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# THE SITUATION REPORT

## **AUGUST 2017**

## **PROGRAM IMPACT UPDATE** Honoring our warriors, Supporting their families

### WARRIOR & FAMILY SUPPORT

This month the Navy SEAL Foundation supported **29 wounded**, **ill and injured requests** to include logistical family support, necessary rehabilitation equipment and veteran medical support for combat sustained injuries.

In one instance, an active-duty service member sustained a combat related injury while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Horn of Africa. This **traumatic injury to his spinal cord** requires extensive rehabilitation along with rehabilitation equipment which is not covered by TRICARE or the military. Our support of this service member and his family during their time of need allows them to dedicate the time and resources



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necessary to help him regain a full range of mobility.

This month we were also called to support an active-duty NSWDG support service member who suffered a **severe head injury**, **multiple broken bones**, **lung contusions**, and **lacerations** in a motorcycle accident in Virginia Beach. The service member was flown to a Trauma Level 1 hospital for catastrophic medical management. The Foundation provided his immediate family members flights along with logistical and financial support so that they could be at his bedside. He remains in serious condition, and we are poised to provide additional support as necessary.

## **PROGRAM IMPACT UPDATE** HONORING OUR WARRIORS, SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES

## WARRIOR SUPPORT & FAMILY SUPPORT

August marks the end of **summer camp season** for the Navy SEAL Foundation. Our second sessions for Camp Legacy and Camp Spec Ops were filled to capacity and our Hawai'l camp, Camp Mokuleia, was a huge success.

It is always nice to hear from parents and here are a couple of notes we received this summer:

"Thank you all very much for what you do and continue to do every year, another great year of memories!!!!"

#### -NSW Parents

"Camp Mokuleia was a success! Being a first-time camping experience away from her family for our 7-yearold daughter in a completely new state and setting for an extended period, my husband and I were very pleased with the overall experience the program had to offer and what she took from it! The camp counselors and staff exhibited professionalism, positivity and a very caring disposition that help put our minds at ease and provide a comfortable environment for my daughter. We felt the staff and setting provided a very memorable and exciting experience for our daughter. After just a few days, it was clear to us there was a difference in our daughter's ability to communicate what she had learned, a higher level of confidence we had not seen before, a development in her ability to socialize created by the many friendships she had made along the way, and a new-found sense of leadership towards her peers and resiliency from her big relocation move! Most importantly, we saw how much she loved being there! She thoroughly enjoyed telling us about her experiences at this camp and insisted she return next year! That was a win in our book! So we thank you, Navy SEAL Foundation for funding and fulfilling a fantastic and memorable experience for our daughter!"

-SEAL Spouse

We were honored to welcome guest speaker <u>Adrian</u> <u>Ballinger</u> to our second session of Camp Legacy. Adrian is an accomplished rock climber and skier who recently summited Mt. Everest without supplemental oxygen. He shared his story of Grit and Grace with our campers, highlighting how we must balance our grittiness with the



grace to use it wisely and effectively to accomplish our goals and to help others achieve theirs. You can learn more about Adrian's story and incredible accomplishments <u>here</u>.

In all, the Foundation was able to provide specialized summer camp experiences for nearly **1,000 NSW kids and teens** this year! This important program would not be possible without the steadfast support of our donors. Thank you!

We are pleased to continue our support of NSW command events including pre- and post-deployment briefs, allcalls, and family days. Events such as these provide opportunities for spouses and service members to learn more about their commands, deployment schedules and services available to them. It also allows families to grow their networks of friends within the NSW community.



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES

The second 2017 Navy SEAL Foundation Scholarship period is now closed. Nearly **sixty new applications** were accepted for judging, bringing the total applicants for 2017 to 280! An independent panel of judges is currently evaluating round two applications and awards will be announced by mid-September.

For more information about the Foundation's support of educational opportunities for the NSW community, please visit our <u>website</u>.

## TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT

On August 7, 2017, **CTRCS Leslie Bruner**, a support personnel attached to Naval Special Warfare Development Group, lost her years-long battle with cancer. The Navy SEAL Foundation had been providing support to Leslie throughout her treatment, and upon her passing, we



provided **immediate tragedy assistance** funds of \$5,000 to her mother. Leslie's family has been folded into our Surviving Family Program. We also provided flights and lodging in support of Leslie's family and have supported the Command with memorial remembrance items and a reception for her friends, family, and co-workers. Navy SEAL Reservist

**Patrick Jaeger**, BUD/S class 275, was involved in a tragic motorcycle accident on July 30<sup>th</sup>, which ultimately lead to his death. The Foundation supported his family with



travel and logistics, ensuring they were at his bedside when he passed. A memorial for Pat took place in his home state of Minnesota on August 18. The Foundation provided support to the Command and family in the form of flights and lodging so that Pat's loved ones and teammates could attend.

## Summer Wellness Weekend 2017

Each element of the Navy SEAL Foundation's **Surviving Family Programs** is intended to meet immediate and longterm needs following a loss. Additionally, these programs are created to empower, to encourage and to build confidence in individual family members and the family as a whole. Through our **Acts of Care**, we continue to honor each fallen member with active compassion toward his family—demonstrating the fullest meaning of benevolence.

The Foundation's annual **Summer Wellness Weekend** is one part of our *Acts of Care* Program. This year, we hosted 46 surviving spouses and significant others, as well as their children at our retreat in Virginia Beach. We recognize the value of time spent together—time devoted to sharing the journey. It is our pleasure to provide these families with time to bond and share experiences related to their unique and collective journey with evidence-informed workshops, uniquely tailored activities and facilitated discussions that create growth opportunities.

"Just a quick note to express my profound gratitude for including me, once again, in this year's summer Wellness Weekend. Each year, the Wellness Weekend yields something different for me. It started out as a gathering of women who understood my pain and reluctance to socialize but gracefully forced me to socialize anyway (a difficult task). The next year, I began to "see the light," so to speak. I saw the women (and men) who had gone to hell and back before me, and they were simply, vivacious. Although I wasn't ready to take on a new relationship, I gained a sense of resolution to the internal conflict I was experiencing over that inevitable transition. Furthermore, the women I was surrounded by were living life as it was meant to, proof that happiness was a self-fulfilling prophecy. And so the years go on, filled with laughter and wonderful memories, all due to the generosity of the Navy SEAL Foundation and the hard-working individuals like yourself, who make these weekends flow seamlessly. I know there are a lot of moving parts and folks behind the scene who make these things possible, but I do want to thank you personally because you have the most wonderful presence and I know wrangling all of us can be hectic. Hope you have a wonderful rest of your week."

-Gold Star Surviving Family Member



## WARRIOR TRANSITION

Our colleagues at <u>Elite Meet</u> held three different events around the country this month! Elite Meet Boston, Elite Meet Chicago, and Elite Meet San Francisco included **55 transitioning veterans** meeting with over **120 professional business people**. This unique program pairs transitioning service members with exceptional private sector business leaders to

facilitate job placement and mentorship opportunities. The Navy SEAL Foundation is proud to support qualified transitioning NSW service members to attend Elite Meet events.



## **VETERAN SUPPORT**

We were so saddened to learn that veteran SEAL Edward Furlani, BUD/S Class 245, committed suicide on July 19. Eddy left active-duty service in 2012. The Navy SEAL Foundation provided his family with immediate tragedy assistance funds, and we are acting as a resource hub for his wife so



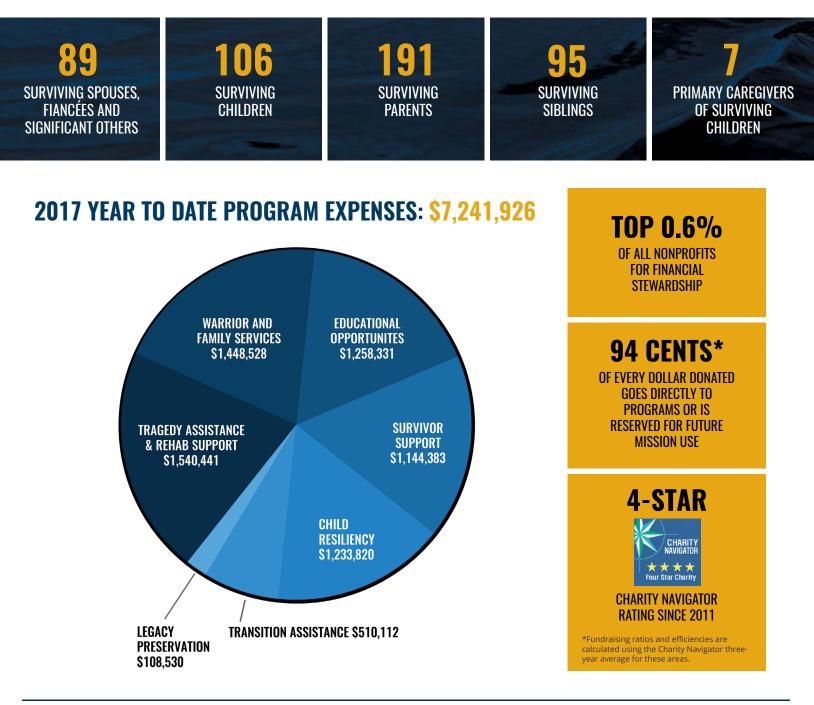
that she can access needed resources in the wake of this tragedy.





## OUR COMMITMENT

THE NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION PROVIDES IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE (NSW) COMMUNITY AND ITS FAMILIES UNDER SIX MAIN AREAS: WARRIOR & FAMILY SUPPORT, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE & SURVIVOR SUPPORT, WARRIOR TRANSITION, VETERAN SUPPORT AND LEGACY PRESERVATION.





## NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT UPCOMING SIGNATURE EVENTS

## WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING SIGNATURE EVENTS.



Join us at the gorgeous Field Museum in downtown Chicago for an evening of tribute. We will be honoring Kenneth Griffin, CEO of Citadel LLC, for his extraordinary philanthropic efforts. Mr. Griffin is a passionate philanthropist and community leader, supporting causes that drive community engagement and improvement. We look forward to this most anticipated event. Please join us!

#### **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

#### **SEAL TRIBUTE CELEBRATION** September 29-October 1, 2017, at half moon bay resort in half moon bay, ca

You are invited to join us for this year's SEAL Tribute Celebration. This 3-day event includes golfing, lots of social activities, and a gala dinner on the evening of the 30th. To learn more, and for registration or sponsorship opportunities, please visit:

#### **CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**



### **12 2018 NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION NEW YORK CITY BENEFIT DINNER** April 12, 2018, At New York Marriot Marquis

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# OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT



Sept. 27 Chicago Evening of Tribute

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Sept 25, Birdies for the Brave at Half Moon Bay, California

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Joggin' for Frogmen Race Series VIEW UPCOMING RACES



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	CITY
9/3/17	Race to the Tribute Del Mar Race Track Event	Del Mar, CA
9/8/17	CDR Pete Oswald Golf Tournament	Bellingham, WA
9/9/17	7th Annual Virginia Beach Fallen Heroes Freedom Fest	Virginia Beach, VA
9/11/17	Patriot Day Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show	Frenandina Beach, FL
9/22/17	Shootin' for the Stars Sporting Clay Shoot	Carson City, NV
9/23/17	Louisville Joggin' for Frogmen 5k Race	Louisville, KY
9/25/17	Birdies for the Brave Golf Tournament	Half Moon Bay, CA
9/27/17	Chicago Evening of Tribute	Chicago, IL
9/29-10/1/2017	SEAL Tribute Celebration	Half Moon Bay, CA
10/5-10/8/2017	Devon Grube Memorial Classic BBQ	Virginia Beach, VA
10/14/17	Pittsburgh Joggin' for Frogmen 5k Race	Pittsburgh, PA
10/16/17	Sig Sauer Shooting Event	New England
10/21/17	Virginia Beach Joggin' for Frogmen 5k Race	Virginia Beach, VA
11/2-11/5/2017	Gold Outing Golf Ball Drop	San Diego, CA
11/4/17	7th Annual Amelia Island Charity Golf Classic	Amelia Island, FL
11/05/20017	TCS New York City Marathon	New York City, NY
11/6-11/7/2017	Collective Impact Forum	San Diego, CA
11/16-11/18/2017	National Leadership Conference	San Diego, CA
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Please contact Meaghan Martinak, Director of Events, should you have any questions about fundraising events. <u>mmartinak@navysealfoundation.org</u> 757-613-5071

