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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**THE GREEN BERET FOUNDATION IS A NON-PROFIT, 501(C) 3 ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL RESOURCES, IMMEDIATE NEED SUPPLIES, CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE, AND EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO WOUNDED, ILL AND INJURED GREEN BERETS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND GREEN BERET KILLED IN ACTION FAMILIES. WE OPERATE WITH HIGH EFFICIENCY IN THE MOST CHALLENGING SPECIAL OPERATIONS ENVIRONMENT, MITIGATING THE BURDEN OF AMERICA'S MOST ELITE WARRIORS, AND FACILITATING THEIR RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY OR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE. FROM COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS IN 2009, WE HAVE MET CRITICAL NEEDS FOR HUNDREDS OF GREEN BERETS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**A STRONG NEED EXISTS WITHIN THE U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES TAILORED TO THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THESE GREEN BERETS AND THEIR FAMILIES. TO BE CERTAIN, THE U.S. ARMY DOES PROVIDE A HIGH LEVEL OF CARE FOR ALL WOUNDED OR ILL SOLDIERS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ASSIGNMENT. YET MANY OF THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE GREEN BERETS HAVE REMAINED UNFULFILLED. CERTAIN OF THOSE RELATE TO DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH CASUALTIES, EXTENDED TRAINING IN EXCESS OF TWO YEARS PRIOR TO EARNING THE GREEN BERET, AND BEARING THE BURDEN OF OPERATIONAL AND SOCIAL CONFIDENTIALITY WHICH OFTEN ISOLATES THEIR FAMILIES FROM THE ARMY COMMUNITY AT LARGE.**

**AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE, WE IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE A CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE BEDSIDE TO OFFSET UNPREDICTABLE EXPENSES, AND A RUCK PACKED WITH NON-TRIVIAL ESSENTIALS. WE ENGAGE AND REMAIN ENGAGED WITH THAT FAMILY. DEPENDING UPON THE INDIVIDUAL NEED, WE MAY PROVIDE OTHER ONGOING SERVICES INCLUDING TRAVEL EXPENSES, LODGING, AND OTHER EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. OUR STEEL MAGNOLIAS GROUP PROVIDES A STABLE AND EXPERIENCED SUPPORT PLATFORM FOR GREEN BERET WIVES, AND THE GBF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WIA GREEN BERET CHILDREN. WE ALSO PROVIDE RESOURCE GUIDANCE AND FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT ADDRESSING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, PROSTHETICS, AND FAMILY COUNSELING.**

**THE U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND, HEADQUARTERED AT FT. BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, IS REPRESENTED BY FIVE ACTIVE DUTY GROUPS AND TWO NATIONAL GUARD GROUPS. OUR FOCUS IS THE WOUNDED, ILL AND KIA GREEN BERETS WHO CONSTITUTE THESE GROUPS. WHILE SECURITY CONCERNS MAY PRECLUDE DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN STATISTICAL DATA, IT IS ACCURATE TO CONSIDER THAT SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF HOSTILITIES IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR MANY HUNDREDS OF GREEN BERETS HAVE BEEN KILLED, WOUNDED, SERIOUSLY INJURED OR BECOME ILL AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THIS WAR. DUE TO THE GLOBAL POSITION OF THE ENEMY AND THEIR CONSTANTLY RE-STATED GOALS OF KILLING AMERICANS WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES, IT IS UNFORTUNATE BUT ESSENTIAL TO CONSIDER THAT A MEANINGFUL REDUCTION IN CASUALTIES DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE HORIZON.**

**THE GREEN BERET FOUNDATION IS UNIQUELY EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES EFFECTIVELY BECAUSE WE ARE LEAD AND STAFFED BY GREEN BERETS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING THAT CORE STRUCTURE. MOREOVER, MANY OF THOSE WHO WORK WITH US HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN WOUNDED, OR ARE THE SPOUSE OF A WOUNDED GREEN BERET.**

**ALTHOUGH WE MOST CERTAINLY PROVIDE OUR SERVICES TO QUALIFIED GREEN BERETS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITHOUT CONDITIONS, WE BELIEVE STRONGLY IN THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-RELIANCE. WE PROVIDE OUR SERVICES FROM A GREEN BERET PERSPECTIVE AND MINDSET THAT ENCOURAGES ONE TO ADAPT, OVERCOME AND GET BACK TO LIVING AND CONTRIBUTING. OUR SERVICES ARE BASED ON FOUR (4) DEFINED PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO ADAPT AND RESPOND OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THOSE STRUCTURED PROGRAMS, AS THE NEED MAY ARISE. ALTHOUGH WE CAN AND DO RESPOND TO GREEN BERETS GLOBALLY, WE ARE STRATEGICALLY HEADQUARTERED IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, HOME TO SAN ANTONIO MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CENTER FOR THE INTREPID. MANY OF OUR WOUNDED COME HERE FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE USSOCOM CARE COALITION AND HAVE LIAISONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FT. BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, LANDSTUHL, GERMANY, AND IN OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE WOUNDED GREEN BERETS ARE LOCATED. FUNDING TO ENABLE THESE PROGRAMS COMES BOTH FROM PRIVATE AND CORPORATE DONATIONS. WE ALSO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT HOST GBF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.**

**THE GREEN BERET FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN 2009 BY SSG (R) AARON ANDERSON, WHO CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER. DURING A 2006 DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, SSG AARON ANDERSON, 7TH SFG(A), WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY AN IED BLAST. IT WAS DURING HIS LONG RECOVERY THAT AARON RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR THESE SERVICES.**

**MG(R) JAMES "GREG" CHAMPION HAS SERVED AS THE GBF'S CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SINCE AUGUST 2011. HE HAS BEEN ON THE GBF'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS SINCE INCEPTION. MG CHAMPION IS THE FORMER COMMANDER OF 20<sup>TH</sup> SFG (A) AND BEGAN HIS MILITARY CAREER IN 1978. THE MAJOR GENERAL NOT ONLY BRINGS STRONG MILITARY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE TO THE GBF BUT HE IS ALSO A LEADER IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR SERVING AS THE JOINT VENTURE AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES MANAGER FOR PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES.**

**JENNIFER PAQUETTE WAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 2011. SHE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS VICE-PRESIDENT AND COO OF THE GREEN BERET FOUNDATION SINCE 2010 AND HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN EXECUTING EARLY STAGE STRATEGIES AND FORMALIZING OPERATIONS. JEN PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS A PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE USSOCOM CARE COALITION HELPING START AND DEVELOP THE USSOCOM CARE COALITION RECOVERY PROGRAM WHICH CONTINUES TO BE THE CORNERSTONE FOR CARE FOR SOF WARRIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. . HER HUSBAND, SSG (R) ROLAND PAQUETTE, 3RD SFG(A), WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED IN AFGHANISTAN IN 2005, LOSING BOTH LEGS ABOVE THE KNEES.**

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDES 11 EXPERIENCED LEADERS TO INCLUDE SPECIAL FORCES OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS. EACH BOARD MEMBER IS EXPERIENCED, ACTIVE, AND CONSTANTLY ENGAGED IN THE STRATEGIES OF THE GREEN BERET FOUNDATION.**

**THE GREEN BERET FOUNDATION'S ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF A DIVERSE GROUP OF 10 STRONG SUPPORTERS, ADVISORS, AND SPOKESPERSONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THEY GREATLY ENHANCE THE ORGANIZATION'S EFFECTIVENESS, EACH WITH THEIR OWN UNIQUE ABILITIES AND TALENTS.**

**DURING OUR THREE YEARS OF OPERATIONS, THE GREEN BERET FOUNDATION HAS BUILT A STRONG REPUTATION IN THE SPECIAL FORCES COMMUNITY. THE FOUNDATION HAS MATURED AND WE HAVE BEGUN TO ADD KEY PERSONNEL WHO ARE ESSENTIAL TO STRENGTHENING OUR OPERATIONS, ENSURING CONTINUITY OF EFFECTIVE SERVICES, AND ENABLING US TO BUILD A STRONG AND ENDURING OPERATION FOR THE GREEN BERET COMMUNITY.**