



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 10 and 13 Septembert 2018

The September 10th and 13th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY and at AMVETS Post 89 in Columbus, OH. Notes from all meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President:
Secretary: Patrick Enlow
Treasurer: Danny Vinson (acting)

Members and Guests in attendance were:

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| Charlie Mohr | James Summers |
| Jim Adams | Richard Carr |
| Ed Porter | Frank Hicks |
| Larry Verne | Ed Wheeler |
| Bill Smith | Ken Horne |
| William Carruthers | Kevin Colwell |
| Carl Fuller | Jesse Boyd |
| Eric Smith | Gene Taylor |
| Stuart Candis | Gene Adams |
| Jack Heist | Eric Bornschlegl |
| George Thomas | Bob Deis |
| Jeff Baldwin | Jim Butler |
| Jim Edwards | Nelson Hastings |
| Tim Ruffing | John Healy |
| Jim Wetz | Norm Lambert |

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Danny Vinson reported the Chapter's combined balance of general fund and family support fund is \$56,664.68 as of 31 August 2018.

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

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



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chapter member **Ed Wheeler** generously donated \$2000 to the chapter as a sponsor for the 3 Gun Shoot.
2. SFA 45 agrees to support an SF Gold Star Family. Chapter 68's President reached out to Mark Arnold regarding support to the SFA Convention in June 2019. It will be hosted by chapter 68 in Charleston, WV. Chapter 68 asked if chapter 45 could support the lodging expenses of hosting an SF Gold Star Family during the Convention; the estimated cost is \$650. The chapter members discussed the request and voted unanimously to support it.
3. SFA Life membership offer to members of B/2/19 SFG. The Chapter has had an open offer to pay \$300 of the \$440 total for members of B/2/19 SFG to become Life members. This offer has been open for three years. We discussed it and voted unanimously to end this offer as of 31 December. In this vote, the chapter also agreed to offer to pay \$300 of the \$440 total to any member of B/2/19 SFG who graduates SFQC and becomes a Life member within 12 months of graduation.
4. The chapter discussed the potential of creating a Scholarship Program. It would be two to four annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. Definition follows: Chapter member, spouse, or direct lineal descendent of the chapter member; or be a legally adopted dependent or acknowledged by The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) as a dependent of the chapter member. Tuition grant programs are normally for a four-year degree, but this program may include tuition assistance for private or public learning institutions other than a university and other than a bachelors degree. The chapter discussed this concept and voted unanimously to establish a Committee to propose the details of the Program so it can be discussed before 31 December and executed by February 2019. Action item for **Mark Arnold and Tom McGrath.**
5. **Kevin Colwell** discussed the Save a Warrior Program. It has a new facility in Newark, OH. Kevin will invite one of their members to brief the chapter during an upcoming meeting at AMVETS 89.
6. **Norm Lambert** agreed for **Patrick Enlow** to remove the WWII German medals from the framed print he donated to the chapter for auction. The medals will then be evaluated by experts for their value.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER OFFICERS. Chapter members were reminded that nominations for officer positions – especially the President's position – are needed for our November-December



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chapter elections.

2. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
3. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
4. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Bob Deis said he would provide an update during the October meetings.
5. EVENTS.

- a. Motorcycle Freedom Run 2018

This netted over \$2700 to the chapter. Most of this success is due to the generosity of the owners of AD Farrow and the Buckeye Lake Winery. Owner Tracy Higgenbotham donated dozens of bottles of wine which were auctioned. **Jim Wetz** provided the cash and one check from the event to **Mark Arnold**. Mark gave it to **Chadd Kuhn** for deposit in our Family Support bank account.

- b. 3 Gun Shoot 2018 Saturday 29 September

Mark Arnold continues coordination with members of Pickaway County Sportsmen, Inc. (PCSI) Circleville, OH who will manage this fundraiser. Details follow:

- 80 shooting slots and 8 bays (not 4); 24 shooting stages (not 12)
- Fee: \$150
- PCSI established online registration for the Shoot on the website *Practiscore.com*. The website provides a one step-process for shooters to create a Practiscore.com account, then you search for SFA 45 within the website. Online registration is easy, and payment instructions and match details are emailed to the registered shooter. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received via mailed check or use of PayPal.
- The following chapter members volunteered to help set up the range's multiple target arrays on Thursday 27 September and to assist with management and range take down on 29 September:

Jim Wetz
Butch Betzko
Dan Hessler
Jan Hauger
Philip Taraska
Jan Hauger
Mark Arnold
John Gonzalez



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Paul White
Jeff Gallaher

Three members of B/2/19 SFG will support the Saturday 29 September shoot as both coaches and (shoot for free) competitors:

Lawrence Gattozzi
Dan Dixon
Ryan Zimpleman
Paul White
Philip Taraska
Kevin Colwell

The PCSI staff will compete on the 8 stages on Friday 28 September.

- c. KINGS ISLAND DAY. (This offer closes 28 December 2018) *Nothing new to report:*

Fran Wesseling confirmed that the Green Beret Foundation will cover expenses of the Park Passes for this initiative. SFA 45 will provide the Soldier a \$150 gift card for use at The Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH. Members and family members of B/2/19 can choose any time to do this following redeployment; however, the Park closes Monday through Thursday operations on 20 August and weekends close after October 28th.

Winterfest (perhaps the best events to attend) begins in November and continues through December, and the Park pass offer and hotel gift card can be used for Winterfest through the end of this year. Soldiers are advised to review the Kings Island website to confirm operation dates after 19 August.

The Great Wolf Lodge has a network of resorts across the US, so unit members can use the gift card at a location other than Mason, OH.

Members of B/2/19 SFG who wish to participate in this should contact the following:

Contact Mark Arnold: markcarnold@yahoo.com for your hotel gift card.

Contact Fran Wesseling: fwesseling@fuse.net for your park passes.

- d. B/2/19th SFG 2018 Fete. 13 October 2018, Easton Hilton, Columbus
The chapter voted in favor of supporting this estimated cost of \$972, with a maximum cost of \$1000.
Chapter members who wish to attend (and bring their spouse or significant other) are requested to contact **Mark Arnold** by 30 September.
Dress: SFA Blazer with necktie or suit is appropriate dress.



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6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jan Hauger is leading this. The membership signed two more cards during our August lunch meetings.

7. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

The chapter will vote later this year regarding making another donation to The OMHOFV.

Chapter members are requested to encourage member George Thomas to submit his records to Mark Arnold, so we can nominate George for the Class of 2019.

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

1 October at the Hofbrauhaus Newport, KY

11 October at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

We enjoyed the facility, food and hospitality of AMVETS Post 89 in Columbus during our June and July meetings. Lunch cost is paid by the chapter, and the Post committed to preparing and serving this for us monthly.

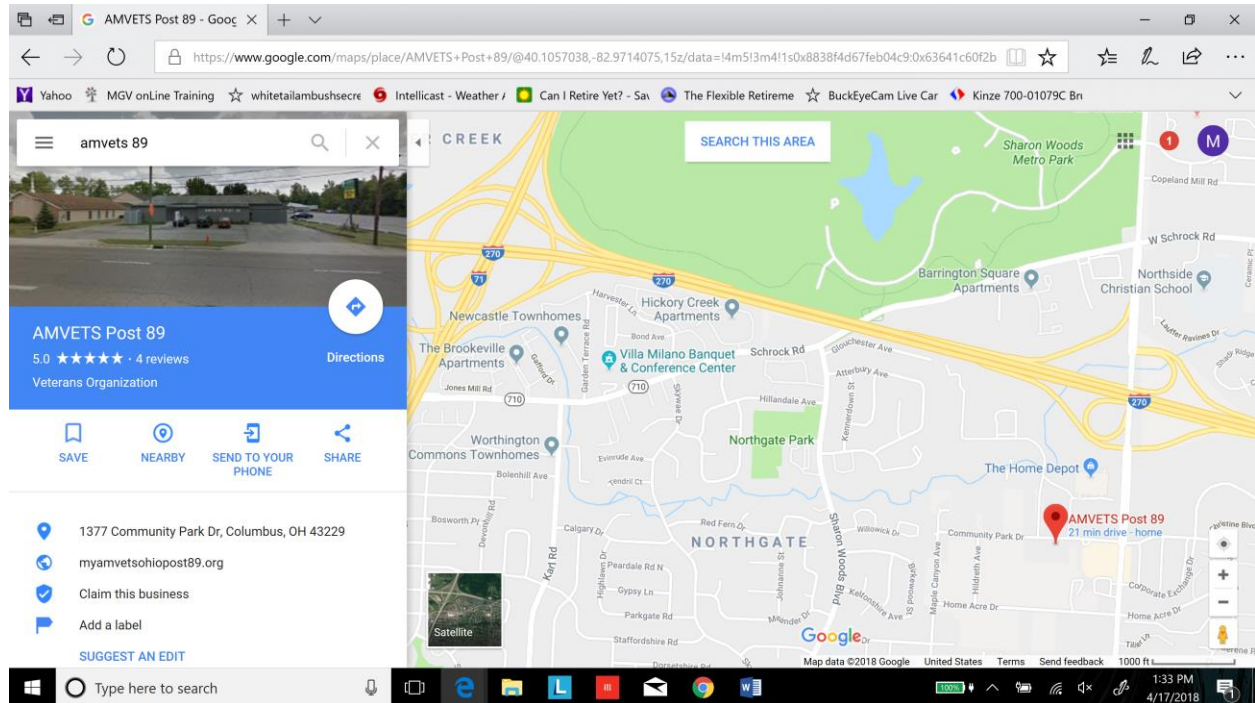
The chapter voted to change its Columbus meeting venue to AMVETS Post 89. It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,
Phone: 614-776-4552.

Map follows:



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

9. **THE DROP:**

Email draft text and photos to **Andy Schneider**: andysfa@zoho.com

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:

**SFA 45
Hoxton Ct.
Columbus, OH 4220**

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

11. **CHAPTER FUNDRAISING.**

Fund-raising purposes.

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.

Tom McGrath updated the chapter regarding the 501C-3 initiative. It's completed!



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Tom has established The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC. This is a subsidiary organization to Chapter 45. We will continue to use the unit's address as its home address (as we do for SFA 45): 8226 South Perimeter Road, Bldg. #93, Columbus, OH 43217.

Its Federal Tax Identification number is: 83-1512941.

We will include this number in receipts to donors to the chapter. Donations should be made payable to **The Ohio Green Beret Support Group**. All donations to this are entirely tax deductible.

12. CROSSBOW DISCOUNT.

During his recruitment for sponsors of our 3 Gun Shoot, Mark Arnold met with the leadership of TenPoint Crossbows, an Ohio-based manufacturing company. The CEO of TenPoint Crossbow has approved a 30% discount of its line of TenPoint, Horton and Wicked Ridge crossbows. This discount is available only to SFA 45 chapter members. Contact **Mark Arnold** if you are interested in exploiting this generous offer.