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Robert Gardiner Foundation Awards Navy SEAL Museum \$300k Grant press release

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Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Legis. Bill Lindsay along with Gardiner Foundation Board member, Supreme Court Justice (ret) Peter Fox Cohalan and Executive Director Kathryn Curran, Friday announced a \$300,000 grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation as part of the groundbreaking ceremony for the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum and Sea Cadet Training Facility, the first U.S. Navy SEAL Museum in the Northeast.

The ceremony featured a presentation by the Gardiner Foundation, who announced that the museum has been awarded a \$300,000 grant and presented the museum trustees with a check. This funding comes on the heels of a Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) grant from Gov. Andrew Cuomo originally secured by former State Sen. Tom Croci for \$400,000.

Maureen Murphy, Gold Star mother of the Navy Seal Museum's namesake Michael P. Murphy, boarded an excavator to dig the ceremonial first bucket of dirt for the foundation of the museum.

About Gardiner Foundation

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, primarily supports the study of New York State history.

The purpose of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation is:

- To educate and inform the general public in the State of New York, particularly in the area of the Town of Islip and more generally in Suffolk County, concerning the culture, art and tradition of the locality;
- To cultivate, foster and promote interest in, and understanding and appreciation of the societal heritage of Town of Islip, particularly during the nineteenth century;
- To encourage and sponsor the creation and perpetuation by existing and future historical societies of collections and repositories for the deposit, collection and examination of documents and artifacts of various kinds relevant to such heritage and traditions; and
- To sponsor and encourage the preservation, restoration and exhibition by existing and future historical societies of at least one facility appropriate to such purpose.

You can learn more about the Gardiner Foundation by visiting www.rdlgfoundation.org

About LT Michael P Murphy Navy SEAL Museum

Located in West Sayville New York, The LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum/Sea Cadet Training Facility is a dual purpose building, both museum and training center, to preserve the history and legacy of our Navy SEAL special operation warriors and train our future leaders in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corp.

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