



**Special Forces Association**  
**Chapter XLV (45)**  
**Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 February 2016 and Officers Meeting 17 February 2016**

The February 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH, and an officers meeting was held February 17<sup>th</sup> at HQ, B/2/19 SFG RANGB; 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	Jan Hauger
Carl Fuller	Chuck Ward
Sean Clifton	Jeff Gallaher
Mark Scott	Jim Butler
Larry Verne	Charlie Mohr
Joe Cobb	Danny Vinson
Jim Cermak	Tom Allman
Norm Lambert	Bob Deis
Terry Dillon	Swede Eslick
Bob Croce	Gene Taylor
Ken Horne	Jeff Baldwin
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Tom Edwards	Jack Heist
Lauren Redkey	Bob Schneider
Dave Wilhelmus	Rob Thatcher

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson. The complete audit of 2015 accounting was completed and briefed by Patrick Enlow. The 2015 Financial Report was sent to National SFA by Roger Hobson in January.

A check for the value of \$1233.29 will be made from the Chapter's *Family Support Fund* for transfer to the SFA 45 general account in order to properly account for the 2015 Christmas Party meal invoice from City Barbecue.

The officers decided to and tasked **Patrick Enlow** with drafting a one-page set of By-Laws regarding the management of the Chapter's *Family Support Fund*. **Tom McGrath** will provide legal review and editing of this.



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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. Discussion items follow:

1. RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES. MSG(R) Ron Rinto's wife, Erin was presented an Honorary Chapter Membership certificate for their family's generous donation to support the Christmas Party. Mark Arnold presented this to CPT Rinto in an auditorium of Soldiers during her unit's 24 JAN battle assembly.  
The chapter presented an Honorary Membership to Chuck Ward for his generous contributions to the chapter. Swede articulated a summary of Chuck's contributions during the presentation; it was impressive and motivating.
2. GREEN BERET FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT. The SF Association supports the Green Beret Foundation; the GBF's mission is to provide financial and other support to SF members and immediate family in need, whereas the SFA's mission is primarily fellowship with some levels of support. The GBF has scheduled its second annual Cincinnati Green Beret Classic (Golf Tournament) for 12 September in Loveland, OH just north east of Cincinnati. A dinner is planned in Loveland for 11 SEP. Details will be shared soon. The hosts are seeking volunteers to assist with the Classic's set up and execution. **Larry Verne** is the POC: 513-891-0078.
3. CHAPTER WEBSITE. A new (version 3) website is under construction and should be on the web by mid-March. **Patrick Enlow**, Acting Chapter Secretary is completing this website's construction. Its content will be easier to update with news, photos and documents such as meeting minutes. It will include tabs to easily update your membership dues by clicking tabs in the website, transfer to the chapter, apply for membership, and make donations.
4. CHAPTER FACE BOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page. It is open and public, so any member can post photos, text comments, and video. It is updated with most of our 2015 events.
5. CHAPTER APPAREL. Order forms were emailed to members and guests on 19 JAN and orders should be submitted by 28 FEB or sooner. You can email or call Mark Arnold if you do not have the order form. [markcarnold@yahoo.com](mailto:markcarnold@yahoo.com) and 216-816-7340 (m).  
The apparel is a high quality dri-fit technology shirt; the fleece jacket is latest styling and moisture-wicking fabric; and the weatherproof jacket is sleek and comfortable. Members will personalize them with names and selected military embroidered items; the chapter logo will be on all apparel. **Larry Verne** is managing the apparel purchase and





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embroidery.

Ladies styles of each item and personalization are also offered.

6. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts are available in heavy cotton (high quality) jet black and athletic moisture wicking green. 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. This is probably our most important initiative. **Smitty Morris** has volunteered to be the chapter's Project Lead for this. He has considerable experience with a 300+ member chapter in San Antonio. The chapter recruited 32 new members during JAN plus two transfers to the chapter; 26 of the new members are SF Soldiers of B/2/19 SFG.

Discussion of the following requires action by members:

- SF Brothers Facebook page is a means to connect with potential members. **Smitty and Mark Arnold** will meet with one of SF Brothers' officers, Bill Olsen; he lives near Dayton, Ohio.
- Networking within the Green Beret Foundation. **Larry Verne**
- Hosting meetings with lunch/dinner at satellite locations in Ohio in order to have active participation by a broader group of members and potential members. **Mark Arnold**

Much of the discussion was about recruiting Associate members because they are the largest group of potential members. Ideas brainstormed included:

- 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** suggested linking our new website to these organizations (embed a link to our site in theirs and post our events in the websites and meeting halls.) **Smitty Morris and Ted Mosure** for follow up action.
- 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.
- **Sean Clifton** noted that TV and radio stations will make free public service announcements about chapter events, such as a golf outing, Poker Run, and 3 Gun Shoot. These are all good recruiting venues for Associate members.
- PARADES. We must make the chapter as public as possible. Invitations to participate in parades and coordination with the chapter should go to **Mark Arnold**. Parade ideas discussed include:



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- Veterans Day, July 4th and Memorial Parades in Columbus and all major metro towns.
- Ohio State Fair event.
- Dayton Air Show.
- War Bird Show.
- Circleville Pumpkin Festival
- Mt Vernon Memorial Day parade

Any member who recruits five or more members will be awarded a free Chapter weather proof jacket, value over \$115.

8. QUARTERLY EVENTS.

- a. **Golf outing.** **Roger Hobson** is the Project Leader for this. The event is set for 30 July at Raccoon International Golf 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. This is a complex event, and Roger needs two others to help with the preparation, fund raising and execution. Roger's cell is: 740-334-3347 and email: [rogerdhobson@hotmail.com](mailto:rogerdhobson@hotmail.com)
- b. **Roger Hobson** has generously offered to host a late Spring picnic at his home. Date Saturday 16 July, 12:00 noon. Address: 4475 Beaver Run Rd. Pataskala, OH.
- c. Motorcycle Poker Run and cookout. **Swede** will create a plan for this, and take the lead for management of it. Expect execution in October 2016.
- d. 3 Gun Shoot. **Mark Scott** is the Project Lead for our 3-gun shoot set for Saturday 10 SEP. He will choose a location close to RANGB. 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 late afternoon with barbecue. Mark's committee includes: **Dennis Murphy, Chuck Ward and Butch Betzko.** Mark needs three others to help with execution day of this project. Contact Mark at: 614-376-2475 (c), email: [scottsman6@gmail.com](mailto:scottsman6@gmail.com)

OTHER IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS:

Family day and cookout during a unit airborne operation in conjunction with a skydive event by retired members – all at one location. Potentially, Lancaster Airport and Sky Dive Ohio. Perhaps the Poker Run could have its finish line at a drop zone B/2/19 is using that day.

9. CHAPTER BUSINESS CARDS. Cards are available for members; they are useful for recruiting and gaining support from businesses. Contact **Mark Arnold** for acquiring





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personalized cards.

10. **FUND RAISING.** This is an essential element of having a successful chapter. 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. POC for this is **Tom McGrath** at 614-496-4201.
11. **NEWSLETTER.** **Smitty Morris** volunteered to write a monthly newsletter based on his experience with the San Antonio chapter.
12. **OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME:** We now have eight members who have submitted qualifying packets. One member and his wife both qualify and will be in the “Class of 2016.” The others should be in the Class of 2017. 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**. This year’s ceremony is scheduled 29 April; reference the OMHOF website. This is another great public venue for the chapter.
13. **OFFICER POSITIONS** Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer slots will be open in 2016. Members interested in these positions should contact Patrick Enlow at 614-530-3718 and [Patrick@efsnm.com](mailto:Patrick@efsnm.com)
14. **MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: first Monday and second Thursday of each month.**

Next luncheons and meetings:

**7 March** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

**10 March** 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.

15. **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)
16. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.**  
Chapter members can renew membership in two ways:
  - a. Renew online via the SFA national website using *PayPal* or Credit card information. The link is: <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about/membership/>
  - b. 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.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.**

Go to the National SFA website, print the application form, and mail the form and new member fee/dues check to the same address, above. This is the easiest method for you, and the chapter will quickly process this to National.

We will update the Chapter website, *SFA45.org* by adding the forms to it as well as a method of paying the renewal dues and new member dues/fees online.

17. **FUNERAL SUPPORT.** The chapter is looking for volunteers to participate in Funeral details for deceased SF Soldiers and other SOF veterans. The actions may range from folding and presenting US flags to pall bearing. **Smitty Morris** is the detail commander and **Carl Fuller** is a Deputy Commander. Mark Arnold met with the Executive Director of the Funeral Director Association of Ohio to discuss communicating our availability once we are ready; 87% of all funeral homes are members of the association. We were invited to write a one page article for the Association's quarterly magazine and make a presentation at their annual convention in Columbus May 2016. Please contact **Smitty Morris** at 740-390-0892 if you are interested in supporting this initiative. Smitty needs a pair of jump boots, helmet, and M-16/M-4 (real or simulated.)
18. **UW EXERCISE** in West Virginia. Details will be communicated when available.
19. **CHAPTER TEAM HOUSE.** Currently, the Hofbrauhaus Columbus and Newport, KY as well as Dick's Last Resort in Columbus are meeting locations and unofficial safe/team houses. As stated in meeting minutes during the past several months, **anyone** who can find a suitable(s) to use it as a team house will receive the appreciation of the entire chapter. **Mike Hurdzan** has offered his business office as a site, and **Dennis Murphy** may help us land a location.