



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 4 and 14 October 2021**

The October 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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: Jim Butler  
Asst. Treasurer:  
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Dave Wilhelmus
Kevin Colwell	Matt Louis
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Gary Wiley	Eric Smith
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Larry Verne	Tom Edwards
Frank Hicks	Ed Wheeler
Paul Dusing	Eric Stansifer
Ed Wheeler	Jan Hauger
Nelson Hastings	Pete Becker
Jesse Boyd	John McCort
Terry Dillon	Donna Dillon
Steve Prasse	Chris Belford

The TREASURER'S REPORT

**Tom McGrath** reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$3036.33 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$52,021.35; 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 provided a copy of the Chapter's 2020 financials to SFA National's Treasurer.



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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** mentioned he is in what he expects to be his final court room litigation as an attorney and will be retiring this calendar year. Consequently, he will then draft language to establish a monetary threshold for voting on projects and initiatives, such as the SFC Dan Crabtree memorial monument project. He will recommend a threshold that requires quorum voting vs. decisions that can be made by chapter officers following member discussion at monthly meetings. Tom is seeking written guidance from SFA National regarding the approval to vote via email since gaining a quorum among our 175 chapter members during monthly meetings is impossible.

2. Chapter Fundraising.

**Eric Stansifer** led a productive discussion about fundraising concepts. A relationship with CrossFit.com and its named workouts for fallen service members, means of constant contact with past sponsors via Mail Chimp, and several other ideas were discussed. The chapter decided to draft a questionnaire for all members so ideas could be submitted for consideration.

3. **Kevin Colwell** is relocating to Florida. October is Kevin's last meeting with the chapter because he and his wife Kelly are moving to Florida at the end of October. Kevin's energy, positive spirit, and dedication to the chapter will be missed.

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](mailto:patrick@efsnm.com)

2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

SFA 45 currently has 175 members.

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

Chris Belford provided a thorough update regarding this project. He has two illustrations for two potential courses of action. The dialogue among members during the meeting centered on agreement to creating a monument capable of adding more names to



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it later. Considering that the unit's building will be named in SFC Crabtree's honor, the Green Beret upon a rifle and boots anchored on a stone base was unanimously popular. Names with QR codes for each (that link to an online narrative for each Soldier) is a popular concept. We will send the concepts to the leadership of B Company for votes and opinions among unit members.

**Chris Belford (Project Team Leader)**

**Kevin Colwell**

**Dave Spriggs**

**Philip Taraska**

4. Chapter Coins.

**Jim Wetz** briefed the membership regarding a Chapter Coin initiative. He identified a supplier who can provide them to the Chapter for \$4 each for a minimum order of 100. Jim will send some design ideas to Mike Robinson. Eric Stansifer offered to personalize coins with names for Chapter members who order them or for sponsors.

5. SF 4 Life.

**Pete Becker** drafted a thorough "onboarding welcome" template for new chapter members as well as non-member Green Berets who are in our AO. It is 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. Pete also drafted this as a template that could be used by all SFA Chapters. Pete is representing Chapter 45 at the National level regarding this new initiative. Input about Pete's Draft Template is welcome from all chapter members.

6. EVENTS.

a. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2022**

**Jim Wetz**, as always, is prepared to lead this initiative next year. In order to reduce the amount of time Jim may dedicate to it as well as expanding our network in the riding community, we will ask the Ohio Chapter of SFMC to take a leadership role in this next year. We met four of their members who supported our event in August, and they are remarkably well connected in this community and are enthusiastic about supporting Chapter 45.

b. **3 Gun Shoot 2021**

The net income from registered shooters was \$4795.77. Income from sponsors totaled over \$28,000; this includes the generosity of several shooters who made on-the-spot donations during the event after hearing about the initiative to create the Memorial Monument. Eric Stansifer confirmed with Richwood Gun and Game Club's President, Steve Ormeroid, support for the concept of adding space for corporate sponsors as well as one or two lanes to demonstrate their goods and services. This can enable another large income stream as



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well as increasing the event's popularity among the civilian shooting community. We may offer shooting lessons by Green Berets as another service during the event.

A huge tip of the Beret to all the chapter members who supported the event with their time and energy!

c. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

This event was successful, as always. Chapter member, Ted Mosure, Director of the OMHOF-V, did a marvelous job of managing the event and the thousands of moving parts involved with coordinating with the inductees, their family members, and the VIPs who attended and spoke. Former 3<sup>rd</sup> SFG member, SFC **Kurt Barger**, was inducted as a result of receiving the BSM-V for combat actions in Afghanistan during December 2003. We met Kurt and his family at the ceremony, and he became a chapter member within five days.

d. 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.

7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

**Terry Dillon's** cancer has returned, and he has chosen not to do treatments. An SF card was signed and sent to Terry and his wife Donna. Several chapter members will remain close to Donna as Terry's health changes. Terry participated in Honor Flight from Columbus to DC and back during September. This is a fun yet physically challenging very long day for its participants; it demonstrates Terry's resilience, strength, and love of country and military service.

**Terry Simmons** is scheduled for pacemaker implant during October.

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

**1 November** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

**11 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.

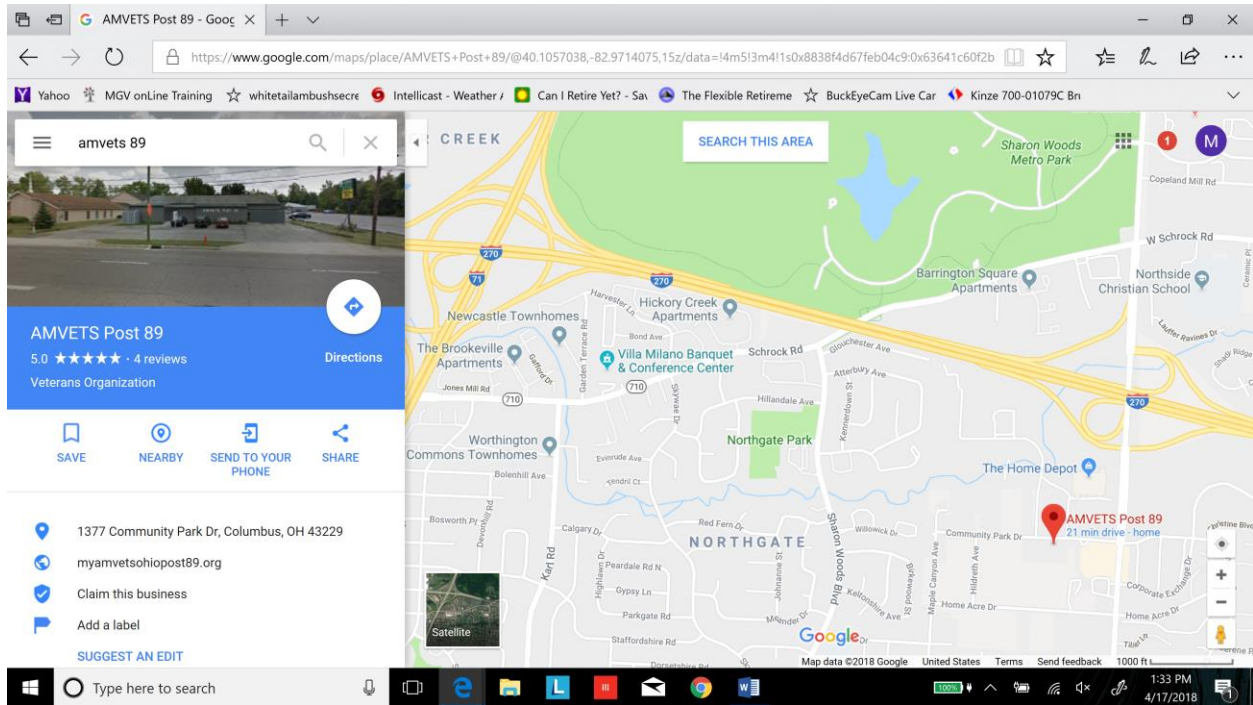
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

9. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.**

Preferred method: Use [sfa45.org](http://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.

The program re-opened on 1 August for applications and closes 15 October.

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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