



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 5 and 8 August 2019

The August 5th and 8th 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:
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Ed Wheeler
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Norm Lambert	Kevin Colwell
Bill Carruthers	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Eric Stansifer
Dave Wilhelmus	Joe Ballenger
Don Thomas	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Ed Porter
Nelson Hastings	John Gonzalez
Dan Hessler	Terry Dillon
Danny Vinson	Gene Taylor
Mike Hurdzan	Jan Hauger
Chris Twomey	John McCort
John Batey	Jack Heist

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn was on vacation and unavailable to provide the August report.



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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AMVETS Post 89 memberships. The officers of Post 89 that hosts our monthly meetings in Columbus ask that chapter members consider joining AMVETS and Post 89. You can easily join by completing a simple form online or on paper during the next meeting you attend.
2. Mark Arnold purchased a gift for our generous member, **Ed Petkovich**. We must arrange a date and location that is convenient with Ed for its presentation.
3. Chapter member **John Batey** volunteered to create SF-related sketches for the chapter and have them copied as limited edition prints for sale by the chapter. He can sketch anything, so members are encouraged to contact Mark Arnold if they have concepts in mind.
4. **Dan Hessler** briefed that the American Legion Post 171 of Westerville, OH will host a briefing regarding firearms self-defense insurance on 29 August.
5. American Legion memberships. All SFA 45 members are encouraged to join the American Legion at individual Posts, not online. Local Posts must donate part of their charitable collections to 501(c)(3) organizations, and we qualify. **Rick Lavalley** briefed that all veterans from 1980 to present now qualify for membership regardless of combat deployment service.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Andy Schneider updated the website again during June 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.
Jesse Boyd volunteered to help Bob Deis re-recruit members not in good standing via phone calls. Jesse said he would wait until September to do this since the next dues will cover year 2020.



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

4. CHAPTER MARKETING.

Mark Arnold displayed the chapter's new 72" tall pull up banner that **Mike Robinson** designed banner at the Columbus and Cincinnati meetings. (See last page of these minutes.) He also distributed chapter business cards to each member; you can write your name and contact information on these generic cards.

5. Meeting and luncheon at The National Veterans Museum, Columbus, OH

Jan Hauger briefed he met with the events coordinator for the Museum, and the cost of having a small meeting place and lunch there is prohibitively expensive. He will contact Jim Butler to determine if his son can arrange this free of charge for the chapter.

6. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR

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.

7. EVENTS.

a. Motorcycle Freedom Run Saturday 7 September 2019

Jim Wetz is managing this event, and he has coordinated with owners of AD Farrow and The Buckeye Lake Winery.

Date of Event: Saturday, September 7th, 2019.

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

Jim has event fliers. Contact him to gain these for helping advertise the event.

JW12470@bellsouth.net

Mark Arnold purchased 100 Chapter T shirts to sell at the event. He provided these to Jim. Jim procured the 2019 ride patches.

Kevin Colwell confirmed that B/2/19 SFG will have a static display at AD Farrow.

Jim Wetz has worked with AD Farrow to gain visibility on ride calendars for various organizations in Ohio. He has learned where ride information is posted on the web and how to get our event posted to different sites. Jim has expanded his network and marketing abilities in the riding community; he also reached out to the Ohio chapters of Rolling Thunder.

Jim Wetz and Jan Hauger plan to bring extra canopies and tables for the start location.

Volunteer List:

50/50 Ticket Sales and Ride Registration at A.D. Farrow:

Jesse Boyd
Jan Hauger
Jeff Gallaher
Jim Wetz
John McCort



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

Raffle Ticket Sales and Management at Buckeye Lake Winery:

Mark Arnold
Jim Wetz
John McCort
Jeff Gallaher
Andy Schneider
Patrick Enlow

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2019 Saturday 12 October 2019

Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer are managing this event.

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 1600 hrs.

Registration fee: \$95.

The Club's members will manage scoring of the shoot.

Eric Stansifer created the online registration on *Practiscore.com*. He said 22 shooters have registered.

Eric suggested we set up corporate tables for sponsors who provide and sell items.

Eric Stansifer purchased additional door prizes at a budget of \$500 plus a Glock pistol with suppressor. Eric donated approximately \$800 more in door prizes himself!

Mark Arnold distributed fliers for the event. He picked up the ammo donation from Vance Outdoors.

Mark stated that it is essential that chapter members attempt to recruit at least one sponsor for the 3 Gun Shoot. **Mark Arnold** will provide a taxable deduction receipt to all sponsors.

Butch Betzko has gained commitment from a friend to once again provide weapons for use by sponsors during the Shoot.

Volunteers for Friday set-up and Saturday event:

Butch Betzko
Jan Hauger
Jim Wetz
John McCort
Carl Fuller
Dan Hessler
Patrick Enlow
Bill Cline
Chris Twomey + 1



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

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jan Hauger had all attending members sign SF Get Well cards for folks who are ill or injured. Kevin Colwell said **Craig Johnson's** fight with cancer continues. John McCort and Jim Wetz will visit with **Terry Dillon**.

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

9 September at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

12 September at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

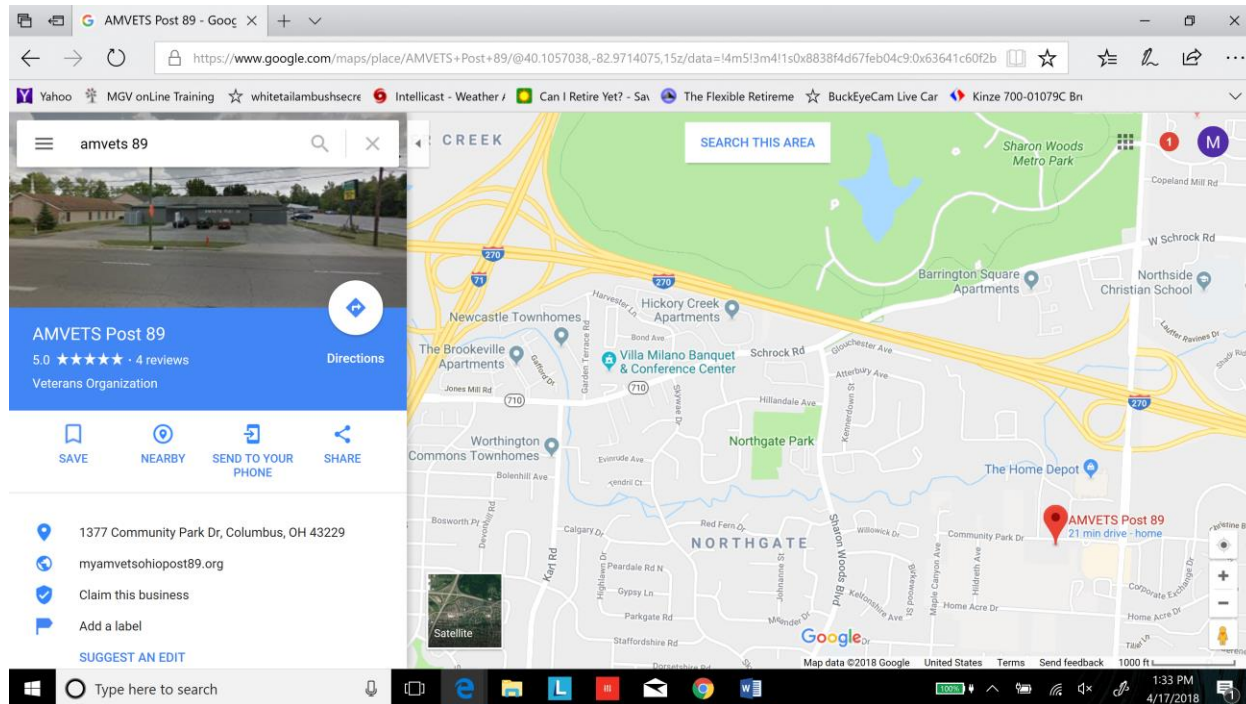
Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

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.



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

10. THE DROP:

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



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

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:

Treasurer SFA 45
3104 Geiger Rd
Millersport, OH 43046

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

12. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING *Nothing new to Report.*

Tom McGrath is managing the establishment of The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC (**OGBSG**), 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.

Tom expects the IRS to complete its approval process by September. Tom discussed important management details:

- Directors must be appointed; Tom said these type organizations' Directors are normally appointed from among the elected Chapter officers and non-chapter civilian executives. Patrick Enlow suggested Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose be recruited as a Director for the OGBSG.
- Committees must be established. Any chapter member and appointed non-chapter members can serve on Committees.
- All chapter members may vote on initiatives for the OGBSG.
- Scholarship Committee. Tom, Mark Arnold and Ed Wheeler will lead this.
- Tom will seek out a third-party Foundation to manage the Scholarship Program. This enables fair selection and avoids grievances.
- Mark Arnold will recruit two to three central Ohio executives to serve as the non-chapter member Directors.

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.

13. Montagnards of North Carolina. *Save the Montagnard People, Inc.*

John McCort, Jeff Gallaher and Jim Butler presented the chapter's \$3000 gift to this organization at its Long House site in North Carolina during July. They briefed the chapter regarding what the multiple tribes of Montagnards are doing across the US and news they shared with our chapter members of Montagnards' current challenges in Vietnam.



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

14. 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 bachelor's degree; this includes vocational training.

15. 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** is managing this initiative with both sides of the Crabtree family as well as Dan's widow and family. Chapter members asked if Kevin will chaperone the family during the Convention. The total cost of this initiative is \$3500. A total of 11 Crabtree family members will attend for five days and four nights using five hotel rooms.



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



Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"Our purpose is to unite, fraternally, all who are now or ever have been assigned to the United States Army Special Forces, to perpetuate Special Forces traditions."

The Special Forces Association is the largest special operations association in the World. Our members include active duty Green Berets, Army National Guard SF Soldiers, veterans and retired members and of the US Special Forces.

The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC.

Is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that solely supports active duty and retired Special Forces soldiers and their families. Ohio has one Special Forces unit that deploys frequently.

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

SUPPORTING OHIO'S

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. Examples of our programs include:

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. This is our primary program for our fund raising which includes two-to-four annual \$1,000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family.

SF Gold Star Family: The family of SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq 2005 is our family for the SFA Convention in 2019. SFC Crabtree, 31, was a Special Forces weapons sergeant assigned to the Ohio Army National Guard's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Columbus, Ohio. He died June 8, 2006, in Iraq after a roadside bomb exploded next to his vehicle during a combat patrol. In civilian life, Crabtree worked as a police officer first in his native hometown of Hartsville, and then as a member of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics, or SWAT, unit.

Support to families of wounded Green Berets: We pay for all expenses of the unit's annual Christmas party including gifts for the children of Green Berets. We also provide support for the expenses of the unit's family days and awards parties and we support nominations of qualified Green Berets into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor and make donations to that organization.

GREEN BERETS



www.sfa45.org