



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 4 and 14 July 2022**

The July 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<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: Chadd Kuhn  
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
Jack Lewis	Tom Edwards
George Nielsen	Don Thomas
Bill Hatfield	Ed Wheeler
Matt Lewis	Danny Vinson
Bob Schneider	Dave Spriggs
John McCort	
Paul Dusing	Ed Porter
Nick Longano	Bill Curruthers

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Chadd Kuhn** reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$1,026.56 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$60,083.23; an additional \$75,000 is invested in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment and supervised by The Columbus Foundation's investment management.  
Open Action: Our PO Box is now registered with our two bank accounts (see Membership Registration near the back of these minutes) instead of the unit's address. **Patrick Enlow** will change the addresses to our online payment accounts to the same PO Box.



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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Youngstown area Reunion.** 20 August 2022.

Location: Rachel's Restaurant, 54 Winchester Dr., Youngstown, OH 44515.

\$25 per person. Mail checks to Dave Nesline by 15 July.

Contact: Dave Nesline  
518 Picadilly Circle  
Akron, OH 44319  
Phone: 330-799-1700

2. **John Chorpenning** memorial tribute. John's daughter, Megan Chorpenning, is riding in Pelatonia as a memorial tribute to her late father. Chapter members who wish to make a donation by sponsoring her ride may contact her directly at [mchorpenning@gmail.com](mailto:mchorpenning@gmail.com) Proceeds will be applied to a veterans support organization John was involved with during his retirement.

3. **MSG Philip Taraska**, Life Member and Chapter 45 member, landed an AGR position at the unit. He is the unit's new Operations NCO replacing Dan Waldron. We noted this in last month's minutes, but this is simply a reminder that you may contact Philip for any day-to-day contact regarding the unit and chapter business. [philip.a.taraska.mil@mail.mil](mailto:philip.a.taraska.mil@mail.mil)

4. **Mark Arnold** participated in a President's Zoom meeting hosted by SFA National and President Kevin Harry. Some highlights from that meeting include:

**The Drop** is posted online each quarter and all issues from past years are there. National is updating the pdf. versions into a more reader-friendly format. National is considering adding a subscription cost to The Drop in addition to membership dues if members want a hard copy mailed to them. Don't get excited, this would only apply to members who join after this year. Members are encouraged to go to SFA National's website, get familiar with Club Express within it to connect with other members. Members automatically have an account in it, but you will need to establish your first connection to it by logging in and creating your own password.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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



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2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

**Andy Schneider** had NSTR. See the last section of these minutes for instructions to complete your annual registration online.

3. ESTATE PLANNING.

**Mark Arnold** is your point of contact if you wish to donate to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group in your estate plan (Will). This is a charitable organization, and we will consider naming our Scholarship Program in your name if the amount is \$100,000 or greater.

4. CHAPTER COINS.

**Jim Wetz** ordered one hundred serialized coins sized at 2". He expects delivery as early as August if the chapter agrees on the proposed design. Sale price \$20. Shipping cost is \$5. see below:



5. SF 4 Life.

NSTR.

6. EVENTS.

a. **Dedication Ceremony for Memorial Monument for SFC Dan Crabtree and the fallen of B/2/19 SFG 15 October 2022 Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base (exact time will be published soon)**

**Philip Taraska** is leading this initiative. He and **Dave Spriggs** reported the project is underway with an artist and fabricator in Cincinnati. Their website is



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Tizzanosculpture.com

This is the largest initiative the chapter has ever undertaken in terms of cost. We encourage all chapter members to attempt to attend this. If you plan to attend, please contact MSG Taraska at [philip.a.taraska.mil@mail.mil](mailto:philip.a.taraska.mil@mail.mil) Philip will assure your name is in a list that will be provided to Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base security so you can enter the base. The unit will have guides posted at the gate to help you with directions or guide you to the unit's location.

Renderings follows:



b. **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.

**Chadd Kuhn** will submit the National Guard support request form to ask for support from the unit.

**Tom McGrath** reported that the insurance for a liability policy to cover our organization as it relates to beer sales was cost-prohibitive. Its cost would offset almost all proceeds from those sales, so we will not have the beer concession.

**Chadd Kuhn and Dan Waldron** will be the Ride Captains.

Jim Wetz will ask **Eric Stansifer** if we can use his charge account during the event for online credit card payments.

Chapter member, **Joe Metarko** (SFMBC), will help promote the event.

**Volunteers:** (We need a total of eight)

Jeff Gallaher

Mark Arnold

Andy Schneider

Ed Wheeler

Dave Spriggs

Chadd Kuhn



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Poster for this year's event.

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

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

Set Up Day: **Friday 9 SEP.** **We need eight volunteers** to help with this important work.

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 sixty shooters maximum.

**We need ten volunteers for this day.**

We have two sponsored shooters at this time: Jerad Barnett plus one from Synergy Building Systems.

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



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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.

**Volunteers for Friday set up 9 September: We need eight volunteers**

Jim Wetz  
John McCort  
Jim King  
Andy Schneider

**Volunteers for Saturday 10 September: We need ten volunteers for this day.**

Jeff Gallaher  
Butch Betzko (RO, scorer, coach)  
Jim Wetz  
John McCort  
Tom McGrath  
Larry Davidson (RO, scorer, coach)  
Pete Becker (RO, scorer, coach)  
Andy Schneider



Mike Robinson's poster for the event.

**8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.**

**Patrick Enlow** is recovering from COVID-19; his symptoms were severe, but is almost back to full strength.

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



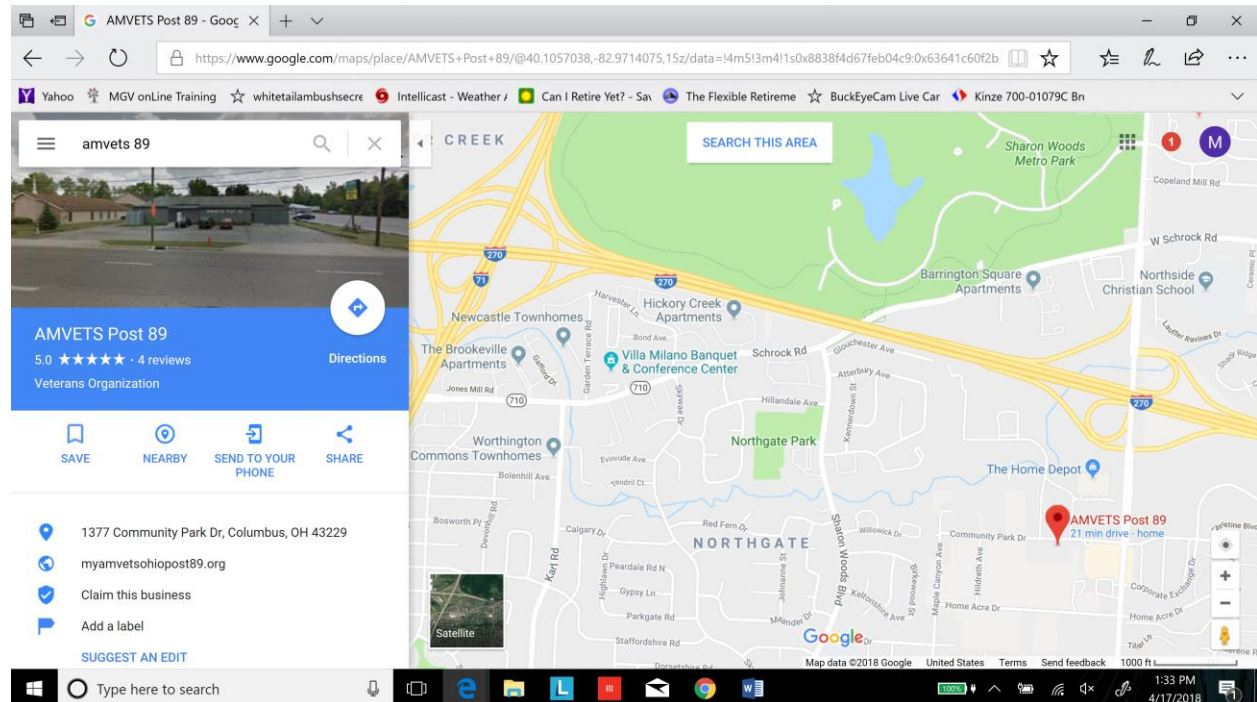
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**1 August** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY  
**11 August** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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.**

**10. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.**

Preferred method: Use [sfa45.org](http://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.

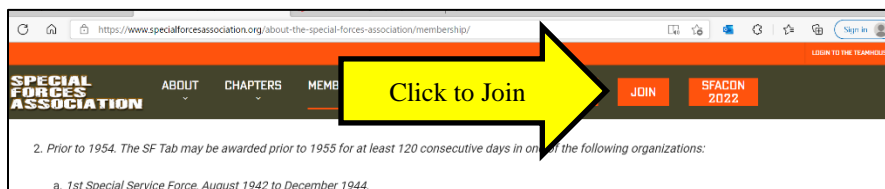
Next application window is now open through May 2023.

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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Membership Type:

Requirement: Currently is or has been a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Special Forces, Special Operations, Special Activities, Special Operations Forces, Special Operations Forces, and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), and if discharged, must have received an honorable discharge.

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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

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Email Address ghengiskuhn@aol.com

Website

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### Chapter 45 Information

Chapter 45

Occupation/Title

Phone

Toll Free Phone

### Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name Chadd Kuhn

Relationship

Phone Number 6144409987

Email Address

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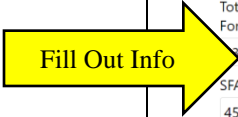
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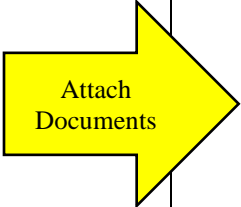
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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.

## GREEN BERETS



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