



Special Forces Association

Chapter XLV (45)

Uniting Ohio's Green Berets

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SUBJECT: **Meeting Minutes 8 and 22 October 2015**

The October 8th and 22nd 2015, meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at 1200 hours on 8 OCT at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus and at 1200 hours on 22 OCT at Rickenbacker ANGB by President Mark Arnold.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Tom McGrath
Secretary: Dan Waldren
Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn

Members in attendance were:

Jan Hauger	Jesse Boyd
Carl Fuller	Jack Matheney
Swede Eslick	Mark Scott
Martin Graff	Joe Ruland
Kevin Colwell	Jeff Gallaher
Norm Lambert	Jim Butler
Larry Verne	Charlie Mohr
Jack Guy	Sean Clifton
Mike Vault	

The TREASURER'S REPORT was reviewed by Mark and Tom with notes provided by Chadd Kuhn

The MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were reviewed and approved.

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

-Meeting agenda was outlined by Mark Arnold

1. Halloween Party 31 OCT 2015

Mark Arnold led discussion regarding our party at Dick's Last Resort Restaurant Columbus. Swede Eslick volunteered to fabricate an SF display case to mount at the restaurant –

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permanently. Swede and Mark visited the management at the restaurant the following day, and Swede began his planning. Several members contributed items for the display. Steve Bank contributed a parachute that will be hung from the ceiling as part of our permanent presence; Steve and Mark will mount it before the party.

Mark will make some assignments for a select few to call others to encourage attendance.

Mark sent a description of the party in reminder emails to the chapter members three days later.

2. CONTACT SFA MEMBERS AT LARGE who reside in Ohio. **Tom McGrath, Jan Hauger, Jim King and Mark Arnold** contacted assigned members at large. We landed two new members.
3. CHRISTMAS PARTY. The chapter's Holiday party will be 6 DEC 2015 in conjunction with B Co., 2nd BN, 19th SFG (A)'s Christmas Party. This is a date change from the original 13 DEC plan. Details will be communicated during November. The chapter will provide presents to children of the unit's members. Chapter members can count on a fun and rewarding time (and a meal). **Chadd Kuhn** has the lead for the chapter's coordination of support for the party – including purchasing and wrapping gifts. **Swede** will take photos of the event. Members must RSVP to Mark Arnold by 1 DEC if they plan to attend.
4. COLUMBUS VETERANS' DAY PARADE. **Tom McGrath** organized the chapter's participation in the 6 NOV parade in downtown Columbus. Report time is 1200 hrs in the arena district. Tom has three vintage military vehicles for members to ride in, and Kevin Colwell is securing a tactical truck from the Ohio NG for guys to ride in. Details follow: Report at 1200 hrs in the Columbus arena district. There is plenty of parking nearby; just look up Columbus arena district parking online. Details will follow via email by 30 OCT.
5. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Greg Herbert** has done yeoman's work in building a new chapter website. The website remains **SFA45.org**. It continues to be a work in progress, but 90% of the framework is complete. Very nice work, Greg!
6. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **Greg Herbert's** wife, Vivian, will help build a Facebook page for the chapter. is also working on improving the base initially created by Dan Waldren and his wife. We expect a Face Book page to be in operation by mid-November. This will provide opportunities for multiple members to update it with new information and photos.
7. CHAPTER POLO SHIRTS. The chapter will work with a company known by member

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Larry Verne to fabricate polo shirts. The membership decided upon a high quality dri-fit technology shirt. Two versions will be provided: one with the Chapter emblem and one with the emblem and individual monogrammed names and badges/patches/awards. Chapter members will be encouraged to personalize their shirts. We will launch this during late November – just in time for placing Holiday present orders!

8. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. The chapter is working with green beret Jason Beardsley to design and provide T shirts. The draft design is impressive and sure to be the envy of others. Shirts will be offered in black and Coyote Brown (so guys can wear them with their new style ACUs). **Mark Arnold** is working with Jason on this; expect availability by 1 DEC.
9. CHAPTER TEAM HOUSE. The search continues, and the B/2/19 location will be our alternate team room. **Jan Hauger** met the managers of the American Legion Hall in Pickerington, OH and found it is available on a day-rate basis; not what we want. In the meantime, we will use the Hofbrauhaus Columbus and Newport, KY as well as Dick's Last Resort as meeting locations and unofficial safe/team houses. **Anyone** who can find a VFW near central Ohio that would partner with us to allow us to use it as a team house will receive the appreciation of the entire chapter – and a free polo shirt and T shirt. Dennis Murphy may help us land a location.
10. CHAPTER COINS. Decided to drop this initiative.
11. QUARTERLY EVENTS. Ideas for 2016 include:
 - a. Golf outing. **Roger Hobson** will explore this concept with his contacts at Raccoon International Golf Course near Granville, OH. Roger will take on management of this event with support from **Mark Arnold and Jan Hauger**.
 - b. Shooting center and cookout. **Kevin Colwell** will craft a plan for this by 1 February 2016.
 - c. Roger **Hobson** has generously offered to host our summer picnic at his home.
 - d. Motorcycle Poker Run and cookout. **Swede** will create a plan for this, and take the lead for management of it. Expect execution in September 2016.

OTHER IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS:

- e. Canoeing and cookout. Coordinate a plan with a local canoe livery
- f. Halloween event.
- g. Chapter support of B/2/19 Winter Fete and Christmas presents.

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- h. Family day and cookout during a unit airborne operation in conjunction with a skydive event by retired members – all at one location: Lancaster Airport and Sky Dive Ohio. **Chadd Kuhn** to craft a plan for review next year; perhaps the Poker Run could have its finish line at a drop zone B/2/19 is using that day.
12. PUBLIC EVENTS. The chapter officers will explore venues that the chapter could participate in such as the Columbus Veterans' Day Parade.
13. CHAPTER BUSINESS CARDS. **Mark Arnold** completed this. All officers have cards, and members can get their own cards by contacting Mark. Mark also had a new outdoor banner and signage made for the chapter.
14. FUND RAISING. This is an essential element of having a successful chapter. Mike Hurdzan and others have been quite generous, but we need to raise more funds to enable events and other support. **Smitty Morris** mentioned that we should offer to include local sponsors in our website and FaceBook site as well as public events we participate in – where appropriate. 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. POCs for this are Mark Arnold and Tom McGrath.
15. NEWSLETTER. We need this, and the chapter is looking for anyone who is interested in helping with this. Content updates to our website and Face Book page may be acceptable alternatives to a newsletter, but only if our members create their own Face Book accounts. (Individuals can do this and have zero personal information in their accounts – just look at Mark Arnold's account.)
16. OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME: We have the required information from four members who qualify and agree to be nominated for this. **Mark Arnold** will submit the information to the OMHOF Board. Any member who received a valor award and who also entered the military from Ohio qualifies. Please send award documents and DD-214s or copies of military contracts to Mark Arnold. **Chadd Kuhn** continues to assemble the necessary documents for other B/2/19 members.
17. OFFICER POSITIONS to be filled during B/2/19's deployment: **Roger Hobson** will cover for Chadd Kuhn as chapter Treasurer, and **Jan Hauger** will cover for Dan Waldren as chapter Secretary.
18. MONTHLY LUNCHEON: **second Thursday of each month.**
Next luncheon is **12 November** at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus.

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SGM (R) Charlie Mohr chairs a monthly lunch at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY the **first Monday of every month.**

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

19. THE DROP: **Tom McGrath** submitted the chapter's contribution to the Fall 2015 Drop. Please submit any items for inclusion in future issues to Tom by 12 NOV. His email address is trmcgrathesq@gmail.com
20. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Chapter members are encouraged to renew online via the SFA national website. The link is: <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/> Simply copy this into your browser. Of course, you must reference chapter 45 when you renew or apply for a new membership.
21. RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES. Chadd Kuhn provided an award certificate format, and **Mark Arnold** used it to create a certificate the chapter can use to recognize outstanding contributions and performance. Two people outside the chapter have already been nominated and approved by the chapter officers and members at recent meetings.
22. ROTC and JROTC AFFILIATION. Mark Arnold has had initial meetings with the Professors of Military Science at OSU and OU. OSU is sending 22 cadre and cadets to our Halloween party.
23. NEXT MEETINGS:
 - **Monday 2 NOV 1145 hrs Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY**
 - **Thursday 12 NOV 1145 hrs Hofbrauhaus Columbus**
 - **Saturday 31 OCT 1300 hrs Halloween Party Dick's Last Resort Columbus**
 - **Friday 6 NOV Columbus Veterans' Day Parade – report time 1200 hrs Columbus arena district. Call Tom McGrath's cell (614-496-4201) if you have problems linking up with us.**
 - **Sunday 6 DEC 1145 hrs Christmas Party and lunch for members and families of B/2/19 with support from chapter; all members are encouraged to attend. Location: Rickenbacker ANGB; 8226 S. Perimeter Road, Columbus, OH 43217.**
 - **Thursday 10 DEC 1145 hrs Hofbrauhaus Columbus**