

SFA Chapter 55 Fall 2017 Meeting

4 Nov 2017, Charlotte, MI

Mike Whittum – Host

1. **Call the meeting to order:** President – 1300hrs
 - 1.1.1. Opening Prayer – Chaplain Burt Kincaid
 - 1.1.2. Pledge of Allegiance - President
 - 1.1.3. Moment of silence
 - 1.1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets
 - 1.1.5. Roll Call: Richard smith, Dave Fetters, Mike Reyes, Doug Sherd, Dewey LaGuire Quinn, Burt Kincaid, Tim Leahy, Dick Loney, Art Goatbe, Jon Luker, Mike Cimoli, James Jackson, Jerome Williams, Cardell Palmer, Harry Smith, Rudy Wade, Vincent Messina, Mike Whittum, Bob Slivatz, Don Bruce, Mark Stinson, Harry Moore, Bob Strange, Davis Wolfe, Kirk Newman
 - 1.1.6. Introductions: Welcome new member Jerome Williams, Guest Alex Lanni and John Mabbitt.
2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1.1. **Adjutant's Report:** Secretary Rich Smith, Minutes of last meeting posted online and written minutes distributed.
 - 2.1.1.1.1. Motion made to purchase 100 watt speaker, by Dewey LaGuire Quinn, seconded by Vincent Messina, sassed on voice vote. Motion to postpond purchase until after study of available units and prices by Bob Starnge, seconded by Don Bruce, motion passed by voice vote.
 - 2.1.2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Reyes
 - 2.1.2.1.1. Current financial report submitted in written accounts statement. (\$27,1185.29 Savings account, \$475.34 Checking account.
 - 2.1.2.1.2. SFA brick paver confirmation no change of status from last report, waiting for information.
 - 2.1.3. **Chaplain's Report:** Rich Smith, Vince Messina
 - 2.1.3.1.1. Clay Curtis funeral attended by Dave Fetters, Mike Reyes, Richard Smith, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Kirk Newman, Vincent Messina, and Jon Luker. Kathy Sosa is recovering well. Dick Loney, Ken Maynard, Mike O'Rourke relocated out of state.
 - 2.1.4. **Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd
 - 2.1.4.1.1. Reyes computer update, router defective bought new replacement, backed up files to DVD disk.
 - 2.1.5. **President's Report:** Dave Fetters
 - 2.1.5.1.1. Visited Ft. Benning, GA for OSC class reunion
 - 2.1.5.1.2. Burt Kincaid now an Honorary Member
 - 2.1.5.1.3. Veritas magazines made available for distribution.
 - 2.1.5.1.4. PayPal donations for fire victims in N. CA, request from SFA Chapter 23.
 - 2.1.5.1.5. Nite Lights: Thursday, 7 December – Military Recognition Night, invitation extended to all Chapter 55 members. This will be the 20th anniversary of the event.

2.1.5.1.6. MSU ROTC award request. Montana chapter sent notice of a V42 Dagger sale. Chapter 55 will not buy.

3. Current Business:

- 3.1.1.** Scholarship committee report - Chairman Dewey LaGuire-Quinn and Jon Luker. Still looking for volunteers to assist. \$14,00 presented in scholarships since 2009. Presented two scenarios for fiscal maintenance of scholarship funds. In one instance more could be placed in a CD that draws 1.8% annual interest. An \$80,000 investment would return sufficient interest to pay a \$1,000 scholarship. A \$100,000 investment would allow for a potential 7% annual growth. The second option is to maintain the status quo and rely on fundraising to cover the cost of the scholarship distributed each year. The selection of raffle prizes may need to be reconsidered, weapons or other prizes. Dewey distributed a written statement
- 3.1.2.** Quartermaster update – Bob Strange will submit report at winter meeting 06 January 2018.

4. New Business:

4.1.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2016

- 4.1.1.1.1.** Christmas meeting update – Richard, Jan 6 at St. Clair Shores VFW Bruce Post, meeting 1300hrs, dinner 1900hrs
- 4.1.1.1.2.** Spring 2018 – Leahy, Milford Am Legion, date TBD
- 4.1.1.1.3.** Summer Camp-out at Goatbe's ranch, 2103 Peterson Road, Prescott MI 48756, 17 – 19 Aug 2018
- 4.1.1.1.4.** Fall 2018 – TBD
- 4.1.1.1.5.** Christmas Party 2018 – Comstock, MI. Hosted by Bill Schrader.

5. Good of the Order:

- 5.1.1.** Mike Whittum donated \$150 to Chapter 55 (money owed from hosting the fall meeting).
- 5.1.2.** Jon Luker presented designs for chapter 55's motorcycle riders patch.
- 5.1.3.** Vincent Messina presented members of the Fighting Pi's robotics team for update of the activities.
- 5.1.4.** Contact Kirk Newman for ordering his SF sweatshirts.

6. Motion to Adjourn: Made by Don Bruce, seconded by Mike Wittum. Meeting adjourned at 1455hrs.

7. Post meeting actions - 50-50 drawing