



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 11 and 14 July 2016 and Committee Meetings 16 and 30 July

The July 11th and 14th 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 July 16th and 30th; all four 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	Ed Gero
Brian Stinson	Ryan Levere
Chuck Ward	Mark Scott
Sean Clifton	Jan Hauger
Larry Verne	Jim VanFlandern
Charlie Mohr	Gary Wiley
Terry Simmons	Ed Porter
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Stuart Candis	Dan Hessler
Jeff Gallaher	Brian Stinson
Gary Remley	Ted Mosure
Jack Heist	Danny Vinson

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson. Balance as of 30 June is \$6561.00 plus \$2883.41 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. GREEN BERET FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT. Scheduled for Loveland, OH 11 and 12 SEP. Three members of the chapter are needed to represent the SFA at the 11 SEP Gala Dinner in Loveland; report time is 1700 hrs. 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.



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2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Patrick Enlow** completed adding PayPal to our new website so members can renew online. Patrick also added donation tabs, PayPal tab as a way for sponsors to pay for events, etc. It's very convenient now for members to renew online – including paying dues. Patrick demonstrated the features of the new website during the meeting.
3. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page.
4. CHAPTER APPAREL. A second round of this program will be offered in September.
5. 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.
6. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Our best opportunity is recruiting Associate members because they are the largest group of potential members.
7. EVENTS.
 - a. Golf Outing. AAR. Roger Hobson did a great job of managing what resulted in a very successful event on 30 July. Jesse Boyd, Jan Hauger and Ted Mosure were the event support team. Appreciation to chapter members who raised \$1900 in hole sponsors, with a special recognition of **Jeff Gallaher** who recruited five sponsors. Jesse also did an outstanding job of recruiting sponsors among others who worked hard and landed a large array of door prizes from local businesses. Lessons learned include: getting the word out aggressively and early to non-SF friends who are golfers, and mobilizing the chapter members to land one sponsor each (it's easy to land one sponsor when you try one to five local people you know well.)
 - b. 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, and within a five minute drive from B/2/19's family day site that day. It has multiple lanes with 3-sided berms, a skeet range, an orientation range, a small 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 the afternoon with barbecue dinner. We will also hosts teams of 3 to 5 shooters. The only shooters will be SFA members (\$50 fee), sponsors (\$1000 donation), and ALL members of B/2/19 (free). SFA members who are not in B/2/19 must register early by contacting Mark Arnold because slots will be limited.



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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 lanes, so this is a lot of shooting in four very different setups; each person shoots 12 iterations.

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

Tasks:

1) Awards (trophies) needed. **Swede Eslick** is requested to seek a Trophy Shop as a sponsor who will donate two trophies.

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

Chapter members are asked to seek individual sponsors and local business sponsors. Please contact Mark Arnold for sponsor recruiting information; however, 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) Ammo (12 gauge target shot in 2.75" shells, 9 mm and 5.56 mm) is needed. Vance Outdoors will sell ammo to the chapter at their cost, but SFA members are encouraged to BYOB and BYO ammo to help reduce the event's cost.

5) Two large tents are needed as additional weather contingency shelter. **CW3Kuhn.**

6) 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 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.
- Artemis Arms will donate a custom-made AR15 for the event; we will raffle it.
- Mike Robinson is involving the Cincinnati Rotary Club in the recruitment of company sponsors. He will also seek State Farm Insurance's Ohio office as a sponsor.
- Mark Arnold is leading the recruitment of sponsors: Vance Outdoors, all shooting ranges and clubs in central Ohio, Columbus Rotary and Athletic Club...(lots of places and organizations...), but help from chapter members is needed and appreciated.
- **Sean Clifton** and Mark Arnold will jointly recruit local high net worth sponsors.
- **Mike Vaulx, Ed Gero, Steve Rosta and Brian Stinson** will seek one



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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

- c. Motorcycle Poker Run and lunch. **Chuck Ward** (event manager) crafted the initial thoughts on his plan; details include:
Date: Saturday, 1 October, 0900 hrs report time.
Location: Circleville, OH AMVETS building. This is also the finish point for the Run.
- 1) Sell 50/50 raffle tickets at start point: **Swede Eslick** to manage this.
 - 2) New chapter member, **Gary Remley** is a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, and his wife is a leader of the Association's Auxiliary. Both are experienced in managing fund raising for these type events, and they will be helpful for making this a successful fund-raiser.
 - 3) **Tom McGrath** will create a Sign Up and Hold Harmless form for participants.
 - 4) Invitation poster will be created by **Mike Robinson**.
 - 5) **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. Poker Run fee is \$25.
 - 6) SFA 45 T shirt (long and short sleeve) sale and SFA 45 motorcycle patches (**Mark Arnold**.)
 - 7) The route will be 90-100 miles enjoyable and safe route with stops at various VFW and American Legion halls – probably in the Old Man's Cave area. Consumption of alcohol during the Run's stops is strongly discouraged.
 - 8) The OSU game can be viewed on television at the AMVETS site at the end of the Run; it is a huge building and loaded with amenities and lunch can be purchased there.
- Contact Chuck Ward to volunteer to help him manage this event and get the word out to the veteran and civilian motorcycle communities. Chuck: 614-361-4381 (m).
- d. 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.
- e. Winter Fete 2016. 7 January 2017 downtown Columbus Renaissance Hotel. The Chapter voted to support B/2/19's Winter Fete with contributions including the majority of elements for the Grog Bowl.
8. CHAPTER BUSINESS CARDS. Cards are available for members; they are useful for



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recruiting and gaining support from businesses. Contact **Mark Arnold** for acquiring personalized cards.

9. 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**.

10. 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.

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

Next luncheons and meetings:

1 August at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

11 August 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.

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

13. 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.

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The chapter officers will forward your dues to National.

14. AR 15 Raffle with all proceeds toward the family of slain Police Officer Steve Smith, Columbus SWAT. Chapter member **Ed Gero** presented during our July meeting the custom AR15 and scope that is being raffled for \$20 tickets. Raffle drawing is 11 August. Contact Ed Gero for tickets: ewg1125@hotmail.com, or you can buy them online; Google: ***Steve Smith memorial fund raffle.***