

Nate Hardy
Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy SEALs
28 December 1978 – 4 February 2008

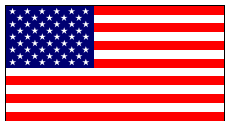
As early as sixth grade, Nate wrote a paper about becoming a Navy SEAL. His years with Seacoast United – originally as a practice player before playing on the very first U14 team (1993) – helped him develop the fierce competitiveness and team-first

mentality that would later serve him so well during his eight years and four deployments with the SEAL teams, including his last six months with the elite Naval Special Warfare Development Group. He was killed in action while serving in Iraq, leaving his wife Mindi, son Parker, mother Donna, father Steve, and brother Ben (who played on the first SUSC U16 team). He was predeceased by his oldest brother Josh. Nate is buried at

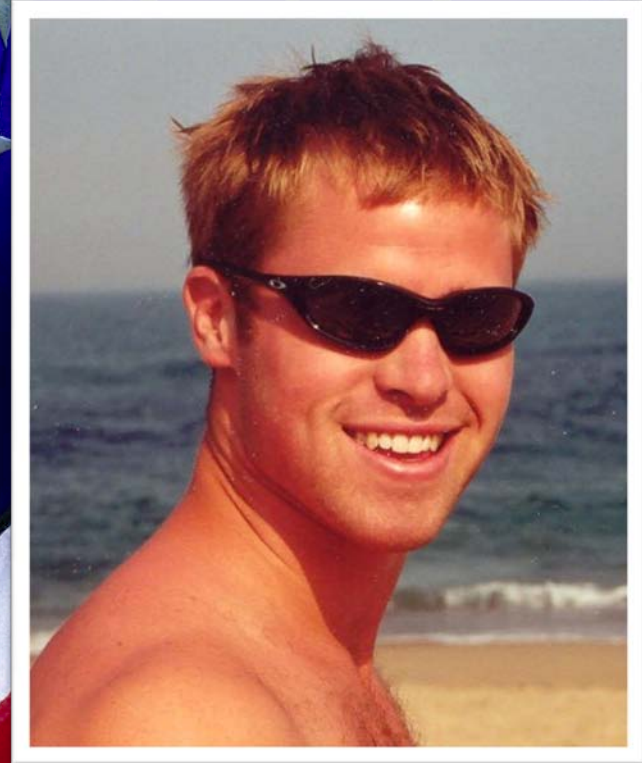


Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Nate's military honors include two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and numerous other medals. He talked little about his SEAL deployments. He kept his first Bronze Star in a locker at his base, and dismissively told his father: *"Dad, I don't do this for the medals. I do it for my country and the guys next to me."*



Nate Hardy
Field Dedication
November 11, 2009



Program of Events

Color Guard Provided By American Legion Post 51

Elm St., Epping NH Eric J. Gregg, Commander; Paul Franks, Senior Vice Commander

**National Anthem performed by
Allison Wilson & Abby Hughes**

Matthew Sprague – Master of Ceremonies

Matt Renner – Former SUSC teammate of Nate

Ben Hardy – Nate’s brother

Chris Laberge – Nate’s SUSC coach

Mike Beland – Former SUSC teammate of Nate

Dr. Stephen Hardy – Nate’s father

Paul Willis – Nate’s SUSC coach

**Presentation by Aidan Willis, Owen Willis, Keegan Laberge,
Paige Laberge, Kyra Laberge**



Special Thanks To:

**Cathy Costello, Kelly Kelly, Matt Sprague, Tim Farrell,
Paul Gatchell, & Chris Levesque**

Hardy Field Dedication November 11th, 2009

With a sense of sadness and yet great pride, Seacoast United dedicates Field 1 at the Seacoast United Outdoor Complex in Epping on Veteran’s Day in honor of Nate Hardy. “Nate’s Field” will serve as a memorial to one of our first players, who served his country as a Navy SEAL before being tragically killed in action on February 4th, 2008 while on a mission in Iraq.

Nate and his family have always been a major part of Seacoast United. Dr. Stephen Hardy, Nate’s father and University of New Hampshire college professor, was one of the co-founders of Seacoast United in 1992 and served as the Club’s first President. Donna, Nate’s mother, was always very



gracious to let us meet at their house and indeed their living room was where the Club started. Nate’s older brother Ben played for our first U16 boys team and went on to become SUSC’s first collegiate All-American at Middlebury College. He is now assistant coach for the Men’s program at Middlebury where they won the NCAA Division III National Championship in 2007.

Nate played for me on the very first SUSC team at age 14 and was a wonderful lad to get to know and work with. He improved greatly during his time at Seacoast United because he worked hard at his game and had unbelievable spirit which helped make him a key member of the teams he played on. He enjoyed a stellar career at Oyster River High School where he was a standout player, gaining All-State Honors in 1996. In 1995, Nate also represented the first ever Seacoast United team to compete abroad when his side visited Newcastle, England for a series of games, including one against Newcastle United’s youth team.

Paul Willis
Executive Director, Seacoast United