

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) today introduced legislation to name the post office at 19190 Cochran Blvd. in Port Charlotte after Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm. All of the members of Florida’s Congressional delegation are original cosponsors of this bill. Mr. Boehm was a resident of Punta Gorda and retired Navy Lt. Commander and the first officer in charge of SEAL Team 2, one of the original Navy SEAL teams. Many would say that he was the first SEAL.

“Lieutenant Commander Boehm was a true American hero and I am privileged to introduce this bill to honor his life and service,” said Rooney. “Roy Boehm deserves to be honored for his long and distinguished career which included fighting in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He set the standard for the Navy SEALs of today and I am grateful for his many years of service to our nation.”

LCDR Boehm enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and fought during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. In 1942 he participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance at Guadalcanal, one of the largest “all surface” sea engagements of WWII. He also was involved in action in Kerama Reto and Okinawa. During his service LCDR Boehm obtained qualifications in deep sea diving, deep submergence rescue chamber operator for submarine rescue, experimental diving, and salvage diving. He graduated from both Airborne and Ranger Training.

In 1961, under orders from President Kennedy LCDR Boehm developed and launched the Navy’s elite Sea, Air and Land forces unit known as the SEALs.

The post office is located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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