

SFA Chapter 55 Spring Meeting

16 Apr 16, Milford, MI

Ann & Tim “Sling-arm” Leahy – Hosts

1. **Call the meeting to order:** President Dave Fetters – 1300hrs
 - Opening Prayer - Chaplain Mark Kincaid
 - Pledge of Allegiance – President Fetters
 - Moment of silence
 - Ballad of the Green Berets
- 1.1 **Roll Call:** Dave Fetters, Doug Sherd, Richard Smith, Mike Reyes, Tim Leahy, Duane LaGuire-Quinn, Jon Luker, Harry Smith, James R. Jackson, Duane Daniels, Rudolph Wade, Art Goatbe. Bill Schrader, John Southard, Frank Burns, John Sosa, Ed Hirsch, Andrew Brown, Dick Loney, Mark Kincaid, Don Bruce, Kirk Newman, Clay Curtis, Steve Frazer, Herman V. Kasoff, Michael Whittum, Steve Young
- 1.2 **Introductions:** None
2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1 **Adjutant’s Report:** Rich Smith:
 - Minutes of last meeting posted online and distributed. Motion to accept Duane LaGuire-Quinn, Seconded Doug Sherd. Voice vote: all present accepted.
 - 2.2 **Treasurer’s Report:** Mike Reyes:
 - Financial report\$ 26,11872 total balance of accounts as of 31 March 2016, Written report submitted along with Michael May Scholarship Fund letter regarding transfer of MMSF money to Chapter 55 account.
 - Chapter 55 received rebate from SFAHQ for George Sternberg Life membership.
 - Noted that Dough Sherd is now a signature on Chapter 55 checking account along with Mike Reyes and Bill Schrader.
 - Chapter 55 will recover \$685 donation from Mike Zielinski, Jr. misdirected to the State of Ohio.
 - Noted that Jon Luker suggested that MMSF money now in a separate line entry on Chapter 55 books be invested in a CD to improve interest. Earnings. Motion to accept by LaGuire-Quinn, seconded by Steve Frazer, voice vote – all accepted.
 - Vice President Doug Sherd will address roster update/issues.
 - 2.3 **Chaplain’s Report:** Mark Kincaid:
 - Sick call: Bob Slivatz, Larry Todt, Dan McKee, Bob Strange
 - Noted that Chaplains Slivatz and Kincaid conducted memorial service for SF soldier MSG John Zehel at Wm. Sullivan Funeral Home on 11 March at Royal Oak; Burial schedule for 08 June 2016 at Great Lakes Cemetery.
 - 2.4 **Vice-President’s Report:** Doug Sherd:
 - Roster issues – will initiate an A-team meeting schedule that the V.P. will coordinate and post online. Notifications sent will be team specific.
 - Roster of A-Team assignments distributed.

2.5 President's Report: Dave Fetters:

- 5th Group Flash change ceremony, March 23, 2016 attended by Dave and Trudy Fetters, Bill and Lee Schrader, Richard and Alicia Smith, George and Sally Sternberg, Steve Frazer, and Mark Stinson.
 - Gen. Mark Milley, Chief of Staff of the Army and former 5th SFG member joined 5th Group Commander, Col. Kevin Leahy. Retired Maj. Gen. John Singlaub joined them at the ceremony.
 - "Fifth Group from day one until today has always been populated by heroes, and they still are," Milley said. "The proudest moment of my life was wearing the green beret of the 5th Special Forces Group."
 - Bill Schrader and Richard Smith sat for a recorded interview by for 5th Group by personnel from Ft. Bragg.
 - 5th Group is the only Group deployed in combat. However 5th is significantly assisted in its combat mission with teams from other Special Forces Groups.
- Tiffany Kravec's "Run for the Fallen" 13-15 May.
 - Tiffany received a total \$202 from Chapter 55 and her husband John Kravec at the January Meeting and dinner dance. She thanked the chapter for supporting her charity run.
 - Duane LaGuire-Quinn motioned to donate an additional \$200 to the "Run for the Fallen" in support of Tiffany Kravec's effort. Motioned seconded by Tim Leahy. Passed with a unanimous voice vote.
 - Chapter will post POC on its website for private donations to support Tiffany Kravec's "Run of the Fallen"
- President Fetters received plaques from SFAHQ for Terry Shevchenko and Molly Mousseau in recognition of the Special Forces service of their deceased loved ones.
- Terry Shevchenko sent a message thanking the chapter for its support after the death of her father Dick Shevchenko.
- SFA raffle & Chapter 88 raffle sent raffle tickets and notice requesting support. Chapter 88 raffle to raise money to cover expenses of MOH recipients attending the 2016 SFA convention.
- Scholarship committee mtg. immediately after this

3 Current Business:

- 3.1 Scholarship committee report - Dewey LaGuire-Quinn:
- 3.2 Money in the scholarship fund was transferred to Mike Reyes and the Chapter 55 treasurer's account.
- 3.3 \$2000 of the fund money was set aside to cover the administrative cost of operating the 2016 raffle.
- 3.4 Statewide Chapter 55 scholarships distributed through A-Teams are no longer available at this time. The awarding of statewide open scholarships will be reinstalled when the fund gains sufficient revenues.
- 3.5 Scholarship funds placed in a Certificate of Deposit to aid in build up so that a fellowship can be created to handle the scholarship.
- 3.6 Raffle tickets are available for distribution after the meeting.
 - First place prize is a Bushmaster AR 15 rifle
 - Second place prize is a specially engrave Chris Reeves "Green Beret Knife"
 - Third place prize is \$300

- Unsold tickets must be returned to Duane LaGuire-Quinn
- Raffle will be held at Chapter 55 August Campout at Bad Axe
- Scholarship will be awarded on 09 May 2016 at annual Vassar High School senior awards ceremony.
- The first scholarship winner, Cameron Thorpe continues to keep the chapter aware of his progress and accomplishment.
- 30 May Memorial service at Vassar give recognition to Michael F. May, his mother places a wreath in honor and memory.

3.7 Quartermaster update – Bob Strange ill and not available to present a report.

4 New Business:

4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2016

- SFA National Convention – Jacksonville, 13-18 June
 - Dave and Trudy Fetters will attend as will Bill and Lee Schrader, and Don and Barb Bruce.
- Summer camp-out – M. Kincaid, Bad Ax, 11-14 Aug
- Fall Meeting – Terry Shevchenko, Saginaw American Legion or Kirk Newman’s Ponderosa, date TBD (Late October)
- Winter 2017 Christmas mtg. – Schrader, Grand Rapids, date 14 Jan 2017

4.2 Chapter Events Calendar for 2017

- Spring 2017 Mtg. – Fetters, Holland, Tulip Time, date TBD
- Summer Campout 2017 - Open
- Fall Meeting 2017 - Open
- Winter 2018 - Open

5 Good of the Order:

- 5.1 John Sosa: distributed Canadian Airborne Forces Association applications to members. He advised of the upcoming meeting at Trenton, Ontario.
- 5.2 Sosa advised members of his trip to Vietnam, this time he paid to travel there. He used Vietnam Battlefield Tours and highly recommended their services.
- 5.3 Don Bruce recommended that members read Travis Mills’ book *“Tough As They Come”*
- 5.4 Mark Kincaid recommended that chapter buy custom poker chips bearing Chapter 55 graphics for members to purchase and distribute as calling cards and such. Info will be passed to QM Bob Strange.
- 5.5 Jon Luker noted that there will be a Vietnam Memorial parade and celebration at Ypsilanti Township on 04 July 2016. The parade starts at 1100hrs on Huron and West Cross Street.
- 5.6 Jon Luker new web site update:
 - 5.6.1 New chapter web service is progressing and should be in service within one month. Jon Luker motion to move to new service when site becomes operational, Duane LaGuire-Quinn seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote. Richard Smith will assist Jon Luker with switching to new service from 1and1.com.
 - 5.6.2 Chapter officers will have email mailboxes and members will have mail forwarding from their chapter address to their person on record email address.
 - 5.6.3 Microsoft 365 is not available as a free option.
 - 5.6.4 Members will have a sign in which will allow them to participate in A-Team and chapter messaging. A-teams will have their own page for notices and other communication.
 - Ray Pruitt will be the assistant Webmaster

6 Motion to Adjourn:

- Dave fetters, seconded Duane LaGuire-Quinn. Meeting adjourned 1440hrs
- Post adjournment activities:
 - 50-50 drawing none.
 - Scholarship committee meeting.