

### Uniting Ohio's Green Berets

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#### SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 6 and 9 March 2023

The March 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<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: Chadd Kuhn

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 Ed Porter Larry Verne **Stuart Candis** Eric Smith **Nelson Hastings** Gene Adams Ken Horne Larry Verne Tom Edwards Gene Taylor Don Thomas Dave Wilhelmus Dan Austin Paul Dusing Bill Caruthers Butch Betzko Bill Hatfield Nick Lagano Jack Lewis Eric Smith John McCort Carl Fuller Nick Longano Matt Best Jack Best Mike Mardis Richard Carr

#### The TREASURER'S REPORT

**Chadd Kuhn** provided the chapter's financial statement dated 3 March 2023. Total cash in the bank is \$37,109.43.

**Tom McGrath** and Chadd opened two new accounts at Chase Bank; one for the Chapter and one for the Ohio Green Beret Support Group, our charitable organization. Debit cards for the use of Chadd and Tom are being mailed to them by Chase. Chadd will also link the chapter's Stripe account to these two bank accounts: one for collecting chapter



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membership dues, and the other for chartable donations to The Ohio Green Beret Support Group. Chadd will close the bank account at  $5/3^{rd}$  Bank by the end of April when the Stripe account is linked to the accounts at Chase Bank.

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Larry Verne** shared a video during the meeting at Cincinnati. The video was cleverly transferred from a VHS tape to DVD to thumb drive by a friend of the chapter. The video was a local television news story that was essentially a ten minute documentary of Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group's winter warfare training at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin back in 1981. The story includes the airborne operation into Fort McCoy and follows the teams as they conduct survival training and assault training. If you are interested in a copy of the thumb drive, then please contact Larry Verne.

#### **Open Action Items:**

- 1. **Patrick Enlow** suggested we change our email distribution lists to Mail Chimp. Open action for **Mark Arnold**.
- 2. Sponsor Drive.

**Eric Stansifer** suggested and volunteered to develop a concept for a fundraising event that includes a celebrity guest speaker. These are complex events and would be a large step for the Ohio Green Beret Support Group. This would be an event similar to what The Green Beret Foundation has done in the Cincinnati area.

- 3. **Tom McGrath** and Philip Taraska reported in January that the chapter has been charged with a \$4600 invoice from the project manager of the Crabtree Memorial Monument. The chapter is contesting this entire amount and Tom mailed an official letter to this company to deny payment. The chapter already paid the contracted sum of \$5000 to this company, and the owner claims additional expenses were incurred. These expenses were outside the description and limits of the agreement with this company.
- 4. **Tom McGrath** will establish a new PO Box for the chapter.



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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### 1. CHAPTER WEBSITE. *SFA45.org* and Chapter Facebook page.

**Patrick Enlow** registered 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.

Andy Schneider's membership report:

SFA 45 has 179 members making it in the top five of all chapters in the Association. 149 chapter members are Life Members.

12 Annual Members still have outstanding dues for 2023.

Andy will postal mail reminders and renewal forms to these four members.

**Tom McGrath** found **Dave Hernandez's** Life Membership payment and application and sent the application to SFA National, and the dues sent 11 March. Dave, again, sorry this has been confused between the chapter and SFA National.

## 3. ESTATE PLANNING. NSTR.

#### 4. CHAPTER COINS.

If you are interested in purchasing a serialized or non-serialized coin, then contact Jim at: <a href="iwsfa45@gmail.com">iwsfa45@gmail.com</a>

Patrick Enlow will add an online order and payment method to the SFA45.org website for ordering and purchasing coins. Until that is completed:

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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RAISED SILVER METAL

RECESSED SILVER METAL

PMS 7483 C

PMS 485 C

PMS 7489 C

PMS 7489 C

PMS 947 C

PMS 948 C

WHITE C

BLACK C

## 5. <u>SF 4 Life</u>. NSTR.

#### 6. EVENTS.

### a. Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. 5 May 2023

**Ted Mosure** reported that 23 new inductees will be honored at the Ohio State House this year. A reception at Gille Community Center, Columbus, on Morse Road, will follow the ceremony.

## b. SFA National Convention 2023. 22-26 May

Indianapolis, IN. Members can register online.

### c. Rickenbacker Air Show. 17-18 June

B/2/19 SFG will **not** be conducting airborne operations during these two days of the Air Show. The unit is coordinating a Family Day during this period.

## d. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 5 August 2023

**Jim Wetz** reported that he spoke with Johanna Crosier, a digital marketing manager for local radio stations. Jim will post an announcement on their digital bulletin board. Jim reported that all supporting organizations are set, and coordination and plans are well in hand. **Chadd Kuhn** volunteered to be an alternate Ride Captain.

## e. 3 Gun Shoot 2023 9 September 2023

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



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Registration management and fees collection will continue to be executed by and supported by **Steve Ormeroid** of the Richwood Gun and Game Club. Steve will activate the event on Practiscore.com by late May.



#### 7. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jim King is recovering from his fight with cancer. Dale Fortney continues his fight with cancer.

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

 $\bf 3$  **April** at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY (moved to  $\bf 2^{nd}$  Monday due to New Year's events.

**13 April** 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.

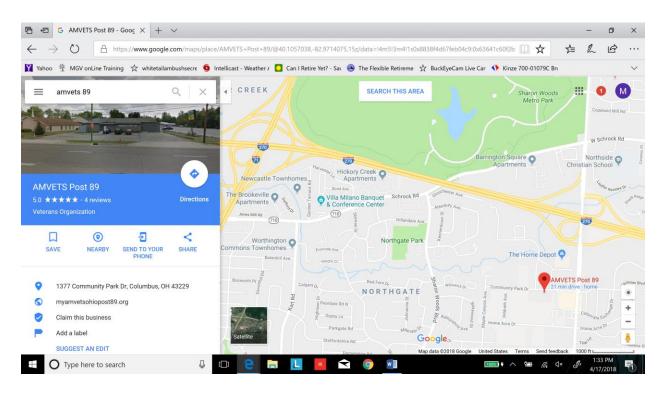
Address: 1377 Community Park, Columbus,

Phone: 614-776-4552.



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

#### 9. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and NEW MEMBERSHIP.

<u>Preferred method</u>: 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

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

#### 10. 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.



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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.

#### 11. 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

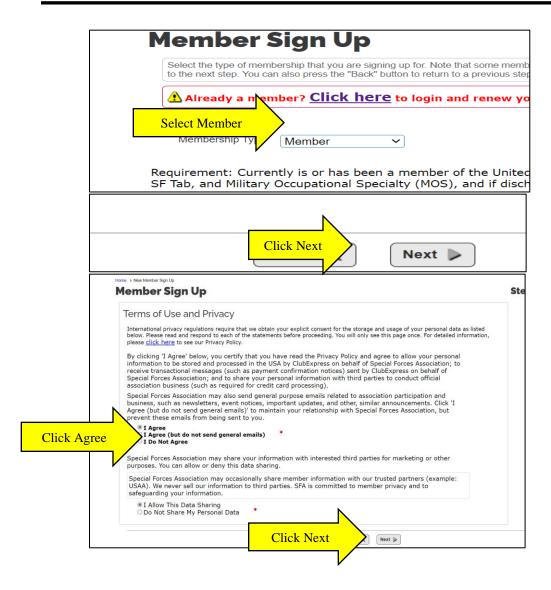
### **Special Forces Association Online Registration Instructions.**

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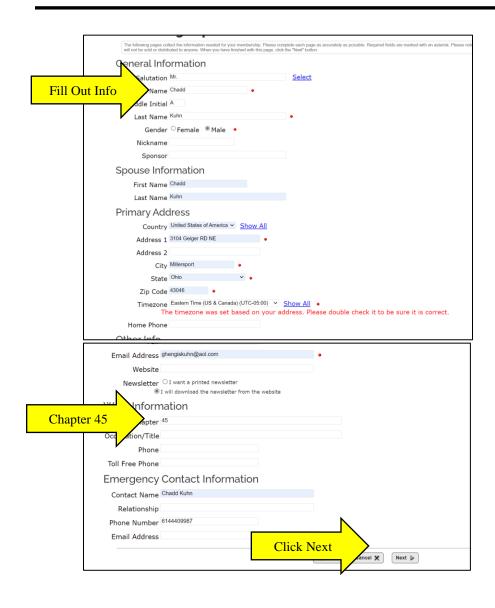


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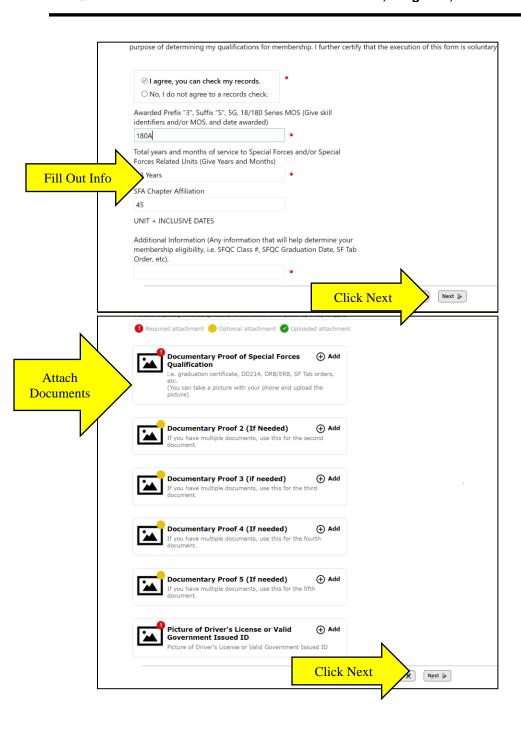


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