

Mahoney Navy SEAL Bill Signed Into Law

Ft. Pierce Museum Now the Official National Museum of Navy SEALs and Their Predecessors

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(Washington, DC) - Congressman Tim Mahoney's bill to designate the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Ft. Pierce, Florida as the Official National Museum of Navy SEALs and Their Predecessors was signed into law by President George W. Bush today.

"I want to thank President Bush for signing Senator Nelson's and my bill making the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Ft. Pierce, Florida the official National Museum of Navy SEALs and Their Predecessors. This Act of Congress will forever recognize the importance of the Navy SEALs and their predecessors to the past and future defense of our nation, giving these brave fighting men and women the national recognition they deserve."

Designating the Navy UDT-SEALs Museum in Ft. Pierce as the National Museum of the Navy SEALs and Their Predecessors will elevate the status of the museum, help generate national awareness, assist the museum in obtaining grants, and help strengthen its relationship with the Department of Defense and Special Operations Command.

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 forces in the world, the Navy SEALs.

Since the museum opened, thousands of visitors have learned of the accomplishments 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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