

**Remarks as delivered
ADM Gary Roughead
Medal of Honor Pentagon Ceremony
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Murphy family, Dan, Maureen, John, Karen, Kristen, Frank, Kathleen, Secretary England, Secretary Winter, fellow flag officers, general officers, medal of honor recipients, team mates, shipmates, and friends.

The Medal of Honor came into being in the Civil War. Therefore it is not inappropriate to paraphrase our great President of that time from his most famous speech by saying that our words here will not long be remembered but we can never forget what these heroes memorialized in this hall did. Their deeds were extraordinary, their legacy and their valor, inspirational.

Today, another hero takes his place in this hall.

A young man, as almost all here were, a young man who loved and was loved by a wonderful family, by friends and shipmates, a young man who answered the call to service who did not choose the easy path, but the hardest...who went forward into battle, who fought and bled, and in a far off land made the ultimate sacrifice and distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty.

I did not know Michael Murphy and I only recently met his family. But I have no doubt after meeting them of where his character was formed.

While our words cannot compensate for their loss, or adequately praise his extraordinary efforts, on behalf of all who wear the uniform of the United States Navy today, and for all in years to come, I extend our gratitude and our profound admiration for Michael Murphy's service, for his example and for his leadership, and for his uncommon valor.