



SFA Chapter 72 Meeting Minutes



Minutes of the January 30th meeting, at the VFW in Merrimack

The meeting was called to order by President Don Miller at 2:05 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officer rollcall was taken. Present were: President, Don Miller; VP, Max Quayle; Treasurer, Bill Herr; Secretary, Larry LeBlanc; and Chaplain, Jim Crispen.

The reading of the previous minutes were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Unfinished business.

T-shirt logo. Larry made a presentation on embroidered T-shirts from Queensboro. Larry mentioned the initial setup fee, for embroidery, was \$50 and the minimum order quantity, of any mix, was four items. It was mentioned that Queensboro embroidery appeared to have the best choices and prices on the web; they offer a variety of items at a substantial discount. Cost to members would be an additional \$3.75 per item for the embroidery charge and an additional amount, to be determined, for the chapter to recover its \$50 investment and to make a minimum profit. A motion was made and seconded and the floor was open for discussion. It was mentioned that we had set up some arrangement with Indian Head Printing locally, but it was determined that the person who was the original contact had moved out of state. Max Quayle made a motion to go ahead with Queensboro, the motion was seconded and approved. Larry was given authorization to proceed and keep the chapter informed.

Larry made a quick presentation on magnetic bumper decals, which were discussed at the last meeting. Larry had various samples for people to purchase at this meeting. It was mentioned that these decals could be made in various sizes and were relatively inexpensive. A 3 x 4 magnetic decal could be sold for five dollars or less, and the chapter would still have a significant margin of profit. A motion was made by Don Miller and seconded by Max Quayle to reimburse Larry \$21 for the costs of magnetic decals. The motion was seconded and approved.

New business;

A presentation was made by Larry for inducting, as Honorary Life Member of chapter 72, MSG Gary Gordon who received the medal of honor for his heroic performance of duty in Mogadishu. It was mentioned that MSG Gordon was from Lincoln Maine, and under the



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charter laws of our chapter he could be made an Honorary Life Member. It was also mentioned that SFA headquarters would send a plaque to his family, who now resides in Southern Pines North Carolina. If approved, Larry would add a page to our website, honoring the memory of MSG Gordon. A motion was made by Jim Crispen, seconded by Max Quayle and approved unanimously.

Next, VP Max Quayle opened the floor for discussion of the 2010 calendar schedule.

The next meeting is scheduled to be at the VFW in Merrimack for Saturday, March 13th at 1 PM. Pizza and beer.

It was mentioned that the National Convention is scheduled for June 7-13 in Fayetteville, NC.

The BBQ meeting at Al Lentch, in Goffstown, is scheduled for June 19 at 1 PM. Price was set at \$20/person.

Picnic at Don Miller's house, in Shirley MA, is scheduled for August 7th at 1 PM.

The Lincoln meeting for October was left open and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Our chaplain Jim Crispen mentioned that one of our members, Capt. Mike Duggan, had passed away in December. Attendance at the wake, in Worcester, was well attended by chapter members. Jim presented a plaque to the window at the wake. Also mentioned was that SFC Mark Coleman was terminally ill and that his widow requested SF presence at the wake. SFC Mark Coleman served with the 10th SFG from 1980-86 and was assigned at Ft. Devens. SFC Coleman now resides in Montvale, Maine. Larry will coordinate the effort to fulfill the widow's request and keep the chapter informed. When the occasion comes, we will attempt a carpool and travel to Montville.

A member mentioned that Methuen High School has a Mark Fisher memorial fund for the Jr. ROTC. It's a scholarship fund celebrating their second anniversary. A motion was made for a donation of \$100. The motion was seconded and approved.

Larry mentioned that, at the request of Ike Isola, he looked into a program that collected cell-phones for soldiers. The program was begun by a couple teens from Norwell, MA. The program allows soldiers deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world to call home free of charge. Max mentioned that the VFW, in Merrimack is already a drop off point for old cell-phones. It was mentioned that the Shirley American Legion post would be a possibility as well as other areas. Don Miller will check out the Shirley post and we will check out other posts, as a potential drop off place.



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Larry mentioned the old memorial stone and flagpole that we have at the Veteran's cemetery in Boscawen, NH. It was installed years ago, in an area of the cemetery where it is difficult to find. Larry mentioned that he contacted the director of the cemetery and that they were willing to relocate the stone and flagpole along the "Walk of Honor" where memorials are located for various branches of the Armed Services. This area is at the entrance of the cemetery and is quite prominent. It is also the same area where we recently dedicated a joint plaque for Chapters 54 and 72. The chapter needed to decide on a date for a dedication ceremony. Max made a motion to shoot for the 4th of July; discussion ensued and the date was set for Veteran's Day in November.

The discussion of a chapter iron-on patch was tabled due to the new program with Queensboro. A discussion of window and bumper decals ensued and Larry mentioned that this would be very inexpensive and that he would present details at the next meeting.

Larry mentioned that Steve Saka, the President of Drew Estates, had donated a box of cigars for member enjoyment. The box was commandeered by Max and auctioned off, as a fundraiser.

Larry mentioned the Wounded Warrior Program and that one of our new members was involved with the program. This was a new program that offered fishing and hunting opportunities at no cost to our wounded warriors. Also received was a request for Wounded Warriors "Silver Spurs" support. A question was asked if any SF wounded soldiers were participating? An affirmative answer was not available. Donny mentioned that supporting the Wounded Warriors Program was fine, but we had a New England SF unit, "C" company of the 20th SFG, with boots on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. Why not support a local A-team that was deployed? Donny mentioned that he had contacts with this group and knew some of the members on the team. A member mentioned that the present discussion was regarding a national program and this was a separate issue. Larry then read an e-mail from Todd Rohr, regarding their program. Jim inquired as to whether this program was local or out of some other part of the country? This question needed an answer. Due to a time constraint and the length of today's meeting, additional information was needed and the request was tabled for the March meeting.

Three new members, since the last meeting, were mentioned: Todd Rohr, Bernie Sparks and Allan Ward. In attendance we had a prospective member by the name of Roger Filio.



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Good of the Order:

Max thanked Valerie and his wife for offering their bartending services for free and the great job done by the catering service. He also mentioned, that in the future we needed an accurate head count so that we could make sure we had enough food. Today's turnout was one of the largest ever; we had enough food, but we were very close!

The meeting was adjourned 3:00 pm with the reading of the SF prayer by chaplain Jim Crispen.

Present at the meeting were members: Bud Decell, Ron Fallon, Imelda Fisher, Reginald Gray, John Griffin, Ken Gurge, Ike Isola, Don Miller, Brad Roy, Steve Russo, Robert Picnell, Julius Reinitzer, Carl McKoon, Dave Parenteau, Wilson Wilder, Al Lentsch and all chapter officers. Also present was prospective associate member Roger Fillio.