



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 5 and 12 July 2021

The July 5th and 12th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Mark Arnold and Vice President Patrick Enlow. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

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

Other Members and Guests in attendance (*or at Charlie Mohr's Celebration of Life*) were:

Dan Vinson	Dave Wilhelmus
Mike Hurdzan	Don Thomas
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Jim Butler	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horne
Larry Verne	Nick Godan
Pete Becker	Jesse Boyd
Jim King	Gene Adams
Don Cassidy	Jerry Spence
Butch Betzko	Don Thomas
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Gene Taylor	Tony Coburn
Paul Dusing	Frank Hicks
Carl Fuller	Chris Belford
Kevin Harry	Jesse Boyd
Steve Hardy	Kevin Colwell
John McCort	Jan Hauger



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The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn's 1 July financial report showed the chapter has \$8,119.10 in its operating fund and \$16,936.68 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).

The sharp increase in the Operating Fund is based on 43 new Life memberships (see Recruiting and Membership).

Mark Arnold reported that we gained donation commitments totaling \$22,000 which is incremental to the 1 July totals and should be collected during the next 30 days.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Kevin Harry**, President, SFA, joined Chapter 45's meeting and provided a thorough briefing on Association initiatives and news. Highlights follow:
 - The SFA has operated at a \$30,000 to \$40,000 annual deficit during the past several years, and the Association is working on initiatives to reverse this unsustainable trend to a positive \$50,000 annual operating income.
 - Website efficiencies and updates that have been completed include renewal of memberships online, the addition of an online store for items sold by SF-guy owned businesses, access to a membership database by town and state, and management of the Yarborough Knife program and its sales online.
 - SF for Life. This is a joint initiative with USASOC that will link SFA members with other SFA members for the purpose of networking.
 - Club Express. This online program starts late July. Its capabilities and requirements will include:
 - Will require a login for each SFA member.
 - SFA needs your current email to access.
 - Chapter officers can update chapter info. and run their websites through this.
 - Enables sharing of chapter calendars among all SFA.
 - Chat rooms.
 - Members can update their individual information.
 - Enables email "blasts" to all chapter members and all SFA members.
 - These emails will hide members' email addresses, so they are not visible to everyone who uses it.



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The cost will be \$0.10 per SFA member per month. Chapters will pay for this.

The SFA will initiate a 501(c)(3) subsidiary for the purpose of fundraising (precisely what SFA 45 did three years ago).

They wish to create a scholarship program (again, identical to what SFA45 did).

The SFA officers are considering purchasing an 88 acre site for construction of two buildings to host SFQC graduations and other off-post social and training events for USASOC and other organizations.

The SFA is seeking volunteers to serve on its SF for Life Committee. These volunteers can serve on this committee remotely from their homes.

2. **Pete Becker** discussed concern among some SFA45 members in southern Ohio regarding the debate and voting of issues. The concern was focused on members not voting when they are not in attendance at meetings. Suggestions included: schedule single-location meetings that are announced a month in advance specifically for discussion and voting on issues, voting through email, and use of online voting “polling” software. Kevin Harry and Patrick Enlow said the new Club Express capability may enable this for each chapter.
3. Nametags at Meetings. **Paul Dusing** will print nametags for SFA members, and he will issue them at the meetings. The purpose is simply to enable socializing at meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **SFA45.org** and Chapter Facebook page.
Patrick Enlow reported he is in the process of updating the website with current information.
2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Mark Arnold presented 43 new Life Memberships to Kevin Harry during the meeting. This is the culmination of three years of work with B/2/19 SFG. Mark met with the company leadership team and each of the ODA Team Sergeants in January. They set their own goal of 40 new Life members, and they surpassed this on the eve of their current seven month deployment. This is the result of several years of close support to B/2/19 members and their families and mutual support by its members to enable our fundraising events with SF recruiting displays and assistance at our 3 Gun Shoots.
3. **Memorial marker for SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq June 2006.**
Chris Belford reported he has met with Nathan Harry regarding the design of the monument, and they will survey the location as an initial step. This initiative's members include:
Chris Belford (Project Team Leader)
Kevin Colwell



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**Dave Spriggs
Philip Taraska**

4. Raffle. Online ammo raffle fundraising initiative.
Jim Wetz worked with **Patrick Enlow** to get this running. A link to it is in the chapter website. Members are encouraged to send this link to their entire network of friends:
<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/sfa45/Raffle>

5. EVENTS.
 - a. **Bob Deis Celebration of Life Social**. 17 July, 1200-1400 hrs.
Location: Shaw Davis Chapel, 4341 North High St., Columbus
Bob was an active chapter member, and everyone is encouraged to attend. A thorough obituary will be written and provided to The Drop.

 - b. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021**. 21 August
Registration 1000-1200 hrs.
Kickstands Up 1200 hrs.
Jim Wetz continues his meetings with Farrow Harley Davidson's leadership, the owners of the Buckeye Lake Winery, and the leadership of the American Motorcycle Association's (AMA) HQ and Museum. He will work with Kevin Colwell to get clarification from the AMA about its support for the event. Terminating at Farrow Harley Davidson's Pataskala store is a good, viable option if AMA cannot support us.
Patrick Enlow reported he received gift donations from *Viking Cycle Inc*, *Elite Sports*, and *Born Tough*. **Ed Wheeler** donated a leather vest for the auction.

- Jim needs volunteers to work one or more of the three locations on 21 August.**
Please contact Jim at jw12470@bellsouth.net

- c. **3 Gun Shoot 2021** 18 SEP
Practicore.com is up and running; 20 people have already registered online, and 35 slots remain open. Door prizes will be raised by our loyal patron, Jen Blake. **Mark Arnold** reported that a generous American donated to sponsor four Army ROTC cadets from OSU to shoot and that Todd Vance said Vane Outdoors will donate two cases of ammo for these shooters. **Volunteers are needed for the event and the Thursday 16 SEP range set up day.**

Volunteers for Thursday 16 SEP set up are:

**Jim Wetz
Kevin Colwell
John McCort**



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**Jeff Gallaher
Pete Becker (tentatively)**

Shooting Coach volunteers for Saturday 18 SEP:

**Butch Betzko
Mike Vaultx
Jordan Berry
Pete Becker (tentatively)**

**Sergeant Major Charlie Mohr
Memorial 3 Gun Shoot**

Join the **Ohio Green Beret Support Group LLC** and **Chapter 45** of the **Special Forces Association** as we raise funds to honor and support the Green Berets of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and their families.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

\$90 per Shooter includes Random Drawing from
Door Prizes - Lunch & Water Provided
- 60 Shooter Limit
- Shoot and Interact with **Green Berets**

To learn more about the Ohio Green Beret Support Group LLC AND SFA 45 visit SFA45.ORG.
Event location: Richwood Gun & Game Club 19200 Turner Rd., Richwood, OH 43344

Registration and pre purchased ammo available @ www.practiscore.com

d. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.
24 SEP at the Ohio State House.

e. SFA 35 Tactical Games Skirmish 14 August
Although not an SFA 45 event, we wish to ask for our members to volunteer to help manage Chapter 35's first major event. This exciting new initiative will be executed at 4021 Bulah Rd., Jefferson, OH just 20 miles south of Ashtabula, OH. Chapter 35 member Howard Pearce is managing the event, and he can be reached at 216-536-0653 and hpearce@gmail.com. Participants can see details and register online at: Practiscore.com/tactical-games-skirmish-sfa-chap-35-northern-ohio/register

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.
Andy Barga is in the hospital with COVID-19; his wife passed away last year during the outbreak.



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Larry Verne is in the hospital following respiratory system surgery.

Butch Betzko's grandson is back in the hospital. Butch and his wife, Karen, are this child's legal guardians.

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

2 August at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

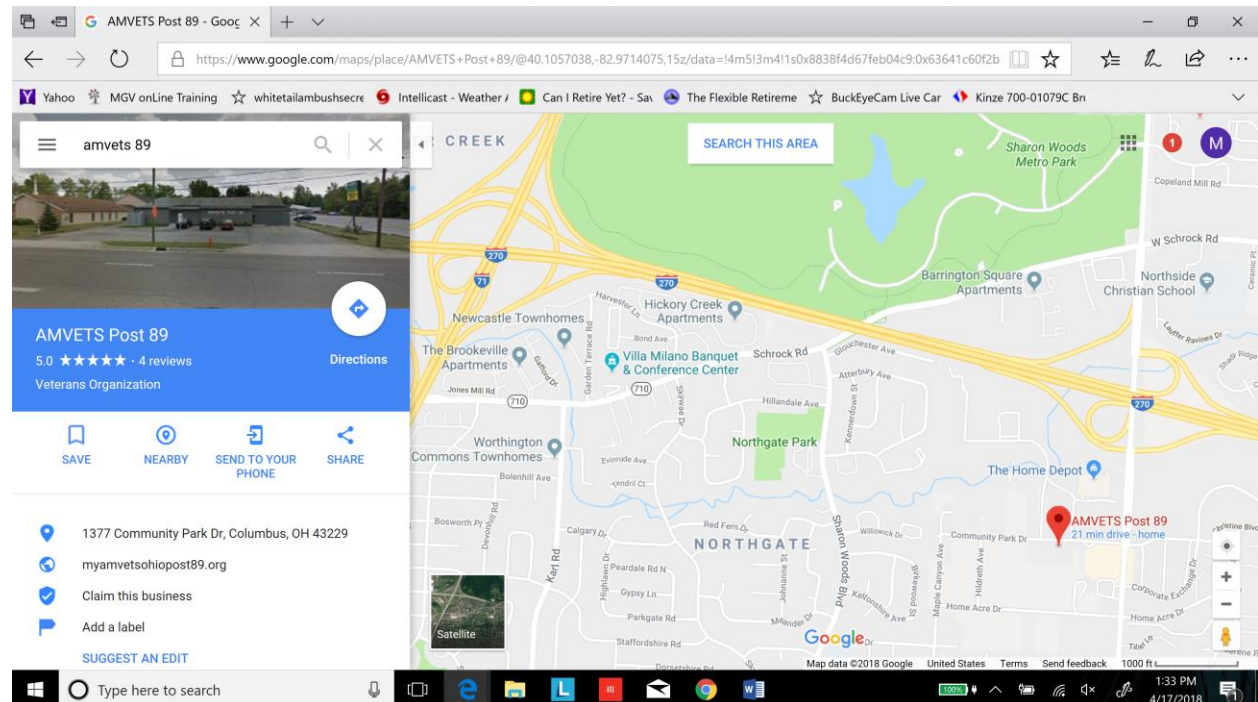
12 August at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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.



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



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8. **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
Tom McGrath
PO Box 12093
Columbus, OH 43212**

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

9. **CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and 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 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.

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.

10. **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

We have three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family.

The program re-opens on 1 August for applications and closes 15 October.

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.

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