



March 14, 2018

Subject: Jerry P. Rainey Memorial Scholarship

To Whom It May Concern,

The Special Forces Association Chapter IX, Isaac Camacho Chapter has established a memorial scholarship in the name of Jerry P. Rainey. The scholarship is available to students who have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours and have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded in person on or before August 19, 2017. At least two of the three scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students unless there are less than two qualifying undergraduate students, at which point more than one scholarship can be awarded to a masters or doctoral student. The review process will be limited to the first 50 applications received. Additional scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the review committee. The window for applying is from May 12 through June 16, 2018. Please post the Jerry P. Rainey Memorial Scholarship appropriately so qualified students may apply.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at rgrbrown583@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Greg Brown
Scholarship Committee Chair
Special Forces Association, Chapter IX,
Isaac Camacho Chapter



Jerry P. Rainey Scholarship

The Jerry P. Rainey Scholarship Fund focuses on assisting qualifying students who display outstanding potential in their chosen major. Academic excellence, community involvement, and personal character are the primary considerations weighted for selecting a recipient. The fund was established in memory of Jerry P. Rainey, a U.S. Army Special Forces Medic. Mr. Rainey's lifelong endeavor, driven by his infectious optimism, to assist those with which he came into contact inspired this fund. His belief that each individual possesses the ability to positively impact others is the basis for the intent of the fund. The intent is twofold; assist a student in obtaining his or her educational objectives and perpetuate the spirit of selfless giving to others, a standard which Mr. Rainey so admirably inspired those around him to follow. Three (3) scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded in person annually on or before the third Saturday in August. This year's scholarship presentation is August 18, 2018. The review process will be limited to the first 50 applications received NLT June 16, 2018

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants will meet the following requirements in order to be considered for the scholarship:

- Must reside in the greater El Paso, Texas/Las Cruces, New Mexico area
- Must be enrolled in an accredited university, college, or technical school
- Must have completed at least 24 credit hours of college coursework
- Must have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Must have contributed or are contributing to the local community
- Must not have previously been awarded the Jerry P. Rainey Scholarship

Application Process

Submit an application packet no earlier than May 12, 2018 and no later than June 16, 2018 via U.S. mail or E-mail to:

Jerry P. Rainey Scholarship Fund
c/o Greg Brown
4245 Loma Taurina Dr
El Paso, Texas 79934

or via email submission to: rgrbrown583@gmail.com

The application packet will include:

- Completed Application Form
- Proof of GPA through the spring 2018 semester
- Proof of completion of at least 24 credit hours of college coursework
- Written or typed essay, 500 words or less, describing contributions to the community and life goals
- Reference letter(s) from two members of the community other than family members



Jerry P. Rainey Biography

Jerry P. Rainey was born at Fort Benning, GA on January 25, 1932. As part of a military family, Jerry spent his childhood years in several locations. He graduated from Lanier High School in Macon, GA followed by one year at Clemson University before enlisting in the Navy at the start of the Korean War. One of his primary duties in Korea was rescuing downed pilots, often times behind enemy lines. After Korea, he spent the next nine years living in Athens, GA where he served as the head of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rainey joined the Army in 1962 and attended the yearlong Special Forces Medic Course during 1964 -1965. Jerry married the former Carol Thompson on August 21, 1963, two years after they met at a Shriners dance.

His first of two tours in Vietnam was from September 1965 to September 1966. The first nine months was as a medic with a Special Forces A-Team (Det A-415) in Tuyen Nhon. His last four months was as the Public Information Office NCOIC, 5th Special Forces Group in Nha Trang. As an editor of the Green Beret Magazine he traveled throughout all 4 CTZ's gathering information about Special Forces activities for publication in the magazine.

Jerry's second tour in Vietnam was from July 1969 to June 1970 with 5th Special Forces Group. Assigned to Det C-4 (IV Corps) HQ medic, he traveled throughout the Delta region assisting where needed. He often provided coverage for "A" Detachments needing additional medical support or replaced medics who were WIA or KIA.

His military awards include the Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal w/ OLC, Good Conduct Medal (2nd award), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/palm, Combat Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Expert Rifleman Badge.

Between tours in Vietnam Jerry and Carol were stationed with 8th Special Forces Group in Panama. He was part of the team that trained the Bolivian Army unit formed to track down and capture Che Guevera. During 1970 – 1971, he was a Medical Instructor at the Advanced Medical Training School, SF Training Group, Ft Bragg, NC. While stationed at Fort Bragg Jerry assisted in writing the U.S. Army Manual for Physician Assistants.

After Mr. Rainey departed the Army he and his family lived in several locations including, New Orleans, LA, Tyler, TX, and Beaumont, TX. He worked in media sales and participated in political campaigns. Jerry was selected for and attended the Graduate Congressional Campaign College in the late 1970s. During his time in Beaumont, he taught at Lamar University's Small Business Center and provided motivational and time management speeches for the DuPont Corporation. Jerry and Carol settled in El Paso, TX in 1993 where he worked two years as the general manager of Power 102 radio station.

Mr. Rainey was a life member of the Special Forces Association and served as president of Chapter IX, the Isaac Camacho Chapter, in El Paso, TX. Jerry succumbed to Leukemia, a result of his time in Vietnam, in March 2007. He is survived by his wife Carol, daughter Tammy and her husband Gil, daughter Stacy and her husband Jerry, son John and his wife Julie, and five grandchildren.

Jerry P. Rainey Scholarship Application

Contact Information

Name:	Date:
Primary phone number:	
Alternate phone number:	
Email address:	
Alternate email address:	
Permanent home address:	
Mailing address:	

Educational Institution Information

Name of Institution:
Telephone Number:
Academic Major:
Grade Point Average (GPA):
Number of Credit Hours Completed:

Attachments:

- Essay describing contributions to the community and life goals. (500 words or less)
- Two reference letters.
- Proof of GPA and credit hour completion through the spring 2018 semester.

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