



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 6 and 9 May 2019

The May 6th and 9th 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: Chadd Kuhn
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Kevin Colwell
Jim Adams	Dorothy Schneider
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
George Thomas	David Ashley
Bill Carruthers	Ted Mosure
Carl Fuller	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Gene Adams
Bob Schneider	John Batey
Don Thomas	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Ed Porter
Nelson Hastings	John Gonzalez
Jim Wetz	Jack Heist
Danny Vinson	Tom Edwards
Jeff Baldwin	Jan Hauger
Joe Ballenger	Dave Wilhelmus
Eric Stansifer	Joe Gray
Butch Betzko	Bill Cline

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 \$69,310.25 as of 1 May including \$10,066.39 in the Operations fund and \$59,243.86 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. Jan Hauger briefed the members regarding **Ed Wheeler's** recovery following a near deadly knife assault by a person who was arrested a few days later. Ed is recovering from severe wounds to his hands. Ed is an anchor member of the chapter and will be a Board member for the Ohio Green Beret Support Group.
2. Chapter member **Ed Petkovich** donated, again, a \$5000 sponsorship for our 3 Gun Shoot. Thank you, Ed, for your generous support!
3. **Jim Butler** invited a former Naval special operations veteran who briefed the chapter regarding submarine-related operations.
4. **Chadd Kuhn** briefed the chapter regarding the B/2/19 SFG Open House held on 5 May. Ten members of The Green Beret Foundation attended. Photos will be posted on the SFA 45 website.
5. **Eric Stansifer** briefed that Glock provides a deep discount to retired members of the military. **Patrick Enlow** briefed that AT&T discounts phones if you have the Armed Forces symbol on your driver's license. **Jan Hauger** stated that Kohls discounts to the military on Mondays.

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.



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Mike Robinson completed his second draft of business cards. The chapter asks Mike to order 200 to 500 cards with no person's name; these will be distributed to chapter members for use in fundraising and recruiting. Mike is also creating a poster for use at our fundraising events describing the purpose of The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

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.

Jim Wetz will organize an evening out for chapter members. Members should contact Jim at jw12470@bellsouth.net. Tell Jim by 15 June which date is best for you: 22 June, 13 July or 3 August.

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.

Mark Arnold briefed that Kevin Harry, President and Chief Host for SFA 68's hosting of the 2019 Convention is reminding members to register prior to 1 June when registration fees increase to \$150. Also, 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.

Jan Hauger suggested we contact Gary Cogley to request the privately-owned Huey helicopter for the event. **Action for Jim Wetz:** contact Gary at gcogley@msn.com, 614-806-0535.

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

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

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



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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 will provide the Mauser rifle donated by member John Healy to Eric Stansifer for FFL and transfer to the person who wins this door prize. Mark said he would like to follow up with a bronze statue gift for Ed P.

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.

Volunteers for Friday set-up and Saturday event:

Butch Betzko
Jan Hauger
Jim Wetz
John McCort
Carl Fuller
Dan Hessler
Patrick Enlow
Bill Cline

11. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jan Hauger updated the chapter regarding **Swede Eslick's** recovery from a recent stroke. The chapter members signed a Get-Well card.

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

3 June at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

13 June 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

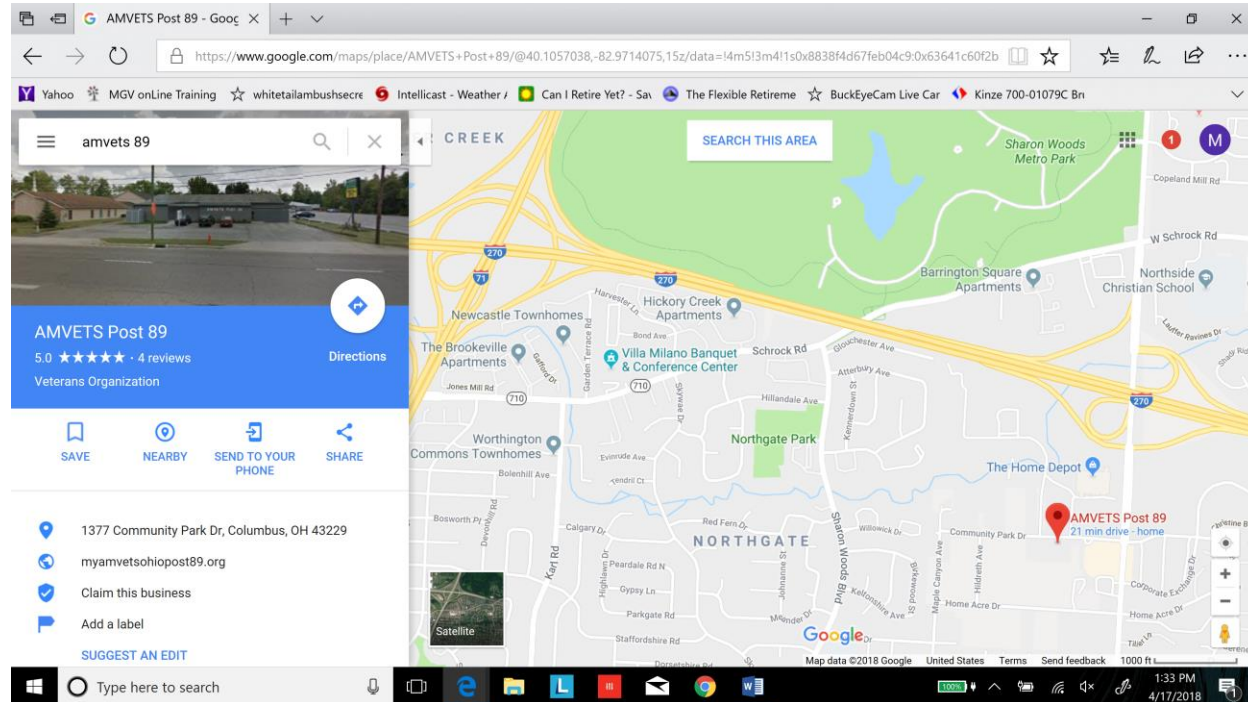


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south of this exit.

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
3104 Geiger Rd
Millersport, OH 43046

Alternate method: Pay online at the Special Forces Assoc. National HQ website.

15. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING. Nothing new to report.

Tom McGrath briefed that the IRS confirmed it has all the information it needs to process the application for establishing The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC as a charitable organization, but there is no way to determine when this process will conclude. This is a 501(c)(3) Charitable subsidiary organization to Chapter 45.



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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.

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.*

Jan Hauger asked for a vote on a donation to this organization. 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 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.

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.