



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 2 and 11 May 2023

The May 2nd and 11th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Vice President Patrick Enlow, and Assistant Vice President Jim Butler. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present:

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

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Ed Porter
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
	Tom Edwards
Gene Taylor	
Dave Wilhelmus	
Paul Dusing	Bill Caruthers
Jim Maple	Bill Hatfield
Nick Lagano	Jack Lewis
Eric Smith	Tom McGrath
Dan Vinson	Nick Longano
Matt Best	Jack Lewis
Jim King	Frank Hicks



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The TREASURER'S REPORT

Patrick Enlow reported that the two checking account debit cards have arrived and he is linking them to the chapter's Stripe account: 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:

Open Action Items:

1. Mail Chip: **Patrick Enlow** has opened a Mail Chimp account for Chapter 45. He has imported email addresses into the account. Once the email lists are cleaned up and testing has occurred watch for future meeting minutes to arrive through Mail Chimp. **Patrick** will link one of the new debit cards to this account.
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 in January that the chapter has been charged with a \$4600 invoice from the project manager of the Crabtree Memorial Monument. Once again Tom reported that there has been no response from the plaintiff regarding a letter Tom mailed to him rejecting the claim.
4. **Chadd Kuhn** will establish a new PO Box for the chapter.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. **SFA45.org** and Chapter Facebook page.
Patrick Enlow is 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.



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2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

Andy Schneider's membership report:

SFA 45 has 188 members, making it in the top five of all chapters in the Association.

160 chapter members are Life Members; 28 are annual members.

7 Annual Members still have outstanding dues for 2023.

New and Renewal applications must have "SFA 45" marked in large bold letters.

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

Patrick Enlow will add an online order and payment method to the SFA45.org website for ordering and purchasing coins. Until that is completed:

Please mail Jim Wetz a **\$25 check payable to SFA 45** and insert a self-addressed envelope.

Jim's address is: Jim Wetz

636 5th Street

Marietta, Ohio 45750.

Coins can also be ordered through eBay. A quick search for "XLV Challenge Coin" will pull up the listing.



5. SF 4 Life.
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6. EVENTS.

a. **SFA National Convention 2023**. 22-26 May Indianapolis, IN

Registration is online SFA CON 2023.

The SFA National and Chapter 500, the Convention host chapter, has made a call to arms across the Association. As of 15 April, only 77 Association members have registered and the date for closing the discounted hotel rooms closes 28 April. Members who plan to attend must register before 28 April. Also, any rooms not committed to per a contract signed over one year ago by SFA 500 will be charged to Chapter 500. Hotel rates have been reduced for a limited time.

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

B/2/19 SFG will *not* be conducting airborne operations during these two days of the Air Show. The unit is coordinating a Family Day during this period.

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

Jim Wetz reported that Farrow North and the Buckeye Winery are all set for our ride. **Shawn Miracle** will be the Ride Captain and **Chadd Kuhn** volunteered to be an alternate Ride Captain.

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

Registration management and fees collection will continue to be executed by and supported by **Steve Ormeroid** of the Richwood Gun and Game Club. Steve will activate the event on Practiscore.com by early June.

Steve and **Eric Stansifer** will likely plan this into a different type of event. They are mapping out shooting stages similar to previous years' events, but they are strongly considering making this a more open and flexible event where shooters can choose among five stages which three or four stages they want to shoot in a non-competitive manner. Sponsored shooters may shoot stages twice if desired. The event will close by 1430 hrs.



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7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

John McCort is at home recovering from diaphragm surgery.

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

5 Jun at the Hofbräuhaus Newport,

8 Jun at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

Lunch cost at AMVETS 89 is paid by the chapter.

It is at a convenient location: At the exit of I-270 North and Cleveland Ave.

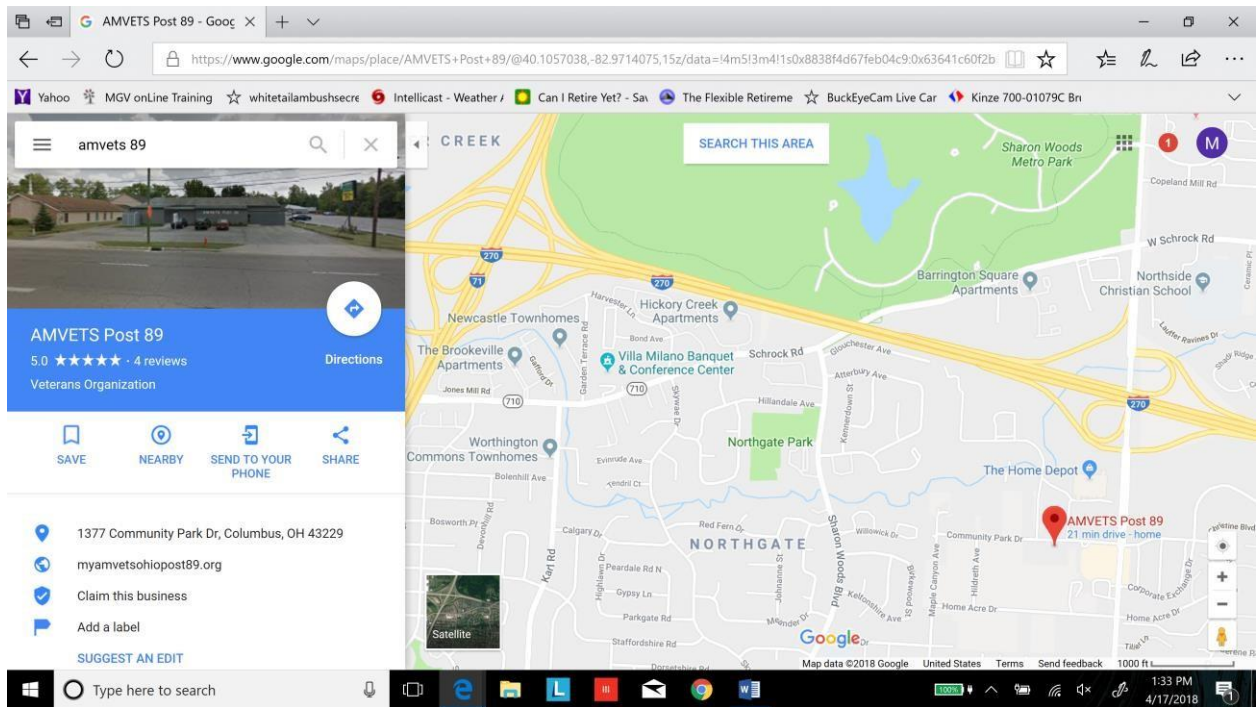
It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus, OH 43229

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

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.



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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.

11. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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

Next application window is to be announced.

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

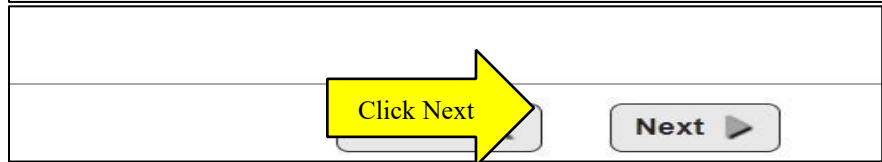
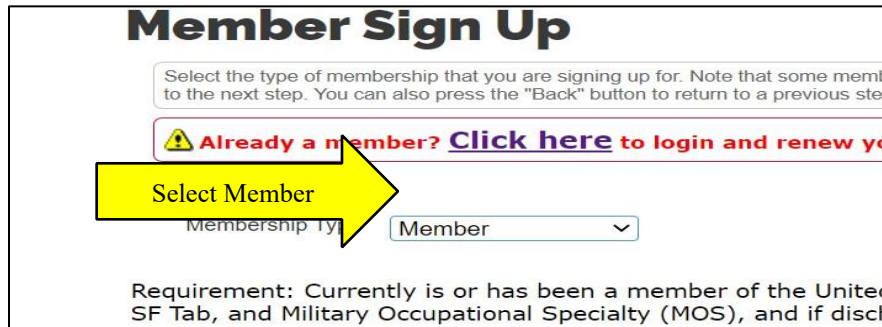
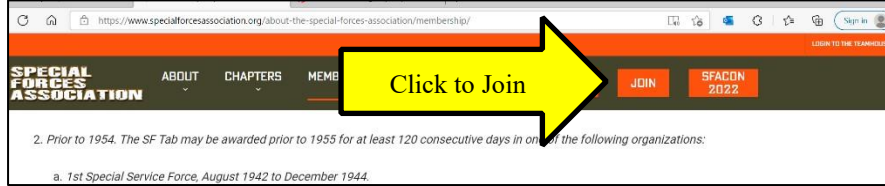
The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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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First Name

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Other Info

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Email Address *

Website

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

Chapter 45 Information

Chapter

Occupation/Title

Phone

Toll Free Phone

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name

Relationship

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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)
180A

Total years and months of service to Special Forces and/or Special Forces Related Units (Give Years and Months)
5 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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Documentary Proof of Special Forces Qualification Add
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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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