

**SFA Chapter 55 Fall 2016 Meeting**  
October 29, 2016 Saginaw, MI  
Terry Shevchenko – Host (Help from Kirk Newman)

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Vice President Sherd – 1300hrs
  - 1.1. Opening Prayer – Chaplain (Bob Slivatz)
  - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President
  - 1.3. Moment of silence – Remembering Larry Todt & Pete Bonderczuk
  - 1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets song by all.
  - 1.5. **Roll Call:** John Sosa, Art Goatbe, Michael Whittum, Iriash Palmer, Mark Stinson, Rudolph Wade, Frank Burns, Doug Sherd, Bob Strange, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Tim Leahy, Bill Schrader, Richard Smith, Harry Smith, James Jackson, Mike Cimoli, Bob Slivatz, Mike Reyes, Steve Frazer, Vincent Messina, Jon Luker
  - 1.6. **Introductions:** None
  
2. **Reports:**
  - 2.1. **Adjutant's Report:** Rich Smith
    - 2.1.1. Minutes of last meeting: Available online and written copies provided
    - 2.1.2. Motion to accept Dewey LaGuire-Guinn, Seconded Bob Slivatz, passed
  
  - 2.2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Reyes
    - 2.2.1. Financial report: Current available funds \$26,224.15 as of 28 October 2016 (last meeting \$26,219.15)
      - 2.2.1.1. Received check from SFAHQ \$260.00
      - 2.2.1.2. Received donation from Michael Davis family \$300.00
    - 2.2.2. Requested that members check roster at dais and confirm or correct email address.
    - 2.2.3. Dues increase by 45.00 as 01 January 2017, Life membership \$280 (age 65 and over), \$400 (under 65)
    - 2.2.4. Showed photo of raffle winner (rifle) to membership.
    - 2.2.5. Motion to accept report, Bill Schrader, Seconded Steve Frazer, passed.
  
  - 2.3. **Chaplain's Report:** Bob Slivatz
    - 2.3.1. Sick call: Lance Guilford, Ken Maynard, Dave Fetters. Larry Todt died 28 August 2016 from cancer; Pete Bonderczuk died 24 August 2016 from cancer; Mike Davis died 22 July 2016 from cancer.
  
  - 2.4. **Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd
    - 2.4.1. A-Teams listed online, also available for delivery by email response from Doug Sherd.
    - 2.4.2. New member Alan Conrad of Ft. Wayne, MI and Russell Nehmer of Reed City, MI
  
  - 2.5. **President's Report:** Dave Fetters (Absent – sick) Presented by Doug Sherd
    - 2.5.1. Chapter job openings: Historian, Scholarship Committee Chair, and Chaplain.
      - 2.5.1.1. Burt Kincaid will assist with Chaplin duties when he returns from Florida.
      - 2.5.1.2. John Sosa will act as Chapter 55 historian.
      - 2.5.1.3. Tim Leahy will become the Intsum editor
      - 2.5.1.4. Noted plaque from SFAHQ delivered to Terry Shevchenko by President Fetters
    - 2.5.2. Ft. Custer Freedom Hunt (mid October)
      - 2.5.2.1. Kirk Newman described program established fro 100% disabled veterans.
      - 2.5.2.2. Tom Black was presented a plaque for his volunteer services with program.
    - 2.5.3. Chapter 55 staff with Dewey and John Aten awarded rifle to prizewinner.

**3. Current Business:**

**3.1. Scholarship committee report - Dewey LaGuire-Quinn**

- 3.1.1. John Aten sold the most raffle tickets
- 3.1.2. Doug Sherd won Green Beret Knife.
- 3.1.3. Will discuss next year's prizes at upcoming scholarship committee meeting.
- 3.1.4. Scholarship report read and submitted.
- 3.1.5. John Sosa will assist committee with grant writing to get funds for scholarship
- 3.1.6. Dewey will meet with Vassar High School staff regarding use of the approved rubric for judging applications for scholarship.

**3.2. Quartermaster update**

- 3.2.1. Bob Strange Chapter coins available for sale.
- 3.2.2. Five or more coins \$8.00 or \$10 each.

**3.3. Special Forces/Ranger Breakfast: 5 November 2016 at Family Valley restaurant on Linden Road, Flint, MI.**

**4. New Business:**

**4.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2016**

- 4.1.1. Winter 2017 Christmas Meeting and Dinner Dance
  - 4.1.1.1. Host: Bill Schrader, at Grand Rapids, 7 Jan 2017, Comfort Suites North (same as before), 616-828-4995
- 4.1.2. Spring 2017 Meeting
  - 4.1.2.1. Host Dave Fetters, at Holland, *Tulip Time*, 13 May 2017, DAV Chapter 14 Hall
- 4.1.3. Summer Campout Meeting
  - 4.1.3.1. Host Kirk Newman, Chesaning, 4-6 Aug 2017. Date will be confirmed later.
- 4.1.4. Fall Meeting
  - 4.1.4.1. Host Michael Whittum, at Charlotte or Tim Leahy, at Milford.

**5. Good of the Order:**

**5.1. Comments**

- 5.1.1. Dewey request consideration of an A-Team for motorcycle riders.
  - 5.1.1.1. Discussion led to consideration of creating a "Strike Force" or "Recon Team" of riders.
  - 5.1.1.2. Chapter riders include Kirk Newman, Vinnie Massena, Art Goatbe, Bob Strange, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Steve Young, Richard Smith, Ray Pruett, Al Swann
  - 5.1.1.3. Kirk requested that "team" wear a Special Forces Tab on back of jacket or vest.
- 5.1.2. John Sosa discussed the Canadian Airborne Forces Association (CAFA) Branch 19 (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois)
  - 5.1.2.1. Branch 19 hosting meeting at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base October 13-15, 2017.
  - 5.1.2.2. POC: Ed Hirsch, John Sosa, or Harry Smith.
- 5.1.3. Mike Jaciuk noted that the Chapter 55 \*' x 8" paver has been placed at Ft. Belvoir military museum. Inscribed Special Forces Association, Michael F. May, Chapter LV, Michigan.
- 5.1.4. Jon Luker: Concordia University, Ann Arbor, 0900hrs hosting breakfast to Special Forces.

- 5.1.5. Vinnie Messina: Robotics team in demonstration of the appreciation of Chapter 55 support proclaimed the chapter a Gold Member supporter – status for donors of \$2500.00 to \$5000.00.
- 5.2. Bob Slivatz noted that SFAHQ was severely affected by Hurricane Mathew. Jack Tobin reported HQ was inundated with 14” of water from the storm.
  - 5.2.1. Bob Slivatz motion that Chapter 55 donates \$100 to SFAHQ, Seconded Dewey LaGuire-Quinn. Passed on voice vote.
- 5.3. Web site update: Jon Luker web site is up and running
- 5.4. **Motion to Adjourn:** Motion John Sosa, Seconded Steve Frazer. Meeting adjourned at 1430hrs