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Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 work on a storage facility project on Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi



# Wreath laying at Arlington for the Seabees 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday

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Rear Adm. Dean VanderLey, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), and Chief of Civil Engineers, speaks during a Seabee birthday wreath laying ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery, March 1, 2025. This is the 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Seabees and is a time to commemorate the dedication, service, and sacrifice of Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps officers who serve or have served in the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Adam Brock)



Rear Adm. Dean VanderLey, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), and chief of Civil Engineers, right, and Force Master Chief Lawrence Sharpe, force master chief of the Seabees, salute during a Seabee birthday wreath laying ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery, March 1, 2025. This is the 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Seabees and is a time to commemorate the dedication, service, and sacrifice of Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps officers who serve or have served in the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Adam Brock)

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# New Bee at the US Navy Seabee Museum



The museum welcomed a new bee to its swarm recently. This bee was donated by the soon to be decommissioned CBMU 303. Special thanks to the museum staff and the NCG-1 non-CESE TOA team that worked together to get the bee installed safely. BZ to Arline Cervantes, Autumn Harris, Jennifer Johnson, CM2 Dante Leland, Jordan Miller, Gina Nichols, Angel Rodriguez, CM2 Trevor Rovito, Glenn Sisson, and BU1 Stephanie Wolff.



# Seabee Monument dedication

at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX



Today was a blessing for all Seabees in Texas, especially those whom served before us. There are over 200 Seabees buried here making it home. A NSVA Seabee monument was dedicated to all bees. As for me... some therapeutic recovery.  
~ Anthony Amesquita Jr.



## NMCB 1: Strengthening NATO Readiness Through ADR

MORÓN AIR BASE, SPAIN  
 Story by Cristina Oliveira  
 65th Air Base Group

From February 1 to 8, 2025, U.S. Air Force Airmen and U.S. Navy Seabees teamed up with Spanish and Portuguese counterparts at Morón Air Base, Spain, for an Airfield Damage Repair (ADR) exercise. More than just fixing runways, this multinational effort focused on building strong partnerships, improving teamwork, and ensuring NATO forces can respond quickly and operate effectively in any environment.

### Mission-Ready Teams

Keeping airfields operational under any situation is essential for military success, and ADR is a key component in that mission. By bringing together service members from different branches and nations, the exercise allowed them to share expertise in crater repairs, Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) mat placement, and vehicle familiarization - essential skills for seamless operations in real-world missions.

"These engagements give us a chance to see and understand each other's processes, making sure that we can work as a single unit when it matters most," explained SMSgt Purvangkumar Kalani, from Headquarters Civil Engineering Division, U.S. Air Forces in Europe. For example, "if the Spanish or Portuguese Air Forces partners with us at some other location, they know how to operate the U.S. Air Force vehicles. And the same goes for us."

MSgt David McCoy, from 765th Air Base Squadron at Lajes Field, also highlighted the value of learning from NATO allies. "Getting to work with the Spanish and Portuguese teams and see how they approach this process has been invaluable," he said. "It's been interesting to not only share our techniques but also incorporate some of theirs."

The collaboration went beyond just sharing best practices - it also meant recognizing what improvements can be made. As teams worked through different repair techniques, they faced challenges that highlighted the complexities of deploying in unfamiliar environments.

Identifying these gaps was just as important as refining their skills. "With these types of exercises, we're able to identify what may be our shortfalls when it comes to deploying to different places," explained 1st Lt Elena Reyes, from the 786th Civil Engineering Squadron at Ramstein. "The way that our regulations and guidance are written, it's written in the perfect world scenario. So this allows us to wrap possible issues we can have on real-world missions."

### Connected Through Communication

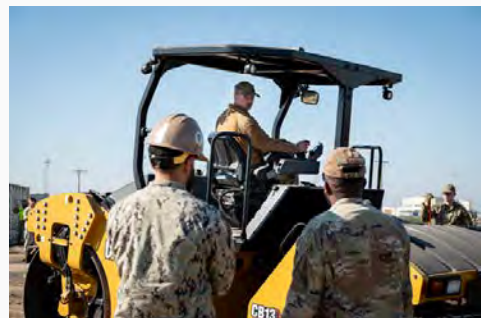
While ADR is key to keeping airfields operational, clear communication is just as important for the success of multinational missions. This exercise allowed participants to combine technical skills with teamwork across different cultures, helping NATO forces work together despite language and operational differences. To help overcome any cultural challenges, 12 Language Enabled Airman Program (LEAP) scholars specialized in Portuguese and Spanish took part in the training.

These scholars not only improved their language skills but also provided on-the-spot translation and cultural insights, helping ensure smooth coordination between forces. "Having language support in the training made a big difference," expressed MSgt Scott Richards, from 496th Air Base Squadron at Morón Air Base. "In many of the countries we visit, higher-ranking officers often speak English, but the service members operating the equipment usually don't. That's where LEAP and the scholars stepped in."

LEAP integrated with the ADR exercise showing that communication is just as vital as technical skills in joint operations. "Interoperability isn't just about equipment or processes - it's also about being able to communicate and adapt," noted UTC Deston Woodlee, from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, U.S. Navy Seabees. "Getting these opportunities to work hand in hand with other nations gives us the opportunity to see how they are culturally, how they see things, and it just strengthens us as a fighting force in our common interests."

By combining ADR training with language and cultural awareness, the exercise helped NATO's ability to work as

a cohesive unit in complex environments. These efforts make sure that when challenges arise, teams are not just prepared but fully capable of responding together. By training side-by-side, overcoming challenges, and improving communication, allied nations continue to build a stronger and more capable force prepared for any future mission.



## PWD Sigonella Seabees celebrate our 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday

Sailors assigned to Public Works Department Sigonella reenact the events of Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Marvin Shield's Medal of Honor citation for Seabee Week, a celebration of the U.S. Navy Seabee's 83rd birthday on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Mar. 7, 2025. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S. allied, and partner nation forces to deploy and respond as required, ensuring security and stability throughout Europe, Africa and Central Asia. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sebastian Portieleslopez)



Sailors assigned to Public Works Department Sigonella participate in a truck pull during Seabee Week, a celebration of the U.S. Navy Seabee's 83rd birthday, on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Mar. 6, 2025. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S. allied, and partner nation forces to deploy and respond as required, ensuring security and stability throughout Europe, Africa and Central Asia. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sebastian Portieleslopez)



# NMCB 3 deployment operations

Seabees from NMCB-3's Advanced Base Construction Company pour concrete to enhance the Camp Shields galley drainage system, ensuring critical infrastructure remains mission-ready. Their expertise in advanced base construction strengthens operational capabilities and supports sustained operations in the Indo-Pacific. (Photos: MCI Austin Ingram)



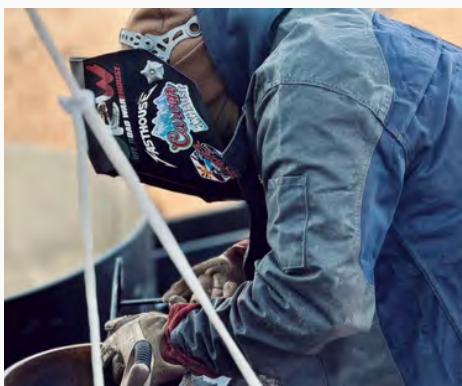
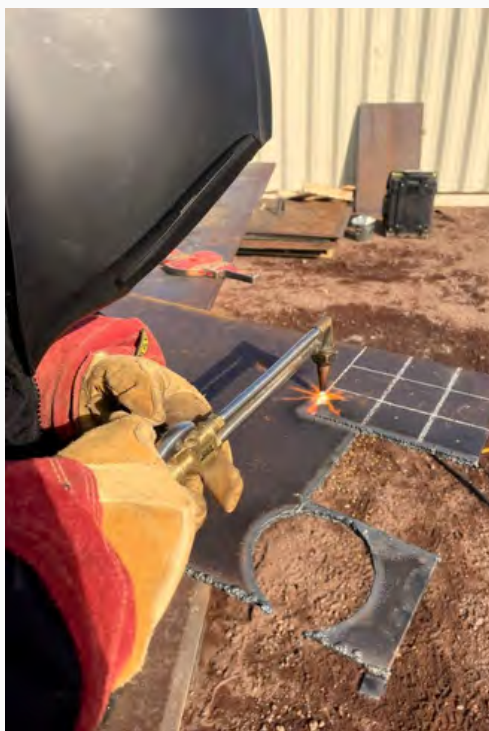
Seabees in Action!  
NMCB-3 teamed up with MWSS-171 and H&HS at MCAS Iwakuni for hands-on Airfield Damage Repair (ADR) training! Strengthening skills, sharpening readiness, and proving once again that when the mission calls, we build, we fight, we win! (Photos: EO3 Kaimi Tagaca)



Precision in Progress!  
Engineering Aides from NMCB-3 put their skills to work, plotting points for a General Support Equipment warehouse in support of NAVFAC. Every measurement counts as Seabees continue to build the foundation for mission success in the Indo-Pacific! (Photos: MCI Austin Ingram)

# NMCB 3 deployment operations (cont.)

NMCB 3 arrived in Diego Garcia Dec. 12. The battalion is deployed across the Indo-Pacific region conducting high-quality construction to support U.S. and partner nations to strengthen partnerships, deter aggression, and enable expeditionary logistics and naval power projection. The battalion stands ready to support humanitarian aid/disaster relief and major combat operations throughout the region.



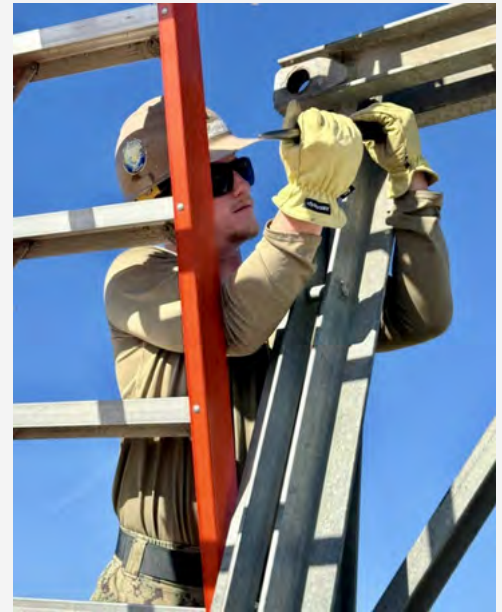
Building for the Future, One Drill at a Time. Seabees from NMCB-3, Detachment Antarctica, collaborate with New Zealand contractors at McMurdo Station to perform drilling and welding operations for the NSF Offload Infrastructure project. Their hard work ensures that vital infrastructure in Antarctica supports groundbreaking scientific research. With a legacy of excellence since World War II, NMCB-3's skilled builders and engineers continue to make an impact in one of the most remote places on Earth. (Photos: CM2 Benjamin Torres Mata)



## NMCB 3 deployment operations (cont.)

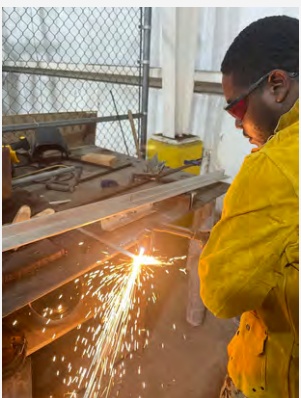
### Bridging the Gap!

Seabees from NMCB-3, Detachment Antarctica, gear up to launch a Mabey Johnson Bridge at Port Hueneme, Calif. – just another day of making sure vital infrastructure is ready to support scientific research in Antarctica. With a legacy dating back to World War II, NMCB-3 continues to bring their expertise wherever it's needed. (Photos: BU2 Adjassem)



### Rolling Forward!

For the first time since 2018, Seabees from NMCB-3 Detachment Chinhae hit the road in an MK-28, making the drive to Camp Walker in Daegu, South Korea. This mission ensures all licensed operators maintain full capability, reinforcing the battalion's readiness to execute high-quality construction operations and support major combat operations across the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility. (Photos: CE3 Becerra)



Seabees from NMCB-3 in Diego Garcia sharpen their skills through hands-on training, mastering essential tools like the rescue saw and oxyacetylene torch. Their expertise in precision cutting and construction techniques ensures mission success and strengthens operational readiness in the Indo-Pacific. (Photos: BU32 Joshua Torres)

# NMCB 3 deployment operations (cont.)

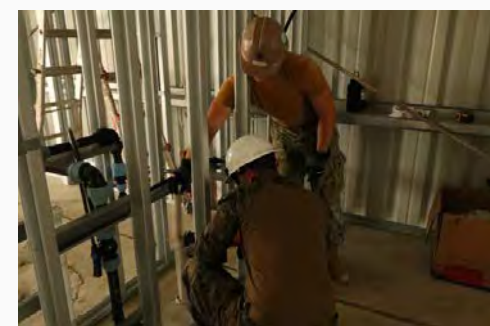


**Building Strength, Building Partnerships!**  
 Seabees from NMCB-3 join forces with Marines from the 31st MEU to construct a tactical bunker during Exercise Iron Fist. This joint operation showcases NMCB-3's expertise in supporting combat and engineering missions alongside Marine forces, boosting operational readiness and reinforcing U.S. military alliances in the Indo-Pacific region. (Photos: MCI Austin Ingram)



## Strengthening Partnerships in Timor-Leste!

Seabees from NMCB-3 teamed up with 7th ESB Marines, F-FDTL forces, and the Australian military to build lasting infrastructure and partnerships. From laying pipes to installing paneling, training with our allies, and even playing soccer with the locals—this mission was more than just construction. It was about teamwork, mentorship, and building stronger ties in the Indo-Pacific. (Photos: BU3 Noles)



# NMCB 3 deployment operations (cont.)

Over the Hump Party!  
Big shoutout to everyone who made our Over-the-Hump party an amazing time!  
We're in the home stretch—let's finish this deployment strong!



# NMCB 3 deployment operations (cont.)

Over the Hump Party! (cont.)



# Underwater Construction Team 1 Construction Dive Detachment ALFA conduct dive training

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1 Construction Dive Detachment ALFA, deployed under 22nd Naval Construction regiment, conduct dive training ensuring maritime infrastructure and underwater systems readiness aboard Naval Station Rota, March 7, 2025. 22nd NCR commands naval construction forces for Navy Expeditionary Combat Forces Europe-Africa/Task Force 68 across the 6th Fleet area of Operations to defend U.S., allied, and partners interests.



### ACB 1 supports NASA

Alfa Company on mission with the stars. Today, ACB-1 Sailors supported the onload of NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration equipment aboard USS Somerset (LPD 25), bringing the 'Can Do!' to a one-of-a-kind joint operation. From the pier to the platform, our team made it happen—precision, strength, and execution on point.



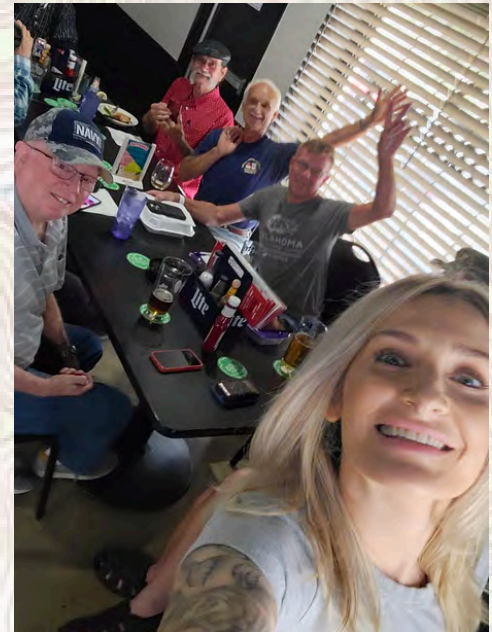
### Seabee camaraderie lives long after the uniform retires



Tulsa, OK  
Swarms and hives need honey.  
Come share your story at  
Sutures on 71 Yale, Tulsa.  
Saturday lunch. We meet  
every week. Bring your honey.

Middleburg, FL.  
We held our Swarm/Island X-9 meeting  
yesterday at the Middleburg FL American  
Legion. Our numbers were down a little  
but that is okay as we got some really good  
leads on some Seabees out that way.

Picture 1st row, L to R, Terence Paparella,  
Dwight Littleton(Dave) and Carl Miller, 2nd  
row, L to R, Tanner Vroman, Rick Wilson,  
Dan O'Neal, 3rd row, L to R, Gordon  
Mohawk Brewer, James Zywort (Jim), Al  
Kayser.



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**01 April 1945:** One of the biggest Seabee stevedore assault operations in the Second World War was handled by 11th Special NCB at the invasion of Okinawa. The assignment began in February 1945 when the battalion was joined by two base companies of untrained personnel.

Indoctrination of these recruits in the Seabee stevedore tradition, "keep the hook moving," was started immediately. The big battalion was split into two divisions of nine 9-man teams each. The divisions separated, each going to a different staging area where the 18 teams were assigned to 18 different assault ships. Once at the staging area, each team loaded its assigned vessel and then rode that vessel to Okinawa. When the ships arrived off the coast of Okinawa on April 01, 1945, they were spread the entire length of the northern beaches. These were the beaches hit by the Third Amphibious Marines. Once landed, the Seabees unloaded on a 24-hour basis. Unloading was done under extremely hazardous conditions. Enemy air raids persistently hammered at the shipping. Fourteen casualties were suffered by the 11th Special NCB during the early stages of the campaign. On the day after the invasion, April 02, 1945, six cranes, five bulldozers and a number of flood light trailers were on the beaches as far north as Nago on the still bitterly contested Motobu peninsula. When the discharge of assault cargo was completed, the Seabee stevedores had a lull of about a week before the second echelon of supply ships arrived. However, during this week the men were not idle. They did excavation and construction work, roughed in roads and helped install anti-aircraft emplacements. Despite the week-long pause in stevedoring and the reduction of working time because of air raids, the end of April saw more than 70,000 tons of ammunition, guns, vehicles, and supplies safely ashore and in the hands of the swift moving assault forces.

**01 April 1955:** The gymnasium at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, was dedicated to the memory of Rear Admiral Ralph M. Warfield. The ceremonies were attended by high-ranking military leaders and other distinguished guests, including Rear Admiral John R. Perry, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, and Mrs. Warfield, widow of the late admiral. The dedication was held at the gymnasium with eight companies of Seabees and a large group of civilian employees and military dependents in attendance. Rear Admiral Warfield, prior to his death from a heart attack in 1939, had a most distinguished naval career.

**01-18 April 2003:** ACB 1 and 2 completed construction of an Elevated Causeway System/Modular (ELCAS/M), a 1,400-foot pier, for the first time in a combat operation, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at Camp Patriot, Kuwait.

**03 April 1967:** NMCB 4 began construction of the Liberty Bridge at Da Nang, RVN with a 22 man crew.

**04 April 1898:** Mordecai T. Endicott became the first member of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps to become Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. After Endicott, all chiefs of the bureau were chosen from the ranks of the CEC.

**06 April 1968:** In the Republic of Vietnam, the Hill 494 Quarry Cantonment and Rock Production was dedicated as Camp DeShurley by RADM J.V. Bartlett, CEC, USN, Commander, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, and CDR J.A. Wright, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of NMCB 9 in honor of mortar crew leader BUL3 George R. DeShurley, USN, and the five other Seabees of Detail Echo, killed in action in the defense of the facility on the morning of 31 March at Phu Loc.

**06 April 1968:** CMH2 Teddy "J" Baker, USN and CMACN Michael D. Chasca, USN of NMCB 4 were wounded while riding a truck which struck a land mine in Mai Lang, RVN.

**07 April 1942:** Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox announced that the Navy would enlist African Americans for general service, with open enlistment for messmen and the Seabees. Over 12,500 African Americans will serve in the Seabees during World War II.

**10 April 1963:** During the Cuban crisis, Petty Officer George A. Denich, Jr., a 21-year old Seabee assigned to NMCB 7, was killed in an accident on a 280-foot hill at Guantanamo Bay. When the accident occurred, Denich was operating a mobile crane in the

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(Continued) construction of fortified defensive positions for the Guantanamo Naval Base. On June 26, 1963, a memorial plaque was placed on the hill, which was then named Denich Hill in honor of the dead Seabee.

**10 April 1971:** The USS MARVIN SHIELDS (DE-1066) was commissioned at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. The destroyer escort was named in tribute CM3 Marvin Shields, a member of Seabee Team 1104. Shields was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his personal valor during combat action in the Battle of Dong Xoai in the Republic of Vietnam. This Medal of Honor was the first ever awarded to a Seabee and the first awarded to a United States Navy man in the Vietnam War.

**10 Apr 2008:** Local sheep herders, whose families have worked this area of land for more than 200 years, watched as equipment operators assigned to NMCB 17 used heavy equipment to prepare an area that would accommodate a road leading to a major bridge project. Seabees from NMCB 17 and the U.S. Army's 814th Multi-Roll Bridge Company worked together on a large-scale bridge building project located in western Iraq. Seabees attached to NMCB 17 took the lead moving an estimated 70,000 cubic yards of earth to aid in completion of the 300+ meter Maybey-Johnson Float Bridge that spanned the Euphrates River. When completed the project helped increase local commerce, trade, and travel for the Iraqi population in the area.

**11 April 1969:** Three members of Seabee Team 0604 were ambushed at a project site in Long An Province, Republic of Vietnam. The Seabees came under rocket, grenade, automatic and small arms fire. They were able to radio for help, however, and the enemy forces were routed by helicopter gunship fire and ground troop support. One Seabee, CM2 Peter L. Stith, was wounded. He was evacuated by gunship by died before reaching the hospital.

**13 April 1974:** Three CEC/Seabee Officers (CAPT Thomas J Mitchell CEC, USN, Commander 30th Naval Construction Regiment, CDR Leland R. Dobler, CEC, USN, CO NMCB 133 and LT Charles H. Jeffries CEC, USN, OIC, DET WALLABY of NMCB 133) were killed in a terrorist ambush out in the jungle, on the US Naval Base, Subic Bay, RP, base boundary line.

**14 April 1969:** Team 0913 completed reconstruction of a defensive berm around Fire Base DIAMOND III in response to an emergency request. Five hours later the fire base came under intensive attack with 198 enemy killed in action, 18 U.S. killed in action, and 13 Americans wounded. The defensive berm was credited with saving numerous lives and possibly preventing overrunning of the fire base.

**18 April 1972:** The last Seabee Team site in Vietnam was closed down by Seabee Team 0321. The team's employment at Ham Tan, Binh Tuy Province was shortened to four months by an accelerated phasedown schedule.

**18 April 2008:** Wedding via Satellite is a Unique Deployment Highlight. Through the power of technology and with the help of the Freedom Calls Foundation, Personnel Specialist 1st Class Linda Priddy and Chief Gunner's Mate Remon Peterson were married despite being separated by roughly 6,500 miles. At the time, Priddy was attached to the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) and deployed to Camp Fallujah, Iraq, while Peterson was attending the Navy's Vertical Launching System "C" School at Naval Station Dam Neck, Va.

**21 April 1966:** A Naval Support Unit of Seabees was established in the Department of State. This assignment came about because in 1964 cleverly concealed microphones and listening devices were discovered in the United States Embassy in Moscow.

**27 April 1969:** Disaster strikes area in and around ammunition supply dump ASP 1, Da Nang as it erupted as if a volcano. This was the largest ASP in I Corps area. NMCB 4 provided fire fighting detail to assist NMCB 5. NMCB 5's Camp Hoover was adjacent to the huge ASP. NMCB 5's Camp Hoover was 90 percent destroyed, however only two Seabees were wounded due to the immediate action taken during the initial explosions.

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**Disclaimer:** There is much more Seabee history each month than the two pages captured here and the goal is to share a little from each era.

# EXWC MUSE Program generator ribbon cutting ceremony

Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (NAVFAC EXWC) holds a ribbon cutting to celebrate the delivery of ten, 900KW generators for the Mobile Utilities Support Equipment (MUSE) team, highlighting a process that resulted in greater efficiencies in obtaining critical resources for the Fleet and warfighter. EXWC Executive Officer Capt. Paul Chan noted how MUSE worked directly with the manufacturer, streamlining every facet of the project and enabling rapid deployment of essential power assets and saving a considerable amount of time and money compared to other contracted relationships. In utilizing this process, he said, EXWC strengthened its ability to sustain critical mission infrastructure while ensuring cost-effective resource allocation. Chan said the generators, designed and manufactured by Girtz Industries, are compliant to meet mission needs, while noting they arrived five months ahead of schedule. The first fixed-price contract for the generators was awarded to Girtz in August 2023. MUSE provides specialized, transportable equipment and expert Seabee technicians to support utility and critical power systems at DoD locations worldwide. (U.S. Navy photos by Lisa Ferdinando)



## Seabee camaraderie lives long after the uniform retires



South Central PA  
 March 8th 2025 South Central PA  
 Seabee Swarm held at Hoss's in  
 Chambersburg, Pa. Left to right: Marvin  
 Peck, Paul Chenoweth, Paul S. Barnett  
 Jr., Jerry Wolfe, Mike Sage, Dan Herrick,  
 Jason Knorr, Michael Carter, James  
 Topper, Jeff Smyser, Elwood Carpenter,  
 Conor McVey, Wayne D. Smith, Steve  
 Mahan, John Byrne, Larry Kunkle.

### NCB-14 field exercise during FY25Q2 AT!

Sailors assigned to Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) 14, participate in a field training exercise in preparation for deployment during fiscal year 2025, quarter two, annual training (AT) at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Woolmarket Training Range, and the Air National Guard Base in Gulfport. The purpose of the “turning point” exercise AT was to certify two general construction companies as deployable units of action. They demonstrated combat construction capability with self-sustained mobility, high-quality military construction execution, and combat effectiveness in a kinetically hostile environment. Awesome job 14!



### NMCB 133 homeport/deployment operations

CM's  
Our Runnin' Roo mechanics have been working hard to maintain all of our civil engineer support equipment to keep our projects capable and to be able to provide equipment on short notice for anything that should arise.



Below: EO's  
NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos conducted a working turnover with NMCB 1 on the Polaris Point construction project. For this project, our Seabees are building a road to allow contractors access to a pier on Naval Station Guam to deliver services. With this project we are enabling fleet maneuverability through high-quality construction.

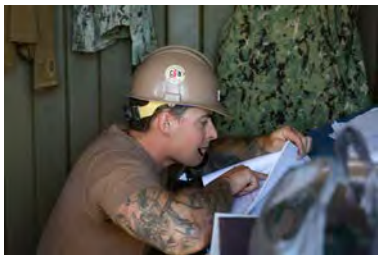


### NMCB 133 homeport/deployment operations (cont.)

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 provide engineer and infrastructure efforts at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, March 3, 2025. Joint Task Force Southern Guard is supporting illegal aliens holding operations led by the Department of Homeland Security at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class ShaTyra Cox)



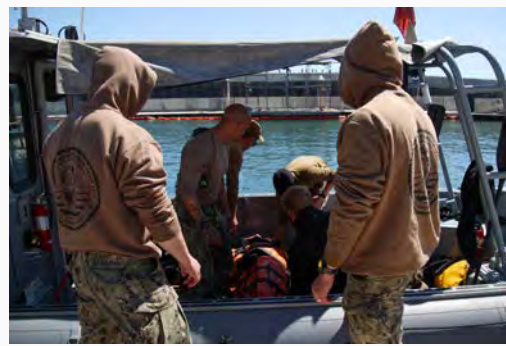
Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 work on a storage facility project on Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi



# UCT 2 Conducts Underwater Damage Survey and CASEVAC During

## Joint Training Exercise

Seabees assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2, conduct an underwater damage survey, and casualty evacuation and recompression chamber treatment during a joint field training exercise between Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4, and NMCB 5. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Dakota Rayburn)

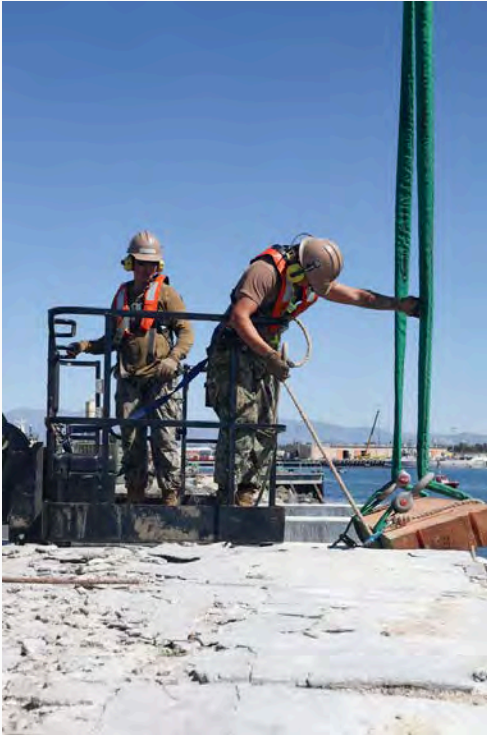


## Seabee camaraderie lives long after the uniform retires



Boise, ID  
March meeting of the Greater Southwest Idaho Seabee Swarm met today at Elmer's in Boise. Great friends, good food and a great time was had by all. Welcomed new to the group Donn Murray.

# NMCB 4 Waterfront Construction Company Repairs Pier During FTX



Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 conduct port damage repair during a joint field training exercise with Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 and NMCB5 on March 19, 2025, at Port Hueneme, California. NMCB 4 is implementing a robust construction skill training plan to prepare for a dynamic mission set throughout the Indo-Pacific in support of Combatant Commander strategic objectives. (U.S. Navy Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Dakota Rayburn).

## Seabee camaraderie lives long after the uniform retires



Manhattan, KS  
Seabee Swarm, Manhattan KS, March 8.  
Seabees young and old!

Beaverton, OR  
The Pacific Northwest Seabees met this month at Applebee's in Beaverton, OR. These Seabees pick a different location each month, so if you're interested check out **PNW Seabees Can Do** on Facebook.



# Gulfport Mayor recognizes NMCB 11 Seabees for Highway Rescue

Story by Petty Officer 1st Class James Hong  
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11

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GULFPORT, Miss. (March 4, 2025) – Gulfport Mayor Billy Hewes recognized a team of Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 for heroism at Gulfport City Hall, March 4, 2025.

Starting off a city council meeting, Hewes issued a Mayoral Proclamation commending the Seabees for their actions on Feb. 6, when they came to the aid of two elderly motorists who were trapped in a partially submerged vehicle east of New Orleans.

“The residents of our great city do hereby commend and pay tribute to these true American heroes for their act of bravery,” said Hewes.

Following the proclamation, Gulfport Fire Chief Billy Kelley issued each Seabee a Life Saving Award on behalf of the Gulfport Fire Department.

“I’ve been down that stretch of highway... it looks like alligator town,” said Kelley. “You all braved some water and saved those folks, and that’s humongous.”

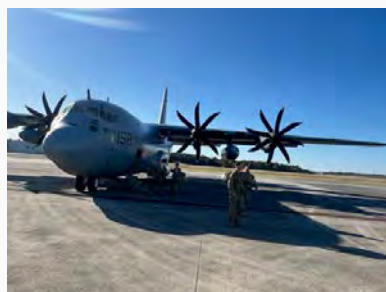
The following NMCB-11 personnel were recognized: Equipment Operator 1st Class Andrew Warren, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Marcos Ramirez, Electronics Technician 2nd Class Tiara Mickalowski, Builder 2nd Class Thomas McLaughlin, Construction Electrician 2nd Class Ethan Edwards, Steelworker 2nd Class Zachary Jones, Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Aidan Dudley, Steelworker 3rd Class Chase Iorio, Steelworker 3rd Class John Durfee, Construction Electrician 3rd Class Jarrett Tipton, and Builder Constructionman Xavier Lucio.



Below: NMCB 11 Wardroom officers judge the competition at the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Gulf Coast Student Symposium in Starkville, Miss., March 8, 2025. The 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium, hosted by Mississippi State University, brings together civil engineering students from across Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to network and compete in engineering challenges. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class James S. Hong).



## NMCB 11 Embark Training Exercise



## Nonprofit in the Spotlight

*In supporting Seabees, our “Non-Profit in the Spotlight” page highlights additional resources available for Bees.*

It is our goal to share as much information as we can for nonprofit organizations that support military and their families. If you are part of a nonprofit or have experience with a nonprofit that you have found helpful, we would like to share it with our fellow Seabees, please send us an email at [info@seabee.org](mailto:info@seabee.org).



### Mike Rowe Works Foundation

Today, the skills gap is wider than it's ever been. The cost of college tuition has soared faster than the cost of food, energy, real estate, and health care. Student loan debt is the second highest consumer debt category in the United States with more than 45 million borrowers who collectively owe more than \$1.7 trillion. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than 7.6 million jobs available across the country, the majority of which don't require a four-year degree. And still, we talk about millions of “shovel ready” jobs for a society that doesn't encourage people to pick up a shovel. We keep lending money we don't have to people who can't pay it back for jobs that don't exist. Bit by bit, our culture reaffirms the misguided belief that a career in the skilled trades shouldn't be desired. And that lack of enthusiasm has reshaped our expectations of a “good job” into something that no longer resembles work.

“Our crumbling infrastructure, our widening skills gap, the disappearance of vocational education, and the stratospheric rise in college tuition—these are not problems,” Mike said. “These are symptoms of what we value. And right now, we have to reconnect the average American with the value of a skilled workforce. Only then, will the next generation aspire to do the work at hand.”

In 2008, Mike created the mikeroweWORKS Foundation to launch a national PR campaign for skilled labor.

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Whiners Rewarded

For more information on how to support or receive these services, please visit:  
<https://mikeroweworks.org/>



# 2025 GULF COAST

# SEABEE

# GOLF INVITATIONAL

**Tournament Schedule:**  
**10:30 AM - Registration**  
**11:30 AM - Lunch**  
**12:30 PM - Shotgun Start**  
**5:30 PM - Dinner**



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

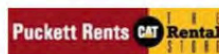
THE CLUB AT DIAMONDHEAD, MS

*Supporting the mission of the Navy Seabee Foundation.*

The Navy Seabee Foundation invites you to support the 2025 Seabee Golf Tournament. The mission of the Navy Seabee Foundation is to preserve and protect the history and legacy of the U.S. Navy Seabees and the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps and their families through scholarships, supporting the Seabee Museum as well as other monuments, memorials, and other heritage sites dedicated to the Seabees. Our commitment extends to supporting the well-being of current and former members of the Seabee/CEC Community and their families.



Individuals, teams and sponsors can register online  
**SeabeeGolf.org**



# REUNIONS & EVENTS

"If you never did, you should. These are fun and fun is good." -Dr. Seuss

## APRIL 2025

- 1 CPO SE Golf Tournament  
Tuesday, April 1 - Orange Park, FL, United States
- 23-27 NSVA Island X-24 Reunion  
April 23-27 - West Knoxville TN
- 23-27 NMCB 40 Reunion  
April 23-27 - Charleston, SC
- 30 **Gulf Coast Seabee Golf Tournament**  
Wednesday, April 30 - Diamondhead, MS / SeabeeGolf.org

## MAY 2025

- 1-4 NSVA Island X-1 All-Seabee Reunion  
Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront, Gulfport, MS
- 1-4 NMCB-12 Reunion 1  
May 1-4, 2025 - Gulfport, MS

- 9 CECOS 80th Anniversary  
May 9, 2025 - Port Hueneeme, CA

- 20-23 MCB-12 Vietnam Reunion 1968-1969  
May 20-23, 2025 - Bath, Maine

## JUNE 2025

- 10 **Washington DC Seabee Golf Tournament**  
Tuesday, June 10 - SeabeeGolf.org

## AUGUST 2025

- 11 **San Diego Seabee Golf Tournament**  
Monday, Aug 11 - Rancho Sante Fe, CA / SeabeeGolf.org
- 20-24 NSVA National Convention  
August 20-24 - Orlando, Florida

## SEPTEMBER 2025

- 13 Navy Seabee Foundation Seabee Celebration

## OCTOBER 2025

- 1-30 2025 OktoBEEfests  
www.OktoBEEfest.org
- 9 **Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Tournament**  
Thursday, October 9 - Virginia Beach, VA SeabeeGolf.org
- 20-23 MCB1 - MCB9 Reunion  
October 20-23 - Branson, MO

Submit Your Event! Reach out to the Navy Seabee Foundation at [info@seabee.org](mailto:info@seabee.org) to add your event.

More information about these events available at [seabee.com](http://seabee.com).

The Navy Seabee Foundation announces the Seabee Virtual 5K 2025, scheduled from July 1 to July 13. Participants are invited to run, walk, ride, ruck, or roll a 5K at their convenience during this period and share their experiences using the hashtags #seabee5k and #NavySeabeeFoundation.

Registration is now open at [Seabee5K.org](http://Seabee5K.org). By donating or raising \$35, participants will receive a Seabee 5K T-shirt, with shipments beginning on June 1. All proceeds support the Navy Seabee Foundation's mission to assist Seabees and their families.

For more information on the foundation's initiatives, visit [seabee.org](http://seabee.org).

Click on the pictures to go directly to pages.

Registration Open!

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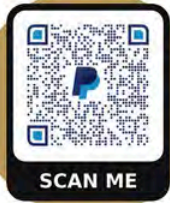


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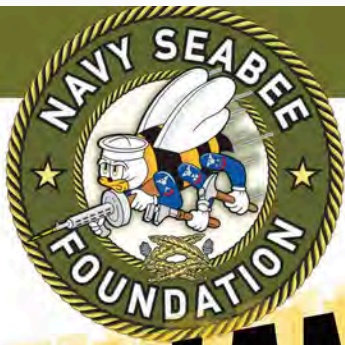
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