

RESCUE TASK FORCE

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GARY D. BECKS

Gary Becks is the Special Assistant to Congressman Duncan Hunter. He works part time in the California District office.

Gary served in Viet Nam with the Third Marines as a Med-Evac corpsman. His decorations include seven Air Medals for performance in over 140 combat missions. He is a former Fire Department Battalion Commander.

Becks is the President and founder of Rescue Task Force, a non-profit organization that has provided food, medical supplies and support to victims of natural and man-made disasters since 1988. He has personally led over one hundred missions to conflictive and natural disaster zones around the globe. In addition to his extensive work in Honduras and Nicaragua he has served in El Salvador at the request of that country's President. His service has additionally taken him to South Africa and into Iraq, Burundi, Albania, Kosovo, Africa, Cambodia, deep into the interior of Afghanistan where he had also worked during the Soviet occupation. Gary worked extensively in Sri Lanka and Southern Thailand in response to the Tsunami. Gary and his Thai bride spent their honeymoon in Louisiana assisting victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Gary also sits on the Board of Trustees of World Emergency Relief-U.S., and he is the President of World Emergency Relief-Central America, a Honduras based non-profit organization.

Becks has worked in Washington D.C. on Congressman Hunter's personal staff and he has served as a Senior Research Analyst for the United States House of Representatives.

Becks is listed in the prestigious Heritage Foundation Guide To Public Policy Experts. His book, "But I Can Still Carry Half A Load", narrates his exploits during the cold war.

Using 'trains' of burros, vintage aircraft and helicopters and dug-out canoes Becks leads volunteer medical teams into isolated villages around the globe. On the Miskito Coast of Honduras many villages where RTF works have never had contact from outsiders. RESCUE TASK FORCE has delivered over 60 ocean freight containers with about 1,400 tons of pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and disaster relief supplies all donated by manufacturers to needing families in Mexico, Central America and Asia.

Becks' current projects include the construction and equipping of full service medical clinics and a maternity clinic deep in the jungles of La Moskitia, Honduras, providing regional Indian villages their first ever-medical care. His organization also operates ten Literacy Learning Centers for women inside of Afghanistan and has built two medical clinics in Tsunami ravaged villages in Sri Lanka. Rescue Task Force's current local projects include support to our war wounded returning to Balboa Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. RTF supporters and volunteers provide Back Backs of personal necessities and entertainment items.

Gary and his wife, Benyapa, live in El Cajon, California. He has three daughters and one son and Benyapa has one son. They are proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

