

CHECK OUT OUR NEWEST VIDEO



Over the past several months, thousands of members of the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community relied on the Navy SEAL Foundation (NSF). Whenever a family faces crisis, a warrior requires care, or a child needs stability, we show up. But none of it happens without people who choose to stand behind us. This is the heart of what it means to be “that warrior.” Supporting our mission makes you part of this community. Here’s a look at what that commitment recently made possible.



PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

COMMUNITY

At the NSF, community support is often felt most in the quiet moments when families need relief, steadiness, and reassurance that they are not carrying the weight alone. Throughout 2025, we provided more than **2,700 hours of respite childcare** each month, returning precious time to the spouses of deployed SEALs and SWCCs. When service members were called away with little notice and no clear return date, we stepped in immediately. During a Walter Reed NICOE treatment cycle, we expanded hours so a wife could remain fully present during the final, critical week of treatment. Over the course of the year, this program invested more than **\$1 million in direct care**, helping households maintain stability during some of their most demanding seasons.



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Family and command gatherings continued to create space for connection in a community that often operates at high speed and under constant pressure. Princess and Her Frog events on the East Coast, West Coast, in Hawaii, and at Stennis, welcomed more than **1,000 fathers and daughters** for an evening rooted in tradition, laughter, and uninterrupted time together. Holiday celebrations across multiple regions offered households a chance to pause, reconnect, and feel the strength of the broader NSW community around them. Command retreats and small-group get-togethers fostered honest conversation, peer support, and the kind of trust that carries teams and families through demanding seasons.

For Veterans Day, six reconnect events brought former teammates back together across the country. Whether through Topgolf outings, shared dinners, or a run-swim-workout followed by a barbecue, these moments reaffirmed bonds that do not fade with service. We also supported the annual SWCC reunion, preserving a tradition that honors shared experience and ensures that no one drifts too far from the community that shaped them.



"I just attended my first Princess and Her Frog event. I cannot thank you all enough. My daughter had an amazing time. Being gone so much, it meant everything to see her enjoy something so special."

— Active Duty SEAL —



HEALTH

The NSF continues to walk alongside SEALs, SWCCs, veterans, and their loved ones during vulnerable moments. When a PCS move uncovered extensive mold in a newly purchased house, we secured temporary lodging so the parents of four could focus on restoring their home rather than worrying about where their children would sleep. When a newborn arrived two months early and remained in the NICU, we reimbursed costs so mom and dad could stay close through every long day and uncertain night. We also provided immediate assistance after a fire displaced one household and sustained support for a deployed SEAL's spouse when their child suffered a severe femur fracture requiring surgery. In each situation, our role was to

ease practical burdens so those affected could concentrate on healing and caring for one another.

The Warrior Fitness Program, led by our partner Virginia High Performance, remained central to our health efforts on both coasts. Operators often arrive carrying years of accumulated strain, chronic pain, and the quiet stress that accompanies high responsibility. Through individualized training, recovery, and clinical support, participants reported meaningful improvements in mobility, pain reduction, sleep quality, and overall resilience. Many described the experience as a rare opportunity to reset before stepping back into demanding roles at home and at work.

Through our partnership with the Headstrong Project, the NSF continued connecting operators, spouses, dependents, and Gold Star families with trauma-focused therapy each month. We also supported substance use recovery through inpatient treatment reimbursement and assistance in securing mandated care for a veteran whose release depended on program completion. In one urgent situation, when a veteran disclosed suicidal ideation, the on-site team moved quickly to ensure safety, connect him with clinical providers, and facilitate admission to a dual diagnosis facility. These moments of intervention protect long-term well-being and strengthen the broader NSW community's stability.



"Thank you so much for providing this service. My provider is nothing short of amazing. Her trauma-informed approach has made a tremendous difference in quality of life for me and my family."

— **Veteran SEAL** —



EDUCATION

Education support remains one of the most important investments we make in the NSW community. Last year, the NSF funded more than **160 scholarship applications** for remote locations, totaling nearly **\$720,000 in tuition assistance**. Families used this support for private school, tutoring, or homeschooling based on the realities of their duty station and the individual needs of their children. From Hawaii to the Gulf Coast, Florida, and Europe, this program helps ensure that frequent moves and remote assignments do not disrupt academic growth.

For those transitioning from active duty, the NSF also provided education assistance during a critical window of change. When service members lost access to DoD tuition support, we helped bridge the gap with test preparation and discretionary funding so they could continue pursuing degrees, certifications, and admissions requirements



without losing momentum. These investments created continuity during a period that often brings both uncertainty and opportunity.

“These opportunities would not be as accessible to me without the aid granted to me by the Navy SEAL Foundation. Your acknowledgment of the challenges that veteran families can face, especially in providing for higher academics, is one I truly appreciate.”

— SEAL Retiree Dependent



LEGACY

In December, the NSW community mourned the loss of BU2 Natalie Klecker. The NSF immediately coordinated flights and lodging for loved ones, covered travel, and connected the family with grief counseling resources. We worked closely with her command to ensure support was present at every stage of the funeral and command memorial, helping create space for remembrance and shared grief.

Beyond immediate response, the NSF continued its ongoing care for Gold Star and Surviving Families. We sponsored five spouses and one teen to attend TAPS Advocacy Week on Capitol Hill, providing travel and lodging so they could meet directly with lawmakers and advocate for survivor legislation, including the Love Lives On Act and improvements to TRICARE and CHAMPVA parity. We also helped coordinate the Celebration of Life for Rear Admiral Tom Richards, bringing together more than 200 family members, friends, and teammates to honor his decades of service and leadership within NSW.

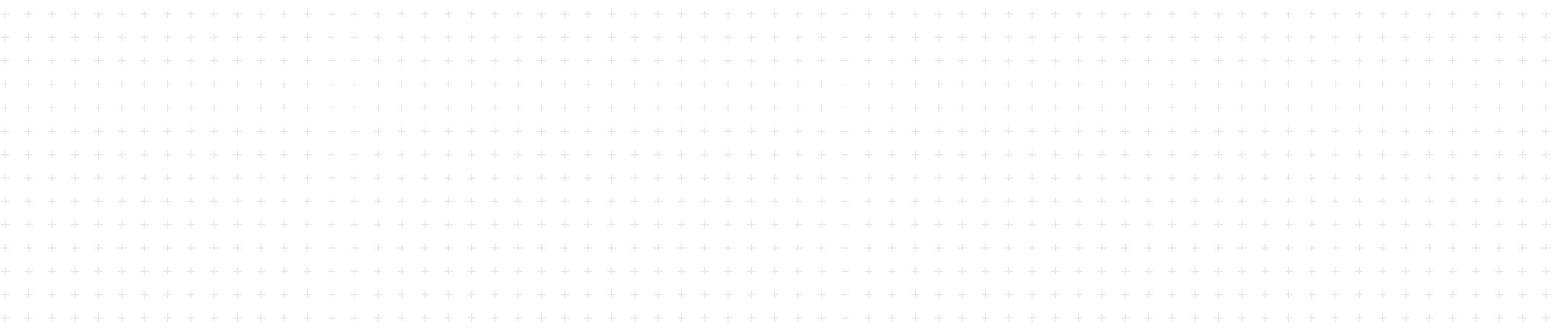


“Thank you so much for coordinating and covering costs for our trip to DC. I am so thankful I went. I learned a lot. Our group got two representatives to co-sponsor the bill.”

— Gold Star Spouse



Overall, our legacy programs ensure families are supported through loss, that service is honored with dignity, and that our fallen are never reduced to mere headlines or dates on a calendar.





EVENINGS OF TRIBUTE

This past fall, our Evenings of Tribute brought together leaders from business, sports, technology, and national security to stand behind the NSW community in a visible and meaningful way.



In the Midwest, a sold-out Hilton Chicago raised nearly **\$5.3 million** for our programs. Guests heard a conversation featuring Chicago Bears General Manager Ryan Poles, Chicago White Sox General Manager Chris Getz, and former SEAL and White Sox executive Brian Mahler, followed by a main-stage discussion with Michael Sacks and Ambassador and retired SEAL Admiral Joe Maguire. The evening reflected the same values that define NSW, including leadership under pressure, teamwork, and a commitment to something larger than self.

In Denver, more than **460 supporters** gathered at Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum to honor Dick Robinson and his late brother Eddie with the Fire in the Gut Award. Their story of service and perseverance resonated throughout the room, and the event raised **\$920,000** to support NSW warriors and families.



In Los Angeles, the Beverly Wilshire was filled with supporters as we presented the 2025 Patriot Award to Anduril Industries. Founder Palmer Luckey spoke about equipping operators with advanced technology that ensures they maintain a decisive advantage, and the program closed with a conversation between Luckey and retired General H.R. McMaster on the responsibility to prepare for evolving threats.



In Boston, the Trident Tribute introduced a refreshed format with a more intimate reception and focused program, raising more than **\$531,000**. A pre-event discussion featuring retired Vice Admiral Colin Kilrain alongside active-duty leadership offered candid insight into the demands placed on today's operators and the families who support them.

Across all cities, supporters showed up in force and invested directly in this community's readiness and resilience.



ATHLETIC EVENTS

Athletic events once again showed what committed supporters can accomplish when they put action behind belief. Twenty-five runners represented the NSF at the New York City Marathon, pushing through all five boroughs and raising more than **\$123,000** for NSW warriors and families. Several delivered standout finishes, who carried the mission across the full 26.2 miles.



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The inaugural Charleston Trident Swim brought 48 swimmers into cold, choppy water and generated more than **\$107,000** in its first year. Conditions were tough, but so was the resolve on display. What began as a new addition to the calendar now stands poised to become a strong part of the Frogman Swim Series.



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On Coronado Beach, 50 participants launched Project 1 with a demanding fitness event that blended individual grit with team effort. The response confirmed strong interest on the West Coast, and we plan to expand the concept to additional locations in the year ahead.

OTHER EVENTS

Supporters across the country continued to take ownership of the mission in their own communities as well. The Sig Sauer Range Day generated **\$345,000** and has already exceeded next year's capacity, a clear sign of sustained momentum in the Northeast.



The Amelia Island Golf Classic, Evening for the SEALs in Monterey, and the Island House Oyster Roast in Virginia each delivered six-figure results through strong local leadership and loyal returning donors. These events are built by people who believe in the cause and are willing to invest their time, networks, and reputations to advance it.

In total, more than 30 third-party events generated over **\$1.4 million**. Each one represents individuals who chose not just to attend, but to lead, host, and rally others in support of NSW operators and families.



PARTNERS & TEAMMATES

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Our partner network continues to grow in both depth and reach.

Outsider, founded by a former Navy SEAL, will launch an exclusive line of co-branded drinkware and contribute a portion of proceeds to the NSF, along with 10 percent of dealership sales generated through its partnership with Ford Motor Company.



Emerald Spear Tequila, also veteran SEAL-owned and operated, is expanding its support with the release of an NSF-themed bottle, with a portion of sales benefiting our programs. These partnerships bring mission-aligned brands closer to the NSW community and create new, sustained revenue streams for our programs.



EMERALD SPEAR TEQUILA
CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, USA



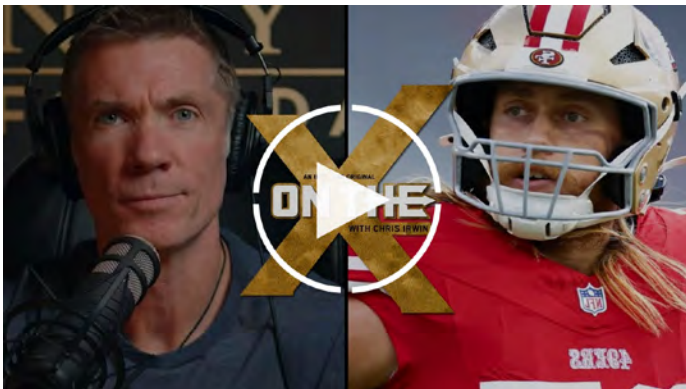
Rosendin formalized its partnership this year after years of meaningful engagement. The company's total impact now exceeds \$1 million through West Coast events and its inaugural East Coast event, as well as continued leadership in the Offshore Classic, Sanctuary, and other regional initiatives.



Chevron continues its year-round partnership, supporting multiple signature events and sustaining consistent investment in the NSW community.

Together, these companies are expanding the reach of the NSF's work across industries, markets, and new audiences.

OFFICIAL TEAMMATES



We are also excited to welcome George Kittle as a new Official Teammate of the Navy SEAL Foundation. A fierce competitor on the field and a steadfast supporter of the military community off it, George has consistently shown up for NSW warriors and their families. His energy, authenticity, and commitment to service make him a natural fit for the NSF team. If you missed our recent podcast conversation with George, we encourage you to listen for a candid discussion on mindset, resilience, and why supporting this community matters to him.