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**MOPHSF Announces American Veterans Center
Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy Award for Valor in Afghanistan**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 19, 2014 – The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (MOPHSF) announced the American Veterans Center Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy Award for Valor in Afghanistan, presented to Medal of Honor recipient, United States Marine Corps Sergeant Dakota L. Meyer. Sergeant Meyer shared, “It is an honor to be among such men and women who have paved the way for my generation and set the example for all of us to live by, for the rest of our lives.”

Since 1998, the American Veterans Center has recognized America’s greatest heroes from the last 75 years of our military’s history, including World War II and combat in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Honorees are saluted for their valor, sacrifice and service – both on the battlefield and in the years since they have served. The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services in the United States.

The award is named for Lt. Michael P. Murphy, who was the subject of the 2013 American war film, “Lone Survivor,” which dramatizes the United States Navy SEALs counter-insurgent mission. Actor Taylor Kitsch portrayed Lt. Murphy in the movie, and he also presented the story of this year’s Murphy Valor Award honoree, Sergeant Meyer, in a short film (<http://vimeo.com/111653423>).

About the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (MOPHSF)

The [Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation](#) provides emotional, physical, educational and financial support for wounded and disabled veterans, to help improve their

lives. [Programs](#) include suicide prevention, support for veterans with brain injuries, counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) and assistance for women's health issues – all common challenges for veterans. The Purple Heart Service Foundation provides scholarships, family assistance, claims assistance and employment training. Family members also get support, learning how to help disabled veterans to cope with their physical, emotional and behavioral challenges. For more information, visit www.PurpleHeartFoundation.org.

About the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

Chartered by Congress in 1958, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is composed of military men and women who received the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat. Although its membership is restricted to the combat wounded, MOPH supports all veterans and their families with a myriad of nation-wide programs by Chapters and National Service Officers. For more information, visit www.PurpleHeart.org.



American Veterans Center Honorary Chairman and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret.) and American Veterans Center President James Roberts listen as Master of Ceremonies Mr. Paul Berry gives the history of the Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy Award for Valor in Afghanistan.



American Veterans Center Honorary Chairman General Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret.) and American Veterans Center President James Roberts were joined by award presenters: US Navy Director of Operations and Plans, Rear Admiral Brian Luther; representing the Chief of Naval Operations along with Master of Ceremonies Paul Berry, Mr. Jeff Roy, 1st Vice President, Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation, MOH Lt. Michael Murphy's Father, Mr. Dan Murphy and Officer Adam Stone, Arlington Motorcycle Escort Officer to the Murphy Family and to this year's award recipient at his Medal of Honor ceremony.



Medal of Honor Recipient US Marine Corps Sergeant Dakota Meyer accepts the American Veterans Center Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy Award for Valor in Afghanistan.

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