



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 2 and 12 April 2018

The April 2nd and 12th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and Columbus, OH. Notes from all meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Jeff Gallaher
Secretary: Patrick Enlow
Treasurer: Danny Vinson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Terry Dillon
Danny Vinson	Jim Butler
Joyce Lambert	Mike Hurdzan
Jan Hauger	Carl Fuller
Dan Hessler	Jim Moore
William Carruthers	Norm Lambert
George Thomas	Jim Adams
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Tim Ruffing
Gene Adams	Tom McGrath
Jack Heist	Bob Deis
Dick Carr	Gene Taylor
John McCort	Jim Wetz
Mark Scott	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Danny Vinson reported the Chapter's combined balance is \$44,822.33 as of 31 March 2018.

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

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

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. NSTR.
2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. www.sfa45.org Patrick Enlow is updating this with 2018



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scheduled events; all are in these meeting minutes.

3. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Bob Deis reported the recovery of 18 chapter members during March whose memberships had lapsed and were not in good standing with the Association as of 31 January 2018. Bob mailed 57 letters to former members and prospective members. He said we still have several members who he will continue to remind about paying 2018 dues. Bob confirmed with National that it is preferable for the chapter to receive its dues directly from members instead of members sending checks direct to National because National has no staff who can account for sending the chapter its \$10 of the \$40 for each dues payment.
5. EVENTS.
 - a. Muirfield Country Club 20 April lunch 11 am.
The chapter was invited to send nine people to this event which will honor Buckeye football great Keith Byers. Fran Wessling, GBF chairperson for its Ohio District, will be among our group of nine, and Fran will be provided a few minutes to speak to the attendees about donations to support our Kings Island initiative.
 - b. Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony 21 April 2018 Nothing new to report.
Chapter member, **Bob Lucas**, in coordination with the Ohio History Connection and the Buckeye Wing Association, has confirmed 1330 hrs. 21 April 2018 at Denver Williams Park in Wilmington, OH for the dedication of a stone marker that memorializes the C119 crash of 1964 when 17 airmen and SF troops were killed in a mid-air collision during an airborne operation.
Dan Hessler has volunteered to serve as Chaplain for the ceremony. Dan has also secured a ceremonial bell from Motts Military Museum. We will ring the bell during the ceremony one time for each of the 17 lives lost in the accident.
Jack Heist volunteered to play taps and provide a modest color guard.
Charlie Mohr is coordinating with Cincinnati local television news to cover the ceremony.
Chapter member **Dick Carr** will attend; he was at the airborne operation the day of the accident. Wear your uniform, beret and blazer or other SF clothing you may have. This memorial was partially funded by Chapter 45 and member **Mike Quinn**.



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- c. Riverboating for Berets Saturday 28 April, Newport, KY
The Green Beret Foundation is hosting this fundraising event on B&B Riverboats. Details and Registration is online; search for Green Beret Foundation Riverboating for Berets a Bourbon Excursion. Our chapter website has a link for you to register to attend this event. Seats are almost all taken as of 15 April.
- d. Motorcycle Freedom Run 2018 Saturday 18 August 2018
AD Farrow confirmed everything and created/edited a flier during April. **Jeff Gallaher** volunteered to coordinate details of the event with AD Farrow, and he will manage the event on behalf of the chapter. AD Farrow will host with live bands, free lunch, and terminate the Run at the Buckeye Lake Winery. **Mark Arnold** printed hard copies of the flier and he will continue to distribute them during chapter meetings. We need to get the fliers posted in as many locations as possible. Mark also provided ride patches, raffle tickets (for the 50-50 raffle and raffle of door prizes), and chapter T shirts to Jeff to use as he manages the event with other chapter members. Mark and Jeff will coordinate a visit to the owners, Lisa and Tracy, of the Buckeye Lake Winery during May; **John McCort** and **Jim Wetz** will be invited.
Mark will assist Jeff with requesting a static display from the Ohio National Guard.
- e. 3 Gun Shoot 2018 Saturday 29 September
Mark Arnold met again with the members of Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. (PCSI) Circleville, OH who will manage this fundraiser. Details follow:
- 80 shooting slots and 8 bays (not 4); 8 shooting stages (not 4)
 - Fee: \$150
 - Online registration managed by PCSI on the website *Practicescore*.
 - Promotion of event by PCSI
 - Recruitment of cash sponsors: We need guys to recruit one or more sponsors at \$1000, \$3000 and \$5000 levels.
 - **We need chapter members to recruit sponsors. This is vital to the success of our 2018 initiatives.** Reference the addendum to these minutes, pages 8 and 9.
 - Lunch meal: SFA 45 will fund and manage. We need a member to find a sponsor who can fund this at \$1000 or donations of food.
 - Prize Table. PCSI will work with SFA 45 to recruit sponsors who can donate shooting related items such as guns and optics.
 - The same great American who was the event photographer committed to doing it again this year.
 - We will ask **John Souza** to be our chef again.



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- f. KINGS ISLAND DAY.
Fran Wessling of The Ohio District of the Green Beret Foundation contacted Mark Arnold to discuss her organization's idea: Provide a one-day Kings Island park pass for redeploying GBs and their families and significant others and one night's stay at the Gray Wolf Lodge (or another nearby hotel). This would be a welcome home event exclusively for members of B/2/19. If the GB is not married, then he can bring his significant other and family or one family member or one friend. This will be an open opportunity during 2018. The GB can choose any time to do this following redeployment. It provides schedule flexibility to suit their needs; they simply must choose one night for hotel and a day to enjoy the park prior to the park's 2018 season closing.
Fran Wessling is supporting fundraising for this event. Proceeds from the 3 Gun Shoot and the Motorcycle Freedom Run will also support it.
Contact Mark Arnold: markcarnold@yahoo.com
- g. The Horse Soldiers True Story 27 July
The event is sponsored by the Medina Rotary; cost \$45 per person; includes gourmet buffet and open bar for beer and wine. MSG(R) Chris Spence, 5th SFG horse soldier veteran, will be the guest speaker.
Date/Time: Friday 27 July, 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner program
Address: Williams-on-the-Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH 44256
POC for the event is: David Taylor: 330-321-3370, dave.taylor@zoominternet.net
- h. Veteran Recovery Event 18-22 July.
Larry Verne shared information about Team Fastrax Warrior Weekend To Remember organization which partners with Ohio Challenge. They will host a three-day event for Gold Star Families, Purple Heart veterans, and all veterans; it is scheduled for 18-22 July. Current details can be found on www.warriorwtr.com.
If you wish to be recognized as a wounded veteran at this event, then contact the organization at BS3G.com and apply online.
6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.
Jan Hauger volunteered to lead this initiative to assure members and other SF guys who are under the weather are visited from time to time during dates that are convenient to the person and family involved.
Terry Dillon reminded us the importance of this considering the recent passing of member Sergeant Major (retired) Lauren Redkey.
Mike Robinson created a Green Beret graphic "Best Wishes and Ruck Up" card that chapter members can sign as a demonstration of support for guys who are ill or injured.



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An 8"x11" card could be signed during our luncheon meetings.

Jim Wetz and John McCort will support Jan with contact efforts and visits.

Chapter members are encouraged to contact each other and Jan regarding scheduling these camaraderie visits. This is what the SFA is all about.

7. Ohio Military Hall of Fame 2019.

Danny Vinson stated he will nominate chapter member George Thomas for induction into the 2019 class. This will be great for George, the chapter and the SF Regiment.

8. **Jesse Boyd and Tom McGrath** represented the chapter during the 8 April ceremony hosted by the Ohio National Guard's Family Readiness and Warrior Support Program. It recognized the chapter for its support to B/2/19 and presented us with an inscribed trophy. Jesse will see that it is placed in the display case at the unit. **Jesse**: email photo of this event to **Andy Schneider** for the next issue of *The Drop*.

9. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: **first Monday and second Thursday of each month at 1145 hrs.**

7 May at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

10 May at the Hofbrauhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale Street.

Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

The Hofbrauhaus Columbus provides its large private room to us free of charge, but from time to time, the room is booked for \$2000 by *paying* customers, so we may get bumped to the main dining area. We reconned an alternate site for our Columbus luncheon meetings, and we will probably use it in June.

It's the **AMVETS Post 89 in Columbus**. We will have the entire post to ourselves; it has plenty of seating and a flat screen TV convenient for meetings. AMVETS will sell a simple reasonably priced lunch and not charge for use of the post. It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a half mile south of this exit.

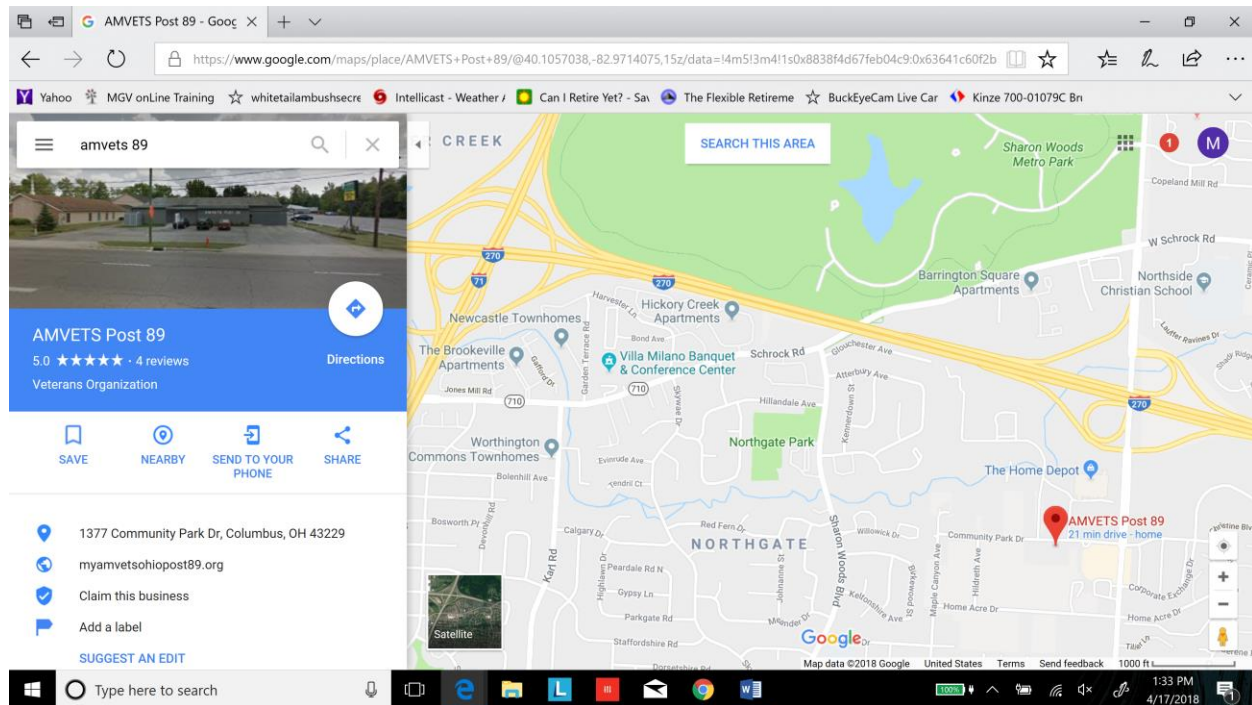
Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552. We will use this during our June meeting and give it a try. It has a well-stocked bar at low prices and they will serve lunch.

Map follow:



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AMVETS Post 89 Lunch/Chapter Meeting Thursday 14 June 1130 – 1330 hrs.

10. THE DROP:

Andy Schneider submitted the article for the next issue of The Drop. Deadline to National is 15 May. Email draft text and photos to Andy: andysfa@zoho.com

11. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

Preferred method: Use sfa45.org website, print and complete the forms and mail it with a check payable to SFA45 to:

**SFA 45
Hoxton Ct.
Columbus, OH 4220**

Alternate method: Pay online at the Special Forces Assoc. National HQ website.



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12. 501 (c)(3) status. The SFA is a 501(c)(19) “Fraternal” organization and not a charity. During January, 62 chapter members voted in favor of fundraising and establishing a charitable subsidiary; two members voted against it.

Tom McGrath with support from Danny Vinson is creating the documents for the Chapter to establish a charitable subsidiary. Tom reported he will have the IRS filings completed by early June.

13. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.

Fund-raising purposes.

Funds will be used to support chapter members, members of B/2/19, and other Green Berets who call Ohio their home to support their family when specific circumstances inhibit Green Berets from supporting their family alone.

In order to support our primary fundraising and fundraising for one-off needs, chapter members may consider donating personal items for online sale.

Joyce and Norm Lambert generously donated a framed limited-edition print of a WWII scene for use in online sale by the chapter.

If you are interested in donating an item, then you may wish to execute the sale yourself or contact **Patrick Enlow** for follow up.

Addendum Follows:



OHIO'S GREEN BERETS

FUNDRAISER

Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group is the only unit of Green Berets stationed in Ohio. This unit has 70 Green Berets and four support Soldiers, and they are active citizen Soldiers.

The unit deploys globally for six to eight months with ten to twelve-month periods of training between deployments. The entire unit has been in combat during multiple tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, where several members distinguished themselves and were awarded dozens of decorations including Silver Stars and Bronze Stars. Several members have been wounded in combat and awarded The Purple Heart. One Green Beret in the unit was killed in action in Iraq. Ten members of the unit have been inducted into Ohio's Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

All members are currently deployed on an eight-month mission overseas.

Extraordinarily, these Green Berets are citizen Soldiers. As Special Forces Soldiers, they must dedicate several weeks to several months each year to maintain their elite skill sets – including foreign language fluency and advanced special operations skills. What makes them remarkable among the Army's Special Forces Command is: they must do this while maintaining successful civilian careers.

These Green Berets are sons, husbands and fathers who live and work in our communities. The demands of their civilian careers and employers must be balanced with their family and the uncompromising standards of weeks of special training and evaluations each year required of all Special Forces Soldiers. Consider the strain of performance in your civilian career; now, imagine adding several weeks of Special Forces training and evaluations each year and the awareness by you, your family and your employer that you will be departing for combat ten months from now; that is their world.

They are high-talent individuals who serve our nation in a unit that is among the most highly exposed to combat, and they do this not because it is their full-time source of income for their families, but because of a sense of calling for service to the nation and



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to each other. The demands of their employers' expectations added to requirements of the Special Forces profession place these men and their families in continuous stress.

Consequently, the Green Beret Foundation and the Buckeye Chapter of the Special Forces Association are fundraising to host a welcome home initiative for these men and their families. It will cover the cost of park passes to Kings Island and one night's hotel lodging nearby at a date the individual Green Berets and their family select from the date they redeploy until the park closes for the season.

We are asking for donations to support this and participation at two fundraising events: Special Forces Motorcycle Rally hosted by A.D. Farrow Harley Davidson at their Sunbury store on August 18th, and our 3-Gun Shoot hosted by Pickaway County Sportsmen Inc. on September 29th.

Providing a gift to support a simple day off at Kings Island for these brave men and their families when they return from the current deployment will be meaningful action by you – far beyond just saying, "Thank you for your service".

Please check out our website, www.sfa45.org Our August 18th Motorcycle Rally fundraiser and our September 29th 3 Gun Shoot fundraiser are under the "News", then "Events" tab.

Donations can be checks payable to SFA45, and mailed to:

Treasurer SFA 45
2311 Hoxton Ct.
Columbus, OH 43220

Our Federal EIN is 56-6148492.