



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 5 and 8 March 2018

The March 5th and 8th 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: Jeff Gallaher
Secretary: Patrick Enlow
Treasurer: Danny Vinson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Terry Dillon
Danny Vinson	Jim Butler
Bev Gallaher	Ed Porter
Jan Hauger	Pete Lewell
Nelson Hastings	Frank Hicks
William Carruthers	Norm Lambert
George Thomas	Jim Adams
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Tom McGrath
Jack Heist	Eric Bornschlegl
Dick Carr	Gene Taylor
Carl Fuller	Jim King
John McCort	Jim Wetz
Smitty Morris	Jim Cermak
Jim Rosenberry	John Balint (Ch 35)
Leone DiCesare (Ch 35)	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Danny Vinson reported the Chapter's combined balance is \$46,411 as of 1 March 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 **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 confirmed 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. Dan has also secured a ceremonial bell from Motts Military Museum. We will ring the bell during the ceremony one time for each of the 17 lives lost in the accident.
Jack Heist volunteered to play taps and provide a modest color guard.
Charlie Mohr is coordinating with Cincinnati local television news to cover the ceremony.
Chapter member **Dick Carr** will attend; he was at the airborne operation the day of the accident. Wear your beret and blazer or other SF clothing you may have. This memorial was partially funded by Chapter 45 and member **Mike Quinn**.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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. AD Farrow will host with live bands, free lunch, and terminate the Rally at the Buckeye Lake Winery.
 - d. 3 Gun Shoot 2018 Saturday 29 September
Mark Arnold met again with the members of Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. (PCSI) Circleville, OH who will manage this fundraiser. The date is Saturday



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29 September. Details follow:

- 80 shooting slots and 8 bays (not 4); 8 shooting stages (not 4)
- Fee: \$150
- Online registration managed by PCSI
- Promotion of event by PCSI
- Recruitment of cash sponsors: We need guys to recruit one or more sponsors at \$1000, \$3000 and \$5000 levels.
- Lunch meal: SFA 45 will fund and manage. We need a member to find a sponsor who can fund this at \$1000 or donations of food.
- Prize Table. PCSI will work with SFA 45 to recruit sponsors who can donate shooting related items such as guns and optics.

Mike Robinson: We need you to simply edit the graphics you created last year for use in promoting this event in the Shooting community websites. Details were emailed to Mike.

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 one 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 married, then he can bring his significant other and family or one family member or one 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 one night for hotel and a day to enjoy the park 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

f. The Horse Soldiers True Story 27 July

SFA 35 President, Leone DiCesare, briefed Chapter 45 regarding this fundraising event for the Medina, Ohio 9/11 Memorial. The event is sponsored by the Medina Rotary; cost \$45 per person; includes gourmet buffet and open bar for beer and wine. MSG(R) Chris Spence, 5th SFG horse soldier veteran, will be the guest speaker.

Date/Time: Friday 27 July, 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner program

Address: Williams-on-the-Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH 44256

POC for the event is: David Taylor: 330-321-3370, dave.taylor@zoominternet.net

g. Veteran Recovery Event 18-22 July.

Larry Verne shared information about Team Fastrax Warrior Weekend To



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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. Current details can be found on www.warriorwtr.com.

If you wish to be recognized as a wounded veteran at this event, then contact the organization at BS3G.com and apply online.

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS. Nothing new to report
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. MWR Gear for B/2/19.
The Chapter voted and decided to not support this request.
8. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: **first Monday and second Thursday of each month at 1145 hrs.**
2 April at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY
12 April at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale Street.
Both of these are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

The Hofbrauhaus Columbus provides its large private room to us free of charge, but from time to time, the room is booked for \$2000 by *paying* customers, so we may get bumped to the main dining area. We reconned an alternate site for our Columbus luncheon meetings, and we will probably use it in May. Location TBA.
9. THE DROP:
Andy Schneider submitted the article for the next issue of The Drop.
10. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.
Preferred method: Use sfa45.org website, print and complete the forms and mail it with a check payable to SFA45 to:



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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:

SF Association

PO Box 41436

Fayetteville, NC 28309

11. 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 updated the chapter during the March meeting, and said he will have the IRS filings completed by May/June.

12. 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.

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.