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# THE SITUATION REPORT

## OCTOBER 2018

## PROGRAM SUPPORT UPDATES

### ACTIVE DUTY WOUNDED, ILL AND INJURED SUPPORT

This month the Navy SEAL Foundation supported **43 wounded, ill and injured requests** which included logistical family support, required rehabilitation equipment, veteran medical support for combat sustained injuries, casualty checks, medical board stipend support, respite child care, and other financial assistance.

One example involved an active duty SEAL who was **critically injured in a parachuting accident**. He sustained bilateral leg fractures, damaged ligaments, and injured ribs. NSF immediately supported him with tragedy assistance funds, and we continue to work closely with the USSOCOM Care Coalition for other needs as they arise.

NSF is also supporting an active duty SEAL whose wife is battling cancer. **Respite childcare, travel assistance and meal preparation support have been provided to them so that the service member can remain at his job** while his family has the resources they need to focus on healing. As the active duty SEAL returns to a deployable status, NSF will further assist the family with support for ride-sharing services as the spouse's license was revoked due to the seizures she's suffered.

### VETERAN CRISIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

NSF is currently providing **support for a veteran SEAL** who remains in critical condition after a horrific car accident. On September 4th, his vehicle crashed into a tree at high speed, and due to the extent of his injuries, both legs were amputated.

### WARRIOR AND FAMILY SUPPORT

This month NSF supported **28 requests for Naval Special Warfare Warriors and their families**. Some examples of this type of support include respite childcare during hospital stays or recovery periods, flights for family members who will serve as caregivers, and meal prep or home care to ensure the family maintains the necessary quality of life to facilitate a successful recovery.

An active duty NSW service member was medically evacuated from an overseas



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deployment for heart attack like symptoms. After further evaluation, it was determined the service member had experienced a heart attack as well as a mild stroke. The service member was transported to Germany for necessary surgery. NSF supported this service member by providing travel assistance to his wife to get her to his bedside and to aid in his recovery.

### SURVIVOR SUPPORT

The Navy SEAL Foundation recognizes the importance of remembering NSW Fallen Service Members in an intimate and meaningful way for the Surviving Parents and Spouses. Each of our Fallen is remembered on the memorial date of his death, Memorial Day, and Mother's/Father's Day.

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, **The IRONMAN Foundation® made a \$10,000 donation to the Navy SEAL Foundation** in conjunction with the IRONMAN® 70.3® SUPERFROG triathlon which was held on Sunday, September 16, in Imperial Beach, California. The check presentation took place at 11:00 a.m. at the Portwood Pier Plaza in Imperial Beach, CA.



The original and longest running half-distance triathlon race, the SUPERFROG™ Triathlon was founded in 1979 by retired LT (SEAL) Philip L. "Moki" Martin. The challenging course was designed by a group of Navy SEALs stationed at the U.S. Navy SEALs center in Coronado both to prepare them for the IRONMAN World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and to enhance their training.

"SEALs, SWCCs, and our Naval Special Warfare (NSW) enablers are continuously working to keep our nation safe," said Sara Berry, Director of Marketing and Communication at the Navy SEAL Foundation. "They and their families make sacrifices every day so that we can live in peace and security. Events like the IRONMAN 70.3 SUPERFROG triathlon bring our communities together in support of these warriors and

### GRATITUDES

*"Thank you and your amazing team at the NSF for these beautiful flowers honoring Pete's death. As you can see, they are gorgeous. They were a bright addition to an otherwise gloomy day. I really appreciate all that the NSF team has done for our family and for all the gold star families. You have made a substantial Impact on all of us."*

*-A Gold Star Spouse*



*"Thank you for the beautiful flowers and your note over David's heaven birthday! We so appreciate you and the Navy SEAL Foundation! I want you to know that what you provide is crucial to us having a soft place to fall of understanding! No one understands like you and our other brothers and sisters who have been through it. I wish more people who have been through the journey of loss could have the amazing support system we have! We are truly blessed! I Love you and all of your compassionate coworkers so very much! Thanks so much for being such a great support for us!!! It means the world!!! Just wish more people would understand the journey we take and be able to help. Much LOVE!"*

*-A Gold Star Mother*



# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

families, and the Navy SEAL Foundation is honored to be a part of this historic event. On behalf of the Foundation and those we serve, thank you to the IRONMAN Foundation, the triathlon participants, and the Imperial Beach and Coronado communities for supporting our mission of service to the NSW community with this generous donation."

The IRONMAN Foundation Community Fund provides community and volunteerism grant opportunities to non-profit organizations where IRONMAN events are held. Since the inception of the program, this donation will bring the total amount awarded to the Navy SEAL Foundation by the IRONMAN Foundation to \$184,000.

*"The IRONMAN Foundation is truly honored to partner with the Navy SEAL Foundation,"* said Michael Lynn Sills, Community Relations Manager for the IRONMAN Foundation. *"It is extremely important for us to support those who put their lives on the line day in and day out, as well as their families that remain at home."*



## RIBBON CUTTING AT CORONADO LOCATION

On September 19, the Navy SEAL Foundation celebrated the establishment of our new west coast location with a grand opening event. The official ribbon cutting ceremony and community open house were attended by many of our closest friends in Coronado, local dignitaries, military leaders, and community members. The office is centrally located in downtown Coronado off B Avenue, and it serves as a resource center for SEALs and NSW personnel on the west coast.

"Year over year we have seen our programmatic offerings expand as we work to meet the needs of this unique and dynamic community. The need is real and will continue to grow as SEALs are tapped for more and more missions. We are so happy to be here in Coronado, home of Basic Underwater Demolition Training, and headquarters to Naval Special Warfare Command," said Robin King, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation. "We are committed to this community, and we will do whatever it takes to meet our mission of service to these extraordinary warriors and their families."

Since our establishment in 2000, we have seen year-over-year programs growth. In 2017 alone, the Foundation invested over 14.5 million in programs for the NSW community and is on track to match that amount of support in 2018. We want those we support to know that they can count on us to be there for them.



Office hours at the Coronado location are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. but support calls to the Foundation (619-762-5326) are answered around the clock.

# OUR COMMITMENT

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

**91**

SURVIVING SPOUSES,  
FIANCÉES AND  
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

**107**

SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

**202**

SURVIVING  
PARENTS

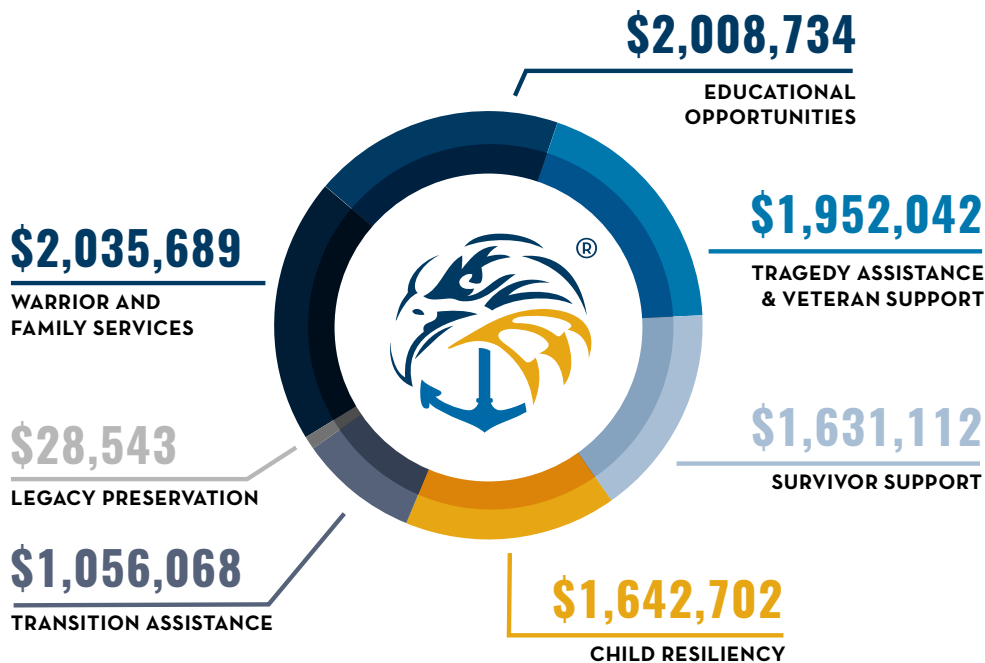
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SURVIVING  
SIBLINGS

**8**

PRIMARY CAREGIVERS  
OF SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

**2018 YEAR-TO-DATE PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$10,354,889**



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

**94 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.

**70**

NSW KILLED IN ACTION  
SINCE SEPTEMBER 2001

**22**

NSW KILLED IN TRAINING  
SINCE SEPTEMBER 2001

**40**

NSW LINE OF DUTY SINCE  
SEPTEMBER 2001

**5**

NSW VETERAN-  
DIPLOMATIC MISSION

**12**

OTHER NSW LOSSES SINCE  
SEPTEMBER 2001

# MIDWEST EVENING of TRIBUTE RECAP

September 6, 2018, the Hilton Ballroom at 720 S. Michigan Avenue was taken over by hundreds of patriots, executives, and heroes as friends and supporters of the Navy SEAL Foundation gathered together for the 2018 Midwest Evening of Tribute.

This yearly Chicago event, which draws attendance from all over the Midwest, recognizes the courage, commitment and sacrifices of the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community, giving citizens an opportunity to show their gratitude and support for these outstanding warriors and families. This year's event raised 5 million dollars in support of the Navy SEAL Foundation's mission—an astounding amount which includes a one million dollar matching gift from Ken Griffin, Founder of Citadel Investments.

The evening began with a VIP roundtable discussion and cocktail reception. The discussion was led by Bill Strong, Chairman and Managing Director of Longford Capital Management, and participants included Retired Vice Admiral (SEAL) Robert S. Harward who covered current affairs and shared personal stories with those in attendance.

As the beautifully decorated second-floor ballroom opened, guests made their way to their tables and viewed the presentation of the Colors by the Chicago Police Department's Honor Guard. Next, Petty Officer First Class Steven Powell, USN, (Ret.) sang a moving rendition of the National Anthem.

The evening's Co-Chairman Bill Strong graciously welcomed attendees. Strong, whose wife Sandi co-chaired with him, shared the importance of events such as the Midwest Evening of Tribute and mission of the Navy SEAL Foundation and recognized attending military members, NSW members and their families, Gold Star and Surviving family members, and the evening's honored guests. Robin King, Chief Executive Officer of the Navy SEAL Foundation, followed Strong and spoke about the mission of the Foundation, its myriad of programs, and the unbreakable bond between the Foundation and the warriors and families it supports.

Robin and Mike Zafirovski, well-known philanthropists and supporters of the Foundation were presented with the distinguished 2018 Navy SEAL Foundation Patriot Award by Mr. Strong for their unwavering support, loyalty, perseverance, and determination in helping others. "As individuals and as a family, Robin and Mike serve others in all they do and are called to a higher duty - serving humanity," said Strong. Upon accepting the award, both Robin and Mike spoke of patriotism, and what it means to their family. They thanked their children Matt, Kirk and Todd, who were all in attendance, for their example and they expressed their gratitude for being honored by the Foundation.

*"It's terrific to share this evening with so many great supporters of the Navy SEAL Foundation and, most especially, with our family and close friends. In many ways, this award belongs jointly to all of you who have stood by our side over the years offering financial contributions, partnership, talent and encouragement. We are so impressed by the mission and work of the*



*Navy SEAL Foundation in offering a variety of programs to provide care, education and vital support for our Navy SEALs and their families, and, most especially during critical moments of illness, injury and loss,"* said Robin Zafirovski.

After dinner, Rear Admiral (SEAL) Garry J. Bonelli, USN, (Ret.) chairman of the Navy SEAL Foundation, welcomed Christina Valentine, Gold Star and Surviving Spouse of Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator Thomas J. Valentine, to the stage. Valentine introduced recent Medal of Honor recipient Master Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Britt Slabinski, USN, (Ret.) who gave his remarks.

The crowd paid their respects to the 151 NSW members who have passed away since September 11, 2001, while Petty Officer First Class Steven Powell, USN, (Ret.) sang "Amazing Grace" as the photos and names of the Fallen were scrolled.

Guests were treated to an entertaining live auction led by Gary Metzner who also announced the lucky winner of a 2018 JEEP Wrangler, generously donated by Bob Loquercio and Loquercio Auto Group.

Retired Vice Admiral (SEAL) Robert S. Harward, Jr. delivered the evening's keynote address and was introduced by his daughter, Maggie Worthington. Harward is the Chief Executive Officer of Lockheed Martin United Arab Emirates and a national security expert with combat experience as a SEAL in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, and Bosnia. He shared intimate stories from his 40 years of service and spoke about the unseen sacrifices that our military families make on a daily basis, and he described the anguish of having to choose between the two loves of his life: his family and his service to the nation.

*"Our warriors are indispensable to the defense of our nation. The sacrifices their families make are an indispensable part of the mission, and the Navy SEAL Foundation's support to those families is impossible to quantify or overestimate,"* said Harward before thanking the audience for their support.

Former SEAL and current vice chairman of the Navy SEAL Foundation, Micheal Martin recited the SEAL Ethos before Bill Strong closed out the event.



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UNIQUE SERVICE.  
UNIQUE SUPPORT.***

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	CITY
9/30/18-10/2/18	Navy SEAL Foundation Impact Forum	San Diego, CA
10/1/18	Anacapa Relate	Anacapa Island, CA
10/5/18	Shootin' for the Stars	Carson City, NV
10/12/18	Frogs vs. Pigeons Clay Shoot	Califon, NJ
10/13/18	Hawaii Evening of Tribute	Honolulu, HI
10/13/18	Joggin' for Frogmen Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, VA
10/15-11/05/18	Operation Valor Fallen Heroes Memorial Challenge	Virtual
10/19/18	7th Annual Sig Sauer Shooting Event	New England
10/21/18	12 hours of Murph	Elgin, IL
10/21/18	ODU Kappa Sigma Fraternity Car Show	Norfolk, VA
10/27/18	Sizzlin' for SEALs	Baton Rouge, LA
11/3/18	7th Annual Island House Oyster Roast	Wachapreague, VA
11/3/18	Amelia Island Golf Classic	Amelia Island, FL
11/4/18	TCS NYC Marathon	NYC, NY
11/6-11/7/18	SDSU Pi Kappa Alpha Fall Philanthropy Event	San Diego, CA
11/7/18	Los Angeles Evening of Tribute	Los Angeles, CA
11/8-11/13/18	Pedal for Patriots	Atlanta to Tampa
11/10/18	Joggin' for Frogmen Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA
11/10-11/11/2018	World's Toughest Mudder	Fairburn, GA
11/18/18	IRONMAN Arizona	Tempe, AZ
11/27/18	Giving Tuesday	Global
1/13/19	10th Annual Tampa Bay Frogman Swim	Tampa, FL
2/7/19	Houston Evening of Tribute	Houston, TX
3/7/19	Navy SEAL Foundation NYC Benefit	NYC, NY
4/1/19	Palm Beach Evening of Tribute	Palm Beach, FL
7/13/19	20th Annual Allen Stone Run Swim Run	Virginia Beach, VA
7/14/19	San Francisco Frogman Swim	San Francisco, CA
8/8/19	Denver Evening of Tribute	Denver, CO
8/9/19	Denver Sanctuary Golf Event	Denver, CO
9/27-9/29/19	SEAL Tribute Celebration	Half Moon Bay, CA

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