We take your privacy seriously. By registering for SOF Week 2026, you agree that your data will be used for event-related purposes and managed securely as described below.

Data Controllers and Use

SOF Week is jointly sponsored by **U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)** and the **Global SOF Foundation (GSOF)**. GSOF contracts **MCI Group** to execute event services, including vetting of registrants. **GSOF** and **MCI Group** act as Joint Independent Data Controllers. This means your data will be shared with both parties and used to manage event logistics and contact you about this event and its future editions, based on our legitimate interests. **Cvent**, our registration vendor, acts as the assigned Data Processor, managing your data securely on our behalf. Your information will always be used in accordance with the [MCI Privacy Policy](#) and the [GSOF Privacy Policy](#) unless noted below. All registration, profile, and behavioral data remain wholly owned by MCI and GSOF.

Data Retention and Deletion

All data collected for **USSOCOM Enterprise Personnel** will be **obfuscated** within **30 days** of the event's conclusion. As noted above, all **ID Data** will be deleted within 30 days of the event.

Data Security and Standards

Your data is submitted and stored securely on the **Cvent web-based platform**. Cvent uses a secure AWS environment (East Coast region, backed up in a West Coast Disaster Recovery site). Access to your data is restricted to authorized staff, who use multi-factor authentication. All access is logged and reviewed through a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) tool. All data is encrypted at the disk level. Sensitive PII (such as SSN, passport numbers, and credit card numbers) is also protected by **field-level encryption**. Cvent is certified on **PCI DSS Level 1** and **SOC2 Type II**, adhering to **NIST Cyber Security Standards** and international standards like **GDPR**.

ID and Photo Verification

We collect specific documents and images solely for the purpose of event verification.

Your **Identification Document (ID Data)** will only be used for verification. It is stored securely as an encrypted binary image and will be **permanently deleted** from all databases within **30 days** of the event's conclusion. Your **Headshot Photo** will be associated with your SOF Week

mobile app profile. You can modify it after logging in, and your photo will **not** be visible to other attendees if you choose not to be included in the Attendee Listing.

USSOCOM Enterprise Personnel will not be asked to submit ID or Photo Verification.

How Your Information Will Be Used

REGISTRATION & VETTING: Your data will be collected to ensure the legitimacy, safety, and appropriateness of your attendance at SOF Week. Required information for registration includes, but is not limited to:

- Full name
- Business email address
- Country of citizenship
- Phone number

The information will be stored and available to the registrant to review via the SOF Week registration portal, which is also part of the Cvent software suite.

EVENT COMMUNICATION: Registrants agree to receive information about the event via emails, which may include:

- Registration confirmation emails
- Event reminders
- Opportunities at the event
- Emergency information

For additional SOF Week communications, registrants are encouraged to stay updated via the SOF Week website.

SOF WEEK MOBILE APP: The SOF Week Mobile App is provided by the registration vendor, Cvent. The App requires two-step verification, which means you must either: (1) have access on your phone to the email account that you used to register or (2) provide a mobile phone number during the registration process.

The App features an Attendee Listing, which will include those SOF Week Attendees that consent to being included.

If consent is provided, attendees agree to:

- PHOTO: Use of their submitted photo from the verification process as their primary profile in the App. This can be changed upon sign-in.

- MEETINGS: Other attendees using the App may reach out to request messaging opportunities or meetings.
- COMMUNICATION: Emails, messages, or in-App notifications containing relevant communications from the App.

ATTENDEE BADGE: By completing registration, you agree that your approved data will be printed on your SOF Week Attendee Badge, which must be worn at all times in SOF Week event spaces during event hours. Those fields include:

- Rank / Prefix
- First and Last Name
- Company / Organization
- Registration Type
- Country of Citizenship

An attendee badge must not be tampered with, including but not limited to alteration or changing of data, removal or blocking of bar codes or QR codes, etc. Doing so may be grounds for removal from SOF Week.

LEAD CAPTURE: All attendee badges will contain a QR code that can be scanned by Exhibitor "Lead Capture" devices. Codes will only be scanned with attendee consent.

If you consent to the scan of your badge by an exhibitor Lead Capture Device, the below data will be transferred via a report to the exhibitor that includes, but is not limited to:

- Rank / Prefix
- First and Last Name
- Title
- Company / Organization
- Registration Type
- Country of Citizenship
- Email Address
- Work Location (City, State, Zip Code, Country)