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POLICY OR PRECEDENT

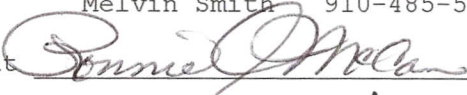

SUBJECT:
Honorary Membership

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POLICY NUMBER	ORIGINATING SECTION	ORIGINATOR	PHONE NUMBER
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1. **PURPOSE:** To establish Special Forces Association policy for Honorary Membership.
 2. **SCOPE:** This policy applies to all members within the Association and is governed by Article IV Membership, Section II Qualifications for types of Membership, Paragraph D Honorary Member.
 3. **GENERAL:** The Membership Committee, upon approval of a majority of the Board of Officers voting and a quorum present, may confer Honorary membership to a person who has contributed significantly to the Special Forces and who would add to the prestige of the Association. This type of membership is normally in effect for the life of the person. An exception to this rule is made for the Commander, United States Army Special Forces Command. He is given an Honorary membership and holds the position of Honorary President of the Association for the period of his assignment as Commander. This official title is formally presented honoring his position within the Association. Honorary membership may not be granted to any person fully qualified to be a member as specified in Article IV, Section II, Paragraphs B and C of the SFA Constitution.
 4. **PROCEDURE:**
 - a. Any member may recommend for Honorary membership an individual who is not otherwise eligible to be a member of the Association as described in the SFA Constitution.
 - b. To recommend an individual for Honorary membership, a letter must be submitted to the National board outline the individuals qualifications, contributions to the Special Forces Community, the Special Forces Association, and other factors that would make an individual a candidate for Honorary member.
 - c. The recommendation will be submitted to National HQ in writing (no email submissions authorized) for consideration.
 - d. The Membership Committee will review the request and then submit the request with recommendation to the National Board of Officers.
 - e. National Board of Officers will review the recommendation at its next regularly held meeting. The Board may approve the recommendation by a majority vote of the Board. The member submitting the recommendation will be notified by the Secretary of the Boards decision.

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f. If approved, the membership committee will be notified of the appropriate decision and process the individual for membership.

g. Honorary members will be sent a certificate of membership, given a Honorary membership card designating Honorary member status and added to the mailing list for the Association.

5. CHAPTER HONORARY MEMBERS:

a. Chapters have the authority to honor persons not qualified for any type of regular Association membership, with chapter Honorary membership for outstanding support of the chapter and its objectives.

b. This authority is given by National Headquarters 11 December 1987 with the following limitations:

(1) Chapters may provide letters to the selected persons but no cards or certificates can be issued. Certificates may be issued for sponsorship only.

(2) The selected person(s) may receive chapter newsletters but may not receive any literature from National to include the Drop.

(3) Chapters are responsible to provide the safeguards necessary to insure that the selected person(s) are reliable and have good backgrounds.

(4) Chapter Honorary Members are not allowed to display or wear any Association Pins, Badges or authorized Headgear. The Chapter cannot assess them dues.