



**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 May 2016 and Officers Meeting

The May 2nd and 12th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH, and an officers meeting was held May 23rd; all three meetings were chaired by President Mark Arnold. Notes from all three meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Tom McGrath
Secretary: Patrick Enlow (acting)
Treasurer: Roger Hobson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Jesse Boyd	Stephen Schnell
Carl Fuller	Don Cassidy
Smitty Morris	Tom Allman
Mike Robinson	Jim Butler
Jan Hauger	Charlie Mohr
Gary Cogley	Danny Vinson
Gary Wiley	Joe Ruland
Rob Thatcher	Bill Carruthers
Mike Murray	Jim Moore
Tom Edwards	Jim Adams
Ken Horne	Ed Porter
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
George Thomas	Jack Heist
Stuart Candis	Jim VanFlandern
Mark Scott	Richard Stirling
Jeff Baldwin	Jeff Gallaher
Larry Verne	Bob Schneider
Gene Taylor	Dan Hessler

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson.

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

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

1. GREEN BERET FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT. Larry Verne provided a



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summary of the plans for the second annual Cincinnati Green Beret Classic (Golf Tournament) for **12 September** in Loveland, OH just north east of Cincinnati. There is a Motorcycle ride Saturday 10 September and pre-tournament dinner the evening of 11 September with guests from 5th SFG. **Larry Verne** is the POC: 513-891-0078.

2. CHAPTER WEEKEND EVENT. **Charlie Mohr** is organizing a Sunday afternoon late lunch for **26 June**. Location: Large private dining room at Max and Erma's Restaurant, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177 at the RL Carriers trucking terminal on I-71 at Exit 50. The purpose of this late lunch/early dinner is to see guys and their families who have school age children and/or weekday commitments. We'll work on a phone alert for this one to make sure these folks are informed and positive RSVPs.
3. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Patrick Enlow** completed this and reviewed it with everyone at the 12 May meeting. Excellent work! **Patil** is a website committee member and administrator who will assist with regularly updating the website.
4. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page. **Patrick Enlow** will begin to make this a Private page by inviting SFA 45 members to join.
5. CHAPTER APPAREL. **Larry Verne** completed this arduous project and all apparel is available. A second round of this program will be offered in September.
6. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts are available in heavy cotton (high quality) jet black. The shirts are available to members for \$15, non-members for \$25. Orders can be sent with check payable to SFA 45 to: SFA 45, 2311 Hoxton Ct., Columbus, OH 43220.
7. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP. This is probably our most important initiative. We are close to 160 members in good standing in our chapter. Our best opportunity is recruiting Associate members because they are the largest group of potential members. Initiatives include:
 - Veterans organizations, such as the VFW, American Legion and Ohio Military Hall of Fame, among others have members who qualify for direct and associate membership. **Danny Vinson** will continue some direct recruiting here. **Smitty Morris** will assist for follow up action.
 - Visit the 412th CA Battalion and 346 PSYOP Company, both in Columbus. Most of those units' members directly supported SF operations. Same with Air Force Reserve and NG units in central Ohio. **Jack Guy and Mark Arnold** for follow up. (Still incomplete action.)

Any member who recruits five or more members will be awarded a free Chapter weather proof jacket, value over \$115.



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8. EVENTS.

- a. Golf outing. Chapter members requested that tee time begins at 0900 hrs or 0930 hrs so members who reside two hours or more from the course have time to travel and enjoy the outing. **Roger Hobson** is the Project Leader for this. The event is set for **30 July** at Raccoon International Golf Course near Granville, OH. **Jan Hauger** will be Roger's assistant. **Jesse Boyd, Swede Eslick, and Ted Mosure** will help recruit sponsors for the event. We are also seeking sponsors for door prizes (restaurant gift cards, etc...) for the event. Roger's cell is: 740-334-3347 and email: rogerdhobson@hotmail.com
- b. **Roger Hobson** has generously offered to host a picnic at his home. Date **Saturday 16 July**, 12:00 noon. Address: 4475 Beaver Run Rd. Pataskala, OH.
- c. SFC Daniel Crabtree 5K Run Saturday 11 June. Location: Natatorium, 2345 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221. Registration 8 am; Start time: 9 am. This is the 9th Annual Run honoring the memory of SFC Crabtree, B/2/19 SFG(A), KIA 8 June 2006 in Iraq. POC: Fred Jackson 330-971-8403.
- d. 3 Gun Shoot. **Mark Scott** with the support of Chuck Ward landed a perfect venue for this **10 September** event: The Pickaway County Sportsman Club. This range is less than a 30 minute drive from RANGB. It has multiple lanes with 3-sided berms, a skeet range, an orientation range, a 150-PAX pavilion, running water bathrooms, kitchen area and a fishing pond for kids. Our concept is: host a day-long shooting event with barbecue, and host the shoot free for the members of B/2/19 SFG during late afternoon with barbecue dinner.
- Tasks: 1) seek local business sponsors for door prizes, 2) three or more local businesses for event sponsors, and 3) selection of guns among chapter members for use at the event.
- Non chapter members may participate as special guests based on vetting by one or more chapter members.
 - Three chapter volunteers are needed for morning range set up.
 - Three more volunteers are needed for lane re-set crews between shooters in order to set up new targets and re-set metal targets.
- Mark's committee includes: **Dennis Murphy, Chuck Ward and Butch Betzko**.
Contact Mark at: 614-376-2475 (c), email: scottzman6@gmail.com
- e. Motorcycle Poker Run and cookout. **Swede** crafted the initial thoughts on his plan; details include:
Date: Saturday, 1 October
Sell 50/50 raffle tickets
Ask Tom McGrath to create a Sign Up and Hold Harmless form for participants.



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Recruit a restaurant to host a lunch food table.
SFA 45 T shirt (long and short sleeve) sale
Swede will map a 90-100 mile route with an end point at or near a location where the OSU game can be viewed on television.

f. Circleville Pumpkin Festival. **Carl Fuller** will coordinate with the event managers regarding our chapter's participation in this high-visibility venue. Plan for Saturday 22 October: SFA 45 in the parade and perhaps static display. Request a recruiting display, two company members, and SF gear display from B/2/19 for a recruiting tent for a six hour display at the festival.

9. 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.

10. FUND RAISING. We expect to raise funds from the Poker Run, 3 Gun Shoot, and Golf Tournament. The chapter will appreciate any offer by its members to provide attractive items to raffle and to members who secure outside donations of items to raffle. Example: Mike Murray donated a 1966 *Ballad of The Green Berets* record album in pristine condition. POC for this project is **Tom McGrath** at 614-496-4201.

11. NEWSLETTER. **Smitty Morris** volunteered to write a monthly newsletter.

12. OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME:

We now have six 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

The chapter voted to create assistant positions for the VP, Secretary, and Treasurer as "on deck" and "in training" talent for possibly holding officer positions in the future. Members are encouraged to volunteer for these positions. POC for volunteering and nominations is **Dan Hessler**: 614-352-7474.

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

Next luncheons and meetings:
6 June at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY



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9 June at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale St.

Both of these are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings at most of these luncheons.
Issue for voting during June: Chapter contribution to B/2/19 Winter Fete 7 January 2017.

15. THE DROP: **Tom McGrath** is assembling items for the chapter's portion; please send your contributions and advice to him. His email address is trmcgrathesq@gmail.com

16. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

Preferred method: Mail your renewal dues in a check made to *SFA Chapter 45*. Mail the dues with a note of your name and member number to:

**SFA Chapter 45
2311 Hoxton Ct.
Columbus, OH 43220**

The chapter officers will forward your dues to National.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

Go to the National SFA website, print the application form, and mail the form and new member fee/dues check to the same address, above. This is the easiest method for you, and the chapter will quickly process this to National.

17. FUNERAL SUPPORT.

Please contact **Smitty Morris** at 740-390-0892 if you are interested in supporting this initiative. Smitty still needs a pair of jump boots, helmet, and M-16/M-4 (real or simulated.)

18. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. The chapter will ride in the Mt Vernon, OH Memorial Day Parade Monday **30 May at 1130 hrs.** B/2/19 will support this with two Razors for chapter members to ride in. Report location TBD (near downtown Mt. Vernon.) All chapter members are encouraged to wear their berets (and uniforms or SF polo shirts with khaki pants if you have them.) Final details will be emailed during May.

19. During the 12 May meeting, the chapter discussed, Gary Cogley made a motion to vote, seconded by Patrick Enlow, and the membership voted positively on the concept of awarding an SFA Life membership to a deserving member of B/2/19 SFG based on the recommendation of that company's leadership team. Decision to execute will be based on a review of available chapter funds and forecasted cash flow during August.