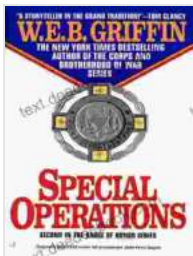


# Special Operations Badge of Honor: A Symbol of Courage, Sacrifice, and Dedication

In the annals of military history, few awards hold as much prestige and respect as the Special Operations Badge of Honor. This coveted accolade is bestowed upon members of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary valor and sacrifice in combat.



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## History of the Badge

The Special Operations Badge of Honor was established by Executive Order 12425 on January 24, 1983, during the presidency of Ronald Reagan. It was created to recognize the unique contributions and sacrifices made by special operations forces in the post-Vietnam War era.

The first recipients of the badge were members of the Delta Force and the 75th Ranger Regiment who participated in Operation Eagle Claw, the failed attempt to rescue American hostages held in Iran in 1980.

## **Criteria for Award**

The Special Operations Badge of Honor is awarded to members of USSOCOM who meet the following criteria:

- Must have participated in direct combat operations against an armed enemy
- Must have performed an act of extraordinary heroism or made a significant contribution to the success of a combat operation
- Must have demonstrated extraordinary leadership, initiative, and courage under extremely hazardous conditions
- Must have exhibited a high degree of professionalism and dedication to duty

The award is not limited to any specific unit or branch of service. It can be awarded to members of all components of USSOCOM, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

## **Significance of the Badge**

The Special Operations Badge of Honor is a symbol of the highest levels of courage, sacrifice, and dedication within the United States military. It is a testament to the extraordinary abilities and accomplishments of special operations forces.

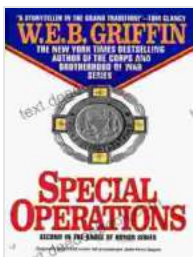
Recipients of the badge are held in the highest esteem by their fellow service members and the American public. They are considered to be among the most elite warriors in the world.

## **Notable Recipients**

Over the years, the Special Operations Badge of Honor has been awarded to some of the most legendary figures in American military history, including:

- Richard Marcinko, founder of the Navy SEALs' counterterrorism unit, SEAL Team Six
- William McRaven, former commander of the Joint Special Operations Command
- Michael Monsoor, a Navy SEAL who posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Pat Tillman, a former NFL player who left the league to join the Army Rangers and was killed in action in Afghanistan

The Special Operations Badge of Honor is a symbol of the extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and dedication of the men and women of USSOCOM. It is a prestigious award that recognizes the unique contributions of these elite warriors to the security and defense of the United States.



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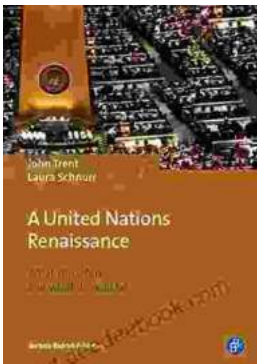
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