

During the Veteran's Day weekend, there will be a series of social events marking the Museum's opening. They will be attended by Frogmen, past and present, from all over America, along with visitors, dignitaries and officials from all levels of Government. But we will never fully establish the Museum, much less effectively meet the deadline, without your full support.

There are no funds from any corporations, foundations or government sources to establish the Museum, and the Naval Historical Center in Washington, D.C. has no UDT-SEAL items in their inventory to loan for display purposes. This means that the Museum must rely on the voluntary contributions of the hundreds of individuals who have served and continue to serve in the Teams.

I need not tell you that membership in our select fraternity is priceless. It is not given away. It is earned. Therefore, I feel that we as individuals and collectively as a community have a responsibility to make this Museum a success.

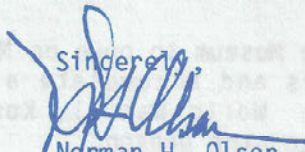
If you could see our physical plant, located on the original NCDU/UDT Training Site, you'd be favorably impressed. At the same time, you'd be saddened by the lack of exhibit materials and the wherewithall to properly display what we do have. You'd then understand why we can't waste any more time in asking for funds and artifacts to make this Museum a reality.

To raise the funds between now and the opening date, the UDT-SEAL Museum Association must receive many \$20, \$25 and \$50 gifts. But the Association must also be able to count on a number of individuals who will send \$100, \$250 and \$500 or as much as \$1,000 to \$5,000.

I am sure you have many other financial demands, but I hope you will send whatever amount you can afford. Also, don't forget to give due consideration to the gear you have preserved in footlockers and seabags just for this special occasion. Remember... The Junk of Yesterday is the Treasure of Today.

In closing, I hope you will join me in supporting the UDT-SEAL Museum Association, Inc. and send the most generous contribution you can afford. Of equal importance, don't overlook those old war relics that you will never use or look at again.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Olson
Captain, U.S. Navy (Retired)
Director

P.S. I want to emphasize that your financial contribution is tax-deductible. So please be as generous as you can in helping us meet our immediate funding goals.