



Fall 2019

40 YEARS  
1980-2020

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I finish my first year as your President and CEO of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, I've seen a year's worth of children enter our programs at different phases of their education. From pre-school to college, children of fallen Special Operations Warriors carry on and look forward to their own futures with the knowledge that *SOWF will always be by their side*.



**Today, we are supporting 170 students in college**, all of whom lost a parent serving in Special Operations Forces (SOF). Each student knows that their parent would be so proud of their academic commitments, made possible by your generous contributions. SOWF supports children's educations beginning in pre-school and at all stages through four years of college. Because of you, SOWF is able to fund each student's tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, computers, college visits, ACT/SAT preparation, and more. If you know the challenge of getting just one child or grandchild through college, you can appreciate the enormity of our mission.

**In 2019, we're committed to supporting 850 children, two of whom will be born this upcoming Thanksgiving.** For the next 23 years, we will be committed to supporting these little girls' education. SOWF also provides immediate emergency funding to families of severely wounded operators; relocated to Department of Defense medical facilities like Walter Reed and the Brook Army Center. I'm sure you can envision how important these reunions can be to the families.

I am deeply honored to be connected with all of these children's lives, and we at SOWF are very grateful for your ongoing trust and investments in their collective success.

Leaning into the upcoming 40th year of Special Operations Warrior Foundation, I see how far we've come since 1980 and Operation Eagle Claw. I also understand how our need continues to grow. Today, SOF account for 75% of annual combat casualties. *Already this year, with minimal public recognition, 21 SOF warriors sacrificed their lives while serving our country.* They leave behind 41 children, each of whom we will offer education funding from cradle to college graduation. None of this would be possible without your generous support.

**As a father, I also think about the futures of Brinley and Reagan.** Brinley will graduate college in the Class of 2041. Reagan's college graduation will be the Class of 2038. At only three months and three years of age, Brinley's and Reagan's families face a new and uncharted path forward. This is why our commitment is so important to those who serve for our nation's security. As SOF Warriors undertake dangerous combat and training missions, they know that SOWF will help educate and support their children if they make the ultimate sacrifice. This solemn and time proven promise offers them peace of mind as they place their lives at risk for you, me, and our families.

**For current and future generations of surviving children and families, we ask for your enduring commitment, and thank you for your support.**

Sincerely,

Clay Hutmacher  
Major General, USA (Ret)  
President/CEO  
Special Operations Warrior Foundation



14th Consecutive Year

# Changing Leadership

## General Raymond A. Thomas III, USA (Ret.) Chairman of the Board of Directors

General Raymond A. Thomas III previously served as the 11th Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, FL. Prior to assuming command of USSOCOM, General Thomas served as Commander, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Fort Bragg, NC.



## Sean J. Corrigan, COL (USA Ret) Executive Vice President

Sean J. Corrigan joined the Special Operations Warrior Foundation on 1 May 2019, as the Foundation's Executive Vice President. Sean retired from the Army after 30 years of service, with his last assignment as the US Special Operations Command J3X, Director of Special Activities. His prior assignment was command of the Joint Operations Group Central (JOG-C) in Special Operations Command Central.

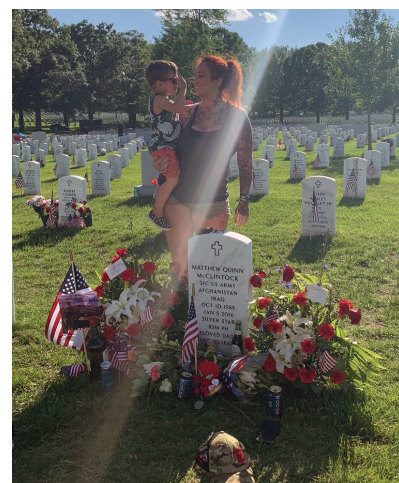


Sean served as the Chief of Staff for Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Deputy Commander for Special Forces Operational Detachment - Delta (SFOD-D), and Commander of Special Forces Forward Operating - Yemen.



I don't have words. You guys are making such a difference in Declan's quality of life and giving him a chance at really being able to succeed, and I don't know how to thank you. I feel so lucky. Somehow, even though Matthew doesn't get to be here, he's still looking out for our son and I just can't tell you what it means but I'm going to spend the day crying and hugging Declan. Thank you thank you thank you."

*~Declan's Mom*





# From Cradle to Career

How we help families of fallen and wounded Special Operations Forces

## Fully Funded Education

- ★ Pre-School
- ★ Primary School Tutoring
- ★ High School Tutoring
- ★ SAT/ACT prep
- ★ College visits
- ★ Undergraduate tuition, room & board, tutoring
- ★ Undergraduate books & laptop
- ★ Internship and resume preparation

## Supporting Families of Wounded

- ★ \$5,000 distribution within 48 hours
- ★ Enables immediate travel & reunion
- ★ Helps pay expenses for:
  - » Pet boarding
  - » Day Care
  - » Unpaid absences from work
  - » Lodging and meals
  - » Other unforeseen

## WHAT MAKES SOWF UNIQUE:

No application for funding required

Proactive outreach to surviving families

Ongoing guidance and emotional support

## Legacy of Heroes



Number of **College Graduates** supported by SOWF



**Children SOWF is committed to fund** from cradle to college graduation: The youngest to be born in November 2019.



Number of **Special Operations casualties** since SOWF inception: US SOF currently accounts for 75% of the total combat casualties per year.



**SOWF has been there since day one of my associate degree.**

They have always made sure I got what I needed for my living expenses as well as my semester expenses. They not only have given me financial stability when I needed it the most, but also moral and emotional support. If it wasn't for SOWF I wouldn't be the professional teacher that I am today. For every success that I made and continue to make in my life, SOWF will be there at the top of the list for all of the thanks and recognition that they deserve for helping me carve my future.

*Steven Schmauss*





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My father was killed in a training accident when I was 4 and my sister Taryn was 1. Since then SOWF helped me graduate college worry and debt free. I attended the University of South Florida in Tampa. They helped me with anything and everything I needed to make sure I was successful in earning my college degree in journalism. I am currently a news anchor in Houston, TX.

SOWF is unique because they make you feel like family. Everyone at SOWF has been so kind and gotten to know me on a personal level. Donors are NOT just sending a check to an organization. They get to see the people they're helping.

~Taniya W.

## Reuniting Families of Wounded Special Operations Warriors

Dear Special Operations Warrior Foundation,  
I am very happy to finally be sitting down to write this long overdue note. My husband was injured in Afghanistan this past summer. It has been a difficult and busy few months for us. We are happy to report that he is doing very well and adapting to his new limitations. Your financial gift was a tremendous help to our family, allowing us to be together at a time when it was important. We were able to visit

a couple times during his months of treatment. It is amazing how quickly expenses add up and your generosity helped alleviate much additional stress.

The iPad was helpful for connecting when we couldn't be at Walter Reed. It was also useful for him as another tool to keep him engaged. We genuinely appreciated your gift and will always be grateful to you.

~Family recipient of financial assistance for wounded operators



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