

# SFA Chapter 55 Summer Campout Meeting

13 Aug. 11, Chesaning, MI  
Kirk and Deb Newman - Hosts

## 1. Call meeting to order: President Feters at 1315hrs

- Opening Prayer Chaplain Slivatz
- Pledge of Allegiance President Feters
- President Feters a moment of silence to recognize the “Empty Chair” and deceased member Harvey Peters
- Ballad of the Green Berets All present

**1.1 Roll Call:** sign-up sheet – Bob Slivatz, Mike Reyes, Dave Feters, Kirk Newman, Richard Smith, Bob Gullet, Dale Abbuhl, Steve Frazer, Bill Schrader, Dick Shevchenko, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Ray Pruett, Art Goatbe, Bob Strange, Doug Sherd, John Southard, Clay Curtis, Jim Atwood.

**1.2 Introductions:** Dennis Cohoon, Canton, MI

## 2. Reports: (a brief summary only)

### 2.1 Adjutant’s Report: (Rich)

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

**2.2 Treasurer’s Report:** Report distributed for review. \$7,872.38 on deposit at this meeting, \$7,189.50 last meeting. Chapter received \$1000 donation from member. Motion to accept Slivatz, seconded LaGuire-Quinn, accepted with a unanimous voice vote

### 2.3 Chaplain’s Report: Chaplain Slivatz

- Harvey Peters death from cancer
- Shirley Strait working at Walmart, will investigate if she is in need of chapter help.
- Doug Sherd suggested that the chapter establish a fund to assist members in need. Determination will be made and announced at October meeting.

### 2.4 Vice-President’s Report:

- Vice President Kirk Newman had pacemaker implanted
- Advised membership of publication “What Every Vet Should Know”

### 2.5 President’s Report:

- President Dave Feters committee established identifying qualification standards and a formal process nomination process.
- Chapter by-laws copies sent to SFAHQ
- Distinguished Members of the Regiment nomination Dick Shevchenko nominated Bill Ewald, Sr., seconded Doug Sherd, carried with unanimous voice vote
- National Board of Officers nominations due. Suggested that regional representatives, Jim Ringland (82) and his alternate Frank Wisniewski (38), be maintained. No other nominations presented
- Conventions 2013 San Antonio TX and 2014 Charleston, SC,
- LaGuire-Quinn moved to add “Green Beret” to Chapter 55 Title. Slivatz seconded, motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
- Four SFA chapters removed from the organization because they did not submit their financial statement form 990s.

- The “Drop” is going to electronic delivery to reduce cost. Continuation of hardcopy delivery not final.
- Ernie’s letter – President Fetters will write SFAHQ and request to have new SF soldiers assigned to local chapters rather than at-large.
- Larry Todt 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party held 20 August, rain date 27 August
- Corky Shelton donation Personal donations be kept to a minimum of \$50
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### **2.6 A-Team Reports:**

- A-553: Grosse Ile VFW commanded by Chapter55 member Dale Abbuhl, is hosting a 1950’s on 17 September dance to honor the Korean War veterans
- A-557 Schrader request chapter medals for ROTC presentations
- A-551 Slivatz will investigate buying ribbon to fabricate chapter medals, national medal set exceeds chapter budget.
- A551, A553, and A554 presented the William Costick Center in Farmington Hills, MI with a Chapter 55 award in recognition of their work for veterans

### **3. Old Business:**

- Scholarship/Raffle update – LaGuire-Quinn read letter that from Laura Shepard that followed email regarding required submissions for license.
- State of Michigan wants information from SFAHQ regarding 501c status. President Fetters will contact SFAHQ.
- Financial report submitted and a request made to change from Chase to a credit union to reduce operating cost caused by fees.
- Committee is still formulating A-Teams presenting separate scholarships in addition to the chapter award. A-team scholarships will be open to all Michigan students.
- Dick Shevchenko suggested that scholarship awards be posted in local newspapers such as the Tuscola County Advertiser. Postings may increase donations.

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

#### **4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2010/2011**

- Fall 2011 meeting at Sand Lake, MI. Host Doug and Carol Sherd on 8 October 1300hrs.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Group reunion & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held 19-24 September 2011 at Ft. Campbell

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

- Slivatz noted that the chapter was founded twenty years ago at the W.F. Bruce VFW 1156 Post. Dick Shevchenko, Bob Slivatz, Mike Reyes, John Southard, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn present at start of chapter.
- Steve Frazer stated that the Great Lakes National Cemetery requested donation of a flag
- Ray Pruett Returned fro Afghanistan and will present a lecture after the meeting

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