



**EOD WARRIOR**  
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# EODWF – NAOC Luncheon

SAGEEP 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Munitions Response Meeting

## Agenda

- Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Snapshot
- EOD Warrior Foundation (EODWF)
- EOD Technicians in Munitions Response



# EOD Snapshot

- Trained to detect, disarm and dispose of explosive threats in the most extreme environments, EOD technicians bravely serve as the military's bomb squad.
  - Conventional
  - Nuclear
  - Chemical
  - Biological
  - Improvised
- Assigned to some of the most dangerous missions, they perform tactically harrowing and technically demanding tasks worldwide.

# EOD Snapshot

- Service unique requirements
- Joint requirements
- Personal Protection – USSS and DOS
- Defense Support to Civil Authorities
- Deployments, deployments, deployments

# EOD Snapshot

- Training
  - NAVSCOLEOD
  - Service Specific
  - Command requirements
  - Unit requirements
- Four service – one badge
- Post military



# Questions





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# Why EODWF

- When EODs technicians are wounded they sustain some of the most severe and often life-changing injuries including loss of limbs, burns, paralysis, blindness and traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- Many EOD warriors also experience Post- Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- Recovery and rehabilitation can be extensive and require months and sometimes years of inpatient and outpatient care
- Significant emotional and financial impact on the injured EOD warrior and their families.
- For the families of fallen EOD warriors, surviving family members face many changes and challenges in their lives as they grieve the loss of a loved one.



# EODWF History

- 1968 Indianhead and the Memorial
  - Scholarships
- 1999 Schools and Memorial Moved
- Memorial Committee to Foundation
- 2007 Wounded EOD Warrior Foundation
- 2013 Merger
- 2022 Remembrance Garden
- Today





## *Our Vision, Our Mission*



# EODWF Vision & Mission

We provide support above and beyond the budgetary constraints of the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

- Vision: Every challenge disarmed for the EOD community
- Mission: Improve the quality of life for the EOD family by providing educational, financial, and emotional support.



# About the EODWF

We provide support above and beyond the budgetary constraints of the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

- In 2022, we provided over **\$227,000** in financial relief grants to EOD Families in need
- Provided **\$352,000** in scholarships for undergraduate, trade schools, and graduate level programs
- Over **\$476,000** in Therapeutic Healing Retreats & Family Events
- Supported over **700** families through our programs and outreach services
- Awarded **15** Transcendental Meditation Scholarships
- Initiated a monthly gathering at the EOD Warrior Foundation office
- Hosted two “Removing the Stigma” events



# Four Pillars of Support

## I. Financial Relief

- Initial grants
- Financial grants

## II. Education

- Merit based scholarships
- Scholarships for up to 4 years for college and university students
  - Includes Graduate level
- Trade School scholarships

## III. Hope & Wellness

- Retreats
- Family days
- Events

## IV. EOD Memorial & Remembrance Garden Care

- Maintained with respect and honor

# Notification

## We take action when

- EOD Technicians are Wounded or Killed In Action
- EOD Warriors or their family has a crisis
- EOD Community members express need ...

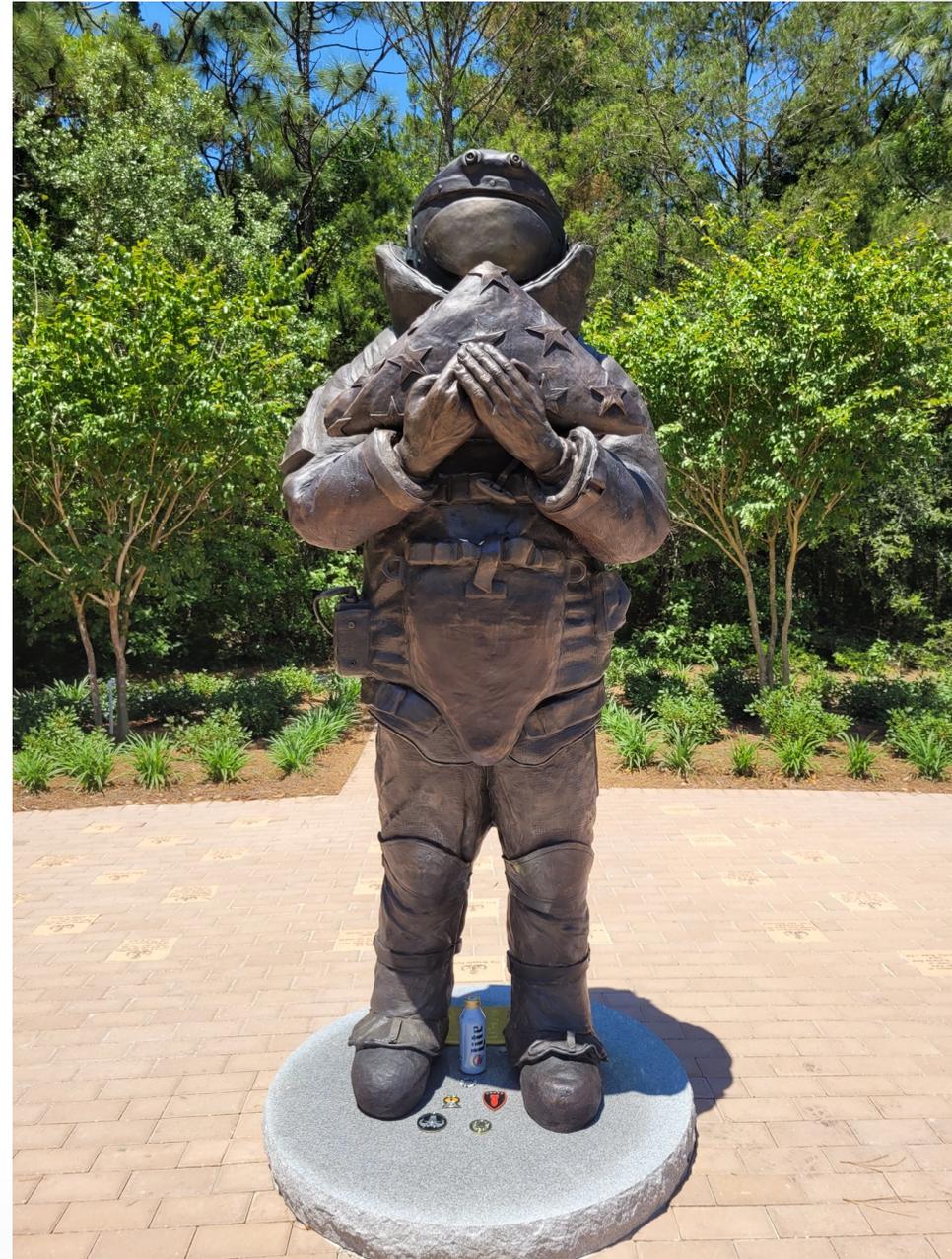
## Sources

- Senior Leadership within EOD Command/Battalion/Flight
- Active Duty service members reaching out
- Family members or EOD community reaches out
- EODWF Staff or Board member receives notification
- Social media, personal contacts, concerned members of the community

# EOD Memorial



# EOD Remembrance Garden



# New EODWF Initiatives

- Launched a partnership with a dynamic and forward-thinking research team to 'Crack the Suicide Code' in the EOD Community.
- Hired a Mental Health Case Manager
- Expanding our support of conventional and unconventional mental health treatments
- Working towards better transition out of the military for all EOD personnel
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# Additional Thoughts

- Privacy
- Communication
- Approval process
- Alternative and additional assistance



# Programs & Events

## Events

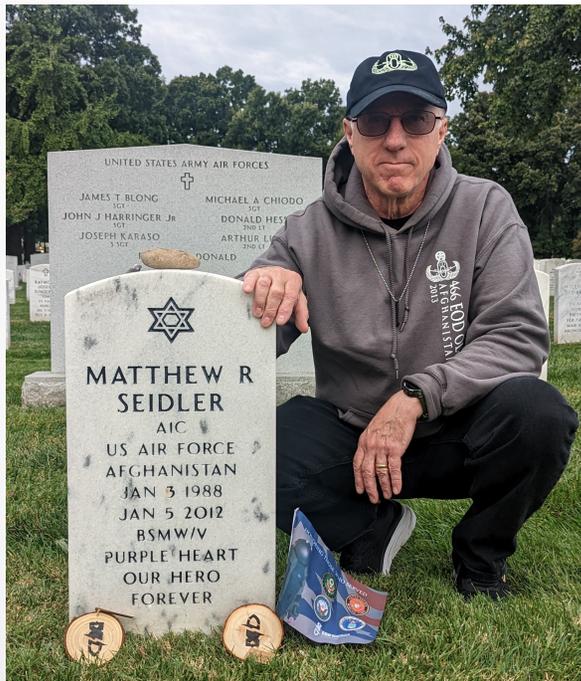
- EOD Dedication Cycling
- EOD Memorial Weekend
- 137 Workout



# Getting Involved

## EOD Remembrance Flags

- Around the world
- Honoring all
- Special Arlington program



# Thank You

It is the generosity of others that allows us to assist in

*“Disarming Challenges”*

for EOD Warriors and their Families.

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# EOD in Munitions Response

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