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The 60th anniversary of the Special Forces pays tribute to President John F. Kennedy's vision of building a dedicated counter-insurgency force, a vision that helped build the Green Berets into the elite force that we have become over the past six decades. Soon, we will celebrate sixty historic years of selfless sacrifice, commitment, honor, courage and success.

Millions of men have served this great nation; however, there are few that have the commitment, determination and the enthusiasm to serve as a Green Beret. We continue to provide a sustainable military option for a variety of strategic and operational tasks.

Since 1964, we at the Special Forces Association have served as the voice for our Special Forces community; perpetuating Special Forces traditions and brotherhood; advancing the public image of Special Forces and promoting the general welfare of the Special Forces community.

It is with great pride that I introduce the FX Marketing Group as the official publishers for our *Special Forces 60th Anniversary* edition.

They are seeking personal or historical stories and high resolution photos from Vietnam, Central and Latin America, the Philippines, Desert Storm, Somalia, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa.

As LTG (Ret) Yarborough reflected on his years of service within the community; "The character, soul, and substance of today's magnificent soldiers who wear the Green Beret are the products of the experience, enthusiasm, and convictions of the architects of their art. Among these whose names should be forever enshrined are: Roger Hilsman, Slavko Bjelajac, Dr. Jay Zawoony, Bernard Fall, Ray Peers, Russell Volckmann, John Little, Arthur O. Simons." You are the next generation, we owe it to ourselves to capture our stories and share them with others.

As our creed reflects, "I am an American Special Forces soldier... A Professional." Please submit your suggestions and let's begin to capture the next 60 years of our proud lineage and history. These stories will be archived with the SFA historian and select stories will appear in the SFA sanctioned 2012 commemorative edition set to be published and distributed at the SFA conference in early June.

Please submit your stories and photos to – Ms. Donna Lyons, Managing Editor at AUTHOR1@LIVE.COM. Once submitted, they will likely contact you for a follow-up.

We hope that you will take part in our 60th Anniversary celebration in June as we commemorate our call to duty! "De Oppresso Liber" – To Free the Oppressed.

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