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**EOD WARRIOR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION  
AS GREG K. MITTELMAN CONCLUDES CHAIRMANSHIP**

**LEON TACKITT, A 27-YEAR U.S. NAVY EOD VETERAN, WILL SERVE AS THE  
FOUNDATION'S NEXT BOARD CHAIRMAN**

NICEVILLE, Fla., June 1, 2026 — The EOD Warrior Foundation Board of Directors announced that Leon Tackitt has assumed the role of chairman of the board, effective June 1, 2026. Tackitt succeeds Greg K. Mittelman, who faithfully served as Chairman and now transitions from the role in accordance with the Foundation's governance policies and term limits.

After 15 years of dedicated service on the Board of Directors, including six as Chairman, Greg K. Mittelman concludes his tenure as Chairman, having significantly strengthened the Foundation's strategic direction, governance, and long-term sustainability. Under his leadership, the Foundation broadened program-delivery, enhanced the honored EOD Memorial and Grounds, reinforced financial stewardship, and deepened its commitment to accountability and transparency in service to the EOD community.

Mittelman stated, "I'm honored to have served the Foundation and the EOD community. The progress made reflects the strength of this community, the Foundation's staff over the years, and now those who will continue to carry the mission forward."

Following a structured six-month transition period Mittelman and Tackitt issued the following joint statement:

"We are grateful for the confidence of the board and for the opportunity to steward the organization through this transition. We remain fully aligned in our commitment to the mission, the EOD community we serve and the long-term strength of the Foundation. During this time, we worked closely together to support the executive director and professional staff, advance the board's strategic priorities and ensure a thoughtful and seamless leadership transition."

Leon Tackitt brings 27 years of distinguished service in the United States Navy to his role as Chairman. Throughout his military service, Tackitt developed a deep commitment to the EOD profession and to the families who stand behind those who serve. His operational experience and long-standing involvement in the EOD community uniquely position him to guide the Foundation as it continues to expand support for active-duty, veteran, and fallen EOD Families.

“It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the EOD Warrior Foundation,” said Tackitt. “Our mission is personal. We exist to ensure that no EOD warrior or family walks alone. I look forward to building on the strong foundation laid before me and continuing our work with compassion, integrity, and unwavering commitment.”

For more information about the EOD Warrior Foundation and its programs, visit [www.eod-wf.org](http://www.eod-wf.org).

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### **About the EOD Warrior Foundation**

The EOD Warrior Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting U.S. military Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) warriors and their families. The Foundation provides financial assistance, educational scholarships, career transition support, and programs that strengthen resiliency and community for active-duty, veteran and fallen EOD families. Through the generosity of donors and partners, the Foundation ensures that no EOD Warrior or family walks alone.

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