

SFA Chapter 55 Fall Meeting

8 October 2011, Sand Lake, MI

Doug & Carolyn Sherd - Hosts

1. Call meeting to order: President Fetters 1320hrs

- Opening Prayer (Chaplain Bob)
- Pledge of Allegiance (President)
- Moment of silence to recognize the “Empty Chair” (Pres)
- Ballad of the Green Berets (All)

1.1 Roll Call: Doug Sherd, Andrew Brown, Art Goatbe, Harry Smith, Al Swan, Don Bruce, Mike Reyes, Ken Maynard, Kirk Newman, Frank Burns, Bob Slivatz, Steve Frazer, Bob Strange, Clay Curtis

1.2 Introductions: None

2. Reports: (a brief summary only)

2.1 Adjutant's Report:

- Posted online, motion to accept Bob Slivatz, second Don Bruce, accepted voice vote unanimous

2.2 Treasurer's Report: (Mike)

2.3 Chaplain's Report:

- Shirley Strait status, she is doing well and does not need assistance as proposed at last meeting.

2.4 Vice-President's Report:

- Health issues, pacemaker complications, require Kirk Newman to leave office.
- Doug Sherd nominated by Steve Frazer to succeed Kirk Newman, second Bob Slivatz, carried unanimous voice vote.
- Doug Sherd will be sworn in at the January meeting.
- Doug will continue with the development of the chapter's A-Team plan.

2.5 President's Report: (Dave)

- 5th SFG(A) 50th anniversary 21 Sept 2011; Dave Fetters, Bill Schrader, Steve Frazer attended and represented the chapter.
- Distinguished Members of the Regiment nomination made for William Ewald, Sr.
- New SFA web site is not operational as of this date. It is expected to be functioning within weeks.
- Letter to National about retirees Wrote letter to SFAHQ suggesting that retirees join local chapters rather than “At-Large” membership. Have HQ provide names and POC of retirees, suggested by Steve Frazer..
- Discussed Ken Maynard suggestion to host Chapter 55 Family Day event to expand and enhance membership.
- Dave suggested that chapter establish a three man unit to develop methods for fund raising
- Massy book “GI”, a story about his service in Vietnam.

2.6 A-Team Reports:

- On Veterans' Day teams, A-551 (Bob Slivatz), A-553 (Andy Brown), and A-554 (Frank Burns) presented a medal and certificate to the Farmington Hills William Costick Community Center in recognition of its service for veterans

3. Old Business:

- Scholarship/Raffle update \$340 was donated to the fund as well as another \$50 from Doris Kennard.
- There is \$7,623.83 in the fund at this time
- JROTC Medal option – Bob Strange has not located a source for the ribbons for the chapter award medals. Bob Livatz will assist with locating a source.

4. New Business:

4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2010/2011

- Christmas 2012 – Bruce VFW Post, St. Clair Shores, Slivatz/Ryba, 7 Jan. (1st Sat. in Jan)
- Spring meeting Pisano's Restaurant, Lansing date to be determined.
- Summer campout meeting Newaygo. Date to be determined.

5. Good of the Order:

- Steve Frazer suggested that Chapter 55 host a national convention at Indianapolis, IN. He volunteered to investigate the site and report at the next meeting.
- Ken Maynard noted that there is a Pathfinder Association of which he is a member.
- Ken Maynard stated that Vets 65 YOA and over need to enroll in Medicare Part B to get VA healthcare, Kirk Newman added that enrolment is require to maintain their Tricare coverage

6. Motion to Adjourn: President Fetters 1510hrs