

SFA Chapter 55 Winter Meeting

11 Jan 2020 – VFW Bruce Post 1146 St. Clair Shores, MI
Bob Slivatz and Richard Smith – Host

1. Call the meeting to order: President – 1300hrs

- Opening Prayer – Chaplain Vincent Messina
- Pledge of Allegiance – President Kirk Newman
- Moment of silence and reflection for all our Special Forces brothers, special notice for SFC Michael Gobel 7th SFGA
- Ballad of the Green Berets

1.1 Roll Call: Kirk Newman, Richard Smith, Rudolph Wade, Harry Smith, James Jackson, Vincent Messina, Michael Cimoli, Michael Jaciuk, Robert Strange, Donald Bruce, Robert Slivatz, Duane Daniels, Iriash Palmer, Doug Morgan

1.2 Introductions: John Yopp (applicant), Chris Belan (applicant), Jim Fishbach (US Census jobs for veterans)

2. Reports:

2.1 Adjutant's Report: Secretary Rich Smith

- Minutes of last meeting: None
- Winter Agenda 2020 distributed

2.2 Treasurer's Report: Mike Reyes (Absent with leave due to weather)

- Financial report: No report
- Dues window: No report
- Roster notes: No report

2.3 Chaplain's Report: Vince Messina – Mike Larkin (12Gp) died, chapter will send condolence card to family, Dave Fetters recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. Chaplain requested email mailbox rather than just mail forwarding.

2.4 Vice-President's Report: Doug Sherd (Absent with leave due to weather)

- No report

2.5 President's Report: Kirk Newman

- SFA Convention 12 – 15 August 2020 – Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin FL (Miramar Beach)
- Tabled until spring meeting: Discussion of extending Michael F. May Scholarship to non-Vassar students.
- A-Teams need leaders. Detroit area members host breakfast every Friday at Leon's Family Restaurant east of Middle Belt Road north side of Seven Mile Road. Flint area Special Forces and Rangers breakfast first Saturday of each month
- Dues due by 31 December 2019.

3. Current Business:

- Scholarship report - Dewey LaGuire-Quinn (Absent with leave due to weather)
- Quartermaster update Bob Strange: New items were introduced, light weight jacket similar in appearance to leather chapter jacket, woman's blouse (monogrammed "Green Beret Wife"). A new

supplier for SFA leather jackets is being researched for price and quality.

- Bob Strange: Special Operations Association motorcycle ride to SOA convention 10 June 2020, will assemble in Wisconsin (POC Bob Strange).

4. New Business:

4.1 Chapter Events Calendar for 2020

- Spring meeting: American Legion, 510 W. Commerce Street, Milford, 18 Apr 2020, Tim Leahy host.
- Summer Camp-out and meeting: Kirk Newman's Ponderosa, 5806 Gary Road, Chesaning, 21–23 August 2020.

5. Good of the Order:

- Web site – Jon Luker (Absent with leave due to weather): No report

6. Motion to Adjourn: Don Bruce motioned, seconded by Rudy Wade. 1435hrs meeting adjourned.

Chapter to reassemble at 1800hrs for dinner, served at 1900hrs.