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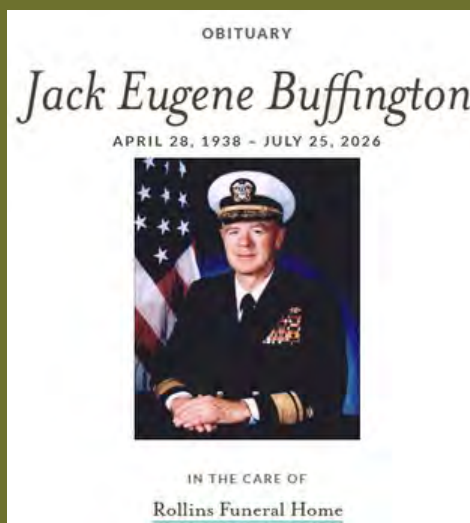
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A Seabee legend passes away

Rear Admiral "Seabee Jack" Eugene Buffington, CEC, USN (Ret.)



Rear Admiral Jack Eugene Buffington, CEC, USN (Ret.), passed away on July 25, 2026, at the age of 88. Raised in Westville, Oklahoma, in a cattle-ranching family, Jack lived a remarkable life defined by service to his country, the United States Navy and its Seabees, the engineering profession, generations of students, his community, and, above all, his family.

Jack earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1961 while playing football and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1968. After entering the United States Navy in July 1961, he completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps. What he initially expected to be a four-year commitment became a distinguished 34-year naval career. He retired on September 15, 1995.

From September 1992 until his retirement, Jack served as Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers as the Navy's highest-ranking Civil Engineer Corps officer. In that role, he was responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and public-works support of Navy and Marine Corps facilities around the world.

Jack's assignments took him throughout the United States and around the world. His career included service at the New York Naval Shipyard, the Public Works

Center at Subic Bay in the Philippines, the United States Naval Academy, the Public Works Center in Norfolk, the Pentagon, and construction-contract commands in New Orleans and Bethesda. Between 1973 and 1980, he oversaw the construction of two naval hospitals and a medical university. Yet of all his assignments, none meant more to him than his service with the Seabees.

Jack's first Seabee assignments were with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 9. He served as a company commander on Okinawa, led a detachment in Alaska, and was Officer in Charge of Seabee Team 0906 in Vietnam, where the team supported vital construction work under demanding conditions. He later served as Executive Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 during deployments to Okinawa and Rota, Spain. A highlight of Jack's career was his command of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, homeported in Gulfport, Mississippi. Under his leadership, NMCB 1 received the Best of Type designation and the prestigious Peltier Award as the top Seabee battalion in the Navy, as well as the Golden Anchor Award for personnel excellence. Jack later commanded Seabee operations in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. His devotion to the Naval Construction Force became so well known that he was affectionately called "Seabee Jack Buffington."

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A Seabee legend passes away: Rear Admiral "Seabee Jack" Eugene Buffington, CEC, USN (Ret.)

Jack received more than 30 naval decorations and service awards. His principal military decorations included two Navy Distinguished Service Medals; four Legions of Merit; the Meritorious Service Medal; three Navy Commendation Medals; the Navy Achievement Medal; the Vietnamese Medal of Merit, Second Class; and numerous other personal, campaign, unit, and service awards.

Retirement from the Navy did not end Jack's commitment to service. In 1996, he joined the University of Arkansas Department of Civil Engineering as a research professor. For 13 years, he helped lead the Mack-Blackwell Transportation Center, overseeing research involving highways, bridges, waterways, railroads, and other infrastructure affecting rural America. He also taught construction management and devoted particular attention to helping engineering students find meaningful employment after graduation.

His students remained one of his greatest sources of pride. Jack received the University of Arkansas College of Engineering's Outstanding Service to Students Award four times. In further recognition of his influence on young engineers, the university established the Jack Buffington Student Poster Award in his honor.

Jack's professional and academic honors were extensive. He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1996 and became a member of the National Academy of Construction in 2002, later serving as its president. He was elected an Honorary Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers the society's highest honor—and served as national president of the Society of American Military Engineers. SAME also honored him with its prestigious Golden Eagle Award.

He was named Northwest Arkansas Engineer of the Year and Arkansas Professional Engineer of the Year. He was inducted into the University of Arkansas College of Engineering Hall of Fame in 2009 and into the Georgia Tech Academy of Distinguished Engineering Graduates. He was also inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame as a member of its Class of 2025. In 2024, the University of Arkansas Alumni Association presented him with its Citation of Distinguished Alumnus.

Despite the demands of his military, academic, and professional life, Jack always made time to serve the people around him. For approximately 20 years, he volunteered with Rocky Branch Fire and Rescue near Beaver Lake, serving as a firefighter, first responder, and operator of the department's emergency apparatus. His fellow volunteers remembered him as someone who would undertake any task that needed to be done and as an example of what a true life of service looked like.

Jack was also an active member of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He was a private pilot and flight instructor and enjoyed fishing on Beaver Lake with his friends in the Dirty Twenty Fishing Club. Whether commanding thousands of people, mentoring a student, responding to an emergency, or spending a day on the lake, Jack brought intelligence, determination, humor, and his unmistakable "Can Do" spirit to everything he undertook.

A proud citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Jack received the Cherokee Nation Medal of Patriotism in recognition of his military service. He was also proud of his family's connection to his great-uncle, Tom Buffington, who served as a chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Jack is survived by his wife of 62 years, Robin; his sister, Cynthia; his daughters, Shawn and Kelly; his sons-in-law, Tom and Brian; his grandchildren, Sarah, Matthew, Isabella, and Brandon; his grandson-in-law, Chase; and his great-grandson, Zayne.

Jack's rank, medals, and many honors tell only part of his story. His true legacy lives in the facilities he helped build, the organizations he strengthened, the Seabees he led, the students he mentored, the neighbors he served, and the family he loved. He demonstrated throughout his life that leadership is not simply a matter of position or authority; it is a commitment to taking responsibility, helping others, and leaving every organization and community better than one found it.

Fair winds and following seas, Admiral. We have the watch.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions to the Navy Seabee Foundation or Rocky Branch Fire and Rescue in Rogers, Arkansas.



NAVFAC

EXWC

Supporting the Warfighter in the Brutal Cold!

As the U.S. military expands its operational footprint farther into the Arctic, sustaining forces at extreme cold temperatures is no longer optional – it is a strategic necessity.

Under these frigid conditions, most standard equipment fails, water lines freeze, fittings crack, and forward operating capabilities become limited. To support warfighter needs in these environments, EXWC worked in partnership with the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory's (CRREL) Arctic Operations Team, part of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), for rigorous

cold-weather testing of internal and external water connections used in TRICON-based expeditionary systems.

These deployable expeditionary units provide life-support functions, including kitchens, latrines, showers and laundry facilities at forward operating bases.

During testing inside CRREL's specialized Extreme Cold Chamber, researchers identified top-performing insulation materials and heating methods to prevent water from freezing down to minus 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

Adding this capability to operate in the most extreme conditions expands the viable deployment range of these systems and advances warfighter readiness and capabilities.



Southeast

Late Night Concrete Work...

Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC) Barksdale managed late night paving operations for the on-going runway repairs and Weapons Generation Facility project at Barksdale Air Force Base.

The paving operation involves 3 total stations to maintain the paver and concrete pavement align accurately and evenly throughout the process.

A concrete placer is used to distribute the concrete material in front of the paver to ensure proper fill and distribution. The crew then uses a slipform paver to place the concrete uniformly. These placements can be large, with the biggest so far coming in at 2,087 cubic yards.

The construction team worked into the night alongside NAVFAC Southeast teammates. Careful coordination and communication between our team and partners made this paving operation a success. Excellent job!



Always a Seabee...

San Antonio, TX

An impromptu Seabee gathering at the Hat Creek Burger Company with:

L-R:

Drew McCauley, Jesse Escamilla, Minoru Underhill, John Roberts, Eusebio "Chevo" Soliz, Jeanette and Martin Villalpondo, Denise and Doug Heiner.



U.S. Navy Seabee Museum: Foundation Blog

Doing History at the Seabee Museum

This year on July 4th, thousands of people gathered across the country to celebrate America's 250th birthday. But July 4th isn't the end of the celebrations, it is just the beginning! The work of preserving our nation's history is far from over.

While parades, festivals, and commemorative events capture attention for a moment, museums ensure that the stories behind those celebrations endure for generations to come. They are more than buildings filled with artifacts—they are places where history is explored, questioned, and brought to life.

For us at the Seabee Museum, it is our honor to preserve and tell the story of the nation's Naval Construction Force. But in part of our newest temporary exhibit, we shift the focus inward and explore how USNSM is working to "do history". The museum is divided into 4 main parts: the administration team, the archives team, the curatorial team, and the education and events team.



The Archives

By the numbers:

- Size: 10,000 ft of shelf space
- Approximately 500,000 photos
- Over 2000 films, movies, and VHS
- Over 5000 maps and facilities plans
- Training Manuals and Construction Manuals going back to WWII
- Thousands of Cruisebooks
- Oldest Document: Land survey of Norfolk, 1799
- Average Archival Box: \$20

An archive is a collection of records - like letters, photographs, reports, and digital files - kept in a location. Unlike a library, archives hold unique materials like original documents, personal papers, and photos. While not all museums have an archive, the Seabee Museum is the official record holder for the Naval Construction Force.

Our archivists use their skills and training to protect and preserve everything from training manuals to film reels, to official reports. One of the larger projects our archivists have been working on is digitization of parts of the collection. The goal is to make the collection accessible to all who want to learn more about the Naval Construction forces.

Because of the size and quality of our archives, the archives team are also called to use their expertise to help answer official requests from official sources like the Department of Justice or the government of Japan.

The Archivists also play an important role in continuing to collect Seabee records so that today's Seabee stories are preserved.

The Collection

By the numbers:

- Size: 17,000 artifacts
- Large ethnographic collection
- Approximately 800 flags
- Over 2000 Unit plaques
- 70 radioactive artifacts
- Over 2000 pieces of uniforms, about 1,000 complete
- Biggest Artifact: MRAP (Natasha)
- Smallest Artifact: Uniform Buttons
- Average Storage Box: \$8 - \$70



At the Seabee Museum, we collect items that help to tell the story of the Naval Construction Force. These may be objects used by Seabees like a specific tool. We also collect objects created by Seabees like jewelry or household items. Our collection also has objects that help give context to what Seabees have experienced. Objects like soda bottles in different languages or items brought home from around the world.

Each object in our collection helps our staff tell a larger story about who the Seabees are and the impact they have had around the world.

Our curators spend their days caring for the objects, cleaning them for storage, preparing them for display, or making repairs to preserve them. One of our largest projects in recent years is the organization and repacking of all of the textiles in the collection. Every piece of uniform was examined by a curator, cataloged, and then repackaged for preservation.

The curators also play a vital role in developing and creating the exhibits around the museum. Our Exhibits team is made of both curators and educators who come up with new and exciting stories to tell. Once our team has an idea for an exhibit, we begin writing. In this phase we watch word count and reading levels, so we make sure every visitor can enjoy each panel. Our curators then go into our collection and choose the best objects to enhance each exhibit. After a lot of editing, the team then works on the graphic design. Finally, exhibits are then ready to print and install in the gallery. Even before installation, the team is at work on the next exhibit.

U.S. Navy Seabee Museum: Foundation Blog

Doing History at the Seabee Museum

Education and Events

By the numbers:

- Annual Visitation: 20,000
- Staff: 8 full time
- Volunteer team: 6 members
- Activities per year:
 - 2-3 temporary exhibits per year
 - Hundreds of tours to students and adult groups
 - 1 major event
 - Summer toddler Storytime series
 - Frequent updates to the Bee Fun Zone

Objects can't speak for themselves. Instead, we rely on our Education and Exhibits teams to help give each object and record context through programs and exhibits.

Our Education team works to create events and programming for all ages. Their goal is to create new experiences to keep visitors coming back to the museum. They work on everything from creating and giving new tours to planning large events like our Seabee Fest. They are also in charge of running our popular Bee Fun Zone, giving kids of all ages a space to explore ideas from the museum in a hands-on way.

On top of our staff, our museum also relies on our dedicated volunteers every day. Our visitor services team are the smiling faces every visitor meets when they walk through our doors. Visitor Services volunteers help visitors get the most out of their experience by welcoming and assisting them throughout public areas;

answering questions, and directing visitors to programs, events, and exhibitions. Our Back of House volunteer team help do projects across the museum from watering the garden to helping with data input. No matter the team, we are deeply grateful for their dedication to the museum and our visitors.



NSF Celebrating the impact of the Seabee community.

During deployments, Family Readiness Groups (FRGs) provide encouragement, connection, and a sense of home for Seabee families. Through the Navy Seabee Foundation's FRG Grant Program, we're honored to help support events like NMCB ONE's Over the Hump celebration.

Thank you to the incredible volunteers of NMCB ONE FRG for the countless hours you invest in caring for Seabee families. Your dedication strengthens our community in ways that extend far beyond a single event.

Stories like this are possible because of the generosity of our donors. Thank you for helping us support the Seabee community—past, present, and future.



NMCB 1 operations

U.S. joint services, Canadian Armed Forces repair airfield during Valiant Shield

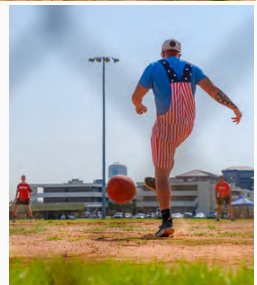
*Photos by Cpl. Cecilia Campbell
1st Marine Aircraft Wing*

U.S. Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, U.S. Airmen with the 554th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers, U.S. Navy Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1, and Canadian Armed Forces members with 2 Wing Bagotville repair a simulated damaged airfield in support of Valiant Shield 2026 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, June 26, 2026. Exercises like Valiant Shield allow Pacific Command Joint Forces the opportunity to integrate forces from all branches of service and with our allies to conduct precise and overwhelming multi-axis, multi-domain effects that demonstrate the strength and versatility of the joint force and our commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Kickball tournament to "kick" off the July 4th weekend! All of our Units of Action came to win, but in the end ACC2 emerged victorious.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe July 4th!

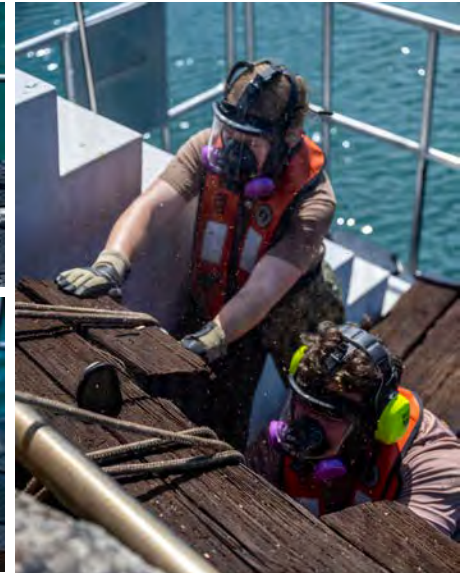
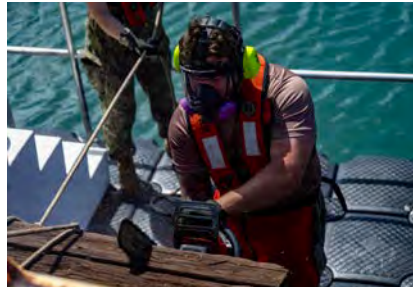


NMCB 3 operations

NMCB 3 WCC 3-2 conduct pier repairs at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

*Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Jade Holmes
Naval Construction Group ONE*

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3, use a chainsaw while working on a pier during a repair project at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii on July 7, 2026. RIMPAC 2026 will build on the success of RIMPAC 2024 with a larger contingent of partners demonstrating the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. The exercise will cover a wide range of capabilities including amphibious operations, gunnery and missile proficiency, anti-submarine warfare, air defense exercises, military medicine, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, counter-piracy, mine clearance, explosive ordnance disposal, and diving and salvage operations. Throughout the exercise, partners train and operate together to strengthen our collective forces and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific.



UCT 2 operations

Train like lives depend on it—because they do

Photos by: EA1 Arnuco

During RIMPAC26, Seabee Divers from UCT2 executed a simulated diving casualty drill, sharpening emergency response procedures and reinforcing the teamwork, communication, and professionalism required when seconds matter most. Every evolution is another opportunity to be ready for the real thing.



Always a Seabee...

Mitchell, SD

Vietnam Seabee, Arthur Escalante getting ready to roll out for the Mitchell, SD, STAMPEDE RODEO PARADE.

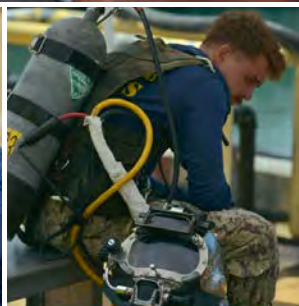


UCT 2 operations

U.S. Navy Seabee divers hold training exercise and pier repairs during RIMPAC 2026

*Photos by Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Lopez
Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet*

Seabees from Underwater Construction Team 2 conduct a diving exercise and complete pier repairs at Ford Island, Hawaii, during Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2026, July 7, 2026. Thirty nations, over 30 surface ships, five submarines, 15 national land forces, more than 206 aircraft and 30,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC in and around the Hawaiian Islands, June 24 to July 31. The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity while fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships among participants critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2026 is the 30th exercise in the series that began in 1971.



NCB 18 operations

Seabees construct a HADR camp during RIMPAC 2026

Seabees cut boards for a tent deck at the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief camp during Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2026, Ford Island, Hawaii. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelly Meyer).



Seabees construct medical facilities during Rim of the Pacific 2026

U.S. Navy Seabees from Naval Construction Battalion 18 cut boards for a tent deck for the Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief camp during Rim of the Pacific 2026, at Ford Island, Hawaii. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelly Meyer).



Seabees assist in positioning a trailer-mounted sensor platform during RIMPAC 2026

U.S. Navy Chief Equipment Operator Nicholas Byram from Naval Construction Battalion 18, operates a forklift during Rim of the Pacific 2026, at Ford Island, Hawaii. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kelly Meyer).



NCG 1 happenings

NCG 1 Seabees celebrate our nation's 250th birthday

NCG 1 came together to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with an afternoon of camaraderie, friendly competition and great food.

Seabees and families enjoyed a variety of activities including ultimate football, frisbee, basketball, volleyball, and cornhole, showcasing teamwork and esprit de corps both on and off the field.

The celebration concluded with a barbecue lunch, where everyone gathered to enjoy good food and great company followed by a prize raffle that capped off an outstanding event.

Events like these strengthen the bonds within our command while honoring the proud legacy of our nation and those who continue to serve it.

Happy 250th Birthday, America!

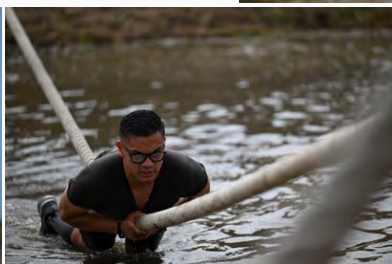


Seabee Mud Run 2026

NCG 1 Seabees along with Sailors and families from the area brought the grit, teamwork and fighting spirit to this year's Seabee Mud Run on Naval Base Ventura County Port Hueneme!

From start to finish they tackled every obstacle, embraced the challenge and showed once again that teamwork and determination are at the heart of the Navy.

Can Do!



Always a Seabee...

Horseshoe Bend, ID

Traveling by car, truck, water and air, the Greater Southwest Idaho Seabee Swarm mustered at the Locking Horns Riverside Restaurant Horseshoe Bend for our monthly breakfast gathering. A great time was had by all with many stories shared. L-R Steve Moore, Rory Aguilar, Mike Dupras, Rex Rhymer, Dale Prouty, Bill Sutherland, Rick Burlingame and Craig Rush.



NMCB 11 operations

Valiant Shield 2026

Airfield Damage Repair

Sailors assigned to the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force assist U.S. Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 Detachment Iwakuni in breaking up concrete on an airfield in Ashiya Airbase, June 23, 2026, in support of VALIANT SHIELD 2026. Exercises like VALIANT SHIELD allow U.S. Pacific Command the opportunity to integrate forces from all branches of service and with our allies to conduct precise, lethal, and overwhelming multi-domain effects that demonstrate the strength and versatility of the joint force and our commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photo by Utilitiesman 2nd Class Austin Romano)



Valiant Shield 2026

CORPSMAN UP

HM2 Pliler coordinated and led an on-the-job training event with the Philippine Marine Corps 3rd Marine Brigade, delivering Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) instruction through controlled-stress scenarios.

The training enhanced medical readiness and strengthened interoperability between our Lucky Eleven Seabees and the Philippine Marine Corps by improving participants' ability to assess, treat, and evacuate casualties in simulated combat environments while reinforcing the long-standing partnership between the two forces.

BRAVO ZULU HM2 PLILER!



Seabee Museum & Memorial Park

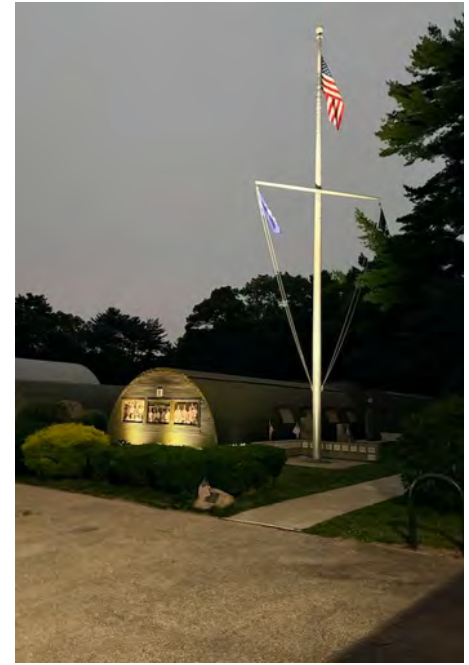
SMMP names park grounds in honor of Seabee logo designer

In a recent ceremony, the SMMP unveiled the newly named Camp Iafate at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park grounds. Historically, the Quonset Huts of World War II vintage showcased a variety of colors such as white, gray, olive drab green, and camouflage patterns. We chose a uniform olive drab green for our restoration project, aligning with military specifications for practical reasons.

In other news, a special exhibit inside the museum, with a notable connection to Arlington, is forthcoming within a month's time. The barracks display remains a work in progress as we continue to source items. Your support is invaluable, and we thank you for your donations that make these projects

possible. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to your visit.

As a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park is maintained solely by volunteer contributions. Despite their tireless efforts, additional support is required to sustain operations sometimes. Donations are essential for conserving the Seabee heritage and historical legacy. We're currently in the process of such a project requiring us to seek outside help with the rehabilitation project stripping and priming the huts in preparation for a final coat of the iconic Seabee OD green. We value your support and invite you to join in the preservation of the Original Home of the Seabees Davisville RI, via our website or mailing a check to Seabee Museum, 21 Iafate Way, North Kingstown, RI 02852.



SMMP holds a golf tournament to support its mission

Many golfers participated in a golf event at North Kingstown Golf Course, which was built in 1942 as part of the extensive Davisville and Quonset Point complex covering over 3,500 acres during its operational years as a military base, was truly exceptional. The event brought together over 100 golfers, many of whom were former Seabees and their family members. Following 18 holes of golf on the scenic course, known for its breezy conditions and picturesque views, the participants enjoyed a BBQ lunch prepared by Matt's Backyard BBQ on the museum grounds. The highlight of the event was the presentation of a Quilt of Valor to Seabee EO2 Elmo Mitchell, who drove all the way from Oklahoma to help volunteer.



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04 August 2007: Construction Electrician 2nd Class Jason Harrison, NMCB 28, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal by RADM Richard Cellon, Commander, 1st Naval Construction Division (INCD), during a ceremony at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. Harrison was a mobilized reservist Seabee serving in the Al Anbar Province in support of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF). On 11 March 2007, Harrison was serving as a gunner in the lead vehicle of an NMCB 28 Convoy Security Element (CSE) team when his vehicle was attacked by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). He was knocked unconscious by the explosion, suffered a serious concussion and spent two days on limited duty. Since then, Harrison completed more than 150 missions while still serving as the lead gunner.

06 August 1945: A U.S. Army Air Force B-29 bomber, called the Enola Gay, took off from North Field on the island of Tinian and later in the day dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Honshu, Japan. This was the first time that the weapon, until then held secret, was used for a military purpose. The bomb destroyed over four square miles of the city and brought death or injury to over 160,000 people. Seabees of the Sixth Naval Construction Brigade participated in many phases of the operation. When the USS Indianapolis arrived at Tinian from the Naval Weapons Center, Port Chicago, California, Seabees helped with the unloading of the components of the atomic bomb. The Seabees then stored the elements in a shed built by themselves, and they then organized a detachment to guard the shed and its mysterious contents. Scientists assembled the atomic bombs in the shed with several Seabees assisting as handymen. Later when she started on her mission to Japan, the Enola Gay with her atomic bomb took off from Tinian's North field which the Seabees had built.

08 August 1949: The first Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, NMCB 1, was activated for use in advance base construction and for participation in special task force projects.

09 August 1967: NMCB 1 vehicle was hit by claymore type mine on Route 1; one man killed in action, five men wounded in action.

12 August 1942: The 11th NCB was the first battalion to leave the Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California by ship. The battalion sailed on the SS Japara for Tutuila, Samoa.

12 August 1942: The 18th NCB arrived at NCTC Davisville for advanced training, the first battalion to do so.

12 August 2014: Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2's Construction Dive Detachment Alpha (CDDA) completed underwater cable maintenance at the Barking Sands Pacific Missile Range Facility, Hawaii. The detachment inspected 17 underwater cables on the seafloor at depths of up to 130 feet, installing 75 zinc anodes and setting 150 meters of split pipe to reinforce portions of cables and conduit vulnerable to abrasion.

15 August 1944: Invasion forces landed on Guam in the Marianas on July 21, 1944. Possession of Apra Harbor, together with the development area surrounding it and the airfield on Orote Peninsula, was the initial objective. Landing forces struck north and south of the harbor. Seabees participated in the assaults, the 25th NCB and 2nd Special NCB on the beaches north of the harbor and the 53rd NCB, 13th Special NCB, and CBMU 515 of the southern beaches. For three weeks combat and construction proceeded together until finally, on August 10, Japanese resistance came to an end.

17 August 1969: Hurricane Camille brought havoc and grief to the residents of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In her pass across the Gulf Coast she destroyed or damaged 30,000 homes and hundreds of business, civic, and religious structures; severed communications; knocked out water, power and sewer service. At the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, 29 buildings were destroyed and more than 90 percent of the structures received some damage. However, after the eye of the hurricane passed over the Gulf Coast, Seabees at the Center implemented a massive mobilization effort to assist the surrounding community in recovery operations, clear roads, locate bodies, rescue survivors, restore water, gas and electrical power, put out fires, set up mobile dispensaries, and unload food, supplies, and medicine.

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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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19 August 2005: Construction personnel from Philippine Navy, and U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to NMCB 5, put the finishing touches on a two-room schoolhouse they built jointly at the Doce Martires Elementary School, San Narciso, Philippines as part of the Philippines phase of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2005. CARAT is an annual series of bilateral military training exercises with several Southeast Asian nations designed to enhance the interoperability of the respective sea services.							
21 August 1943: The one hundred thousandth recruit was sent through the Seabee induction mill at Camp Peary, Virginia on August 21, 1943, less than eight months after the first recruit was processed at Peary on the muddy day of December 6, 1942. The recruit who had the figure 100,000 written in mercurochrome across his chest at medical inspection was CM3c Emil J. Mascotti of Bessemer, Michigan.							
21 August 2008: A CH46 helicopter transported Seabees assigned to NMCB 133 to a bombing range off the coast of Okinawa. NMCB 133 was generating a plan to make the site more useable for Navy, Air Force, and Marine personnel after a survey team performed a site visit.							
22 August 2006: Sailors assigned Inshore Boat Unit Five Two (IBU-52) trained in boat maneuvers while participating in Exercise Seahawk 2006 off San Diego and bivouacked in a camp set up by CBMU303. The exercise is a combination of anti-terrorism and force protection training involving units from U.S. Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC). In January 2006, the Navy created the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, bringing EOD, Naval Coastal Warfare, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support functions and the Seabees under one umbrella. NECC integrates all warfighting requirements for expeditionary combat and combat support elements.							
24 August 2010: In a posthumous frocking ceremony, SW2 (DV) Robert D. Stethem was promoted to the honorary rank of Master Chief Petty Officer aboard the USS Stethem (DDG 63) in Yokosuka, Japan.							
25 August 2009: Groundbreaking ceremonies are held at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, CA for construction of the new U.S. Navy Seabee Museum to replace the older facility which opened in 1956.							
26 August 2022: Sailors from Amphibious Construction Battalion One celebrate after winning the Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Surface Line Week 2022, consisting of 23 events between 23 Surface Warfare community commands. Surface Line Week is a two-week competition that highlights professional and athletic skills of members from the Surface Warfare community in San Diego while enhancing camaraderie and team building.							
28 August 1967: One man from NMCB 1 killed by enemy sniper fire on Route 1.							
28 August 1967: At 6:08 a.m., the Dong Ha Combat Base in the Republic of Vietnam was subjected to an enemy rocket attack. Three of the rockets landed in the Seabee cantonment, Camp Barnes. One of the rockets made a direct hit on a C Company berthing hut. As a result of this direct hit, four men were killed: BUR2 Jerry L. Newman, BURCN Jerome D. Patterson, BURCN Anthony K. Grasso, and BUHCA Richard J. Wager. Between August 28 and September 25, 1967, the Seabee camp at the Dong Ha Combat Base came under enemy artillery and rocket attack 47 times on 13 different days. All attacks came between 4 a.m. and 8 p.m, with the majority of them coming during daylight hours. As a result of these daytime attacks, construction work was greatly hampered, and sometimes came to a standstill while the Seabees sought cover.							
30 August 1967: During a Viet Cong mortar attack on the Phu Bai combat base, NMCB 3's camp is hit by one 105mm howitzer round from friendly artillery. The round impacts in the enlisted berthing area, killing Construction Mechanic 1st Class J.W. Wilkinson and Yeoman 3rd Class D.C. Coker, and wounding 19 others.							
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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.

ACB 1 operations

Learning Beyond the Build: Seabee Engineer Technicians Take on a Once-in-a-Generation Assignment

*Story by Jhewel Felipe
Officer in Charge of Construction Pearl
Harbor Naval Shipyard*

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – Few sailors will ever have the opportunity to support the Navy's largest military construction project. For a team of Seabee Engineer Technicians from Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE (ACB-1), led by Capt. Javier Lopez-Martinez, commanding officer of ACB-1, that opportunity came through a four-month overnight assignment with Officer in Charge of Construction Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (OICC PHNSY), led by Capt. Chris Coggins, commanding officer of OICC PHNSY, supporting construction of the future Dry Dock 5 (P-209).

Working overnight shifts from March through July 2026, the sailors joined OICC PHNSY engineers, construction managers and contractor personnel in providing engineering oversight, quality assurance, safety monitoring and project coordination during critical phases of overnight construction.

P-209, the future Dry Dock 5, is a cornerstone of the Navy's Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program (SIOP). Once complete, it will replace the aging Dry Dock 3 and provide Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) with its first new dry dock in nearly 80 years, expanding the Navy's ability to maintain and modernize submarines and other vessels throughout the Indo-Pacific.

But the project isn't just building infrastructure. It's building the next generation of Seabee Engineer Technicians.

For Engineering Aide First Class Daniel Julian, the assignment's greatest value came from working alongside civilian engineers and construction managers while gaining firsthand experience in the planning and coordination required to execute a project of this scale.

"This unique opportunity aligns with the redesign of the Naval Construction Force, particularly with Seabees and contractors working together on the Navy's largest military construction project," Julian said.

The partnership exemplified Poseidon's Corollary, a philosophy embraced throughout OICC PHNSY. Poseidon's Corollary recognizes that naval readiness depends on three interconnected elements: operational forces, resilient infrastructure and a capable workforce.

Senior Enlisted Leader Chief Petty Officer Randy Ramos, who also serves as an engineer technician at OICC PHNSY, said the overnight operation demonstrated that philosophy by pairing Seabees with government engineers and contractor personnel.

"The Seabees became an extension of our quality assurance team during critical overnight operations," Ramos said. "Their oversight helped verify contractor work met Navy engineering standards while giving them firsthand experience with large-scale military construction management."

Throughout the assignment, OICC PHNSY personnel, ACB-1 Seabees and industry partners worked side by side to deliver critical infrastructure while simultaneously developing the Navy's future engineering workforce.

Builder Second Class Charles Loucraft, an OICC PHNSY engineer technician, said the assignment exposed the Seabees to engineering oversight responsibilities rarely encountered during traditional construction assignments while supporting quality assurance during critical concrete placements and other waterfront construction activities. Steelworker Second Class Anastasia Fagins said the experience challenged common assumptions about the Seabee mission.

"Not every Seabee mission involves swinging hammers or operating heavy equipment," Fagins said. "This assignment puts us in the middle of engineering operations, monitoring safety, tracking quality control points and coordinating with civilian teams. It shows a side of what Seabees can do that most people never see."

"There are rare opportunities to support a project of this scale from the engineering side," she said. "It gave us a completely different perspective on how major military construction projects come together."



Steelworker Second Class Connor Harkins said the assignment opened his eyes to aspects of construction work rarely visible from a traditional Seabee billet.

"This project gave me experiences I never would have had in a typical Seabee role," Harkins said. "Working alongside the OICC PHNSY engineer technicians showed me the inner workings and behind-the-scenes coordination that drives a project of this scale."

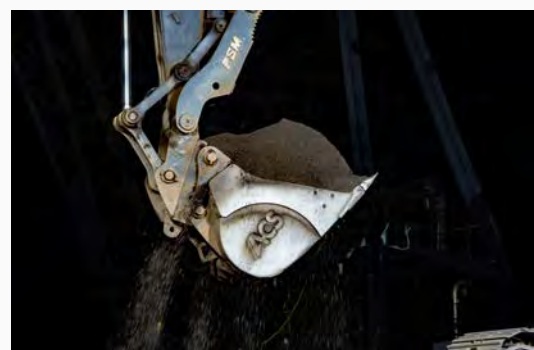
That sense of purpose extended to the team's daily approach to work. Utilitiesman Second Class Jaime Orobio said what stood out most wasn't any single task, but the attitude the OICC PHNSY team brought to every shift.

"What makes me proud of OICC PHNSY is that they genuinely care about doing their best work," Orobio said. "They show up, work hard every single day and never get complacent."

Ramos said the project represented more than the construction of a new dry dock.

"The most important takeaway is that this project represents a seamless fusion of military precision and world-class engineering, where active-duty Seabees and civilians work hand in hand to build the future of our national defense," Ramos said.

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As construction of P-209 continues, its impact is already evident in two ways: through the infrastructure taking shape below the waterline and the next generation of professionals being developed above it.

Long after construction is complete, P-209's legacy will extend beyond the dry dock itself. It will endure in the knowledge, partnerships and shared experience forged among the military, civilian and industry professionals who came together to advance the future of naval readiness.



ACB- ONE Seabees Hit the Ground Running for Pacific Partnership 2026

Quảng Trị Province, Vietnam

Article by: SW1 (SCW) Joshua C. Sirjoo

Photographs by: SW2 Brian Ewing

The Seabee detachment from Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE deployed as the Sail-in-Echelon Engineering Team in support of Pacific Partnership 2026, the U.S. Navy's largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster response mission.

Over 15 days, ACB-1 Seabees renovated four restrooms at the Lê Ninh Regional General Clinic in Quảng Trị Province, Vietnam. The project included replacing outdated squat troughs with modern Western-style toilets, installing new floor and wall tile, upgrading the plumbing system, installing security windows, installing hand railing on the second floor, and applying a fresh coat of paint throughout the facilities.

The Lê Ninh Regional General Clinic is the only clinic serving Quảng Trị Province, home to 9,600 people, and treats about 45 patients daily. The completed renovations have significantly improved sanitation, accessibility, and the overall patient experience, leaving a lasting impact on the local community while reinforcing the enduring partnership between the United States, Vietnam, and participating partner nations.



NMCB 4 operations

Port Hueneme, CA

NMCB 4 Seabees Maintain CESE

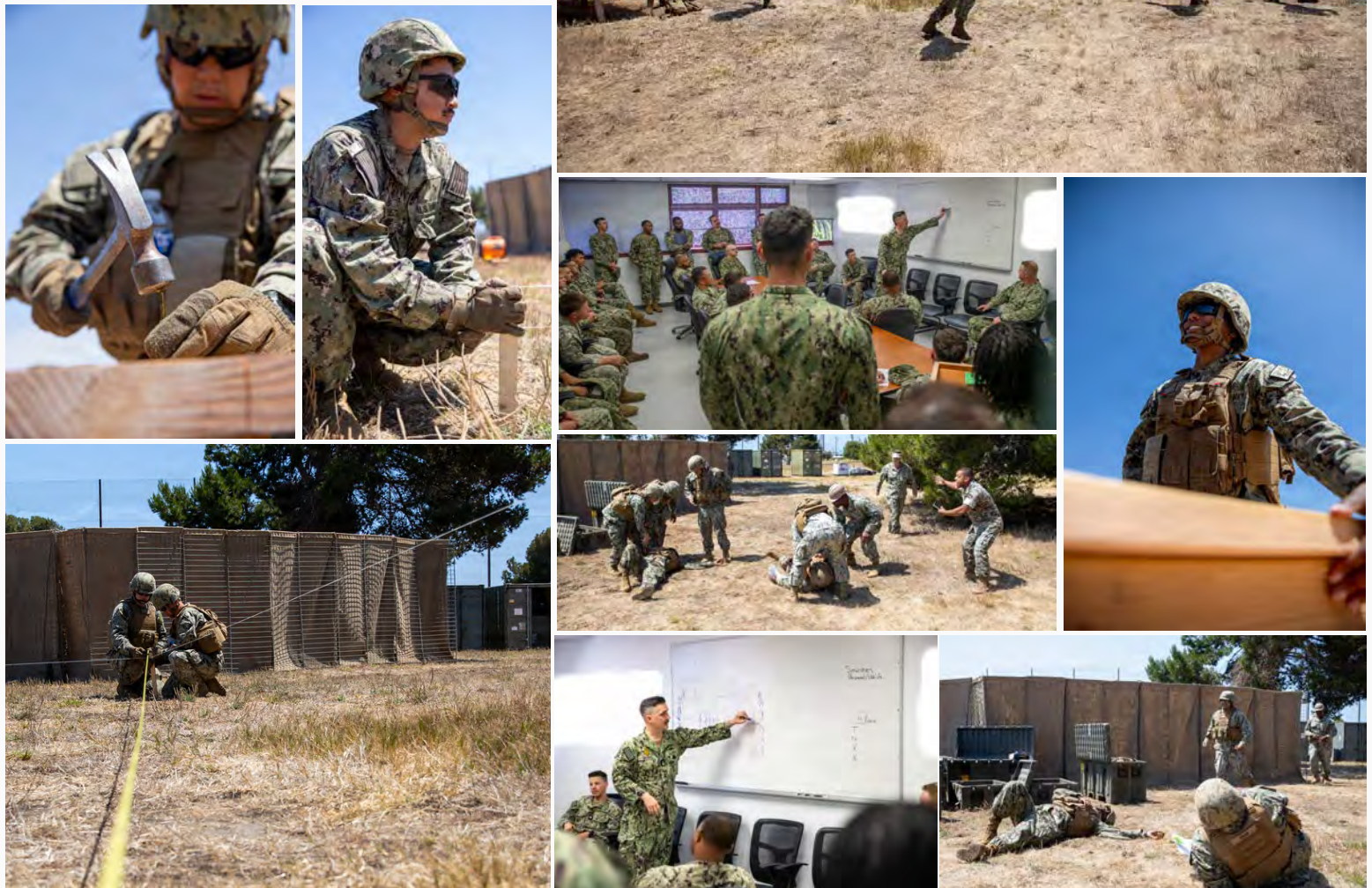
Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4, conduct maintenance on civil engineering support equipment (CESE) on board Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, California, July 01, 2026. NMCB 4 is implementing a robust construction skill training plan to prepare for a dynamic mission set in support of Combatant Commander strategic objectives. (US Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Dakota Rayburn)



Port Hueneme, CA

NMCB 4 Seabees Conduct CPX 2

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4, conduct a command post exercise (CPX) 2, including training on react team tactics, and expeditionary camp construction. (US Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Dakota Rayburn)

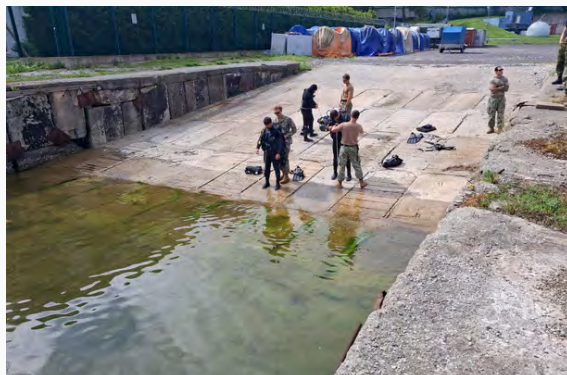


UCT 1 operations

Tallinn, Estonia

UCT 1 Dive Operations in Estonia

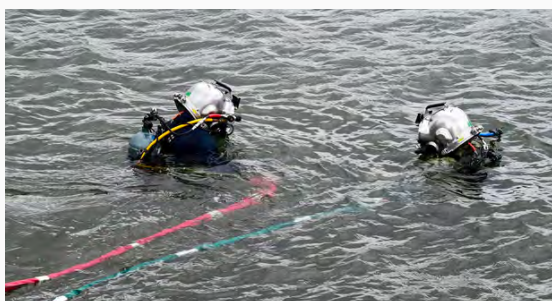
U.S. Navy Seabee divers assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 1, Construction Dive Detachment Charlie (CDD/C), conduct diving operations in Tallinn, Estonia, June 30, 2026. UCT 1, CDD/C, currently deployed under 22nd Naval Construction Regiment, is a specially trained and equipped unit within Navy Expeditionary Combat Forces, that specializes in diving, light salvage, underwater construction, and military engineering operations in austere environments.



Liepāja, Latvia

UCT 1 Dive Operations supporting BALTOPS 2026

U.S. Navy Seabee divers assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 1, Construction Dive Detachment Charlie (CDD/C), conduct dive operations during Baltops2026 in Liepāja, Latvia.



Panama City Beach, Florida

Dive demonstration exercise

Construction Dive Detachment 1-1 and NSWC put precision, teamwork, and capability on full display during a dynamic dive demonstration exercise in Panama City Beach, Florida. Hooyah Det Alpha!!



NMCB 133 operations

Gulfport, MS

Collateral storage project

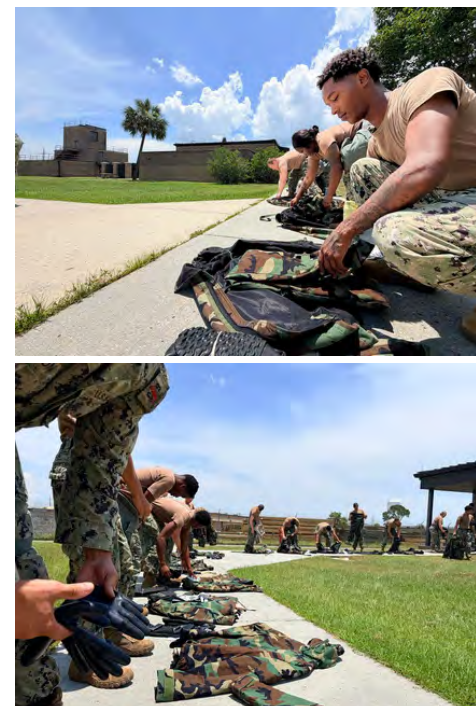
NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos are working on a collateral storage project at NCBC Gulfport. From measuring spacing for formwork or placing concrete! This is just one of the many ways we improve our skills while in home port.



Gulfport, MS

CBR training

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos recently attended a CBR class and trained in a CS gas environment. This is just one of the many ways we improve our skills while in home port.



SAME STEM Camp 2026

Port Hueneme, CA

The 2026 Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Navy Engineering & Construction Camp was recently held at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme!

Over six days, campers from across the country participated in hands-on engineering activities, visited Navy commands, engaged with STEM professionals, and developed leadership skills while exploring careers in engineering and construction.

Thank you to our volunteers, military partners, and industry sponsors, including Navy Seabee Foundation, whose time and dedication made this experience possible. We had an incredible week. See what our campers accomplished!



Always a Seabee...



Fort Worth, TX

Veterans Meet Up at BRCC! Black Rifle Coffee Company.



Arlington, WA

This month's PNW Seabee Breakfast was held at the Gleneagle Restaurant & Bar in Arlington, WA. 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. For details, visit us at PNW SEABEES CAN DO on Facebook, and check out the Events tab.

NCB 25 Operations

Navy Seabees, ROK Military and U.S. Marines strengthen partnerships through RIMPAC 2026 construction project

Story by Sgt. David FitzPatrick

Photos by Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelly Meyer

Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet

Seabees assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 25 based out of Port Hueneme, Calif., worked alongside Republic of Korea (ROK) Service Members and U.S. Marines during Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026 to complete a concrete demolition and site preparation project and construction of the Su-Hyang-Jeong gazebo.

The crew demolished a damaged concrete pad measuring approximately 75 by 40 feet before grading, compacting and preparing the site for a follow-on concrete pour during RIMPAC. The project restored critical infrastructure, served as a hands-on training opportunity that allowed service members from multiple nations to hone construction skills while learning to operate together, building interoperability and partnership.

"The importance of this project is that we have Marines, Republic of Korea service members and Seabees all working together," said Equipment Operator 1st Class Anderson, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 25. "It's about building partnerships and relationships."

Senior Chief Petty Officer Matthew Mangum, senior enlisted leader for the project and assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 25, said the construction effort represents far more than completing a single engineering project.

"The reason for doing this is base enhancements, but also joint partnership and training. That's what RIMPAC is about," Mangum said.

Although language differences would typically be a barrier during a multinational project, Anderson said the team quickly established an effective workflow through demonstrations, and clear communication.

"Once we got over the language barrier, we showed them the scope of the project and what we wanted to accomplish,"



Anderson said. "Since then, it's been seamless." The construction mission requires several pieces of heavy equipment, including backhoes equipped with hydraulic breakers to fracture the concrete, an excavator to remove reinforced sections containing steel, and a skid steer for final grading operations.

Like many engineering missions, the project has not been without obstacles. Equipment breakdowns forced the team to adapt while maintaining progress toward mission completion.

"We've had breakdowns, but the Seabee motto is Can Do. We found creative ways to work around those issues and keep the project moving," said Anderson. Beyond just getting the project done, Anderson emphasized that the greatest value of the project lies in the training it provides to both junior and international service members.

"It makes our junior Sailors, Marines and Republic of Korea partners more efficient because it's a training evolution," Anderson said. "The next time they go on a concrete mission, they'll already understand what's required."

The experience also prepares participants for future deployments and missions where construction tasks may need to be completed under demanding conditions.

"When we're deployed, it may not be a training environment we may have to go," Anderson said. "The knowledge they're gaining here transfers directly to future missions and helps operations run more smoothly."

Working alongside international partners also provides opportunities to better understand different cultures, communication styles and problem-solving approaches.

"It's exciting learning how other countries do things," Anderson said. "You learn about their culture, you build rapport, and you realize that everyone is working towards the same goal."

Mangum said working alongside ROK forces reinforces the long-standing partnerships that make multinational exercises successful.

"A lot of times people don't understand the actual partnership we have with these other nations," Mangum said. "The fact that we come here during RIMPAC and work hand in hand with these other countries is huge."

For ROK Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Park Jun, an engineer supporting the project, RIMPAC has provided a unique opportunity to work alongside military members from around the world.

"I have never experienced so many countries coming to the same place and working together," Park said. "It is a very special experience for me."

Park said training together before future operations is essential because allied nations often bring different languages, cultures and operating procedures.

"Working together during exercises like RIMPAC improves our ability to operate together," Park said. "That's why RIMPAC is important."

This project came to a close with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 14, 2026. The ceremony did more than just signify completion, it celebrated the hard work, dedication, and partnership that was built during this mission. The construction of the Su-Hyang-Jeong gazebo and the concrete pad demolish show the importance of RIMPAC and its ability to foster interoperability, teamwork, and partnership.

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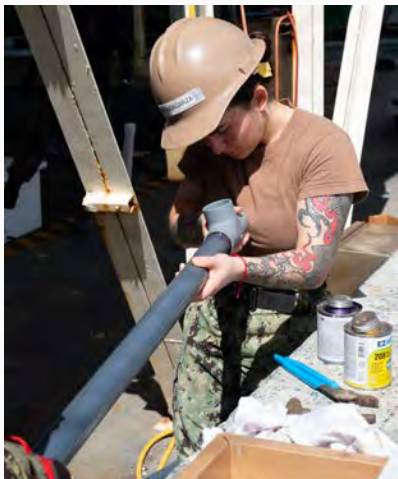
NCB 25 Operations

Navy Seabees, ROK Military and U.S. Marines strengthen partnerships through RIMPAC 2026 construction project (photos)



United States Navy Seabees of Naval Construction Battalion 25 pose for a picture June 30th, 2026 during Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026. Thirty nations, over 30 surface ships, five submarines, 15 national land forces, more than 206 aircraft and 30,000 personnel are participating in RIMPAC in and around the Hawaiian Islands, June 24 to July 31. The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity while fostering and sustaining cooperative relationships among participants critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2026 is the 30th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

(U.S. Navy photos on this page by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Daniel Lopez, Petty Officer 3rd Class Jade Holmes, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelly Meyer)



NMCB 5 operations

Pandan, Indonesia

U.S. Navy Seabees Build 3 Two-Room Classrooms in Pandan, Indonesia as part of Pacific Partnership 2026

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, measure lumber as part of a Pacific Partnership 2026 engineering project to construct a two-room classroom building in Pandan, Indonesia, July 15, 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 photos by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Paolo Peredo)



Quang Trach, Vietnam

Pacific Partnership 2026

Pacific Partnership 2026 (PP26) leadership stands with U.S. Navy Seabees, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, and U.S. Army engineers, assigned to 411th Engineering Battalion, for a group photo on the site 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 29, 2026. The project, led by PP26 with support from the U.S. Army engineers of Pacific Friendship 2026, 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 courtesy photo)



NSU State Department happenings

Washington, DC

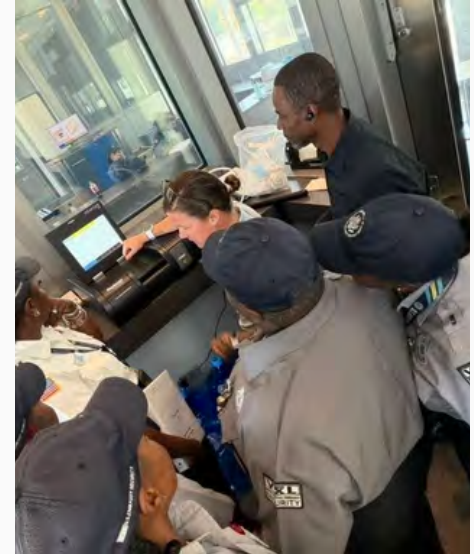
NSU welcomed the newest class, 26-03, with a fun bowling night here in Washington, DC! Great chance for the Seabees to relax, have some laughs, and get to know the new guys joining the team. Welcome aboard, Class 26-03!



Nassau, The Bahamas

Did someone say TDY to the Bahamas?

SW1 Beveridge was out at the Nassau Repeater Site conducting hands-on maintenance and detailed system checks to keep communications reliable for current and future operations. Meanwhile, EO1 Merriman was at CAC locations training supervisors on the newly installed 5X systems, making sure the team is ready to operate, manage, and troubleshoot the upgraded capabilities like pros. Behind every smooth operation is a Seabee making sure the signal stays strong. Photos by: UTI Graham, WHA Region PAO



Nassau, The Bahamas, pt 2.

Seabees of FRC: Built for the Mission! From the halls of diplomacy to the gym floor, the Seabees of FRC are proving that readiness knows no limits!

Diplomacy Meets Dedication. Seabee Technicians UTI Graham and CEI Keller had the distinct honor of meeting with Ambassador Herschel Walker during a routine TDY site visit to the Bahamas! The team engaged in meaningful discussions on the critical importance of forward presence and how it directly supports the mission and strengthens global operational readiness. This is what it looks like when defense and diplomacy work side by side!

And When the Work Is Done, They Train! Back at FRC, Seabees hit the deck hard during a weekly PT session led by CFL reps, grinding through intense circuit-based workouts designed to build and maintain peak Navy Physical Readiness Standards. Because a ready Seabee is a mission-capable Seabee.

Whether they're sitting across from an Ambassador or pushing through a tough circuit, these Seabees bring the same grit, professionalism, and Can-Do spirit every single day. Photos by: UTI Graham, WHA Region PAO



NSU State Department happenings

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

X-ray vision: not a superpower, just part of the job. BU2 Taylor and Security Engineering Officer (SEO) Ben Fisher successfully completed the weekly security scanning operations for all items entering Controlled Access Area (CAA) spaces at Embassy Addis Ababa. The items scanned included diplomatic gifts for the Ambassador at post. This routine security measure supports the integrity of controlled access environments and maintains the security posture of sensitive operational areas. Photo by: EO1 Curry, AF East Region PAO



Montreal, Quebec, Canada

CM1 Bookwalter working through ENS issues at the U.S. Consulate in Montreal, helping keep critical security systems operational. EA1 Ruiz performing TC maintenance and replacing canisters to ensure systems remain mission ready as well as troubleshooting a malfunctioning mortise lock and restoring secure access to the facility. UTI Espinoza replacing and retipping a CAT6 cable, keeping network infrastructure reliable and connected. Every day brings a new challenge, and our Seabees continue to deliver. Photos by: UTI Graham, WHA Region PAO



Okinawa, Japan

Not every installation goes exactly as planned, and that's where the Seabees come in. While on TDY in Okinawa, Japan, ESO received a new X-ray system for the Naha Consulate. After unboxing the equipment, EO1 Lofink quickly discovered that getting it out of the crate would require a little creativity. Using some field-expedient engineering, he improvised a ramp to safely roll the X-ray out of the box and into position inside the MCAC. From unboxing to installation, sometimes the best tool on the job is ingenuity. Photos by: EO1 Lofink, EAP Region PAO



Hanoi, Vietnam

From the job site to the mountaintop, EA1 Vilca is making the most of every moment in Vietnam! First, it's all business in Hanoi, wrapping up an HD security camera upgrade at the Rose Garden Offsite Compound, removing old analog wiring and keeping our facilities mission-ready. Then, it's time to explore! A moment of serenity at the iconic Lady Buddha Statue at Linh Ứng Pagoda in Da Nang, followed by breathtaking mountain views near Sa Pa in Northern Vietnam. Work hard, explore harder! Our team brings dedication to everything they do, on and off the clock. Photos by: EO1 Lofink, EAP Region PAO

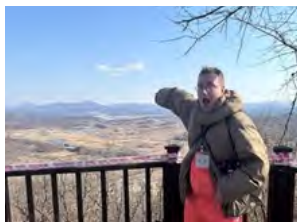


NSU State Department happenings

DMZ, South Korea

Some goals take years to accomplish. In 2023, while stationed in Beijing, CE2 Lee Everett visited the Chinese side of the North Korean border. Three years later, while TDY to Seoul from Bangkok, he completed his personal mission by visiting the DMZ on the South Korean side, seeing North Korea from both directions. And yes, for those paying attention, that's the same orange tracksuit making a return appearance!

During his time in Seoul, CE2 Lee also explored the area's rich history, capturing photos of the Korean War Memorial and a train seized from North Korean forces during the Korean War using a 1950s-era film camera he picked up at a local flea market. Sometimes the best souvenirs are the stories and the photos that come with them. Photos by: EO1 Lofink, EAP Region PAO



Northeast Asia Region

Mission first, no matter what it takes. Sometimes a safe goes down and the clock is ticking. When conventional troubleshooting reaches its limit, BU1 Olivares team Amman doesn't hesitate, make the call, coordinate with the right people, and execute with precision. Safe cutting is a last resort, but when it's the mission, we own it from start to finish. Meanwhile, in Erbil, UT2 Duran took initiative and got the job done and demonstrated outstanding technical proficiency by cutting CAC keys for the team in Erbil. Ensuring personnel had the right access to the right equipment at the right time. Her efforts directly supported operational readiness and kept the mission moving forward! From Amman to Erbil, our teams prove every day that no challenge is too great and no task too small. When it matters most, we get it done. Photos by: CE1 Dixen, NEA Region PAO



Washington, DC, pts 2 & 3

America turns 250 and Washington, D.C. is the place to be! The nation's capital is alive with history, energy, and once-in-a-generation moments, and NSU Sailors are right in the middle of it all!

Please join us in congratulating the following personnel on their well-deserved recognition:

SW2 (SCW/EXW) Pham, Danny L — EOCN Camella Jones Award

HM1 (FMF/SW/AW/IW) Tucker, Brittanny R — Department of State Meritorious Honor Award

PS1 (SW) Peters, Terrie M — Department of State Meritorious Honor Award





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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.



Our vision is a future where every veteran transitions with purpose and opportunity.

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REUNIONS & EVENTS

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



UPCOMING SEABEE EVENTS

AUGUST 2026

- 8 11th Annual BBQ & Reunion Picnic NSVA Dept of TN
Saturday, Aug 8 - Kodak, TN
- 10 **2026 San Diego Seabee Golf Tournament - SOLD OUT**
Monday, Aug 10 - Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, Rancho Santa Fe, CA. Registration open now for Golfers and Sponsors: SeabeeGolf.org

SEPTEMBER 2026



**80th NSVA
NATIONAL CONVENTION**
Join us as we celebrate the
80th Anniversary of the Navy
Seabee Veterans of America.

SEPTEMBER 9-13

Newport News, VA

Register online:

nsva.org/events/convention-2026/register

- 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
Associations Joint Reunion
Sep 21-24 - Colorado Springs, CO
- 26 NMCB 14 Assn. Reunion
Saturday, Sep 26 - Orlando, FL

OCTOBER 2026

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

- 1 **OktoBEEfest - Boston**
Thursday, Oct 1 - West Newton, MA
- OktoBEEfest - Great Lakes, IL**
Thursday, Oct 1 - Winthrop Harbor, IL
- OktoBEEfest - Kentucky**
Thursday, Oct 1 - Georgetown, KY
- 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
- OktoBEEfest - Pacific NW**
Saturday, Oct 3 - Port Orchard, WA
- 8 **2026 Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Tournament**
Thursday, Oct 8 - VA Beach Ntl Golf Club, Register at SeabeeGolf.org
- OktoBEEfest - Philadelphia, PA**
Thursday, Oct 8 - Philadelphia, PA
- OktoBEEfest - Tampa, FL**
Thursday, Oct 8 - Tampa, FL
- 9 **OktoBEEfest - Ft. Leonard Wood, MO**
Friday, Oct 9 - Saint Robert, 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 - Arizona**
Tuesday, Oct 13 - Surprise, AZ
- 15 **OktoBEEfest - Washington, DC**
Thursday, Oct 15 - Washington, DC
- OktoBEEfest - Jax, FL**
Thursday, Oct 15 - Jacksonville, FL
- OktoBEEfest - San Diego, CA**
Thursday, Oct 15 - Imperial Beach, CA
- 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, Cuba
- 24 **OktoBEEfest - State College, PA**
Saturday, Oct 24 - State College, PA
- OktoBEEfest - Fort Wayne, IN**
Saturday, Oct 24 - Fort Wayne, IN
- 25-26 East Coast All Seabee Reunion
Oct 25-29, Pigeon Forge, TN
- 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

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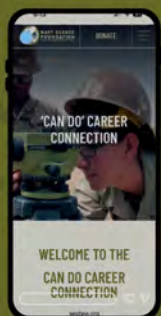


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OCTOBER 8
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- Provide Scholarships to Children/Grandchildren
- Support/Sponsor the US Navy Seabee Museum
- Support the Seabee Memorial at Arlington
- Support other Museums, Memorials & Monuments, including the Seabee Museum & Memorial Park in Rhode Island and the Seabee Heritage Center in Gulfport
- Support Battalion Homeport Celebrations
- Support All-Seabee Reunions
- Support Family Readiness Groups
- Sponsor Seabee events (Golf, OktoBEEfest, etc)
- Can Do Career Connection
- Annual Foundation Awards
- Support Navy STEM Camp
- Recognize Seabee Centenarians
- And much more, all thanks to your support!



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