



SFA CHAPTER LXXXIX (89)
SFC ALLEN C. JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHAPTER
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-SOUTHWEST OREGON-NORTHWEST NEVADA
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SFA Chapter 89 Minutes (14 March 2009)

General Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday, 14 March 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours by Chapter President John E. Cleckner. A quorum being present, the business meeting continued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS : President Cleckner announced that the Chapter had a new member, Wesley Fowler and wife, Sandra. Additionally, membership for a Joe Amabisca is currently pending. President Cleckner also announced that Chapter member, John E. Cleckner II, had recently visited Bagram, Afghanistan. While there, John II had taken photos of the Dispensary/Clinic dedicated to SFC Allen Johnson, the Chapter's namesake. Photos have been forwarded to the Chapter and will appear in the next Newsletter. Many thanks, "Doc".

ROLL CALL: The current officers were present: President John Cleckner; Vice-President Jack Bowles; Treasurer Bob Maraviov; Assistant Secretary, Jim Wipf and Sergeant at Arms, Scott Masterson. All present signed in. Others in attendance were Jim

Sorensen, Bryan and Carolyn Furman, Reverend Don Mangrum, Doris Cleckner, Jenny Johnson, Susan Houston, and Becky Bowles. It was great to see Bryan and Carolyn again.

Bob Maraviov led the assembled members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. A moment of silence was then held for our fallen comrades.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: President John Cleckner reminded those present that the February meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather. As a copy of the January Chapter Business meeting minutes had already been mailed to each Chapter member and posted on the web-site they were accepted as read. Motion by Jack Bowles and seconded by Jim Wipf. A copy had already been provided to SFA National.

CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE: Assistant Secretary Jim Wipf addressed the Chapter correspondence.

OFFICERS REPORT: As there had not been an Officer's Meeting, no report was given..

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bob Maraviov reported that the Chapter had total assets of \$6425.43. Liabilities exist in the amount of \$5568.86. Leaving a balance of \$856.57. The liabilities listed do not include the annual web-site fee of \$ 385.00, the Annual SFA/ROTC medals of \$190.00 or the \$100.00 annual Chapter donation to the SFC Allen C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund for Los Molinos High School. The Treasurer also reported that he had been informed by the North Valley Bank that a donation was being made to the Chapter. The amount was later determined to be \$50.00.Thanks to NVB.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Jenny Johnson reported that the SFC Allen C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship would be presented @ Los Molinos HS on 2 June 2009.Time TBD. One scholarship of \$300.00 would be presented. John Cleckner encouraged the attendance of as many Chapter members as possible at this very special event in honor and memory of the Chapter's namesake.

SFA/ROTC Distinguished Cadet Award: Jim Wipf reported that all thirteen schools were now scheduled. The first school presentation is on 29 April 2009 @ Sparks HS in Reno, NV. The last presentation is scheduled for 28 May @ McQueen HS, Reno, Nevada. Enterprise HS in Redding, CA on 17 May 2009. The Nevada schools will again be handled by the Chapter members in NW Nevada .However, should any other Chapter member desire to travel east and make a presentation, they would certainly be welcome.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Jim Wipf reported that the Initial Slate had been provided to the Chapter on 28 February 2009. The Final Slate is scheduled to be provided

on 1 April 2009 .IF, there are any changes to the Initial Slate. The Teller Committee (Chair Jack Bowles, Members Bob Maraviov and Susan Houston will verify the results of the election, if necessary, at the 11 April Chapter business meeting. It was agreed upon that IF there are no changes to the Initial Slate, then the Teller Committee will elect through acclamation as has been the procedure in the past.

NEWSLETTER: Jim Wipf reported that the next newsletter was planned to be expanded to include a Chapter President's Column as well as a Chaplain's Column. Jim Wipf also recommended that the Chapter imposed deadline for the Newsletter publication be extended to allow inclusion of the SF Memorial Monument dedication (4/25/2009) and the Memorial Services for Chapter member Sam Houston.(5/8/2009). This was agreed upon. Wipf also reminded those present that he had earlier requested photos from Chapter members from "Back in the Day" to be included in the upcoming Newsletters. Wipf is still anxiously, but patiently, awaiting any of those photos that might be made available for this purpose.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a lengthy discussion reference Chapter fund raising and a budget. With regard to fund raising it was decided to again have a Chapter Raffle. The Raffle to be held on 14 November 2009 at the November Chapter business meeting. Jenny Johnson donated a high quality air rifle (Gamo Hunter Extreme) as a prize. Bob and Kathy Maraviov have volunteered to donate a beautiful quilt. Bob and Kathy's daughter has offered to donate some of her photographic efforts. It was agreed upon to notify the balance of the Chapter of this fund raising effort before getting started. Perhaps, possibly soliciting additional prizes for the effort before moving ahead. Thirty days from the date of the March meeting the Chapter will move forward with whatever prizes have been donated.

There was also a recommendation by some members to more clearly itemize and identify the various Chapter funds//obligations on the monthly Treasurer's report. Specifically the annual recurring obligations (web-site, SFA medals and donation to scholarship fund.) The recommendation was also made to not spend any disposable income until these three annual obligations were in fact funded .Although, discussed, there was no apparent agreement to that recommendation.

Chapter President Cleckner informed the Chapter that the Annual Financial and Activities Report had been submitted to SFA National. That it had been submitted and was on time had been so noted by National to the Chapter President. It would appear that this is not the norm within the SFA

Chapter President Cleckner briefed those present at length about the upcoming SF Memorial Monument Dedication to be held on April 25th (1400) at the NCVC. A detailed schedule was made available to those present. A copy of that schedule is to be posted on the Chapter web-site. It was patently obvious that this will be a seriously important event with SFA National representation as well as many invited VIP's. Chapter President Cleckner is to be commended for all the time consuming effort put into this project. This

will certainly be an accomplishment worthy of great pride and honor for the Chapter membership and all SF Veterans. Past, present and future. As many Chapter members as possible are encouraged to attend with their friends and family This **is** a special once in a life time event for the Chapter membership. A “Dedication Memorial” book is to be created and provided to each Chapter member. JimWipf was tasked to determine if Chapter member Mark King might be willing to volunteer his unique talents to this endeavor. Get ready Mark!!

Bob Maraviov and Scott Masterson volunteered to drive the trailer full of items donated by the Bowles down to Jenny’s for the yard sale. A long trip. Thanks, Bob, Scott, Jack and Becky.

President Cleckner also singled out Chapter member Jim Sorensen for his contribution of **three** pickup loads of items for the yard sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Masterson announced that he had the targets for the next Chapter “shoot”. Time and place TBD. Jack Bowles pointed out that it was probably prudent that the “shoot” be held before the annual expected fire season restrictions affect the ability to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jim Wipf reported for those who might not yet be aware and were interested, that the “Yarborough Knives” were again being offered for sale to qualified SF members. The web-site to apply for the pre-authorization was provided.

Chapter President John Cleckner reminded those present of the following important information:

1. The Scholarship Yard Sale Fund Raiser to be held at Jenny’s home in Los Molinos, for April 2nd through April 5th. The volunteer list was refined. However, any and all help will still be appreciated by Jenny.
2. Chapter election to be held at the business meeting 11 April 2009.
3. Sam’s Memorial Service to be held, 1400 hours, 8 May 2009 at the NCV (Igo, CA)
4. Allen’s Memorial Service scheduled for Saturday May 23rd (1100) at the Los Molinos Cemetery on Hwy 99. Services as requested and approved by Jenny. Those present will adjourn to the Riverside Bar and Grill in Red Bluff for a luncheon at 1230. All Chapter members and their families are invited.

5. The SF Convention in Las Vegas, NV scheduled for 7-12 June 2009. The Chapter currently has 12 (members & wives) who are planning on attending and four “maybes”.
6. Bob Maraviov’s application for SFA Chapter Member of the Year has been submitted. The Chapter wishes Bob the well deserved success that he has earned.
7. John Cleckner II is doing well in Afghanistan fighting with the Marines. He is scheduled to be home in a couple of months. Will be great to have him back.
8. Carrie Walker has told John C. that Mike would be home in a week or so. He will possibly be home long enough to share all of our activities .Will be good to have Mike back among us...

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1523 hours. After the adjournment a raffle was held. An “Out of Towner” won the special raffle prize ..again !! The 50/50 Raffle was won by Jim Sorensen who donated it back to the Chapter. Into the Sam Houston Memorial Fund for the annual award that is to be presented along with the SFA/ROTC Distinguished Cadet Award at Enterprise HS NJROTC. Thanks, Jim!!!

Wellness Update:

Rodney Dean reportedly continues to improve over in Eureka ,CA. Jack Bowles is recuperating from the recent shoulder operation and is “gleefully” looking forward to the next operation. Well, at least looking forward to having the operation over and behind him. Bryan Furman appears to be doing much better. So much so that he and Carolyn were able to join us at this last meeting. Was great having the two of them back with us!!

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