



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

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SFA Chapter 89 Minutes 10-11-08

General Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday October 11, 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 October 11, 2008 at the American Legion, Shasta Lake City. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Jim Wipf; the moment of silence for our fallen comrades was given by President Cleckner.

ROLL CALL: The current officers present were: President John Cleckner, Vice President Jack Bowles Secretary Mike Walker and Treasurer Bob Maraviov. President Cleckner asked all Chapter Members and Guests to sign in. Those in attendance were Doug and Manuela Davenport, Jim Wipf and Marlie, Kathy Maraviov, Gary and Bonnie Maraviov, and Don Mangrum.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of September 13, 2008 were revisited and accepted by the membership as published. President Cleckner reminded the members that a copy of the October meeting will be sent to National and all Chapter Members.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDANCE: There was no Chapter correspondence.

OFFICERS REPORT: There was no Officer's Report.

TREASURERS REPORT: Secretary Maraviov reported that the Chapter has \$1235.56 with \$605.00 for the cemetery fund, \$220.00 for the scholarship fund, and \$1780.77 in the scholarship CD. There was a generous anonymous donation of \$190.00 and another anonymous donation of a roll of stamps. Thanks goes out to these selfless people!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Bob Maraviov reported on the Veterans Day parade which will be on Nov 8. We will be meeting at the NVB parking lot but come early, We will be sharing this facility with some of the motorcycle riders! There should be 16 fire districts in attendance with over 250 motorcycles and a C-17 flyover! Bring your families! Bob and Kathy have invited everyone to their house afterwards for some food!

Jim Wipf has all the medals for the Special Forces Association awards this year for all the schools. Some problems Jim encountered were there no standardized scripts and only 2 schools had frames. Everything is moving forward and these two issues have been resolved.

OLD BUSINESS: President Cleckner reported on the Special Forces Memorial Monument. The Northern California State Cemetery Administrator and the State Monuments and memorials Sub-Committee have approved the site for the monument. Everyone at the meeting was shown the location. We are requesting verbiage for this monument honoring all Special Forces deceased. Outdoor creations will be constructing this monument for us. They will be making a few designs and we will distribute them to the membership so we can decide on which memorial to have constructed. We will need to put the footing for the memorial in as soon as we have enough money for that and we can use all the equipment that the cemetery has available.

NEW BUSINESS: The Drops are out please review the changes in the Constitution and Letters of Incorporation and vote accordingly. Please let President Cleckner know when you vote so he can keep a tally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. The coin project has been put on hold until we can build up our Chapter fund. Mike Walker is leaving us and Jim Wipf will be following up on this.
2. Chapter 89 needs a banner and sign for civic and veterans events.

3. We need to make a strong effort to move ahead on our web site. We still are working on our pictures to be posted.
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. Everyone is invited to the Cleckner Oktoberfest, this afternoon after the meeting; chow will be after 1600 hrs.
6. November we will participate in the Shasta County Veterans Day Parade on the 8th and our meeting has been moved to the 15th. A big tip of the beret to Bob for the incredible job he did with the Veterans Memorial Grove in Shasta Lake City.
7. The December meeting will be held on the 8th and the Christmas party will be held on the 20th at Bob and Kathy Maraviov's starting at 1700. Please bring a gift for a man and woman with a value of at least \$10.00. If you want a special drink bring that as well. Bob and Kathy will be providing Hors d'Oeuvres if you want to bring a pot luck it is ok. Please call Kathy or John and let them know if you plan to attend so they can have plenty of food on hand.
8. Scholarship awards are all in as Bob indicated last month. We are going back to one for 2009 unless we have the funds and the nominees to change that as they did in 2008. Jenny has contacted me and indicated that she is asking for any items you have that she can sell at yard sales. She is having them through out the year and will still have the big one next year before the School Program. We also need a chapter member to volunteer for the scholarship committee to replace Brad. This can be a wife or member, please contact an officer for that.
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. A number of events have already been mentioned in the newsletter; please note those on your 2009 calendar.
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.
11. Bob Maraviov has been selected as Chapter Member of the year for our Chapter and his name will go forward to National for Nationals consideration for National member of

the year. The Election is coming up in May and we need to consider people for President and Secretary.

12. We need someone to volunteer to handle the Door Prize, Raffle, and 50/50 and the sales items.

13. Jack Bowles mentioned that as a retiree you now can salute the flag.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Cleckner stated that the meeting was adjourned. The meeting ended at 1400 hours.

The raffle was held and Gary Maraviov won both prizes!

Wellness update: Bryan Furman fell off his roof and is doing good but a little sore.
Bryan Furman P.O. Box 606, Hydesville, CA 95547-0606, (707) 768-3409
Rodney Dean is just out of the hospital. Rodney Dean 1640 Victor Ave Apt#13 Redding, CA 96003 Give these guys a call or send them a card.

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Submitted by:

Mike Walker
Secretary, SFA Chapter 89
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