



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 6 and 9 September 2021

The September 6th and 9th 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: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Dan Vinson	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

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom McGrath reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$4998.22 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$42,002.48; 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 reported he still has not gained the access code and signature authority for our two accounts during Chadd Kuhn's absence, but he will complete that during September. Tom must also establish checking ability for both accounts since the nature/sources of income and expenses are different between the Chapter operational requirements and the charitable Ohio Green Beret Support Group's. Tom and Patrick reported our Stripe account is active and was used during the Motorcycle Freedom Ride fundraiser to take donations and payments for T-shirt sales.



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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 Coins. **Jim Wetz** suggested the chapter create a Coin for members and external sales. Jim stated he can have them fabricated for approximately \$4 each. More dialogue to follow on this potential initiative .
2. Chapter By-Laws. **Tom McGrath** briefed he is still drafting 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 stated he is still seeking written guidance from SFA National regarding the approval to vote via email since gaining a quorum among our 210 chapter members during monthly meetings is impossible.

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.
The official rolls state SFA 45 is currently at 172 members.
3. Memorial marker for SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq June 2006.
Chris Belford and Kevin Colwell did not provide an update during this meeting. The project includes:
Chris Belford (Project Team Leader)
Kevin Colwell
Dave Spriggs
Philip Taraska



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4. Raffle. Online ammo raffle fundraising initiative.
Jim Wetz reported the raffle concluded 31 AUG and its proceeds netted \$640; we raffled a case of 9mm ammo that was donated by Vance Outdoors. Only 14 buyers of tickets and 88 hits on our page of the raffle's website (AccountGroove.com). We do not have an effective means of communicating the online raffle. We even need to affirm permission from people we know whether we can email notices to them. Eric Stansifer said guns shows may open again this Autumn as a means of selling tickets and communicating a raffle if we choose to do this again
5. SF 4 Life. **Pete Becker** reported his leadership role with this SFA initiative; Pete is representing Chapter 45. Pete said the top priority is to assist transitioning and relocating SF guys to find jobs; it is a networking initiative. Pete used incoming chapter member Mike Beals as an example; Mike is retiring soon and seeking employment in southwestern Ohio. Pete also briefed the work in process of the new Special Operations veterans category in the VA adjudication process; it should provide tailwind to guys when they file VA claims. Pete is also involved with the Special Operations Transition Foundation. Great work Pete!

6. EVENTS.

a. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021. 21 August

Jim Wetz reported the net proceed from the event were \$2621.53; this includes raffles, auctions, and rider registration. Jim will also complete the AMA registration form for our chapter. Jim is already coordinating with Farrow HD for next year's event and is planning for the last weekend of August. **Berets off to Jim Wetz and John McCort** for doing a masterful job of managing the entire planning and event execution. **MSG Philip Taraska** supported the event with a Razors and SF display.

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2021 18 SEP 0900-1500 hrs

As of the 9 SEP meeting, we are at 51 shooters and expect to hit our max threshold of 60. Door prizes have been secured by our loyal patron, Jen Blake. The Club's leadership is expanding the event to four shooting squads and has an event management plan that will speed its execution. Please join us there if you can assist us with event day!

Volunteers for Thursday 16 SEP set up are:

Jim Wetz
Kevin Colwell
John McCort
Jeff Gallaher
Jim King
Bill Cline
Pete Becker



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Volunteers for Saturday 18 SEP:

**Butch Betzko
Mike Vaultx
Jordan Berry
Dan Kelly
John McCort
Jim Wetz
Pete Becker
Jeff Gallaher
Kevin Colwell
Patrick Enlow
Tom McGrath**



**Sergeant Major Charlie Mohr
Memorial 3 Gun Shoot**

Join the **Ohio Green Beret Support Group LLC** and **Chapter 45** of the **Special Forces Association** as we raise funds to honor and support the Green Berets of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and their families.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

\$90 per Shooter includes Random Drawing from
Door Prizes - Lunch & Water Provided
- 60 Shooter Limit
- Shoot and Interact with **Green Berets**

To learn more about the Ohio Green Beret Support Group LLC, AND SFA 45 visit SFA45.ORG.
Event location: Richwood Gun & Game Club 19200 Turner Rd., Richwood, OH 43344

Registration and pre purchased ammo available @ www.practiscore.com



c. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

24 SEP 1100 hrs at the Ohio State House.

Try to make this event. The chapter nominated a special operations aviator, SSG Shamus Goare, who was KIA in Afghanistan during the June 2005 rescue attempt made famous in the book and film Act of Valor.



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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.

Larry Verne had successful pulmonary surgery. Carol Hauger has recovered from pneumonia.

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

4 October at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

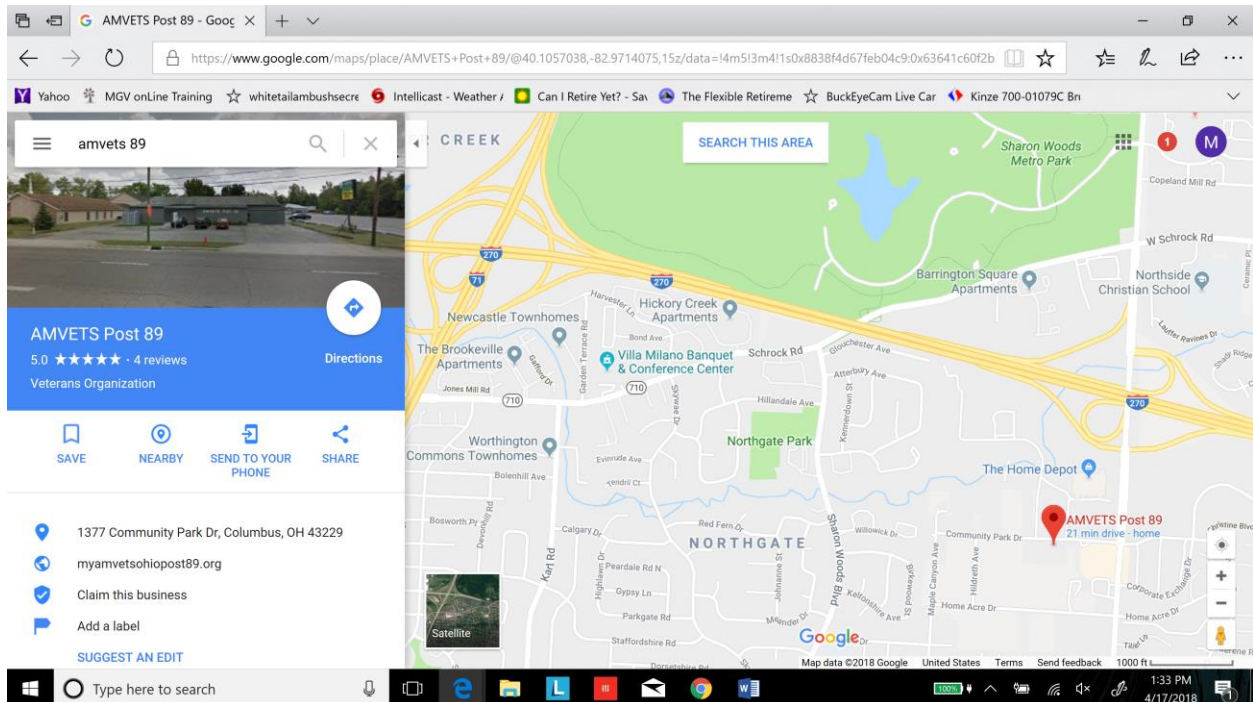
14 October at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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.





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 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.

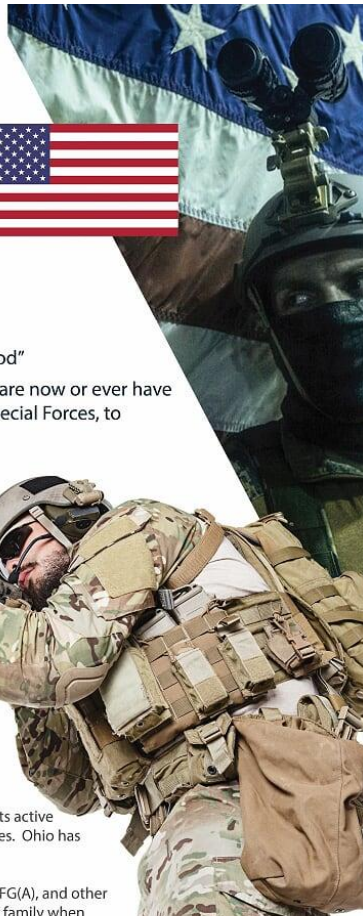
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.

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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