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U.S. Marine Corps EOD Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Joey Jones to Speak at Annual EOD Warrior Foundation Ball

EOD Warrior and NY Times bestselling author, Jones’ speech at this year’s EOD Ball is sure to highlight strength and patriotism.

NICEVILLE, FLORIDA— (January 17, 2024) – U.S. Marine Corps Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Joey Jones will be the keynote speaker at the 56th annual EOD Ball being held at the Emerald Coast Convention Center on May 4, 2024. The joint service EOD community holds the ball annually to celebrate life and commemorate those EOD warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The Emerald Coast Convention Center is located at 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Tickets to the ball are $90. Tickets can be purchased online at eodwarriorfoundation.org.

Jones served eight years in the United States Marine Corps. In his first combat deployment to Iraq in 2007 he provided security for Marine and Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). He subsequently laterally moved to EOD during that deployment. Nearing the end of his deployment to Afghanistan as an EOD Technician, in August of 2010, Jones stepped on an IED, which resulted in the loss of both of his legs above the knee as well as damage to his right forearm and both wrists. But Joey’s story doesn’t end there. He now has a beautiful family, and has gone on to realize tremendous success as a NY Times bestselling author, and a career where he serves as a contributor and host across all FOX News Media platforms. Additionally, Jones has a philanthropic spirit in giving back to organizations that support military servicemen and women and is an all-around patriot.
“Our annual Ball is a night to remember those EOD warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, and to honor their families,” explains Nicole Motsek, Executive Director of the EOD Warrior Foundation. “We are incredibly honored to have Joey Jones as the Keynote Speaker for this year’s event. His service to this nation and his incredible story of resiliency after being injured, is an inspiration to all he encounters.”

“The annual EOD ball has invoked different emotions over the years. In 2009 while in school it was an exciting and solemn celebration of the job field I was so eager to join, in 2011 and the few years afterwards it was a raw, personal reminder of the brothers I’d lost, and going back this year it’s more of a reunion of those of us who served together and reintroduction to the latest generation of warriors carrying the torch,” Jones said.

The EOD Ball on Saturday night will culminate the week’s events which includes the EOD Memorial Ceremony held earlier that day at NAVSCOLEOD, on Range Rd, Niceville Eglin AFB property. Other events include a golf tournament Friday morning at the Ft. Walton Beach Golf Course and a live Auction on Friday evening also at the Convention Center, and an EOD Chefs Cookoff Family Event Saturday mid-day at The Gulf in Ft. Walton Beach. The EOD Ball will host over 1,000 people for an evening of speeches, tradition, and dancing.

The EOD Warrior Foundation is a nonprofit organization that helps military EOD Warriors and their families. EOD technicians perform the most dangerous job in the military, as they disarm explosive devices on the battlefields and the home front. Many EOD personnel come home with debilitating injuries, including lost limbs, blindness, paralysis, traumatic brain injuries (TBI), burns, and invisible wounds of war like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

For more information or to purchase tickets to the 56th Annual Ball, visit the website at: www.eodwarriorfoundation.org

About EOD Warrior Foundation
The EOD Warrior Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the EOD family by providing educational, financial and emotional support. EOD stands for Explosive Ordnance Disposal, the disarming and disposal of bombs. EOD technicians are highly trained military members serving in the Army,
Marines, Navy and Air Force who are responsible for disarming, rendering safe and disposing bombs. The EOD profession is one of the most dangerous occupations in the military.

On average there are over 6,000 brave men and women serving as EOD technicians who willingly put themselves in harms ways to protect the lives and property of others. Their service includes support to the most complex special operations missions. Additionally, there are over 20,000 Veteran EOD warriors who still face challenges after their separation from the military. The Foundation is proud to assist with Disarming Challenges for EOD Warriors and their families by offering them financial relief, hope and wellness retreats, college scholarships, and the care of the EOD Memorial Wall, located at Eglin AFB, FL. To learn more about the EOD Warrior Foundation, or see their fundraising events calendar, visit: EOD Warrior Foundation

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