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Green Beret Foundation Launches Task Force Tatanka Initiative to Strengthen Mental Wellness and Resiliency for the Special Forces Community

[Southern Pines, North Carolina — September 24, 2025] — The Green Beret Foundation (GBF) today announced the launch of Task Force Tatanka, a new initiative within its Health and Wellness Program designed to meet the urgent mental wellness and resiliency needs of all generations of U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers and their families.

Task Force Tatanka provides direct access to a network of trusted partners—including Wounded Warrior Project, Warriors Heart, the Marcus Institute for Brain Health, Cohen Veterans Network, Home Base Foundation, and other leading organizations—to address post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, substance use disorder, chronic pain, and related challenges.

Through a **three-step process**, Green Berets and their families can:

1. **Reach out** to the Green Beret Foundation for confidential support.
2. **Get matched** with a vetted partner offering individualized care.
3. **Stay grounded** with ongoing follow-up, ensuring long-term resiliency.

“Green Berets are trained to overcome adversity, but the challenges that come after service can take an unseen toll,” said Charlie Iacono, President and CEO of the Green Beret Foundation. “Task Force Tatanka ensures that every Green Beret and their family have a trusted place to turn, one that connects them with proven experts and walks alongside them for the long term.”

The initiative builds on GBF’s longstanding Health and Wellness Program but creates the first dedicated pathway focused exclusively on mental wellness and resiliency. Unlike broader programs, Task Force Tatanka is tailored specifically to the unique needs of the Special Forces community and leverages partners who understand the operational demands and culture of the Regiment.

The name *Tatanka*—the Lakota word for buffalo—was chosen for its symbolism. While most animals run from a storm, the buffalo charges into it, enduring and overcoming it head-on. This mirrors the spirit of the Green Beret community: confronting challenges directly to emerge stronger.

Since 2009, the Green Beret Foundation has provided support to over 26,000 Special Forces families and invested more than \$28 million directly into programs and services. With Task Force Tatanka, GBF reaffirms its commitment to caring for the mind, body, and spirit of the Regiment now and for future generations.

For more information or to connect with Task Force Tatanka, visit:

greenberetfoundation.org/taskforce-tatanka

About the Green Beret Foundation

The Green Beret Foundation (GBF) provides emergency and ongoing support to all generations of U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers and their families. Since its inception in 2009, GBF has assisted over 26,000 Special Forces families and invested 84%, or 84 cents of every dollar, into its programs and services, totaling over \$28 million that has directly supported the Regiment and its families. As a committed nonprofit organization, GBF has earned the prestigious 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, a testament to its dedication and efficacy in supporting Green Berets and their families. GBF is the sole special operations nonprofit accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of preparing, filing, and appealing disability claims. Please visit the Green Beret Foundation's website for more information: <https://greenberetfoundation.org>.

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