

# 5 YEAR//SITREP

FY15 - FY19 SITUATION REPORT



## GLOBAL SOF FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Global Special Operations Forces (SOF) Foundation (GSF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to build and grow an international network of military, government, commercial, and educational stakeholders in order to advance SOF capabilities and partnerships to confront global and networked threats.

## BLUF

- In five years, the GSF has grown into a thriving community centered around impactful networking events, government and industry partnerships, and engaging multinational programs.



GSF President and CEO Stu Bradin recently addressed the community in our first ever video newsletter. To watch, scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera or visit <http://bit.ly/5yearNL>.



# 5 Years of Global SOF

## SITUATION

It's all about who you know.

It may be a common phrase, but at the GSF our network is our core.

We strive to continually add quality organizations and vetted individuals to our defense community.

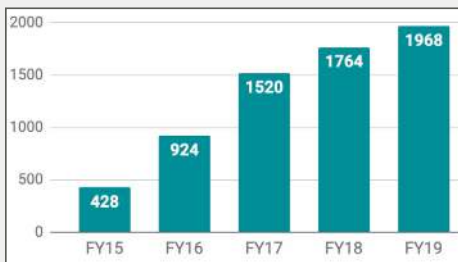
- Individuals with knowledge and experience in the SOF domain.
- Organizations with cutting-edge capabilities that can contribute to the success of our Partner Nation forces.

The GSF is validated by the depth of our network and partnerships with “the good guys” across the globe.

**If you aren't in the network as a GSF Partner or member...join now!**

<http://bit.ly/GSFmember>

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS



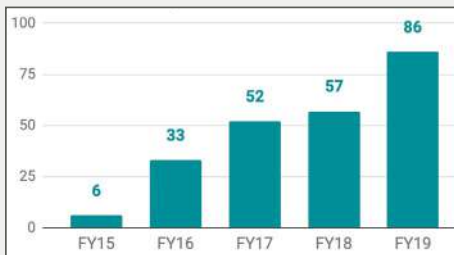
**175**  
Lifetime Members

**55%**  
Active Duty Members



*GSF Members participate in Speed Networking at the 5 Year Anniversary.*

### CORPORATE PARTNERS



**86**  
Corporate Partners

**6**  
Partner-Run Committees

### INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

**59**  
Nations Represented



### BEYOND NUMBERS

2018-2019

Partnered with U.S. Treasury Department for Counter Threat Finance Project

2018-2019

MOU signed with USASOC for Modern Warfare Symposiums

2019-2020

Partnered with U.S. Under SECDEF for Intelligence for Multinational Intelligence Study

### HIGH-LEVEL SPEAKERS

The GSF has been proud to have hundreds of impressive speakers participate in events, including:



HRH Major General  
Princess Aisha  
bint Hussein, JOR



Admiral  
William H.  
McRaven, USA



General  
Benoît Puga,  
FRA



General Sir  
Adrian Bradshaw,  
GBR



President  
Klaus Iohannis,  
ROU



**NOT A MEMBER OF THIS ELITE NETWORK? Join online today at [www.GSOF.org](http://www.GSOF.org).**

Active Duty Military & Police: **FREE**

1-Year: **\$25**




3-Year: **\$50**

Lifetime: **\$500**



# ACTIONS TO DATE

Through formal and informal events, continuous digital communication, and an engaged GSF team, we have seen significant growth in our portfolio of networking opportunities, roster of elite Corporate Partners, and active individual members.

<p><b>FY15</b> 1 MAY 14 - 30 JUN 15</p> 	<p>2 Employees   6 Founding Partners   428 Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 2014: Incorporated in the State of Florida Bruce Parkman elected Chairman of the Board</li> <li>May 2014: Formal Launch at SOFIC</li> <li>Oct 2014: West Coast Reception</li> <li>Nov 2014: 1st NCR Reception</li> <li>Feb 2015: 1st Global SOF Symposium - US</li> <li>May 2015: 1 Year Anniversary at SOFIC</li> </ul>
<p><b>FY16</b> 1 JUL 15 - 30 JUN 16</p> 	<p>3 Employees   33 Corporate Partners   924 Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nov 2015: 2nd NCR Reception</li> <li>Feb 2016: 2nd Global SOF Symposium - US</li> <li>May 2016: 3rd Employee Hired - Dir. of Partner Relations</li> <li>May 2016: 2 Year Anniversary at SOFIC</li> </ul>
<p><b>FY17</b> 1 JUL 16 - 30 JUN 17</p> 	<p>3 Employees   52 Corporate Partners   1,520 Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sep 2016: 4th Employee Hired - Dir. of Marketing</li> <li>Oct 2016: 1st European Symposium (Lithuania)</li> <li>Nov 2016: 3rd NCR Reception</li> <li>Nov 2016: 1st Skillbridge Fellow</li> <li>Jan 2017: Peter Bergen elected Chairman of the Board</li> <li>Feb 2017: 3rd Global SOF Symposium - US</li> <li>May 2017: 3 Year Anniversary at SOFIC</li> </ul>
<p><b>FY18</b> 1 JUL 17 - 30 JUN 18</p> 	<p>4 Employees   57 Corporate Partners   1,764 Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept 2017: 2nd Europe Symposium (Romania)</li> <li>Nov 2017: 4th NCR Reception, incl. 1st SOF Policy Forum</li> <li>Feb 2018: 4th Global SOF Symposium - US</li> <li>Mar 2018: 2nd Skillbridge Fellow</li> <li>May 2018: 4 Year Anniversary at SOFIC</li> </ul>
<p><b>FY19</b> 1 JUL 18 - 30 JUN 19</p> 	<p>6 Employees   86 Corporate Partners   1,968 Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aug 2018: 1st Modern Warfare Symposium &amp; Expo</li> <li>Sept 2018: 3rd European Symposium (Spain)</li> <li>Nov 2018: 5th Employee Hired - Membership Services</li> <li>Nov 2018: 5th NCR Reception, incl. SOF Policy Forum</li> <li>Jan 2019: Launch of SOFspot, the Global SOF Podcast</li> <li>Mar 2019: 5th Global SOF Symposium - US</li> <li>Apr 2019: 6th Employee Hired - Dir. of Military Relations</li> <li>May 2019: 5 Year Anniversary at SOFIC</li> </ul>



**NEW GSF USER PORTAL LAUNCHED MAR '19**  
Online hub for all things GSF at [my.gssof.org](http://my.gssof.org)



**GROWING PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE GLOBE**  
Industry & government relationships in partner nations

# ACTIONS TO BE COMPLETED

## MAJOR EVENTS

- **Global SOF Symposium - Belgium** | 1 - 3 OCT 19 | Brussels, Belgium | [GlobalSOFsymposium.org/europe](http://GlobalSOFsymposium.org/europe)
- **Modern Warfare Symposium** | 19-22 NOV 19 | Ft. Bragg, NC | [GlobalSOFsymposium.org/mws](http://GlobalSOFsymposium.org/mws)
- **Annual Tampa Reception** | 11 MAY 20 | Tampa, FL | [my.gsof.org/upcoming-events](http://my.gsof.org/upcoming-events)

## HUDDLES & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

To keep our reach wide and network strong, the GSF continues to add informal gatherings and discussions to the calendar. Highlights:

- 17 SEP** **GSF Huddle in DC**, Washington, DC
- 18 SEP** **SOF Policy Forum**, Washington, DC [Invite Only]
- 06 NOV** **GSF Huddle at SWORDS**, Tampa, FL
- 02 DEC** **GSF Huddle at I/ITSEC**, Orlando, FL
- 10 DEC** **Joint Holiday Social**, Tampa, FL

Stay up-to-date on the schedule & RSVP: <http://bit.ly/gsofevents>

## INAUGURAL SOF IMPERATIVES POLICY FORUM IN D.C.

In other exciting news, the GSF recently partnered with Navigators Global for support in educating policymakers about the needs of U.S. SOF. This will enable growth and wider distribution of the annual SOF Imperatives document, and its release in 2020 will be accompanied by a forum on The Hill.

**12 FEB 20** | **Washington, DC**

## MODERN WARFARE DEMO DAYS IN N.C.

New in 2019, the GSF is hosting a hands-on Demo Days opportunity outside of Ft. Bragg, NC, in the days leading up to the Modern Warfare Symposium.

- Live-fire range lanes will be open for both night and day demos
- 2km of vehicle test track
- Helicopter Landing Zone (HLZ)

Learn more in this video at:

<http://bit.ly/19MWSvideo>



## MAINTAIN COMMS

Attending events is the best way to stay engaged with the GSF, but we have plenty of other outlets to keep everyone informed:



### BLOG

Read about everything we're up to, what's coming next, and what's important to SOF from the POV of our Team & Partners.

[www.gsof.org/blog](http://www.gsof.org/blog)



### PODCAST

SOFspot, our new podcast, dives into topics ranging from military transition to urban warfare to war stories with guests from the community.

[www.sofspot.org](http://www.sofspot.org)



### VIDEOS

Subscribe to our YouTube channel to get videos focused on our events, our team, and the capabilities of our industry and government partners.

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### SOCIAL MEDIA

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[bit.ly/GSFconnect](http://bit.ly/GSFconnect)



### EMAIL

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