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Medal of Honor recipient visits World Trade Center Memorial

NEW YORK - The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey hosted Medal of Honor recipient, former Marine Sgt. Dakota Meyer, on a tour of the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center – which opened to the public nine days ago – and One World Trade Center – where he signed a steel beam on the 72nd floor.

Sgt. Meyer was welcomed to the site by Port Authority Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni, Port Authority Police Superintendent Michael Fedorko and 9/11 Memorial and Museum President Joe Daniels.

President Barack Obama awarded Sgt. Meyer, 23, the Medal of Honor on September 15 for his actions in saving 36 lives during a battle on September 8, 2009. Sgt. Meyer is the first living marine to receive this award since 1973 for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, a ceremony was held by the Memorial's South Pool to commemorate Sgt. Meyer's achievements, as well as to honor other veterans from the Port Authority Police Department Marine Corp. Association, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Association (IAVA), and a number of veteran construction workers from the World Trade Center site. Sgt. Meyer received a piece of steel from the original World Trade Center from Chairman Samson, and an U.S. Marine Corps flag from the Port Authority Police Department Honor Guard.

Following the ceremony, Sgt. Meyer was given a tour of One WTC and signed a steel beam on the 72nd floor. A mark of significant progress, the tower has reached the 82nd floor.

Don the guy on the left on Sgt Meyers was Port Authority Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni and on his right was Port Authority Police Superintendent Michael Fedorko