

SFA Chapter 55 Summer Campout Meeting

14 Aug 2010

Art & Sharon Goatbe - Hosts

1. Call meeting to order: President Dave Fetters
 - Opening Prayer: Dave Fetters
 - Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Fetters
 - Moment of silence to recognize the "Empty Chair": Dave Fetters
 - Ballad of the Green Berets (All)
 - Roll Call: Dave Fetters, Kirk Newman, Mike Reyes, Richard Smith, Art Goatbe, Bob Strange, Doug Sherd, Harry Smith, Iriash Palmer, Rudolph Wade, George Sternberg, Al Swan, Bill Schrader, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Don Bruce
 - Introductions: Fred Turner (1955 - 10th Gp.) and Clay Curtis (5th Gp. RVN SOG)

2. Reports: (a brief summary only)
 - Adjutant's Report: Richard Smith
 - Minutes of last meeting posted on line - Minuets accepted
 - Green Beret knife update: waiting production and cost information from Chris Reeve Knives
 - Barb Sparks INTSUM distribution reimbursement:
 - Dewey pay for Barb Sparks to have mailed copies of the Intsum printed at Kinko's or a similar place. Seconded Don Bruce, approved by unanimous by show of hands.
 - Treasurer's Report: Mike Reyes - \$6,741.88 in accounts. Mike Reyes read report; Dewey LaGuire-Quinn motioned to accept, seconded Doug Sherd, accepted unanimously by show of hands.
 - Chaplain's Report: Bob Slivatz unable to attend no report given.
 - Vice-President's Report: Kirk Newman present, no report given.
 - President's Report: Dave Fetters
 - Convention wrap-up - every fifth year conventions will be held at Ft. Bragg beginning in 2012
 - Plaque report - Committee created, Dave Fetters, Mike Reyes, and Doug Sherd to finalized the design of the plaque to honor deceased and distinguished chapter members.
 - Charity for Chapter donation - Green Beret Foundation will be supported by a one-time Chapter 55 donation in addition to annual the Penrickton Center donation. Request information on Aaron Anderson's 7th Gp fund for SF soldiers wounded in Afghanistan, report and vote at 02 October 2010 meeting.
 - Chapter coin discussion - Chapter coins will be officially given away only with certificates issued by Chapter 55 President and Adjutant. Team leaders must make request. Chapter 55 will bear the cost of coins given away officially. Members will purchase chapter coins (\$10 each) for their personal, nonofficial, distribution. Chapter will make purchases of coins from supplier with funds generated by auction and 50/50 proceeds. Motioned by Dewey LaGuire-Quinn,

seconded by Don Bruce. Accepted by hand vote after inclusion of no cost to teams for official presentation as proposed by Bill Schrader.

- A-Team Reports: Harry Smith - A-552 will join with A-553 and A-554 to coordinate community activities in their AOs

3. Old Business:

- Scholarship award – Dewey \$7,197.05 in MFM scholarship fund. Tickets for January 2011 raffle will go on sale after pistol and Green Beret Knife are purchased and in Chapter 55's procession. A prize of \$100 will go to the member selling the most tickets.
- Quartermaster's update – Bob Strange - Advised members that he had shifted purchase emphasis to EmbroidMe (Wyandotte) as Chapter 55's primary supplier of logo items.

4. New Business:

- Contact Bill Schrader (616-292-1434 or bill.schrader@sfchap55.net) to assist with the set up of Christmas light show at Comstock Park.
- Dave Fetters - Will coordinate with Bill, The Younger, for 90th Birthday celebration for his father Bill Ewald, The Elder. Members contact Dave Fetters after date is confirmed, to note their attendance at the event to be held at Cadillac, Michigan. Date and time will be posted on Chapter 55 web site and distributed by email. ***(The confirmed date for meeting in Cadillac will be Saturday, 9 October.)*** Fred Turner will carve a plaque to present to Bill senior.
- Dewey LaGuire-Quinn - Ray Pruett, deployed to Afghanistan request that members to supply shoes for Afghan kids. Bring children's sized shoes to the October meeting for shipment to Ray Pruett. A certificate and Chapter 55 coin will be sent to Ray to present to his Afghan counterpart.
- Bill Schrader - ODA 3216 returns to Ft. Bragg. Member Jason Schrader may be able to attend the October meeting. Job well done.
- Special Forces motorcycle clubs are listed on the Chapter 55 web site, *Military Links* page. Special Forces Motorcycle Club, <http://specialforcesmc.org>, application (fillable PDF form) and POC for Special Forces Brotherhood Motorcycle Club, <http://www.specialforcesbrotherhood.com> provided.

5. Chapter Events:

- Calendar for 2010/2011
 - Fall meeting – 02 October, host Art Goatbe, 13093 Elms Road
- Clio MI 48420 (art.goatbe@sfchap55.net or 810-639-2503)
 - Winter Christmas meeting - 08 January 2011 – Comfort Suites Motel at 350 Dodge Street, Comstock Park, MI 49321, 616-785-7899, host Bill Schrader (616-292-1434 or bill.schrader@sfchap55.net)
 - Spring 2011 – TBA

6. Good of the Order:

- Dewey LaGuire-Quinn - will reduce the price of the raffle tickets and increase the number to be sold.
- A 70th Airborne anniversary will be held on 16 August 2010 at Lansing Michigan.
- Shirley Strait is moving to Illinois at the end of September.

7. Motion to Adjourn: Dewey LaGuire-Quinn motioned, seconded Doug Sherd. Motion passed, meeting adjourned 1500 hrs.