

SFA Chapter 55 Spring Meeting

11 May 13, White Lake, MI
Strange/LaGuire-Quinn – Hosts

1. **Call meeting to order:** Welcome to all (President) 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:** Steve Frazer, Ed Hirsch, Steve O'Rourke, Iriash C. Palmer, Harry S. Smith, Andy Brown, Bob Gullett, Art Goatbe, Bill Schrader, Clay Curtis, Doug Sherd, Dale Abbuhl, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Bob, Strange, Bob Slivatz, John T. Southard, Dick Shevchenko, W.R Mousseau, Kirk Newman, Mike Reyes, Richard Smith, Dave Fetters, Ken Maynard.
 - 1.6. **Introductions:** Jon Luker (12th), Steve Young (19th, 5th, 1st, 3rd, SWC), Wallace Young (6th, 8th, 10th), Mike Jaciuk (12th), Tim Leahy (7th, 12th), James R. Jackson (12th), Mike Cimoli (Helicopter support)

2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1. **Adjutant's Report:** Rich Smith
 - 2.1.1. Copies of minutes of last meeting distributed: Motion to correct to add Steve Frazer in attendance, accepted with note of correction.
 - 2.1.2. Jerry Boykin, LTG (R) founding member of Delta Force, speaking at Grand Rapids (June 6) and Dearborn Heights (June 7)

 - 2.2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Reyes
 - 2.2.1. Submitted Statement with copies of monthly bank statements.
 - 2.2.1.1. Prior balance as of December 31, 2012 - \$11,019.18
 - 2.2.1.2. Current balance as of April 30, 2013 - \$10, 720.10
 - 2.2.1.3. Current Earnings \$2754.01 and Expenditures \$3,050.09

 - 2.3. **Chaplain's Report:** Bob Slivatz
 - 2.3.1. Received thank you card from Anthony Nelson family (Frank Burns' grandson) for chapter attending Anthony's funeral service
 - 2.3.2. Read Antony Nelsons' obituary.
 - 2.3.3. Noted that Ken Maynard (in Attendance) was recovering well after a suffering stroke at Pathfinder's Convention.

 - 2.4. **Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd
 - 2.4.1. A-Team assignments continue – placement of members is fluid in response to new members being added to roll.
 - 2.4.2. Email address like assignments are added with each new member. Ray Pruitt will assign each member his chapter email address. Members can have chapter email as a "Mail Box" account, a forwarding account, or both.

 - 2.5. **President's Report:** Dave Fetters
 - 2.5.1. SFA Special Ballot re; Article XVI must be postmarked by 31 May 2013.
 - 2.5.2. Region 2 Rep. Jim Ringland is retiring as the regional representative, please make nominations to replace him to Dave Fetters
 - 2.5.3. Reyes will represent the chapter at the convention Presidents' meeting. Fetters unable to attend convention.
 - 2.5.4. Web site activity - R. Pruett moderator. Ray has posted a photo gallery section that reflects members interest and hobbies
 - 2.5.5. Meeting "warning notice" idea developed by Doug Sherd will be explained in detail later

2.6. Current Business:

2.6.1. Scholarship report/Vassar 13 May – Dewey

2.6.1.1. Financial Report submitted

2.6.1.2. Board will hold meeting after Chapter 55 meeting to vote on 2013 scholarship recipients.

2.6.2. Quartermaster report and web sell contract: No Report submitted will present at latter date

2.7. New Business:

2.7.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2012/2013

2.7.1.1. Summer Campout 09-11 Aug – Hosted by Art Goatbe at West Branch, Michigan. Additional information and directions are posted on web site.

2.7.1.2. Fall 2013 – date TBD, hosted Richard Smith and Andy Brown at the Southfield VFW Dunham-Ray Post

2.7.1.3. Winter Christmas Party – 11 January 2014, hosted by Bob Slivatz and Bill Ryba at the St. Clair, Michigan VFW Bruce Post.

2.8. Good of the Order:

2.8.1. Bill Schrader: Chapter should reimburse Bob Strange for SF plaque sent to Midland Texas to honor the killed and injured in the November 16 Veterans' Day parade. Twice WIA Sergeant Joshua Michael served with chapter member Jason Schrader (3rd) in Afghanistan. He died saving his wife.

2.8.2. JROTC awards. Chapter must decide on items presented with certificate, coin, ribbon, medal, or combination. It was noted that recipients like to wear the ribbons on their uniform.

2.8.3. Memorial Day Parades

2.8.3.1. Bill Scharader: Grand Rapids Memorial Day Parade (27 May) is limited to honoring dead military

2.8.3.2. Tim Leahy: Milford Memorial Day Parade is 27 May

2.8.3.3. Dave Fetters: He is the only Special Forces soldier, not the only SF in the area, to march in Holland Michigan Memorial Day Parade.

2.8.3.4. Dewey: request that chapter buy a brick for the Vassar Veteran's Memorial area. Large memorial brick is \$75 and smaller individual bricks are less. Vassar memorial services held and Michael May's mother is escorted by Chapter 55 members.

2.8.3.5. Dick Shevchenko: Celebrating 45 years of military retirement.

2.8.3.6. Richard Smith: The Detroit Veteran's Day Parade is in November 9, 2013. Start time is 0800hrs. Pre parade coffee and doughnuts and post parade at Vietnam Veterans on Woodward Ave

2.8.3.7. Accounting software

2.8.3.8. Mike Brown funeral attended by Harry Smith, Iriash Palmer, Mike Jaciuk, Dewy LaGuire-Quinn, Rich Smith, Dale Abbuhl, Don McLane

2.8.3.9. Slivatz book is available for \$15. Bob will sign copies for members.

2.8.3.10. 50-50 drawing

2.9. Motion to Adjourn: Ed Hirsch, second Royal Mousseau. Adjourned 1440hrs.

