

# SFA Chapter 55 Winter Meeting

5 Jan 13, Grand Rapids, MI

Bill Schrader – Host

1. **Call meeting to order:** 1300hrs
  - 1.1. Opening Prayer (Chaplain)
  - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance (President)
  - 1.3. Moment of silence for fallen comrades (All)
  - 1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets (All)
  - 1.5. Roll Call:
    - 1.5.1. Dave Fetters, Doug Sherd, Richard Smith, Mike Reyes, Harry Smith, George Sternberg, Ed Hirsch, Dale Abbuhl, Larry Todt, Frank Burns, Don Bruce, Dick Shevchenko, Iriash Palmer, Art Goatbe, Bill Schrader, Bob, Strange, Bob Slivatz, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Wilfred Mousseau, Mark Kincaid.
  - 1.6. Introductions of guest:: Return of Larry Todt and new member Mark Kincaid
2. **Reports:**
  - 2.1. Adjutant's Report: Rich Smith
    - 2.1.1. Minutes of last meeting distributed at meeting
    - 2.1.2. Posted online
  - 2.2. **Treasurer's Report:**
    - 2.2.1. Mike Reyes distributed a written report revealing a total balance of \$11,019.18. in Shares and Checking. Oral report presented indicated a balance of 11,932
    - 2.2.2. Received a donation from Adrian Law with funds from the sale of his "boonie hat" to Jasen Handesn
    - 2.2.3. Remembered Barb Sparks for expenses incurred for mailing newsletter
  - 2.3. **Chaplain's Report:** Bob Slivatz no report
  - 2.4. **Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd
    - 2.4.1. A-Teams assignments presented for teams A550 to A556 others will be compiled and presented at a later date.
    - 2.4.2. Chapter 55 E-mail issues. VP will contact AOL to resolve issues with bulk mailing of Chapter 55 newsletter.
  - 2.5. **President's Report:** Dave Fetters
    - 2.5.1. SFA Constitution ballot recommended changes by Fetters as an appropriate vote.
    - 2.5.2. DROP e-mail, SFAHQ will follow Chapter 55 experience and email copies of Drop to members with email addresses on file to reduce cost to SFA.
    - 2.5.3. Web site activity - R. Pruett moderator
      - 2.5.3.1. Ray will work with Slivatz and Smith to further develop website
      - 2.5.3.2. Larry Todt made motion made to have chapter get a secured credit card to pay for website from 1and1.com, seconded by Steve Frazer. Motion passed, Shevchenko opposed.
    - 2.5.4. National SFA Day.
      - 2.5.4.1. Comments included date of Special Forces founding 19 June 1952
3. **Old Business:**
  - 3.1. **Scholarship Report:** Dewey LaGuire-Guinn
    - 3.1.1. Dewey Scholarship needs to replace Dewey as Chairman.
    - 3.1.2. Dewey will remain on the board but not as chair.
    - 3.1.3. Dewey issued a written report. Fund now has \$12,121.06 on deposit
    - 3.1.4. Three scholarships presented in 2012. One for \$1000 and two for \$500 on 14 May 2012 at Vassar High School
    - 3.1.5. Vassar Memorial Day Services will meet at 0900hrs at a location in Vassar that will be announced later. Services at Vassar Riverside Cemetery at 1030hrs

3.2. **Quartermaster Report:** Bob Strange

3.2.1. Bob issued a written report

3.2.2. QM had \$2,193.34 in expenses and \$4119.00 of income. To post a net gain of \$1925.56

4. **New Business:**

4.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2012/2013

4.1.1. Spring Meeting. 11 May 2013 – Bob Strange and Dewey will host at White Lake VFW

4.1.2. Summer Campout 10-12 August 2013 – Art Goatbe will host – West Branch

4.1.3. Fall Meeting. (To be determined later)

5. **Good of the Order:**

5.1. Bill Schrader noted that a member of 3<sup>rd</sup> Group, William Lubber, died in a train crossing accident at Midland, Texas on 16 November 2012. Bill Lubber was a friend, neighbor, and, teammate of Jason Schrader

5.2. Dick Shevchenko Charles “Shaky” Hoover SFC(r) of Caro, MI died as did the Barbara “Barb,” wife of member Bob Tyson, Col (r). Col Tyson is suffering from Alzheimer’s

5.3. 50-50 drawing

6. **Motion to Adjourn:** 1445hrs meeting adjourned.