



**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 January 2020

The January 6th and 9th meetings and luncheons of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY and at AMVETS Post 89 in Columbus, OH. Notes from all meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers in attendance were:

President: Patrick Enlow
Vice President: Mark Arnold
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer:
Asst. Vice President
Asst. Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Danny Vinson
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Gene Taylor	Bob Deis
Ed Porter	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	P. Dusing
Eric Smith	Larry Verne
Stuart Candis	Ted Mosure
Terry Dillon	Carl Fuller
David Ashley	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Jack Heist
Don Thomas	Mike Hurdzan
Dave Wilhelmus	Chris Belford
Butch Betzko	Mike Robinson
Farrell McHugh	Bill Cline

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported the chapter has \$4392.23 in its operating fund and \$2941.35 in its Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC account. \$75,000 was transferred to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment (see Scholarship section of these minutes).



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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chapter member, **Ted Mosure**, was selected for inauguration into The Ohio Military Hall of Fame! Ted has been the Chairman of The Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor for several years; this service and many other demonstrations of Ted's dedication of time and energy to Ohio's veterans were the foundation for his selection into this prestigious academy of distinguished military service members. Congratulations, Ted!
2. Chapter Coin. **Eric Stansifer** will be approached regarding designing and fabricating a chapter coin.
3. Fundraising. **Mark Arnold** will be invited to two charitable Foundation events where he will have the opportunity to be a guest speaker. These events are attended by individuals who have already established charitable donation accounts and choose each year which charitable organizations they will donate to. Mark will present The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. Mark will pursue other similar events during 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **SFA45.org**
Patrick Enlow will update the website with a page featuring the Ohio Green Beret Support Group and its endowed Scholarship Program. Also, our tagline will be replaced with "Supporting Ohio's Green Berets".
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Bob Deis mailed letters during November and December to all members who pay Annual dues.
4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR
5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. All SFA 45 members are encouraged to join the American Legion at individual Posts, not online. Local Posts must donate part of



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their charitable collections to 501(c)(3) organizations, and we qualify. Charlie Mohr mentioned **Jack Heist** and **Eric Smith** are both active members in their AMVETS Posts, and we should ask them to approach their leadership regarding charitable donations to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

Mark Arnold is a Life Member of AMVETS, and he will meet with the Executive Director of all Ohio-based AMVETS posts regarding that HQs making a charitable donation to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

6. Chapter Polo shirts and other apparel. **Larry Verne** offered to have these made again and Patrick Enlow offered to manage this among chapter members. An order form will be sent to members during January.
7. Raffle.
Jim Wetz, unfortunately, remains ill, but he emailed he will be back to our meetings during February and will discuss his plans for this.
8. SFA National Convention 2020:
When: 12-15 August 2020
Where: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin Fl.

9. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2020 Date TBA

Mark Arnold will participate in an AAR with Eric Stansifer and the leadership of the Richwood Gun and Game Club during late January. They will also select a date for this year's event.

b. Freedom Ride 2020. Date TBA.

Jim Wetz volunteered once again to manage this event next year.

c. Rolling Thunder – Columbus, OH 2020.

Please set aside Memorial Day Weekend to support the chapter at this event. We will need people to man a large display and sales of T shirts and other items at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. This national event has MOVED FROM WASHINGTON DC TO COLUMBUS, OHIO! **Mark Arnold** is on the Board for Event Planning Rolling Thunder Columbus. Approximately 20,000 to 30,000 riders are expected this first year.

d. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. Friday 1 May 2020.

Chapter member, Ted Mosure, is the Chairman. This prestigious event will, as always, be held



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at the Ohio State House. Governor DeWine attended last year's ceremony, and it is on his calendar for this year. Several Chapter members have been inducted into this distinguished academy. Please mark your calendars to attend it.

e. **NEW EVENT. (TBD)**

Mark Arnold and **Ted Mosure** will meet with a marketing and media professional during late January to discuss a potential new fundraising event as well as social media management. Chris Belford mentioned the appeal of having a celebrity at one or more events. We will explore this with a local professional promoter and media expert, Chris Nash.

Mike Robinson and **Chris Belford** discussed the essential elements of nodal connections to maximize social media coverage of our messages and events.

f. **B/2/19th SFG Change of Command.** 9 FEB 0900 hrs.

All chapter members are invited to and encouraged to attend this ceremony at the unit's building at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Dress is casual, but SFA wear of any type is encouraged. Mark Arnold will attend wearing SFA 45 apparel and will make a brief presentation of the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Program to the unit members. Also, **MSG Robert Calloway's** retirement ceremony and luncheon are concurrent with this event.

We will approach the new company leadership team to select an individual Green Beret and a GB family to feature as examples of who we support; this is for the design of fundraising media.

10. **HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.**

Kevin Colwell expressed his gratitude to the Chapter for the flowers and card we sent to him and his wife Kelli during December.

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

3 February at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

13 February at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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

Lunch cost at AMVETS 89 is paid by the chapter, and the Post committed to preparing and serving this for us monthly.

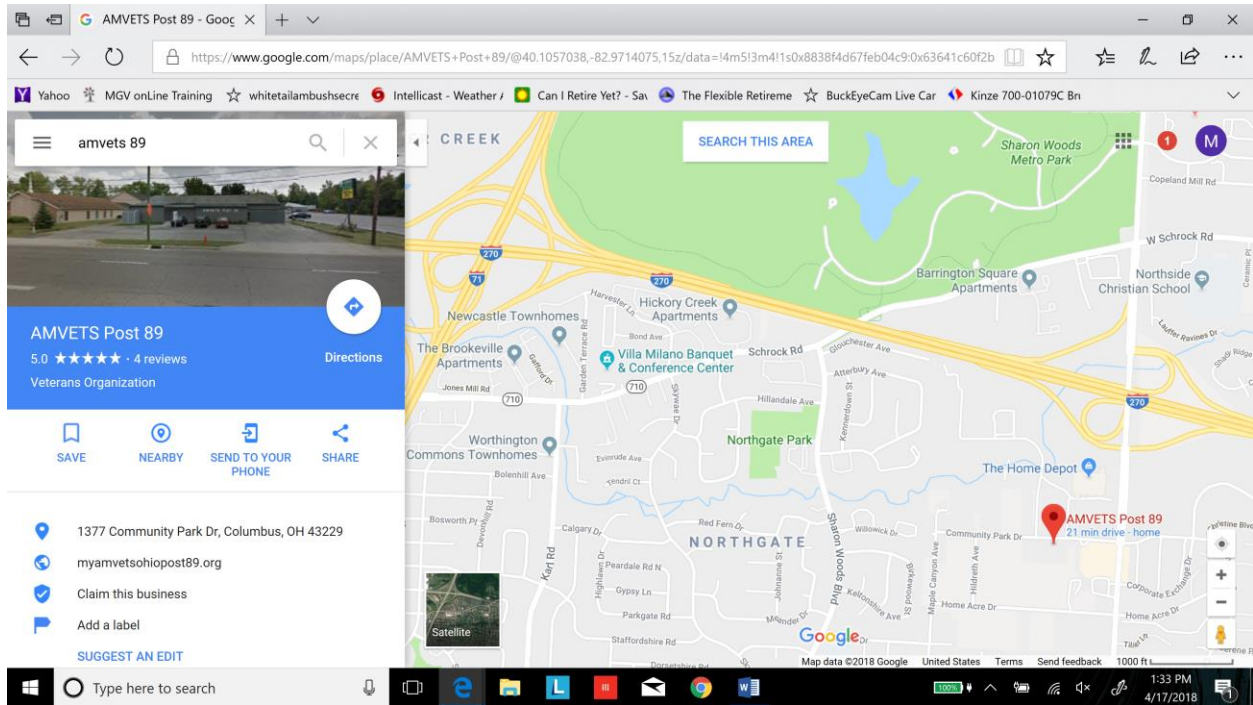
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

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.

12. THE DROP:

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

13. 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
3104 Geiger Rd
Millersport, OH 43046

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

14. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING

The IRS issued its final approval of The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC (**OGBSG**), a 501(c)(3) Charitable subsidiary organization to Chapter 45.

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.



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Directors are chapter officers and civilian executives recruited for their leadership and connectivity to networks:

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Patrick Enlow
Mark Arnold
Andy Schneider
Ed Wheeler

Three civilian executives to be named.

- Committees must be established. Any chapter member and appointed non-chapter members can serve on Committees.
- All chapter members may vote on initiatives for the OGBSG.
- **Mark Arnold** and **Tom McGrath** will recruit three central Ohio executives to serve as the non-chapter member Directors.

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.

15. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

This is our primary program for fundraising. We will begin year 2020 with three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. Definition follows:

Candidates must be members in good standing of the Special Forces Association, Chapter 45 (Buckeye Chapter), or their spouse, children (including adopted children and stepchildren), and other dependents are also eligible. Other dependents include grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or others for whom the Member is acting in the role of parent or guardian. Candidates must be graduating high school seniors or high school graduates with a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Candidates must attend a two- or four-year college or university; a career or technical program; post-secondary trade certification program; or a master's or Doctorate degree at an accredited institution in the U.S.

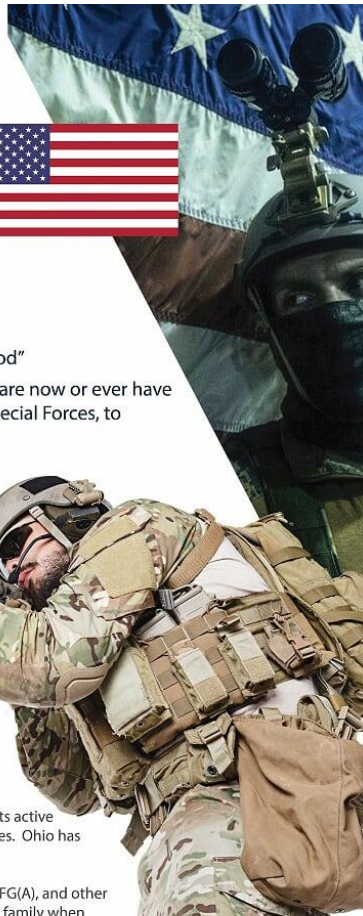
The application process will include writing an essay and completing an application form.

The Columbus Foundation will send a list of applicants to SFA 45 to assure they are chapter members in good standing or related to a member as described above.

The Columbus Foundation has a committee that reviews all application submissions and essays, and they choose the awardees. This process will probably occur in late May or June. Both awardees and non-selects will be notified by The Columbus Foundation.



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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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