



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 3 and 13 June 2019

The June 3rd and 13th 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: Tom McGrath
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

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| Charlie Mohr | Pete Lowell |
| Jim Adams | Nick Godan |
| Ken Horne | Frank Hicks |
| George Thomas | David Ashley |
| Bill Carruthers | Tom Edwards |
| Carl Fuller | 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 |
| Jeff Baldwin | Jan Hauger |
| Joe Ballenger | Dave Wilhelmus |
| Ed Wheeler | Norm Lambert |
| Butch Betzko | John McCort |

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn emailed the chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund (The Ohio Green Beret Support Group) to President Patrick Enlow. The total funds are \$74,392.35 as of 1 June including \$9097.96 in the Operations fund and \$64,343.58 in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group (family support fund).



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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chapter member **Mike Hurdzan** and his colleagues at Keepers of the Green donated \$2500 to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group - AGAIN. Thank you, Mike, and your generous network of great Americans!
2. 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.
3. Chapter member **Philip Taraska** asked via email if the chapter would consider supporting the expense of establishing a SFC Daniel Crabtree memorial plaque and flagpole at the unit, B/2/19 SFG. The chapter requests an in-person briefing by unit members during our meetings to provide details and estimated costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Andy Schneider updated the website during early March 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.
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4. CHAPTER MARKETING.
Mike Robinson completed his second draft of business cards. The chapter asks Mike to order 200 cards with no person's name; these will be distributed to chapter members for use in fundraising and recruiting. Mike also completed a poster for use at our fundraising events describing the purpose of The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. It is awesome and is in the last page of these minutes.



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5. American Legion Membership.

Members are encouraged 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

Jim Butler will 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. 22 June

Jim Wetz has organized an evening out for chapter members and significant others. Members should contact Jim at jw12470@bellsouth.net. Based on his communication with chapter members during the past three months, Jim has selected the evening of 22 June at 1800 hrs for the dinner night out. Eight members and their wives will attend. Contact Jim immediately if you wish to join the event.

8. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser.

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.

10. EVENTS.

a. Motorcycle Freedom Run Saturday 7 September 2019

Jim Wetz has coordinated with owners of AD Farrow and The Buckeye Lake Winery. Jim provided fliers for the event.

Jim contacted the owner of a privately-owned Huey helicopter in a request to support the event. The cost is \$3500 plus fuel. This is too expensive and will consume all estimated income from the event. Jim asks that chapter members use their networks to find military attractions that can support the event.

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

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

The chapter voted to support \$100 expense to advertise the event in the American Motorcycle Association's magazine.

John McCort requested that volunteers also provide support at the Winery.

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

JW12470@bellsouth.net

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.



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b. 3 Gun Shoot 2019 Saturday 12 October 2019

Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer are managing this event for 12 October at 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 1500 hrs.

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.

Mark Arnold distributed fliers for the event.

Mark said he would like to follow up with a bronze statue gift for Ed Petkovich.

Patrick Enlow will look into an SFA 45-coin design, source and cost.

The chapter will need to provide some day of event and setup help the day prior.

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.

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.

Ed Wheeler attended both the Cincinnati and Columbus meetings during June. His right thumb remains badly impaired from wounds inflicted by an assailant with a knife. The remaining wounds on both hands and arms are healing and should not cause permanent impairment.



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

1 July at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

11 July at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

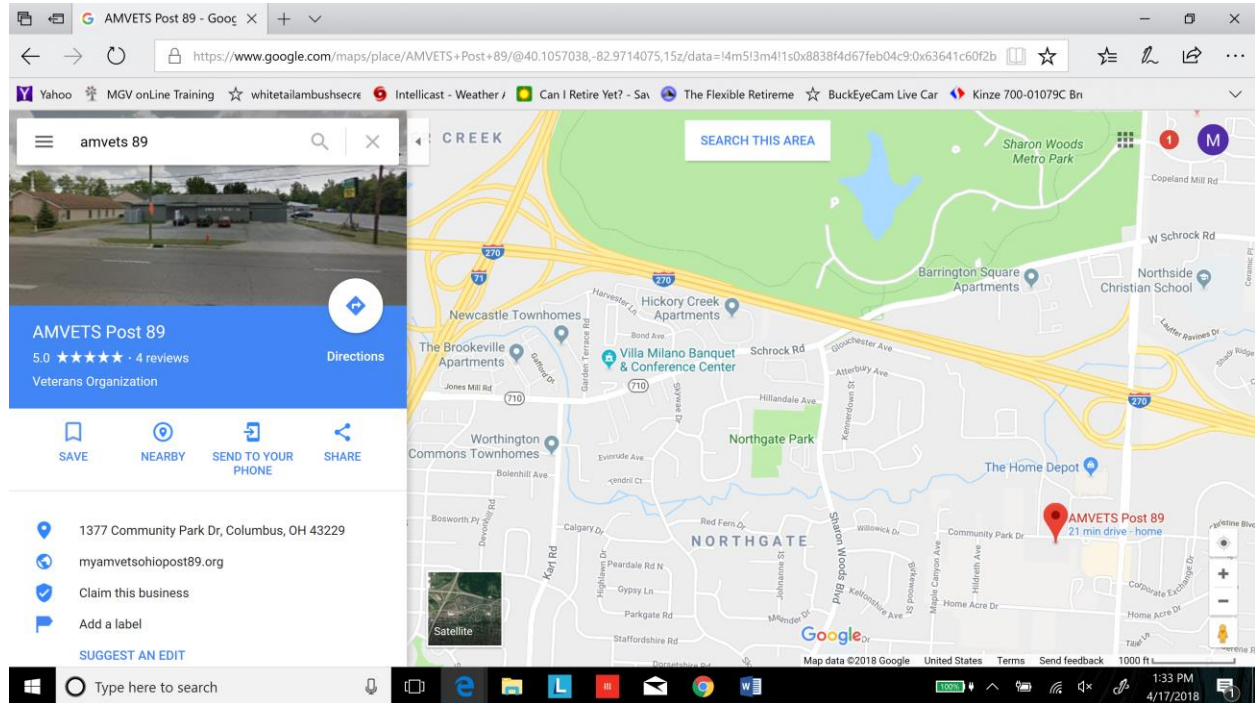
Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

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.



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



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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.

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.*

The chapter voted positively to donate \$3000, and Jan asked for individual members to make donations to the chapter specifically for this charity, so the chapter can make the total \$5000. The 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



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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. Unfortunately, this initiative has grown in cost beyond what the chapter originally voted on supporting. The greater Crabtree family has been invited and they indicate they wish to stay for the entire Convention duration; they will require four to five hotel rooms. Estimated cost will be in excess of \$4000. Chapter members discussed this during the meeting, and Kevin is asked to discover from the WV chapter what other chapters are doing regarding the scope of supporting other Gold Star families.



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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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