



Foundation Assists Injured EOD Personnel

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following the philosophy that recovering from an injury is easier with family nearby, a Virginia group is helping to make that possible for wounded explosive ordnance disposal technicians from any branch of service.

"Wounded EOD Warrior Foundation is dedicated to helping our wounded explosive ordnance disposal technicians and their families in their greatest time of need," said Sherri Beck, foundation president. "We are hoping to relieve some of the financial stress involved when a loved one is injured, (and) we also believe that having family present is an integral part of the healing process."

When it's confirmed that an EOD technician has been wounded, the foundation provides a no-questions-asked grant for \$2,500, Beck said. The family can apply for additional assistance if needed.

The foundation also offers assistance for previously injured EOD technicians during the rehabilitation process.

"We understand that unexpected expenses arise and would like families to focus on their loved ones and not worry so much about hotel expenses, airfare, (and) child care," Beck said.

The Wounded EOD Warrior Foundation is a new supporter of America Supports You, a Defense Department program connecting citizens and corporations with military personnel and their families serving at home and abroad.

Through this affiliation, Beck hopes to increase the foundation's visibility with the result of helping more wounded EOD technicians and their families.

"It's a great way to network with other organizations," she added. "If we cannot help, hopefully we can connect applicants to great organizations that can."

"We are excited to be a part of this team," she said.

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