



TEAMHOUSE

teamhouse.specialforcesassociation.org

Be a part of the TeamHouse network.



TeamHouse.SpecialForcesAssociation.org — the Special Forces Association new *members-only* website was launched in July 2021.

The reason for the new system is to bring our member records into a secure and manageable system — *the main benefit for members is connectedness*. Now it is possible for the benefits you've experience at a local level to be expanded nationwide.

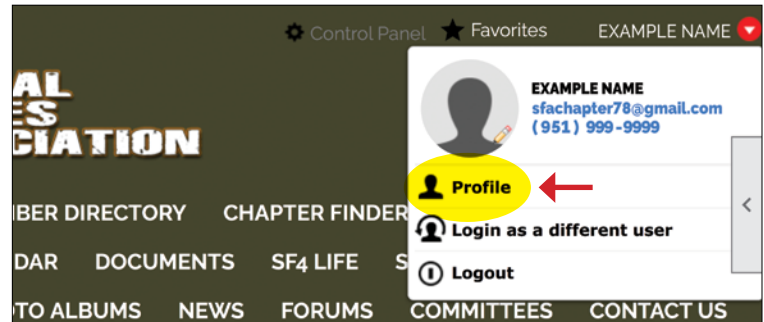
For those considering whether or not to join SFA, many will see how the members-only access to a nationwide SFA brotherhood sets it apart from other groups supporting the SF community. Many other groups offer programs to assist veterans which are similar to SFA programs. But none provide the means for one-on-one networking on any level.

How the TeamHouse website works for SFA members:

- ▶ Provides *safe, secure, nationwide networking* for our unique population.
- ▶ Bridges the gap between those in and out of uniform — offering opportunities for service and assistance to both active and inactive members.
- ▶ Members can list businesses and locate other SF-friendly businesses.
- ▶ Members can find mentors to help with civilian transition.
- ▶ Members exiting the military can find support the SF4Life programs.
- ▶ An ever growing list of SF Brotherhood resources

How to participate in the TeamHouse network.

Following the steps that follow will enable you to fully participate in the TeamHouse network and will enable other SFA members to locate you.

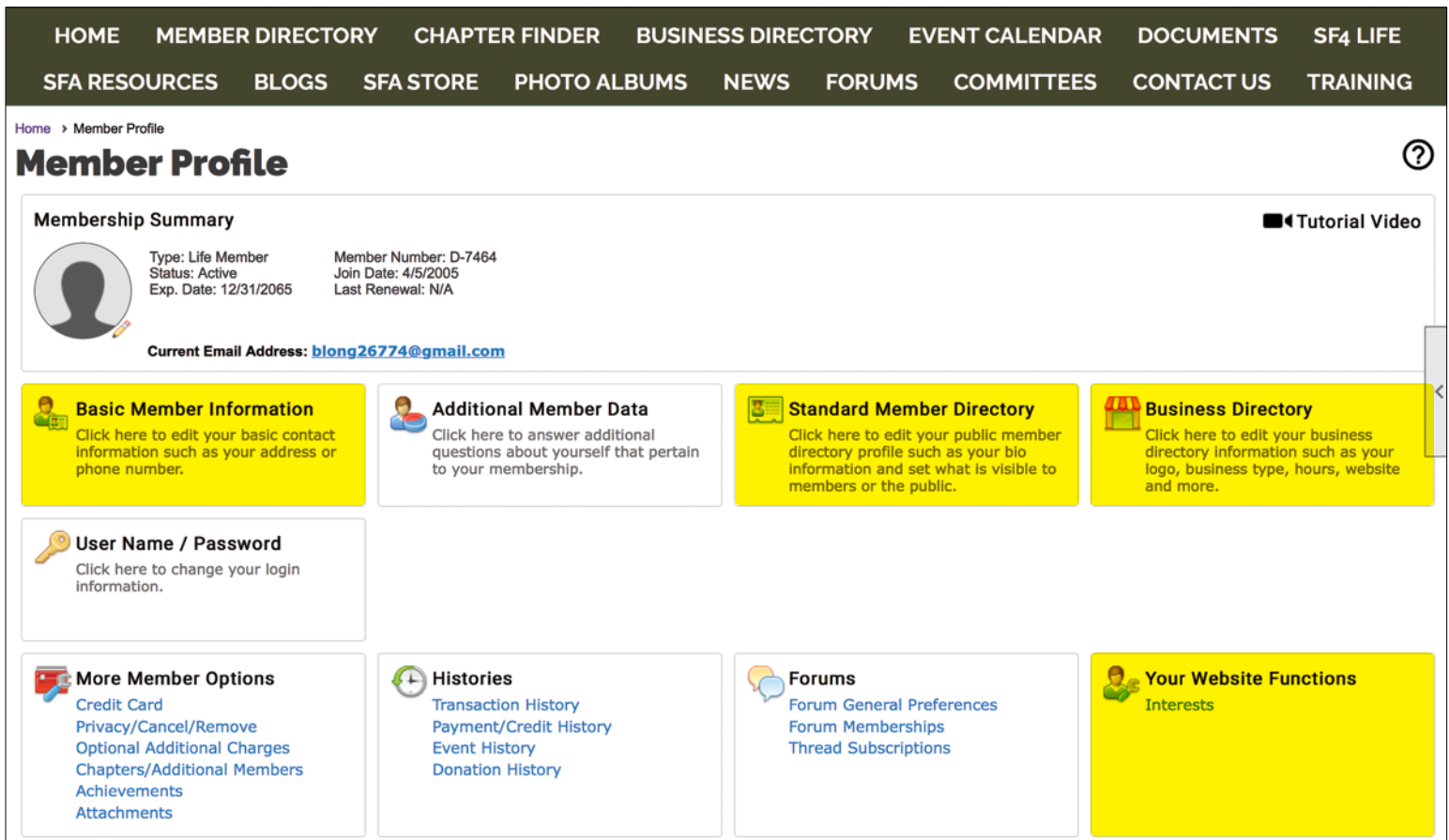


- 1 Log into the TeamHouse website at teamhouse.specialforcesassociation.org (or scan the QR code at right to access the website)



- 2 Click on "Profile."

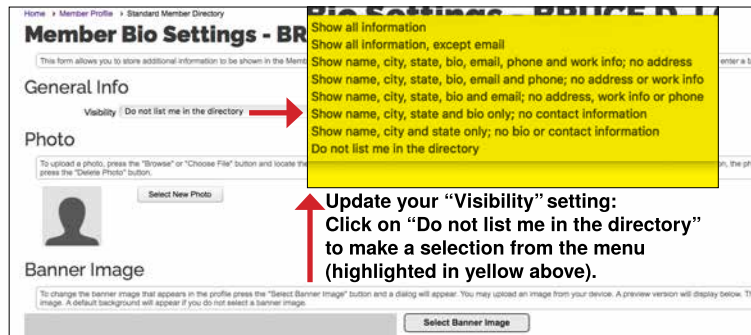
Login information was emailed to all SFA members in July. If you missed the email, simply click the **Forgot My Username/Password** button. If you have a problem logging "Click here" for assistance.



- 3 **Member Profile Dashboard:** After selecting "Profile" you will enter the "Member Profile" dashboard. This is where information critical to your participation in the SFA TeamHouse is to be entered. It is important that you check and update the sections highlighted — "Basic Member Information," "Standard Member Directory," "Business Directory," and enter "Interests" in the "Your Website Functions" section.

4 Click on **“Basic Member Information”**: Verify that your name, address, phone numbers and email address are correct. In **“Other Information”** indicate whether you would prefer the newsletter (*The Drop*) in print or that you will download it from the website (*The Drop* is found in **“Documents”**).

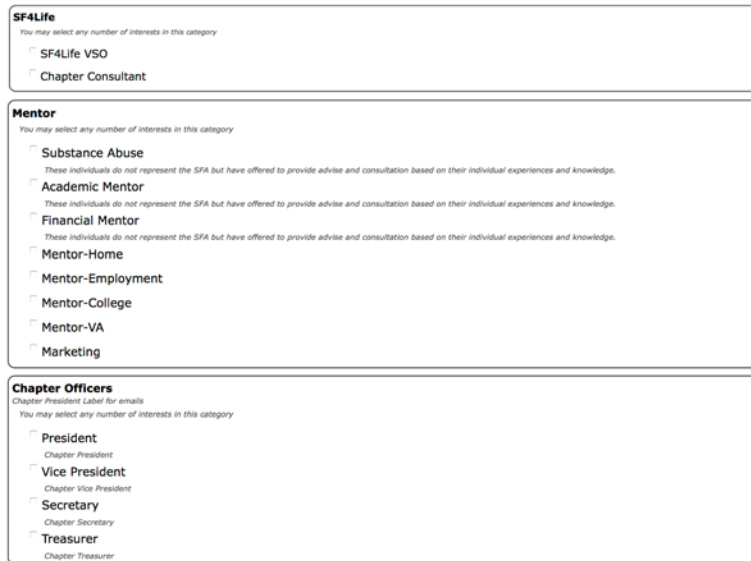
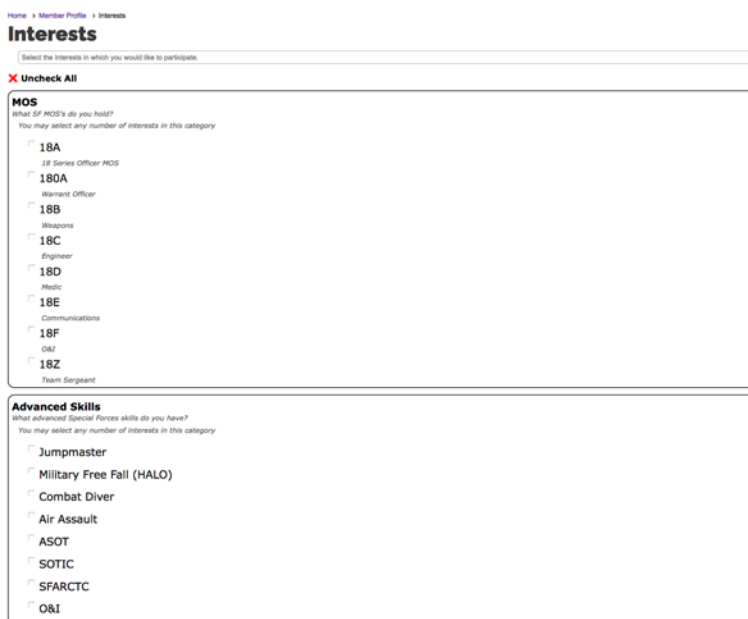
5 Click on **“Standard Member Directory”**: In *General Info*: the **“Visibility”** setting is very important because it designates your visibility on the website directory. **The default is set to “Do not list me in the directory.” If you would like to fully participate in the SFA TeamHouse network this must be changed.** There are several options available in the dropdown menu (see illustration at right).



You may also enter add a photo and a biography to your profile. For your biography, while your military history is important, *don't underestimate the value of your post-military life.* Share what you've done since you retired from the military and what you are doing now.

6 **Business Directory**: Enter up to five businesses to your profile in this section. This information will be helpful to not only TeamHouse members in your local area, but also members that may be moving or visiting your area. Since the inception of the network, *this directory has been used in many instances by members to contact businesses outside their home area.*

7 **Your Website Functions**: Click on **“Interests”** to enter information that will be helpful to TeamHouse members in a number of ways. The entries in this area can be helpful to those seeking out those will common backgrounds, special knowledge mentors and specific Chapter contacts (Chapter SF4Life Consultant and Officers).



Once you've completed these steps, you are able to participate fully as a member of SFA's TeamHouse network.

Check out the other areas on the website (see the menu shown at step 3) to learn more about the resources available.

Need help completing these steps or have questions? Contact your Chapter's TeamHouse Coordinator.

SF4 Life Special Forces Transition to Civilian

Approximately 650 Green Berets are discharged from the military each year. The process is not always smooth — plans often must adapt to unexpected challenges that test our values and purpose. Most of us eventually overcome the obstacles, get established in our communities and new careers, and later look back on our transition as an essential part of who we are. Some of us later wish the transition could have involved less “suck.” The Special Forces Association understands all this better than any other veteran organization and is uniquely positioned to help the SF veteran.

Earning a Green Beret is a lifelong commitment that extends far outside the team room or our time in the military. There are few things we did as Green Berets where we were the first. Usually, there was another Green Beret to show us the way, increasing our odds of success. Coaching, teaching, mentorship, and support have always been core values of being a Green Beret. That has not changed.

The Special Forces Association is a community and network of Green Berets. Members are now in every state, across the nation, and in many countries throughout the world as well as almost every industry and career field.

Our members are small business owners, musicians, carpenters, insurance salesmen, entrepreneurs, plumbers, doctors, lawyers, welders, politicians, educators, tradesmen, salesmen, innovators, writers, directors, scientists, researchers, investors, and more. We are proud of the diversity of our members and chapters and anticipate that with our new website, we will have the ability to help members network socially, personally, professionally, and often discreetly.

We know that the first few years after leaving the military can be the hardest, so we want to challenge our members and chapters to engage with members going through this transition process. Just like we did when we wore the Green Beret, we can still provide coaching, teaching, mentorship, and support. This could be a simple phone call or grabbing a cup of coffee to talk about plans and goals. This may result in referring them to a friend or another former Green Beret in a similar career field or who had a similar experience. We believe that our members will play a key role in other members' success, whether in their civilian professions, continuing education, navigating the VA, or simply providing a perspective on being a successful civilian.

The Special Forces Association has an incredibly talented and knowledgeable pool of dedicated members. Corporations hire us to lead, manage, and solve problems and businesses hire us to do a job they want done right, the first time. Communities seek our guidance and leadership and young men and women look to emulate us. As Green Berets, we know that mission success is built around a team and not the individual. The Special Forces Association knows that just because you may no longer be in the military, we as Green Berets will continue to provide each other with the coaching, teaching, mentoring, and support that ensured our success in the past.

A national call for “Special Interest Mentors”

We have heard from many members across the nation, who have detailed knowledge in unique areas of interest that are not specific to their chapter or local area. If that is you and you are interested in helping, we want to know.

Home — These transitioning members will likely have questions about homes, mortgages, and insurance. They may be looking to consult with a realtor, inspector, contractor, carpenter, plumber, roofer, drywaller, electrician, landscaper, and mason. If you work in this field, would you be willing to make yourself available for other members to reach out?

Employment — Many of these members will be entering the workforce. Do we have members who could provide consultation, mentoring, or just an opinion, of course? We have members who have already experienced the transition and now have a deep understanding of, working for a tech startup or a Fortune 500 company, starting their own business, or applying for an LLC or 501c3. We have members who are financial planners, loan officers, business owners, managers, and tradesmen.

College — Some members may be returning to or starting college, grad school, or higher education. We have many members who have also done this or work in this field. We have members who are college students, college counselors, tenured professors, work in higher education, and a university president.

VA — Sometimes, if only through trial and error, many of us have learned how to successfully navigate the VA. Though guidance on your local VA healthcare facility may be specific to your chapter, filing a claim for service-connected disability should be consistent. Are you a VSO (Veterans Service Officer) who could provide consultation?

The SFA is asking interested members to think about their experience since leaving the military. What you do or have done, what you know, and what you would be willing to share with other members about.

If you would be interested in serving as a special interest mentor, *follow the steps on the previous pages* so we can find you.