Freedom Isn’t Free

While we go about our day-to-day routine here in the United States, others are making unimaginable sacrifices on our behalf. It is not just the service members on the front lines who make sacrifices each day, but also their spouses, children and extended families. We view the family as the foundation of the service member and we are here to support them both.

As the Naval Special Warfare community is asked to do more in support of National Security, we continue to raise awareness about these special operators and their families and meet their increasing need for our specially designed programs. Your financial support ensures continued support of this unique community during the challenging years ahead.

From all of us at the SEAL-NSW Family Foundation — Thank you.

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They Are Not Home

Naval Special Warfare personnel are deployed globally 24/7/365. At any given time it is common for NSW personnel to be in upwards of 50 countries. Although Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom have concluded, Naval Special Operations personnel continue to be forward deployed in support of our National Security Strategy every day.

As service members train, prepare for deployment, and deploy, their families remain behind with us, as a niche part of our communities. They support their deployed family member and also show strength and resiliency while tackling a household, job, school, and daily life. As they manage each day supporting their service member, families and community, we can do our part to reciprocate their service by supporting them and their needs.

We have created family support programs and capabilities designed to provide meaningful support that assist with creating resilient families. We believe a resilient family creates a more resilient operator, and a resilient operator is what our National Security team needs each day. This is our way of highlighting our appreciation for all they do and is our small contribution to National Security.

We have molded the SEAL-NSW Family Foundation in the image of the men and women we support. We are lean, tough, creative, resourceful, and quick to react, and always at the benevolent tip of the spear.

Graduation Events

Family is important. We make it a point to meet the families the night before their service member (SEAL/SWCC) graduates from their NAVSOC Basic Training Course.

Our private dinner provides an opportunity for the families to meet each other prior to embarking on their own Navy journey. Each graduation brings over 200 guests to celebrate this very special occasion. A strong family makes for an even stronger operator. We believe this is the right way to introduce the families into this special community.

Special Needs Children

Our NSWKids program supports direct educational diagnostic testing, services and tutoring/mentoring and support to the families of active duty SEALS, SWCC and support personnel who have children with any special needs.

To date, over 200 children and their families have received support. The average cost of care per child is $10,000 depending on the diagnosis and required services.

Family Resiliency and Services

Resiliency does not just happen. Our community team building efforts focus on activities and events that connect NSW Families throughout the year. Our activities include gatherings, outings, and events designed for the spouses, children, and families.

Family Readiness Groups (FRG)

The Family Readiness Groups (FRG) are a community of spouses dedicated to serving the command's community efforts.

We provide an avenue for support and assistance, and a network of communications among the Family members to help create a climate of mutual support within the unit and community. The Foundation provides grants to registered FRGs to enable the execution of their command's tailored programs.

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood program creates opportunities for the spouses of NSW to meet regularly to discuss issues of mutual concern. We facilitate these meetings to enhance resiliency in the family domain.

Wounded Warriors

Working in support of the NSW Command and in close coordination with their Casualty Assistance Program, we bridge the gaps in Government Programs and provide additional capability during these critical times. While the Government has very specific programs to deal with these situations, they might not meet all the needs of the individuals affected. Our goal is to be with the wounded during their entire road to recovery, offering assistance as needed, including resourcing experimental treatments that the VA or other government institutions are not able to fund.

Heritage and Remembrance

We recognize the importance of heritage and allocate resources to support the establishment of monuments such as the Extortion 17 Monument Wall, dedication and naming ceremonies, and helping to ensure the legacy of NSW's efforts are captured appropriately.

Gold Star Families and Bereavement

Our Gold Star Family program supports a Continuum of Care that focuses on transforming the lives of children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver. This specific program is designed to support NSW’s Gold Star families via a children’s grief camp, family stabilization program, and a leadership academy.

Our bereavement funding supports the obvious unfortunate items: funeral support, uncovered family expenses, travel, hometown memorial events, VFW participation, Honor Guards, local Police and Fire support, as well as annual family visits to internment sites.

Emergency Assistance

Our quick response financial assistance during times of family emergency is a critical safety net for our NSW Families. Emergencies happen and we are here to help. Recent examples of where we’ve helped include: spouse respite, funeral support, memorial service receptions, emergency home repairs for the families of deployed service members, and urgent child care.

FOUNDATION FACTS:

Founded in 2010, the SEAL-NSW Family Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that raises funds and awareness for special programs in direct support of the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) families on a local, national, and global scale.

We provide meaningful programs specially designed to support the needs of the Naval Special Warfare families. These programs assist in building resiliency at home and ultimately to creating a better special operator.

OUR MISSION:

To support individual and family readiness through an array of programs specifically targeted to assist the Naval Special Warfare community in maintaining a resilient, sustainable, and healthy force in this era of persistent conflict and frequent deployments.

OUR VISION:

Our vision is to be the premier provider of benevolent civilian support services to the NSW communities we serve. This is pursued by collaborating with NSW Family Support leaders to help us better understand the effects of deployment. We conduct frequent analyses to ensure we are meeting current NSW community needs and we are educating and involving the civilian population in support of these elite warriors. The result—the delivery of exceptional programs.