



**Special Forces Association**  
**Chapter XLV (45)**  
***Uniting Ohio's Green Berets***  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 5 and 8 February 2018**

The February 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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: Danny Vinson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Terry Dillon
Danny Vinson	Jim Butler
Jesse Boyd	Ed Porter
Jan Hauger	Pete Lowell
Nelson Hastings	Frank Hicks
Larry Verne	Norm Lambert
George Thomas	Bill Caruthers
James Saunders	Ken Horne
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Russ Preston
Jack Heist	Dave Wilhelmus
Tom McCarthy	Gene Taylor
Mike Robinson	Steve Schnell
John McCort	Jim Wetz
Vince Grady	Jonathan Girodano

**The TREASURER'S REPORT**

Danny Vinson reported the Chapter's combined balance is \$46,386 as of 1 February 2018.

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

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

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. NSTR.



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2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. [www.sfa45.org](http://www.sfa45.org) Patrick Enlow is updating this with 2018 scheduled events; all are in these meeting minutes.
3. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.  
**Bob Deis** NSTR.
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. **Dan Hessler** has volunteered to serve as Chaplain for the ceremony. **Jack Heist** volunteered to play taps and provide a modest color guard.
  - b. Motorcycle Rally 2018 (no change)  
The chapter will have another rally during 2018; AD Farrow has agreed to host it again! **Mark Arnold** will coordinate details of the event with AD Farrow, and he will manage the event on behalf of the chapter.
  - c. New Lunch and Meeting location, central Ohio.  
NSTR.
  - d. 3 Gun Shoot 2018  
**Mark Arnold** met with Jason Conrad, the manager at Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. Circleville, OH. The date is Saturday 29 September. We will need four coaches from B/2/19 (they compete for free). Green Beret coaches can coach in the morning and compete in the afternoon.  
**Mike Robinson:** we need your masterful work again to craft a graphic that we can use in the Shooting community websites.
  - e. KINGS ISLAND DAY.  
Fran Wessling of The Ohio District of the Green Beret Foundation contacted Mark Arnold to discuss her organization's idea: Provide a one-day Kings Island park pass for redeploying GBs and their families and significant others and two night's stay at the Gray Wolf Lodge (or another nearby hotel). This would be a welcome home event exclusively for members of B/2/19. If the GB is not



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married, then he can bring his significant other and family or another family member or friend. This will be an open opportunity during 2018. The GB can choose any time to do this following redeployment. It provides schedule flexibility to suit their needs; they simply must choose two nights and a day prior to the park's 2018 season closing.

Fran Wessling and Mark Arnold will execute an initiative to fund this expensive benefit the GBF is providing. More information to come regarding that.

**Contact Mark Arnold: [markcarnold@yahoo.com](mailto:markcarnold@yahoo.com)**

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.

**Jan Hauger** has reached out to several of our members during January who are infirmed or has an infirmed spouse.

**Mike Robinson**, please craft a Green Beret graphic that chapter members can sign as a demonstration of support for guys who are ill or injured. An 8"x11" card could be signed during our luncheon meetings.

**Jim Wetz and John McCort** will support Jan with contact efforts and visits.

Jan mentioned he could send a Health and Welfare email update regarding members who do not object to sharing this type information with chapter members.

Chapter members are encouraged to contact each other and Jan regarding scheduling these camaraderie visits. This is what the SFA is all about.

7. RIVERBOATING FOR BERETS. Saturday 28 April, Newport, KY

The Green Beret Foundation is hosting this fundraising event on B&B Riverboats.

Details and Registration is online; search for *Green Beret Foundation Riverboating for Berets a Bourbon Excursion*.

8. OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME (OVHOF).

Chapter members are encouraged to self-nominate and to nominate others for this prestigious honor. Eligibility is relatively open; the nominee must be a current or past resident of Ohio and have been honorably discharged. The OVOH Board who annually selects honorees is looking for contributions the veteran has made during their military service, and they are especially focused on what the veteran accomplished in service to the nation, state, or community after their discharge from the military. Details can be researched via the website. Search for: *Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame*.

Chapter member Norm Lambert is an Honoree in year group 2001.

Honorees names are in nomination year groups in bronze lists mounted inside the Ohio Rife Center, downtown Columbus.

9. MWR Gear for B/2/19.

SFC Vince Grady briefed the chapter regarding some morale, welfare and recreation type



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equipment that is needed at B/2/19 HQs to support the guys in the unit. More discussion to follow during March. They are looking for a new (or relatively new) full-size refrigerator, two flat screen televisions and a washer and dryer. Any chapter member who has relatively new equipment and is interested in donating it can contact Mark Arnold.

10. VETERAN RECOVERY EVENT 18-22 July.

Larry Verne shared information about Team Fastrax Warrior Weekend To Remember organization which partners with Ohio Challenge. They will host a three-day event for Gold Star Families, Purple Heart veterans, and all veterans; it is scheduled for 18-22 July. Our chapter was represented by six of its members during this event last year where MoH awardee, Bernie Akins, (Vietnam and SF) was the guest of honor. Larry will continue to provide more information as it emerges about the event. Current details can be found on [www.warriorwtr.com](http://www.warriorwtr.com).

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

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

**8 March** at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale Street.

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

12. THE DROP:

**Andy Schneider** submitted the article for the next issue of The Drop.

13. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

Preferred method: Use [sfa45.org](http://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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**PO Box 41436**

**Fayetteville, NC 28309**

14. 501 (c)(3) status. The SFA is a 501(c)(19) "Fraternal" organization and not a charity. During January, 62 chapter members voted in favor of fundraising and establishing a charitable subsidiary; two members voted against it.

**Tom McGrath** with support from Danny Vinson is creating the documents for the Chapter to establish a charitable subsidiary. Tom will update the chapter during the March meeting.



15. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.

Fund-raising purposes.

Funds will be used to support chapter members, members of B/2/19, and other Green Berets who call Ohio their home to support their family when specific circumstances inhibit Green Berets from supporting their family alone.

Several members commented via email and during our February meetings regarding a potential mission statement. With that input, the revised statement follows:

The Charitable Trust of Chapter 45, the Buckeye Chapter, of the Special Forces Association provides support to the men and families of the Special Forces community of Ohio and members of Chapter 45 to ensure death, wounds, deployments and illness do not stop Green Berets from completing the mission of providing for their families' comfort and success and to limit the hardships caused by these events.

Chapter members are encouraged to continue to provide comment on this draft Mission Statement by emailing [markcarnold@yahoo.com](mailto:markcarnold@yahoo.com)

“One off” needs:

From time to time, other opportunities may arise that the chapter can vote upon that is related to the SF community. These funds would need to be supported by the chapter's operational fund (membership dues) or a special fundraising event specifically for the one-off need.

An example is the *Save the Montagnard People*, a charity supported by SFA chapters in North Carolina. **John McCort** has details on this charity and it can be researched on that website.

In order to support our primary fundraising and fundraising for one-off needs, chapter members may consider donating personal items for online sale. If you are interested in this, then you may wish to execute the sale yourself or contact **Patrick Enlow** for follow up.