



*Evening of Honor
and Impact*

GAME CHANGERS:

A CONVERSATION CONTINUED

**Benefiting
OPERATION HEALING FORCES**

**OCTOBER 28, 2026
THE JEFFERSON HOTEL
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OPERATION HEALING FORCES

Creating Bonds That Cure

The mission of Operation Healing Forces is to serve the needs of America's wounded, ill, injured, and fallen Special Operations Forces service members, veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors through a suite of programs that promote long-term mental, physical, emotional and fiscal well-being.



VALUE OF INTEGRITY

Since our inception, OHF has consistently received the **highest ratings from the leading nonprofit industry watchdogs.**

OHF serves thousands of America's elite warriors and families annually with **every dollar donated going directly toward funding programs** to support our Nation's heroes and their families. This unique ability to ensure donor funds are fully utilized to provide direct support is due to the commitment of OHF's founders and Board of Directors who **personally cover 100% of our organization's overhead and administrative expenses.**

Event Program

WELCOME & OHF OVERVIEW

*Kerry Irvin
CEO, Operation Healing Forces*

OHF ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

*Sergeant Major (Ret.) Richard and Patty Smith
United States Army*

FUND A NEED - PADDLE RAISE

Jason Lamoreaux

FIRESIDE CHAT

**From Operation Midnight Hammer to the Future of
Global Security: An Unfiltered Perspective**

*Kerry Irvin & General Michael "Erik" Kurilla
Former Commander, U.S. Central Command*

DINNER

PANEL DISCUSSION

Game Changers: A Conversation Continued

*Moderator: Tony Markel
Ed McLaughlin, Matt Roan, and Carla Williams*

CLOSING

Kerry Irvin

Distinguished Military Speaker

GENERAL MICHAEL “ERIK” KURILLA

Former Commander, U.S. Central Operations Command (US CENTCOM)

General (Ret.) Michael “Erik” Kurilla is the former Commander of United States Central Command, where he led U.S. military operations, strategic partnerships, and security cooperation efforts across 21 nations during one of the most complex periods in the region’s modern history. Widely respected for his operational leadership and strategic vision, General Kurilla spent nearly four decades leading some of the Army’s most elite conventional and special operations formations in combat and high-risk environments around the world.



A member of the Operation Healing Forces’ Board of Directors and a graduate of the United States Military Academy, General Kurilla was commissioned into the United States Army in 1988 and went on to build a distinguished career leading some of the nation’s most elite military formations. Over the course of nearly four decades of service, he commanded the XVIII Airborne Corps, the 82nd Airborne Division, and the 75th Ranger Regiment, while also serving as Director of Operations and Assistant Commanding General for Joint Special Operations Command.

His leadership experience spans Airborne, Ranger, Mechanized, Stryker, and Joint Special Operations forces, with multiple combat deployments throughout the Middle East and other global theaters. Known for his ability to integrate emerging technologies and operational innovation into modern warfare, he played a key role in advancing warfighting capabilities and strategic readiness across the Department of Defense.



Operation Healing Forces CEO

KERRY IRVIN

**Chief Executive Officer,
Operation Healing Forces**

Kerry Irvin is the Chief Executive Officer of Operation Healing Forces and a former national security and intelligence officer whose leadership experience spans nonprofit, government, and national security sectors.



A gubernatorial appointed State Commissioner, she is a nationally recognized speaker and advisor on leadership, resilience, post-traumatic growth, and performance under pressure, bringing a distinctive perspective shaped by high-stakes operational experience in complex global environments.

Widely recognized for building strategic partnerships and leading mission-driven organizations with measurable impact, her work has brought her alongside senior military leaders, policymakers, healthcare professionals, and corporate executives to address complex challenges impacting service members, veterans, families, and communities.

Kerry is the recipient of the U.S. President's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Secretary of the Army's Superior Service Medal, and is a Military Mighty 25, Tampa Bay Business Woman of the Year, and Titan 100 honoree.



OHF Alumni Couple

Sergeant Major (Ret.) Richard and Patty Smith



Sergeant Major (Ret.) Richard "Rich" Smith served 30 years on active duty in the United States Army, including 26 years in Special Operations. His distinguished military career included multiple combat deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Development and a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership from the University of Charleston in West Virginia.

Rich met his wife, Patty, in 1992 while both were serving on active duty at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Married in July 1993, they have navigated more than three decades of military life together, including numerous relocations, demanding careers, and the transition to civilian life. Along the way, they raised three children: Anthony, Alexandria, and Autumn.

On February 17, 2023, Rich underwent surgery to remove a tumor that had nearly severed his spinal cord, leaving him paralyzed and without sensation below his armpits. After regaining some mobility, he began the demanding process of relearning to walk, rebuilding his strength, and working toward greater independence.

Throughout his recovery, Operation Healing Forces has provided critical resources not covered by insurance, including a customized wheelchair, exercise equipment, vehicle modifications, physical therapy, and most recently, an exoskeleton. This support has helped Rich continue making progress in his recovery, regain mobility, and pursue greater independence and quality of life.



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Real Lives



\$25,000	Sponsor a life-changing, weeklong Therapeutic SOF Couples Retreat
\$10,000	Sponsor a life-changing Therapeutic SOF Caregivers Retreat
\$5,000	Sponsor one SOF Couple to attend a week-long Therapeutic Retreat
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\$1,000	Sponsor airfare for one SOF Couple to attend a Therapeutic Retreat
\$500	Sponsor therapeutic treatment sessions to alleviate chronic pain
\$ 250	Meals for 4 SOF Caregivers during Therapeutic Retreat

SUPPORT OPERATION HEALING FORCES

Stand alongside us as together we pay tribute to the sacrifices of our nation's wounded, ill, injured, and fallen Special Operations warriors and their families.

Scan the QR Code to donate today!



Our Vision

Our vision is that members of the Special Operations Forces community are able to enhance their resilience, empower their rehabilitation, embrace their reintegration, and lead fulfilling and productive lives.

Our Focus

Resilience

SOF couples and family members experience positive emotions, a sense of control, and strengthened relationships.



Rehabilitation

SOF couples and families receive support for healing the body, mind, and family unit.



Reintegration

SOF couples and families connect with the community, critical wellness information, and each other.



THEIR LIVES ARE OUR MISSION

Since inception in 2011, OHF has conducted:

- **376 SOF Couples and 24 Caregivers Therapeutic Retreats**
 - Supporting **more than 3,000 individuals** from the wounded, ill, or injured SOF community

OHF has provided:

- **4,270 Immediate Needs Grants**
 - Serving **more than 11,750 members** of the Special Operations Forces community in need

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A CONVERSATION CONTINUED



MODERATOR



Tony Markel

Operation Healing Forces
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This exclusive Special Forces experience is incredibly rare. You'll travel to North Carolina, home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces, and join OHF and therapeutic retreat lead and retired Green Beret Glen Mason for an unforgettable action experience!

WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE



KITTED UP FOR THE MISSION

Uniforms, protective gear, and essential equipment provided for each day's endeavors.



PERSONAL GREEN BERET INSTRUCTORS

Each participant is paired with a Green Beret for hands-on instruction in Special Forces tactics, techniques, and procedures.



WEAPON FAMILIARIZATION

Watch gun demonstrations, complete firearm drills, learn weapon handling basics, and take part in a shooting competition.



MISSION PLANNING & TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT

Participate in mission planning, crisis action planning, and scenario rehearsals in a physically challenging environment.



EXCLUSIVE ACCESS

Enjoy a private group tour and meet key members of the Special Operations Forces community.



BROTHERHOOD, DINNER & COCKTAILS

After each day's immersion, connect with your unit and Green Berets over dinner and cocktails.



INCLUDED IN THE EXPERIENCE

★ ALL MEALS

ACCOMMODATIONS

ALL EQUIPMENT

ALL ACTIVITIES ★

Guests are responsible for their own transportation to the lodgings in North Carolina. Each guest must sign a waiver, comply with visitor policies, and be eligible to gain entry to the installation via a standard background check.

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Operations Forces Individuals by the end of 2026.**



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