



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

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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 6 and 9 June 2016 and Officers Meeting 7 July**

The June 6<sup>th</sup> and 9th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH, and a planning meeting was held July 7th; 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	Mike Vaultx
Carl Fuller	Don Cassidy
Jim King	Jim Summers
Mike Robinson	Jim Butler
Butch Betzko	Charlie Mohr
Ted Mosure	Danny Vinson
Gary Wiley	John Webber
Terry Simmons	Mike Young
Tom Edwards	Jim Adams
Ed Porter	Dan Hessler
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
George Thomas	Jack Heist
Stuart Candis	Jim VanFlandern
Mark Scott	Gene Taylor
Jeff Gallaher	Sean Clifton

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson (in absentia.) Balance as of 31 May is \$5912.00 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. Three to six members of B/2/19



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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. CHAPTER WEEKEND EVENT. **Charlie Mohr** organized a successful late lunch in Wilmington, OH on 26 June. Over 30 SF guys plus 16 wives attended. This was a nice opportunity to meet with people who do not have time to meet during the weekdays.
3. 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.
4. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page. This will continue to be a public site, and chapter members need to invite people to join it so we can improve its range of communicating to chapter members and to prospective members to join.
5. CHAPTER APPAREL. 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.  
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, Dan Hessler and Smitty Morris** will take the lead on this.
  - Visit the 412<sup>th</sup> 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.

8. EVENTS.
  - a. Golf outing. Tee time is at 0900 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



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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. Ted Mosure had 300 flyers printed for the purpose of recruiting sponsors. Roger's cell is: 740-334-3347 and email: [rogerdhobson@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerdhobson@hotmail.com)

- b. We decided to cancel our 16 July picnic since we have so many other activities during July.
- c. **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, sponsors, and members of B/2/19.

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) **Chapter members are asked to seek individual sponsors and local business sponsors. Please contact Mark Arnold for sponsor recruiting information.**
- 3) Selection of guns among chapter members for use at the event.
- 4) Ammo (9 mm and 5.56 mm) is needed.
- 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 donated \$5000 or more. They will have the opportunity to form teams that include one or more SF guys.
  - 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.



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- Artemis Arms will donate a custom-made AR15 for the event; we will raffle it.
- Mike Robinson is involving Columbus and Cincinnati Rotary Clubs in the recruitment of company sponsors. He will also seek State Farm Insurance's Ohio office as a sponsor.
- Mark Arnold will seek USAA as a sponsor.
- Sean Clifton and Mark Arnold will jointly some recruit local high net worth sponsors.
- Mike Vaultx will seek a premier hunting club, such as The Safari Club, as a potential sponsor.
- Other potential sponsors: CINTAS, Kroger, Dominoes Pizza, Donatos Pizza, Vance Outdoors, members of the Columbus Rotary Club and Athletic Club, public relations of the Columbus Blue Jackets, Cincinnati Bengals and Cincinnati Reds. **Butch Betzko** will explore the possibility of recruiting members of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

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

- d. Motorcycle Poker Run and cookout. **Chuck Ward** 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.**  
Sell 50/50 raffle tickets  
Ask Tom McGrath to create a Sign Up and Hold Harmless form for participants.  
SFA 45 T shirt (long and short sleeve) sale and SFA 45 motorcycle patches.  
The route will be 90-100 miles enjoyable and safe route with stops at various VFW and American Legion halls.  
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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.

9. 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.

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. 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**.

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](mailto: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.

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

Next luncheons and meetings:

**11 July** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY (first Monday in July is July 4<sup>th</sup>, so we moved it.)

**14 July** 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: **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](mailto:trmcgrathesq@gmail.com)

15. 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:

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The chapter officers will forward your dues to National.



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**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.**

New member application forms, Renewal forms, and Chapter transfer forms are on our website, [SFA45.org](http://SFA45.org)

**16. FUNERAL SUPPORT.**

Please contact **Smitty Morris** at 740-390-0892 if you are interested in supporting this initiative

- 17. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.** *(After Action Report)* Ten members of the chapter participated in the Mount Vernon, OH Memorial Day Parade. B/2/19 did a great job of supporting it with two Razors (and great American drivers) for chapter members to ride in. SGM(R) Terry Dillon brought one of his vintage Army jeeps for members to ride in. This was an amazingly well-attended event; over 1000 civilians were in the town square *after* the parade.