



# NAVY SEAL MUSEUM RELIES ON VENSTAR TO ENSURE INDOOR COMFORT AND EXHIBIT PRESERVATION

## CHALLENGE: Remotely Manage HVAC Systems and Preserve Artifacts

At the National Navy SEAL Museum located in Fort Pierce, Florida, climate control is essential to ensure indoor comfort for guests as well as to preserve the museum's exhibits.

Opened on Veterans Day in 1985, the museum spotlights Navy SEALs and their predecessors who are and have committed to serving with honor. Providing an immersive experience, the museum features exhibits on specific conflicts over a variety of eras, from World War II to modern-day.

U.S. Army Retired Sergeant Frank Thiele, Facilities Manager for the National Navy SEAL Museum, was challenged with finding a solution to accomplish the museum's indoor climate control goals, which included remote control from both a mobile device and desktop computer as well as the ability to remotely program the thermostats.

*“ The Venstar thermostats work flawlessly to keep our museum at the perfect temperature to preserve historical artifacts while keeping our guests comfortable. ”*

*– Frank Thiele, Facilities Manager, National Navy SEAL Museum*

## SOLUTION: Venstar Skyport Cloud Services and Wi-Fi Thermostats

To remotely monitor and control temperatures in the museum, Thiele chose Venstar ColorTouch® Wi-Fi® thermostats with Venstar's Skyport® Cloud Services. With Venstar's Skyport Mobile App, Thiele has the ability to remotely view, access and manage all of the thermostats at the museum, including monitoring the temperatures where the helicopters, submarines and advanced weaponry are exhibited.

Setpoint limiting helps to ensure that temperatures stay within the pre-set temperatures, keeping the museum rooms from becoming too hot. The SEALs have a saying — “Get comfortable being uncomfortable” — but this doesn't apply to guests visiting the museum.

To ensure indoor comfort, if temperatures go above or below pre-set parameters, Skyport instantly alerts Thiele via email so he can immediately take action from virtually anywhere to mitigate any possible HVAC equipment issues.

*Photo credit: Lauren Schirard*



## About Skyport

Venstar's free Skyport Cloud Services allow users of Venstar's Wi-Fi® thermostats to use Venstar's free Skyport Mobile App on their Apple iOS® and Android™ mobile devices or directly from the Web to instantly access and control multiple thermostats at numerous locations from virtually anywhere.

## About ColorTouch

ColorTouch Commercial models offer 365-day programming or can be used as nonprogrammable thermostats. They include security features and setpoint limiting. ColorTouch can remotely control, monitor or average temperatures with remote sensors.



For more information on Venstar thermostats scan the QR code.

## RESULTS: Skyport Ensures Consistent Temperatures in Critical Environments

### Results include:

- Alerts for when temperatures or humidity are outside the pre-set parameters
- Remote access and control of thermostats through Skyport cloud services
- Setpoint limiting of temperatures throughout the facility
- Sustained health of the HVAC units through immediate alerts when a system is malfunctioning
- Energy savings by containing temperatures to manage utility costs



U.S. Army Retired Sergeant Frank Thiele and K9 Ghost

“ Having Skyport gives me great peace of mind. It’s a security blanket as a facility manager to be able to remotely access and control the thermostats. ”

– Frank Thiele, Facilities Manager, National Navy SEAL Museum

## About U.S. Navy SEALs

U.S. Navy SEALs are an elite special operations force under the United States Naval Special Warfare Command. They are renowned for their mental fortitude, adaptability, determination and teamwork in diverse and challenging environments. The acronym SEAL is derived from their mastery of all the realms in which they operate — Sea, Air, and Land — and execute high-risk, high-impact missions.



## About The National Navy SEAL Museum

The National Navy SEAL Museum Fort Pierce is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of Navy SEALs and their predecessors. Built on the original training grounds of the first Navy combat divers, Navy SEAL Museum Fort Pierce opened its doors on Veterans Day in 1985.

The museum has experienced tremendous growth, achieving national stature in 2007. Continuing a legacy of preservation and inspiration, Navy SEAL Museum San Diego opened in October of 2025.

Committed to the promotion of public education, the museum provides the opportunity to explore Naval Special Warfare history through interactive exhibits, while honoring the fallen at the SEAL Memorial, and caring for Naval Special Warfare families through its charitable outreach initiatives.



“ We’re honored to be part of the museum, saluting the Navy SEALs who have protected our country for decades. ”

– Scott Agnew, National Sales Director, Venstar LLC

## About Venstar

Venstar, founded in 1992 and based in Southern California, designs and builds a broad variety of innovative thermostats with more than 10 million installed. Venstar’s Skyport Cloud service provides businesses a secure, private, powerful cloud service for command and control of HVAC systems from anywhere in the world.

The company’s Surveyor® Energy Management System allows retailers, restaurant chains and other multi-location businesses to remotely monitor, manage and control energy consumption while reducing maintenance expenses. Currently, Surveyor is used to control more than 100,000 HVAC systems and building lighting in more than 30,000 retail locations throughout North America.

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