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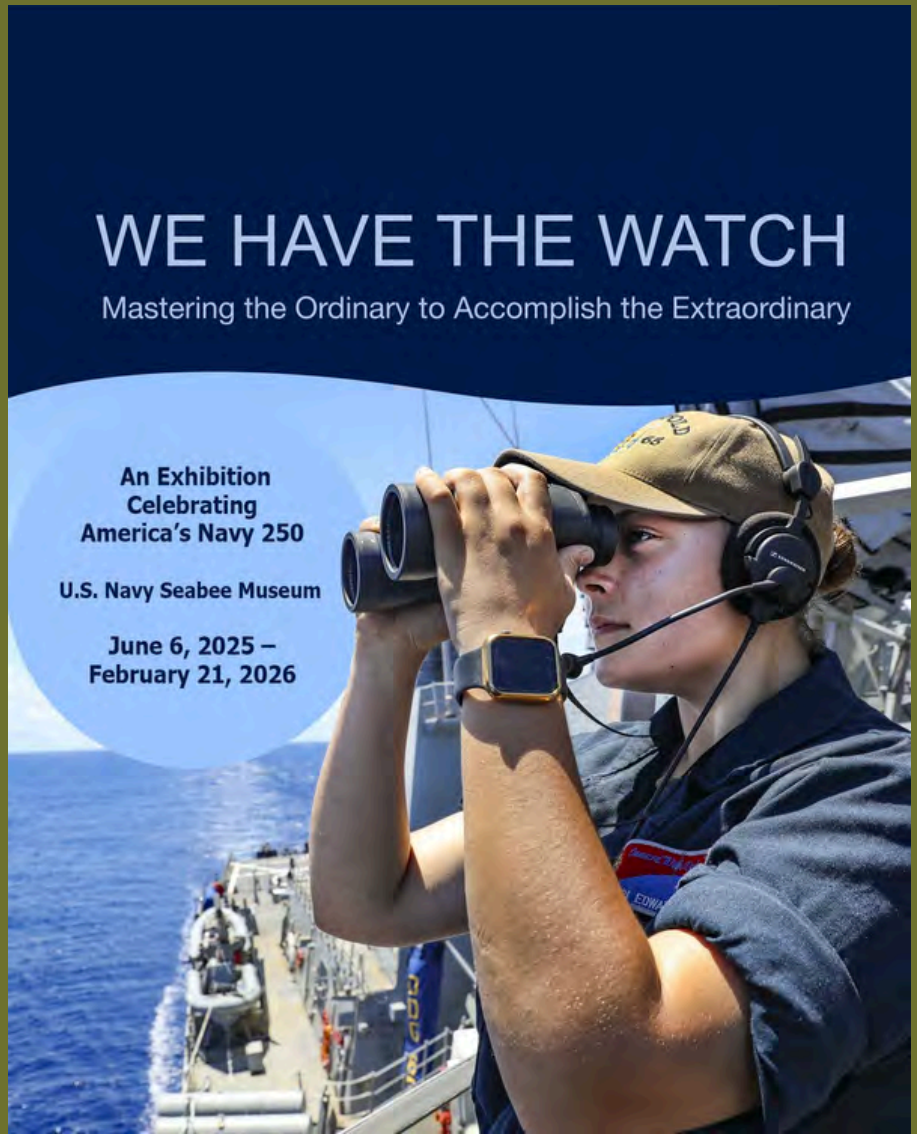
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# Navy Week Anchorage, Alaska:

## Seabees Bring Tools, Time, and Perspective to Anchorage Youth in Recovery

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES  
 Story by Oscar Garcia  
 Naval Construction Group ONE

At the Adolescent Residential Center for Help (ARCH), a group of U.S. Navy Seabees spent the day building picnic tables. But more than wood was shaped that day—so were perspectives, futures, and connections. As part of Navy Week Anchorage 2025, Sailors worked side-by-side with youth in treatment for substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders, offering mentorship, technical skills, and shared stories of resilience.

ARCH, a program operated by Volunteers of America (VOA) Alaska, provides residential treatment for youth ages 12 to 18. Residents stay for four to eight months and receive wraparound services including schooling, mental health support, and life skills training. For the teens, Navy Week wasn't just a day of construction—it was a day of inspiration.

"What I was really hoping for is exactly what happened," said Brian Emory, a retired Navy commander and current Admin Operations Manager at VOA Alaska. "The kids got to see Sailors who didn't have perfect childhoods, but who found direction, discipline, and success through military service. They saw that there's more out there than just coping with pain through substance use. There's purpose, opportunity, and hope."

The service project began with a brief introduction led by Emory, who retired from the Navy in 2021 after 28 years of service. His dual roles—as a Navy veteran and local leader—helped bridge the gap between the youth and the visiting Sailors. Together, they measured, cut, and assembled picnic tables to be used on the ARCH grounds.

"Construction is a great tool for connection," said Builder Chief (BUC) Tennant. "You solve problems together, and in the process, you learn a lot about each other."

Throughout the day, the Seabees shared insights about their military jobs and career paths, emphasizing trades such as construction, mechanics, and engineering—skills that many youth had never considered but found engaging.

"I told them I didn't have it all figured out growing up either," said EO1 Heck. "The Navy gave me structure, purpose, and a trade I love. I wanted them to see that same possibility for themselves."

One particularly impactful aspect of the visit was the presence of a local Sailor from Anchorage, whose personal story resonated with many of the teens. Emory noted the importance of this representation, especially in a state where unique environmental factors can influence mental health.

"Having someone here who understands Alaska—who grew up in the darkness of the winters, the long daylight in the summers, and the isolation that can come with it—meant a lot," said Emory. "This person could say, 'I know what you're going through, and you can overcome it.' That's powerful."

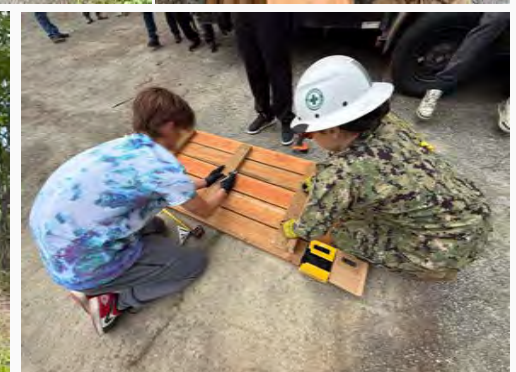
The engagement wasn't just about giving—it was also about listening. Many of the Sailors took time to participate in group discussions, aligning with ARCH's therapeutic approach of peer-led dialogue and shared growth.

"They opened up more than I expected," said CM2 Aguinaldo. "It reminded me that

sometimes the best thing we can do is just show up and listen."

Navy Week is a nationwide outreach program organized by the United States Navy to connect with communities that do not typically have a significant Navy presence. Held in cities across the country, Navy Week brings in Sailors from multiple commands to participate in public events, educational activities, and community service projects. The goal is to educate the public about the Navy's mission, capabilities, and the critical role it plays in national defense and global maritime security.

Naval Construction Group One (NCG 1) is homeported in Pt. Hueneme, California, and leads and manages the overall capability and readiness of its Naval Construction Regiments (NCRs), Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs), Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU), and Underwater Construction Team (UCT). NCG 1 provides the required engineering support that the Navy and Nation need to construct and maintain base facilities, repair battle-damaged facilities, conduct defensive operations as required, and to meet disaster preparedness and recovery missions.



# Navy Week Anchorage, Alaska:

## Anchorage Teen Steps into Service: Future Seabee Receives Warm Welcome from Hometown Heroes

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES  
 Story by Oscar Garcia  
 Naval Construction Group ONE

As the sun set over Lee Jordan Field during the Chugiak-Eagle River Chinooks baseball game, future Sailor Daniel Monge stood proudly, wrapped in a Seabee flag gifted by active-duty Navy builders. The Anchorage native had just taken the Oath of Enlistment before the baseball game, officially beginning his journey as a U.S. Navy Sailor. For Monge, a recent high school graduate and JROTC cadet, the moment was deeply personal.

“I wanted to follow in my grandfather’s footsteps,” Monge said. “He served in the Filipino Navy. I’ve always wanted to serve, travel, and do something meaningful—this is my chance.”

Monge was among a group of future Sailors who participated in an enlistment ceremony hosted by Navy Talent Acquisition Group Pacific Northwest as part of Anchorage Navy Week 2025. The ceremony marked a significant milestone for Monge, whose journey began at just 17 when he expressed strong interest in the Naval Construction Force.

“All we were doing was waiting for him to turn 17,” recalled GSM1 Emily Newman, Monge’s recruiter. “He knew what he wanted early on, and when a Seabee billet opened up, he jumped on it.”

That determination paid off when Monge, surrounded by family, friends, and Sailors, met several active-duty Seabees during the game. Among them were LT Paul Leray, an Eagle River native and Civil Engineer Corps officer, along with EO1 Heck, Chief Tennant, EO2 Sanchez, and CM2 Aguinaldo—all part of Navy Week outreach efforts.

Monge spent the evening talking with each Seabee about life in the Navy and what to expect in the field. The conversations left a lasting impact. “I could see it in his face—he was in heaven,” said GSM1 Newman. “He was soaking up every word, asking questions, and getting advice from people living the life he’s about to begin.”

Moved by his enthusiasm and local roots, the Seabee team made a spontaneous decision. They handed him the Seabee flag they had carried to each event throughout the week—symbolizing pride, legacy, and unity.

“They told him, ‘It’s better for this flag to stay with you now,’” Newman added. “It was a powerful gesture.”

Monge is set to ship out to Navy boot camp on July 15, after basic training, he will receive additional training as an Equipment Operator (EO), one of the trades in the Navy’s construction battalions. As an EO, Monge will eventually learn to operate heavy machinery and support expeditionary and humanitarian missions around the world.

For his recruiter, watching Monge grow from a motivated teen into a future Sailor has been rewarding.

“He’s not afraid to ask questions or take initiative,” said Newman. “That curiosity and resilience will take him far—not just in the Navy, but in life.”

And for Monge, who spent years admiring the military from afar, Navy Week offered an unexpected homecoming.

“I got to meet people doing the job I’m about to do,” he said. “And I met a Lieutenant who’s also from Eagle River. It feels like I’m exactly where I’m supposed to be.”

Navy Week is a nationwide outreach program organized by the United States Navy to connect with communities that do not typically have a significant Navy presence. Held in cities across the country, Navy Week brings in Sailors from multiple commands to participate in public events, educational activities, and community service projects. The goal is to educate the public about the Navy’s mission, capabilities, and the critical role it plays in national defense and global maritime security. Through demonstrations, ship visits, school engagements, and media outreach, Navy Week fosters a greater understanding and appreciation of the Navy’s contributions while strengthening the bond between the Navy and the American people.



# Navy Week Anchorage, Alaska:

## Navy Week Team Helps “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor” Effort

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES  
 Story by Oscar Garcia  
 Naval Construction Group ONE

ANCHORAGE, AK (Jun 20, 2025) — As part of Anchorage Navy Week 2025, U.S. Navy Seabees joined forces with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)—a national non-profit dedicated to ensuring that “no kid sleeps on the floor”—to help assemble beds for children in need. In a single day volunteer event hosted by the SHP South Central Alaska chapter, Seabees brought their carpentry and logistical expertise to the mission, building high-quality beds that will comfort local children and families.

SHP, founded on a bed-for-bed model powered entirely by volunteers, has delivered over 75,000 beds nationwide. Locally, the Anchorage chapter partners with community groups to build and distribute beds, then delivers them directly to families with the help of sponsor organizations.

Builder Chief Petty Officer BUC Micaela Tennant said - “Every piece of lumber that gets cut turns into more than a bed—it becomes a safe space and a symbol of community pride.”

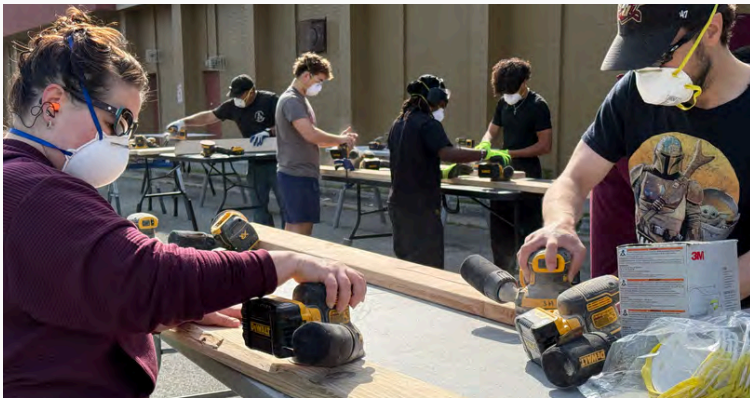
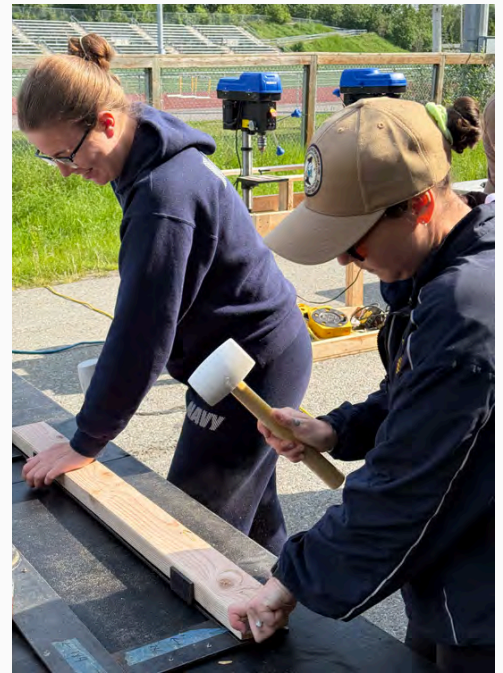
At the Anchorage build day, Seabees from Naval Construction Group One and Sailors from across the fleet arrived ready to work. They cut lumber, assembled bunk beds, and shared traditions of service with families and volunteers, explaining how Seabee values of “Can Do” and teamwork extend beyond military missions to community care.

Equipment Operator 1st Class EO1 Hannah Heck said - “I joined to learn a trade and serve, and it’s amazing to use that same skill set so close to home.”

The Seabees—officially known as the United States Naval Construction Battalions—were uniquely suited for this mission. With a legacy of building infrastructure in some of the world’s most challenging environments, they bring

precision, adaptability, and teamwork to every project. Whether it’s constructing schools in remote villages or rebuilding after disasters, their hands-on experience and technical expertise made them a natural fit for Sleep in Heavenly Peace’s assembly-line model. The Seabees’ “Can Do” spirit ensured each bed was built to last, and constructed with care, efficiency, and pride—delivering both craftsmanship and compassion to Anchorage families in need.

Equipment Operator 2nd Class EO2 Robert Sanchez concluded: “A bed might seem small, but for a child who’s had nothing to sleep on—it means the world. We were honored to help.”



## Navy Week Anchorage, Alaska: Sailors Join Forces with Alaskans to Fight Hunger

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES  
Story by Oscar Garcia  
Naval Construction Group ONE

ANCHORAGE, AK (Jun 17, 2025) Navy Seabees and Sailors from across the fleet, including representatives from the U.S. Naval Observatory, rolled up their sleeves to support local families by volunteering at the Food Bank of Alaska during Navy Week Anchorage 2025. Their mission: to help prepare and pack boxes for the Meals to You summer program—a food security initiative aimed at supporting children and families in some of Alaska's most remote communities.

Sailors worked side by side with local volunteers, organizing supplies, building food boxes, and assembling packages of essential goods including rice, canned goods, and bottled juices. The project was one of many community engagements throughout Navy Week, and it showcased the Navy's ability to serve at sea, and at home.

"This experience gave me a new appreciation for the quiet, behind-the-scenes work that keeps families supported. It was humbling and powerful to be part of something so essential to the community." Said Cdr. Bench Deputy Superintendent at the U.S. Naval Observatory

The Meals to You program plays a critical role in feeding thousands of Alaskan residents during the summer months, especially youth who rely on school meal programs during the academic year. With Alaska's unique geography and transportation challenges, preparing these boxes takes time, hardworking volunteers, and coordination—needs that were met with enthusiasm by the visiting Sailors. "Serving in the Navy is about more than just deployments—it's about helping wherever we're needed. Today, that meant lending a hand to fight food insecurity right here in Alaska." Sadi EO2 Sanchez

The Food Bank of Alaska's leadership welcomed the Navy's involvement, highlighting how much more could be accomplished with additional hands. Navy participation sped up operations and boosted morale.



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South Central PA

June 14th 2025 South Central PA Seabee Swarm held at Hoss's in Chambersburg, Pa. Left to right Dan Herrick, Marvin Peck, James Topper, John Grubic, Mike Sage, Michael Carter, John Byrne, Jimmy Catonzaro, Paul S. Barnett Jr., Jerry Wolfe, Wayne D. Smith, Larry Kunkle.

# Navy Week Anchorage, Alaska: Seabees Power Through Anchorage Trail Project in One Day

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES  
 Story by Oscar Garcia  
 Naval Construction Group ONE

ANCHORAGE, AK (Jun 17, 2025) What was expected to take three days took just one, thanks to a joint effort between U.S. Navy Sailors and local youth during Navy Week Anchorage 2025. Seabees from Naval Construction Group One teamed up with other Sailors from the Washington D.C. area and members of the Youth Employment in Parks (YEP) program to restore the Virgin Creek Falls Trail—clearing brush, leveling gravel, and compacting the soil in a single day.

Navy Week, the Navy's flagship community outreach program, brought Sailors to Anchorage to connect with residents and demonstrate the Navy's mission through volunteer efforts, educational outreach, and public engagements. For the Seabees, it was a natural fit—lending their construction and engineering expertise to a service project that directly benefits the local community.

Ryan Olberding, supervisor for the YEP program said: "The Sailors were very engaging with the kids, the kids enjoyed working with them—they asked a lot of questions. We thank you very much."

YEP is a summer program for Anchorage youth ages 18 to 19 that teaches conservation leadership through hands-on environmental work. In 2024, youth participants have removed invasive species and planted over 8,500 trees. This year, the focus was trail maintenance.

Throughout the day, Sailors formed bucket brigades, carried loads of gravel, and operated hand tools alongside the teens. The cooperation was more than logistical—it was inspirational.

"When you combine motivated young people with the Navy's can-do attitude, anything is possible. This project went faster than expected because everyone pulled together with a common goal," said Chief Petty Officer Tennant, who helped lead the Seabee effort.



## ...Always a Seabee!



### Pacific Northwest

Some PNW Seabees met up at the Country Cousin Restaurant in Centralia, WA for breakfast and camaraderie on June 21st. It's always a great time when Seabees get together. Check out PNW Seabees Can Do on Facebook for events coming up in our area.

# Navy Week Anchorage, Alaska:

## Homegrown Leadership: Seabee Officer Returns to Inspire Anchorage Youth

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, UNITED STATES  
 Story by Oscar Garcia  
 Naval Construction Group ONE

ANCHORAGE, AK (Jun 19, 2025) Lt. Paul Leray, a Civil Engineer Corps officer in the U.S. Navy and native of Eagle River, returned to his hometown during Navy Week Anchorage 2025 as part of the Navy's Fleet Outreach Ambassador Team (FLOAT). Representing the Seabees and the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC). Leray brought a deeply personal connection to the week's outreach efforts—sharing his journey from enlisted electrician to officer and encouraging youth to consider careers in service and skilled trades.

"It is such an honor and a privilege. I love Alaska," said Leray. "To be able to return home and represent the Navy in the same spaces that helped shape me—it's incredibly meaningful. I can't wait to come back here when I finish my service."

Navy Week, a national outreach initiative, aims to connect the Navy with communities that do not typically see a strong Navy presence. During Anchorage's Navy Week, Leray participated in hands-on events across the city, including service projects with local youth, speaking engagements with civic organizations, and informal mentorship with teens and young adults.

Leray grew up in Eagle River, the son of two Army veterans. "I had no intention of joining the military at first," he admitted. But as college costs mounted, he found the Navy offered both financial support and a higher purpose. "I didn't want to take out loans, and I wanted to do something that mattered. The Navy helped me pursue my education while proving to my peers that good people in uniform make a difference."

As an enlisted electrician in the Seabees, Leray quickly found a sense of purpose and community in his work. "I knew nothing about construction when I joined. I barely knew how to use a screwdriver," he said with a laugh. "Now I can maintain my own home and vehicle—and I have a career filled with meaningful, global work."

One of Leray's most impactful deployments took him to Timor-Leste, where his team restored power to remote clinics—critical for preserving life-saving vaccines. "We fixed a solar system on a clinic that served people hiking four days through mountains just to get a shot. It was simple work for us, but it changed lives," he recalled.

Now serving as Training and Operations Officer at the Naval Construction Training Center, Leray helps shape the next generation of Seabees. His journey through the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program, which transitions enlisted leaders to commissioned officers, gives him a unique perspective on leadership.

"As an officer, I've had to learn to focus on long-term problems, anticipate challenges, and let my Sailors execute the day-to-day," he explained.

His time in Alaska, he said, helped shape his approach. "Alaskans are the most welcoming, resilient people I've ever met. That openness and empathy influences how I lead today."

Returning as a FLOAT participant gave Leray the opportunity to visit childhood landmarks like the Boys and Girls Club of

Eagle River and Camp Fire, where he once played—and now returned to inspire. "It's surreal to stand in front of the air hockey table I played on as a kid and tell these young people about seeing the world with the Navy."

To young Alaskans, Leray offered heartfelt advice: "The Navy isn't for everyone, but it's a good job. If you feel stuck, this is a way. And trades like electrical work—those are skills you'll always use."

Throughout the week, Leray worked side-by-side with fellow Seabees in local community service projects, from building picnic tables with teens in treatment to assisting food distribution efforts and engaging with youth in park restoration programs. In every effort, Leray's story stood as a reminder that service can start anywhere—and sometimes, it brings you full circle.

"The Seabees are a family. No matter where I go, I run into people I served with. It's the only time in my life I've felt that kind of community. And to share that with the people of Alaska—my people—that's something I'll carry with me forever."



## NMCB 3 Builder 3rd Class Makes History as Honor Graduate in Marine-Led Corporal's Course in Japan

CHIBANA, OKINAWA, JAPAN  
 Story by Oscar Garcia  
 Naval Construction Group ONE

CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA (June 26, 2025) – While it's not uncommon for U.S. Navy Seabees to attend the Marine Corps' Corporal's Course, it's rare for one to graduate at the top. Builder 3rd Class Marian Zoe Yvonne Javier, assigned to Camp Shields with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, did just that—earning the coveted honor graduate title in a course designed to forge the next generation of Marine non-commissioned officers.

The Corporal's Course, an intensive two-week leadership school run by the U.S. Marine Corps, is designed to shape junior enlisted personnel into the next generation of non-commissioned officers (NCOs). It covers topics like small-unit leadership, land navigation, military drill, and physical fitness, all while instilling the core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

Although traditionally attended by Marines, this iteration included three Seabees: Javier, Construction Electrician 3rd Class Jake Dewey, and Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Caleb Oakland (*who was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the course*).

Javier initially volunteered for the course as a chance to break away from the repetitive pace of her assignment at Camp Shields and push herself in a new environment.

"I saw it as a great opportunity to experience leadership in a different community," said Javier. "While I enjoy my role in the Material Liaison Office, I needed a challenge to reignite my motivation."

That challenge arrived in the form of grueling early morning physical training, formation runs through Okinawa's hilly terrain, and the constant high standards Marines are known for.

"The MAG run was brutal. Three miles with steep hill climbs, information, right at 0345 wake-ups—it took everything in me to keep pushing," she recalled.

Despite early academic setbacks, including failing the first written exam alongside 17 of her 20 classmates, Javier refused to quit. She stayed late after duty hours to improve her physical fitness and sharpen her sword and guidon skills for ceremonial drill. Her perseverance paid off.

By the final assessment, she was one of two students tied for the top score. The honor graduate distinction came down to the quality of a final leadership presentation—where Javier delivered with confidence and clarity.

"Earning honor graduate was a surprise. I wasn't the fastest, and I didn't ace every test, but I showed up every day ready to improve," said Javier. "I proved to myself—and others—that consistency and resilience matter more than early success."

The course emphasized more than individual excellence. It fostered joint-force camaraderie, as evidenced by a moment during the physical fitness test when a Marine ran back to finish the run alongside Javier, cheering her on.

"That moment stuck with me," said Javier. "We might wear different uniforms, but we share the same values

We support each other. That's joint readiness in action."

Corporal's Course instructors echoed that sentiment, emphasizing the value of diverse perspectives in building well-rounded leaders.

Through the experience, Javier says she developed a new sense of confidence and leadership style—one defined by humility, conviction, and the ability to lead from the front.

"I used to hesitate before speaking up, worried about being wrong," she said. "Now, I understand that leadership is about believing in your value, even when things feel uncertain."

For fellow Seabees considering Marine-led leadership courses, she offers simple advice: "Don't overlook an opportunity just because it's unfamiliar. You might discover strength you didn't know you had."

As NMCB-3 concludes its deployment across the Indo-Pacific, success stories like Javier's underscore the value of joint training environments in cultivating tomorrow's leaders—leaders ready to supervise in peace and lead in war.



# NMCB 3 deployment operations

## MANUS, Papua New Guinea

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 (NMCB), help to guide a desalination tank between sea-piles located underneath a metal platform to prepare for demolition of the desalination tank. NMCB-3 serves as the stand-in engineering force for the Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, executing high-quality construction operations, activities, and investments, and is capable at the unit-of-action level to support major combat operations in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of operations with efficient airfield, waterfront, and advanced base construction. (U.S. Navy photos by BU3 Kurpick)

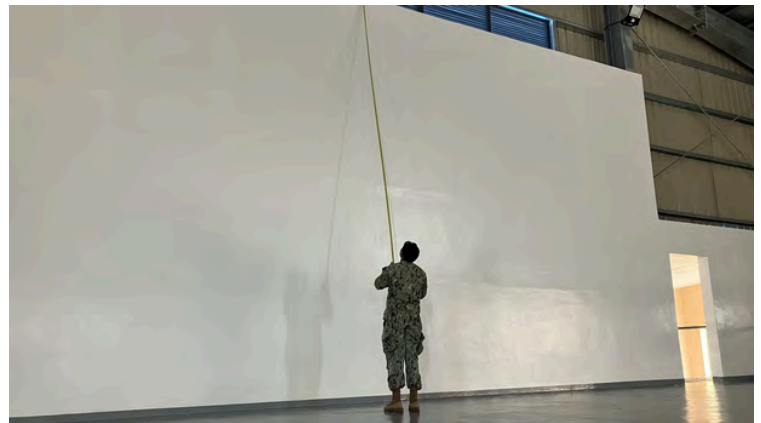


## Koror, Palau

Game On, Palau!

From sinking anchors to mapping projections, Detail Palau is building more than structures—they're laying the foundation for international teamwork and regional pride.

With the Pacific Mini Games on the horizon, our Seabees stepped up to deliver mission-ready construction that sets the stage for success. Whether it's prepping for future OICDs or grinding through SCW studies, they're proving once again: NMCB-3 brings the muscle and the mindset. (Photos by BU3 Austin Maddox)



Detail Palau gathers for a group photo to commemorate the successful deployment. NMCB-3 serves as the stand-in engineering force for Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet, executing high-quality construction operations, activities, and investments, and is capable at the unit-of-action level to support major combat operations in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility with efficient airfield, waterfront, and advanced base construction. (U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Austin Maddox)

# NMCB 3 deployment operations



### Sparks Fly in Timor-Leste

SW3 Vandevender leads the charge in hands-on steelworking and welding training, sharpening Det. Timor-Leste's skills with real-world applications. Building capability, one weld at a time.



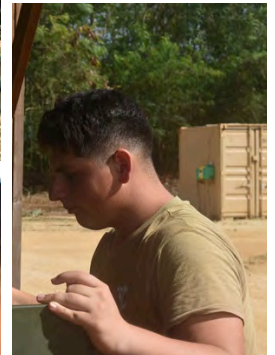
### Pushing Limits in Chinhae, South Korea

Day in and day out, Seabees from NMCB-3 are grinding through intense prep for the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center. Whether it's mastering the Combat Side Stroke or holding each other accountable in high-impact PT, these warriors are laser-focused on the mission ahead. Big thanks to Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae for providing the support and facilities that fuel this kind of drive.



### NMCB-3 Seabees sharpen their edge in Tinian.

Sailors from Detail Tinian conducted a Sustainment Exercise (SUSEX), reinforcing critical expeditionary skills by providing potable water, power, and temporary berthing in a field environment.



## NMCB 3 deployment operations

### Bridging the Gap to Antarctica.

Seabees with Detachment Antarctica recently completed a Unit Driven Training evolution, assembling and launching a Mabey Johnson Bridge in preparation for their mission to McMurdo Station.

This hands-on training sharpens the bridge construction skills and cold-weather readiness needed to support critical infrastructure in one of the harshest environments on Earth.

From the tropics to the ice, NMCB-3 Seabees are always ready to build and support the mission—anytime, anywhere.



### Tributes...

#### Remembering CM3 Marvin Shields: The First Seabee Medal of Honor Recipient

*A legacy of courage that continues to inspire*

Sixty years ago, on June 10, 1965, Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Marvin G. Shields gave his life in defense of his team and mission during the fierce battle of Dong Xoai in Vietnam. A member of Seabee Team 1104, Shields became the first—and to date, only—Seabee to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism.

Wounded twice during the battle, Shields continued to fight alongside his fellow service members, resupplying ammunition and ultimately volunteering to assist in the destruction of an enemy machine gun emplacement under heavy fire. His selfless actions helped save lives and turned the tide of the attack, though he would later succumb to his wounds.

On September 13, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson presented the Medal of Honor to Marvin's widow, Joan Shields, in a ceremony at the White House. President Johnson remarked, "In honoring Marvin Shields here in the White House today, we honor thousands like him... Marvin Shields spent his life generously for his country and for his friends. His cause was a good cause. Our debt is a great debt."

We remember CM3 Marvin Shields not only as a Seabee who lived by the "Can Do" spirit, but as a true American hero—whose valor, sacrifice, and legacy will never be forgotten.



## MUSE Substation Provides Rapid Shore Power Support for Naval Vessels

HAWAII, UNITED STATES

Story by Theanne Tangen

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems  
Command Hawaii

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii – Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (NAVFAC EXWC) Mobile Utilities Support Equipment (MUSE) technicians rapidly deployed and installed a 5000 kVA substation at Wharf Mike-1, providing a critical temporary power solution to support ships in port at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. This installation ensures uninterrupted operation of vital shipboard systems during in-port maintenance and strengthens overall fleet readiness.

The substation was placed on April 20, 2025, following its transport from Kilo-11 via floater crane to its final location at Mike-1 to allow continued contractor installation of electrical connections. The two-hour government operation to put the system in place, supported by crane teams from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) and Port Operations tugs, was the result of extensive planning and coordination across multiple commands and partner organizations to keep the project on schedule.

“This rapid response effort is a powerful example of what we can accomplish when diverse commands and organizations come together with a shared mission,” said Commanding Officer Capt. James Sullivan, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii. “From engineering to logistics, every team played a role in getting this critical power capability in place to support our warfighters. It’s a testament to the Navy’s ability to adapt, innovate, and deliver no matter the challenge.”

This initiative marks a major milestone in Project P-8014U, a component of the fiscal year 2024 Military Construction Program, which includes the installation of a permanent Shore Power Distribution System at Wharf Mike-1 and Mike-2 to support naval vessels.

In September 2024, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) awarded a \$5.4 million contract for the project to D Square Construction LLC, a service-disabled veteran-owned small business based in Tucson, Arizona.

The project is expected to be completed by September 2025.

Key contributors to the mission included:

- NAVFAC
- JBPHH Public Works Department (Waterfront APWO and FEAD Waterfront/Red Hill Teams)
- Navy Region Hawaii
- Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (NAVFAC EXWC)
- PHNSY & IMF
- NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center San Diego (Port Hueneme)
- U.S. Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 596th Transportation Brigade

The 5000 kVA MUSE substation, equipped with onboard switchgear and fail-safe protections, is engineered to meet the demanding power needs of naval vessels undergoing maintenance. Its expeditionary deployment highlights the strategic utility of MUSE capabilities—rapidly bridging infrastructure gaps when permanent systems are delayed or under construction.

“Before we energized the substation, we ran a full set of test procedures to verify everything was functioning properly and that there was no damage from transport or installation,” said Chief Construction Electrician Luke Clemens, NAVFAC EXWC. “MUSE equipment is designed to be rugged and reliable, but we don’t take any chances when it comes to safety and mission readiness. Making sure the system was 100% operational before turning it over was a top priority.”

The substation will remain in place until the permanent shore power system is operational, ensuring seamless support to forward-deployed fleet assets.

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**02 July 1943:** LTJG George W. Stephenson and LT Irwin W. Lee of the 24th NCB were killed on Rendova in the Solomons are killed in action, the first CEC officers to be killed in action in World War II.

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

**02 July 1944:** Less than a month after D-Day in France, while the Normandy invasion was still underway, 81st NCB experienced one of those odd happenings of war on which legends are built. Early on the morning of July 2, 1944, Lieutenant Commander Ricahrd D. Anderson, Seabee Medical Officer for the recently landed battalion was visited in his foxhole by a breathless American military policeman. A woman in the nearby village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont was about to have a baby and a doctor was urgently needed. Doctor Anderson immediately dispatched his assistant medical officer, Lieutenant Douglas Butman. Doctor Butman arrived at the house only to discover that the young woman had spontaneously delivered her child, a little girl, only moments before. The doctor immediately rendered the appropriate postnatal care. In the days that followed, the medical staff of the battalion paid many visits to the home of Henri and Marie Fouchard. Finally, the time came for christening the baby girl. The mother asked Commander Anderson if the baby could bear a part of his wife's name. Anderson delightedly suggested the initials of his wife's maiden name, "C.B.," for he knew that such a choice would serve a two-fold purpose. The initials would honor his wife and also would honor the battalion as "Sea Bee." Thus, Sea Bee Paule Fouchard was christened in honor of an informal battalion of godfathers who had attended her birth at the height of fighting in Normandy.

**02 July 1966:** NMCB 62 commissioned and was the first battalion assigned to the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, after the Center's mission was increased "to provide home base facilities for naval Construction Battalions."

**03 July 1965:** NMCB 10 completes construction of the 8,000-foot Short Airfield for Tactical Support at Chu Lai, RVN for the 1st Marine Air Wing.

**04 July 1942:** Advance Base Depot, Davisville, RI formally commissioned.

**04 July 1968:** Twelve Seabees reported to Vietnam for duty with Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 302 two days late. While bound for Vietnam, their aircraft has been forced down on a small island near Japan by Russian jets. The American crew and passengers were detained for 48 hours before the United States military chartered aircraft was released by the Russians. The incident occurred because the Russians claimed the aircraft had violated Soviet air space.

**05 July 1942:** The 4th NCB arrived at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. This was the first Seabee battalion to arrive in that area. Because of the variety of construction needs in Alaska, the battalion was employed at three different locations. One detachment of approximately 200 men went to Eider Point; another detachment of approximately 350 men went to Unalaska Village, on Unalaska Island; and the remaining men were quartered in the Fort Mears Area of Amaknak Island.

**06 July 1953:** NMCB 11 activated.

**07 July 2008:** Seabees assigned to NMCB 74 placed a concrete foundation at the Hamramba Primary School in Moroni, Comoros. NMCB 74 built the six-classroom schoolhouse as part of Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa project.

**07 July 2009:** NMCB 11 presented the battalion colors at Camp Mitchell, Rota Spain, reestablishing the base after closing down Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

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**09 July 1967:** At a dedication ceremony the NMCB 9 campsite was named in honor of UTP2 James O. Miller who was mortally wounded on 6 February 1967.

**10 July 1943:** The Seabees introduced their secret weapon on the beaches of Sicily: the famed magic boxes, the steel pontoon sections which revolutionized the strategy of amphibious warfare. The German and Italian defenders were dug in along the northern coastline of Sicily where the best beaches were located. There was only one thing wrong with the German strategy. They had not heard of the new development for joining pontoons to form invasion causeways. Captain John N. Laycock, CEC, USN, developed a method to join pontoons together by angle iron and bolting pads so that a string of these connected pontoons became a solid structure of cantilevered integrity. On D-Day, July 10, 1943, the Allied armada appeared off the southern coast between Scoglitti and Licata and sent infantry ashore across long strings of steel pontoons. Other pontoon structures constructed by the Seabees included the rhino ferry and the landing tug. Each was made by the simple expedient of putting together a couple of dozen pontoons and handing an outboard motor on them.

**10 July 1958:** When dissident elements in Lebanon threatened to overthrow the government of that country, the United States Sixth Fleet cruising in the Mediterranean was sent, at the request of the Lebanese government to Beirut to establish and maintain order. Seabees of ACB 2 attached to the Fleet participated in the action with their pontoon causeways when United States Marines were landed on July 10, 1958, and again when the Marines re-embarked several months later. The men of ACB 2 not only participated in the landings, but Beach Salvage Teams of the battalion were also active in the salvaging of broached boats and swamped vehicles and in the improving of the beaches and roads. The Seabees in Lebanon also built a road from the beaches to the Beirut Airport

**12 July 2006:** Builder 1st Class Jerry A. Tharp, NMCB 25, died when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated at a Seabee project site.

**13 July 2012:** Seabees from NMCB 40 performed its last turnover at Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan and returned to CONUS from a nine-month deployment to the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) area of responsibility. While returning for deployment may not be especially newsworthy, in this case it is. This is the final deployment for NMCB 40; the was disestablished in September.

**15 July 1942:** The 7th NCB left the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California for San Francisco, California. This was the first battalion to stage through Hueneme.

**20 July 1943:** MM3c Richard M. Maurer of Naval Construction Battalion 63 was cited for the Navy Silver Star following an attack near Bairoka Harbor, Munda by the 1st Marine Raider Regiment. A resident of Seattle, Washington before becoming a member of the 63rd Battalion, Maurer had made many friendships among the Marine Raiders when they were encamped close to the Seabees on Guadalcanal. When the Raiders embarked for their historic attack, Maurer slipped aboard without the permission of his superior officers. The gravity of his offense, for which he was ultimately brought to trial, was extenuated, however, by his gallant actions during the attack. From Marine sources, it was learned that Maurer, after attaching himself to a machine gun crew, had serviced and manned the gun with devastating effect upon the enemy when all other members of the crew had been killed or disabled by mortar fire. He continued by his gun until reinforcements arrived. The Marine officer in charge was enthusiastic in his praise of Maurer's performance and it was he who instituted citation proceedings.

**22 July 1968:** Master Chief William H. Shannon became the first Seabee Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of the Navy Civil Engineers. As advisor to the Commander, Chief Shannon acted as a point of contact at the Command Headquarters for all Group VIII personnel in the field.

**27 July 1967:** NMCB 11 dedicated Dong Ha camp as Camp Barnes in honor of EOCS DJ. Barnes who was fatally wounded at Khe Sanh.

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# US and Latvian Forces participate in BALTOPS 25

## U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet

U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 14 and Marines assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2d Marine Logistics Group, work alongside Latvian Army engineers to install a Submatt system to stabilize a temporary road surface during exercise Baltic Operations 2025 (BALTOPS 25), June 10, 2025, in Skrunda, Latvia. BALTOPS 25 is the premier maritime-focused annual military exercise in the Baltic region and provides a unique opportunity to strengthen warfighting readiness and combat credibility critical to deterrence and preserving safety and security in the Baltic Sea. (Photos by Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg)



U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 14 and Marines assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2d Marine Logistics Group conduct trench reinforcement training to increase combat engineering capabilities during exercise Baltic Operations 2025. (Photos by Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg)



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Latvian Armed Forces, U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 14, and U.S. Marines assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2d Marine Logistics Group, pose for a group photo at a completion ceremony recognizing the joint construction of Southwest Asia huts during BALTOPS 25 in Skrunda, Latvia, June 16, 2025. (Photos by Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg)



## Tributes...

### Honoring a Hero: SW2 (CUCM) Robert Dean Stethem

*In tribute to a fallen Seabee whose courage and sacrifice endure*

Forty years ago, on June 15, 1985, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Dean Stethem made the ultimate sacrifice—not on a battlefield, but during a terrorist hijacking. Today, we remember and honor a Seabee whose courage and unwavering strength continue to inspire.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Stethem graduated from Thomas Stone High School in 1980 and joined the Navy the following year. A proud Seabee and Steelworker, he was returning from an overseas assignment aboard TWA Flight 847 when the plane was hijacked. Identified as a U.S. Sailor, he was beaten and tortured. Despite the abuse, he refused to break—remaining resolute until he was killed at just 23 years old.

For his bravery, Stethem was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and the Prisoner of War Medal. He rests at Arlington National Cemetery, a place of honor for a man who gave his life in service.

In 1995, the Navy commissioned the USS Stethem (DDG-63) in Port Hueneme, California, proudly carrying his name and legacy. He was posthumously promoted to Steelworker Second Class and later honored as a Master Chief Constructionman (CUCM), a lasting tribute to his strength and sacrifice.

We remember Robert Dean Stethem as more than a Sailor—he was a true American hero who lived and died with Seabee honor.



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### Seabees Test Expeditionary Mobile Boat Ramp During BALTOPS 25

Master Chief Seabee Scott Balius of Orange County, California, assigned to Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, 22 Naval Construction Regiment oversees a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat launch while using a mobile expeditionary boat ramp on the beach during exercise Baltic Operations 2025 (BALTOPS 25) in Liepaja, Latvia, June 5, 2025. (Photos by Petty Officer 1st Class Melissa Russell).



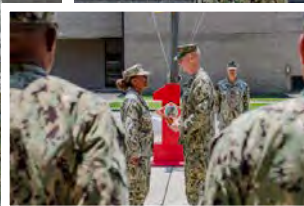
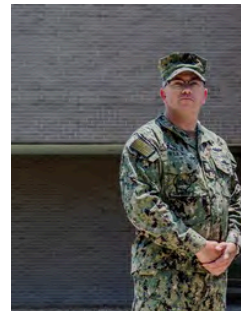
### NMCB 1 homeport operations



The winner of the 2024 **EOCN Camella J. Jones Award** is our very own ET2 Somoane Emecheta!

The EOCN Camella J. Jones award is presented to recognize one Junior Enlisted Seabee who has made the most outstanding contribution in perpetuating technical proficiency within their rating, innovated performance on the job, and recognized leadership above current paygrade.

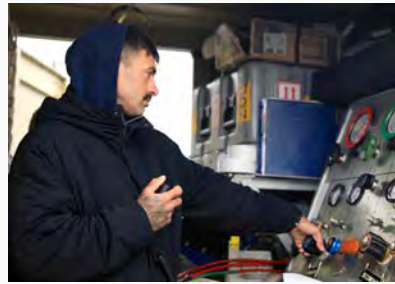
Be sure to join the First and the Finest in giving her a MASSIVE Bravo Zulu!!!



# UCT 1 Divers and Latvian Divers Remove Pylons During BALTOPS 25



LIEPAJA, Latvia—U.S. Marines, assigned to Slate Platoon, Apache Company, 2D Light Armored Reconnaissance, and the Portuguese Navy team from the Portuguese Fuzileiros Force in Lithuania 2025, pose for a photo before beginning joint training during exercise Baltic Operations 2025 (BALTOPS 25) in Liepaja, Latvia. (Photos by Chief Petty Officer Gilbert Bolibol)



U.S. Navy Seabee divers assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1, Construction Dive Detachment Alpha, observe the safe removal of a pylon from the waters as part of a navigation hazard removal project during exercise Baltic Operations 2025 (BALTOPS 25) in Liepaja, Latvia.



Latvian Sailors learn welding techniques from Steel Worker 2nd Class Patrick Head (right on each photo) of Flomaton, Alabama, assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1, Construction Dive Detachment Alpha, during exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 25 in Liepaja, Latvia.



## UCT 2 Divers meet 95-year old diver during Fleet Week: Los Angeles



LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

Story by Lt.Cmdr. Lyndsi Gutierrez  
Naval Construction Group ONE

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – Los Angeles Fleet Week (LAFW) 2025 brought thousands of visitors to the Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 demonstration tank over the course of the Memorial Day weekend, May 22-26.

For the Seabees of UCT-2, an unexpected visit from 95-year old Navy veteran diver, Wardell Stephens, led to a memorable experience.

Stephens was just another visitor amongst the crowd, until one of his family members came forward with a photograph of Stephens as a young Navy diver, showing it off to Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Patrick Simpson and Equipment Operator 2nd Class Timothy Kittle, who were diving inside the demonstration tank at the time.

“Seeing that photo was a surreal moment for me,” said Kittle. “That photo didn’t just show a man, it showed a legacy. And then to look out into the crowd and see that legacy standing only a few feet away, what an honor!”

Over the next half hour, Stephens humbly opened up about his history as a Navy

diver and overcoming the challenges he faced during his time in service.

Stephens, who was born in St. Louis, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1947 at the young age of 17. As a result of President Harry S. Truman’s desegregation of the military in 1948, Stephens was able to screen for and attend dive school. His dedication, hard work, and skill in the craft earned him his place within the Navy’s elite diving community when he graduated U.S. Navy School of Diving & Salvage School in January 1954, also making him the first African American to complete the rigorous training regimen, a pipeline that typically sees roughly 50% attrition rate amongst all candidates that begin the training. Stephens continued on to have a long and distinguished career as a Navy diver until he retired from the military in 1967 as a Boatswain’s Mate 1st Class Petty Officer / Navy Diver First Class.

“I shook hands with history today,” recalled Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Tyler Huntoon of meeting Stephens. “This is a man, a Navy diver, who’s stories run deeper than the sea.”

The differences in the equipment was a hot topic of conversation between them. Stephens joked about how easy the UCT divers have it today in comparison, with the current stainless steel KM-97 dive helmet weighing a mere 37 pounds

whereas the two MK-V helmet variants that Stephens used weighed 2-3 times as much, with the standard MK-V diving helmet weighing 68 pounds and the mixed gas diving helmet weighing 100 pounds.

Both variants of the MK-V were made of spun copper, and featured four sealed glass viewing ports and two goosenecks, one to provide the diver communications and the other their air supply. Like the MK-V dive helmets, the KM-97 used by the UCT divers also provides the divers a way of communicating. Using the topside communications system with Chief Construction Mechanic John Monahan’s assistance, Stephens was able to share a few words with Simpson and Kittle while they were underwater.

“Meeting Mr. Stephens and hearing his story was truly the highlight of Fleet Week for me,” said Monahan, leading chief petty officer and dive supervisor for UCT’s Delta detachment. “Knowing our past is vital to guiding our course into a better future.”

Stephens concluded his visit with UCT by taking a few photos with the divers, his family, and the other UCT Seabees outside the tank, truly capturing the spirit of LAFW by bringing these Sailors together, celebrating their Naval heritage and honoring their collective 70-year span of diving history.

U.S. Navy divers from Underwater Construction Team TWO (UCT 2) are improving Malakal Port to ensure safer and more efficient maritime operations for Palau. As part of Task Force 75’s mission, this project supports the long-term development of vital infrastructure throughout the Indo-Pacific region.



Since 1997, the DoD IRT program and Southwest Indian Foundation have built over 300 homes for families in need — and now NCB 22 is stepping up.

Our Seabees are proudly building a new 3-bedroom home on the Navajo reservation as part of Operation Footprint. Over 100 Seabees will rotate through, gaining hands-on training in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and more — all while making a lasting impact in the community.

Hard work. Real training. Stronger communities.

This is how NCB 22 builds and gives back.

## NCB 22 Seabees Giving Back!



## A new Seabee Monument dedicated at the Memphis National Cemetery

A new Seabee Memorial was dedicated on June 27 at the National Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee, thanks to the efforts of Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Island X-1 of Gulfport, Mississippi who funded the monument and setting fees. The monument honors the legacy of all who have served as Seabees.

Among those in attendance was CM3c Putnam Green, a 100-year-old WWII Seabee and Memphis native, who celebrated the occasion alongside fellow veterans, family, and supporters.

In addition to Mr. Green, participants included: Ricky & Marjene Burkhart, Gene Cowhick, Don Galster, Brent & Tessa Grimes, Ernie & Darlene Carpenter, Roger & Debbie Fouts, Bob & Susan Smith, Chett Winchell, and Ken & Charlene Ulander, Victor Cortese.

See the story from Action News 5: <https://bit.ly/4llvnrd>



## ...Always a Seabee!



### SW Florida

Once again all left with a smile at the monthly swarm of the Seabees of Southwest Florida.

Join us for our next swarm on July 12th, 10am at the I-Hop in Port Charlotte. So far we have raised almost 300.00 for the Southwest Florida Honor flight we will continue having 50-50s for them.

Front: Ron Larrivee, Pete Emmet, Tony Vito,

Back: Bill Hill, Richard Myers, Ken Fuchs, Marvin Hanson, Rick Eaton, Phil Marchesseault, John Wilson, George Rankin (honorary Bee), Mike Blumenaver (honorary Bee), Dan Perrine. Missing from the picture Bud Parker and Jay Smith

# NMCB 11 completes 2025 Field Training Exercise

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES  
Story by Petty Officer 1st Class James  
Hong  
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11

“[FTX] creates a challenge of first contact with our plans and how we adapt in the face of adversity,” said Lt. Cmdr. Tyler Williams, NMCB-11’s executive officer. “The team performed well and demonstrated leadership in the field and at Headquarters.”

GULFPORT, Miss. (June 18, 2025) - U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 completed their 2025 Field Training Exercise (FTX) and returned to their home station on Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, Miss., June 18, 2025.

Successful completion of FTX certifies NMCB-11 for their upcoming deployment in support of Naval operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

The FTX, dubbed “Operation Turning Point” and administered by Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2, began on June 1 and simulated an island-based expeditionary deployment.

NMCB-11, assigned to NCG-2, is homeported in Gulfport, Ms., as part of the Naval Construction Force (NCF). The NCF is a vital component in U.S. Maritime Strategy and is composed of deployable battalions capable of providing contingency construction, disaster preparation and recovery support, humanitarian assistance, and combat operations support for regional partners and combatant commanders.

In a departure from previous large-unit FTXs, the battalion was split up into specialty construction companies. These companies individually handled construction and tactical scenarios while maintaining a line of communications and logistics with battalion headquarters.

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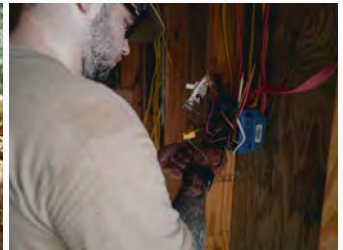
Advanced Base Construction Companies deployed to Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Miss., to establish and defend an expeditionary base camp complete with water purification services and a network of hardened bunkers.

Airfield Construction Companies, experts in rapid runway repair, were sent to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans in Belle Chase, La., where they repaired damaged airfields and constructed wooden Southwest Asia huts for general use.

Waterfront Construction Companies, who specialize in maritime infrastructure, set up camp on a derelict pier in the port of Gulfport, Miss., to construct concrete seawalls and a boat ramp made of individually casted concrete “steps”.

Headquarters Company, operating out of NCBC Gulfport, maintained the communication network between the four sites’ command posts and served as the lynchpin for the exercise’s “command and signal” aspect.

In addition to their construction duties, all individual companies were assessed on tactical skills, such as rules of engagement, repulsing enemy attacks and the treatment of casualties.



## NMCB 11 completes 2025 Field Training Exercise



## NMCB 11 participates in Continuing Promise 2025

CARRIACOU, GRENADA

Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas Boatright  
U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command / U.S. 4th Fleet

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 (NMCB-11) load supplies onto an MH-60 Sierra Seahawk helicopter assigned to the "Dragon Whales" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 28 during Continuing Promise 2025 in Carriacou, Grenada, June 15, 2025.



Continuing Promise 2025 is the 16th iteration of the U.S. 4th Fleet/U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command-led mission since 2007, which aims to foster goodwill, strengthen existing partnerships with partner nations, and form new partnerships between host nations, non-federal entities, and international organizations. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Thomas Boatright)

## Remembering CSI Regina R. Clark: A Life of Service and Sacrifice

### Tributes...

*Honoring a Seabee who answered the call—again and again*

Twenty years ago, on June 23, 2005, U.S. Navy Culinary Specialist First Class (CSI) Regina R. Clark was killed in action while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A member of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment based in Port Hueneme, CA, Clark was temporarily assigned to II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) when her convoy was struck by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in Fallujah, Iraq.

Born in Kassel, Germany, and a resident of Centralia, Washington, Clark was 43 years old at the time of her death. A proud Navy Sailor and Desert Storm veteran, she came from a family of Navy service—her father and brother both served. Called up one week after the attacks of September 11, 2001, she went on to serve aboard USS Nimitz and later deployed to Kuwait. Her life was defined by service, sacrifice, and strength.

CSI Regina R. Clark is survived by her son, Kerry. She is remembered not only for her dedication to country, but for the deep impact she made in her community and among her fellow service members. Her legacy endures in the hearts of all who knew her and in the Seabee community she so faithfully served.





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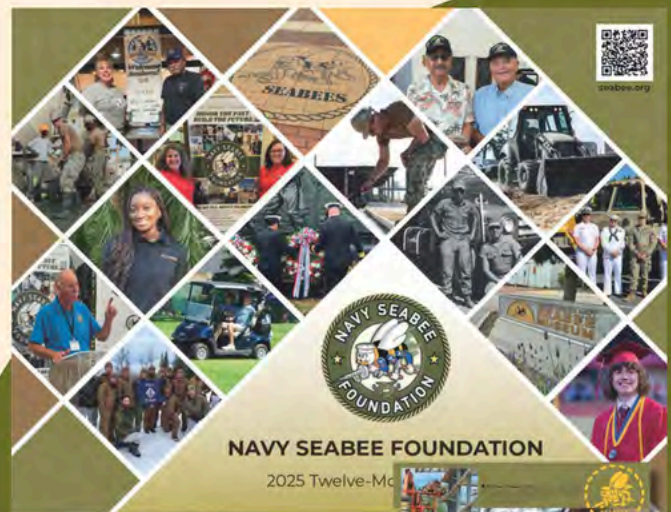
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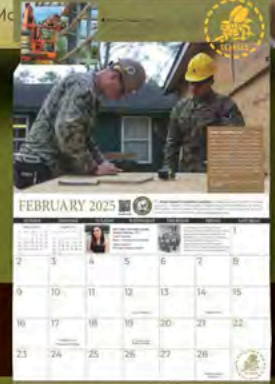
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Last year saw 28 OktoBEEfest events around the globe. This year new locations will be added for even more exposure for your sponsorship! For more information about sponsorship, email us at [info@seabee.org](mailto:info@seabee.org).

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## 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).



### Road Home Program

It is an honor to work alongside the many veterans who are part of our Rush community and a privilege to serve all veterans and their families with outstanding patient care, education and research. You have served our country well and have earned the right to the best medical care our country can provide.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to compassionately care for veterans, service members, and their families by providing individualized care and navigation of services to help heal the invisible wounds of war.

### Our Vision

Our vision is to champion and empower veterans and their families.

### Our Values

Innovation. Collaboration. Accountability. Respect. Excellence.  
(I CARE).

The Road Home Program is dedicated to the mental health and wellness of veterans, service members, members of the National Guard, reservists and families at no cost and regardless of discharge status. Call us at (312) 942-8387 (VETS) or fill out the Get Care form from their website.

MEMBER OF THE WARRIOR CARE NETWORK

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

# REUNIONS & EVENTS

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

## 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

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

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

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

8 **OktoBEEfest Georgia**  
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

22 **OktoBEEfest Norfolk**  
Wednesday, October 22

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

23 **OktoBEEfest Gulport**  
Thursday, October 23



For the complete OktoBEEfest lineup, go to [OktoBEEfest.org](http://OktoBEEfest.org)

Want to host an OktoBEEfest in your area? Visit [OktoBEEfest.org](http://OktoBEEfest.org) to find out how!

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).

### New Life Takes Root at the Seabee Museum

The Navy Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme has a beautiful new addition—a vibrant succulent garden, now welcoming visitors with its fresh, sustainable charm. This collaborative project was made possible through the support and spirit of service that define the Seabee community. The Navy Seabee Foundation provided essential supplies and equipment to bring the garden to life, while volunteers from American Heritage Girls Troop CA 1412 rolled up their sleeves and did the planting. Their efforts helped transform a patch of earth into a blooming tribute to growth, legacy, and teamwork.

Planning and execution were led by the dedicated professionals from the Center for Seabees Facilities and Engineering (CSFE), the Civil Engineer Corps Officer School (CECOS), and the Naval Facilities Institute (NFI). Their vision and leadership ensured the project not only reflected the values of the Seabees but also added lasting value to the museum experience. This new garden stands as a living symbol of community partnership and the enduring Can Do spirit.



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.



## Order your 2026 Seabee Calendar

Reserve your 2026 Seabee Calendar with a minimum donation of \$15. Available by pre-order only-- and only through August 31, 2025.

Click on the pictures to go directly to pages.

**TRANSFORM LIVES WITH YOUR DONATION**

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

5/28/25 **NEW UPDATE**

## CAN DO Career Connection

THANK YOU to our recent "Can DO" business partners:

- Williamson County Schools (1 job)
- Smithsonian Institution (3 jobs)
- Marco Contractors, Inc. (1 job)
- Bechtel (3 jobs)

**FREE for employers and job seekers!**  
[www.seabee.org](http://www.seabee.org)

## Tell Us Your CAN DO Success Story!

We want to hear from you!  
Employees and employers who have had success with help from the 'Can Do' Career Connection -- let us know!

**CAN DO Career Connection**

### Stay Connected with the Navy Seabee Foundation Online

Want to see the impact of your support in real-time? Follow the Navy Seabee Foundation on social media to stay up to date on inspiring stories, historical highlights, scholarship spotlights, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved. Our social media channels are a daily celebration of the Seabee spirit—from honoring our veterans to sharing the achievements of today's Seabee families.

You can find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/NavySeabeeFoundation](https://facebook.com/NavySeabeeFoundation), Instagram at [@navyseabeefoundation](https://@navyseabeefoundation), and LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/seabeefoundation](https://linkedin.com/company/seabeefoundation). Every like, share, and comment helps amplify our mission and connect the Seabee community worldwide. Join the conversation today!

**LIKE & FOLLOW  
THE NAVY SEABEE  
FOUNDATION TO  
STAY IN THE KNOW!**



# 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.



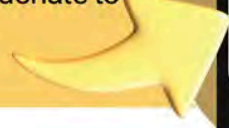
## Text to Give

Text "Seabee" to 44321 to donate from your phone



## Venmo Donation

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

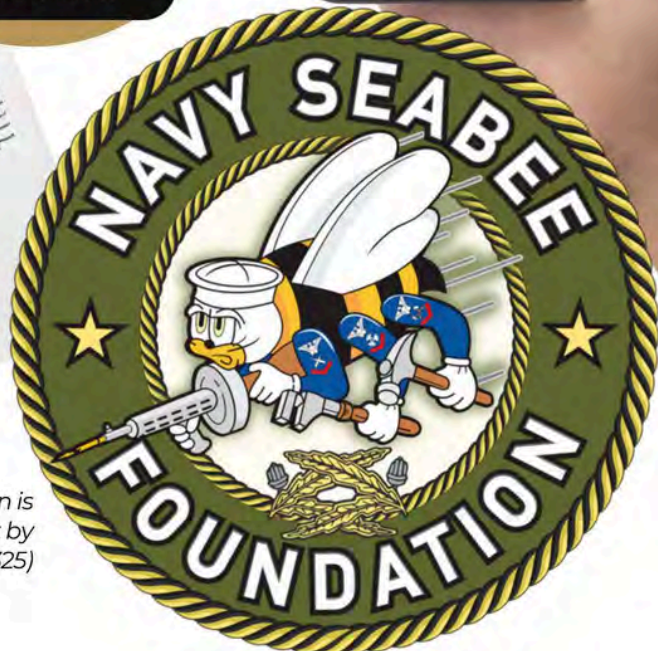


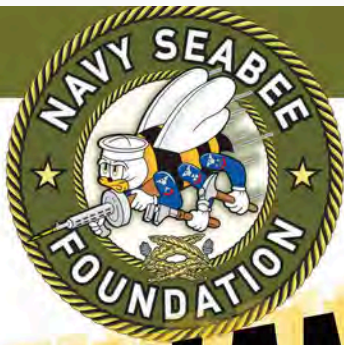
## Donate by Mail

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)





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