



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 2 and 12 December 2019

The December 2nd and 12th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order at the Hofbräuhaus 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
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Danny Vinson
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Gene Taylor	Bob Deis
Ed Porter	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Larry Verne
Stuart Candis	Jeff Baldwin
Terry Dillon	Joe Ballenger
David Ashley	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Jack Heist
Nelson Hastings	
Jesse Boyd	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported the chapter has \$4685.77 in its operating fund and \$76,938.85 in its Green Beret Support Group, LLC account for a total of \$81,623.85. Expenses related to the unit Christmas Party were approximately \$2200.



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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. Raffle. **Jim Wetz** volunteered to lead the raffle project and will provide an update during the January meetings.
2. SFA National Convention 2020:
When: 12-15 August 2020
Where: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin Fl.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **SFA45.org**
Andy Schneider updated the website again during September with some photos from our Motorcycle Freedom Run.
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 mailed letters during November to the approximately 27 members who have fallen out of good standing with dues.
4. 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.
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.
6. Chapter Polo shirts and other apparel. Larry Verne offered to have these made again and Patrick Enlow offered to manage this among chapter members. An order form will be sent to members during January.



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7. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2019 Date TBA

Mark Arnold visited the leaders and members of the Richwood Gun and Game Club on 12 November in order to present a Thank You plaque among the entire membership. After a short speech and photos, the Club welcomed us back as their host for the event in 2020. Mark and Eric Stansifer will meet the leaders during January to establish a date and conduct an AAR regarding the recent Shoot.

b. Freedom Ride 2020.

Jim Wetz volunteered once again to manage this event next year. Jim stated he would reach out to AD Farrow's leadership to set a date for it.

c. Rolling Thunder – Columbus, OH 2020.

This national event has **MOVED FROM WASHINGTON DC TO COLUMBUS, OHIO!** **Mark Arnold** is on the Board for Event Planning Rolling Thunder Columbus. Approximately 20,000 to 30,000 riders are expected this first year. Chapter 45 will benefit with a presence at this Memorial weekend military-friendly event.

d. B/2/19 SFG Christmas Party, **8 December 2019**

This event was reported to be a success, as usual. The unit and its Family Readiness Group managed it, and our chapter paid for its expenses: Approximately \$2200 for a meal and gifts for each child of unit members. Andy Schneider took photos at the event; some will be selected and placed in our next submission for The Drop.

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jesse Boyd reported that he would follow up with this action during January through March.

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

6 January at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

9 January 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

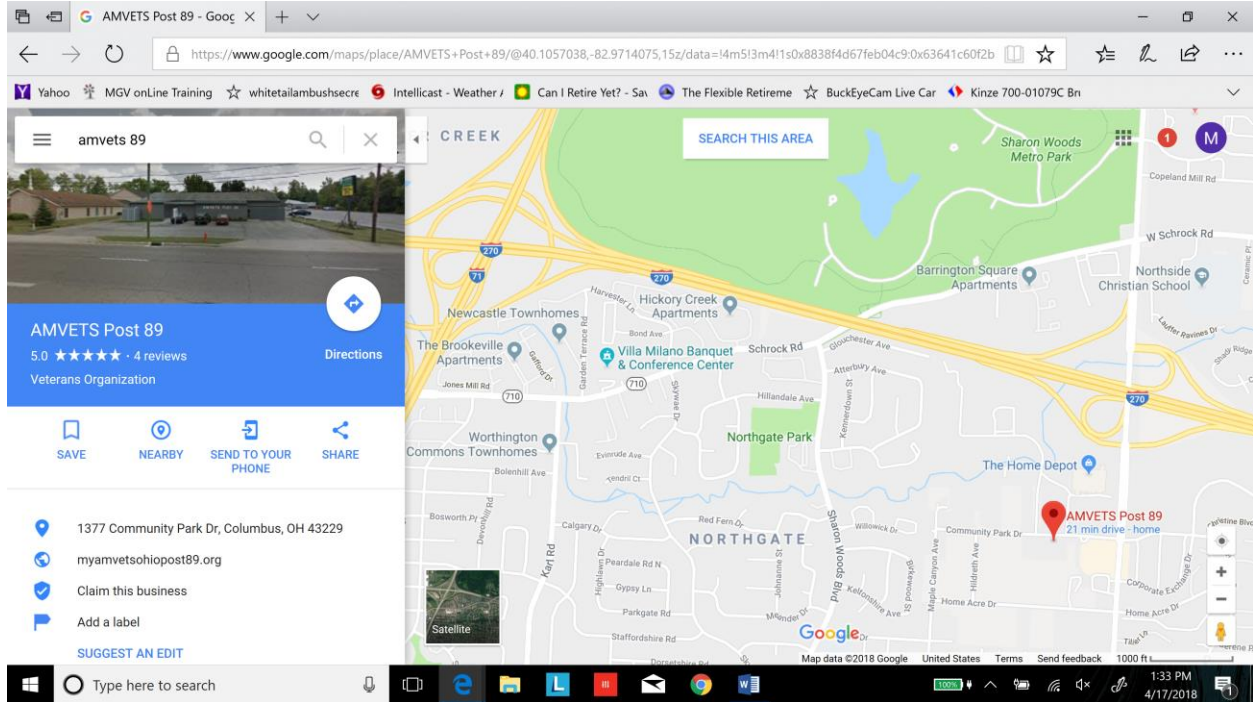


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south of this exit.

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

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

The IRS issued its final approval 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



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donations to this are entirely tax deductible.

Tom McGrath is researching costs and sources for Director and Officer insurance. John Gonzalez has one suggested firm.

Tom McGrath will establish and manage a Minutes Book for the OGBSG.

Chadd Kuhn and Tom McGrath will submit tax returns for 2017 through 2019 to the IRS by 15 December.

Directors will be chapter officers and civilian executives recruited for their leadership and connectivity to networks:

Tom McGrath

Patrick Enlow

Mark Arnold

Andy Schneider

Ed Wheeler

Three civilian executives to be named.

- 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.
- **Mark Arnold and Tom McGrath** will recruit three central Ohio executives to serve as the non-chapter member Directors.

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.

Update: Tom McGrath and Mark Arnold met with the leadership of the Columbus Foundation. Items to be determined: Select an investment strategy for the \$75,000 that we will place into this endowment. **Mark Arnold and Tom McGrath**

Action Items:

- Create a Tab and page within the SFA45.org website for the Scholarship Program. This page will feature The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, describe what it is, and the page will describe the details of the Scholarship Program. It will also include a link titled: "Apply for OGBSG Scholarship". This link will bring up The Columbus Foundation's application process for our Program. **Patrick Enlow.**
- Send a \$75,000 check payable to The Columbus Foundation with note, "Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Program". **Chadd Kuhn**
- Send our Chapter logo to The Columbus Foundation. **Mark Arnold**



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This is our primary program for our fund raising. We will begin year 2020 with three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. Definition follows:

Candidates must be members in good standing of the Special Forces Association, Chapter 45 (Buckeye Chapter), or their spouse, children (including adopted children and stepchildren), and other dependents are also eligible. Other dependents include grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or others for whom the Member is acting in the role of parent or guardian. Candidates must be graduating high school seniors or high school graduates with a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Candidates must attend a two- or four-year college or university; a career or technical program; post-secondary trade certification program; or a Master's or Doctorate degree at an accredited institution in the U.S.

The application process will include writing an essay and completing an application form.

The Columbus Foundation will send a list of applicants to SFA 45 to assure they are chapter members in good standing or related to a member as described above.

The Columbus Foundation has a committee that reviews all application submissions and essays, and they choose the awardees. This process will probably occur in late April or May. Both awardees and non-selects will be notified by The Columbus Foundation.

The Chapter voted unanimously to commit \$75,000 of The Green Beret Support Group's funds to establish the endowment for the Program. These funds will be managed by The Columbus Foundation's investment committee. The chapter can discontinue the program and retrieve its funds at any time. The Chapter will set its goal to raise this endowment to \$100,000 by the end of 2020; this will enable funding of two \$2000 or four \$1000 scholarships.



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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.

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