



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets  
8226 S. Perimeter Rd., Bldg 933, Columbus, OH 43217-5933**

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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 11 and 14 April 2016 and Officers Meeting**

The April 11th and 14th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH, and an officers meeting was held April 29<sup>th</sup>; all three meetings were chaired by President Mark Arnold. Notes from all three meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold  
Vice President: (Tom McGrath conference with Mark Arnold)  
Secretary: Patrick Enlow (acting)  
Treasurer: Roger Hobson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Jesse Boyd	Dan Hessler
Carl Fuller	Don Cassidy
Smitty Morris	Doug Sand
Mike Robinson	Jim Butler
Jan Hauger	Charlie Mohr
Gary Cogley	Danny Vinson
Chris Redkey	Joe Ruland
Rob Thatcher	Bill Carrothers
Terry Dillon	Lynn Morrison
Clyde Morrison	Jim Adams
Ken Horne	Ed Porter
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
George Thomas	Jack Heist
Stuart Candis	Jim VanFlandern
Mark Scott	John Webber
Norm Lambert	Jeff Gallaher
Larry Verne	Bob Schneider
Andy Schneider	Jack Guy
Jim Cermak	Sean Clifton
Tom Edwards	Steve Rosta
Butch Betzko	Dan Hessler
Mike Quinn	Ted Mosure

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson. Total balance: \$10,534.24  
**Patrick Enlow** drafted a one-page amendment of our By-Laws regarding the management of the Chapter's Family Support Fund. **Tom McGrath** will provide legal review and editing.



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MEETING DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (leads for actions noted in bold)

-Meeting agenda was outlined by Mark Arnold. Discussion items follow:

1. GREEN BERET FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT. Larry Verne provided a summary of the plans for the second annual Cincinnati Green Beret Classic (Golf Tournament) for **12 September** in Loveland, OH just north east of Cincinnati. The hosts are seeking volunteers to assist with the Classic's set up and execution. Larry also discussed an AR15 raffle for GBF hosted by Cincinnati Harley Davidson dealership and gunsmith labor provided by a friend of the Association. **Larry Verne** is the POC: 513-891-0078.
2. CHAPTER DINNER OR WEEKEND EVENT. We will plan an evening lunch, dinner, pizza night or weekend or some informal dining get together for the chapter during **May or June**. We have many members and prospective members whose schedules prevent them from participating in M-F lunch time meetings. **Charlie Mohr** mentioned that a set day and time each month works for people; they know they can count on some members to be there regardless of month. **Charlie** will draft a plan for the Cincinnati area and central Ohio. The group's opinion was early Sunday afternoon for a lunch was the best time for everyone – people with school age children and others with weekday commitments.
3. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Patrick Enlow** continues working on version 3 of the site. An unexpected programming issue forced him to begin from ground zero. **A.P. Patil** is a website committee member and administrator who will assist with regularly updating the website.
4. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page. **Patrick Enlow** will begin to make this a Private page by inviting SFA 45 members to join.
5. CHAPTER APPAREL. **Larry Verne** brought completed apparel to the 11 and 14 April meetings. The apparel will also be provided during our May meetings. A second round of this program will be offered in September.
6. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts are available in heavy cotton (high quality) jet black. The shirts are available to members for \$15, non-members for \$25. Orders can be sent with check payable to SFA 45 to: SFA 45, 2311 Hoxton Ct., Columbus, OH 43220.
7. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP. This is probably our most important initiative. We have 140 members in our chapter and another 15 members who missed paying their dues before 1 FEB. We should have over 160 members by the end of May after annual dues reminders are sent and several folks who have indicated strong interest in joining send in their documents and fees.



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Our best opportunity is recruiting Associate members because they are the largest group of potential members. Initiatives include:

- Veterans organizations, such as the VFW, American Legion and Ohio Military Hall of Fame, among others have members who qualify for direct and associate membership. **Danny Vinson** suggested linking our new website to these organizations (embed a link to our site in theirs and post our events in the websites and meeting halls.) **Smitty Morris and Ted Mosure** for follow up action.
- Visit the 412<sup>th</sup> CA Battalion and 346 PSYOP Company, both in Columbus. Most of those units' members directly supported SF operations. Same with Air Force Reserve and NG units in central Ohio. **Jack Guy and Mark Arnold** for follow up.

Any member who recruits five or more members will be awarded a free Chapter weather proof jacket, value over \$115.

8. EVENTS.

- a. Golf outing. **Roger Hobson** is the Project Leader for this. The event is set for **30 July** at Raccoon International Golf Course near Granville, OH. **Jan Hauger** will be Roger's assistant. **Jesse Boyd, Swede Eslick, and Ted Mosure** will help recruit sponsors for the event. We are also seeking sponsors for door prizes (restaurant gift cards, etc...) for the event. Roger needs two others to help with the preparation, fund raising and execution. Roger's cell is: 740-334-3347 and email: [rogerdhobson@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerdhobson@hotmail.com)
- b. **Roger Hobson** has generously offered to host a picnic at his home. Date **Saturday 16 July**, 12:00 noon. Address: 4475 Beaver Run Rd. Pataskala, OH.
- c. 3 Gun Shoot. **Mark Scott** with the support of Chuck Ward landed a perfect venue for this **10 September** event: The Pickaway County Sportsman Club. This range is less than a 30 minute drive from RANGB. It has multiple lanes with 3-sided berms, a skeet range, an orientation range, a 150-PAX pavilion, running water bathrooms, kitchen area and a fishing pond for kids. Our concept is: host a day-long shooting event with barbecue, and host the shoot free for the members of B/2/19 SFG during late afternoon with barbecue dinner.  
Tasks: 1) seek local business sponsors for door prizes, 2) three or more local businesses for event sponsors, and 3) selection of guns among chapter members for use at the event.  
Non chapter members may participate as special guests based on vetting by one or more chapter members.  
Three chapter volunteers are needed for morning range set up.



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- Three more volunteers are needed for lane re-set crews between shooters in order to set up new targets and re-set metal targets.  
Mark's committee includes: **Dennis Murphy, Chuck Ward and Butch Betzko.**  
Contact Mark at: 614-376-2475 (c), email: [scottsman6@gmail.com](mailto:scottsman6@gmail.com)
- d. Motorcycle Poker Run and cookout. Swede crafted the initial thoughts on his plan; details include:  
**Date: Saturday, 1 October**  
Sell 50/50 raffle tickets  
Ask Tom McGrath to create a Sign Up and Hold Harmless form for participants.  
Recruit a restaurant to host a lunch food table.  
SFA 45 T shirt (long and short sleeve) sale  
Swede will map a 90-100 mile route with an end point at or near a location where the OSU game can be viewed on television.
- e. Circleville Pumpkin Festival. Carl Fuller will coordinate with the event managers regarding our chapter's participation in this high-visibility venue.
9. CHAPTER BUSINESS CARDS. Cards are available for members; they are useful for recruiting and gaining support from businesses. Contact **Mark Arnold** for acquiring personalized cards.
10. FUND RAISING. We expect to raise funds from the Poker Run, 3 Gun Shoot, and Golf Tournament. The chapter will appreciate any offer by its members to provide attractive items to raffle and to members who secure outside donations of items to raffle. POC for this is **Tom McGrath** at 614-496-4201.
11. NEWSLETTER. **Smitty Morris** volunteered to write a monthly newsletter.
12. OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME:  
This was a fun event on 29 April where we saw one of our own honored as well as other deserving heroes. Chapter member, MSG(P) Kevin Colwell, (and his wife) were inducted.  
We now have seven members who have submitted qualifying packets for the "class of 2017." Any member who received a valor award and who was born in or entered the military from Ohio qualifies. Please send award documents and DD-214s or copies of military contracts to **Mark Arnold**.
13. OFFICER POSITIONS Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer slots will be open in November 2016. Members interested in these positions should contact Patrick Enlow at 614-530-3718 and [Patrick@efsnm.com](mailto:Patrick@efsnm.com)  
Tom McGrath suggested the concept of having assistants in the VP, Secretary, and



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Treasurer positions as “on deck” and “in training” talent for possibly holding officer positions in the future. The chapter members discussed it, Rob Thatcher made a motion to adopt the practice, Smitty Morris seconded it; discussion continued; a vote was taken and the motion passed for follow up action. Members will be sought for these positions.

14. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: **first Monday and second Thursday of each month.** (47 members and guests attended April's lunches and meetings.)

Next luncheons and meetings:

**2 May** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

**12 May** at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale St.

Both of these are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings at most of these luncheons. Issues for voting during May: 1) Chapter contribution to B/2/19 Winter Fete 7 January 2017. 2) Chapter payment of 2017 Ohio Military Hall of Fame Inductees' fees (\$35 each.)

15. THE DROP: **Tom McGrath** is assembling items for the chapter's portion; please send your contributions and advice to him. His email address is [trmcgrathesq@gmail.com](mailto:trmcgrathesq@gmail.com)

16. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

Preferred method: Mail your renewal dues in a check made to *SFA Chapter 45*. Mail the dues with a note of your name and member number to:

**SFA Chapter 45**

**2311 Hoxton Ct.**

**Columbus, OH 43220**

The chapter officers will forward your dues to National.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

Go to the National SFA website, print the application form, and mail the form and new member fee/dues check to the same address, above. This is the easiest method for you, and the chapter will quickly process this to National.

17. FUNERAL SUPPORT. The chapter is looking for volunteers to participate in Funeral details for deceased SF Soldiers and other SOF veterans. **Smitty Morris** is the detail commander and **Carl Fuller** is a Deputy Commander.

Please contact **Smitty Morris** at 740-390-0892 if you are interested in supporting this initiative. Smitty still needs a pair of jump boots, helmet, and M-16/M-4 (real or simulated.)

18. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. The chapter will ride in the Mt Vernon, OH Memorial Day Parade Monday **30 May at 1130 hrs.** Report location TBD (near downtown Mt. Vernon.) All chapter members are encouraged to wear their berets (and uniforms or SFA jackets if you have them.) Final details will be emailed during May.