



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 March 2021

The March 1st and 11th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Patrick Enlow. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

President: Patrick Enlow
Vice President: Mark Arnold
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer: Tom McGrath
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Jeff Baldwin	Dave Wilhelmus
John McCort	Don Austin
Don Edwards	Stuart Candis
Jim Butler	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horn
Ed Porter	Jim Edwards
Eric Stansifer	Danny Vinson
Pete Becker	Leonne DeCesare
Nelson Hastings	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Joe Ballenger

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn published the chapter's financial report dated 1 March 2021. The chapter has \$2203.88 in its operating fund and \$27,456.64 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).

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. **Tom McGrath** reported results of Chapter 45's officer elections 2021-23. Mark Arnold is President, Patrick Enlow is Vice President, Andy Schneider is Secretary, and Tom McGrath is Treasurer.
2. The **Ohio Green Beret Scholarship Program** is actively seeking applicant for \$1000 scholarship until 1 April. The website is:
columbusfoundation.org/students/scholarships/scholarship-detail/OhioGreenBeretSupportGroupScholarship
3. **Chadd Kuhn** provided an unclassified update regarding unit preparations for B/2/19 SFG's June/July deployment. They completed a sophisticated, wide-geography UW exercise. The unit should be home for Christmas holiday season. Chapter member MSG Philip Taraska will be the chapter's POC during the deployment. Philip will be on active duty at the unit's HQ during the entire deployment.
4. **Mark Arnold** and **Patrick Enlow** opened the floor for continued discussion regarding SFA Core Values and Impermissible Behaviors. This was the fifth session of debating the language of this DRAFT document as well as its purpose. A cornerstone of the debate remains freedom of speech, which we wish to avoid encroaching upon. At the end of the debate, the chapter has almost unanimous agreement that we have an obligation and responsibility to express our First Amendment rights in a manner that honors the legacy of SF. Opinions must be expressed in such a manner as to protect the non-partisan status of the SFA as specified in the SFA Constitution. Statements made by SFA members that are bigoted, espouse violence or support extremist organizations damage the reputation of SFA specifically and SOF generally. Restraint in the exercise of free speech should be the hallmark of the Quiet Professionals. A letter will be re-written with a modified Code of Conduct and Core Values and sent to SFA National.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Patrick Enlow modified our website with new links to our motorcycle rally as well as other updates.
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member. **Patrick Enlow** mentioned the positive effect this has had with connecting people to our fundraising events as well as recruiting new members.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
The SFA main website now has a link for membership renewals and payments online as



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well as membership application.

4. SFA National Convention 2021. 22-25 OCT at Las Vegas, NV. Website *sfacon.com*
5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. NSTR.
6. Raffle.
Jim Wetz briefed the chapter on an exciting initiative he will lead: an ammunition raffle. He is in dialogue with a company named RallyUp.com that manages online raffles. They sell an unlimited number of tickets with an end date. Rallyup charges 7.9% + \$0.30 per transaction. **Patrick** will review the company, and the chapter membership expressed enthusiasm for Jim's idea pending that review, and the chapter decided on a 90-day \$10/ticket raffle for 9 mm ammo. **Eric Stansifer** can provide ammo at cost for raffle. Jim also has an alternative raffle-management company he will explore for this initiative.
7. B/2/19th SFG membership recruitment
The chapter is offering a \$400 discount for SFA Life membership to unit members if 40 or more sign up by 1 May and join SFA 45. This is a one-time offer by the chapter.
8. EVENTS.
 - a. The **Green Beret Foundation** is hosting its *Brews for Berets* fundraiser at the Old Dog Alehouse in Delaware, OH 1700 hrs 25 APR.
 - b. Charlie Mohr Memorial Service is scheduled for 14 May at 1300 hrs at the Dayton area's National Cemetery. **Jim Butler** is coordinating this event and will plan a memorial get-together with Charlie's family following the interment of Charlie's ashes. The venue is TBD.
 - c. National Ride Sunday 30 May
This event is the first annual "National Ride", a replacement for the Rolling Thunder Ride that was discontinued in Washington DC. The event organizers will host a Gold Star Family candlelight vigil Friday evening at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum downtown Columbus. Riders arrive and register at the State Fairgrounds north entrance Sunday morning beginning at 0800 hrs Sunday and begin departure at noon. Chapter 45 will have a presence there to sell T shirts and raffle tickets. **Jim Wetz** has generously volunteered to manage this. The riders ride past the NVMM then terminate the ride at Farrow Harley Davidson in Sunbury (same location as our Ride's start point). We will have another booth there to sell more T shirts and raffle tickets, as well as pass out cards promoting our chapter's 21 AUG Freedom Ride fundraiser. **Eric Stansifer** will work with Jim and others to design and fabricate a chapter coin that we could also sell. We need volunteers to man the booths Sunday morning and afternoon.



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d. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 2021.

Date 21 AUG 2021. **Jim Wetz** is coordinating details with Farrow Harley Davidson's leadership. He also met with the leadership of the American Motorcycle Association's (AMA) HQ and Museum, and they are enthusiastic to host us as the terminating point venue for this year's ride. Jim's concept is: Ride begins at Farrow HD in Sunbury, OH, stops for one hour at The Buckeye Lake Winery, and terminates at the AMA Museum. Tracy Higgenbotham, owner of the Buckeye Lake Winery, will still provide wine and door prizes for auction, and the different termination venue will avoid disrupting other events he will have later that day. **Eric Stansifer** volunteered to pay the registration fee for Chapter 45 to become a charter member of AMA; this could result in marketing support by the AMA for our event. Please email Jim Wetz if you are an AMA member. The chapter needs three more AMA members for SFA45 to qualify to join AMA as a Social/Service Club member. (AMA membership qualifies the chapter for facility use and marketing of our Ride). Please email Jim if you are an AMA member: jw12470@bellsouth.net

e. 3 Gun Shoot 2021 18 SEP

Mark Arnold briefed that Steve Ormeroid of the Richwood Gun and Game Club selected 18 SEP for this year's fundraiser. **Eric Stansifer** will get the event posted onto Practiscore.com along with the option for shooters to also pre-buy ammo that will be issued to them at the event. Eric confirmed that our Stripe account remains active and opening the online shooter registration will be much easier this year. He will also post onto Practiscore the magnificent digital flier that **Mike Robinson** completed for "The Charlie Mohr Memorial 3 Gun Shoot". See below:

**Sergeant Major Charlie Mohr
Memorial 3 Gun Shoot**

Join the **Ohio Green Beret Support Group LLC** and **Chapter 45** of the **Special Forces Association** as we raise funds to honor and support the Green Berets of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and their families.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

\$90 per Shooter includes Random Drawing from
Door Prizes - Lunch & Water Provided
- 60 Shooter Limit
- Shoot and Interact with **Green Berets**

To learn more about the Ohio Green Beret Support Group LLC, AND SFA 45 visit SFA45.ORG.
Event location: Richwood Gun & Game Club 19200 Turner Rd., Richwood, OH 43344

Registration and pre purchased ammo available @ www.practiscore.com



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f. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.
24 SEP at the Ohio State House.

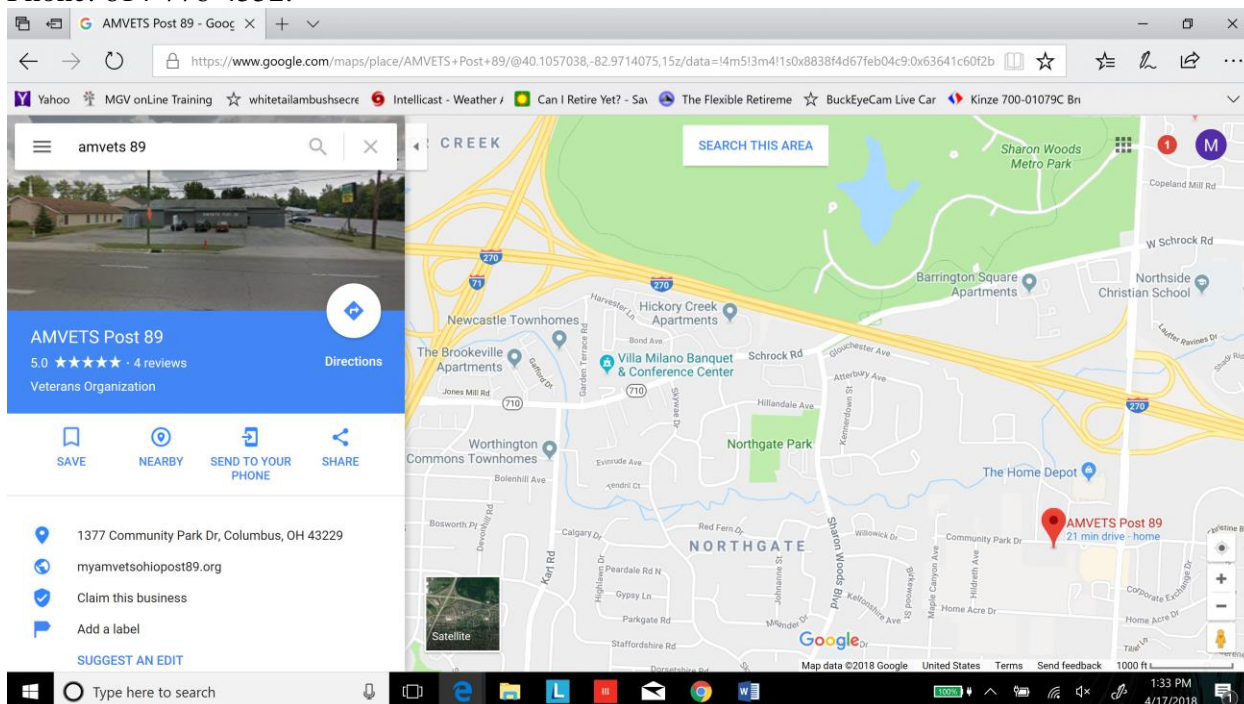
9. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.
No new information.

10. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS AND MEETINGS: **first Monday and second Thursday of each month at 1145 hrs.**
5 April at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY
8 April 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.



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



1330 hrs.

11. **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.

12. **CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group**

Mike Robinson has completed a six-page VIP Brochure focused on fundraising for 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 recruited for their leadership and connectivity to networks. Directors are unpaid positions, and they and their families are not eligible for the Scholarship Program.

Open Actions:

Tom McGrath: Create an agenda for OGBSG Directors meeting.

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.

13. **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

This is our primary program for fundraising. We have three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family.

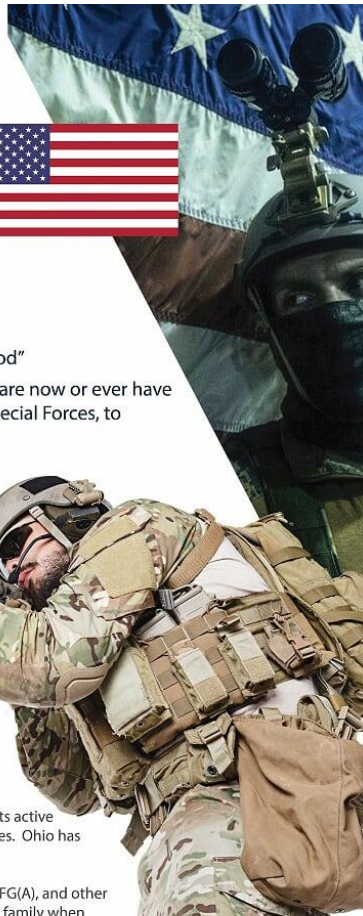
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.

The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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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www.sfa45.org