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**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 4 and 14 February 2019**

The February 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<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	Jack Heist
Jim Adams	Richard Carr
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Don Thomas	Russ Preston
Bill Carruthers	Ed Porter
Carl Fuller	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
John McCort	Dan Hessler
Don Thomas	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Andy Schneider
Nelson Hastings	John Gonzalez
Jim Wetz	Bob Deis
Danny Vinson	Tom Edwards
Terry Dillon	Dave Wilhelmus

**The TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Chadd Kuhn** reported the Chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund (The Ohio Green Beret Support Group) is \$68,727.72 as of 1 February including \$9756.74 in the Operations fund and \$58,970.98 in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group (family support fund). This total includes a \$1000 donation made by the chapter to The Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.



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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. Jesse Boyd led the swearing in of Chapter Officers for the 2019-2021 term: Patrick Enlow, President, Mark Arnold, Vice President, Andy Schneider, Secretary.
2. American Legion Membership.  
Member Rick LaValley recommends that chapter members join and become leaders at multiple American Legion posts. The IRS requires the American Legion to donate 25% of charitable collections to charitable organizations; The Ohio Green Beret Support Group qualifies. Again, SFA 45 members are encouraged to be active leaders at Legion posts so they can make credible arguments for Posts to donate annually/monthly to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. Our scholarship program is attractive to the Legion and the IRS.
3. Meeting and luncheon at The National Veterans Museum, Columbus, OH  
**Andy Schneider** suggested we hold an upcoming meeting there. He will reach out to the Museum's management to discuss a date, venue, food and entrance fee waiver.
4. Green Beret for a Day.  
Following discussion on this potential fund raising initiative, **Andy Schneider** drafted an activities program for civilians to donate and participate in this. Shooting, SF skills events, gear and training demonstrations by B/2/19 SFG, and possible viewing an airborne operation are part of this. This concept is based on successful program the Legion Foundation has done in coordination with 5<sup>th</sup> SFG for fundraising. More discussion with the Ohio National Guard continues.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*  
There are multiple updates needed for our website. **Jim Wetz** and **Andy Schneider** volunteered to assist **Patrick Enlow** with this.
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**, chapter membership manager, will obtain an updated roster provided by SFA



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National on 15 March; this will be the best “Members in Good Standing for 2019” roster, and we will use it for recovering those not in good standing.

4. CHAPTER MARKETING.

We need a digital poster that distinguishes 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.

5. 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.

6. EVENTS.

a. Motorcycle Freedom Run 2019

**Jim Wetz** has coordinated with owners of AD Farrow and The Buckeye Lake Winery and they have a tentative date of 7 September. Chadd Kuhn will assist Jim with the formal request for support by the ONG for an SF static display among other Army support for the event. Jim will also get photos from the Buckeye Lake Winery of raffle prizes they provide. **Mike Robinson** will create a marketing poster and an event description for social media. Chapter members will then be encouraged to reach out to motorcycle clubs to add this to their communications to their members.

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2019

**Mark Arnold** briefed that this event is in jeopardy of not happening in 2019. The Match Director from Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. is unavailable to manage this for 2019. Another potential Director is being sought within PCSI.

7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

**Jesse Boyd** briefed that member Tom Allman is in the Zanesville Hospital with health complications.

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

**4 March** at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

**14 March** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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



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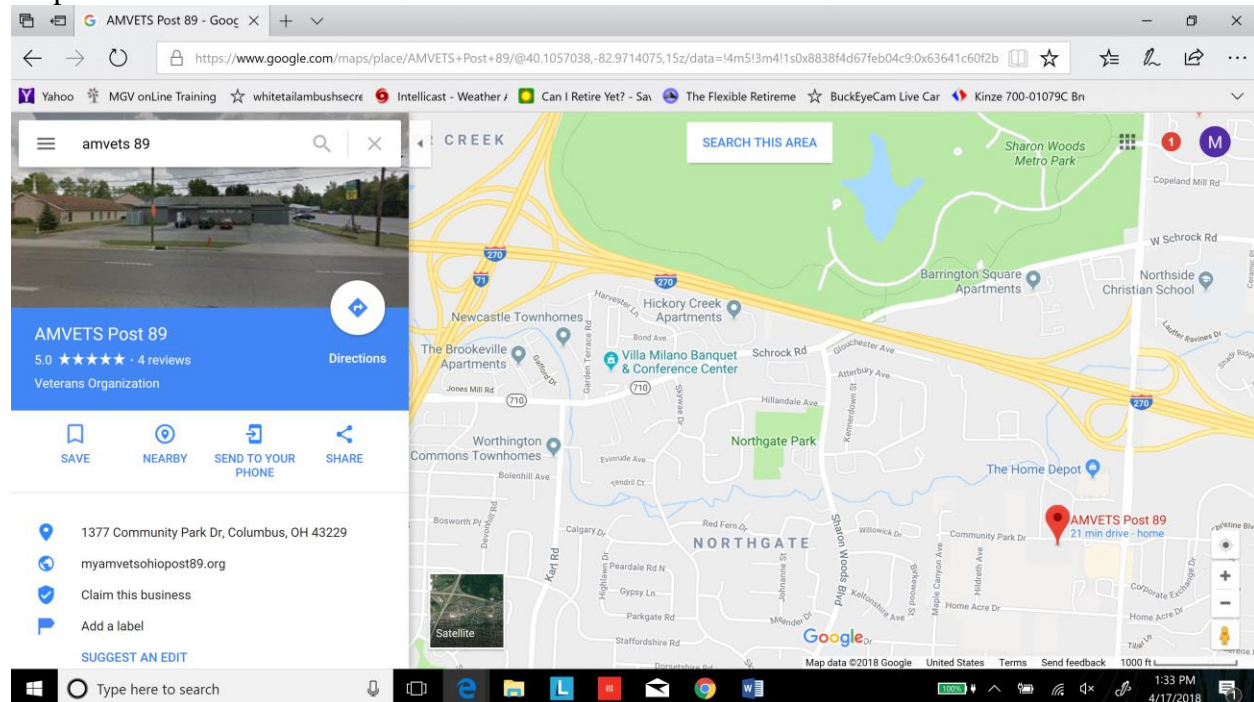
Lunch cost at AMVETS 89 is paid by the chapter, and the Post committed to preparing and serving this for us monthly.

**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.**

9. THE DROP:

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

10. 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.



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11. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.

**Tom McGrath** is preparing a second filing 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's application has not received final approval from the Ohio Department of Taxation. This has proven a barrier to even gaining donations from organizations who have committed them to us. The project requires completion.

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.

12. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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 bachelors degree; this includes vocational training. Chadd Kuhn suggested we support the same educational categories covered by the GI Bill. **Mark Arnold, Ed Wheeler and Tom McGrath** will be the Committee, and Mark will recruit a fourth person and probably a fifth (non-chapter members) for the Committee; having an executive non-member is a practice recommended by the IRS for non-profit Boards. Mark Arnold will recruit one or two central Ohio based professional/executive for our Board.

13. 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** volunteered to be the action officer for this initiative.