

SFA Chapter 55 Spring Meeting

11 Apr 15, Milford, MI

Tim & Ann Leahy – Hosts

1. Call the meeting to order: Welcome to all (President) 1:00 pm

- Opening Prayer (Chaplain Slivatz)
- Pledge of Allegiance (President)
- Moment of silence for fallen & sick comrades (All)
- Ballad of the Green Berets (All)

1.1 Roll Call: Mike Cimoli, Richard Smith, Steve Frazer, Doug Sherd, Harry Smith, John Southard, Frank Burns, Tim Leahy, Paul Schimmer, James Reppke, John Sosa, John Luker, Ste O'Rourke, Don Reddeman, Dale Abbuhl, Mark, Kincaid, Clay Curtis, Kirk Newman, Dave Fetters, Mike Jaciuk, Mark Stinson, Iriash Palmer, Bill Schrader, James Jackson, Bob, Slivatz, Rick Boylard, Bob Strange, Mike Whitting, Rudy Wade, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Mike Reyes

1.2 Introductions: Smoking Cessaion speakers Chris Franklin, Doug Selbold

2. Reports:

2.1 Adjutant's Report: Rich Smith

- Minutes of last meeting accepted

2.2 Treasurer's Report: Mike Reyes

- Financial report: \$12, 456.66 on deposit
- Roster presented for examination of member POC and corrections requested
- Inactive members attempts to contact inactive members will be made to have them reactivate their memberhips

2.3 Chaplain's Report: Bob Slivatz

- Recovering: Steve Frazer, Royal "Moose" Musseau, Kirk Newman, Steve O'Rourke, Larry Todt, Lance Guilford, Tim Leahy, Michael Whittum, Michael Cimoli, Ruddy Wade and Bob Gullett
- Deceased Ed Blackmore
- Wayne Gldes, provided assistance to his family

2.4 Vice-President's Report: Doug Sherd

- Ramp for Moose provided by VA

2.5 President's Report: Dave Fetters

- Mark Kincaid is "officially" appointed Ass't. Chaplain
- Paul Schwimmer's next recovery project will be in Vietnam
- SFA Award for non-Army JROTC members recognize that non-Army ROTC members may select to pursue military careers in the Army.
 - Winfred Nolls, Navy ROTC requested SF recognition for Navy ROTC on 29 April, Flint N.W. High School.
 - Newman and Mark Kincaid will present certificate and coin.
 - Motion to approve Paul Schwimmer second, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, approved voice vote no objections
- SFA web site – new bulletin board feature allows members to communicate within organization.
- INTSUM's President's Podium. A mix up in communication caused its inclusion into the Intsum to be omitted.

- RVN- War in Laos research project to be initiated.

3. Current Business:

- Scholarship committee chair replacement - Dewey LaGuire-Quinn.
 - Chapter 55 is still seeking a volunteer to take over as Michael F. May Scholarship Fund chairman.
 - Jon Luker joined the committee to audit the records assist with bookkeeping.
 - Current balance of MFM fund is \$11,976.35
 - Vassar High School submitted only two applications and awards will be presented 11 May 2015.
 - There were no applications for scholarships from students at other Michigan High Schools.
 - Vassar Michigan will conduct Memorial Day services on 25 May 2015 where Michael F. May is honored by his hometown.
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- Quartermaster report – Bob Strange sells 1st SSF coin. Chapter member Herman Kasoff was a member of 1st SSF

4. New Business:

- **Chapter Events Calendar for 2015**
 - Summer Campout – 7-9 August 2015, Kirk Newman at Chesaning, Michigan
 - Fall meeting – 3 Oct 2015, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn at Fenton, Michigan
 - Winter Christmas meeting and dinner – 9 Jan 2016, Bob Slivatz at St Clair Shores, Michigan VFW Bruce Post.
 - 2016 Spring meeting – Tim Leahy at Milford, Michigan. Date to be determined later
- Letter requested to be sent to donor for magnetic signs use in 2014 Detroit Veterans Day Parade
- Canadian Airborne Forces Association, CAFA, is a social organization that is seeking members of American military parachutist. Members from Chapter 55 will travel to Trenton, Ontario to attend the next CAFA meeting and from an American chapter of CAFA, Branch 17.

5. Good of the Order:

- 0930hrs the first Saturday of every month a Special Forces-Ranger breakfast is hosted by Mark Kincaid at Valley Family Restaurant, 5009 Miller Rd, Flint, Michigan
- A SFA breakfast is held 1000hrs every Friday at Bob Evans Restaurant, Middle Belt and I-96.
- Mike Reyes recognized as a Distinguished Member of Special Forces Association Chapter 55 by President Dave Fetters.
- Steve Frazer showed a pistol holster embossed with SF flash and CIB that is available. POC Steve Frazer - steve.frazer@sfchap55.net
- Dewey LaGuire-Quinn noted that Art Goatbe will attend the next meeting.
- Bob Strange noted that the Special Operations Association Riders will conduct its annual motorcycle ride to the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Washington, DC. The ride will start in Illinois and travel with stops to DC. POC Bob Strange – bob.strange@sfchap55.net
- 50-50 drawing after the meeting

6. Motion to Adjourn: Motion Steve Frazer, seconded Paul Schwimmer. Meeting adjourned 1425hrs.