



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 4 and 14 June 2018

The June 4th and 14th 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: Danny Vinson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Pete Lowell
Danny Vinson	Mike Robinson
Ed Porter	Frank Hicks
Jan Hauger	Carl Fuller
Ed Wheeler	Ken Horne
William Carruthers	Bob Deiss
Jim King	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
Jack Heist	Eric Bornschlegl
PJ Coulter	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Danny Vinson reported the Chapter's combined balance is \$47,637.54 as of 31 May 2018.

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

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

Mark began the meeting by updating the chapter regarding the unexpected death of **Carman Osterland, the wife of SFC Jim Osterland**, member of B/2/19 SFG. Jim and Carman have three children. The chapter sent a card and flower arrangement to Carmen's visitation. Our thoughts and support remain with SFC Osterland and his family.



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1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. Chapter members were reminded that voting for chapter officer positions will take place during November and December. Mark Arnold has reached his term limit as President, so members are encouraged to consider taking on this and other leadership roles.
2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. www.sfa45.org **Patrick Enlow** is updating this with 2018 scheduled events; all are in these meeting minutes. Patrick briefed the chapter on the multiple updates he made during the past five weeks. Check out the website and see the photo album. Patrick is in the process of establishing a Chapter History section.
3. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
No update.
5. EVENTS.
 - a. Motorcycle Freedom Run 2018 Saturday 18 August 2018
Fliers have been printed and distributed at both meetings. **Jeff Gallaher** volunteered to coordinate details of the event with AD Farrow, and he will manage the event on behalf of the chapter. AD Farrow will host with live bands, free lunch, and terminate the Run at the Buckeye Lake Winery. **SGM Kevin Colwell** confirmed the Ohio National Guard is managing its assets to man a static display.
 - 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.
 - Chapter members are needed to assist with range setup on Thursday 27 September and to assist with management and range take down on 29 September. The PCSI staff will compete on the 8 stages on Friday 28



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September. Chapter members who help with setup and Saturday take down may compete for free 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.

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 January, 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.

Proceeds from the 3 Gun Shoot and the Motorcycle Freedom Run will support the expenses related to the hotel lodging.

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

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

d. The Horse Soldiers True Story 27 July No new updates.

The chapter voted to donate \$100 to this event which is sponsored by the Medina Rotary.

Cost \$45 per person; includes gourmet buffet and open bar for beer and wine.

Date/Time: Friday 27 July, 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner program

Address: Williams-on-the-Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH 44256

POC for the event is: David Taylor: 330-321-3370, dave.taylor@zoominternet.net

e. Veteran Recovery Event 18-22 July. No new updates.

Team Fastrax Warrior Weekend To Remember organization in partnership with Ohio Challenge will host a three-day event for Gold Star Families, Purple Heart veterans, and all veterans; it is scheduled for 18-22 July. Current details can be found on www.warriorwtr.com.

If you wish to be recognized as a wounded veteran at this event, then contact the organization at BS3G.com and apply online.

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jan Hauger is leading this. Jan attended the SFA National Convention and was not available to update the chapter during June.



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7. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

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.**

2 July at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

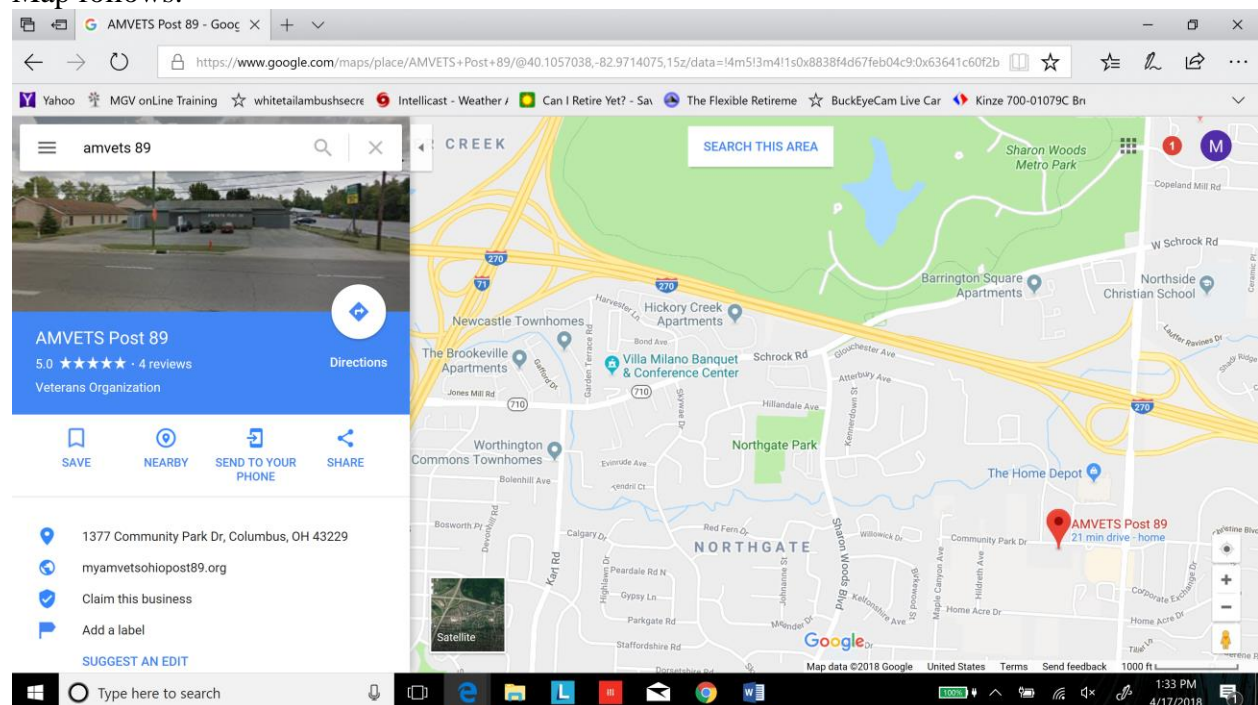
12 July at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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 meeting. Lunch is only \$5 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:



AMVETS Post 89 Lunch/Chapter Meeting Thursday 12 July 1130 – 1330 hrs.



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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.

- a. In order to support our primary fundraising and fundraising for one-off needs, chapter members may consider donating personal items for online sale.
Patrick Enlow is evaluating the optimal method for sale of the unique and potentially very valuable gift donated by Norm and Joyce Lambert.
- b. Chapter member **Mike Hurdzan** and his colleagues at *Keepers of the Green* made another generous donation of \$2500 to the chapter's family support fund during early June.
- c. The chapter will discuss and vote during July or August regarding covering the cost of cocktail hour and DJ for B/2/19's 2018 FETE. The FETE is scheduled for the evening of October 13th at the Hilton Hotel at Easton Town Center, Columbus. Please let Mark Arnold know if you wish to attend this semi-formal event (SFA blazer with necktie is appropriate wear). The unit will have spaces for eight to ten chapter members plus their spouse or significant other.

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.



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13. SF BROTHERS FUNDRAISING AUCTION.

SF Brothers has an online auction of SF-related items opening 19 June. Proceeds will go to the Green Beret Foundation. Link follows: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/don-shipmans-memorial-sf-brothers-auction/items>