



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 4 and 14 April 2022

The April 4th and 14th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Mark Arnold, Vice President Patrick Enlow, and Assistant Vice President Jim Butler. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present or who called-in were:

President: Mark Arnold
Vice President: Patrick Enlow
Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer: Tom McGrath
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Vice President: Jim Butler
Asst. Treasurer:
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Dave Wilhelmus
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Tony Coburn	Tom Edwards
Jesse Boyd	John McCort
Matt Louis	Paul Dusing
Frank Hicks	Jack Heist
Dave Spriggs	Steve Prasse
Tom Edwards	Gene Taylor
Mike Hurdzan	Nick Longano
David Ashley	Ed Porter
Don Austin	Bill Curruthers
Jack Lewis	Bill Hatfield
Matt Louis	Jim Adams
Nate Gallimore	Bernadette Gallimore
Dana Bishop	Nate Bishop

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Tom McGrath** reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$2355.47 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$56,836.81; an additional \$75,000 is invested in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment and supervised by The Columbus Foundation's investment management.



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Tom reported he filed The Ohio Green Beret Support Group's 2021 tax filing with the IRS via its form 990-N. Tom also submitted Ohio Secretary of State Form 522 with OhioSOS.gov; this is required for non-profits such as The Ohio Green Beret Support Group, LLC every five years. Tom said we must do this and not to expect any notification from the state of Ohio to remind us.

Tom discussed the Ohio Green Beret Support Group's scholarship program that is managed by The Columbus Foundation. The \$75,000 we provided for this is effectively a donation to the Foundation for the purpose of managing this program on our behalf for decades to come. He said if our chapter ceases to exist, then the \$75,000 corpus is automatically transferred by The Columbus Foundation to another 501(c)(3) charitable organization such as The Green Beret Foundation. The corpus (managed by The Columbus Foundation) has earned approximately 15% compounded annually during the past three years.

Action: Lastly, Tom suggested changing our two bank accounts to his PO Box instead of the unit's address because anything addressed to our chapter that is sent there is often lost. **Once Tom McGrath completes this**, he will notify **Patrick Enlow** so he can change the addresses to our online payment accounts to the same PO Box.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Patrick Enlow** reiterated the growing threat of cyber security. He encourages chapter members to share documents that include personal or otherwise sensitive information via Google Drive. This requires a Gmail internet account.

Action: **All chapter officers** must send to Patrick their "gmail" address for the purpose of sharing documents.

2. **CW2 Nate Gallimore** provided a remarkably interesting briefing regarding his unit's recent deployment to Eastern Europe and how it relates to NATO readiness and the Russian Ukrainian War.

3. Social Event 2022.

Jim Butler is still in the process of organizing a social one to two hour get-together that includes family members as a luncheon during a weekend at a location between Columbus and Cincinnati.



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4. Andy Schneider was contacted by CW2 James Moyer of Diamond Oaks HS JROTC asking if SFA 45 is interested in presenting an award to a cadet on 3 May at Cincinnati Prairie Oaks High School. It is the SF Association Award for Excellence for ROTC cadets. **Patrick Enlow** offered to chapter 35 to see if they are interested in sponsoring this.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org* and Chapter Facebook page.
Patrick Enlow stated he will contract the chapter's website to a new web host in December. Patrick has spent dozens of hours recently untangling issues caused by our current provider.
2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Andy Schneider has the additional duty of Membership Director for the chapter. Four of the chapter's eight outstanding renewals were completed since March. See instructions in the final pages of these minutes for online membership renewal.
3. ESTATE PLANNING.
Mark Arnold will lead an initiative to craft a document that outlines the method and benefit for members and others to include the Ohio Green Beret Support Group in their estate planning. This is a thoughtful way to make a material donation to this charitable organization.
4. CHAPTER COINS.
Jim Wetz will order one hundred serialized coins sized at 1-3/4". He expects delivery as early as June if the chapter agrees on the proposed design, see below:



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- RAISED SILVER METAL
- RECESSED SILVER METAL
- PMS 7483 C
- PMS 282 C
- PMS 485 C
- PMS 7459 C
- PMS 122 C
- PMS 547 C
- PMS 625 C
- WHITE C
- BLACK C

5. SF 4 Life.
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6. EVENTS.

Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor: Ohio State House Atrium, 1100 hours 22 April.
We do not have any SF Soldiers submitted to this year's class.



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a. **MAJ Darren Baldwin Memorial Tribute. 14 May**

Fran Wesseling's son, Darren, passed away on 23 DEC 2021. Chapter members are asked to join Fran, her family, and their friends for this Tribute on 14 May at Worthington Christian Church (north side of Columbus). MAJ Baldwin was with 10th SFG when he suffered two separate IED attacks during his 2005 deployment to Iraq resulting in his terribly debilitating TBI.

Chadd Kuhn will ask the unit leadership to encourage four or more members of B/2/19 SFG attend the event in their OCPs.

b. **Dedication Ceremony for Memorial Monument for SFC Dan Crabtree and the fallen of B/2/19 SFG 9 July**

Philip Taraska is leading this initiative. The state of Ohio has officially approved the installation of the monument at B/2/19's building location. The dedication ceremony is during a unit drill weekend and all members of SFA 45 are encouraged to attend. Other project members include **Chris Belford** and **Dave Spriggs**.

Renderings follows:





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c. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride 13 AUG**

Jim Wetz briefed that the ride will follow the same concept as last year's: start at Farrow's north Columbus store, ride to the Buckeye Lake Winery, and terminate at Farrow's Reynoldsburg store. Jim confirmed SFA 45 will manage (and get profits from) the event's Beer Sales concession. We will need four volunteers to man the beer truck and another four to support the event's execution. Chapter member, **Joe Metarko** (SFMBC), will help lead this entire project. Jim is also seeking a Ride Captain for the event.

Mark Arnold is requested to purchase an SF Operator bronze statute as a gift to the Winery's owners to express the chapter's appreciation for their multi-year support.

d. **3 Gun Shoot 2022 10 SEP**

Eric Stansifer and **Mark Arnold** continue planning with **Mike Vaulx** for a two-day event.

Day One: Our normal 3 Gun Shoot be a four or five stage competition will be shorter (0900 hrs to 1500 hrs), and we will plan for 60 shooters maximum.

Concurrently, chapter member, Mike Vaulx, will execute a GoRuck pistol shooting class in one shooting bay.

Following the 3 Gun Competition and pistol class, GoRuck will execute an emergency medical class Saturday evening at the Richwood Gun and Game Club's main clubhouse building.

Day Two: (Sunday) GoRuck will execute an active shooter intervention class at Richwood Gun and Game Club.

Club President, Steve Ormeroid supports the concept. Its purpose is to provide a venue for and events that attract a larger community of shooters, the public, law enforcement, and the military to interact with each other and also draw more support to our fundraising efforts and recruitment of members to the Gun and Game Club. The additional exposure to a larger crowd of military-friendly Americans will result in increased fundraising revenue.

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Bob Lucas recently spent a few days in the hospital for lung treatments. He is now at home and has oxygen supplement via nasal cannula.

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

2 May at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

12 May 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.

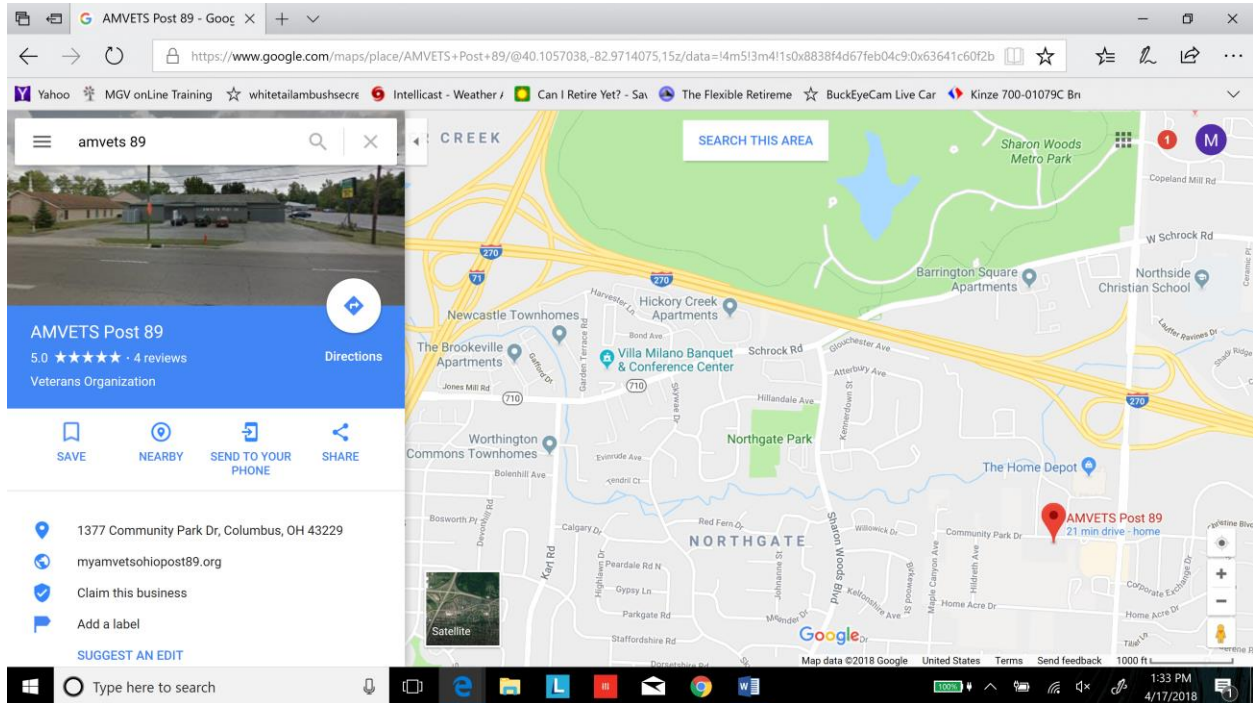


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It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

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
PO Box 12093
Columbus, OH 43212**

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

11. CHAPTER FUNDRAISING and 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.

12. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

We have three annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family.

Next application window is now open through May 2022.

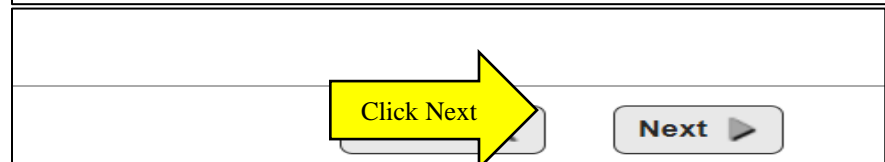
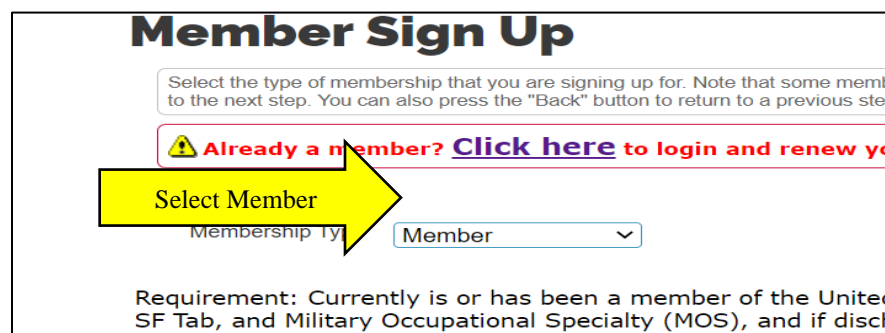
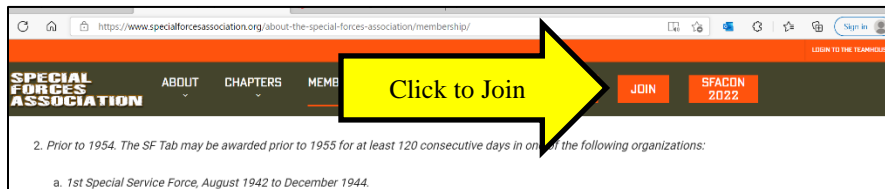
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.

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

<http://cfprograms.smapply.io/prog/ohiogreenberet>

Special Forces Association Online Registration Instructions

Go to [Membership – Special Forces Association](https://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about-the-special-forces-association/membership/) (<https://www.specialforcesassociation.org/about-the-special-forces-association/membership/>)





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Name Chadd *

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Last Name Kuhn *

Gender Female Male *

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Sponsor

Spouse Information

First Name Chadd

Last Name Kuhn

Primary Address

Country United States of America [Show All](#)

Address 1 3104 Geiger RD NE *

Address 2

City Millersport *

State Ohio *

Zip Code 43046 *

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Chapter

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purpose of determining my qualifications for membership. I further certify that the execution of this form is voluntary

I agree, you can check my records. .

No, I do not agree to a records check.

Awarded Prefix "3", Suffix "S", 5G, 18/180 Series MOS (Give skill identifiers and/or MOS, and date awarded)

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Total years and months of service to Special Forces and/or Special Forces Related Units (Give Years and Months)

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SFA Chapter Affiliation

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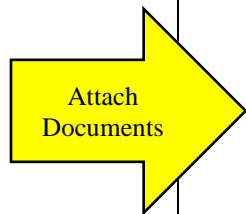
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Documentary Proof of Special Forces Qualification
i.e. graduation certificate, DD214, ORB/ERB, SF Tab orders, etc.
(You can take a picture with your phone and upload the picture)

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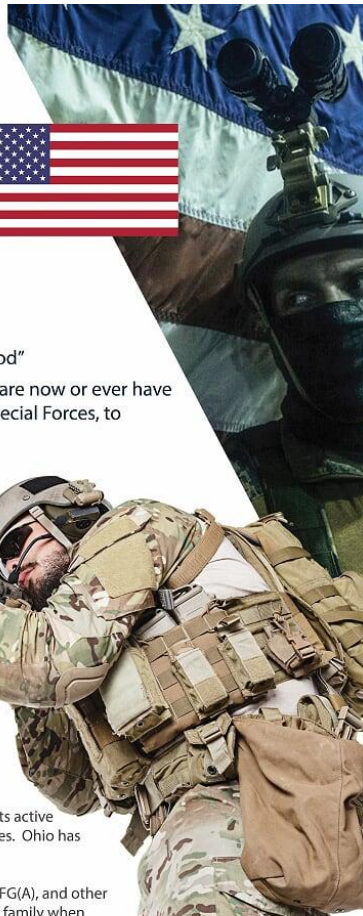
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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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