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Navy SEAL Museum Receives Grant For Obstacle Course Renovations

Fort Pierce, Fla. – May 3, 2019 – The Navy SEAL Museum was recently awarded a generous grant from the Armed Forces Families Foundation (AFFF). The \$170,775 gift will enable the Museum to renovate the outdoor obstacle course and make modifications to update and renew the equipment.

Modeled after the Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training course in Coronado, California, the Museum's O-Course was originally built in 2015, allowing guests the opportunity to experience a small glimpse of some of the training U.S. Navy SEAL hopefuls endure.

Construction on the O-Course began earlier this year after members from AFFF presented a check to the Navy SEAL Museum to support the education initiative for visitors and to provide a unique opportunity for active military and veterans to spend time with their families. The renovations are the work of Phoenix Experimental Designs and include important maintenance and updates to the existing equipment, the addition of "The Zigzag" obstacle, and the construction of a 33-foot climbing tower—formally known as the Functional Universal Learning and Climbing Module, or "F.U.L.C.M."

"SEAL families no longer have to just imagine what their fathers, husbands, and brothers go through in training," said Rick Kasier, retired Navy SEAL Master Chief and Executive Director of the Navy SEAL Museum. "The Museum is an invaluable resource for our guests, including our military families, because they can come and learn more about the job SEALs do—and then actually experience what it feels like to train like a BUD/S member on the O-Course outside."

The Armed Forces Families Foundation is sponsored by Taco Bell restaurants throughout the Southern United States. Grant money is raised through fundraisers in the restaurants. One hundred percent of the donations are used directly for projects that support military families.

"The Armed Forces Families Foundation is proud and honored to be a part of the newly updated Navy SEAL Museum O-Course," said John Wright, AFFF Board Member. "The course will provide a unique learning opportunity for our military families for years to come."

Completion of the new O-Course is anticipated in early May. The ribbon cutting ceremony for its grand opening will be held on Monday, May 27 at 10:30 AM, immediately following the Museum's annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

About The Armed Forces Families Foundation

The Armed Forces Families Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization made up of volunteers from many communities across the United States. Our commitment has led to the completion of multiple projects that will benefit the families of our service men and women for years to come. Our focus is primarily on areas of significant need, which often falls outside the tight budget constraints of the military and its family support organizations.



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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