

SFA Chapter 55 Winter Meeting

11 Jan 14, St Clair Shores, MI

Bob Slivatz – Host

1. Call the meeting to order: Welcome to all (President) 1305 hrs

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

1.1 Roll Call: James Jackson, Robert, Jones, John Sosa, Timothy Leahy, Stephen O'Rourke James Reppke, Frank Burns, Michael Cimoli, Iriash Palmer, Andrew Brown, R. Don Bruce, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Robert Strange, Joseph ??, (12th Gp) Mike Gazo, Paul Schwimmer, Dale Abbuhl, Harry Smith, Edward Hirsch, W.A. Mousseau, Art Goatbe, Richard Smith, Dave Fetters, Bob Slivatz

1.2 Introductions: Introduce Bob Jones, 12th Group

2. Reports:

2.1 Adjutant's Report: Rich Smith

- Minutes of last meeting distributed and posted on line. Motion to accept LaGuire-Quinn, seconded Slivatz, accepted unanimous voice vote

2.2 Treasurer's Report: Mike Reyes (Absent snowed in)

- Current status submitted a written report
- Roster update: Received and approved for email distribution by President Fetters.
- Dues: Reminder stated.
- Yearend tax report noted as being due 15 February 2014.
- Motion to accept by Slivatz, seconded LaGuire-Quinn, and accepted unanimous voice vote.

2.3 Chaplain's Report: Bob Slivatz :

2.3.1 Mike Davis at home with caretaker

2.3.2 Responded to treatment help from SFA Chapter 38 for former 5th Group member

2.3.3 Urged members to stay in contact with other.

2.4 Vice-President's Report: Injury and snow prevented attendance.

2.5 President's Report: Dave Fetters

- Web site: Ray Pruett is available to resume his duties as Webmaster. Ray has updated webpage.
- SFA Board will run for reelection
- VP position: Sherd is back from his sabbatical and has resumed his duties.
- Ms L Raser – feedback please. Fetters will contact her and express thanks for her contribution of quilts to chapter members. LaGuire-Guinn wants to allow her to continue donations of quilts to aid with scholarship fund
- Fetters may be absence from August meeting his attendance depends of date.
- Military Ball Saturday 8 February at Amway Hotel. All members are invited to attend. Attire: Suit, Tuxedo, SFA Dress uniform, Military Dress Blues or Mess Uniform.
- 8th GP Panama reunion 6-13 April 2014: POC CSM Gary Baura Fetters will provide his email and phone number.
- Ball Park Nite Lights – Schrader (unable to attend meeting). Fire at Fifth-Third Bank Field caused Schrader's display of Christmas lights to blocked. He had to delay removal of exhibit.

3. Current Business:

- Scholarship committee status: Dewey,, Smith, Ed Hirsch, Tom Wetzal, Tim Leahy are the committee members.
 - LaGuire-Guinn submitted financial report
 - Committee will meet 15 February at Fenton
 - LaGuire-Quinn and Smith will meet with Vassar school representatives to discuss 2014 scholarships
 - Vassar School District will meet in March regarding scholarships
 - Smith: urge teams to meet and discuss the scholarship expansion to schools in their AO, Breakfast Clubs suggested as method of meeting.
- Quartermaster report – Strange no report submitted. Has SFAHQ calendars available

4. New Business:

4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2012/2013

- Spring 2014 – Saginaw Am Legion, 12 April – host Shevchenko
- Summer 2014 – TBD – late June/early July
- all Campout – 24-28 Sept, Bad Ax, host Mark Kinkaid
- 2014 Convention 7-16 June 2014 Columbus, SC
- 2015 Convention Valley Forge, PA
- Paul Schwimmer: MIA recovery project working on WW II
 - Recovered a P-47 in Belgium, remains were buried at Arlington
 - B-26 that was downed during Battle of the Bulge
 - Battle of Tarawa USMC recovery, buried in Indiana, there was a 66 mile long procession to honor the fallen marine
- John Sosa: Should chapter Consider a silent auction for 2015 January diner/dance

5. Good of the Order:

- Comments
- 50-50 drawing now
- Auction this evening

6. Motion to Adjourn: Paul Schwimmer, seconded Tom Wetzal, and unanimously approved by voice vote. 1445