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Navy SEAL Museum Hosts Science, Education, Aeronautics and Learning (S.E.A.L.) Event

Fort Pierce, Fla. – February 3, 2017 – More than 200 guests attended a private event at the Navy SEAL Museum last night. In collaboration with the Education Foundation of Indian River County, the Museum hosted the Science, Education, Aeronautics and Learning (S.E.A.L.) event, featuring Chief of the Astronaut Office at NASA and U.S. Navy Captain Christopher J. Cassidy as the special guest speaker.

In the interest of honoring those committed to supporting the Navy SEAL Museum's mission, as well as thanking patrons of the Education Foundation who have supported local students, the two nonprofits joined forces to host an exclusive event for their most dedicated philanthropists. The S.E.A.L. event highlighted the Education Foundation's 25th year of presenting the Indian River Regional Science & Engineering Fair. Guests had the unique opportunity to meet Cassidy and learn more about his service as a SEAL, in addition to hearing personal accounts of his time spent in space.

"We are really excited that NASA Chief and SEAL Chris Cassidy is our featured guest," said Cynthia Falardeau, Director of the Education Foundation. "The Education Foundation's signature program is the Indian River Regional Science Fair, and we feel this is a great opportunity to show the community how we collaborate for the benefit of advancing education."

The extraordinary evening was by invitation only for patrons of the hosting organizations and was attended by various dignitaries that govern the Navy SEAL Museum. Captain Chris Cassidy served as a U.S. Navy SEAL for ten years and is pictured in an installation at the Museum.

About Christopher J. Cassidy

Christopher J. Cassidy was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 2004 and is a veteran of two space flights, STS-127 and Expedition 35. Cassidy, a U.S. Navy SEAL, has been deployed twice to the Mediterranean and twice to Afghanistan. He has been the recipient of Bronze Star with combat 'V' and Presidential Unit Citation for leading a nine-day operation at the

Zharwar Kili Cave on the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. He achieved the rank of Captain in 2014. Cassidy currently serves as NASA's Chief Astronaut where he is responsible for flight assignments, mission preparation and on-orbit support of U.S. crews, as well as organizing astronaut office support for future launch vehicles. Chief Cassidy's official bio can be accessed at: www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/christoper-j-cassidy.

About The Education Foundation of Indian River County

The Education Foundation of Indian River County is a non-profit organization that works to enhance our community's investment in our schools with the goal of achieving excellence for students and educators. To learn more, visit: www.edfoundationirg.org.

About The Indian River Regional Science & Engineering Fair

The Indian River Regional Science & Engineering Fair is presented, in partnership, with the Education Foundation of Indian River County and the School District of Indian River County to develop problem-solving minds and to provide college scholarships for all children in grades Kindergarten through 12th grades.

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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