The EOD Warrior Foundation (EODWF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves the EOD community by providing financial assistance and support to active-duty, retired, and veteran EOD Technicians and their families. This includes EOD Warriors and their families who have been wounded, ill, or injured; families of the fallen; and by maintaining the EOD Memorial.

The Foundation offers financial assistance and additional support such as morale events, peer-to-peer support, educational programs, connections to resources, and sustained contact with our EOD warriors and their families. Our ongoing mission is to disarm the challenges of the EOD family by providing our support with compassion and caring to every individual we serve.

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The EOD Weekend is one of the most important of the year for the EOD Warrior Foundation. As we begin our planning for the weekend, our desire is to create experiences that instill a sense of community and camaraderie for all those who attend. While we are four services, we are joined together by one crab, and we truly believe the EOD family is for life.

This year marked the 50th Anniversary of the EOD Memorial Wall and the 51st Annual EOD Ball. If you did not know, the EOD Ball began as a way to raise the funds needed to build the Memorial Wall. At this year’s ceremony, we remembered the 338 EOD technicians who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and honored EOD warriors SGT James Slape, SGT Joseph Collette, and 1LT William Alter who were added to the Memorial Wall, where they will never be forgotten.

At the conclusion of the weekend, we gathered together to celebrate family, friends, and the life and love shared between us at the EOD Ball. We were honored to have Congressman Brian Mast as our Keynote Speaker. Congressman Mast delivered an inspiring message that evening which resonated with all who were in attendance. Congressman Mast, we are grateful for your time, leadership, and voice of courage, truth, and encouragement.

We are humbled by and grateful to our incredible community for attending and supporting this special weekend of remembrance and celebration. This weekend would not be possible if not for our generous donors and sponsors, and the selflessness of our volunteers who give of their time and talents in the many weeks leading up to EOD Weekend. We appreciate each of you and cannot say thank you enough!

To commemorate the anniversary of the 50th Memorial Ceremony, the EOD Warrior Foundation created a special coin, which is available as a gift for individuals who donate $100 or more. To make a donation in honor of the 50th Memorial Ceremony and receive a commemorative coin, go to http://bit.ly/2FPB1KP.

EOD Bike
We are excited for the unique opportunity to have Orange County Choppers do a custom chopper build for the EOD Warrior Foundation. This bike was commissioned by the incredible generosity of donors Randy and Danette Smith, who were introduced to the EODWF through EOD GySgt Dwayne Pearce and his wife Sarah. You can see the six episode bike build on the OCC YouTube channel every Tuesday night.

The custom EOD chopper will be raffled off at the EOD Auction on May 1, 2020. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at EODBike.com. Don’t miss out on your chance to win this custom chopper!
A Song In Your Heart

In May, the EOD Warrior Foundation had the pleasure of hosting 5 EOD Couples to attend a unique retreat with Songwriting With: Soldiers at the beautiful Boulder Crest Retreat, AZ. There was a reciprocal appreciation that happens during the weekend between the professional songwriters and EOD Couples. The songwriters were touched by the rawness of the stories that were shared and in return, the talent exhibited by the songwriter’s provided comfort to the EOD couples.

While each couple had a unique story, there were often similarities that left others in the room shaking their heads in agreement, laughing, or shedding a few tears. It is a remarkable process to witness and experience from start to finish. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with and reach into the community through retreats like this. Here are a few testimonials from couples that attended the retreat.

“The Songwriting with: Soldiers retreat was a much needed reprieve. Life can get so busy and chaotic but SW:S helped us realign with our spouse and our bravery and resilience as a couple. In agreement, laughing, or shedding a few tears. It is a remarkable process to witness and experience from start to finish. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with and reach into the community through retreats like this. Here are a few testimonials from couples that attended the retreat.

“Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity. I feel so blessed to have been a part of this amazing program. There was even a deeper understanding and healing that took place between myself and husband.”

Thank you to the retreat attendees for trusting us with your time, the Songwriters With: Soldiers team for your time and talent, and Boulder Crest Retreat for your generous hospitality!

The 2019 EOD 135 Memorial Workout is in memory of the 135 EOD technicians who made the ultimate sacrifice since 9/11. This year’s workout is in honor of Sgt. James Slappey and Sgt. Joseph Collette. The workout can be completed as an individual or with a team any time between October 1st and November 30th. Registration is $45 per participant and includes a T-shirt.

For more information about the event or to see the workout, go to give.classy.org/EOD135.

Thank YOU!

2019 is off to an INCREDIBLE start and we are overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from our donors and event organizers across the globe. So far this year, there have been over 40 events held across the globe to raise funds and awareness for the EODWF and our EOD warriors. Collectively, these events have raised over $369,000. Our mission of caring for the EOD Community is only made possible because of the hard work and kindness of our event organizers who give so selflessly of their time to educate their communities of the brave men and women who are the EOD community. We would like to recognize some of the individuals who have given back and organized fundraising events this year.

Mingus EOD Auction

Under the leadership of Delbert Timmerman, the Mingus EOD Auction has grown exponentially over the last three years, and the event continues to bring together the entire community of Mingus, TX. We have been moved hearing the stories from the event of community members giving back so selflessly after meeting and learning more about our EOD warriors and EOD. Thank you Delbert, Will & Melissa Eller, The Deer Lease Bar, and the entire community of Mingus, TX for your continued support!

Bel Air Bomb Tech Gathering

Following their 8th Annual Tackitt Family Vineyards, the Bel Air Bomb Tech Group hosted their annual gathering at Independent Brewing Company over EOD Weekend to honor and remember the EOD warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Under the leadership of Mark van Baassen and Mike Eldredge, this event continues to exceed expectations in raising funds for the EODWF and bringing the EOD community together. Thank you Mark, Mike and the entire Bel Air Bomb Tech Group for your generosity!

Midwest EOD Fest

This year’s Midwest EOD Fest far exceeded expectations and raised over $25,000 under the guidance of MSgt Michael Vallejo. MSgt Vallejo worked tirelessly to ensure this event was a tremendous success and we are honored to have the support of the EOD community at Whiteman Air Force Base. Thank you MSgt Vallejo for your kindness, and each individual who attended and purchased raffle tickets to make this exciting night a smashing success!

Sapling Today, Shade Tomorrow

The shade we enjoy today is thanks to the foresight of planting a sapling 20 years ago… Ensure that dedicated support to the EOD Community continues by including EODWF in your Will or living trust by speaking with your financial or legal advisor today! It’s simple, quick, and completely confidential.

Month by month

Sign up for a recurring gift and know your gift is making a large, long term impact! It’s quick, easy, and completely within your control. Check out the recurring gift button at www.eodwarriorfoundation.org today.

2019-2020 EOD Warrior Foundation Scholarship

As part of our commitment to providing support to the EOD community, the EOD Warrior Foundation is honored to award scholarships to EOD dependent students in pursing their academic goals. This Spring, the EODWF and our scholarship committee awarded over $232,000 in scholarships to 130 EOD dependents. This exceptional group of students has incredible aspirations and a strong volunteerism record. We are honored to assist these students in their academic journeys and know they are going to make a positive impact in the world.

The scholarship application for the 2020-2021 academic year will open on November 11, 2020. To be considered, all documentation must be uploaded and applications submitted prior to 11:59 EST on February 28, 2020. To learn more about the scholarship application and eligibility, go to eodwarriorfoundation.org or email scholarship@eodwarriorfoundation.org.