

# SFA Chapter 55 Winter Meeting

24 Jan 15, Grand Rapids, MI

Schrader – Host

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

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

**1.1 Roll Call:** Larry Todt, Harry Smith, Mark Kincaid, Ed Hirsch, R, Don Bruce, Jon Luker, Mike Jaciuk, Dale Abbuhl, Bob Slivatz, Ray Pruett, Iriash Palmer, John Kravec, Kirk Newman, Bob Strange, Bill Schrader, John Sosa, James Jackson, Dough Sherd, Mike Reyes, Richard Smith, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn

**1.2 Introductions:** Lt. Col. (Ret.) Linda Fletcher – speaker about PTSD

## 2. Reports:

### 2.1 Adjutant's Report: Rich Smith

- Copies of Minutes of last meeting distributed in print form

### 2.2 Treasurer's Report: Mike Reyes

- Year end finances
  - #13,554.62
- Roster update (if appropriate) members please check roster for correction needed.

### 2.3 Chaplain's Report: Bob Slivatz

- Jerry Krizan died
- Wilfred "Moose" Mousseau is recovering at home
- Dick Shevchenko is recovering at home
- Al Nemeth died
- Bob Gullet is recovering at home
- Kirk Newman will undergo surgery
- Dick Loney is recovering at home
- William Mathews reported as ill
- Rudy Wade recovering
- Time Leahy recovering from surgery
- Steve O'Rourke is progressing in his recovery
- Mike Reyes Motion. \$100 donation to Tim O'Rourke for assistance, John Sosa 2<sup>nd</sup> Voice vote approved.
- Slivatz motion for Mark Kinkaid to be Assistant Chaplin, Larry Tody 2<sup>nd</sup>, Voice vote approved

### 2.4 President's & Vice-President's Report: Doug Sherd

- Roster/A-Teams: work progressing
- Are newsletters helpful? Noted that commo is good.
- 2015 SFA Convention – Portland; 2016 - Jacksonville.
- Visits: Guilford, 4 Dec; Todt, Loney, & Wendell Norwood 25 Dec.
- INTSUM discussion: quarterly, more timely, submission deadline, pictures of recent activity, fewer pages (easier to put together) noted. Rich Smith Requested input from members for articles.

- Current board nominated and reelected to office after Slivatz made motion to act, LaGuire-Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup> and voice vote of approval. Open election no opposition.

### **3. Current Business:**

- Scholarship committee status
  - Dewey LaGuire-Quinn submitted written report and again asked for candidate to take over chairmanship. Dewey will resign after 2015 awards
  - Jim Attwood sent message that he wants a SF regimental flag for Vassar
  - Request plaque identifying Michael May Scholarship Awardees for Vassar High School
  - Money from Scholarship fund to be transferred to Chapter 55 treasurer
  - Scholarship meeting to be held after general chapter meeting. Will discuss request applications from school 1 February 2015 for distribution
- Quartermaster report – Bob Strange no written report

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

#### **4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2015**

- Spring Meeting. – 11 April, Milford American Legion, host Tim Leahy
- Summer Campout – Early August 2015, host Kirk Newman
- Fall Meeting. – 3 October 2015, Fenton – host Dewey LaGuire-Quinn

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

- **Comments**
  - Convention Committee John Sosa Project Manager, Ray Pruett to lead process. Sosa has arranged convention at Grand Rapids for 101<sup>st</sup> Abn.
  - Pruett will send a letter to each chapter member to request volunteer support. Motion to send submitted by LaGuire0Quinn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sosa carried on voice vote with out opposition.
  - Pruett needs copy of SFA convention SOP sent to him.
- Chapter bought two paver bricks and request notice of installation
- Mark Kincaid gave notice of recurring Special Forces and Ranger breakfast at Miller Road Valley Family Restaurant in Flint area.
- John Sosa presented notice of Canadian Airborne Association chapter established in Michigan. Membership is \$20 per year.
- 50-50 drawing \$51 payout.

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

- Requested by John Sosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Bruce. Meeting adjourned 1435 hrs

PTSD presentation by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Linda Fletcher after 10 minute break.