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**RADM BRET
MUILENBURG
CEC, USN, RET.
NSF VICE CHAIRMAN**

OOHRAH SEABEES! It is a privilege for me to assume the role of your Navy SEABEE Foundation Vice Chairman. I enjoy keeping up with the work of our current units, the camaraderie of our community, and the sense of purpose of our Foundation. Thank you for the opportunity!

Our Foundation is well organized, has sound finances, and strives to maintain close connections to all members of the SEABEE community. This allows us to expand the reach of our three primary missions every year.

Education Mission: We are proud of the \$850,000 in scholarships for over 260 students that we will fund for the 2026-2027 academic year, and the new \$60,000 scholarships in memory of BUC Joel Baldwin and CS1 Regina Clark. Moving forward, we intend to place more emphasis on technical and trade school education. We think there is a need for this in our Nation, and our community is interested.

History and Heritage Mission: At the SEABEE Museum in Port Hueneme, our investments have funded ongoing Lobby and Grand Hall renovations. They are looking great! Our Board has also recently approved funding for the Global War on Terror exhibit design, cost estimate, and Gallery sketches. Following delivery of these items, we plan to initiate

an exciting GWOT Exhibit construction campaign in 2027.

SEABEE Support Mission: We currently provide grants for Battalion Homeport Celebrations, Family Readiness Groups, SEABEE Days, and All-SEABEE reunions. We also find and honor SEABEE Centenarians and operate our "Can Do Career Connection" on the NSF website. Despite all this, our Board feels there is a need to do more. We have a committee working on this right now! By the end of 2026, we intend to approve and communicate additional line items of SEABEE Support.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and partners who continue to invest in the future of the SEABEE community. On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors, thank you for your support and commitment to our mission.

You will notice that I capitalize every letter in "SEABEE". I have done that for years. I think the service, sacrifice, and legacy of our SEABEE community deserves it! Enjoy our Summer BEE News 2026!

~Bret



**DAN MILLER
CNE, CDE
NSF EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Throughout summer and fall, Seabees across the country are preparing to reconnect with old friends at Seabee reunions large and small. For many in the Seabee community, reunion season is one of the most anticipated times of the year.

Seabee reunions are about much more than simply gathering with former shipmates. They are opportunities to renew friendships forged through shared service, remember those who are no longer with us, and pass along stories and traditions to the next generation. Whether you served together during World War II, Vietnam, Desert Storm, OEF/OIF, or any period in between, there is something special about reconnecting with people who understand the unique bond of being a Seabee.

These gatherings also help preserve Seabee heritage. Every reunion keeps alive the stories of projects completed, challenges overcome, and the enduring "Can Do" spirit that has defined Seabees since 1942. New friendships are formed, old memories are rekindled, and the Seabee community grows stronger.

The Navy Seabee Foundation is proud to support reunion groups by maintaining a comprehensive listing of Seabee reunions and events on our website. If you are looking for a reunion to attend, I encourage you to visit seabee.org and explore our reunion calendar. We regularly update the site with events from across the country to help Seabees reconnect with their extended family.

If your battalion, unit, or Seabee group is planning a future reunion, please let us know. We would be happy to help spread the word by adding your event to our online listing. Simply send the details to info@seabee.org so we can share them with the broader Seabee community.

Send us photos of your reunion so we can share them on our website and in the Bee News. Upload them at seabee.org/support/submit-a-photo.

Thank you for helping keep the Seabee legacy alive. Can Do!

~Dan

Seabee Community Steps Up for the Second Annual Virtual 5K

“Can Do” isn’t just a motto—it’s how Seabees show up.”

— NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic, recognizing the FEAD Cherry Point team during the 2026 Seabee Virtual 5K
(Team pictured on cover of this BEE NEWS issue)

Those words perfectly captured the spirit of this year’s Seabee Virtual 5K. From July 1–7, Seabees, family members, veterans, and supporters came together to run, walk, hike, ruck, and roll in support of the Navy Seabee Foundation and the community it serves.

Building on the success of its inaugural year, participation in the Second Annual Seabee Virtual 5K increased by more than 50 percent, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for what is becoming a new Seabee tradition.

One of this year’s highlights was the inaugural Seabee 5K T-shirt Design Contest, which attracted outstanding submissions from across the Seabee community. The winning design, created by CUCS Chris Johnson of Port Hueneme, California, became the official 2026 race shirt. Special thanks to Blue Trident, LLC., for this year’s sponsorship.

Throughout race week, participants shared photos and videos from their Seabee 5Ks—from neighborhood walks and mountain hikes to family outings and unit events. Together, those moments captured the pride, camaraderie, and “Can Do!” spirit that define the Seabee community. For some, the event also became an opportunity to honor the generations of Seabees who came before them, reminding us that the “Can Do!” spirit continues to connect past, present, and future.

Thank you to everyone who participated, encouraged others to join, and shared your Seabee 5K experience on social media. Together, your stories told the story of this year’s event. A gallery of participant photos is available at seabee.org.

Every registration supports the Navy Seabee Foundation’s mission to preserve Seabee history and heritage, provide scholarships, and serve Seabees and their families. We look forward to welcoming even more participants as the Seabee Virtual 5K continues to grow in the years ahead.



Scan the QR code to view more photos from the 2026 Seabee 5K at [Seabee.org](https://seabee.org)

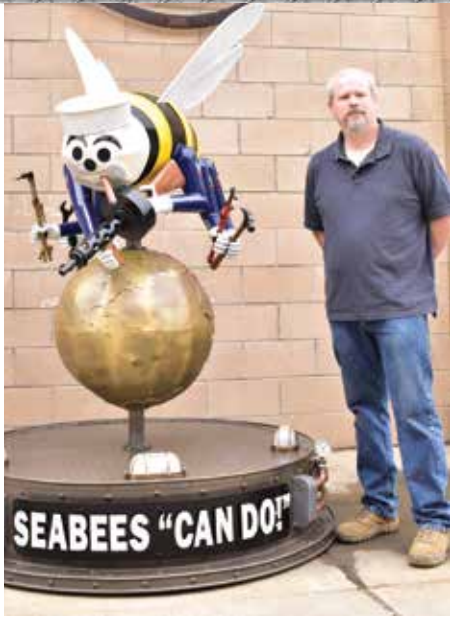


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2026 Seabee Virtual 5K • July 1–7
Participation increased more than 50%
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Forged by Seabees:

A New Bee for NAVFAC Headquarters

A striking new Seabee monument now stands at the Washington Navy Yard, where it has been installed at the headquarters of the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC). The monument, which honors the Seabees' "Can Do!" spirit, was carefully built by Mr. Allen Egelston. He is a former Seabee Steelworker Chief (SWC) and now a Steelworker Instructor at the Naval Construction Training Center in Port Hueneme, California.

This Seabee statue, a multi-phased project, showcases the iconic Seabee mascot atop a globe, which in turn is mounted on a base bearing the famous motto, "SEABEES 'CAN DO!'". The fabrication process, a journey from a 3D-printed prototype to a full-scale steel masterpiece, was a labor of skill and dedication.

The project began with the creation of the base and the intricate internal framework. Mr. Egelston and a team of Seabees from the Construction Mechanic (CM), Utilitiesman (UT), and Construction Electrician (CE) rates demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship through every stage. They began by fabricating a wooden "buck" as a precise template for the metalwork. This was followed by the careful shaping and welding of steel rods to form the wireframes for both the globe and the Seabee. The globe itself was a significant undertaking.

Steel panels were meticulously applied to the wire frame, welded, and then primed for a final finish. The continents, cut from templates, were then carefully placed and welded onto the globe. A special "bronze hammer mill" technique was used to give the globe a historic, hand-hammered brass appearance.

This new Seabee statue is more than just a sculpture; it is a symbol of the Seabees' enduring legacy and a source of pride for the entire community.

The bee's base is not just a stand but an art piece in itself. It features integrated "Smoking Lamps," a nod to naval heritage, which illuminate both the globe and the Seabee mascot. The famous "SEABEES 'CAN DO!'" motto was skillfully applied, ensuring it is a prominent feature.

With the globe and base complete, the final phase of the project was the fabrication of the historic Seabee mascot. This was followed by

the Seabee statue's transportation to its permanent home at the Washington Navy Yard, where it now stands at NAVFAC Headquarters.

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The annual DC Seabee Golf Tournament was held in Clifton, VA on June 10. Supporters came together for a day of camaraderie, competition, and connection—all in support of the Navy Seabee Foundation's mission to honor the legacy and service of the Seabee community. Mark your calendar for next year's tournament happening on May 24, 2027. Additional tournaments this year are scheduled in San Diego on August 11 and Virginia Beach on October 9. Golfers and sponsors can learn more at www.SeabeeGolf.org.



Save the date: 2027 D.C. Seabee Golf Tournament is May 24



2026 GULF COAST SEABEE GOLF TOURNAMENT

NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION
SeabeeGolf.org

Thank You, Seabee Golf Sponsors!



The Navy Seabee Foundation launched its 2026 golf tournament season with a successful kickoff event on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Seabee supporters came together for a day of camaraderie, competition, and community spirit—all in support of the Foundation's mission. Thank you to this year's sponsors and players for making it a fantastic event!



Seabees Unite to Restore Historic Seabee Plaza

What began as one officer's vision to revitalize a beloved gathering place is becoming a community-wide effort to preserve an important piece of Seabee heritage at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Hampton Roads.

The Seabee Plaza Beautification Project was conceived by LCDR(S) Isaac Leskowat, currently assigned to NSA Hampton Roads with Marine Forces Command (MARFORCOM). Leskowat developed the project's scope of work and coordinated with the U.S. Fleet Forces Facility Manager and the local Public Works Department to secure equipment, funding, and project approval. The effort also received significant support from LCDR Daniel Ngatia, CEC, who helped leverage U.S. Fleet Forces self-help funding to bring the project to life.

The first volunteer workday on July 10 brought together 20 Civil Engineer Corps officers and Seabees from across the Tidewater region. Volunteers removed weeds, trimmed overgrown vegetation, repaired benches, and prepared the plaza for the next phase of improvements.

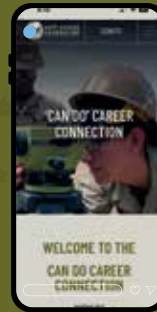
Future work will include pressure washing and repairing the plaza, replacing benches and signage, and installing new landscaping based on a custom, Virginia-friendly design developed in partnership with Old Dominion University's landscaping program. Additional enhancements under consideration include shade structures and officially designating the plaza as a "no cover" area, recognizing its popularity as an outdoor gathering space.

Originally dedicated in 1998, Seabee Plaza has long served as a place for fellowship and reflection within the Seabee community. The project is expected to conclude with a formal rededication ceremony in March 2027, just in time to celebrate the Seabees' 85th Anniversary. Bee News looks forward to following the project's progress and sharing the completed transformation with our readers next year.



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Check out the Seabee Statues listing on the Foundation's website spotlighting large Seabee statues at military installations and locations worldwide.

seabee.org/heritage/memorials/

Think we missed one? We probably did — and we need YOUR help! If there's a Seabee statue we missed, submit a photo and help us build the most complete collection ever assembled.

2026 Navy Seabee Foundation Scholarship Graduates

Congratulations to our 2026 Navy Seabee Foundation Scholarship spring graduates! Through their hard work, determination, and academic excellence, these students successfully maintained their Navy Seabee Foundation scholarships through graduation. We are honored to have

supported them along their educational journey and are proud to celebrate this incredible milestone. We can't wait to see where the future takes you and the difference you'll make in your communities, professions, and beyond. Congratulations, graduates, and as always... Can Do!



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East Tennessee State University
MCPO Jimmy Arnold (GP)



Colin Banta
San Diego State University
CDR Brent Banta (GP)



Caroline Bell
Purdue University
BU1 Clem H Bell (P)



Delaney Brenner
Connecticut College
EA2Brian Gallagher (GP)



Kinsley Bush
University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire
EQCM Michael Bush (GP)



Dillon Delaney
Liberty University
MCPO Daniel Delaney (P)



Kristen Delapena
San Diego State University
CEC Emmanuel Delapena (P)



Fiona Dunphy
Fordham University
SW2 Michael Dunphy(GP)



Madeline Farley
Wofford College
CUCM(SWC) Jim Farley (GP)



Hope Hayes
Oregon State University,
LCDR Jason Hayes (P)



Leah Hilton
Cedarville University
LCDR Jon Hilton (P)



Natalie Jayne
Kansas State University
CAPT David Jayne (P)



Alyson Keathley
Wayne State University
SW3 Randall Keathley (P)



Daniel Krause
University of Wisconsin - Madison
EO3 Thomas Krause (P)



Miranda Lee
North Carolina State University
EO2 Jackie Honeycutt (GP)



Michael Lim
University of Washington
CDR Rafael Lim (P)



Kaj Litch
Yale University
COX John Litch (GP)



Madalyn Mitchell
The University of Alabama
EQCM Jack Mitchell (GP)



Leah Parks
University of South Carolina
LT Harold Wilson (GP)



Kaylee Rehak
Fairmont State University
BU2 Daniel Rehak (P)

2026 Navy Seabee Foundation Scholarship graduates continued:



Caitlin Silber
Youngstown State University
CECA William Silber (P)



Zachary Sloan
Arizona State University
CM1 James Sloan (P)



Aubrey Stark
Louisiana Tech University
BU3 Robert Martindale (GP)



Nation Taylor
University of Kentucky
CM1 Eugene Burnett, Jr. (GP)



Zachary Thomas
Spring Hill College
CE3 Jeremiah Wright (P)



Claire Turner
Colorado State University
SWF2 Bernard Najvar (GP)



Andrew Ubinger
Geneva College
BU2 David Ubinger (P)



Nevaeh Wheeler
Mississippi State University
UT2 Jarred Jones (P)

NOT PICTURED: **Zoe Balson** - Appalachian State University, CDR Larry East (GP) / **Skylar Blumenauer** - George Washington University, EO1 Carl Blumenauer (P) / **Erin Burnett** - Sacred Heart University, CM3 Herbert Burnett (GP) / **Erin Curtis** - University of California, Berkeley, CAPT William Donnelly (GP) / **Megan Donaldson** - California State University, Chico BU2 William Crayne (GP) / **Kaitlin Flaherty** - Univ. of Massachusetts - Amherst, SKC Stanley Herriott (GP) / **Bennett Larson** - University of Minnesota - MRC Thomas Code (GP) / **Katherine Maier** - Williams College, BU1 George Maier (GP) / **Jake Montgomery** - The University of Toledo, CAPT Douglas Dariano (GP) / **Travis Schmidt** - Liberty University, BU2 James Schmidt (GP) / **Sophia Schmit** - Point Loma Nazarene University, EAS2 Robert Herder (GP)

NOTE: Winter graduates can be found in the Spring 2026 issue of the Bee News (on our website: seabee.org/publications).



Walt Disney Was An Honorary Seabee



Few people realize that Walt Disney shared a special connection with the Seabees—one that began during World War II and was formally recognized 60 years ago.

Throughout World War II, artists at Walt Disney Studios designed more than 1,200 official military insignia for U.S. and Allied military units. Among those were numerous insignia created for Seabee battalions, helping build unit identity and morale during one of the nation's most challenging periods.

In recognition of his generosity, patriotism, and enduring support of America's armed forces, Seabees from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TEN presented Walt Disney with a commemorative Seabee statue on February 19, 1966, officially recognizing him as an Honorary Seabee.

Today, sixty years later, visitors to Disneyland have the opportunity to see this remarkable piece of Seabee history firsthand. The original presentation statue is currently on display inside the Main Street Opera House, where it helps tell the story of Walt Disney's lifelong support of the U.S. military and the unique bond he shared with the Seabees.

It's a fitting reminder that the Seabee legacy extends far beyond construction projects and battlefields. Through partnerships, service, and shared patriotism, the Seabees have left their mark on American history in ways many people are still discovering today.



Congratulations to the Newest Seabee Foundation Scholarship Recipients...Class of 2030!



To learn more about the NSF Scholarship Program, go to Seabee.org/Scholarships, or scan the QR code

Lauren Abernathy
Michigan State University
Civil Engineering
UCCM Richard Abernathy (GP)

Anthony Arnett
Rutgers-Newark - Finance
CE2 Jason Arnett (P)

Charles Banaszak
Ohio State University
Construction Management
EO3 Richard Banaszak (GP)

Abigail Barry
New York University
Applied Psychology
EQCM Edward Barry (P)

Abigayle Barry
The Ohio State University
International Relations
SW1 Derek Barry (P)

Abigail Basham
Motlow Community College
Criminal Justice
BU2 Matthew Homer (P)

Joshua Bennett
North Carolina A&T State University
Mechanical Engineering
LTJG Tonia Chapman (P)

Nathan Blumenauer
Miami University Ohio
Computer Engineering
EO1 Carl Blumenauer (P)

Keagan Brain
MSU, Mankato - Aviation
BUC Randall Berg (GP)

Eleanor Brown
University of Washington
Psychology
CDR Wallace Johnson (GP)

Zachary Brown
Lawrence Technological University
Architecture Design
BU2 Kevin Brown (P)

Emily Carter
Salve Regina University - Chemistry
CMA3 Robert Garvey (GP)

Ryan Carter
Colorado School of Mines
Chemical Engineering
CUCM (SCW) Larry Stringfield (GP)

Sidney Castillo
Coastal Bend College
Criminal Justice
BUC Gary Ondrej (GP)

Troy Ceja
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Environmental Sciences
MM 3 Jesus Ceja (GP)

Catherine Charleston
University of Louisiana Lafayette
Biology
EA2 William Melling (GP)

Eli Christ
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University
Aeronautical Science
SK3 Stanley Herriot (GP)

Forest Coen
University of Florida - Biology
UCCM Walter Coen (GP)

Mykayla Conlee
Western Kentucky Univ. - Advertising
BU2 Maurice Worthington (GP)

Evan Corradini
Davenport University
Supply Chain Management
BU2 Gary Wolford (GP)

Taylor Danter
North Dakota State University
Emergency Management
CM3 Leon Warner (GP)

Emerson Diede
Montana State University Bozeman
Psychology
CET2 Thomas Bruce (GP)

Cali Dieter
Florida Gulf Coast University
Environmental Sciences
BU3 Alan Dieter (GP)

Kayla Doughty
East Tennessee State University
Business Management
EAC Donald G. Moore (GP)

Kierstin Dresen
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
(Virginia Tech) - Political Science
UTC Joshua Dresen (P)

Aubrey Edmonds
Liberty University - Nursing
EO1 David Preston (GP)

Magnolia Engen
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Geography and Environmental
Science
CE2 Jeffrey Nylander (GP)

Laryssa Farrell
Plymouth State University
Political Science
BU2 Jimmy Harvey (GP)

Meaghan Flaherty
University of Massachusetts
Amherst - Kinesiology
SK3 Stanley Herriot (GP)

Cameron Frizzell
University of South Alabama
Biomedical Sciences; Pre-Med
BU2 Christopher Frizzell (P)

Anjali Gavalas
University of Georgia - Anthropology
BUL3 Joseph Gavalas (GP)

Yvonne Geehrens
University of Miami
Marine Biology
CE3 John Geehrens (GP)

Brooklyn Gordon
Eastern Washington University
Exercise Science
UTWCN William Gordon (GP)

Judson Gorton
Ball State Univ. - Criminal Justice
CE1 Shana Funk (P)

Jordan Goucher
Clark University
Psychology
BU1 Bryan Stone (GP)

Anna Hagen
Vassar College - History
BU3 Raymond Baisley (GP)

Angelica Hartsell
Benedictine College
Politics and Government
CAPT Albert Verhofstadt (GP)

Troy Hayes
James Madison Univ. - Psychology
LCDR Jason Hayes (P)

Madeline Hebert
Oregon State University
Animal Science and Wildlife
Conservation
BU2 Charles Blossy (GP)

Gracie Heilman
Penn State University Park
Chemical Engineering
BU2 Jack Kinnard (GP)

Norah Hightower
Marquette - Nursing
CDR Michael Hightower (P)

Lauren Holland
Ithaca College - Clinical Health
Studies/Physical Therapy
CM2 Wayne Holland (P)

Michala Holland
Pensacola State College
Pharmaceutical sciences
EOCS Russell Gautreaux (GP)

Elizabeth Homewood
Brigham Young University
Exercise Science
LCDR Adam Homewood (P)

Jaeann James
Colby Community College - Nursing
UT2 Dennis Herman (GP)

Allison Jirsa
Northern Michigan University
Medical Professional
BU2 Robert Jirsa (GP)

Rafe Jones
University of Missouri - Columbia
Civil Engineering
EOCN Joseph Jones (P)

Lily Jordan
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EOCS James Hiestand (GP)

Elisabeth Kearney
Stonehill College - Speech
Pathology
UTP3 Albert Raymond (GP)

Trent Lainez
Western Colorado University
Exercise Science
BU2 Steven Snow (GP)

Matthew Lehr
Purdue University
Mechanical Engineering
EAD3 Richard Lehr (GP)

Rylan Lezarda
University of California, Los Angeles
Computer Engineering
EAC Rosendo Lezarda (GP)

Ryan Liggett
Penn State - Biology
EO2 Timothy Liggett (P)

Jacob Martinez
Azusa Pacific University
Electrical Engineering
SW3 Gerardo Martinez (P)

Dylan McCrea
Embry Riddle
Aeronautical University
Aeronautical Science / Aviation
BU1 Paul McCrea (GP)

Micha McFarland
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Civil Engineering
LCDR Brian McFarland (P)

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Montana State University
Animal Science
CM Nelson McKee (P)

Sophia McKennan
Louisiana Tech - Biology
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Assumption University - Biology
EA2 Roger Stolte (GP)

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Biomedical Engineering
EAC Lobing Galamgam (GP)

Ellis Reed
Millersville University
Early Childhood Education
BU2 John Hula (GP)

Annalie Ritchie
Mississippi State University
Conservation Biology
CE3 Christopher Ritchie (P)

Bridget Rock
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
Undecided
CWO4 Theodore Rock (GP)

Sofia Rosati
Springfield College
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E4PN3 Joseph Rosati (GP)

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Hawaii Pacific University
Chemistry
BU1 Patrick Beeler (GP)

Jordan Schrenk
Michigan State University
Environmental Biology
LT Brandon Schrenk (P)

Ryan Schultz
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BUL3 Donald Schultz (GP)

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BU1 David Shingleton (P)

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Strengthening the Seabee Community



The Navy Seabee Foundation's commitment to supporting active-duty Seabees and their families starts with listening. This summer, Foundation staff and board members visited Seabee installations, attended command events, and met directly with Seabee leaders and families to better understand where support is needed most.

Those conversations are helping shape the future of the Foundation's Seabee Support initiatives while strengthening relationships across the Seabee community.

That commitment is already making a difference. Through the Foundation's Family Readiness Group Grant (FRG) Program, battalions are creating opportunities for connection, encouragement, and resilience throughout the deployment cycle—and the families benefiting from these grants are seeing the impact firsthand.

One recent example came from NMCB-1, where the FRG used Foundation grant funding to host an "Over the Hump" celebration for families reaching the halfway point of deployment. The event brought families together to celebrate, connect, and support one another.

"Your commitment to supporting Seabees and their loved ones makes a real difference, and we are truly grateful for your partnership." —NMCB-1 FRG

At NMCB-5, the Family Support Network (FSN) has used its grant to support families throughout the deployment cycle, funding seasonal gatherings, holiday celebrations, and an End of Summer Beach Day and Bonfire. Grant funding also provided meals for two "Huddles Before the Hurdles" sessions, helping spouses and children better navigate the emotional challenges of deployment.

When two NMCB-5 Seabees were killed in separate car accidents, the FSN also used grant funds to provide refreshments for a memorial service, supporting a grieving community during one of its most difficult moments. Looking ahead, the group has planned an Ice Cream Social deployment kickoff and another Over the Hump celebration. As their advisor shared simply, "The grant money is keeping us afloat."

At NMCB-3, the Family Support Network focused on building both readiness and community. Grant funding supported monthly potlucks featuring guest speakers on Navy career planning and personal finance, an all-hands summer beach bash, and a new monthly baby shower welcoming growing Seabee families. Their advisor summed it up best: "We are so appreciative of the Navy Seabee Foundation, and of your advocacy for Family Readiness Groups. Thank you."

The Foundation is also expanding its support beyond Family Readiness Groups. This year, it introduced a new Homeport Support Grant Program to help battalions welcome deployed Seabees home while recognizing the families who served alongside them.

Family Readiness Group Grants and the Homeport Support Grant Program are just two examples of how the Foundation is investing in the well-being of active-duty Seabees and their families. Guided by feedback from Seabees and their families, the Foundation continues to strengthen its Seabee Support programs and explore new ways to serve the community.

Have an idea for how the Foundation can better support Seabees and their families? We'd love to hear from you. Email us at info@seabee.org.



Top: Seabee Support outreach at NCBC Gulfport brought together Navy and Foundation leadership to discuss the needs of today's Seabee community.



Above: Foundation representatives present Family Readiness Group grants to NMCB-3 and NMCB-5.



Left: Foundation representatives connect with Seabees and present a Homecoming Support Grant to NMCB-5 First Class Association at a Command Picnic.



Above & Left: Scenes from NMCB-1's Over the Hump celebration, supported in part by a Foundation FRG grant.

HONORING OUR SEABEE HERITAGE

Helping NCBC Shine a Little Brighter

The Navy Seabee Foundation is proud to support the Seabees and the installations that call them home — and sometimes, that support shows up in the most visible of ways.

With a donation from the Navy Seabee Foundation, Sailors assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport completed a 500-hour beautification project, restoring two historic pieces of equipment displayed at the installation's headquarters building. Over several weeks, a team led by Boatswain's Mate Second Class Jason Castillo refurbished, primed, and repainted a Caterpillar 35 crawler tractor and a "Little Winner" tow-behind grader — both representing the kinds of tools Seabees once used to build under fire during World War II.

The restored displays now stand as a renewed point of pride at NCBC Gulfport, home to the Atlantic Fleet Seabees, the Naval Construction Training Center, and the Expeditionary Combat Skills Training Center. For the Sailors who worked on the project and the thousands who pass by those displays every day, these machines are more than artifacts — they are a tangible reminder of the ingenuity and determination that have defined the Naval Construction Force since 1942.

Supporting projects like this one reflects the Foundation's commitment to honoring Seabee heritage where it lives — on the installations, in the communities, and among the men and women who carry the "Can Do" spirit forward.



GULFPORT, MS. (Feb. 03, 2026) Boatswain's Mate Second Class Jason Castillo, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, applies primer to a static display during a restoration project. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brittney Kinsey)



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Join the Moreell Society Leave a Legacy

The Moreell Society honors the legacy of Admiral Ben Moreell, the father of the Seabees. Admiral Moreell was not only the visionary who created the Seabees during World War II, but also a founder of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (the predecessor to the Navy Seabee Foundation) and the driving force behind the creation of the Seabee Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery. His commitment to supporting Seabees and preserving their legacy continues to inspire us today.

In recognition of his leadership and dedication, the Navy Seabee Foundation's planned giving society proudly bears his name.

Membership in the Moreell Society is open to all individuals who have included the Navy Seabee Foundation—or one of its predecessor organizations, the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association or the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation—in their estate plans. There is no application process; donors who make a planned gift are automatically welcomed into the Society.

A planned gift allows you to create a lasting legacy while supporting the causes that matter most to you. After providing for your loved ones, you can ensure that future generations of Seabees and their families continue to benefit from scholarships, support for the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, preservation of Seabee history, or the Foundation's broader mission of serving the Seabee and Civil Engineer Corps community.

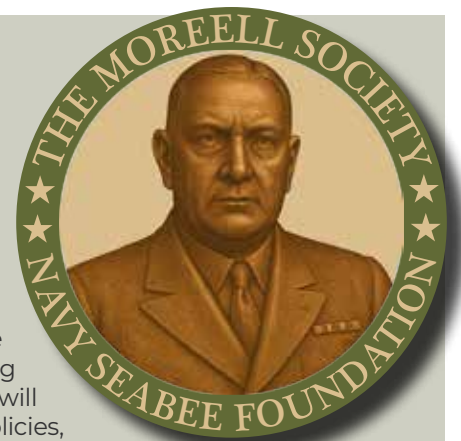
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If you are considering a planned gift, we encourage you to consult your attorney, financial advisor, or tax professional to determine the option that best fits your goals and circumstances.

To learn more about planned giving opportunities, visit seabee.org/plannedgiving. If you have already included the Navy Seabee Foundation in your plans—or would like to discuss your options—I would be honored to hear from you.

Together, we can ensure that the Seabee legacy continues for generations to come.

If you want to have a confidential conversation and supporting the Navy Seabee Foundation in your estate plans, contact Dan Miller at danmiller@seabee.org



Seabee Bricks

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- 15-17 CBMU 302 Reunion Assn.
Sep 15-17 - Bloomington, MN
- 19 OktoBEEfest - Harrisonburg, VA**
Saturday, Sep 19 - Harrisonburg, VA
- 21-24 MCB11 & NMCB 8 Assns.
Joint Reunion
Sep 21-24 - Colorado Springs, CO
- 26 NMCB 14 Association Reunion**
Saturday, Sep 26 - Orlando, FL

OCTOBER 2026

- 1 OktoBEEfest - Guam**
Thursday, Oct 1 - Tamuning, Guam

- 1 OktoBEEfest - Kentucky**
Thursday, Oct 1 - Georgetown, KY
- OktoBEEfest - Great Lakes, IL**
Thursday, Oct 1 - Winthrop Harbor, IL
- OktoBEEfest - Ventura, CA**
Thursday, Oct 1 - Ventura, CA
- 2 OktoBEEfest - Naples, Italy**
Friday, Oct 2 - Naples, Italy
- OktoBEEfest - Denver, CO**
Friday, Oct 2 - Denver, CO
- 3 OktoBEEfest - Rota, Spain**
Saturday, Oct 3 - Rota, Spain
- OktoBEEfest - Troy, NY**
Saturday, Oct 3 - Troy, NY
- OktoBEEfest - Cleveland, OH**
Saturday, Oct 3 - Cleveland Heights, OH
- 8 2026 Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Tournament**
Thursday, Oct 8 - VA Beach Ntl Golf Club, SeabeeGolf.org
- 8 OktoBEEfest - Tampa, FL**
Thursday, Oct 8 - Tampa, FL
- OktoBEEfest - Philadelphia, PA**
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- 9 OktoBEEfest - Ft. Leonard Wood, MO**
Friday, Oct 9 - Waynesville, MO
- 10 OktoBEEfest - Aiken, SC**
Saturday, Oct 10 - Aiken, SC
- OktoBEEfest - Lubbock, TX**
Saturday, Oct 10 - Lubbock, TX
- 12-15 NMCB 133 Seabee Veterans Association Reunion**
Oct 12-15 - Gulfport, MS

- 13 OktoBEEfest - Surprise, AZ**
Tuesday, Oct 13 - Surprise, AZ
- 15 OktoBEEfest - Washington, DC**
Thursday, Oct 15 - Washington, DC
- OktoBEEfest - Jax, FL**
Thursday, Oct 15 - Jacksonville, FL
- 17 OktoBEEfest - San Antonio, TX**
Saturday, Oct 17 - San Antonio, TX
- 18-22 MCB1 - MCB9 Reunion
Oct 18-22 - Virginia Beach, VA
- 22 OktoBEEfest - Gulfport, MS**
Thursday, Oct 22 - Gulfport, MS
- 23 OktoBEEfest - Guantanamo Bay**
Friday, Oct 23 - Guantanamo Bay
- 24 OktoBEEfest - State College, PA**
Saturday, Oct 24 - State College, PA
- OktoBEEfest - Fort Wayne, IN**
Saturday, Oct 24 - Fort Wayne, IN
- 28 OktoBEEfest - Norfolk, VA**
Wednesday, Oct 28 - Norfolk, VA

APRIL 2027

- 15-18 NSVA All Seabee Reunion Island X-1 - Gulfport, MS**
April 15-17 - Gulfport, MS
- 16-18 NMCB 74 Desert Storm/Desert Shield Reunion 2027**
April 16-17 - Gulfport, MS

MAY 2027

- 24 2027 Washington DC Seabee Golf Invitational**
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U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 pose for a photograph before starting work at a construction site for a two-room schoolhouse as part of an enduring Pacific Partnership initiative in Nabua Village, Savusavu, Fiji, May 5, 2026. 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 by Builder Chief Erik Rau)