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## Memorial Day Tribute in the Pacific Northwest



The Port Townsend Veterans of Foreign Wars held a memorial ceremony to honor the sacrifices of all veterans at CM3 Marvin Shields gravesite at the Gardiner Cemetery in Gardiner, Washington. Among the people in attendance were Joan Bennett, CM3 Shields widow, and her husband Dick Bennett.



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# The History and Legacy of Camp Mitchell:

## A Pillar of Seabee Excellence in Rota, Spain

NAVAL STATION ROTA, SPAIN

Story by Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg

22nd Naval Construction Regiment

Nestled within Naval Station Rota, Spain, Camp Mitchell stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment and operational excellence of the U.S. Navy Seabees. Named in honor of Capt. Thomas J. Mitchell, a distinguished Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) officer who was killed in action in 1974, the camp has served as a forward-deployed hub for Naval Construction Forces in the European and African theaters for decades.

### Origins and Establishment

The history of Camp Mitchell dates back to the early years of the Cold War, when the United States and its NATO allies sought to strengthen their presence in Europe. With the establishment of Naval Station Rota in 1953, the strategic location of southern Spain provided the U.S. Navy with a critical gateway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Recognizing the need for a dedicated support facility for the Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs) operating in the region, the Navy formally designated Camp Mitchell as a home for forward-deployed Seabees.

### Dedication to Capt. Thomas J. Mitchell

At a ceremony on July 23, 1982, Chief Civil Engineer of the Navy Rear Adm. William M. Zobel officially named Camp Mitchell in honor of Capt. Thomas J. Mitchell. Mitchell, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate of 1953, had an illustrious career in naval engineering, earning advanced degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stanford University, and the University of Rhode Island. He was the first CEC officer to graduate from the Advanced Nuclear Power Course at the U.S. Navy Submarine School and later served as Commanding Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE (NMCB 1) from 1968 to 1969.

Mitchell tragically lost his life in an ambush at the Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines on April 13, 1974, while serving as Commander, 30th Naval Construction Regiment. His dedication to duty, engineering excellence, and leadership left a lasting legacy, making him a fitting namesake for the Seabee camp in Rota.

### Foundations of "Silver City" – The 1959 Deployment of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six.

In May 1959, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six (NMCB 6) deployed to Rota, Spain, embarking on a mission that would lay the foundation for what would later be known as Camp Mitchell. Under the command of Cmdr. L.W. Graves, the battalion, comprising of 13 officers and 379 enlisted men, departed Davisville, Rhode Island, aboard the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS) vessel USNS Geiger.

Upon their arrival on May 18, the battalion wasted no time setting up operations. With the decommissioning of the advance party, Detachment Romeo, on May 19, the Seabees swiftly initiated various construction projects. By May 29, work had begun on five key sites, including the Naval Station Rota library, chief petty officer club extension, power plant, hobby shop, and vehicle shed, all of which would become essential to base operations.

One of the most significant milestones came in June 1959, when aluminum paint was applied to every structure in the area,

earning the site the fitting nickname "Silver City". Throughout the summer months, the Seabees pushed forward, focusing on laying concrete slabs, erecting columns, and roofing structures. The completion of the vehicle shed in July marked the first of many finished projects. To commemorate the progress, a pass-in-review was held on July 18, with Capt. French W. Wampler, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Station Rota at the time, presiding over the event.

By August and September, blockwork, roof installations, and vehicle rehabilitation programs were underway. A second pass-in-review on Sept. 25, led by Capt. J.A. Smith, commander of Naval Activities Rota, highlighted the battalion's dedication. In October and November, efforts shifted to interior plastering, painting, and exterior asphalt laying, culminating in the completion of the Power Plant and Library projects. A third pass-in-review in November honored Capt. Thomas Robinson, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Station Rota.

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*Aerial photos of Camp Mitchell at Naval Station Rota, Spain, April 24, 2025. 22nd Naval Construction Regiment 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. (Photo by Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg)*

## Camp Mitchell (cont).

As the deployment neared its conclusion, the Seabees wrapped up the remaining projects at the hobby shop, Chiefs Mess, and Buildings J and K. By December 1959, NMCB 6 had firmly established the groundwork for what would become a permanent Naval Construction Forces presence in Rota.

### A Home for Seabees

Over the decades, Camp Mitchell has served as the primary staging, training, and logistical hub for Seabee units deployed to Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. The Seabees, renowned for their ability to "Build and Fight," have used the camp as a launch pad for countless missions supporting both combat and humanitarian operations.

During the Cold War, Seabee units at Camp Mitchell played a vital role in constructing critical infrastructure, airfields, and naval support facilities throughout the region. In times of conflict and crisis, the camp has facilitated rapid deployments of Naval Mobile

Construction Battalions (NMCBs) to support military operations, disaster relief efforts, and humanitarian assistance missions worldwide.

### Modernization and the Future

As the U.S. Navy pivots toward great power competition and expeditionary advanced basing operations, Camp Mitchell remains a vital component of the Seabee mission. Today, it continues to support forward-deployed NMCBs, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) operations, and joint military exercises with NATO and allied forces.

Recently, NMCB 1 deployed to Camp Mitchell as part of the Naval Construction Force's global presence, executing critical infrastructure projects across the region. NMCB 1's operations included building and repairing airfields, ports, and logistics nodes that support Fleet maneuverability and sustainment. Their expertise extends to waterfront infrastructure improvements, expeditionary medical facility construction, and advanced base

maintenance, ensuring U.S. and allied forces remain operationally effective. Operating under Commander, Task Force 68 (CTF 68), the Seabees of NMCB 1 played an essential role in theater security cooperation and engineering support, reinforcing the Navy's strategic commitment to the region.

The Seabees at Camp Mitchell are poised to play a critical role in enhancing U.S. maritime dominance, strengthening alliances, and ensuring infrastructure readiness for future operations.

For nearly seven decades, Camp Mitchell has been an integral part of the U.S. Navy's global force posture. As the Navy celebrates its 250th anniversary, the legacy of the Seabees at Camp Mitchell stands as a testament to their enduring motto: "We Build, We Fight". Whether in times of war or peace, Camp Mitchell continues to serve as a forward-deployed stronghold of Seabee excellence, engineering ingenuity, and mission readiness, a proud and indispensable asset to the U.S. Navy and its allies.

## ...Always a Seabee!



**Back Row:** Sarah & Terry Bryant - ACB-2, MCB-747, Homer Clark - ACB-2, MCB-7, David Lawery - MCB-7, Joe Lutterbaugh - MCB-3/23, Tom Hanna - MCB-20/23  
**Front Row:** Greg Millit - MCB-133, Ed Kemp - MCB-1, Connie Buscum - USN, Ross Buscum - MCB-62/133, Kevin Amy - MCB-5 NSA Bermuda, Steve Bryant - ACB-1, Joe Maxwell - MCB-68/104/1 - ACB-1 Sped. Warfare, Dave Patterson - MCB-20.



### South Central PA

May 10th 2025 South Central PA Seabee Swarm held at Hoss's in Chambersburg, Pa. Left to right Bruce McMillin (Korean Vet), Jim Hershey, Marvin Peck, Eddie King, Wayne D. Smith, Larry Kunkle, Jerry Wolfe, missing is Paul S. Barnett Jr. had to leave early.

For this latest SEABEE SWARM, on May 3rd, we had a bit of liquid sunshine. It didn't come down as hard as we have seen it over the previous few days, thank goodness. Attendance was decent considering the weather, with 14 showing up for breakfast and a bit of camaraderie.

## Seabee Force Master Chief Retires After 37 Years of Faithful Service

WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES

05.09.2025

Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class

Christopher Stachyra

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command HQ

After nearly 37 years of distinguished service, Force Master Chief Lawrence W. Sharpe, the 16th Force Master Chief of the Seabees, was honored during a retirement ceremony at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Hosted by Rear Adm. Dean VanderLey, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), the event recognized Sharpe's decades of leadership and contributions to the Navy's construction force.

A native of Yale, Michigan, Sharpe began his Navy career in September 1987. After completing Builder "A" School, he reported to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 and deployed in support of operations in Puerto Rico, Okinawa, and during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. His early years laid the foundation for a career steeped in operational excellence.

Sharpe's career spanned multiple battalions and high-profile assignments, including Naval Special Warfare Development Group, where he deployed in support of SEAL teams, and Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC), Port Hueneme, where he served as Builder School Director and Alfa Company Commander.

In 1994, he transitioned to the Navy Reserve and ran a successful construction business in Michigan before returning to active duty in 2001. He later served as operations chief for multiple battalions, culminating in senior enlisted leadership roles as Command Master Chief at NCTC, NMCB 5, Naval Construction Group ONE, Commander, Task Force 68, and finally NAVFAC headquarters beginning in February 2022.

During the ceremony, Sharpe recognized retired Command Master Chief Tom Cyr as a defining figure in his career, describing him as "more than just a mentor."

"He believed in me when others didn't," Sharpe said. "There's absolutely no doubt in my mind—I wouldn't be standing here today without his support and friendship."

Dignitaries in attendance included Fleet Master Chief JJ Gonzales and his wife Christina, Fleet Master Chief Trenton Smidt, retired Rear Adm. John Korka, and several international guests, including retired British Royal Marines who served alongside Sharpe for more than two decades.

Looking to the future of the Seabee community, Sharpe expressed his full confidence in his successor and the force's enduring mission.

"I've known Force Kevin Nolan for 25 years. He's one of the most competent and caring people I know," said Sharpe. "He was absolutely the best pick to be your next Force Master Chief. I have no doubt he'll continue to push the community to the next level."

Sharpe closed his remarks by challenging the next generation of Seabees to rise to the occasion.

"My advice remains the same as when I first became your Seabee Force: we all stand on the shoulders of giants," he said. "Be the best technical experts our Navy needs. The nation depends on us to build, maintain, and repair the infrastructure that sustains the fight. If we don't do it, no one else will. That burden now rests with you."

As the ceremony concluded, Sharpe requested permission to go ashore one final time—departing the Navy the same way he entered: with Susan by his side.



Below, Command Master Chief Kevin Nolan, left, relieves Force Master Chief Lawrence W. Sharpe as the Force Master Chief of the Seabees during a change of badge ceremony at Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) headquarters, May 8, 2025. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Christopher Stachyra)

Bottom: Navy Seabee Foundation, Vice Chairman (Senior Enlisted Leader), Doug Heiner presents a certificate of appreciation from the NSF to FORCM Sharpe in appreciation of his 37 years of service to our Nation. (Photo by Susan Sharpe)



# NMCB 11 homeport operations

## Sunny day on the port!

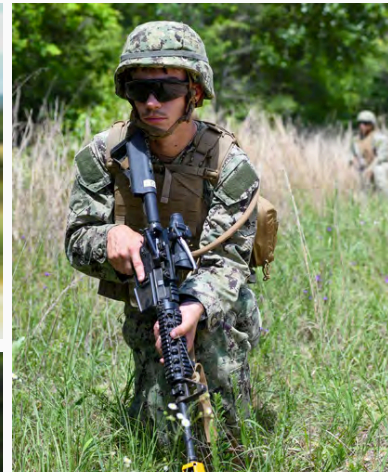
A critical part of our Lucky ELEVEN Team, Waterfront Construction Companies are responsible for building, repairing and maintaining waterfront infrastructure, such as docks, boat ramps and piers.

Always seeking hands-on training, our Waterfront Construction Bees headed set up camp at the port last week to practice their techniques. Photos by MCI James Hong



## Touch grass

Seabees assigned to Lucky ELEVEN's Advance Base Construction Company enjoyed Camp Shelby's lush green fields as they secured a potential campsite. Photos by: MCI James Hong



## Movin' it along!

Lucky Eleven Seabees from our Advance Base Construction Company move vehicles and personnel up to their training site on Camp Shelby. Photos by: MCI James Hong

# NMCB 11 homeport operations (cont.)

## Burning the midnight oil

Our second shift Embark team worked diligently through the night during our Mount Out Exercise (MOX)! The MOX is a training drill that tests the battalion's ability to rapidly deploy Seabees, equipment, and materials, typically within 48 hours.

It's a crucial exercise to prepare for real-world scenarios like humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Photos by: MC1 James Hong



## Huntsville Navy Week

Showing the "Rocket City" what we can do!

Last week, a team of Lucky ELEVEN Seabees represented the Naval Construction Force at Navy Office of Community Outreach - NAVCO's Huntsville Navy Week!

During their trip, the Seabees volunteered their carpentry skills to help Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Habitat for Humanity with working on beds and homes for those in need. They also helped with groundskeeping and cleanup of Burritt on the Mountain's scenic overlooks and served food at the Downtown Rescue Mission.

Between their volunteer work, the city of Huntsville graciously hosted our Bees at a number of different events, including baseball games and a comic expo.



## PACAF/PACFLT Engineer Theater Posture Summit: Building Better Together

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM,  
HAWAII, UNITED STATES

Story by Emma Barton  
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Director of Civil Engineers

From April 7-11, Pacific Air Forces Civil Engineers, in collaboration with U.S. Pacific Fleet Civil Engineer Corps, hosted the PACAF & PACFLT Engineer Theater Posture Summit to strengthen joint engineering posture in the Indo-Pacific. The summit marked the first formal integration of U.S. Air Force Engineers and U.S. Navy Seabees leadership in a focused forum aimed at synchronizing infrastructure planning, strengthening readiness, and enhancing joint interoperability. The event marked a significant step in advancing integrated engineer operations to ensure a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific and aligns with the Department of Defense's broader mission to achieve peace through strength by investing in readiness, resilience, and rapid response infrastructure.

Col. Kevin Osborne, PACAF Command Civil Engineer and Capt. John Beattie, Deputy Fleet Civil Engineer, opened the week by outlining recent accomplishments and emphasizing future alignment across the services. "This summit is significant—it's the first time we've had Air Force and Navy engineers come together like this to collaborate on shared challenges across the theater," Beattie said. "We're all looking at the same problems, and this gives us a chance to align, integrate, and identify capabilities we need for the future fight."

Air Vice Marshal Carl Newman, PACAF deputy commander of the Royal Australian Air Force, also joined the opening session to reinforce the importance of regional ally partnerships and building capabilities to support the warfighter.

The Indo-Pacific theater is unique, both in its challenges and opportunities. With so many capabilities sharing space in the theater, the event's cross-functional discussions focused on the importance of aligning mission-sets and priorities. Participants also focused on deliberate theater posturing, civil engineer readiness, logistics agility, and infrastructure resiliency.

Peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region remain a top priority for the United



States and its partner and allies. In a contended and rapidly evolving region, civil engineers play a pivotal role in building, rebuilding, and maintaining key infrastructure to allow for ease of operations across vast distances. Through forward-deployed personnel, pre-positioned materiel, and targeted construction efforts, civil engineers are shaping the battlespace to ensure mission success. The work directly contributes to the Department's commitment to keeping America safe, fielding the most lethal force on the planet, and fighting and winning wars.

A critical aspect of the engagement was dedicated breakout groups designed to break down barriers across functional groups. The breakouts were focused on two key topics: Readiness and Infrastructure. The Department of Defense is building to match threats to capabilities, a feat that heavily leans on a ready force and reliable infrastructure.

"What we saw this week during the breakout group was that good ideas did not only come from the person who prepared the brief," Lt. Col. Craig Poulin, Deputy Chief, PACAF/A4CP, said. "Good ideas came from the people that talked to each other and had that moment where they realized their challenge was solved by someone else in the room."

A theme that echoed throughout the summit was that the warfighting

environment is constantly evolving as new leaders, new technology, and new threats emerge. Engineers are natural problem solvers; they seek to rise to and conquer new challenges. Leaders in attendance worked together to identify the future of interoperability in the Indo-Pacific theater, with an ultimate goal to strengthen deterrence to advance a shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

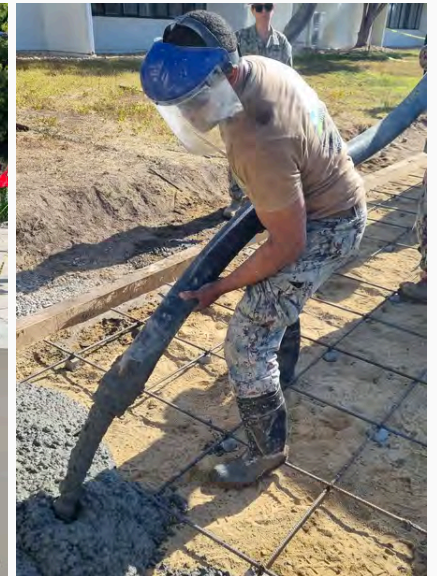
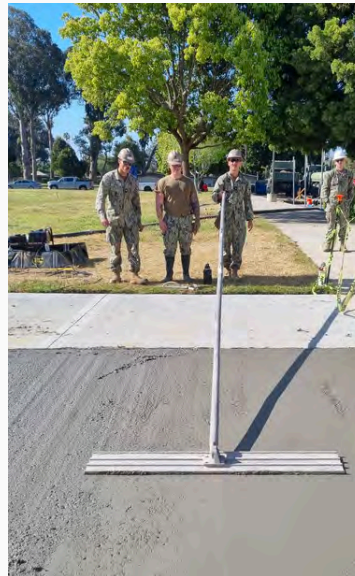
"It's not about the Air Force doing Air Force things, the Navy doing the Navy things," Poulin said. "It's about the Air Force, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Army, our other supporting organizations, and partner nations working together."

The summit underscored the value of interservice collaboration and innovation. "At the end of the day, we're all engineers out here trying to work together—across services, across specialties—to make sure we're ready when it counts," Col. Eric Figiera, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, A3, said.

Bringing together diverse engineering experts, the event fostered cross-service dialogue. The emphasis on readiness, infrastructure, and interoperability highlighted the critical need for integrated military operations in the Indo-Pacific.

"We're passionate about being engineers. We're passionate about setting the theater. Our time is now," Osborne said.

### NMCB 4 homeport operations



#### Concrete.

Concrete everywhere. NMCB4 Seabees can place that stuff like no other. This time, we're finishing up a project just outside of the Civil Engineer Corps Officers School here in Port Hueneme! We hope they like it! Photos by: BU2 Arellano

### NMCB 12 Reunion

NMCB 12 Vietnam Seabees recently held a reunion for the 1968-1969 deployment from May 20-23, 2025, in Bath, Maine. Photo submitted by: Bob Williams



# NAVFAC EURAFCENT Sailors tour PWD Rota power plant

Chief Utilitiesman William Sturgeon, from Broadview Heights, Ohio gives a tour of a power plant aboard Naval Station Rota, Spain, May 5, 2025. Public Works Department Rota’s mission is to enhance Navy and Marine Corps readiness by providing adaptable, sustainable facility support worldwide. Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Europe, Africa, Central supports fleet commanders by providing engineering assessments and agile acquisition strategy, constructing and maintaining shore infrastructure, and maximizing force readiness to enhance warfighter capability. (Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Keyly Santizo)



## PWD Rota Seabees perform maintenance

Seabees attached to Public Works Department Rota inspect 500 kmil cables aboard Naval Station Rota, Spain. (Photos by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Keyly Santizo)



## PWD Rota Seabees perform crane operations

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Europe, Africa, Central (EURAFCENT), employees and Arleigh-Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), Sailors use a crane to offload a missile while in-port aboard Naval Station Rota, Spain. (Photos by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Keyly Santizo)



# NMCB 3 deployment operations



## MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, welding hinges to the MK30 Dump Truck's tailgate wings to facilitate top-dumping functionality. (U.S. Navy photos by Engineering Aide Constructionman Juan Nacpil)



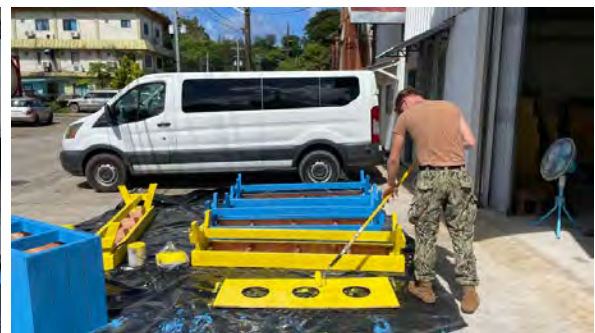
## Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 (NMCB-3) participate in a command post exercise and embark exercise at Camp Shields, Okinawa, honing their ability to plan and execute rapid deployment operations in support of expeditionary construction missions across the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Austin Ingram)



## Koror, Palau

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB 3) construct tables, benches, and waste bins for the Palau Pacific Mini Games.. (U.S. Navy photos by Petty Officer 3rd Class Austin Maddox)



# PNW Seabees Support U.S. Naval Undersea Museum Renovation Effort

KEYPORT, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES  
*Courtesy Story*  
Naval Facilities Engineering Systems  
Command Northwest

Seabees from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Northwest recently completed a two-week renovation at the U.S. Naval Undersea Museum (USNUM), helping maintain a space dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting naval undersea history, science, and operations.

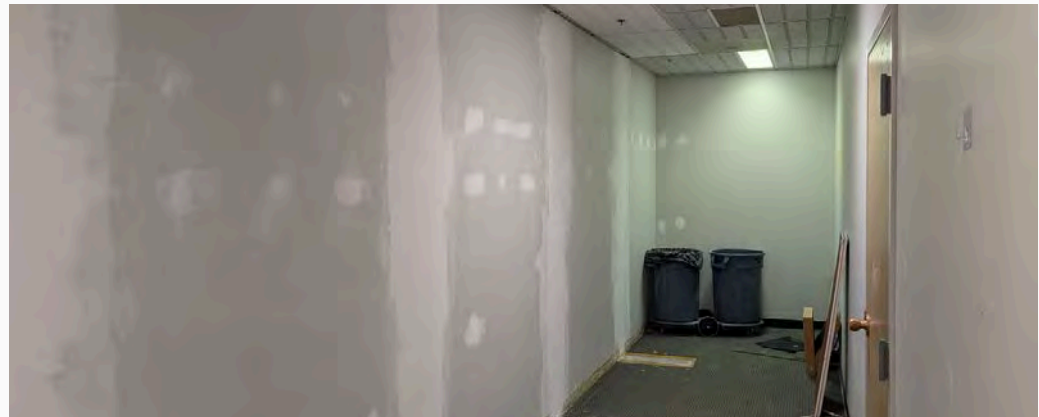
In late April, the eight-person team restored a climate-controlled storage room by replacing warped walls, installing ceiling tiles, applying fresh paint, laying carpet and adding cove bases. The upgrades add additional storage space, helping safeguard the museum's archival materials for years to come.

Located in Keyport, Washington, USNUM is one of 10 official Navy museums operated by the Naval History and Heritage Command. Since opening in 1995, the museum has welcomed thousands of visitors each year and serves as a hub for military ceremonies, school field trips, public tours, and other educational events.

"The Seabees work ensures that the museum remains a place where the public can connect with and learn about the Navy's undersea history, one that the Seabees themselves have been a part of and continue to help preserve," said Olivia Wilson, operations manager, USNUM.

"Every project that the Seabees take on, no matter the size, supports the Navy's larger mission," said Lt. Trygve McCrea, the assistant public works officer who organized the renovation. "Helping the museum preserve its heritage means we are not just maintaining a building, we are contributing to the education of future Sailors and honoring those who came before them."

Established in 1942, the Seabees have a long and distinguished history of supporting the Navy through expeditionary construction and engineering, spanning the full spectrum of military infrastructure. Their reach includes building and maintaining warfighting platforms to upgrading facilities that educate the public and preserving naval heritage. By applying their skills to both operational and outreach outcomes, Seabees help ensure all Navy facilities, whether designed for combat readiness or public engagement, reflect the same high standards of excellence and pride.



## Maine

### ...Always a Seabee!

Back together after 49 years. BU 3 Paul Lehouiller, BU 3 Earl Jellison, BU 3 Gary Pierce. MCB1. Charlie/Delta Company. A good reunion in Maine.



## SW Idaho

Greater Southwest Idaho Seabee Swarm went TDY to Mountain Home's Savory Layne Steakhouse this morning. Great time meeting up with old friends and meeting new. We welcomed Skip Dautel to the Swarm. Wonderful food as well

L-R Craig Rush, Heather Williams, Mark Berkenmeier, Dale Prouty Dave Buckholz, Vince Amoguis, Steve Moore, Frank Fabb, Bill Sutherland and Skip Dautel.

## Navy Expeditionary Systems PMO enhancing Navy readiness for operations in contested environments

MARYLAND, UNITED STATES

Story by William Couch

Program Executive Office-Industrial Infrastructure

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) transferred responsibility for Navy Expeditionary Systems (NES) acquisition to the Program Executive Office Industrial Infrastructure (PEO II) during a ceremony that also established NES as Program Management Office (PMO) 305 May 1.

Reorganizing the NES team and establishing it as a program office under PEO II is part of the Navy's ongoing efforts to streamline operations and increase warfighter lethality and resilience.

"PMO 305 will enhance America's military readiness," said PEO II Program Executive Officer Mark Edelson. "Today's milestone is an important step to deliver materiel solutions to our warfighters operating in contested environments, ensuring that Navy expeditionary forces prevail in any conflict. PMO 305 will innovate and deliver equipment to enable military logistics during distributed maritime operations within the Joint environment."

The Navy's expeditionary forces conduct combat, combat support, and combat service support across the full spectrum of naval, joint and combined operations, enabling access from the sea and freedom of action throughout the sea-to-shore and inland operating environments.

"From World War II to today, expeditionary forces have been the vanguard of American military power, operating in austere environments to project power, deliver humanitarian assistance, and enable follow-on forces," said Edelson. "Whether landing on contested shores, repairing vital infrastructure in foreign theaters, or swiftly responding to disasters, Navy expeditionary forces exemplify excellence in combat and compassion in crises."

NAVFAC will continue to provide the technical and contracting services for NES and other Navy expeditionary systems to PEO II, the NAVFAC-affiliated PEO.



Rear Adm. Dean VanderLey, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, speaks during a ceremony to establish the Navy Expeditionary Systems program office (PMO 305) at the Washington Navy Yard May 1.

"NAVFAC has a long history of solving material and logistics challenges, from Seabee battalions building and fighting their way across the Pacific in World War II to building advance bases during the war on terrorism," said NAVFAC Commander Rear Adm. Dean VanderLey. "Today's establishment of PMO 305 within PEO II is a next step to improving the Navy's contested logistics capabilities. This transition will enhance our ability to acquire common, sustainable systems and remain agile for future operational challenges."

The transition of program management responsibilities is expected to improve standardization across naval expeditionary forces, notably as PEO II works with PEO Land Systems, which oversees similar Marine Corps acquisitions, and increases coordination with the Navy type commanders. PMO 305 will use the department's systems acquisition processes to deliver to cost, schedule and performance criteria.

"Providing our Sailors with the necessary equipment has always been my top priority. We must ensure that our Sailors are equipped to succeed in their missions," said Nick Hall, PMO 305 program manager. "As the program manager, I am committed to ensuring that PMO 305 acquires the right capabilities at the right time and within budget constraints to address current and future national security challenges."

PMO 305 will equip 394 expeditionary units with an inventory of over \$5 billion across a range of requirements including tactical vehicles, construction, weight handling, expeditionary basing, tools and personal infantry gear. Among the organizations outfitted by PMO 305 are the naval construction force --the Seabees -- naval beach groups, explosive ordnance disposal units, naval expeditionary logistics forces and maritime expeditionary security forces.

PEO II exercises programmatic authority under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), responsible for cost, schedule and performance oversight of PMO 305 as well as the Logistics Over the Shore program (PMO 314) and the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program (PMO 555). For more information on PEO II and its affiliated programs, visit <https://www.navfac.navy.mil/PEO-Industrial-Infrastructure/>

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command is the naval shore facilities, base operating support, and expeditionary engineering systems command that delivers life-cycle technical and acquisition solutions aligned to fleet and Marine Corps priorities. For more information on NAVFAC, visit: <https://www.navfac.navy.mil/>

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**01 June 1965:** At Chu Lai, RVN, NMCB 10 constructed a 4,000-foot aluminum plank Short Airfield for Tactical Support (SATS) for Marine Air Group 12. The first eight A-4s landed at the field on the 1st, with the first air strikes launched hours later in the day.

**01 June 2010:** CAPT Katherine L. Gregory, CEC, USN promoted to RDML, becoming the first female CEC flag officer.

**02 June 1945:** 130th NCB, Okinawa, Operator MM2c John Wiebe and helper Gm2c Harry Lehr were operating their bulldozer in a road near the beach. Suddenly they and their machine dropped out of sight. When workers nearby looked around all was emptiness except for a gaping hole. After recovering from their astonishment they walked over and looked into the chasm. About 15 feet down was the vanished dozer with Wiebe still at the controls, but with a surprised look on his face. Demolition crews blasted a ramp and the "cat" was driven out and back to work by Wiebe, who received only minor lacerations from his experience.

**05 June 2006:** Two members of NMCB 25 - Equipment Operator 1st Class Gary T. Rovinski and Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jamie S. Jaenke were killed when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device (IED) while on a convoy in the Al Anbar Province.

**06 June 1943:** Naval Combat Demolition Unit (NCDU) training school established at Amphibious Training Base Fort Pierce, FL. Volunteers assembled for the first classes came from the Bomb and Mine Disposal School in Washington, D.C. and from Camp Peary, VA (both Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps officers).

**06 June 1944:** In the initial stage of the Allied invasion of Normandy, Seabees formed the nucleus of naval combat demolition units. Each demolition unit was under the command of a junior officer of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps. Team members placed explosive charges beneath the underwater steel barriers that prevented thousands of ships from reaching shore. As they were placing the charges the teams were under constant fire from the enemy. Whole teams were wiped out when shells hit their explosives. The men ignored the dangers and kept at their work. When the explosive charges were placed, survivors remained on the beach or swam back to the landing ships waiting in the channel. The explosives went off on schedule and huge holes were blown into the German defenses. Ships and landing craft darted for the shore through gaps in the barriers. Thousands of Seabees were soon manhandling their pontoon causeways onto the beach to let the infantry charge ashore.

**06 June 1967:** Khe Sanh came under enemy mortar attack. BUL3 C.A. Hubbard was killed in action; six men were wounded in action.

**06 June 1967:** Senior Chief Equipment Operator Donald J. Barnes was killed in action at the north western South Vietnam Marine Corps Combat Base Khe Sanh on his first day of his second tour of RVN. On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1967, MCB11's combat camp at Dong Ha was dedicated to Senior Chief Barnes. He left a wife and 5 children at home.

**06 June 1969:** EO1 R.R. Anderson, Regimental (21st NCR) Seabee Team Instructor, drowned while participating in training field operations at Buck Hill Scout Reservation, RI.

**09 June 1952:** In Korea, a detachment from ACB 1 landed behind enemy lines on the island of Yo. There they build an emergency landing airstrip for crippled U.S. Marine aircraft. The planned 2,400 foot runway had been estimated to be a 45-day project. The Seabees finished it in 16 days.

**09-10 June 1965:** Just before midnight on 9 June 1965, an estimated 2,000 Viet Cong launched an attack upon the still unfinished U.S. Special Forces camp at Dong Xoai in the Republic of Vietnam. The men of Seabee Team 1104, who were building the camp, joined

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with a small detachment of U.S. Army Special Forces and 400 RVN irregular forces to put up a heroic defense. At daybreak on 10 June, human wave attacks of Viet Cong made further resistance impossible, so the surviving defenders were evacuated by helicopter.

**10 June 1965:** William C. Hoover, SW2, was killed at the battle of Dong Xoai. Hoover was the first Seabee killed in action in Vietnam. Although wounded in the initial Viet Cong mortar barrage, Hoover quickly went to his assigned defense post and began firing at the enemy. He was subsequently killed in the fighting. For his heroism, William C. Hoover was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star. Also killed in the battle was Marvin C. Shields, CM3, the first Seabee to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. Both men were members of Seabee Team 1104.

**10-30 June 2012:** NMCB 7 completed its last deployment before decommissioning. NMCB 7 was one of the original 10 Seabee battalions authorized by the chief of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks in 1942. As part of the Fiscal Year 2012 force reduction plan, NMCB 7 was scheduled to be decommissioned September 5 on board NCBC Gulfport.

**15 June 1944:** Operation Forager, as the Marianas campaign was named, began on June 15, 1944, when 20,000 Marines and Seabees were put ashore on the beaches of Saipan. Seabees of the 121st NCB formed the Shore Party on the main invasion beach. By June 18, Marines captured Aslito, the main Japanese airfield on Saipan, and that very day Seabees went to work repairing the bomb damage to the runways. Four days later the first American fighter planes landed on the strip and four months later the Seabees had lengthened and widened the runways so that B-29s could take off for their first bombing of Japan. Japanese troops counterattacked against Aslito airfield and halted the Seabee construction work, but the Seabees grabbed up their arms and held them off. By July 9, Saipan was secured.

**15 June 1985:** SW2 (DV) Robert Stethem is killed by terrorists in Beirut, Lebanon following the hijacking of TWA Flight 847. He will posthumously receive the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and be promoted to honorary Master Chief Constructionman on August 24, 1910 on board the USS Stethem, named in his honor.

**18 June 2008:** Construction Mechanic 1st Class Ross L. Toles III was killed June 18 as a result of wounds suffered from an enemy rocket attack in the northern Paktika Province of Afghanistan. The 37-year-old was a member of Navy Operational Support Center Detroit, and was assigned as an Individual Augmentee (IA) to Provincial Reconstruction Team Sharana.

**23 June 2005:** An improvised explosive device killed Navy Culinary Specialist 1st Class Regina Renee Clark of Centralia, WA assigned to NMCB 18 when it detonated near her convoy vehicle in Fallujah, Iraq. Clark became the first female Seabee ever killed in action, and arguably the first female enlisted woman in the Navy ever killed in action. Two other women were killed in the vehicle with Clark from the explosion.

**28 June 2003:** Joint Army – Navy – Marine engineers finished construction of a 762-foot floating steel bridge in Zubaydiyah, Iraq. Seabees from NMCB 7, NMCB 133, Naval Construction Support Team 2 from Port Hueneme, ACB 1, and ACB 2 worked with Army and Marine partners to construct and emplace the bridge.

**30 June 2011:** PERMANENT ORDERS 181-11: NMCBs 18 and 40 received the second highest unit award given in combat – the Valorous Unit Award from the U.S. Army, for work performed with other military units in Afghanistan's Zhari District, during the period 1 September 2010 to 10 November 2010.

**June 1967:** Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory (NCEL), Port Hueneme, CA establishes first active Seabee dive locker in support of various research programs and projects.

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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.

## NMCB 133 homeport operations



NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos are continuing construction on a storage facility for Naval Construction Group TWO and are building and bracing forms for a concrete placement for the foundation of the building. This project allows us to support another command, supporting self sufficiency within the Naval Construction Force and keeping our Seabees' skills sharp during our homeport time.

## NMCB 133 deployment operations

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos placed concrete at the Polaris Point Access Road construction project in Guam. The newly placed pad marks the beginning of the drainage system that will support the road. This project is aimed at improving access to the piers, making it easier for contractors to complete critical work. It's one of the many ways our Seabees are enabling fleet maneuverability while forward deployed.



## War veteran finds fellow soldier after decades

By Mark Millican - Special to the Times-Courier on Wednesday, May 21, 2025

### Willie Young served four tours in Vietnam

After serving four tours in Vietnam and coming home to Ellijay, Willie Young began to think about the men he served with and felt a need to reconnect.

"I kept the addresses of most of the guys and got in touch with them, but a lot of them have died," he said. "There's maybe three guys left that I stay in touch with. I had a phone number for this one guy, Frank Herrera, but through the years I lost it. I couldn't find him in the phone book either."

Young and Herrera were deployed in Vietnam in the same Seabees unit — the construction wing of the Navy — on Young's two middle tours. Young had taken an interesting path to get there on his first deployment. Raised in Greer, S.C., he came to Ellijay with his family in 1936 after his father found work at the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Higdon in Fannin County.

"I went in the Navy in 1963, and after six years of enlistment, I decided to get out, said Young. "Later after I re-enlisted, I had a choice between Adak (Naval Air Station) in Alaska and Vietnam, and I chose to go to Vietnam."

### 'You're looking at him!'

Young, 81, has relatives in Bakersfield, Calif., and while visiting there in 2010, he remembered Herrera was from Bakersfield. However, he was unable to locate his old pal. Then one day, serendipity intervened.

"I was in Bakersfield visiting some cousins and was wearing my Navy Seabees shirt in a restaurant and this guy says, 'Seabees!' out loud," Young recalled. "I walked over to acknowledge him, and while I was over there, he said, 'What battalion were you in?' We shook hands and I said 'MCB 3' (Mobile Construction Battalion) and he said 'I was too!' I said what company and he said Delta. I said, 'You were a steelworker, right?' I was an EO (equipment operator)."

"I said, this guy Frank Herrera, I've been looking for him since 2010, he's from Bakersfield, you ever run into him or do you

remember him? He said, 'You're looking at him!' I tell you what, I got all teared up, and his wife and some friends were over there having lunch. And we all come together and had lunch. Before I left, we had dinner together too. The last time I saw him was in 1967."

### Remembering on Memorial Day

As a member of both MCB 3 and MCB 8, Young helped build roads, put down construction pads for buildings and hacked out air strips for the Marines and Air Force. How safe were his units from enemy fire as they worked?

"It was usually a secure area, but not always," he replied. "We worked continuously on Highway 1, from Chu Lai to Hue. The Marines would sweep the road every morning for mines, plus they had patrols out looking and night-vision binoculars to see the enemy. I was on detachment a lot because of my experience."

One night a mortar barrage slammed into their position.

"We hit the foxholes, and the Marines had a 'Kit Carson scout' — a guy that came over from the North Vietnamese to our side as advisors because they could speak the language when we caught the enemy," Young explained. "We got to missing him the next morning, and what happened was he got under a Caterpillar (bulldozer) because he thought that would be a safe

place to get when the mortars started coming in. Lo and behold, when I moved that 'dozer he was up under it dead. One (mortar) landed behind him and the shrapnel got him."

On another occasion, Young was sitting in the barber's chair getting a haircut when enemy fire hit.

"A mortar landed on a guy that had just laid his sea bag down on the volleyball court and it killed him," he remembered. "He just had 30 minutes or an hour before he was supposed to fly out and go home. I didn't know him well, but I knew him. There were so many more times that guys got killed they're just too numerous to name."

At times in the past, Young has counseled young men — and even his grandson — who have told him "I want to go in the Army and fight!"

I tell them instead, why don't you go into the Seabees and you can have a trade — they've got construction, mechanics, equipment operator, surveyors, builders, steel workers and plumbers," he said. "So my daughter, son-in-law and grandson went to the Seabee Museum (at Port Hueneme, Calif., home of the West Coast Seabees) just the other day. And now he's decided he wants to try and get into the Seabees."

There's no doubt Willie Young will stay in close contact with his grandson.



A young Frank Herrera, left, when Willie Young knew him in Vietnam. And right, Willie Young in 1964 at San Diego, Calif., after graduating basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois.

Willie Young, left, and Frank Herrera after meeting by chance in a Bakersfield, California restaurant recently. Young is wearing his 'Mobile Construction Battalions 3 & 8' T-shirt that drew Herrera's attention. The two U.S. Navy Seabees who served together in Vietnam hadn't seen each other in 58 years, although Young has been searching for Herrera since 2010.

# UCT 2 Conducts Underwater Inspection on USS Spruance During Port Visit

PORT HUENEME, CA, CALIFORNIA,  
UNITED STATES  
05.15.2025  
Story by Oscar Garcia  
Naval Construction Group ONE

Underwater Construction Team Two (UCT 2) recently completed an underwater hull inspection of the guided-missile destroyer USS Spruance (DDG 111) during a scheduled port call in the U.S. Pacific Fleet area of responsibility. The inspection was part of routine maritime maintenance procedures intended to ensure the vessel's continued operational readiness and mission capability.

Hull inspections are standard practice for U.S. Navy ships during forward deployments and port visits, especially after extended underway periods. These checks help identify issues such as hull degradation, corrosion, or potential impact damage from navigation in unfamiliar or congested waters.

The Spruance, a warship assigned to surface operations across the Pacific, remains in high demand amid ongoing regional presence missions and security operations. The underwater inspection ensured that the ship could continue its

deployment without delay or operational degradation.

UCT 2 deployed trained divers equipped with underwater communications and video systems to complete the assessment. The team conducted a comprehensive dive plan and coordinated closely with the ship's command and port authorities to execute the evolution safely. All work was completed on schedule and without incident.

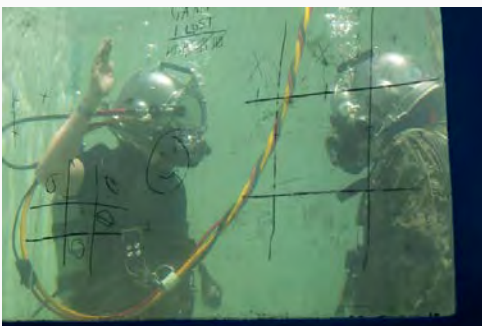
UCT 2 continues to support fleet maintenance efforts throughout the Pacific by deploying where needed to conduct in-water inspections, port infrastructure assessments, and maintenance support. Their recent operation on USS Spruance highlights their integral role in keeping ships mission-ready during high-tempo fleet operations.

### Ongoing Support to Fleet Operations

The support provided by UCT 2 during the Spruance port visit exemplifies the critical link between specialized construction forces and fleet operational readiness. As the Navy continues to operate across an increasingly dynamic maritime landscape, teams like UCT 2 ensure that warships remain at peak performance to answer the nation's call—anytime, anywhere.



## UCT 2 participates in Los Angeles Fleet Week 2025



Above: Congratulations to LTJG Harrison Boldt, who was officially promoted to Lieutenant during Los Angeles Fleet Week  
Below: EA2 Samson Baker reenlisted for four more years of service during Los Angeles Fleet Week. Photos by: Lt.Cmdr. Lyndsi Gutierrez



### NSU State Department operations

#### DECOMMISSION TIME!

The Ankara ESO team spent a week decommissioning the Gaziantep Branch Office building that served as one of their constituent posts they maintained.

The team is pictured performing a few tasks required in the process such as removing Forced Entry and Ballistic Resistant (FEBR) glass & Diplomatic Security approved cameras.

Pictured: SEO Jeremy Baskin, STS Ed Rivera Gonzalez, Seabee EO1 AlvarezCardero, DS RTS Aydin Calim, OBO RST's Savas, Ibrahim and Ediz.

GREAT JOB ESO ANKARA!

Gaziantep, Turkey

EO1 AlvarezCardero, SEUR Region PAO



### NJROTC students visit Gulfport Heritage Center

Cadets from Moss Point High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) recently visited NCBC Gulfport and the Seabee Heritage Center yesterday! The future leaders explored the proud legacy of the Seabees and got a firsthand look at how "We Build, We Fight" continues to shape Navy missions today.

Thank you, Moss Point NJROTC, for spending the day with us and honoring Seabee history!



### ...Always a Seabee!

The Pacific Northwest Seabees got together for some camaraderie over breakfast at the Burger Claim Restaurant in Belfair, WA. The next breakfast will be at 0900 on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Country Cousin Restaurant in Centralia, WA. Stop on by, Seabees!



# Rebuilding history and supporting the community!

BZ NAVFAC EXWC Safety Director Dave Rich, who led dedicated volunteers in rebuilding the iconic “U.S.A.’s Smallest Post Office,” a charming post office from the 1930’s that was operational until 1962, and destroyed in a 2017 wildfire.

“Volunteering to help design and rebuild this post office was an incredibly rewarding experience, especially knowing how much it means to the local community after the tragedy of the Thomas Fire,” Rich explained. “I felt it was important for me to contribute because this beloved little building is more than just a post office; it’s a piece of local Ojai Valley history and a unique landmark.”

The original structure at Wheeler Springs measured a mere 6’ x 7’. This new structure is located at the Wheeler Gorge Visitors Center, a perfect spot where it can be enjoyed by all, Rich explained.

“By lending a hand, we were directly involved in recreating this landmark for future generations, ensuring that this tangible link to the past remains accessible and appreciated. I was honored to pick up the tools and get to work with friends and colleagues from EXWC and the community,” Rich, a retired Seabee Master Chief, said.

“Beyond the historical aspect, this effort supports the local community. Knowing this mission played a part in preserving this charming, quirky landmark was truly fulfilling and I look forward to continuing to support the community whenever and however I can!” he noted.



## NMCB 1 Training



Our Seabees from NMCB 1 currently in Camp Pendleton are working in a Joint Battalion Training Exercise with NMCB 5, maintaining our skills constructing Expeditionary Medical Facilities!



## ...Always a Seabee!

### Jacksonville, FL

We held our meeting this past Saturday and had a good turnout. We held elections and James (Jim) Zywoot was reelected as Island X-9 Commander/Treasurer and Dan O'Neal was reelected as Vice Commander. A big thanks to Ron Hasty for his presentation on traumatic brain injuries pertaining to the Military and First Responders.

Bottom row L-R, Anthony Ceaglio, Arsenio Nabas, Terrance Paparella, John Scroggie, Dwight Littleton (Dave), Stephanie Edward and Savannah Oakes, Top Row L-R, Ron Hasty (guest speaker), Rick Wilson, James Zywoot (Jim), Dan O'Neal, Matt Coffee, John Hillyer, Ed Bator, Gail Oakes, Larry Oakes and Britney Dante.



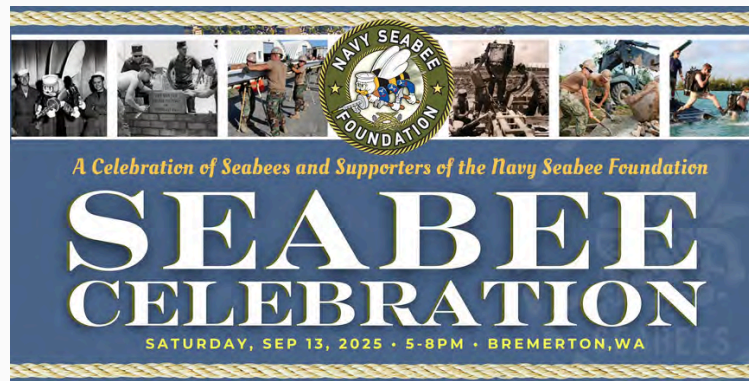


**JULY 1-13 | [www.Seabee5K.org](http://www.Seabee5K.org)**

Join us this summer for the Seabee Virtual 5K 2025, July 1-13. Run, walk, ride, ruck, or roll a 5K at your convenience during this period and share your experiences on social media using the hashtags #seabee5k and #NavySeabeeFoundation. Registration is now open at [Seabee5K.org](http://Seabee5K.org). By donating or raising \$35 or more, participants will receive a red, white or blue Seabee 5K t-shirt, with shipments beginning on June 1. Proceeds support the Navy Seabee Foundation and its mission to assist Seabees and their families.



**Choose from a RED, WHITE or NAVY BLUE shirt!**



## 2025 Seabee Celebration

Saturday, September 13 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm PDT  
Join Us for the 2025 Seabee Celebration!

The Navy Seabee Foundation cordially invites you to an unforgettable evening on Saturday, September 13th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton, WA.

This is your exclusive opportunity to connect and celebrate with Seabee friends—both old and new—and enjoy a delightful evening filled with camaraderie and refreshments. There will be an awards presentation as well.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate and honor the Seabee spirit! If you can't be there in person, please consider making a donation so local active-duty Seabees can attend.

Visit for tickets and sponsorships: <https://secure.givelively.org/event/navy-seabee-foundation/seabee-celebration/2025-seabee-celebration>

We look forward to seeing you there!



### Host an OktoBEEfest in Your Area...

Help us bring OktoBEEfest to cities across the globe!

OktoBEEfest is a worldwide celebration of Seabee spirit held at local venues of your choosing, such as breweries, bars, or restaurants. These events unite Seabee supporters and friends to raise awareness and critical funds in a fun, meaningful way all while supporting the Navy Seabee Foundation. We're currently looking for volunteers to host an OktoBEEfest in their area. Hosts coordinate with a venue, invite their community, and bring people together in the name of service, support, and Seabee camaraderie.

**Ready to host or want to learn more?  
Visit [www.OktoBEEfest.org](http://www.OktoBEEfest.org) .**

Let's make 2025 the biggest OktoBEEfest yet  
"Can Do" starts with you!

## 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).



### **Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc.**

PHW began in 2005 serving wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since then, PHW has expanded nationwide, establishing its highly successful program in Department of Defense hospitals, Warrior Transition Units, and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and clinics.

### **Who we help**

Project Healing Waters helps active military service personnel and Veterans in need through a dedicated, developed curriculum of fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, and fly rod building. In 2024 alone, we helped 6,820 participants comprised of all service eras through the generous work of 6,329 active volunteers.

### **How we help**

We are a leading nonprofit in the area of therapeutic outdoor recreation, using the sport of fly fishing as an intervention. The restorative healing powers of nature and the outdoors are well-documented: for our Veteran and military participants, the Camaraderie, Connectedness, and community found in our programs, alongside the symbiotic relationship between Veteran and volunteer, directly correlate to increased sense of belonging, resilience, and post-traumatic growth.

### **The Core Unit: The Local Program**

The success of Project Healing Waters starts and ends with individual local programs. These are truly our boots on the ground. Volunteer-led and activity-centric, the majority of the camaraderie, connectedness, and ultimately healing at the center of Project Healing Waters happens at the program level.

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

# REUNIONS & EVENTS

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

## JUNE 2025

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

## JULY 2025

1-13 **Seabee Virtual 5K**  
Seabee5K.org

## AUGUST 2025

11 **9th Annual San Diego Seabee Golf Tournament**  
Monday, Aug 11 - Rancho Santa 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

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

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

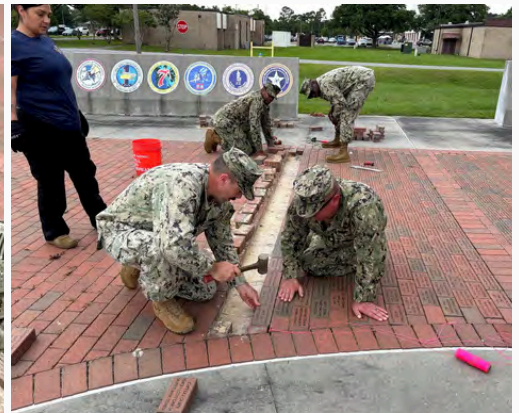
Submit Your Event! Reach out to the Navy Seabee Foundation at [info@seabee.org](mailto:info@seabee.org) to add your event.



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

## Naval Construction Group TWO Chiefs lay bricks for NSF

Thank you to the NCG-2 Chiefs Mess members for setting the latest batch of memorial bricks at the Seabee Heritage Center in Gulfport. Your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated: CBCM Anthony Thibodeaux, CBCM Eric Schmall, CUCS Matt Speece, EOC Christina Chingman, NCC Lamar Smith, UTC Jemol Gresham, and CUCS Craig Miller. Thank you!



Reminder: Brick sale ends 30 June



For more details about these events, go to [www.seabee.org/events](http://www.seabee.org/events)

# YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

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. Purchasing from our shop or buying a brick helps us further our mission.



## Navy Seabee Foundation Seabee Store

Purchase Seabee merchandise to help further our mission.



## Seabee Memorial Bricks in Gulfport/Port Hueneme

Honor a Seabee family member or friend in your life by purchasing a brick in Gulfport or PT. Hueneme.



## Navy Seabee Foundation Redbubble Shop

You can purchase Seabee stickers, Navy Seabee Foundation stickers and other products.



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**NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION**

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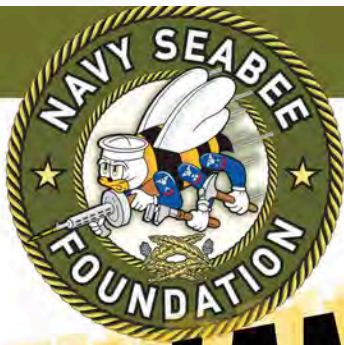
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[seabee.org](http://seabee.org)

# 5 Ways to Support the Navy Seabee Foundation:



## Donate Online

One-time or reoccurring gifts can be made at

[www.seabee.org](http://www.seabee.org)



## PayPal Giving

Scan the code with your smart phone to donate to Navy Seabee Foundation with PayPal.



## Text to Give

Text "Seabee" to 44321 to donate from your phone

## Venmo Donation

Scan the code with your smart phone to donate to @NavySeabeeFoundation with Venmo.



## Donate by Mail

Mail a check to P.O. Box 657, Gulfport, MS 39502



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

