



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 7 and 10 August 2017

The August 7th and 10th 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:
Secretary: Patrick Enlow
Treasurer:

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Terry Dillon	Bill Caruthers
Charlie Mohr	Ken Horne
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Tom Edwards
Lauren Redkey	Frank Hicks
Jeff Gallaher	George Thomas
Tom McCarthy	Jim VanFlandern
Danny Vinson	Jim Wetz
Mike Robinson	Jesse Boyd
Jim Butler	John McCort
Jan Hauger	Randy Bring
Gene Adams	Larry Verne
Nick Godan	Don Thomas
Terry Simmons	Norm Lambert
Jim Moore	Steve Rosta
Tom McGrath	Dorothy and Bob Schneider
Butch Betzko	Mark Scott
Andy Schneider	

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by acting Treasurer Dan Waldren. Balance as of 31 July was \$22,882.72 plus \$5090.03 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:



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

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. **The chapter's Vice President position is open, and we are seeking a member, or two, to step forward and fulfill the duties during the next 18 months until our next scheduled election of chapter officers.**
2. Non-agenda items during our July meetings:
 - Jim Wetz shared photos and comments from his visit to Camp McCall during the June SFA National Convention.
 - Jim Moore described the 22 July Team Fastrax Warrior event where several of our chapter members met and dined with Green Beret MOH recipient CSM Bennie Adkins.
3. CHAPTER WEBSITE. www.sfa45.org Updated with new fundraisers.
4. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
5. CHAPTER APPAREL: No orders being taken at this time.
6. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
The chapter needs a volunteer to lead this important task.
7. EVENTS.
 - a. **Special Forces Association at Cleveland Indians Game 25 August**
Dan Waldren is coordinating with the management of the Cleveland Indians. We have several guys and their families going to this. They are GREAT seats. We have several tickets available. The team will recognize our attendees during the game, and there is a high probability for us to meet players. Contact Dan at 614-336-8955 if you wish to attend; we have enough tickets for you to bring one or more family members.
 - b. **Motorcycle Rally Saturday 19 August.**
Mark Arnold has worked closely with the leadership of AD Farrow, Ohio's first and largest Harley Davidson dealership. The ride will be kickstands up at 2 pm from AD Farrow's Sunbury store on I-17 and Rt 36 just north of Columbus; 60 to 90 minute ride to Buckeye Lake Winery where a live band will be entertaining while riders enjoy a meal and drinks.
 - c. **Pizza and Beer night Saturday 9 September at 1830 hrs.**
Purpose is to enjoy mingling and story-telling between the men of B/2/19 and the retired SFA members at Grapevine Pizza near Rickenbacker, address: 6462 Winchester Blvd. Canal Winchester, OH 43110. **Randy Bring** is coordinating



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

this regarding location, food and drinks. He has a separate dining room reserved for us. 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.

d. SOF Recognition by City of Westerville 12:00 noon September 11th

The city will host SOF veterans and currently serving members at First Responders Park. POC is Alan Briggs at 740-739-0466.

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: Woody Hayes Drive just north of OSU Stadium beginning at 1:00 pm. **Sean Clifton** has volunteered to lead this event and specific coordinating instructions will be sent by late August.

f. 3 Gun Shoot 2017 Sunday 17 September.

The great Americans at Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. are hosting this and **Mark Scott** is our lead for managing this event.

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).

Discussion was begun by Mark Scott and a vote was taken during our 10 August meeting regarding registration fees. The chapter voted to have \$50 registration fee for all members and shooters we recruit.

WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT TO THE SHOOTING AND SPONSORING PUBLIC!

At \$50 (includes lunch) this is a huge bargain and a great time for all of us and the civilian shooters who participate.

g. Green Beret Dinner and Golf Classic 17 and 18 September

The Green Beret Foundation is seeking Green Berets to participate in the Green Beret reception, dinner and Golf Classic. This is an opportunity for some very generous civilians to interact with you guys. Dinner, greens fees and hotel accommodations are free!

The dinner begins Sunday evening at 1700 hrs at Sugar Creek Oasis Golf and



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

Conference Center Loveland, OH; hotel is Hilton Garden Inn in Loveland, OH, and golf is Monday at O'Bannon Creek Golf Club.

Contact **Fran Wesseling** at 614-578-2638 if you wish to participate; she will appreciate your interaction with her generous sponsors.

8. **Employment of Chapter funds.** We discussed the following and nothing has changed since our April and May meetings:

- *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 the November meetings to the chapter.

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

11 September at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY (moved to second Monday due to Labor Day Holiday on 4 September.

14 September at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale Street.

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

10. THE DROP: **We need a chapter member to volunteer** to write and submit our chapter's article for the quarterly The Drop.

11. 501 (c)(3) status. The SFA is a 501(c)(19) "Fraternal" organization and not a charity. **Tom McGrath** presented an overview of his plan for establishing a 501 (c)(3) organization during our August meeting in Columbus. Follow up discussion and votes will occur during our November meeting.

12. 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.