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Green Beret Foundation Director of Operations, Frances Arias, Selected for the Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program

The George W. Bush Institute's prestigious program focused on expanding the skills of those who serve our Nation's veterans.

SAN ANTONIO, TX. – June 7, 2022 – [The Green Beret Foundation](#) (GBF) announced today that Frances Arias, their Director of Operations, has been selected as a Scholar for the George W. Bush Institute [Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program](#). This initiative focuses on broadening the knowledge base and influence of individuals who serve veterans in their communities. As part of this program, Frances will start a five-month commitment in June and end in October, collaborating with numerous globally recognized and distinguished leaders, professionals, and experts in post-9/11 veteran transition and leadership development. The program will conclude with a final session and capstone event at the Bush Center in October.

"It's an incredible honor to have Frances be a part of such a prestigious program. She has been an invaluable member of GBF's maturation and growth over the past seven years. This is a wonderful recognition of her professional expertise and selfless leadership within the veteran community," says Brent Cooper, Executive Director of GBF.

Arias is GBF's first staff member to be selected for this program. Deeply passionate about veterans' and military families' issues, she is involved in numerous programs and advocacy organizations focused on empowering veterans and their families with the necessary tools to succeed at every stage of their lives.

"It's a great opportunity to be part of such an impactful program at the Bush Institute. Working with distinguished individuals to create change for our veteran communities is exciting. I look forward to applying what I learn to GBF to continue its relentless work of improving the lives of Green Berets, their families, and the U. S. Army Special Forces Regiment," stated Arias.

She is active in organizations such as NDIA Women in Defense, Women in International Security, Global SOF Foundation, Intelligence, National Security Alliance, and the Society of Military History. Arias earned the distinction of becoming a member of the Forbes Nonprofit Council. She is an advisor for the Special Forces Neurosurgery Collaborative and mentor for Girl Security. A native Texan, Arias holds a B.A. in Political Science from McMurry University and dual Master's degrees from American Military University in Asymmetrical Warfare and Strategic Intelligence.

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About the Green Beret Foundation

The Green Beret Foundation (GBF) provides U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers and their families with emergency, immediate, and ongoing support. GBF assists over 5,000 Special Forces families each year. Since its inception in 2009, GBF has invested 85%, or 85 cents of every dollar, into its programs and services, totaling over \$17 million in directly supporting the U.S. Army Special Forces Regiment and its families. GBF is the only nonprofit solely dedicated to supporting Green Berets and their families that have achieved a 4-Star Rating with Charity Navigator. Also, GBF is the only Special Operations nonprofit that is accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of preparing, filing, and appealing disability claims. For more information, visit greenberetfoundation.org or on social media at @GreenBeretFoundation.

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