



**Special Forces Association**  
**Chapter XLV (45)**  
***Uniting Ohio's Green Berets***  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 14 December 2017**

The December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and luncheon of Special Forces Chapter XLV was 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: Jeff Gallaher  
Secretary: Patrick Enlow  
Treasurer:

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Dan Hessler
Carl Fuller	Jim King
Danny Vinson	Mark Scott
Jesse Boyd	John McCort
Jan Hauger	
Jim Moore	
Tom McGrath	
Butch Betzko	

***Note: Mark Arnold did not attend the Cincinnati meeting in December, so the Members and Guests in attendance are not included in these meeting minutes.***

The TREASURER'S REPORT will be provided by 31 December.

**Danny Vinson volunteered during the December meeting to be acting Treasurer during Chadd Kuhn's JAN-JUL 2018 deployment.**

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

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

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. Mark Arnold returned to the December meeting after a 19 week absence while at the Ohio Fire Academy. Mark was not available to attend the 4 December meeting in Cincinnati.
2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. [www.sfa45.org](http://www.sfa45.org) Updated with new fundraisers.
3. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.



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4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

**The chapter needs a volunteer to lead this important task.**

5. EVENTS.

a. Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony 21 April 2018

Chapter member, **Bob Lucas**, in coordination with the Ohio History Connection and the Buckeye Wing Association, has scheduled a tentative date of 1330 hrs 21 April 2018 at Denver Williams Park in Wilmington, OH for the dedication of a stone marker that memorializes the C119 crash of 1964 when 17 airmen and SF troops were killed in a mid-air collision during an airborne operation. Chapter member **Mike Quinn** contributed a gift that the chapter matched; this combined donation paid for half the marker and the Buckeye Wing Association contributed the other half of the funds. **Dan Hessler** has volunteered to serve as Chaplain for the ceremony and he will appreciate any help finding a person who can play Taps during the ceremony. Contact **Mark Arnold** if you have confirmed a bugler who will be at the ceremony.

b. Motorcycle Rally 2018

**Mark Arnold** briefed the chapter that he presented a Thank You plaque to the CEO and staff of AD Farrow, Ohio's first and largest Harley Davidson dealership for their generously hosting our fund raising motorcycle rally in August. The chapter will have another rally during 2018; AD Farrow has agreed to host it again! Mark will coordinate details of the event with AD Farrow, and he will manage the event on behalf of the chapter.

c. Pizza and Beer night.

The chapter did not host this with the men of B/2/19 during 2017 as planned due to a change in the unit's training schedule. **Carl Fuller and Danny Vinson** suggested we have a chapter meeting at the unit during a drill weekend following their July redeployment.

d. Lunch and Meeting location.

The Columbus Hofbrauhaus has hosted our meetings for over two years by generously allowing us to use their large dinner hall upstairs when it is available. Because this room is unavailable to us consistently, John McCort suggested we seek another venue.

**Tom McGrath** – please seek another venue that is in greater Columbus area, has a private room that can be committed to us monthly at no charge, has a restaurant, has a TV we can use for displaying meeting presentations, and is very close to an Interstate exit (makes it much easier for members traveling from outside central Ohio).



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In the meantime, we will continue to meet at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus.

e. 3 Gun Shoot 2018

**Mark Scott** did a marvelous job of managing this event on behalf of the chapter, and the great Americans of Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. Circleville, OH professionally hosted this. **Mark Arnold** will meet with their leadership and determine one or more courses of action for executing this during 2018 and he will brief the chapter following that meeting. A vote will be held at that time to decide if the chapter will have this event during 2018.

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS. From time to time some of our members fall ill or injured, and a morale visit by a few chapter members would be appreciated and enjoyable for everyone. Please prepare to discuss ideas during our next meetings on making this happen. This action says a lot about our brotherhood.
7. EMPLOYMENT OF CHAPTER FUNDS. We discussed the following and nothing has changed since our April and May meetings:
  - o *Save the Montagnard People*, a charity supported by SFA chapters in North Carolina. John McCort was prepared to discuss this with the chapter; however, the lack of a suitable meeting room during December made a useful discussion too difficult.

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

**8 January** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY (moved to second Monday due to Day January 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday.

**11 January** at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale Street.

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

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

Chapter 45 will NOT be in The Drop's next issue because nobody volunteered to do this. By the time Mark Arnold submitted a chapter article, it was too late for the Editor's deadline for the next issue.

10. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

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

Alternate method 1: Pay online at the Special Forces Assoc. National HQ website.

Alternate method 2: Mail your \$40 renewal dues in a check made to *Special Forces Association*. Mail the dues with a membership renewal form to:



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11. 501 (c)(3) status. The SFA is a 501(c)(19) “Fraternal” organization and not a charity. **Tom McGrath** presented once more an overview of his plan for establishing a 501 (c)(3) organization during our December meeting in Columbus. This stimulated more discussion regarding the future of the chapter. We have not demonstrated that more than one or two members have the inclination for fundraising at the corporate level. Considering this, we need to decide what the chapter wishes to achieve with fundraising. See item number 12 below.

12. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.

Through fundraising events, the chapter successfully raised a profit of over \$30,000 during the combined years of 2016 and 2017 (these are funds other than the Family Support account). These funds have been raised to support the men and families of B/2/19. If the chapter wishes to continue fundraising, then we must memorialize a mission statement for this Charity. This is the requirement for creating a 501(c)3 subsidiary, and establishing this subsidiary is the only way corporate and most private fundraising can be sought. Potential Mission Statement language can include the following:

- Fund the rapid deployment of family members to visit injured members of B/2/19.
- Fund a college scholarship program for unit members and their family members of B/2/19.
- Fund transformative assistance to injured members of B/2/19 and their families. (Note: As an example, The Ohio Tactical Officers Association charitable subsidiary funds mortgage pay-off and college tuition for the families of members killed in the line of duty.)
- Provide funds to the Green Beret Foundation.

Possible Mission Statement:

The Charitable Trust of the Buckeye Chapter of the Special Forces Association provides transformative support to the men of B/2/19 and their family members impacted by sudden life-changing events related to their service.

An all-member vote will be held via email on this subject during January 2018. The outcome of the vote will decide whether major fundraising efforts will continue and whether the chapter establishes a charitable subsidiary.

A fundamental issue within the chapter is: **The need for a few chapter members to volunteer who have the time and inclination for recruiting sponsors for our fundraising.**