



October 7, 2015

Re: Memorial Wall to Honor the Fallen Soldiers of 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

On Thursday, November 5, 2015, The Special Forces Association (SFA) will hold an Official Groundbreaking Ceremony for a Memorial Wall to honor the Fallen Soldiers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) (7<sup>th</sup> SFG (A)). The event will be held in front of the Group Headquarters building at the 7<sup>th</sup> SFG (A) Compound, Duke Field, FL. This project was recently approved by the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of the Air Force. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2016.

The Memorial Wall will feature two concrete wings, each with seven granite panels. The names of over 250 Fallen Soldiers of the 7<sup>th</sup> SFG (A) will be engraved on the panels extending from the former 77<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) time period to date. The memorial will be lighted and feature a 60' flagpole. The design and construction team consists of DAG Architect, Charles W. Clary III, Roger A. Craft of RAC Engineers and general contractor, Randy Wise Homes, Inc.

The Memorial Wall will be funded with donations. We would be grateful if you would consider sponsoring a panel, as we must cover the expenses of this wall to provide the Families of these Fallen Soldiers a monument to honor their memory. Each of the 14 panels will cost \$5,000, and the cost of engraving is \$100 per Soldier name.

Sponsors of the memorial panels will have their names engraved on the panel and a plaque will be added to the base of the wall for all other donors over \$250.00. Contributions may be deductible, as the Special Forces Association is registered with the IRS as a national non-profit charity exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (19) Veterans Organization of the Internal Revenue Code.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to: Memorial Wall. Mail checks to: SFA7, P.O. Box 978, Shalimar, FL 32579. To learn more about the SFA, please visit [www.sfa7.com](http://www.sfa7.com).

We hope we can count on your support so that the dedication of the wall can take place during Red Empire Week on 17 May of 2016, as many Families of the Fallen will be in attendance. Please call Sam at 850-217-9371, Randy at 850-678-9473 or Frank at 850-269-1201 with any questions.

Warmest regards,

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Sam Smith  
Special Forces Association, Treasurer

Randy Wise  
Randy Wise Homes, President

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Frank Burge  
First Florida Bank, Chairman/CEO