

# SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL FORCES FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

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A 501(c)3 non-profit Public Charity 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

**"THE GREEN BERET"**

**A SYMBOL OF EXCELLENCE, A BADGE OF COURAGE, AND A MARK OF DISTINCTION IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

The mission of the South Carolina Special Forces Foundation is seven fold:

- To provide innovative, educational outreach programs in unconventional settings that focus on leadership, teambuilding, history and citizenship to public and private middle and high schools throughout the State of South Carolina and eventually to pass this instructional information and techniques to other Special Forces Association Chapters throughout the Continental United States and abroad.
- In honor of First Sergeant Thomas McLemore (deceased), The Special Forces Foundations JROTC/ROTC Award for Excellence, (Medal and Ribbon) and the MG Robert Frederick Award for Leadership (V-42), recognizes an outstanding cadet in the Junior and Senior ROTC program in as many high school or colleges within South Carolina. The award is not limited to Army cadets, but cadets in Navy, Air Force, and Marine programs as well. Who gets the award is determined by the Senior Instructors (JROTC) or Professors of Military Science (ROTC) at the secondary or post-secondary school.
- To Support the Brigadier General (Ret) Ross E. Beard Jr., Memorial Fund for the purpose of honoring the life and history of this great South Carolinian and Soldier; and to establish a Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide for a Tuition Scholarships for South Carolina students in his memory primarily in the more rural areas of South Carolina as per his request.
- To assist Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant South Carolina to develop and assist in funding of a United States Army Special Forces display depicting and honoring the Montagnard (Dega Peoples) that fought and died during the Vietnam War.
- To raise several funding sources to conduct interviews (Audio Histories) of Special Forces Soldiers since the inception of those units recognized by the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Regiment in conjunction with the Oral History programs conducted by the University of South Carolina
- To provide financial assistance and aid to active duty and retired Special Forces soldiers whenever the need arises and funding is available. This funding will be provided through other approved and vetted 501(c) 3 and/or 501(c) 19 non-profit organizations.
- In conjunction with SSOAR Consulting® Group to provide post military job placement to South Carolina businesses in Technical, Supervisory, Managerial and Executive positions for Special Forces/Operations soldiers, female and male and/or their children, thereby enhancing the professional level of employees in businesses throughout South Carolina.

The Foundation will accomplish these mission goals by establishing long-term relationships with South Carolina business and educational organizations. As a non-profit Public Charity the Foundation intends to manage its funding to insure that a minimum of 90% of the funding obtained will be utilized directly in support of the seven fold mission as outlined above.

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