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SOF WEEK 2023 – MAY 8-11 2023: GLOBAL SOF FOUNDATION & ITS PARTNER CLARION EVENTS ANNOUNCES NEW CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH USSOCOMY

The Global Special Operations Forces (SOF) Foundation (GSOF) is truly honored and excited to co-sponsor the newly envisioned “SOF Week” with U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). The former Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC) was a successful annual program for USSOCOM. Its expansion into “SOF Week” beginning in 2023 will build on that success by unifying the geographically, operationally, and Service dispersed SOF enterprise and offering a variety of programs for its many stakeholders and supporters.

GSOF is uniquely positioned to execute this vision as the only professional association serving the entire international SOF community. It has planned and produced SOF-specific symposiums in the U.S. and Europe since 2015 and possesses a vast network including Allied and Partner Nations, as well the GSOF Advisory Council of former senior SOF leaders and supporters worldwide. Also, by partnering with Clarion Events, a premier global exhibition organizer, our team will lend its joint expertise to deliver on USSOCOM’s objectives and host a world-class inaugural “SOF Week” in May 2023.

Stuart Bradin, President and CEO, GSOF: “We are extremely excited USSOCOM selected GSOF to co-sponsor its newly envisioned “SOF Week” in 2023. SOF Week will be a national convention for U.S. SOF and include a more diverse slate of programs, to include professional development sessions, operator-driven discussions, and family-focused conversations. In 2020, GSOF was designated as a National Military Association by the U.S. Department of Defense, and we look forward to working with USSOCOM to make “SOF Week” an impactful event.”

Tracy Bebbington, Director, Clarion Events: “Having worked together with GSOF on their European event for a number of years, we are thrilled to be extending this close working relationship even further. The newly named “SOF Week” is a huge opportunity for us to work together with USSOCOM and the SOF community to reshape their flagship event to build on the successes to date. This is a pivotal time for this community because of the changing, complex national security environment. By introducing new elements and features to the program, we’re looking to meet the needs and objectives of all who participate.”

More information on “SOF Week” will be available shortly. To register your interest in exhibiting, sponsoring, or participating in the event, please visit www.sofweek.org.



About Global SOF Foundation

The Global Special Operations Forces (SOF) Foundation (GSOF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to build and grow an international network of military, government, commercial, and educational stakeholders in order to advance SOF capabilities and partnerships to confront global and networked threats.

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