



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 6 and 9 August 2018

The August 6th and 9th 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: Mark Arnold
Vice President:
Secretary: Patrick Enlow
Treasurer: Danny Vinson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	James Summers
Jim Adams	Andy Schneider
Ed Porter	Frank Hicks
Larry Verne	Ed Wheeler
Bill Smith	Ken Horne
William Carruthers	Kevin Colwell
Carl Fuller	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
Jack Heist	Eric Bornschlegl
George Thomas	Philip Taraska
Jeff Baldwin	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Nelson Hastings
Dan Hessler	Butch Betzko

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Danny Vinson reported the Chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund is \$52,707.54 as of 31 July 2018.

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

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



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **George Thomas** volunteered to lead recruitment of three of greater Cincinnati's luxury automobile dealerships as sponsors for our 3 Gun Shoot. **Mike Robinson** will create graphics for George to use; these will include SF stuff and logos and product related to each of the dealerships.
2. Chapter members **Gene Taylor** and **Rick LaValley** generously donated \$1000 each to the chapter as sponsors for our 3 Gun Shoot. Thank you, gentlemen!!
3. **Ted Mosure** provided information regarding the travelling Vietnam Memorial Wall, *The Wall that Heals*. It will be erected in Warren, Ohio with an official unveiling ceremony at 1100 hrs on 16 August. All members are encouraged to attend. Additional information can be found at www.exploretrumbellcounty.com
4. **Kevin Colwell** discussed the military's funding of a very recent initiative: early detection of cancer among active duty members of SOF. This program is called ORIEN. You can search for it on the web. It is focused on frequent testing for colon and prostate cancer. ORIEN will ultimately be funded to financially support the medical treatment of a SOF member who is diagnosed with cancer. Currently, there is no funding for reserve component and retired SOF members' cancer screening or treatment. After you read about this initiative online, you are encouraged to contact your Federally-elected Senators and Representative to support funding for RC and retired SOF. Kevin also shared with the group his positive experience with Battlefield Accu-Puncture. This treats chronic pain and he is receiving his treatments at the Columbus VA.
5. **Patrick Enlow** briefed the members about his positive experience at the Medina, OH 9/11 Memorial statue unveiling ceremony. The guest speaker (former 5th SFG NCO) added extraordinary color to the facts about the "Horse Soldiers."

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. Chapter members were reminded that nominations for officer positions – especially the President's position – are needed for our November-December chapter elections.
2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
3. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Members who have not paid their dues and are now required to pay \$45 instead of \$40 to



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remain in good standing are: Kevin Andrews, Mark Ballinger, John Coleman, James Kim and Jobie Siemer.

5. EVENTS.

- a. Motorcycle Freedom Run 2018 Saturday 18 August 2018. Event begins at noon and kickstands up at 1400 hrs.
Jeff Gallaher confirmed he has his necessary number of volunteers ready to support the event with its 50-50 raffle, raffle tickets for other prizes, and rider registration.
Ride duration is approximately 90 minutes with no stops. It terminates at the Buckeye Lake Winery.
Tom Cousineau will be a celebrity rider for our Freedom Run! Tom is a former OSU Buckeye football player and two-time All American, and he is a veteran of the Cleveland Browns and San Francisco 49ers. Tom will provide a signed jersey as a raffle item for the event.
- b. 3 Gun Shoot 2018 Saturday 29 September
Mark Arnold continues coordination with members of Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. (PCSI) Circleville, OH who will manage this fundraiser. Details follow:
- 80 shooting slots and 8 bays (not 4); 24 shooting stages (not 12)
 - Fee: \$150
 - PCSI established online registration for the Shoot on the website *Practicescore.com*. The website provides a one step-process for shooters to create a Practicescore.com account, then you search for SFA 45 within the website. Online registration is easy, and payment instructions and match details are emailed to the registered shooter. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received via mailed check or use of PayPal.
 - The following chapter members volunteered to help set up the range's multiple target arrays on Thursday 27 September and to assist with management and range take down on 29 September:
Jim Wetz
Butch Betzko
Dan Hessler
Jan Hauger
Philip Taraska
Jan Hauger
Mark Arnold

Three members of B/2/19 SFG will support the Saturday 29 September



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shoot as both coaches and (shoot for free) competitors:

Lawrence Gattozzi

Dan Dixon

Ryan Zimpleman

The chapter needs one more member of B/2/19 to support this.

The PCSI staff will compete on the 8 stages on Friday 28 September.

- Kevin Colwell mentioned that **Eric Stansifer** will donate some shooting related items for door prizes at the Shoot. Eric may also provide some tactical weapons to loan to \$1000 sponsors who wish to shoot but do not have their own weapons and ammo.
- **We need chapter members to recruit \$1000, \$3000 and \$5000 sponsors. This is vital to the success of our 2018 initiatives.**

- c. KINGS ISLAND DAY. (This offer closes 28 December 2018) *Nothing new to report:*

Fran Wesseling confirmed that the Green Beret Foundation will cover expenses of the Park Passes for this initiative. SFA 45 will provide the Soldier a \$150 gift card for use at The Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH. Members and family members of B/2/19 can choose any time to do this following redeployment; however, the Park closes Monday through Thursday operations on 20 August and weekends close after October 28th.

Winterfest (perhaps the best events to attend) begins in November and continues through December, and the Park pass offer and hotel gift card can be used for Winterfest through the end of this year. Soldiers are advised to review the Kings Island website to confirm operation dates after 19 August.

The Great Wolf Lodge has a network of resorts across the US, so unit members can use the gift card at a location other than Mason, OH.

Members of B/2/19 SFG who wish to participate in this should contact the following:

Contact Mark Arnold: markcarnold@yahoo.com for your hotel gift card.

Contact Fran Wesseling: fwesseling@fuse.net for your park passes.

- d. **Eyes of Freedom Dedication Ceremony.** 6 September 1000 hrs. 4160 Springdale Road, Cincinnati, OH
This memorial to the fallen of Ohio's Lima Company, USMC is being dedicated on this date. Chapter members are encouraged to attend. This event was brought to our attention by former 18D of B/2/19 SFG, **Brian Maginn**. Details are at the memorial's website, www.EyesOfFreedom.org



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- e. Green Beret Foundation Gala. Sunday 9 September, Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH
This is a fundraiser for GBF, so please try to attend. Cost: \$50 per plate.
Appropriate dress: Casual business attire...SFA Blazer without necktie or jacket without necktie. Contact Fran Wesseling if you wish to attend.
fwesseling@fuse.net or register online; search for GBF Gala Cincinnati 2018.
Fran continues to seek members of B/2/19 to golf (for free) at the Monday 10 September Green Beret Classic in Loveland. Please contact her if you can do this.

- f. B/2/19th SFG 2018 Fete. 13 October 2018, Easton Hilton, Columbus
The chapter voted in favor of supporting this estimated cost of \$972, with a maximum cost of \$1000.
Chapter members who wish to attend (and bring their spouse or significant other) are requested to contact **Mark Arnold** by 15 September.
Dress: SFA Blazer with necktie or suit is appropriate dress.

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.
Jan Hauger is leading this. The membership signed two more cards during our August lunch meetings.

7. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.
The chapter will vote later this year regarding making another donation to The OMHOFV.
Chapter members are requested to encourage member George Thomas to submit his records to Mark Arnold, so we can nominate George for the Class of 2019.

8. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: **first Monday and second Thursday of each month at 1145 hrs.**
10 September at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY
13 September at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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

We enjoyed the facility, food and hospitality of AMVETS Post 89 in Columbus during our June and July meetings. Lunch is only \$4, and the Post committed to preparing and serving this for us monthly.

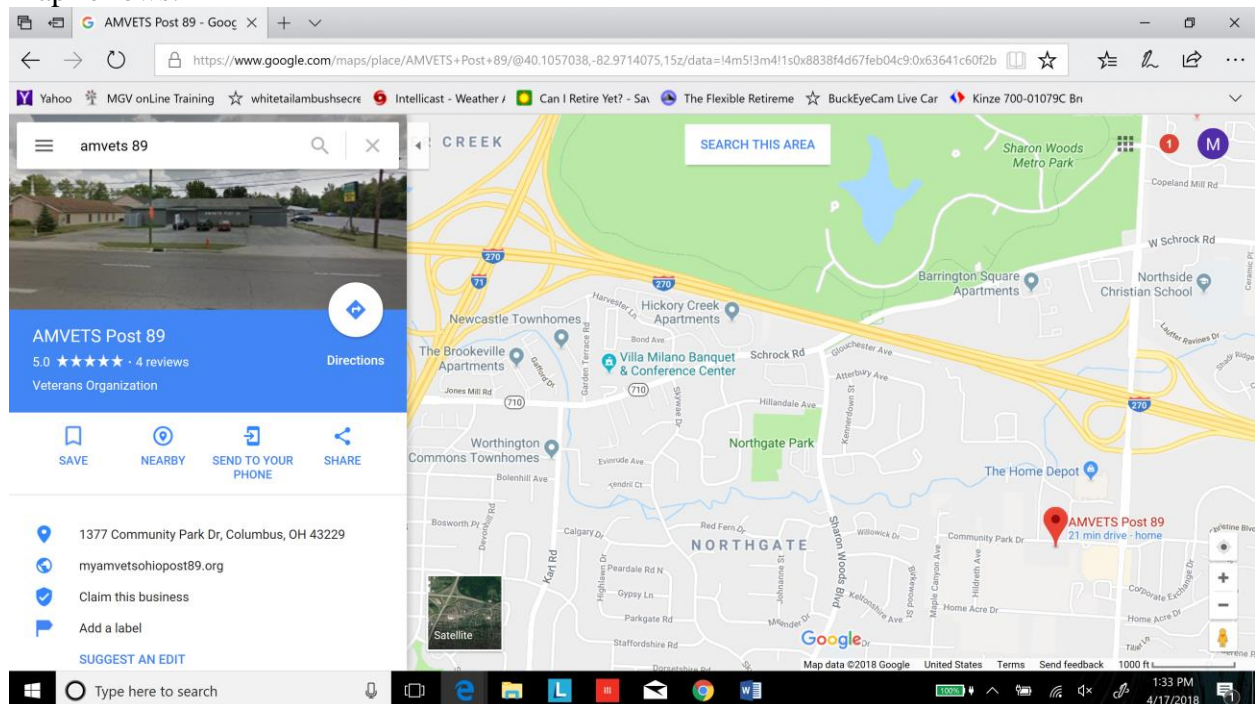
The chapter voted to change its Columbus meeting venue to AMVETS Post 89. It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,
Phone: 614-776-4552.



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Map follows:



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

9. THE DROP:

Email draft text and photos to **Andy Schneider**: andysfa@zoho.com

10. 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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11. 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.

Tom McGrath updated the chapter regarding the 501C-3 initiative. It's completed! Tom has established The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC. This is a subsidiary organization to Chapter 45. We will continue to use the unit's address as its home address (as we do for SFA 45): 8226 South Perimeter Road, Bldg. #93, Columbus, OH 43217. Its Federal Tax Identification number is: 83-1512941.

We will include this number in receipts to donors to the chapter. Donations should be made payable to **The Ohio Green Beret Support Group**. All donations to this are entirely tax deductible.

12. CROSSBOW DISCOUNT.

During his recruitment for sponsors of our 3 Gun Shoot, Mark Arnold met with the leadership of TenPoint Crossbows, an Ohio-based manufacturing company. The CEO of TenPoint Crossbow has approved a 30% discount of its line of TenPoint, Horton and Wicked Ridge crossbows. This discount is available only to SFA 45 chapter members. Contact **Mark Arnold** if you are interested in exploiting this generous offer.