



Special Forces Association
Chapter XLV (45)
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets
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SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 August 2016 and Committee Meetings 8 August

The August 1st and 11th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH, and event planning meetings were held August 8th, 19th, and 24th; all five meetings were chaired by President Mark Arnold. 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: Roger Hobson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Jesse Boyd	Jim Wetz
Carl Fuller	Jim Butler
Brian Stinson	John McCort
Chuck Ward	Mark Scott
Jeff Baldwin	Jan Hauger
Larry Verne	Jim VanFlandern
Charlie Mohr	Ken Horne
Tom Allman	Ed Porter
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Stuart Candis	Dan Hessler
Jeff Gallaher	Brian Stinson
Gary Remley	Richard Green
Jack Heist	Danny Vinson
Joe Ruland	Scott Graff
Dan Waldren	Eric Bornshlagl
Steve Rosta	Mark Scott
Jim King	Butch Betzko

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson. Balance as of 31 July is \$8080.00 plus \$5383.41 in the Family Support Fund. Special thank you to chapter member Mike Hurdzan and his colleagues at Keepers of the Green for another \$2500 donation to our Family Support Fund. Roger added that we netted \$1510 in profit from the July Golf Scramble.

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



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

1. GREEN BERET FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT. Scheduled for Loveland, OH 11 and 12 SEP. Six members of B/2/19 are invited to attend the dinner and play in the 12 SEP golf tournament for free. Sunday overnight hotel accommodations in Loveland are also free of charge.
2. B/2/19 Deployment. Chapter members, SGM Graff and MSG Waldron, provided an unclassified brief overview of the broad strokes regarding the unit's deployment and some great anecdotal stories. Fascinating, interesting stories of recent Green Beret actions and the challenges faced. No summaries recorded; if you want to be part of this and hear it from these guys, then get to the meetings.
3. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Patrick Enlow** updated it with our new events.
4. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page updated by any chapter member.
5. CHAPTER APPAREL. A second round of this program will be offered in September.
6. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts will be made again to be sold during our 3 Gun Shoot and the Motorcycle Run. The Army's current T shirt will be among the selections, and it will be provided free to B/2/19 members who join the SFA and the chapter.
7. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Our best opportunity is recruiting Associate members because they are the largest group of potential members.
8. AR 15 Raffle.
Artemis Arms donated a custom-made AR 15 to the chapter to support fund raising for our 3 Gun Shoot. Tickets are \$10 each, and six for \$50. Send cash or check payable to SFA 45 to:

SFA 45
2311 Hoxton Ct.
Columbus, OH 43220

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



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

9. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot.

Mark Scott is leading this initiative; it is **10 September** 0900 hrs to 1900 hrs at The Pickaway County Sportsmen Club, 8100 US Route 22 East, Circleville, OH 43113. The range has multiple lanes with 3-sided berms, a skeet range, an orientation shooting bay, a test fire bay, a small pavilion, running water bathrooms, kitchen area and a fishing pond for kids. Our concept is: host a day-long shooting event with a catered dinner on site between 1600-1900 hrs. B/2/19 members may also coach their family members in the orientation bay and shoot basic targets. Range safety officers will support this bay too. The only shooters will be ALL members of B/2/19 (free), SFA members (\$50 fee), and sponsors (\$1000 donation).

SFA members who are not in B/2/19 must register by 5 September by contacting Mark Arnold. markcarnold@yahoo.com

Range CONOP:

We will have four separate shooting bays each separated by earthen berms. Each bay has unique obstacles, types of cover and targets. Shooters will fire all three guns in each of the four bays, so this is a lot of shooting in four very different setups. Each bay will be supervised by a professional range safety officer provided by the Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc.

Shooters will BYOG, and weapons will be available for those who do not bring personal weapons.

Shooters will be in groups of 5 to 12 per bay. It will take one hour to shoot all weapons in each bay by all shooters. Groups will rotate to the next bay every hour.

Yes, it sounds challenging, but please don't be intimidated. This is fun, and for most of us, it's the first time we're shooting a 3 Gun event. Learn from it and enjoy. Don't worry about weapons and ammo if you do not have everything. There will be plenty of



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ammo on hand and lots of guns to borrow. And one thing SF guys have is plenty of excess gear to loan.

Weapons: All guns must have safeties.

- a. Any long gun is OK; semi-auto is best; AR15 is recommended. Optics are OK.
- b. Shotguns both pump and semi-auto are OK; no auto-loaders. Only 5 rounds or fewer shells can be chambered. Iron sights are best; optics are OK.
- c. Any pistol is OK. No optics; laser-equipped pistols must be turned off. Best to have a holster or some means of carrying it safely.

Clothing:

Wear something with pockets or have a pouch so you can carry a few extra shotgun shells and two magazines for pistol and rifle. Re-loading is required during some of the lanes. Vests, shotgun shell belts, ammo pouches, etc. are OK. Not to worry; there will be plenty of guys to loan this if you don't have it. Pants with pockets work just as well.

Ammo:

12 gauge target shot in 2.75" shells, 9 mm, 5.56 mm, and a limited supply of .45 cal will be provided.

SFA members not in B/2/19 are encouraged to BYO guns and BYO ammo to help reduce the event's cost. Of course, if the ammo listed above does not fit in your guns, then you must bring your own ammo.

No shotgun slugs and no steel core bullets.

1) Awards (trophies). **Mark Arnold** will have a Best Shooter Plaque made and some shooting medals. Primary sponsors will be listed on the plaque. Mark will look into the cost of a second trophy to be awarded to the best shooter between the two groups: B/2/19 shooters and SFA retired soldier shooters.

2) **\$1000 sponsors needed.**

Chapter members are asked to seek individual sponsors and local business sponsors. Please contact Mark Arnold for sponsor recruiting information; details have already been emailed to chapter members. Sponsorships are \$1000 for individual shooters and \$5000 for sponsor teams (two to six shooters).

Any chapter member who recruits a sponsor shoots for free.

3) Purchase participant and non-participant insurance for the event – **Tom McGrath.**

4) One or two large tents are needed as additional weather contingency shelter.

Mark Scott.

5) 80 chairs and 10 tables will be provided by **Butch Betzko.**

6) Ohio Christian University of Circleville will be solicited to provide dinner meal and servers at the range during 1600 to 1900 hrs. **Mark Arnold**

7) Registration Desk will be manned for registering all shooters. A registration form has been reviewed by Tom McGrath. **Tom** will send the form to **Mark Arnold.**

8) VIP Parking will be set up near the shooting bays for sponsors. There is plenty of



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parking for all others near the covered pavilion.

9) Security. The range has only one entrance/exit. Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. uses the range weekly and will coordinate with law enforcement if the risk is determined to warrant LE support. At this time, the risk assessment indicates that the range cadre will be adequate for this purpose.

10) Other planning elements include:

- Non chapter members may participate as special guests based on vetting by one or more chapter members. These shooters will be limited to sponsors who donate \$1000 or more. They will have the opportunity to form teams that include one or more SF guys from B/2/19.
- Three chapter volunteers are needed for Friday night and Saturday morning range set up.
- We need a volunteer to be the photographer for the event.
- **Sean Clifton, Mike Vaulx, Ed Gero, and Brian Stinson** will seek one sponsor each such as members of a premier (Safari) hunting club.

Mark Scott's range operations committee includes: **Mike Robinson, Dennis Murphy, Chuck Ward and Butch Betzko**. Contact Mark to volunteer at: 614-376-2475 (c), email: scottzman6@gmail.com

b. Motorcycle Blackjack Run and meal.

Chuck Ward outlined a route in the Hocking Hills area.

Date: Saturday, 1 October, 0800 hrs to 1100 hrs report time. Registration 8 am to noon with riders departing 9 am to noon.

Location: Circleville, OH AMVETS building. 818 Tarlton Road, Circleville, OH 43113. This is also the finish point for the Run.

CONOP:

The route will be 90-100 miles of enjoyable and safe riding with two stops: VFW Post 1380 in Lancaster and Jimbo's Bar and Diner on Ohio Rt. 56 in the Old Man's Cave area. Consumption of alcohol during the Run's stops is strongly discouraged. The OSU game can be viewed on televisions at the AMVETS site at the end of the Run. The AMVETS has a large bar and dining area with multiple televisions, pool tables...and lunch/dinner can be purchased there for \$5.

- 1) Sell 50/50 raffle tickets at start point: **Mark Arnold** to manage this.
- 2) **Gary Remley and Renee Remley** will assist **Mark Arnold and Karin Arnold** with the Registration table at the start of the Run and management of the Blackjack winnings table at the end of the Run.
- 3) **John McCort and Jim Wetz** will support the Ride at Jimbo's Bar and Diner.
- 4) **Carl Fuller and Jan Hauger** will support the Ride at the VFW 1380 in Lancaster.



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- 5) **Tom McGrath** will create a Sign Up and Hold Harmless form for participants.
- 6) Invitation poster was created by **Mike Robinson**.
- 7) **Chuck Ward** with support from chapter members will get the invitational flyers to local motorcycle shops, veterans organizations, and any other place that will help recruit riders. Fee is \$15 per bike and \$5 per extra rider.
- 8) SFA 45 T shirt sale and SFA 45 motorcycle patches; **Mark and Karin Arnold** will manage the sale. **Renee Remley** will get 100 patches sewn and ready for sale at the event.
- 9) Meals will be prepared and served by the AMVETs volunteers. Mayor Don McIlroy of Circleville has confirmed Kroger grocery store in Circleville will donate 100% free all food (brats, hot dogs, hamburger to be used in preparing sloppy joe's sandwiches, burger and hot dog buns, cole slaw and potato salad).
- 10) A recruiting area will be supported by the Ohio National Guard with a Special Forces static display.
- 11) **Dan Waldron** will create and make copies of a route description that will be provided to riders and sized so it can be taped to their gas tanks.
- 12) **Chuck Ward** will be a "Trail Party" and have his truck and trailer available to pick up riders and bikes that have mechanical failures on the route.

Contact Mark Arnold to volunteer to help manage this event.

Please get the word out to the veteran and civilian motorcycle communities. No pre-registration required for riders; just show up.

- c. 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 0800 hrs: SFA 45 in the parade. B/2/19 will support this with two RAZRs and an LMTV.
- d. 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.

10. 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.

11. OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME:

We have six chapter members who have submitted qualifying packets for the "class of



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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**.

12. 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.

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

Next luncheons and meetings:

19 September at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY (moved this date two weeks later due to Labor Day weekend and the GBF Golf Classic on 12 September)

8 September 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.

14. THE DROP: Contact **Tom McGrath** at trmcgrathesq@gmail.com

15. 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 costs of SFA Chapter 45 filing with the state of Ohio for 501(c)(3) status.

16. 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 note of your name and member number to:

SFA Chapter 45

2311 Hoxton Ct.

Columbus, OH 43220

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