



SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION

Empowering the Families of Fallen and Wounded Special Operations Forces since 1980

Mission

Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) supports America's Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Special Operations personnel through two programs: (1) Ensuring full financial assistance for postsecondary education from an accredited two or four-year college, university, technical or trade school, as well as educational counseling, preschool grants, and tutoring to the surviving children of Special Operations personnel who lose their lives in the line-of-duty and, (2) Providing immediate financial grants to severely combat-wounded and hospitalized Special Operations personnel and their families.

History

Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) was founded in 1980 after the daring attempt to rescue 53 American hostages in Iran, which ended in the tragic loss of eight servicemen who left behind 17 children. A battlefield promise to take care of those 17 children has become the noble mission of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation to educate and empower over 1,300 children.

Future Vision

Entering our 40th year of service in 2020, Special Operations Warrior Foundation has launched the [*Enduring Promise*](#) campaign. Donors, partners, and communities will unite to ensure the future success of surviving children and families of fallen Special Operators for the next 40 years and beyond. In doing so, we uphold our solemn commitment to all Special Operations Forces as they defend our freedom and security.

How we raise funds:

SOWF relies entirely on private donations to fulfill our mission and fund our programs. Donors' generosity provides the pathway to academic success for students and continuity of support for surviving spouses.



Brinley Meddock, 7-months-old

Father: Staff Sergeant Cameron Meddock Killed in Action, Afghanistan, 2019

I was six months pregnant when my husband was killed in Afghanistan. Looking or planning for the future seemed impossible. Special Operations Warrior Foundation reached out to me to help ease some of that stress for me. Knowing that my daughter will have the opportunity to have an education without the associated financial burden has taken a huge weight off my shoulders and given me something positive to look forward to. Everyone at SOWF has been so supportive and welcoming into their family. I couldn't begin to thank them enough.

~ Brinley's Mom

SOWF Quick Facts: Current as of 31 December 2019

Website:	www.specialops.org
Charity Navigator rating:	4-Stars (14 consecutive years)
Founding year:	1980
Children qualifying for support in founding year:	17
Total Warriors lost in 2019:	39
Total children added to program in 2019:	79
Total students in college in 2019:	170
Total students who graduated college since 1980:	371
Total; children qualifying for support in 2019:	871
Total children qualifying for support since 1980:	1,415
Total fatalities since 1980:	1,133
Total families of wounded supported since 2006:	1,112
Total program services expenses (FY2018):	\$10,096,256 (88.5% of total expenses)
Total program services expenses since 1980:	In excess of \$70,000,000
Financial assistance provided to wounded since 1980:	In excess of \$3,000,000

President/CEO: Major General Clay Hutmacher, U.S. Army (Retired), Former Director of Operations, USSOCOM

Board Chairman: General Raymond A. Thomas III, U.S. Army (Retired), Former 11th Commander, USSOCOM

Points of Distinction:

- No application for academic funding or stipend for families of wounded Special Operators.
- No limitations on students' choices for undergraduate college or trade schools.
- SOWF proactively contacts families and stays with families for familiarity and continuity of support.
- Consistent program outcomes including 90% of students entering college and 92% graduating college.
- Every child added to our program will receive (up to) a 22-year commitment from SOWF.



14th Consecutive Year