

## SFA Chapter 73 Great Lakes Chapter

President – John Gianos - 815-962-4460 - [johngian@aol.com](mailto:johngian@aol.com)  
Vice President – Bill Schafer - 815-721-9511 - [billschaferabn@aol.com](mailto:billschaferabn@aol.com)  
Secretary – Bobby Nixon – 920-889-7273 – [viejopelon@yahoo.com](mailto:viejopelon@yahoo.com)  
Treasurer - Les Beam - 920-822-3151 - [lwbeam@hotmail.com](mailto:lwbeam@hotmail.com)

528 North St.  
Plymouth, WI 53073  
[www.sfachapter73.com](http://www.sfachapter73.com)

**Sick Call:** It is with great sorrow that I inform the chapter that Ed Pfeifer's wife, Tsuyako, passed away Friday, 18 March 2011. Please remember Ed and his family in your hearts and prayers.

Jim Trimby has been diagnosed with throat cancer and will begin treatment within the next few weeks.

**Website:** We continue to update the website as we get new information. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know how we can make the website better in getting information out to the Chapter. [www.sfachapter73.com](http://www.sfachapter73.com)

Also, the Chapter has a presence on Facebook. If anyone has an account on Facebook and would like to become an SFA member, you can contact me through Facebook. Simply, do a friend search, and you should be able to find me easily. If you do not have a Facebook account it is free and easy to join. If you have any questions feel free contact Bobby Nixon for more information.

**Last Meeting:** Last month was the winter meeting in Green Bay. This was also the Chapter's Annual Dining Out. During the meeting the Chapter presented Les Beam with a

Distinguished Service Citation. Les is the Chapter's Treasurer and has served the Chapter for many years now with great professionalism. His efforts have kept the Chapter's financials in order and in good standing with National. Congratulations Les on an award that is long overdue!



Lester Beam Chapter 73 Treasurer

### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 14, 2011** is the Chapter's next meeting. And will be held at the Veteran's Administration Grounds in West Allis Wisconsin.

**July, 2010** will be our Camp Schofield held at the Roland Church's place on Crystal Lake near Wautoma WI.

**Change of addresses:** Anyone who has moved or changed their address needs to inform the National office of those changes. It has been brought to our attention that it is believed that the Chapter Treasurer or the Chapter Secretary is to submit these changes. This is **not** true. If you need more information, contact Les Beam.

**National/Drop:** As some are painfully aware there are a number of issues with the National Association, one of which is the Drop. They are still having problems getting association members their issue of the Drop. Honestly, we are not sure how to handle this other than hoping that they will resolve these issues in the near future. We know that it is frustrating, but it is what it is and none of us like it.

**Message from the Chapter President.**

As this message is written, Spring is officially here. However, we continue to receive strong winds off of Lake Michigan. This makes it feel very un-Spring like. I do feel confident that by the next time we gather on 14 May, the weather will cooperate for our walking

tour of the VA cemetery in the Milwaukee area. SGM Bernie Jene will provide interesting antecedents of this facility. Please plan on joining us for this informative program. More information and directions will follow.

For our members who were unable to join us in Green Bay in February, the Chapter's first DSC (Distinguished Service Citation) was awarded to our own Les Beam for his faithful service to the Chapter over many years. The award was presented by all past presidents who were in attendance. This included Jim Anderson, Bernie Jene, Craig Halpert, and John Choren. The plaque was made by our own Chapter artist, Lewis Del Marcelle. A tip of the beret to all of these men for their contributions!

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing you all on 14 May at West Allis.

De Oppresso Liber  
John Gianos

We will see you at the May meeting  
Remember, this is a Whooh Free Zone!