Ride

SFA Chapter XV, San Antonio, Texas



Saturday, June 29, 2013
Alamodome Parking Lot

Late Registration: 7 a.m. • Kickstands up: 8:30 a.m. • Ride-by in front of **The Alamo**: 8:45 a.m.
Scenic Hill Country Ride to Luckenbach, Texas

REGISTRATION FORM: (PLEASE PRINT) **REGISTER BY JUN 5 TO ASSURE A T-SHIRT**

Name of Rider _____ Shirt size _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Name of Passenger _____ Shirt size _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address _____ Cell Phone # _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
 Motorcycle: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____ License No. _____ State _____
 Trike ? ___ Trailer ? ___ CB Radio? _____ Are you able to volunteer/assist as road guard? _____

THIS IS A RELEASE - READ BEFORE SIGNING

I (We) agree that Chapter XV, SFA, and Special Forces Association and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the "RELEASED PARTIES") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any part of the SFA Convention 2013 Green Beret Alamo Chapter Motorcycle Ride, (hereinafter called "THE EVENT") and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the "RELEASED PARTIES", even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I (We) understand that all event participants and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk, and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I (We) release and hold the "RELEASED PARTIES" harmless from any injury, loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in "THE EVENT". I (We) understand that this means that I agree not to sue the "RELEASED PARTIES" for any injury or resulting damage to myself or my property arising from, or in connection with, the performance of duties in sponsoring, planning or conducting "THE EVENT" and I (we) agree to indemnify and reimburse the "RELEASED PARTIES" for any loss caused or claimed by me (us.) By signing this Release, I (We) certify that I (We) have read this Release and fully understand it, and that I (We) am not relying on any statement or representations made by the "RELEASED PARTIES".

Participant: _____ Date _____ Witness: _____

Passenger: _____ Date _____ Witness: _____

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 0499, or Ricky
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Make checks payable to SFA Convention 2013
Mail entry form and check to:
 Green Beret Motorcycle Ride
 PO Box 33782
 San Antonio TX 78265-3782



Ride Chairman: John T. McClinton
 Email: johntmcclinton@yahoo.com
 Phone: (210) 378-0049

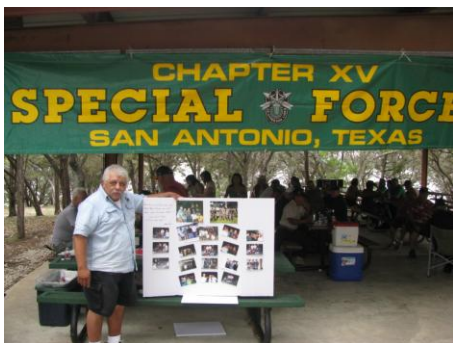
Bike Rider\$35 \$ _____
 Passenger.....\$20 _____
 Additional T-shirts ___ x \$20 = _____
 Sizes: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

PICTURES FROM CHAPTER EVENTS

May 2013

Annual Jack Hogue-Canyon Lake Picnic





Dick "Doc" Clarke presenting the Chapter XV plaque and medal set to JROTC cadet 2LT Ashe Rodriguez at the MacArthur High School JROTC awards ceremony on 20 May 2013.



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 2013 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
05 Convention Meeting 1000 05 Jan Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 25 Feb Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300 28 Mar Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 08-10 Cotulla Hog Cook-off 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1300
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
04 Apr Board Meeting 1300 06 Convention Meeting 1100 06 Membership Meeting 1300 13 Chpt Memorial Service 1100 for Fallen brothers/spouses 20 Convention Cmt Mtg 1300 20 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500	04 May Board Meeting 1000 04 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 10 Drop Input Due 17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic 27 Memorial Day Serv 1000 30 Jun Board Meeting 1300 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	01 ConventionCmt Mtg 1100 01 Membership Meeting 1300 01 Motorcycl Cmt Mtg 1500 22 Jul Board Meeting 1300 26-30 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
04 Fourth of July Parade TBD 06 Committee Meetings 1100 06 Mebership Meeting 1300 30 Aug Board Meeting 1300	03 Committee Meetings 1100 03 Mebership Meeting 1300 29 Sep Board Meet 1300	07 Committee Meetings 1100 07 Mebership Meeting 1300
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
03 Oct Board Meeting 1300 05 Committee Leads 1000 05 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications) TBD Dick's Fund Raiser 31 Nov Board Meeting 1300	02 Committee Leads 1000 02 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship Results) 10 Drop Input Due TBD Veterans Day Ceremony	07 Dec Board & 1000 Committee Leads Meeting 14 Christmas Banquet 1800 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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. Committee Meetings will begin at 11:00 hrs on the first Saturday of the month at the VFW. Board Meeting will be held during the week proir to the Membership Meeting.

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.

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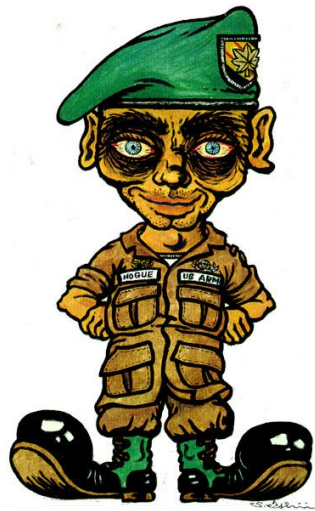
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Special thanks to our unofficial photographers who continue to provide us with numerous photographs of Chapter XV events: David Benavides, Henry Jimenez, Dan Hopgood and Marti and Ben Scott. Selecting which ones to use is always a difficult decision, 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, or mail them to Chapter President Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

