



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 9 July 2020

The July 9th meeting of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, was called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Patrick Enlow. Notes from this conference call meeting are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

President: Patrick Enlow
Vice President: Mark Arnold
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer:
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Carl Fuller
Bob Deis
Jesse Boyd
John McCort

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn published the chapter's financial report dated 1 July 2020. The chapter has \$3597.44 in its operating fund and \$13,304.12 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).

It was noted that MSG(R) **Steve Prasse** made a generous donation of \$5000 to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group during early July. Thank you, and Berets Off to Steve! This donation will be reflected in the August Treasurer's report.

During late June, just over \$1000 was added to the OGBSG account via online payments of registrants for our 3 Gun Shoot.

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

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



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. With less than 24 hour-notice prior to SFA 45's meeting, AMVETS post 89 was forced to close and conduct a three-day decontamination of its facility following one of its members testing positive for COVID-19. SFA 45 quickly moved its luncheon meeting next door to Don Tequila Mexican Grill.
2. Mark Arnold was in quarantine during the meeting and called in. Mark and five other fire fighter paramedics were exposed to a COVID-19 patient just five days earlier and awaiting test results. (Results were reported negative two days following SFA 45's meeting.)
3. **Patrick Enlow** asked if the chapter would support an ash spreading ceremony for Vietnam veteran Dave Tonerma. Patrick will coordinate arrangements. More to come on this as Patrick gains new information from the friends and family of the deceased.
4. **Chapter Officer elections.** Patrick Enlow nominated Mark Arnold for the President position for the 2021-23 term. Jim Wetz nominated Patrick, but later Patrick declined and said he would be pleased to serve again as Vice President. Jesse Boyd nominated Jan Hauger for the President's position. Patrick and Mark wished for this discussion to begin now, because elections will be held November through December, and officers will be sworn in during January. Both Mark and Patrick are willing to continue their leadership, but they are interested in other chapter members seeking the senior leadership positions.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Patrick Enlow updated our website with dozens of new links and updates to our activities calendar.
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 continues his leadership of chapter membership. Bob reported 24 members did not pay their 2020 dues, but SFA National carries them as members of SFA 45 "not in good standing".
4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR
5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. Mark Arnold continued his search for



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posts that have active charitable fundraising programs, but he has found nothing even close to the activity demonstrated by Rick LaValley's Portsmouth, OH post.

6. Chapter Polo shirts and other apparel. **NSTR.**

7. Raffle.

Jim Wetz has found a source that will provide a 50% discount for a high-end compound bow that the chapter could raffle. The cost will be approximately \$900. Jim continues to manage this program.

8. SFA National Convention 2020:

The National Convention has been cancelled. Those who sent registration fees (for the convention fee only) are asked to not request reimbursement because the host chapter has already spent over \$10,000 in sunk costs.

9. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2020 Saturday 3 October

Eric Stansifer and **Patrick Enlow** completed the project of establishing the online payment for registration on *Practiscore.com*. Eleven shooters registered within ten days.

We need 10 volunteers for this date, 3 OCT.

We need one more volunteer to set up the range on Thursday 1 OCT and during the 3 OCT event. All volunteers may shoot the entire course of fire for free on Friday 2 OCT. We will have four or five stages. More details to come. Volunteers are:

- Tim Ruffing (1 OCT)
- Jim Wetz (1 and 3 OCT)
- Dan Hessler (1 OCT)
- Butch Betzko (1 and 3 OCT)
- James Kimm (1 and 3 OCT)
- Jeff Gallaher (1 and 3 OCT)
- Carl Fuller (1 and 3 OCT)
- John McCort (1 and 3 OCT)

b. Freedom Ride 2020. Saturday 12 September.

We still need two more volunteers.

The chapter is dedicating the Ride to the memory of SSG Shamus Goare who was KIA in Afghanistan on 28 June 2005; he was a flight engineer for the Night Stalkers, the Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Jim Wetz reported that Farrow Harley Davidson will host the start point of the event, but they are unable to provide food and live entertainment there because Farrow's sales and profitability have been deeply distressed by the pandemic. Jim will also coordinate with the command team



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of B/2/19 to confirm unit support. Jim reported that Tracy Higgenbotham, of The Buckeye Lake Winery, already has a support plan for our event. Eric Stansifer offered the use of an RV with trailer and canopy for the start point.

Jim provided filers to members to have posted at motorcycle venues.

Jim needs six volunteers each at AD Farrow and the Winery:

Volunteers for both locations:

Mark Arnold
Eric Stansifer
John McCort
Jeff Gallaher

Volunteers for AD Farrow:

Dan Hessler

c. Drill Weekend B/2/19 SFG – Columbus, OH 2020. 10-13 SEP
Chapter member **MAJ John Diehl**, commander of B/2/19 SFG, mentioned the unit's next scheduled drill is 10-13 SEP. This is an opportunity for chapter members to meet unit members. Details regarding the unit's training that weekend and availability to meet its Soldiers will be forthcoming during the next month.

d. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

This prestigious event at the Ohio Statehouse has been postponed to 2021. Ted Mosure, chapter member and Executive Director of the OMHOF-V, is considering two ceremonies during 2021: one for the 2020 inductees and the other for 2021's. Ted also reported that SSG Goare will be inducted into the Class of 2021 and it is scheduled for 30 April at the Ohio State House.

10. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.
NSTR.

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

3 August at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

13 August 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.

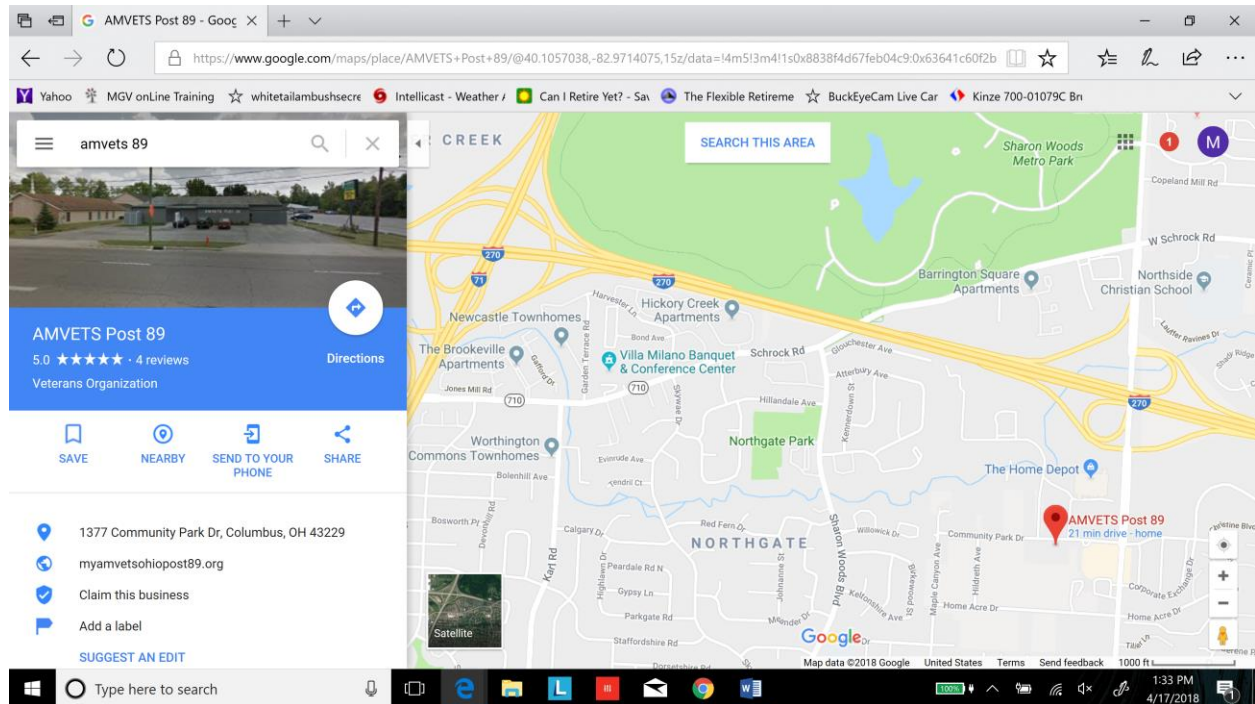
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,



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Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

12. 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.

13. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group

Mike Robinson is working on his second draft for a six-page VIP Brochure focused on fundraising for The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

Nothing new to report.

The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC (**OGBSG**), is 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



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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. 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.

14. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

This is our primary program for fundraising. We began year 2020 with 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 Columbus Foundation reported during late June that it has sent the \$1000 checks to the learning institutions of the three recipients:

Member Chris Richman
Member's daughter, Hannah Gero
Member's daughter, Anne Krompecher

The Foundation suggested we re-open the Program for a second round this year: Applicants may complete the process between **1 August and 1 October**. The purpose is for folks who might be following a non-traditional educational path and for those who will make educational choices late in the year. With a commitment to offer three scholarships per year, and three awarded in 2020, the second deadline (August 1 through October 1, 2020) will be included in the budgeted three scholarships during 2021. However, we may expand this quantity based on the success, or not, of fundraising during the remainder of 2020. See application URL below:

<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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