

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

POLICY OR PRECEDENT

SUBJECT:
Legal Defense Fund

DATE: 1 January 2009

POLICY NUMBER	ORIGINATING SECTION	ORIGINATOR	PHONE NUMBER
SFA-17	Assistant Treasurer	Kenneth Cannon	910-485-5433

APPROVED: Ronnie A. McCan, President

Melvin H Smith, Secretary

1. **PURPOSE:** The Special Forces Association Legal Fund is designed to provide one-time assistance to Special Forces Soldiers who have criminal charges pending during times of conflicts/wars.

2. **SCOPE:** The fund was established to support current and in good standing members of the Special Forces Groups. The amount of the contribution is uniform and is based on fund balances. The extent of support is limited to available funding.

a. The SFA Legal Fund is a separate account that derives its monies from contributions of members, chapters, and interested parties and corporations.

b. A three-member panel appointed by the President and approved by the National Board of Officers will review all requests for support from the fund and make a recommendation to the Board to approve or disapprove a request. The final decision to provide assistance is the responsibility of the Board of Officers.

c. Checks should be made payable to the "SFA Legal Fund" and mailed to SFA, ATTN: Legal Funds, PO Box 41436, Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436.

3. **GENERAL:** The Special Forces Association, by making a donation from this fund, does not determine guilt or innocence, nor does it establish any particular position on the case by the SFA. Support from this fund does not constitute any further action from the Special Forces Association nor obligate the SFA, its members, or any of the Board of Officers for further commitments or monies. The Special Forces Association Board of Officers has approval authority over the expenditure of funds and cannot exceed the account balance.

4. Questions may be directed to National Headquarters at (910) 485-5433 or hq@specialforcesassociation.org.