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## **Medal of Honor Recipients To Attend Navy SEAL Museum's Muster Event**

**Fort Pierce, Fla. – August 14, 2018** – The Navy SEAL Museum will host Medal of Honor Recipients Mr. Michael Thornton USN (SEAL) Ret. and Mr. Britt Slabinski, USN (SEAL) Ret. at this year's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Muster and Music Festival. The retired Naval Special Warfare operators will be in attendance to support the November event honoring veterans.

Mr. Thornton will serve as a keynote speaker, along with U.S. Army veteran Congressman Brian Mast. Most recent Medal of Honor Recipient Master Chief Special Warfare Operator Slabinski will be present to participate in the unveiling of his name on the Museum's Medal of Honor statue in a special ceremony directly following the SEAL tactical demonstrations and keynote addresses.

"It is a great day when the Museum can host two Navy SEAL Warriors and Medal of Honor recipients," said Museum Executive Director Rick Kaiser. "From Vietnam to Afghanistan, the men of Naval Special Warfare have served our country and we are looking forward to spending time with two American heroes and sharing the experience with our Muster guests."

The Muster will take place November 2, 3, and 4 at the Navy SEAL Museum. The outdoor venue is free of charge and open to the public. Admission into the Museum will be offered at a discounted rate of \$10 for guests 13 and over and \$5 for children 6-12; visitors under five and Museum members are always free. For a complete schedule of events, please visit [www.navysealmuseum.org/muster](http://www.navysealmuseum.org/muster).

### **About the Muster and Music Festival**

Since 1985, the Navy SEAL Museum has opened its doors on Veteran's Day to honor and acknowledge the service and sacrifice of the U.S. Military. Orchestrated and executed by a humble handful of staff and several dedicated volunteers, the Muster draws more than 10,000 guests each year, increasing visibility for the Museum's mission, while helping to educate the public about the selfless warriors who preserve our freedom. Family-friendly and suitable for all ages, Muster is the perfect community outreach for the public to experience all the Museum has to offer—free of charge—through influential keynote speakers, live tactical demonstrations, canine deployments, and interaction with participating

military personnel.

### **About The Navy SEAL Museum**

The National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum is the only museum dedicated solely to preserving the history of the U.S. Navy SEALs and their predecessors. Located in Fort Pierce, Florida, the Museum resides on the training grounds of the original Navy combat divers, the Frogmen. Built to honor the men who served with fortitude and ingenuity, the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum first opened its doors on Veterans Day in 1985. From humble beginnings, the facility has experienced tremendous growth, achieving national stature in 2007. The main objective of the Museum remains the promotion of public education by providing the opportunity to explore the history of the Navy SEALs through interactive exhibits, while honoring the fallen at the SEAL Memorial and caring for those warriors' families through Trident House Charities.

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