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*The Alamo Chapter*

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## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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**

### September

**07 Committee Meetings 1100**  
**07 Membership Meeting 1300**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Special Forces Association Convention is already upon us. Again, I want to thank all the chapter members that have supported the planning and volunteered to support the execution of events during the convention. As of Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, we had 825 registered guests attending the convention. Registration forms are still coming in daily. I am anticipating close to 900 attendees at this convention. Based on the planning and hard efforts of everyone this will be a convention to remember.

There are a lot of great things taking place at this convention. We have several events and trips scheduled for the ladies. We have a motorcycle ride to Luckenbach, TX. We are providing a no cost Opening Reception for all attendees. We have live bands every night in the hospitality room for entertainment and dancing enjoyment. The Alamo Wreath Laying Event will be something to remember, with all the various organizations supporting this event. We may have to add on another banquet room, because current hotel banquet room, one of the largest in San Antonio, is close to capacity. Again, this is your convention, come and enjoy the festivities and camaraderie.

The chapter is continuing to grow in membership. We have well over 200 members and we are one of the largest chapters in the Special Forces Association. My goal for 2013 is 250 members. I believe we are well on our way to meet that goal. We have picked up ten new members in the past couple of months. As you meet fellow green berets and those individuals that qualify for associate member status, invite them to our meeting and let's encourage them to join our chapter.

As far as events go, July, August and September will be fairly quiet months for the Chapter. We will have our General Membership Meetings on the first Saturday of each month, beginning at 1300 hours, at VFW Post 8541, with a lunch meal being served at 1200 hours prior to the meeting. I encourage everyone to attend these meetings and get more involved, because this is your chapter and your organization. Be a contributor and become an active part of it.

See you at the convention!!

Chuck Rose  
President  
SFA Chapter XV



**\*\*\*\*\**Special Notices*\*\*\*\*\***

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**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).**

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## **Chapter XV General Membership Meeting June 1, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Rose at 1300 hours. After Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Chaplain Rudy Johnson, there was a moment of silence for fallen comrades and spouses. Chuck Rose introduced **guest speaker** J.R.Garza, DAV Service officer and head of the "Names with Faces" Project. He and his associates, Charlie Calderon and Sylvia Spadlin, explained the project's mission to collect ID's and photos of Vietnam casualties from the San Antonio area. They presented to the Chapter a copy of their database, containing names and photos of 361 KIAs and 9 MIAs from the San Antonio area. They are still looking for 3 people.

**Guests:** Two guests from C-1-19 SFGA, SGM Garza and MSG Pular, were introduced. They will provide ODA support for SFA Convention 2013.

**Sick and in distress:** Bob Hand had the surgery for his hip replacement but has lost use of his right arm. David Benavides is scheduled to undergo thyroid surgery.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Approval of minutes was moved by J.W. Martin, seconded by Rudy Johnson and approved by the membership. Treasurer Mario Guerra reported a healthy financial outlook for both Chapter and Convention.

Chuck reported 2 new members and 3 applications pending; total chapter membership is approximately 215. Newsletter: Editor Mike Maloy was absent but left word that pictures from Memorial Day ceremony will be in next month's newsletter.

Chuck said those who missed the Jack Hogue Picnic missed "one hell of a party" and commended Bob Hand and wife Penny for excellent planning and execution. The annual picnic attracted SFA members from the Houston, Austin, Killeen and Dallas chapters, and all offered their help with Convention.

Chapter had good representation at the FSH Memorial Day ceremony, with lots of green berets in the crowd. Raul De la Garza is working on repairs to the "war Wagon."

Bill Smith announced the Christmas Banquet will be Dec. 7.

**NEW BUSINESS:** After 15-minute break, Rudy Johnson made a motion to induct John Woodworth, general manager of the Esquire Tavern, as an honorary member of SFA. Bobby Walker seconded, and the membership approved after some discussion about requirements for honorary and associate membership. Chuck said Woodworth has arranged for donation of approximately \$30,000 in goods and services for the Convention.

Convention Chairman Fred Solis led a committee-by-committee review of plans and progress for each Convention event. He said we are "98% there" in preparation. Chuck and Fred emphasized that attendees will be required to show official name tags with appropriate icons for admission to all Convention events -- even free events. Buses will shuttle continuously among Hyatt Regency, Grand Hyatt and El Tropicano hotels from 8 a.m. to midnight each day of the convention. Also, there will be bus transportation to the Golf Tournament, some ladies events, the Picnic and the VFW Post 76 Cookout. The banquet will be open seating, except reserved seats for VIPs and Chapter XV members.

Eileen Trevino of DAR said a flag flown over the Alamo will be presented to the Chapter in memory of Armando Canales during the Alamo Ceremony June 29.

**OPEN FORUM:** Len Czarnecki reminded that Flag Day is June 14.

Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours after motion by Len and second by Dan Hopgood.

Respectfully submitted,  
Buddy Gee, Acting Secretary

# PICTURES FROM CHAPTER EVENTS

## Memorial Day Services at Fort Sam Houston 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>
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<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) <b>TBD</b> 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 <b>TBD</b> Veterans Day Ceremony	07 Dec Board & 1000 Committee Leads Meeting 14 Christmas Banquet 1800 & Installation of Officers <b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>

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.*

*Bob and Vicki Walker*



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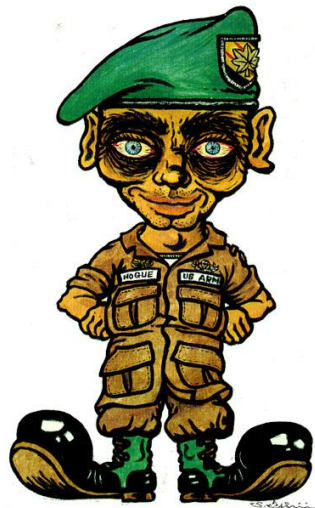




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### **The Editor**

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**"Carry on!"**

