

SFA Chapter 55 Winter Meeting  
8 January 2011 at Comstock Park, MI  
Bill Schrader - Host

1. **Call meeting to order:** 1310hrs
  - 1.1. Opening Prayer: Bob Slivatz
  - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Fetters
  - 1.3. Moment of silence to recognize the "Empty Chair"
  - 1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets: Sung by all present
2. **Roll Call:**
  - 2.1. Sign-in sheet
    - 2.1.1. Duane LaGuire-Quinn, Dave Fetters, Steve Frazer, Bill Schrader, Rudolph Wade, Iriash Cardell Palmer, Doug Sherd, Art Goatbe, Kirk Newman, Richard Smith, Dick Shevchenko, George Sternberg, Mike Reyes.
  - 2.2. Introduction of Guest: William Wade (12<sup>th</sup> Gp)
3. **Reports: Summary**
  - 3.1. Adjutant's Report:
    - 3.1.1. Minutes of last meeting posted on line LaGuire-Quinn proposed acceptance, seconded by Frazer and accepted by membership voice vote.
    - 3.1.2. Shevchenko requested hard copies of report to be provided at future meetings, members present agreed.
    - 3.1.3. "Our Vietnam Generation," Chapter 55 will have members in attendance Blazers and Berets UOD.
  - 3.2. Treasurer's Report:
    - 3.2.1. Mike Reyes presented a chapter financial statement that indicated a \$7,075.85 balance as of last meeting, \$6,814.23 savings and \$261.62 checking. Current total balance (12/31/2010) \$5, 321.38, \$4,668.97 savings and \$652.41 checking. Interest earned was \$4.99.
    - 3.2.2. Total income for this period was \$2,550.00 and expenditures were \$4,308.21. Frazer motioned to accept, seconded by George Sternberg, accepted by all present with voice vote.
    - 3.2.3. Bill Schrader requested individual copies be provided henceforth.
  - 3.3. Chaplain's Report:
    - 3.3.1. Slivatz traveled to Adrian Michigan and presented SFA plaque to Diana Przytulski, the widow of Staff Sgt. Lee Conrad Przytulski's, a Special Forces Soldier assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) who died of natural causes Aug. 25 at Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
    - 3.3.2. Request that members contact chapter officers with sick reports so that members may offer assistance.
  - 3.4. Vice-President's Report:

- 3.4.1. Detroit Veteran's Day Parade Newman drove his M35 bearing chapter banners pulling trailer in parade. Noted that member attendance needs to increase.
- 3.4.2. Commended Iriash Palmer for acting as chapter POC on parade day.
- 3.4.3. A-teams activity must increase to provide better communication with membership and improve meeting attendance.
- 3.4.4. Will order general occasion cards for chapter activities. Cards will come in 25 count boxes. Members may cards for personal use order though QM
- 3.5. President's Report:
  - 3.5.1. Plaque committee report:
    - 3.5.1.1. Fetters has plaque will hold a committee meeting at Hudsonville.
    - 3.5.1.2. Plaque will remain in possession of the chapter president.
    - 3.5.1.3. Plaque, at the direction of the plaque committee, will bear the names of members who have made significant contributions to the chapter's activities.
  - 3.5.2. NBO President Ron McCan has removed himself from his SFAHQ position until during investigation of complaint by chapter 1-18 members.
  - 3.5.3. Slivatz motioned that Chapter 55 send a letter of support for McCan to SFAHQ. Motion seconded by LaGuire-Quinn, voted postponed. Shevchenko motioned to submit letter after the investigation, seconded by Sternberg, accepted by voice vote. It was suggested that members make private letters of support via e-mail.
  - 3.5.4. Medallions: Eleven medallions available for member purchase. Unsold stock may be sold at convention.
  - 3.5.5. New banners used on truck at Detroit Veteran's Day parade.
- 3.6. A-Team Reports:
  - 3.6.1. A-557 (Schrader)
    - 3.6.1.1. Shipped package to Jason Schrader's team for Afghanistan.
    - 3.6.1.2. Noted that team contacted Rhea Pruett, wife of deployed member Ray Pruett to keep her in contact with the chapter.
    - 3.6.1.3. Jason Schrader departing for training prior to deploying.
    - 3.6.1.4. Suggested that members contact Harvey and Jan Peters to ensure that they remain aware of the chapter's concern for them.
  - 3.6.2. A-554 (Frazer)
    - 3.6.2.1. Noted that packages sent to specific member of deployed teams will be returned if that person has rotated back.
    - 3.6.2.2. Package address should state after named individual, "and any other soldier." To prevent return of package as undeliverable.
  - 3.6.3. A-team 555 (LaGuire-Quinn)
    - 3.6.3.1. Noted that Newman was doing an excellent job on his A-Team organization project.

**4. Old Business:**

- 4.1. Raffle pistol update: Dewey & Kirk
  - 4.1.1. Gun for raffle is in the possession of the chapter.
  - 4.1.2. Knife will be in chapter's possession by first week of March.
  - 4.1.3. Image of design will be in the next *Intsum*.
  - 4.1.4. Raffle tickets will sell for \$10 each, 700 tickets will be available for selling.
  - 4.1.5. Chapter member who sells the most tickets will win \$300.00
- 4.2. Quartermaster's update: Bob Strange
  - 4.2.1. \$850.00 spent on coins, \$377.00 for vest, 913.00 at Embroideme (services) Total expenditures \$2142.00
  - 4.2.2. Income as of last January \$1301.00. \$1406 vest sales in May, Total income \$3707
  - 4.2.3. Will purchase less items with chapter logo and more with SFA logo
  - 4.2.4. Sold 14 medallions to SOA members (\$1610)

**5. New Business:**

- 5.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2011
  - 5.1.1. Spring 2011 meeting: April or May, host Kirk at the Bunker Military Surplus Store 1214 Court Street Saginaw, MI 48602. Phone: (989) 790-1905
  - 5.1.2. Summer campout with Newman Ponderosa 5806 Gary Road, Chesaning MI 48616
  - 5.1.3. Fall 2011 meeting: Sherd Hosting at Sand Lake VFW, 8 Lake Street, Sand Lake MI 49343

**6. Good of the Order:**

- 6.1. Comments:
  - 6.1.1. Schrader nominated for Business Person of the Year by Grandville Chamber of Commerce
  - 6.1.2. Schrader recommended that more members involve themselves with the Michael F. May Scholarship awards presentation
  - 6.1.3. LaGuire-Quinn noted that Ray Pruett received the metal scanners and camera purchased by the chapter for use in Afghanistan
  - 6.1.4. Laguire-Quinn noted tht he had contacted a CPA in Fenton to establish better accounting procedures for the scholarship fund. \$7,198.83 in the fund, drew \$3.59 interest.
  - 6.1.5. Iriash Cardell Palmer's Birthday was 01 January
- 6.2. 50-50 raffle and auction to be held at evening dinner dance.

**7. Motion to Adjourn: 1505hrs**