



LT MICHAEL P. MURPHY NAVY SEAL MUSEUM

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Navy SEAL Michael Sauers Joins Board of Trustees

Michael Sauers is a former U.S. Navy SEAL with more than twenty years of operational and instructional experience in the Special Operations (SPEC OPS) arena. During his thirteen years of active duty service in the Naval Special Warfare (NSW) community, Michael also served as a SEAL BUD/s instructor. Upon being honorably discharged in 2007, he continued to serve as a Civilian BUD/s instructor for seven years. Serving with SEAL Teams 2, 8, and 5, Michael completed multiple combat deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kosovo.

Toward the end of Michael's successful career in the SEAL TEAMS, he started a military, patriotic-inspired apparel company called Forged® (*Forged.com*) and helped co-found The Murph Challenge® in 2012, which has become an annual, world-wide Memorial Day tradition in honor of LT Michael P. Murphy (*TheMurphChallenge.com*).



Through the Murph Challenge, Forged has raised tremendous contributions for the LT Michael P. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Foundation, the construction of the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum, and several other highly-ranked military and first responder affiliated, non-profit organizations. Michael will indeed be an asset to the board of trustees and brings much experience and knowledge. Welcome aboard, Mike!

CAMEL-BAK VEST

The newest addition to the museum is LT Murphy's camel-bak. This water hydration system is worn like a back pack and was part of LT Murphy's gear worn in Afghanistan and during the battle of Operation Redwings in 2005. LT Murphy's gear was removed during the recovery operation. It was subsequently in possession of a member of a VFW and returned to the Murphy family. It is now part of the LT Murphy Navy SEAL Museum in the Operation Redwings Exhibition Hall.



Medal of Honor Display

We have enhanced our Medal of Honor Flag exhibit with a wood-encased TV monitor above the display, in the foyer. The monitor continually displays a collection of the three ceremonies in Washington DC honoring Navy SEAL LT Michael P. Murphy with an initial meeting with the Navy protocol officer and 3 day schedule of events. The private ceremony at the White House with the posthumous presentation of the Medal of Honor by President George W. Bush to Dan and Maureen. The two public ceremonies at the Pentagon include Michael's name being added to the Hall of Heroes and the presentation of the Medal of Honor Flag at the Navy Memorial by Secretary of the Navy, Dr. Donald Winter and Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Gary Roughead.



2024 Annual Golf Outing

The LT Michael P. Murphy Annual Golf Outing will be held at the prestigious Baiting Hollow Golf Course on June 18, 2024. Check our website for information on attending or becoming a sponsor.



DON'T MISS THE MURPH CHALLENGE!

The 2024 Murph Challenge will be held again at the Museum this year on Saturday, May 25th (rain date is May 26th). Last year there were upwards of 200 challengers and their families with more expected this year. You can register at "[Themurphchallenge.com](https://themurphchallenge.com)." Make sure you sign up for the Museum location.

MEET UDT JAMES HUGHES

We were delighted to be visited by UDT James Hughes, 97, and his daughter Janet in February. UDT James Hughes joined the navy on his 17th birthday in November of 1944 from Cambridge, MA. His first assignment was William & Mary for Flight School. After 4 weeks the program was discontinued as there was a limited foreseeable need for V12 pilots. Other assignments were offered and since Jim was a strong swimmer, he opted for UDT in Fort Pierce, Florida for training.



He described his stay at Ft. Pierce as “Horrible. Bugs, bugs, hot humid sun, long swims and more bugs.” After 4-5 months he was sent to Coronado for additional training; then on to Akita, Japan where they were sent to “blow up installations of anything that would be used against them.” During the surrender ceremony, he was in the waters of Tokyo Bay, monitoring the mines.

He returned to the US in 1946 with the rank of petty officer 3rd class. He attended Harvard College for a year but preferred to play semi-pro hockey in Canada and New England. He decided that Boston University and its top-notch hockey team would be a better fit. Immediately after graduation, to his surprise he was recalled to service in the Korean Conflict and went back to Fort Pierce for several months of training. He was sent to Coronado, and then Japan. During the Korean conflict, they set many mines as well as demined waters in a very cold winter on land and in water. After some serious injuries, he was reassigned as a supply officer on the newly commissioned USS D’Amato and finished his commitment as a LTJG. He later earned his JD and moved to Oceanside, NY for a long career as an attorney. Thank you James, for your service. We enjoyed your visit.

SPECIAL THANKS

We appreciate all who have made the museum a reality. We cannot possibly thank everyone at once but we plan to include as many of you as possible with each newsletter.

We would like to thank **Tony Posillico**, the Construction Site Manager of the Museum, responsible for building this museum.

We also would like to thank **Shasho Pole** of Boilermatic Welding Industries. Sasho and Company provided all of the air-conditioning, heating and sprinkler systems for the museum.



FLASHBACK

Back on December 18, 2018, plans were drawn and discussed by (l. to r.) Tony Posillico, Construction Site Manager, Vince Calvosa, Director of Construction, Trustee Bryan Mastrangelo, Dan Murphy, and Trustee and Site Engineer, Jeff Butler.

K-9 Tribute Monument, Legacy Benches and Bricks

We are happy to announce that a K-9 Memorial Tribute Monument will be erected in front of the museum. The monument will include those SEAL dogs killed in action or training.

In addition to our legacy bricks and benches, patrons will now have the opportunity to memorialize their own pets on bricks that will surround our new K-9 monument.



NEW MERCHANDISE!

Our signature sweatshirt is now available at the museum store. This Navy blue hoodie has an embroidered metallic gold museum logo.

COMING SOON...

We are very excited about plans for our next outdoor exhibit. We will be adding a **Desert Patrol Vehicle** (DPV) shortly.



Visitors will also be able to try our **Virtual Skydiving Experience** in the spring. Stay tuned for more museum excitement!

GROUPS WELCOMED!

We provide a group rate for any group of ten or more.

SCHOOL GROUPS of up to **135** per day are welcome. We will create a package specific for grade level, including a guided tour, Adventure Ride and viewing of "Lone Survivor" or "Murph The Protector." The LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum has partnered with the Arts in Education Programs of Nassau, Western Suffolk and Eastern Suffolk BOCES. For more information about booking a group trip please email us at newsletter@murphsealmuseum.org.

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