



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 6 and 9 March 2017

The March 6th and 9th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH. The February 9th meeting was chaired by Chapter VP, Tom McGrath. Notes from all meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Smitty Morris
Secretary: Patrick Enlow
Treasurer:

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Rob Thatcher	Ed Porter
Eric Bornschlagel	Terry Dillon
Carl Fuller	Jeff Baldwin
Charlie Mohr	Ken Horne
Jan Hauger	Jack Heist
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Stuart Candis	Tom Edwards
Lauren Redkey	Jesse Boyd
George Thomas	John McCort
Jim Wetz	Jeff Gallaher
Tom McCarthy	Jim VanFlandern
Don Cassidy	Joe Mejasky
Bill Zleit	Mike Robinson
Bob Deiss	Jim Butler
Mike Quinn	Mark Scott
The Ruffing Posse	Chad Williams
Bob Lucas	

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Chadd Kuhn. Balance as of 28 February was \$26,866.19 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. www.sfa45.org Updated with new fundraisers.



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2. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
3. 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.

CHAPTER APPAREL: Orders have been taken; polo shirts, sport-wick sweaters, and jackets were embroidered and provided to members during the March meetings. Members can pick up their ordered items during our April meetings.

4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Need a chapter member to lead this effort including recruiting Associate members.
5. EVENTS.

CSM(R) Jan Hauger administered swearing in ceremony to the chapter officers for the term 2017-18 on 9 March 2017.

- a. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.
Chapter member, Ted Mosure, (SEAL, Vietnam) and Board member of the Ohio Military Hall of Fame briefed the membership on its “class of 2017” and ways to support the OMHOF. Donations can be made (the chapter made a modest donation); just go to its website: ohioheroes.org. Six brave men from our chapter will be inducted this year: 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.
- b. Golf Scramble Fundraiser.
The chapter will explore making this happen again during summer 2017. This was a successful fundraiser last year. **Roger Hobson** will ask Raccoon International Golf Club if they can host us again. If yes, then we will need chapter membership to begin soliciting \$100 hole sponsors and to find golfers at \$75 per greens fee.
- c. Pizza and Beer night Saturday 9 September.
Purpose is to enjoy mingling and story-telling between the men of B/2/19 and the retired SFA members at a location (TBD) near Rickenbacker ANGB. Most of the



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guys in B/2/19 deploy again in 2017, so let's have fun with these Green Berets when we do this. All expenses are paid by the chapter.

d. 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: 1) Sponsors, 2) \$500 registered shooters, 3) seniors (age 65+), and 4) active and retired SF guys (yes, you older 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 will be provided soon.

e. SF on the field during OSU Army Game at OSU.

The day prior to the Shoot, we will have a **Tailgate party Saturday 16 September 2017.** Location, time TBD. Sean Clifton has volunteered to lead this event.

f. 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:

6. **Employment of Chapter funds.** We discussed the following:

- Scholarships for chapter members (and perhaps their family members) within B/2/19. We will ask a chapter member to draft rules and an addendum to the chapter by-laws on how this would be managed. This will provide more details in order to enable an informed vote on whether to support this initiative, or not.
- Support to the Green Beret Foundation. Discussed this, and determined it is another "one-off" type donation the chapter may vote upon to make from year to year. No plan to do it during 2017.
- Support the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial. Terry Dillon, a chapter member, is a founder of this, and he will look into whether and why a donation is warranted. It is expected that a donation is not warranted.
- *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 July or



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August meetings to the chapter.

- *Ohio Military Hall of Fame.* Jan Hauger, a chapter member, will investigate the financial needs of this organization and report during a following meeting.

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

10 April at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

13 April 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.

8. THE DROP: Please provide your input to **Smitty Morris** at slsatx@yahoo.com

9. 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.

10. 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:

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