

SFA Chapter 55 Fall Meeting

27 Sept 14, Bad Axe, MI

Mark & Madbely Kincaid – Hosts

1. **Call meeting to order:** 1325hrs, welcome to all (President)
 - 1.1 **Opening Prayer:** Mark Kincaid
 - 1.2 **Pledge of Allegiance** (All)
 - 1.3 **Sick Call:** Wilfred (Moose) Mousseau suffering from COPD; Dick Shevchenko is home but still battling heart issues; Tim Leahy is recovering from double by-pass and valve replacement surgery; Steve O'Rourke is home but battling the effects of a major stroke; and Mike Cimoli is recovering from back surgery
 - 1.4 **Moment of silence for fallen comrades** (All)
 - 1.5 **Ballad of the Green Berets** (All)
 - 1.6 **Roll Call:** Sign in sheet passed, members present, Dave Fetters; Doug Sherd; Mike Reyes; Clay Curtis; Don Bruce; Dewey La-Guire-Quinn; Bob Strange; John Kravec; Dale Abbuhl; John Sosa; Bill Schrader; Mark Kincaid; Art Goatbe; Jon Luker; Ken Maynard; Mike Jaciuk; Bob Slivatz; Michael Whittum
 - 1.7 **Introductions** (President)
 - 1.7.1 **New member:** Mike Whittum
 - 1.8 **Presentation** (President)
 - 1.8.1 Mark Kincaid presented set of grilling tools made by Mike Jaciuk for hosting this years campout

2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1 **Adjutant's Report:** Rich Smith
 - 2.2.1 No report, Rich absent to attend family celebration
 - 2.2.2 Rich did request that the Detroit Veterans Day parade be announced. Contact Rich for specifics on time and meeting location

 - 2.2 **Treasurers Report:** Mike Reyes
 - 2.2.1 Income since last report 12 Apr 14 is \$2007.63
 - 2.2.2 Expenses since last report 12 Apr 14 were \$1136.78
 - 2.2.3 Financial report submitted along with monthly statement of accounts from Credit Union
 - 2.2.4 Current balance of checking and savings as of 31 Aug 14 is \$13,554.62
 - 2.2.5 \$500.00 donation to Penrickton Center, motion made by Dewey LaGuire-Quinn to accept amount, seconded by Jon Luker. Motion approved unanimous voice vote
 - 2.2.6 Motion to accept report: Bob Slivatz, seconded by Don Bruce

 - 2.3 **Chaplain's Report:** Bob Slivatz

2.3.1 Unable to get a more recent update of Steve O'Rourke's condition

2.4 Vice President's Report: Doug Sherd

2.4.1 Computer crashed and back up disc failed containing the latest A-Team list. Will be getting another computer and will be up and running again before the winter meeting.

2.4.2 The next A-Team list will be same format as the chapter roster and will be available at the winter meeting

2.4.3 Anyone with e-mail issues or questions call Doug

2.5 President's Report: Dave Fetters

2.5.1 Reminded everyone to make sure that their e-mail address on file/roster is current

2.5.2 Summer meeting being omitted this year makes for too long of a period between meetings/get togethers. No meetings in the future should be omitted

2.5.3 Dave Fetters, Bill Schrader, and John Sosa attended the 101st Abn Assn Convention held in Grand Rapids, MI

2.5.4 Donations are being solicited for 7th Grp Memorial Wall

2.5.5 Dave and Trudy made some road trips this summer to visit Clay Curtis and Kirk Newman, Moose and Molly

Mousseau, stopping by Don and Barb Bruce on the way home. Also got together with Mike and Gloria Reyes,

Doug and Carolyn Sherd for a cook out.

2.5.6 National Convention to be held in Portland OR in 2015 and in Jacksonville FL in 2016

2.5.7 RSVP's should be considered for future campouts so the hosts may properly plan meals etc

2.5.8 Intsum – In order for Richard to put out an Intsum he needs input. Not just from the chapter officers and

Committees but from everyone. Send him articles or upcoming events related to military or veteran events from

Your AO. He produces an "Award Winning" news letter for those of you who have not yet seen one

3. Current Business:

3.1 Scholarship Committee: Duane LaGuire-Quinn

3.1.1 Submitted a Scholarship Fund Report with a balance showing of \$11,943.70

3.1.2 Vassar HS Scholarship Award Ceremony was held on 12 May 2014

3.1.3 Next raffle to be held at the winter meeting/dinner and dances

3.1.4 1st prize was going to be a shotgun donated by Dick Shevchenko however he now feels that it is not in a

Serviceable condition. 2nd prize is "Green Beret Knife", and 3rd prize is \$300.00

3.1.5 Jim Attwood would like to have a plaque made for the names of the MFMMSF winner at Vassar HS

3.1.6 Suggestion was made to have a "silent" auction at the winter dinner dance in place of the "live" auction.

Motion was made by Ken Maynard to hold a silent auction and the winter dinner/dance and a live auction

At the summer campout. Seconded by Mike Jaciuk and motion passed by voice vote

3.1.7 Mike Jaciuk volunteered to chair the auction committee for the winter dinner/dance – all present approved

3.1.8 Dewey still needs a replacement to chair the scholarship committee

4. Quatermaster Report: Bob Strange

4.1 Total sales since last meeting, May to date were \$1018.00

5. Good of the Order:

5.1 Jon Luker invited all to attend Veterans Day Activities in Ann Arbor at Concordia University

5.2 John Sosa announced the formation of **The Robert T Fredrick Chapter of CAFA** (Canadian Airborne Forces Assn). There are currently seven (7) Branches all located in Canada and they would like to locate this chapter here in the states. The association is comprised of Canadian and Allied Airborne qualified individuals. For more information contact John

5.3 Mark Kincaid invited all to attend the **Owosso Free Methodist Church** on 9 Nov 2014 for a special service to honor all veterans. Time is 10:45am to Noon. Address is **1249 N. Chipman St, Owosso, MI. 48867**

5.4 Bill Schrader suggested reading the book **100 Victories by Linda Robertson**. It is about her experiences while inserted into an A-Team in Afghanistan

5.4.1 He also gave some insight to the winter dinner/dance activities which will include a guest speaker and pamphlets will be available for the Christmas drive thru light show “**Nite Lites**”

5.5 50-50 drawing: \$101.00 was collected and \$50 was paid out to the winner **Mike Jaciuk**

6. Meeting Adjourned: 1525hrs