



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

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 4 and 14 March 2024

The March 4th and 14th 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 Butler
Asst. Vice President:
Asst. Treasurer: Tom McGrath
Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

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| Larry Verne | Stuart Candis |
| Eric Smith | Jack Lewis |
| Gene Adams | Ken Horne |
| Gene Taylor | Ron White |
| Paul Dusing | Ed Porter |
| Nelson Hastings | Don Thomas |
| Dave Wilhelmus | Dan Vinson |
| Frank Hicks | Tom Edwards |
| Nathan Wells | Eric Stansifer |
| Matt Louis | Ron White |
| Jim Maple | Bill Hatfield |
| Nick Lagano | |

The TREASURER'S REPORT

Chadd Kuhn reported remotely the SFA 45 operational account has \$4448.90.
The Ohio Green Beret Support Group has \$47,525.11.

Tom McGrath will file a form 990-N electronically before 15 May. This is an annual requirement for our charitable organization, the Ohio Green Beret Support Group. Tom will train Chadd Kuhn how to make this annual filing.



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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. **Ohio Green Beret Support Group Scholarship Program.**

Mark Arnold discussed the concept with the Chapter members in Cincinnati who then voted unanimously to support a fundraising effort to expand our scholarship endowment at the Columbus Foundation from \$100,000 to \$150,000 during 2024. This will enable the Foundation to award two \$3000 scholarships annually to chapter members, their immediate families, and their grandchildren. Our plan is to transfer \$30,000 of our \$47,525 from the bank account for the Ohio Green Beret Support Group to the Foundation and raise \$20,000 through fundraising efforts during 2024.

Mark explained during this meeting and during February's meetings that chapter members should get involved with fundraising efforts. Specifically, volunteering, where many hands are needed for the execution of events and the recruitment of sponsors. If 20 chapter members can each recruit one \$1000 sponsor for the 3-Gun Shoot, then the goal will be achieved.

2. Chapter's new PO Box. Please 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. **Tom McGrath** received a letter from Tizzano Sculpture stating that Tizzano would like to resolve his differences with us through mediation and if we are unwilling to mediate, then Tizzano will refile his grievance with small claims court. This claim regards Tizzano's claim for monetary charges for services related to the Crabtree memorial monument.

4. **Jim Butler** announced there will be a Vietnam veterans Welcome Home ceremony at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, located in downtown Columbus at **10 am on 29 March 2024. Entry fee is free for veterans.**

Guest speaker is Chief Master Sergeant Ray Snedgar, US Air Force (retired) who served for 32 years. In 1975, Snedgar was assigned to help with the mission, Operation Babylift, in Vietnam where he helped save the lives of 145 babies and 12 adults after his plane was attacked.



Open Action Items:

1. **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 as of February:
184 Members; 154 Life Members; 30 annual Members; only 12 unpaid for 2024.
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. This is on eBay.

[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 but is probably 14 September.

Jim Wetz and **Z Krompecher** will meet with the management of the Harley Davidson dealership of Athens, Ohio and Athens AMVETS Motorcycle organization on 14 April. Because this dealership's parking lot is limited, the Athens AMVETS will be the event's staging area.

Chadd Kuhn said he would be a co-captain for the ride.

Z Krompecher will begin to explore promoting the event on national websites and Facebook pages that are popular among riders.

b. **3 Gun Shoot 2024** 7 September

Eric Stansifer met with Steve Ormeroid at Richwood Gun and Game Club and decided this year's event will be a Carbine Match with rifles only. Any type of rifle is approved: 5.56 and 9 mm, .225 and .22 caliber, etc. Eric has a concept for five shooting bays with renditions for the tactical targets and obstacles for each bay. One shooting bay will also be dedicated to .22 caliber pistol marksmanship. The pistol will be provided by the chapter.

Eric will reduce the match registration cost to \$50 in order to attract more competitors.

Some prospective sponsors include: J&J Trading Outpost, Cap City Outfitters, and Eric's real estate company.

Sponsor recruitment is essential.

Volunteers for set up day and event day are essential.

We will need the credit card reader at the match.

Eric also volunteered to donate a weapon for a gun raffle which could be managed and executed online.

c. **Picnic and Open House B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th SFG(A)** 1 June 2024

MSG Philip Taraska reported this event will include 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.

6. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

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

4 March at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY.

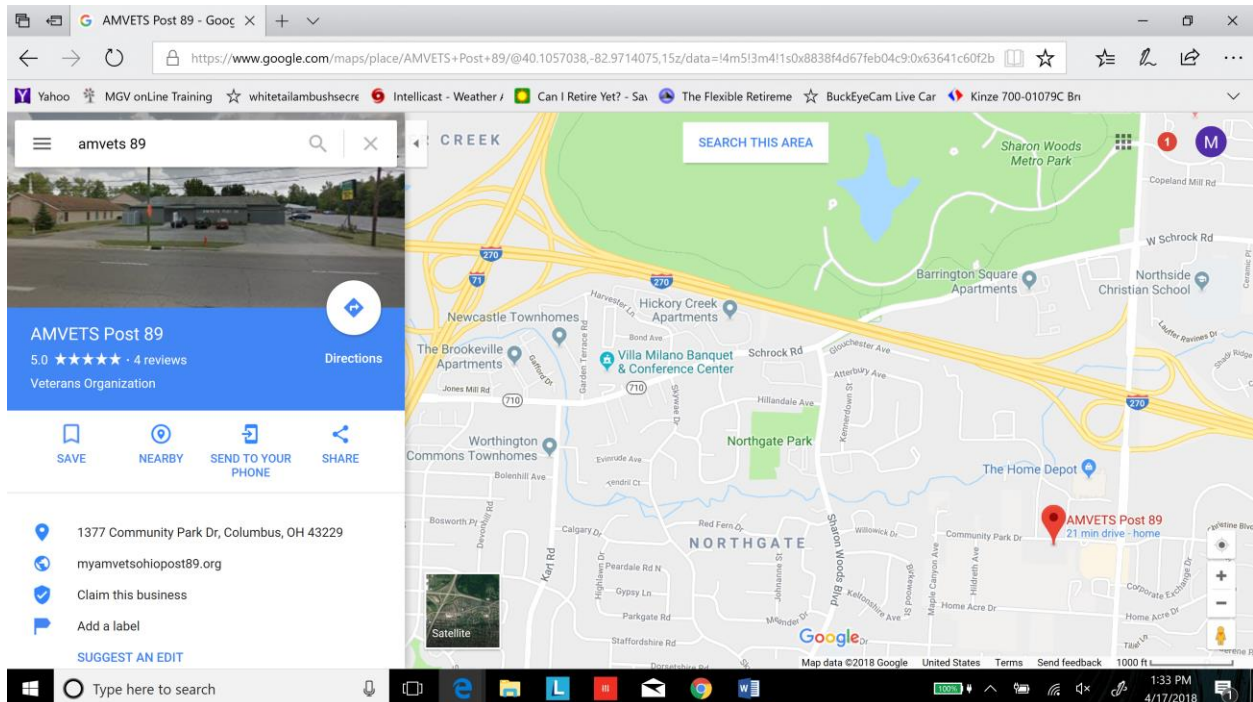
14 March at AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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.

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



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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 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 May 2024**.

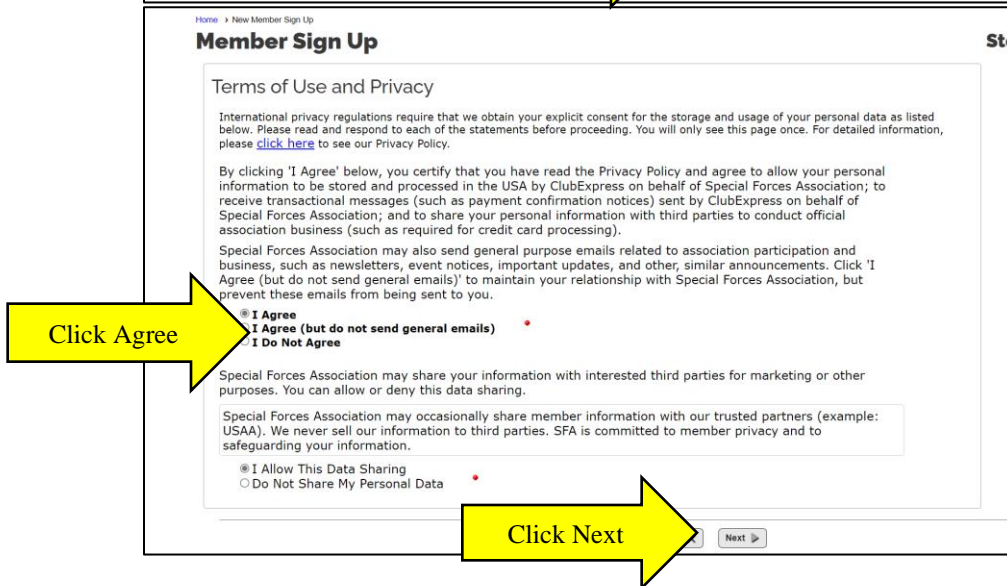
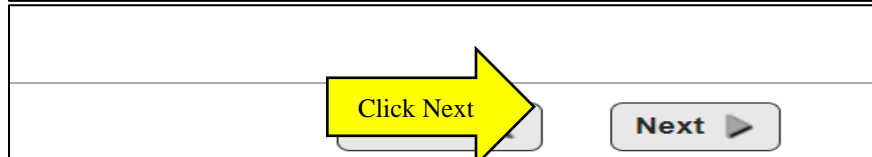
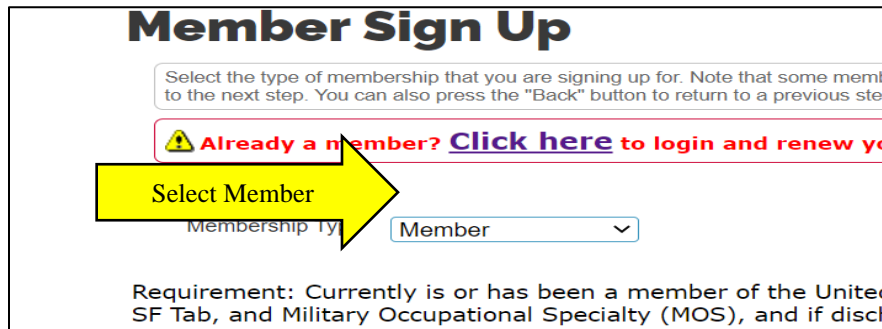
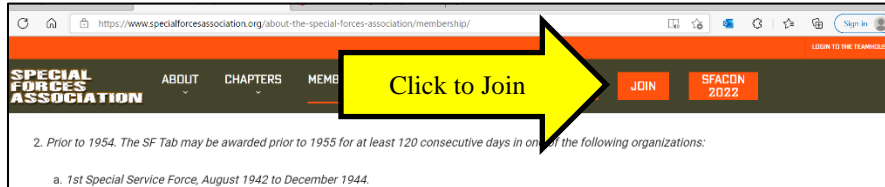
The entire application process can be accessed via a link on the SFA 45 website. The direct link to the application process managed by The Columbus Foundation is:

<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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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

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Address 1 3104 Geiger RD NE

Address 2

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State Ohio

Zip Code 43046

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Chapter 45 Information

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Phone

Toll Free Phone

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name Chadd Kuhn

Relationship

Phone Number 6144409987

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

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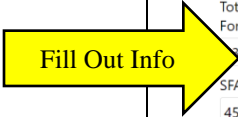
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SFA Chapter Affiliation

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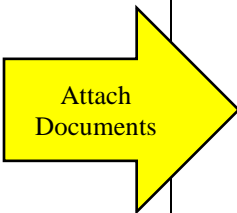
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Our Mission Statement "Sense of Brotherhood"

"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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