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EOD WARRIOR FOUNDATION TO HOST WASHINGTON, D.C. LUNCHEON DURING ANNUAL EOD DAY ON THE HILL

Three distinguished military leaders to share stories of leadership, service and resilience

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The EOD Warrior Foundation will host its annual Washington, D.C. Luncheon on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, bringing together members of the Joint Service Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community, military leaders and supporters to honor those who serve in one of the military's most demanding career fields and the families who stand beside them.

Held during the annual EOD Day on the Hill, the luncheon complements a day of advocacy hosted by the Congressional EOD Caucus. EOD Day on the Hill provides members of the EOD Community the opportunity to meet with policymakers, strengthen advocacy efforts and highlight the critical work performed by EOD Technicians every day. Together, the day's events celebrate the Joint Service EOD Community while increasing awareness of the vital mission performed by EOD Technicians and the importance of supporting them and their families.

The EOD Warrior Foundation is proud to stand alongside the Joint Service EOD Community during this important day of advocacy, helping amplify the voices of EOD Technicians and their families while advancing awareness of the unique challenges they face.

Guests will hear from three accomplished leaders whose careers exemplify service, leadership and dedication:

- **19th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (Ret.) JoAnne Bass**, President, The Bass Group LLC
- **Chief Master Sergeant (Ret.) Linda Cox**, Retired Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician
- **Chief Warrant Officer 5 (Ret.) Phyllis Wilson**, President of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation

Representing decades of military leadership and service, these accomplished women will share their experiences, perspectives and insights on leadership, resilience and the enduring importance of supporting those who answer our nation's call to serve.

"The Washington, D.C. Luncheon is a meaningful opportunity to bring together the EOD Community and those who champion our mission," said Jerry Shelton, Executive Director of the EOD Warrior Foundation. "As EOD professionals from across the services gather for EOD Day on the Hill, we have the opportunity to celebrate their service, share their stories and remind others that supporting EOD Warriors and their families is a commitment that extends well beyond their time in uniform."

The luncheon also provides an opportunity for attendees to strengthen relationships across the Joint Service EOD Community while learning how the EOD Warrior Foundation continues to provide critical support and resources for EOD Technicians and their families throughout every stage of life.

Registration Information

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Army Navy Club

901 17th Street NW

Washington, DC 20006

Registration: Advance registration is required. Purchase tickets at:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/2026DCLuncheon>

For more information about the EOD Warrior Foundation and its programs, visit www.eod-wf.org.

About the EOD Warrior Foundation

Headquartered in Niceville, Florida, the EOD Warrior Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal community by providing financial assistance, family support, scholarships, wellness programs and resources for active duty, veteran and retired EOD Technicians and their families. The Foundation remains committed to ensuring that no member of the EOD Community walks alone.

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