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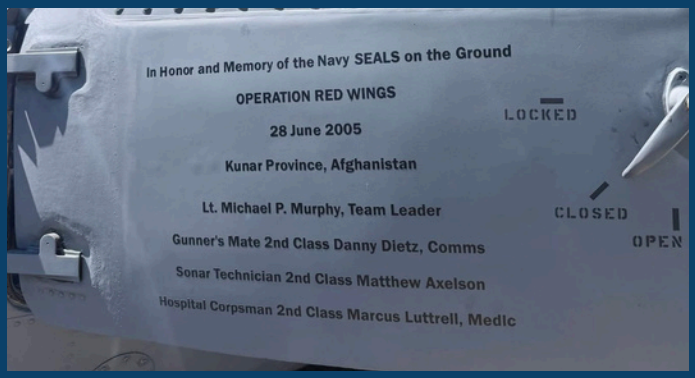
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REMEMBERANCE
JUNE 28, 2026

NEW AND EXCITING EXHIBITS AWAIT YOUR NEXT VISIT!



HH-60G PAVE HAWK HELICOPTER



DESERT PATROL VEHICLE (DPV)

THE JOURNEY HOME

JUNE 13, 2026

The story of acquiring this helicopter is a long one. We began the request back in 2024, when we heard that the 106th air wing possibly had a few aircraft retiring. The museum had to become certified through the U.S. government and Air Force to be eligible to even apply to request one. So the paperwork began. In November of 2024, we received news that we were certified to participate in the Civilian Museum Loan Program. Now the museum inspection process began.

Our staff worked tirelessly over the next six months gathering all required information, and ensured that our museum was "Inspection Ready." In June of 2025, we had a day-long inspection, from a very experienced Air Force Museum representative, responsible for all of the aircraft that were out on loan around the world. Needless to say, we passed. Shortly after the inspection, we received news that we were approved to receive the HH-60G Pave Hawk. The only issue was waiting, as the military needed to fulfill the requests from local units, other museums and bases, which were further along in line and had priority. Ultimately an HH-60G was located in California, and was slotted to come to us. Due to the wildfires in California, we were on hold until May of 2026 to pick it up.

The 137th Air Lift squadron flew out to California with a C-17 and loaded it inside of the airplane. They flew back to New York and landed at Islip MacArthur Airport. Only seven miles away from the museum. Our director, Chris Wyllie towed the blackhawk from the airport to the museum grounds with his Hummer and positioned it in to the final resting place as a permanent museum exhibit.







THE DEDICATION & UNVEILING OF THE HH-60G PAVE HAWK HELICOPTER

June 28, 2026



On the twenty-first anniversary of Operation Red Wings, federal and local officials, joined museum members and the Murphy Family for the long awaited unveiling of the HH-60G Pave Hawk Helicopter. This model helicopter was utilized for recovery efforts during Operation Red Wings and has been dedicated to those men who bravely sacrificed their lives in battle. The ceremony was attended by 200 people including keynote speaker, United States Deputy Director of the FBI, Christopher Raia, Executive Director Chris Wyllie who presented an overview and history of the HH-60G, and remarks by Dan Murphy.

Pictured from l to r: Timothy Hearney, Hon. Pierce Cohalan, Thomas Ronayne, Col. Michael Thompson, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Director of the FBI, Christopher Raia, U.S. Congressman Nicholas LaLota, Gold Star Father, Daniel Murphy, Brookhaven Town Supervisor, Daniel Panico, Gold Star Mother, Maureen Murphy, LT Murphy's brother John Murphy and his wife Lauren Murphy, Laura Racioppi, Suffolk County Legislator, Nick Caracappa, Suffolk Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, Marcelle Leis, and Museum Executive Director, Chris Wyllie.

Inscription on the helicopter cockpit door:

In Honor and Memory of the Navy SEALS on the Ground
OPERATION RED WINGS
28 JUNE 2005
Kunar Province, Afghanistan
LT Michael P. Murphy, Team Leader
Gunner's Mate 2nd Class, Danny Dietz, Comms
Sonar Technician 2nd Class, Mattew Axelson
Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class, Marcus Luttrell, Medic

NEW DESERT PATROL VEHICLE (DPV) OUTDOOR EXHIBIT



Another outstanding exhibit recently added to the museum green is the DPV. The Desert Patrol Vehicle, originally known as the Fast Attack Vehicle (FAV), is a high-speed, lightly armored, handrail-like vehicle created by Chenowth. First used in combat during the Gulf War in 1991, its rapid speed and off-road capability made it a key asset during Operation Desert Storm. U.S. Navy SEALs were the first to enter Kuwait City in DPVs. The DPV has since been replaced by the Light Strike Vehicle (LSV), an upgraded version offering enhanced mobility and a more compact design, adopted by special operations groups for its superior maneurverability and versatility. The Desert Patrol Vehicle replica above was built and modified by the museum Executive Director, Christopher Wyllie, U.S. Navy SEAL (ret.)





HIGHLIGHTS OF MUSEUM EVENTS

THE BI-ANNUAL MUSEUM GALA



The Gala is a formal event not to be missed! Held at the prestigious Oheka Castle, this event includes a magnificent atmosphere of grand dining and dancing. Our 2026 keynote speakers were Marcus Luttrell, survivor of Operation Red Wings whose book entitled “Lone Survivor” was adapted into a blockbuster movie, and Captain Richard Philips, the sea captain who found himself in the perils of terrorist on the high and rescued by U.S. Navy SEAL snipers. His story was also detailed in the movie, “Captain Philips.” Our next gala will be held in the fall of 2027. Watch the newsletter for more details. Pictured: Life Member Richard Wahl, Captain Philips and , Maureen Murphy.

THE MURPH CHALLENGE



The Murph Challenge consists of a one mile run followed by 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 air squats and a one mile run to finish. The event kicks off on Memorial Day weekend world-wide. Participants, move at their own pace, yet are part of the challenge family. Together, we celebrate the legend of the event, LT Murphy. There is no better feeling than meeting the challenge for a cause. The event includes food, refreshments and music.

THE STAR SPANGLED CONCERT



New to the museum this year, the concert was a huge success! Over two hundred people enjoyed patriotic music performed by the North Shore Community Band, under the direction of U.S. Air Force (ret.) Col. James MacDougal. The audience was treated to pop songs as well as tributes to every branch of service. Veterans were asked to stand when their military branch anthem was played while flags were waving and feet were stomping to every beat. We hope to have a repeat performance in 2027, so if you did not attend, watch our newsletter and website for our next concert in late April or early May to kick off our event season!

THE ANNUAL LT MURPHY GOLF CLASSIC



This annual golf outing has become so large, we have had to open two courses! A day of golf, followed by dinner is second to none. Our 2026 guests of honor were U.S. Navy SEAL and author, Drago Dzieran and Vincent Calvosa, Director of Construction and former 10 year Board of Trustees member of the LT Murphy Museum. Past honorees include Fox News Anchor, Brian Kilmeade, and Rob O’Neill, U.S. Navy SEAL whose team killed Osama Bin Laden. Look for details of the 2027 golf outing on our website in February.

FUTURE EXHIBITS

Visitors will soon be able to enjoy another 5-D themed film on the Adventure Ride. The film, "Aztec" will be added to the ride in the coming months. So if you have not been to the museum lately, you'll be in for a treat this Fall.



THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDRAISING PARTNERS

The LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum is very fortunate to have caring partners who have fundraisers. These annual fundraisers mean a great deal to us. The annual "**Sangria Salute,**" at the Sayville Inn is held in October of each year and the "**Army-Navy Game Watch Party,**" at the Portly Villager is held in December. The "**Ronkonkoma Run"** at Lake Ronkonkoma, is held in late June and the "**Bodhi's After the Run**" party is held immediately after, at Bodhi's Beach Shack. Joe LaRosa and family of Bodhi's recently presented a check to Dan Murphy, Donna Donahue, Museum Manager and Chris Wyllie, Executive Director. All are open to the public and provide great fun!

ABOUT OUR VISITORS

We cannot say enough about the support we receive from our visitors! Word has certainly gotten around! We have had visitors from 49 of the 50 United States. (Utah, where are you??) We have also been visited by folks from 39 countries throughout the world! A few of our recent notable visitors are the sisters of the Daughters of Mary, Frank Stiller and Tunnel to Towers Steel Across America workers, who presented a plaque to the Murphy Family and FBI Deputy Director, Chris Raia.











CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY INFORMATION

We are often asked where LT Murphy's final resting place is located. Although he was entitled to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, the Murphy family chose, as many families of fallen heroes have done, to have him home on Long Island. The cemetery is technically listed at 210 Princeton Blvd. (that is the private mailing and GPS address) but its entrance is on Middle Country Road in Calverton, New York. LT Murphy is located in the front row of section 67. In fact, one of the roads within the cemetery is named after him. "LT Michael Murphy Way" is located on the north end of the cemetery.

If you need more information about the museum, group visits, events, merchandise, or have comments contact us at:

Newsletter@murphsealmuseum.org
We love hearing from our visitors!

MUSEUM OFFICE MAKEOVER

The museum office was totally renovated in January. Dan DeMarco and Kristen DeMarco of Daniel DeMarco and Associates consulted with employees to create a modernized and more efficient way of using the space. Kristen's expertise in designing was indeed welcomed and appreciated. The designing services, cabinetry, desks, chairs, and accessories for the "War Room" were all donated by DeMarco and Associates. They are also responsible for creating and installing all of the beautiful woodwork in the exhibit halls throughout the museum. A huge thank you goes out to the DeMarco team!



BRICKS & BENCHES AVAILABLE

The perfect way to honor your heroes, veterans, family members or furry friends while supporting the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum! Check our website to create your own personal design. A gift that will be cherishd forever.





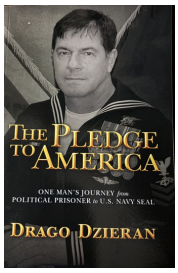


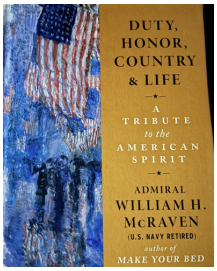
SUMMER SPECIAL
GOLF GIFT COOLER

Includes soft cooler with a 20 can capacity, Trident golf balls, 2026 Challenge Coin with detachable ball marker, and museum logo tees.



OUR LATEST BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!





Enjoy summer reading with ***"The Pledge to America"*** by U.S. Navy SEAL (Ret.) Drago Dzieran. An intriguing true story about one man's journey from political prisoner in his home country of Poland to U.S. Navy SEAL.

Admiral Willliam H. McRaven (Ret.) offers his latest of several best selling books, **"Duty, Honor, Country & Life."** An uplifting selection of the Admiral's speeches, letters, toasts and poems that capture the essence of who we are as Americans.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
www.murphsealmuseum.org/store

GROUPS GET DISCOUNTS!

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 BOCES, Western Suffolk BOCES , and Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

All groups are welcome! So if you have a special group of ten or more veterans, seniors, scouts, or 10 friends, ask for a group rate. Personal tours are available also, a perfect gift for someone!

For more information about booking a group trip please email us at **newsletter@murphsealmuseum.org** .

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