



It is with deep sadness that I announce that Senior Chief James "Patches" Watson passed away early this morning. Patches was a Plank Owner of the SEAL Teams and paved the way for the SEAL Teams of today. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

He is survived by his wife Lynda, and children, James D Watson IV, Angel Watson Atkins, Patricia Watson Parte, Jean Watson Swayze, and Samantha Watson. Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Jim "Patches" Watson is the Curator Emeritus of the UDT-SEAL Museum in Ft. Pierce, FL

An original plank owner of SEAL Team TWO, Jim served three tours in Vietnam as platoon chief earning sixteen combat decorations, four of which are Bronze Stars all with Combat "V". Many people know him as "Patches", the point man in Dick Marcinko's popular Rogue Warrior book series.

During the twenty year span of his career in the United States Navy, Jim Watson attended twenty-five training schools, spent eleven years as an active-duty SEAL, including one year as an Agency-sponsored advisor with the PRU (Provincial Reconnaissance Unit), and served on eleven missions into Cambodia with the Vietnamese LDNN (Lien Doc Nguoi Nhai, Vietnamese SEAL counterparts trained by Americans).