



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 3 and 13 December 2018**

The December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<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: Mark Arnold  
Vice President: Jeff Gallaher  
Secretary: Patrick Enlow  
Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Mike Hurdzan
Jim Adams	Richard Carr
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Don Thomas	Jeff Baldwin
William Carruthers	Kevin Colwell
Carl Fuller	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
Jack Heist	Jan Hauger
Don Thomas	Carl Fuller
Jeff Baldwin	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Andy Schneider
Dan Waldron	John Stahl
Jim Wetz	Bob Deis
Tom McGrath	Butch Betzo
Danny Vinson	Ted Mosure
Terry Dillon	Dave Wilhelmus
John Gonzalez	Farrell McHugh

**The TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Chadd Kuhn** reported the Chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund is \$58,036.39 as of 1 December including \$8729.49 in the Operations fund. This total accounts for all expenses dedicated to the 2018 Christmas Party and the B/2/19 FETE.



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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mark Arnold began the meeting with an update regarding the wife of chapter member **Dan Hessler** who is in her second year with cancer/remission. Mark asked that chapter members continue to keep her in their prayers.
2. Mark Arnold briefed that chapter member **Rick LaValley** invited Mark to a meeting of the officers for the American Legion Post in Portsmouth, OH. The officers plan to hold a Post vote during December with a proposal to dedicate 10% of their charitable fundraising during 2019 to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. The Post Treasurer briefed Mark that this could be \$300 to \$600 per month.
3. Jim Wetz mentioned that chapter member **John McCort** recently had spinal surgery and that John's recovery began problematically but is progressing positively now.
4. Jan Hauger mentioned that chapter member **Tom Allman** (former 77<sup>th</sup> SFG member) is in the hospital, and Jan will visit him within a few days.
5. CHAPTER MARKETING.  
While managing the Gun Raffle, **Jim Wetz** briefed the membership of gaps he has found in our chapter's ability to communicate what the chapter does with funds it raises. He said we need a poster that includes all the things we do and for whom. Jim added that this should distinguish us from other veteran-based organizations. This is essential for all fundraising efforts and an essential area for our website. Action for **Mike Robinson** with assistance from Mark Arnold.
6. Membership Recognition for Service.  
**Chadd Kuhn** recommended that the chapter award a Life Membership each year to one or more members who demonstrate exceptional service to the chapter. The chapter will discuss and potentially vote on it during the January meeting.
7. SFA International Convention 2019.  
The dates are 13-18 August at Charleston, WV hosted by Chapter 68. Coordinating instructions are at the SFA HQ website and SFA 68 website.
8. Chapter Business Cards.  
Several members asked about having cards created that were generic and could be used by all chapter members regardless of whether they are officers or not. Mark Arnold will work with **Mike Robinson** to create a card design that the chapter could have printed.



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OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. Chapter officer elections for the term 31 January 2019 to 30 January 2021 will be held via email during December and January with election to close on 12 January. Discussion with SFA HQ regarding consecutive terms for officers referenced the SFA Constitution dated 1 JAN 2009; only Chapter Presidents are limited to no more than two consecutive terms; all others can serve multiple consecutive terms. Regardless, this constructive discussion among the membership concluded with several members volunteering to serve in Officer and Assistant Officer positions.  
The nomination slate for the 2019 to 2021 term follows:

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

2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*  
There are multiple updates needed for our website. **Jim Wetz** and **Andy Schneider** volunteered to assist **Patrick Enlow** with this. Photos and videos from events, overhaul of the Donation page to focus entirely on The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC, SFA 45's support to the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor, among other items.
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, chapter membership manager, briefed that all members not in good standing were sent an application form and instructions via U.S Mail.
5. EVENTS.
  - a. Motorcycle Freedom Run 2019  
**Jim Wetz** volunteered to manage this event for 2019. Jim will choose a date soon that works for AD Farrow Harley Davidson and The Buckeye Lake Winery; both agreed to support this again in 2019.  
A.D. Farrow's owner and CEO contacted **Mark Arnold** to request the chapter support A.D. Farrow's request to Rolling Thunder, LLC. that it move its annual venue to Columbus, OH and its National Veterans Memorial and Museum.



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Rolling Thunder announced its last year for this Memorial Day weekend event is 2019, and it is seeking a venue other than Washington, D.C. Mark wrote a letter addressed to Rolling Thunder in support and provided it to A.D. Farrow's owner.

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2018

**Mark Arnold** agreed to manage this event again in 2019. A date will be chosen soon.

Chapter member **John Healy** donated a WWII-era Mauser rifle. This will be used as a high profile prize during the 3 Gun Shoot.

**Dan Waldron** suggested we provide a tactical weapon oriented gift (such as a rifle scope) for each B/2/19 guy who supports the Shoot as a coach.

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

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

**Contact Mark Arnold:** [markcarnold@yahoo.com](mailto:markcarnold@yahoo.com) for your hotel gift card.

**Contact Fran Wesseling:** [fwesseling@fuse.net](mailto:fwesseling@fuse.net) for your park passes.

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

**Jan Hauger** is leading this. Jan discussed this, and several members mentioned people they have not seen in over six months. Individuals committed to reaching out to them.

7. GUN RAFFLE.

**Jim Wetz** has done a marvelous job of managing this program. It began late October after **Chris Burlingame** and **Eric Stansifer** generously donated weapons to the chapter. It is likely all 1000 tickets will sell. This will net the chapter almost \$10,000. Jim will manage the drawing to be held during the next Columbus meeting 13 January.

8. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

Chapter member **Ted Mosure** briefed the chapter regarding initiatives and finances of The OMHOFV. It has just enough funds for its 2019 induction ceremony. The chapter discussed donating and voted positively to donate \$1000 immediately to The OMHOFV. Action: **Chadd Kuhn**.

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

**7 January** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

**10 January** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.



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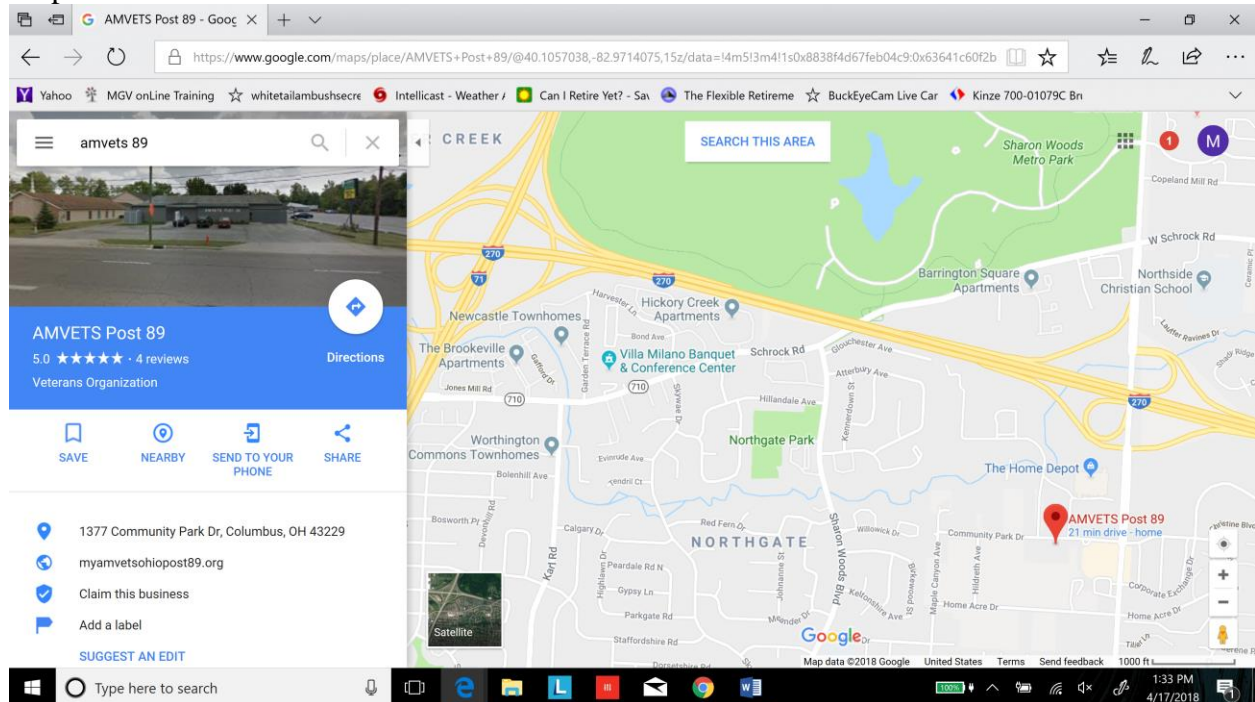
Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

Lunch cost is paid by the chapter, 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.

Map follows:



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

**10. THE DROP:**

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

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



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

12. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.

**Tom McGrath** has filed with the IRS to establish The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC. This is a 501(c)(3) Charitable subsidiary organization to Chapter 45. Tom is re-submitting the application on a new IRS form as requested by the IRS. The provisional tax ID number is still effective.

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, LLC**. All donations to this are entirely tax deductible.

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.

Other ideas for employment of fundraising funds.

The following list is based on discussion during past meetings and remains in these minutes to facilitate discussion during follow-on meetings:

Buying memorial bricks at SFA HQ for deceased members.

Create a memorial site in Ohio for Green Berets.

Support to a foundation dedicated to Afghans and Iraqis who directly supported SOF and subsequently relocated to the US.

We will vote on support to Vietnam's Montagnards during 2019. We will ask SFA HQ if they have vetted and support a particular Montagnard-focused non-profit charitable organization. Since support to the Montagnards has not been a theme during our fundraising to-date and it does not align with the mission statement that was provided to the IRS for The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC, then we may dedicate a fundraiser specifically for Montagnards during 2019.

All ideas require further research by chapter members and discussion among the chapter.

The chapter already voted to support the Gold Star Family of SFC Daniel Crabtree; see item below.

13. 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



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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.

14. SFA Life membership offer to members of B/2/19 SFG. The Chapter has had an open offer to pay \$300 of the \$440 total for members of B/2/19 SFG to become Life members. This offer has been open for three years. We discussed it and voted unanimously to end this offer as of 31 December 2018. In this vote, the chapter also agreed to offer to pay \$300 of the \$440 total to any member of B/2/19 SFG who graduates SFQC and becomes a Life member within 12 months of graduation.
  
15. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.  
Nothing new to report.  
This would 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 this program may include tuition assistance for private or public learning institutions other than a university and other than a bachelors degree. The chapter discussed this concept and voted unanimously to establish a Committee to propose the details of the Program, so it can be discussed before 31 December and executed by February 2019. **Mark Arnold, Ed Wheeler and Tom McGrath** will be the Committee, and Mark will recruit a fourth person (non-chapter member) for the Committee; having an executive non-member is a practice recommended by the IRS for non-profit Boards. Mark Arnold will recruit a central Ohio based professional/executive for our Board.
  
16. SFA 45 will support an SF Gold Star Family. Per Chapter 68's request, SFA 45 voted positively to pay for the lodging expenses for an SF Gold Star Family to attend all or parts of the 2019 Convention. It will be hosted by chapter 68 in Charleston, WV. Our Gold Star family is the family of SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq 2005. **Kevin Colwell** volunteered to be the action officer for this initiative, and Kevin's next task is to determine from the family how many members and which dates they wish to attend. Kevin will then coordinate with SFA 68 to gain hotel reservations using the SFA discount. Our chapter's estimated expenses are \$500 to \$1000 depending on how many family members will attend and how many hotel rooms are required.