



GREEN BERET CHAPTER XV

The Alamo Chapter

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

31 Nov Board Meeting 1300

November

02 Committee Leads 1000

02 Membership Meeting 1300

(Election and Scholarship Results)

10 Drop Input Due

11 Veterans Day Ceremony (time TBD)

11 Dick's Fund Raiser (time TBD)

December

07 Board & Committee Leads meeting 1000

14 Christmas Banquet and installation of Officers 1800

NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN DECEMBER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Chapter elections for the 2014 Chapter Officers will take place at the November 2nd General Membership meeting. A copy of the Voting Ballot is included within this newsletter. Please ensure you mail your completed ballot to the SFA Chapter XV, PO Box 33782, San Antonio, TX 78265 before 28 October, to ensure it is received by the November 2nd meeting or, preferably, bring it to the November meeting yourself.

I sent out an Events Schedule for the 4th Quarter, which is also included in this newsletter.

The Veteran's Day Ceremony at Ft Sam Houston Cemetery will take place at 1000 hours, on November 11th. The Chapter will be providing the Color Guard carrying the service flags. That evening from 1800 to 2100 hours, we will be conducting our Annual Fund Raiser Event at Dick's Last Resort downtown San Antonio. We have a lot of items for the Silent Auction and raffle.

The Christmas Banquet is one of the Chapter's major events each year. The banquet is scheduled for December 7th at El Tropicano Hotel. Tickets are \$45.00 a piece and will go on sale at the November 2nd meeting. If you cannot make the meeting on November 2nd, but plan to attend the banquet, call me at 210-854-4131. We need to give the hotel the number of attendees for meals NLT November 15th. If you plan to spend the night at El Tropicano, make sure you ask for the Chapter's special rate.

The Chapter Scholarship Committee is now receiving applications for Scholarships from Chapter Members. The requirements for the scholarship application are included in this newsletter. The Scholarship Committee must receive all applications by 29 November. The Committee Chair is Alex Flores.

The Chapter Treasurer now has a credit card reader. Members can now purchase tickets, renew memberships, pay for a trailer at the Canyon Lake Picnic Event, or pay for silent auction items utilizing a credit card. No longer are you required to pay for everything with cash or checks.

I want to welcome Jerrie LeBleu as a new honorary member to the Chapter and a welcome back to Rudy Villareal, Miguel Rodriguez, Mason Fleming, Lou Decker, Arthur de la Cerda, and Victor Perales. We are glad to have you back as part of our team and attending meetings again.

Chuck Rose
President
SFA Chapter XV



SFA Chapter XV General Membership Meeting

Oct. 5, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck Rose at 1 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Adan Flores' invocation were followed by a moment of silence for fallen comrades.

Chuck welcomed guests and new members: Miguel and Margie Rodriguez, Mason and Patricia Fleming, Lou Decker, Arthur de la Cerda, Victor Perales. Sick or in Distress: Chuck noted Bob Hand was on his feet and present at the meeting; Adan Flores and Alex Flores also doing well after surgeries. Alice Martin will have knee replacement Oct. 16. We learned of Ralph Williams' passing.

OLD BUSINESS

- ☐ Approval of September minutes was moved by J.W. Martin, seconded by Marsha Scott. Approved.**
- ☐ Financial Report on SFA Convention 2013 by Buddy Gee: Total income was \$172,884. Total expenses \$133,655. Net income \$39,329. The 50% paid to SFA National came to \$19,664. Chapter XV Net income \$19,665. Report will be added to After Action Report and sent to National and to chapters planning future conventions.**
- ☐ Chapter Treasurer's Report by Mario Guerra was approved by the members.**
- ☐ Membership Report by Marsha Scott: We have 187 members and 5 widows on the roster. One new Life Member is Rudy Villareal. Dues are now due.... Chuck said someone needs to step in as membership chairman for about a year, as Marti wants to take a break. He also asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to update the roster.**
- ☐ Scholarship Committee: The scholarship application will be e-mailed to members and put into next newsletter. Applications will be accepted until the last day of November. Scholarship grant will be awarded at Christmas Banquet. Alex Flores is committee chairman.**
- ☐ Nominations Committee: Buddy Gee again presented the slate of officers for 2014:
President, Chuck Rose
Vice President, Bill Smith
Secretary, Bob Hand
Treasurer, Mario Guerra
Sergeant at Arms, Pat Connolly
Assistant Secretary, Barry Archer
Assistant Treasurer, Buddy Gee
Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Raul de la Garza
Gee said Len Czarnecki had nominated Bill Smith for President at the September meeting, but Smith declined. Chuck opened the floor for other nominations.**

There were none. Dan Hopgood moved that nominations close, seconded by Marsha Scott. After discussion, the motion was approved. Ballots were distributed. Ballots will also be attached to the newsletter and will be available at the Nov. 2 meeting, when the election will be held. Dan noted that election requires votes of at least 10% of the membership, and a SFA membership number is required to vote.

- ☐ Oktoberfest: Board voted to contribute \$200 to VFW for this annual event.**
- ☐ We will again support Veterans Day Ceremony at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery the morning of Nov. 11. Bob Walker said this will be his last event as veteran's representative for the chapter. He thanked J.W. Martin, who has volunteered to take over this duty.**
- ☐ That same night (Nov. 11), the annual chapter fundraiser will be held at Dick's Last Resort. Tickets are \$25 per person (all food, drinks, entertainment). Chuck said the owner of Dick's Last Resort will attend this "Special Forces Night," and we need to promote it. Pat Connolly is collecting items for silent auction.**
- ☐ Christmas Banquet will be at the El Tropicano Hotel Dec. 7, featuring Joe Posada Band and SFA President Jack Tobin as guest speaker. Looking for Pearl Harbor survivors to invite.**

BREAK :

NEW BUSINESS:

- ☐ Jerrie LeBleu was recommended by the board for chapter honorary membership, pending a dispute with National over her qualifications for Associate Member. After discussion, members voted to make her an honorary member.**
- ☐ Chuck wants to have a cadre of chapter members who will visit injured SF soldiers at SAMMC and help their families. Commanders of both 7th Group and 5th Group have requested assistance, as government funds are curtailed for commanders to visit these troops. Chuck said Green Beret Foundation will assist in this effort. Victor Perales, retired from 7th Group and now teaching trauma medicine at FSH, volunteered his services, as did J.W. Martin.**

OPEN FORUM:

Marsha Scott read a letter she has written to SFA requesting an annual wreath ceremony each Aug. 20 at the gravesite of Martha Raye ("Col. Maggie") in the main post cemetery at Fort Bragg. ... Bob Hand said next year's Jack Hogue Picnic is tentatively set for May 16-18. ... Steve Twining has a video of a 1964 Vietnam action that he is willing to share with members (the mission for which Vince Skeebea received the Silver Star.)

Chuck presented Certificates of Appreciation for work on the SFA Convention to Barry and Iris Archer, Tony and Cheryl Stokely, Ken Sienko, Adan Flores, Delbert Hayes, Bill and Alice Martin and Bob Hand.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Buddy Gee

Acting Secretary

Special Notices:

BALLOT

Special Forces Association Chapter XV,
Election of Chapter Officers For Calendar Year 2014

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY FOR EACH OFFICE

OFFICE CANDIDATE #1 CANDIDATE #2 WRITE IN :

PRESIDENT: Chuck Rose YES NO _____ YES NO _____

VICE PRESIDENT: Bill Smith YES NO _____ YES NO _____

SECRETARY Bob Hand YES NO _____ YES NO _____

TREASURER Mario Guerra YES NO _____ YES NO _____

SGT @ ARMS Pat Connolly YES NO _____ YES NO _____

ASST SECRETARY Barry Archer YES NO _____ YES NO _____

ASST TREASURER Buddy Gee YES NO _____ YES NO _____

ASST SGT@ARMS Raul de la Garza YES NO _____ YES NO _____

Printed Name: _____ SFA MEMBER NUMBER: _____

Signature: _____

NOTES: 1. Ballot must be delivered to the teller committee in time to be counted at the General Membership Meeting on 2 November, 2013.

2. Signature and SFA Member Number are required for vote to be counted.

Ballots may be mailed to:

SFA Chapter XV

Attn: Teller Committee

P. O. Box 3782

San Antonio, TX 78265-3782

Nominations from the floor will be opened at the September 7, 2013 General Membership Meeting and will close at the General Membership Meeting on October 5, 2013. Ballots will be tallied and the Teller Committee will announce the results immediately following the November 2nd meeting intermission.



October 2, 2013

Fred Solis,
SFA 2013 Convention Chairman

Chuck Rose, President
Chapter XV, Alamo Chapter
Special Forces Association

~~Attached is the financial close-out report for SFA 2013 National Convention. Page 1 is the summary statement and Page 2 is an Excel spreadsheet breaking out expenses by event (read down) and by category (read across).~~

Total cash income:	\$172,984		
Total Expenses:	\$133,655		
Net Income:	<u>\$39,329</u>	50 % paid to SFA National	\$19,664
		Chapter XV Net Income	\$19,665

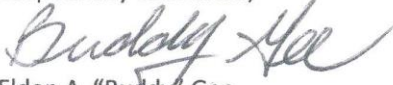
Thousands of dollars in donated cash, products and services enabled the 2013 SFA Convention Committee to provide many complimentary services and upgrades. These enhancements included the following:


- **No charge for the Welcome Reception**
- **Ladies program was no charge (except for a Dutch treat luncheon)**
- **Live band nightly in the hospitality room**
- **Nearly nonstop bus service between the convention hotel and the overflow hotels**
- **On-site security**

In addition to cash from sponsors, the following goods and services were donated:

- **Beer, wine and liquor at an estimated value of \$40,000 +/-**
- **Starbucks Coffee and pastries daily in the hospitality room: \$5,000**
- **Pickles and peppers donated by Bill Snyder, El Paso Chapter IX, estimated retail value: \$900**
- **VFW Post 76 sponsored a Friday night cook-out and provided free food and entertainment, plus wine, beer and sodas after we exceeded the \$1,000 paid by the Convention Committee**
- **Two professional photographers, Brian Kanoff, Chapter IX, and David Leonhardt, Chapter XV, donated their services and photographed the Convention from beginning to end**

Respectfully submitted,


Eldon A. "Buddy" Gee
Treasurer, SFA 2013 Convention


Mario Guerra
Assistant Treasurer, SFA 2013 Convention



Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant

The Special Forces Chapter XV Educational Grant is designed to provide a one-time educational grant of a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500). The number and amount of grants are determined by the chapter Scholarship Selection Committee with the approval of the chapter president. Recipient(s) will be announced at the annual Installation of Officers/Christmas Banquet.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be an SFA member in good member in good standing, a legal dependent, or a grandchild.
2. A high school graduate or a student anticipating graduation during the school year of application.
3. Grant must be used to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational institution.
4. Eligible applicants must submit the following:
 - a. A personal letter detailing the applicant's educational plans, career aspirations, and planned use for the grant awarded.
 - b. Copies of the most recent academic transcripts, SAT scores, and other scholastic achievements.
 - c. A letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor, or a principal.
 - d. A summary of extra-curricular activities, non academic achievements, and hobbies.
 - e. A copy of the acceptance letter from the institution of higher learning the applicant will attend.
5. Above criteria must be received by the scholarship committee no later than 29 November Send to:

President Chuck Rose
SFA Chapter XV
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 33782
San Antonio TX 78265-3782

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Christmas Banquet Schedule of Events

The Chapter Christmas Banquet is a coat & tie affair. Whether you want to wear a uniform; tuxedo; suit & tie; SFA Green Blazer and tie; it's your choice. The sequence of events and timelines are as follows:

DECEMBER 7TH

- 09:00 a.m. - Volunteers loading up at VFW.
- 10:00 a.m. - Trinidad room (1st Floor) - Volunteers will be setting up hospitality room at El Tropicano.
- 01:00 - 05:30 p.m. - Trinidad room - Hospitality room will be operational.
- 05:30 p.m. La Habana room (right across from Trinidad) will open - cash bar (no outside food or beverages).
- 05:30 - 06:30 p.m. La Habana Room - Mariachi will play.
- 06:30 - 08:00 p.m. La Habana Room - Banquet Dinner (Plated dinner duet - chicken and beef)
- 08:00 - 02:00 a.m. Trinidad Room - Hospitality room operational with live band until 12:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 8th

- On Sunday Bloody Marys will be served at approx 9 a.m. in the Trinidad room. We will pack up at that time.





“ SFA Alamo Chapter XV, Green Berets”

Presents:

The 8th Annual “NIGHT at DICK’S LAST RESORT”

406 Navarro Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

210/224-0026

November 11, 2013 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Proceeds go to

**The Special Forces Association “Alamo Chapter XV, Green Berets”
Charities**

Tickets: \$25.00

Includes: All Food & Well Drinks, Draft Beer, Wine and Live Music

For Ticket Information:

Contact: Chuck Rose at 210-854-4131 or email: chuckrose@gvtc.com

YOUR Support matters!

4th Quarter 2013 Chapter XV Events

- 1) Sunday, October 20th, the Special Forces Chapter is co-sponsoring the Oktoberfest Celebration, from 1730 -1930 hours, along with VFW Post 8541, located at 2222 Austin Highway. I encourage all members to attend the event and enjoy the festivities.
- 2) The Chapter November Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 31st, at 1300 - 1430 hours at VFW Post 8541. Chapter members are invited to attend this meeting.
- 3) The Chapter November General Membership Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 2nd, at 1300 hours at VFW Post 8541. A Lunch meal will be served from 1200-1300 hours. Please try to attend the general membership meeting. The election of 2014 chapter officers will be finalized during this meeting. If you did not mail in your voting ballot, please bring it to the meeting.
- 4) The chapter members will participate in the Veterans Day Event at Fort San Houston, on Monday, November 11th at 1000 hours.
- 5) The Chapter Annual Fund Raising Event will take place at Dick's Last Resort, (on the Riverwalk), on Monday, November 11th at 1800 - 2100 hours. Tickets are \$25.00 a piece for all the food, beer, wine and well drinks, along with live music and entertainment. There will also be a silent auction and raffle. Again, I encourage everyone to attend, and have a great time at this event.
- 6) All Scholarship Applications must be received by 29 November. Scholarships will be presented at the Christmas Banquet on December 7th.
- 7) The Chapter December Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 5th, at 1300 hours at VFW Post 8541. Chapter members are invited to attend this meeting.
- 8) The Chapter Christmas Banquet will take place at El Tropicano Hotel on Saturday, December 7th. The hospitality rooms open from 1300 to 1730 hrs. A Mariachi Group will perform from 1800 -1830 hrs. The banquet starts at 1830 hours. Our keynote speaker will be Jack Tobin, President of the Special Forces Association. We are also planning to invite several distinguished visitors to this event. Following the banquet, a live band will provide dance music and entertainment until 2400 hours. The hotel has given our membership a special room rate of \$99.00 that night. Tickets go on sale November 2nd. This will be an event to remember, so please put this date on your calendar.
- 9) There will be no December General Membership Meeting. The next General Membership Meeting will be Saturday, January 4th.



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2013 CALENDAR

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
05 Convention Meeting 1000 05 Jan Board Meeting 1300 10 Membership Meeting 1900 25 Feb Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 10 Drop Input Due 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1300 28 Mar Board Meeting 1300	02 Convention Meeting 1000 02 Membership Meeting 1300 08-10 Cotulla Hog Cook-off 23 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 23 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1300
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
04 Apr Board Meeting 1300 06 Convention Meeting 1100 06 Membership Meeting 1300 13 Chpt Memorial Service 1100 for Fallen brothers/spouses 20 Convention Cmt Mtg 1300 20 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500	04 May Board Meeting 1000 04 Convention Cmt Mtg 1300 10 Drop Input Due 17-19 Jack Hogue Picnic 27 Memorial Day Serv 0930 30 Jun Board Meeting 1300 NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING	01 Convention Cmt Mtg 1100 01 Membership Meeting 1300 01 Motorcycle Cmt Mtg 1500 22 Jul Board Meeting 1300 26-30 National Convention
<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
02 Board Meeting 1300 04 Fourth of July Parade TBD 06 Membership Meeting 1300 30 Aug Board Meeting 1300	03 Membership Meeting 1300	05 Sep Board Meet 1300 07 Membership Meeting 1800 (El Tropicano Hotel) 07 Convention Party 1830
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
03 Oct Board Meeting 1300 05 Membership Meeting 1300 (Nomination of Officers & Scholarship Applications) 20 Oktoberfest Party VFW 1730 31 Nov Board Meeting 1300	02 Membership Meeting 1300 (Election and Scholarship 10 Drop Input Due 11 Veterans Day Cerem 1000 11 Dick's Fund Raiser 1800 29 Scholarship Applications Received	05 Dec Board Meeting 1300 07 Christmas Banquet 1830 & Installation of Officers NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All Chapter Meetings 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. Committee Meetings will begin at 11:00 hrs on the first Saturday of the month at the VFW. Board Meeting will be held during the week prior to the Membership Meeting.

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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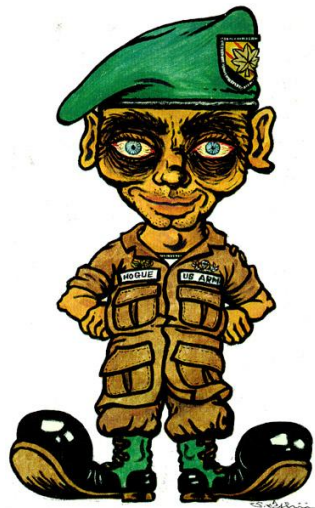
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Special thanks to our unofficial photographers who continue to provide us with numerous photographs of Chapter XV events: David Benavides, Henry Jimenez, Dan Hopgood and Marti and Ben Scott. Selecting which ones to use is always a difficult decision, 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!"

