

SFA Chapter 55

11 Oct 08

Brown/Burns – Hosts

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** (President) 1330 Hrs.
 - 1.1.1. Opening Prayer (Chaplain)
 - 1.1.2. Pledge of Allegiance (President)
 - 1.1.3. Green Beret Song (Adjutant)
 - 1.1.4. Moment of silence to recognize the “Empty Chair” (President)
 - 1.2. **Roll Call:** Present – **Officers:** Dave Fetters, Mike Reyes, Richard Smith, Bob Slivatz.
Members: Doug Sherd, George Sternberg, Robert Strange, Al Swan, Robert Storks, Mike Davis, Iriash Palmer, Harry Smith, Rudolph Wade, Thomas Brown, Ed Hirsch, Bill Ryba, Dennis Goodmoot, Harvey Peters, Andy Brown, John Southard, Art Goatbe, Frank Burns, Al Abels, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn.
 - 1.3. **Introductions:** Daniel Brightwell, Southfield Veterans History and Godfrey Quaid (retired US Air Force. Mr. Brightwell presented information regarding an ongoing effort by the U.S. Library of Congress to collect oral histories of veterans’ military service.
2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1. **Adjutant’s Report:** Minutes of last meeting, Informal Campout gathering. Discussed proposed changes to Articles of Incorporation and Constitution. Information regarding medical treatment for PTSD, veteran and family, and VA support available presented by Dr. Elaine M. Tripi, Ph.D.
 - 2.2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Requested increase of donation to Penrickton Center to \$300, Motion to Approve: Bob Slivatz. Seconded: Bill Ryba. Voted to approve.
 - 2.3. Submitted financial report. Motion to Approve: Bob Slivatz. Seconded: Al Ables
 - 2.4. **Chaplain’s Report:** Bob Theisen is ambulatory. Bill Ewald (elder) and Dick Schevchenko are having difficulties ambulating and could not attend meeting. Fred Jackman died and Bob White (former 55 member now with Chapter 45) is seriously ill with cancer. Al Davis (Original Manifest) is in a nursing home in Sacramento, CA.
 - 2.5. **Vice-President’s Report:** Not Present
 - 2.6. **President’s Report:** SFA Constitution & Articles of Incorporation – Addressed the issue of proposed changes in the SFA Constitution and Article of Incorporation. Advised members to review the proposed changes and vote. Chapter Adjutant sent a review of the proposed changes by email.
Chapter succession – Dave Fetters (unopposed) elected President, Bob Stork (unopposed) elected Vice President, Richard Smith (unopposed) elected Adjutant/Secretary, and Mike Reyes (unopposed) elected Treasurer.
3. **Old Business:** Mike Davis received a plaque for his volunteer service to collect eyeglasses for 46th Company.
4. **New Business:**
 - 4.1. **Chapter Events Calendar for 2008/2009**
 - 4.2. Christmas meeting/Party 10 Jan 09 – Schrader and Sherd Host (Grand Rapids)
 - 4.3. Spring 09 – Dennis Goodmoot to host meeting in the Lansing area.
 - 4.4. Summer Campout Aug 09 – Reyes

4.5. Fall 09 – Open for volunteer.

5. Good of the Order

5.1. Andy Brown, Frank Burns, and Richard Smith presented award and certificate to Jennifer Paxton

5.2. Andy Brown reminded membership of the November 46th Company annual cruise (November 29, 2009). He and his wife Tina enjoyed the cruise and noted that the price was very affordable.

5.3. Doug Sherd requested a chapter certificate and trophy for Eagle Scout Thomas Kaminski for volunteer service at military cemetery and Grand Rapids Veterans Home. Bob Slivatz motioned to accept, seconded by Al Ables.

5.4. David Watkins, SF impersonator, is again presenting himself as a SF veteran. He was sent a written notice before and vowed to stop and desist his false portrayal. Bob Slivatz requested a second letter from Dave Fetters, Chapter 55 President to notify Watkins of the Stolen Valor Act.

5.5. Members sign up for Library of Congress history project.

6. Motion to Adjourn: Motion Art Goatbe, seconded Bob Storks. Meeting Adjourned at 1545 hours.