



**SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER LV**

Michigan Michael May Memorial Chapter

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MINUTES OF SFA CHAPTER LV MEETING:

1. Meeting Called to Order: 1310Hrs.

1.1 Roll Call:

1.1.1 Officers Present: President: , Vice-President: , Treasurer: , Chaplain: , Quartermaster: , Adjutant:

1.1.2 Members Present:

Don Bruce	Doug Sherd	George Sternberg
Robert Strange	Dick Shevchenko	Bill Ryba
John Sosa	Dewey LaGuire-Quinn	Mark Stinson
Art Goatbe	Bob Slivatz	Dick Loney
Mike Davis		Steve Frazer

Michael May MIA

2 Introduction of guest and new members:

3 Reports:

3.1 Adjutant Report: *Minutes of last meeting noted as posted online by Adjutant Richard Smith. Accepted by members present.*

3.2 Treasurer's Report: *Presented by Treasurer Mike Reyes (printed summary available), accepted by members present. Received certificate for donation to the Jimmy Dean Memorial Fund. Chapter will make donation to the Penrickton Center to accompany donations collected at meeting and dinner/dance.*

3.3 Honorary Chapter Chairman Report (Dick Shevchenko): *No report.*

3.4 Quartermaster's Report: *No report.*

3.5 Chapter Historian Dewey LaGuire Quinn: *Will contact members to arrange individual interviews.*

3.6 Chaplain's Report: *Presented by Chaplain Bob Slivatz. Noted Frank Jackman ill (bladder cancer), Steve Frazer recovering from knee surgery, Al Swan at home following treatment for TBI at Ann Arbor VA hospital. Chapter lost Joseph Kristen and Bob Sparks.*

3.7 MIA POW Report: *No report*

3.8 Vice-President's Report: *No report*

3.9 President's Report: *Chapter purchased computer for adjutant. Emphasis will be on emailing **Intsum** to members. Ray Pruett notified our chapter board that he has included Chapter 55 in his estate plans. We wish to extend a truly heartfelt thank to Ray and hope that others would consider doing the same. SFAHQ has requested that each chapter ask their membership to make a \$10 donation to the SFA Scholarship and Patriot's Award programs. Initial nominations for elected officers will be held at the spring meeting. Chapter 55 will have final nominations and vote for officers at the fall meeting. Ray Pruett is running for president and Don Bruce is considering service as the vice-president. Gary Shiroda will not seek reelection or nomination to other board positions.*

- *Bill Schrader suggested that the vice-president position act as a training office for the presidency.*
- *Dewey LaGuire-Quinn noted that the national constitution prohibits limiting election to vice-president office as a prerequisite to holding office as president.*

A thank you was given to Gary Shiroda for managing the fall 2007 meeting as a result of the president's absence. Notice was given that the membership's contributions to the Penrickton Center have not been as good as it is able. A collection will be taken at the dinner/dance for the center.

Chapter 55's contribution of snack food and video games for deployed SF troops is in need of support. The chapter will purchase one new and one used Playstation 2 consoles. Art and Sharon Goatbe along with Richard, Alicia, and Ricky Smith donated PS2 games. (Ricky Smith donated his PS2 console to a deployed team.

*Copies of **Veritas** magazines made available for distribution after the meeting.*

*Thanks noted for Barb Sparks for her volunteering to mail hard copies of the **Intsum** to members without access to email. She announced that she would also donate the cost of postage.*

3.10 A-Team Leaders Report:

3.10.1 A-550 - At Large: *No report*

3.10.2 A-551 - Bob Slivatz: *Will pick up a Sony Playstation 2 for deployed A-Team at request of chapter by vote.*

3.10.3 A-552 - Harry Smith: *No report*

3.10.4 A-553 - Andy Brown: *No report. John Sosa will investigate obtaining a safehouse location for chapter.*

3.10.5 A-554 - Frank Burns: *No report*

3.10.6 A-555 - Gary Shiroda: *Will purchase Sony Playststion2 for deployed A-Team at request of chapter by vote.*

3.10.7 A-556 - Al Ables: *No report*

3.10.8 A-557 - Bill Schrader: *No report*

3.10.9 A-558 - Don Bruce: *Al Swan still having problems with TBI suffered in Vietnam, but he is coping well. Expressed concern about him working at glassblowing when he is alone.*

3.11 Trustee Committee Report: *No report*

4 Old Business:

4.1 Scholarship Fund: *Dewey LaGuire-Quinn noted that contact information for the bank handling the Michael F. May scholarship fund will be posted in the **Intsum** and*

on the web site. Dick Shevchenko will donate one of his SFA Sig 220 pistols to the chapter for fundraising to support the scholarship fund. The winner of the pistol must be a SFA member, an active SF, or a former SF soldier. The MFM Fund has a balance of \$1,859.11. MFM Fund committee members will be listed on the web site with MFM Fund information. Bob Slivatz will post MFM Fund information in **The Drop**.

4.2 Chapter Historical Information: Established on 08 November 1991 at the Don Bruce VFW Post, Saint Clair Shores, Michigan. Bob Slivatz will submit a letter to reaffirm the chapter's adoption of the SFA national constitution and by-laws. This is to again establish our position as a 501c organization.

4.3 Chapter Historian: The "**As You Were**" column will be established for **Intsum** and web site publication. Historian will attempt to meet with members for interview to obtain information for "As You Were" and the chapter historical collection. To speed the process please contact Dewey to submit information and copies of photographs for this project.

4.4 Communications: Membership notified that Bill Ryba will assist with collecting articles for the **Intsum**. Bob Slivatz will assist with our web site and coordinate member email addresses. Bob Slivatz will establish and maintain a "**Wannabe**" page on the chapter web site. Noted that articles of interest and information submitted by members will be welcomed.

4.5 A-Teams: Mark Stinson requested that team leaders POC be posted on line along with their AO's. Contact information and AO's will be posted on line and in **Intsum** for email contact.

4.6 Donald Zlotnik: Dave Fetters will respond to Mr. Donald Zlotnik's request for our chapter's endorsement of his publication.

4.7 FOB: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Adjutant, and past presidents as needed.

4.8 Chapter Roster: Dave Fetters and Mike Reyes will update the chapter roster

5 New Business:

5.1 Chapter Calendar of Meeting dates and locations:

5.1.1 Spring Meeting 17 May 2008 Hosted by Bob and Roberta Strange at Union Lake VFW.

5.1.2 National Convention, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 9-15 2008

5.1.3 Summer Campout Hosted by Kirk and Lisa Newman, August

5.1.4 Fall 2008 meeting to be determined

5.1.5 Winter/Holiday Meeting Dinner Dance, Jan 2009, Host to be determined.

6 Good of the Order: Vassar VFW request SFA to assume honor guard responsibility. Chapter will contact VFW to affirm if they will provide weapons to fire.


6.1 Next Meeting: Union Lake VFW POC Bob Strange. Information and maps will be posted on line an in **Intsum**.

6.2 Raffle: 50/50 raffle held at dance rather than meeting.

6.3 Auction: Auction held at dinner/dance.

Meeting adjourned: 1425Hrs.

Submitted by:



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Chapter LV Adjutant

Approved by:



Dave Fetters
Chapter LV President