

SFA Chapter 55 Spring Meeting

14 May 11, Chesaning, MI
Kirk Newman & Deb - Hosts

1. Call meeting to order: 1325hrs

- Opening Prayer led by Chaplain Bob Slivatz
- Pledge of Allegiance Led by President Dave Fetters
- Moment of silence to recognize the "Empty Chair"
- Ballad of the Green Berets sung by all present

1.1 Roll Call: Don Bruce, William Matthews, Harry Smith, Dale Abbuhl, Bill Schrader, Iriash Palmer, Bob Slivarz, Frank Burns, Art Goatbe, Steve Frazer, Fred Turner, Dick Shevchenko, Douglas Sherd, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn

1.2 Introductions: Fred Turner, Mike King, and Darrell Arnett

2. Reports: (a brief summary only)

2.1 Adjutant's Report:

- Minutes of last meeting distributed and notice given of online posting.
Accepted

2.2 Treasurer's Report:

- Read report to members voted acceptance.

2.3 Chaplain's Report:

- Attended funeral for Mike McCluski.
- Will send get well card to Mike Davis.

2.4 Vice-President's Report:

- A-Team assignments

2.5 President's Report:

- Picture of proposed Chapter 55 plaque passed around to members attending meeting.
- Jim Ringland nominated for Regional Representative by Dave Fetters, Bob Slivatz seconded the nomination, accepted with unanimous vote.
- SFAHQ Maintenance Building. \$70,000 debt paid off.
- Member voting rights are as before, Associate members can vote in SFA elections.
- 10th Gp. Commander sent a thank you letter to the chapter for assistance give after fire at 10th.
- Dave Fetters sent a chapter certificate and coin to Chris Reeve in appreciation of his assistance with the Michael F. May Scholarship fund.
- Convention attendance Dave Fetters unable to attend the SFA convention at Tampa.
- 5th Group convention will be held 19-24 September 2011 at Ft. Campbell. Information regarding the convention can be found online at:
http://sfa38.fortcampbell.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=60
- Pineland Poems by J.L. Hasler: "Pineland Poems" is a collection of meditations on civilization's decay, exhortations of resistance, and spirited declarations that man must and will yet be free. Cost \$10.00 plus \$.80 NC tax, and \$2.50 S&H. J.L. Hasler, c/o Pineland Poems, P.O. Box 71855, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. A portion of any profits resulting from your purchase of *Pineland Poems* will be donated to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) that helps educate the children of Special Operations Soldiers killed in the line of duty.

- Steve Copening sent Dave Fetters a message that he is selling silver or gold rings for Army Airborne Troopers. Steve served in 1-504th PIR (82nd) and is a jewelry manufacturer. POC Steve Copening at (954) 977-7067 or scopening@premierresourcesinc.com. The each ring bears the U.S. Army Parachutist badge in one of three versions the Basic Parachutist, Senior Parachutist, and Master Parachutist. They can be viewed online at <http://www.premierresourcesinc.com/MILITARY-JEWELRY.html>

2.6 A-Team Reports:

- A551: presented JRROTC awards (certificate, medal, and coin) to Christian Bobbish, Anchor Bay High School, New Baltimore; Joshua Hending and Troy Seabastain, Lincoln High School, Warren.

3. Old Business:

- \$1000 Scholarship award presented 16 May to Laura Sheppard at Vassar High School.
- May family deferred selection of recipient to the scholarship board
- Raffle project needs to present by-laws to get license for raffle. Bob Slivatz will send out draft of by-laws for the board.
- \$300 will be awarded to the member who sells the most raffle tickets.
- 30 May Memorial Day services at Vassar Michigan, Honors given to Gold Star family of Michael F. May. Chapter members attending will meet at Betty Lou's Restaurant in Vassar (0900hrs) and travel to cemetery (1100hrs)

4. New Business:

4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2010/2011

- Summer campout – Kirk – 12-14 August
- Fall 2011 – Sand Lake – Mr./Mrs. Sherd - date TBD
- 19 – 24 September 5th Group 50th Anniversary Reunion at Ft. Campbell.

5. Good of the Order:

- Dick Shevchenko – Col. Bill Ewald, Sr. send his best to the chapter. Dick proposed a group trip to Cadillac for a visit with Bill.
- Deb announced that she had information available regarding VA Aid and Attendance application.
- Bob Slivatz presented 82nd at Bruce VFW
- Fred Turner presented Dick Shevchenko with a hand carved cane from the Michigan Wood Carvers Association that commemorates his military service
- Bill Schrader announced that his son Jason had returned to Afghanistan with his team.
- 50-50 raffle

6. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1505hrs.