

SFA Chapter 55 Spring Meeting

5 May 12, Lansing, MI

Ray Pruett – Host

1. Call meeting to order: 1310 hrs.

- Opening Prayer led by Chaplain Bob Slivatz
- Pledge of Allegiance led by President Dave Fetters
- Moment of silence to fallen comrades
- Ballad of the Green Berets sung by all present

1.1 Roll Call: President Dave Fetters, Vice President Doug Sherd, Treasurer Mike Reyes, Adjutant Richard Smith, Quartermaster Bob Strange, Chaplain Bob Slivatz. Members Duane LaGuire-Quinn, Ed Hirsh, Andy Brown, Ken Maynard, Steve Frazer, Art Goatbe, Ray Pruett, Harry Moore, W.R. Moosseu, Tom Wetzel, John Southard,

1.2 Introductions: Linda Raser who is making quilt for chapter.

2. Reports:

2.1 Adjutant's Report:

- Minutes of last meeting presented clerical errors noted (Bob Strange not included in attendees list, Harry Smith first name not capitalized, W.R. "Moose" Moosseu last name misspelled)
- Motion to accept as amended Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, seconded Bob Slivatz, unanimous vote to accept

2.2 Treasurer's Report:

- Witten financial report presented.
- Current: Savings balance \$8,362.25; Checking balance \$1,308.07; Total \$9,670.32
- January 7, 2012 meeting: Savings balance \$7,575.13; Checking balance \$290.19; Total \$7,865.32
- Tax check sent to SFAHQ

2.3 Chaplain's Report:

- Request prayer for all chapter members in need
- Dick Loony ill, first thoughts were that he had a stroke.
- Vassar, Michigan vet Travis Mills lost both arms and legs in combat

2.4 Vice-President's Report:

- Presented new organizational concept of A-Teams
- Will work on identifying members chapter activity involvement to assist with team assignments for reorganization.
- Will send email of new A-team roster to all members
- Will seek assistance from private corporations for fund raising
- Tom Wetzel suggested using area fairs to as source of fund raising.

2.5 President's Report: (Dave)

- Ray Pruett donated half of the cost for JROTC drapes, showed sample.
- Distinguished Member of the Chapter nominations Richard "Dick" Shevchenko and Duane "Dewey" LaGuire-Quinn nominated to panel. Voted by members present to confirm as Distinguished Members.
- National Board vote reminder that votes are due by 14 May 2012, must vote Yes or No for candidates.
- Ray Pruett will assume control of the chapter web site. Richard Smith will provide Ray Pruett with password access to site and assist with transformation.

2.6 A-Team Reports:

- A557: Boy Scouts post flags at cemetery after parade on 28 May.

- A557 Jason Schrader to CONUS assigned to 3rd Group B-Team, awarded his fifth Bronze Star..
- A557 Jason Schrader and his A-Team were presented with large Special Forces medallion by A557.

3. Old Business:

- Scholarship committee report.
 - Consider development of A-Team scholarship awards
 - Separate awards developed by teams and awarded to individuals in AO
 - Teams should submit scholarship development ideas to Duane LaGuire-Quinn and/or Doug Sherd
 - MFM Scholarship will be presented to three individuals on May 14, 2012 at Vassar High School. Top award is \$1000 and also two \$500 awards. May family will not participate in the selection to avoid perception of bias in selection of awardees.
- Raffle prizes for next year.
 - LaGuire-Quinn will sell his new unfired engraved Glock 19 to chapter at his cost for first prize.
 - Jim Campbell suggested that chapter consider a Special Forces watch as a prize.
 - A 1922 Russian military rifle may be donated from a friend of LaGuire-Quinn.

4. New Business:

4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2010/2011

- Summer campout/ meeting - Reyes Newaygo ranch. Dates 3-5 August 2012.
- Fall meeting Hosted by Dale Abbuhl at Grosse Isle, Michigan. Date TBD
- Winter Meeting/Dinner-Dance 12 January 2013 Grand Rapids AO
- 28 May 2012 chapter members will meet at Betty Lou's Restaurant at 0900 prior to traveling to Vassar Cemetery for Memorial Day services that recognizes sacrifice of Michael F. May.
- Quartermaster Bob Strange noted that SF coins are in stock (\$12 each). He ordered five large SF medallions for Bill Schrader for Jason's team. He will investigate purchasing pens with Chapter 55 markings from EmbroidMe (Wyandotte) and submit report at August meeting. Bob noted that his son was promoted to Second Lieutenant.
- Michigan Veteran Convention: W.R. "Moose" Moosseau will investigate for chapter.
- Detroit-Wayne County Airport travelling service member welcome center is still pending

5. Good of the Order:

- Motion to reimburse LaGuire-Quinn administrative cost for MFM Scholarship. Seconded by Slivatz and passed unanimous voice vote. Bill will be submitted to Reyes for payment.
- Chapter is working on acquiring accounting software for use by scholarship committee and chapter treasurer.
- Bob Slivatz will submit a chapter roster for Drop publication
- Bill Schrader will reestablish contacts with Amway Hotels regarding Chapter 55 hosting national convention in 2016. SFA National convention 2014 Charleston, SC; 2015 San Antonio, TX. Steve Frazer, Bill Schrader, and Ray Pruett will stream information to Dave Feters regarding Chapter 55 convention development

6. Motion to Adjourn: 1500 hrs.

