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SEAL The Unspoken Sacrifice at the Pritzker Military Museum & Library



I was invited to attend the opening reception for the Pritzker Military Museum & Library's latest exhibit, *SEAL The Unspoken Sacrifice*.

The exhibit features dozens of photos from the book *Seal The Unspoken Sacrifice*, which was the result of years of behind-the-scenes access to the SEALs and their families by photographer Stephanie Freid-Perenchio and writer Jennifer Walton. In addition, artifacts from the Navy SEAL Museum, rare books from the Museum & Library, and memorial photographs of fallen SEALs since 2001 from Naval Station Great Lakes are part of the exhibit.

Stephanie Freid-Perenchio's black-and-white photographs are moving, and the accompanying text gives an idea of the harrowing work required to be a Navy SEAL or a SEAL's family member. Helping those who attend the exhibit understand even more is an audio tour made by members of the SEAL community, as Ms. Fried-Perenchio refers to SEALs and their families.

The exhibit is spread over two floors of the museum and library, which itself is beautiful. The artifacts from the Navy SEAL Museum include historical pieces from the Navy going back to World War II, as well as modern equipment that gives a small idea as to how difficult the training and work of a SEAL is.

The exhibit demonstrates the sacrifices the SEAL community makes on an ongoing basis for fellow Americans.

Pritzker Military Museum & Library is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10am to 6pm, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm. It is closed Sunday and Monday. Admission is \$5 for the general public, and free for members and those with active military ID.

To honor Memorial Day, the Museum & Library will feature free admission on May 24, including to *SEAL The Unspoken Sacrifice* for everyone, and a number of special events between 10am and 4pm.

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