



**SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION  
CHAPTER LV**

**Michigan Michael May Memorial Chapter**

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**MINUTES OF SFA CHAPTER LV MEETING: 06 January 2007**

**1. Meeting Called to Order: 1415Hrs.**

**1.1. Roll Call:**

**1.1.1. Officers Present:** *President: Dave Fetters* , *Vice-President: Gary Shiroda (NP)*,  
*Treasurer: Mike Reye* , *Chaplain: Bob Slivatz* , *Quartermaster: Bill Schrader* , *Adjutant: Rich Smith*

**1.1.2. Members Present:**

Bob Sparks	Steven Frazer	Dick Loney
Dennis Goodemoot	William Ewald, Sr.	Ray Pruett
Bill Ewald	Ken Maynard	Bob Strange
Don Bruce	Doug Sherd	Robert Storks

**2. Introduction of new members and guest: N/A**

**2.1. Opening Prayer:** *Bob Slivatz*

**2.2. Pledge of Allegiance:** *Dave Fetters*

**2.3. Ballet of the Green Beret:** *Sung by members present*

**2.4. Moment of silence to recognize the "Empty Chair":** *Dave Fetters*

**3. Reports:**

**3.1. Adjutant Report:** *Minutes of Last Meeting. Minuets posted on line and summery given, accepted by members present.*

**3.2. Treasurer's Report:** *Presented and distributed by Treasurer Mike Reyes, accepted by members present.*

**3.3. Honorary Chapter Chairman Report:** *Dick Shevchenko not present.*

**3.4. Quartermaster's Report:** *New chapter coins available. Schrader will work with Betty from the Ft. Bragg SF museum for their online ordering to include chapter coins.*

**3.5. Chapter Historian:** *Not present.*

**3.6. Chaplain's Report:** *Reported on members who attended funeral services member Joseph S. Kriston.*

**3.7. MIA POW Report:** *No Report*

**3.8. Vice-President's Report:** *No Report*

**3.9. President's Report:**

**3.9.1.** Dues increased as of 01 January 2007.

**3.9.2.** Credit cards now accepted by SFHQ to pay dues (3.5% added).

**3.9.3.** Custom SFA Chapter 55 license plate frames will be investigated by QM.

**3.9.4.** October SFAHQ board meeting minutes available for reading.

**3.9.5.** Oklahoma City convention update information available in the **Drop**

**3.9.6.** Notice given regarding a pyramid scheme, request \$700 to join, letter includes SFA member number.

**3.10. A-Team Leaders Report:**

**3.10.1. A-550 - At Large:** *no report*

**3.10.2. A-551 - Bob Slivatz:** *Spring meeting transferred to Team A-555. Request Dave Fetters to write letter to Dave Watson advising him that he cannot legally wear "Green Beret" with official flash. He has been caught twice wearing beret and misrepresenting himself as SF soldier. Request Dave send letter to Willy Nelson (not singer), regarding misrepresentation of himself as SF soldier.*

**3.10.3. A-552 - Harry Smith:** *no report*

**3.10.4. A-553 - Andy Brown:** *Not present, no report*

**3.10.5. A-554 - Frank Burns:** *no report*

**3.10.6. A-555 - Gary Shiroda:** *Not present, no report*

**3.10.7. A-556 - Al Ables:** *Not present, no report*

**3.10.8. A-557 - Bill Schrader:** *No report*

**3.10.9. A-558 - Don Bruce:** *No report*

**3.10.10. Trustee Committee Report:** *no report*

**3.10.11. Update A-Team list:** Dewey will add new members to teams

**4. Old Business:**

**4.10. Communications:**

**4.10.1.** *Request members to submit articles/information to Rich Smith for publishing in Intsum.*

**4.10.2.** *Bill Schrader – members preparing information to submit request to SFAHQ regarding convention. Noted that the Amway Hotel representative stated that the hotel is prepared and ready to assist. Ray Pruitt will assist Bill Schrader and Bill Ewald along with Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Richard Smith, Bob Stork, and Frank Burns on convention committee.*

**5. New Business:**

**5.10. Chapter Calendar of Meeting dates and locations:**

**5.10.1.** *Spring meeting hosted by Team A-555 at Fenton on 5 May.*

**5.10.2.** *National Convention 2007, Oklahoma City 02-07 Jul*

**5.10.3.** *Summer Campout hosted by A-558 at Jordan, Michigan. Date will be announced later.*

**5.10.4.** *Fall meeting hosted by A-553 and A-554 at Southfield VFW. Date will be announced later.*

**5.10.5.** *Winter/Holiday Meeting Dinner Dance, 05 Jan 08. Host team to be determined.*

**5.10.6.** *Members present requested that chapter reconsider hosting a national convention at Grand Rapids. Bill Ewald will lead the effort if members volunteer in sufficient numbers to demonstrate commitment. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Bill Schrader, Richard Smith, Bob Stork, and Frank Burns joined Bill's convention committee.*

**5.11. Michael F. May scholarship fund:** *Dewey LaGuire-Quinn met with Cindi Atwood, Doris and Bert Kennard at Chase Bank in Vassar. Scholarship fund established and money deposited.*

**5.11.1. Scholarship Committee:** *Dave Fetters, Mike Reyes, and Dewey.*

- 5.11.1.0. *Will be awarded from Vassar High School based on academics, athletics, and civic involvement.*
- 5.11.1.1. *Criterion is based on the high school qualities demonstrated by Michael F. May.*
- 5.11.1.2. *Donations to fund should be made out to S. F. A., Chapter 55, Michael May Scholarship Fund.*
- 5.12. **ODA request assistance:** *Bill Schrader's son Jason, chapter 55 member, requested a pool liner and filter. Dick Loney's daughter, Betty Rhodes will coordinate the operation. Dick and his daughter have sent 32 boxes of goods to deployed teams.*
- 5.13. **STMP:** *Bob Strange request members assist the **Save The Montagnard People** project. Members who served in RVN need to remember and help these trusted people help themselves.*
- 5.14. **Sigarms 45:** *Dennis Goodemoot and Steve Frazer will issue information on the Sigarms 45 cal. Special Forces commemorative pistol. Additional information will be posted in **The Intsum***
- 5.15. **Memorial Day Parades:**
  - 5.15.1. *Members are encouraged to represent the chapter at their local Memorial Day parades in full dress uniform (Beret, Blazer, black slacks and Regimental tie).*
  - 5.15.2. *Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Gary Shiroda, Bob Slivatz, and Richard Smith will represent the chapter at Vassar, MI to stand with Michael May family. Others who wish to join them are welcome and encouraged to so do.*
  - 5.15.3. *Steve Frazer reminded members of the Memorial Day services conducted at Ft. Bragg.*
  - 5.15.4. *5<sup>th</sup> Group will host its annual convention on 19 September 2007.*

**6. Good of the Order:**

**6.10. 50/50 Raffle:** *Bill Schrader will operate the chapter events*

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Next Meeting:** *05 May 2007, Fenton Michigan*

**Meeting adjourned: 1535Hrs.**

**Submitted by:**



**Richard E. Smith**  
Chapter LV Adjutant

**Approved by:**



**Dave Fetters**  
Chapter LV President