

# **EVENING OF TRIBUTE**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020



Evening's Program

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME

REMARKS

### **Texas Tenors**

**Bob Loquercio** 2019 and 2020 Evening of Tribute Event Chair

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF THE NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION 2020 PATRIOT AWARD **Robin King** CEO, Navy SEAL Foundation

**Miles D. White** Executive Chairman of the Board, Abbott

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

**Rear Admiral Milton J. Sands** Commander, Naval Service Training Command

AMAZING GRACE

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** 

**Texas Tenors** 

**General James Mattis, USMC, Ret.** 26th U.S. Secretary of Defense

**CLOSING REMARKS** 

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Bob Loquercio

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September 3, 2020

It's my honor to welcome you to the 9th Annual Navy SEAL Foundation Evening of Tribute. I greatly appreciate you joining us tonight.

Navy SEALs and other members of the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community do their work in the shadows, bearing the unique stresses of almost 19 years of continual combat. Their families also confront incredible stresses and strains, far from the headlines.

By joining us tonight, you are showing these warriors that as they are on the front lines, you stand behind them, ready and willing to give them and their families the help, the support, and the care they need and deserve. You're also showing brave Gold Star families and other surviving family members that you honor them, you're walking with them, and that you will not forget them or their loved one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. That's what your partnership with the Foundation and your contributions mean. You can take my word, they know and appreciate your love and support.

So once again, on behalf of the staff and leadership of the Navy SEAL Foundation, thank you for joining us. I hope you have a memorable evening.



VADM Sean Pybus, USN (Ret.) Chairman of the Board Navy SEAL Foundation





## MILES D. WHITE Executive Chairman of the Board, Abbott

Miles D. White is Executive Chairman of the Board of Abbott, a global healthcare company with a leading portfolio of products and technologies in diagnostics, medical devices, nutritionals and branded generic pharmaceuticals.

Mr. White, who joined Abbott in 1984, served as Abbott's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 1999 to 2020. In addition to being Executive Chairman of the Abbott Board of Directors, Mr. White currently serves on the boards of Caterpillar Inc., and McDonald's Corporation. He is a member of the board of trustees of Northwestern University and serves as Chairman of the Culver Educational Foundation. He is a member of the Business Council and is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. White was formerly Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.Mr. White earned both a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in business administration from Stanford University.



## GENERAL JAMES MATTIS, USMC (RET.) 26th U.S. Secretary of Defense

A native of the Pacific Northwest, James N. Mattis was born in Pullman, Washington on September 8, 1950. He earned a degree from Central Washington College and commissioned as a Marine infantry officer in 1972.

During his forty-three year Marine Corps career he commanded Sailors and Marines from platoon through Marine Expeditionary Force. In joint assignments, he served as Executive Secretary for the Department of Defense and as Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. As a four-star general, he commanded US Joint Forces Command, NATO's Supreme Allied Command for Transformation, and US Central Command.

Following his retirement from the Marine Corps in 2013, he served at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University until nominated to serve as the 26th Secretary of Defense.



## PROGRAM SPECIFICS

HONORING OUR WARRIORS. SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES.



#### WARRIOR AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Our warrior and family support programs ensure the NSW community has the support it needs in times of achievement and in times of adversity.



#### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Education is an integral part of an empowered life, and the Navy SEAL Foundation is honored to support the educational pursuits of the NSW community.



#### TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE AND SURVIVOR SUPPORT

We provide a range of programs and services to those warriors and families who have sustained injuries, illnesses, or catastrophic loss. It is our mission to help in their time of need.



#### WARRIOR TRANSITION

Transition can be challenging. The Navy SEAL Foundation provides opportunities and connection points for the NSW community, illuminating the path to a post-service career.



#### LEGACY PRESERVATION

The warriors of the NSW community deserve to be remembered and recognized for their contributions in defense of America's freedom. We are honored to preserve their history.

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## **U.S. NAVY SEAL ETHOS**

In times of war or uncertainty there is a special breed of warrior ready to answer our Nation's call. A common man with uncommon desire to succeed. Forged by adversity, he stands alongside America's finest special operations forces to serve his country, the American people, and protect their way of life. I am that man.

MY TRIDENT IS A SYMBOL OF HONOR AND HERITAGE. Bestowed upon me by the heroes that have gone before, it embodies the trust of those I have sworn to protect. By wearing the Trident I accept the responsibility of my chosen profession and way of life. It is a privilege that I must earn every day.

MY LOYALTY TO COUNTRY AND TEAM IS BEYOND REPROACH. I humbly serve as a guardian to my fellow Americans always ready to defend those who are unable to defend themselves. I do not advertise the nature of my work, nor seek recognition for my actions. I voluntarily accept the inherent hazards of my profession, placing the welfare and security of others before my own.

I SERVE WITH HONOR ON AND OFF THE BATTLEFIELD. The ability to control my emotions and my actions, regardless of circumstance, sets me apart from other men. Uncompromising integrity is my standard. My character and honor are steadfast. My word is my bond.

WE EXPECT TO LEAD AND BE LED. In the absence of orders I will take charge, lead my teammates and accomplish the mission. I lead by example in all situations.

I WILL NEVER QUIT. I persevere and thrive on adversity. My Nation expects me to be physically harder and mentally stronger than my enemies. If knocked down, I will get back up, every time. I will draw on every remaining ounce of strength to protect my teammates and to accomplish our mission. I am never out of the fight.

WE DEMAND DISCIPLINE. We expect innovation. The lives of my teammates and the success of our mission depend on me-my technical skill, tactical proficiency, and attention to detail. My training is never complete.

WE TRAIN FOR WAR AND FIGHT TO WIN. I stand ready to bring the full spectrum of combat power to bear in order to achieve my mission and the goals established by my country. The execution of my duties will be swift and violent when required yet guided by the very principles that I serve to defend.

Brave men have fought and died building the proud tradition and feared reputation that I am bound to uphold. In the worst of conditions, the legacy of my teammates steadies my resolve and silently guides my every deed. I WILL NOT FAIL.