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THE SITUATION REPORT

JUNE 2017

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

There's no question about it; summer is a busy time at the Navy SEAL Foundation! Between our seven specialized summer camps for Naval Special Warfare (NSW) kids and teens, our annual family support activities, the myriad of fundraising events, and our day-to-day operations we are surrounded by a constant buzz of activity. This time of year is also a time of great reflection, with patriotic holidays and sadly, many NSW memorial anniversaries for our Fallen Heroes.



As you read through this issue of The Situation Report, please know that our support of these warriors and their families would not be possible without the support of patriots like you. If you ever have questions about our programs or initiatives, please give us a call at 757.363.7490 or email us at info@navySEALfoundation.org.

With kind regards,
Robin King

CEO Navy SEAL Foundation



PROGRAM IMPACT UPDATE

HONORING OUR WARRIORS, SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES

WARRIOR SUPPORT & FAMILY SUPPORT

June marks the beginning of summer camp season for the Navy SEAL Foundation, and we are excited to share that **six out of our seven camps are at full capacity!** These specialized camps are designed to stimulate and teach our NSW teens and children through educational programs along with games, play, and physical activities.



This year our camp theme is “Grit and Grace.” During this month’s first session of **Camp Legacy**, our east coast camp for ages 16-19, Dr. Anna Crane facilitated a training session on the meaning of **GRIT** and how to cultivate more of it. Our NSW teens were attentive, open and humble. They participated in this session, both in small and large group settings with lots of lively discussion and follow-on activities. These extraordinary teens learned how to become grittier by growing from the inside out. They learned how to cultivate their passions, develop their interests, practice perseverance and depend on themselves. They learned that “gritty people do not bank on luck; they get up and change things.”

Your support has enabled hundreds and hundreds of children and teens from NSW families to attend the Foundation’s specialized camps. You are making a very real difference in their lives!

On June 10, we had the pleasure of hosting the annual West Coast **Princess and her Frog Dance** in Coronado, California, with over **400 fathers and princesses attending.** By all accounts, it was a magical evening, complete with a special guest appearance by the Princess “Belle,” who dazzled everyone with her timeless rendition of the song “Beauty and the Beast.” We know that SEALs can spend up to 270 days a year away from home and their family time is precious. This family support event allows our NSW dads to spend

a special evening bonding with their daughters—time together that neither will soon forget!

It is always gratifying when we receive feedback from the community we serve, and the notes below are wonderful examples of the impact our family support programs are making.

“Thank you once again, for supporting such an amazing event for our community. A DAD is the first man in his daughter’s life, her first love, and her first HERO. I could share with you many things about how valuable and important I think this event is to our NSW men (our warriors, our heroes), but think it much more impactful to share with you two written comments I received regarding Saturday night.”

– Family Support Coordinator

“Many of us start these careers off as hardened guys thinking we’ll never slow down or settle down. A family and a little girl in particular changes a man’s perspective. Things like this event mean a lot. It helps to remind me that I want to help change our community’s image from drink and fight frogmen to professional and tender warriors.”

– Active Duty SEAL



“Princess and her Frog was a GAME CHANGER for my daughter and me both! I was wondering if there were any of the coins left? My daughter took the one I got and won’t give it up, which means, she will lose it eventually and I actually cherishes that one Coin more than any other I could ever receive in my career.”

– Active Duty SEAL



The Foundation is dedicated to our philosophy of Whole Warrior Health, meaning when developing and implementing our programs we consider the whole warrior: body, spirit, and mind. We are pleased to announce that the **Navy SEAL Foundation, the Center for SEAL and SWCC, and the Center for BrainHealth’s Brain Performance Institute** are now collaborating to provide **SMART** (Strategic Memory Advanced Reasoning Training) to the Naval

Special Warfare community in locations across the country. SMART is a strategy-based cognitive training program that was developed by cognitive neuroscientists and clinicians at the [Center for BrainHealth at The University of Texas at Dallas](#). It has been **shown to improve strategic thinking, elevate mental energy and enhance attention and focus**. When used together, these cognitive strategies provide a mental toolkit that can increase the brain's capacity to assimilate and manipulate large amounts of complex incoming data. Adopting this toolkit also reduces information overload and helps calm the mind which supports effective decision-making and problem-solving. Our shared goal is to train **120 NSW members** during three training sessions by the end of the 2017 calendar year. The Navy SEAL Foundation is fully funding this project with resources donated by our generous supporters.



SAVE THE DATE

NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION

**NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION
IMPACT FORUM 2017**

STREAMLINING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BY ADVANCING
EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES

NOVEMBER 6-7, 2017

MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT SAN DIEGO, CA

PRESENTED BY THE NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE & SURVIVOR SUPPORT

The Navy SEAL Foundation is actively supporting the family of **Special Warfare Operator 1st Class (SEAL) Remington "Remi" Peters** who lost his life while parachuting during a Fleet Week demonstration on May 28th. We were honored to provide support for both the **Command Memorial** which was held on June 2nd in Coronado, California, as well as a hometown **Celebration of Life** for Remi, held in Grand Junction, Colorado on June 10th.



Our support for memorial events includes traditional **memorial items and flowers; flights and lodging** for family members, friends, and teammates; reception expenses; shadow boxes **and other requested memorial items**.

In addition to memorial event support, Remi's parents have received **immediate tragedy assistance** funds from the Foundation, and an informative letter outlining our long-term support for them as Gold Star parents. Remi's longtime girlfriend of has also been welcomed into our **Surviving Family Program**.

The Navy SEAL Foundation is also supporting the family of **Lieutenant Commander James Celani** who was killed on Sunday, June 11th in San Diego. James was assigned to a Naval Special Warfare Command in California, and he leaves behind a spouse and three children ages 13, 17, and 22. The Foundation supported James' **Command Memorial** on June 16, and we have provided his family with **tragedy assistance funds**. They are now included in our **Surviving Family Programs**.

This month the Foundation **provided lodging, flights, and logistical support** for family and teammates to attend the

interment of **Special Warfare Operator 1st Class (SEAL) Kyle Milliken** at Arlington National Cemetery. Kyle was killed in action on May 5, 2017, in Somalia. His wife and family are now included in our programs for surviving families.



On the West Coast, the Foundation is providing support and assistance to an NSW family who **lost their newborn baby boy** on June 10th. **Tragedy Assistance Funds** have been provided to the family, and we are assisting with logistics and memorial needs as requested.

In the past month, the Navy SEAL Foundation received and supported **23 Wounded, Ill, and Injured** requests including the provision of **travel support** for the wife and daughter of a SEAL operator who needed to go home for the memorial of his father to settle family affairs. Additionally, we provided support for a Basic Training Command student who severely **injured his ankle during training** which required extensive surgery and rehabilitation. The Foundation was delighted to invite him and his mother to use the **SEAL Warrior House** while he convalesced. Because of the generosity of donors, the family was able to stay there without cost following his surgery until he was cleared to travel home for convalescent leave.

"My son and I thank you and the Navy SEAL Foundation for the generosity that has been given to us during this recovery period. This certainly has helped him to be able to move on."

-Mother of Injured Service Member

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WARRIOR TRANSITION

Nearly 200 NSW members transition out of active-duty service each year. This month, our Warrior Transition support was extended to NSW members attending **Elite Meet 2** held in NYC. **Elite Meet pairs transitioning service members with private-sector business leaders**, facilitating job placement and creating new opportunities and long-lasting relationships. The Navy SEAL Foundation provided travel and lodging support for transitioning NSW members in attendance and **Foundation Director Joe Femenia** served as one of the finance industry leaders who addressed the attendees. To better understand the impact of the event, we have polled our supported participants and feedback has been consistently positive.

A sampling of Elite Meet 2's event outcomes included professional development with **45 SOF resumes** edited for maximum impact, **25 LinkedIn profiles** reviewed and updated, **two internships** were granted to transitioning SEALs, **five mentorships were established** between entrepreneurs and

startup experts, **four jobs were offered** to transitioning NSW members, and one SEAL was **connected with a mechanical engineer** so that his invention could be prototyped!

The Navy SEAL Foundation understands that transition is not a one-size-fits-all proposition, and we are so excited to offer different options for those who have served their country with distinction. For more information about our Warrior Transition programs and services, please contact us at programs@navysealfoundation.org or visit our website.



VETERAN SUPPORT

We were heartbroken to learn **Chief Special Warfare Operator (Retired) William Chad Mulder**, who retired in January of this year, took his own life on June 9th. Bill was only 46 years old and leaves behind a wife and three children. He was a highly decorated combat veteran who earned numerous awards throughout his twenty-year career. The Foundation is actively supporting his family with **immediate tragedy assistance funds** and has folded them into our **Surviving Family Support Programs**.



The **interment of veteran SEAL Brian Hoke at Arlington National Cemetery** is scheduled for July 14, 2017. The Navy SEAL Foundation is working closely with The Third Option Foundation to coordinate our efforts in support of

this event. Brian was killed while on a diplomatic mission in Afghanistan on October 21, 2016. He is survived by his wife Christy and their three children. Foundation representatives will be in attendance to pay our respects for their sacrifice and to celebrate Brian's life of service to his Nation.



On May 20th, members of the Foundation attended the hometown **memorial service** for veteran SEAL Ryan Francis Larkin held in Maryland. Ryan's father, Frank J. Larkin, who is also a veteran SEAL, was presented with a special **shadow box**, along with **\$2,500.00 in veteran tragedy assistance funds**.



LEGACY PRESERVATION

The Foundation was honored to support this year's **Memorial Day Ceremonies** and receptions held by multiple Naval Special Warfare Commands. Our support included **flights for Gold Star families** to attend the **remembrance events** along with a **family brunch**, food at each of the receptions, and beautiful **memorial wreaths**.

Hundreds of NSW members gathered together to pay their respects to their friends and teammates. It is of utmost importance to the Foundation that our Gold Star family members understand that they will always be a part of the

NSW community and ceremonies such as these offer a chance for them to visit and reconnect with the community while honoring their sacrifice and their loved ones.



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.

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SURVIVING SPOUSES,
FIANCÉES AND
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

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SURVIVING
CHILDREN

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PARENTS

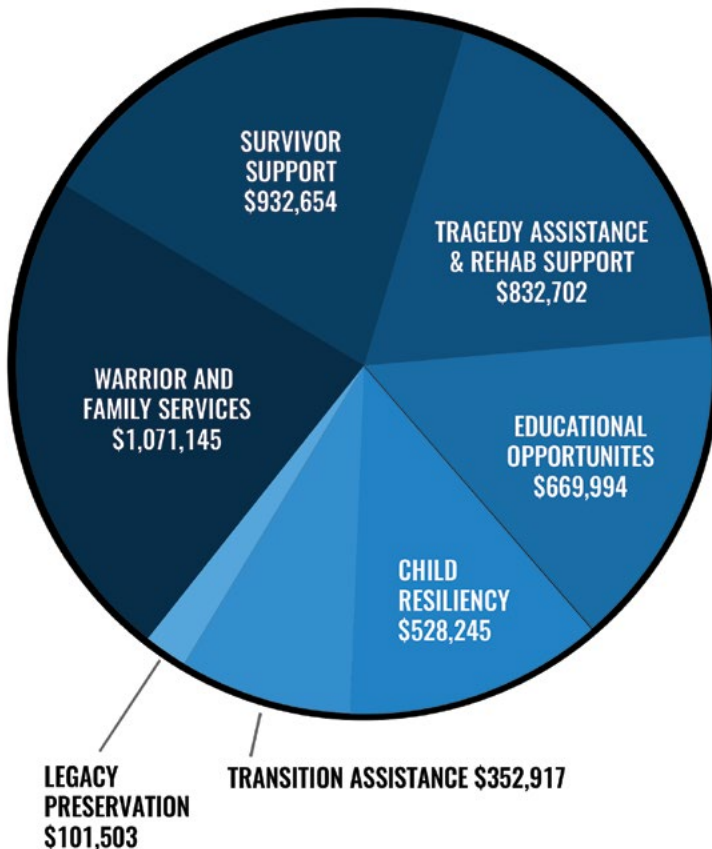
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SURVIVING
SIBLINGS

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PRIMARY CAREGIVERS
OF SURVIVING
CHILDREN

2017 YEAR TO DATE PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$4,489,160



TOP 0.6%

OF ALL NONPROFITS
FOR FINANCIAL
STEWARDSHIP

93 CENTS*

OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED
GOES DIRECTLY TO
PROGRAMS OR IS
RESERVED FOR FUTURE
MISSION USE

4-STAR



CHARITY NAVIGATOR
RATING SINCE 2011

*Fundraising ratios and efficiencies are calculated using the Charity Navigator three-year average for these areas.



NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT NEWS AND EVENTS

We are proud to share that the leading charity evaluator in America has once again recognized the Navy SEAL Foundation for our sound fiscal management and responsible stewardship by presenting us with their highest possible 4-star rating for the sixth consecutive year.

“This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way,” said Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. “This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Navy SEAL Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.” In meeting its mission to support the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community and its families, Thatcher said the Navy SEAL Foundation “... exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in (your) area of work.” He noted that the Foundation scored a perfect 100 out of 100 in its evaluation process for a second consecutive year; - only 58 charities of the more than 8,300 evaluated by Charity Navigator received this score.

Nearly 8,300 charities in the U.S. have been profiled by Charity Navigator, ten times more charities than the next comparable rating agency. The nation’s most trusted national nonprofit watchdog’s unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. The Navy SEAL Foundation joins an elite group of nonprofit organizations as just five (5) percent of all charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have earned its top rating for at least six (6) consecutive years.

We are honored that so many wonderful people recognize the service and sacrifices that the men and women of NSW make in defense of our freedom and they want to help by supporting our mission. We are grateful to do the work that we do, and we are thankful for the generous support of our board, staff, advisors and especially our donors. Without all of you, our programs would not be possible! We take the trust that our donors put in the Foundation very seriously, and we are glad to be recognized by Charity Navigator again this year for our stewardship and transparency. To see our charity profile, please [visit our Charity Navigator Profile](#).



Aug 6, Golden Gate Frogman Swim
This event is spearheaded by Navy SEAL Ambassador Rory O'Connor

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

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Joggin' for Frogmen Race Series

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UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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

AUG 03 **DENVER EVENING OF TRIBUTE**
AUGUST 3, 2017, AT XJET IN ENGLEWOOD, CO

Dave Liniger, the CEO and Chairman of RE/MAX, will be honored at this event. Mr. Liniger leads by example and nurtures a robust culture of philanthropy at RE/MAX. He is a steadfast supporter of our men and women in uniform as well as our military veterans. Mr. Liniger is an Air Force veteran himself, who served in Texas, Arizona, Vietnam, and Thailand. We hope you will join us!

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SEP 27 **CHICAGO EVENING OF TRIBUTE**
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, AT THE FIELD MUSEUM IN CHICAGO, IL

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!

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SEP 29 **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:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	CITY
7/3/17	Hometown Heroes Happy Hour	Coronado, CA
7/13-14/17	ADS Warrior EXPO East	Virginia Beach, VA
7/15/17	Allen Stone Braveheart Run Swim Run	Virginia Beach, VA
7/29/17	San Diego Joggin' for Frogmen 5k Race	San Diego, CA
8/3/17	Denver Evening of Tribute Benefit Dinner	Denver, CO
8/6/17	Golf Partners for H.O.P.E.	Half Moon Bay, CA
8/6/17	Golden Gate Frogman Swim	San Francisco, CA
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	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
October	Frogs vs. Pigeons Clay Shoot	Califon, NJ
10/6-10/8/2017	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
11/4/17	7th Annual Amelia Island Charity Golf Classic	Amelia Island, FL
11/05/20017	TCS New York City Marathon	New York City, NY
November	Antartic Ice Marathon	Antartica
11/6-11/7/2017	Collective Impact Forum	San Diego, CA
11/16-11/18/2017	National Leadership Conference	San Diego, CA
Ongoing	Operation Torrent	Various

Please contact Meaghan Martinak, Director of Events, should you have any questions about fundraising events. mmartinak@navysealfoundation.org 757-613-5071