



Fact Sheet

About the Navy SEAL Foundation

The Navy SEAL Foundation provides support in times of adversity and achievement to U.S. Navy SEALs, Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen, Naval Special Warfare support personnel and their families. The foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was formed in 2000 and underwent a name change in January 2011 when The SEAL-Naval Special Warfare Foundation and the Navy SEAL Warrior Fund combined their organizations. The merger makes it easier for families to receive assistance and support from one organization, while enabling the foundation to respond rapidly to their needs.

The Foundation's Mission

To provide immediate and ongoing support and assistance to the Naval Special Warfare community and their families.

The Statement of Purpose

Established to serve U.S. Navy SEALs, Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen, Naval Special Warfare (NSW) support personnel, and their families, the Navy SEAL Foundation offers critical support to Naval Special Warfare commands, active-duty personnel, their families, and veterans of NSW. As the duration and frequency of training and operational deployments continue, and the stress on the families and operators grows, this important community requires support today more than ever.

Who Comprises the Naval Special Warfare Community?

The Naval Special Warfare Community is comprised of U.S. Navy SEALs, Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen, Naval Special Warfare support personnel and their families. Today, there are approximately 8,300 Naval Special Warfare personnel,

including more than 2,300 active-duty Navy SEALs and 600 Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen operating throughout the world, in addition to reserve personnel, support personnel and civilians.

- Since 1962, when the first SEAL teams were commissioned, [Navy SEALs](#) have distinguished themselves as a highly-skilled maritime force capable of conducting clandestine sea, air and land missions. The required training is considered by many military experts to be the most grueling in the world.
- [Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewmen](#) are Special Operations Forces who operate and maintain an inventory of state-of-the-art, high-performance boats used to support special operations missions, particularly those of the U.S. Navy SEALs and to conduct coastal patrol and interdiction.

Support During Times of Adversity and Achievement

The Navy SEAL Foundation helps the Naval Special Warfare community by:

- Providing tragedy assistance for families who have lost a loved one in training or combat.
- Supporting family events to boost morale and encourage camaraderie.
- Awarding scholarships and providing educational assistance to active duty personnel, their spouses and children.
- Preserving the rich history and heritage of the Naval Special Warfare community.

Giving Opportunities

The Navy SEAL Foundation offers numerous giving opportunities including online donations, planned giving and an endowment society. The Navy SEAL Foundation Endowment Society was established in 2005 with a goal of raising \$25 million to perpetually honor and support the NSW community. Donations are tax deductible, and 95 cents of every dollar spent by the Navy SEAL Foundation directly supports its mission program and services. The Foundation is certified by the Independent Charities of America as a "Best in America" Charity. Additionally, a series of special fundraising events are held throughout the country to help underwrite Foundation programs.

Leadership

The philosophy and direction of the Navy SEAL Foundation is guided by a board of directors, many of whom are former U.S. Navy SEALs and high-ranking retired military leaders. The foundation's work is administered by a full-time staff.

Location

The Navy SEAL Foundation is headquartered in Virginia Beach, Va., at the SEAL Heritage Center, Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek.

Information

Please visit www.NavySealFoundation.org for additional information about the Navy SEAL Foundation.

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