



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 14 January 2016 and Officers' Meeting 28 December 2015**

The December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, officers' meeting was held at RANGB, and the 14 January 2016 membership meeting and luncheon of Special Forces Chapter XLV was called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, OH by President Mark Arnold. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold  
Vice President: Tom McGrath  
Secretary: Patrick Enlow (acting)  
Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn, Roger Hobson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Jesse Boyd	Jan Hauger
Carl Fuller	Mike Young
Sean Clifton	Jeff Gallaher
Mark Scott	Jim Butler
Larry Verne	Charlie Mohr
Doug Sand	Danny Vinson
John Webber	Ted Mosure
Norm Lambert	Bob Deis
Terry Dillon	Swede Eslick
Jack Guy	Mike Hurdzan
Butch Betzko	Ed Gero

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Chadd Kuhn, deploying Treasurer

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

1. Chapter Officers' Meeting 28 DEC 2015
  - a. The chapter voted to provide the new Army coyote tan T Shirts to SFA members of B/2/19 SFG (so guys can wear them with their new style multicam uniforms). The chapter did this on 4 JAN during the company's last formation just prior to departing



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- RANGB. T shirt prices were chosen for the coyote tan, black cotton, and athletic shirts.
- b. Mark Arnold appointed Patrick Enlow to audit our financial reporting. Results of the audit found mistaken check journal entries during 2015, but the bank balance is correct and no unusual activity found. The annual financial report will be completed after the year end 2015 bank statement is published. Our financial report will be submitted by Roger Hobson to National by 15 FEB.
  - c. The chapter will present an Honorary Membership to Chuck Ward for his generous contributions to the chapter.
  - d. We will add PayPal to the SFA45.org website for membership renewals and applications.
  - e. Mark Arnold will contact the leadership of Chapter 35 (northern Ohio) to explore one or more joint events among the chapters. He did, and the chapter 35 leadership is enthusiastic to hold a joint lunch/dinner. We will invite them to our 2016 events.
  - f. The B/2/19 SFG POC for chapter business is SFC Bo Dalbotten at 614-336-6630. Bo will organize any correspondence sent to the unit address and pass it on to chapter officers. Chapter members should still correspond directly with chapter officers.
2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Mark Arnold** edited and expanded the work done by **Greg Herbert** who built a new chapter website during September and October. The website remains **SFA45.org**. Members should visit it; they will find photos of the chapter's recent events, a calendar of events, meeting minutes, membership recruitment information and more. A new (version 3) website is under construction and should be on the web by FEB. Its content will be easier to update with photos and documents. It will include tabs to easily update your membership dues with PayPal, transfer to the chapter, apply for membership, and make donations.
3. 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.
4. CHAPTER APPAREL. This initiative has been delayed due to backlog of work at the embroidery shop. Order forms were emailed to members and guests on 19 JAN and orders should be submitted by 20 FEB or sooner. The chapter chose three items of apparel for personalization and purchase by members: Polo shirt, Lightweight fleece jacket (indoor and outdoor), and Weatherproof jacket. **Larry Verne** is acquiring these at cost and he has selected a company to embroider them; members have several choices of personalized embroidered items. 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. Ladies styles of each item and personalization are also offered.



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5. CHAPTER T SHIRTS. Shirts are available in heavy cotton (high quality) jet black and athletic moisture wicking green. The black shirts are available to members at \$12, non-members at \$22; the green shirts are available for members at \$15, and non members at \$25. Orders can be sent with check to SFA 45, 2311 Hoxton Ct., Columbus, OH 43220.
6. 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 28 new members during JAN plus two transfers to the chapter; 26 of the new members are SF Soldiers of B/2/19 SFG.

We facilitated lots of brainstorming about recruiting during the 14 JAN meeting. Ideas included:

- 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
- 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.

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.
- A consistent discussion item was, "We must make the chapter as public as possible." T shirts, other chapter apparel, and public postings of our events will enable this.



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A motion was made by Mark Arnold for the chapter to reward any member who recruits five or more members with a free Chapter weather proof jacket. (Does not apply to chapter officers.) The motion was seconded by Jan Hauger, and the membership voted in favor.

7. 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. This is a complex event, and Roger needs four others to help with the preparation, fund raising and execution. Roger's cell is: 740-334-3347 and email: rogerdhobson@hotmail.com

b. **Roger Hobson** has generously offered to host a late Spring picnic at his home. Date TBD.

c. Motorcycle Poker Run and cookout. **Swede** will create a plan for this, and take the lead for management of it. Expect execution in September or October 2016.

d. **Mark Scott** is the Project Lead for our 3-gun shoot set for Saturday 10 SEP. He and Dennis Murphy 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 needs three others to help him with this project. Contact Mark at: 614-3762475 (c), email: [scottzman6@gmail.com](mailto:scottzman6@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. **Chadd Kuhn** to craft a plan for review; perhaps the Poker Run could have its finish line at a drop zone B/2/19 is using that day.

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. FUND RAISING. This is an essential element of having a successful chapter. Mike Hurdzan and others have been quite generous, but 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. POCs for this are **Mark Arnold and Tom McGrath**.
10. NEWSLETTER. **Smitty Morris** volunteered to write a monthly newsletter based on his experience with the San Antonio chapter. Content updates to our website and Facebook



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page will also help publish events and initiatives. Members should create their own Face Book accounts. (Individuals can do this and have zero personal information in their accounts – just look at Mark Arnold's account.)

11. OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME: We have the required information from six (plus one) members who qualify and agree to be nominated for this. **Mark Arnold** submitted the information to the OMHOF Board. 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.

12. 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)

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

Next luncheons and meetings:

**1 FEB** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

**11 FEB** at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus.

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.

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/> Of course, you must also send an email to National and to a chapter officer to state chapter 45 when you renew or apply for a new 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:

**SFA Chapter 45**

**2311 Hoxton Ct.**

**Columbus, OH 43220**

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



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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 attempt to 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 to the chapter online (as an alternative method for chapter members and prospective members). The chapter sends the appropriate funds to National on a monthly and sometimes weekly basis.

16. RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES. MSG(R) Ron Rinto's wife, Erin will be 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.
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. **Carl Fuller** is a Deputy Commander of this initiative. The chapter is seeking a Commander of the Funeral Detail (coordinates the events, with assistance and back up from Deputies), two more deputies, and a Commo Leader to get the word out about our availability. Jack Heist has considerable experience with this, and he will be contacted for advice. Jan Hauger suggested we contact the Funeral Director Association of Ohio in order to publish our availability once we are ready. Please contact **Mark Arnold** if you are interested in supporting this initiative.
18. UW EXERCISE. The 19<sup>th</sup> SFGA runs a UW exercise called "Ridge Runner" in West Virginia. It is the military's most sophisticated UW exercise for SOF units – arguably as full spectrum as Robin Sage. SF units (among others) from active duty and the National Guard train here. Chapter members are encouraged to participate as role players (Gs, G Chiefs, enemy combatants, enemy regime members, civilians...other support.) Details will be communicated soon.
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.