



Promises Made | Promises Kept

Special Operations Warrior Foundation Recognizes Memorial Day 2020

Friends and Supporters:

On this important Memorial Day holiday, we remember our brave Warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation's freedom and security. In 2019 alone, 40 Special Operations Warriors did not return home to their families. These honored heroes left behind 80 children whom Special Operations Warrior Foundation will support from cradle to career. SOWF also recognizes the courage of our surviving spouses – as loving parents, providers, and even teachers amid COVID-19 and their children's distance learning circumstances. We salute our spouses and recognize their own courage and sacrifice.

Despite the outbreak of COVID-19, I am happy to report that our mission continues. I am pleased to pass that we have no reported illnesses among our families. Adhering to stay-at-home guidelines in March and April, SOWF's dedicated Scholarships and Family Outreach team remained in regular contact with our students and families. I am honored share that SOWF anticipates 22 students will graduate college in 2020, and 41 students plan to begin their college experience this fall semester.

SOWF has recently established a formal program to address the unique educational requirements of our special needs families. We have also significantly enhanced our support to our Gold Star families and severely wounded Special Operators by expanding our existing Gold Star educational programs and financial support for severely wounded Special Operators.

We look to the future and see many more opportunities for SOWF to positively impact our students and families. From tutoring programs that help students accelerate their learning, to educational programs designed for students with special needs, SOWF will be there. We will support summer internships. We will support distance learning. We will always support our students to help them achieve academic success. This is the power of our Enduring Promise.

More than 850 families of the fallen and severely wounded currently qualify for program funding. The best way our foundation can honor the memories of our brave Special Operations Warriors is to continue supporting their children. This is made possible by the generosity of our donors like you. This is a challenging time in our nation, but we will overcome. Our mission at SOWF will undoubtedly continue. On this Memorial Day holiday, we respectfully ask you to consider supporting a student whose future depends on the quality and continuity of their education. This is your enduring gift. Help open a door to new learning opportunities. Help enable new relationships with incredible teachers and tutors. Help empower a student whose own achievements will ultimately empower others to do the same.

Thank you for supporting our families. We stand beside you on this Memorial Day and every day, with great thanks.

Respectfully,

Clay Hutmacher

Major General, U.S. Army (Retired)

President/CEO

Special Operations Warrior Foundation

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14th Consecutive Year

Promises Kept: Recent and Upcoming Graduations



▲ William is the son of Army Captain Daniel Eggers who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2004. William is expected to graduate from The Citadel in 2023.



Bayli is the daughter of Army SSG Nathan Vacho who lost his life in Iraq in 2006. Bayli graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 2019.



▲ Maddeline Voas graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2014. Mitchell Voas is a Senior at the University of Tampa and is expected to graduate in 2020. Maddeline and Mitchell are the children of Air Force Major Randell Voas who lost his life in 2010 in Afghanistan.



Courtney is the daughter of Army MSG Robert Horrigan who lost his life in Iraq in 2005. Courtney graduated with a double major from Texas State University in 2016.



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Rachel is the daughter of Army LTC Robert Baldwin who lost his life in 2010 in Afghanistan. Rachel is expected to graduate college in 2024.

Breanna and Samantha are two of four daughters of TSgt. Howard Walters who lost his life in 2003. Breanna graduated in 2017 and Samantha graduated in 2018.

The Mission Continues:

SOWF Graduates and Students Overcome Distance Learning

Samantha Monty, Daughter of Chief Warrant Officer Three William R. Monty, Jr. who lost his life in 1996.

"Working from home has been an interesting experience! First, I just want to say how grateful I am that I can work and that my family is healthy. While it has been difficult working from home, I am lucky to have my community and the opportunity to interact with my students in new ways. I miss them so much! The last day we were at school we dissected frogs! It makes me happy knowing that was their last [in-person] classroom experience.

I am learning SO much through this process! It's different, but my purpose has always been to help my students get better every day. I can still do that at home and am so thankful for that! It is really fun to see how creative they are and how successful they have been in adapting to our "new norm". They even say they miss me. Our school works hard to support our students and their families and make sure they know they have us in their corner! I am so lucky to have the job I have."





Declan McClintock, Son of Army SSG Matthew McClintock, 19th Special Forces Group, who lost his life in 2016

Declan's mother, Alex McClintock, shared her gratitude by stating; "I can't begin to tell you what this means to our family. This gives our son a chance to maybe hopefully avoid a regression and continue progress and grow. I wish there were enough words to express my gratitude.

Declan is the very greatest little boy, he's brilliant and he's sweet and he's a little clone of his dad. Knowing that I'm not the only one that believes in him and is fighting for him gives me hope that I so desperately needed."

Declan is a preschool student being supported through SOWF. Distance learning proved difficult for Declan. SOWF was able to support and empower Declan to continue his academic learning by supporting the development of an in-home classroom and tutor.



Our Enduring Promise: Well-Wishes from the SOWF Community

Please use this space to hand-write a personal note of congratulations and well-wishes to SOWF 2020 graduates and students at-large. With your permission, we will scan your note upon receipt and share it with our students and families this summer. With your permission, we will also include your note in a special gallery on our website.

| $\hfill \square$ Please share my note with students and on SOWF's web site. |
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Please help honor the memories of our fallen Special Operations Warriors, and empower their children for continued academic success. Thank you for supporting our Enduring Promise and SOWF's vital programs.

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