THE DONOVAN & BANK

SOCIETY

MEMBER HANDBOOK

"MOVE FORWARD
GIVE BACK"

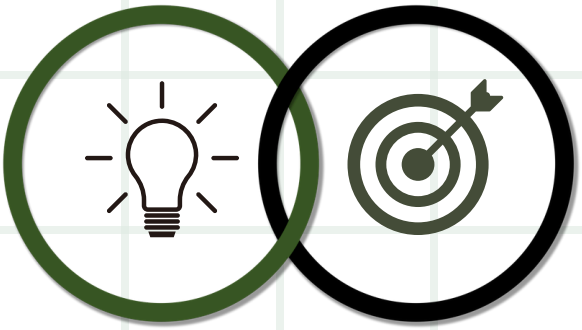
WELCOME
TO THE SOCIETY



The Donovan & Bank Society is a dynamic community designed to provide transitioning special operators with opportunities to cultivate a lasting practice of gratitude, giving back, and pursuing long-term personal and professional growth. At the same time, it engages and benefits our growing network of supporters while preserving the personal connections that define who we are.

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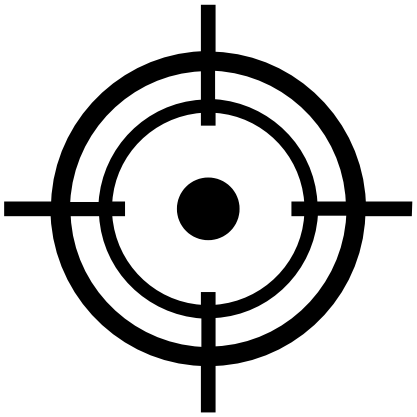
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VISION

The vision of The Donovan & Bank Society is a community where Special Operations veterans and private citizens come together to learn, grow, and serve, united by a shared commitment to "move forward, give back." Through mutual support, we strive to uphold the values of honesty, integrity, respect, fairness, accountability, and transparency, fostering a culture of service and positive impact in our communities.

PURPOSE



1. Foster Gratitude and Benevolence: For transitioning special operators, the act of giving back is a powerful tool for finding true peace, contentment and balance. The Society institutionalizes this practice, ensuring operators have structured opportunities to engage meaningfully with their communities.

2. Build Community: Transitioning special operators thrive when surrounded by a supportive, purpose-driven community. The Society's chapters create an environment of camaraderie and mutual growth that mirrors the tight-knit relationships found in the military, helping operators navigate their post-service lives with greater ease.

3. Deepen Engagement: The Society allows supporters to connect more deeply with the foundation's mission by offering opportunities to participate in meaningful ways beyond financial contributions.

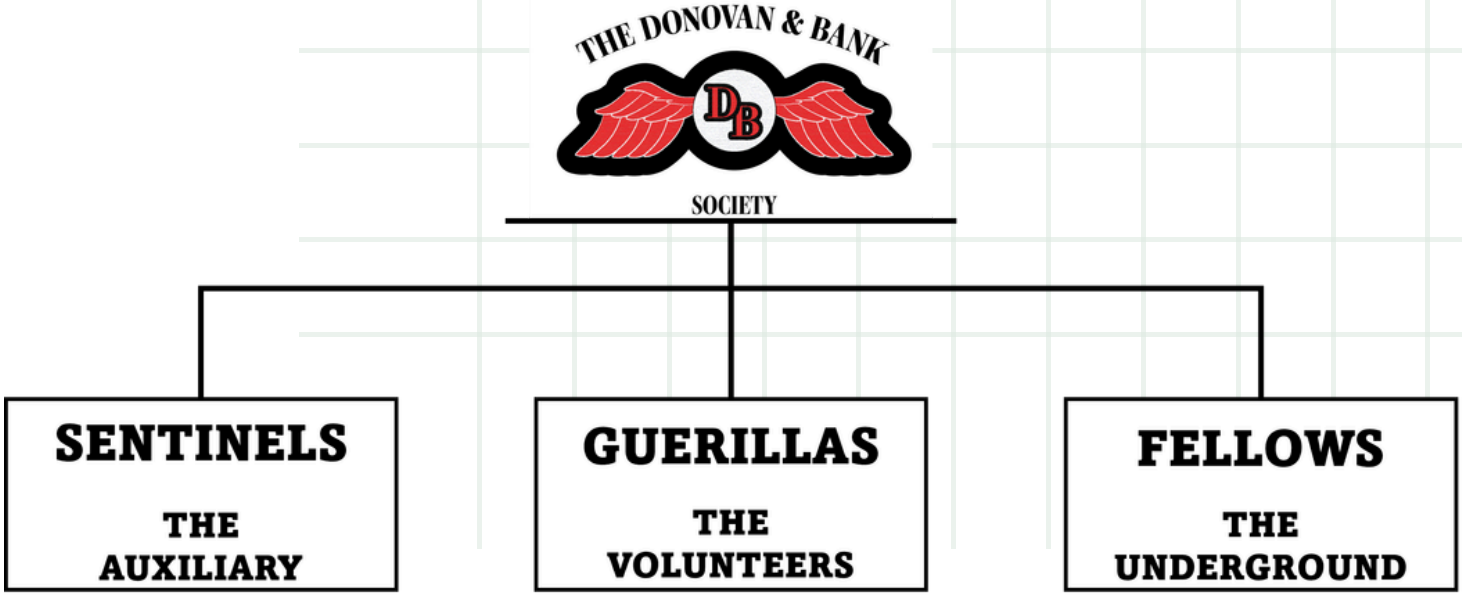
4. Provide Value to Supporters: The Society is a platform for personal and professional fulfillment. By offering networking opportunities, educational experiences, and access to a talented and diverse community, it ensures supporters see tangible returns on their investment of time, talent and treasure.

5. Scale Sustainably: By expanding our reach through local chapters and community facing projects, the Society provides a scalable model for growth that doesn't require ballooning the foundation's core organizational size.

ORGANIZATION

The Society is structured like an unconventional warfare resistance network, with three mutually supporting groups - Sentinels, Guerillas, and Fellows - each playing a distinct but complementary role.

- Sentinels, like the auxiliary, provide critical financial support and strategic insight that sustain the mission.
- Guerrillas take direct action through volunteerism, driving hands-on engagement and impact.
- Fellows, representing the underground, build and strengthen the Society's foundation through mentorship, leadership, and deep-rooted community ties.



SENTINELS
"THE AUXILIARY"



Sentinels are the dedicated supporters of the Donovan & Bank Society who ensure our mission thrives. They commit to an annual contribution, either through personal giving or fundraising. Their generosity provides critical resources to support transitioning special operators and maintain the foundation's reach.

While their primary role is financial support, Sentinels have opportunities to engage more deeply. They receive exclusive briefings, direct access to leadership, and the chance to offer strategic insights that help shape the Society's future.

Sentinels receive updates on their impact and are invited to the annual Sentinel Retreat - a private gathering recognizing their leadership. Sentinels who wish to be more involved can also join local chapters, connect with Fellows and Guerillas, or champion specific projects within the Society.

Sentinels must be invited to join, and there is a strict limit on the number of Sentinels, which is known only to the Sentinels themselves.

GUERILLAS
"THE VOLUNTEERS"

Guerillas are primarily special operators who are seeking meaningful opportunities to give back through service, rediscovering purpose and fostering gratitude as they transition to civilian life. Sentinels and Fellows are also welcome to participate in volunteer projects. Rather than creating new projects, the Society connects members with existing initiatives aligned with their interests while encouraging them to explore new ways of contributing.

There is no financial commitment for Guerillas.

To join the Donovan & Bank Society as a Guerilla, simply apply through the Donovan & Bank website.

Once you are accepted you can search for volunteer opportunities on the Foundation website. You may also receive invitations to participate in service projects in your area from other Guerillas, and invitations to volunteer at Foundation events.

Active Guerillas who are passionate about a cause or initiative can start their own service project and invite other Society members to volunteer.

FELLOWS

"THE UNDERGROUND"

Fellows are accomplished private citizens and special operators in good standing who join or establish local Society Chapters. These Chapters create a structured environment for mutual support, personal and professional growth, and lasting relationships. Sentinels and Guerillas are encouraged to join a Chapter.

Chapters provide a platform for members to connect, collaborate, and contribute while fostering lifelong learning through shared experiences, mentorship, and exposure to new ideas

There is no financial commitment for Fellows, but members are expected to contribute their time and expertise, actively participate in chapter activities, and uphold the principles outlined in the Society pledge.

Chapters are regionally and functionally based in order to create a nationwide network, ensuring members from anywhere can connect with and participate in a chapter.

Joining a chapter requires a more in-depth application process to ensure alignment with the Society's mission and values.

CHAPTERS

"THE G-BASE"

Chapters are the backbone of the Society. They serve as the foundational nodes where members connect, build lasting camaraderie, and serve their local community

Chapters are structured in two primary ways:

- Regional Chapters are geographically centered communities - such as Washington, D.C., New York, and Nashville - that bring together local civilian leaders and Special Operations veterans to form close-knit regional networks.

- Functional Chapters, also known as OPS GROUPS, are organized around shared passions and activities, enabling members to bond over common interests regardless of where they live.

Ultimately, regardless of whether a Chapter is tied to a specific city or centered on a shared activity, every Chapter shares the same purpose: to give our members an authentic, no-nonsense platform to foster genuine camaraderie, share skills, serve their community, and give back in meaningful ways.

THE GUARDIAN

The Guardian is the leader and steward of the Donovan & Bank Society, responsible for ensuring the Society remains true to its mission and values.

At any given time, there is only one Guardian, who provides strategic vision, guidance, and continuity for the Society's members and initiatives.

The Guardian's symbol, the Sword & Shield, represents action and protection. The sword signifies the responsibility to lead decisively, while the shield represents the duty to preserve the Society's mission and values.

The Guardian serves not as an authority figure, but as a caretaker of the Society's vision, helping members move forward while giving back.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Sentinels, Guerillas and Fellows are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct and behavior, ensuring their actions reflect the values and mission of the Society. The following guidelines outline the principles and expectations that each member should embody.

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1. **Honesty:** Be truthful and honest in every interaction with each other and with external parties.

2. **Integrity:** Act with integrity in all actions and decisions, and always strive to do the right thing, even when it may not be the easiest or most popular option.

3. **Respect:** Treat each other with respect and dignity, and show consideration for each other's thoughts, feelings, and ideas.

4. **Fairness:** Treat each other fairly and equitably and avoid any behavior that could be perceived as favoritism or discrimination.

5. **Accountability:** Take responsibility for actions and decisions and be accountable for the consequences that result.

6. **Transparency:** Be transparent with every action and decision, and avoid any behavior that could be perceived as secretive or manipulative.

7. **Confidentiality:** Create a culture of confidentiality and trust, where members feel comfortable sharing sensitive information, knowing that it will be handled with the utmost care and respect

CONTACT

If you're interested in becoming a Sentinel, Guerilla, or Fellow, or if you'd like to learn more about how you can get involved, please reach out to us. We look forward to having you join this impactful community.



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