



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 7 and 10 June 2021

The June 7th and 10th 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: Chadd Kuhn
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Dan Vinson	Dave Wilhelmus
Bob Schneider	Don Thomas
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Jim Butler	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horne
Bill Carruthers	Larry Verne
Pete Becker	Jesse Boyd
Jim King	Gene Adams
Eric Stansifer	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn's 1 June financial report showed the chapter has \$3096.50 in its operating fund and \$28,133.68 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).

Mark Arnold reported that the Keepers of the Green generously donated \$5000 on 9 June which is incremental to the 1 June totals. **Mike Hurdzan** and his colleagues at *Keepers of the Green* indicated this organization will end its existence later this year after 20 years of charitable fundraising. It has been a loyal supporter of SFA 45 and several other organizations.



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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. **Larry Verne** would like to help build a The SFA Memorial Brick Paver Walkway for members and friends of the chapter who have passed away. (See ad in The Drop) He would like to do at least 10 bricks. The chapter is asking for volunteers to donate to this as individuals and personally choose inscriptions for those bricks. Bricks are \$40 each for two lines inscription. **Danny Vinson** is collecting money for the bricks if you would like to contribute/participate. As an alternative, you can contact SFA National individually.
2. **Chadd Kuhn** reported the unit deploys in July from Fort Bragg and their last day in Ohio is 20 June. Chapter members who wish to see unit members are invited to stop by the unit Saturday 19 June at 1300 hours.

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.
Chadd Kuhn reported that a packet of membership renewals was lost in the USPS, and he resubmitted these four members' renewal forms. Chadd will also reach out to **Dave Wilhelmus** to ask for a second copy of his SF information required for membership. Apologies to Dave for the lost in the mail incident.
3. Memorial marker for SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq June 2006.
B/2/19's leadership is seeking to dedicate and rename their HQ building to memorialize its only KIA member. SFA 45 will take the lead on the discovery work of design and fabrication of a memorial statue or stone plaque that could be mounted at the building and its cost and funding. Nathan Henry designed a monument for 19th SFG's HQ building for memorializing members killed or died of injuries while in the line of duty. Chapter members who volunteered to be on this project team are:



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Chris Belford (Project Team Leader)
Kevin Colwell
Dave Spriggs
Philip Taraska

4. Raffle. Online ammo raffle fundraising initiative.
Jim Wetz worked with **Patrick Enlow** and **Eric Stansifer** to solve online payment software issues that delayed launching this project. It was solved during the 10 June meeting and tickets should be available.
5. B/2/19th SFG membership recruitment
The chapter is offering a \$400 discount for SFA Life membership to unit members if 40 or more sign up to join SFA 45. This is a one-time offer by the chapter and the recruiting continues until the unit deploys.
6. EVENTS.
 - a. Charlie Mohr Celebration of Life Social. 27 June 1300 hrs.
Jim Butler is coordinating this event where all chapter members and friends of the chapter are invited; of course, Charlie's family will be there. Since it is being catered, RSVPs are required; \$20 per individual. Contact: **Jbutler3211@gmail.com**
Location: Hopewell Meadows Park, 9131 Hopewell Road, Cincinnati 45242.
 - b. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021. 21 August
Registration 1000-1200 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. The Ride begins at Farrow HD in Sunbury, OH, stops for one hour at The Buckeye Lake Winery, and terminates at the AMA Museum at Pickerington, OH, just 20 minutes ride from the Winery. Jim plans to manage a 50/50 drawing where the winner need not be present. **Patrick Enlow** reported he received a gift donation from *Viking Cycle Inc*.
 - c. 3 Gun Shoot 2021 18 SEP
Practiscore.com is up and running; 18 people have already registered online. Friend of the chapter and master shooter, Jen Blake, and her husband will seek donations of door prizes from their sponsors. **Mark Arnold** reported that a generous American donated to sponsor



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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 set up are:

**Jim Wetz
Kevin Colwell
John McCort
Jeff Gallaher**

Shooting Coach volunteers:

**Butch Betzko
Mike Vaultx**

**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 promote our members' support and participation for Chapter 35's first major event. This exciting new initiative will be executed at 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



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7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Kevin Colwell recently had emergency appendectomy and is recovering well.

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

5 July at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

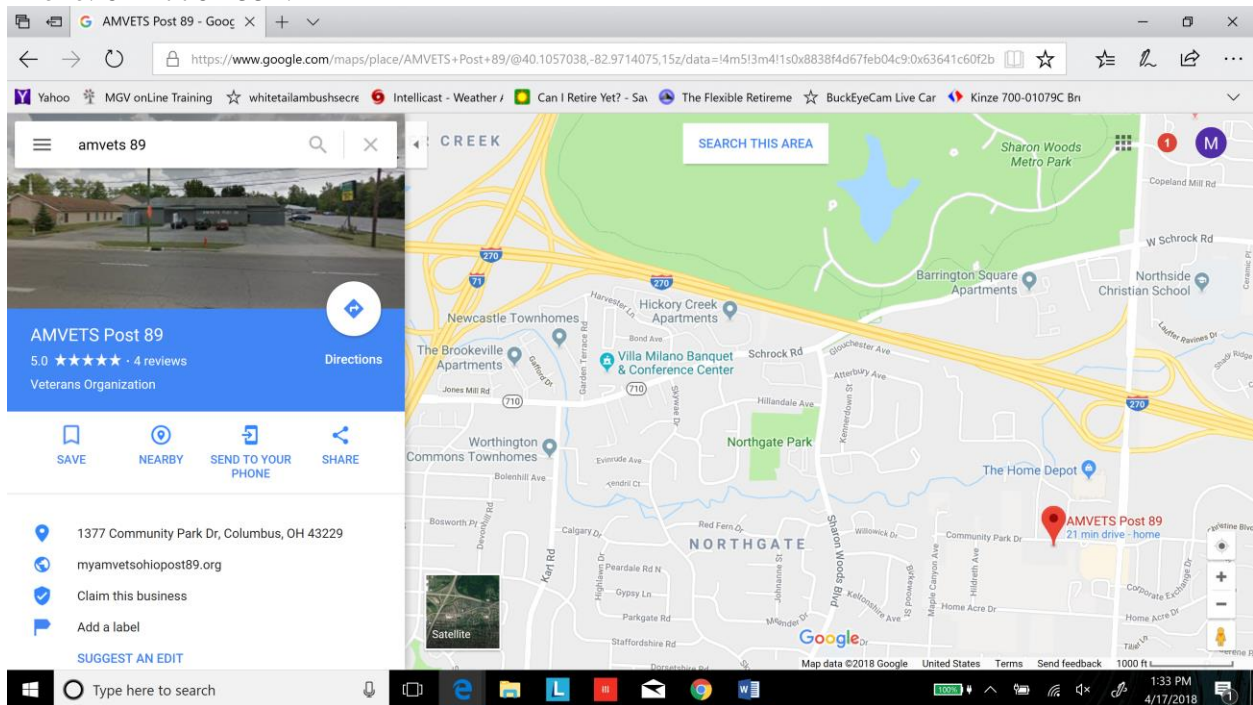
8 July at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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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9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

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

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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