



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 3 and 13 May 2021

The May 3rd and 13th 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:
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Dan Vinson	Dave Wilhelmus
Butch Betzko	Don Thomas
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Jim Butler	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horne
Bill Carruthers	Larry Verne
Carl Fuller	Chris Belford
Pete Becker	Jesse Boyd
Kevin Colwell	Gene Adams
John Gonzalez	Mike Gargac
Jim King	Rick Lavalley
Eric Stansifer	Philip Taraska
Jeff Baldwin	Joe Ballenger
Don Cassidy	Terry Dillon
Paul Dusing	Frank Hicks
Mike Hurdzan	Nick Langano
Dave Spriggs	Rick Welch

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn was deployed on PDSS and could not complete the 1 April report. His report dated 1 March 2021 shows the chapter has \$2237.73 in its operating fund and \$27,566.58 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).



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Jesse Boyd mentioned he would like the verbal report to include all details regarding monthly income and expenses.

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. Chapter member **MSG Philip Taraska** provided a briefing regarding the unit's request to SFA 45 to fund a **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. The chapter will vote on how to proceed following this discovery process. Meanwhile, the unit leadership will continue to lobby the Ohio National Guard and state legislators to approve the renaming and dedication. Nathan Henry designed a memorial for 19th SFG's HQ building for memorializing members killed or died of injuries while in the line of duty; **Chris Belford** will follow up with Nathan regarding asking him for design concepts. Chapter member **Dave Spriggs** provided a compelling verbal description of the incident that resulted in SFC Crabtree's death. Dave was at the incident. The chapter agreed that if the project is determined feasible by the Ohio National Guard, then we will email design concepts to the unit's leadership while they are deployed and seek input from unit members. Chapter members who volunteered to be on this project team are:
Mark Arnold
Chris Belford
Kevin Colwell
Dave Spriggs
Philip Taraska
2. Member **Rick LaValley** made his annual generous donation of \$1000 to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group.
3. It was suggested the chapter consider managing the purchase of paver blocks at SFA National HQ for members and friends of the chapter who have passed away. This initiative needs a volunteer to lead it.
4. **Rick LaValley** requested chapter members join the American Legion. Rick briefed that



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many posts make annual donations to 501(c)(3) organizations, and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group is one of his post's choice for donations. Rick is running for the position of Executive Director of the American Legion Department of Ohio. Several chapter members joined the Legion on the spot.

5. Buckeye Lake Winery. **Jim Wetz** briefed this sponsor to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group had a fire that destroyed much of its kitchen with smoke damage to the indoor restaurant and bar. Jim said the ownership is managing an employee relief fund to help temporarily unemployed staff while repairs are made before operations can resume. The chapter voted 18-1 to send a \$200 donation to this fund. **Tom McGrath** will send a check to the appropriate agency for this fund.
6. **Jesse Boyd** stated that votes for chapter initiatives normally require 20% of chapter members present at meetings. Since the chapter could never get this attendance, then **Tom McGrath** will draft a change to the chapter's Constitution for review at the next meeting.
7. **Mark Arnold, Andy Schneider, and Patrick Enlow** said the results of the email referendum on a letter to SFA National regarding Core Values and Code of Conduct was 31 Support, 5 Do Not Support. The letter remains at SFA National for their consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE.
NSTR.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
NSTR.
4. Raffle.
Jim Wetz briefed he will have this running by 20 May and the raffle will run 24 May to 31 July. **Patrick Enlow** will promote this through our online channels we established for chapter fundraising events, and he will ask SFA National to advertise it online via National's website. Jim will get photos of the ammo and **Rick LaValley** volunteered to advertise it through the American Legion's newsletter. **Mark Arnold** provided the ammo that was donated by Vance Outdoors to **Eric Stansifer** for management of the shipping to the raffle's winners.



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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 by 1 May and join SFA 45. This is a one-time offer by the chapter.

6. EVENTS.

a. Keepers of the Green donation celebration 9 June.

Chapter member **Mike Hurdzan** and his colleagues that form *Keepers of the Green* are dissolving this organization at the end of this year. Mike will present the organization's final donation to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group at the Golf Club of Dublin at 1000 hrs on 9 June.

Address: 5805 Eiterman Rd, Dublin, OH 43016

Chapter members are encouraged to attend and accept this generous donation.

b. 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. Location: Hopewell Meadows Park, 9131 Hopewell Road, Cincinnati 45242. More details to follow as Jim finalizes the plan.

c. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021. **21 August** Registration 1000-1200 hrs.

Jim Wetz is coordinating details 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 needs volunteers to work one or more of the three locations on 21 August.
Please contact Jim at jw12470@bellsouth.net

AMA membership qualifies the chapter for facility use and marketing of our Ride. The following chapter members agreed to become AMA members:

Eric Stansifer
Patrick Enlow
Rick LaValley
Kevin Colwell
Rob Thatcher
Kim Wetz

Jim and Patrick will follow up with *Viking Inc.* regarding donations of items for our auction at the event.

MSG Philip Taraska will manage the request to establish an SF static display at the event.

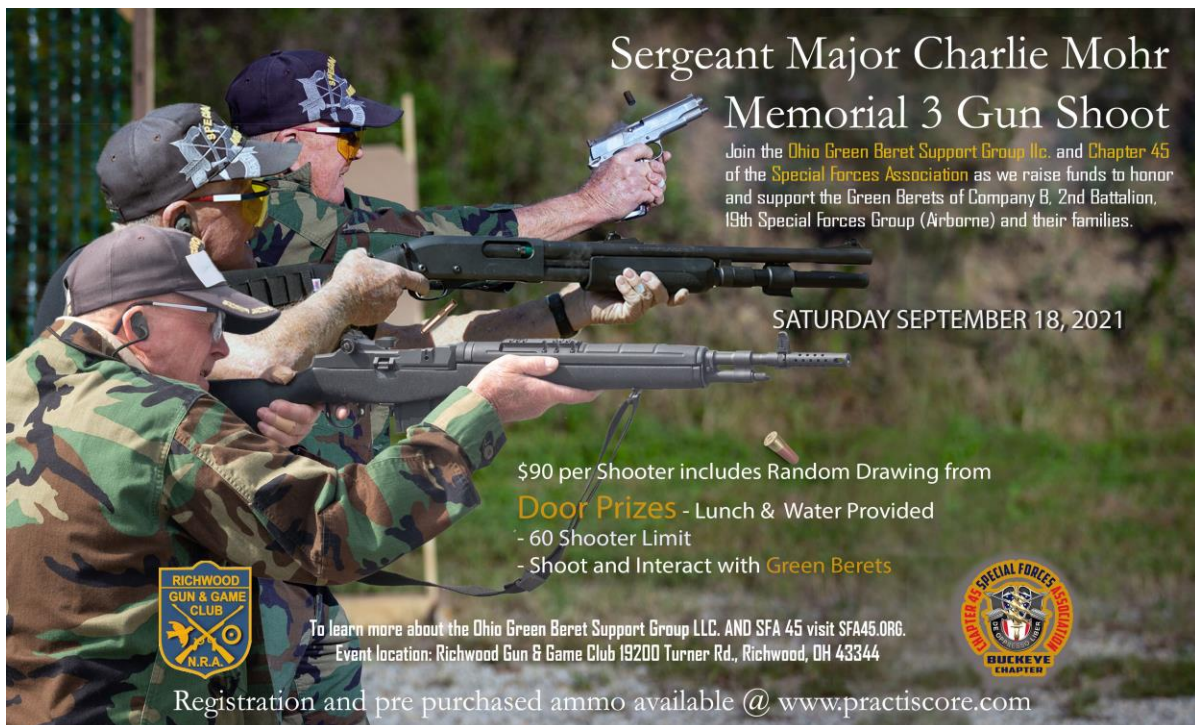


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d. 3 Gun Shoot 2021 18 SEP

Eric Stansifer is establishing a register and payment one-step process on Practiscore.com along with the option for shooters to also pre-buy ammo that will be issued to them at the event. Friend of the chapter and master shooter, Jen Blake, and her husband will seek donations of door prizes from their sponsors. 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



**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



e. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.
24 SEP at the Ohio State House.

f. 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



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online at:

[Practiscore.com/tactical-games-skirmish-sfa-chap-35-northern-ohio/register](https://www.practiscore.com/tactical-games-skirmish-sfa-chap-35-northern-ohio/register)

7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Mark Arnold visited member **Bob Deis** again at Bob's home. Bob is diagnosed with terminal renal failure and his prognosis is "take life on a month-by-month basis" because he likely has only weeks to live. Bob is ambulatory and easy to converse with. One of his three children are with him most days. Bob shared many memories with Mark including his time as an officer at Co. D, 2nd BN, 11th SFG in Dayton.

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

7 June at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

10 June 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.

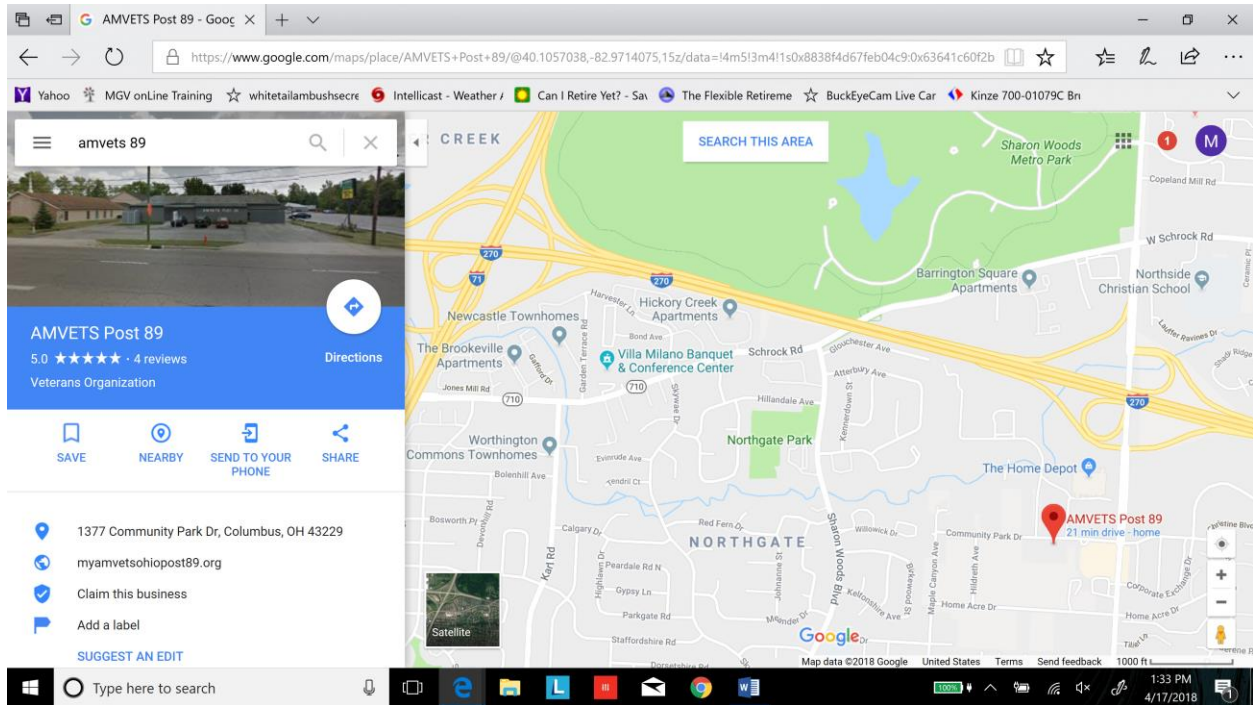
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

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.



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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.

This is our primary program for fundraising. 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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www.sfa45.org