



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 2 and 12 January 2017

The December 5th and 8th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH. The January 2nd meeting was chaired by President Mark Arnold. Notes from all three events are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Tom McGrath
Secretary: Patrick Enlow
Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn

Members and Guests in attendance were:

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| Rob Thatcher | Terry Dillon |
| Gene Taylor | Jack Guy |
| Carl Fuller | Mike Young |
| Charlie Mohr | Ken Horne |
| Ed Porter | Jack Heist |
| Eric Smith | Doc Adams |
| Stuart Candis | Tom Edwards |
| Eric Smith | Gary Wiley |

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Chadd Kuhn. Balance as of 31 December was \$26,354.13 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. **Patrick Enlow** completed more MAJOR changes and updates to our website during January- berets off to Patrick!
2. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page updated by any chapter member.
3. CHAPTER APPAREL. We are taking orders for SFA45 apparel that you can have just about anything military embroidered onto it: **Polo shirts, Sport-Wick light jackets, and weather proof jackets**. See our chapter website <http://www.sfa45.org/> for information on the apparel, order forms and payment instructions. We postponed the last day for taking orders until 25 February 2017.



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4. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts are available again and are \$25 each. We will have them at our meetings. If you want one or more, then pay in cash or in check payable to SFA 45. Add \$5 for postage if you cannot pick them up at our meetings and want it mailed; mail payment to SFA 45, 2311 Hoxton Ct., Columbus, OH 43220.
5. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Need a chapter member to lead this effort including recruiting Associate members.
6. EVENTS.
 - a. The chapter will schedule a casual dinner and beer night. Purpose is to enjoy mingling and story-telling between the men of B/2/19 and the retired SFA members. Date and location TBD but will be announced soon. Most of the guys in B/2/19 deploy again in 2017, so let's have fun with these Green Berets when we do this. Chadd confirmed that 9 SEP 2017 is a good date when he expects all the guys to be back in Ohio, so we'll keep that in mind for now. I wish it was sooner, but team training has them all over the place before deployments this winter.
 - b. Ohio Military Hall of Fame.
Six chapter members have been nominated and approved for induction into the "class of 2017." These brave men are: 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. Don't expect to park at the statehouse that day unless you arrive before 0800 because this is one event that brings people in from all over the country. Please add this to your calendars and attend it because this is a high profile event, and our guys will be the largest group within this year's ceremony!
 - c. 3 Gun Shoot 2017.
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: SF Guys, Civilian novice shooters, 3 Gun "Pro" shooters, Seniors, etc.
The chapter needs members who can recruit one or more sponsors. Event



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marketing material will be provided soon.

- d. **Tailgate party Saturday 16 OCT 2017.** OSU plays Army at OSU the day prior to the Shoot. The chapter will host a tailgate party. Location, time TBD. Sean Clifton has volunteered to lead this event.
- e. **Motorcycle Rally.** **Mark Arnold** met again during December with the leadership of AD Farrow, Ohio's first and largest Harley Davidson dealership, to host this SFA 45 event for 2017. Tentative date is 23 September 2017 and a tentative plan follows:

Host a rally on Saturday 23 SEP 2017. This is the weekend of the American International Motorcycle Expo (AIME); this is the first time Columbus hosts this major event. AD Farrow and Chapter 45 will use the draw of the Expo to recruit riders for our fund raiser rally. Registration at AD Farrow Harley Davidson at I-71 and Rt. 36 (twelve miles north of Columbus outer belt freeway I-270), silent auction event and AD Farrow will host a lunch, kickstands up at noon or 1:00, LE escort along scenic route through Delaware, OH, past Columbus Zoo, and along Scioto River to downtown Columbus, end at AD Farrow downtown or a lot near the Columbus Convention Center where the Motorcycle Expo is held. We will recruit sponsors from the Expo's exhibitors to donate items for our fund raiser's auction. We will ask the Ohio National Guard for recruiter type support including climbing wall, military vehicles and Blackhawk helicopter.

7. **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.
8. **Employment of Chapter funds.** More discussion and potentially a vote will be taken during March's meetings:
 - Scholarships for chapter members within B/2/19
 - Support to the Green Beret Foundation
 - Support the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial
 - *Save the Montagnard People*, a charity supported by SFA chapters in North Carolina.
 - Emergency donation to SFA National HQ for use in rebuilding after it was devastated by Hurricane Matthew during October.

The following concepts were approved during the November meeting:

- Discounted Life Memberships for members of B/2/19: cost will be only \$100 plus one year's membership dues if not already a member.
- Emergency travel for family members of B/2/19
- Emergency support for retired SFA 45 members



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- Up to \$1000 contribution for a Memorial at Wilmington, OH to memorialize the fatal USAF crash that took a combined 12 lives of 11th SFG(A) jumpers and USAF crewmen in 1964.

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

6 February at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

9 February 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.

10. THE DROP: Please provide your input to **Tom McGrath** at trmcgrathesq@gmail.com

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

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.

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