

Retired Lieutenant General Ken Tovo Named Chairman of Green Beret Foundation

SAN ANTONIO, July 10, 2019 -- The Green Beret Foundation (GBF) Board of Directors has elected retired Green Beret and former U.S. Army Special Operations Commander, Lieutenant General (LTG) Ken Tovo, as Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors. He succeeds retired Major General (MG) Simeon Trombitas, who will continue to serve in an advisory role.

As the Chairman, LTG (Ret) Tovo will oversee strategic direction and further enhancement of the Foundation's four support programs: Casualty Support, Extended Support, Family Support, and Transition Support. He will work with the Foundation's board of directors, the executive director, and leadership of the Special Forces community to ensure the Foundation is meeting and anticipating current and future needs of our Green Berets and their families.



LTG (Ret) Tovo said of his appointment, "I'm excited about the opportunity to serve on the board of the Green Beret Foundation. The GBF has done amazing work in support of our Green Berets and their families, a group of people who sacrifice tremendously for the Nation. I look forward to working with the rest of the board and the staff to grow and improve the organization so that we can continue to serve the Special Forces community as they carry the weight of being the tip of the spear for the military."

MG (Ret) Trombitas remarked, "LTG (Ret) Ken Tovo has taken the position as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Green Beret Foundation, effective 1 July 2019, and will formally conduct his first meeting of the board on 22 July. Ken is the consummate Special Forces soldier and leader who will undoubtedly take the Foundation to new heights. I am extremely pleased to have a Green Beret of LTG (Ret) Tovo's experience and credibility take the chairmanship."

Brent Cooper, GBF Executive Director, commented, "LTG (Ret) Tovo's decision to serve as Chairman of the Board is a testament to the overarching purpose and success of the GBF. We are grateful for MG (Ret) Trombitas' leadership and dedication in the development and growth of our organization the past four years. The staff and I are looking forward to working with LTG (Ret) Tovo and our board of directors on continuing to lead the Foundation into its next season of growth as the premier benevolent organization supporting Green Berets and their families."

LTG (Ret) Ken Tovo was commissioned from the United States Military Academy into the Infantry in 1983. After serving his initial tour with the 82nd Airborne Division, Tovo completed the Special Forces Qualification Course and transferred to Special Forces. He served as a Special Forces detachment, company, battalion, and group commander in the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Tovo's additional assignments included serving as a plans officer with 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta and Joint Headquarters Center (NATO); aide-de-camp to the commander, Stabilization Force, Bosnia; chief of staff, U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC); deputy commanding general, Special Operations Command Europe (SOCEUR);

deputy commanding general, 1st Armored Division/U.S. Division Center, Iraq; commanding general, Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT); and commanding general, Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan and NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan (CSTC-A/NTM-A). Tovo served as the military deputy commander of U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Florida.

Tovo's operational assignments include the first Gulf War, refugee relief operations in Northern Iraq, noncombatant evacuation operations in Sierra Leone, peacekeeping operations in Bosnia on two occasions, five tours in Iraq, and one tour in Afghanistan. Most recently, LTG (Ret) Tovo served as Commanding General, U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He is the President & CEO of DOL Enterprises, Inc., a consulting firm focused on providing advice to companies on strategic planning, risk management, and organizational effectiveness and serves on the board of several companies.

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About the Green Beret Foundation:

Founded in 2009, the Green Beret Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the long-term health of the Green Beret community. Green Berets face unique challenges when they come home and the Foundation answers the call of the Green Berets and their families so that they can succeed in their next mission. The Foundation provides casualty support, extended support, family support, and transition support to Green Berets and their families to assist with these special concerns. For more information, visit: www.greenberetfoundation.org.