

# **EMPOWERING SOF THROUGH GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP**

## Why is the Global SOF Foundation necessary?

The world is growing more volatile, unpredictable, and threatening. The conduct of war continues to shift: from large-scale clashes between nations to those characterized by unconventional methods, as well as long-term engagements with and against non-state transnational groups.

Countering these globally networked threats requires a global "good-guy" network that can innovate and operate at speeds that traditional governments cannot. The Global SOF Foundation (GSF), a non-profit organization, is forging this "good-guy" network among the world's special operations forces (SOF). It brings together military, government, industry, and intellectual leaders from around the world for the purpose of advancing the capability and efficacy of SOF.

### What does the Global SOF Foundation do?

The GSF fills a critical gap in the national security discourse: linking like-minded public and private entities to increase understanding of the role that Special Operations can play in addressing global security challenges, especially those emanating from unconventional and transnational sources.

The GSF is not a traditional charity but the only professional association for SOF dedicated to advocating for SOF globally.

Specifically, the GSF:

- Hosts unique networking events in the U.S. and overseas
- Convenes annual Global SOF Symposia in the U.S. and overseas
- Publishes regular newsletters, website content, and other distributed media on issues related to special operations
- Educates global policymakers to ensure SOF maintain a comparative advantage and are resourced for success
- Supports the transition of SOF personnel to civilian life through SOF for Life programs
- Works to identify cutting-edge technologies; future concepts; and innovations in training and education in order to advance the current and future force, and support international SOF partners

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### Why should a company join the Global SOF Foundation?

- Grow its network, both business-to-business as well as business-to-government/military (including operators)
- Associate its brand with SOF and increase its exposure to the global SOF community through the GSF website, newsletters, social media, and events
- Gain exclusive access to resumes of former SOF personnel for recruitment through the SOF for Life program
- Obtain individual memberships and complimentary event registrations for a certain number of employees
- Enjoy partner-only events and rates for GSF programs as well as access to the online, searchable member directory
- Secure corporate logo placement on GSF website, newsletter, and event signage
- Support an advocacy organization that offers active duty military and police free membership -- on a global scale
- Participate in the Foundation's governing structure as noted in table below



#### FEE SCHEDULE AND MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	STRATEGIC PARTNER	SUSTAINING PARTNER	PATRON SMALL BUSINESS PARTNER#	SMALL BUSINESS PARTNER	ACADEMIC PARTNER
FIRST YEAR ENROLLMENT	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
ANNUAL SUSTAINMENT	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	10	8	5	3	25
COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION AT DESIGNATED ANNUAL FORUM	6	5	3	2	2

#### **GSF COMMITTEE VOTING STRUCTURE**

STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Participate*	Participate*	Participate*	Participate*	Participate
OUTREACH COMMITTEE	Vote	Vote	Vote**	Participate	Vote
PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE	Vote	Participate	Participate	Participate	Participate
CAPABILITIES COMMITTEE	Vote	Vote	Vote**	Participate	Participate
SMALL BUSINESS Advisory committee			Vote	Vote	

<sup>\*</sup>Patron Small Business Partners are those companies with less than 1,500 employees but more than \$38.5M annual revenue.

The Strategic Advisory Committee shall be comprised of representatives from all of the Founding Partners as well as one representative from each of the Strategic, Sustaining, Patron, and Small Business tiers These tier representatives will serve on a rotational basis, with new representatives selected annually.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Patron Partners elect to vote on either the Outreach or the Capabilities Committee.