



# THE GLOBAL SOF FOUNDATION

## FACT SHEET

MARCH 2019

### The GSF MISSION:

The Global Special Operations Forces (SOF) Foundation (GSF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to build and grow an international network of military, government, commercial, and educational stakeholders in order to advance SOF capabilities and partnerships to confront global and networked threats.



### The GSF IS:

- The premier professional association for SOF and their supporters.
- Member and Partner-run.
- Focused on global SOF issues and communities.

### The GSF IS NOT:

- The GSF is NOT a philanthropic organization.
- The GSF is NOT a lobbying organization.
- The GSF does NOT speak for any government.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**2000+** Individual Members  
from **59** Partner Nations

**89** Corporate Partners

**90.5%** of Income Directly  
Funds GSF Programming

**4.75** Years Active

**5** Full-Time Employees

### GSF MEMBERSHIP

Individual members include active duty and retired military and police, government civilians, and representatives from industry, academia, and non-profits.

### FREE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & POLICE

#### Membership Perks Include:

- Access to Online Directory
- Discounted Event Entry Fees
- GSF Newsletter Subscription
- GSF Member Toolkit Access



### SOF FOR LIFE

SOF for Life programs help prepare transitioning SOF personnel above what the government provides. It consists of three valuable pillars:

#### Educate

Academic programs and training courses designed specifically for SOF

#### Employ

Meaningful careers for elite warriors after their active duty service

#### Energize

Advocating for SOF resourcing and capabilities on a global level

Learn More:

[www.sofforlife.org](http://www.sofforlife.org)

#SOFforLife

### CONNECT WITH THE GSF!



<http://bit.ly/GSFconnect>

The GSF is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit, EIN # 46-3930409





# GROWING A SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMUNITY THROUGH IMPACTFUL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS THAT:



## CONVENE

Global SOF to  
Discuss and Plan  
for the Future

## CONNECT

Government,  
Industry &  
Academia

## DISCUSS

International SOF  
Issues with the  
Community

## BUILD

Relationships  
through Recurring  
Engagements

## OPPORTUNITIES IN 2019

20  
MAY  
19

**Annual Tampa Reception**, 20 MAY 2019, Tampa, FL  
presented by Bank of America Merrill Lynch

2018: 782 Attendees

[bit.ly/19TPA](http://bit.ly/19TPA)

1-3  
OCT  
19

**Global SOF Symposium - Belgium**, 1-3 OCT 2019, Brussels, Belgium

2018: 401 Attendees, 30 Nations

[GlobalSOFSymposium.org/belgium](http://GlobalSOFSymposium.org/belgium)

20-22  
NOV  
19

**Modern Warfare Symposium & Expo**, 19-22 NOV 2019, Ft. Bragg, NC

2018: 449 Attendees, 17 Nations

[GlobalSOFSymposium.org/mws](http://GlobalSOFSymposium.org/mws)

2  
DEC  
19

**GSF Huddle at IITSEC**, 2 DEC 2019, Orlando, FL

2018: 125 Attendees

[gsof.org/events](http://gsof.org/events)

SPRING  
20

**Global SOF Symposium - US**, Spring 2020, Tampa, FL

2018: 458 Attendees, 26 Nations

[GlobalSOFSymposium.org/us](http://GlobalSOFSymposium.org/us)

Other events include lunches at the PEO-STRI PALT, Partner Field Trips, and informal GSF Huddles. Follow our event page online to stay up-to-date:

[gsof.org/events](http://gsof.org/events)

## GOVERNING BODIES

The **Board of Directors** has fiduciary responsibility, steering the GSF to ensure sustainable, ethical, and legal governance and financial policies.

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**Mr. Stuart Bradin**

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**Mr. Al Di Leonardo**

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**Dr. Keenan Yoho**

The **Advisory Council** is comprised of leaders from the international defense community who provide guidance and support to the Foundation staff.

**MajGen (Ret.) Mark Clark**

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**Lt Gen (Ret.) Tom Trask**

**Mr. Keith Masback**

**CAPT (Ret.) Stephen Wisotzki**

**His Excellency Juan Carlos Pinzón**

## NATIONS REPRESENTED

Australia

Austria

Bangladesh

Belgium

Brazil

Bulgaria

Canada

Colombia

Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

Georgia

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Iraq

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Japan

Jordan

Latvia

Lebanon

Lithuania

Mexico

Nigeria

Norway

Pakistan

Poland

Portugal

Qatar

Republic of Korea

Romania

Saudi Arabia

Singapore

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

The Netherlands

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom

United States