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Teammates,

I want to again thank you for your willingness to support the Navy SEAL Museum San Diego as a Docent or Volunteer! Your participation will be critical in fulfilling our mission of preserving the culture and history of Naval Special Warfare to educate and inspire.

Updates:

We continue to make great progress and move closer to opening in the Summer of 2025 in our downtown Showcase facility. Construction is ongoing and our SDV (Swimmer Delivery Vehicle) is ready to hang on the 2nd deck ceiling in December. New walls, sheetrock and paint have rapidly been installed since our last update.



Additionally, after months of design and hard work, we have installed the display cases on the Trolley Platform directly behind the Showcase. These cases will be seen daily by thousands of people passing through the Trolley Station.



Schedule:

We continue to focus on registering quality volunteers like yourselves for our planned opening in Summer 2025. Exact opening date still is to be determined as the build-out and exhibits are constructed.

Current tentative timeline:

- **Dec 16-17, 2024** SDV suspended in the main exhibit hall on the second level
- **Jan 2025** Interviews and finalize Docent list
- **Feb 2025** Filming Hell Week and SWCC Tour for Immersive Gallery Film
- **Feb 2025** First 4 week Docent Course begins (*2 one-hour Zoom classes per week. These will be recorded so you can view when convenient. Topics include NSMSD exhibits details, storytelling hints, museum policy, emergency procedures, Docent scheduling, code of conduct, logistics and expectations.*)
- **Mar 2025** Exhibit installation commences
- **Apr 2025** Exhibit installation complete (projected date)
- **Apr/May 2025** Docent practice gallery tours/presentations
- **Summer 2025** Grand Opening!

We need your help!

Please continue to socialize our mission and ask your social circle to consider volunteering in the area that you feel you can provide the best support. Share our NSMSD website with your friends and co-workers to register as a volunteer.

We will need volunteers in the following areas:

- Logistics
- Administration
- Docent Interaction with visitors
- Computer design and programming
- Facilities
- Subject Matter Experts in Naval Special Warfare history
- Event scheduling
- Virtual Reality Studio

We would especially like to have you on the Docent Team if this describes you!

- The ability to deliver high quality visit experiences to people of all ages
- Ability to create a welcoming environment for learning about NSW and inspiring others
- Interested in educating fellow docents in museum education, history, and touring strategies?

Who makes a good Docent?

Someone with enthusiasm, patience, flexibility, and the ability to take a visitor-centered approach to touring. Successful Docents are interpersonal, skilled at interacting with visitors of all ages and interested in working as a member of a team. Docents are committed to learning new ways of engaging visitors and are willing to make the necessary commitments to both training and touring. NSMSD Docents are Professional, Prepared, Respectful, Engaging, Teamwork oriented and Committed to the Mission.

How do I gain more knowledge about Naval Special Warfare and interact with others who share my passion?

1. Sign up for the NSMSD periodical SITREP. This email magazine will highlight additional news and items of interest in the NSW Community. Go to our NSMSD home page, scroll down to the SITPREP and insert your information: Navy SEAL Museum San Diego | History of Naval Special Warfare
2. Consider joining the Old Frogs and SEALs (OFS) email list and dinners every quarter at the Coronado Yacht Club, hosted by CAPT Bob Schoultz (career NSW and former NSW Group 2 Commodore). Send him an email to be included on his OFS email distribution list – Bob.Schoultz@Gmail.com

If you are a graduate of BUD/S Training or have a relative/spouse/friend who was and want to donate in their honor, don't forget about our [NSMSD Plank Owner Campaign](#).

All classes are participating in this effort, and each class that meets the \$5K goal will have their class number inscribed in the statue that will be erected in front of the Showcase location.

Additional details are on the NSMSD website home page; scroll down to the Plank Owner Campaign or use this direct link:

[Plank Owner BUD/S Class Fundraising Campaign - The Navy SEAL Museum San Diego](#)



Thank you for your support and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Hooyah!

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