



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 5 and 8 October 2020

The September 5th and 8th 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: 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:

Charlie Mohr	Dave Wilhelmus
Bob Deis	Danny Vinson
Larry Verne	Doc Adams
John McCort	Paul Dusing
Don Edwards	Stuart Candis
Jesse Boyd	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horn
Don Thomas	Jim Edwards
John McCort	Jack Huixdemer
Steve Prasse	Jim Butler
Jeff Baldwin	Bob Deis
Dan Hessler	Butch Betzko
Carl Fuller	Jan Hauger
Terry Dillon	Mike Hurdzan
Ron Welch	Jim Butler
Neil Hollingsworth	Nelson Hastings
Kevin Colwell	Eric Stansifer

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn published the chapter's financial report dated 1 October 2020. The chapter has \$2924.73 in its operating fund and \$22,140.51 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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MEETING DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (leads for actions noted in bold)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Arnold** began a discussion to nominate Farrow Harley Davidson's Jim Hern as an Honorary Chapter 45 member based on his support to our September Freedom Ride fundraiser. Jim is Ricart Ford's Marketing Manager. The chapter voted positively to make Jim Hern an Honorary Chapter member. Mark will present a certificate to him.
2. **Patrick Enlow** will establish a method for donations and purchases to be made with credit cards via mobile devices.
3. Reminder: The **Scholarship fund is open again** for applications. The deadline is 15 October. The Columbus Foundation suggested opening it a second time in 2020 for students who chose to delay beginning classes until January 2021 or late this year. The application process link is <http://cfprograms.smapply.io/prog/ohiogreenberet>
4. Chris Donahue, a 3 Gun competitor at our fundraiser will nominate SFC Dan Crabtree for the Memorial 3 Gun Foundation's Honor Wall 2020. He will provide coordinating instructions related to the event with the Crabtree family.
5. During the AAR discussions of the Motorcycle Freedom Ride and 3 Gun Shoot fundraising events, the chapter wants the event organizers, **Jim Wetz** and **Mark Arnold** to choose dates for the 2021 events within the next 60 days. Jim would like to have a giveaway at the end of the auction to encourage riders to attend and bid during the auction. Mark noted we need to ask Tracy how to encourage more auction participation by his restaurant patrons; they were surprised an auction was even occurring.
6. It was noted that American Legion Post 471 Portsmouth, OH (chapter member Rick LaValley's Post) has donated over \$2000 year to date in monthly donations despite the COVID headwinds to its operations.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Patrick Enlow modified our website with new links to our motorcycle rally as well as other updates.



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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.**

Bob Deis reported the chapter currently has 143 members and approximately 70% are Life members. The 143 does not include 21 who SFA National dropped from the roles last month for delinquency in paying dues.

Mike Robinson will begin a new project: digital imagery (for creating posters) of individual battles for ODAs in B/2/19 SFG.

Patrick Enlow noted that the most likely prospective members are those who chapter members already know and should encourage to join. **Kevin Colwell** said he would reach out to some former members of B/2/19th SFG.

4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR

5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. NSTR.

6. Raffle.

This project is now postponed to 2021.

7. **EVENTS.**

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2020

This fundraising event was quite successful; after expenses we raised over \$19,000 for the Ohio Green Beret Support Group; this includes the two major gifts of \$5000 each by Ed Petkovich and Steve Prasse. 51 great Americans registered for the Shoot. The total net income was still considerably below the past two years' performance due to COVID-related pressure on individuals' investment accounts and the cancellation of meeting venues to present the OGBSG to high net worth Americans. Eric Stansifer reported that the winner of the grand prize (pistol with suppressor), Dan O'Carroll, plans to donate \$1200 to the OGBG; this is the value of the prize.

Eric suggested we host a two or three event series during 2021. This would be a weekend at Richwood as well as another weekend at Eric's Range and potentially a third range.

A huge Thank You to our chapter volunteers and the great Americans at The Richwood Gun and Game Club. With Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer leading the event, the volunteers included:

Patrick Enlow (a loud shout out for establishing the online payment for registration on *Practiscore.com*)



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Mike Vault
Jim Wetz
Jeff Baldwin
Dan Hessler
Butch Betzko (special thank you for lending weapons for our ROTC cadet shooters)
Jeff Gallaher
Carl Fuller
John McCort
Leone DiCesare
John Gonzalez

b. 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.

c. 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.

Terry Dillon joined us during October's meeting and mentioned he continues radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

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

2 November at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

12 November 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.

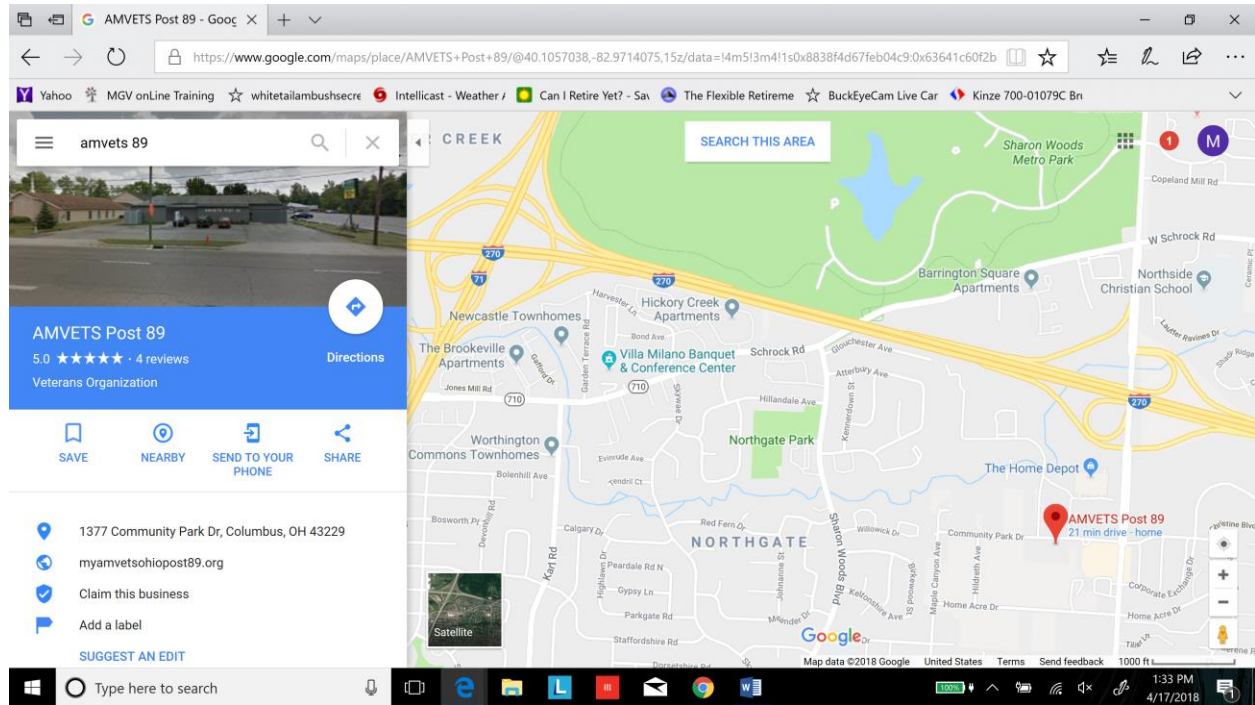
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

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.

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.

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.

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.smaply.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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