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Navy SEAL Museum Receives Button 5.60 Dry Combat Submersible

Fort Pierce, Fla. – May 24, 2018 – The Navy SEAL Museum has announced acceptance of a GSE Trieste “Button 5.60” prototype submersible. This Italian-designed submersible was one of several prototypes considered for the next generation of small, dry submarines to be used by USSOCOM and U.S. Navy SEALs.

The United States Special Operations Command Undersea Systems Program Office offered the Button 5.60 to the Navy SEAL Museum as a donated artifact to educate visitors. The submersible arrived at the Museum this week and is available for public viewing immediately.

“The Navy SEAL Museum is the choice custodian of this submarine,” said Rick Kaiser, Executive Director of the Navy SEAL Museum. “Because the Button prototype was a potential service choice for Navy SEALs’ next dry combat submersible, we feel it warrants display at the Museum. We are excited to exhibit this particular piece of important Navy and SEAL history.”

Noted for its aesthetics and acknowledged for its effective engineering, the Button 5.60 reverses the typical layout of a SEAL Delivery Vehicle (SDV); the crew operates in the rear, with passengers in the middle, and the lockout chamber in the bow, allowing divers to exit the submarine while underwater through hatches in the top and bottom of the chamber.

About The Button Prototype Submersible

Almost 32 feet in length and just over six feet in height, the submersible weighs 39,000 pounds with a beam of about six-an-a-half feet. The Button 5.60 can accommodate four Special Operations Forces passengers and a crew of two. It has an operating depth of 190 feet, with a maximum depth of 360 feet. With a maximum speed of >9 kts, its max lockout depth for divers is 120 feet.

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 swimmers, 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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