

SFA Chapter 55 Winter 2018 Meeting
6 Jan 2018 – VFW Bruce Post #1146
28404 Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores, MI 48081
Richard & Alicia Smith – Host

1. **Call meeting to order: President:** 1300hrs
 - 1.1. Opening Prayer – Chaplain Vince Messina
 - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance – President
 - 1.3. Moment of silence – Thirty-seven deceased members.
 - 1.4. Ballad of the Green Berets
 - 1.5. Roll Call: Richard Smith, Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, Iriash Palmer, Wesley Gusset, Harry Smith, Mike Jaciuk, Bob Slivatz, Mike Cimoli, Art Goatbe, Mike Whittum, Vincent Messina, James Jackson, Bob Strange, Dave Feters, Rudolph Wade, Kirk Newman, Mike Reyes, Steve Frazer, Duane Daniels, Bill Ryba, Jon Luker.
 - 1.6. Introductions: Rick Borland (12th Group), signed up for membership.

2. **Reports:**
 - 2.1. **Adjutant's Report:** Secretary Rich Smith
 - 2.1.1. Minutes of last meeting: posted online and distributed at meeting
 - 2.1.2. INTSUM – transition update: still looking for editor
 - 2.1.3. Motion to accept Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, seconded Bob Slivatz. Amend scholarship report to read \$14,000 in scholarships and then to correct to report \$12,500 in scholarships presented at Vassar High School. Motion to correct report information made by Bob Slivatz, seconded Dewey LaGuire-Quinn, passed on unanimous voice vote.
 - 2.1.4. Adjutant noted that DAV Chapter 19 uses Logo marked automobile cup holders coaster as a means to raise funds. He will look into the cost for Chapter 55 to use that method to raise funds.

 - 2.2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Reyes
 - 2.2.1. Financial report: Written report stated that \$27, 378,69 is the current balance held in the chapter's account. \$15,982 MFM Scholarship fund. Will set up a new separate account for the scholarship with the current bank. Treasurer will include \$1,000 received from an anonymous donor in the next report.
 - 2.2.2. Roster notes – religious preference column may be considered on roster, information, as used on dog tags, will be voluntary.
 - 2.2.3. Dinner payment will be accepted by check at the meeting, cash payments will be accepted at the evening dinner event.
 - 2.2.4. Motion made by Dewey LaGuire-Quinn to donate \$500 to Green Beret Foundation, seconded by Steve Frazer, passed unanimous voice vote.
 - 2.2.5. Motion made by Dewey LaGuire-Quinn to donate \$500 to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, seconded by Steve Frazer, passed unanimous voice vote.
 - 2.2.6. Motion to donate \$250 to the Fighting Pi high school robotics team, seconded by Bob Slivatz passed unanimous voice vote.

 - 2.3. **Chaplain's Report:** Vince Messina
 - 2.3.1. Sick call update: Dick Loney is recovering well and was expected to attend the meeting but weather prevented his attendance.
 - 2.3.2. Doug Sherd is recovering and also caring for his youngest daughter during her treatment. Ken Maynard is under going therapy for his shoulder.

 - 2.4. **Vice-President's Report:** Doug Sherd – absent

 - 2.5. **President's Report:** Dave Feters
 - 2.5.1. Chapter job openings: Scholarship Committee Chair, *Intsum* editor (Wes Gusset volunteered to assist as editor), and Chapter 55 Historian, (Bob Slivatz volunteered to assist John Sosa as chapter historian).
 - 2.5.2. Deb Todt: Larry's headstone problem. Larry Todt entered service as a reservist and spent his time on active duty in reserve training status, which is not attributed to active duty. Larry did not have active duty service that qualified him for a veteran headstone.

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- 2.5.3. Letter from Special Forces command reported that SF training has not been compromised. The changes made to the training program maintain the same high quality of Special Forces soldiers produced in the past. The letter was sent in response to concerns of past SF soldiers and modifications made to Army Ranger and Army Airborne training to accommodate female candidates.
- 2.5.4. Chapter status: Dave Fetters will not seek or accept position of Chapter 55 President for 2019. Requested members present to consider running for office of chapter president, Kirk Newman indicated an interest in the position. President Fetters appointed Past Presidents Dewey LaGuire-Quinn and Bob Slivatz to join with Vice President Doug Sherd to gather nominations for position of Chapter 55 President.

3. Current Business:

3.1. Michael F. May Scholarship

- 3.1.1. Scholarship committee report:
 - 3.1.1.1. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn submitted a written report that noted concerns for raising money for the scholarship fund. Noted that the possibility of offering prizes other than weapons. Also introduced two options for managing scholarship funds.
 - 3.1.1.2. Option one follows the present course of fundraising to increase the capital fund and distribute scholarships from the money raised with balance going to increase the capital. This has a potential to fund scholarships beyond Vassar High School.
 - 3.1.1.3. Option two has a lesser scope and focus on Vassar High School and maintain the status quo of the chapter fundraising. This option does not project a future for the fund and does not plan for an expansion of capital. The scholarship would not have an investment plan for capital to maintain the fund.
 - 3.1.1.4. At this time the response from a email Dewey LaGuire-Quinn sent out indicated that membership interest is not significant to implement option one.
 - 3.1.1.5. From the floor members indicated that other chapters have scholarships the are designed to recognize and maintain the memory of its namesake. The scholarships are awarded locally in memory of the Special Forces soldier.
- 3.1.2. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn suggested using commemorative poker chips to raise funds for scholarship, Bob Slivatz motioned that Chapter 55 use poker chips. Tabled to assess cost, resume motion at next meeting.

3.2. Quartermaster

- 3.2.1. Quartermaster update
- 3.2.2. Bob Strange, no update at this time.

4. New Business:

4.1. Chapter Events Calendar for 2018

- 4.1.1. Spring meeting: 21 April 2018 at Milford American Legion, host Tim Leahy
- 4.1.2. Summer Camp out: Goatbe's Prescott Ponderosa, 17 to 19 August 2018
- 4.1.3. Fall meeting – looking for a host.
- 4.1.4. Winter Christmas meeting: January 2019, Comstock, MI, host Bill Schrader

4.2. Good of the Order:

- 4.2.1. Kirk Newman: taking orders for Green Beret T-shirts and sweatshirts after meeting.
- 4.2.2. Dewey LaGuire-Quinn there will be a motorcycle ride at the camp out on Thursday or Friday to avoid conflict with the Saturday meeting.
- 4.2.3. Web site: Send Jon Luker information desired for posting to the membership

5. Motion to Adjourn: Dewey LaGuire-Quinn seconded Mike Jaciuk, Meeting adjourned 1435hrs.

- 5.1. Post meeting actions: 50-50 at dinner
- 5.2. 1800hrs – start of evening activities