

# SFA Chapter 55 Winter 2017 Meeting

Jan 7, 2017 Grand Rapids, MI

Bill "Mr. Christmas Lite Show" Schrader – Host

## 1. Call the meeting to order: President – 1305 HRS

- 1.1. Opening Prayer – President Fetters
- 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance – President Fetters
- 1.3. Moment of silence
- 1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets
- 1.5. *Roll Call*: Dave Fetters, Doug Sherd, Mike Reyes, Richard Smith, Vincent Messina, Rudolph Wade, John Luker, Harry Smith, Tibor Bierbaum, Duane Daniels, Steve Frazer, Mike Jaciuk, Mike Whittum, Bill Schrader, John Sosa, Russ Nehmer, Don Bruce, Bob Strange, Iriash Palmer, Wes Guset, John Blaauw, Art Goatbe, Duane LaGuire-Quinn
- 1.6. *Introductions*: Tibor Bierbaum (10 Group), Russ Nehmer (10<sup>th</sup> Group), Wes Guset (7<sup>th</sup> Group), John Blaauw (5<sup>th</sup> Group)

## 2. Reports:

### 2.1. Adjutant's Report: Rich Smith

- 2.1.1. Minutes of last meeting made available for distribution and will be posed online.
- 2.1.2. *Intsum* – Tim Leahy will not assist with editing, Russ Nehmer will assist with publication of newsletter.
- 2.1.3. Richard Smith is officially our new Chapter 55 Chaplain. He is requesting assistance from membership with Chaplain position. A-teams are prompted to select a team member to provide local assistance within their AO.

### 2.2. Treasurer's Report: Mike Reyes

- 2.2.1. Financial report: current available funds \$29,398.33 as of 31 December 2016 (last meeting \$26,224.15). Received check from QM \$77.00; received check for dues \$65.00; received check for dues \$140.00; received check for donation \$300.00.
- 2.2.2. Received check for raffle rebate \$260.00; received cash from Chapter Raffle \$370.00; received check from Chapter Raffle \$1,690.00; received check for dues \$95.00; received check for Christmas Party – Richard Smith \$40.00. Withdrawals – check #1439 for \$200 to Terry Shevchenko to pay for Chapter Meeting; check #1440 for \$270.07 to Bob Strange for QM reimbursement.
- 2.2.3. Roster notes – *Intsum*: requested article call for updated contact information.
- 2.2.4. Contact Richard Smith to order Chapter 55 business cards.

### 2.3. Chaplain's Report: Rich Smith

- 2.3.1. *Sick call*: Bob Slivatz is recovering from complications of his heart condition; Ken Maynard is still recovering from his very serious vehicle accident; noted that John Sosa has been ill, his doctors are researching the cause; Bob Gullet is out of hospice and is under going physical therapy; Rudy Wade will undergo surgery at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital on 30 January 2017 to treat his cancer, his chemotherapy did not halt his cancer.

### 2.4. Vice-President's Report: Doug Sherd

- 2.4.1. A-Teams – VP Sherd presented new rosters of chapter A-teams and offered hard copies to members present. PDF copies will be made available to members who contact him via email (doug.sherd@sfchap55.net) or text message.

## 2.5. **President's Report:** Dave Fetters

- 2.5.1. Chapter job openings: Scholarship Committee Chair, *Intsum* Editor, and Assistant Chapter Historian.
- 2.5.2. Copies of *Veritas* and the *Museum Musings* made available at podium by Dave Fetters.
- 2.5.3. Spring meeting in Holland – some considerations are traffic which will prevent members for marching in parade and being able to attend meeting. Hotels in Holland will be full, check for rooms in outlying areas.
- 2.5.4. *Deb Todt*: found an estate lawyer to help her after her husband Larry Todt's death. Her financial burdens have been tremendously lightened as a result of the legal aid.
- 2.5.5. *Dale Abbuhl*: has moved to Tennessee and noted that his new home is close to I-75 and is halfway to Florida for Snow Bird members.

## 3. **Current Business:**

- 3.1. *Scholarship committee report* - Dewey LaGuire-Quinn noted that the Scholarship committee still desires to have a new Chairman and that he will remain available to his replacement for assistance. His business practice places increasing demands on his time and therefore he needs to step down as the Chairman.
- 3.2. *Quartermaster update* – Bob Strange had no report to present.

## 4. **New Business:**

- 4.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2016
  - 4.1.1. *Spring 2017 Meeting*: Hosted by Dave Fetters, Holland, "**Tulip Time**" - 13 May 17, DAV – directions and map to be added to web site and Warning Order issued.
  - 4.1.2. *Summer Campout*: Hosted by Kirk Newman, Chesaning, 18 - 20 Aug 2017.
  - 4.1.3. *Fall Meeting*: Tentative site is Charlotte VFW hosted by Mike Whittum. Date to be announced.
  - 4.1.4. *Winter Meeting and Dinner Dance*: will be hosted by Harry Smith, Iriash Palmer, Duane Daniels, and Richard Smith. Date to be announced.
  - 4.1.5. *Spring 2018 Meeting*: Hosted by Russ Nehmer at Reed City. Date to be announced.

## 5. **Good of the Order:**

- 5.1. *Duane LaGuire-Quinn* called for the chapter motorcycle riders to meet at Valley Family Restaurant, 5009 Miller Rd, Flint, MI 48507 to discuss and start plans and discussions for ride to Rolling Thunder – 26 May to 30 May 2017. Invited riders to meet at his home on 13 May 2017 to ride to the Holland chapter meeting.
- 5.2. *John Sosa* noted that the Canadian Airborne Forces Association (CAFA), United States Branch, is hosting a meeting at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, on 13 October 2017. POC is John Sosa ([ohn.sosa@sfchap55.net](mailto:ohn.sosa@sfchap55.net)) or Ed Hirsch ([edward.hirsch@sfchap55.net](mailto:edward.hirsch@sfchap55.net)).
- 5.3. *Vincent Messina* presented a letter of appreciation to President Fetters from the high school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) robotics team he mentors. The letter acknowledged the support given to the team by Chapter 55.
- 5.4. *Jon Luker*, Webmaster, requested that photos taken by members during the meetings be sent to him for placement on the chapter web site. He also encourages members to send photos of their hobbies to place on the site.

## 6. **Motion to Adjourn:** 1435 HRS.

## 7. **Post meeting actions:**

- 7.1. 50-50 drawing following meeting.
- 7.2. Doug Sherd, Mike Reyes, Dave Fetters, and Jon Luker will gather for a short meeting regarding the web site.
- 7.3. 1800 HRS – start of evening activities.