



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 10 and 13 April 2017

The April 10th and 13th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH. Notes from all meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Smitty Morris
Secretary:
Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Eric Bornschlagel	Terry Dillon
Charlie Mohr	Ken Horne
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Stuart Candis	Tom Edwards
Lauren Redkey	Jesse Boyd
Jeff Gallaher	Burch Betzko
Tom McCarthy	Jim VanFlandern
Joe Mejasky	Steve Rosta
Mike Robinson	Jesse Boyd
Jim Butler	Jim King

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Chadd Kuhn. Balance as of 31 March was \$26162.05 plus \$2590.03 in the Family Support Fund.

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

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

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. www.sfa45.org Updated with new fundraisers.
2. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
3. CHAPTER APPAREL: Orders have been taken; polo shirts, sport-wick sweaters, and jackets were embroidered and provided to members during the March and April



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meetings. Members can pick up their ordered items during our May meeting in Columbus.

4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

Smitty Morris will lead this important task.

5. EVENTS.

a. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor Friday 5 May.

Six brave men from our chapter will be inducted this year: Jeff Gallaher, Sean Clifton, Matt Schaeffer, Dustin Meyer, Matt Maxwell, and Jordan Grimshaw.

The ceremony is 5 May at 1130 hrs at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium in downtown Columbus. This is a popular event and a standing room only (although there are seats for 250 people), so you are recommended to arrive early and be parked by 10 am in one of the many lots near the statehouse.

b. Golf Scramble Fundraiser.

Although Raccoon International Golf Club reserved their course for us on Saturday 29 July, we decided to not execute this event because not enough chapter members volunteered to help manage it.

c. Motorcycle Rally Saturday 19 August.

Mark Arnold met again during April with the leadership of AD Farrow, Ohio's first and largest Harley Davidson dealership, to host this SFA 45 event for 2017. We moved the date to 19 August due to construction issues in downtown Columbus. The ride will be kickstands up at noon from AD Farrow's Sunbury store on I-17 and Rt 36 just north of Columbus; one hour ride to a lake and winery; return to the Harley Davidson dealership for "battle of the bands" where two or more bands will be entertaining at this massive parking lot at the dealership. We need six chapter members to help man registration tables.

d. Pizza and Beer night Saturday 9 September.

Purpose is to enjoy mingling and story-telling between the men of B/2/19 and the retired SFA members at a location (TBD) near Rickenbacker ANGB. Most of the guys in B/2/19 are deployed now and return this summer, so let's have fun with these Green Berets when we do this. They entire unit deploys again January 2018. All expenses for the pizza and beer night are paid by the chapter.

e. SF on the field during OSU Army Game at OSU Saturday 16 September.

The day prior to the Shoot, we will have a **Tailgate party Saturday 16 September 2017.** Location, time TBD. Sean Clifton has volunteered to lead this



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event.

f. **3 Gun Shoot 2017 Sunday 17 September.**

Mark Scott has locked this in with the great Americans at Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc.

Event Date and location: Sunday 17 September 2017. Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. Circleville, OH

The 2017 Shoot will have different categories of shooters with awards for each category champion: 1) Sponsors, 2) \$500 registered shooters, 3) seniors (age 65+), and 4) active and retired SF guys (yes, age 65+ guys can compete for more than one trophy).

The chapter needs members who can recruit one or more sponsors at \$1000, \$3000 or \$5000 each and for \$500 shooters. Event marketing material was emailed to all chapter members during April. Hard copy flyers will be provided during the May and June meetings for members to use to recruit shooters and sponsors.

6. **Employment of Chapter funds.** We discussed the following:

- Scholarships for chapter members (and perhaps their family members) within B/2/19. We need a chapter member to volunteer to draft rules and an addendum to the chapter by-laws on how this would be managed. This will provide more details in order to enable an informed vote on whether to support this initiative, or not.
- *Save the Montagnard People*, a charity supported by SFA chapters in North Carolina. John McCort, a chapter member, will investigate this in detail during the SFA National Convention this year and report during July or August meetings to the chapter.
- *Ohio Military Hall of Fame*. Jan Hauger, a chapter member, will investigate the financial needs of this organization and report during a following meeting.

7. **MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: first Monday and second Thursday of each month at 1145 hrs.**

1 May at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

11 May at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale Street.

Both of these are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings at most of these luncheons.

8. **THE DROP:** Please provide your input to **Smitty Morris** at slsatx@yahoo.com

9. **501 (c)(3) status.** The SFA is a 501(c)(19) "Fraternal" organization and not a charity. This precludes some organized Trusts from donating to our chapter. **Tom McGrath** is



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filing SFA 45 with the state of Ohio for 501(c)(3) status.

10. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

Preferred method: Use sfa45.org website and renew online using PayPal or credit card.

Alternate method: Mail your renewal dues in a check made to *SFA Chapter 45*. Mail the dues with a membership renewal form to:

SFA Chapter 45

2311 Hoxton Ct.

Columbus, OH 43220

The chapter officers will forward your dues and membership forms to National.