



**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 December 2021

The December 6th and 9th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Mark Arnold and Vice President Patrick Enlow. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Patrick Enlow
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer:
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Vice President:
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Dave Wilhelmus
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Jim Butler	Tom Edwards
Frank Hicks	Ed Porter
Paul Dusing	Pete Becker
Eric Stansifer	Butch Betzko
Jesse Boyd	John McCort
Bob Schneider	Jeff Baldwin
Carl Fuller	Danny Vinson
Frank Hicks	Tony Coburn
Fran and Jim Wesseling	Judy Mohr
Matt Louis	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Tom McGrath** reported via email the Chapter Operational Fund is \$2016.63 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$52,188.71; an additional \$75,000 is invested in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment and supervised by The Columbus Foundation's investment management; Tom will ask the Foundation the current value of the endowment and will report it during January's meeting. The OGBSG's balance mentioned above is as of 1 DEC; it does not include \$7500 collected in donations



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during early December. This includes a generous \$1000 donation from chapter member **Ed Wheeler**; thank you Ed! Another \$1000 was donated by a neighbor of Mark Arnold.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of Award to Fran and Jim Wesseling.

Jim Butler presented a gift to Fran and Jim Wesseling on behalf of SFA 45 to recognize their commitment, dedication, and outstanding success with fundraising for The Green Beret Foundation. Jim Butler championed this thoughtful initiative several months ago. The gift is a bronze statue of a green beret atop combat boots. Both Fran and Jim were at the Newport, KY meeting and were thrilled to receive it. A crew from a local television news station were in attendance and covered this presentation.

2. B/2/19 SFG Christmas Gifts.

Philip Taraska in coordination with the unit Family Readiness Group purchased \$50 gift cards for each of the children of unit members of B/2/19th SFG. These cards will be sent along with Christmas cards to the families. The unit remains deployed and, of course, will not have a Christmas party again this year.

Tip of the beret to **Pete Becker** for securing a \$5500 donation to cover the entire cost of this initiative! Jerad Barnett, a business colleague of Pete's, made the generous donation. We will present a Thank You plaque to Jerad soon and welcome him and a guest of his as VIP shooters at our September 3 Gun Shoot Fundraiser.

3. SFA Team Room online.

Pete Becker continues to lead at both the chapter level and assisting with leading at the National level the SF4Life initiative. Pete and the chapter officers ask members to login online (you already have an account if you are an SFA member) and add your contact details and address. The primary purpose of the Team Room initiative is to network SFA members online for employment opportunities as well as social events and any other needs for support.

4. Social Event 2022.

The chapter discussed an initiative to organize a social one to two hour get-together that includes family members as a luncheon during a weekend. We may do this at a restaurant, picnic setting, or a hall that would host us. More to follow when a champion or two volunteers to organize this.



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5. Golf Fundraiser.

The chapter discussed the potential for executing a golf fundraising event. We will ask chapter member **Mike Hurdzan** for his advice on feasibility and whether to proceed with planning.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org* and Chapter Facebook page.
Patrick Enlow stated he is an Administrator for chapter 45's portion of the SFA Club Express website. If you are not receiving quarterly email notifications from SFA, then they do not have your email address. Send your correct email address to Patrick Enlow patrick@efsnm.com
2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
SFA 45 currently has 181 members.
3. Memorial Monument for SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq June 2006.
Philip Taraska is now leading this initiative. The dialogue among members during the meeting centered on agreement to create a monument capable of adding more names to it later. Philip is in contact with Nathan Henry who is designing the monument, and he will send the concepts to the leadership of B Company for votes and opinions among unit members.
Philip Taraska (Project Team Leader)
Kevin Colwell
Dave Spriggs
Chris Belford
4. Chapter Coins.
Jim Wetz briefed the membership regarding a Chapter Coin initiative. He is now in contact with Mike Robinson to craft the design.
5. SF 4 Life.
Pete Becker suggested hosting a Zoom meeting for the purpose of introducing SF4Life and the SF online Team Room to chapter members. This will also include transition and employment seeking tips from **Matt Louis**, our local expert and author of *Mission Transition: Navigating the Opportunities and Obstacles to your Post-Military Career*. We will coordinate this potential initiative with the company leadership team of B/2/19 SFG to assure it accommodates unit members' schedules.
Related to this, Pete also added to his SF4Life "Checklist" links to PurePost.com for resume writing and a link to the Special Operators Transition Foundation.
Lastly, **Pete** will coordinate with Jared Barnett to have **Mark Arnold** present to the



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Dayton area Chamber of Commerce regarding our SF network and the good work we are doing as The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

6. American Legion Membership.

Chapter member **Rick Lavalley** sponsored several chapter members' initial membership in the American Legion. Chapter members are reminded to consider joining and being active in a Post that actually does things. Individual Posts donate to charitable causes such as The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. Several of us joined the Kettering Post for that reason.

7. EVENTS.

a. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride 27 AUG 2022**

Jim Wetz coordinated with "Jimbo" Hearn of Farrow Harley Davidson to select this date. Jim also coordinated with chapter member **Joe Metarko** (SFMBC) to help lead this project. Jim sent his application for membership to American Motorcycle Association.

b. **3 Gun Shoot 2022 10 SEP 2022**

Mark Arnold and **Eric Stansifer** met with Steve Ormeroid, President of the Richwood Gun and Game Club and Eric crafted a plan for the event that will expand it to include vendor sponsors, shooting education, and possibly a GoRuck event. Steve Ormeroid supports the concept. Its purpose is to provide a venue for and events that attract a larger community of shooters, the public, law enforcement, and the military to interact with each other and also draw more support to our fundraising efforts and recruitment of members to the Gun and Game Club. The additional exposure to a larger crowd of military-friendly Americans will result in increased fundraising revenue.

The 3 Gun competition will be shorter (0900 hrs to 1300 hrs).

Some shooting bays will be dedicated to sponsors, and others will open to sponsors following the competition.

A similar concept can be watched in this two minute **YouTube video:**

Ohio Range Day 2020 x SIONYX

Actions:

- **Mark and Eric** must recruit sponsors (firearm, ammo, and gear manufacturers and sellers).
- Ask **Mike Robinson** to craft a marketing plan for the event.

c. **Mike Quinn Celebration of Life. 27 November** Our Lady of Victory Church 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus, OH 43212. Mark Arnold and Jan Hauger represented the chapter at this family event. Mike's widow and children appreciated this demonstration of support, and his widow told several kind stories to all of us.



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8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Chris Belford was diagnosed cancer free! He was diagnosed with prostate cancer during October and the biopsy following prostate removal during November concluded the cancer was isolated to the prostate. This is why he handed off leadership of the Monument project. We all wish Chris and his family well as his recovery continues.

Terry Dillon died on 8 DEC. He was diagnosed with cancer several months ago with a terminal prognosis. Funeral arrangements will be shared with the chapter when his family concludes that coordination. Terry was respected by all who knew him, and the chapter will recognize his service to our nation.

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

3 January at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

13 January 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.

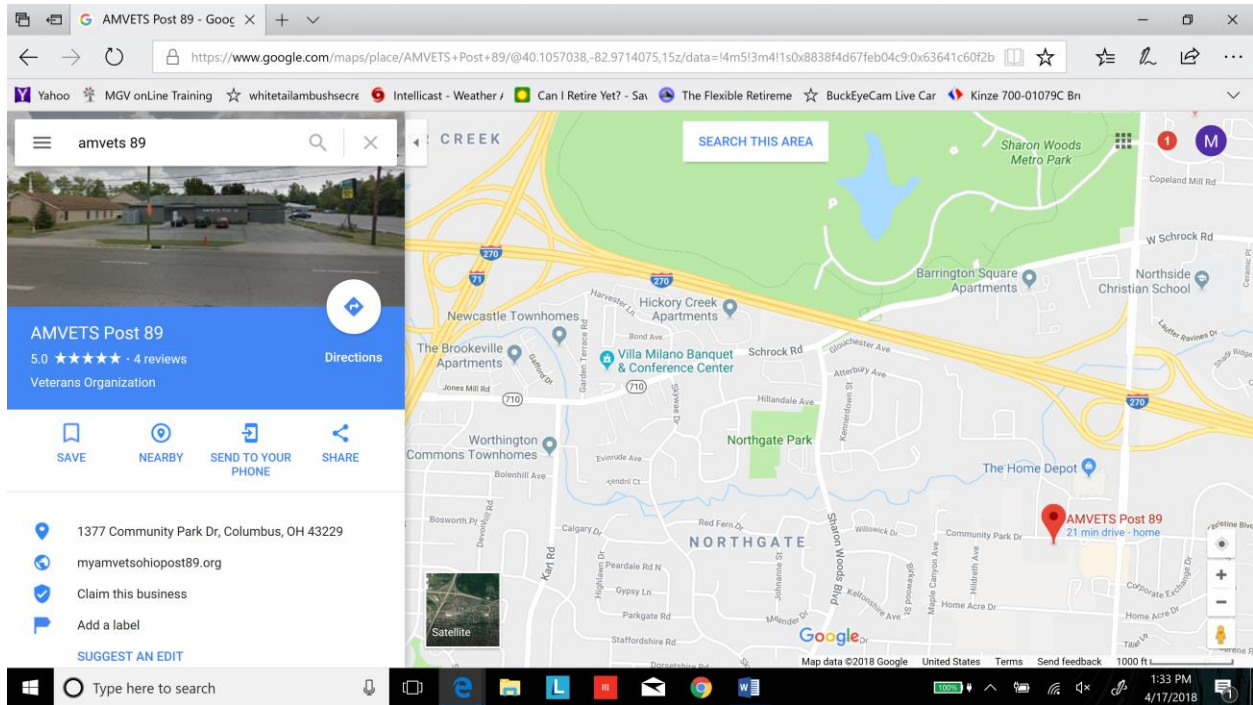
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

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:

**Treasurer SFA 45
Tom McGrath
PO Box 12093
Columbus, OH 43212**

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

11. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group

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.

Directors (also referred to as Board members) are chapter officers and civilian executives



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recruited for their leadership and connectivity to networks. Directors are unpaid positions, and they and their families are not eligible for the Scholarship Program.

12. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

We have three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family.

Next application window begins in March 2022 through May 2022.

The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.

The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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.

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