



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 3 and 13 August 2020**

The August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, was called to order by SFA 45 Chapter Vice President Mark Arnold. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

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

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Dave Wilhelmus
Bob Deis	Danny Vinson
Jesse Boyd	Doc Adams
John McCort	Paul Dusing
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Ed Wheeler	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horn
Don Thomas	Jim Edwards
John McCort	Jan Hauger
Jeff Spence	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

**Chadd Kuhn** published the chapter's financial report dated 1 July 2020. The chapter has \$3597.44 in its operating fund and \$19,194.12 in its Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC account. \$75,000 is invested in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment (see Scholarship section of these minutes).

It was noted, again this month, that MSG(R) **Steve Prasse** made a generous donation of \$5000 to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group during early July. Thank you, and Berets Off to Steve!

**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. During the 13 AUG meeting, **Patrick Enlow** participated in a global conference call that supplanted the all-member meeting of this year's SFA convention. Patrick later reported that the content of the call included no significant updates. The DCG of USSOCOM participated in the call and there was reference to a virtual tour of the SF Museum's gift shop.
2. **Chapter Officer elections.** Mark Arnold asked members to consider nominations for the President and Vice President positions. The health of the chapter is in question if we cannot find other members to take on these responsibilities even for a single two-year term.
3. **Ed Wheeler** brought Chief Jeff Spence of the Gahanna Police Department to our Columbus luncheon and meeting as a guest. Jeff mentioned he was an 11B1P in both the 2<sup>nd</sup> ID and the 101<sup>st</sup> ABN Divisions.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*  
**Patrick Enlow** modified our website with new links to our motorcycle rally as well as other updates.
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.  
**Bob Deis** did a nice job of recruiting several new members from the SF guys who regularly participate in Charlie Mohr's monthly luncheon in Cincinnati.
4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR
5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. NSTR.
6. Chapter Polo shirts and other apparel. NSTR.
7. Raffle.  
**Jim Wetz** briefed that his source for a compound bow at cost to the chapter recently chose to do this for another charity raffle. This project is now postponed to 2021. Venues for selling tickets have all but evaporated anyway for 2020.



8. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2020 Saturday 3 October

**Eric Stansifer** and **Patrick Enlow** completed the project of establishing the online payment for registration on *Practiscore.com*. We are currently at 28 registered shooters.

**We need two more volunteers for 3 OCT.**

Volunteers are:

- Tim Ruffing (1 OCT)
- Jim Wetz (1 and 3 OCT)
- Dan Hessler (1 OCT)
- Butch Betzko (1 and 3 OCT)
- James Kimm (1 and 3OCT)
- Jeff Gallaher (1 and 3 OCT)
- Carl Fuller (1 and 3 OCT)
- John McCort (1 and 3 OCT)
- Dan Dixon (3 OCT)

Steve Omeroid, President of the Richwood Gun and Game Club, has a plan to comply with state guidelines for social events. Saturday's volunteers for the shoot will be quite active this year. They will be assisting on-deck shooters to speed the process and mitigate inefficiencies caused by distancing standards.

b. Freedom Ride 2020. Saturday 12 September.

**Jim Wetz** reported that Farrow Harley Davidson will host the start point of the ride but cannot market it; the ride officially falls outside guidelines for Franklin County. Jim reported that Tracy Higgenbotham, of The Buckeye Lake Winery, has secured donations from his vendors to provide wine for our fundraising auction. **Eric Stansifer** offered the use of an RV with trailer and canopy for the start point. Jim will coordinate and purchase advertising with a website that is popular with riders. B/2/19 SFG cannot support the event with a static display due to restrictions related to COVID-19. **Chadd Kuhn** mentioned he would ask **Dan Dixon** to be the ride Captain.

Volunteers for both locations:

Mark Arnold  
Eric Stansifer  
John McCort  
Jeff Gallaher

Volunteers for Farrow Harley Davidson only:

Dan Hessler

Volunteers for Winery only:

Carl Fuller



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c. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

This prestigious event at the Ohio Statehouse is cancelled. Ted Mosure, chapter member and Executive Director of the OMHOF-V, is organizing the hard work of holding several small ceremonies for the 2020 inductees during October and November. Ted also reported that SSG Goare will be inducted into the Class of 2021 and it is scheduled for 30 April at the Ohio State House.

d. **Chadd Kuhn** reported B/2/19<sup>th</sup> SFG is planning to have a Christmas Party, so the chapter will provide its usual support.

9. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Charlie Mohr mentioned that Jim King recently had kidney surgery. Smitty Morris was recently diagnosed with insufficient arterial flow to both legs. Jan, Jesse, and Roger Hobson attended CSM(R) John Zastudil's memorial ceremony which was well attended by members of SFA 35.

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

**Tuesday 8 September** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY  
**10 September** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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

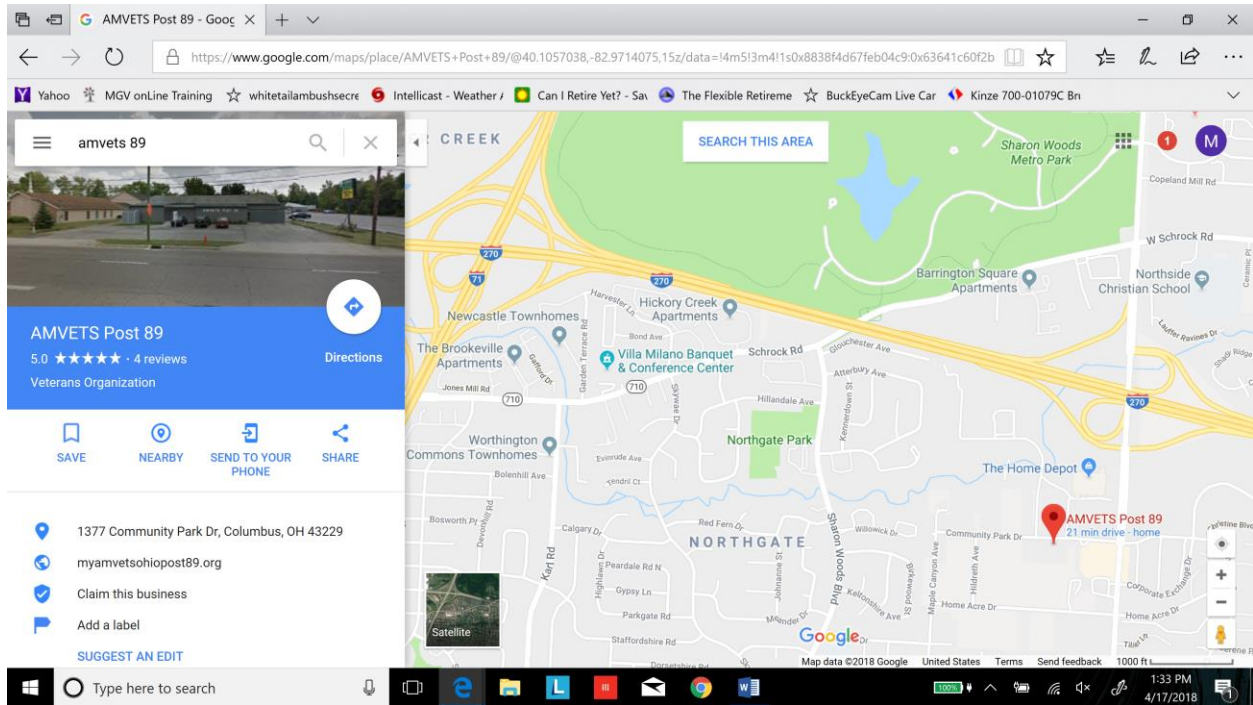
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

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.**

**11. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.**

Preferred method: Use [sfa45.org](http://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 and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group**

**Mike Robinson** is working on his second draft for a six-page VIP Brochure focused on fundraising for The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

**Mark Arnold** reported that he was invited to speak at three venues where the audience are members of three different Donor Advised Funds. All three events are cancelled. The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC (**OGBSG**), 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



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donations to this are entirely tax deductible.

Directors (also referred to as Board members) are chapter officers and civilian executives recruited for their leadership and connectivity to networks. Directors are unpaid positions, and they and their families are not eligible for the Scholarship Program. Fund-raising purposes: Other than a scholarship program, 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. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

This is our primary program for fundraising. We began year 2020 with three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.

The Columbus Foundation reported during late June that it has sent the \$1000 checks to the learning institutions of the three recipients:

Member Chris Richman  
Member's daughter, Hannah Gero  
Member's daughter, Anne Krompecher

The Foundation suggested we re-open the Program for a **second round this year: Applicants may complete the process between 1 August and 1 October**. The purpose is for folks who might be following a non-traditional educational path and for those who will make educational choices late in the year. With a commitment to offer three scholarships per year, and three awarded in 2020, the second deadline (August 1 through October 1, 2020) will be included in the budgeted three scholarships during 2021. However, we may expand this quantity based on the success, or not, of fundraising during the remainder of 2020. See application URL below:

<http://cfprograms.smapply.io/prog/ohiogreenberet>





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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



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