



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 7 and 10 October 2019

The October 7th and 10th 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: Chadd Kuhn
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Charlie Mohr	Bill Cline
Ken Horne	Frank Hicks
Kevin Colwell	Bob Deis
John McCort	Tom Edwards
Gene Adams	Jesse Boyd
Eric Smith	Gene Taylor
Stuart Candis	Jeff Baldwin
Dave Wilhelmus	Joe Ballenger
Don Thomas	Jim Butler
Jim Edwards	Jack Heist
Nelson Hastings	John Gonzalez
Dan Hessler	John Batey
Danny Vinson	Gene Taylor
Richard Carr	Eric Stansifer

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported the chapter has \$6763.13 in its operating fund and \$71,833.18 in its Green Beret Support Group, LLC account for a total of \$78,586.31



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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. Raffle. Discussion began and a positive vote was made to hold another raffle. This would be targeted to increase the SFA 45 operating fund. This fund has historically been dependent on dues while the Family Support Fund, that is now the Ohio Green Beret Support Group is built from charitable donations. **Jim Wetz** volunteered to lead the raffle project; it will be for one or two archery prizes; this will expand the addressable market for tickets because guns have a very limited set of people who are interested and eligible to win and own. **Mark Arnold** volunteered to ask TenPoint's CEO to donate a crossbow; Jim will explore with dealers to determine if he can find a compound bow at cost.
2. American Legion 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org*
Andy Schneider updated the website again during September with some photos from our Motorcycle Freedom Run.
2. CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE. **SFA 45** is our Facebook page, and it can be updated by any chapter member.
3. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Jesse Boyd volunteered to help Bob Deis mail letters to the approximately 20 members who have fallen out of good standing with dues.
4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR
Kevin Colwell volunteered to lead the planning and executing a Green Beret for a Day fundraising event. More to follow; this may be a 2020 event.



5. EVENTS.

a. 3 Gun Shoot 2019 Saturday 12 October 2019

Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer managed this event.

Chapter member volunteers made this a very successful event. These volunteers helped set up the range and lunch/administrative building the day prior. Ten sponsored shooters were expertly coached by chapter volunteers Chris Twomey, Butch Betzko, MSG Dan Dixon and SFC Rob Marhoover the day of the shoot. Ten other members also helped during the Shoot to make it all come together.

All 60 shooting slots were filled by a combination of sponsored shooters and registered shooters.

Butch Betzko, Chris Twomey and Dan Dixon all loaned their personal weapons for sponsored shooters to use.

Berets off to everyone who helped make this a success!

3 Gun Shoot 2020:

Richwood Gun and Game Club agreed to host us again in 2020. They expertly managed the range design, scorekeeping and RSOs. Mark Arnold will present a Thank You plaque to the Club during its next major membership social/meeting.

Gary Wiley mentioned during the September meeting that we should have a marketing/registration table at the Cardinal Center's main shooting event in 2020. Over ten thousand people attend this week-long event at Marengo, OH. Date TBD

b. Freedom Ride 2020.

Jim Wetz volunteered once again to manage this event next year. Jim stated he would reach out to AD Farrow's leadership to set a date for it.

c. Rolling Thunder – Columbus, OH 2020.

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. Chapter 45 will benefit with a presence at this Memorial weekend military-friendly event.

d. B/2/19 SFG Christmas Party, **8 December 2019**

Chadd Kuhn briefed the date, and the location is the RTI Building at Defense Supply Center Columbus. All chapter members are welcome to attend. As always, the chapter will pay for the event and presents for the unit members' children. The time and other coordinating instructions will be published in the November meeting minutes.



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6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jesse Boyd briefed that member Norm Lambert was recently released from the hospital following a medical procedure. He said Norm is having difficulty walking into and out of his home and is seeking a wheelchair ramp from the VA. **Jim Wetz and John McCort** visited member Terry Dillon who has good and bad days of illness. **Mark Arnold** briefed the group that member Rick LaValley is scheduled for immediate release from Walter Reed Hospital following major, successful surgery related to an aortic aneurysm. **Kevin Colwell** briefed the group on Craig Johnson's funeral in Florida.

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

4 November at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

14 November at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

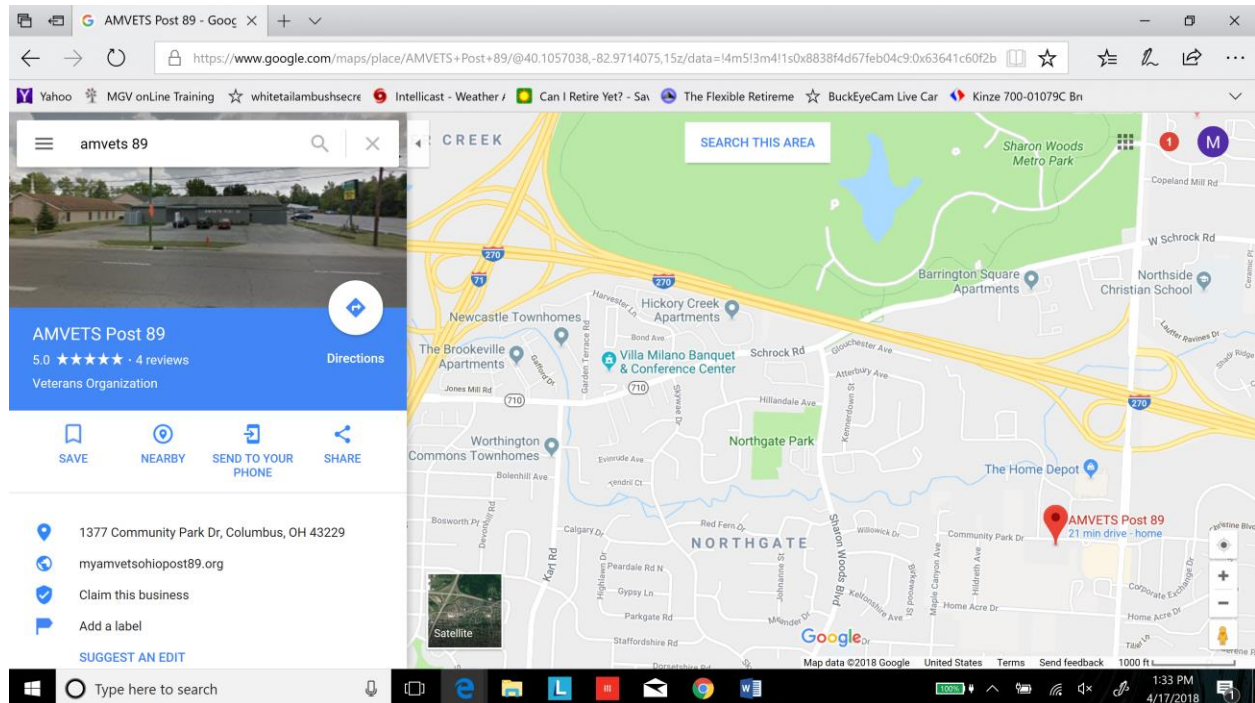
Both are fun events, and the chapter will hold brief meetings during our luncheons.

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.





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

8. THE DROP:

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

9. 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.

10. 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.

The chapter gained its first \$1000 donation on 7 October from a Foundation based on this recent approval. This approval also enables the Portsmouth American Legion Post to begin monthly donations to the OGBSG; Rick LaValley said this should average \$400 to \$600 per month.

Tom McGrath is researching costs and sources for Director and Officer insurance.

Tom McGrath will establish and manage a Minutes Book for the OGBSG.

Chadd Kuhn and Tom McGrath will submit tax returns for 2017 through 2019 to the IRS by 15 December.

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

Tom McGrath
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.
- Tom and Mark Arnold will meet with the Columbus Foundation to



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manage the Scholarship Program. This enables unbiased selection, removes chapter members from the selection process, and avoids grievances. **Tom McGrath will assist Mark Arnold** with establishing a scholarship endowment fund agreement between the OGBSG and the Columbus Foundation.

- **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.

11. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Nothing new to report.

This is our primary program for our fund raising. It will be two to four annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. Definition follows: Chapter member, spouse, or direct lineal descendent of the chapter member; or be a legally adopted dependent or acknowledged by The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) as a dependent of the chapter member. Tuition grant programs are normally for a four-year degree, but the chapter voted unanimously that the program may include tuition assistance for private or public learning institutions other than a university and other than a bachelor's degree; this includes vocational training.



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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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