



**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 March 2019

The March 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: Patrick Enlow
Vice President: Mark Arnold
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer:
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Jack Heist
Jim Adams	Richard Carr
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Don Thomas	Russ Preston
Bill Carruthers	Ed Porter
Carl Fuller	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
John McCort	Dan Hessler
Don Thomas	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Dan Hessler
Nelson Hastings	John Gonzalez
Jim Wetz	Bob Deis
Danny Vinson	Tom Edwards
Butch Betzko	Mike Hurdzan
Rick LaValley	John Stahl
Eric Stansifer	PJ Coulter

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported the Chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund (The Ohio Green Beret Support Group) is \$69,181.09 as of 1 March including \$10,132.97 in the Operations fund and \$59,048.12 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. American Legion Membership.

Member **Rick LaValley** from Portsmouth briefed the chapter about fund raising, through the American Legion:

111 posts in a 50 mile radius of Columbus, received a list.

\$6,000 a year from Portsmouth

You can be a member of the American Legion if you are still in the military.

Sign up at your local post rather than online.

Get on the board and help make charity decisions.

American Legion also has motorcycle riders.

Bottom Line: 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.

2. **John Stahl** announced that there is a military discount of \$129.00 for a season pass at Vail Ski Resorts for the 2020 year.

More info here: <https://www.epicpass.com/Passes/Military-Epic-Pass-Active.aspx>

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

Andy Schneider briefed the chapter regarding holding a luncheon at the National Veterans Museum and Memorial. Currently, there are no dining facilities.

We could get a room if booked ahead of time and food is brought in.

4. **Mike Hurdzan** mentioned that he with his colleagues at Keepers of The Green will continue to generously donate \$2500 annually to the family support group (now the Ohio Green Beret Support Group) for the next two years. Thank you, Mike!

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

Jim Wetz and others expressed interest in the Chapter having a dinner night out with wives, friends, and significant others at The Buckeye Lake Winery. It has a large private room.

Jim will discuss this with the owner and propose one or more dates for a dinner at The Winery.

6. **Chadd Kuhn and member Bob Lucas** will have a speaking engagement with the American Legion in Toledo. They will talk about past deployments by Bravo Co. and "How to get SF qualified." Address: 235 14th St. Toledo, OH. 43604. More info contact Bob: robwlucas@gmail.com
Chadd reminded everyone about the May 5th "Open house" at Bravo Co.



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7. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser.

John Stahl was asked to talk about how The Legion Fund raises money for 5th SF Group members and families via The Legion Fund's "Green Beret for a day" fundraiser at Ft. Campbell.

John talked about how The Legion Fund's leaders brought donors/sponsors to Ft. Campbell; 5th SFG Soldiers provided a briefing about the current status of SF. Then they would take them to a range to shoot, observe an airborne operation, tour of a rigger shed, showed them a static display of SF equipment, and mingle with the SF soldiers for about a 7-8 hour day. The 5th SFG could not do this for donors only; all civilians were invited.

Just over 50 people from the greater Nashville area attended.

Revenue: Is unknown.

With the funds they contribute to student scholarships for 5th Group families, give to gold star families, and other needs like paying for a plane ticket to visit injured SF Soldiers.

5th group doesn't collect money; it is managed by a lawyer member of The Legion Fund.

The members discussed what the Ohio National Guard could potentially do to help us execute a similar fundraising event.

Chadd mentioned he is bringing board members from the Green Beret Foundation for an "Open House" at the unit and an airborne operation for the board members to observe. Scheduled for May, possibly July. Just a static display. No shooting, or rappelling, or other events of that nature.

What are some events that you think that Bravo Co could put on for this?

See a prejump briefing, a jump, a helicopter fly-by/static viewing, meet SF Soldiers on the ground after the jump.

Chadd brought up that Rickenbacker may be tough to use because of time limits by the port authority.

John also mentioned The Legion Fund hosted speaking engagements and would invite corporate personnel. This was successful when the movie the 12 Horseman was popular. Retired 5th Group NCOs participated and talked about their tours in Afghanistan.

A night at a Nashville microbrewery with tasting and SF speakers netted approximately \$30,000 in fundraising for The Legion Fund.

Bottom Line: The concept of planning and executing a Green Beret for a Day fundraising event or Speaking event fundraiser needs a leader from the Chapter to champion this and create a plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*

Andy Schneider updated the website during early March with some photos from last year's events.



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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, chapter membership manager, provided printouts of his Spring Membership Report 2019, to include members with delinquent dues.
4. CHAPTER MARKETING.
Mike Robinson discussed with Mark Arnold concepts for business cards, a poster for use at any fundraising events, editing of last year's flier for the Motorcycle Freedom Run and the 3 Gun Shoot. Mike should have all items completed by 31 March.
5. EVENTS.

a. Motorcycle Freedom Run Saturday 7 September 2019

Jim Wetz 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.

AD Farrow will take care of entertainment (a sound system) at AD Farrow and The Winery will take care of a band at The Winery.

Hopefully the chapter will raffle off wine, vodka, bourbon and other items that Tracy can get from vendors.

Jim would like to list these items on our website once we know what is available.

Need volunteers for registration at AD Farrow.

Need volunteers at The Winery to sell 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for prizes provided by the Winery.

Need a volunteer to run the raffle at AD Farrow.

Need new t-shirts to sell; we can sell them online with AD Farrow.

Request forms for acquiring National Guard support can be picked up at on 161 at the Protocol office; **Chadd Kuhn** stated he can email this to Jim Wetz.

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2019 Saturday 12 October 2019

Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer led a discussion about this, and the chapter voted to execute 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. We estimate the event will last six hours – including lunch.

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.



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The Club's members are willing to manage scoring of the shoot.

Eric Stansifer will establish the online registration on *Practiscore.com*.

Mike Robinson will begin support by creating a "save the date" digital flier that can be linked to Practiscore.com.

Registration fee: \$95.

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

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jesse Boyd talked with Danny Rose. He's doing ok but uses oxygen on a regular basis.

Danny said his wife is terminally ill.

We think Tom Allman has been released from the hospital and has returned to hospice.

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

1 April at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

11 April 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.

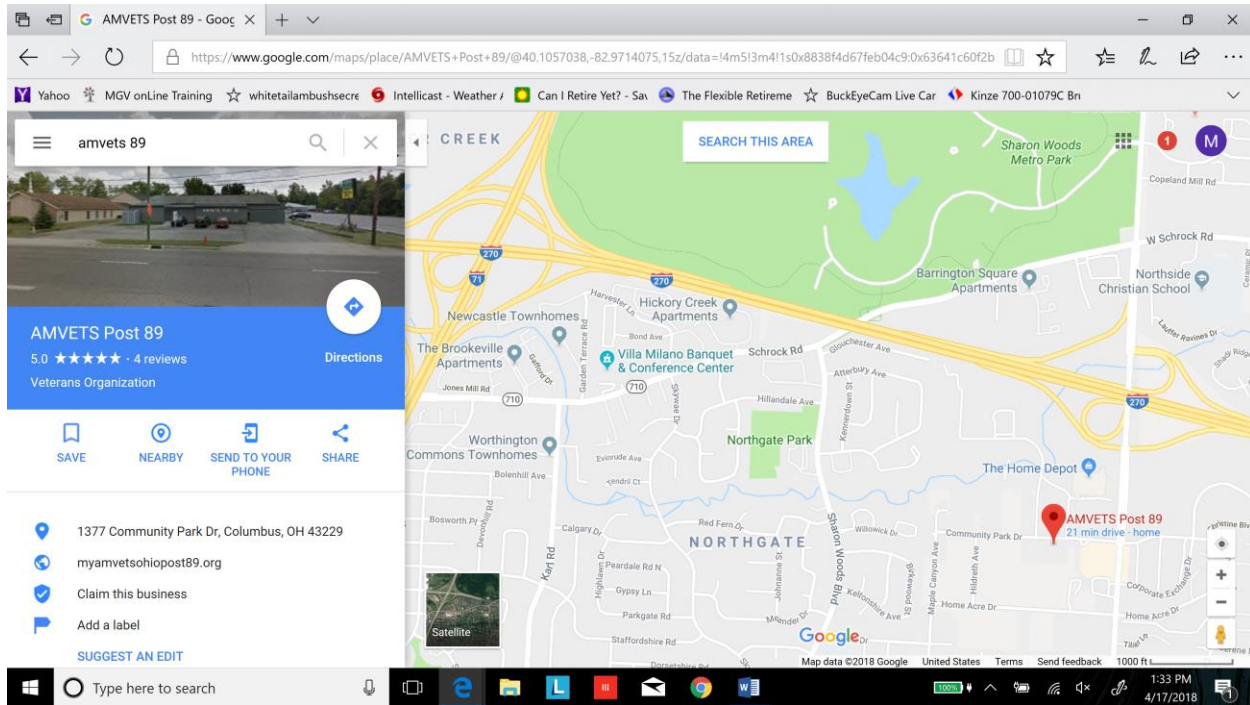
Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.

Map follows:



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

8. **THE DROP:**
Email draft text and photos to **Andy Schneider**: andysfa@zoho.com
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
3104 Geiger Rd
Millersport, OH 43046
Alternate method: Pay online at the Special Forces Assoc. National HQ website.
10. **CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.** Nothing new to report.
Tom McGrath was ill and unable to attend the March meetings. Tom filed with the IRS to establish The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC. This is 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.



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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.

11. 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 bachelors degree; this includes vocational training.

12. SFA 45 will support an SF Gold Star Family. Nothing new to report.

The family of SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq 2005 is our family for the SFA Convention 2019. **Kevin Colwell** volunteered to be the action officer for this initiative.