



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 February 2021**

The February 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Patrick Enlow. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

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

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Pete Hendrix	Dave Wilhelmus
John McCort	Don Austin
Don Edwards	Stuart Candis
Jim Butler	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horn
Ed Porter	Jim Edwards
Eric Stansifer	Danny Vinson
Pete Becker	Chris Belford
Don Cassidy	John Gonzalez
Kevin Colwell	

**The TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Chadd Kuhn** published the chapter's financial report dated 1 February 2021. The chapter has \$4719.73 in its operating fund and \$27,196.65 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).

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

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



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Green Beret Foundation's main fundraiser in 2021 will be limited to the weekend of 11 SEP; their golf outing and silent auction will be held that weekend in the Cincinnati area. The *Brew's for Berets* event is tentatively scheduled at the Old Dog Alehouse in Delaware, OH 25 APR 1700n hrs; you should call that restaurant prior to attending to assure the event is still "a go".
2. **Charlie Mohr Memorial Service** is scheduled for 14 May at 1300 hrs at the Dayton area's National Cemetery. **Jim Butler** is coordinating this event and will plan a memorial get-together with Charlie's family following the interment of Charlie's ashes. The venue is TBD.
3. **Chapter Elections for Officers 2021-23.** Tom McGrath could not attend the meeting, so the results and swearing in of officers is postponed to the March meeting.
4. New chapter member, **Pete Becker**, attended our Columbus meeting and introduced himself. Pete is a former 5<sup>th</sup> SFG member and 18D. He resides near Xenia, OH in the Beavercreek area.
5. **Mark Arnold** reminded members that the Ohio Green Beret Scholarship Program is actively seeking applicant for \$1000 scholarship until 1 April. The website is: [columbusfoundation.org/students/scholarships/scholarship-detail/OhioGreenBeretSupportGroupScholarship](http://columbusfoundation.org/students/scholarships/scholarship-detail/OhioGreenBeretSupportGroupScholarship)
6. **Chadd Kuhn** said he submitted over 45 membership renewal forms and a check to SFA National during January. He will reconcile with National their new list of official members by 1 March with his list of submissions. Mark Arnold will follow up during March with a message to our membership to confirm if their submission was mistakenly missed.
7. **Mark Arnold** and **Patrick Enlow** began a discussion regarding SFA Core Values and Impermissible Behaviors. The discussion followed several officer meetings on this during January and early February. Almost all large organizations, including the SF Regiment, have Core Values statements and Codes of Conduct. Its purpose is a preventive measure to reduce the risk of an SFA member committing an act that could significantly damage the reputation of the SFA and disable our civilian support. The risk is high considering the size of the SFA and the instant and global reach of communications, news, and social media. The DRAFT wording of this was discussed, debated, and then selected during the meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to send this to SFA National. A cover letter will be reviewed once more and sent to SFA National.



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OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*

**Patrick Enlow** modified our website with new links to our motorcycle rally as well as other updates.

2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member. **Patrick Enlow** mentioned the positive effect this has had with connecting people to our fundraising events as well as recruiting new members.

3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

The SFA HQ provided a "Membership at Large" list of members and former members who list Ohio as their home state. This is an annual recruiting initiative for National and SFA 45.

4. SFA National Convention 2021. 22-25 OCT at Las Vegas, NV. Website *sfacon.com*

5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. NSTR.

6. Raffle.

This project is now postponed to 2021, and Jim Wetz will explore with Eric Stansifer the concept of an ammo raffle since ammunition is extremely scarce.

7. B/2/19<sup>th</sup> SFG membership recruitment

The chapter is offering a \$400 discount for SFA Life membership to unit members if 40 or more sign up by 1 May and join SFA 45. This is a one-time offer by the chapter.

8. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2021

**Mark Arnold** will ask Steve Ormeroid of the Richwood Gun and Game Club which date is best: 28 AUG or 18 SEP; these are the dates the meeting discussion concluded on. **Eric Stansifer** said he can get ammo at cost and include an ammo sale as an option for shooters when they register online. The chapter members were enthusiastic about naming this year's event, "*The Charlie Mohr Memorial 3 Gun Shoot*".



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b. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021.

Date 21 AUG 2021. **Jim Wetz** will coordinate details with Farrow Harley Davidson's leadership. Kevin Colwell suggested the American Motorcycle Association's HQ and Museum be an ending venue for this year's ride. Tracy Higgenbotham, owner of the Buckeye Lake Winery, will still provide wine and door prizes for auction, but a different destination venue will be avoid disrupting other events he will have that day. **Eric Stansifer** volunteered to pay the registration fee for Chapter 45 to become a charter member of AMA; this could result in marketing support by the AMA for our event.

c. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

24 SEP at the Ohio State House.

9. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

No new information.

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

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

**11 March** 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.

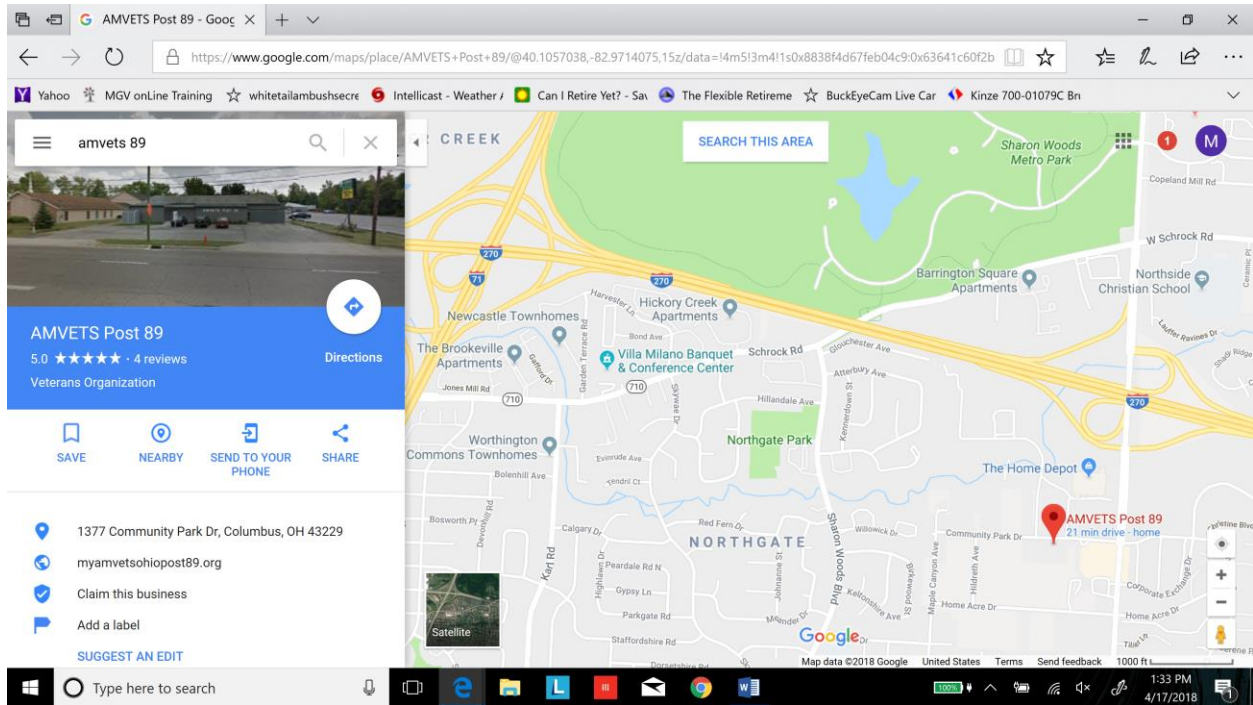
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

**11. 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  
Tom McGrath  
PO Box 12093  
Columbus, OH 43212**

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

**12. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group**

**Mike Robinson** has completed a six-page VIP Brochure focused on fundraising for 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.

**Open Actions:**

**Tom McGrath:** Create an agenda for OGBSG Directors meeting.

**Tom McGrath:** File tax return for 2019 and 2020 for OGBSG.

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.

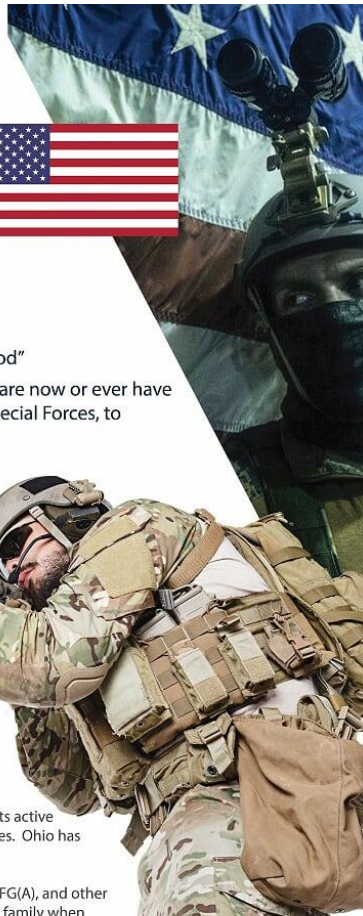
13. **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

This is our primary program for fundraising. We began year 2020 with three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. 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.

### GREEN BERETS



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