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# THE SITUATION REPORT

OCTOBER 2017

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

From day-to-day support requests to announcing our NSF Grant and second round of scholarship awards, to planning and executing our impact forum and fundraising events, Fall is a very busy season! All of us at the Navy SEAL Foundation hope this newsletter finds you well! As always, if you have any questions about the Foundation's support of the Naval Special Warfare community or how you can give back to these extraordinary warriors, please reach out to us by phone at [757-363-7490](tel:757-363-7490) or by email at [info@navysealfoundation.org](mailto:info@navysealfoundation.org). Together we are making a difference in the lives of those who sacrifice so much.

## WARRIOR & FAMILY SUPPORT

This month the Navy SEAL Foundation responded to **30 individual requests for support** of Naval Special Warfare Warriors and their families. Of the 30 requests, 14 of them were in support of SEALs; two were in support of SWCCs and 14 were for support personnel assigned to NSW commands.

Through our **Flight and Travel Assistance Program** we supported travel accommodations for nine active-duty NSW Service Members who experienced an unexpected death of an immediate family member. Without this important assistance, these warriors would have been unable to attend services due to the high costs associated with last minute travel needs. By providing their travel accommodations, it was possible for these service members to fulfill appointed executor positions or to provide support to their family during their time of loss.

Other critical Warrior and Family support this month included **respite childcare** for an active-duty member undergoing emergency surgery; the fulfillment of several requests for respite childcare



# PROGRAM IMPACT UPDATE

## HONORING OUR WARRIORs, SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES

### WARRIOR SUPPORT & FAMILY SUPPORT

for NSW spouses whose service member **deployed unexpectedly** as part of a "deploy for purpose" command; and, **travel assistance** for a family member to provide childcare following a spouse's diagnosis of lymphoma. In all of these cases, the Foundation was honored to support these families as they navigated difficult circumstances.

This month the Foundation also hosted and held East Coast and Germany **Princess and Her Frog** Dances, which were by all accounts, lovely. These special dances create a magical environment for NSW fathers to spend precious time with their daughters.

In Germany's first ever Princess and Her Frog event, the attendance was amazing, and everyone was so grateful for the Foundation's commitment to bring this event overseas to them. Princesses and fathers enjoyed dancing, creating a craft together, dinner, and received a professional photo that they could take back home to mom. One SEAL father, whose family has endured an intensive recovery period for their son who was severely injured months ago, shared how incredibly appreciative he was to have an evening to take his daughter away from everything stressful that they as a family have been dealing with. It was very moving to watch them have this time together and only serves to highlight how important



family resiliency activities are to this community.

This year's East Coast event featured lots of horse and carriage rides, tons of dancing, fathers and princesses creating a special craft together, a dinner and take home photos that captured the special evening for all time!

While in Germany, Foundation staff facilitated **multiple workshops in support of NSW members** stationed there including "Navigating Your Strengths" and "Grit and Grace." We were also pleased to host a resource fair and an appreciation event for NSW Ombudsmen and Family Readiness Group (FRG) officers.

Upcoming support for Warriors and families stationed at NSW Commands includes multiple **family day events, workshops, and festivals** to celebrate the holidays.

### TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT



On September 30, 2017, **Commander (SEAL) Seth Stone died during a recreational jump** from a hot air balloon in Perris, California. Stone, a Texas native, was just 41 years old and was currently assigned to Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCOPAC) in Hawaii. He earned his Officer commission at the Naval Academy in 1999 and was a surface warfare officer before he became a SEAL. Seth was well decorated earning two silver stars, including one for a firefight that took place Sept. 29, 2006, where Stone and the platoon of SEALs under his command were attacked with small arms fire and rockets while protecting another unit in Ramadi, Iraq. According to the citation for the

medal, Stone led his platoon through the firefight to rescue and evacuate the wounded.

Sadly, Stone's accident occurred just one day after the 11th anniversary of Petty Officer Second-Class Michael Monsoor's death. Monsoor died after sacrificing his own life to save his teammates by jumping on top of a live grenade, so his teammates were shielded. It was Monsoor's selfless actions that inspired Seth Stone, who was on an adjacent rooftop during that battle, to stay in the Navy after the end of that deployment. A memorial to honor Stone took place Friday, October 13th on the BUD/s grinder, in Coronado, CA.

The Foundation has supported with **immediate tragedy assistance funds, traditional memorial items, flowers, a Coronado "paddle out" and a reception** for family and friends after Stone's burial at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

The Foundation has integrated CDR Stone's surviving parents and sibling into our Surviving Family Program. We will continue to support memorials and travel as needed.

## SIBLING WELLNESS WEEKEND

We were so pleased to host 40 surviving siblings and 29 spouses at our annual **Sibling Wellness Weekend** in Arizona this month. Over the course of the weekend, they participated in a uniquely designed workshop, an adventure-style team-building race, a rigorous hike on local trails and more!

The letters of appreciation that the Foundation has received from attendees are phenomenal. We have heard over and over how the cumulative experience of these wellness weekends is positively impacting their lives. **It is because of the support of our donors** that the Foundation can provide these opportunities for the families of our Fallen to connect. We are so very grateful to be able to do the work we do.

*"Words cannot express the gratitude I have for the experience shared at the Sibling Wellness Weekend 2017. Thank you for inviting me to be a part of this. After all these years of a gaping hole in my heart, I finally am starting to see it is ok to feel how I do. I lost my brother and gained a family of brothers and sisters who understand the loss. The weekend was one of much self-reflection, fellowship, and fun, too. Thank you again."*

-Gold Star Sister

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# WOUNDED, ILL & INJURED SUPPORT

This month the Navy SEAL Foundation was called upon to support **22 wounded, ill and injured requests**, including requests for logistical family support, necessary rehabilitation equipment, and veteran medical support for injuries sustained during active-duty service. Of those requests, 16 of them were for SEALs; one was in support of a SWCC and five were for NSW support personnel.

The note to the right came to us from an **active-duty SEAL who was recently severely wounded**. He mentions our previous support for his wife. As you can see, the support the Foundation extends to family members with medical needs which are not covered by military insurance is helpful not only in at the time of care, but this **support can ensure long-term resilience** when other unforeseen circumstances arise.

Other support this month included help for an active-duty member's family when his spouse, who was in critical condition, had to be placed in the hospital.

The service member was required to stay at the hospital to be available for time-sensitive decisions related to the care of his spouse. The family's young children needed to be cared for during this difficult time. The service member's command identified this need and requested assistance with flights for an extended family member so that they could provide the much-needed childcare for this family.

As you can see from the note below, the Foundation's **support directly and positively impacted** the family during a stressful and very emotional time.

*"I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Navy SEAL Foundation for organizing my flights so I could assist my daughter who was hospitalized. The help of the Foundation enabled me to keep our family informed of her condition, to assess the cost to her short-term health and to assist my son-in-law with their two small children. To be able to spend this time with them has reduced my anxiety immensely and I hope it will be of benefit to my daughter and her family at this difficult time. Again, thank you Navy SEAL Foundation for your generous assistance."*

## OTHER REQUESTS FOR HELP THIS MONTH INCLUDED

- Helping with medical equipment for a retired SEAL suffering from multiple orthopedic injuries and illnesses related to deployments and conditioning
- Providing a med-board stipend for a SEAL to reduce the financial stress of medical separation following several combat-related TBIs
- Presenting tragedy assistance funds to a SEAL who was involved in a vehicle rollover in a combat zone sustaining multiple injuries
- Providing respite childcare and financial support to the family of a SEAL who is recovering from severe stab wounds
- Travel support for a retired SEAL who was wounded at Robert's Ridge and has been struggling with combat-related complications associated with TBI and PTSD to attend the VA Prep Program

*"Thanks so much for working so hard to help our family again. I wish that we were not in such need over the past few years, and although it was incredibly difficult for us to reach out for help, we had to come to grips that it was one of the reasons for the Foundation's existence and that we had reached a point in which we could not go it alone. This is why I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your incredible support the past several years. Thank you for the instrumental support that you provided me years ago when my wife was ill. Even though I wish I did not place her in this position now, there is no one more fully equipped for the task ahead than my wife. She would have done it regardless, but I am thankful she is healthy now. So, thank you for helping to equip me with the ability to help her back then, and for helping to equip her with the ability to help me now."*

*-An Active Duty SEAL*

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## VETERAN SUPPORT

The Foundation was saddened to learn of the death of retired Master Chief (SEAL) Mike Faketty. Mike served proudly from October 1972 until his retirement in June of 2001. He was a true mentor to many and a tireless leader who helped shape the Special Warfare community. He passed away on Saturday, September 30th, 2017, following a long battle with Stage Four Lung Cancer. The Navy SEAL Foundation is supporting his family with tragedy assistance funds.



The adjacent note was sent to the Foundation in gratitude for our support of the command and teammates of SEAL Reservist Patrick Jaeger after his death in August. The message captures the significance of the support we provided not just for his fellow teammates, but for his family.

*"Good Morning, I am a SEAL with ST-8, and as SO1 Patrick Jaeger's teammate and friend I am writing this to personally thank the Navy SEAL Foundation and the Foundation representatives for all the support they provided to Patrick's family in August of 2017. Patrick's tragic motorcycle accident and eventual passing was an extremely difficult time for his family. The support from the Foundation provided relief from financial burden so the family could fly to Waco, Texas and be with Patrick in his final days. The family was amazed by the continued support at Patrick's funeral in Minnesota. By providing travel arrangements for Patrick's teammates to be present in Minnesota, the Foundation helped bridge the gap between Patrick's home life and military life, providing the family an opportunity to learn just how incredible Patrick was and how much of an influence he had on so many in just the 27 years he lived. On behalf of Patrick's family, teammates, and friends I want to thank you again."*

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## ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE TO OUR VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The Navy SEAL Foundation is pleased to announce an expansion of our support for SEAL and SWCC Veterans who experience a critical life event and need assistance in overcoming the crisis. Our tailored program, **Veteran Crisis Support**, spans the spectrum to address psychological and physical needs, as well as others, by providing appropriate and responsive care on a case-by-case basis. Veterans are at the heart of our philosophy of Acts of Care which is intended to demonstrate the Foundation's care and commitment to SEAL and SWCC Veterans facing the harsh realities associated with unforeseen crises. Our **Veteran Crisis Support Program** serves both pre-and-post-9/11 SEAL/SWCC Veterans. For more information about supporting this program or accessing it as a SEAL or SWCC Veteran, please contact our Programs Director, Alison Messick at [amessick@navySEALfoundation.org](mailto:amessick@navySEALfoundation.org)



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## 2018 NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION GRANTS

This month the Navy SEAL Foundation announced the recipients of their 2018 Grants for non-profit organizations serving the NSW community. The list includes the following five distinguished non-profits:



SEALKids, Inc.



TRAVIS MANION  
FOUNDATION

Travis Manion Foundation



The Station Foundation



JESSE PITTMAN FUND

Jesse Pittman Fund, Inc.



Warrior Dog  
Foundation

We are pleased to provide a total of \$500,000 in grant awards to these vetted and proven organizations whose work is positively impacting the NSW community. Congratulations!

## NEW PERMANENT OFFICE SPACE IN CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

We are very happy to announce our plans to open a new permanent Navy SEAL Foundation office space in Coronado, California. The planned multi-use space will serve as a support and resource center for west coast-based NSW Commands, SEALs, NSW personnel, and their families and will be the home office for key NSF employees, including the Foundation's CEO Robin King, who recently relocated to Coronado from Virginia Beach.

Coronado is the home of United States Naval Special Warfare Command (NAVSPECWARCOM), which is responsible for resourcing, manning, training, and equipping SEALs and other NSW mission specialists.

Plans are underway for a grand opening of the Coronado space in early 2018 to include an open house for NSW leadership and community members. More details to come!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Scott Burke, the Navy SEAL Foundation's Controller since July 2014, was recently promoted to Chief Financial Officer. Burke who is an Air Force Academy graduate and Air Force veteran, and who has been a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) since 2005, will lead and manage the Foundation's east coast office, located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Congratulations, Scott!



**IMPACT**  **FORUM**  
NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION  
NOVEMBER 6-7, 2017  
MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT | SAN DIEGO, CA  
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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.

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SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

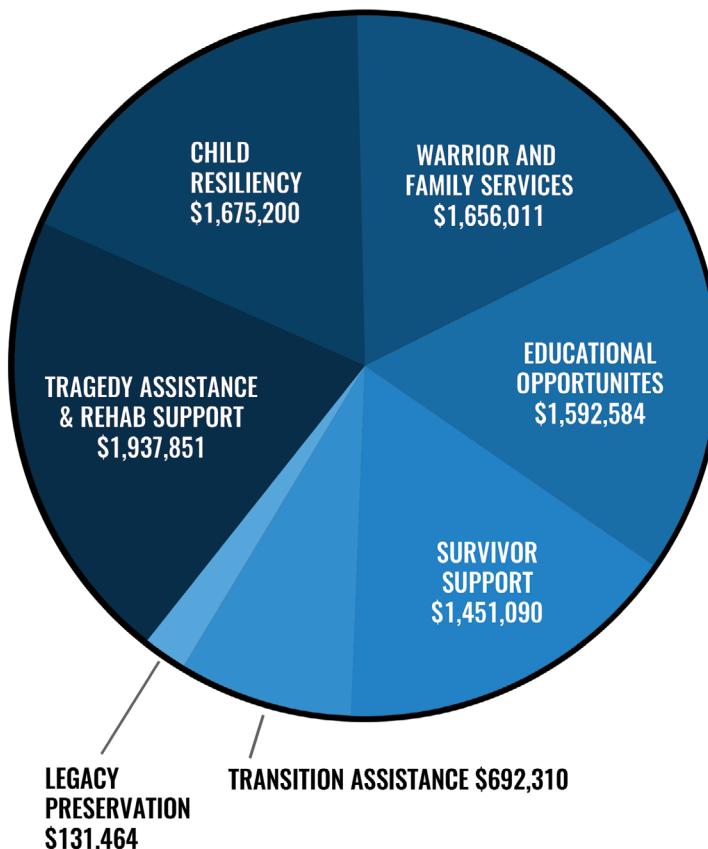
**106**  
SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

**192**  
SURVIVING  
PARENTS

**97**  
SURVIVING  
SIBLINGS

**7**  
PRIMARY CAREGIVERS  
OF SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

**2017 YEAR TO DATE PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$9,136,511**



**TOP 0.7%**  
OF ALL NONPROFITS  
FOR FINANCIAL  
STEWARDSHIP

**94 CENTS\***  
OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED  
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PROGRAMS OR IS  
RESERVED FOR FUTURE  
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# OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT



Jan. 21, 2018, Tampa Bay  
Frogman Swim

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Joggin' for Frogmen Race Series

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

| DATE             | EVENT NAME  | CITY               |
|------------------|---|--------------------|
| 11/2-11/5/2017   | Gold Outing Golf Ball Drop                                    | San Diego, CA      |
| 11/4/17          | Island House Restaurant 6th Annual Oyster Roast               | Wachapreague, VA   |
| 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      |
| 11/24/17         | <a href="#">Antartic Ice Marathon</a>                         | Antartica          |
| 12/4/17          | Thompson Law Group Holiday Open House                         | Virginia Beach, VA |
| 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  |
| 4/16/18          | Josh Harris Memorial Golf Event                               | NC                 |
| 5/17/18          | Pittsburgh Benefit Dinner                                     | Pittsburgh, PA     |
| 5/18/18          | Texas Frogman Shootout  | Decatur, TX        |
| 5/18/18          | <a href="#">Shootin' for the Stars Trap Shoot</a>             | Rio Oso, CA        |
| 5/19/18          | Joggin' for Frogmen Amelia Island 5K                          | Amelia Island, FL  |
| 7/28/18          | Joggin' for Frogmen San Diego 5K                              | San Diego, CA      |
| 7/29/18          | 2nd Annual Golden Gate Frogman Swim                           | San Francisco, CA  |
| 8/16/18          | Denver Evening of Tribute                                     | Denver, CO         |
| 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