



**SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER LV**

Michigan Michael May Memorial Chapter

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MINUTES OF SFA CHAPTER LV MEETING: 22 Oct 2007

1. Meeting Called to Order: 1405Hrs.

1.1. Roll Call:

1.1.1. Officers Present: Vice-President: Gary Shiroda , Chaplain: Bob Slivatz ,
Quartermaster: Bill Schrader , Adjutant: Rich Smith

1.1.2. Members Present:

Andy Brown/Tina	Steven Frazer	Frank Burns/Bernadine
George Sternberg/Sally	John Southard	Mike Davis
Bill Ryba	Doug Sherd/Caroline Ream	Bob Strange/Roberta
Art Goatebe/Sharon	Don Bruce/Barb	Robert Storks
Al Swan	Lee Schrader	Barb Sparks

2. Introduction of new members and guest: None present

2.1. Opening Prayer: Bob Slivatz

2.2. Pledge of Allegiance: Gary Shiroda

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

2.4. Moment of silence to recognize the "Empty Chair": Gary Shiroda

3. Reports:

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

3.2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mike Reyes not present, Gary Shiroda presented a general report that chapter had approximately \$7200.

3.3. Quartermaster's Report: Will order shirts and sweatshirts with new logo chapter needs to order more coins.

- 3.4. **Chapter Historian:** *No Report, Historian not present*
- 3.5. **Chaplain's Report:** *Provided support at funerals of fallen Michigan warriors in **War on Terror***
- 3.6. **MIA POW Report:** *No Report*
- 3.7. **Vice-President's Report:** *No Report*
- 3.8. **President's Report:** *Presented by Gary Shiroda*
 - 3.8.1. *Tip of the Beret to Art and Sharon Goatbe for hosting campout. Recognized their tremendous achievement of hosting with very short notice. Tip of the Beret also to Andy and Tina Brown who hosted fall meeting with Frank and Bernie Burns.*
 - 3.8.2. **Michael May Memorial Run:** *Chapter defers administration duties to Mike's niece.*
 - 3.8.3. **Veterans History Project:** *Proposed creation of a historian's column "As You Were" in the Intsum. Will consist of old photos and tales of member service.*
 - 3.8.4. **Safehouse:** *Without chapter having a permanent safehouse chapter returned plaque from wheelchair hockey team to Frank Burns until such safehouse is established. Andy Brown will research establishing a safehouse in Southfield.*
 - 3.8.5. **Assisting active SF deployed:** *Dick Loney's daughter, Betsy Rhodes, through her involvement with Soldiers Angels requested adoption of a Team. Motion raised, accepted, and passed to adopt a team and purchase a Playstation 2 and games for teal and send money for snack foods. Art and Sharon Goatbe will donate some games.*
- 3.10. **A-Team Leaders Report:**
 - 3.10.1. **A-550 - At Large:** *Not present, no report*
 - 3.10.2. **A-551 - Bob Slivatz:** *Team will host Christmas party/meeting at St. Claire Shores VFW 05 Jan 2008, tickets \$30/person.*
 - 3.10.3. **A-552 - Harry Smith:** *Not present, no report.*
 - 3.10.4. **A-553 - Andy Brown:** *Working with A-551 on project with Southfield Vets.*
 - 3.10.5. **A-554 - Frank Burns:** *Liaison with seven school ROTC programs, developing relation with two other programs*
 - 3.10.6. **A-555 - Gary Shiroda:** *No report*
 - 3.10.7. **A-556 - Al Ables:** *Not present, no report*
 - 3.10.8. **A-557 - Bill Schrader:** *meeting in Grand Rapids regarding a bid on the 2011 SFA convention. Will represent the chapter in Veterans Day parade 3 November.*
 - 3.10.9. **A-558 - Don Bruce:** *No report*
 - 3.10.10. **Trustee Committee Report:** *No report*
- 4. **Old Business:**
 - 4.10. **Scholarship Fund:** *Dewey not present, no report.*
 - 4.11. **Chapter Historian:** *Dewey not present, no report*
 - 4.12. **Communications:**
 - 4.12.1. *Bill Reba will assist with the publication of the newsletter.*
 - 4.12.2. *Bob Slivatz will assist with the web site.*
 - 4.12.3. *Request members to submit articles/information to help Rich Smith for publishing in **Intsum**. Info and pictures needed for the column "As You Were."*
 - 4.12.4. **FOB:** *President, Vice President, Treasurer, Adjutant, past presidents as needed.*
 - 4.12.5. *Mike Reyes and Dave Fetters will update the chapter roster, especially the email addresses.*
- 5. **New Business:**
 - 5.10. **Voted:** *Adopted column As You Were for the **Intsum**.*
 - 5.11. **Voted:** *Adopted deployed active duty team, coordinate with Betsy Rhodes. Selected team referred by Dick Loney.*
 - 5.12. **Chapter 55 two year calendar of meeting dates and locations:**


- 5.12.1. *Christmas meeting/ dinner Dance, 05 Jan 08. Hosted by team A-551. POC Bob Slivatz and Bill Ryba.*
 - 5.12.2. *Summer 2008: Campout hosted by A-555 Kirk and Lisa Newman.*
 - 5.12.3. *Spring 2008: A-553: Bob Strange tentatively to host May 08 meeting at Union Lake.*
 - 5.12.4. *Fall 2009: Open*
 - 5.12.5. *Christmas meeting/dinner dance 2009: Open*
 - 5.12.6. *Spring 2009: Open*
 - 5.12.7. *Summer Campout 2009: Open*
 - 5.12.8. *Fall 2009:Open*
 - 5.13. **Gray Shiroda** *presented Frank Burns with a commemorative canteen cup in recognition of his service to Chapter 55.*
 - 5.14. **Leather flight jackets:** *Available from Airborne Leathers. Price discount with orders of 20 or more. POC Bill Schrader*
 - 6. **Good of the Order:**
 - 6.10. **Voted:** *Send certificate of appreciation and chapter coin to Betsy Rhodes for service to SF Personnel*
 - 6.11. **Andy Brown** *noted that the Caustic Center of Farmington Hills will sponsor an event on Veterans Day.*
 - 6.12. **Bill Schrader** *noted that the Comstock Park Christmas lights show is the largest in Michigan. He requested assistance and he will arrange discounted hotel rooms for those who help.*
 - 6.13. **50/50 Raffle:** *Bill Schrader will operate the chapter events.*
 - 6.14. **Chapter 38:** *5th Group museum will plant a tree for every SF KIA in Afghanistan an Iraq.*
 - 7. **Correspondence:** *None*
 - 8. **Next Meeting:** *Christmas*
- Meeting adjourned: 1440Hrs.**

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