



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 7 and 10 March 2016 and Officers Meeting 28 March 2016

The March 7th and 10th 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 March 28th; 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	Dan Hesler
Carl Fuller	Mike Hurdzan
Smitty Morris	PJ Coulter
Mike Murray	Jim Butler
AP Patil	Charlie Mohr
Gary Cogley	Danny Vinson
Lee Mudd	Joe Ruland
Brian Stinson	Bob Deis
Terry Dillon	Butch Betzko
Bob Croce	Gene Taylor
Ken Horne	Ed Porter
Eric Smith	Doc Adams
Don Thomas	Jack Heist
Stuart Candis	Jim VanFlandern
Jim Summers	

The TREASURER'S REPORT was provided by Roger Hobson.

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.

The MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were reviewed and approved.



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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. 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.
2. CHAPTER DINNER EVENT. We will plan an evening dinner, pizza night or some informal dining get together for the chapter during **May or June**. We have many members and prospective members whose schedules prevent them from participating in lunch time meetings. **Tom McGrath** will draft a plan for the Cincinnati area and central Ohio.
3. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **Patrick Enlow**, Acting Chapter Secretary is completing this website's third version. Within the new site, he will use *MailChimp* as a means of communicating to chapter members and for recruiting. 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. Patrick Enlow will begin to make this a Private page by inviting SFA 45 members to join.
5. CHAPTER APPAREL. This should be available for those who ordered items during the **11 and 14 April** luncheons and meetings. **Larry Verne** is managing the apparel purchase and embroidery.
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. We have 133 members in our chapter and another 23 members who missed paying their dues before 1 FEB. We should have over 160 members by May after annual dues reminders are sent and several folks who have indicated strong interest in joining send in their documents and fees.

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



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- 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 412th 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.

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
- 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** crafted the initial thoughts on his plan; details include:
Date: Saturday, 1 October
Sell 50/50 raffle tickets
Ask Tom McGrath to create a Sign Up and Hold Harmless form for participants.
Recruit a restaurant to host a lunch food table.
SFA 45 T shirt (long and short sleeve) sale
Swede will map a 90-100 mile route with an end point at or near a location where the OSU game can be viewed on television.
- d. 3 Gun Shoot. **Mark Scott** is the Project Lead for our 3-gun shoot set for Saturday **10 September**. He has found a range within a 20 minute drive from 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. Lots of details are being followed up: from insurance to ammo.
The chapter is seeking sponsors for the event.



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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.

Mark's committee includes: **Dennis Murphy, Chuck Ward and Butch Betzko.**

Contact Mark at: 614-376-2475 (c), email: scottsman6@gmail.com

9. **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.

10. **FUND RAISING.** We expect to raise funds from the Poker Run, 3 Gun Shoot, and Golf Tournament. Example: 3 Gun Shoot free to SFA members of B/2/19 and their family members, a discounted rate for SFA 45 members, and full rate for all others. 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:**
Date: **1130 hrs Friday 29 April**
Location: The Atrium, Ohio State House
Please try to make time on your schedule to attend this. It is a great venue for making the chapter public, and it will be fun to see one of our own honored as well as other deserving heroes. One chapter member (and his wife) will be inducted.
We now have seven members who have submitted qualifying packets for 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.**

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

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

Next luncheons and meetings:

11 April at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

14 April 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.



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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

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:

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 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 wrote an article for the Ohio Funeral Directors Association regarding our capability, and he will make a presentation to its members during their annual conference in May.

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. 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.