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Our cover photo links together the theme of this issue. Special Forces adapted to another new environment when they took on peacekeeping missions in 1990s Bosnia and then again in Kosovo. Lessons learned there helped shape the crucial mission in Northern Iraq during the 2003 Iraq invasion.

One Green Beret: Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, and Beyond, by Mark Gianconia, highlighted here with that thought in mind. In the December 2025 Sentinel we gave you a review of, and

a selection from, ***Those Who Face Death*** by Mark Grdovic about 10SFG (A), working in 2003 with the Kurds in Northern Iraq, in which both of these authors fought together.

One Green Beret is told from Mark Gianconia's perspective of an NCO who does his incredible SF best to accomplish the missions, which dovetails with the other Mark's viewpoint as an officer who helped plan and execute the mission.

Mark Gianconia describes in depth his experience in Iraq; before, during, and after Operation Viking Hammer, he sets the stage with his experi-

ences in Bosnia and Kosovo as first a JCO among the Bosnians and then seeing his first combat alongside the Russian Speznats in Kosovo.

Mark shares with us the chapter in his book that brings you right along with him in Kosovo. It starts on page 4.

The Special Operations Association, which is largely comprised of former MACV SOG team members, has many members who are also members of the Special Forces Association.

They are extending an invite for SFA members to join them on an extremely interesting trip to Vietnam, ranging from Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) all the way to Hanoi and the Hỏa Lò prison (Hanoi Hilton).

Please enjoy photos of some of the attendees at our September chapter meeting, and keep sharing your stories of your experiences as deployed Green Berets. Stories can be sent to me directly at Howmiller78@outlook.com or by contacting us through our website, specialforces78.com. ♦

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