



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 13 October 2016 and Committee Meeting October 17th

The October 1st and 13th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH, and an event planning meeting was held October 17^h; all three meetings were chaired by President Mark Arnold or another officer. Notes from all four meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

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

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Jesse Boyd	Jim Wetz
Carl Fuller	Jim Butler
Larry Verne	John McCort
Gene Taylor	Mark Scott
Dan Vinson	Jan Hauger
Charlie Mohr	Ken Horne
Tom Allman	Ed Porter
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Stuart Candis	Tom Edwards
Jeff Gallaher	Terry Simmons
Norm Lambert	Rob Thatcher
Jack Heist	Chris Belford
Jim Van Flandern	Eric Bornshlagl
John Souza	Smitty Morris
William Greentaner	Steve Bank
Jim King	Butch Betzko

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Chadd Kuhn. Balance as of 30 September was \$26,977.25 plus \$5383.41 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** updated it with our new events.



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2. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page updated by any chapter member.
3. CHAPTER APPAREL. A second round of this program began in September. Several chapter members have ordered new apparel: **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. Pay with check payable to SFA 45; mail to 2311 Hoxton Ct., Columbus, OH 43220. Place your orders by 30 November.
4. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts are available again. We have high quality weight black cotton again, and we added two new styles: form-fitting, quick dry non-shrink material in charcoal gray and olive green. We also have the Army's current uniform T shirt, and it will be provided free to B/2/19 members who join the SFA and the chapter. Shirts 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. AR 15 Raffle.
Artemis Arms donated a custom-made AR 15 to the chapter to support fund raising for our 3 Gun Shoot. The winning ticket will be drawn during our chapter meeting on 8 December; winner need not be present. Tickets are \$10 each, and six for \$50. Send cash or check payable to SFA 45 to:

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AR15 Description:

This may be the best looking AR 15 you've ever seen, and it's loaded with options.

- Billet lower and upper matched for a friction fit
- 1-7.7R twist Krieger barrel 16 inch with .223 Wylde chamber cut adjustable gas block
- Full length key mod hand guard
- Picatinny rail entire length of upper and barrel
- Tuned bolt
- 2 stage trigger
- Magpul MOE (Magpul Original Equipment) carbine 6-position stock



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- Stippled pistol grip
- SF tab engraved above an SF crest on the receiver
- Custom serial number: SFA45 3GUN2016

7. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2017.

Mark Scott chaired a meeting 17 OCT regarding the chapter's 3 Gun Shoot in 2017. Pickaway County Sportsmen Inc. participated in the meeting.

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 marketing material will be provided soon.

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. We need a person to manage the tailgate event.

- b. Motorcycle Rally. **Mark Arnold** is working with the leadership of AD Farrow, Ohio's first and largest Harley Davidson dealership, to host this SFA 45 event for 2017. Mark met with the owner and Marketing Director, and they have a tentative plan:

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.

- c. Circleville Pumpkin Festival. **Carl Fuller.** AAR: B/2/19 did a great job of supporting this with three vehicles and motivated drivers. The parade was a huge event at this large festival, and small town America showed up in the thousands.
- d. Columbus Veterans Day Parade. Parade is Thursday 10 November. **Tom**



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McGrath is leading this initiative; we will be supported by two SF RAZRs and one LMTV. Plan to arrive around 1030 hrs and park in a downtown surface lot or parking garage. Parade begins at 1200 hrs. Our rally point is TBD at this time, but will be in the vicinity of Nationwide Blvd and Neil Ave intersection (you'll see our military vehicles on Nationwide Blvd). Wear some type SF apparel or uniform. SFA Blazer is or jacket/fleece is recommended; beret required.

- e. Winter Fete 2016. 7 January 2017 downtown Columbus Renaissance Hotel. The Chapter voted to support B/2/19's Winter Fete with contributions and 20 dinner reservations are being held for chapter members. This is a spouse and significant other-friendly event. **Please RSVP via email soon to Mark Arnold**, and include your guest's name, if applicable.
 8. **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.
 9. **John Souza** was presented with a certificate and welcomed into the chapter as an honorary Member. John supported our 3 Gun Shoot as a professional chef, and he has volunteered to support future events. The members welcomed our new brother.
 10. **Employment of Chapter funds**. This was the primary subject of discussion during our October membership meetings. Concepts discussed included:
 - Emergency travel for family members of B/2/19
 - Life membership discounts for members of B/2/19
 - Emergency support for retired SFA 45 members
 - 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 where many members of Montagnard tribes from the central highlands of Cambodia and Vietnam resettled following the Vietnam War.
- a. CW2 Kuhn and CSM Belford explained that there are several organizations that support Green Beret families, but rarely on immediate (crisis) basis. The chapter will coordinate with these organizations and use its funds to support families of injured men of B/2/19 as the primary support agent or be the secondary agent of support to one of these organizations, on a case-by-case basis.
 - b. Jan Hauger explained examples of retired members with very short term, immediate needs, and the chapter decided to vote on support on a case-by-



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case basis.

Both items a. and b. will be drafted into the chapter's by-laws on who can authorize funding and who must vote based on the Dollar value of support needed. Action for **Tom McGrath** to draft this for review by the membership.

- c. Save the Motagnard People, Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial, support to GBF, and scholarships were discussed, and the chapter decided to revisit these subjects during 2017 after another year of fund raising is completed. Choices can be made later in 2017.
- d. Discounted Life memberships for members of B/2/19 was discussed. The chapter members discussed multiple reasons for using funds to support this, and Mark Arnold discussed rationale against it in order to stimulate argument and critical thinking on the concept. Terry Simmons made a motion to support the concept of the chapter providing a \$300 discount to the \$400 cost of Life membership for members of B/2/19, Smitty Morris made a motion to second it, the membership voted with a show of hands, and the motion passed unanimously.
The chapter discussed and decided to make this known to the men of B/2/19 during October.

11. CSM Belford discussed **Special Operations Forces exercise Ridge runner**. SFA 45 will reach out to the exercise's POC, Jeff Wells, regarding potential involvement by chapter members as support personnel and role players in the exercise in West Virginia. The chapter will explore this and discuss it at later meetings if the exercise managers express a need for this support. We also discussed using chapter funds to pay a per diem rate to chapter members if the exercise does not pay for role players' travel expenses. Wages are not paid to support and role player staff.
CSM Belford also appealed to the chapter regarding using our events as recruiting platforms to **recruit 18Xs and prior service members into National Guard Special Forces** units. He handed out a recruiting map of the US during our Columbus meeting, and he will send this digitally to us. The maps have the names and phone numbers of AGR National Guard SF recruiters.

12. OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME:

We have six chapter members who have submitted qualifying packets for the "class of 2017." Any member who received a valor award and who was born in or entered the military from Ohio qualifies. Please send award documents and DD-214s or copies of military contracts to **Mark Arnold**.

13. OFFICER POSITIONS President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer slots will be open in November 2016. Members interested in these positions should contact Patrick Enlow at 614-530-3718 and Patrick@efsnm.com



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Nominees at this time include:

Patrick Enlow is nominated for the Secretary position.

Chadd Kuhn is nominated for the Treasurer position.

Mark Arnold is nominated for the President position.

Members are encouraged to volunteer for nomination to these positions and **the VP position**.

Tom McGrath will acquire the most current chapter member spreadsheet from SFA National and use it to email voting forms to all chapter members during November.

14. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: first Monday and second Thursday of each month.

7 November at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

10 November at the Dick's Last Resort Restaurant Columbus. **(We will delay lunch to 1300 hrs and move it to this restaurant because the chapter will be in the Columbus Veterans Day Parade on 10 NOV and this restaurant is next to the parade's start point where you will park.)**

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

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

16. 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** will explore the details and file SFA 45 with the state of Ohio for 501(c)(3) status.

17. 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.