



**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 July 2018

The July 2nd and 12th 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:

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Pete Lowell
Jim Adams	Bob Schneider
Ed Porter	Frank Hicks
Jan Hauger	Norm Lambert
Ed Wheeler	Ken Horne
William Carruthers	Bob Deiss
Randy Weber	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
Jack Heist	Eric Bornschlegl
PJ Coulter	George Thomas
Jeff Baldwin	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Nelson Hastings
Ken Bell	James Wetz
John McCort	Dan Hessler
Roger Hobson	Jim Cermak
Kevin Colwell	Butch Betzko
Mike Young	Philip Taraska
Lynn Chrismeir	Ted Mosure

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Danny Vinson provided the monthly report to Mark Arnold: The Chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund is \$50,135.54 as of 30 June 2018.



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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. George Thomas suggested the chapter investigate a fundraising initiative where the chapter provides to civilians a key fob attachment that links a QR code to an automated donation to the chapter. He recently received one for the 173rd Airborne Association, and he keeps it on his key chain.
This type initiative is similar to one that the chapter will be briefed on soon by **Jim Rosenberry**, former G1 of US Special Forces Command. Jim is expected to be at the next chapter meeting in Columbus.
2. Jesse Boyd mentioned that individual chapters should receive a rebate check related to the 2018 SFA Green Beret Memorial Building Fund Raffle. **Jesse Boyd** to follow up with National with a request and self-addressed envelope.
3. B/2/19th SFG 2018 Fete. 13 October 2018, Easton Hilton, Columbus
The chapter discussed the potential support for this event. The company leadership team requested the chapter cover the cost of liquors for the ceremonial grog bowl and for the event's DJ. The chapter voted in favor of supporting this estimated cost of \$972, with a maximum cost of \$1000.
Chapter members who wish to attend (and bring their spouse or significant other) are requested to contact **Mark Arnold** by 15 September.
Dress: SFA Blazer with necktie or suit is appropriate dress.
4. **Jan Hauger** provided an overview of the day-to-day events at the 2018 SFA National Convention. **Ed Wheeler** added information about Vietnam POW/MIA recovery.
5. **Philip Taraska** provided a brief open-source overview of the mission conducted by B/2/19 SFG.
6. **Philip Taraska** also briefed that B/2/19 SFG is adding to its showcase of unit history (this includes history of 11th SFG). Members who have photographs of chapter members in action shots (doing SF stuff) should send them to the unit (POC: CW3 Kuhn) for consideration for inclusion in the display. Posed shots and group/team photos are not appropriate; field training photos are appropriate.
7. **Kevin Colwell** discussed an initiative by Hunter and Lords. They make hand-tailored suits and shirts for selected veterans. Self-nominations for this remarkable offer require an application and an essay. Members can contact Kevin for details.
kevin.a.colwell.mil@mail.mil



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OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. Chapter members were reminded that nominations for officer positions – especially the President’s position – are needed for our November-December chapter elections.
2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
3. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Bob Deiss provided a thorough update regarding his accounting of past and current members as well as recruiting. Members who have not paid their dues and are now required to pay \$45 instead of \$40 to remain in good standing are: Kevin Andrews, Mark Ballinger, John Coleman, James Kim and Jobie Siemer.
5. EVENTS.
 - a. Motorcycle Freedom Run 2018 Saturday 18 August 2018
Jeff Gallaher confirmed he has his necessary number of volunteers ready to support the event with its 50-50 raffle, raffle tickets for other prizes, and rider registration.
Tom Cousineau will be a celebrity rider for our Freedom Run! Tom is a former OSU Buckeye football player and two-time All American, and he is a veteran of the Cleveland Browns and San Francisco 49ers. Tom will provide a signed jersey as a raffle item for the event.
 - b. 3 Gun Shoot 2018 Saturday 29 September
Mark Arnold continues coordination with members of Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. (PCSI) Circleville, OH who will manage this fundraiser. Details follow:
 - 80 shooting slots and 8 bays (not 4); 24 shooting stages (not 12)
 - Fee: \$150
 - On June 16th, PCSI established online registration for the Shoot on the website *Practicescore.com*. The website provides a one step-process for shooters to create a Practicescore.com account, then you search for SFA 45 within the website. Online registration is easy, and payment instructions and match details are emailed to the registered shooter. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received via mailed check or use of PayPal. Total of 21/70 shooting slots are registered as of 12 July.



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- The following chapter members volunteered to help set up the range's multiple target arrays on Thursday 27 September and to assist with management and range take down on 29 September:

Jim Wetz
Butch Betzko
Carl Fuller
Jan Hauger
Philip Taraska

The chapter needs three members of B/2/19 SFG to support the Saturday 29 September shoot as both coaches and (shoot for free) competitors.

The PCSI staff will compete on the 8 stages on Friday 28 September.

- **We need chapter members to recruit \$1000, \$3000 and \$5000 sponsors. This is vital to the success of our 2018 initiatives.**

c. KINGS ISLAND DAY. (This offer closes 28 December 2018)

Fran Wesseling confirmed that the Green Beret Foundation will cover expenses of the Park Passes for this initiative. SFA 45 will provide the Soldier a \$150 gift card for use at The Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH. Members and family members of B/2/19 can choose any time to do this following redeployment; however, the Park closes Monday through Thursday operations on 20 August and weekends close after October 28th.

Winterfest (perhaps the best events to attend) begins in November and continues through December, and the Park pass offering and hotel gift card can be used for Winterfest through the end of this year. Soldiers are advised to review the Kings Island website to confirm operation dates after 19 August.

The Great Wolf Lodge has a network of resorts across the US, so unit members can use the gift card at a location other than Mason, OH.

Members of B/2/19 SFG who wish to participate in this should contact the following:

Contact Mark Arnold: markcarnold@yahoo.com for your hotel gift card.

Contact Fran Wesseling: fwesseling@fuse.net for your park passes.

d. Eyes of Freedom Dedication Ceremony. 6 September 1000 hrs. 4160 Springdale Road, Cincinnati, OH

This memorial to the fallen of Ohio's Lima Company, USMC is being dedicated on this date. Chapter members are encouraged to attend. This event was brought to our attention by former 18D of B/2/19 SFG, **Brian Maginn**. Details are at the memorial's website, www.EyesOfFreedom.org



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6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jan Hauger is leading this. He had the membership sign another card during our July lunch meeting.

7. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

Ted Mosure outlined some highlights of this year's ceremony and discussed the limited income and described the organization's expenses in detail: Medals, lapel pins, State House Atrium expenses, etc. Annual event expenses exceed \$5000. The chapter will vote later this year with regard to making another donation to The OMHOFV.

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

6th August at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

9th August at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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

We enjoyed the facility, food and hospitality of AMVETS Post 89 in Columbus during our June and July meetings. Lunch is only \$4 and the Post committed to preparing and serving this for us monthly.

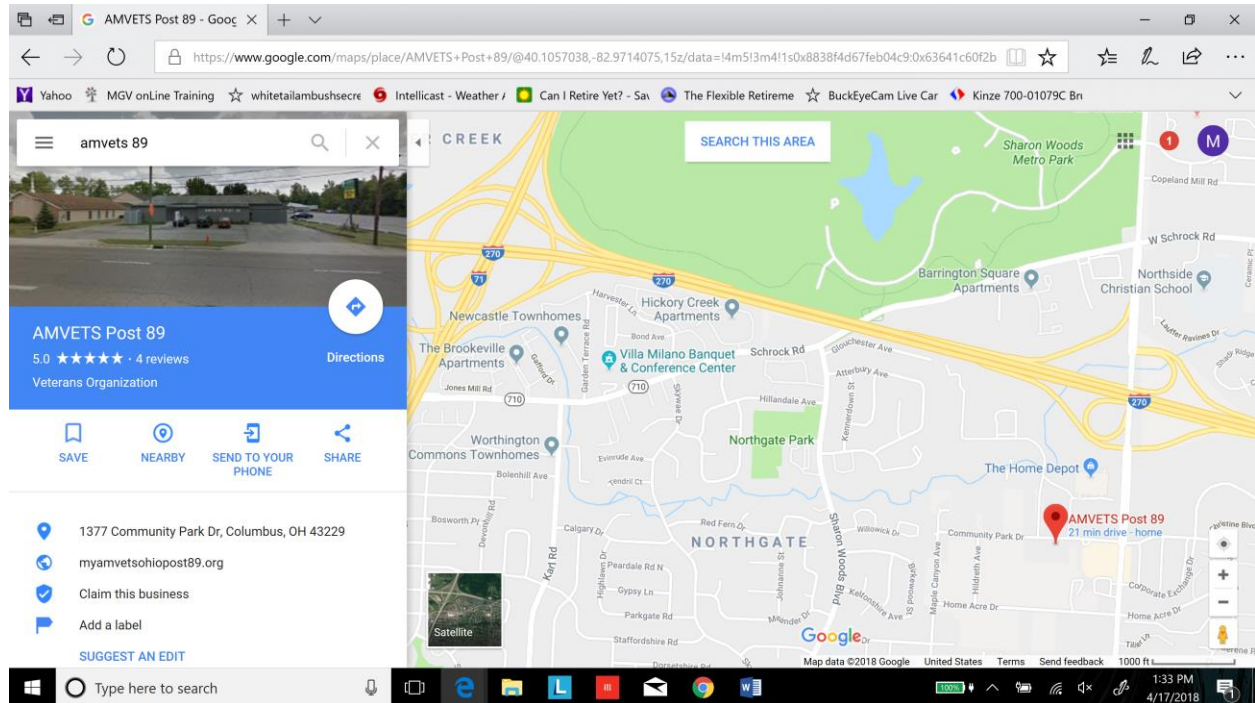
The chapter voted to change its Columbus meeting venue to AMVETS Post 89. It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,
Phone: 614-776-4552.

Map follows:



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

9. **THE DROP:**

Email draft text and photos to **Andy Schneider**: andysfa@zoho.com

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:

SFA 45
Hoxton Ct.
Columbus, OH 4220

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

11. **CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.**

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.



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- a. In order to support our primary fundraising and fundraising for one-off needs, chapter members may consider donating personal items for online sale; the chapter can manage these sales.
Patrick Enlow is evaluating the optimal method for sale of the unique and potentially very valuable gift donated by Norm and Joyce Lambert.
- b. Jesse Boyd asked about the chapter's inclinations toward making a donation to a charity related to Montagnards. Mark Arnold said the chapter could discuss and vote on it during early 2019. At this time, all donations made by sponsors and other donations have been related to supporting the men and families of B/2/19 SFG.

12. CROSSBOW DISCOUNT.

During his recruitment for sponsors of our 3 Gun Shoot, Mark Arnold met with the leadership of TenPoint Crossbows, an Ohio-based manufacturing company. The CEO of TenPoint Crossbow has approved a 30% discount of its line of TenPoint, Horton and Wicked Ridge crossbows. This discount is available only to SFA 45 chapter members. Contact **Mark Arnold** if you are interested in exploiting this generous offer.