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# THE SITUATION REPORT

## SEPTEMBER 2017

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

### WARRIOR & FAMILY SUPPORT

This month the Navy SEAL Foundation received and responded to **35 Warrior and Family Support requests** for active-duty Naval Special Warfare (NSW) members, including logistical **family support** and necessary **rehabilitation equipment**. Of these requests, 17 of them were in support of SEALs, three were in support of SWCCs and 15 were in support of NSW enablers assigned to NSW commands.

In one case, an active-duty SEAL was injured while conducting training in Niland, CA. He sustained a **gunshot wound** to his back and shoulder, the shell entered his upper right back and struck bone, then exited near his right clavicle. The Foundation provided travel for this SEAL's family members, enabling them to be by his side and **assist him in his recovery**.

In another instance, an active-duty SEAL was conducting mission training off the coast of California when a large swell struck the small craft that he was commanding. The front windshield of the vessel dislodged, **striking him in the head and knocked him unconscious**. The service member **was treated for traumatic brain injury (TBI)** along with other injuries sustained at the time. Since this accident, this SEAL has undergone **multiple surgeries** to address his injuries. The Navy SEAL Foundation is working to continue our support for him as needed throughout his recovery.

The Navy SEAL Foundation's family support extends to the children of active-duty NSW servicemembers as well as their



# PROGRAM IMPACT UPDATE

## HONORING OUR WARRIORS, SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES

### WARRIOR SUPPORT & FAMILY SUPPORT

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spouses. When difficult circumstances arise, we are ready and willing to help. This month, we provided **needed travel support** for an active-duty SEAL whose child was born with a cyst on their liver. The child required immediate treatment with the possibility of future surgery. This travel and lodging assistance kept the family together during their child's recovery and **alleviated a financial burden**, reducing stress at an already stressful and emotional time.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral John M. Richardson, presided over an **award ceremony at SEAL Team ONE** in Coronado. It was our pleasure to support **travel and lodging** for family members of those receiving awards at this special event.

Other warrior and family support included food and childcare for several **Chief Selectee events**, supporting our NSW commands as they recognized this milestone achievement!

The Foundation's annual **Princess and Her Frog Dance** in Hawaii was a beautiful affair, with 48 princesses and 35 fathers attending. The venue, at the base of the Ko'olau Mountain range, was the perfect setting for this magical night. The dance was the 4th event held for our NSW fathers and daughters stationed in Hawaii at SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE.

As NSW's footprint grows, so do our programs, and the Princess and Her Frog Dance is one event where this is evident. Our NSW families stationed in Germany will have their first dance next month and our families stationed in Stennis, Mississippi,

were treated to their very first Princess and Her Frog Dance at the beginning of this month. The turnout was excellent, and everyone was so appreciative.

It is such a delight to witness these daughters enter the "ballroom" with their fathers, and their gratitude to the Foundation and our donors who make events like these possible is so very special. It is such an honor to provide opportunities like this for fathers and daughters to bond!



*"We always appreciate your willingness to travel to and support the NSW community at Stennis, MS. I also want to tell you that I have heard nothing but rave reviews about the Princess and the Frog from the Dad's here at the command! Thank you! Please also pass on my thanks to the Navy SEAL Foundation for their generous, benevolent support for the event. These events have a huge positive impact in building strong and resilient relationships between our children and our deploying special operators!"*

*-CDR Gary A. Ryals, Commanding Officer,  
Special Boat Team TWENTY-TWO*

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## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES

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This month the Foundation awarded its second round of 2017 scholarships to the NSW community. For this second round, **\$232,000 in scholarships** were awarded! The awardees included 24 active-duty service members, 25 NSW dependents, and nine post-9/11 SEAL/SWCC veterans!

This round of scholarships completes the Foundation's 2017 scholarship awards. Our 2018 application period will open in January.



This month the Foundation was excited to partner with [Exum Mountain Guides](#) and [Mission Memorial Day](#) to enable 3 active-duty SEALs to participate in the **5th annual Grand Teton Veterans Adaptive Climb with Exum Mountain Guides**. The climb is designed to be a triumph for U.S. military service members who have suffered both visible and invisible wounds. One universal question that many injured service members face is, "How do I create and cultivate meaning in my life?" This climb helps them answer that question by demonstrating that one of the most effective ways to find value is to create it personally.

Those participating inscribed the names of their fallen comrades on United States flags and carried them to the top of the mountain. The ascent of the mountain is a perfect metaphor for conquering challenges many veterans face. The Navy SEAL Foundation was honored to support this mission!



## TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT

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The Foundation continues to support the family of **CTRCS Leslie Bruner**, who died on August 7th. Leslie was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on September 20th.



## WARRIOR TRANSITION

Our friends at [Elite Meet](#) held another phenomenal transition event, this time in San Francisco. The Foundation supported **15 SEALs and 5 SWCCs** in attendance and two of our board members were able to participate in the event. Our support included travel and lodging, as well as additional funding for meals for the NSW service members. We are pleased to report that this event yielded great results for those in attendance, allowing elite service members to meet with over **50 elite professionals!**

We are excited to share that [The Honor Foundation](#) broke ground on their **new San Diego headquarters** this month. This beautiful space was made possible by our partnership with Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. and it will allow THF to transform even more lives, giving our special operators a distinct advantage as they transition out of active service and into the civilian sector.

*"Elite Meet fills a vital and often overlooked niche critical to many transitioning vets: it provides direct access to C-suite leaders in an informal setting. This access enables SOF vets to do what they do best: build trust and show the executives why there is no one better at leading solution development than a SOF vet. Thanks to NSF for supporting my attendance!"*

*-Senior SEAL Officer*

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## VETERANS SUPPORT

This month as part of our Veteran Support programs the Navy SEAL Foundation assisted a veteran SEAL with **severe orthopedic complications** caused by numerous deployments and documented hard landings in military aircraft. This retired service member's issues are many; he has **severe pain in his back, shoulders, and head**. In support of his treatment, the Foundation is assisting with the purchase of prescribed medical equipment which is not covered by military TRICARE insurance. These items will aid in his recovery and improve his overall quality of life.



REGISTRATION OPEN



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# 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.

**89**

SURVIVING SPOUSES,  
FIANCÉES AND  
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

**106**

SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

**191**

SURVIVING  
PARENTS

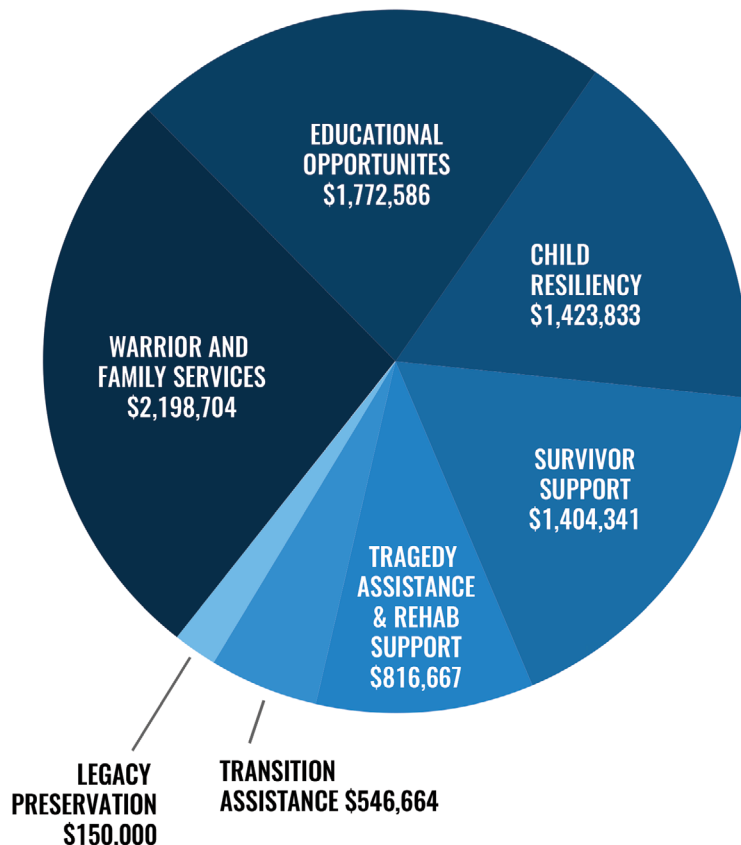
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SURVIVING  
SIBLINGS

**7**

PRIMARY CAREGIVERS  
OF SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

**2017 YEAR TO DATE PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$8,241,267**



**TOP 0.7%**

OF ALL NONPROFITS  
FOR FINANCIAL  
STEWARDSHIP

**94 CENTS\***

OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED  
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\*Fundraising ratios and efficiencies are calculated using the Charity Navigator three-year average for these areas.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	CITY
10/5-10/8/2017	<a href="#">Devon Grube Memorial Classic BBQ</a>	Virginia Beach, VA
10/8/17	<a href="#">Kappa Sigma Car Show</a>	Norfolk, VA
10/14/17	<a href="#">Pittsburgh Joggin' for Frogmen 5k Race</a>	Pittsburgh, PA
10/16/17	Sig Sauer Shooting Event	New England
10/21/17	<a href="#">Virginia Beach Joggin' for Frogmen 5k Race</a>	Virginia Beach, VA
11/2-11/5/2017	Gold Outing Golf Ball Drop	San Diego, CA
11/4/17	<a href="#">7th Annual Amelia Island Charity Golf Classic</a>	Amelia Island, FL
11/05/20017	<a href="#">TCS New York City Marathon</a>	New York City, NY
11/6-11/7/2017	<a href="#">Collective Impact Forum</a>	San Diego, CA
11/16-11/18/2017	National Leadership Conference	San Diego, CA
November	<a href="#">Antartic Ice Marathon</a>	Antartica
1/21/18	<a href="#">Tampa Bay Frogman Swim</a>	Tampa, FL
4/12/18	<a href="#">New York City Benefit Dinner</a>	New York City, NY
5/18/18	<a href="#">Shootin' for the Stars Trap Shoot</a>	Rio Oso, CA
Ongoing	<a href="#">Operation Torrent</a>	Various

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

# OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT



Jan. 21, 2018, Tampa Bay  
Frogman Swim  
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Joggin' for Frogmen Race Series  
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