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## **Navy SEAL Museum Donates Working Dog to Special Operations Veteran**

**Fort Pierce, Fla. – March 11, 2019** – As part of its K9 Project initiative, the Navy SEAL Museum has donated another working dog to a veteran of the Special Operations community. With the support of Baden K-9, the Museum’s K9 Project places working dogs with active military and veterans who have previously served.

Nine-month-old “Camo” is a Dutch Shepherd who began her training for this purpose at just ten weeks old at Baden K-9 in Ontario, Canada. She will play a vital role in the life of her veteran, helping to diffuse anxiety, encourage mobility to aid with depression, and provide companionship.

“The K9 Project is unique because it seeks to serve our military personnel and veterans from all conflicts and walks of life,” said Phil Ryan, Canine Handler for the Museum. “We work with individuals who struggle with mobility limitations, traumatic brain injuries, and post-traumatic stress disorder, providing them with working dogs that dramatically improve their quality of life—physically and emotionally.”

The most recent veteran to benefit from the Museum’s K9 Project is from the Marine Force Special Operations Command. Recently retired, the beneficiary of the young canine served for 20 years, deploying eight times.

“I am confident Camo will provide me the grounding to better manage my chronic symptoms of anxiety, depression, and high alertness stemming from combat stress and minor [Traumatic Brain Injury],” shared the veteran recipient. “Camo’s calm demeanor and loyal companionship will assist with my mobility to get out more and continue to move forward in life. At first sight, Camo helped me be at peace. I am confident from my time with dogs when I was younger, while deployed, and while at some treatment clinics that Camo will be a life-changer for me. I am overjoyed and eternally grateful for all the Navy SEAL Museum and Baden K9 have done for me and for what they do for my peers.”

To learn more about the Navy SEAL Museum’s K9 Project, please visit [navysealmuseum.org/k9project](http://navysealmuseum.org/k9project).

### **About Baden K-9**

Baden K9 and Tactical Schools is a family owned and operated business located in Ontario, Canada. For over 40 years Baden has bred, raised, and trained true Working Dogs for military, law enforcement and elite clientele for a global market. The mission of Baden is and has always been to provide the very best stable and confident dogs in an ever-challenging world. With a combined experience of over 65 years, they remain a singular source for ancient genetics, which enable the

dogs to meet any and all tasks they are given. Their motto is “A step above and a mile ahead” and this Christian-based company is dedicated to being just that.

#### **About The K9 Project**

Partnering with Baden K-9 in Ontario, Canada, with the generous support of dedicated donors, the Navy SEAL Museum has donated multiple working dogs to veterans of the Special Operations Community through the K9 Project. This unique program helps veterans assimilate back into civilian life by facilitating a special relationship between the warrior and the dog. The bond between elite operator and elite canine provides the structure and fellowship many veterans require to find their purpose in the civilian world, something often felt missing after leaving years of training and combat behind.

#### **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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