



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 6 and 9 February 2023**

The February 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Shawn Miracle
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Larry Verne	Tom Edwards
Gene Taylor	Don Thomas
Dave Wilhelmus	Dan Vinson
Paul Dusing	Bill Caruthers
Brian Magian	Bill Hatfield
Nick Lagano	Jack Lewis
Jesse Boyd	John McCort
Ted Mosure	Eric Stansifer
Philip Taraska	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

**Chadd Kuhn** provided the chapter's financial statement dated 30 January 2023. Total cash in bank is \$36,988.45 and \$3734.75 of that sum is the chapter operational fund based largely on membership dues.

**Tom McGrath** reported the entire recovery of the \$3700 and \$5700 in fraudulent withdraws activity at our 5/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank during November and early December. These stolen amounts from our account have been reimbursed by 5/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank and these amounts are included in the sum of assets noted above.



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Chadd will open two new accounts at Chase Bank; one for the Chapter and one for the Ohio Green Beret Support Group, our charitable organization. Tom and Chadd will also link the chapter's Stripe account to these two bank accounts: one for collecting chapter membership dues, and the other for charitable donations to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

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

-Meeting agenda was outlined by **Patrick Enlow**. Discussion items follow:

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chapter guest, **Jack Lewis**, co-owner of Lewis & Grant Auctions specializing in high end militaria and firearms, invited chapter members and guests to visit his warehouse in Newport, KY. He has an assortment of incredible historical artifacts. This is Jack's second visit with us and his second invitation to visit his location.

2. Sponsor Drive.

**Eric Stansifer** suggested and volunteered to develop a concept for a fundraising event that includes a celebrity guest speaker. These are complex events and would be a large step for the Ohio Green Beret Support Group. This would be an event similar to what The Green Beret Foundation has done in the Cincinnati area.

3. **Tom McGrath** and **Philip Taraska** reported that the chapter has been charged with a \$4600 invoice from the project manager of the Crabtree Memorial Monument. The chapter is contesting this entire amount and Tom is sending an official letter to this company to deny payment. The chapter already paid the contracted sum of \$5000 to this company, and the owner claims additional expenses were incurred. These expenses were outside the description and limits of the agreement with this company.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Open Action Items:**

**Patrick Enlow** suggested we change our email distribution lists to Mail Chimp. Open action for **Mark Arnold**.

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **SFA45.org** and Chapter Facebook page.

**Patrick Enlow** is updating our website for multiple improvements and clarifying



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details. He is changing the background theme to black. He will register the domain name with GoDaddy.com Patrick is also coordinating with Eric Stansifer to connect an online payment/purchase feature on the chapter website that enables members to purchase chapter coins online. He is also changing the website to place the chapter financial information in a separate document that can be accessed only by use of a password that will be shared only with chapter members.

2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

**Andy Schneider's** membership report still includes the chapter has only four unpaid renewals as of 1 January for the membership year 2023. Andy will postal mail reminders and renewal forms to these four members.

**Tom McGrath** will take action to finalize the administrative steps **for Dave Hernandez's** Life Membership payment and application. Dave, sorry this has been confused between the chapter and SFA National.

**Tom** will establish a new PO Box for the chapter.

3. ESTATE PLANNING.  
NSTR.

4. CHAPTER COINS.

If you are interested in purchasing a serialized or non-serialized coin, then contact Jim at: [jwsfa45@gmail.com](mailto:jwsfa45@gmail.com)

Next, please mail to Jim Wetz a **\$25 check payable to SFA 45** and insert a self-addressed envelope. Jim's address is:

Jim Wetz  
636 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750.



5. SF 4 Life.  
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6. EVENTS.

a. **Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. 5 May 2023**

**Ted Mosure** reported that 23 new inductees will be honored at the Ohio State House this year. A reception at Gille Community Center, Columbus, on Morse Road, will follow the ceremony.

b. **Rickenbacker Air Show. 17-18 June**

**Philip Taraska** reported that B/2/19 SFG will be conducting airborne operations during these two days of the Air Show.

c. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride 5 August 2023**

**Jim Wetz** reported that he spoke with Johanna Crosier, a digital marketing manager for local radio stations. Jim will post an announcement on their digital bulletin board. Jim is also working with several venues who host motorcycle ride events to promote our fundraising Ride. **Patrick Enlow** reported that Viking Cycle will provide items for auction, and he will look into an initiative for “drop T Shirt sales” where chapter shirts can be made to order and sold online.

d. **3 Gun Shoot 2023 9 September 2023**

Date of event not chosen. More details soon for this event.

Registration management and fees collection will continue to be executed by and supported by **Steve Ormeroid** of the Richwood Gun and Game Club.





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**7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.**

Former 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 11<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) commander, **Pete Thompson**, is in hospice in Norfolk, VA.

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

**6 March** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY (moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to New Year's events.

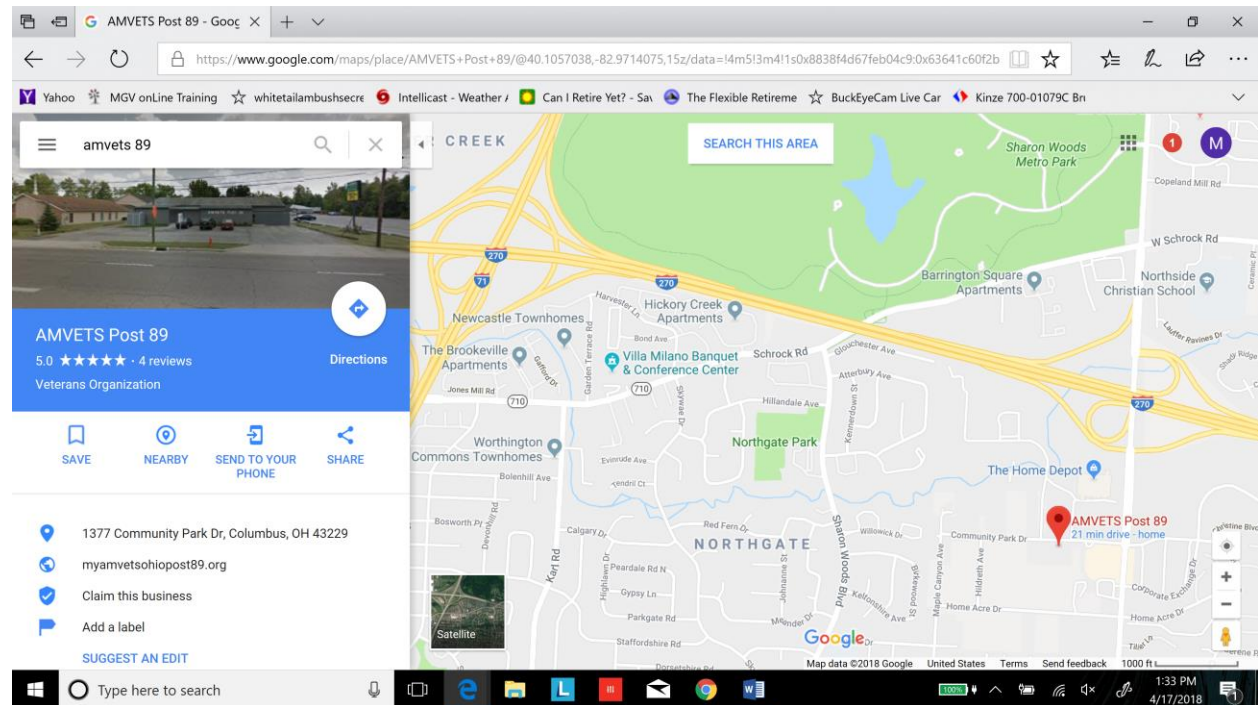
**9 March** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly at 1130 – 1330 hrs.**



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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**

**Tom McGrath**

**PO Box 12093**

**Columbus, OH 43212**

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

10. 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.

11. 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 1 April 2023.

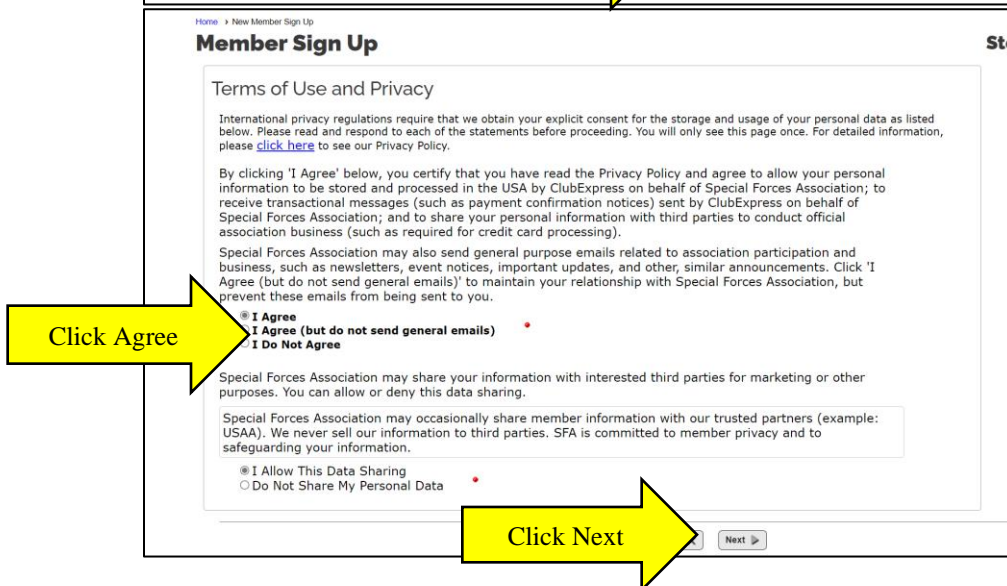
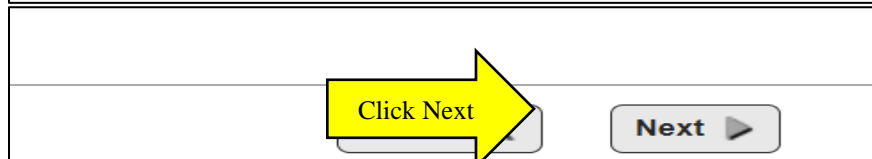
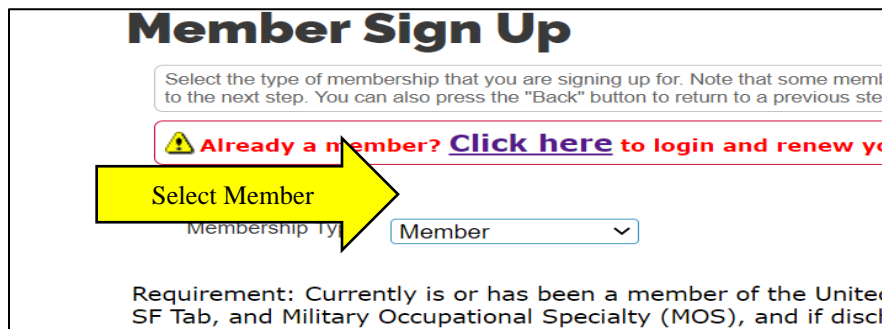
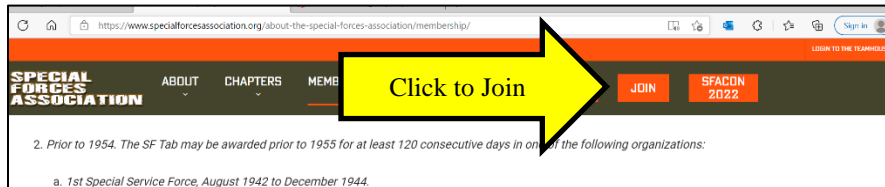
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website. The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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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### General Information

Salutation Mr. [Select](#)

Name Chadd

Middle Initial A

Last Name Kuhn

Gender  Female  Male

Nickname

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

Timezone Eastern Time (US & Canada) (UTC-05:00) [Show All](#)

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Home Phone

Other Info

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Email Address ghengiskuhn@aol.com

Website

Newsletter  I want a printed newsletter  
 I will download the newsletter from the website

### Membership Information

Chapter 45

Occupation/Title

Phone

Toll Free Phone

### Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name Chadd Kuhn

Relationship

Phone Number 6144409987

Email Address

[Cancel](#) [Next](#)

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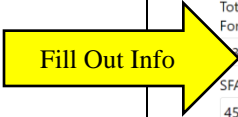
Total years and months of service to Special Forces and/or Special Forces Related Units (Give Years and Months)  
Years •

SFA Chapter Affiliation  
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UNIT + INCLUSIVE DATES

Additional Information (Any information that will help determine your membership eligibility, i.e. SFQC Class #, SFQC Graduation Date, SF Tab Order, etc).

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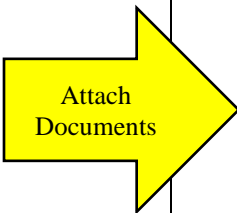
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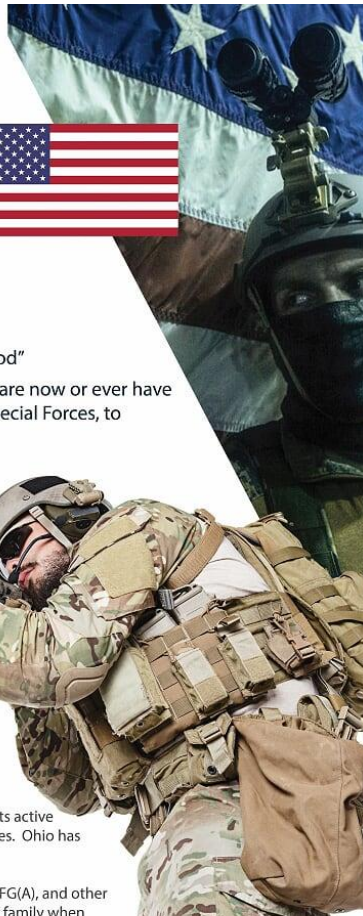
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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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[www.sfa45.org](http://www.sfa45.org)