



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY JOHN F. KENNEDY SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SCHOOL  
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28310-9610

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

AOJK-SGS

01 February 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR Record

**SUBJECT:** Policy Guidance and Procedure for Purchase of the Special Forces Yarborough Knife.

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish policy guidance and procedures for retail sales of the Special Forces Yarborough Knife to personnel authorized the Special Forces designator or the Special Forces Tab.

2. **SCOPE:** This policy applies to all military personnel, active, reserve, National Guard, honorably separated or retired, who have been awarded the Special Forces designator or the Special Forces Tab.

3. **GENERAL:**

a. The Special Forces Yarborough Knife will be available for sale to Soldiers who present appropriate documentation awarding the Special Forces Tab or Special Forces MOS designator.

b. The Special Forces Yarborough Knife is an individual purchase by active duty, reserve, National Guard, honorably separated and retired personnel who have successfully graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course or meet the then approved program of instruction or wartime requirements for Special Forces Qualification.

(1) It may be purchased by family members or estates of deceased Soldiers meeting the above requirements.

(2) It cannot be purchased by a Special Forces member who has previously been issued the knife upon graduating from the SFQC course beginning in August 2002, those that have previously purchased a knife unless proof of loss through theft is provided, or those former Special Forces members who have had their tab revoked.

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3. PROCEDURE:

a. Personnel who wish to purchase the Special Forces Yarborough Knife may submit a request via any of the below means:

(1) In person at drop boxes located at the main entrance to the US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School or the foyer of the JFK Special Warfare Museum.

(2) Mail. Mail requests should be sent to: Commander, USAJFKSWCS, AOJK-CS-Y (Yarborough Knife Program), JFK Special Warfare Museum, Fort Bragg, NC 28310.

(3) E-mail. E-Mail requests should be sent to yarboroughknife@soc.mil.

(4) Fax. Fax requests to (910)432-4062 at the JFK Special Warfare Museum.

b. Regardless of the means of submission, all requests must include one of the following:

(1) Copy of orders awarding an 18 series MOS.

(2) Copy of orders awarding the Special Forces Tab.

(3) Copy of diploma indicating successful graduation from the SFQC.

(4) Copy of orders or an affidavit establishing successful completion of standard or nonstandard training or former wartime service for which a retroactive award of the Special Forces Tab would be authorized.

(5) Copy of Special Forces Association membership card showing they are a Decade or a General member in good standing.

(6) Copy of an ERB or ORB annotating the awarding of the Special Forces Tab.

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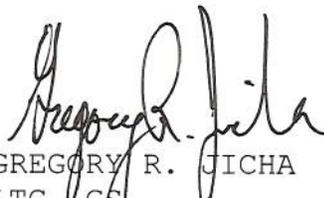
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c. Upon receipt, each packet will be reviewed and supporting documentation verified. Upon verification, a Letter of Approval for purchase to the requestor will be sent as well as the total cost of the knife to include shipping. The requestor will mail the original signed Letter of Approval with payment for the knife to the JFK Special Warfare Museum gift shop (P.O. Box 70060, Fort Bragg, NC 28307). Upon receipt of payment, the museum will mail the Special Forces Yarborough Knife via certified mail to the requestor. Requestors will allow 4-6 weeks for delivery from the date the Letter of Approval is returned.

d. If supporting documentation cannot be verified, the requestor will receive a letter explaining the inability to verify and ineligibility to purchase the knife.

e. The Director, JFK Special Warfare Museum has the right to defer any requests to the Chief of Staff or his designee.

f. Questions or disputes that may arise over implementation of these procedures or lack of supporting documentation will be addressed to the Chief of Staff or his designee.

  
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