



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

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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 3 and 13 July 2017**

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<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:

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	Mike Young
Jan Hauger	Gary Wiley
Gene Adams	Larry Verne
Nick Godan	Don Thomas
Terry Simmons	Norm Lambert
Jim Moore	James Saunders

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by acting Treasurer Dan Waldron. Balance as of 30 June was \$30,825.32 including \$2590.03 in the Family Support Fund.

NOTE: Chapter member Mike Hurdzan and his fellow members of *Keepers of the Green* donated \$2500 to the Family Support fund during July which doubles the amount in our Family Support Fund. Thank you Mike for your generosity!

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

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



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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.** Smitty Morris resigned from the post due to other personal commitments.
2. Non-agenda items during our July meetings:
  - James Saunders presented to Gary Wiley a plaque commemorating Gary's service in the 2<sup>nd</sup> PSYOP Group. Congratulations Gary.
  - Charlie Mohr discussed highlights of the annual SF Association convention during June.
3. CHAPTER WEBSITE. [www.sfa45.org](http://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.  
**Dan Waldron** 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. AD Farrow is hosting (and paying for) two live bands – one at their site prior to kickstands up and one at the ride's end destination. A live band will play and sandwich/drink will be provided at AD Farrow. 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. Please contact Mark if you can assist with registration and end of ride help. Please use the attached flier to communicate this to the public all across Ohio.



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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 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. **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.

e. **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 have been provided to members during our May, June and July meetings. Contact Mark Arnold if you need fliers.

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

8. **Employment of Chapter funds.** We discussed the following and nothing has changed since our April and May meetings:
- The chapter donated \$1000 to assist with a memorial plaque for the fallen USAF airmen and paratroopers of 11<sup>th</sup> SF Group who perished during the 1964 plane crash in Wilmington, OH.



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- *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 August meetings to the chapter.

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

**7 August** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

**10 August** 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** will present his plan for establishing a 501 (c)(3) organization during our August meeting in Columbus.

12. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

Preferred method: Use [sfa45.org](http://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.