



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

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**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 4 and 14 December 2023**

The December 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Mark Arnold 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: Jim Bitler  
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz  
Asst. Treasurer: Tom McGrath  
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Butch Betzko	Ed Porter
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Gene Taylor	Ron White
Nelson Hastings	Don Thomas
Dan Vinson	John McCort

The TREASURER'S REPORT

**Chadd Kuhn** reported remotely the SFA 45 operational account has \$5980.06 and \$1374.11 at 5<sup>th</sup> Third Bank (all of this should be moved to the new account at Chase), and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group has \$43,151.00.

Recent donations by chapter members **Rick LaValley's** American Legion District, **Dave Wilhelmus**, and **Mike Hurdzan** are appreciated and deserve a tip of the beret.

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.



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 Columbus Foundation reported that no applications were sent for the October scholarship award. Only one scholarship of \$1000 was awarded in May.

**Mark Arnold** reported that the scholarship program's principle that began at \$75,000 at the Columbus Foundation has increased to over \$91,000 as of 12 December due to appreciation in value of the Vanguard fund it is invested in.

Mark suggested the chapter discuss donating another \$10,000 to \$15,000 from the Ohio Green Beret Support Group's funds to increase the principle of the scholarship fund to over \$100,000. This will enable two scholarships of \$2000 each.

Mark also suggested that the chapter begin discussions about expanding the eligibility to grandchildren of chapter members.

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

3. **Chadd Kuhn's** suggestion from last September still needs discussion among the chapter members in the Cincinnati area. Consider joining Company B members as they train for free fall parachuting at the I Fly World wind tunnel in Cincinnati. Perhaps a chapter event could also be organized there. Chadd will inform us of upcoming unit training dates at this facility.

**I Fly World - Cincinnati**

[Indoor Skydiving in Cincinnati | iFLY \(iflyworld.com\)](http://www.iflyworld.com)





**Open Action Items:**

1. **Tom McGrath** reported that the Small Claims Court case for the over-charge of the construction and installation of the Crabtree Memorial has been moved to the General Division of the Franklin County Municipal Court. Tom filed on behalf of the Chapter a third party complaint against the plaintiff, Tizzano. All court filings have been changed to electronic records and this was lost in the transition but is being processed now. There is a pre-trial hearing on 28 February 2024. Tom will ask for a summary judgment and attempt to avoid this case being directed to mediation by the judge. Tom's arguments include: 1) the plaintiff cashed the check we provided him and then asked for more money beyond the agreed sum two weeks later, and 2) the plaintiff is asking for money on behalf of a third party, which is inappropriate. Tom is confident that the plaintiff will have to hire an attorney to continue the lawsuit, and this will cost more than the \$4738 he is asking for.
2. **Patrick Enlow** and **Eric Stansifer** will link the chapter's Stripe account to payment online for future 3-Gun Shoot registrations via Practiscore.com and they will get three credit card readers for mobile transactions including donations with iOs and Android compatibility.

**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.
3. CHAPTER COINS.  
If you are interested in purchasing a serialized or non-serialized coin, then contact Jim at:  
[jwsfa45@gmail.com](mailto:jwsfa45@gmail.com)

Patrick Enlow added an online order and payment method to the SFA45.org website for ordering and purchasing coins. This is eBay. No sales lately.

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



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5. EVENTS.

a. Freedom Ride 2024 Date TBD

Jim Wetz will develop a concept of the operation for the 2024 Freedom Ride. His networking and thinking have led him to a concept that is a Poker Run and executed in southeastern Ohio. More to come as Jim's planning continues.

b. 3 Gun Shoot 2024 Date TBD

Mark Arnold and Eric Stansifer will collaborate with the President of the Richwood Gun and Game Club regarding a concept for this.



Competitors and SFA 45 volunteer staff at the Ohio Green Beret Support Group's 2023 3 Gun Shoot.



c. **Picnic and Open House B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> SFG(A)**

Date TBD

**MSG Philip Taraska** reported in September that the company leadership team is planning a summer unit picnic consisting of an airborne operation, a cookout, open house, games, and outdoor activities for the children. If the chapter supports much of the cost of this event, it is estimated at \$2500. The date will be in June near the anniversary of SFC Crabtree's death.

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

John McCourt reported that Danny Roesse's health has deteriorated since last month.

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

**1 January** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY **That's right – New Year's Day!**

**11 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.

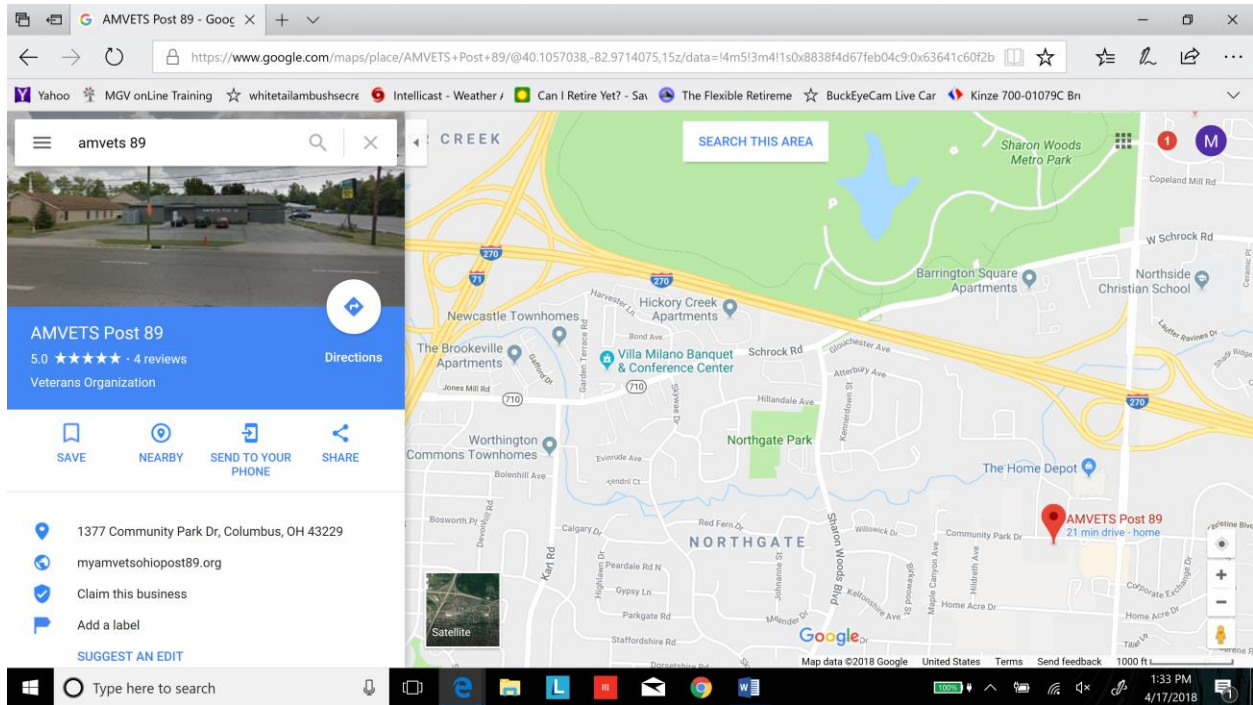
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

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

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



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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 two annual \$1000 grants of tuition assistance for chapter members and their immediate family. One was granted in June leaving two available.

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.

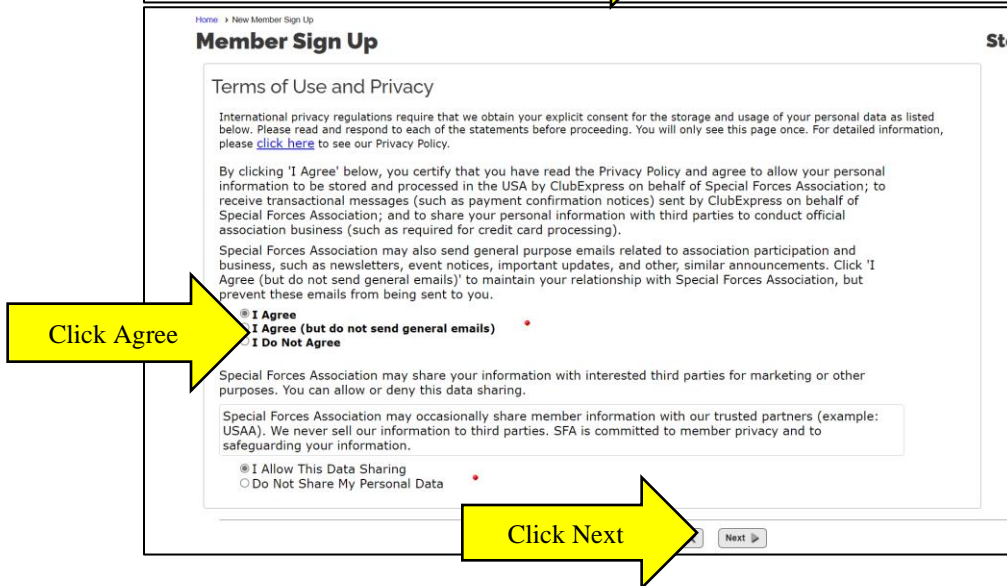
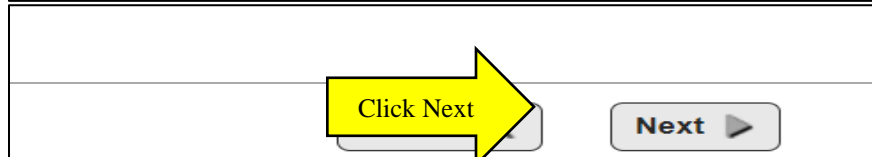
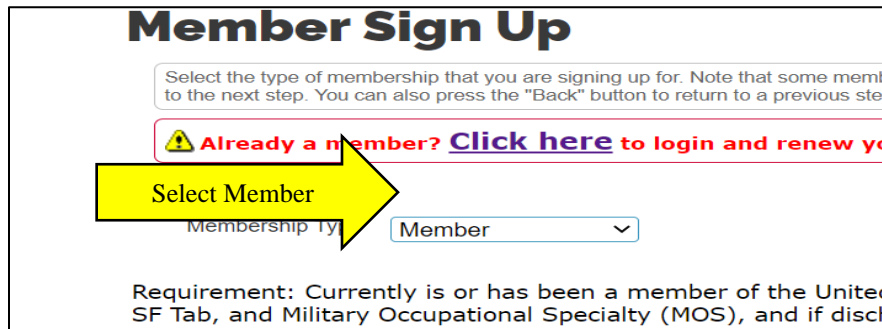
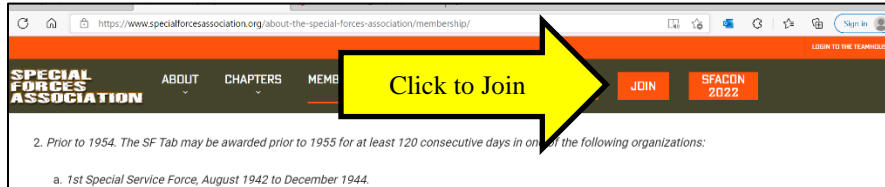
The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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 \*

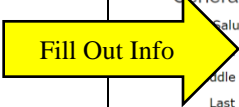
Zip Code 43046 \*

Timezone Eastern Time (US & Canada) (UTC-05:00) [Show All](#) \*

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Home Phone

Other Info



Fill Out Info

Email Address ghengiskuhn@aol.com \*

Website

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

### Chapter 45 Information

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Occupation/Title

Phone

Toll Free Phone

### Emergency Contact Information

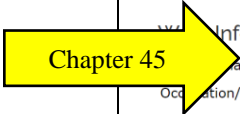
Contact Name Chadd Kuhn

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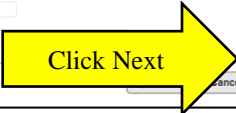
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I agree, you can check my records. •  
 No, I do not agree to a records check.

Awarded Prefix "3", Suffix "S", 5G, 18/180 Series MOS (Give skill identifiers and/or MOS, and date awarded)  
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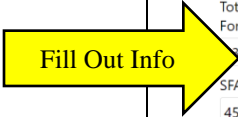
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SFA Chapter Affiliation

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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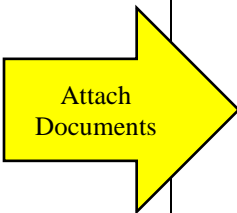
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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.

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