

# SFA Chapter 55 Spring Meeting

12 Apr 14, Saginaw, MI  
Dick & Terri Shevchenko – Hosts

1. **Call the meeting to order:** 1315hrs, welcome to all (President) acknowledgement of Dick Shevchenko and his daughter work to host meeting after Dick's heart surgery.
  - 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:** Dave Fetters, Doug Sherd, Mike Reyes, Rich Smith, Bob Slivatz, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Bob Strange, James Jackson, Mark Kincaid, Mike Jaciuk, Al Swan, Bill Schrader, Frank Burns, Art Goatbe, Clay Curtis, Kirk Newman, Don Bruce, Steve Frazer, John Southard, Tim Leahy, Jim Reppke, Paul Schwimmer, Steve Walton, John Sosa, Mark Stinson, Dick Shevchenko, Jim Attwood, Cindi Atwood, Tom Wetzel
  - 1.6. **Introductions:**
    - 1.6.1. Guest: Ron Burns, Tom Coleman, Red Coleman, T.J. (Michael) Coleman, Marilyn Cunningham, Salvador Guerra ([Salvador.Guerra@va.gov](mailto:Salvador.Guerra@va.gov)), Kimberly Lewis
2. **Reports:**
  - 2.1. **Adjutant's Report:** Rich Smith
    - 2.1.1. Minutes of last meeting distributed and posted online. Motion to accept Steve Frazer, seconded Dewey LaGuire-Quinn. Unanimous voice vote to accept.
    - 2.1.2. Read letter from Ruby J. Reitz, mother of Michael J. "Brownie" Brown thanking Chapter 55 for its large number of attendees at MSG Brown's memorial service March 10, 2013.
  - 2.2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Reyes
    - 2.2.1. Financial report submitted along with bank statement. Current status \$12, 683.778 total Savings and checking accounts.
    - 2.2.2. Roster update – new members Steve Walton, Herman Kasoff, Rudy Wade
    - 2.2.3. Dues – we have a number of "inactive" members carried on our chapter roster that is not carried by SFAHQ. Efforts will be made to contact the inactive members to bring them back to the membership.
    - 2.2.4. Motion to accept report: Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, seconded by Don Bruce, approved unanimous voice vote.
  - 2.3. **Chaplain's Report:** Bob Slivatz
    - 2.3.1. Reported that Jon R. Cavaiani, MOH, was not doing well, his immune system was rejecting his treatment procedures
    - 2.3.2. Dick Shevchenko reported that Dick Loney had arrived in Saginaw for the meeting on Friday but left because of a medical condition that caused him to cough blood.
    - 2.3.3. Chapter should thank Cliff Newman for processing Rudy Wade's application so effectively after years of prior neglect.
  - 2.4. **Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd
    - 2.4.1. Roster/A-Teams
    - 2.4.2. There are twenty-one members without email contact information and five members without telephonic point of contact
    - 2.4.3. Packets of information regarding A-Team membership and rosters will be sent.

2.4.4. Members who are having email problems please contact VP Sherd to correct and clarify

**2.5. President's Report: Dave Fetters**

2.5.1. President Fetters sent letter to Ms. Linda Raser thanking her for her contribution of quilts to Chapter 55 members and advising her that other veterans groups would appreciate her generosity. She was also informed that attendance at SFA meeting by none members is by invitation only.

2.5.2. Military Ball Saturday 8 February 2014. William Schrader (CMS ret) represented the chapter and was recognized in ceremony as the eldest military representative present.

2.5.3. Sunday 6 April 2014 Dave Fetters, Trudy Fetters, Art Goatbe, and Kirk Newman attended "Associates Day" services at Reverend Mark Kincaid's (CSM ret) Owosso Free Methodist Church

**2.5.4. Distinguished Member of the Chapter**

2.5.4.1. Nominated by Paul Schwimmer, seconded by Tim Leahy and members voted unanimously to award Bob Slivatz recognition as a "Distinguished Member of the Chapter." President Fetters, before the membership, presented Chaplain Slivatz a certificate acknowledging the award.

2.5.4.2. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn presented a historical review of Bob's tireless initiative and work in forming Michigan SFA Chapter 55.

**3. Current Business:**

**3.1. Scholarship Committee: Duane LaGuire-Quinn:**

3.1.1. Dewey submitted a written financial report indicating a balance of \$12,842.78 in the scholarship fund.

3.1.2. The scholarship will expand in 2015 to include areas other than Vassar High School. A-Teams may submit application from high school students in their AO's for consideration. Awards for scholarship will not be limited to college bound students. Students pursuing recognized trade and profession schools would be eligible for scholarship funds. On 12 May 2014 the scholarship committee will meet 1730hrs at the Cork Pine Inn and proceed to Vassar High School to present the 2014 awards.

3.1.3. The 2015 Vassar Award will be a \$1000 and the at-large scholarship will be two \$500 scholarships.

3.1.4. Dick Shevchenko has donated a collectable double-barrel Remington shotgun and has arranged for another donation of a 410-gauge survival shotgun.

3.1.5. An inscribed "Green Beret Knife" has been ordered from Chris Reeve Knives for the January 2015 raffle. The number of tickets to be sold will remain at 500 for the coming raffle.

**3.2. Quartermaster report: Bob Strange no report at this time.**

**4. New Business:**

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

4.1.1. Fall Campout - 24-28 Sept, Bad Ax, host Kinkaid

4.1.2. Winter Dinner/Dance - 10 January 2015, host Schrader at Grand Rapids

4.1.3. Spring 2015 - Tim Leahy will host place and date TBD

4.1.4. Summer 2015 - late July early August, host Dewey, place and date TDB

4.1.5. Fall Campout 2015 - Al Swan at East Jordan Michigan date TBD

**5. Good of the Order:**

- 5.1. Bill Schrader announced that his A-team would represent Chapter 55 at two ROTC ceremonies. Ottawa Hills High School, 1 May 2014 and Muskegon High School, 7 May 2014
- 5.2. Guest speaker, Kimberly Lewis, President of Kimberly Group, will address available VA employment assistance following adjournment.
- 5.3. 50-50 Karla Jaciuk won

**6. Motion to Adjourn: 1450hrs**