



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

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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 April 2019**

The April 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and at AMVETS Post 89 in Columbus, OH. Notes from all meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Patrick Enlow  
Vice President: Mark Arnold  
Secretary: Andy Schneider  
Treasurer: Tom McGrath  
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz  
Asst. Treasurer:  
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Kevin Colwell
Jim Adams	Richard Carr
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Don Thomas	Russ Preston
Bill Carruthers	Ted Mosure
Carl Fuller	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
John McCort	Dan Hessler
Don Thomas	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Dan Hessler
Nelson Hastings	John Gonzalez
Jim Wetz	Ferrell McHugh
Danny Vinson	Tom Edwards
Terry Dillon	Eric Bornschlagl
Danny Roese	Richard Carr
Eric Stansifer	

#### The TREASURER'S REPORT

**Chadd Kuhn** emailed the chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund (The Ohio Green Beret Support Group) to President Patrick Enlow. The total funds are \$69,213.90 as of 1 April including \$10,066.39 in the Operations fund and \$59,147.51 in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group (family support fund).



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

-Meeting agenda was outlined by Patrick Enlow. Discussion items follow:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mark Arnold presented to **John Gonzalez** a certificate of Honorary Membership to Chapter 45. John has supported the chapter during the past three years' 3 Gun Shoot fundraisers, and John has generously volunteered to assist with sponsor recruitment and legal advice; John is an attorney.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*  
Andy Schneider updated the website during early March with some photos from last year's events.
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.  
NSTR.
4. CHAPTER MARKETING.  
**Mike Robinson** completed drafts of fliers for the 3 Gun Shoot and first drafts of new Chapter 45 business cards. Mike is working on a second draft of business cards and a poster describing the purpose of The Ohio Green Beret Support Group for use at our fundraising events.
5. American Legion Membership.  
Members are encouraged to join an American Legion Post (at the Post, not online), become a leader, and over time...request the Post make an annual (monthly) charitable donation to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.
6. Meeting and luncheon at The National Veterans Museum, Columbus, OH  
**Jim Butler** briefed that his son recently accepted a position at the Museum, and he will start late summer after he retires from an extraordinarily successful active duty career as an infantry officer. Jim will coordinate with his son to organize a chapter meeting and luncheon at the museum, perhaps as early as November.



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7. Night out with significant others at Buckeye Lake Winery.

**Jim Wetz** will organize an evening out for chapter members. Members should contact Jim at [jw12470@bellsouth.net](mailto:jw12470@bellsouth.net). Tell Jim by 15 which date is best for you: 22 June, 13 July or 3 August.

8. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser.

**Kevin Colwell** volunteered to lead the planning and executing a Green Beret for a Day fundraising event. More to follow; this may be a 2020 event.

9. Chapter Business Cards

Mark Arnold presented graphics recently created by chapter member Mike Robinson for updated Chapter business cards. The membership requested that a Green Beret be part of the cards. New concepts for cards will be presented during the May meetings.

10. SFA Convention 2019.

Mark Arnold briefed that Kevin Harry, President and Chief Host for SFA 68's hosting of the 2019 Convention is reminding members to register prior to 1 June when registration fees increase to \$150. Also, The Holiday Inn Express is now the recommended location to book a room because the Marriott and Embassy Suites are full on reservations.

11. EVENTS.

a. Motorcycle Freedom Run Saturday 7 September 2019

**Jim Wetz** has coordinated with owners of AD Farrow and The Buckeye Lake Winery.

Date of Event: Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Times: Sign in at 1200 and leave for The Winery at 1400.

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2019 Saturday 12 October 2019

**Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer** led a discussion about this, and the chapter voted to execute this event for 12 October at Richwood Gun and Game Club near Marysville, OH.

Address: 19200 Turner Road, Richwood, Ohio, 43344.

This will be four stages for the 3 Gun Shoot. 15 people per stage. Safety briefing 0930 hrs; estimated end time is 1500 hrs.

Nice facility that has a club house with kitchen. Each shooting bay is high quality and the Club hosts multi gun competitions several times annually.

The Club's members are willing to manage scoring of the shoot.

**Eric Stansifer** will establish the online registration on *Practiscore.com*.

**Mike Robinson** created a digital flier for the event.

Registration fee: \$95.

The chapter will need to provide some day of event and setup help.



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12. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

**Jesse Boyd** reported Swede Eslick is home and improving after suffering a stroke recently. The chapter members signed a Get-Well card. Jesse also mentioned that Jenny Allman is doing well following the death of her husband and chapter member, Tom Allman.

**Jim Wetz** reported that he and John McCort visited Kay Cermak, widow to recently deceased chapter member Jim Cermak. Mark suggested that we remain in contact with widows of members in order to keep them in the SF family.

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

**6 May** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

**9 May** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

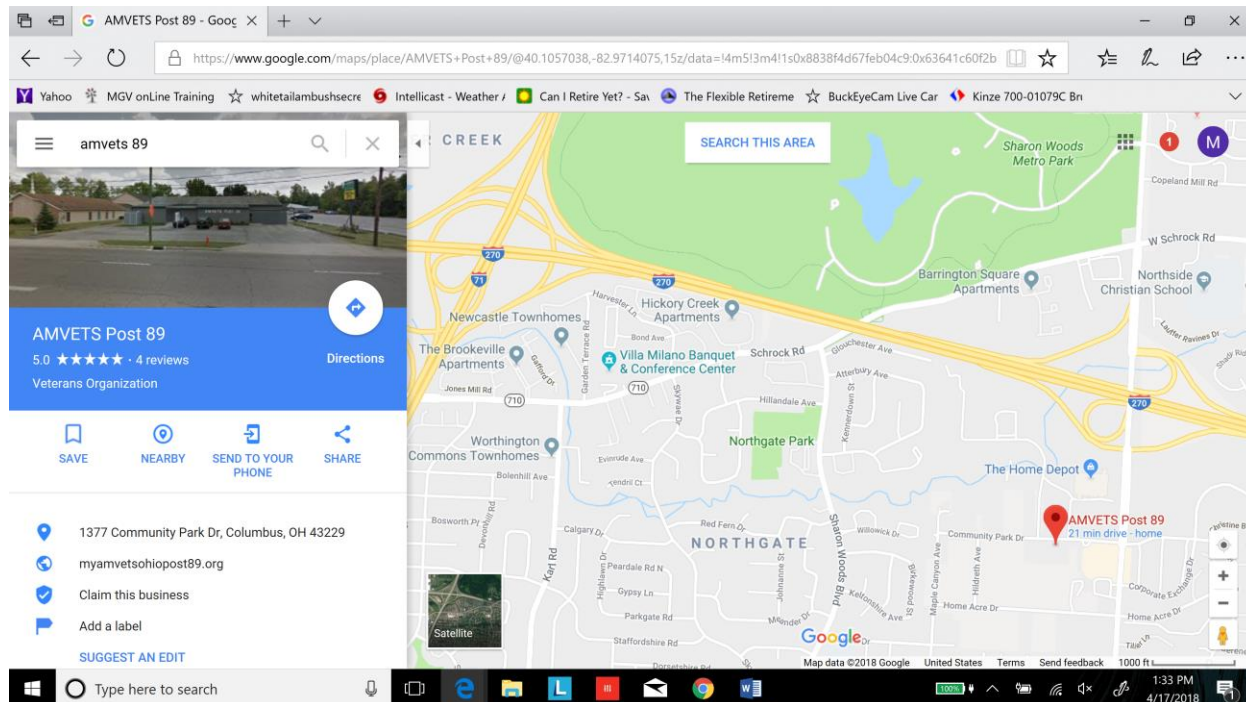
Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

Lunch cost at AMVETS 89 is paid by the chapter, and the Post committed to preparing and serving this for us monthly.

It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.





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**AMVETS Post 89 Lunch/Chapter Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly at 1130 – 1330 hrs.**

14. THE DROP:

Email draft text and photos to **Andy Schneider**: [andysfa@zoho.com](mailto:andysfa@zoho.com)

15. 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:

**Treasurer SFA 45**  
**3104 Geiger Rd**  
**Millersport, OH 43046**

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

16. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING. Nothing new to report.

**Tom McGrath** briefed that the IRS confirmed it has all the information it needs to process the application for establishing The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC as a charitable organization, but there is no way to determine when this process will conclude. This is a 501(c)(3) Charitable subsidiary organization to Chapter 45.

Its Federal Tax Identification number is: 83-1512941.

Donations should be made payable to **The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC**.

All donations to this are entirely tax deductible.

Tom will research costs and sources for Director and Officer insurance.

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.

17. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Nothing new to report.

This is our primary program for our fund raising. It will be two to four annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. Definition follows: Chapter member, spouse, or direct lineal descendent of the chapter member; or be a legally adopted dependent or acknowledged by The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) as a dependent of the chapter member. Tuition grant programs are normally for a four-year degree, but the chapter voted unanimously that the program may include tuition assistance for private or public learning institutions other than a university and other than a bachelors degree; this includes vocational training.

18. SFA 45 will support an SF Gold Star Family.

The family of SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq 2005 is our family for the SFA Convention 2019. **Kevin Colwell** briefed that he is in contact with both sides of the Crabtree family as well as Dan's widow and family.