



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 11 June 2020

The June 11th conference call 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 on the call 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:

Butch Betzko

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn published the chapter's financial report dated 1 June 2020. The chapter has \$3597.44 in its operating fund and \$12,302.27 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 chapter member **Ed Petkovich** made his generous annual donation of \$5000 to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group during May. Thank you, and Berets Off to Ed!

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Just one day prior to our June conference call, Ohio's Governor DeWine announced a new relaxation on policy related to social gathering. The following day, AMVETS announced its decision to begin hosting social gatherings, so... **SFA 45 is once again meeting at AMVETS Post 89 beginning 9 July!**



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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 that 26 members are now not in good standing and are no longer considered members of SFA 45. Bob recovered 23 other members.

4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR

5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. Chapter member Rick LaValley reminded us that all SFA 45 members are encouraged to join the American Legion at individual Posts, not online. Mark Arnold recently researched over ten American Legion Posts in central Ohio and has not found one that has ever had a vigorous fundraising program like Rick's post in Portsmouth. This search continues.

6. Chapter Polo shirts and other apparel. NSTR.

7. Raffle.

Jim Wetz continues to seek a donation or significant discount for a high-end compound bow that can be raffled.

8. SFA National Convention 2020:

When: 12-15 August 2020

Where: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin FL, near 7th SFG.

9. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2020 Saturday 3 October

Eric Stansifer and **Patrick Enlow** reported that establishing the online payment for registration on *Practiscore.com* has been exceedingly complex. This project remains incomplete and in their capable hands.

We need 10 volunteers for this date, 3 OCT.



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We need two more volunteers to set up the range on Thursday 1 OCT. 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 for 1 OCT set up are:

- Tim Ruffing
- Jim Wetz
- Dan Hessler
- Butch Betzko

b. Freedom Ride 2020. Saturday 12 September.

We still need two more volunteers.

Mark Arnold proposed dedicating the Ride to the memory of SSG Shamus Goare who was KIA in Afghanistan on 28 June 2005.

Jim Wetz will continue to coordinate with Jim Hern of Ricart Ford and AD Farrow, the owners of The Buckeye Lake Winery, and with the command team of B/2/19 to confirm unit support. Ricart's marketing team will be involved with promoting the event, and they may get radio ad spots on one or more central Ohio stations. 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. AD Farrow will move their "Bike Night" to coincide with our Freedom Ride. Mark reported that he purchased more chapter T shirts for sale at this event and others.

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

Volunteers for both locations:

Mark Arnold
Eric Stansifer
John McCort

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 three months.

d. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. Rescheduled for 25 SEP.

This prestigious event at the Ohio Statehouse remains scheduled 25 SEP. Chapter member Ted Mosure will advise us if state-directed protocol requires its cancellation or postponement. Ted also reported that SSG Goare will be inducted into the Class of 2021; next year's ceremony is scheduled for 30 April at the Ohio State House.



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10. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Butch Betzko reported he is successfully recovering from emergency quintuple coronary bypass surgery. He said he was lucky the problem was discovered during a hospital visit for a non-related complaint.

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

6 July at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

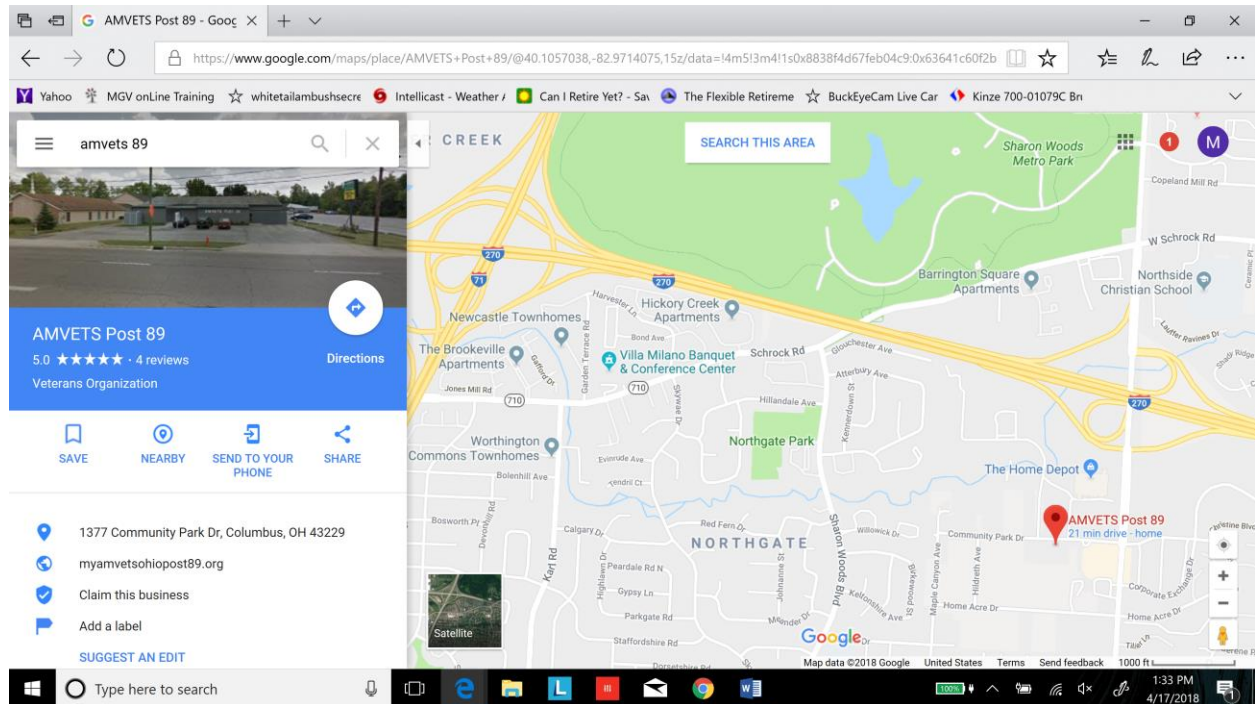
9 July at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus. **It's "On" again!**

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.

12. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

Preferred method: Use sfa45.org website, print and complete the forms and mail it



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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 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 on 4 June that its selection committee had chosen three recipients:

Member Chris Richman

Member's daughter, Hannah Gero

Member's daughter, Anne Krompecher

The Foundation has already notified them and the non-selects.

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



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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.



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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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