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Canyon Lake Picnic: Bob Hand
Dick's Fund Raiser: Fred Solis
Christmas Banquet: Chuck Rose & Mario Guerra

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 5 Board Meeting 1400 hrs**
- 7 Membership Meeting 1300 hrs**
- 15 Drop input due**

March

- 5 Board Meeting 1400 hrs**
- 7 Membership Meeting 1300 hrs**
- 6-8 Cotulla Hog Cook-Off TBC**
- 28 Welcome Vietnam Vet TBO**

April

- 9 Board Meeting 1400 hrs**
- 11 Chapter Memorial Serv. 1000 hrs**
- 11 Membership Meeting 1300 hrs**
- 30 May Board Meeting 1400 hrs**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your President for the next year. It is an honor as I have the greatest respect for everyone in Chapter XV. I look back on the last 8 years and have some great memories. I also look back and realize the Chapter was there for me when I was going through a rough time with family issues and issues returning to the SAPD. The Chapter was there for me and others during rough times and good times. I truly hope I can uphold the standards set by previous board members and presidents. If I start to drift right or left please do not hesitate to let me know or share your experience/advice. I welcome input from everyone and look forward to the year with the new board. I would like to give many thanks to the previous board and congratulations for a great 2014.

Our next board meeting is on Thursday the 5th of February at 1400 hrs. The membership meeting is Saturday the 7th of February with the meal at 1200 hrs. and the meeting at 1300 hrs. There are no major events between now and the next meeting.

You do need to contact Bob Hand to reserve trailers for Canyon Lake in May.

I have had several conversations with members regarding the question of wearing the Green Beret. I, as well as another member spoke with National and the information I put out at the meeting adheres to the SFA bylaws and Constitution as well as our bylaws. Special Forces qualified soldiers wear the Green Beret, Airborne qualified soldiers the Red Beret, Ranger qualified soldiers the Tan Beret and all other soldiers wear the Black Beret. We are a strong chapter and I do not want us to lose anyone over this. During my time with Chapter XV, I have not personally seen anyone treated differently than anyone else. I know moving forward it will remain as such and we will continue to do great things. Like I said in the opening paragraph; I have the greatest respect for everyone in Chapter XV.

Until our next meeting I hope everyone stays safe and has a great year with Alamo Chapter XV. My email is listed below if anyone wants to email me.

William Smith
Chapter XV President
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Installation of MSGT Jose Rodela (MOH) as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR).

On January 14th, 2015 Maj. Gen. Wendt, Commanding General of U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, officiated at the installation of MSGT Rodela into the DMOR. Induction was conducted at the VFW with an outstanding attendance of Chapter XV members and guests.







Special Notice

Jack Hogue Picnic, Fort Sam Houston Recreation Area, Canyon Lake, 15-17 May 2015

Friday, 15 May, 13:00 trailer keys will be available for issue at pavilion # 5. Friday night fajitas by Ben and borracho beans by Marti. BYOB and whatever else you desire. The chapter will supply margaritas by Penny as usual.

Saturday, 16 May. We will start setting up the chow line at 12:00. The Chapter will provide BBQ meats, chicken and sausage. Beer, sodas, water and condiments will also be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish, fruit or a desert. There will be power available for a limited number of Crock pots etc. Bring your own music and the chapter boom box will be there for your use.

Sunday, 18 May Bloody Marys by Buddy and SOS by Marti. Police call and wash down of the pavilion area. Check out time is 12:00 Hrs.

There are nineteen, 3 bedroom trailers left. The cost of the trailer is **\$110.00 per night or \$220.00 for the weekend. PLEASE NOTE THE Air Force raised the rates this year.** POC to reserve a trailer is Bob Hand 210-336-1102 or e-mail retsfcsmbh@sbcglobal.net. Make checks out to SFA Chapter XV. Mailing address is Bob Hand, 5713 Fairways Dr. Cibolo, TX. 78108 or SFA Chapter XV PO Box 33782 San Antonio, TX 78265-3782. Trailer reservations will not be confirmed until the money is received. For those of you who have your own RV trailers or motor homes, you must make a reservation at the recreation area. The phone number is 800-280-3466. **Trailer reservations must be confirmed and paid for NLT 12:00 hrs. 11 May 2013 or the trailers will turned back in to the Recreation Office.**



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<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
8 Board Meeting 1400 10 Membership Meeting 1300 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
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
9 Apr Board Meeting 1400 11 Membership Meeting 1300 11 Chpt Memorial Service 1000 30 Apr Board Meeting 1400	2 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 15-17 Jack Hogue Picnic 25 Memorial Day Serv 0930 JROTC Presentations TBD	4 Jun Board Meeting 1400 6 Membership Meeting 1300 4-10 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
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)
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
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 announced otherwise.

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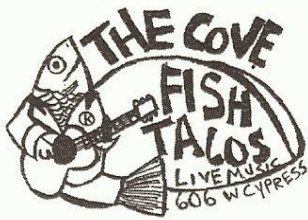


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The Editor

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 Chuck Rose at SFA Chapter XV, P.O. Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265.



"Carry on!"

