



**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 12 November 2020

The November 3rd and 12th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Patrick Enlow. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

President: Patrick Enlow
Vice President:
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer: Tom McGrath
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Dave Wilhelmus
John McCort	Larry Verne
Don Edwards	Stuart Candis
Jesse Boyd	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horn
Jim Wesseling	Jim Edwards
John McCort	Jack Heist
Jan Hauger	Jim Butler
Don Cassidy	Nelson Hastings
Fran Wesseling	Butch Betzko
Carl Fuller	Jan Hauger
Terry Dillon	Mike Hurdzan
Jim Butler	Don Edwards

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn published the chapter's financial report dated 1 November 2020. The chapter has \$2928.48 in its operating fund and \$28,356.16 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).

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

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



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Arnold** presented a certificate of Honorary Chapter 45 Membership to Farrow Harley Davidson's Jim Hern to recognize his support to our September Freedom Ride fundraiser and for similar events in the future. Jim is Ricart Ford's Marketing Manager.
2. **Fran Wesseling**, Ohio Director of The Green Beret Foundation presented an update on this large national organization including its latest video. She mentioned that Green Beret casualties have reduced in number and frequency, but suicide rates have risen for Green Berets.
3. **Patrick Enlow** briefed the chapter regarding noteworthy elements of the recent chapter Presidents Zoom meeting. MG Brennan, CG, USASFC(A), discussed severe reductions in family support funding and activity, and he expressed his appreciation for SFA chapters helping to fill this gap. SFA National is focused on membership recruiting and retention.
4. **Chapter Elections for Officers 2021-23.** Unfortunately, no members have nominated or self-nominated members to fill officer positions for the next two-year term. Patrick Enlow has volunteered to return to the VP post, and Mark Arnold has agreed to serve as chapter President. An email vote will occur 15 NOV through 15 DEC.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Patrick Enlow modified our website with new links to our motorcycle rally as well as other updates.
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member. **Patrick Enlow** mentioned the positive effect this has had with connecting people to our fundraising events as well as recruiting new members.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
NSTR
4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR
5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. NSTR.



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6. Raffle.

This project is now postponed to 2021.

7. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2021

Date TBD.

b. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021.

Date TBD. Jim Wetz will confirm with Farrow Harley Davidson if 21 August 2021 will work for them.

c. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

SSG Goare will be inducted into the Class of 2021; it is scheduled for 30 April at the Ohio State House.

d. B/2/19th SFG is planning to have a Christmas Party on 6 December,
so the chapter will provide its usual support.

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Bob Deis reported to Mark Arnold that he was recently diagnosed with severe kidney failure. Unfortunately, Bob said he is not a candidate for kidney transplant, and he is self-administering daily medications to mitigate the symptoms. Bob continues doing some day-to-day business, but his medical prognosis is likely terminal with a “weeks to months” estimate.

This is deeply saddening news for Bob, his family, and his brothers in chapter 45.

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

7 December at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

10 December 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.

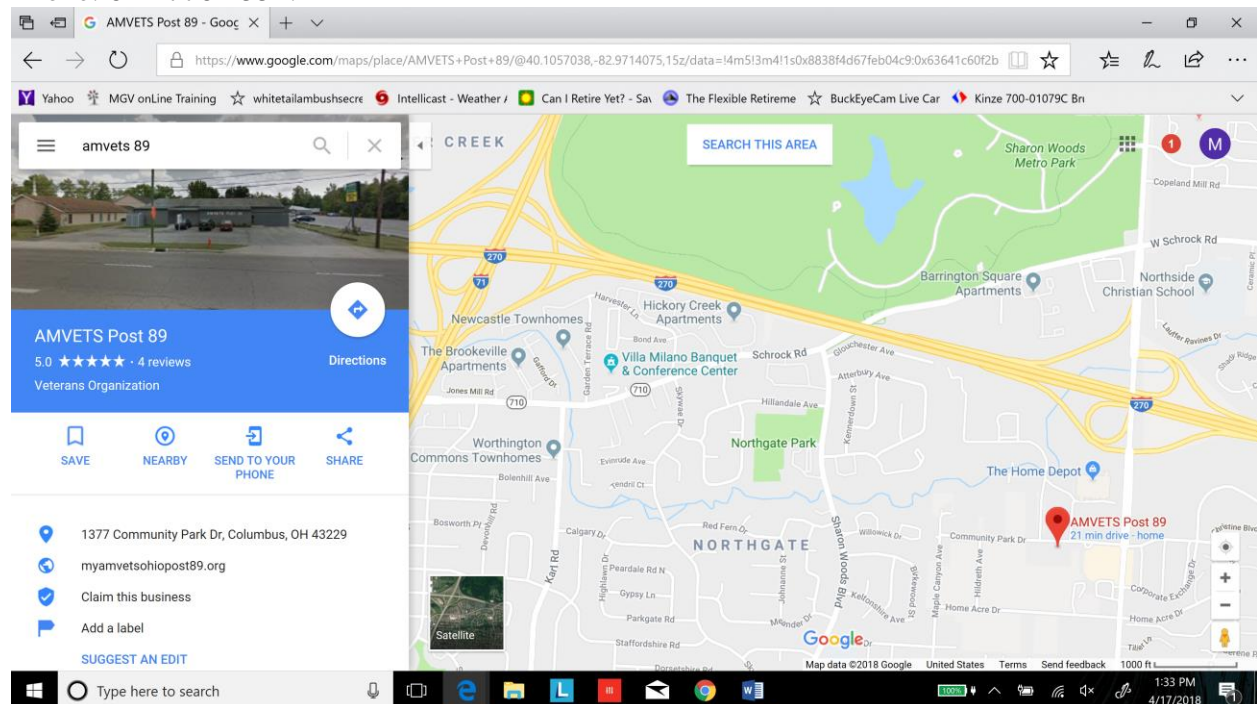
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,



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

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:

**Treasurer SFA 45
Tom McGrath
PO Box 12093
Columbus, OH 43212**

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

11. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group

Mike Robinson has completed a six-page VIP Brochure focused on fundraising for 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.



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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.

Open Actions:

Tom McGrath: Create an agenda for OGBSG Directors meeting.

Tom McGrath: File tax return for 2019 for OGBSG.

Mark Arnold and Tom McGrath: Schedule meeting of Directors:
Tom, Mark, Patrick Enlow, Andy Schneider, Chadd Kuhn, Jeff Sutton

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.

12. **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 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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