



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 5 and 8 September 2022**

The September 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<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: Tom McGrath  
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	Ted Mosure
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Larry Verne	Tom Edwards
Gene Taylor	Don Thomas
Bill Hatfield	Ed Wheeler
Dave Wilhelmus	Danny Vinson
John McCort	Frank Hicks
Paul Dusing	Linda Mosure
Jan Hauger	John McCort
Ryan Zimpleman	Andy Komaromy
Dave Spriggs	Mike Gargac
Butch Betzko	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Tom McGrath** reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$4004.34 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$63,318.71 as of 3 SEP; an additional \$75,000 is invested in the Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Endowment and supervised by The Columbus Foundation's investment management.



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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.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Just a reminder, B/2/19 SFG created a new website. It provides a thorough overview of the process of joining the unit as a tabbed SF Soldier and for joining as a SF candidate. Please share this weblink with anyone who is interested in joining the unit. It is the unit's online recruiting tool. Web search: [OhioSpecialForces.com](http://OhioSpecialForces.com)
2. **MSG Philip Taraska** informed the chapter that Dom Hall, a former member of B/2/19 SFG passed away after a horrible battle with pancreatic cancer. Dom was 33 years old and was an 18B. His obituary can be found at this website:  
<https://www.verkuilenfh.com/obituary/Dominic-Hall>

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.  
**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.



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4. CHAPTER COINS.

**Jim Wetz** secured 100 chapter coins and has already sold 22. 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](mailto:jwsfa45@gmail.com)

The chapter will set aside the first 15 of these serial numbered coins for the founding members of the chapter.

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. **Dave Spriggs** reported the wax mold is complete and the final plating will be completed by the Columbus College of Arts and Design.

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 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** reported the event netted \$3554.48. Great work by all the chapter members who made this a success.

Jim suggested we simplify the event for next year by ending the SFA 45 portion of the Ride at the Buckeye Lake Winery. He also suggested the chapter purchase a pop-up tent for events; the tent could have the chapter name, logo and other elements that demonstrate who we are.

Lastly, in Jim's after action report he stated that he will attempt to use Farrow Harley Davidson's network among local radio stations to promote the event in 2023.

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

**Eric Stansifer** and **Mark Arnold** managed this event.

The event was successful and the great Americans of The Richwood Gun and Game Club hosted 42 registered shooters. This is 18 slots below the event's capacity for shooters. Steve Ormeroid, the Club President, stated this is in line with the Club's experience for all of 2022. The Club's membership has used the range at a sustained level 40% below last year's use due to the cost of ammunition and fuel.

Sponsors donated a total of \$19,000 for the event.

Revenue from the registration fees has not been received as of the writing of these minutes. That cash is transferred to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group by the Richwood Gun and Game Club.

We had a brief AAR at the end of the day following range tear down and clean up. The Club President was thrilled with the day's outcomes: high spirits, no injuries, happy sponsors and competitors, his most sophisticated courses of fire for any event this year, and an efficient match that did not bog down and delay anyone's shooting. We will probably limit it to 50 shooters next year because it enabled efficiency.

**Lastly, a huge tip of the beret to all our volunteers from the chapter!** Their hard work in range set up, coaching, scorekeeping, safety officers, and service support made the most significant impact on the event's success.



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**Sponsors at 3 Gun Shoot**



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**8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.**

**Jim King** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is beginning his third week of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

**Rick LaValley** is slowly recovering from cardiac bypass and stent surgery.

Former member of B/2/19 SFG, SSG Dominick Hall passed away early September following his battle with pancreatic cancer. Dom was 33 years old.

The daughter of SFMC member and former member of B/2/19, **Shawn Miracle**, died suddenly and unexpectedly. Prayers and sympathies from Chapter 45 extended to Shawn for this tragic loss.

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

**3 October** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

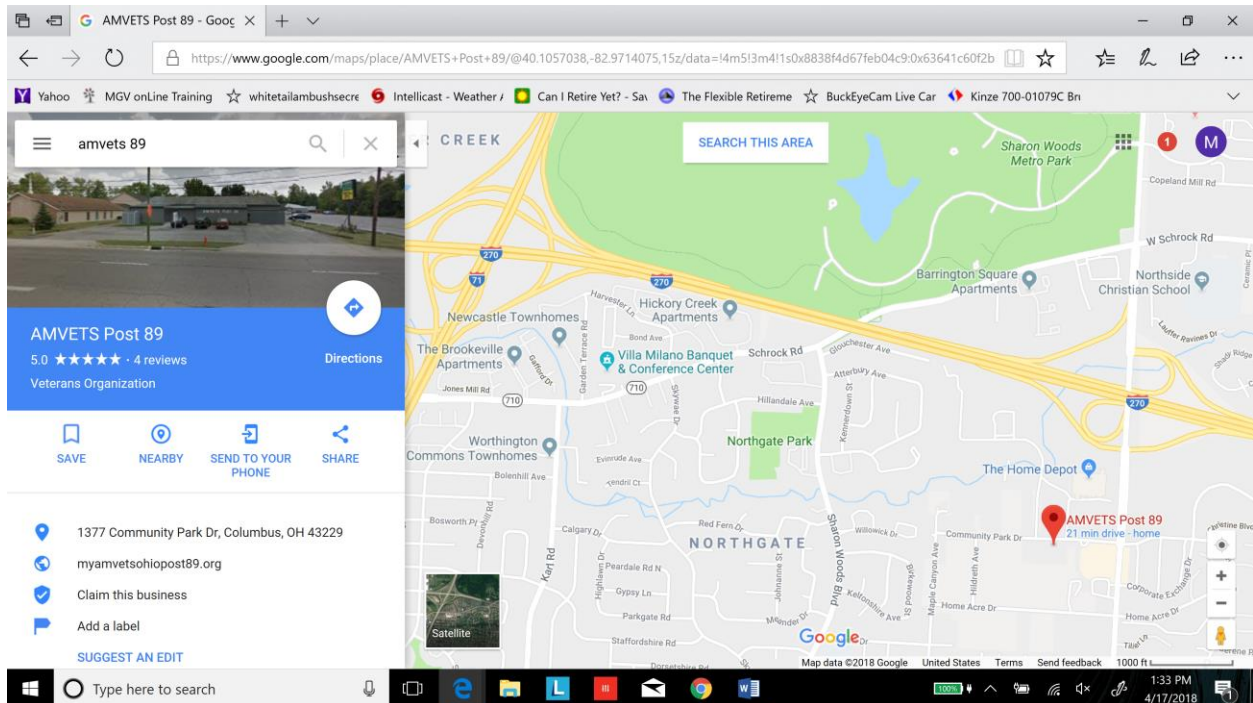
**13 October** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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 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.

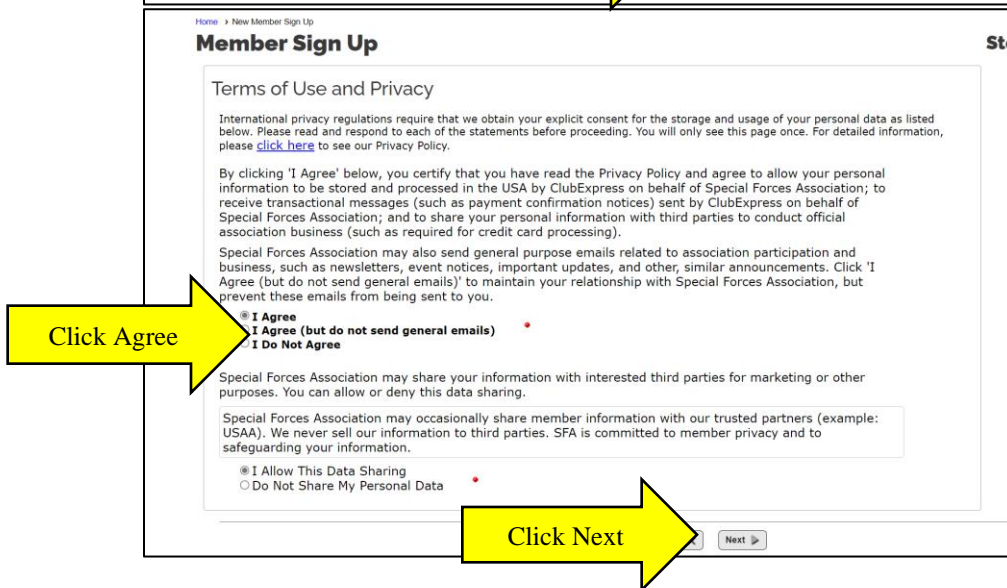
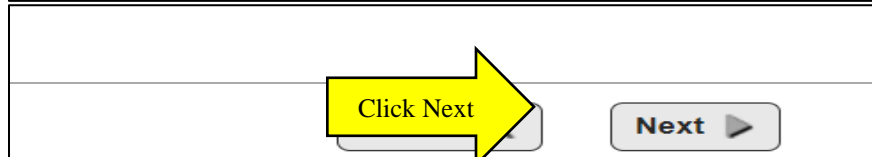
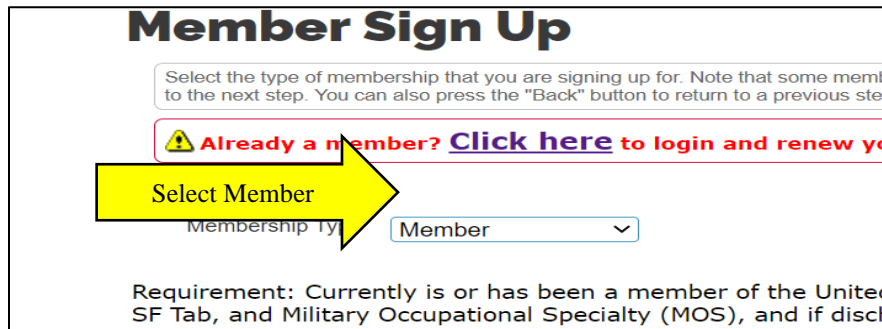
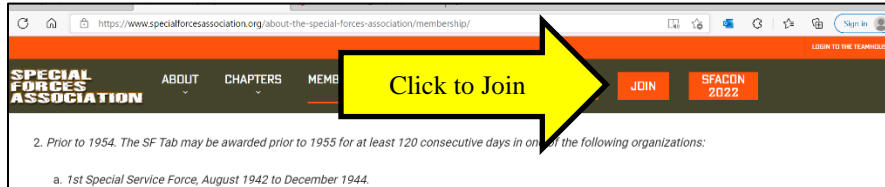
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website. The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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

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Address 2

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State Ohio

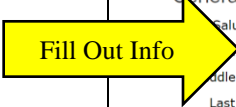
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### Chapter 45 Information

Chapter 45

Occupation/Title

Phone

Toll Free Phone

### Emergency Contact Information

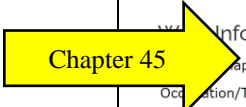
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purpose of determining my qualifications for membership. I further certify that the execution of this form is voluntary

I agree, you can check my records. •  
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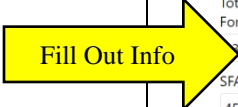
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SFA Chapter Affiliation

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).  
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! **Documentary Proof of Special Forces Qualification**   
i.e. graduation certificate, DD214, ORB/ERB, SF Tab orders, etc.  
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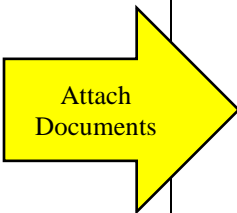
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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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