



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 8 September 2016 and Committee Meetings September

The September 8th and 12th 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 September 5th and 20th; all four meetings were chaired by President Mark Arnold or another officer. 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
Gary Wiley	Jan Hauger
Charlie Mohr	Ken Horne
Tom Allman	Ed Porter
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Stuart Candis	Butch Betzko
Jeff Gallaher	Steve Rosta
Norm Lambert	Rob Thatcher
Jack Heist	Danny Vinson
Dan Waldren	Eric Bornshlagl
John Souza	

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson and Chadd Kuhn. Balance as of 1 September was \$11,604 plus \$5383.41 in the Family Support Fund. Combined fund raising for the Golf Scramble, 3 Gun Shoot and Motorcycle Run netted over \$23,000 profits.

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

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

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Patrick Enlow** updated it with our new events.



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2. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page updated by any chapter member.
3. CHAPTER APPAREL. A second round of this program began in September. Several chapter members have ordered new apparel: **Polo shirts, Sport-Wick light jackets, and weather proof jackets.** See our chapter website <http://www.sfa45.org/> for information on the apparel, order forms and payment instructions. Pay with check payable to SFA 45; mail to 2311 Hoxton Ct., Columbus, OH 43220. Place your orders by 30 November.
4. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts are available again. We have high quality weight black cotton again, and we added two new styles: form-fitting, quick dry non-shrink material in charcoal gray and olive green. We also have the Army's current uniform T shirt, and it will be provided free to B/2/19 members who join the SFA and the chapter. Shirts are \$25 each. We will have them at our meetings. If you want one or more, then pay in cash or in check payable to SFA 45. Add \$5 for postage if you cannot pick them up at our meetings and want it mailed; mail payment to SFA 45, 2311 Hoxton Ct., Columbus, OH 43220.
5. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Need a chapter member to lead this effort including recruiting Associate members.
6. AR 15 Raffle.
Artemis Arms donated a custom-made AR 15 to the chapter to support fund raising for our 3 Gun Shoot. The winning ticket will be drawn during our chapter meeting on 8 December; winner need not be present. Tickets are \$10 each, and six for \$50. Send cash or check payable to SFA 45 to:

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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
- 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



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

7. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot.

Mark Scott did a great job of coordinating and leading this event with Pickaway County Sportsmen Club, Inc. on 10 SEP. Butch Betzko and several other chapter members dedicated two days of their time to prepare for it and support it during the Shoot. Jason Conrad, a Director for PCSI, was the Club's liaison and event manager; we made Jason an Honorary Chapter member. Volunteer, John Souza, (professional chef) coordinated and prepared the afternoon meal and we made John an Honorary Chapter member. PCSI voted unanimously during their membership meeting to host us again next year. Mark Scott will lead the 2017 Shoot planning meeting during October. He also conducted two AARs following the event, so this huge success will be an even better Shoot next year.

- Over 120 people attended – over half were B/2/19 members and their families.
- 78 Shooters participated; some competed, others shot one or more lanes without competing; some were family and spouses coached by GBs.
- The Shoot champion was B/2/19's SSG Lawrence Gattozzi.

b. Motorcycle Blackjack Run and meal. Several chapter members supported this event to get it started on 1 OCT. Over 60 participants and 51 riders registered; all were military-supporting great Americans. Six members of SFMC Colorado Chapter (10th SF Group guys) rode three days out and back to participate and support the Ride. **Chuck Ward** did a great job of selecting, reconning, and leading a route; he also did a nice job of helping riders solve mechanical problems.

AAR items:

- 1) Planning for the event began way too late (first week of August). Several other charity rides in central Ohio were already on riders' schedules for 1 OCT well before we began communicating this event. The short time period also left some of the many moving parts of this event go unnoticed, not considered, or simply not completed.
- 2) Ride time was too early. 0800 registration and 0900 kickstands up time were too early for most civilians on a Saturday morning, and this discouraged available riders from participating. Begin registration at 1030 hrs with kickstands up at noon to 1300 hrs is recommended. Have a meal and entertainment at the end of the ride with zero stops or only one stop is best and less complicated.
- 3) Communication of the event to Ohio area motorcycle riders was not coordinated and tracked well. We need one person to lead a team of chapter members to get the word out digitally and at popular motorcycle venues and



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track who and where the communication is made to in order to assure thorough communication.

- 4) Run event patches need to be fabricated for Riders.
 - 5) Run “tags” (small colored zip tie or something like it) should be attached to registered riders’ jackets to identify them as registered.
 - 6) Registration cost should be \$20, not \$15.
 - 7) An end of Run event (other than just a meal) at the finish point will make the Run more attractive to and memorable for riders.
- c. Circleville Pumpkin Festival. **Carl Fuller** is coordinating our chapter’s participation in this high-visibility venue, **Saturday 22 October 2000 hrs**. Plan to arrive and park your vehicle early. It’s best to park on the west side of downtown near Route 23 and Route 22 intersection; there is a grain elevator company in that vicinity and parking is available there (south of Main Street across street from Hardee’s). This is a VERY well attended parade, and we’ll have a lot of fun. You should consider arriving early and visiting the Pumpkin Show before the evening parade. Our rally point is on Main Street at the military vehicles we will ride in at 1930 hrs. B/2/19 will support this with two RAZRs and an LMTV. Our chapter members will ride in style. Wear some SF type T shirt, polo shirt, jacket, or blazer, and, of course, your beret. Questions? Call Carl Fuller at 740-601-2259.
- d. Columbus Veterans Day Parade. Parade is Thursday 10 November. **Tom McGrath** is leading this initiative; we will be supported by two SF RAZRs and one LMTV. Plan to arrive around 1030 hrs and park in a downtown surface lot or parking garage. Parade begins at 1200 hrs. Our rally point is TBD at this time, but will be in the vicinity of Nationwide Blvd and Neil Ave intersection (you’ll see our military vehicles on Nationwide Blvd). Wear some type SF apparel or uniform. SFA Blazer is or jacket is recommended; beret required.
- e. 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.
8. **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.
9. **OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME**:
We have six chapter 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



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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.

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

3 October at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

13 October 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.

Agenda items for discussion and possible voting during October include:

- Recent SF deployments and SF recruiting, CSM John Belford
- 2017 Initiatives for use of funds:
 - Emergency travel for family members of B/2/19
 - Life membership discounts for members of B/2/19
 - Emergency support for retired SFA 45 members
 - Scholarships for chapter members within B/2/19
 - Support to the Green Beret Foundation

12. THE DROP: Please provide your input to **Tom McGrath** at trmcgrathesq@gmail.com

13. 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 file SFA 45 with the state of Ohio for 501(c)(3) status.

14. 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 membership renewal form to:

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