



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 2 and 12 March 2020

The March 2nd and 12th 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: Tom McGrath
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Danny Vinson
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Gene Taylor	Dan Hessler
Ed Porter	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Bill Caruthers
Eric Smith	Larry Verne
Stuart Candis	Tim Ruffing
Terry Dillon	Carl Fuller
Jim King	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	John McCort
Don Thomas	Mike Hurdzan
Dave Wilhelmus	Jesse Boyd
Butch Betzko	Mike Robinson
Eric Stansifer	Jeff Baldwin
Don Cassidy	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported, as of 1 March 2020, the chapter has \$3804.76 in its operating fund and \$5538.39 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).



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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. The Chapter recognized **AMVETS Post 89**, our monthly host for the Columbus luncheon meeting, for its \$2000 donation to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group. Mark Arnold presented a Thank You plaque to the Post Commander during the meeting. We also showed a similar plaque to the group which we will send to chapter member, Rick LaValley. That plaque recognizes the generosity of American Legion Post 147 in Portsmouth, OH for its monthly donation of a set percentage of its fundraising revenue.
2. Fundraising. Mark Arnold will organize a meeting during April or late March of fundraising steering committee members: Patrick Enlow, Mike Robinson, Eric Stansifer, Chris Belford and Kevin Colwell.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Patrick Enlow continued a second month of near full-time hours dedicated to updating the SFA 45 website. Stop reading these minutes right now, and check out the hundreds of new details now in *SFA45.org*
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 was unable to attend the meeting, but he provided a thorough update via email. Bob reached out via both email and snail mail to 49 members who have not paid their dues. This total includes members who have not paid as far back as 2016. Bob sent the SFA dues and Reinstatement form to these members who are no longer in good standing.
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 their charitable collections to 501(c)(3) organizations, and we qualify. Charlie Mohr



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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

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. Patrick is in the process of re-creating the order form for the new apparel.
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 reported he will meet with Richwood Gun and Game Club's President, Steve Ormeroid, on 17 March and complete the process of loading the event into *Practiscore.com* by the end of March. We need 10 volunteers for this date.

We need five 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

b. Freedom Ride 2020. Saturday 12 September.

Jim Wetz reported he met with Doug Kamerer and Jim Hearn of Ricart Ford during February. 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. 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. 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



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c. Rolling Thunder – Columbus, OH 2020. 24 May

This national event has MOVED FROM WASHINGTON DC TO COLUMBUS, OHIO! The website is *RollingThunderOhio.com*.

Please "Like" the Facebook page, Rolling Thunder Ohio.

We need 6 volunteers to man a booth at the Ohio State Fairgrounds 0800 to 1400 hrs. Sunday 24 May. This is the start point of the ride, and we will sell our chapter T shirts as well as promote our chapter's 12 September ride. This will be the best exposure to significantly expand our ridership for our 12 September fundraiser.

Volunteers include:

- Jim Wetz
- John McCort
- Carl Fuller
- Dan Hessler

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

This prestigious event at the Ohio Statehouse remains scheduled. Chapter member Ted Mosure will advise us if state-directed protocol requires its cancellation or postponement.

e. B/2/19th SFG Fete. NSTR

The unit will have a Winter Fete instead of its family Christmas Party. The chapter is asked to donate funds to purchase gifts (\$50 per) for each of the unit member's spouse or significant other.

10. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Chapter member **Rick Lavalley** reached out to Mark Arnold and reported 100% recovery from heart surgery. He said his daughter is in her last month of cancer treatment and her prognosis is excellent.

Former 2/11th SFG Soldier, **Geoffrey Fullen** recently passed away. Andy Schneider will write an obituary for submission to The Drop.

Bob Deis was recently released from hospital following a difficult fight with pneumonia. He is recovering at home where he is quite active and feeling well.

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

6 April at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY **CANCELLED**

9 April at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus. **CANCELLED**

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

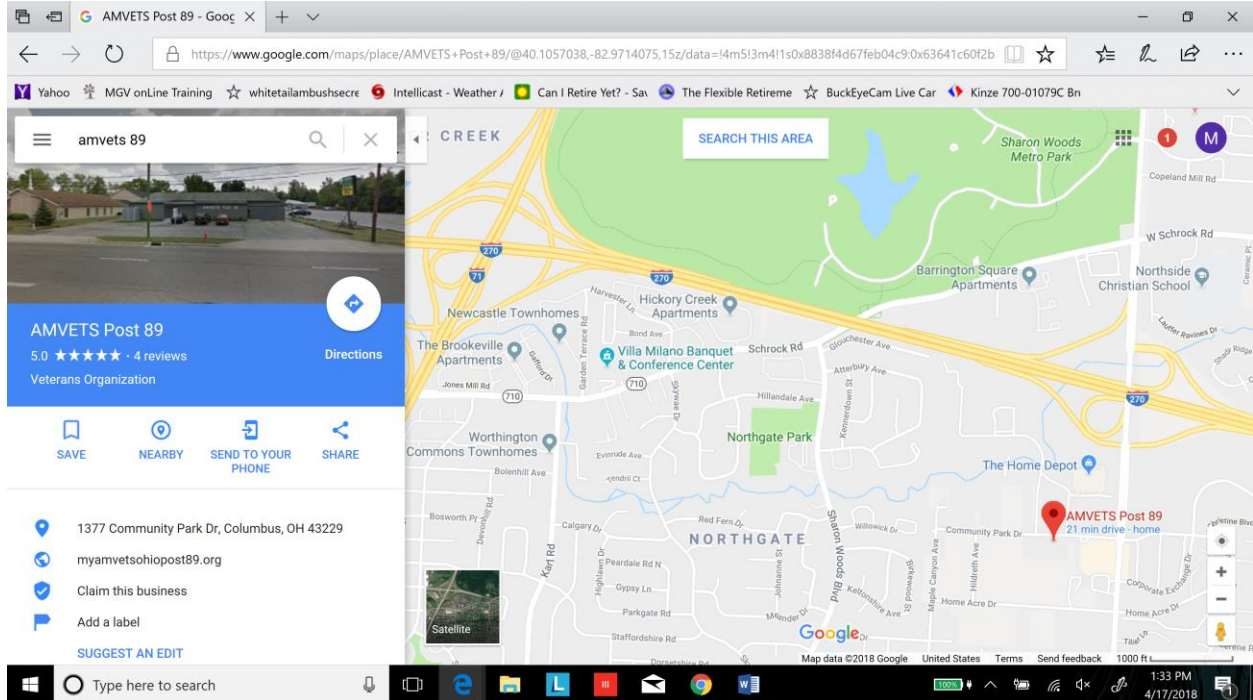


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south of this exit.

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 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

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



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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. 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 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 entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.



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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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