

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

LEGACY MEMBERSHIP

I. BACKGROUND

The mission of the Special Operations Association Foundation (SOAF) is “To assist members of the Special Operations community in fostering the well-being of its members, families, and survivors.” To that end, one of the goals of the Foundation is to support the Special Operations community through outreach opportunities.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the establishment of the Legacy Membership is to allow those who do not qualify for membership in the Special Operations Association (SOA) an opportunity to join the Special Operations community and participate in the functions of the SOA and SOAF.

III. POLICY

Therefore, it is the policy of the SOAF, and supported by the Foundation’s Code of Regulations, to establish a membership category to achieve this goal.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Membership

1. Membership shall be restricted to relatives of General, Associate, Operational Associate, Honorary members who are in good standing, friends, and supporters of the SOA.

2. Relative will be defined as SPOUSE, CHILD BY BIRTH, ADOPTION OR MARRIAGE, GRANDCHILD, SIBLING, IN-LAW, AUNTS AND UNCLES OF A GENERAL MEMBER OF THE SOA. And must show lineage. Potential LEGACY members will be vetted by the Membership Committee.

3. Friends and supporters of the SOA will have been recommended by an SOA member in good standing and approved by the ~~SOAF BOT~~ LEGACY MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

3. The privileges of a Legacy Membership shall include such items as receiving the SOA newsletter, ~~attendance~~ REGISTRATION at the Special Operations Association Reunion without a sponsor, ability to participate in committee work, AND ATTENDANCE AT SOAF AND LEGACY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

4. Removal of a Legacy Member?????????

A. CONSIDERATION OF A LEGACY MEMBER SHALL BE INITIATED BY THE NOTIFICATION BY A LEGACY MEMBER OR SOA MEMBER (OF ANY CATEGORY) OF PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO THE MEMBER IN QUESTION

B. THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE NOTIFICATION AND MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE SOAF BOT

BASED ON REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE CASE, THE BOT WILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION FOR REMOVAL OF THE MEMBER. THE DECISION OF THE BOT IS FINAL.

C. NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A LETTER TO THE FORMER MEMBER SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

B. Legacy Membership Committee

1. A Legacy Membership Committee shall be established to oversee the administration of the membership and other business AS MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

2. A Committee Chair shall be appointed by the SOAF Board of Trustees (BOT).

3. The Committee shall consist of the Chair of the committee, one member of the SOAF BOT, the SOAF Executive Director, and a community member associated with the Special Operations community.

C. Duties of the Chair

1. Develop the membership application and procedure for approval to include coordination with the SOA Membership committee.

2. Establish a membership fee structure in coordination with the committee and approved by the SOAF BOT.

3. Develop a data base to track members and report to the BOT quarterly.

4. Coordinate with the Treasurer of the SOAF, WHO SHALL HOLD THE FUNDS OF THE LEGACY MEMBERSHIP.

5. Communicate with other committees of the SOA regarding privileges afforded to the Legacy Members to include the SOA newsletter, SOAR, and any opportunities that might arise.

6. Host an annual LEGACY MEMBERSHIP meeting at the Special Operations Association Reunion (SOAR).

7. Assign sub-committees from time to time to address the needs of the Legacy Members, SOA, and the SOAF.

8. COORDINATE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WITH THE SOAF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.