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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

09 BOARD MEETING 1300

10 FUND RAISER AT THE "COVE" NOON TILL 2000

14 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1900: MEAL:1800

23 MEMORIAL FOR CHAPTER FALLEN BROTHERS/SPOUSES, FSH CEMETERY,
11:00 COMMITTAL SHELTER # 3

!!!Happy Easter!!!

MAY

14 Board Meeting 13:00

20-22 Jack Hogue Picnic, Canyon Lake

30 Memorial Day Ceremony, FSH

* DROP input due

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Happy Mother's Day

JUNE

04 Board Meeting 1300

09 Membership Meeting 1900

meal: 1800

National Convention: June 23-27

Orlando, Florida

Happy Father's Day



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of our chapter and the Wally Swank family, I want to thank those of you that attended the viewing, funeral services and the reception for our Green Beret brother, Wally R. Swank. Henry and Olivia Jimenez, Jose and Lucia Campos, Pete and Julie Estrada, Tony Recio, and Angie Canales represented the chapter at the viewing. We would have had more participation from our membership but some of us were conducting our annual fund raiser at the Cove. We did however, have about thirty members and spouses attending the funeral services and the reception. Rest in Peace brother, you will be missed.

I wish to thank the following members and friends who assisted in the planning, organizing and conducting of our fund raiser at the Cove on Sunday: Lenny (who celebrated his 80th birthday), Bill Beale, Bobby Walker, Godfather, Tippy, Ben and Marti, Felicia, AR, Christine and Melissa Guerra, Mike and Marci Maloy, Adan Flores, Pat and Arline Connolly, and last but certainly not least, Mario who planned and ram rodded the event. Thanks also to Chuck Rose, Lisa Flores and daughter, David Benavides, Eileen, Sylvia Mosier, Annette, Bob and Penny Hand, Bill Smith and Roland and Jen Paquette who attended the function. Sorry if I inadvertently missed anyone.

We will have our annual Memorial Service dedicated to our fallen **Green Beret brothers** and spouses at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on April 23, 2010 at 11:00 hours. The service will be held at the new Assembly Area. Follow the main road at the cemetery into the new section (in back) to the stop sign. The new Administration building is located to your left and the Assembly Area is to the right under a large blue awning. As always, we will provide a light lunch at VFW Post 8541 on Austin Hwy following the service. Attire as usual, will be green blazers and berets if you have them, or appropriate civilian clothes. We've been through a couple of rough and hectic weeks and I want to thank you all for your support. Hasta Luego and Happy Trails to you until we meet again. **Red Bird sends**



Red Bird sends.

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.



MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH, 2011

SFA Chapter XV Membership Meeting March 10, 2011

1. Meeting called to order @ 1900 hrs by President Mando Canales. Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence for our POW's, MIA's, and fallen brothers & spouses.
2. Invocation by Chaplain Rudy Johnson
3. Thanks once again to all who attended Dallas' funeral and service. Our brother will be missed.
4. Wonderful meal tonight hosted by Henry. Thanks to kitchen staff for preparing such good food.
5. Presentation to Marsha
6. Congratulations to Bill Smith; promoted to CSM of 19th SF National Guard.
7. Recognition of new members and special guests: Joe (Jumping Joe) Rodriguez new member transferring from Florida chapter. New member Dan Fierro. Guest John Edmiston, journalist. Several of our younger warriors just back from the Middle East are also our guests this evening. Also, guest Ian McClure on medical leave from Training Group at Ft. Bragg. Ian is from Boerne, TX.
8. Sick Call: Wally Swank at BAMC, Buddy Gee doing better, and Danny Kling still recovering from stroke several months back... but doing better.
9. Cotulla: 2 cooking or camping spaces already paid. Dates March 11 – 12
10. SFA medals available for ROTC units. Need name of school, name and rank of MS 3 (jr.) cadet, date of awards day, boy or girl, top 10% of ROTC class, extra-curricular activity. We will print the certificates.
11. Big thanks go out to Mike and Scotty for much improved newsletters.
12. Treasurer's report... chapter doing well. Thanks go out to Mario.

BREAK (15) minutes

1. Unfinished Business: Ed Miller's bench and date of ceremony TBA.
2. New Business: Fundraiser at the Cove Restaurant will be April 10th. See Mario for flyer and/or tickets.
3. SFA Raffle Tickets: Chapter gets 50 cents for each ticket that we sell.
4. DMOR: Distinguished Member of The Regiment nominations to SFA.
5. OPEN FORUM
 - Bobby Walker – Alamo Silver Wings March 12, 2011
 - Bobby said Pappy Hicks sends his best to the Chapter
 - Skip has shirts with SF embroidery available
 - Lenny – VFW election upcoming
 - Beall – holds clinic at VFW each Sunday from 12 noon till 2pm
 - Chapter looking for Blue Star family

Motion to adjourn... and 2nd Adjourned @ 2000 hrs.

RAFFLE



We Have Lost Another Special Forces Warrior

Wallace Raymond Swank



SWANK

Wallace Raymond Swank, 81 of San Antonio died on April 1, 2011 peacefully at home in the company of his family. The Patriarch of the Swank family, he was much respected, loved and will be dearly missed by all. This professional soldier had a gentle side and a love of country. Born November 29, 1929 in Hammond, Ind., he is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, two brothers, a daughter and a son. He lived to be an octogenarian and developed an incredible will to live which would be a hallmark of his life. Swank enlisted in the [Army](#) in 1946 and served 32 years including combat action in the Korean and [Vietnam Wars](#) with both the 5th and 8th Special Forces Group. Retired 1st Sgt Swank is survived by his wife, Rebecca and his children: Joseph J. Swank, Wallace R. Swank, Jr -wife Carol Swank, Rosa Swank Martinez -husband Manuel Martinez, Jorge A. Swank -wife Mindy Frosto Swank, Rebecca Swank Forrest -husband John David Forrest, Pauline N. Swank-Cassias -husband John Cassias, Christine Bryant-husband Ron Bryant, 12 grandchildren, brother, Neil Swank and sister, Mariann Parry. Visitations will be on Sunday, April 10, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Castle Ridge Mortuary. Graveside Service will be on Monday, April 11, 2011 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full Military Honors at 9:30 am sharp.



CHAPTER XV PICTURES MAR./ APRIL, 2011





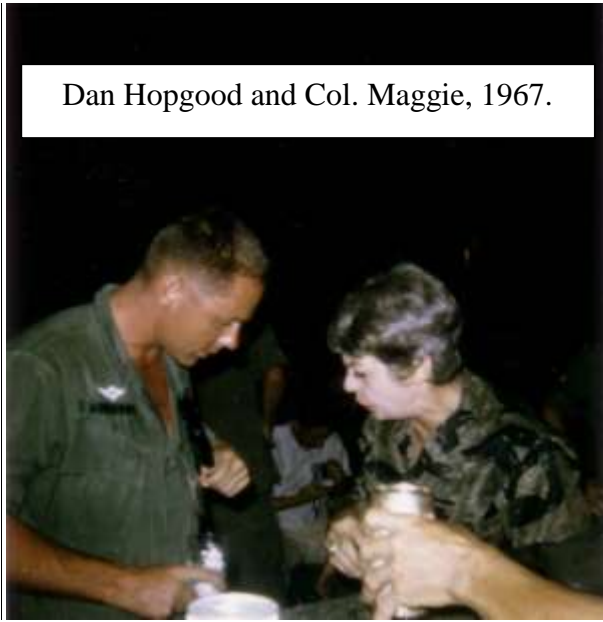
FUNDRAISER AT THE COVE RESTAURANT



Once Upon A Time....

(These pictures are printed in the order in which they were submitted to the newsletter. We are finally receiving a great response to our request for old photos so there may be a delay in printing your photo in the newsletter. Keep them coming. Thank you for your understanding. The Editor)

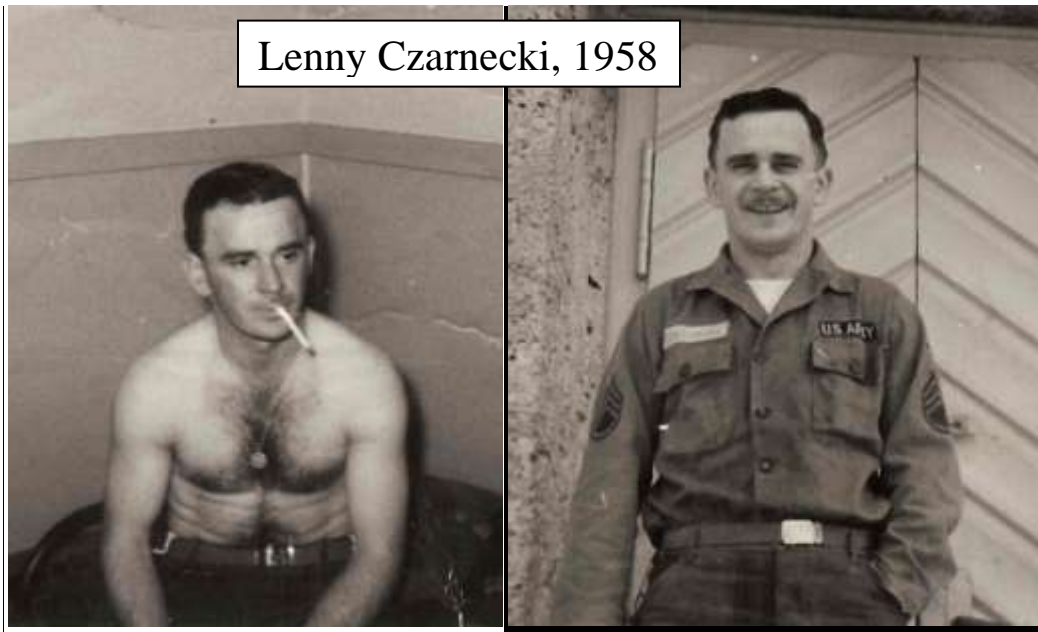
Dan Hopgood and Col. Maggie, 1967.



Dan Hopgood at SFOB, 1966.



Lenny Czarnecki, 1958



April Contest

(The Editor will buy a beer or other appropriate beverage for the first ten members who correctly identify the soldier or soldiers in these two pictures.)



Please submit your “Once Upon A Time” photos to Editor, Mike Maloy at Chinook501@aol.com. If you mail me your photos, please do not submit original photos (copies only because I might lose them).

**Special Notice:
Don't forget that May 20, 21, and 22 is
the weekend of our annual Jack Hogue
Memorial Picnic at Canyon Lake.**



**GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV
2011 CALENDAR**

<p align="center"><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>08 Board Meeting 1300 13 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Happy New Year</p>	<p align="center"><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY</p>	<p align="center"><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 19:00 meal 18:00 12 Cotulla cook-off Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>
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<p align="center"><u>JULY</u></p> <p>02 Board Meeting 13:00 07 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Parade: TBA ?? HAPPY 4TH of July!</p>	<p align="center"><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>06 Board Meeting 1300 11 Membership Meeting 1900 meal: 1800 Scholarship Grant Applications Accepted DROP input due Happy VJ Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 10-Cajunfest Celebration VFW, 1200-?, Educational Grant Applications, Nominations for chapter officers accepted <u>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</u> Happy Patriot's Day</p>
<p align="center"><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>01 Board Meeting 1300 06 Membership Meeting 1900, meal:18:00 ** fund raiser at Dick's ?? TBA Scholarship Applications Accepted Nominations for Chapter Officers Happy Halloween</p>	<p align="center"><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>05 Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 meal:1800 10 <u>Drop</u> Input Due 11 Veterans Ceremony FSH Election and Scholarship results fund raiser at Dick's ???? Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Veteran's Day</p>	<p align="center"><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>03 Board Meeting 1300 17 Installation of Officers and Christmas Banquet, at El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk *No Membership Meeting MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>

All Chapter Meetings unless announced otherwise, will be held at VFW Post 8541. Membership Meetings are held at 1900 hours on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A meal will be served at 1800 hours prior to each Membership Meeting. Board meetings are held the Saturday before the Membership Meeting at 1300 hours. 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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Breakfast Tacos,
Lunch Specials,
and Iced Cold Beer



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Mike Maloy, Editor

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"Carry on!"

