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*Honoring our warriors. Supporting their families.*

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# THE SITUATION REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2019

## NEWS & UPDATES

### NSF WELCOMES NEW CHAIRMAN

The Navy SEAL Foundation is excited to welcome Vice Admiral (RET.) Sean Pybus as the new chairman of the Foundation's board of directors, replacing Rear Admiral (RET.) Garry Bonelli who completed his term as of January 31st.

*"Having worked on the board with my friend and colleague Admiral Bonelli for many years, I know firsthand about the big shoes to be filled, but I'm looking forward to building on this Board's success today and in the years to come,"* Vice Admiral Sean A. Pybus stated. *"I believe the legitimate demands expected of the Navy SEAL Foundation will continue to rise - and I have no doubts that the NSF Team and Board will continue to meet those needs."*

*"It's been my honor to serve as chair of the Navy SEAL Foundation,"* said Rear Admiral (RET.) Garry Bonelli.

*"Our volunteer board, professional staff, and steadfast donor support have helped enhance the resiliency of our warriors and their families who sacrifice so much every day for the defense of our great Nation." Bonelli added, "I can think of no better frogman than Sean Pybus to lead our foundation forward. He will inspire both our donors and our dedicated volunteers."*

Admiral Bonelli, (BUD/S Class 51) is a Commissioner of the San Diego Unified Port District in San Diego, CA and has been on the Foundation's board as chair for the past five years. The organization greatly strengthened its financial security during his leadership tenure and expanded to a second location in order to more conveniently serve SEAL communities on both coasts. Under his watch, the



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—Vice Adm. (RET) Sean A. Pybus





# FEBRUARY 2019 SITREP

## HONORING OUR WARRIORS, SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES

NSF earned unprecedented consecutive Four-Star ratings and perfect scores according to the esteemed non-profit watchdog, Charity Navigator.

Before retiring as a career Naval Special Warfare (NSW) SEAL officer in December 2016, Vice Admiral (RET.) Pybus served multiple Joint Special Operations duty assignments in Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia and later command tours in Panama, Germany and Bahrain, as well as duty as Commodore, NSW Group One, San Diego. After duty as Commodore, NSW Group One, he went on to command Special Operations in the Pacific; the NSW community; and NATO's Special Operations Forces. Today, he is president of The Pybus Group of Odessa, FL. In that role, he consults and advises defense and security sector organizations, providing strategic recommendations and business development steerage to C-Suite leaders.



Photo by Mike Bottoms, USSOCOM Office of Communication

Pybus attended the University of Rochester where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1979. He earned a regular Navy commission through NROTC and graduated Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training in December 1979, with Class 105. Decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (one award), Distinguished Service Medal (one award), Defense Superior Service Medal (three awards), Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), and various other awards. He is also a 1998 Distinguished Graduate of the Naval War College with a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

**Many thanks to Admiral Bonelli for his years of faithful service to the Foundation and those we serve. Welcome, Admiral Pybus!**



## PROGRAM SUPPORT UPDATES

### ACTIVE DUTY WOUNDED, ILL AND INJURED SUPPORT

This month NSF supported **33 wounded, ill and injured requests** to include logistical family support, necessary rehabilitation equipment, veteran medical support for combat sustained injuries, casualty assistance funds, medical board stipends, respite child care, and other financial assistance.

The Foundation is frequently called upon to cover the costs of necessary medical equipment that falls outside of TRICARE coverage but has been deemed essential to the service member's healing and improved quality of life.

### TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT

We were saddened to learn that on January 2, 2019, Lieutenant Junior Grade (SEAL) David Metcalf passed away. Dave was serving at a non-NSW command at Camp Lejeune in support of a United States Marine Corps regiment at the time of his death. The Foundation took the lead in supporting immediate needs associated with this tragedy. Our Programs team, along with some incredible SEAL volunteers, worked



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around the clock to ensure Dave's family was well cared for. They will be included in our Surviving Family Programs going forward.

On January 5th, 2019, we were saddened to learn that veteran SEAL Dean Silva died from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident the same day. Silva graduated with BUD/S Class 200. The Navy SEAL Foundation assisted Silva's surviving family with Veteran's Tragedy Assistance Funds.

On January 1, veteran SEAL Rod Rhines, BUD/S Class 183, was involved in a serious car accident. Rod passed away a few days later from his injuries. NSF was honored to assist Rod's family with Veteran's Tragedy Assistance funds.

This month the Foundation was called upon to support two NSW families who suffered the loss of a child. In both cases, NSF provided immediate tragedy assistance funding and support including travel for extended family members to attend the services along with tragedy assistance funds for other expenses that may be incurred.

## WARRIOR TRANSITION

This month NSF received **7 new Warrior Transition support requests** for NSW members who will be leaving active duty service soon. The Foundation's Transition Advisor, Mike Turkenkopf, stands ready to assist with support tailored to each. We are excited to share that 8 out of 10 NSW applicants to [Dartmouth's Tuck's - Next Steps in Business Transition Program](#) were accepted! We look forward to supporting them as they take part in this fantastic program.



## WARRIOR AND FAMILY SUPPORT

NSF supported **12 requests for Naval Special Warfare Warriors and/or their families** under our Warrior and Family Support Program pillar. Some examples of support this month 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.

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# IMPACT FORUM 2019

SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>-OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019



**SAVE THE DATE. REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

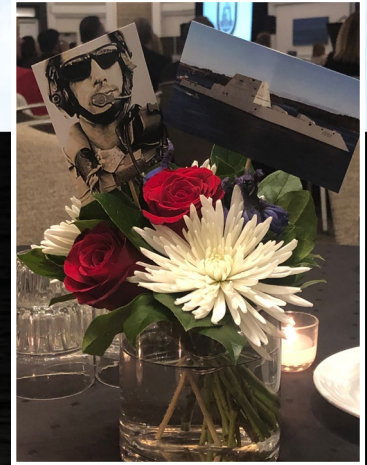


# USS MICHAEL MONSOOR (DDG 1001) COMMISSIONING

The Navy SEAL Foundation was honored to be an Admiral Level Sponsor of the January 26th commissioning ceremony for the Navy's newest Zumwalt-class destroyer, USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001). The ceremony, held at Naval Air Station North Island, in Coronado, California, was attended by an estimated 5,000 patriots and dignitaries.

The USS Michael Monsoor is the second ship in the Zumwalt-class of destroyers and is named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class (SEAL) Michael A. Monsoor. Monsoor was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Ramadi, Iraq, Sept. 29, 2006, where he sacrificed his own life to save his teammates.

If you would like to watch a recording of this historic ceremony, please visit: [https://www.navy.mil/ah\\_online/live/ah-live.asp](https://www.navy.mil/ah_online/live/ah-live.asp)



## 10TH ANNUAL TAMPA BAY FROGMAN SWIM

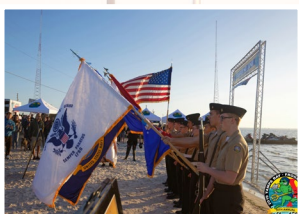
The 10th annual Tampa Bay Frogman Swim was held on Saturday, January 13, 2019, and hosted 50 Gold Star family members, 175 registered swimmers, 195 kayakers, and roughly 100 volunteers.

The Navy SEAL Foundation is beyond grateful to the organizers, volunteers, sponsors, participants and donors who make this event successful year after year. This year's fundraising totals are still being calculated but are estimated to reach over



\$600,000 in support of the warriors and families of Naval Special Warfare.

For more information on the swim, or to learn about other Frogman Swim Series events, [please visit www.frogmanswim.com](http://www.frogmanswim.com).







**NAVY SEAL**  
FOUNDATION



**SCHOLARSHIPS  
CLOSE FEB 15TH**

# SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN

The 2019 Navy SEAL Foundation and 2019 DEVGRU Scholarship application period is open. Scholarships are open to qualified active duty personnel, their spouses and dependent children, and Post-9/11 SEAL and SWCC Veterans (see below). Please be sure to complete your submission by **8:00 PM Eastern Time on February 15th, 2019, when the application period closes.**

## 2019 NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN TO:

- > Active Duty SEALs, SWCCs, and Post-9/11 NSW Veterans
- > Naval Special Warfare Support Personnel (TECH) who are on at least their second tour with an NSW Command
- > Spouses of Active Duty SEALs and SWCCs
- > Spouses of Naval Special Warfare Support Personnel (TECH) who are on at least their second tour with an NSW Command
- > Dependent children, high school seniors, and college dependents, of Active Duty SEALs and SWCCs
- > Dependent children, high school seniors, and college dependents, of Naval Special Warfare Support Personnel (TECH) who are on at least their second tour with an NSW Command
- > Post-9/11 SEAL and SWCC Veterans who are no longer serving in the military

## 2019 DEVGRU SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN TO:

- > Dependent children, high school seniors, and college dependents of current and former SEALs, SWCCs, and military direct support personnel who have been, or who are currently assigned to DEVGRU
- > Spouses of current and former SEALs, SWCCs, and military direct support personnel who have been, or is currently, assigned to DEVGRU



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS VISIT  
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# NEW YEAR NEW GEAR

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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 FIVE MAIN AREAS: WARRIOR & FAMILY SUPPORT, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE & SURVIVOR SUPPORT, WARRIOR TRANSITION, AND LEGACY PRESERVATION.

**92**

SURVIVING SPOUSES,  
FIANCÉES AND  
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

**109**

SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

**202**

SURVIVING  
PARENTS

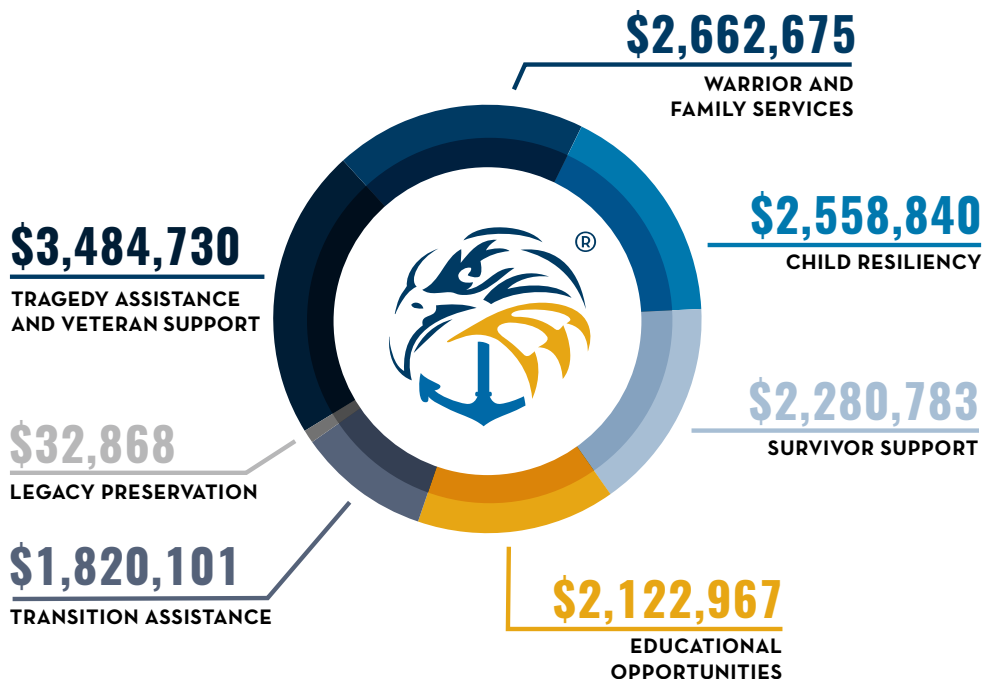
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SURVIVING  
SIBLINGS

**8**

PRIMARY CAREGIVERS  
OF SURVIVING  
CHILDREN

## 2018 YEAR-END PROGRAM EXPENSES: \$14,962,964



**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.

**71**

NSW KILLED IN ACTION  
SINCE SEPTEMBER 2001

**22**

NSW KILLED IN TRAINING  
SINCE SEPTEMBER 2001

**42**

NSW LINE OF DUTY SINCE  
SEPTEMBER 2001

**5**

NSW VETERAN-  
DIPLOMATIC MISSION

**12**

OTHER NSW LOSSES SINCE  
SEPTEMBER 2001

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	CITY
2/7/2019	Houston Evening of Tribute	Houston, TX
2/11/2019	Military Appreciation Monday Dinner	Great Falls, VA
3/7/2019	Navy SEAL Foundation NYC Benefit	NYC, NY
4/1/2019	Palm Beach Evening of Tribute	Palm Beach, FL
4/5/2019	Dressed to Kilt	NYC, NY
4/13/2019	Thunder Over Atria	Louisville, KY
5/17/2019	Shootin' for the Stars	Rio Oso, CA
5/18/2019	Joggin' for Frogmen Amelia Island	Amelia Island, FL
5/18/2019	Kyle Milliken 'The Only Easy Day' 10K/5K	Falmouth, ME
5/20/2019	Joshua T. Harris Memorial Golf Tournament	Pinehurst, NC
5/22/2019	Rosendin Electric Golf Tournament	Newport Beach, CA
5/25/2019	Joggin' for Frogmen Imperial	Imperial, NE
6/2/2019	Boston Frogman Swim	Boston, MA
6/15/2019	Golf Outing to Benefit NSF	Etters, PA
6/22/2019	LT Michael Murphy 4 Mile Run Around the Lake	Lake Ronkonkoma, NY
7/13/2019	20th Annual Allen Stone Run Swim Run	Virginia Beach, VA
7/14/2019	San Francisco Frogman Swim	San Francisco, CA
7/27/2019	Joggin' for Frogmen San Diego	San Diego, CA
8/8/2019	Denver Evening of Tribute	Denver, CO
9/6/2019	Commander Pete Oswald Memorial Golf Tournament	Bellingham, WA
9/14/2019	Joggin' for Frogmen Louisville	Louisville, KY
9/15/2019	IRONMAN Superfrog 70.3	Imperial Beach, CA
9/20/2019	Shootin' for the Stars	Carson City, NV
9/21/2019	Joggin' for Frogmen Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
9/27-9/29/19	SEAL Tribute Celebration	Half Moon Bay, CA
9/30-10/1/19	Navy SEAL Foundation Impact Forum	La Jolla, CA
10/19/2019	Joggin' for Frogmen Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, VA
11/9/2019	Joggin' for Frogmen Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA
11/9/2019	Amelia Island Charity Event	Amelia Island, FL

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