

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5116

To recognize the Memorial, Memorial Garden, and K9 Memorial of the National Navy UDT–SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national memorial, memorial garden, and K9 memorial, respectively, of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 27, 2021

Mr. MAST (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. WALTZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. DUNN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF THE MEMORIAL, MEMORIAL**
2 **GARDEN, AND K9 MEMORIAL OF THE NA-**
3 **TIONAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM IN FORT**
4 **PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS THE OFFICIAL NA-**
5 **TIONAL MEMORIAL, MEMORIAL GARDEN,**
6 **AND K9 MEMORIAL, RESPECTIVELY, OF NAVY**
7 **SEALS AND THEIR PREDECESSORS.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

9 (1) MUSEUM.—

10 (A) The National Navy UDT-SEAL Mu-
11 seum is the only museum dedicated solely to
12 preserving the history of the United States
13 Navy SEALs and their predecessors. Located in
14 Fort Pierce, Florida, the Museum resides on
15 the training grounds of the original Navy com-
16 bat divers, the Frogmen.

17 (B) Built to honor those who served with
18 fortitude and dedication, the Museum first
19 opened its doors on Veterans Day in 1985.
20 From humble beginnings, the facility has expe-
21 rienced tremendous growth, achieving national
22 stature in 2007.

23 (C) The main objective of the Museum re-
24 mains the promotion of public education by pro-
25 viding the opportunity to explore the history of
26 the United States Navy SEALs through inter-

1 active exhibits, while honoring the fallen at the
2 Navy SEAL Memorial and caring for those
3 warriors' families through the Trident House
4 Charities Program.

5 (2) MEMORIAL.—

6 (A) The names inscribed on the black
7 granite walls of the Navy SEAL Memorial,
8 which is located on Museum grounds, honor
9 every Frogman who has died in combat or in
10 training since World War II. Original units in-
11 clude the Naval Combat Demolition Units,
12 Scouts and Raiders, Underwater Demolition
13 Teams (UDT), OSS Maritime Swimmers, and
14 Navy SEALs.

15 (B) Each Memorial Day, the names of all
16 Frogmen who have fallen the previous year are
17 added to the Memorial. Family members honor
18 their loved ones by reading the name as it is
19 unveiled. Family members then receive a rub-
20 bing of the name to remember the sacrifice of
21 the fallen. Sand is collected from around the
22 world where Frogmen have fought and died and
23 is placed in a special set of UDT scuba tanks
24 in front of the combat diver sculpture at the
25 center of the Memorial.

1 (C) Bronze statues depicting a Vietnam-
2 era SEAL, modern day SEAL, and SEAL
3 Combat Assault Dog guard the entrance of the
4 Memorial and remind visitors of the warriors
5 who made the ultimate sacrifice for the United
6 States.

7 (3) MEMORIAL GARDEN.—

8 (A) The Navy SEAL Memorial Garden
9 was created to replicate the botanical history of
10 the Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

11 (B) The Memorial Garden showcases flow-
12 ers best representing the countries associated
13 with the five major wars our country has fought
14 in the modern era: World War II, the Korean
15 War, the Vietnam War, the Iraq War, and the
16 War in Afghanistan. World War II and the
17 Vietnam and Iraq Wars are represented by
18 strategically placed marble flower pots, two in
19 the shape of a folded flag and one in the shape
20 of a winding delta guardedly holding plants na-
21 tive to—or that grow in the area of—each war.

22 (C) Each of the more than 1,000 flowers
23 planted in the Memorial Garden represents a
24 specific location around the globe where Navy
25 Frogmen have fought and died.

1 (D) The Memorial Garden is a “living”
2 display of tribute, providing a place of solace
3 and reflection for families and patrons in close
4 proximity to the Navy SEAL Memorial.

5 (E) The Museum maintains an ongoing re-
6 view of Naval Special Warfare areas of oper-
7 ation and conflicts to ensure flowers selected
8 best represent those locations.

9 (4) K9 MEMORIAL.—

10 (A) The Naval Special Warfare K9 Memo-
11 rial was created to honor the K9s that have
12 served alongside Navy SEALs since the Viet-
13 nam War.

14 (B) Navy SEALs that have had the privi-
15 lege and honor to serve with these K9s com-
16 monly express that these warriors are respon-
17 sible for saving the lives of not only the Navy
18 SEALs, but countless innocent civilians in
19 harm’s way.

20 (C) Navy SEAL Combat Assault Dogs un-
21 selfishly give their lives for their teammates.
22 The bond between SEAL and dog is unbreak-
23 able.

24 (D) The name of every Navy SEAL Com-
25 bat Assault Dog that has made the ultimate

1 sacrifice is etched in the black granite of the
2 SEAL K9 Memorial.

3 (b) RECOGNITION.—The Memorial, Memorial Gar-
4 den, and K9 Memorial of the National Navy UDT–SEAL
5 Museum, located at 3300 North Highway A1A, North
6 Hutchinson Island, in Fort Pierce, Florida, are recognized
7 as the official national memorial, memorial garden, and
8 K9 memorial, respectively, of Navy SEALs and their pred-
9 ecessors.

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