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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

2 Jan Board Meeting 1300
4 Membership Meeting 1300
4 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500
30 Feb Board Meeting 1300

FEBRUARY

2 Membership Meeting 1300
2 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500
10 Drop Input Due
27 Mar Board Meeting 1300

MARCH

1 Membership Meeting 1300
1 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500
7-9 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

I want to thank everyone who supported, and attended, the Annual Christmas Banquet at the El Tropicano Hotel on December 7th. From the feedback I have received, a good time was had by all. Dancing continued in the Hospitality Room until 1230 hours, and we finally closed it down at 0330 hours, even though several people were still talking and having a good time.

I do want to personally thank Jack Tobin - President of SFA - for flying in from North Carolina, being our Key Note Speaker at the banquet and swearing in the elected Chapter Officers for 2014.

I also want to thank Major General Freddie Valenzuela for offering to match the \$1,000 scholarships given to each of the four scholarship recipients: Alyssa Elizonda, Rose De La Garza, Justin Leugers, and Cassandra Gomez. We were not aware until the night of the banquet that Cassandra's mother Catherine, Pat Connolly's daughter, was the very first recipient of a Chapter Scholarship in the amount of \$100 dollars back in 1987.

I really hope to see everyone at the membership meeting on January 4th, at VFW Post 8541, starting at 1300 hours, as we have a lot of important business to address in preparation for the upcoming year. Lunch will be served at 1200 hours.

**Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV**



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV 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 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 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.

**Pictures from Green Beret Chapter XV Christmas Banquet
taken by Ben Scott on December 7th, 2013.**





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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"Carry on!"

