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**TO:** 820th Security Forces Group Original Stakeholders

**FROM:** Don Derry, President SAFESIDE Association

**SUBJECT:** Contact & Recruiting Letter to the 820th Security Forces Group Original Stakeholders

Greetings 820 SFG Original Stakeholders!

Hope all is well with you and your family! It seems like yesterday we were all together at Lackland AFB standing-up the 820<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Group...it's hard to believe it's been almost 25 years! We are all too young to be that old! I have included an old roster of names who were part of the original crew in 1997. If I am missed any of the original stakeholders, please let me know, and if you could, provide their contact information to me.

I'm contacting you all to ask for your assistance. I have been elected President of the SAFESIDE Association and Hamish Smith (now known as Hamish Stewart-Smith) has been elected Vice President. I, Hamish, and Paul Kasuda (previous SAFESIDE President) are currently on a recruiting drive for the SAFESIDE Association and would like to see as many original 820<sup>th</sup> SFG Stakeholders join the association as possible. Unfortunately, as you can imagine the original Vietnam members of the SAFESIDE Association are getting smaller and smaller every year. It is up to us now to carry the torch and keep this organization flourishing, relevant and successful. My goal is to recruit 10 SAFESIDE lifetime members, add 50 new annual members, and add 100% of 820<sup>th</sup> SFG Stakeholders to the SAFESIDE Association membership by the end of calendar year 2022.

The SAFESIDE Association is organized for the exclusive purpose of carrying out programs to perpetuate the memory of deceased veterans and members of the following units: 1041 SPS (T), 82 CSPW, 821 CPCS, 822 CPCS, 823 CPCS, 820 SFG, the individuals associated with the seven flights that came together to form a squadron when the HQ team deployed for contingencies from Eglin AFB, Lackland AFB, Davis-Monthan AFB, McGuire AFB, Vandenberg AFB, Westover Air Reserve Base and El Paso Air National Guard Base. The 822 SFS, 823 SFS, 824 SFS, 105 SFS, 820 COS, 820 BDG, 822 BDS, 823 BDS, 824 BDS, and the 105 BDS. The SAFESIDE Association was established to comfort their survivors, to sponsor or participate in activities of a patriotic nature, and to provide social and recreational activities and organizing a semi-annual reunion for its members. My highest priorities are to keep improving services and communicate to all past, present, and future members.

Additionally, I want to acknowledge and incorporate our spouses, families, and significant others in everything that we do within the association. Without them we are nothing. Nobody else in this world shares our pains and our pride, or our memories and our wounds like we do with each other and our families.

The greatest value of the SAFESIDE Association is in its members. My goal is to add to our ranks with more active-duty and previous troops in all the units and across all Air Force specialties. For those of you who are already SAFESIDE Association Members thank you for your continued support. It is my desire to encourage and nurture members to get together whenever possible, to embrace our history and heritage, and to keep our association active and viable.

**DUES:**

\$15.00 per year payable January each year. Lifetime memberships are based on your age using the following table: **Age 18-30** - \$250.00 / **Age 31-40** - \$210.00 / **Age 41-50** - \$180.00 / **Age 51-60** - \$160.00 / **Age 61-70** - \$130.00 / **Age 71-80** - \$90.00 / **Age 80+** - \$55.00

If you are interested in joining the SAFESIDE Association, please go to the following website: <https://www.safesideassociation.org/main/join>. I would recommend you become a Lifetime Member! Please direct membership questions to the Membership Chairman, Scott Shea, at [ScottShea69@gmail.com](mailto:ScottShea69@gmail.com).

You may also pay by check or money order. After completing the membership form on the website, mail check or money order made payable to **Operation Safeside, Inc.**, to: *Raymond E. Silhavy, 2834 Red Maple Dr., Katy, TX 77494.*

**REUNION INFORMATION:**

There is a SAFESIDE Reunion scheduled 21-23 April 2022 at Moody AFB, Valdosta Georgia (travel days are 20 and 24 April 22). More information about the reunion can be found on our SAFESIDE Association Website or contact me, Don Derry ([dttderry@gmail.com](mailto:dttderry@gmail.com)), Hamish Stewart-Smith ([hamishstewart.smith@gmail.com](mailto:hamishstewart.smith@gmail.com)), or Paul Kasuda ([pjksuda@gmail.com](mailto:pjksuda@gmail.com)) for specific details.

**SAFESIDE MEMORIAL BENCH:**

I am very proud to announce that the previous Board of Directors voted unanimously to plan, design and fund a SAFESIDE Bench at the 820<sup>th</sup> Base Defense Group, Moody AFB, Georgia. The bench will represent all units associated with SAFESIDE. It will be built on the grounds of the current 820 BDG Memorial. The bench will be identical to the SAFESIDE Memorial Bench, at The Museum of the United States Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. This endeavor will cost the Association approximately \$5,000. We solicit your help to build this lasting monument to all our service in the defense of our country. You may donate by going to our SAFESIDE Website at <https://www.SAFESIDEassociation.org>. You may also donate by check. Send checks to our Treasurer, *Ray Silhavy, 2834 Red Maple Drive, Katy, TX 77494.* **Make your check payable to Operation SAFESIDE, Inc.** Annotate the memo section with **"SAFESIDE Bench Donation"**. With your help, we hope to complete construction of our bench in early 2022. We will dedicate the bench at the SAFESIDE Reunion in April of 2022.

I'm looking forward to reconnecting with all of you after all these years! Thank you for your service and thank you for laying the ground work for our current and future 820<sup>th</sup> leaders. **FOREVER SAFESIDE!**

V/r Don "The Ranger" Derry  
Joined to Fight  
SAFESIDE

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	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CONTACT RESPONSIBILITY</u>
1	Lt Col Newsome	Deputy Commander/ HQ	Don Derry
2	CMSgt Broder	Chief Enlisted Man/HQ	Don Derry
3	MSgt Hart	First Sergeant/HQ	Don Derry
4	SMSgt Adkison	Resource Advisor/HQ	Don Derry
5	SMSgt Goforth	Resource Advisor/HQ	Don Derry
6	Capt Worley	Exec Officer/S-1	Don Derry
7	SrA Hardy	Admin/S-1	Don Derry
8	SSgt Harding	Personnel/S-1	Don Derry
9	Capt (Doc) Hodge	Physicians Asst/S-1	Don Derry
10	TSgt Collunga	Med Support IDMT/S-1	Don Derry
11	TSgt Montano	Med Support IDMT/S-1	Don Derry
12	SSgt Coolberth	Information Security/S-1	Don Derry
13	SMSgt Hummer	Plans Supt/S-3	Don Derry
14	TSgt Parsons	Ops & Trn Branch/S-3	Don Derry
15	TSgt Oswald	Ops & Trn Branch/S-3	Don Derry
16	SSgt Rettelle	Ops & Trn Branch/S-3	Don Derry
17	SSgt (S) Beyersdorf	Ops & Trn Branch/S-3	Don Derry
18	TSgt Hayes	Ops & Trn Branch/S-3	Don Derry
19	SSgt Bostrom	Ops & Trn Branch/S-3	Don Derry
20	MSgt Casale	CE Readiness Section/S-3	Don Derry
1	SA Higgins	Chief, Intel Division/S-2	Hamish Stewart-Smith
2	SMSgt King	Intel Supt/S-2	Hamish Stewart-Smith
3	SSgt Mount	Intel NCO/S-2	Hamish Stewart-Smith
4	SrA Pond	Intel Specialist/S-2	Hamish Stewart-Smith
5	MSgt Rhoades	ABGD Cell/S-2	Hamish Stewart-Smith
6	Capt French	Ops Support Branch/S-3	Hamish Stewart-Smith
7	Capt Pruett	Chief, Logistics Division/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
8	MSgt Gross	Resources Supt/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
9	MSgt Clayton	Air Transport Planning Section/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
10	Capt Hodge	Communications Branch/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
11	MSgt Moberg	Comm Support Section/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
12	TSgt Gudson	Comm Ground Radio/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
13	SSgt Watson	Comm Satellite/Wideband/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
14	SSgt Zatorski	Comm Computer Section/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
15	SrA Sauerhoff	Comm Computer Section/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
16	MSgt Legg	Armory/Wpns Maint Branch/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
17	SSgt Petersen	Armory/Wpns Maint Branch/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
18	SSgt Williams	Armory/Wpns Maint Branch/S-4	Hamish Stewart-Smith
1	SMSgt Clark	Operations Supt/S-3	Paul Kasuda
2	SMSgt (S) Estep	Ops & Trn Branch/S-3	Paul Kasuda
3	SSgt Howard	Ops Support Branch/S-3	Paul Kasuda
4	SSgt Pink	Ops Support Branch/S-3	Paul Kasuda

5	1Lt Sefcik	Civil Engineering Branch/S-3	Paul Kasuda
6	MSgt Askin	EOD Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
7	TSgt Raridan	EOD Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
8	SSgt Lindt	CE Readiness Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
9	MSgt Eury	MWD Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
10	SSgt Remington	MWD Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
11	TSgt Wyman	Tactical Sensor Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
12	SSgt Moniz	Tactical Sensor Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
13	SSgt Wright	Tactical Sensor Section/S-3	Paul Kasuda
14	SSgt Sherbine	Supply Branch/S-4	Paul Kasuda
15	SSgt (S) Renner	Supply Branch/S-4	Paul Kasuda
16	TSgt Nugent	Mobility Branch/S-4	Paul Kasuda
17	SSgt Walker	Mobility Branch/S-4	Paul Kasuda
18	TSgt Bachman	Vehicle Maintenance Branch/S-4	Paul Kasuda
19	SSgt Green	Vehicle Maintenance Branch/S-4	Paul Kasuda

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