

SFA Chapter 55 Winter Meeting

9 Jan 10

Ryba/Slivatz - Hosts

1. **Call meeting to order:** 1320 hrs called by Dave Fetters, President
 - 1.1.1. Opening Prayer Led by Bob Slivatz, Chaplain
 - 1.1.2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave fetters
 - 1.1.3. Moment of silence to recognize the “Empty Chair” called by Dave Fetters
 - 1.1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets
- 1.2. **Roll Call:** Officers present: Dave Fetters, Kirk Newman, Mike Reyes, and Richard Smith. Members present: Doug Sherd, George Sternberg, Bob Strange, Al Swan, Don Bruce, Mike Davis, Iriash Palmer, Harry Smith, Ed Hirsh, Bill Ryba, Andy Brown, Frank Burns, Bob, Slivatz, Art Goatbe, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Paul Swimmer, Bill Ewald, Bill R. Ewald, Mark Stinson, Dick Shevchenko, and Mike Davis.
- 1.3. **Introductions:** new member Paul Swimmer.

2. **Reports:** (a brief summary only)
 - 2.1. **Adjutant’s Report:**
 - 2.1.1. Minutes of last meeting posted online
 - 2.2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Mike Reyes read his report
 - 2.3. **Chaplain’s Report:** None presented
 - 2.4. **Vice-President’s Report:** none
 - 2.5. **President’s Report:**
 - 2.5.1. Introduced Kirk Newman as Vice President replacing Bob Storks. He will serve 1½ terms as VP. Assigned to get Detroit area members more involved. Contact team leaders Harry Smith, Bob Slivatz, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Frank Burns, and Andy Brown. Energize the Chapter 55 A-teams through contact with all team leaders.
 - 2.5.2. Michael May bracelet given to Dave fetters will be transfered to Dewey to give to Mike May family.
 - 2.5.3. Letter from National – Ron McCan use Life membership funds to construct HQ. Chapter 55 members approved with voice vote.
 - 2.5.3.1. Chris Zets is POC for 9mm Glock SF engraved pistol raffle
chris.zets@gmail.com
 - 2.5.4. Christmas Party venues Chapter 55 officers will meet to establish regular area Christmas meeting places.
 - 2.5.5. Presidents photo tonight
 - 2.5.6. Medallions available
 - 2.5.7. Detroit Vets Day Parade 7 Nov – Looking for POC to assist out of local area members with logistics for 2010 Detroit Veterans Day parade. Decision needed on UOD – blazers or leather jackets
 - 2.5.8. INTSUM award Richard Smith won an award from national for best quarterly newsletter. Rich presented chapter 55 with awarded \$100
 - 2.6. **A-Team Reports:**
 - 2.6.1. Frank Burns team 554 and Andy Brown team A553 will present ROTC awards at six schools. Both teams represented SFA Chapter 55 at the Farmington Hill Veterans day luncheon. Ed Hirsh and Rich Smith (both A553) also attended.
 - 2.6.2. Bob Slivatz team A 551 will present ROTC awards at Warren Woods and New Baltimore High School programs
 - 2.6.3. Bill Schrader team A557 will present ROTC awards in Muskegon. His team is POC for moral packages for ODA 3316 recently deployed

3. **Old Business:**

- 3.1. Pistol Raffle – Purchased a ticket barrel to tumble ticks for drawing, it will also be used for 50/50 drawings.
- 3.2. Scholarship fund – 456 tickets sold, 44 not returned by members \$4,560 gross. Operational cost of project \$1,256 (cost of pistol, gaming license, printing and distribution of tickets, purchase of ticket barrel. Net proceeds: \$3,304
- 3.3. Quartermaster's update – read financial data to members and noted that QM will work to place available items on website.

4. **New Business:**

- 4.1. **Chapter Events Calendar for 2008/2009**
- 4.2. Spring meeting – Strange – at White Lake, MI, date 15 May
- 4.3. Summer campout – Aug 13-15 - Art & Sharon Goatbe
- 4.4. Fall meeting – 02 Oct – Art Goatbe, at Clio, MI

5. **Good of the Order:**

- 5.1. Comments
 - 5.1.1. Ed Hirsh, hand carved canes from Woodcarvers Association of Michigan are available for vets in need of cane. Cane carved with symbols and military awards earned my vet, copy of DD214 or 201 required to get free cane.
 - 5.1.2. Bob Strange noted the Manistee, MI Salmon Derby fishing honoring Vets during Heroes Weekend 23 and 24 May 2010
 - 5.1.3. Harry Smith Noted that chapter needed soft container to transport flags and guidon. Dave Fetters obtaining carry bags for flags and poles.
 - 5.1.4. Past Presidents to act as chapter trustees
- 5.2. 50-50 raffle – Dewey will lead the drawing after dinner at Christmas Party as well as the pistol raffle.
- 5.3. Auction – Dewey and his assistant Trudy Fetters will host the auction after dinner at the Christmas Party.

6. **Motion to Adjourn:** Multiple voices. Meeting adjourned at 1530 hrs