



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER LV

Michigan Michael May Memorial Chapter

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MINUTES OF SFA CHAPTER LV MEETING: 11 August 2007

Summer Campout Meeting
Art & Sharon Goatbe - Hosts
★ A less formal meeting ★

1. Call meeting to order: 1400 Hrs

2. Roll Call:

2.1.1. Officers Present: *President: Dave Fetters* , *Vice-President: Gary Shiroda* *NP*,
Treasurer: Mike Reye , *Chaplain: Bob Slivatz* *NP*, *Quartermaster: Bill*
Schrader , *Adjutant: Rich Smith*

2.1.2. Members Present:

Don Bruce	Dick Shevchenko	William Ewald, Sr.
Dennis Goodemoot	George Sternberg	Bill Ewald, Jr.
Doug Sherd	Robert Storks	Bob Strange
Kirk Newman	Mike Davis	Art Goatbe
	Frank Burns	

3. Introduction of guests and new members:

- 3.1.** New member: George Sternberg.
- 3.2.** Fred Turner: Prospective member.
- 3.3.** Opening Prayer: Dave Fetters
- 3.4.** Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Fetters

3.5. Moment of silence to recognize the “Empty Chair”

4. Reports: (Summary only)

4.1. Adjutant Report: *Minutes of Last Meeting. Minuets posted on line and summery given, accepted by members present*

4.2. Treasurer’s Report: *Presented by Treasurer Mike Reyes, accepted by members present. Harvey Peters was very sick but has recovered and will attend next meeting. Neal and Shirley Putnam moved to VA, Neil returned to active duty. Tickets for STMP available \$5*

4.3. Honorary Chapter Chairman Report: *Dick Shevchenko noted that Chapter LV Drop article misidentified the member responsible for the collection of eyeglasses for 46th Company charity operation. Dick noted that Drop article should have identified Mike Davis as the member who collected the glasses for shipment to 46th Company in Thailand.*

4.4. Chaplain’s Report: Not present, no report

4.5. Vice-President’s Report: Not present, no report

4.6. President’s Report:

4.6.1. Oklahoma Convention: only half of expected attendees

4.6.2. Moving wall: At Lapeer 16-19 August, volunteers need to assist contact Dick Shevchenko or Gary Shiroda.

4.6.3. Sig P220: several members still owe for additional cost

4.6.4. Membership Apathy: Only 1 percent of SFA membership voted on changes to Constitution

4.6.5. Veterans History Project: Request that members contact the project and arrange to provide their military history

4.6.6. Support Our Troops At War BBQ Cook-Off Fundraiser: Held at Volare Ristorante, 49115 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, 09 September 2007, 1200hrs – 1900hrs. Three cooks per team, team fee \$300, Ned Timmons, of *Hugs From Home* is the POC: 4057 Pioneer Drive, Suite 200, Walled Lake, MI 48390, 248-366-5020. To attend: \$50 donation, all you can eat rib dinner, door prizes, added wine tasting on patio \$10

4.6.7. National officers nomination: Members who desire to hold SFA national office cont6aact SFAHQ and declare their candidacy.

4.6.7.1. All offices are open to elective challenge.

4.6.7.2. Nomination deadline 31 October 2007

4.7. A-Team Leaders’ Report:

4.7.1. A-551 Bob Slivatz: NP

4.7.2. A-552 H. Smith: NP

4.7.3. A-553 A. Brown: NP. Rich Smith will try to change the fall meeting date to avoid conflict with 5th Group convention.

4.7.4. A-554 F. Burns: No report

4.7.5. A-555 G. Shiroda: NP

4.7.6. A-556 A. Abels: NP

4.7.7. A-557 B. Schrader: Grandville schools will initiate a program to educated faculty on the importance of military history. Initiative needed to counter declining support of ROTC programs and appreciation of military personnel by faculty.

4.7.8. A-558 D. Bruce: No report

5. Old Business:

- 5.1. **Scholarship Fund:** Will acquire necessary state permits to Raffle a Sig P220, donated by Dick Shevchenko, to raise funds for fund.
 - 5.1.1. Scholarship board will meet before fall meeting.
 - 5.1.2. Members who wish to participate contact Dewey LaGuire-Quinn
- 5.2. **Chapter Historian:** Dewey is the new Chapter LV Historian. He will contact members at meetings and conduct interviews for Chapter LV chronicles.
- 5.3. **Communications:** INTSUM/Web Site
 - 5.3.1. Bob Slivatz will assist with webmaster duties
 - 5.3.2. New column using theme “The way we once were” relying on old photos
 - 5.3.3. Rich Smith will investigate the additional cost from **land1.com** to increase the available pages for web site for added member information and QM.
 - 5.3.4. Articles and info needed from all to assist with publications.
- 5.4. **FOB:** President, VP, Treasurer, Adjutant, (Past-Presidents as needed)
- 5.5. **Updated roster:** Mike Reyes and Dave Feters will update the roster information
 - 5.5.1. Email addresses will be a priority
 - 5.5.2. Investigate security of email will **land1.com** to sooth concerns of some members.
 - 5.5.2.1. Mailbox: account that collects mail at chapter address
 - 5.5.2.2. Webmail
 - 5.5.2.3. POP3
 - 5.5.2.4. STMP
 - 5.5.2.5. Forwarding: mail addressed to chapter address will be sent to member’s personal email, more than one forwarding address permitted. Personal email address is not revealed.
 - 5.5.2.6. Combination: members may employ both Mailbox and Forwarding.
- 6. **New Business:**
 - 6.1. **Chapter Events Calendar for 2003**
 - 6.1.1. Two Year Chapter Events Calendar
 - 6.1.2. 5th SFG reunion – Ft. Campbell, 19-23 Sept
 - 6.1.3. Fall Meeting 07 - Smith/Burns, TBD
 - 6.1.4. Holiday meeting/Dinner Dance - 5 Jan 08 Bill Ryba and Bob Slivatz host
 - 6.1.5. Spring 08 – Dick Shevchenko will host at Saginaw, date TBA
 - 6.1.6. Summer 08 Campout – Kirk Newman
 - 6.1.7. Fall 08 – Bob Strange will host at Union Lake VFW, date TBA
- 7. **Good of the Order**
 - 7.1. Bob Strange motioned to have Dennis Goodemoot recognized for his initiative and work on the Sigarms project. A letter from President Feters and certificate of appreciation will be sent to Dennis.
 - 7.2. Bob Strange presented Barb Sparks a new plaque on behalf of the Special Operations Association
 - 7.3. Dick Shevchenko presented Bill Ewald, Sr. with a hand-painted and numbered plate bearing the Michigan SFA logo.
 - 7.4. Dick Shevchenko motion to have chapter pay for widow’s subscription to *The Drop*, action may require associate membership. Motion seconded and passed. Barb Sparks accepted offer by chapter. Mike Reyes and Dave Feters will contact other widows and inquire if they want to accept offer.

7.5. 50-50 raffle: \$75 won by Rich and Alicia Smith money returned to chapter for Michael May Scholarship Fund

7.6. Auction: Conducted by Dewey LaGuire-Quinn and Trudy Fetters

6. Motion to Adjourn: 1455 Hrs