



**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 August 2023

The August 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:

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

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Butch Betzko	Ed Porter
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Fran Wesling	Dan Vinson
Gene Taylor	Jesse Boyd
Mike Young	Jan Hauger
Don Thomas	Ron White
John McCort	Mike Louis
Terry Simons	Jim King
Eric Stansifer	J. Lewis
C Donabedian	Nick Longano

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported remotely the SFA 45 operational account has \$4762.68 and \$1374.11 at 5th Third Bank (because some auto-payments remain at that account until September), and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group has \$36,200.00. The two Chase Bank accounts are for: one for collecting chapter membership dues, and the other for charitable donations to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.



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Chadd Kuhn and Philip Taraska both have two debit cards for the use from Chase Bank; they each have one debit card for each account: SFA 45 Operational account and The Ohio Green Beret Support Group.

Patrick Enlow reported that the Stripe Account used for online payments such as dues renewal and sale of chapter coins is now linked to the new Chase Bank account. Patrick also reported the new debit card is now linked for auto-payment to MailChimp, Google, and Squarespace (our website domain owner).

Chadd's name was added to these accounts for contingency reasons.

Patrick Enlow and **Eric Stansifer** will link the chapter's Stripe account to payment online for the 3-Gun Shoot registration via Practiscore.com and they will get three credit card readers for mobile transactions including donations with iOS and Android compatibility.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Program.**
The Fund has two more \$1000 scholarships available for applicants with a deadline of 1 October 2023.
2. **Chapter's new PO Box.** DO NOT use the old Rickenbacker address for any chapter business; your mail will not be delivered.

Use this address for all chapter business:

SFA 45
PO Box 341612
Columbus, OH 43234

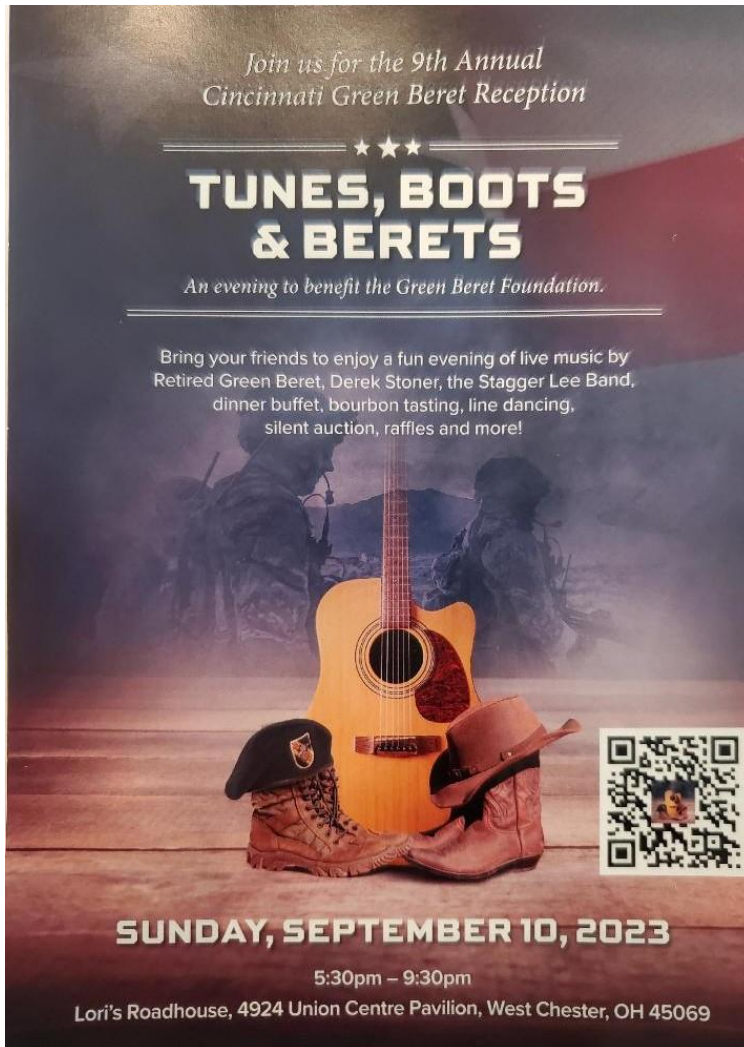
It is at the Post Office on Route 161 near the Beightler Armory, Ohio National Guard Headquarters and the NAPA Auto Parts store.

Tom McGrath stated that the chapter needs to use his PO Box for the Secretary of State, IRS, Charitable Foundations, and anything related to the government.



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- The Green Beret Foundation is hosting **Tunes, Boots, and Berets** 10 September 1730-2200 hours.
Location: Lori's Roadhouse 4924 Union Centre Pavilion, West Chester, OH 45069.



- Kevin Colwell reported the **reception** for the All-Ohio Crew vs. Cincinnati soccer game in August **is cancelled**.
- Chapter T Shirts:** Color: Black

Mike Young purchased some chapter T-shirts and is selling them for \$30 each. They are identical to the previous version the chapter purchased two years ago. Mike will provide the chapter \$5 for each shirt purchased.



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Jim Wetz also purchased 100 chapter T shirts of the newer version and is selling them for \$30 each.

6. **Mike Young** also shared information regarding the availability of hostile fire pay for any service member who served in Honduras 1981-1991. The Department of Defense recently lost a lawsuit, and the DoD is now recognizing that service as imminent danger. The extra pay is available for those who can prove service in Honduras during that period and claim it. Mike is your POC for advice related to this: *mikeforce@usa.com*
7. **Mike Young** also stated that anyone who can prove that they parachuted from a C-123 and is also suffering from medical complications such as hypertension, kidney disease, and other internal organ failure may file a VA disability claim relating their medical diagnosis with residual agent orange that was dispersed by almost all C-123 aircraft. Chapter members are advised to seek the advice of their veterans services organization that helps them with VA claims.

Open Action Items:

1. **Tom McGrath** reported an update regarding extra charges of \$4738 invoice from the project manager of the Crabtree Memorial Monument and the lawsuit this plaintiff filed against the chapter for this additional charge that the chapter believes it is not responsible for. The claim announcement was mailed by the plaintiff to the unit address at Rickenbacker ANGB, and this mail was lost for over eight weeks. Because it was certified mail and the green card returned upon it being received by the chapter over eight weeks after initial mailing, the plaintiff is required to re-file the lawsuit. The filing by the plaintiff was in May and the hearing was scheduled in June, six weeks after the certified letter was found. Tom suggests the chapter ignore the suit and see if it is dismissed; this may take 6-12 months for dismissal.
2. **Patrick Enlow** added a Sales page to the SFA45 website.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org* and Chapter Facebook page.
Patrick Enlow registered the domain name with GoDaddy.
2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.
Andy Schneider's membership report:
NSTR.



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3. CHAPTER COINS.

If you are interested in purchasing a serialized or non-serialized coin, then contact Jim at: jwsfa45@gmail.com

Patrick Enlow added an online order and payment method to the SFA45.org website for ordering and purchasing coins.

[US Army Special Forces Association Chapter 45 XLV Ohio Buckeye Challenge Coin | eBay](#)



4. SF 4 Life.
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5. EVENTS.

a. **Motorcycle Freedom Ride**

Jim Wetz reported the total receipts from this fundraiser were \$2325.

Jim did a great job of managing the event and during the months of coordination and planning among hosts Buckeye Lake Winery and Farrow Harley Davidson and the chapter's volunteers who helped Jim during the event.

\$1500 of the total collected was from the generosity of our host Tracy Higgenbotham, owner of the Buckeye Lake Winery. You may recall, last year the chapter presented to Tracy a bronze SOF warrior statue with an engraving dedicated to Tracy and the good people of the Buckeye Lake Winery.

It should be noted that Jim Wetz suffered a venomous spider bite two days before the event, and he managed the event despite pain and systemic weakness. Jim reported to an Urgent Care facility immediately following the long day in Columbus and after he returned three hours later to his hometown of Marietta, OH.



b. 3 Gun Shoot 2023 9 September 2023

Eric Stansifer reported 19 shooters have registered for this 50-shooter event as of 9 August. Eric added that Steve Ormeroid, the event's host, stated that all multi-gun matches have had significant decline in participation this year with no explanation why. Steve made a bold and generous commitment to provide to the Ohio Green Beret Support Group all profits from the Richwood Gun and Game Club's 26 AUG, 23 SEP, and 7 OCT competitions.

Our 3-Gun event will be similar to earlier years with the exception of some added efficiencies. The SFA 3-Gun fundraiser match will close by 1430 hrs 9 SEP.

Registration is through Praciscore.com at this link: After you login through this link, the website will take you to our 3 Gun Shoot event for registration.

[2023 3 Gun Shoot — SFA 45](#)

Location:
19200 Turner Road
Richwood , OH 43344

Volunteers Needed Please contact Eric Stansifer at darkhorseme@gmail.com

Range set up day is Friday 8 September 1000 hours.

4 more Volunteers are needed

Event Day Saturday 9 SEP 0830 hours

6 more volunteers needed

- Range Safeties
- Coaches
- Maintenance and Support





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6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jim Wetz is recovering from spider venom poisoning.

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

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

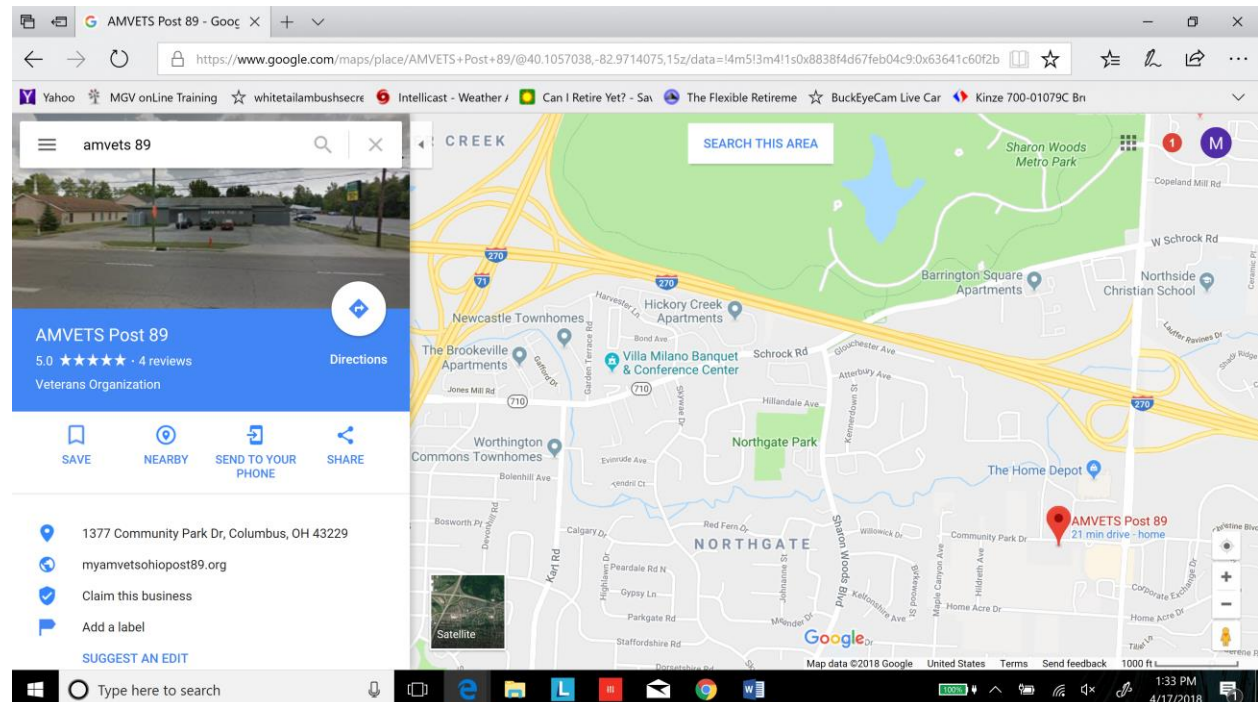
14 September at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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 2nd Thursday monthly at 1130 – 1330 hrs.



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8. **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
SFA 45
PO Box 341612
Columbus, OH 43234

Alternate method: Pay online at the Special Forces Assoc. National HQ website. See instructions below.

9. **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.

10. **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 **1 October 2023**.

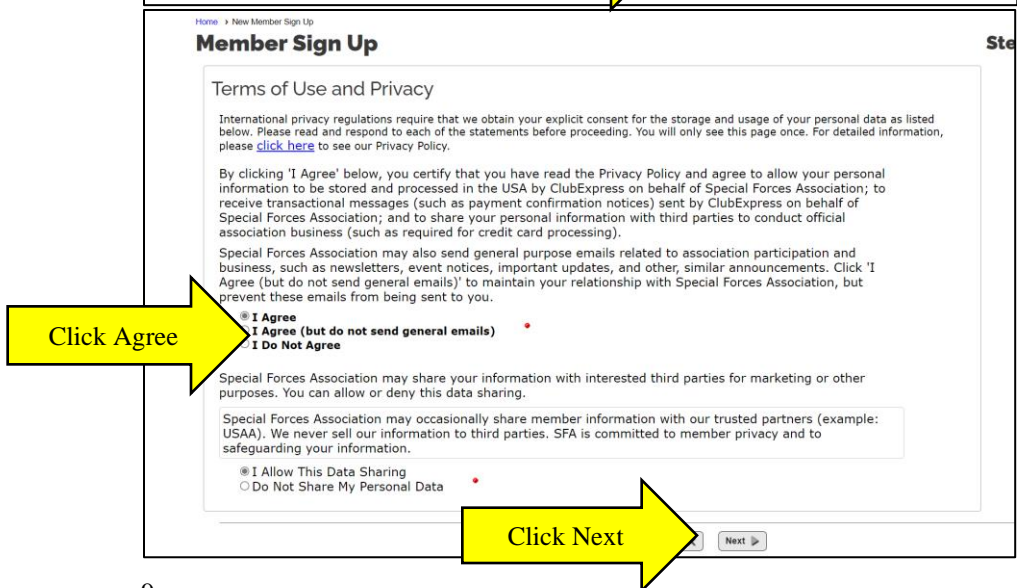
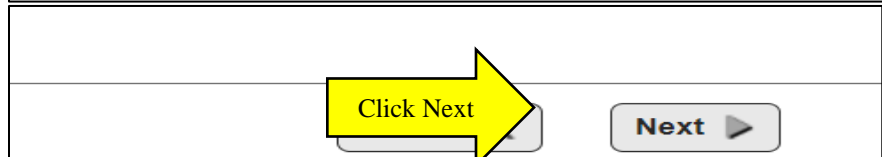
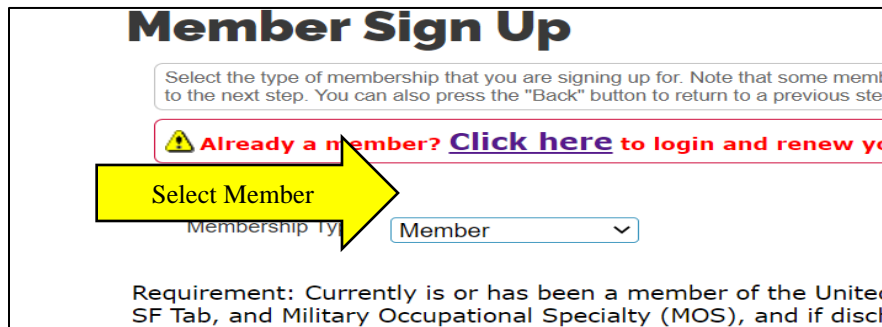
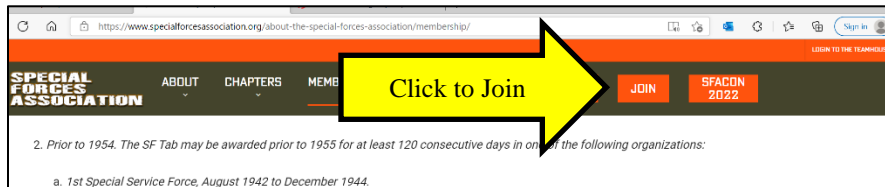
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website.
The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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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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](#)

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Home Phone: _____

Other Info: _____

Email Address: ghengiskuhn@aol.com

Website: _____

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

Chapter 45 Information

Chapter: 45

Occupation/Title: _____

Phone: _____

Toll Free Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name: Chadd Kuhn

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: 6144409987

Email Address: _____

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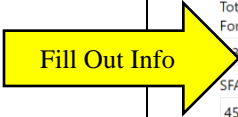
Total years and months of service to Special Forces and/or Special Forces Related Units (Give Years and Months)
5 Years •

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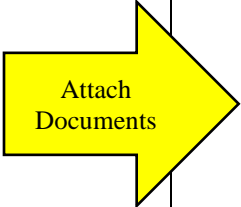
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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.

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