



**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 March 2022

The March 7th and 10th 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 (virtually)
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Vice President: Jim Butler
Asst. Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

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

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Tom McGrath** reported virtually the Chapter Operational Fund is \$2329.36 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$56,836.33; an additional \$75,000 is invested in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment and supervised by The Columbus Foundation's investment management. Tom reported the chapter donated \$3000 payment to the venue to cover some of the cost of B/2/19 SFG's Annual Fete for its Soldiers and significant others.



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

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** discussed the growing threat of cyber security. He said phishing attacks and other malware attacks during 2021 increased by four times the amount of 2020. He encourages chapter members to share documents that include personal or otherwise sensitive information via Google Drive. This requires a Gmail internet account.

2. **Mike Hurdzan** reached out to the church leadership and Terry Dillon's family to inform them the chapter donated \$500 to The Women's Club of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church in recognition for their generous service and food for the CSM(R) Dillon's Celebration of Life.

3. **Social Event 2022.**

Jim Butler volunteered to organize 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. We may do this at a restaurant, picnic setting, or a hall that would host us. Jim will initially reach out to the restaurant that hosted a similar event during 2016 at the Wilmington, OH Exit on I-71. Jim says this event will be during June or July.

4. **CW4 Chadd Kuhn** provided a fascinating briefing regarding the unclassified elements of the unit's recent deployment to eastern Europe. He also described the SF mutual training with **Ukraine's Territorial Defense units as well as the Ukrainian SOF** and how that translates to their remarkably successful performance in combat against the vastly numerically superior invading Russian forces. Chadd volunteered to provide the same briefing during April's meeting in Cincinnati. And by the way....Berets off to Chadd for his promotion to CW4!

5. SFA National has secured approval from Army ROTC Cadet Command to introduce a new award for Senior (Collegiate) and Junior (High School) ROTC programs. It is the SF Association Award for Excellence for ROTC cadets. The chapter discussed the initiative and voted to decline participation at this time. However, if a chapter member wishes to lead a partnership with a collegiate or high school ROTC program, then the chapter will support it with the purchase of the medal sets. If you are interested in this, then contact **Mark Arnold**.

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



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

current provider.

2. **RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.**

The chapter officers held an Officers Meeting the week preceding our monthly meeting in Columbus. Membership management was the topic.

The chapter has grown to 171 members. Almost all new members during the past three years signed up as Life members and dozens of guys upgraded to Life status during the past 12 months. We now have only 31 annual members to manage. After a pleasant reminder, 14 of the guys who forgot to renew did renew within seven days of being notified (three of them converted to Life membership), and seven guys remain “unrenewed”. This is not bad considering the amount of work the late Bob Deis put into this process each year to get renewals completed.

Andy Schneider volunteered to pick up the good work Bob did as Membership Director for the chapter.

Tom McGrath promised to forward dues and renewals to SFA National the day he receives them and not wait until the end of the renewal year.

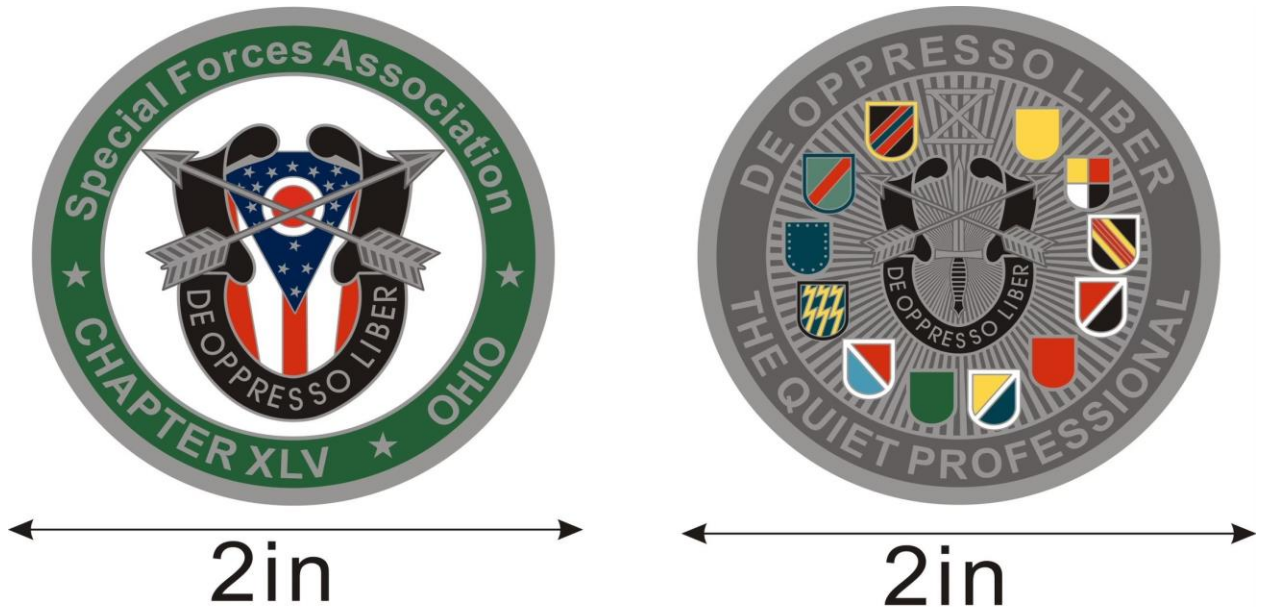
Chadd Kuhn drafted instructions on how to renew online. They are at the end of these meeting minutes.

3. **ESTATE PLANNING.**

At Mike Hurdzan’s suggestion, **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. Mark will follow up with an attorney.

4. **CHAPTER COINS.**

Jim Wetz shared this draft image for a chapter coin. The unit cost of serialized coins is \$4 for an order of 100 or more. Jim suggests an order of 100 coins sized at 1-3/4”. He expects delivery as early as June if the chapter agrees on the proposed design, see below:



- 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.

Pete Becker continues to coordinate with SFA National regarding his support and provide advice on this initiative. Pete is out of state and preparing to deploy on his next assignment soon.

6. EVENTS.

a. Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th SF Group Fete. 5 March 2022

Chadd Kuhn provided a briefing regarding this successful event. Chadd was the guest speaker, and his thoughtful topic was "Moving On". **MSG Dan Dixon**, another anchor man at SFA 45 events, was the event's MC. The Grog Bowl ceremony highlighted each



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

of the unit's multiple deployments. Chadd believes this was the most fun and popular Fete the unit has had. Almost all the unit members are SFA and Chapter 45 Life members. They and their significant others shared their deep appreciation for the chapter donating a total of \$4000 to underwrite much of the event's cost, thus reducing the cost for each unit member.

b. **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). Details will be shared as Fran and the good people of this Church complete their planning for the event. MAJ Baldwin was with 10th SFG when he suffered two separate IED attacks during his 2005 deployment to Iraq. These resulted 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.

c. **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**.

d. **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 said that Farrow has secured *Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top* as a guest celebrity. Jim also gained the approval from Farrow for the chapter to have the event's Beer Sales concession. The chapter voted favorably for this boost to our fundraising. 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.

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

Eric Stansifer continues his planning for a two-day event.

Day One: Our normal 3 Gun Shoot with the additional event of a "Range Day" at the same venue. The competition will be shorter (0900 hrs to 1300 hrs).

The Range Day is an opportunity for sponsors to display and demonstrate their products, probably on the most eastern area of the Club.

Day Two: A GORUCK event at the Club. Eric is coordinating this with chapter member



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

Mike Vaultx.

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.

A similar concept can be watched in this two minute **YouTube video:**

Ohio Range Day 2020 x SIONYX

Actions:

- **Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer** must recruit sponsors (firearm, ammo, and gear manufacturers and sellers). Chris Marshall will also recruit vendor-sponsors.
- **Eric** must first craft a marketing plan for this weekend's events.

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jack Heist successfully pulled through emergency cardiac surgery that required two stents. **Roger Hobson** is being medically evaluated for possible cancer diagnosis. Our prayers are with Roger and his family for a negative finding.

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

4 April at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

14 April 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.

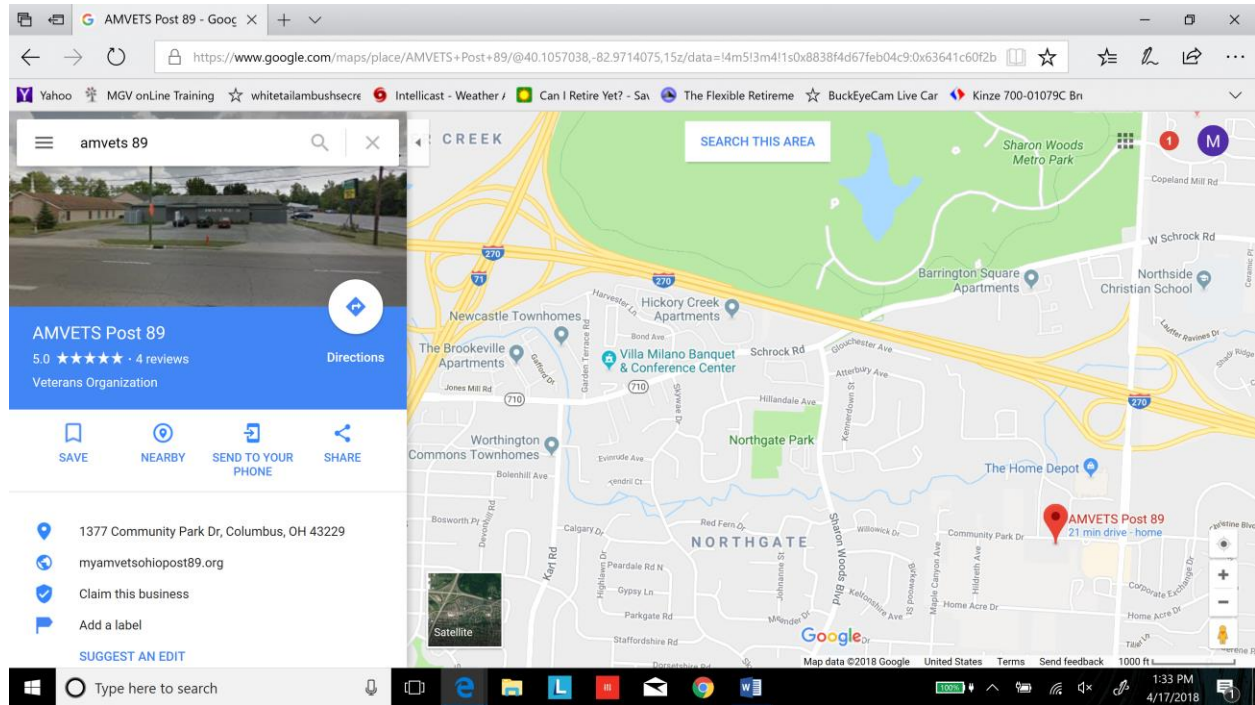
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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



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.



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

Home > New Member Sign Up

Member Sign Up

Terms of Use and Privacy

International privacy regulations require that we obtain your explicit consent for the storage and usage of your personal data as listed below. Please read and respond to each of the statements before proceeding. You will only see this page once. For detailed information, please [click here](#) to see our Privacy Policy.

By clicking 'I Agree' below, you certify that you have read the Privacy Policy and agree to allow your personal information to be stored and processed in the USA by ClubExpress on behalf of Special Forces Association; to receive transactional messages (such as payment confirmation notices) sent by ClubExpress on behalf of Special Forces Association; and to share your personal information with third parties to conduct official association business (such as required for credit card processing).

Special Forces Association may also send general purpose emails related to association participation and business, such as newsletters, event notices, important updates, and other, similar announcements. Click 'I Agree (but do not send general emails)' to maintain your relationship with Special Forces Association, but prevent these emails from being sent to you.

I Agree
 I Agree (but do not send general emails)
 I Do Not Agree

Special Forces Association may share your information with interested third parties for marketing or other purposes. You can allow or deny this data sharing.

Special Forces Association may occasionally share member information with our trusted partners (example: USAA). We never sell our information to third parties. SFA is committed to member privacy and to safeguarding your information.

I Allow This Data Sharing
 Do Not Share My Personal Data

[Next >](#)

Click Agree

Click Next

The following pages collect the information needed for your membership. Please complete each page as accurately as possible. Required fields are marked with an asterisk. Please note that information will not be sold or distributed to anyone. When you have finished with this page, click the "Next" button.

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](#) *

The timezone was set based on your address. Please double check it to be sure it is correct.

Home Phone

Other Info

Fill Out Info



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

Email Address .

Website

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

Work Information

Chapter

Occupation/Title

Phone

Toll Free Phone

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Email Address

Chapter 45

Click Next

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)

.

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

Years

SFA Chapter Affiliation

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).

Fill Out Info

Click Next



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

Required attachment Optional attachment Uploaded attachment

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)

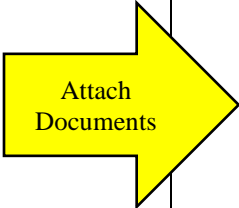
Documentary Proof 2 (If Needed)
If you have multiple documents, use this for the second document.

Documentary Proof 3 (if needed)
If you have multiple documents, use this for the third document.

Documentary Proof 4 (If needed)
If you have multiple documents, use this for the fourth document.

Documentary Proof 5 (If needed)
If you have multiple documents, use this for the fifth document.

Picture of Driver's License or Valid Government Issued ID
Picture of Driver's License or Valid Government Issued ID





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



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



www.sfa45.org