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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

03 Board Meeting 1300
08 Membership Meeting 19:00
meal 18:00
9-11 Cotulla wild hog cook-off

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this message, Bob Hand is still at the Silver Tree Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on FM 3009 (Roy Richards) in Shertz, Texas. He will remain here until he heals enough to have another artificial hip put in. He remains in good spirits and welcomes visitors. I'm happy to report that the "Godfather" is back at home from the hospital after a bout with Pneumonia. Hopefully, we'll see him at the membership meeting. "Bite the Bullet" and keep on trucking dudes!

Our fund raiser at the Cove was very beneficial for our chapter and although we didn't generate a lot of money (and we didn't expect it) we certainly acquired substantial publicity and exposure for our chapter. I want to thank those chapter members that supported the event and especially to Bobby Walker, Bill Beale and the Godfather for working the door and Adan Flores for his assistance. On behalf of our chapter, I want to extend my gratitude to The University of the Incarnate Word for hosting the soiree and providing their superb Jazz band and also thank John Magaldi for coordinating the program and for his talent on the sax and clarinet!

A group of chapter members will be traveling to Cotulla, Texas (after a hiatus of a couple of years) to participate in the annual "Wild Hog Cook off and Fair" on Friday, March 11th. The event is a combination of the cook off and a carnival with a holiday atmosphere and entertainment for the entire family. We will be cooking a hog on Friday night so come and join us.

Fred Solis, who is the Chairman for the SFA National Convention that our chapter is hosting, continues to coordinate the events and daily schedule for our venture. He is having a coordination and planning meeting on March 24 (Saturday) at noon at VFW Post 8541. If you haven't volunteered yet, call Fred or just attend the meeting. This is a great opportunity for those chapter members that are unable to participate in other chapter functions to "step up to the plate" and assist the chapter. We need all the help that we can get!

Until the next time, "Stay Thirsty my Friends" **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 Friday at his home in Lytle, Texas. Lyle had been in ill health for some time. I spoke with Irene and she told me that he will be cremated and interred at Fort Sam Houston Cemetery. Date to be determined. I will keep you apprised of arrangements as soon as I know. Say a prayer for Irene.



Bill Beall, Lyle Sloan, Lenny Czarnecki



Lyle Sloan, Mando Canales, Henry Jimenez

!!!!Special Notices!!!!

Notice to All Chapter XV Members

In order to maintain our lines of communication, please notify Bob Hand (830-609-1918) or 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.

Visit with Bob Hand (from Marti Scott)

Ben and I went over and spent time this afternoon with Bob and Penny. He looks good and he's in good spirits and of course his personality is STILL the same..GREAT! Penny was helping him get his laptop up and running so don't be surprised if you see a little note from him. They are getting him up to sit (as well as he can) and he is getting super care. Of course, who wouldn't enjoy being around Bob. His only complaint is that they FEED HIM all the time..lol. It was good to visit with him and share news. It's a nice facility and he does have a private room, so no problem with visiting him. I told him that I'd try and get back to see him again this week. As reported in an earlier email, he's in Room 103.

Marti Scott



Membership Meeting Minutes----Thursday, February 9, 2012
(30+ members and guests attending)

Meeting called to order at 19:00.

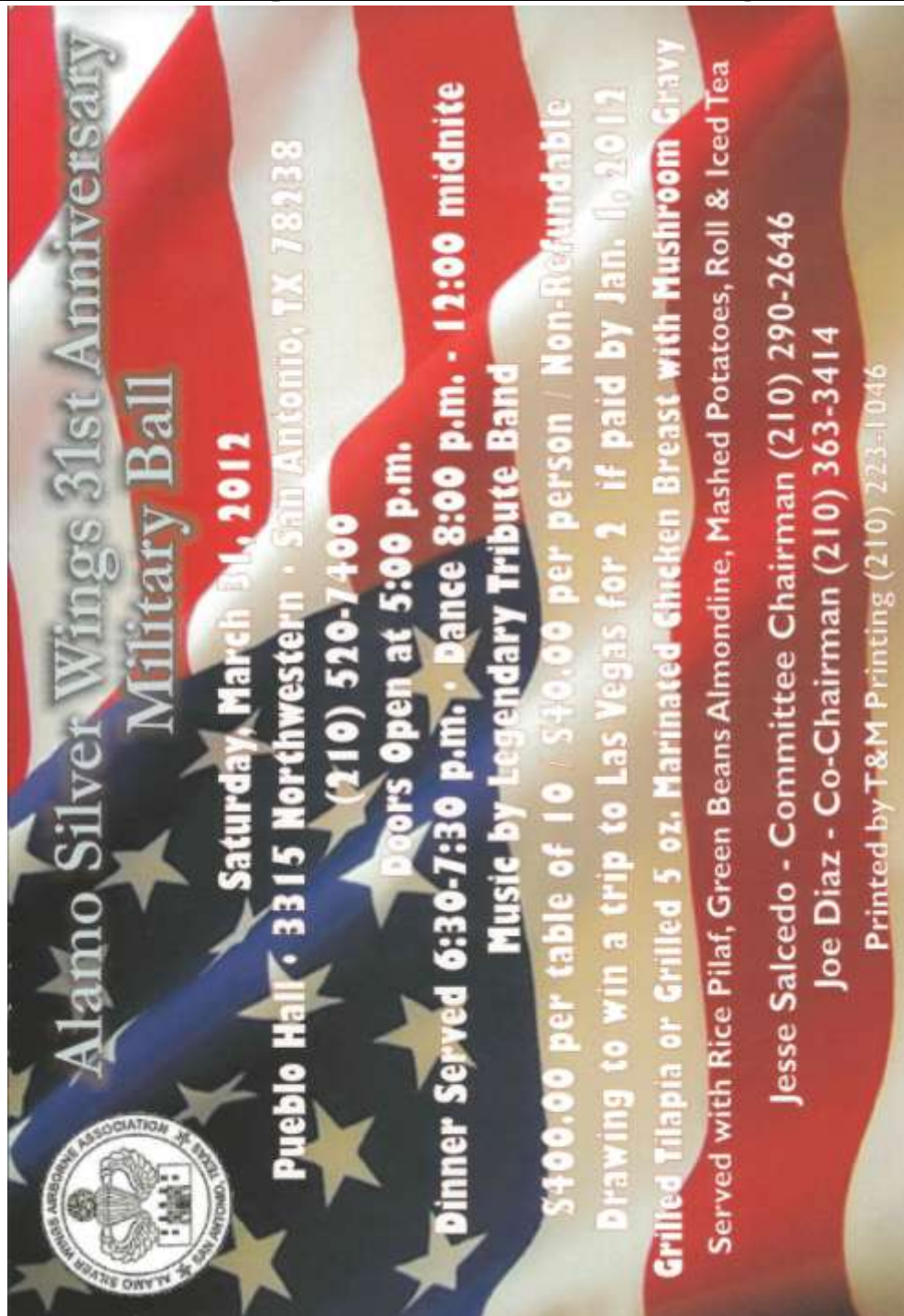
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/ moment of silence for POW'S, MIA'S, fallen SF brothers and spouses. Special prayer for Marti and her family.**
- 2. Invocation: Adan or Rudy**
- 3. Meal:**
- 4. Recognition of new members/guests: Family of former chapter president Domingo Campos, Reina and her sons, Michael and Armando.**
- 5. Presentation of SFA plaque to the family**
- 6. Members sick or in distress: Bob Hand**
- 7. Cottages at Canyon Lake: 20 left. \$150 for the weekend; money upfront. Two pet friendly units already reserved. see me at the break if you want one. Picnic: May 18-20.**
- 8. Once upon a Time pictorial edition for sale at \$12. 50. see me at the break**
- 9. Alamo Silver Wings Military Ball: March 31. See Bobby Walker for tickets.**
- 10. Dick's Last Resort: Date TBA. Bill Beale will ramrod**
- 11. All Chapter equipment is back in our sheds.**
- 12. Treasurer's report: motion to approve.**

Break 15 minutes Raffle

- 1. Unfinished business: motion to donate \$500 to the Campos family: Lenny**
- 2. Fund Raiser at the Cove: February 29th. Last Wednesday of the month. Fully sponsored and hosted by the University of the Incarnate Word. \$5 cover charge at the door. All proceeds go to our chapter. Entertainment: Jazz Band headed by our friend John Magalay. Please support.**
- 3. Cotulla Wild Hog Cook-Off, March 9-11. Details to follow.**
- 4. National Convention in Fayetteville, June 11-17. We will take early registration forms for Convention 2013.**
- 5. Update on convention: Fred Solis**
- 6. Open Forum**
- 7. Motion to adjourn. Raffle**



Alamo Silver Wings 31st Anniversary Military Ball



**Alamo Silver Wings 31st Anniversary
Military Ball**

Saturday, March 31, 2012

**Pueblo Hall • 3315 Northwestern • San Antonio, TX 78238
(210) 520-7400**

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner Served 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Dance 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

Music by Legendary Tribute Band

\$400.00 per table of 10 / \$40.00 per person / Non-Refundable

Drawing to win a trip to Las Vegas for 2 if paid by Jan. 10, 2012

Grilled Tilapia or Grilled 5 oz. Marinated Chicken Breast with Mushroom Gravy

Served with Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almondine, Mashed Potatoes, Roll & Iced Tea

Jesse Salcedo - Committee Chairman (210) 290-2646
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**For tickets to this event please call Bob Walker at:
Home---(210) 684-8738 or Cell---(210) 415-4387**

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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

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 Mando Canales at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

