

# SFA Chapter 55 Summer Meeting

10 Aug 2013 at Prescott, MI

Art, Sharon & the Goatbe Family – Hosts

**1. Call the INFORMAL meeting to order:** Welcome to all extended by President Feters at 1305 hrs.

- Opening Prayer presented by President) Feters
- Pledge of Allegiance led by President Feters
- Moment of silence for fallen comrades (All)
- Ballad of the Green Berets sung by all

**1.1 Roll Call:** Dave Feters, Doug Sherd, Rich Smith, Steve Frazer, Tom Wetzel, Wilfred Mousseau, Mark Kincaid, Duane LaGuire-Quinn, Max Lund, Ken Maynard, Bob Gullett, Tim Leahy, Clay Curtis, Mike Cimoli, Mike, Jaciuk, Don Bruce, Bob Strange, Gene Thompson, Bill Schrader, Art Goatbe, Dale Abbuhl, Kirk Newman, Dick Shevchenko. Fred Turner

**1.2 Introductions:**

Guest Jim Floyd (Chapter 64)

Fred Turner presented Tom Wetzel with carved eagle head came and certificate.

**2. Reports:**

**2.1 Adjutant's Report:** Rich Smith

- Minutes of last meeting distributed. Motion to accept Steve Frazer – Second Bill Schrader – Accepted by voice vote

**2.2 Treasurer's Report:** Mike Reyes not present – excused, summary presented by Doug Sherd

- \$11,034.72 presently indicated as being in the chapter account
- Convention report
  - SFAHQ working on reorganizing the organizations financial reporting and web site.
  - SFAHQ request members to forward copies of photos regarding their deployments for historical records
  - 9,153 members in SFA at present.
- Rosters from SFAHQ – our Chapter member status needs a review.
  - Need to confirm status of Jackson and Jaciuk

**2.3 Chaplain's Report:** Bob Slivatz not present – excused, no report given

**2.4 Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd

- E-mail issues: members not getting chapter communications contact Vice-President Sherd to verify email their addresses.
- Notices of coming events will be sent to all members registered with email.

**2.5 President's Report:** Dave Feters

- Ballot issue – passed resulting in a new constitution, voting numbers not great but Chapter 55 had the second highest number of voter cast. Chapter 1-18 cast the fewest amount of votes.
- Rings, book, and SFAHQ balance sheet are available for viewing after the meeting.
- Recognition of meeting “warning notice:” It is a good idea implemented by Vice President Sherd that proved its worth.

**3. Current Business:**

- Duane LaGuire-Quinn: A written scholarship report will be submitted at a later date.
  - The committee is still in need of a new chairman.
  - Ed Hirsch has not committed to the position.
- Quartermaster report – Bob Strange: No written report submitted.

- QM store will open after the meeting and run from 1500 to 1800 hrs.
- SFA Dress Blazer is available through the QM Prices will vary depending on the total order amount.
- Web site – Pruett not present – excused, no report submitted.

#### **4. New Business:**

##### **4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2012/2013**

- Fall 2013 – date TBD, host Andy Brown, Southfield VFW Post 2645
  - Notice of date will be sent vial email and web posting
- Winter Christmas Party – 11 Jan 2014 (not 13 as on web site), hosts Slivatz/Ryba
- Spring meeting has tentative host: Mark Kincaid at Bad Ax, Michigan.
  - May 17, 2014 (Welcome 16-18 May). Campsites available on Mark's property – five RV hook ups available. Hotels near by available for those who wish to overnight as well.

#### **5. Good of the Order:**

- Bill Schrader attended a meeting featuring Brigadier General Boykin in Grand Rapids and was impressed by BG Boykin's message regarding the status of the American government
  - 101<sup>st</sup> Abn Association is hosting a convention in Grand Rapids in 2014.
  - Grand Rapids will host its annual Military Ball on 8 February 2014 at the Amway Hotel
  - Schrader presented Dick Shevchenko a gag gift, a statute of a Nome armed with a grenade.
- Duane LaGuire-Quinn: motion to have chapter buy a brick at the SF historical center at Ft. Bragg, seconded Tim Leahy accepted by voice unanimous vote.
- Dick Shevchenko: the brick at the Vassar Memorial will be officially displayed on 21 September at 1000 hrs. ceremony.
- Shevchenko: Vassar Veterans Appreciation Day celebration is 19 August 2013 at 225 Mayer Road, Frankenmuth, MI 100 to 1700 hrs. Picnic lunch provided
- Bob Strange requested that the Southfield Vets attend the fall meeting to conduct and record interviews of Chapter 55 members so that they can be held in the national archives and copies sent to SFHQ.
- Dick Shevchenko: Request that copies of recorded interviews be filed with the chapter historian.
- Dale Abbuhl: The Grosse Isle veteran celebration is 13 September 2014.
- 50-50 drawing won by Mike Jaciuk who returned a generous amount to the chapter
- Auction conducted after the meeting. The results will be submitted with a chapter treasurer's report.

**6. Motion to Adjourn:** Motioned by Bill Schrader and seconded by Steve Frazer and unanimously accepted by a voice vote. Adjourned at 1405 hrs.