



**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 May 2018

The May 7th and 10th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and 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	Jim Butler
Ed Porter	Frank Hicks
Jan Hauger	Carl Fuller
Larry Verne	Ken Horne
William Carruthers	Norm Lambert
Jim King	Jeff Baldwin
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Bob Lucas
Gene Adams	Andy Schneider
Jack Heist	Bev Gallaher
Eric Bornschlegl	Gene Taylor
John McCort	Jim Wetz

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Danny Vinson reported the Chapter's combined balance is \$44,577.34 as of 30 April 2018.

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

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

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. No update.
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 updates



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he is making regarding photo albums, by event.

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. Memorial Marker Dedication Ceremony
Chapter member, **Bob Lucas**, did a great job as Master of Ceremony at Denver Williams Park in Wilmington, OH for the dedication of a stone marker that memorializes the C119 crash of 1964 when 17 airmen and SF troops were killed in a mid-air collision during an airborne operation.
Dan Hessler, Jack Heist and Charlie Mohr also contributed as Chaplain, Bugler and media manager. Over 300 great Americans from small community USA attended along with family members of the fallen and 32 chapter members.
 - b. Riverboating for Berets
Over 450 civilians attended the Green Beret Foundation's fundraising event on B&B Riverboats. Eleven chapter members attended.
 - c. 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. **John McCort and Jim Wetz** volunteered to manage sales of ride patches, raffle tickets (for the 50-50 raffle and raffle of door prizes), and chapter T shirts, as well as rider Registration. **SGM Kevin Colwell** submitted the appropriate forms to the Ohio National Guard to request a static display. **Mark Arnold** had a Thank You plaque fabricated for presentation to the owners of The Buckeye Lake Winery.
 - d. 3 Gun Shoot 2018 Saturday 29 September
Mark Arnold met again with the 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
 - Online registration managed by PCSI on the website *Practicescore*.
 - Promotion of event by PCSI
 - Recruitment of cash sponsors: We need guys to recruit one or more



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sponsors at \$1000, \$3000 and \$5000 levels.

- **We need chapter members to recruit sponsors. This is vital to the success of our 2018 initiatives.** Reference the addendum to these minutes, pages 8 and 9.
- Lunch meal: SFA 45 will fund and manage. We need a member to find a sponsor who can fund this at \$1000 or donations of food.
- Prize Table. PCSI will work with SFA 45 to recruit sponsors who can donate shooting related items such as guns and optics.
- The photographer who covered this last year committed to doing it again this year.
- **John Souza** has tentatively agreed to be our chef again subject to his schedule.

e. KINGS ISLAND DAY.

Fran Wesseling confirmed that the Green Beret Foundation will cover expenses of the Park Passes for this initiative. Members and family members of B/2/19 can choose any time to do this following redeployment. It provides schedule flexibility to suit their needs; they simply must choose one night for hotel and a day to enjoy the park prior to the park's 2018 season closing.

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

Contact Mark Arnold: markcarnold@yahoo.com

f. The Horse Soldiers True Story 27 July

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.

MSG(R) Chris Spence, 5th SFG horse soldier veteran, will be the guest speaker.

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

g. 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.



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6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jan Hauger volunteered to lead this initiative to assure members and other SF guys who are under the weather are visited from time to time during dates that are convenient to the person and family involved.

Copies of **Mike Robinson's** Green Beret graphic "Best Wishes and Ruck Up" card were printed and multiple copies signed during our May luncheon meetings. Jan will distribute them to chapter members and their families.

7. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

Jan Hauger reported that the 3 May event was attended by over 500 people at the Ohio Statehouse. Chapter member, **Ted Mosure**, was the Master of Ceremony, and he did a marvelous job of reading the citations of 30 new inductees – including two Congressional Medal of Honor awardees.

Jan suggested the chapter consider making another gift to the OMHOF; we will vote on this later this year.

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

5 June at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

14 June at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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

We will "test drive" the facility, food and hospitality of AMVETS Post 89 during our June meeting. We will have the entire post to ourselves; it has plenty of seating and a flat screen TV convenient for meetings. AMVETS will sell a simple reasonably priced lunch and not charge for use of the post. The chapter will cover the cost of lunch for this meeting. The post has a well-stocked bar.

It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a half mile south of this exit.

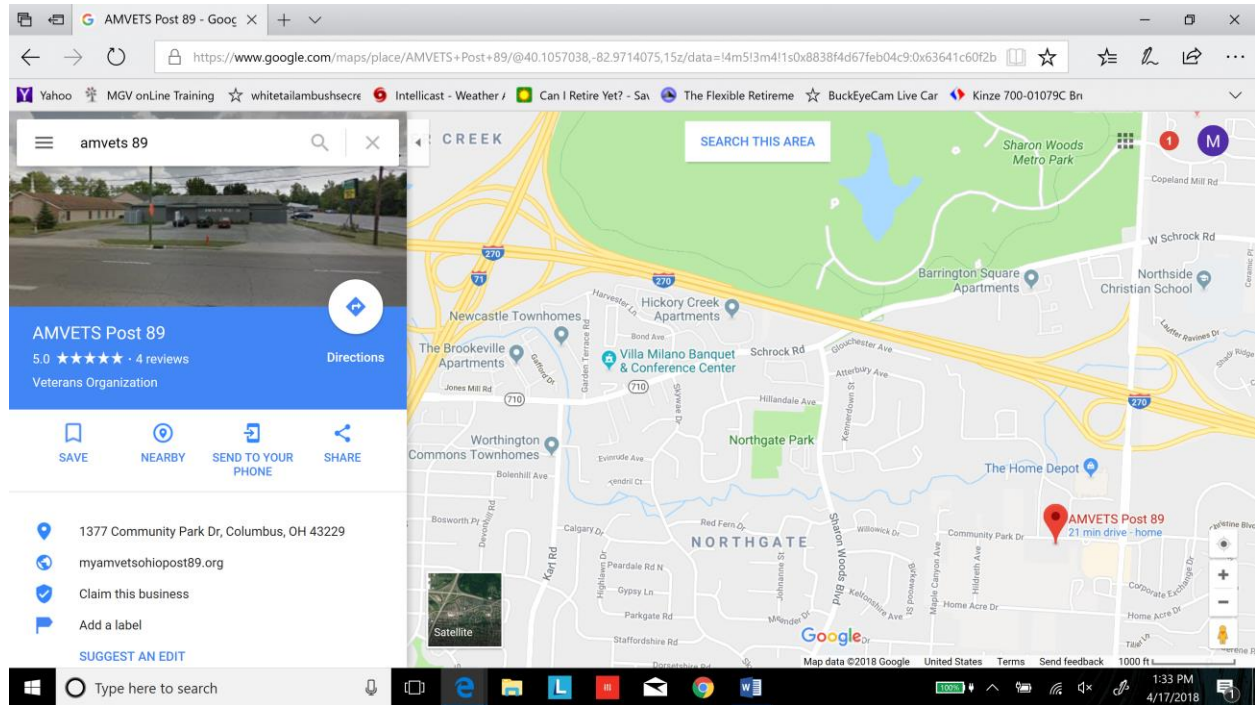
Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.

Map follows:



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AMVETS Post 89 Lunch/Chapter Meeting Thursday 14 June 1130 – 1330 hrs.

9. **THE DROP:**

Andy Schneider submitted the article for the next issue of The Drop. Andy is seeking a military photo and information regarding SGM Redkey for the obituary in The Drop. Email draft text and photos to Andy: 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. 501 (c)(3) status. No updates.

12. 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.

In order to support our primary fundraising and fundraising for one-off needs, chapter members may consider donating personal items for online sale.

Joyce and Norm Lambert generously donated a framed limited-edition print of a WWII scene for use in online sale by the chapter. A photo will be in the next issue of *The Drop*.

If you are interested in donating an item, then you may wish to execute the sale yourself or contact **Patrick Enlow** for follow up.

John McCort briefed the chapter about Save the Montagnards, and **Mark Arnold** briefly discussed *The Vietnam Fund* (an initiative for Montagnard communities still in Vietnam) flier which was recently sent to chapter officers by SFA National. **Jan Hauger** suggested the chapter donate up to \$5000 for these charities, and Mark Arnold reminded everyone that all donors have been advised that their contributions directly support the men and families of B/2/19. Mark suggested that we table a vote on this until early 2019 when next year's fundraising begins. **Bob Lucas** volunteered to research details regarding *The Vietnam Fund* and determine how its donations are spent and what percentage goes toward the Montagnard communities. Jan said he will ask Mike Hurdzan if *The Keepers of the Green* would support its annual donation going to one of the two Montagnard charities.

Chapter member **Jim King** generously donated \$250 to the chapter during our May lunch meeting.