



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

The February 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 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: Jim Wetz  
Asst. Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn  
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Danny Vinson
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Gene Taylor	Dan Hessler
Ed Porter	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Paul Dusing
Eric Smith	Larry Verne
Stuart Candis	Ted Mosure
Terry Dillon	Carl Fuller
Kevin Colwell	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	John Clairmonte
Don Thomas	Mike Hurdzan
Dave Wilhelmus	Tony Coburn
Butch Betzko	Mike Robinson
Larry Verne	Bill Cline
Chris Belford	Eric Stansifer
Matt Louis	Chris Belford

The TREASURER'S REPORT

**Chadd Kuhn** reported the chapter has \$4303.76 in its operating fund and \$3559.08 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).



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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. **Ted Mosure** invited John Clairmonte, of iHeart Media, to speak with the chapter about fundraising initiatives. John said that local radio is an effective way of communicating chapter events and initiatives of the Ohio Green Beret Support Group with the goal of gaining charitable donations from listeners. He will help coordinate making this happen at both WCOL FM and WTVN AM in Columbus. He will also connect us with a company that chooses local charitable organizations for its annual donations.  
**ACTION:** The chapter must organize some of its members to prepare individual veterans' stories for interview and podcasts as well as talking points related to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group.
2. AMVETS Post 89, our monthly host for the Columbus luncheon meeting, presented a \$2000 donation to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group during the meeting. This is another demonstration that being members of AMVETS, and The American Legion can result in their donations to our charitable organization.
3. Fundraising. **Kevin Colwell** and others discussed the process of posting Ohio Green Beret Support Group information on various social media sites such as Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn. He suggested the chapter consider hiring a social media expert to assist with content creation and management. Within 24 hours of our meeting, **Patrick Enlow** joined Ohio Gun Club groups and the Ohio Gun Rights group for a total of over 250,000 members that we now have access to for promotion. He also joined Ohio-based motorcycle club Facebook sites that have over 150,000 followers. Next steps: Create content that we can post.
4. **Mike Robinson** is beginning the massive task of creating promotional material for this year's events as well as creating digital content members can post on social media. More to follow.
5. Dan Crabtree 5K Run.  
**Chadd Kuhn** mentioned that this year is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Daniel Crabtree's death in Iraq. The chapter is looking for a volunteer to lead a project to host the 5K Run event that was quite successful several years ago. An idea is to have this in Gahanna and schedule it for 2021.



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OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*

**Patrick Enlow** did an amazing job of updating our website with photos, events and re-created the Ohio Green Beret Support Group section. Also, our tagline will be replaced with "Supporting Ohio's Green Berets".

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 continues tracking members' dues and reminding them about renewals via mail and phone calls.

4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR

5. American Legion and AMVETS 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. Charlie Mohr mentioned **Jack Heist** and **Eric Smith** are both active members in their AMVETS Posts, and we should ask them to approach their leadership regarding charitable donations to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. AMVETS Post 89 made a \$2000 donation to us this month mainly because Mark Arnold is a Life member there.

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. Patrick is in the process of re-creating the order form for the new apparel.

7. Raffle.

**Jim Wetz** continues to develop plans for this. He is seeking a new bow to auction. We will have two prizes: a high-quality bow and a TenPoint crossbow. Purpose: Raise funds for our chapter's operational account.

8. SFA National Convention 2020:

When: 12-15 August 2020

Where: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin FL, near 7<sup>th</sup> SFG.



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9. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2020 Saturday 3 October

**Mark Arnold** and **Eric Stansifer** met with Richwood Gun and Game Club's President, Steve Ormeroid, and completed an AAR, task list and selected the above date for the event. We will need 10 volunteers for this date. We will need five volunteers to set up the range on Thursday 1 OCT. All volunteers may shoot the entire course of fire for free on Friday 2 OCT. We will have four or five stages. More details to come.

b. Freedom Ride 2020. Saturday 12 September.

**Jim Wetz** volunteered once again to manage this event. We will stay with the same start and end point venues.

c. Rolling Thunder – Columbus, OH 2020. 24 May

This national event has MOVED FROM WASHINGTON DC TO COLUMBUS, OHIO! The website is *RollingThunderOhio.com*. **Mark Arnold** is on the Board for Event Planning Rolling Thunder Ohio because the leader of this event is AD Farrow's CEO – the person who hosts our chapter's Freedom Ride fundraiser. Approximately 20,000 to 30,000 riders are expected this first year.

*Please "Like" the Facebook page, Rolling Thunder Ohio.*

We need 4 volunteers to man a booth at the Ohio State Fairgrounds 0800 to 1400 hrs. Sunday 24 May. This is the start point of the ride, and we will sell our chapter T shirts as well as promote our chapter's 12 September ride. This will be the best exposure to significantly expand our ridership for our 12 September fundraiser.

d. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. Friday 1 May 2020.

Chapter member, Ted Mosure, is the Chairman. This prestigious event will, as always, be held at the Ohio State House. Governor DeWine attended last year's ceremony, and it is on his calendar for this year. Please mark your calendars to attend it.

e. B/2/19<sup>th</sup> SFG Fete.

Chadd Kuhn mentioned the unit will have a Winter Fete instead of its family Christmas Party. The chapter is asked to donate funds to purchase gifts (\$50 per) for each of the unit member's spouse or significant other.

10. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

**Kevin Colwell** expressed his gratitude to the Chapter for the flowers and card we sent to him and his wife Kelli during December. Chapter member **Rick Lavalley** continues his strong recovery from heart surgery. He is caring for his daughter who is fighting cancer.



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

**2 March** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

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

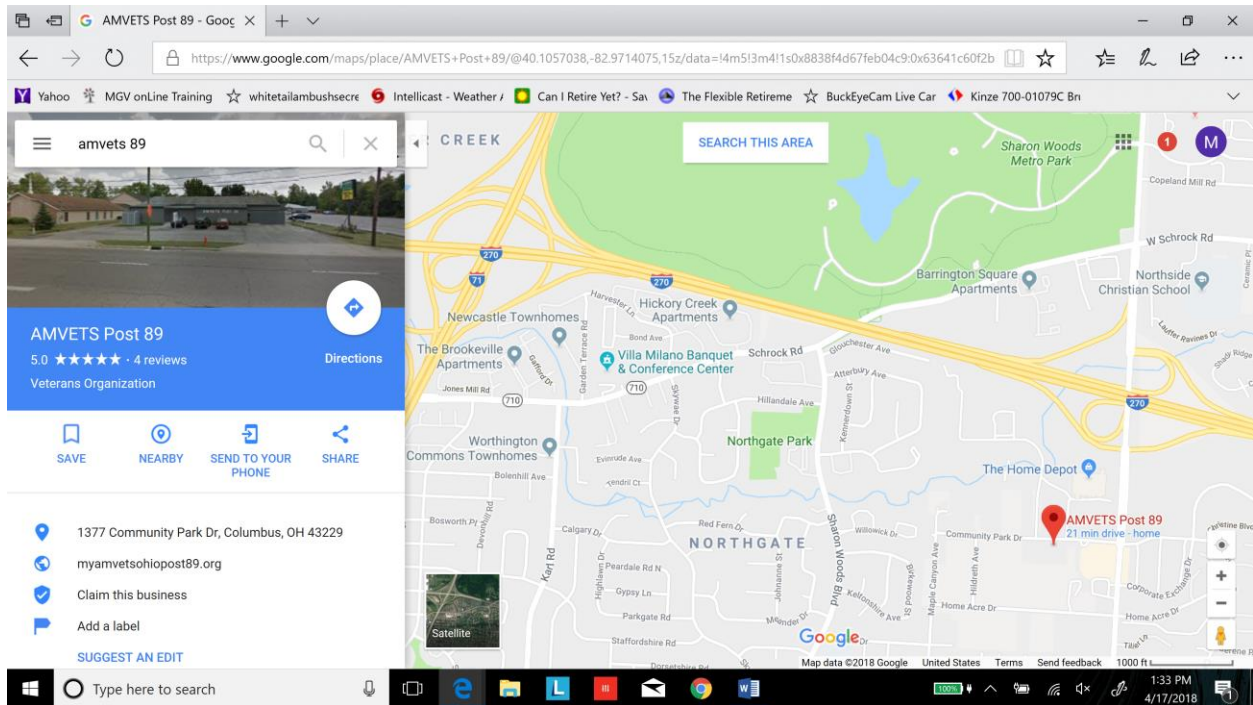
Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

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 south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

**12. 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.



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13. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group

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 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.

Tom McGrath

Patrick Enlow

Mark Arnold

Andy Schneider

Ed Wheeler

- Three civilian executives to be named Directors (Board members).
- Tom McGrath suggested the unit commander of B/2/19<sup>th</sup> SFG always be a Board member. This will maintain leadership connectivity to the unit as its leaders come and go.
- Tom will select an appropriate Directors and Officers insurance policy; this is normally a \$1 million policy at a cost of \$500 annually.
- Tom will complete the Ohio Green Beret Support Group's 2019 tax filing.
  - 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. Tom chose to have our first Directors' meeting with the five people mentioned above and complete some necessary organizational tasks before we have our civilian Board members participate.

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.

### Fundraising and Event Promotions.

Chris Belford mentioned the appeal of having a celebrity at one or more events. We will explore this with a local professional promoter and media expert, Chris Nash.



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**Mike Robinson** and **Chris Belford** discussed the essential elements of nodal connections to maximize social media coverage of our messages and events.

We will approach the B/2/19 SFG company leadership team to select an individual Green Beret and a GB family to feature as examples of who we support; this is for the design of fundraising media.

14. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

This is our primary program for fundraising. 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 entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.



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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



[www.sfa45.org](http://www.sfa45.org)