

Uniting Ohio's Green Berets

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SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 3 and 13 October 2022

The October 3rd and 13th meetings of Special Forces Chapter XLV, The Buckeye Chapter, were called to order by SFA 45 Chapter President Mark Arnold, Secretary Andy Schneider, and Assistant Vice President Jim Butler. Notes from both meetings are in these minutes.

Chapter Officers present:

President: Mark Arnold

Vice President:

Secretary: Andy Schneider
Treasurer: Tom McGrath
Asst. Vice President: Jim Wetz
Asst. Vice President: Jim Butler
Asst. Treasurer: Chadd Kuhn

Asst. Secretary:

Other Members and Guests in attendance were:

Don Thomas Ted Mosure Larry Verne **Stuart Candis** Eric Smith **Nelson Hastings** Gene Adams Ken Horne Larry Verne Tom Edwards Gene Taylor Don Thomas Bill Hatfield Jan Hauger Dave Wilhelmus Danny Vinson Frank Hicks John McCort Paul Dusing Jesse Boyd

The TREASURER'S REPORT

• **Chadd Kuhn** reported the Chapter Operational Fund is \$1369.99 and the Ohio Green Beret Support Group account is \$69,077.62 as of 13 SEP. Over \$10,000 was temporarily moved into the Op Fund for payments related to the Crabtree monument project. The project is estimated to cost \$34,000 and the last check was paid.

<u>Open Action</u>: Our PO Box is now registered with our two bank accounts (see Membership Registration near the back of these minutes) instead of the unit's address. **Patrick Enlow** will change the addresses to our online payment accounts to the same PO Box.



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

-Meeting agenda was outlined by **Andy Schneider** Discussion items follow:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **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. <u>Action</u> for **Mark Arnold** and **Jim Wetz**.

OLD BUSINESS:

- CHAPTER WEBSITE. SFA45.org and Chapter Facebook page.
 Patrick Enlow is updating our website for multiple improvements and clarifying details.
- 2. RECRUITING AND MEMBERSHIP.

Andy Schneider reported the chapter has 171 members. Philip Taraska continues coordination with the leadership of B/2/19 SFG regarding recruitment of unit members into the SFA and our chapter. Mark Arnold met the incoming commander and spoke about this subject.

- 3. ESTATE PLANNING. NSTR.
- 4. CHAPTER COINS.

Jim Wetz secured 100 chapter coins and has already sold 22. Sale price \$20. Shipping cost is \$5. Jim ordered 50 more coins that are not serialized. If you are interested in purchasing one, then contact Jim at: jwsfa45@gmail.com

ACTION: **Patrick Enlow**. Jim asked for a payment method for the coins could be added to the chapter's website. This method would digitally notify Jim quantity and shipping address when an order is placed.





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- 5. <u>SF 4 Life</u>. NSTR.
- 6. EVENTS.
- a. <u>Dedication Ceremony for Memorial Monument for SFC Dan Crabtree and the fallen</u> of B/2/19 SFG 15 October 2022 Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base





Crabtree family members unveiling facility signage and monument.

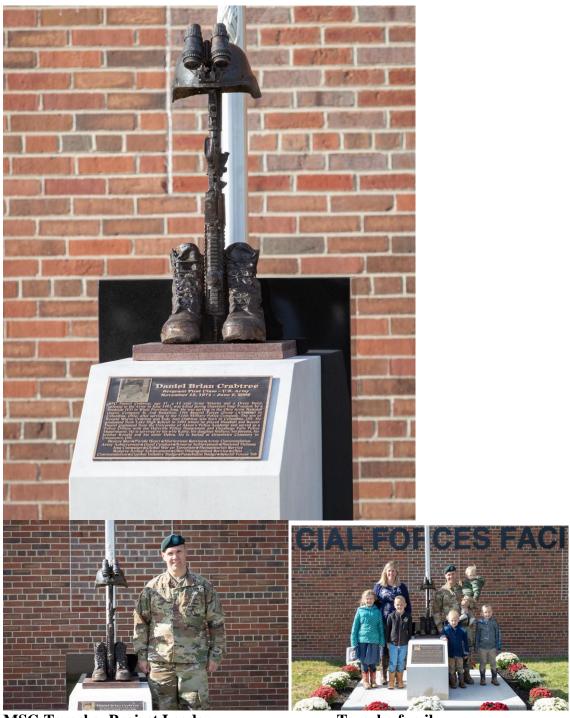


MG Harris speaking at ceremony.



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MSG Taraska, Project Leader

Taraska family

The ceremony was attended by SFC Crabtree's family. Chapter member MSG Philip Taraska was the project leader and master of ceremony, SFC Crabtree's father and Frank LaRose, Ohio



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Secretary of State and ODA teammate of Crabtree were guest speakers, MG John Harris, State of Ohio AG, was the inaugural speaker, and SFC Crabtree's daughter, Mallory Crabtree, was the featured speaker.

Over one hundred people attended the event including several retired GOs and over 20 members of SFA 45. This was a remarkable number of attendees, considering this was not a drill weekend for the unit,

Members of the Crabtree family unveiled the signage that designates the new name of Bravo Company's facility, then they unveiled the memorial monument.

b. Motorcycle Freedom Ride 15 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.

c. 3 Gun Shoot 2023

The event netted \$19,000 in sponsor gifts plus \$4100 in registration fees.



Competitors and support personnel 3 Gun Shoot September 2022.

8. HOME VISITS TO MEMBERS.

Jim King narrowly escaped death during pre-surgical administration of anesthesia. He had a heart attack and was resuscitated. He was released from the hospital ten days later and is recovering at home under the care of his ex-wife. Also, Jim has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is in his seventh week of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.



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Kevin Colwell, Terry Simmons, and Roger Hobson are all well following Hurricane Ian, which damaged all their properties in Florida.

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

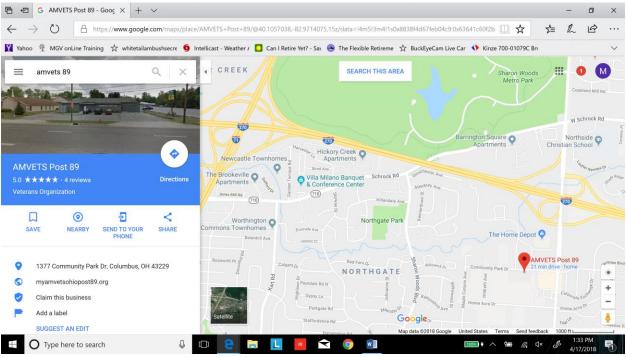
7 November at the Hofbräuhaus Newport, KY **10 November** at the AMVETS Post 89, Columbus.

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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10. 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.

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 May 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-

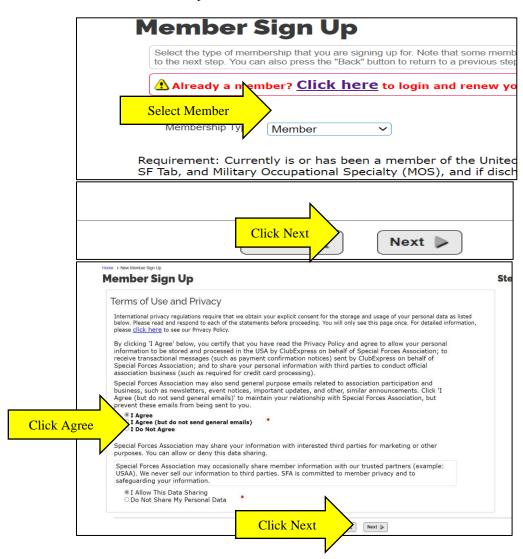




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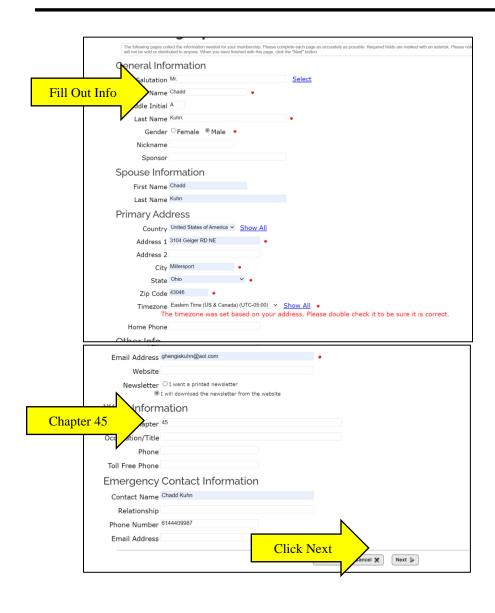
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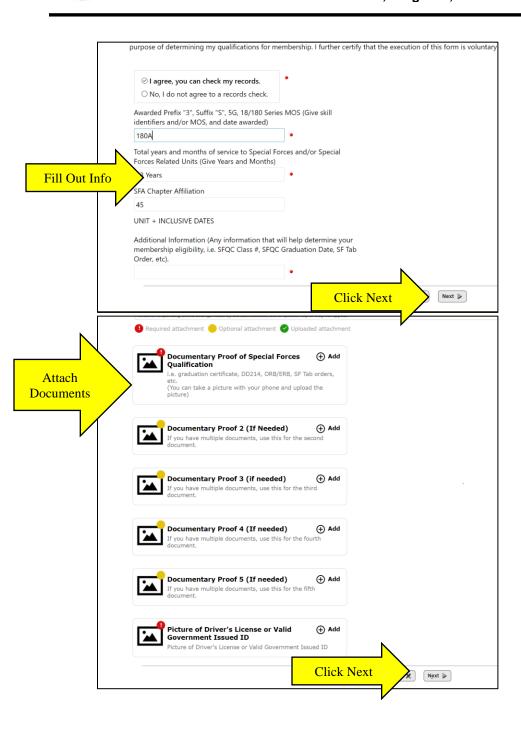


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