



SFA CHAPTER LXXXIX (89)
SFC ALLEN C. JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHAPTER
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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SFA Chapter 89 Minutes 09-13-08

General Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday September 13, 2008

Announcements: Please NO alcohol or glass in the parking lot.

The Chapter meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by President Cleckner on Saturday September 13, 2008 at the American Legion, Shasta Lake City. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Scott Masterson; the moment of silence for our fallen comrades was given by President Cleckner. Chaplain Mangrum was not present so no invocation was given.

ROLL CALL: The current officers present were: President John Cleckner, Secretary Mike Walker and Treasurer Bob Maraviov. President Cleckner asked all Chapter Members and Guests to sign in. Those in attendance were Scott Masterson, Jim Sorensen, and Bryan Furman. VP Jack Bowles was recovering from Surgery and was unable to attend. I want to add that Scott, Jim, and Bryan traveled great distances to attend today's meeting. Thank you for your efforts to attend.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of May 10, 2008 were revisited and accepted by the membership as published. President Cleckner reminded the members that a copy of the September meeting would be sent to National and all Chapter Members.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDANCE: The Chapter received an email from Steve Stevenson stating he was now working in Wyoming. Steve said hi to everyone and wished them well. John Cleckner II is deploying again next month and we wish him well. We also received an email from Bull Navarro he was promoted to LTC. Way to go Bull!

OFFICERS REPORT: An Officers meeting was held on August 27th and those issues will be discussed in Announcements /For the Good of the Order.

TREASURERS REPORT: Secretary Maraviov reported that the Chapter has \$982.71 in the Treasury. The report was read and published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There are no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: We are encouraging everyone from the Chapter to attend the Shasta Lake City Veterans day parade that will be held on the 8th of November. We will be meeting at the North Valley Bank parking lot at 0830. The parade will be starting at 1000. We are planning for the same truck and trailer that pulled us last year. This year's event should be spectacular with a C17 fly over, put together by Bob, and we hope to have a turn out of 1000 motorcycles from the different clubs in the area that will represent the Parades Theme, FREEDOMS THUNDER. President Cleckner, Bob and Larry are all working on this Veterans event.

Please review the Drop when it arrives and vote on Changes to the Constitution and other SFA Operational Documents. Please make sure to vote so that our Chapter voice is heard. We are also asking Chapter members to forward their ballots to John so we can tally our votes and track them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. The coin project has been put on hold until we can build up our Chapter fund.
2. Chapter 89 needs a banner and sign for events. Jack is working on this.
3. We need to make a strong effort to move ahead on our web site. We will be starting with just 15 pictures from the beginning of Chapter 89 to its present day and get them posted. The web site is sfachapter89.com. Our meeting schedule is posted there as well as our latest news letter. If you have any suggestions for our site get them to Mike or Bryan. Everyone will be receiving an email from Mike asking for your choice of a Message

Board or a Guest Book. We are also asking for your input. If we pay \$50.00 we can have either board with no outside advertising. If you are not in agreement with this send your non concurrence to Mike by the end of September. A no reply means you agree.

4. Sam's Memorial is on hold until this spring. That is the desires of his family. Then we will have a complete funeral with full military honors. Mike is checking with 1st Group to see if they will still travel and provide an honor guard.

5. Our November meeting will be moved to the 15th because of the parade.

6. John, Bob, and Jack have been involved with the Veterans Memorial Grove in Shasta Lake City. They have raised money and put there time and effort into insuring its up keep and beautification. Thanks Guys!

7. We would like to recognize Bob and John's involvement with the Redding Memorial Grove. They have spent numerous hours on this project and it is now complete and looks great! Bob was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his achievements.

8. All scholarship awards have been delivered. We are going back to one recipient for 2009 unless we have the funds and the nominees like we had in 2008. Jenny has contacted the Chapter and indicated that she is asking for items for the yard sales. She will be having yard sales throughout the year and will still have one big one next year before the school scholarship program.

9. Meeting dates for 2009 were discussed at the Officers meeting and it was determined that we should have our business meetings as we have been scheduling them and include all our Special Events and parties as usual. The 2009 schedule will be sent to everyone by December.

10. One event in 2009 will change its format. Allen's Memorial Service will be held on 23 May 2009 at the Los Molinos Cemetery. It will be a short ceremony with the posting of the colors, presentation of the wreath, and a short comment period. The parties will then proceed to the Riverside Bar and Grill in Red Bluff for cocktails and lunch. Jenny will invite those individuals she wants to attend the services. She has requested that all SFA Chapter members and their families attend. The reverend Don Mangrum will conduct the services. We don't have the words to thank Larry and his family for the magnificent job they have done over the years since our Chapter started chairing this service. Thank you Larry, our Chapter and the Johnson Family will never forget your efforts.

11. Dues will be due again in October. Please pay them to Bob and he will send them to National. Yearly dues are \$35.00 for this of you who are not Life Members.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Cleckner stated that the meeting was adjourned. The meeting ended at 1418 hours.

Remember our Men and Women Warriors fighting the GWOT, God Bless and keep them safe.

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Submitted by:

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