

## Mahoney Introduces Bill to Make Ft. Pierce Museum the Official National Museum of Navy SEALs

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(Washington, DC) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today introduced a bill to designate the Navy UDT-SEALs Museum in Ft. Pierce, Florida as the Official National Museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors. Mahoney was joined by Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL), Kathy Castor (D-FL), Allen Boyd (D-FL), Thelma Drake (R-VA), Susan Davis (D-CA), and Ken Calvert (R-CA) in introducing this legislation.

"The Navy UDT-SEALs Museum in Ft. Pierce commemorates an important part of our nation's history. The Navy SEALs and their predecessors deserve our greatest respect for their unparalleled heroism defending our nation. This legislation would make the museum the Official National Museum for Navy SEALs in the United States. This is a local treasure with national significance," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

The Navy UDT-SEAL Museum is the only museum dedicated solely to preserving the legacy of the honor, courage, patriotism, and sacrifices of Navy SEALs and their predecessors, including the Underwater Demolition Teams, Naval Combat Demolition Units, Office of Strategic Services Maritime Units, and Amphibious Scouts and Raiders.

The ground upon which the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum rests was the birthplace of the Navy Frogmen. Through World War II thousands of brave soldiers were trained as members of Naval Combat Demolition Units and Underwater Demolition Teams at the site. Since that time, the Frogmen have evolved into one of the most elite fighting force in the world, the Navy SEALs.

Since the museum opened, thousands of visitors have learned of the exploits of the Navy SEALs, through the museum's artifacts and photos tracing the history of Naval Special Warfare from its beginnings during World War II through the Navy SEALs current role in fighting in the War on Terror and in Iraq.

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