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MESSAGE TO OUR MILITARY, SEAL TEAM SIX, AND AMERICA !!

On behalf of the National Office of the Exercise Tiger Foundation, our veterans and members, I extend to the members of SEAL Team Six and their families and comrades, our deepest sympathy. The loss of 22 SEAL team members on 6 August 2011 is the deadliest single loss of any SEAL Unit in the 10 years of the Afghanistan War. It is also the highest loss of Special Forces since the Vietnam War. The loss of an additional 8 United States troops is equally tragic.

There can be no higher calling than to give your life so that others may live. After coming to the aide of U.S. Army Rangers who were under sudden and fierce Taliban attack, the SEALs themselves went into harms way. After silencing the Taliban attackers, the SEALs Team Six itself was attacked. Those U.S. Army Rangers who had been rescued by their Navy SEAL brothers just minutes, stood Guard over their fallen comrades.

In 1996, U.S. Navy Captain James Steinbaugh, became the first U.S. Navy SEAL to attend a "Tiger" ceremony, to represent SECNAV. For an additional two years, Capt. Steinbaugh attended "Tiger" ceremonies, and became known as "Frogman" amongst the veterans and members. His dedication and combat training as a Navy SEAL inspired all who met him.

While words can never mean enough, deeds can. As an organization that honors our fallen, we will honor these brave United States Navy SEALs and troops with the Steinbaugh Award for distinguished service by Special Forces Unit. This award, named in honor of a U.S. Navy SEAL, will only be given to U.S. Navy SEALs or Green Baretts.

Additionally, we also recognize the loss of one of our 4 legged warriors, a combat dog who gave its life with his soldier handler. Warriors can be gentle, yet fierce, noble and yet determined.

We join these SEAL Team Six families and comrades and our Nation, as it mourns the loss of these brave troops who gave the ultimate sacrifice.
Farewell and God speed!!

Most Respectfully,

Susan C. Haines
National Director