



**Special Forces Association
Chapter XLV (45)
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**
8226 S. Perimeter Rd., Bldg 933, Columbus, OH 43217-5933

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 July 2019

The July 1st and 11th 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: Patrick Enlow
Vice President: Mark Arnold
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer:
Asst. Vice President:
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Pete Lowell
Jim Adams	Joe Ballenger
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
George Thomas	David Ashley
Bill Carruthers	Tom Edwards
Bill Cline	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Jack Hundemek
Larry Verne	Jerry Spence
Don Thomas	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Ed Porter
Nelson Hastings	John Gonzalez
Bob Deis	Terry Dillon
Danny Vinson	Tom Edwards
Mike Hurdzan	Jan Hauger
Joe Ballenger	Dave Wilhelmus
John Baty	Jack Heist
Gene Taylor	Ferrel McHugh
Rick LaValley	Kevin Colwell
Eric Stansifer	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn emailed the chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund (The Oho Green Beret Support Group) to President Patrick Enlow. The total funds are



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\$76,990.52 as of 1 July including \$11,696.13 in the Operations fund and \$65,294.39 in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group (family support fund).

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AMVETS Post 89 memberships. The officers of Post 89 that hosts our monthly meetings in Columbus ask that chapter members consider joining AMVETS and Post 89. Chapter member Ted Mosure is a Life Member, and Mark Arnold joined with a Life membership based on this request. You can easily join by completing a simple form online or on paper during the next meeting you attend.
2. Chapter member **Rick LaValley** presented, once again, his annual \$1000 donation for sponsorship of the chapter's 3 Gun Shoot Fundraiser. Thank you, Rick!

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org***
Andy Schneider updated the website again during June with some photos from last year's events.
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 provided a detailed update on membership dues and re-recruitment of members no longer in good standing. **Jesse Boyd** volunteered to help re-recruit via phone calls. The Chapter has 138 members in good standing; an additional 37 people have not paid their 2019 dues.
4. **CHAPTER MARKETING.**
Mark Arnold displayed the chapter's new 72" tall pull up banner that **Mike Robinson** designed. (See last page of these minutes.) He also distributed chapter business cards to each member; you can write your name and contact information on these generic cards. Mark will bring both to the Cincinnati luncheon meeting during August.



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5. American Legion Membership.

Rick LaValley presented the compelling reasons for chapter members to join an American Legion Post (at the Post, not online), become a leader, and over time...request the Post make an annual (monthly) charitable donation to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

6. Meeting and luncheon at The National Veterans Museum, Columbus, OH

Jan Hauger mentioned that he will contact **Jim Butler** for the purpose of coordinate with his son to organize a chapter meeting and luncheon at the museum, perhaps as early as November.

7. Night out with significant others at Buckeye Lake Winery.

This event took place on 22 June. Ten chapter members and seven wives attended. The after-action report was quite favorable. We appreciate the hospitality of Tracy and his team.

8. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR

Kevin Colwell volunteered to lead the planning and executing a Green Beret for a Day fundraising event. More to follow; this may be a 2020 event.

9. SFA Convention 2019.

The Holiday Inn Express is now the recommended location to book a room because the Marriott and Embassy Suites are full on reservations. Guaranteed rate of \$107 per night.

10. EVENTS.

a. Motorcycle Freedom Run Saturday 7 September 2019

Jim Wetz is managing this event, and he has coordinated with owners of AD Farrow and The Buckeye Lake Winery.

Date of Event: Saturday, September 7th, 2019.

Times: Sign in at 1200 and leave for The Winery at 1400 hrs.

Jim has event fliers. Contact him to gain these for helping advertise the event.

JW12470@bellsouth.net

Jan Hauger attended a Ride by multiple Ohio chapters of Rolling Thunder, Inc. when they terminated their ride at the National Veterans Museum during July 4th. Jan said over 250 riders attended, and he passed out dozens of fliers for our September fundraiser Ride.

Jim will manage two 50/50 raffles: one at AD Farrow, and one at the Winery.

Mark Arnold will order 100+ chapter T shirts to sell at the event.

Jim Wetz is asked to contact AD Farrow to determine if they have visibility on ride calendars for various organizations in Ohio.



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Volunteer List:

50/50 Ticket Sales and Ride Registration at A.D. Farrow:

Jesse Boyd
Jan Hauger
Jeff Gallaher
Jim Wetz
John McCort

****Need one more volunteer for help at A.D. Farrow and to clean up after riders**

depart**

Raffle Ticket Sales and Management at Buckeye Lake Winery:

Mark Arnold
Jim Wetz
Jeff Gallaher
Andy Schneider

**** Need two more volunteers for this location****

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2019 Saturday 12 October 2019

Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer are managing this event and met on 10 July with the leadership of the Richwood Gun and Game Club near Marysville, OH.

Address: 19200 Turner Road, Richwood, Ohio, 43344.

This will be four stages for the 3 Gun Shoot. 15 people per stage. Safety briefing 0930 hrs; estimated end time is 1600 hrs.

If more than 60 shooters, then the Club will add a 5th Stage to the event.

Registration fee: \$95.

Nice facility that has a club house with kitchen. Each shooting bay is high quality and the Club hosts multi gun competitions several times annually.

The Club's members will manage scoring of the shoot.

Eric Stansifer created the online registration on *Practiscore.com*.

Eric suggested we set up corporate tables for sponsors who provide and sell items.

Eric Stansifer will purchase additional door prizes at a budget of \$500 plus a Glock pistol with suppressor.

Mark Arnold distributed fliers for the event.

Mark said he will follow up with a bronze statue gift for Ed Petkovich.

Mark emailed on 21 April and again on 9 May the document chapter members can use to recruit sponsors. Mark stated that it is essential that chapter members attempt to recruit at least one sponsor for the 3 Gun Shoot.

Butch Betzko has gained commitment from a friend to once again provide weapons for use by sponsors during the Shoot. Vance Outdoors agreed to once again support the event with a donation of ammo.



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Volunteers for Friday set-up and Saturday event:

Butch Betzko
Jan Hauger
Jim Wetz
John McCort
Carl Fuller
Dan Hessler
Patrick Enlow
Bill Cline
Chris Twomey + 1

11. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Terry Dillon attended the July meeting despite his suffering from stage four prostate cancer. Chemo treatment continues. Good Luck, Terry!

Kevin Colwell reported that former member of B/2/19 SFG, **Craig Johnson**, has stage four cancer. Jesse Boyd will mail to Craig a Ruck Up! card signed by chapter members; Kevin to provide the address to Jesse.

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

5 August at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

8 August 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.

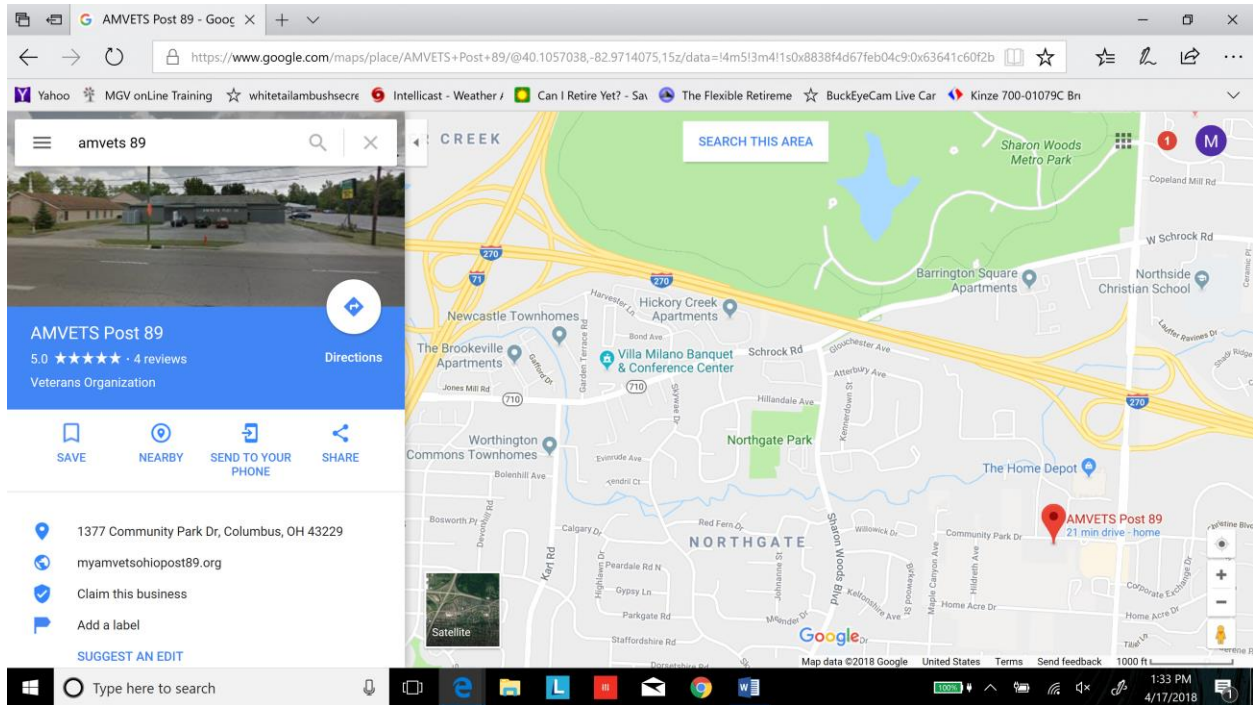
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

13. THE DROP:

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

14. 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.

15. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING

Tom McGrath provide a detailed update and description of the establishment of The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC (**OGBSG**), 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.

Tom will research costs and sources for Director and Officer insurance.



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Tom expects the IRS to complete its approval process by September. Tom discussed important management details:

- Directors must be appointed; Tom said these type organizations' Directors are normally appointed from among the elected Chapter officers and non-chapter civilian executives. Patrick Enlow suggested Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose be recruited as a Director for the OGBSG.
- 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.
- Scholarship Committee. Tom, Mark Arnold and Ed Wheeler will lead this.
- Tom will seek out a third-party Foundation to manage the Scholarship Program. This enables fair selection and avoids grievances.
- Mark Arnold will recruit two to three central Ohio executives to serve as the non-chapter member Directors.

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.

16. *Montagnards of North Carolina. Save the Montagnards People, Inc.*

Jan Hauger mentioned that Jim Butler and four other members will attend a 27 July event for Save the Montagnards to present our \$3000 donation to them. This donation will come from the SFA 45 Operational Fund.

17. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Nothing new to report.

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 bachelor's degree; this includes vocational training.

18. 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** is managing this initiative with both sides of the Crabtree family as well as Dan's widow and family. Chapter members asked if Kevin will chaperone the family during the Convention. The total cost of this initiative is \$3500. A total of 11 Crabtree family members will attend for five days and four nights using five hotel rooms. The chapter voted unanimously to support this despite it growing into a larger family



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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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