



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Thank you for your interest in the Special Operations Association. This application may be mailed or completed online at www.specialoperations.org.

The SOA By-Laws defines two types of SOA Members: General and Associate. Operational Associate is a distinction conferred on non-US Armed Forces members that support the General Member category. Review the Membership criteria on page 2 and check the type you are applying for below:

GENERAL ASSOCIATE OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATE. If you do not qualify for General, will you accept another type? Y N

A. CONTACT INFORMATION				
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	MIDDLE NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP+4	
PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL		
DATE OF BIRTH	SSN	SERVICE NUMBER		
B. EMERGENCY CONTACT OR NEXT OF KIN (NOK)				
FIRST/LAST NAME, ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL
C. QUALIFICATION(S): Unit must be an SOA approved unit. (See list at www.specialoperations.org) Attach documentation specific to the unit. Use additional sheets as necessary to support your application.				
BRANCH OF SERVICE	QUALIFYING UNIT(S) MUST be an SOA approved unit	DATES	DUTY & MOS	LOCATION
D. SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: I am a General Member of the SOA in good standing. I hereby certify that I have firsthand knowledge, ie , boots on the ground, and attest that the applicant named heron meets the requirements for membership in the SOA and thereby recommend he be accepted as a, GENERAL, ASSOCIATE, or OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATE (<u>circle one</u>).				
Print Sponsor's Name	SOA#	Phone	Sponsor's Signature	Date:
E. APPLICANTS OATH: I affirm that the information submitted is true, correct, and voluntarily given. I grant permission to the Membership Committee to review my application and documentation for inclusion in the Special Operations Association.				
Applicant's signature:				Date:

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- I The preferred application method is online at www.specialoperations.org. Applicants may also mail the application and documents to: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PO Box 335461 N. Las Vegas NV 89033
- II **DOCUMENTATION** - Compiling documentation is solely the responsibility of the applicant. The SOA assumes no responsibility for finding documentation or sponsorship for any applicant.
- III **INSTRUCTIONS** - Read the Membership Criteria below before submitting the application.
1. Attach additional sheets as required. Provide enough detail for the Membership Committee to understand your qualifications.
 2. A \$35.00 **non-refundable** application fee, made payable to the SOA is required with the application.
 3. If you have any questions or need additional information:
 - Visit the SOA website www.specialoperations.org
 - Email the Committee: membership@specialoperations.org.
- V. **MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA** - The SOA By-Laws defines two types of SOA Members: General and Associate. Operational Associate is a distinction conferred on non-US Armed Forces members that support the General Member category.
- A General Member
1. Basic requirements:
 - A Veteran or member of the U.S. Armed Forces
 - Served in a Special Operations Unit as approved by this Association
 - Has conducted Special Operations as an operational combat element or provided direct support to the operational combat element in an operational role within an assigned Area of Operations.
 - Routine or normal duty while on this assignment must have placed the applicant in direct threat/exposure to hostile fire.
 2. Documentation includes, but not limited to, Sponsorship by a General member of the SOA; DD214, Awards, Orders.
- B Associate Member
1. Basic requirements
 - A Veteran or member of a U.S. Armed Forces
 - Supported the conduct of an approved Special Operations unit in a non-operational support role.
 2. Documentation includes, but not limited to, Sponsorship by a General member of the SOA; DD214, Awards, Orders.
- C Operational Associate
1. Basic requirements
 - Non-US Armed Forces members and Paramilitary personnel who serve or support the US Armed Forces Special Operations Units.
 2. Documentation includes sponsorship by a General member of the SOA and an abbreviated biography of the candidate.