



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 November 2021

The November 1st and 11th 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. Vice President:
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Dave Wilhelmus
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Larry Verne	Tom Edwards
Frank Hicks	Ed Wheeler
Paul Dusing	Pete Becker
Ed Wheeler	Terry Simmons
Jesse Boyd	John McCort
Terry Dillon	Mike Hurdzan

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Tom McGrath** reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$3029.87 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$52,018.28; an additional \$75,000 is invested in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment and supervised by The Columbus Foundation's investment management; Tom will ask the Foundation the current value of the endowment and will report it during December's meeting.



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 By-Laws.

Tom McGrath is seeking written guidance from SFA National regarding the approval to vote via email since gaining a quorum among our 180 + chapter members during monthly meetings is impossible. He will also propose a resolution to the chapter by-laws regarding spending thresholds for membership votes.

2. B/2/19 SFG Christmas Gifts.

Philip Taraska asked the chapter to buy \$50 gift certificates for each of the children of the members of B/2/19 SFG. We did this last year at a cost of \$5500 because the pandemic resulted in the unit's Christmas party being cancelled. This year's party is cancelled too because the unit remains deployed. The chapter members voted to support the children of the unit members again. **MSG Philip Taraska** has the lead on this; we ask that the certificates be enclosed in SF Christmas cards.

3. Next SFA National Convention is 20-24 SEP 2022 at Colorado Springs. 2023's convention will be in Indianapolis.

4. **Patrick Enlow** suggested to **Tom McGrath** the chapter create a new bank account that SFA National can access for direct deposit monthly of the chapter's income from membership dues.

5. SFA 45 will honor **Fran Wessling**, Board member of the Green Beret Foundation during our 6 December meeting in Cincinnati.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org* and Chapter Facebook page.

Patrick Enlow stated he is an Administrator for chapter 45's portion of the SFA Club Express website. If you are not receiving quarterly email notifications from SFA, then they do not have your email address. Send your correct email address to Patrick Enlow patrick@efsnm.com

2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

SFA 45 currently has 181 members.



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3. **Memorial Monument for SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq June 2006.**

Philip Taraska is now leading this initiative. The dialogue among members during the meeting centered on agreement to create a monument capable of adding more names to it later. Philip is in contact with Nathan Henry who is designing the monument, and he will send the concepts to the leadership of B Company for votes and opinions among unit members.

Philip Taraska (Project Team Leader)

Kevin Colwell

Dave Spriggs

Chris Belford

4. **Chapter Coins.**

Jim Wetz briefed the membership regarding a Chapter Coin initiative. He will reach out to Mike Robinson to craft the design.

5. **SF 4 Life.**

Pete Becker completed a checklist for helping people new to the area as well as acquainting them with what the chapter is doing and can do for them and their families. Online briefings hosted by SFA National to instruct members on the use of online capabilities of SF 4 Life are scheduled on 16 NOV at 1000 hrs ET and on 17 NOV at 2200 hrs ET. Links follow: Zoom meeting 16 NOV 1000 hrs:

<https://uky.zoom.us/j/87301541896> and 17 NOV 2200 hrs: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/85062556902>

6. **EVENTS.**

a. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2022**

Jim Wetz is prepared to lead this initiative next year. Jim will reach out to the three new SFA 45 members who are also in SFBMC to help take a leadership role in this next year; **Joe Metarko** will assist with this project. Jim sent his application for membership to American Motorcycle Association. He will ask Tracy Higgenbotham, owner of the Buckeye Lake Winery to support the event once again.

b. **3 Gun Shoot 2022**

Tentative date for the 2022 Shoot is 10 SEP. Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer will have the first coordinating meeting with Steve Ormeroid, President of the Richwood Gun and Game Club on 17 NOV.

c. **Mike Quinn Celebration of Life.** 27 November 1800-2000 hrs Our Lady of Victory Church 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus, OH 43212. All chapter members are encouraged to attend.



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7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Terry Simmons joined our meeting and reported his pacemaker implant (only three weeks old) is doing well and he feels great.

Jim Butler was recently in the hospital for surgery; he is now home and recovering successfully.

Don Austin and his wife were both in the hospital for COVID-19 and are released and doing well.

Tom McGrath is recovering from a persistent infection that resulted from a recent surgery.

Chris Belford was diagnosed with prostate cancer. His surgery for prostate removal and biopsy of the organ is scheduled for 18 NOV. This is why he handed off leadership of the Monument project. We all wish Chris and his family well and will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

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

6 December at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

9 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.

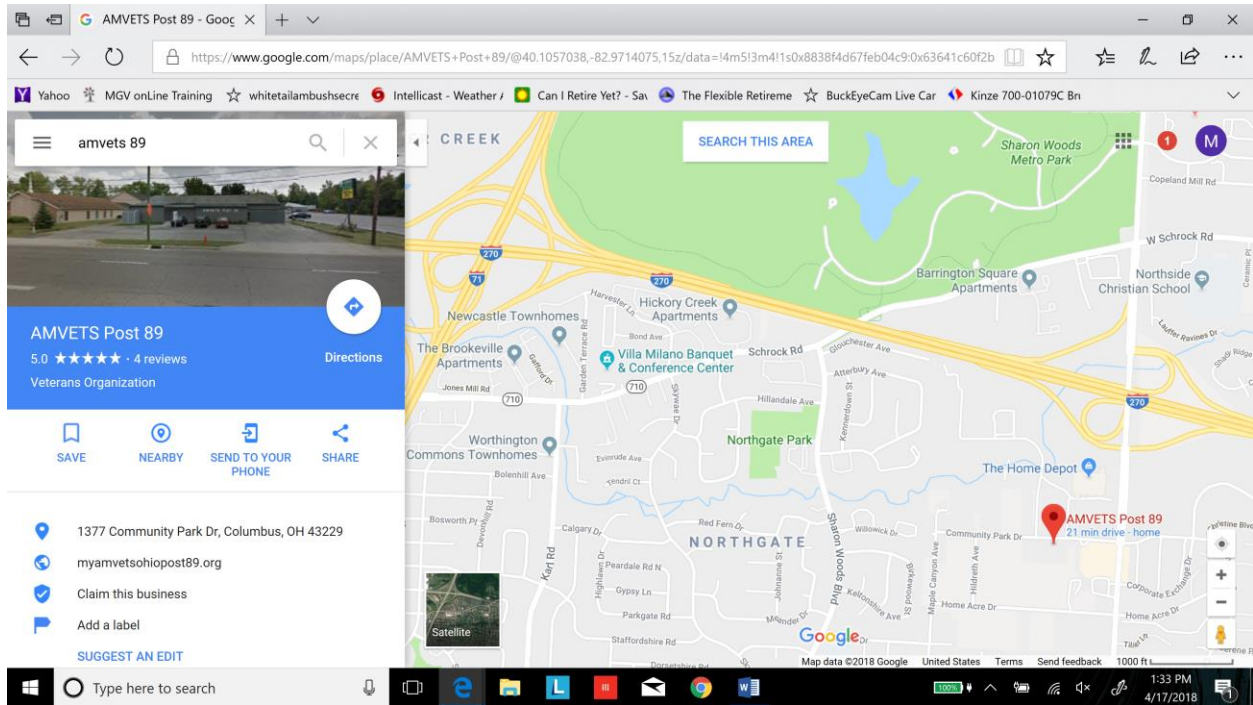
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

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



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recruited for their leadership and connectivity to networks. Directors are unpaid positions, and they and their families are not eligible for the Scholarship Program.

11. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

We have three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family.

Next application window begins in March 2022 through May 2022.

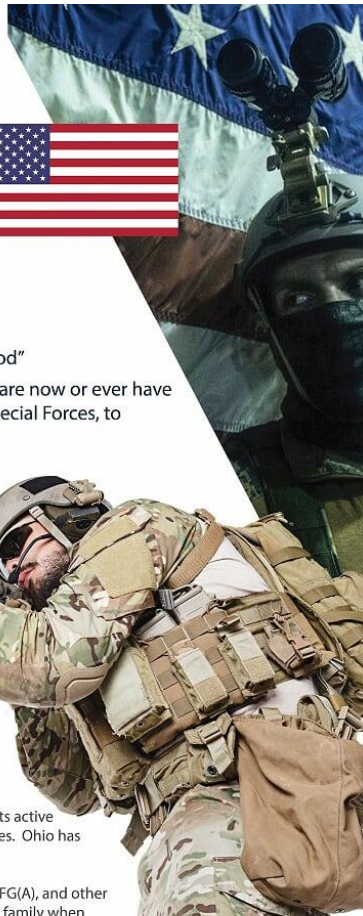
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.

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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