

\$2,997,464

Building Capabilities & Reducing Stressors

\$4.408.935

RESILIENCE Addressing Tragedy &

Aiding Recovery

as of 10/30/2024

STRENGTH

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

YTD DIRECT PROGRAM SPENDING: \$23,314,516

\$10,310,440

HEALTH Enhancing Physical & Mental Wellness

\$2,588,621

EDUCATION Providing Scholarships & Development Opportunities

\$3,009,056

COMMUNITY Empowering Connections & Preserving Legacy



PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

STRENGTH RESPITE CHILDCARE

The Navy SEAL Foundation (NSF) provides critical support for the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community through its Respite Childcare Program, offering monthly care to help ease the demands on service members and their families. This is available during deployments and for command functions, allowing spouses to attend important events like pre/postdeployment dinners, all-calls, information nights, and chaplainled activities. In 2024, the Foundation has already provided \$552K worth of childcare, totaling 16,643 hours. "Having this childcare is truly lifechanging! As a stay-at-home mom of a 3-week-old and 2-year-old, we would not be able to afford it, so this program allows me to go to appointments and get a break while my husband is away. Thank you, NSF!"

- NSW Spouse _

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GOLD STAR PROGRAMS

The NSF organized several summer events to support our Gold Star and Surviving Family (GSSF) members. This included an East Coast road trip, where fifteen teens participated in adventurous activities like caving and hiking across five states. The trip culminated with a two-day rafting experience on the Chattooga River. At the Summer Wellness Weekend in Georgia, 115 GSSF members enjoyed activities like puzzle-solving and a competitive boat-building race. The weekend ended with a Southern charm closing dinner and a lively dance party. The inaugural Gold Star Peak Climb brought together three Gold Star parents and veterans. At the summit, Tibetan prayer flags with heartfelt messages were a powerful reminder of the enduring bond between families and their fallen heroes, creating a deeply emotional and healing experience for all involved. The Foundation also sponsored the travel and lodging for ten Gold Star families to attend the 25th Annual Allen Stone Braveheart Memorial Race, where a Gold Star father participated in the challenging run-swim-run event. The night before, we hosted a GSSF dinner, allowing families to connect and support one another.





"The Gold Star teen adventure is the highlight of the summer for my 14, 16, and 18-year-olds! They are giddy with excitement as they load the buses, and during the adventures, they are challenged and nurtured by the amazing coordinators and mentors. The bonds and memories they create with fellow Gold Star teens are invaluable. Throughout the year, I hear funny stories and motivational sayings from their trip. We are so thankful to everyone at the Navy SEAL Foundation for the opportunity to grow and heal through such an impactful and incredible experience."

— Gold Star Spouse

HEALTH HOME BASE

The NSF partners with Home Base, a National Center of Excellence, to provide lifesaving medical care for active duty SEALs, SWCC, veterans, and their families dealing with both physical and invisible wounds. Home Base's Comprehensive Brain Health and Trauma (ComBHaT) program, designed explicitly for special operators, treats conditions like PTSD, TBI, anxiety, and musculoskeletal injuries. The program includes comprehensive evaluations covering physical, neuropsychological, orthopedic, and psychological needs and services like diagnostic imaging and sleep studies. In 2024, the NSF has funded treatment for twenty-four NSW service members and veterans, totaling over \$676K, with more planned for the fall cohort.



VETERAN SUPPORT

The NSF responds swiftly to urgent requests from veteran families facing severe challenges. In the past few months, a SEAL spouse sought immediate detox and rehabilitation for her husband, who was struggling with a dual diagnosis. Within twenty-four hours, the Foundation secured him a spot in a forty-five-day program and arranged his flight within thirty hours, leading to significant progress in his recovery. In another instance, a spouse reached out for help as her husband battled mental health issues, including hypervigilance and OCD-like behaviors, but resisted treatment. The NSF initiated support through its Military Art Psychotherapy Program, helping the veteran and his spouse begin their healing process. Additionally, the Foundation funded a SEAL veteran's stay at a rehab center, covering the cost of a chaperone to ensure his safe arrival, and the veteran has shown substantial improvements since starting the program.

"I have been in the military for over twenty years and know of many foundations that advertise a capability to help NSW active duty and veterans. Yet the Navy SEAL Foundation is the ONLY foundation that I have personally experienced in looking for solutions to help those who have served or are still serving."

— Active Duty SWCC

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The NSF concluded its second cycle of the higher education program, awarding scholarships to 559 recipients, marking a 37% increase in high school senior dependents and a 23% increase in veteran applicants compared to 2023. These scholarships enable recipients to pursue a wide variety of academic fields, reflecting the Foundation's dedication to empowering the educational pursuits of the NSW community and making a long-term impact on their lives and careers. So far, in 2024, the NSF has also provided remote duty station grants to 165 active duty dependent students in Hawaii. These can be used for private school, homeschooling, or tutoring, ensuring families stationed in geographically separated locations can access quality education.



SUMMER CAMPS

That's a wrap on the 2024 camp season! Overall, the NSF welcomed 870 campers this year. Camp Koa, held in Hawaii for children ages 7-17, provided activities such as the Alpine Tower, Ropes Course, and daily Battle Challenge, helping to foster teamwork, leadership, and connection. In August, the second session of Camp Spec Ops took place, welcoming 258 campers aged 8-15. In addition, the NSF launched its inaugural Teen Leadership Camp for adolescents ages 16-18. Twelve teens, guided by six mentors and NSF staff,

participated in thrilling activities like mountain biking, paddleboarding, kayaking, and rock climbing. Each evening featured cabin talks on leadership topics, culminating in an intensive leadership training session. The camp received enthusiastic feedback, with plans to double attendance for the 2025 season.





"I had so much fun this time. I love how all the counselors are so nice! This year was my third year, and it was the best year ever. I got with all my friends and I loved all the programs. Thank you for all you guys did to help us have the best time ever. I can't wait for next summer. THANK YOU!"

– NSW Camper

PRINCESS AND HER FROG

This year's Princess and Her Frog theme was Disney's *Frozen*. On the East Coast, the NSF hosted a magical evening at a beautifully transformed ballroom with over 875 attendees. The room was bustling with activities such as crafting stations, balloon animals, and glitter tattoos, and we gifted princesses with shimmering snowflake wands and bags for their treasures. The highlight of the evening was a performance by special guests Princess Elsa and Anna of "Let It Go." On the West Coast, over 500 service members and their daughters gathered at the BUD/S grinder, which we transformed into a winter wonderland. The girls personalized crowns, enjoyed a candy bar, and took photos to remember the night. A surprise horse-and-carriage ride on base became the highlight of the evening, making it truly unforgettable for all involved. In Hawaii, we welcomed over 100 service members and their daughters for a magical evening filled with daddy-and-daughter caricature drawings, balloon animals, glowing cotton candy, and joyful moments captured in the photo booth and on the dance floor.

"These events are the highlight of my daughter's year, and I'm thankful to the NSF that we get to make those lifelong memories together. The Princess and Her Frog will help her to remember the time she spent growing up with a dad in the teams in a positive light."

— Active Duty SEAL





EVENTS

DENVER EVENING OF TRIBUTE

Over 600 dedicated supporters helped raise over \$1.2M at our Denver Evening of Tribute on August 8 at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. We were honored to have Colorado Senator Michael Bennet and Governor Jared Polis in attendance to present the Fire in the Gut Award to Larry Mizel, and the evening concluded with a lively musical performance by the Strung High String Band.



MIDWEST EVENING OF TRIBUTE

Our Midwest Evening of Tribute on September 11 was a huge success, with nearly 800 attendees raising almost \$5M for NSF programs. The event included a surprise video by former President Obama introducing keynote speaker Jessica Buchanan. Jessica shared moving reflections on strength and resilience from her experience being rescued by Navy SEALs. We were honored to present Robert C. McCormack with the Patriot Award and enjoyed an engaging conversation between Admiral Michael G. Mullen and Dinner Chair Greg Brown.





HAWAII EVENING OF TRIBUTE

On September 14, the NSF hosted the Hawaii Evening of Tribute, bringing together supporters and NSW community members on the USS Missouri and raising over \$230K. The event honored Archie Kalepa with the Fire in the Gut Award for his heroic humanitarian and search-and-rescue efforts during the Maui Fires. Vice Admiral Bob Harward delivered a powerful keynote on the global security landscape, highlighting the vital role of NSW and the need for continued support.



NEW YORK CITY SEAL SWIM

This year's swim raised nearly \$700K for NSF. Over 300 participants braved the Hudson River on August 10, completing a challenging 3.5-mile swim from Liberty State Park in New Jersey to South Cove Marina in Lower Manhattan. Along the way, they paused at barges near the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to perform twenty-two pull-ups and one hundred push-ups. They then carried American flags on a run through downtown New York City, completing their final set of pull-ups and push-ups at America's Response Monument. The event concluded with inspiring remarks from former SEALs, Gold Star Family members, and other distinguished guests.



Photos by Roy Rochlin

STARS AND STRIPES CLASSIC

The Premier Lacrosse League (PLL) hosted the first-ever Stars and Stripes Classic exhibition match between the Navy SEAL Foundation and the Green Beret Foundation. The game was held prior to the PLL Quarterfinals on Labor Day at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Veteran SEAL and Army Special Forces operators faced off in a tense and hard-fought game led by Naval Academy lacrosse coaches Joe Amplo, Rob Camposa, and Honorary Captain Jocko Willink. We are thrilled that our team emerged victorious with a 9-7 win!



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PARTNERSHIPS AND PROMOTIONS

GOOGLE

Google has generously awarded the NSF a \$100K grant to support Warrior Transition. This funding will provide each NSW operator with essential resources to successfully transition into civilian life, focusing on physical, mental, and intellectual recalibration. The goal is to ensure every warrior is fully prepared for their next chapter after the military.

Google

THE SETTING WINE

The Setting Winery in California has crafted a limited-edition Cabernet featuring the NSF logo on each bottle, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the NSF. Additionally, the Setting Wine will auction a VIP package at the Los Angeles Evening of Tribute, offering guests an exclusive tour and tasting experience at the vineyard.



KILL CLIFF

Our original corporate partner, Kill Cliff, is launching a special Veterans Day promotion to support the NSF, donating \$5 for every case sold.



SHOP AND SUPPORT