



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 7 and 10 February 2022

The February 7th and 10th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Mark Arnold, Vice President Patrick Enlow, and Assistant Vice President Jim Butler. 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:
Asst. Vice President: Jim Butler
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Dave Wilhelmus
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Eric Stansifer	Tom Edwards
Bob Schneider	John Gonzalez

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Tom McGrath** reported via email the Chapter Operational Fund is \$2483.38 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$59,835.87; 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 will make a \$2000 payment to the venue to cover some of the cost of B/2/19 SFG's Annual Fete for its Soldiers and significant others.

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. **John Gonzalez** presented a generous \$500 gift to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group. John has been an honorary chapter member since our first 3 Gun Shoot fundraiser.
2. CSM(R) Terry Dillon's celebration of life. Several chapter members attended the funeral and celebration, remembrance following the funeral. Mark Arnold spoke with several members of Saint John Neumann church about the event's support and costs. The Women's Club of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church paid for the entire event. The chapter voted favorably to make a **\$500 donation to The Women's Club of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church** and send a Thank You letter for their generous service and food for the Celebration of Life.
2. MAJ Darren Baldwin Memorial Tribute. 14 May
Fran Wesseling's son, Darren, passed away on 23 DEC 2021. Chapter members are asked to join Fran, her family and their friends for this Tribute on 14 May at Worthington Christian Church (north side of Columbus). Details will be shared as Fran and the good people of this Church complete their planning for the event. MAJ Baldwin was with 10th SFG when he suffered two separate IED attacks during his 2005 deployment to Iraq. These resulted in his terribly debilitating TBI.
Fran requests four or more members of B/2/19 SFG attend the event in their OCPs.
3. Estate Planning.
Mike Hurdzan suggested the chapter craft some written guidelines for members and others to include the Ohio Green Beret Support Group in their estate planning. This is a thoughtful way to make a material donation to this charitable organization. We will follow up with an attorney.
4. Social Event 2022.
The chapter continued discussion regarding an initiative to organize a social one to two hour get-together that includes family members as a luncheon during a weekend at a location between Columbus and Cincinnati. We may do this at a restaurant, picnic setting, or a hall that would host us. **The chapter needs one or two people to volunteer to lead this initiative.**
5. Jack Lewis Presentation of collectible firearms.
Jim Butler coordinated a presentation followed by a fascinating field trip to a secured collection of antique, collectible, unique and historical firearms. They are in a private armory managed by Jack Lewis. Mr. Lewis generously donated his time to show the collection to the members and guests who attended the February Cincinnati area meeting of SFA 45. Mr. Lewis auctions these firearms for their owners.



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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.
NSTR.
3. Memorial Monument for SFC Dan Crabtree, KIA Iraq June 2006.
Philip Taraska is now leading this initiative. The state of Ohio has officially approved the installation of the monument at B/2/19's building location. A concept was selected by the unit members and is now in the hands of the designer/fabricator. Expect a dedication ceremony as early as June.
Philip Taraska (Project Team Leader)
Dave Spriggs
Chris Belford
4. Chapter Coins.
Jim Wetz will have a design to share with the chapter during its March meeting.
5. SF 4 Life.
Pete Becker has done marvelous work with both the chapter and SFA HQ on this new initiative. Pete recently deployed to his next gig/assignment, and he will remain in communication with SFA National to continue his support and provide advice.
6. EVENTS.
 - a. Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th SF Group Fete. 5 March 2022, 1700 hrs.
Renaissance Hotel Columbus.
Please inform Mark Arnold if you are planning to attend this semi-formal event. RSVP deadline is 20 FEB.
 - b. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 13 AUG 2022
Jim Wetz continues his coordination with the great Americans of Farrow Harley Davidson and the Buckeye Lake Winery. Jim and Farrow suggested the new date of 13 AUG to align with "Bike Night" at Farrow and to avoid the reconstruction that Farrow plans to begin in



late August. **Joe Metarko** (SFMBC) to help lead this project.

c. 3 Gun Shoot 2022 10 SEP 2022

Eric Stansifer continues his planning for a two-day event.

Day One: Our normal 3 Gun Shoot with the additional event of a “Range Day” at the same venue. The competition will be shorter (0900 hrs to 1300 hrs).

The Range Day is an opportunity for sponsors to display and demonstrate their products, probably on the most eastern area of the Club.

Day Two: A GORUCK event at the Club. Eric is coordinating this with chapter member **Mike Vaultx**.

Steve Ormeroid supports the concept. Its purpose is to provide a venue for and events that attract a larger community of shooters, the public, law enforcement, and the military to interact with each other and also draw more support to our fundraising efforts and recruitment of members to the Gun and Game Club. The additional exposure to a larger crowd of military-friendly Americans will result in increased fundraising revenue.

A similar concept can be watched in this two minute **YouTube video:**

Ohio Range Day 2020 x SIONYX

Actions:

- **Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer** must recruit sponsors (firearm, ammo, and gear manufacturers and sellers). Chris Marshall will also recruit vendor-sponsors.
- **Eric** must first craft a marketing plan for this weekend’s events.

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Mark Arnold dislocated his left shoulder and will have surgery on 24 FEB.

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

7 March at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

10 March 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.

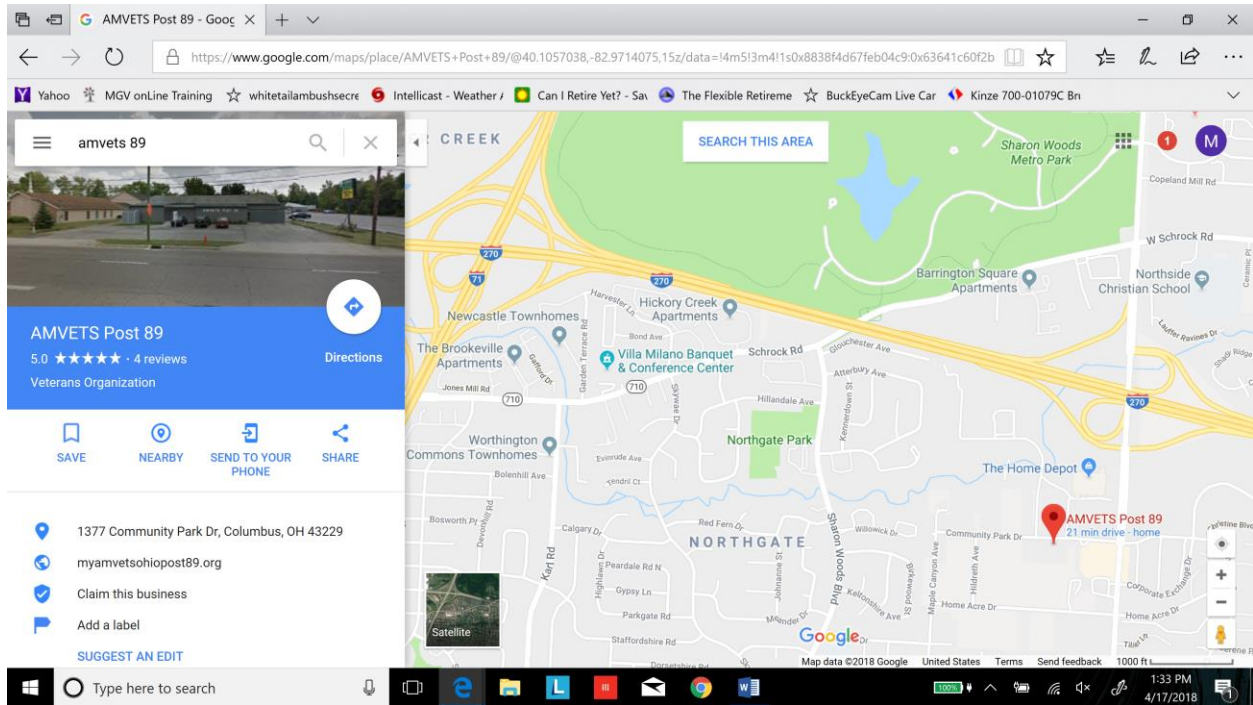
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

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

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.

12. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

We have three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family.

Next application window is now open through May 2022.

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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