



**Special Forces Association  
Chapter XLV (45)  
Uniting Ohio's Green Berets**  
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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 1 and 11 August 2022**

The August 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<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	Tony Kalbi
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	Jan Hauger
John McCort	Frank Hicks
Paul Dusing	Ed Porter
Nick Longano	Bill Curruthers
Mike Robinson	Hal Wendling
Jesse Boyd	Chris Belford
Eric Stansifer	Ted Mosure
Mark Scott	Jack Crowley

The TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Tom McGrath** reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$954.10 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$61,238.74; 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. **MSG Philip Taraska** provided a link to B/2/19 SFG's 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. The new website includes standards and how to prepare for selection. It also has a thorough overview of Special Forces and all the courses members can attend during the qualification process and during their career in SF. Please share this weblink with anyone who is interested in joining. It is the unit's online recruiting tool. Web search: [OhioSpecialForces.com](http://OhioSpecialForces.com)
2. **Jim Butler** asked the chapter to consider recognizing Fran Wesseling, Director, The Green Beret Foundation, as an Honorary Green Beret. Jim said the cost is minimal and he would cover it himself. This brief discussion was quickly approved during the meetings, and Jim will follow up with coordinating instructions with SFA National.
3. **Ed Wheeler** showed a YouTube video "Searching for Paul" during the meeting in Cincinnati. It describes the search at the crash site where his father's aircraft was shot down in Italy during WWII. The effort included US military and the local Italian government.
4. The Cincinnati-based group voted to have September's meeting on **Labor Day**, 5 September at the Hofbrauhaus, Newport, KY.
5. **Mark Arnold** provided a brief overview of an initiative with which he is involved. It is an Ambassador Fellowship Campaign called *Ohio Stands With Ukraine*. Mark asked the chapter membership if it would support Chapter 45 being named as an organization that supports this Information Operations initiative. After discussion, we decided to communicate this to the chapter and ask for any dissenting comments via email. The chapter will notify the Fellowship Campaign of its support, or not, after email comments from members are compiled during 15-30 August. Other official supporters that are named in the Fellowship's documents include:

Governor DeWine and his office.  
Rotary Clubs of Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland  
Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership  
US Senator Rob Portman  
Ohio State University



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Ohio University  
University of Cincinnati  
Metro Health of Northeast Ohio  
Ohio Office of the American Red Cross

**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.
4. **CHAPTER COINS.**  
**Jim Wetz** secured 100 chapter coins. Sale price \$20. Shipping cost is \$5. 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:



- 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.  
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 design was 3-D scanned at OSU and a wax mold will be fabricated from this at Bent Tree Studios in Westerville, OH That mold will be sent to Casting Arts Technology in Cincinnati for fabrication of the bronze statue. Final costs are still being negotiated but estimates for the entire project range: \$33,000 to \$38,000.

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** managed a successful fundraising event. Net proceeds were approximately \$3400. (Donations were still being received at time of this writing.) The great Americans of Farrow Harley Davidson and the Buckeye Lake Winery were the foundation of our support. Thank you and big tip of the beret to the following members



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who worked at this event:

John McCort  
Jeff Gallaher  
Mark Arnold  
Andy Schneider  
Patrick Enlow  
Chadd Kuhn  
Joe Matarko

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

**Eric Stansifer** and **Mark Arnold** continue planning with Steve Ormeroid and **Mike Vaulx** for a two-day event. Their last meeting was 3 August. Half of the 60 shooting slots have been registered. We expect all 60 will be filled.

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 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  
Andy Schneider  
Jim Butler  
Eric Stansifer  
Dave Spriggs



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Shawn Miracle

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

Jeff Gallaher

Butch Betzko (RO, scorer, coach) ...and Butch will bring two sets of weapons to be used by our generous sponsors.

Mike Gargac (RO, scorer, coach)

Jim Wetz

John McCort

Tom McGrath

Shawn Miracle (RO, scorer, coach)

Larry Davidson (RO, scorer, coach)

Pete Becker (RO, scorer, coach)

Andy Schneider

Dave Spriggs (coach, scorer, RO)

CPT Jordan Berry (coach)

CPT Nate Quinn (coach, scorer, RO)

SFC Ryan Zimpleman (coach, scorer, RO)

SSG Andrew Komaromy (coach, scorer, RO)

SFC Dan Kelly (coach, scorer, RO)



Mike Robinson's poster for the event.

#### 8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

**Jim King** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and begins a series of radiation treatments mid-August. A tumor was removed from Jim's left eye; biopsy results not completed as of this printing.

**Dick Carr** has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.



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

**5 September** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY

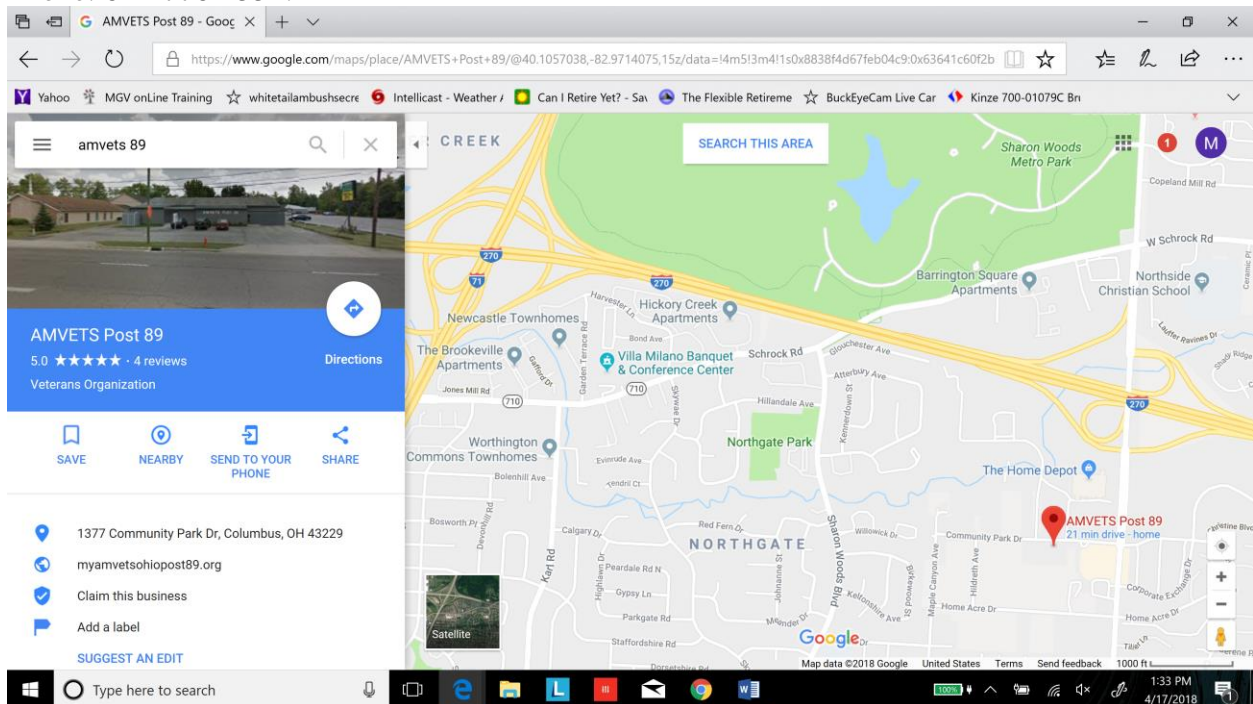
**8 September** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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.

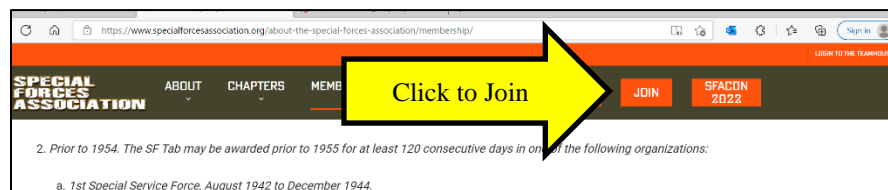
Next application window is now open through May 2023.

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/)







## Member Sign Up

Select the type of membership that you are signing up for. Note that some memberships require you to proceed to the next step. You can also press the "Back" button to return to a previous step.

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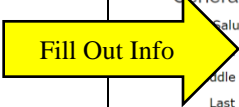
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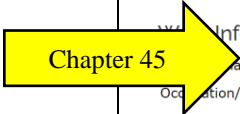
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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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