



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 5 and 8 November 2022

The October 3rd and 13th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Mark Arnold, 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: Tom McGrath
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	Ted Mosure
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Larry Verne	Tom Edwards
Gene Taylor	Don Thomas
Dave Wilhelmus	Danny Vinson
John McCort	MSG Philip Taraska
Paul Dusing	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported the chapter's and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$6758.64 in our checking account and \$33,964.26. The Crabtree memorial monument cost \$41,802.

Chadd and Tom M. reported fraudulent activity at our 5/3rd Bank. Amounts of \$3700 and \$5700 were stolen from our account. 5/3rd Bank is reimbursing the chapter for these amounts.

Currently, there is a 60-day freeze on this account. Chadd will open new accounts at Chase Bank and replace the 5/3rd accounts. Our online payment system, **Stripe**, will be uploaded to the new account. The new accounts will have two-step verification for all transactions. Tom McGrath will provide new bookkeeping software to Chadd; it also has an IRS section, making it easier to complete our tax filings.



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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chadd Kuhn** suggested the chapter record Standard Operating Procedures for our fundraising events. Write checklists that include Who, What, Where, and When for all actions and coordinating instructions and include points of contact. Action for **Mark Arnold** and **Jim Wetz**.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org* and Chapter Facebook page.
Patrick Enlow is updating our website for multiple improvements and clarifying details.
2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
MSG Philip Taraska continues coordination with the leadership of B/2/19 SFG regarding recruitment of unit members into SFA 45.
3. ESTATE PLANNING.
NSTR.
4. CHAPTER COINS.
Jim Wetz secured 100 chapter coins and has already sold 34 coins. Sale price \$20. Shipping cost is \$5. Jim ordered 50 more coins that are not serialized. If you are interested in purchasing one, then contact Jim at: 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 5th Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750.

ACTION: Patrick Enlow. Jim asked for a payment method for the coins could be added to the chapter's website. This method would digitally notify Jim quantity and shipping address when an order is placed.



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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 a glance at the ways SFA 45 supports this unit. We paid slightly more than \$41,000 for the entire project, including the Crabtree family travel expenses. At Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base



Crabtree family members unveiling facility signage and monument.



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MG Harris speaking at ceremony.





MSG Taraska, Project Leader



Taraska family

Over one hundred people attended the event including several retired GOs and over 20 members of SFA 45. This was a remarkable number of attendees, considering this was not a drill weekend for the unit,

Members of the Crabtree family unveiled the signage that designates the new name of Bravo Company's facility, then they unveiled the memorial monument.

b. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 5 AUG 2023

Jim Wetz reported that planning for this event has already begun. The date is set, and the ride will begin at the same location as before: Farrow Harley Davidson north and terminate at The Buckeye Lake Winery or back at the starting point.

c. 3 Gun Shoot 2023 (Date TBD)

The event netted \$19,000 in sponsor gifts plus \$4100 in registration fees. Tom McGrath will assure our Stripe account is linked to our new checking account.





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8. SFA 45 Officer Elections.

This will occur online. An email will be sent to all chapter members regarding the elections with a deadline for voting by 15 January. A basic email reply is all that is needed for the elections.

We have received no notices of non-incumbents wishing to serve as a chapter officer. Mark Arnold, Patrick Enlow, Andy Schneider, and Chadd Kuhn agreed to run for their elected position in the event others are not interested.

9. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

NSTR.

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

5 January at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY (moved to 2nd Monday due to New Year's events.

8 January 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.

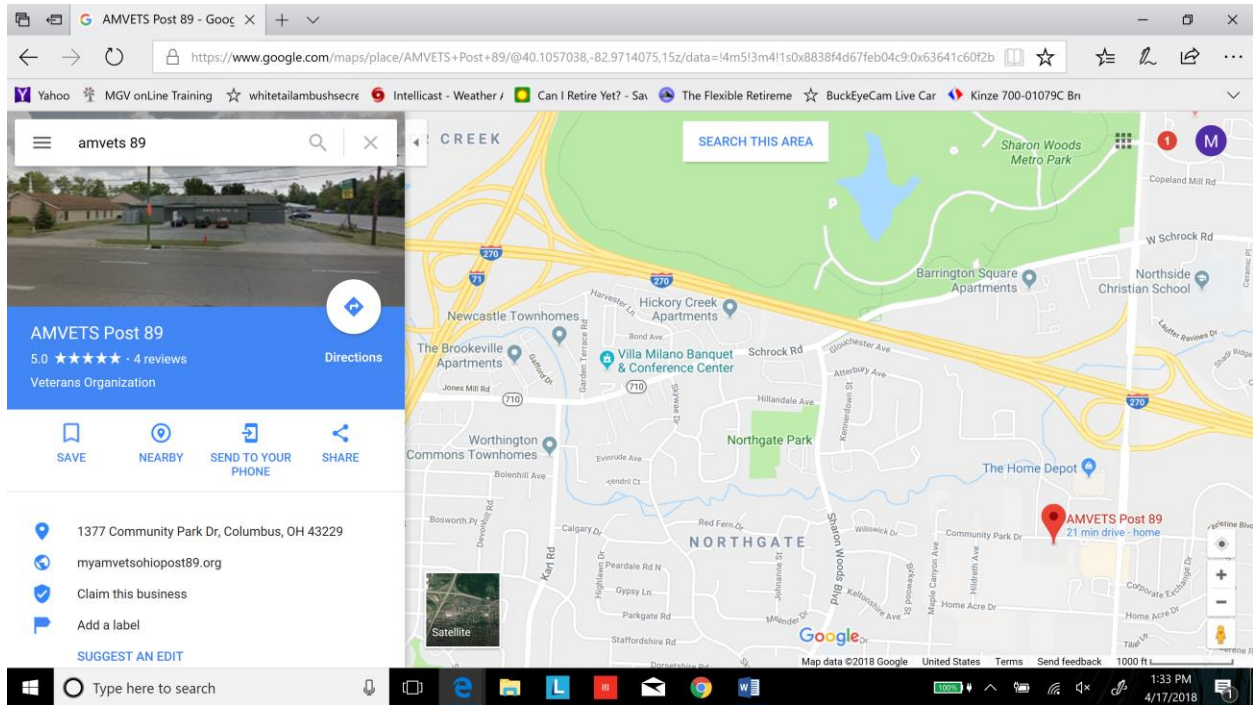
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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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.

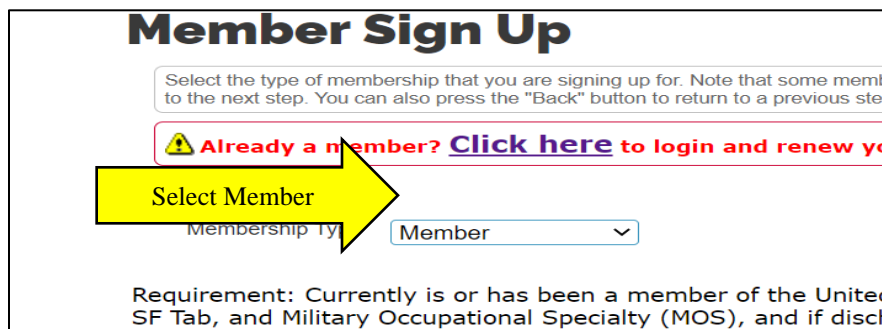
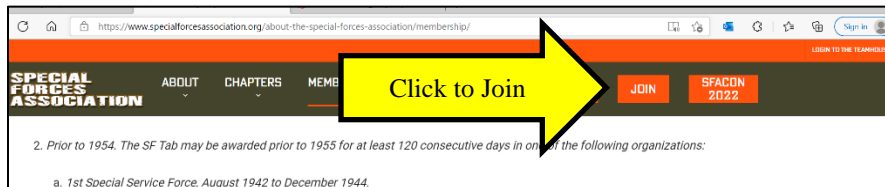
Next application window is now open through May 2023.

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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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 *

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Work Information

Chapter

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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

UNIT + INCLUSIVE DATES

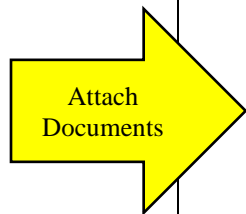
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i.e. graduation certificate, DD214, ORB/ERB, SF Tab orders, etc.
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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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