



**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 September 2020

The September 7th and 10th 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:

Charlie Mohr	Dave Wilhelmus
Bob Deis	Danny Vinson
Larry Verne	Doc Adams
John McCort	Paul Dusing
Tom Edwards	Stuart Candis
Ed Wheeler	Eric Smith
Gene Taylor	Ken Horn
Don Thomas	Jim Edwards
John McCort	Jan Hauger
Steve Prasse	Jim Butler
Chuck Donahedian	Jeff Baldwin
Dan Hessler	Butch Betzko
Carl Fuller	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn published the chapter's financial report dated 3 September 2020. The chapter has \$3520.98 in its operating fund and \$24,006.05 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 Mark Arnold. Discussion items follow:



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Patrick Enlow** participated in a global conference call for SFA Chapter presidents. The SF Museum now has online sales and next year's planned convention will be at Las Vegas, NV.
2. **Patrick Enlow** will establish a method for donations and purchases to be made with credit cards via mobile devices.
3. **Bob Deis** celebrated with the chapter several new LIFE memberships:
Andy Schneider
Bill Cline
Kurt Buffenbarger
Jeff Gallaher

Well done and tip of the beret to Bob and these dedicated chapter members!

4. Reminder: The **Scholarship fund is open again** for applications. The deadline is 15 October. The Columbus Foundation suggested opening it a second time in 2020 for students who chose to delay beginning classes until January 2021 or late this year. The application process link is <http://cfprograms.smapply.io/prog/ohiogreenberet>
5. **Chuck Donahedian** provided an update regarding leadership changes at The Green Beret Foundation.

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.
See note in New Business. **Mike Robinson** will begin a new project: digital imagery (for creating posters) of individual battles for ODAs in B/2/19 SFG.
4. Green Beret for a Day fundraiser. NSTR
5. American Legion and AMVETS memberships. NSTR.



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6. Raffle.

Jim Wetz briefed that his source for a compound bow at cost to the chapter recently chose to do this for another charity raffle. This project is now postponed to 2021. Venues for selling tickets have all but evaporated anyway for 2020.

7. 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*.

Volunteers are:

- Jim Wetz (3 OCT)
- Jeff Baldwin (1 and 3 OCT)
- Dan Hessler (1 OCT)
- Butch Betzko (1 and 3 OCT)
- James Kimm (1 and 3OCT)
- Jeff Gallaher (3 OCT)
- Carl Fuller (1 and 3 OCT)
- John McCort (3 OCT)
- Dan Dixon (3 OCT)
- Leone DiCesare (3 OCT)
- Patrick Enlow (3 OCT)

Steve Ormeroid, President of the Richwood Gun and Game Club reported online registration is now at 60% capacity. We anticipate a successful event. All planning is complete.
We can use more volunteers for Thursday 1 OCT setup at 1000 hrs.

b. Freedom Ride 2020.

Jim Wetz and his team of volunteers did an outstanding job of managing and supporting this fundraiser. We netted \$3040 in proceeds. Andy Schneider will have several photos to share with the chapter soon.

SSG Shamus Goare's parents and several relatives and friends attended. The chapter presented an awards case to the family with one of SSG Goare's Air Medals with V device and citation. A tip of the beret to Jim and our team of hard-working and dedicated volunteers at both locations.



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c. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor.

SSG Goare will be inducted into the Class of 2021 and it is scheduled for 30 April at the Ohio State House.

d. Chadd Kuhn reported B/2/19th SFG is planning to have a Christmas Party, so the chapter will provide its usual support.

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

The chapter discussed Butch Betzko's family as they support their grandson who was recently diagnosed with a rare type liver cancer.

Butch mentioned he visited **Terry Dillon** who continues his fight with cancer.

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

5 October at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

8 October 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.

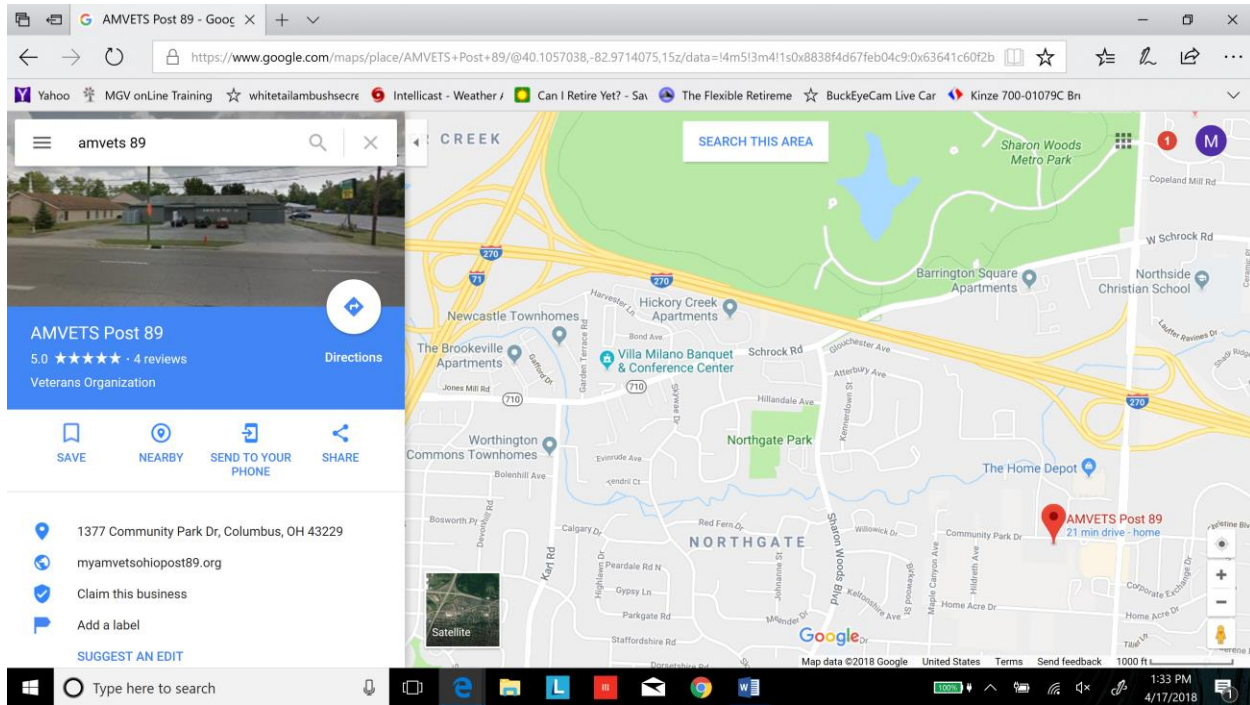
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

10. 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
140 E Town St.
Suite 1000
Columbus, OH 43215**

Alternate method: Pay online at the Special Forces Assoc. National HQ website.

11. 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.

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.



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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.

Tom McGrath: File tax return for 2019 for OGBSG.

Mark Arnold and Tom McGrath: Schedule meeting of Directors:
Tom, Mark, Patrick Enlow, Andy Schneider, Chadd Kuhn, Jeff Sutton

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.

12. **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 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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