



**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 April 2021

The April 5th and 8th 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:
Asst. Vice President:
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

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| Dan Vinson | Dave Wilhelmus |
| Butch Betzko | Don Thomas |
| Don Edwards | Stuart Candis |
| Jim Butler | Eric Smith |
| Gene Taylor | Ken Horne |
| Bill Carruthers | Larry Verne |
| Carl Fuller | Chris Belford |
| Pete Becker | Tom Edwards |
| Gary Wiley | Gene Adams |

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn was deployed on PDSS and could not complete the 1 April report. His report dated 1 March 2021 shows the chapter has \$2203.88 in its operating fund and \$27,456.64 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).

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

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



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Mark Arnold** was contacted by chapter member MSG **Philip Taraska** regarding the unit's request to SFA 45 to fund a **memorial marker for SFC Dan Crabtree**, KIA Iraq June 2006. B/2/19's leadership is seeking to dedicate and rename their HQ building to memorialize its only KIA member. SFA 45's members voted to explore this initiative regarding design and fabrication of a memorial statue or stone plaque that could be mounted at the building and its cost and funding. The chapter will vote on how to proceed following this discovery process. Meanwhile, the unit leadership will continue to lobby the Ohio National Guard and state legislators to approve the renaming and dedication. Larry Henry's son designed a memorial for 19th SFG's HQ building for memorializing members killed or died of injuries while in the line of duty.
2. The **Ohio Green Beret Scholarship Program** is actively seeking applicants for \$1000 scholarship. The application deadline is now delayed to 1 May providing applicants an additional month. The website is:
columbusfoundation.org/students/scholarships/scholarship-detail/OhioGreenBeretSupportGroupScholarship
3. **Mark Arnold** reported the disappointing news that the first annual National Ride planned for Memorial Day weekend is cancelled. Mark is a Board member for this veterans-oriented event that is meant to supplant Rolling Thunder's annual ride in Washington DC, which has been permanently discontinued. The National Ride was to be focused on the National Veterans Museum and Memorial in Columbus. City planners outlined to the Board that the mask mandate will remain in effect during this period. The Board anticipated 10,000 to 25,000 riders but expected only half would comply with the mandate. Perhaps next year. This event had significant potential to promote SFA 45's August Freedom Ride fundraiser as well as a venue for selling raffle tickets, T shirts, and a chapter coin, if designed and fabricated.
4. Chapter 35 member, **Howard Pearce**, asked us to re-transmit and promote their chapter's Tactical Games Skirmish scheduled for 14 AUG at Ashtabula, OH. We will keep this in our list of events, below. See details in the Events section.
5. Friends of retired SF Soldier and former member of 2nd BN, 11th SFG, will be saddened to hear, **Billy Joe Jordan** passed away on 3 April at age 78. Billy Joe resided in Andalusia, AL and is survived by his wife, three children and six grandchildren.
6. **Mark Arnold** and **Patrick Enlow** facilitated continued discussion regarding SFA Core Values and Impermissible Behaviors. This was the seventh session discussing this and it was focused on the resistance to it by a minority of chapter members. The officers decided to distribute the letter sent to SFA National for a chapter Referendum: gain email input regarding an affirmation or declination of this action, and more input.



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A cornerstone of the debate remains freedom of speech, which we wish to avoid encroaching upon. At the end of the debate, the chapter has majority agreement that we have an obligation and responsibility to express our First Amendment rights in a manner that honors the legacy of SF. Opinions must be expressed in such a manner as to protect the non-partisan status of the SFA as specified in the SFA Constitution. Statements made by SFA members that are bigoted, espouse violence or support extremist organizations damage the reputation of SFA specifically and SOF generally. Restraint in the exercise of free speech should be the hallmark of the Quiet Professionals. Chapter members are encouraged to express their support or negative views.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member. **Patrick Enlow** continues to manage both the chapter Facebook page and our website expertly and professionally.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
The SFA main website now has a link for membership renewals and payments online as well as membership application.
4. Raffle.
Jim Wetz was ill with his recovery from COVID and could not attend April's meeting, but he called in with an update on the ammunition raffle initiative he is leading. The chapter decided on a 90-day \$10/ticket raffle for 9 mm ammo. **Mark Arnold** will provide ammo to Eric Stansifer to send to the raffle's winners. This ammo is left over from last year's donations to our 3 Gun Shoot: 3 x 500 rd. cases 9 mm, and 1 x 500 rd. case of .223 cal. Jim briefed details of online management of the raffle by a company called *Eventgroove*. The chapter chose their "Option 3" method where donors are asked to pay the management fee during online checkout when purchasing tickets. This raffle may begin as early as May. Patrick Enlow will promote this through our online channels we established for chapter fundraising events. The chapter voted to decline the suggestion and the expense of advertising the raffle in "Pro-Gun BFA Supporters".
5. B/2/19th SFG membership recruitment
The chapter is offering a \$400 discount for SFA Life membership to unit members if 40 or more sign up by 1 May and join SFA 45. This is a one-time offer by the chapter.



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6. EVENTS.

a. The **Green Beret Foundation** is hosting its *Brews for Berets* fundraiser at the Old Dog Alehouse in Delaware, OH 1700 hrs 25 APR.

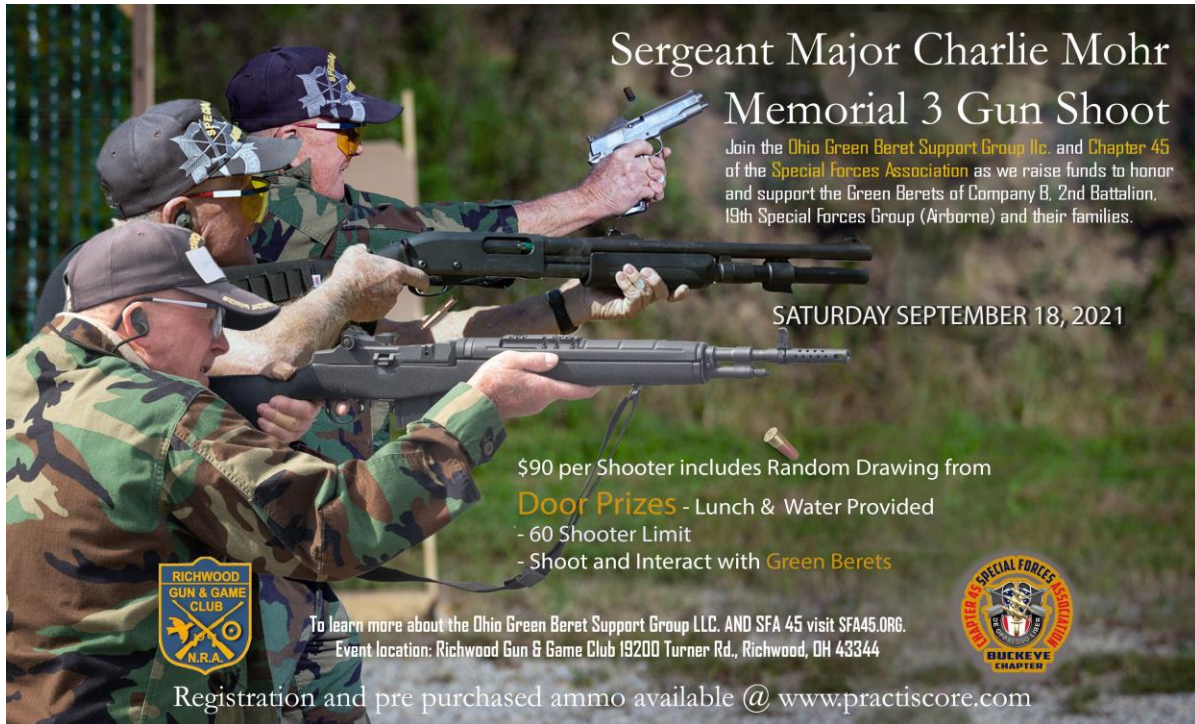
b. **Charlie Mohr Memorial Service** is scheduled for 14 May at 1300 hrs at the Dayton area's National Cemetery. **Jim Butler** is coordinating this event. Jim reported that the Cemetery is limiting burials and internments to 20 people, and this will require Judy Mohr to prioritize her family for attendance. If Judy's plans enable some SF guys to attend, then she will contact Jim and he will reach out to SF guys. Jim is also coordinating a celebration of life social where all chapter members and friends of the chapter are invited; this will be in June or July. The venue remains TBD and details will be communicated as soon as the choice is made.

c. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021. 21 August**
Jim Wetz is coordinating details with Farrow Harley Davidson's leadership, the owners of the Buckeye Lake Winery, and the leadership of the American Motorcycle Association's (AMA) HQ and Museum. The Ride begins at Farrow HD in Sunbury, OH, stops for one hour at The Buckeye Lake Winery, and terminates at the AMA Museum at Pickerington, OH, just 20 minutes ride from the Winery. Please email Jim Wetz if you are an AMA member. The chapter needs three more AMA members for SFA45 to qualify to join AMA as a Social/Service Club member. (AMA membership qualifies the chapter for facility use and marketing of our Ride). Please email Jim if you are an AMA member: jw12470@bellsouth.net He needs member number, expiration date, and residence zip code. As mentioned last month, **Eric Stansifer** generously volunteered to pay the registration fee for Chapter 45 to become a charter member of AMA; this could result in marketing support by the AMA for our event.

d. **3 Gun Shoot 2021 18 SEP**
Mark Arnold briefed that NSTR on this event. Patrick Enlow will follow up with **Eric Stansifer** for posting the event onto Practiscore.com along with the option for shooters to also pre-buy ammo that will be issued to them at the event. We will use the awesome digital flier that **Mike Robinson** completed for online marketing and on Practiscore.com "*The Charlie Mohr Memorial 3 Gun Shoot*". See below:



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**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



e. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.
24 SEP at the Ohio State House.

f. SFA 35 Tactical Games Skirmish 14 August
Although not an SFA 45 event, we wish to promote our members' support and participation for Chapter 35's first major event. This exciting new initiative will be executed at Ashtabula, OH. Chapter 35 member Howard Pearce is managing the event, and he can be reached at 216-536-0653 and hpearce@gmail.com. Participants can see details and register online at:
Practiscore.com/tactical-games-skirmish-sfa-chap-35-northern-ohio/register

7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Mark Arnold visited member **Bob Deis** at Bob's home. Bob is diagnosed with terminal renal failure and his prognosis is "take life on a month-by-month basis" because he likely has only weeks to live. Bob is ambulatory and easy to converse with. One of his three children are with him most days. Bob shared many memories with Mark including his time as an officer at Co. D, 2nd BN, 11th SFG in Dayton.



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

3 May at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

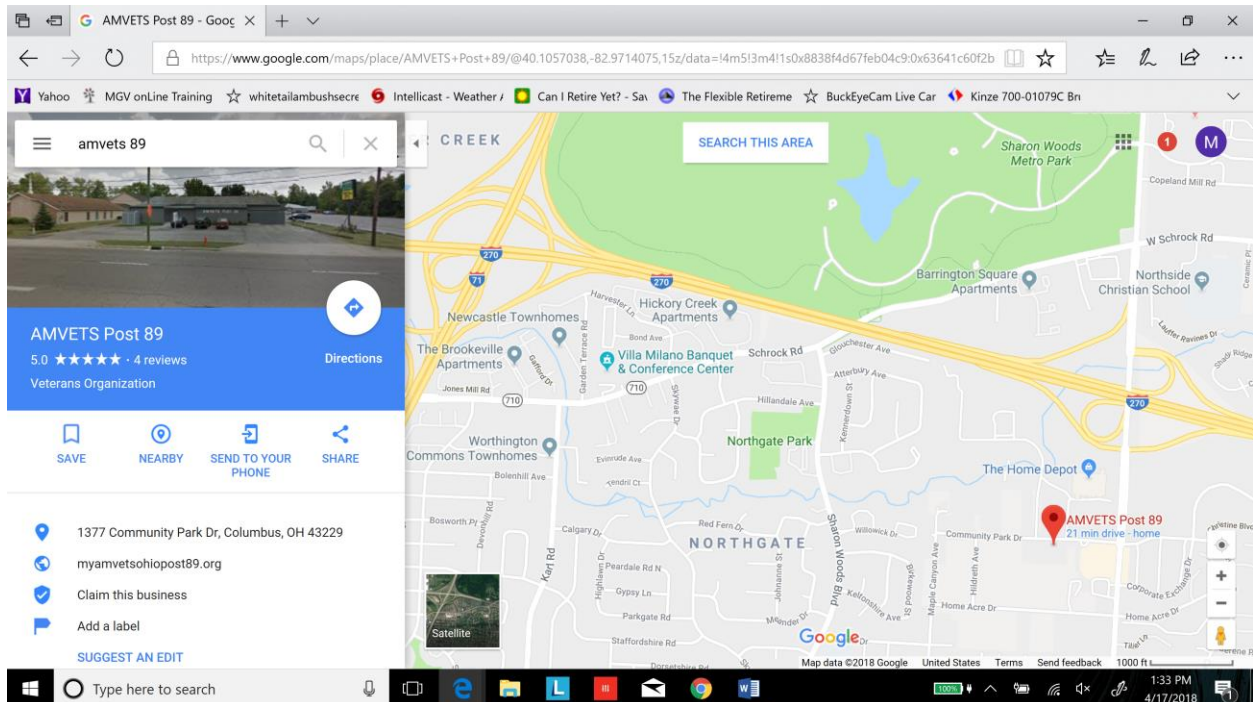
13 May at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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.



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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.

Open Actions:

Tom McGrath: Create an agenda for OGBSG Directors meeting.

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.

11. **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

This is our primary program for fundraising. We have 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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www.sfa45.org