



**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 2 and 12 January 2023**

The January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<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:  
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz  
Asst. Vice President: Jim Butler  
Asst. Treasurer:  
Asst. Secretary: Jeff Gallaher

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas	Shawn Miracle
Larry Verne	Stuart Candis
Eric Smith	Nelson Hastings
Gene Adams	Ken Horne
Larry Verne	Tom Edwards
Gene Taylor	Don Thomas
Dave Wilhelmus	
Paul Dusing	

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn and Tom McGrath were unavailable for the January meetings and had not yet published monthly financials. The notes below are from the December meeting and remain relevant information.

Chadd and Tom M. both reported fraudulent activity at our 5/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank during November and early December. Amounts of \$3700 and \$5700 were stolen from our account. 5/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5/3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Mailed hard copies of The Drop. Members are advised that they must access Teamhouse online at the SFA National website. You must edit your bio in Teamhouse to add your email address and also click “**opt-in**” on a tab labeled The Drop in order to continue receiving a hard copy of The Drop mailed to you each quarter.  
An alternative is to email the Chapter 45 Secretary and indicate to Andy Schneider that you want The Drop mailed to you. Andy’s email address is: [andysfa@zoho.com](mailto:andysfa@zoho.com)  
Andy will access your bio in Teamhouse and do the “opt-in” for you.

2. Teamhouse and your password.  
Members are encouraged and highly advised to access Teamhouse at the SFA National website. Many of our members don’t have an email entered into the Teamhouse and so they cannot reset their password themselves.  
There is a very useful function in the Teamhouse for resetting passwords for a member who does not have an email address in the system. This function is available to Chapter admin's for their chapter.

The function resets the password and displays it to the administrator who can then communicate it to the member. The sequence is shown below.

1. Control Panel
2. People Manager
3. Click on Profile of the member
4. Under “Your Website Functions”...click on “Reset Password”
5. System will give you a username and new password to give to the member. The message appears in a box in the center of the screen with the wording shown below.

Password changed - new password is “newpassword” (username is “username”).

3. **Patrick Enlow** suggested we change our email distribution lists to Mail Chimp. Open action for **Mark Arnold**.



OLD BUSINESS:

**Open Action Items:**

**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**.

1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org* and Chapter Facebook page.  
**Patrick Enlow** is updating our website for multiple improvements and clarifying details. He is changing the background theme to black. He will register the domain name with GoDaddy.com. Patrick is also coordinating with Eric Stansifer to connect an online payment/purchase feature on the chapter website that enables members to purchase chapter coins online. He is also changing the website to place the chapter financial information in a separate document that can be accessed only by use of a password that will be shared only with chapter members.
2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.  
**Chadd Kuhn and MSG Philip Taraska** continues coordination with the leadership of B/2/19 SFG regarding recruitment of unit members into SFA 45. They recruited eight new Life members from the unit during December. **Andy Schneider** reported the chapter has only four unpaid renewals as of 1 January for the membership year 2023 – this is remarkably good news.
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. He is also advertising the sale of non-serialized coins. If you are interested in purchasing a serialized or non-serialized coin, then contact Jim at: [jwsfa45@gmail.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750.



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5. SF 4 Life.  
NSTR.

6. EVENTS.

**Christmas Party B/2/19 SFG.**

This event was another great success and was financed by Chapter 45. We purchased gift cards for each child of all family members and paid for the catered food.



Christmas Party December 2022



Invocation at unit change of command and change of responsibility (day of party).



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B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 19<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) December 2022



Taraska family at unit Christmas party

a. **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. **Shawn Miracle** volunteered to be a co-manager of the event to help Jim. **Patrick Enlow** will contact Viking Cycle to request donated items for the purpose of our event's auction.

Related to this event, **SFBMC Fort Defiance Chapter** is requesting the chapter to help them recruit members. Contact chapter member Shawn Miracle if you are interested.

[sfbmcdefianceshawn@gmail.com](mailto:sfbmcdefianceshawn@gmail.com)





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**b. 3 Gun Shoot 2023 (Date TBD)**

Date of event not chosen. More details soon for this event.



**8. SFA 45 Officer Elections.**

This occurred online via email vote with a deadline for voting by 15 January. A basic email reply is all that is needed for the elections. The elections closed 15 January with all four incumbents re-elected (with no opponents running against them).

**Mark Arnold, Patrick Enlow, Andy Schneider, and Chadd Kuhn**

**9. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.**

**Mark Arnold** had right knee replacement 9 December and is scheduled for left knee replacement 25 January. He will need a ride to the February chapter meeting.

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

**6 February** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY (moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to New Year's events).

**9 February** 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.

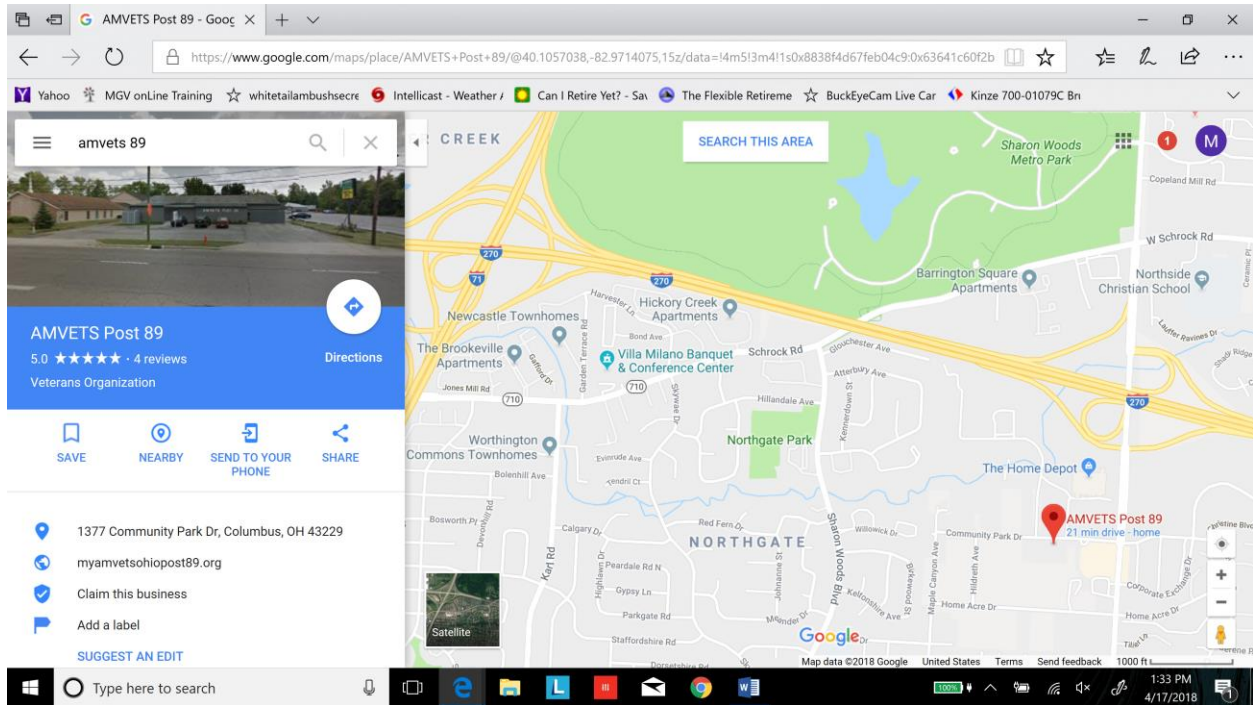
It is at a convenient location: I-270 North and Cleveland Ave. exit. It is less than a quarter mile south of this exit.

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.**

**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.

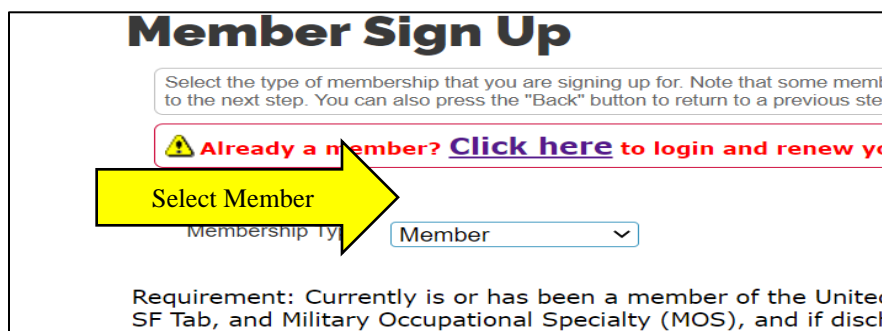
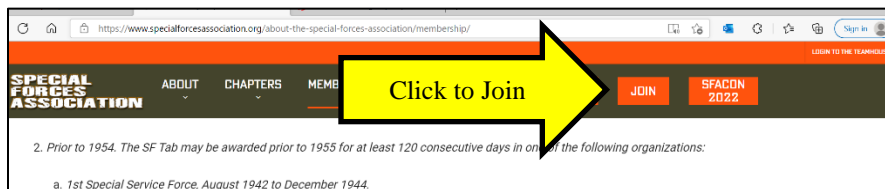
Next application window is now open through 1 April 2023.

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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Relationship

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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

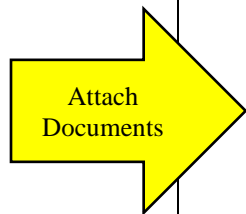
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i.e. graduation certificate, DD214, ORB/ERB, SF Tab orders, etc.  
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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.

## GREEN BERETS



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