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U.S. Navy Seabee Museum Grand Hall



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The Grand Hall has undergone a few changes! The next time you visit the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, you may notice that some exhibits and displays have been moved. Be sure to take another look around—you might discover something you missed before!

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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U.S. Navy Seabee Museum Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary

The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum has officially unveiled its new exhibit, America 250, which commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. The new exhibit features a wide range of informative displays designed to enhance visitors' understanding of the Navy's enduring legacy and its significant connections to Ventura County and the broader community. The exhibit provides an engaging and educational experience for all attendees, aiming to enhance visitors' understanding of the complex and interconnected histories of the United States, the Navy, and Ventura County.

This engaging exhibit has been organized into three distinct sections:

- An Enduring Partnership
- Doing History at the US Navy Seabee Museum
- The Navy and Ventura County

This exhibit aims to engage people of all ages, offering an enriching opportunity to explore and appreciate the profound impact of the Navy on our cultural and historical landscape. We welcome you to visit the museum and discover our new exhibit dedicated to honoring and remembering the rich history of our nation and the Navy.



A Seabee's Story: Clifford M. Maurer, CAPT, CEC, USN, Ret.

This is a Navy Seabee Foundation newsletter series where Seabees share a little about themselves and their ties to the Seabees. It begins with a possible questionnaire to get the storytelling juices flowing, but they may divert from the questions in any way they want to share their story however they choose. If you're interested in telling your story, please let us know.

This is Cliff's story:

Tell me about your military service, or ties to the Seabees:

I served three tours of duty with the US Navy Seabees:

NMCB THREE (May 1988 – Apr 1991)

Guam Deployment (Nov 1988 – July 1989)
S3A & AirDet OIC
Rota Deployment (Dec 1989 – Aug 1990)
Sigonella Det OIC (150 persons)

NMCB FORTY (Jul 1996 – Jul 1998) S3

Rota Deployment (Jul 1996 – Jan 1997)
Redeployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Op.
JOINT ENDEAVOR (Sep – Dec 1996)
Guam Deployment (Aug 1997 – Mar 1998)

NMCB SEVENTY-FOUR (Jun 2002 – Jul 2004) CO

Guam Deployment (Oct 2002 – Nov 2002)
OP. ENDURING/IRAQI FREEDOM (Nov 2002 – Jun 2003)
Kuwait (Ahmed Al Jabber, Ali A Salim, Camp 93, Iraq w/ I MARDIV)
OP. IRAQI FREEDOM (Jan 2004 – Jul 2004)
Camp Fallujah w/ I MEF

What years (and how many) did you serve?

Commissioned: May 1984
Retired: Dec 2013
Years served: 29

What command/s did you serve in?

NPWC Pensacola
NMCB THREE
MCB Quantico (AROICC)
NAVFAC HQ
NMCB FORTY
CECOS
Naval Base San Diego
NMCB SEVENTY-FOUR
OPNAV
NAVFAC Hawaii
NAVFAC HQ
NAVFAC Southwest

Which one was your favorite?

I have no one favorite command. But for certain, my least favorite were my three Washington, D.C. tours. The people were great and the work they performed was essential to our Navy and our nation. But, I would have much rather been in the field where the real work of being in the Navy and the Seabees, was getting done.

All three Seabee tours were truly memorable and an honor for me to be a part of such a storied legacy. In almost every other command, there were Seabees in one way or another associated with those commands. Without exception, they all lived up to the "Can Do" motto and were a reassurance that our nation was in good hands.

Got a good sea story? (yes, this Navy Times article)

Military Times (Navy Times)
2003 Sailor of the Year winner
Mess Specialist 1st Class Steven Cheaney

GULFPORT, Mississippi - If you're ever stuck in the desert, you'd better hope you're near Petty Officer 1st Class Steven C. Cheaney. While serving as a 2nd Class Petty Officer mess cook for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-74 (Seabees) attached to the 3rd Marine Air Wing in Kuwait, Petty Officer Cheaney worked every angle to get decent chow to the Seabees as they built a Marine air base. It meant not being satisfied with getting the troops three squares a day but getting the best meals available.

While the Air Force had an excellent dining facility nearby, the Seabees seldom saw the inside of it – they ate all meals at the project site. Petty Officer Cheaney swapped out MREs for hot meals and tirelessly worked the Air Force system to get his Seabees hot chocolate, fresh fruit, cookies, bottled fruit drinks and midnight rations.



The efforts of Petty Officer Cheaney were crucial for a battalion that worked arduous 14- to 16-hour days in the hot desert sun and nights in the freezing, stiff desert wind, building a 21-acre parking apron for Marine F/A-18 Hornets to conduct close-air support missions for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The project was the largest battalion undertaking in three decades, and the Seabees did it in a remarkable three months. "The only thing they had to look forward to each day were their meals, and he did whatever it took to support the troops and make their lives better," said one officer. And it was more than just the good chow, it was his example, the way he cared which lifted morale.

According to his executive officer, "Petty Officer Cheaney's unrelenting positive attitude and tireless efforts working longer hours than those on the project site, from the first of the morning to the last at night, is what got the guys through the job." His commanding officer said, "If one agrees with Gen. Colin Powell's lesson 12 from his Leadership Primer that 'Perpetual optimism is a force-multiplier,' then Petty Officer Cheaney is the best force-multiplier I've got. All too often the magnificent and dedicated contributions of the support positions behind the scenes are overlooked. Petty Officer Cheaney was every bit as important to the success of this project as was my most knowledgeable builder." That's quite a compliment when you are in a 670 troop-sized construction unit.

From November through January, the battalion worked every day – taking only Christmas Day off – and delivered the project on schedule. After completing the work, the battalion relocated to a Tactical Assembly Area, where the Seabees built Camp 93 while living in challenging field conditions. At the time, the host nation was contracted to provide meal services, but those services were delayed due to the rapid infusion of troops into Kuwait. Again stepping up to the role of a more senior NCO, Petty Officer Cheaney delivered more than just MREs, securing the Seabees breakfast cereal and pastries, milk, yogurt, fresh fruit, juices, peanut butter and jelly and other special items not readily available.

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A Seabee's Story: Clifford M. Maurer

"It's often the simple things that can make a world of difference in a sailor's day," said one officer. "In that harsh environment, he kept our spirit up and supported us in very way. He was an inspiration," said one Seabee. Navy Seabees and others involved in logistical and support roles often go without accolades. Even among the Seabees, equipment operators, engineers and steelworkers usually get the recognition. And the role of a Navy cook is often a particularly thankless job. "But here you have a Navy Cook who loves his job of taking care of teammates, and whose dedication and attitude made a huge impact and difference," said his executive officer.

Petty Officer 1st Class Steven C. Cheaney, the man who fed the troops and buoyed their spirits during a tough time in the desert, is a true unsung hero behind our unsung heroes.

What was your rate and final paygrade?

Captain

What did you do after the Navy?

- Consulting (Environmental & Renewable Energy)
- Director of Public Services and Engineering, City of Coronado (7 yrs)
- Director of Public Works, City of Santa Barbara (3 ½ yrs)
- Business Sector Lead, BKF (current)

How did being a Seabee impact your life?

Being a Seabee afforded me the opportunity to serve our great nation alongside some of country's very best. Every moment was professionally challenging and personally fulfilling.

The Can Do spirit becomes a part of who you are. Challenges are seen as obstacles to be defeated, not as roadblocks. As a smaller, tightknit community within the World's greatest Navy, the Seabees are a true brotherhood (sisters included!).

What is something else you do that might be interesting to fellow Seabees?

Every year in mid-March, a group of former Seabees stay at Goldminer's Daughter Lodge in Alta, UT. There we ski the incredible powder of Alta Ski Area and Snowbird Resort. Each day we share breakfast and dinner together. Lots of Seabee stories are told, and not surprisingly, they get better and bolder every year! Imagine that!

In the below photo are five Seabees (four of which were former Battalion CO's), two children of Seabees, and one brother of a Seabee.



A Name with History, A Mission with Purpose

LIEPAJA, LATVIA

Baltic Ops 2026

22 NCR, 14 NCB

Story and photos by Chief Petty Officer
Justin Stumberg
22nd Naval Construction Regiment

Before Camp Turtle was a location, it was a mission.

U.S. Navy Seabees arrived in Liepāja with equipment, tools, and a familiar purpose: build what the force needs, where the force needs it.

Naval Construction Forces personnel established expeditionary infrastructure in support of Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026, helping stage, coordinate, sustain, and support operations in one of Europe's most strategically significant maritime regions.

Camp Turtle is a working site for the Seabees. Planning, logistics, labor, and practical skill turn limited infrastructure into operational capability. Tents, tools, equipment, and coordination spaces are part of the visible work. The larger mission is less visible but just as important: enabling naval forces to operate forward, remain flexible, and support Allied objectives across the Baltic Sea region.

"Camp Turtle represents what Seabees are built to do: arrive with a mission, assess what is needed, and turn a piece of ground into a place that supports the force," said Lt. Thomas McDowell, 22nd Naval Construction Regiment operations officer. "Every part of the site contributes to readiness and helps enable the larger BALTOPS mission."

The name also carries meaning beyond the work taking place at the site.

Camp Turtle draws from a local connection to U.S. naval history in the Baltic Sea. It honors the PB4Y-2 Privateer Turbulent Turtle, a U.S. Navy aircraft assigned to Patrol Squadron 26 that was lost over the Baltic Sea near Liepāja on April 8, 1950. The aircraft and its crew became part of the early Cold War history tied to the waters off this Latvian port city.

"The name connects today's work with the Sailors who served in this region before us," said McDowell. "It reminds us that readiness is not only about what we build today, but also about the legacy we carry forward."

Today, U.S. Navy personnel are operating in Liepāja alongside Allies and partners during BALTOPS 2026. The long-running maritime exercise strengthens Allied readiness, interoperability, and security throughout the Baltic Sea region.

Camp Turtle reflects naval heritage in action, connecting remembrance of past service with the readiness required for today's mission.

During BALTOPS 2026, Seabee construction extends naval reach ashore. Forward support infrastructure helps create the conditions for forces to operate, coordinate, and sustain themselves beyond established facilities.

The name Camp Turtle connects the site to a chapter of naval history rooted in the Baltic Sea. The work taking place there during BALTOPS 2026 carries that connection forward, linking remembrance with the practical demands of readiness.

Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allies, international partners, and other U.S. government departments and agencies to advance U.S. national interests, security and stability in Europe and Africa.

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) 14 construct and secure expeditionary camp infrastructure during exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026 in Liepaja, Latvia



Left: Senior Chief Constructionman Mario Padillacruz, assigned to 22nd Naval Construction Regiment, drives in a stake while constructing and securing expeditionary camp infrastructure during exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026 in Liepaja, Latvia,



NCB 14 Seabees, Latvian Engineers Build Expeditionary Arctic Bee Hut During BALTOPS 2026

Photos by Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg
22nd Naval Construction Regiment

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) 14 work with Latvian engineers to create an expeditionary Arctic Bee Hut during exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026, in Liepaja, Latvia, June 10, 2026. BALTOPS 2026, the premiere maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Sea region, provides a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea.



ACB 1 Seabees, UCT 1 Divers Turn Temporary Launch Site into Lasting Baltic Access Point

LIEPAJA, LATVIA

Story and photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class
Sisi Lopez Barahona

22nd Naval Construction Regiment

For years, launching a vessel into the Baltic Sea from Camp Turtle required U.S. Navy and allied forces to roll a massive aluminum ramp into the water and haul it back out after each use.

During Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026, that process changed.

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 1 and divers from Underwater Construction Team (UCT) One, Construction Dive Detachment Charlie (CDD/C), built a joint construction management system boat ramp at the temporary training site, transforming it from an expeditionary launch point into a more durable shoreline access capability.

"This ramp enables the Latvians to deploy ships close to their base," said Construction Electrician Chief Elliot McFeely, ACB 1's project lead. "It gives the Latvians, and future BALTOPS exercises, the possibility to deploy ships close to Camp Turtle using a more permanent structure."

The completed ramp gives Latvian forces and future BALTOPS participants a fixed launch and recovery point near Camp Turtle, improving access to Karosta harbor and supporting training, response and sustainment operations in the Baltic region.

"This project will assist the Latvians with training and operations at their dive school, and other naval operations, by giving them an access point to launch craft into the Karosta harbor," said Lt. j.g. Alice Morgan, UCT One CDD/C officer in charge. "Overall, this project supports a strong partnership between the U.S. and Latvian Navy."

The ramp also served as a test of a pre-engineered design intended to support future expeditionary construction and ship-to-shore logistics. By prefabricating materials before arriving on site, ACB 1 can evaluate how quickly similar ramps could be assembled to support seaports of debarkation in other locations.



"It's kind of an experimental design meant to be utilized throughout the world in different environments," McFeely said. "ACB 1 is out here testing the construction in this theater."

Building the ramp required coordination between surface construction and underwater engineering. While ACB 1 led construction from the shoreline, UCT One divers handled the underwater foundation work needed to prepare the site.

"Our divers were responsible for supporting the concrete toe cap, which is the end of the boat ramp in the water," Morgan said. "We have been dredging the seafloor to the appropriate depth, and we assisted with placement of the toe cap and the concrete pour."

Morgan said the handoff point between the two teams came where ACB 1 personnel could safely and effectively work from the surface.

"Even slightly below the water line, it was most efficient to have divers with water mobility keeping their heads in and making sure everything was being installed according to the drawings," Morgan said.

The project also relied heavily on host-nation logistical support. When material challenges arose, coordination between U.S. forces and Latvian logistics personnel helped keep the project moving.

"Anytime we needed materials, Latvian logistics personnel would go out to town and get us everything we needed," McFeely said. "Without that logistical support, our project would be pretty much nowhere."

That support also extended to the U.S. and Royal Netherlands dive team.

"The Latvians have been a great support for our overall project needs," Morgan said. "We have also been working with the Royal Dutch Navy divers from their Mobile Salvage Team. They assisted on the boat ramp, bubble curtain placement, and made a lot of progress on a salvage project that we were tasked with so we could continue to support the boat ramp. They are a very impressive team of skilled divers, and we would love to work with them again."

While BALTOPS 2026 showcased combined maritime capabilities across the NATO alliance, the completed ramp in Liepāja provides a tangible example of what that cooperation can produce. The project improved shoreline access for training and operations while giving U.S. and allied forces practical experience building expeditionary infrastructure in a contested maritime region.

"Our culmination moment was when we fit the last pre-fabricated panel into place and saw the boat ramp starting to come out of the water," said McFeely. "Everybody sighed with relief. It was a great learning experience, and my team did an outstanding job."

BALTOPS 2026 is the premier maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Sea region, providing a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea.

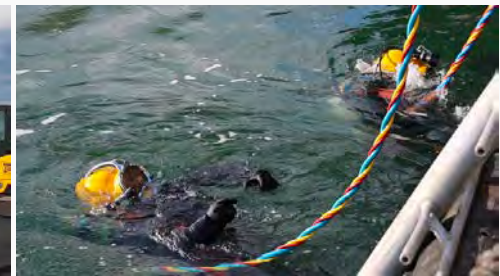
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UCT 1 and Royal Netherlands Navy Divers Advance Boat Ramp Construction in Latvia

LIEPAJA, LATVIA

*Photos by Petty Officer 1st Class Brandie Nuzzi and Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg
22nd Naval Construction Regiment*

U.S. Navy Seabee divers assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) ONE, Construction Dive Detachment Charlie (CDD/C), work with Royal Netherlands Navy divers to position equipment during placement of a concrete toe block as part of a boat ramp construction project during Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026 in Liepaja, Latvia, June 7, 2026. BALTOPS 2026, the premier maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Sea region, provides a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea.



Combined Dive Teams Install Counter-Unmanned Underwater Vehicle System During BALTOPS 2026

LIEPAJA, LATVIA

*Photos by Chief Petty Officer Justin Stumberg
22nd Naval Construction Regiment*

U.S. Navy Seabee divers assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) ONE, Construction Dive Detachment Charlie (CDD/C) and Royal Netherlands Navy divers recover lines and equipment from a rigid-hull inflatable boat while installing a counter-unmanned underwater vehicle system during Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026 in Liepaja, Latvia, June 9, 2026. BALTOPS 2026, the premier maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Sea region, provides a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea.



ACB 1 prepares for Boat Ramp Construction during BALTOPS 2026

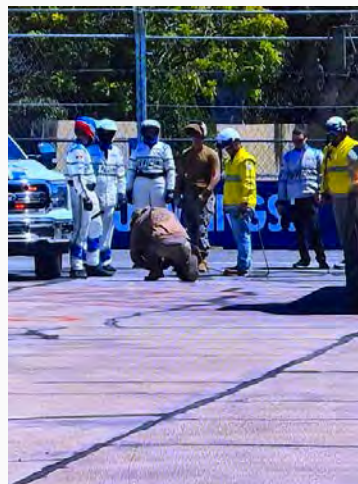
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Seabees assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion 1 (ACB 1) prepare materials for a boat ramp construction during exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026 in Liepaja, Latvia, June 7, 2026. BALTOPS 2026, the premiere maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Sea region, provides a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea.



ACB 1 Seabees representing at San Diego NASCAR race!



ACB 1 begins to finalize Boat Ramp Construction during BALTOPS 2026

LIEPAJA, LATVIA

Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Brandie Nuzzi
22nd Naval Construction Regiment

U.S. Navy Sailors, assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 1, prepare to pour cement for a boat ramp during Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 2026 in Liepaja, Latvia, June 17, 2026. BALTOPS 2026, the premiere maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Sea region, provides a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea.



Always a Seabee...

Baton Rouge, LA

Great seeing our members together again. We had a great gathering and great food. Thanks to all our attendees! (L to R: EO2 Donald Marcel, Honeybee Tammy Marcel, PrincessBee Gabby Marcel, Honeybee Sandy Dietz, YN3 James Dietz, BU3 Ralph King and our Chief, CEC Pat Hodges)



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01 July 1972: The brig at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, CA closed its doors after 26 years of almost uninterrupted operation dating back to the end of World War II. During the war years there were 11 brigs in the area. Not so many when you consider that the military population was over 27,000 at the time. With the reduction of operations and personnel at the war's end, correctional facilities were reduced to one building. Operation of the brig was continuous from 1946 except for a brief 10-month hiatus from October 1949 until August 1950 when the brig was temporarily closed for economic reasons. The brig or correctional center, as it was officially called from 1969 until it closed, was closed because of the low prisoner population.

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.

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 Richard 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."

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 1862: In the reorganization of the Navy on this date the Bureau of Navy Yards and Docks became the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

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.

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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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.

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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 hanging 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.

16 July 1968: The dedication ceremony for Camp Haines was held with RADM J.V. Bartlett, Commander, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, as guest speaker. The camp was dedicated in honor of EOC John C. Haines who was killed during NMCB 4's 1967 deployment to Da Nang, RVN.

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.

24 July 1944: Tinian was invaded by United States Marines, accompanied by the 18th and 121st NCBs. The Seabees brought their bulldozers and pontoon causeways ashore on D-Day. Because Tinian's narrow beaches were covered with low coral cliffs, the Seabees devised and operated special movable ramps called Doodlebugs. These Doodlebugs made the landings possible.

31 July 1972: Equipment Operator Constructionman Camella J. Jones became the first ever female Seabee at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas

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NMCB 1: Fijian Prime Minister Visits Nabua Village Schoolhouse Project

SAVUSAVU, FIJI

Courtesy Story

Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific

SAVUSAVU, Fiji – The Prime Minister of Fiji, Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka, met with U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 to discuss their 2-room schoolhouse construction project at Nabua Village, in SavuSavu, Fiji, June 3, 2026.

The project is part of the enduring Pacific Partnership mission reflecting the longstanding cooperation between Fiji and the U.S. Navy to strengthen community resilience and support critical-infrastructure development.

During the visit, Rabuka spoke directly with the Seabees working alongside Fijian partners to complete the schoolhouse, applauding their efforts and reiterating Fiji’s close relationship with the United States. Once completed, the new facility will provide a safe and resilient learning environment for the children in Nabua Village.

“Having Prime Minister Rabuka visit the construction team underscores the importance of this schoolhouse to the Nabua Village community,” said Lt. j.g. Arizona Lenski, officer in charge of the NMCB-1 Fiji Detachment. “From the beginning, our focus has been on delivering a safe and resilient learning environment for the children of Nabua Village. Knowing this facility will serve students and families for years to come makes this project especially meaningful.”

The Nabua Village schoolhouse project highlights how Pacific Partnership brings together partner nations, local

communities, and subject matter experts to address shared challenges and invest in long-term capacity building. Through engineering engagements such as this, participants strengthen relationships, exchange expertise, and contribute to infrastructure supporting communities beyond the completion of the mission.

“The dedication of both our Seabees and the local Fijian community is about more than just this one project. It is about building lasting relationships and enhancing our collective ability to support one another in times of need,” said Lenski. “Working hand-in-hand with our Fijian partners has been an inspiring experience that reinforces our shared dedication to the region’s future.”

NMCB-1 is a deployable Seabee battalion that specializes in contingency construction, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, and combat operations support. As “The First and the Finest” of the Naval Construction Force, the battalion provides rapid, responsive engineering and military construction capabilities globally to support theater security cooperation, joint operations, and humanitarian endeavors such as Pacific Partnership.

Now in its 20th year and 22nd iteration, the Pacific Partnership series is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster management preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific. Through collaboration with host and partner nations, the mission enhances regional preparedness, strengthens interoperability and disaster response capabilities, and fosters new and enduring friendships and partnerships directly contributing to regional security and stability.



NMCB 1 operations

Camp Covington, Guam

Building Readiness from the Ground Up

Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE made significant progress on a first-in-class pre-engineered building at Camp Covington, Guam. Once complete, the 8,000-square-foot facility will provide covered, climate-controlled storage for Naval Construction Force equipment and materials, enhancing readiness and sustainment across the region.

Designed as a relocatable system, the project showcases innovative construction methods that expand expeditionary infrastructure capabilities and provide modular solutions for forward-deployed forces. By delivering resilient, adaptable facilities, Seabees continue to strengthen the Navy's ability to operate wherever the mission requires. Photos by LTJG Peter Nguyen (30NCR) and BU3 Roger Ibarra (NMCB1)



Gulfport, MS

Concrete placement

Airfield Construction Company 2 pours concrete foundation Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) ONE place a concrete footer for a Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) wall on Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport in Gulfport, Mississippi, June 9, 2026. NMCB ONE is conducting homeport operations as part of the employment phase of the force readiness training plan (F RTP) (U.S. Navy photos by SW1 Kyle Wilson)



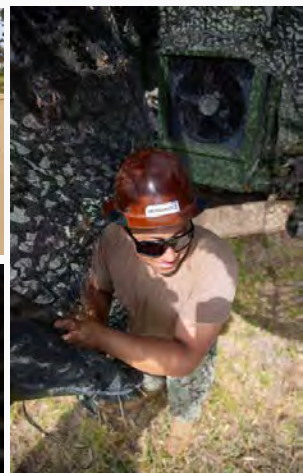
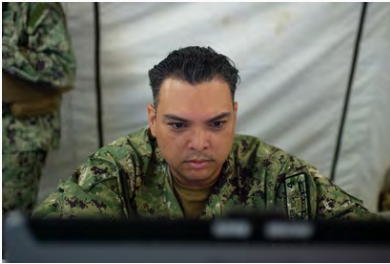
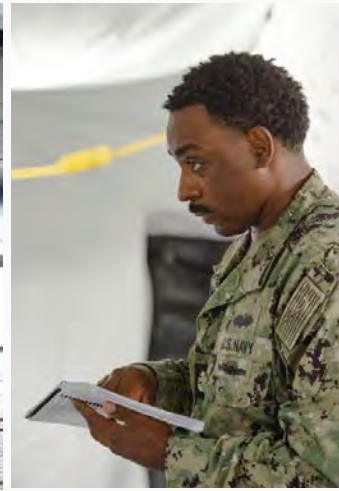
NMCB 4 operations

Port Hueneme, CA

Seabees setup camp for COMMX and CPX

COMMX, communications exercise, and CPX, command post exercise, are both necessary evolutions in qualifying the battalion for future exercises and deployment.

NMCB4 Seabees recently completed a communications exercise, COMMEX, an important milestone toward deployment qualification. During COMMEX, our battalion evaluated its proficiency using communications equipment in several scenarios meant to simulate deployment tasking.



Port Hueneme, CA

Pre-deployment training

It feels like we just got back. NMCB Seabees are entering our pre-deployment training phase! HOORAH BACK 9!



Point Mugu, CA

Range Day

NMCB4 has qualified more Seabees on the M4! Many thanks to the GMs and civilian instructors at Naval Construction Group ONE for facilitating another great day at the range.

Father and son serve in Diego Garcia five decades apart

*Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jawad Dughmush
U.S. Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia*

When Cmdr. Jesse Packard arrived on Diego Garcia in August 2025 as the chief staff officer for Maritime Pre-Positioning Squadron Two, he stepped into a command facing significant organizational challenges.

As chief staff officer, Jesse coordinates personnel, resources and operations that support Military Sealift Command's global mission. He works alongside Sailors, civilian mariners and partner organizations to ensure the command remains prepared to support military operations across the region.

But for Jesse, Diego Garcia is more than a strategic military outpost. It is a place deeply connected to his family's history.

In March 1971, his father, Equipment Operator 3rd Class William "Bill" Packard, arrived on Diego Garcia with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40. He along with other Seabees transformed a remote atoll into a strategic military base. More than five decades later, his son would serve on the very base he helped build.

Both Bill and Jesse would each contribute to Diego Garcia's mission in different ways. Bill helped build the island's foundation as a Seabee, while Jesse helps sustain the mission it supports today. The values Bill learned during his deployment would later help shape the leader his son would become.

"It would not be much of an exaggeration to say I learned where Diego Garcia was before learning my U.S. geography," Jesse said.

Growing up in Union, Maine, Jesse heard stories and saw family slides of Diego Garcia presented by his father, which became a fond family tradition. This made for a stronger connection to the remote island before he even got there.

For Bill, the deployment was defined by diligence, innovation and service. These values influenced Jesse's approach to leadership.

One of Bill's first jobs was unloading construction equipment from cargo ships arriving at Diego Garcia. While working inside the ships, he noticed crews were removing every piece of wood used to secure the equipment before it could be driven off and wondered if there was a faster way to do it.

"Can I show you?" Bill asked, "You take off just a couple key pieces of dunnage and then drive over the rest.

This and other solutions that innovatively improved processes made him a trusted member of the team. He later helped build the island's runway, finding faster and more efficient ways to complete the work

and keep construction moving forward. Decades later, the same emphasis on problem-solving would influence Jesse's approach to innovation in Diego Garcia.

"The position had been vacant for months, and staffing had fallen from roughly 70 percent to 44 percent." Jesse said.

Jesse helped stabilize the staff by securing reserve support and improving internal processes, ensuring the squadron remained ready to support Military Sealift Command's mission from a strategic outpost within the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility.

As a Seabee, Bill helped build Diego Garcia. As a father, he instilled the values that guided his son into naval service. More than 50 years later, Jesse serves on the same island, standing on foundations his father built, both in concrete and in character.

"My dad helped build this island, and now I have the privilege of serving on it," Jesse said. "That's a connection I will never take for granted."



Always a Seabee...

Texas
Fort Worth, TX

Veterans meet up at BRCC!!
(Black Rifle Coffee Company)



Serving Up Excellence: NCBC Gulfport Launches Transformed Colmer Dining Facility

Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Brittney Kinsey
Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport

Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport Commanding Officer, Capt. Ana I. Franco delivers remarks during a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the reopening of Colmer Dining Facility following the facility's food service transformation, May 29. The "campus style" dining pilot program is part of the Navy's shore food service transformation initiative to provide an improved galley experience to support warfighter readiness, wellness, and performance through better nutrition.



PWD Sigonella operations

Sigonella, Italy

Irrigation pipe replacement

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Public Works Department Sigonella, replace an irrigation pipe aboard Naval Air Station Sigonella, May 28, 2026. NAS Sigonella's strategic location enables U.S. allied, and partner nation forces to deploy and respond as required, ensuring security and stability throughout Europe, Africa and Central Asia. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jacob Hart)



Always a Seabee...

Pacific Northwest

Tacoma, WA

Our monthly Seabees, family, and friends breakfast at one of our favorite haunts in Tacoma, WA. Ray Cruz got to show off the Afghan his daughter crocheted for him. If you're in the area and interested, we mix it for locations to get close to Seabees not so fond of traveling and experience different places. Check out the Events tab on the PNW SEABEES CAN DO Facebook page.



UCT operations

Working Where Others Cannot: Underwater Construction Teams Bring Poseidon's Corollary to Life at Future Dry Dock 5

Story and photos by
Jewel-Georlyn Felipe
Officer in Charge of Construction Pearl
Harbor Naval Shipyard

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Beneath Pearl Harbor, where visibility disappears and the only guide is touch, Seabee divers have been doing some of the most critical work on the Navy's largest military construction project, P-209.

Divers assigned to Construction Dive Detachment 2-4, Underwater Construction Team TWO (UCT-2), Underwater Construction Team ONE (UCT-1), and the Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (NAVFAC EXWC) Dive Locker, recently completed a mission supporting P-209, the future Dry Dock 5 at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Working in confined spaces and often in zero-visibility conditions, the team conducted underwater cleaning, excavation and sediment removal operations to prepare critical infrastructure for upcoming construction phases.

From late spring into early summer, the detachment supported the Officer in Charge of Construction Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (OICC PHNSY), the command responsible for executing military construction at the shipyard. Working alongside the project's construction contractor, Dragados/Hawaiian Dredging/Orion JV (DHO), the divers supported P-209, a key component of the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program (SIOP). When complete, Dry Dock 5 will replace the shipyard's aging Dry Dock 3 with a modern waterfront facility designed to support Virginia-class submarines and future Navy vessels for decades to come.

While much of the project's activity is visible above the waterline, several critical tasks must be completed below the surface before construction can continue.

U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Omarr E. Tobias, center, commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific (NAVFAC Pacific) and fleet civil engineer for U.S. Pacific Fleet, poses for a group photo with members of Construction Dive Detachment 2-4, Underwater Construction Team TWO, outside NAVFAC Pacific headquarters, Hawaii, June 5, 2026.



NCB 25 Operations

Gallup, New Mexico

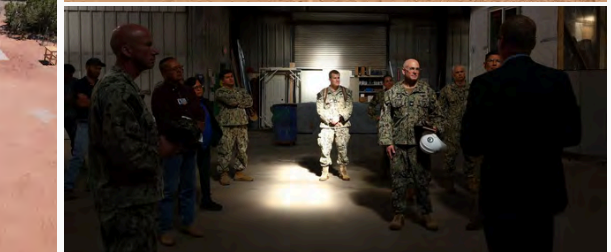
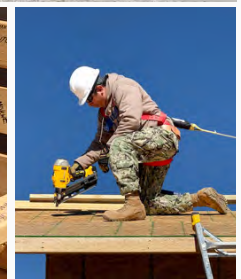
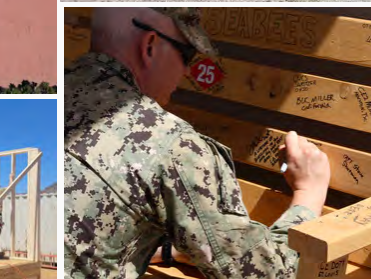
Operation Footprint 2026

Highlights from Operation Footprint 2026

There is nothing we can't overcome together.

Seabees from Naval Construction Battalion TWO FIVE (NCB 25) work together during a June exercise in Gallup, New Mexico. This exercise was done as part of the Navy Reserve's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program, where sailors got to practice their different jobs specialties (builders, electricians, etc.) in collaboration with the Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF). The combined effort between the IRT Program and SWIF resulted in a home being built for a Navajo Nation military veteran.

Photos by Construction Electrician 2nd Class Naadriah Muhammad, Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Daniel Lopez, and Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF/EXW/SW) Jorge Davalos.



NCG 1 Seabees Move Vintage Exhibits For U.S. Navy Seabee Museum

Port Hueneme, CA

Photos by Seaman Jade Holmes
Naval Construction Group ONE

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Group (NCG) 1 reposition a vintage vehicle, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle, and a Seabee art sculpture at the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum on Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, Calif.



NMCB 5 operations

Port Hueneme, CA

Paving the Way!

Seabees from ACC-5-2 executed multiple concrete and asphalt placements over the last couple weeks on board Naval Base Ventura County Port Hueneme. This supports NAVFAC EXWC's storage capabilities for developing specialized facility and expeditionary solutions to the warfighter.

BZ to our Seabees in reinforcing NMCB 5's reputation as the Professionals!



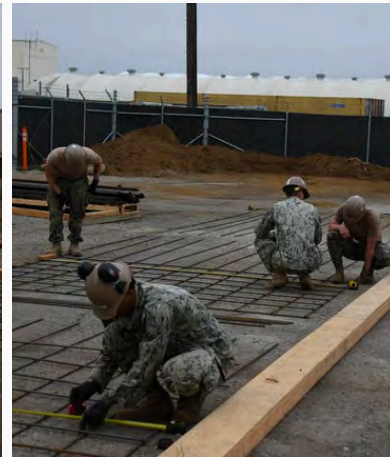
NMCB 5 operations

Port Hueneme, CA

Seabees get it done!

NMCB 5 received a visit from a party led by Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9 (CSG-9), when they were touring facilities under Naval Surface Warfare Center (NAVSEA) Port Hueneme Division. NMCB 5 Seabees are currently tasked with constructing a concrete pad for NAVSEA to support their efforts in unmanned vessels capabilities and enabling the warfighter.

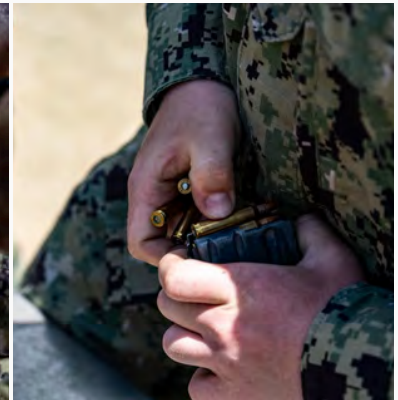
BZ to BU2 Narajinron for an outstanding brief to CSG-9 and demonstrating why our team earns the title of The Professionals!



Point Mugu, CA

Live fire!

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FIVE hit the dirt at Point Mugu for a live-fire qualification course. The focus was entirely on weapon manipulation, steady mechanics, and keeping tactical skills sharp.



Quang Trach, Vietnam

Pacific Partnership 2026

Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 glue two-inch and five-inch sanitation pipes and fittings as part of a Pacific Partnership 2026 engineering project to build a new six-stall restroom facility at the Quang Xuan Primary School in Quang Trach, Vietnam, June 13, 2026. The project, led by NMCB 5 with support from U.S. Army engineers assigned to 411th Engineering Battalion, aims to enhance the quality of life for the 712 students at the school. Now in its 22nd iteration, the Pacific Partnership series is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster management preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific. Pacific Partnership works collaboratively with host and partner nations to enhance regional interoperability and disaster response capabilities, increase security and stability in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships in the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy Photo courtesy photo)



NMCB 11 operations

Okinawa, Japan

Marvin Shields remembrance PT and ceremony

Lucky 11 Seabees held a remembrance PT session and ceremony for CMA3 Marvin G. Shields at Camp Shields in Okinawa, Japan.

On June 10, 1965, CMA3 Marvin Glenn Shields gave his life during the Battle of Dong Xoai, Vietnam, while providing lifesaving aid to wounded personnel, returning enemy fire, and carrying ammunition under intense combat conditions.

Today, NMCB 11 proudly bears the title of the "Marvin Shields Battalion," carrying his legacy forward through every project, deployment, and mission we undertake. His example of courage, selfless service, and unwavering commitment is woven into the identity of our battalion, serving as a daily reminder that our namesake is more than a figure in history.

His sacrifice continues to inspire every Seabee to build, fight, and serve with honor.



Okinawa, Japan

Training like we fight

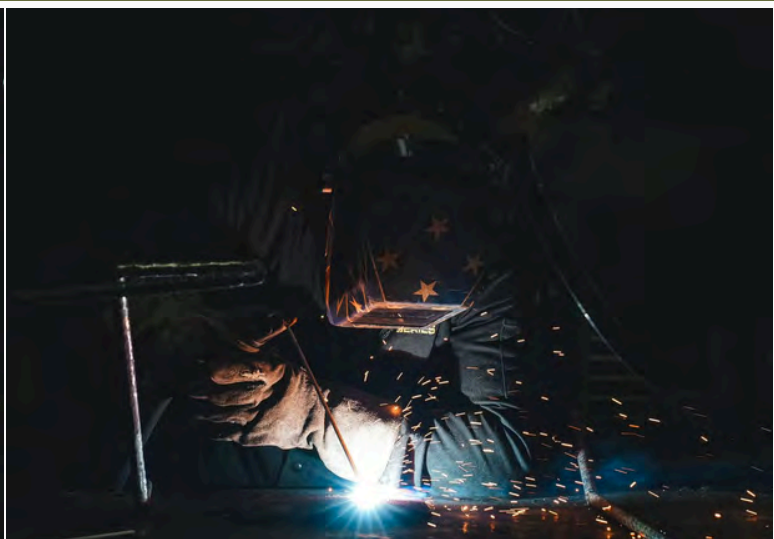
Training like we fight, Delta Co. in Okinawa gave a trusses and staircase training to improve skills and quality of construction. Photos by: MC2 A. Trafton.



Okinawa, Japan

Alpha Yard

Sparks are FLYING out in the Alfa Yard in Okinawa, as SW2 Mosley works on making some upgrades for the rearview mirrors to our MTRVs! Photos by: MC2 A. Trafton.

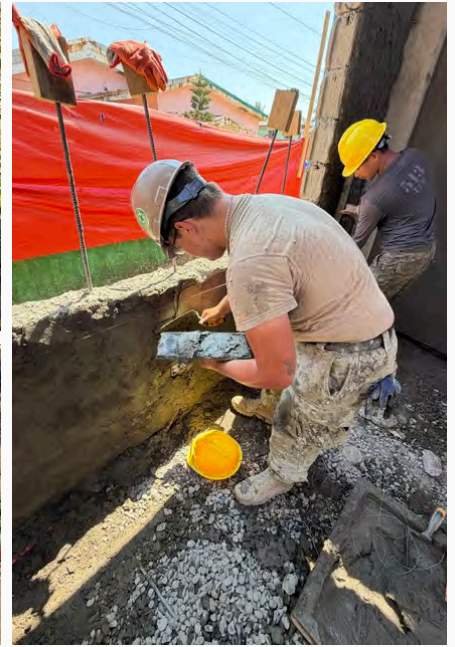


NMCB 11 operations

Philippines

Balikatan 2026

Our Seabees in the Philippines have been hard at work this deployment! Check out some of the photos of what they were up to for Balikatan 2026! Photos by: SWCN Bahre.

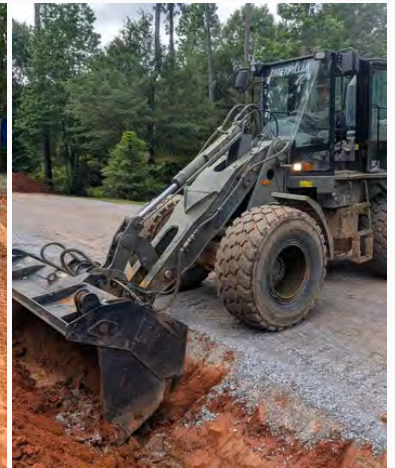


NMCB 133 operations

Perkinston, MS

Salmen Scouts Reservation

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos, working with Air Force RED HORSE, are repairing the roads in Perkinston, MS benefitting the Salmen Scouts Reservation. This is just one of the many ways we support the community and improve our skills while in home port.

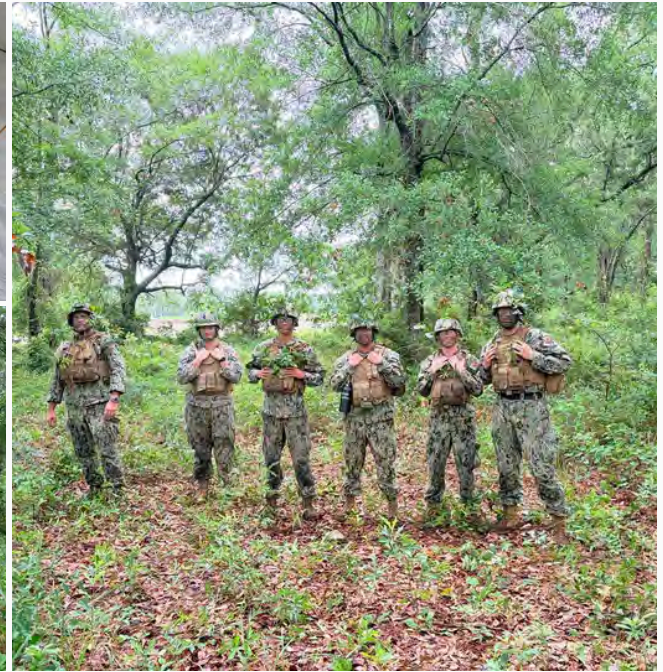


NMCB 133 operations

Gulfport, MS

CPX

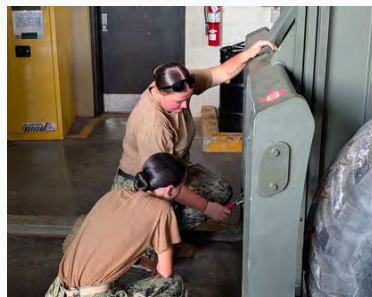
NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos have started training for CPX2 by conducting a site sweep and setup. This is just one of the many ways we improve our skills while in home port.



Gulfport, MS

Midshipmen

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos recently hosted midshipmen from the Naval Academy on their summer training to learn about the Seabees. The midshipmen got to learn about planning & estimating for a project and also conduct preventative maintenance on equipment.



Always a Seabee...

Michigan

Ypsilanti

Met up with a bunch of my Seabee Brothers for a great day together... Worked on the Boat, almost finished. And Did our Worship. Have a blessed day today, share the love. Chapjohns





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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.



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Founder Sidney E. Goodfriend launched American Corporate Partners on Labor Day 2008 with the help of six founding corporate partners who provided funding to ACP and volunteer Mentors. By the end of 2009, ACP had paired 500 returning Veterans with Mentors. In November 2018, ACP announced it was expanding its reach and opening its program to the Active-Duty Spouse community. Currently, ACP has more than 5,000 Veterans and Active-Duty Spouses paired one-on-one with Mentors from more than 1,500 of America's top companies, universities, and hospitals.

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JULY 2026

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15-17 CBMU 302 Reunion Association
September 15-17 - Bloomington, MN

19 OktoBEEfest - Harrisonburg, VA
Saturday, Sep 19 - Harrisonburg, VA · OktoBEEfest.org

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3 OktoBEEfest - Troy, NY
Saturday, Oct 3 - Troy, NY · OktoBEEfest.org

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8 2026 Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Tournament
Thursday, October 8 - Virginia Beach Ntl Golf Club, VA
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12-15 NMCB 133 Seabee Veterans Association Reunion
October 12-15 - Gulfport, MS

13 OktoBEEfest - Surprise, AZ
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15 OktoBEEfest - Washington, DC
Thursday, Oct 15 - Washington, DC · OktoBEEfest.org

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18-22 MCB1 - MCB9 Reunion
September 18-22 - Virginia Beach, VA

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Thursday, October 22 - Gulfport, MS · OktoBEEfest.org

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Always a Seabee...

Florida

Jacksonville

Terence Paparella has been elected to be our new Island X-9 Commander and Dave Littleton is going to serve as our new Treasurer. Dan O'Neal will continue as Vice Commander.

Picture L-R

Terence Paparella, John R. Giuliano, Jim Zywort, Max Glover, Carl Miller, Dwight Stacey, Anthony Ceaglio, Al Kayser, Dave Littleton, Ed Bator and Mike Applebee



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— HELEN MATTER
 (U.S. Navy Seabee Military Veteran)

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