FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Green Beret Foundation Expands Reach with Strategic Addition of Bennie Adkins Foundation, Offering Enhanced Scholarship Opportunities for the Special Forces Community

San Antonio, Texas, January 10, 2024 – The <u>Green Beret Foundation</u>, a leading organization dedicated to supporting U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers and their families, is pleased to announce the strategic addition of the <u>Bennie Adkins Foundation</u>. This strategic move aims to strengthen the Green Beret Foundation's mission of providing comprehensive support to Special Forces soldiers during their transition from military to civilian life.

The Green Beret Foundation has been at the forefront of assisting Special Forces soldiers in various aspects of their lives, ranging from health and wellness to education and career development. The programmatic addition and fundraising support of the Bennie Adkins Foundation aligns with our commitment to expanding opportunities for the brave soldiers who have served in the U.S. Army Special Forces.

Bennie Adkins, a Medal of Honor recipient and distinguished Green Beret, dedicated his life to service and sacrifice. The Bennie Adkins Foundation was established to honor his legacy by providing educational scholarships to support Special Forces soldiers in their pursuit of academic and vocational excellence. By joining forces with the Bennie Adkins Foundation, the Green Beret Foundation aims to amplify these efforts and ensure a seamless transition for our nation's elite warriors. "We are very proud of my father's life after his distinguished military career and his continued service to this country. The Bennie Adkins Foundation was his way of giving back to his fellow Green Berets to assist with their educational goals, as he did during his transition into civilian life. By joining forces with the Green Beret Foundation, we will be able to not only continue his legacy but also amplify the impact in the Special Forces community," shared Chairman of the Bennie Adkins Foundation, Dr. W. Keith Adkins.

"We are thrilled to welcome the Adkins Family and volunteer force, as well as their esteemed Scholarship Program, into the Green Beret Foundation family," said Charlie Iacono, President and CEO at the Green Beret Foundation. "This strategic addition and force multiplier partnership not only strengthens our ability to support Special Forces soldiers in their educational pursuits but also honors the legacy of Bennie Adkins by continuing his commitment to education and excellence. Together, we will advance our mission to empower these remarkable individuals as they transition to civilian life."

The integrated efforts of the Green Beret Foundation and the Bennie Adkins Foundation will result in an enhanced scholarship program, providing educational opportunities to eligible U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers. This collaboration underscores our dedication to facilitating a

smooth and successful transition for these exceptional individuals, ensuring they have the resources and support needed to thrive beyond their military service. For more information about the Green Beret Foundation and its programs, visit <u>www.greenberetfoundation.org</u>.

About Green Beret Foundation

The Green Beret Foundation (GBF) provides all generations of U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers and their families with emergency, immediate, and ongoing support. Since its inception in 2009, GBF has assisted over 13,000 Special Forces families and has invested 86%, or 86 cents of every dollar, into its programs and services, which has totaled over \$19 million that has directly supported the Regiment and its families. GBF is the only nonprofit solely dedicated to supporting Green Berets and their families that has achieved a 4-Star Rating with Charity Navigator. GBF is the sole special operations nonprofit accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of preparing, filing, and appealing of disability claims. Please visit the Green Beret Foundation's website for more information: https://greenberetfoundation.org.

Media Contact

Jenna Angues | Director of Communications and Marketing | Jenna@greenberetfoundation.org

###