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FSH Cemetery Events: JW Martin
Canyon Lake Picnic: Bob Hand
Dick's Fund Raiser: Fred Solis
Christmas Banquet: Chuck Rose &

Mario Guerra

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

04 Fourth of July Parade TBD

09 July Board Meeting 1400

11 Membership Meeting 1300

30 August Board Meeting 1400

Aug

01 Membership Meeting 1300

September

03 Sept. Board Meeting 1400

05 Membership Meeting 1300 (nomination of Officers & Scholarship applications)



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sends:

I hope everyone is well and doing fine. It is Summer time and I hope everyone is enjoying vacations and time with their families. In my last input my auto correct had put in "Hog" rather than "Hogue". My error and I hope my apology is accepted.

We have the 4th of July coming up and I hope everyone has a great celebration and a safe one. I want to thank all of you for their service to our Country and to our continued freedom. I know some members will be at the Windcrest Parade and Bill Beale mentioned taking his motorcycle to Comfort. The Chief is temporarily out of service but should be back soon. The Chapter is not officially participating in a ceremony.

We attached the flyer for the shotgun to the newsletter to remind everyone about it. I was advised that not many of our members picked up tickets to sell. At the next meeting please get some tickets and attempt to sell them. Everything we make on the shotgun is money for the Chapter. Edgar graciously donated the shotgun as well as all the proceeds.

I am attaching a picture of the boat donated by Chris so the members can see it (see picture below). There is also a motor with it but we have it secured in our storage for now. The most response I received about how to precede with raising money with the boat was \$2 tickets. If someone purchases \$10 worth they will get 6 tickets. We would print 600 tickets and do the drawing at our Dick's Last Resort fundraiser. I will bring this up to the board and present it to the membership for final approval and input.

Remember, Thursday 9 July at 1400 is the Board Meeting and Saturday the 11th of July is the Membership Meeting. MG Trombitas's retirement is 0900 on Friday the 10th of July at the quadrangle. I will send out a separate email here this week with more information on the ceremony and party.

Until our meeting I hope everyone stays safe and has a great Fourth of July. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me.

presidentchapterxv@gmail.com

William Smith Chapter XV Presiden



Notice About 5th Special Forces Group Reunion

The official dates for the 54th Reunion/5th SFG(A) Activation will be 16-19 September 2015. The Chapter will again use the Holiday Inn Express in Oak Grove Kentucky as our Patrol Base. A block of rooms are already on hold for us, so you can reserve one now. We are still in the planning stages for some of the activities and will get the word out as soon as we can. I believe it will be a great reunion. This year we will have some honored friends who served in Vietnam at SF Camp A-325 with us. I also hope to see some friends from Desert Shield/Storm around as well since it is the 25th Anniversary of Desert Shield. You too can get a gun issued just in time to go to war! (3/5th)

Michael A Cunningham
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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
8 Board Meeting 1400 10 Membership Meeting 130 10 Motorcycl Mtg 1500	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Membership Meeting 1300 6-8 Cotulla Hog Cook-off TBD 28 Welcome Vietnam Vet TBD
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
9 Apr Board Meeting 1400 11 Membership Meeting 130 11 Chpt Memorial Service 100 30 Apr Board Meeting 1400		4 Jun Board Meeting 1400 6 Membership Meeting 1300 4-10 National Convention
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
4 Fourth of July Parade TBD 9 Board Meeting 1400 11 Mebership Meeting 1300 30 Aug Board Meeting 1300	1 Mebership Meeting 1300	3 Sep Board Meet 1400 5 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Nonination of Officers & Scholarship Applications)
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1 Oct Board Meeting 1400 3 Mebership Meeting 1300 TBD Octoberfest Party TBD Dick's Fund Raiser	5 Board Meeting 1400 7 Mebership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship 11 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 28 Scholarship Results	3 Dec Board Meeting 1400 5 Christmas Banquet 1730 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All Chapter Meeting unless announced 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 1200 to 1300 hrs prior to each Membership Meeting. Board Meeting will be held during the Thursday proir to the Membership Meeting at 1400 hrs unless anounced otherwise.

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.

1 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 quidance of my God,

I will conquer my fears and succeed.

I will keeps 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.

T'be 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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Special thanks to our unofficial photographers who continue to provide us with numerous photographs of Chapter XV events: Toby and Linda Todd, 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!"

