



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 14 May 2020

The May 14th conference call meeting of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, was called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Patrick Enlow. Notes from this conference call meeting are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers on the call 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:

Mike Robinson	Eric Stansifer
Kevin Colwell	Zoltan Krompecher
MAJ John Diehl	Rick LaValley

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn published the chapter's financial report dated 1 May 2020. The chapter has \$3497.44 in its operating fund and \$6312.09 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). It was noted that chapter member Rick LaValley made his generous annual donation of \$1000 to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group two weeks following Chadd's 1 May report.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Chapter recognized via our submission for the next issue of The Drop **AMVETS Post 89** for its donation of \$2000 and the generosity of **American Legion Post 471** in Portsmouth, OH for its monthly donation of a set percentage of its fundraising revenue.



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2. Chapter member **MAJ John Diehl**, commander of B/2/19 SFG, mentioned the unit's next scheduled drill is 10-13 SEP. This is an opportunity for chapter members to meet unit members. Details regarding the unit's training that weekend and availability to meet its Soldiers will be forthcoming during the next three months.
3. Berets off to **Charlie Mohr** for organizing an early May impromptu and unofficial gathering of chapter members and friends of the chapter to an outdoor get together (of ten people or less and at appropriate distance between people) in the greater Cincinnati area.
4. AMVETS 89 remains closed for social gatherings such as SFA 45 meetings. The chapter will likely have its June meeting via conference call again unless Ohio guidelines on social meetings are relaxed by early June.
Dial in number for **1145 hrs on Thursday 11 June** is 425-436-6352.
Access Code: 271455#
5. **Sunday 24 May at 1100 hrs** at AD Farrow Sunbury, OH store at the intersection of I-71 and Route 36. Rolling Thunder Ohio has organized a **POW/MIA memorial chair dedication ceremony**. This is a classy reverent and thoughtful ceremony. The ceremony will be followed by a 1200 hrs kickstands up ride to The National Veterans Museum and Memorial downtown Columbus. These are unofficial and unsponsored happenings. People are neither encouraged nor discouraged from attending. It is a small substitute for the cancellation of the 20,000 + rider event that was the Rolling Thunder Ohio Memorial Day weekend Never Forget Ride. SFA Chapter members are invited to both "happenings".
6. **Kevin Colwell** proposed to the chapter to co-sponsor with two other chapters a hospitality suite at SFA's National Convention this year. This would cover the suite's expenses for three days and nights at an estimated cost of \$500. **Rick LaValley** generously offered to pay the entire amount himself; Patrick Enlow proposed sharing the cost 50-50 between Rick and the chapter. Discussion followed and a unanimous vote carried to make this happen.
7. **Mike Robinson** has completed the initial draft for a six-page VIP Brochure focused on fundraising for The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. Mike estimates this project will be completed by our 11 June conference call or meeting. More to follow on this high-talent product!
Mike also briefed the chapter that he is finalizing the creation of 18 series posters. He has shown drafts via his Facebook and Instagram accounts to gain input from dozens of Green Berets around the world. He has a separate poster for each MOS, 18A through 18Z, including 180A and 18F. These are awesome looking and will be available for online sale with the option to make an online donation to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.



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OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*

Patrick Enlow updated our website with dozens of new links and updates to our activities calendar. Check it out now!

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 provided a thorough update via regular mail to officers. Bob reached out via both email and snail mail during the past three months and provided the Reinstatement form to 49 members who have not paid their dues. Bob reports as of 8 May that 26 members are now not in good standing and are no longer considered members of SFA 45.

4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR

5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. Chapter member Rick LaValley reminded us that all SFA 45 members are encouraged to join the American Legion at individual Posts, not online. Rick said he is running for the Legion's State level leadership. Rick's leadership at the Portsmouth, OH Post 471 has secured an income stream of charitable donations to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group of approximately \$400 monthly. Local Posts must donate part of their charitable collections to 501(c)(3) organizations, and we qualify. Mark Arnold and Patrick Enlow committed to selecting Posts and joining during the next three weeks.

6. Chapter Polo shirts and other apparel. NSTR.

7. Raffle.

Jim Wetz continues to seek a donation or significant discount for a high-end compound bow that can be raffled.

8. SFA National Convention 2020:

When: 12-15 August 2020

Where: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin FL, near 7th SFG.



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9. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2020 Saturday 3 October

Eric Stansifer reported he will complete the process for establishing the online registration and payment on *Practiscore.com* by 18 May.

We need 10 volunteers for this date.

We need five volunteers to set up the range on Thursday 1 OCT. All volunteers may shoot the entire course of fire for free on Friday 2 OCT. We will have four or five stages. More details to come. Volunteers for 1 OCT set up are:

- Tim Ruffing
- Jim Wetz
- Dan Hessler

b. Freedom Ride 2020. Saturday 12 September.

We still need two more volunteers.

Mark Arnold proposed dedicating the Ride to the memory of SSG Shamus Goare who was KIA in Afghanistan on 28 June 2005. SSG Goare's memorial service in 2005 included a large contingent of riders from Rolling Thunder chapters. SSG Goare's hometown in Danville, OH is just 25 minutes from AD Farrow's Sunbury store. SSG Goare was the crew chief of the MH47 Chinook of 3rd BN, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, that was shot down by an RPG in the combat action made famous by the book and film *Lone Survivor*. This proposal was unanimously voted in favor by the chapter.

Jim Wetz will continue to coordinate with Jim Hern of Ricart Ford and AD Farrow and the owners of The Buckeye Lake Winery. Ricart's marketing team will be involved with promoting the event, and they may get radio ad spots on one or more central Ohio stations. Eric Stansifer offered the use of an RV with trailer and canopy for the start point. AD Farrow will move their "Bike Night" to coincide with our Freedom Ride. Jim needs six volunteers each at AD Farrow and the Winery:

Volunteers for both locations:

Mark Arnold
Eric Stansifer
John McCort

Volunteers for AD Farrow:

Dan Hessler

c. Rolling Thunder – Columbus, OH 2020. 24 May

This event is cancelled. See New Business regarding a new event on 24 May.

d. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. Rescheduled for 25 SEP.

This prestigious event at the Ohio Statehouse remains scheduled 25 SEP. Chapter member Ted Mosure will advise us if state-directed protocol requires its cancellation or postponement.

e. B/2/19th SFG Fete. NSTR



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The unit will have a Winter Fete instead of its family Christmas Party. The chapter is asked to donate funds to purchase gifts (\$50 per) for each of the unit member's spouse or significant other.

10. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Rick Lavalley mentioned he is fully recovered from vascular surgery to correct an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

Butch Betzko is slowly recovering from emergency double bypass surgery that occurred early March.

Former 2/11th SFG Soldier, **LTC(R) Tom Payne** passed away on 1 May. Andy Schneider will write an obituary for submission to The Drop.

CSM(R) John Zastudil died on 9 April. Chapter 38 is writing an obituary for The Drop.

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

1 June at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY **CANCELLED**

11 June at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus. **CANCELLED** (See notes regarding conference call in the New Business section of these minutes.)

Lunch cost at AMVETS 89 is paid by the chapter, and the Post committed to preparing and serving this for us monthly.

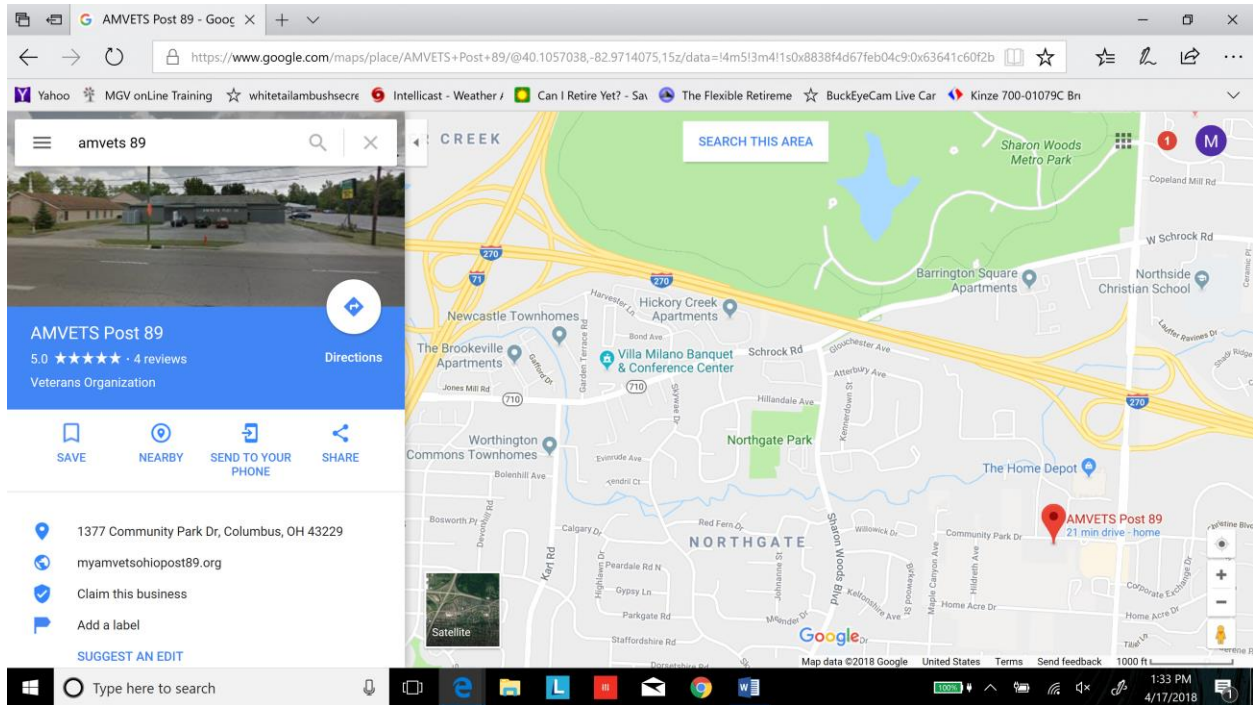
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

12. 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.

13. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group

Nothing new to report.

The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC (**OGBSG**), 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.

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.



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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.

14. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

This is our primary program for fundraising. We began year 2020 with 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 Columbus Foundation reported on 6 May that its Scholarship Review Committee will review all applications by 30 May and notify selectees and non-selects.



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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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