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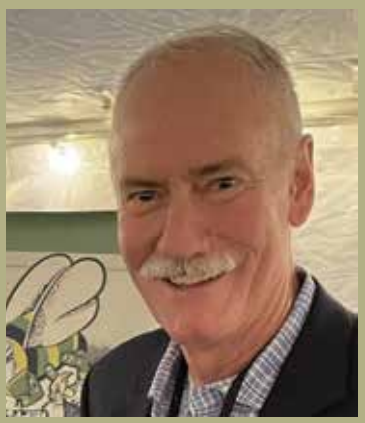

KEVIN R. SLATES, RADM, CEC, USN (RET)
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I hope that everyone is having a great summer. With less than a year left as Chairman of the Navy Seabee Foundation (NSF) I want to say thank you to all of our donors, sponsors and supporters. Thanks to you and your suggestions/support we accomplished what was a passion of mine and countless others, combining our two predecessor organizations into the NSF. It has been a great success and I'm proud to be part of the NSF team. This year we will award a record number of scholarships to Seabee children/grandchildren including five new named scholarships. Our support to the museum continues with the Navy's acceptance of our 2025 proffer which includes funding for promoting/marketing of the museum, volunteer support, museum educational programs, and exhibit support.

If you haven't checked out our website, please do! I think it's great and we will continue to build on it as we roll out new ideas. Our goal is to be the one stop shop or "reference source" for Seabees and their families ... Seabee Balls, Seabee Reunions, Seabee memorials and monuments, books by and about Seabees, a Final Salute page, Seabee unit digital logos, and many other items are already on our site. Our most recent addition is an online store for Seabee items. In the future we will hopefully be adding a list of small business Seabee vendors who sell Seabee merchandise that you can buy direct from. If there are other helpful items you'd like to see on our website, please reach out to us with your ideas at info@seabee.org.

To our donors and sponsors, I thank you for all you do and your continuing support to NSF. We couldn't do what we do without you. If you've never donated to NSF, now is a great time and please consider doing so. Once a Seabee, always a Seabee ... and that's what NSF is all about ... supporting Seabees and their Families (past, present, and future).

Ooh-rah and Sincerely,
- Kevin

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Join the Moreell Society!

The Moreell Society is named after Admiral Ben Moreell, the father of the Seabees. Admiral Moreell was one of the founders of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and he was the driving force behind building the Seabee Memorial. We honor his legacy by naming our legacy giving society in his name.

All Donors who make a planned gift to the Navy Seabee Foundation or made one to our predecessor organizations, the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation are automatically members of the Moreell Society. After taking care of your family, you can support the causes you care about the most. If you choose to leave a planned gift to the Navy Seabee Foundation, you can support the area that means the most to you including scholarships, Seabee Museum support or general support.

Planned gifts take many forms, including general bequests, life insurance and making the Foundation a beneficiary of an IRA or other fund. If you are interested in joining the Moreell Society, consult your tax advisor or attorney to decide what is right for you, then reach out to let us know your plans. You can see more about planned giving options on our website www.seabee.org/planned giving.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me at danmiller@seabee.org.

-Dan Miller

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ON THE COVER:

PORT HUENEME, California (May 8, 2025) -- Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4, move a refurbished Seabee Statue to a pedestal at the Civil Engineer Corps Officer School at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, California, May 08, 2025. 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 Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Dakota Rayburn)

SEE MORE OF THIS STORY ON PAGES 4-5.

Historic Seabee Statue Finds New Home at CECOS

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 placed a refurbished historic Seabee statue at the entrance of the Civil Engineer Corps Officer School (CECOS) on Naval Base Ventura County on May 8, 2025.

The statue is a replica of the original Seabee figure that once stood proudly over U.S. Naval Air Station Cubi Point during its construction. That monumental project, carried out between 1951 and 1956, was led by the 30th Naval Construction Regiment and built by NMCBs 2, 3, 5, 9, and 11. Seabees transformed the rugged Philippine terrain by cutting through a mountain, clearing towering trees up to 150 feet high and 8 feet wide, and filling in swamps and a portion of Subic Bay to create a 10,000-foot runway to support U.S. Navy operations in the Western Pacific.

The current statue was built by Seabees in Port Hueneme in 1956. Believed to include pieces of the original Cubi Point figure, it was installed for the opening of the second Seabee Museum that same year. The statue stood above the museum's iconic Quonset huts until 2011, when it was removed during construction of the new Seabee Museum. It was then placed in storage at the Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center's Expeditionary Maintenance Center (EXWC EMC), where it remained for over a decade.

The Seabee statue once greeted visitors to the old Seabee Museum on NCBC Port Hueneme prior to the construction of the new museum in 2011.

In September 2024, CECOS initiated the statue's restoration. It was officially transferred to CECOS and its parent command, the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering (CSFE), in honor of the school's 80th anniversary and the graduation of CECOS Basic Class 278 in May 2025.

"The Seabee statue symbolizes the dual mission of Seabees—skilled construction professionals and trained warfighters," said Lt. Cmdr. Allen. "Most depictions show a strong, determined figure with both a construction tool and a weapon, reflecting the Seabees' commitment to both building and protecting."

Allen added that the restoration effort was a collaborative success involving multiple commands: CSFE, CECOS, Naval Base Ventura County Public Works Department, EXWC EMC, Naval Construction Group 1, and NMCB 4. "It was humbling," Allen said, "to be part of returning a piece of Seabee heritage to the heart of our schoolhouse, where future Civil Engineer Corps Officers and support staff will see it for years to come."

NMCB 4 Seabees placed the statue on a newly poured concrete pedestal they constructed in the month prior. For many on the crew, it was more than just a job—it was a rare opportunity to build something real and enduring.

"After 20 years of service, getting to work on a true construction project here at home reminds us of what Seabees do best," said Builder 1st Class Nate Mitchell. "This wasn't a training scenario—it was the real thing, and that felt good."

"For me, it was my first project as a crew leader," said Builder 3rd Class Hunter Wiese. "It challenged me to lead a team that included senior ranks, and I was able to apply my skills in a meaningful way on a permanent project—it was an incredible learning experience."

Wiese shared a personal connection to the statue as well. "My family has been part of the Seabees for over 70 years," he said. "Contributing to something that honors our legacy and shows our fighting spirit—this was more than a project, it was personal."

NMCB 4 continues to train for a wide range of missions across the Indo-Pacific, sharpening construction skills to support Combatant Commander objectives and meet the evolving demands of today's dynamic operational environment.

FINDING GILBERT: A WWII STORY THAT SPANS FOUR GENERATIONS

By Diane Covington-Carter

I am the keeper of a love story that began before I was born and now spans 81 years, two continents, two countries, two languages and four generations.

The story began in France, just after the D-Day invasion, June 1944. My father was a Seabee, a civil engineer and 1st lieutenant in the 111th Naval Construction Battalion.

Dad spent five months on the Normandy coast that summer, on the cliff above the American landing beach, Omaha.

Dad's part in the D-Day invasion, changed his life. Years later, as I was growing up in the post war 'baby boom generation', his stories about his time in France would shape the course of my life. But I didn't know that then.

(left) My father, Lt. Donald Johnson, in his Navy photo.

(below) Gilbert Des Clos with an American soldier in 1944.

Dad would tell his stories about France as our family of six gathered around the yellow Formica table each evening for dinner. We'd laugh when Dad told how his high school French from South Dakota, made 's'il vous plaît' come out sounding like 'silver plate'.

My favorite story was about the orphan boy Gilbert Des Clos. Dad spotted the skinny seven-year-old, hanging around the camp and invited Gilbert to eat with him in the Officer's mess for lunch.

That became a daily occurrence, and soon Gilbert was riding with Dad in the jeep as he made his rounds. If Dad left for the day, Gilbert would be waiting when he returned.

Dad even tried unsuccessfully to adopt Gilbert. But Dad and Gilbert had to say goodbye.

I was fascinated by the world dad's stories created, of a place far away, that my father wanted to remember and talk about.

In high school and college, I chose to study French, though Spanish is the practical language in California. I continued to study French throughout my adult years, pursuing a passion I couldn't explain.

Near the end of my father's life, when he talked about his time in France, for those moments, he was thirty again, playing his part in turning the tide of World War II.

He spoke about Gilbert then, his voice soft and wistful. "I wonder what ever happened to him?"

Those words sparked something inside of me.

My father died in 1991.

(above) The author on a visit to Normandy in 2024 with four generations of Gilbert's family.

(right) The grand fête. On the left, four members of the author's family. On the right, Gilbert Des Clos and his wife, Huguette.

My father never could have imagined that his stories of his time in France would live on almost 70 years later.

In 1994, I stood on the cliffs above Omaha Beach, now the American cemetery, a piece of American soil, where over 10,000 American soldiers are buried.

I was there to write about my father's part in the invasion for the 50th anniversary of D-Day, and to accept a medal in dad's honor.

His stories from my childhood came to life again.

This is all so real, I thought. And what if Gilbert is also real, and has been waiting somehow to hear from dad?

Though I wasn't even sure how to spell Gilbert's last name, I put an ad in the Normandy paper to look for him. By a combination of miracles, synchronicity and providence, I connected with Gilbert on what would have been my father's 80th birthday.

In our emotional reunion, I understood my passion for knowing French; Gilbert and his family didn't speak English. When I told him that my father had never forgotten him, he wept.

He had talked for 50 years about the kind lieutenant who had loved him.

"Someday, someone will come," he had said.

When I found Gilbert, I vowed to never lose touch with him again. I have kept that promise. Our many reunions over the last 31 years, have included a family trip to Normandy for a grand fete in the town hall.

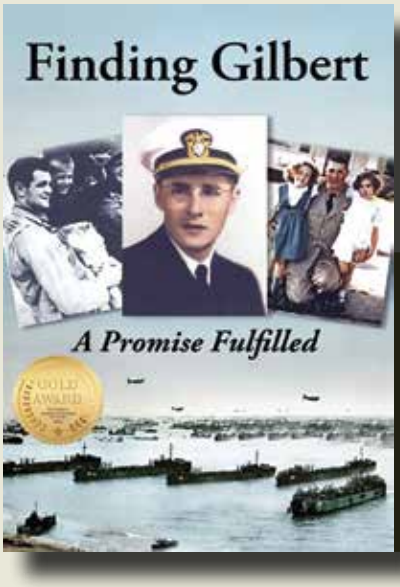
Gilbert finally made the trip to America with his family, which included many fun family dinners celebrating him.

Cable car rides, a visit to Universal Studios, Hollywood, Tijuana, we had a grand time.

I had 14 years with Gilbert before he passed away in 2008. At his funeral, I sat in the front pew with the family and placed a photo of Gilbert in 1944 and my dad, in one frame, on Gilbert's coffin.

My father never could have imagined that his stories of his time in France would live on almost 70 years later. And that, because of them, his beloved orphan Gilbert would be united with his American family.

I will close with what being a part of this story has taught me -- In the end, it's all about who you love and letting them know.



WANT MORE BOOKS BY & ABOUT SEABEES?

Diane Covington-Carter's book "Finding Gilbert", is one of many books featured on the Navy Seabee Foundation website. Visit seabee.org to explore this and other **Books by and About Seabees**—a collection of stories written by and about Seabees and CEC officers.

NMCB 5 Seabee Named NECC Sailor of the Year

Equipment Operator First Class Raymond Tam, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, has been named Navy Expeditionary Combat Command's (NECC) Fiscal Year 2024 Sailor of the Year. The award was presented by NECC Force Master Chief Eric Neal in recognition of EO1 Tam's outstanding leadership, dedication, and embodiment of the Seabee spirit.

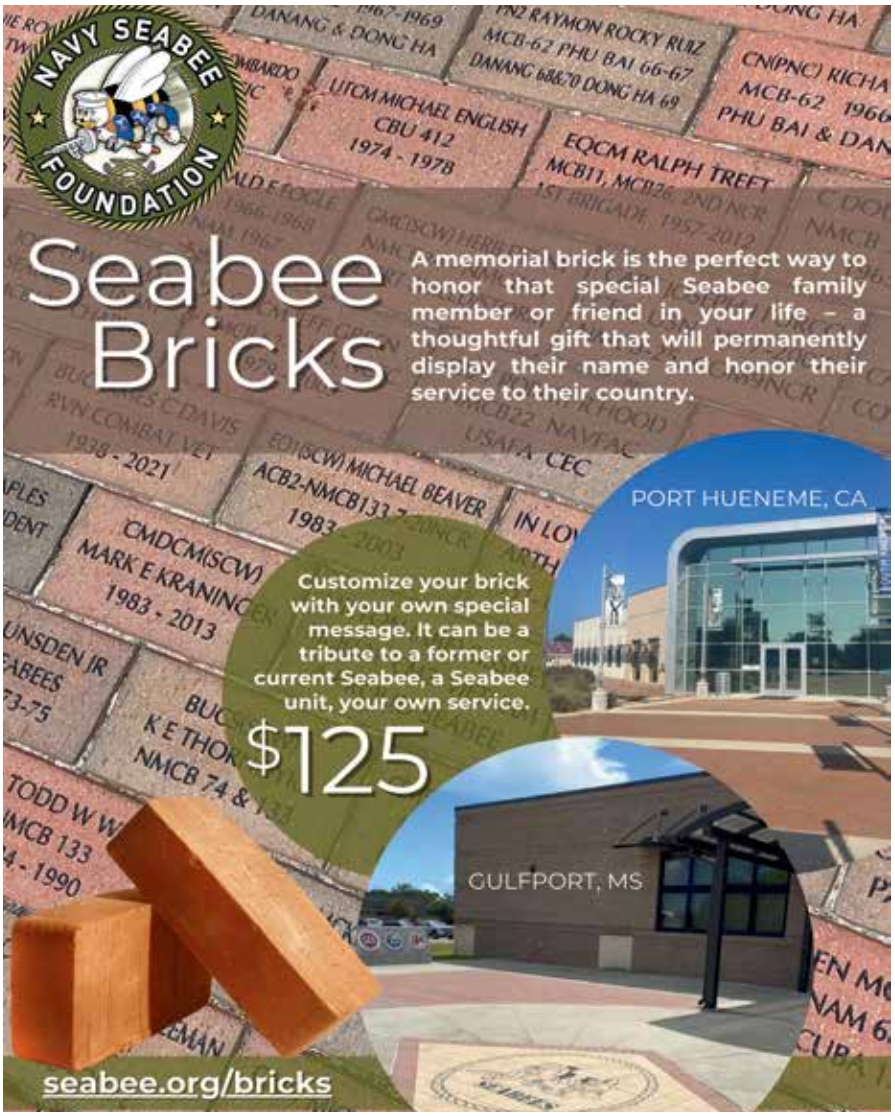
"The best part of being in the Navy isn't just the places you go — it's the people you serve with," said Tam. "It's the bond of a team that becomes family, the pride of wearing the uniform, and knowing every day you are a part of something bigger than yourself."

NECC is the Navy's single functional command for 20,000 active duty and reserve expeditionary forces. It provides centralized management of readiness, resources, manning, training, and equipping of these forces—enabling combat, combat support, and combat service support across the full spectrum of naval, joint, and combined operations.

ET2 Somoane Emecheta Receives Prestigious EOCN Camella J. Jones Award

Congratulations to ET2 Somoane Emecheta of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, the 2024 recipient of the EOCN Camella J. Jones Award!

Presented by Force Master Chief Kevin Nolan in Gulfport, this prestigious award honors one Junior Enlisted Seabee each year who exemplifies outstanding technical proficiency, job innovation, and leadership well beyond their paygrade. ET2 Emecheta's dedication and excellence stand as a testament to the strength and professionalism of today's Seabees. Bravo Zulu!



HONOR THE PAST. BUILD THE FUTURE. SUPPORT THE FAMILIES.

Strengthening the Seabee Home Front

Behind every deployed Seabee is a network of loved ones holding strong at home. Battalion family groups go by many names—Family Readiness Groups, Family Support Networks—but their mission is the same: to support, inform, and uplift Seabee families during deployment.

To ease the burden of constant fundraising, the Navy Seabee Foundation now provides grants twice a year to these groups, helping fund morale-boosting activities like deployment send-offs, family days, and Over the Hump parties.

> "We used some of the money to buy snacks and have a table set up while our troops were waiting for their deployment flight,"
>
> - Amanda Stitt,
> NMCB-133 FRG Advisor

"FSN NMCB-3 is so grateful for the sponsorship from NSF," said Contessa Larsen, Family Group President for NMCB-3. "With their ongoing support, FSN is able to host events, programs, and gatherings for NMCB-3 families. Funds cover everything from food to decorations, and future fundraising initiatives."

Amanda Stitt, FRG Advisor for NMCB-133, shared how her group used their grant: "We set up a snack table while our troops were waiting for their deployment flight. They could eat while they waited or take food with them for the long flight to Guam. We're also planning two Over the Hump parties to celebrate our families."

These small moments build stronger, more connected Seabee communities.

Now, all proceeds from merchandise sales in the new Seabee Shop go directly to this Seabee Support initiative. Shop with purpose at www.seabee.org/shop.

Have an idea to help support Seabees and their families? Email us at info@seabee.org.

Whether it's snacks before takeoff or celebrations that remind families they're not alone, your support makes it possible. Together, we're honoring the Seabee legacy by standing strong for those who serve—and those who wait.

Pictured from top to bottom:
NMCB 1: Valerie Serrato, Britney Morrison, Dan Miller and Jerry Schmuck (NSF)
NMCB 3: Heather Deviney (NSF), Contessa Larsen, Dave Fleisch (NSF),
NMCB 11: Jerry Schmuck, Dan Miller, Carrie Blankenship, and Ashley Paraons
NMCB 133: Amanda Stitt, Keisha Cagle, Dan Miller, Taylor Honegger, Meghan Cassatt

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 Graduates! Through the generosity of our donors, 41 seniors received financial support to continue their academic journey this year in the form of Navy Seabee Foundation scholarships. They attended colleges and universities throughout the country, and several had amazing opportunities during study abroad programs. We are very impressed with their dedication to their studies and their accomplishments these past four years. Join us in wishing them success as they begin their careers, attend medical schools or continue their education at the master's level.

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Business Management
SKC Stanley Herriott (GP)

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University of Southern Miss
Elementary Education
CE2 Andrew Hermann (P)

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Nursing
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Integrated Marketing Communications
CEW3 Michael Michalski (GP)

Kristen Issa
University of South Carolina
Studio Art
EO1 Thomas Sullivan (P)

Grace Kennedy
University of Massachusetts Lowell
Biological Sciences
CMA3 Peter Spahn (GP)

Allison Lenssen
Montana State University Bozeman
Nursing
BU2 John Sawyer (GP)

Matthew Lim
University of Washington
Engineering
CDR Augustus Lim (P)

Matthew Love
University of Alabama Huntsville
Civil Engineering
EOC Edward Love (P)

Juliona Martens
Keene State College
Journalism
CDR Eric Martens (P)

Caroline Meyer
Ohio State University
Health Sciences
CM3 Edward Bedel (GP)

Annalynn Muller
Southern Oregon University
English
CM2 James Mueller (GP)

Matthew Nordwick
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Bruce Alonzo Goff (1904-1982) was an American architect who served in the Navy Seabees during World War II. He designed a number of military structures as part of his service.

THE SIGN ABIDES, AND SO DOES THE SEABEE LEGACY

BY: Steve Minniear

For nearly seven decades the iconic Camp Parks sign stood as a landmark near Dublin, California. Designed and built by Seabees in 1944, the sign welcomed tens of thousands of Navy, Air Force and Army personnel to active and reserve duty. It also greeted thousands of local residents and commuters.

It started as an effort to make life at the naval base a little bit more interesting. Formally known as the Naval Construction Battalion Rest and Recuperation Center, the base housed over 30,000 Seabees near the rural crossroads community of Dublin. In 1944 Camp Parks commander Captain James D. Wilson, USN (Civil Engineer Corps) wanted to improve the amenities at the base. Captain Wilson directed Chief Petty Officer Bruce Goff to design and renovate several buildings. Goff, an accomplished architect before the war, took Wilson's assignment and designed an iconic modernist structure quite unusual for a Navy base.

In 1946 the Navy closed Camp Parks but left the sign in place. In 1952, the newly created Air Force took over the base. With one slight alteration (the Air Force objected to the word "CAMP") the sign greeted thousands of recruits arriving for basic training.

After the Air Force left in 1959, the Army took possession of the site for reserve training. They added back the word "CAMP." The sign stood at the main gate until 2013 when a major overhaul of the base took place and the main gate was relocated. The sign remained at the old gate. Soon the local community and the Army sought ways to renovate and preserve the last remaining piece of World War II architecture. Later this year, the 81-year-old historical landmark will again take its place greeting personnel at the main entrance of Parks Reserve Forces Training Area.

Note: *The Dublin Camp Parks Military History Center documents and displays the history of the U.S. Armed Forces and the community of Dublin. It is open to the public daily outside the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Dublin, CA.*

CURRENT SEABEE OPERATIONS

Seabees Support NATO Readiness During BALTOPS 2025

This June, U.S. Navy Seabees once again demonstrated their vital role in global readiness and partnership during BALTOPS 2025 (exercise Baltic Operations) —NATO's premier annual maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Sea region.

Seabees from Naval Construction Battalion 14 worked alongside U.S. Marines and Latvian engineers to reconstruct a Cold War-era boat ramp along Latvia's coastline. This effort replaced aging infrastructure with a modern access point using the Submatt system—an innovative U.S. Army Corps of Engineers technology tested in cold, coastal conditions for the first time in Europe.

Inland, Seabees also participated in live trench-fortification training in coordination with the U.S. Marine Corps and Latvian forces. Together, they built and reinforced field positions designed to counter modern battlefield threats, including drone surveillance and thermal detection.

These efforts not only showcased the Seabees' "Can Do" spirit but also strengthened vital alliances, improved joint interoperability, and supported both the Navy and Marine Corps' evolving operational strategies. The Navy Seabee Foundation proudly supports the men and women who continue to build peace and readiness—one mission at a time.

For more stories and photos of current Seabee operations, check out the monthly Bee News Extra available online at seabee.org.

Raise a Pint, Raise Support: Help Make 2025 OktoBEEfest the Biggest Yet

This fall, Navy Seabees, Civil Engineer Corps officers, families, and friends will gather in cities across the globe for a season of connection, celebration, and Can Do spirit—OktoBEEfest 2025 is almost here!

Every October, OktoBEEfest events pop up in breweries, sports bars, VFW halls, and community spaces—anywhere Seabees can gather to share stories, raise a glass, and reconnect. These grassroots-style meetups support the Navy Seabee Foundation's mission: preserving Seabee history, supporting education, and strengthening the Seabee community.

In 2024, we hosted 28 OktoBEEfest events around the world—and we're aiming even higher this year.

2025 OktoBEEfest Dates on Tap So Far:

- Ventura, CA – October 2
- Harrisonburg, VA – October 4
- Phoenix, AZ – October 7
- Evans, GA – October 8
- Jacksonville, FL – October 23
- Gulfport, MS – October 23

These confirmed locations are just the beginning. Want to see your city on the list? Hosting an OktoBEEfest is easier than you think. Interested in hosting? Email Heather Deviney at heatherdeviney@seabee.org or visit OktoBEEfest.org to learn more.

Guests are asked to donate $10 in advance via your custom registration page. In return, they receive a commemorative pint glass—a great keepsake from a great evening.

Sponsor OktoBEEfest – Support the Seabees & Gain Meaningful Exposure

OktoBEEfest events offer sponsors a high-visibility way to show support for the Seabee community while connecting with a loyal, diverse audience of military professionals, families, and veterans.

In 2025, your sponsorship can go further than ever before. Sponsorship Opportunities:

- All-Event Sponsorship – Gain national or global brand exposure by supporting every OktoBEEfest event.
- Local Event Sponsorship – Sponsor an individual event in your region. Multiple levels available to fit your budget and goals.

Last year's sponsors helped power 28 events—and this year we're adding even more pins to the map. Whether you're a veteran-owned business, a longtime supporter, or simply Seabee proud, we invite you to get involved.

For sponsorship details, contact info@seabee.org.

Whether you host, sponsor, or attend, OktoBEEfest is a chance to reconnect, give back, and raise a glass to the Seabee legacy.

Let's make 2025 the biggest OktoBEEfest yet

Seabee Foundation Tees Off 2025 Golf Season on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

The Navy Seabee Foundation launched its 2025 golf tournament season with a successful kickoff event on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Seabee supporters came together for a day of camaraderie, competition, and community spirit—all in support of the Foundation's mission.

Save the date: 2026 Gulf Coast Seabee Golf Tournament is April 29!

Seabee Golf Season Continues in the Nation's Capital Area

The Navy Seabee Foundation continued its 2025 golf tournament season with a successful event in Washington, D.C. on June 10. Supporters came together for a day of camaraderie, competition, and connection—all in support of the Foundation's mission to honor the legacy and service of the Seabee community.

Additional tournaments are scheduled in San Diego on August 11 and Virginia Beach on October 9. Golfers and sponsors can learn more at www.SeabeeGolf.org.

Save the date: 2026 D.C. Seabee Golf Tournament is June 8!

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Connecting Seabees and Employers:

The Power of the "Can Do" Career Connection

The Navy Seabee Foundation's Can Do Career Connection is a dynamic platform built to support both Seabees seeking civilian careers after their time in military service and companies searching for disciplined, skilled professionals who bring a "Can Do" mindset to the job site.

With more than 315 companies registered, the platform serves as a trusted resource where employers and job seekers connect in meaningful ways. On average, 35 to 40 active job listings are available at any given time, many in construction, facilities, engineering, and related fields. However, the platform is open to all industries—any business can register and begin recruiting Seabee talent.

For companies, hiring a Seabee means gaining a team member who is reliable, adaptable, and trained to lead in challenging environments. Seabees are known for their commitment to service, hands-on experience, and problem-solving under pressure—qualities that translate seamlessly to civilian roles across a wide range of professions.

Whether you're building your workforce or building your future, the Can Do Career Connection can help you find the right fit.

Find the Can Do Career Connection on the Navy Seabee Foundation's website: seabee.org. The platform is free for both job seekers and employers.

Have you found success using the platform? We'd love to hear your story—employers and job seekers alike. Your experience may be featured in an upcoming issue of The Bee News.

Bring the Navy Seabee Foundation to Your Next Event

The Navy Seabee Foundation is dedicated to supporting the men and women of the U.S. Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps—past and present—as well as their families. Through scholarships, family readiness grants, and legacy preservation efforts, we strive to honor the Seabee motto: Can Do. Whether your audience includes military families, veterans, students, or community supporters, our mission resonates across generations and communities.

If you're planning a Seabee reunion, command picnic, luncheon, expo, conference, or community event, we'd love to be part of it! The Navy Seabee Foundation can host a resource table to share information about our programs, distribute free materials, and connect with attendees who want to learn more or get involved. We're also happy to give a brief presentation or speak about the Foundation's mission and impact. To invite us to your event, email info@seabee.org or visit www.seabee.org to learn more. Together, we can honor the past and build the future.

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Navy Seabee Foundation is designated a 501(c)3 nonprofit by the IRS (EIN #52-0910325)

NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION

2025 SEABEE EVENTS

JULY 2025

1-13 **Seabee Virtual 5K**
Seabee5K.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**
Saturday, Sep 13 - Kitsap, WA - Bremerton, WA

15 MCB11 & NMCB 8 Associations Joint Reunion
September 13-15 - Pensacola, FL

18 MCB7 Reunion
September 18-21 - Virginia Beach, VA

18 NMCB 3 Reunion All Era
September 18-21 - New Orleans, LA

OCTOBER 2025

1-30 2025 OktoBEEfests - www.OktoBEEfest.org

2 **OktoBEEfest Ventura, CA**
Thursday, October 2

4 **OktoBEEfest Harrisonburg, VA**
Saturday, October 4

7 **OktoBEEfest Phoenix, AZ**
Tuesday, October 7

8 **OktoBEEfest Evans, GA**
Wednesday, October 8

9 **11th Annual Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Tournament**
Thursday, October 9 - Virginia Beach, VA

20-23 MCB1 – MCB9 Reunion
October 20-23 - Branson, MO

23 **OktoBEEfest Jacksonville, FL** - Thursday, October 23

OktoBEEfest Gulfport - Thursday, October 23

For the complete OktoBEEfest lineup, go to OktoBEEfest.org

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SEABEE SPOTLIGHT

NCB 22 Builds and Gives Back - Seabees from Naval Construction Battalion 22 stand proudly in front of a newly constructed 3-bedroom home on the Navajo reservation—part of Operation Footprint, a joint effort with the DoD Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program and the Southwest Indian Foundation. Over 100 Seabees are rotating through the project, gaining hands-on experience in skilled trades while making a meaningful difference for a family in need. It's training with purpose—and a true display of the Seabee spirit in action.