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U.S. Navy Seabee Museum: A Solemn Tribute

By Jose Valle



Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, U.S. Navy Seabees played a vital role in supporting the Global War on Terror through engineering, construction, and expeditionary operations across multiple theaters. Deploying to countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and throughout the Middle East and Africa, Seabees built and maintained critical infrastructure such as airfields, forward operating bases, roads, bridges, schools, and medical facilities. They also conducted force protection missions, convoy security, and disaster response while working alongside joint and coalition forces. Their ability to rapidly construct and repair facilities in austere and hostile environments enabled military operations and improved living conditions for both service members and local communities. Living up to their motto, "We Build, We Fight," Seabees demonstrated exceptional adaptability, resilience, and technical expertise, making them an indispensable force throughout the Global War on Terror.

This September will mark a significant milestone, the 25th anniversary of the tragic attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. As we reflect on this somber occasion, let us take the time to honor and remember the sacrifices made by the brave men and women of the United States military, whose courage and dedication played a vital role in responding to the events of that day and in protecting our nation in the years that followed.



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A Seabee story: Hell broke loose ~ Boyertown Seabee remembers Japan's surrender

By Steven Henshaw
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Reading Eagle, PA

Edward Conrad, turning 100, honored alongside fellow WWII veterans at Reading event that highlights efforts to keep their history alive.

One day shy of his 100th birthday, Edward Conrad was behind a table in a Reading conference center, displaying some of his World War II personal memorabilia, including a stack of letters he exchanged with his family.

The Boyertown native was one of more than a dozen veterans of that war who were honored Saturday in the McGlinn Conference Center next to the Alvernia University main campus on the 81st anniversary of VJ Day.

The event was sponsored by the Lehigh Valley chapter of the Battle of the Bulge Association. A meet-and-greet of World War II veterans and some other icons — including Berks County's own Rosie the Riveter, Dorothy Trate, now 104 — was followed by lunch and a program.

The group's secretary, Meta Binder, said organizers decided to hold the anniversary event in Reading for the first time because most of the region's surviving World War II veterans reside closer to Reading than Allentown.

"I just thought it was a very significant day and a lot of people from younger generations don't even know what it is," she said.

VJ Day stands for Victory over Japan Day, marking the surrender of Japan and the end of World War II in 1945.

Binder got involved several years ago when she started driving her father, James Binder, to Battle of the Bulge meetings in Bethlehem.

"There were a lot of veterans going at that time," she said. "I got to know them. They asked me to be secretary. The last living member passed away in June."

That spelled the official end of Battle of the Bulge reunions. The group's focus has shifted to honoring veterans from all branches of service and wars.

The Battle of the Bulge, fought from Dec. 16, 1944, to Jan. 25, 1945, was Germany's final major offensive in Europe. More than 80,000 American soldiers were wounded, more than 19,000 were killed, and thousands were taken prisoner during those six brutal weeks. The battle remains one of the deadliest in American military history.

Nazi Germany surrendered unconditionally in May 1945, ending World War II in Europe. The ceasefire took effect on May 8, leading to widespread celebrations of V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day).

But the war continued in the Pacific, and that's where Conrad was sent in 1945. He turned 18 just before beginning his senior year at Boyertown High School, and as far as Uncle Sam was concerned, he was draft eligible.

Service members could state their preference for a branch of service, but there was no guarantee the request would be granted.

"When I got in they asked me what order of service and I said the Navy," he said. "I told them my two brothers were in the Navy, and luckily I got in the Navy."

Unlike his brothers, Conrad didn't serve shipside. He was a member of the Seabees.

A Navy Seabee is a member of the U.S. Naval Construction Battalions. The name comes from a phonetic pronunciation of the letters "CB" for Construction Battalion. Established on March 5, 1942, their official motto is "Construimus, Batuimus" — Latin for "We Build, We Fight."

After completing training at the Naval Training Center in Sampson, N.Y., in December 1944, Conrad was sent to U.S.-occupied Okinawa, Japan, where the Allied forces were preparing for an invasion of mainland Japan.

He was on Okinawa when word spread that Japan had surrendered.

"I remember that well," he said, smiling at the thought. "When they surrendered, the whole hell broke loose. They were shooting shells up in the air — anything that would make a rocket."

As a Navy Seabee, Conrad wasn't assigned to a ship but to a base on the island, where U.S. forces were bracing for what many believed would be a bloody assault on mainland Japan.

"I thought we were going to be on an invasion of Japan," he said. "But with them two (atomic) bombs going off, they decided to give up — which they probably wouldn't have."

Conrad sat behind a table displaying his Seabees uniform — which he hadn't worn in 80 years — and stacks of letters he wrote and received during the war. Visitors paused to admire the pristine condition of the uniform.

"This is wonderful," one said.

Conrad laughed: "I didn't like wearing this too much. It was pretty hot."

Nearby, his great-niece Nadine Blair pointed out a photograph of Conrad and his brothers, all of whom served in the Navy.

Younger generation

The event also drew younger generations determined to preserve the stories of veterans like Conrad.

One of them was Tyler Boland, 22, who has interviewed hundreds of World War II veterans for his YouTube channel, Keeping History Alive, and his Facebook page by the same name. Boland, who graduated in the spring from Albright College, helped the organizers get in contact with the area veterans.

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Edward Conrad of Boyertown talks about his experiences in the Pacific theater in World War II during a program honoring veterans on the anniversary of VJ Day at the McGlinn Conference Center at the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026. (BILL UHRICH/READING EAGLE)

A Seabee story: Hell broke loose (cont.)

Another, even younger member was 11-year-old James Papalia of Lacey, N.J., a historian, author, speaker and podcaster who has already published a series of children's historical-fiction adventure books. Papalia moved from table to table with his father, Frank, and his 8-year-old sister, Emily, gathering stories before giving a presentation during the luncheon program.

"It's keeping veterans' stories alive and making sure my generation remembers what they did for our country," Papalia said. "They're just so special."

He is already working on his next book — a Vietnam War adventure inspired by his grandfather, a Silver Star and Purple Heart recipient.

"It's me and my papa," he said. "I travel through time and go back to different eras."

His father said the books and podcast are rooted in the real veterans James has met.

"It's really him telling the stories of the people he's met," Frank Papalia said. "He works hard on it."



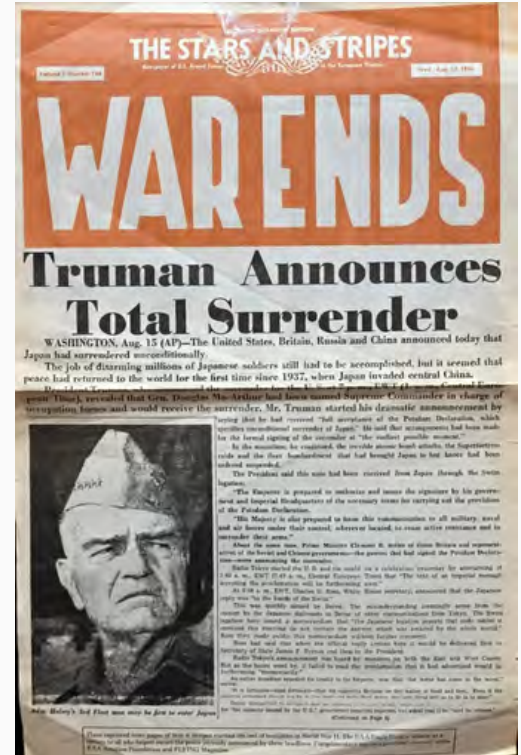
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Frank Stellar, 101, talks about his World War II experiences during a program honoring veterans on the anniversary of VJ Day at the McGlinn Conference Center at the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026. (BILL UHRICH/READING EAGLE)



James Papalia, 11, interviews WWII veterans during a program honoring the anniversary of VJ Day at the McGlinn Conference Center at the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026. (BILL UHRICH/READING EAGLE)



An edition of Stars and Stripes from Aug. 15, 1945, announcing the end of World War II is displayed during a program honoring veterans on the anniversary of VJ Day at the McGlinn Conference Center at the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026. (BILL UHRICH/READING EAGLE)

Always a Seabee...

South Central, PA

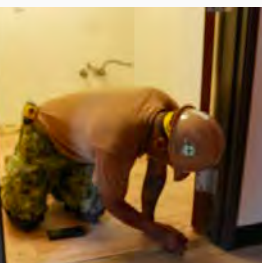
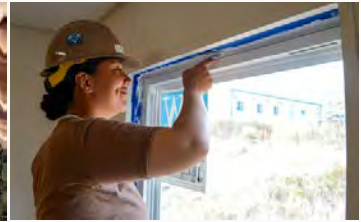
August 8th, 2026 South Central PA Seabee Swarm was held at Hoss's in Chambersburg, Pa. Left to right: Larry Kunkle, Jim Allen, Mike Sage, Jerry Wolfe, Paul S. Barnett Jr., John Byrne, Jim Hershey.



NCB 18 operations: San Clemente Island

At San Clemente Islands, Seabees transformed a worn trailer into a functional living space through skilled craftsmanship and teamwork. From flooring and plumbing to new windows and a retrofitted kitchen and shower, every phase of the project challenged the crew to adapt as unexpected obstacles emerged.

The finished trailer reflects more than quality construction, it reflects the resilience, problem-solving, and teamwork that define our Seabees.



Our Seabees recently completed a specialized Planning and Estimating course focused on the Heavy Timber Bridge and SWA hut. During the training, they developed key skills in project planning and cost estimation, and learned how to put together a complete project package.

Always a Seabee...

Louisiana

Louisiana Seabee Swarm: Always great to get together with my Seabees and family friends for lunch. Thanks for coming out! L to R: EO2 Donald Marcel, Tammy Marcel, Gabriele Marcel, YN3 James Dietz and BU3 Ralph King.



NCG 2 operations

Includes: NAVFAC EXWC, NMCB 1, UCT 1, NSWC Panama City Division, and ACB 1

A recent expeditionary dredging test event at the Port of Gulfport evaluated the use of a configurable barge system and long-reach excavator to conduct dredging operations. During the evolution, the team assembled the barge, loaded the excavator, and conducted a trial dredging operation to validate system performance and operational effectiveness.

The evolution showcased the value of innovation, technical expertise, and collaboration in advancing expeditionary engineering capabilities that support the Fleet. NCG 2 is proud to contribute to the development and refinement of capabilities that enhance mission readiness and strengthen the Navy's ability to operate in dynamic environments.



Commander Task Force 68

Ramsund, Norway

CTF 68 makes preparations in part of Northern Viking 26

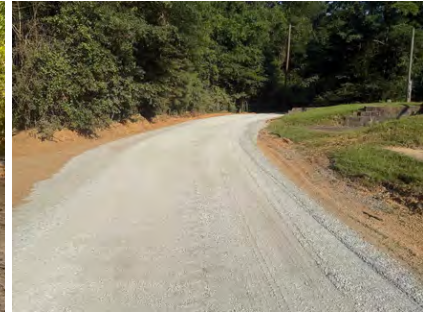
Seabees assigned to Commander, Task Force 68, set up a generator in part of Northern Viking 26 (NV26), in Ramsund, Norway, Aug. 18, 2026. NV26 strengthens interoperability and force readiness between the U.S., Iceland and Allied nations, enabling multi-domain command and control of joint and coalition forces in the defense of Iceland and sea lines of communication in the Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom (GIUK) gap. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Brandie Nuzzi)



NMCB 133 operations

Salmen Scout Reservation

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos recently completed their Salmen Scout Reservation project! This project was a joint operation with the Air Force's 556th RED HORSE Squadron. The team repaired four miles of clay gravel roads and raised a dam one foot! The reservation serves over 3,000 youth and 900 adult volunteers annually. This is one of the many ways we improve our skills while in home port and benefit the community!



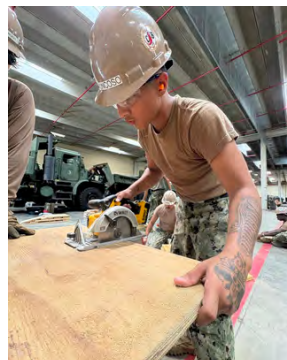
CPX3 Preps

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos are working hard in the S43 department conducting preventive maintenance and operating CESE in order to prepare for CPX3!



ETX

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos recently completed their Embark Training Exercise (ETX). BU2 Whipple and BUCA Troncoso are meticulously processing timber, which will then be assembled by BUCN Munozmercado. This collaborative endeavor aims to construct essential shoring, a critical preparatory measure for ETX operations, ultimately contributing to our readiness for MOX and preparations for CPX3.



NMCB 133 operations

Tactical Tuesday

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos were conducting training for Tactical Tuesday in order to prepare for CPX3. Some of the units of action trained in range cards, fire plans, and camp layout practice. Others also trained in rucking and patrolling to prepare physically for the upcoming events in the field. During the patrol, companies practiced hand signals, enemy contact callouts, and concluded with an exercise in forward bounding. This is just one of the many ways we improve our skills while in home port.



TCCC

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos conducted Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) training, covering the three phases of care: Care Under Fire, Tactical Field Care, and Tactical Evacuation Care. Sailors rehearsed how to move a casualty to cover, assess and prioritize treatment using the MARCH PAWS protocol, document injuries and treatment on a TCCC Casualty Card, and employ and utilize a litter to transport the casualty to an evacuation point.



CPX3

NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos are putting their tactical training to the test as they kick off CPX3. Every decision, every movement, and every mission matters. Through realistic scenarios, this exercise is sharpening the battalion's readiness preparing our Seabees for FTX.



NMCB 5 operations

Turnover complete!

NMCB 5 has now assumed all duties and responsibilities CTF 75.5.1. Several members of both NMCB 11 and NMCB 5 were recognized for their hard work during the last couple weeks under RIP/TOA, where members of both battalions worked together to ensure continuity onboard Camp Shields.

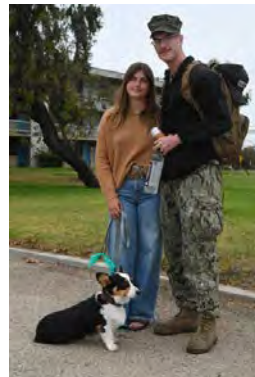
NMCB 5 stands ready to execute partnerships, projects, and posturing throughout the PACOM AOR. Hoorah FIVE!



DP rolling out!

The last of our Seabees are rolling out for deployment and are joining our AP personnel. This means NMCB 5 is fully deployed to the PACOM AOR, ready to execute tasking through partnerships, projects, and posturing.

Let's make this deployment successful. Hoorah FIVE!



Ran anim, Chuuk

We're full swing into deployment and are working on the ground!

We're starting off with Det Chuuk led by ENS Jacob Flenner and BUC Svenson. Their team is working with the U.S. Army's Oceania Engagement Team in the Federated States of Micronesia, engaging in civil activities as part of a Construction Civic Activity Detail. There they provide engineering support and training to the residents and government of Chuuk, reinforcing bilateral ties between the United States and Micronesia.

Keep up the great work team Chuuk! Let them know why we're called the Professionals!



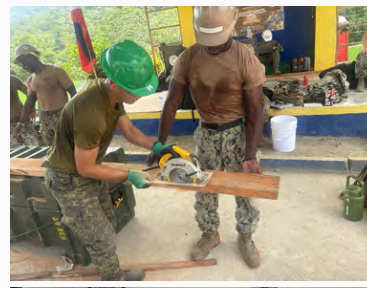
NMCB 5 operations

Kumusta, Pilipinas

Our next Det to show is Det Philippines, led by ENS Ryan Robertson and CBCM Joab Cowell. Their presence reinforces a longstanding US-Philippines alliance, enabling the U.S. Navy to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific.

They're engaged in civil works with locals and higher impact projects with our partners in the Armed Forces of the Philippines under Pacific Partnership 2026.

With our Seabees there, we'll continue our longstanding friendship and show our allies why we earn the name the Professionals!



Yap, Federated States of Micronesia

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 clear overgrown vegetation from the wreckage of a World War II Japanese Mitsubishi A6M Zero fighter planes and lead local youth and community members during physical training warmups for a youth training program in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

NMCB-5 provides robust command and control and specialized engineering support for missions ranging from humanitarian assistance to major combat operations, ensuring a ready and responsive force throughout the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photos by Construction Electrician 3rd Class Chase Robbins and Equipment Operator 1st Class Cyril Conanan)



Guam

NMCB-5 Seabees Demonstrate Logistical Readiness.

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 prepare supplies for transit to Palawan, Philippines, at Naval Base Guam, Aug. 3, 2026. (U.S. Navy photo by Engineering Aide 1st Class Jeremiah Montefalcon)



ACB 1 operations

Dili, Timor-Leste

Rear Adm. Aaron Taylor, Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific/Task Force 73, speaks to U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 1 work alongside the Timor-Leste Defence Force, where the engineering project will upgrade infrastructure throughout the school, to include the renovation of an exterior classroom, the installation of a new water tank and the addition of plumbing connected to a handwashing station, providing running water for the school and improving the quality of life for students and staff.

Now in its 22nd iteration, the Pacific Partnership series is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster management preparedness mission conducted in the region. Pacific Partnership works collaboratively with host and partner nations to enhance regional interoperability and disaster response capabilities, increase security in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships in the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Joseph C. Vazquez)

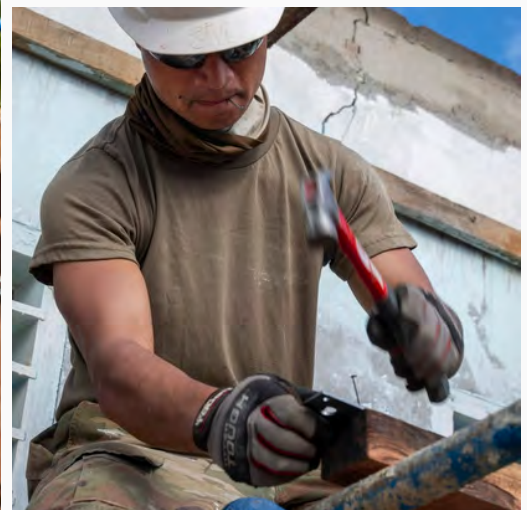


Sibolga and Pandan, Indonesia

EVERY NAIL BUILDS A FUTURE

Pacific Partnership 2026 continues projects at the SD Negeri 158490 AEK Tolang 2 and SD Negeri 158309 Pandan 3 in Sibolga and Pandan, Indonesia.

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Amphibious Construction Battalion 1, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, U.S. Army Soldiers from the Hawaii National Guard's 230th Engineer Company, and TNI Army Soldiers have worked to renovate a three-classroom building and construct a two-room classroom building to help improve the teaching environment and learning quality for the students.



Can Do: The Seabee Friends Who Came for Me in Vietnam

By Don Wolfe
Veterans Breakfast Club.org

One of the greatest gifts I took home from Vietnam was lifelong friendship.

I want to tell you about one of those friends, George Rothnie.

We met in the summer of 1968 at the Navy's Equipment Operators School in Davisville, Rhode Island. After training, we were separated for a year of shore duty—George went to Texas, and I was sent to Great Lakes, Illinois. A year later we reunited in Alpha Company of Mobile Construction Battalion 10 (MCB-10), first in California and then in Vietnam.

Another friend, Roxie Spray, also went through school with us and served in Alpha Company. George and Roxie spent much of their time driving heavy trucks, while I started out on security duty before moving on to heavy equipment.

One day our heavy equipment platoon was between jobs, so I was volunteered to drive a dump truck hauling asphalt. Compared to operating bulldozers and other heavy equipment, driving that truck was like driving a sports car. It even had a roof—ha ha! That was a big deal under the tropical sun.

On my last run of the day, I got a flat tire. I managed to limp the truck as far as a nearby village before I had to stop. One of our other drivers passed word back to our base camp that I was stranded.

Then I waited. And waited.

As evening approached, I knew I was in a bad place to be after dark. There was a nightly curfew. Everything shut down, traffic stopped, and gates were closed across the roads, including the gates at Phu Bai. That was when the Viet Cong (VC) became active. Anyone caught outside the gates after curfew could be mistaken for the enemy—or worse. Our base camp, Camp Wilkerson, was on the other side of Phu Bai, inside Camp Eagle.

As time passed, I started wondering whether I would be stuck there for the night—and whether I would survive it.

Then I began hearing scattered gunfire in the distance. That wasn't unusual in Vietnam. But the shots became more

frequent, and they sounded closer. To me, it seemed like a firefight was moving toward the village. There was an Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) compound nearby, and the soldiers there were getting anxious, yelling to one another and watching in the direction of the shooting.

Finally, an MCB-10 wrecker arrived with a replacement tire.

Behind the wheel were my two friends, George and Roxie.

They had heard I was stranded and volunteered to come after me—even though it meant going out after curfew.

Thank God.

I immediately started changing the tire because we wanted to get the heck out of there as fast as possible. Naturally, the last lug nut was frozen solid. It was getting darker, the gunfire was getting closer, and I put everything I had into that wrench. Finally the lug nut broke loose—but so did something in my back. I felt it give. The adrenaline was pumping, so I didn't feel much pain at the time.

Once the tire was changed, we headed back toward Phu Bai and relative safety. They opened the gates to let us through. Thanks to George and Roxie, we got back late—but we got back in one piece.

Just another day in the tropical paradise.

Roxie stayed in the Seabees and eventually retired from the Navy. Sadly, he passed away several years ago.

George returned to his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. Not long afterward, he was in a terrible automobile accident and was lucky to survive. True to the Seabees' "Can Do" spirit, he recovered and went on to a long career as an over-the-road truck driver. As I remember it, he spent many years hauling Kentucky bourbon to New England.

George and I have remained lifelong friends.

Like so many Vietnam veterans, George was exposed to Agent Orange and is now dealing with serious health problems. Most of our other Seabee friends from Vietnam have already passed away.

George's story began even before he came to America. He was born in Scotland. At a time when many young men were trying to avoid military service, George chose to enlist in the Navy Seabees. Service ran in the family. His father had been a British Commando during World War II. The Nazis captured him—if I remember correctly, on the island of Crete—but he managed to escape.

I'm grateful George made the choice he did.

Without him and Roxie, I might never have made it home.

The official motto of the U.S. Navy Seabees is *Construimus, Batuimus*—"We Build, We Fight." Their better-known unofficial motto is simply:

Can Do.



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01 September 1942: Officers and men of the 6th NCB landed on Guadalcanal in the Solomons. These were the first Seabees to land on any enemy held island in World War II and the first to engage the enemy in combat. The 6th Seabees tackled their most important job: repairing the airstrip then named Henderson Field. It was a never-ending job, for as fast as the builders leveled the strip and put down Marston matting, the Japanese would send bombers overhead to drop high explosive bombs on the strip. As the fighting around the island increased, the Seabees developed a system of repairing the damaged airstrip in minutes. Less than 40 minutes after Japanese bombers swooped down and strafed the field, the Seabees, waiting with previously-loaded trucks, would dart out on the strip and completely fill in the bomb holes. Many times the Seabees worked furiously to repair the field while crippled U.S. Marine interceptors circled overhead waiting to land. Several times while ducking bullets, the Seabees worked on one end of the field making repairs as the Japanese infantry fought with U.S. Marine defenders at the other end. On several occasions the Seabees fought beside the U.S. Marines in hand-to-hand combat against the Japanese troops.

01 September 1969: The First Reserve Naval Construction Brigade was established under the command of Rear Admiral George Reider, CEC, USNR.

02 September 1969: Typhoon Doris severely damaged the Quang Tri Camp of NMCB 74 and various other camps and civilian communities in the Republic of Vietnam. A quirk of fate some might say, because half of the battalion's main body was still at home port in Gulfport, Mississippi when the Gulf coast was hit by Hurricane Camille on August 19, 1969. After Camille, this half joined the other half already in Vietnam just in time to encounter Typhoon Doris. Thus, nearly half of the Seabees of the battalion suffered through two severe tropical storms within two weeks, each storm on a different side of the world.

03 September 1967: At Dong Ha, 5 miles south of the DMZ, a combined Viet Cong – NVA rocket attack detonated 20,000 tons of ammunition and 40,000 gallons of aviation fuel near NMCB 11's camp. The explosions rocked the base for eight hours, and this represented the largest ammunition disaster in recorded history. Miraculously, no Americans or South Vietnamese were killed.

04 September 2002: Construction Mechanic 1st Class David Tucker from Bloomington, Ill. drove through Orote Point rock quarry, Guam to demonstrate how the new Truckzilla Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) cargo/personnel transport can travel through the tough terrain. The MTVR was designed to replace older, commercially based cargo trucks used by Seabees. Petty Officer Tucker was assigned to the Fighting Forty of NMCB 40.

04 September 2004: Steelworker 3rd Class Eric Lyle Knott killed in Fallujah, Iraq in an indirect fire attack on the base. Knott was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. CUCM Marty Yingling, CMC Darren Williams, and SW3 Justin Sasser were injured in the attack that killed Eric Knott and were also awarded Purple Hearts.

05 September 2012: NMCB 7's commanding officer, Cmdr. Gordie Meyer, cased the battalion's colors for the third time in its history in a decommissioning ceremony on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport, Mississippi.

05 September 2014: Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 Detachment was disestablished during a ceremony on Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Kings Bay, Georgia. The Seabees have been an integral part of the Kings Bay mission to support the warfighter for almost 20 years. CEC Nicholas Whitbeck, assistant officer in charge, CBMU 202, handed the unit's banner to BUCS Timothy Gridley, officer in charge, CBMU 202, during the ceremony to disestablish the unit.

10 September 1943: First Civil Engineer Corps officer killed in action, LT Carl M. Olson at Salerno, Italy.

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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.

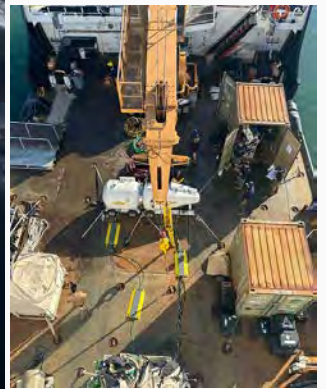
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11 September 2012: Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 conducted an assessment of the chains holding the dock next to the USS Arizona Memorial on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 11. This is the first time UCT 2 has been able to dive the memorial, a moment they shared on the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.					
12 September 1944: Underwater demolition teams, led by Civil Engineer Corps officers and composed of mostly Seabees, began clearing the approaches to Peleliu for an amphibious assault. Three days later U.S. Marines of the First Division came ashore accompanied by Seabees of the 33rd and 73rd NCBs and CDB 1054. Initially, the CDB 1054 Seabees operated pontoon barges and causeways to assist in the landing of supplies and vehicles, while the Seabees of the 33rd and 73rd worked on the beach unloading cargo. On 19 September, however, when the airfield was captured, they began clearing debris from the airstrips. The following day their construction equipment was brought ashore and the Seabees began making rapid repairs. Only 72 hours later three squadrons of fighter aircraft were able to land and begin operations. On 23 September the Seabees began constructing a bomber base which, despite land mines and mortar fire, they made operational in seven days.					
12 September 1966: The facility containing the two NMCB camps and the 30th NCR headquarters at Red Beach, RVN, was named Camp Haskins in memory of BUL2 Donald Dean Haskins of NMCB 9 who was killed in action on 28 October 1965 when Camp Adenir, Da Nang, RVN, came under Viet Cong attack.					
12 September 1968: An NMCB 1 jeep carrying the Delta Company commander and company chief, LTJG Arthur D. Moscrip, Jr. and BUC W.W. McGinn, hit a mine while enroute to a job site at 2 1/2 miles south of Da Nang, RVN. BUC McGinn was killed instantly and LTJG Moscrip died at 0120 the following morning.					
12 September 2012: NMCB 40 was decommissioned after 46 years of active service. The battalion originally "stood up" in October 1942 in support of our country's efforts in WWII. In 1945, when the war was over, the battalion was decommissioned. The disestablishment lasted for more than 20 years until the unit was commissioned once again on Feb. 1, 1966, for Vietnam and eventually Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (Saudi Arabia), Operation Restore Hope (Somalia), Operation Joint Endeavor (Bosnia-Herzegovina), and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom (Iraq and Afghanistan, respectively).					
13 September 1966: CM3 Marvin G. Shields was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his acts of heroism at the 1965 Battle of Dong Xoai in the Republic of Vietnam. The medal was presented to his wife, Joan, and his daughter, Barbara, by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House. This Medal of Honor was the first ever awarded to a Seabee.					
15 September 1950: Seabees of Naval Construction Battalion 104, later redesignated as Amphibious Construction Battalion ONE, participated in amphibious landings with the U.S. Marines at Inchon, Korea. Pontoon causeway construction and the unloading of eight tank landing ships carrying supplies into Inchon posed unheard of problems for the Seabees. Inchon harbor had a fantastic tide, over 30 feet in most places. The tide would run out to the main channel and leave a vast mud flat in front of the city. Small craft, tank landing ships, patrol craft, and other supply vessels were left high and dry on the mud when the tide ran out. In the face of this unprecedented problem, the Seabees had a pontoon causeway down on the second day to allow General Douglas MacArthur to walk ashore dryshod, from the USS Mount McKinley.					
18 September 1942: Authority for the organization of a number of special-duty battalions was granted. This was the first departure from the standard battalion, and the new units were known as Special Naval Construction Battalions. These special battalions were composed of Seabee stevedores and longshoremen who were badly needed to unload ships in the combat zones. Their officers, drawn largely from experienced personnel from the steamship and stevedoring companies, were commissioned in the Civil Engineer Corps. The Seabees were trained practically from scratch, where cargo handling in the combat zones compared favorably with the most efficient ports in the United States.					
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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.

UCT 2 operations Hawaii

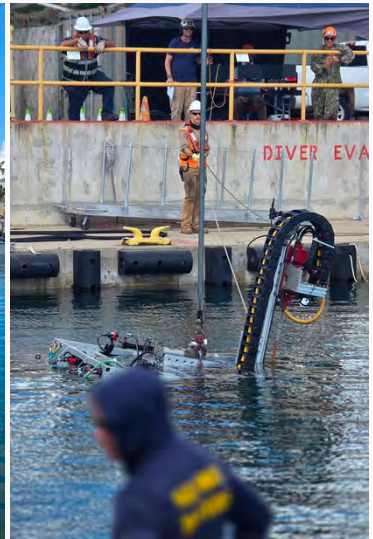
Front stepping into training

UCT-2 Seabee Divers conducted their divers training exercise from the USCGC HOLLYHOCK in the waters of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, sharpening the skills that keep us ready for whatever comes next. Photos: LTJG Dorian



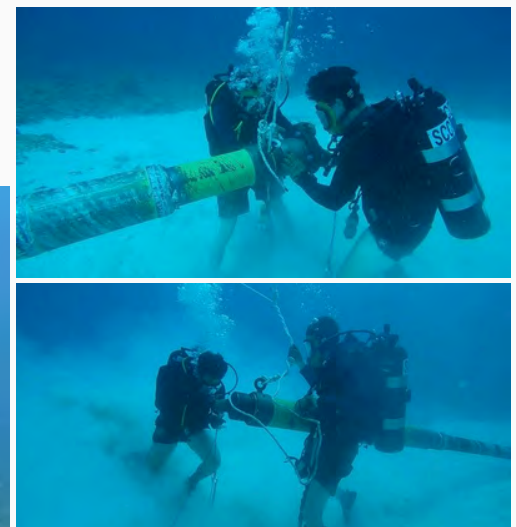
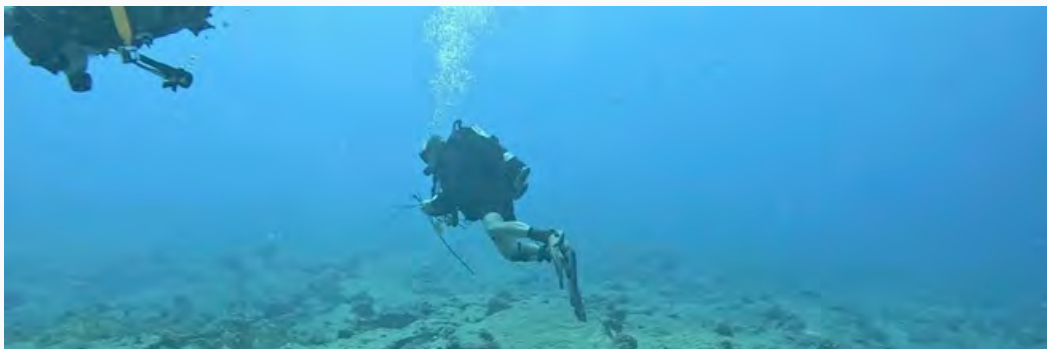
New Technology

Seabee Divers from UCT-2 supported NAVFAC EXWC in the test and evaluation of the Remote Anchoring Micro Piler (RAMP) during RIMPAC 2026, helping validate next-generation expeditionary construction capabilities. Photos: EAI Arnuco



Teamwork below the surface

Seabee Divers from UCT-2 recently supported NAVFAC EXWC at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, providing underwater construction expertise in support of critical engineering efforts. Ready to answer the call—anytime, anywhere. Photos: EOC Porras



NCB 25 operationst

Our Bees work hard and play hard

U.S. Navy Seabees attached to Naval Construction Battalion 25, and their families, came together July 9, on Marine Corps Base Hawaii to enjoy an afternoon of leisure, food, and games.

NCB 25 was joined by the Republic of Korea Seabees during the event. Both NCB 25 and ROK Seabees enjoyed a strong and successful working relationship during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026.



NMCB 3 Sponsors Recruits

NMCB 3 recently had the opportunity to visit and sponsor Recruit Division 391 at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes during their first week of training.

Command Master Chief Setty and LT Faber spent time with the division, answering questions, talking through teamwork and how to get through the challenges ahead, and sharing some of the lessons they have learned throughout their own careers. For CMDCM, the visit also marked nearly 27 years since he went through recruit training himself; a reminder of how much has changed, while the fundamentals of trust, teamwork and taking care of the people beside you remain the same.

One of the biggest topics the recruits asked about was how trust and team building actually start. How a group of people from different backgrounds begins to come together, rely on each other, and become a team. Those conversations matter, especially this early, because that foundation is what will carry them through training and eventually into the Fleet.

Sponsoring a recruit division is important because it gives these future Sailors another connection to the Fleet from the very beginning. It gives them additional people to turn to for perspective, information, and encouragement as they progress through different stages of training.

We're proud to support Division 391 as they continue their journey toward becoming United States Navy Sailors.



NMCB 1 operations

Palau

CAT Palau Transfer of Authority Ceremony

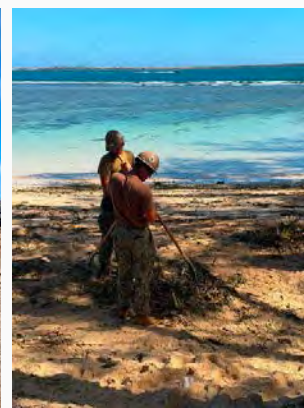
On August 14, 2026, U.S. military members, Republic of Palau leaders, community partners, and guests gathered at the Palau Civic Center in Koror for the Civic Action Team (CAT) Palau Transfer of Authority ceremony.



Guam

NMCB 1 volunteer to clean Gab Gab Beach.

Thank you to Sailors from CTU 75.5.3 and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 who volunteered July 10 to clean Gab Gab Beach in preparation for its reopening, following Super Typhoon Bavi. Gab Gab beach is now open for beachgoers.



Savusavu, Fiji

Seabees can do.

U.S. Navy Seabees with NMCB 1 construct a schoolhouse during Pacific Partnership in Savusavu, Fiji. Working collaboratively with host nations enhances regional disaster response capabilities and strengthens long-term security.



NMCB 1 operations

Koblerville, Saipan *Walkway Roof project*

U.S. Navy Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 work on a walkway roof installation operations at Saipan Southern High School in Koblerville, Saipan.



7 NCR training

Gulfport, MS

7th NCR conducts RTP 4

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to 7th Naval Construction Regiment (7NCR) participate in a convoy simulator training at Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Mississippi, Aug. 6, 2026. The simulator training was part of Expeditionary Unit Leaders Course, formerly known as Tactical Unit Leaders Course, which gave 7NCR Sailors the training needed to maintain unit readiness and tactical proficiency. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Benjamin Moore)



NMCB 11

Gulfport, MS *We're back at it!*

Recently, we held an hands call, laying out what this homeport has in store for Lucky Eleven!



NCB 27 operations

Keflavik Air Base, Iceland

Seabees Establish Expeditionary Camp for Northern Viking 26

U.S. Navy Seabees, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 27 and 22nd Naval Construction Regiment, set up an expeditionary camp supporting forces participating in Northern Viking 26 (NV26) at Keflavik Air Base, Iceland, Aug. 16, 2026. NV26 strengthens interoperability and force readiness between the U.S., Iceland and Allied nations, enabling multi-domain command and control of joint and coalition forces in the defense of Iceland and sea lines of communication in the Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom (GIUK) gap.



Keflavik Air Base, Iceland

Seabees Begin Arctic Bee Hut Construction During Northern Viking 26

U.S. Navy Seabees, assigned to Naval Construction Battalion 27, position and align precast concrete footers during the initial construction phase of an Arctic Bee Hut as part of Northern Viking 2026 (NV26) at Keflavik Air Base, Iceland.



Always a Seabee...

Fort Worth, TX

Veterans Meet Up at BRCC! Black Rifle Coffee Company.



NMCB 4

Completes Anchor Point Exercise

Port Hueneme, CA

*Story by Petty Officer 1st Class Justin Rayburn
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4*

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 4 Seabees recently completed Anchor Point Exercise (APEX), held from July 27 to 31, 2026 at Naval Base Ventura County, California. APEX evaluated the battalion's readiness and ability to handle complex, real-world scenarios as the task element commander. APEX is a command and control (C2) exercise that demonstrates the Headquarters and Support (H&S) Company's ability to organize and lead subordinate units during operations.

The APEX certification process evaluated NMCB-4's C2 capabilities within a broader warfighting context, evaluating officers and enlisted personnel on their ability to coordinate with higher echelons and subordinate units. As the task-element commander, NMCB-4 reported to Navy Expeditionary Warfighting Development Center (NEXWDC), who evaluates Navy Expeditionary Force units' ability to deploy, while directing and coordinating efforts with subordinate units. "APEX occurs not only in NMCB-4, but across the Navy Expeditionary Forces," said U.S. Navy Lt. James Klatka, NMCB-4's assistant operations officer.

"Participants in this APEX included NMCB-4, NMCB-133, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit 1 and 2, and one of the MSRONs, which is the Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron in San Diego." According to Klatka, the evaluators focused on two teams of watchstanders, the Operational Planning Team (OPT) and the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) who are presented with a hypothetical scenario in the Pacific Ocean. Those teams are tested

on their ability to take in information, plan, communicate and adapt in dynamic conditions. "Depending on the mission, the Navy, would task-tailor our command with other subordinate units from around Navy Expeditionary Forces to conduct the mission," explained Klatka.

"This particular exercise, APEX, evaluates our ability to work not only as Seabees, but also work amongst and between some of the other expeditionary communities with whom we are less familiar." The dynamic nature of the exercise stressed each individual differently.

Watchstanders found different aspects of the scenario more challenging than others. "One of the biggest challenges was taking in new information as the scenario changes," Klatka said. "Current operations changes what happens, and so a big part of it is the ability for the TOC to effectively communicate relevant information so that the OPT can plan effectively for future operations,"

"The biggest challenges were having to learn what different units' capabilities were on the fly," explained Builder 1st Class Brandon Rivera, a TOC watchstander. "For example, really understanding what all of the MSRONs are capable of versus seaward and landward capabilities, understanding all the different aspects when it comes to Navy cargo handling, and everything that they have the capability to do." Cooperation extended beyond the members of NMCB 4's watch teams, to the relationship NMCB-4 had with its subordinate commands.

"One challenge that we worked through was integrating other Navy Expeditionary Force components within NMCB-4 and allowing them an opportunity to share their experience and their knowledge of how they conduct operations," said Klatka. "In a real-world environment

we will not dictate how EOD does their job. We, in a way, had to relinquish that, and trust the EOD augmentees, who were with us, that they were giving us the right information."

The OPT focused on future planning, while the TOC, focused on current operations. The two distinct teams divided labor to efficiently parse large quantities of information bombarding them in a severely time-constrained environment.

"The flow goes something like this," said Klatka. "In the grand scheme of the theater that we're operating in, something changes that dictates us needing to modify what we're doing. For example, if the threat level increases, then as Seabees, we may need to build bunkers, but maybe we're already doing a certain operation that we can't stop. At that point, the OPT is responsible for figuring out how to appropriately optimize our available manpower and equipment to accomplish all the assigned missions."

Though the exercise required plausible solutions to all the presented issues, the evaluation was more focused on the team's ability to solve problems. The process the watch standers used to propose solutions to dilemmas, demonstrated to the evaluators NMCB-4's effectiveness as a task element commander in combat operations.

NMCB-4 Sailors successfully demonstrated their ability to conduct future C2 as headquarters to dissimilar Naval Expeditionary Force units in major combat operations. 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 Story by MCI J. Dakota Rayburn justin.d.rayburn3.mil@us.navy.mil

Always a Seabee...

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX

Veterans Meet Up at BRCC! Black Rifle Coffee Company.



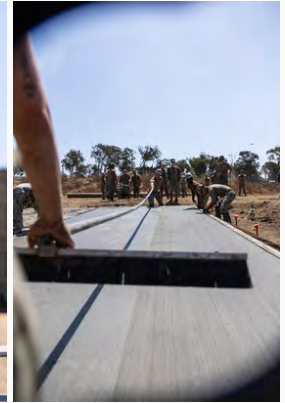
NMCB 4 Operations

Port Hueneme, CA

Training, training

NMCB 4 Seabee litter teams practice their stretcher bearer skills! Doc wanted to make sure we can get the patient to them without adding injuries and most of us agreed that concussions were suboptimal.

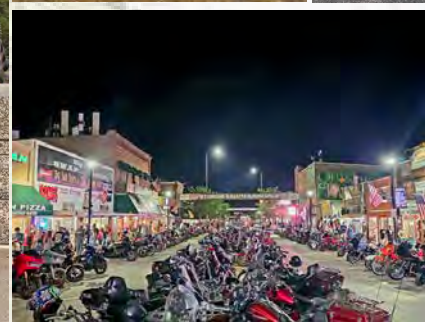
NMCB 4 Seabees stay sharp with unit driven training! Small projects like this allow junior Seabees to build proficiency for when it matters most.



Always a Seabee...

The road to Sturgis, SD

Martin Villalpando: I was blessed to go on an epic adventure to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally with some amazing brothers. Plenty of good times, even though we had some rough roads, rough weather and rough situations, our brotherhood saw us through it all. The cast of characters includes: Martin 'JEFF' Villalpando, Jesus 'WHEEZY' Escamilla, John 'MAYO' Roberts, Marlon 'EL GALLO' Munoz, and Terry 'OSCAR' Ward (Air Force). All Seabee Veterans except for Terry.



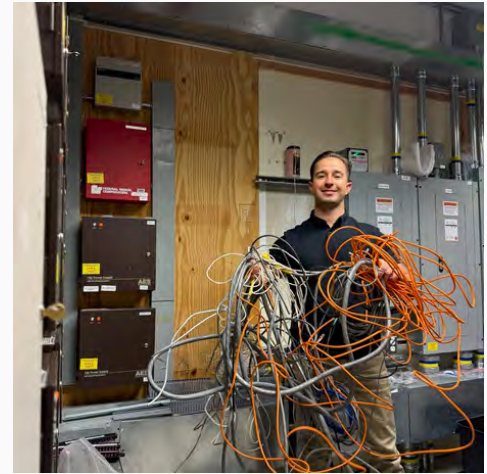
NSU State Department Operations

Sofia, Bulgaria

Spotlight on Embassy Sofia!

EO1 Artemiy Tereshchenko rolled up his sleeves in the EC Room, pulling out unused cable from conduit and performing PTZ camera maintenance to keep our systems running at peak performance.

Why does it matter? Every inch of cleared conduit means more room for tomorrow's infrastructure, keeping our Embassy ready for whatever comes next. It's this kind of forward-thinking, hands-on dedication that keeps U.S. diplomatic facilities secure, connected, and mission ready. Shoutout to EO1 Tereshchenko for the great work!



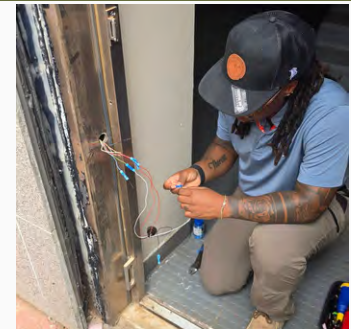
Photos: EO1 Bettenhausen, SEUR Region PAO

Freetown, Sierra Leone

Precision at work in Freetown!

CE1 Shaw carefully repairs the electrical terminations on a SHW-1 door contact at the U.S. Embassy Freetown, restoring a critical component of the embassy's security and access control system after it sustained damage during an ongoing façade renovation project.

From renovation challenges to mission-critical repairs, our team keeps the embassy secure and operational, no matter what. Photo: EA2 Henry, AFW Region PAO



Ankara, Türkiye

Supporting diplomacy through security.

EO1 Karel Alvarez (far left) recently provided Technical Security Systems (TSS) support during an executive assembly of senior U.S. leaders in support of the NATO Summit in Ankara, Türkiye. The mission included providing critical security support for the President of the United States and other senior U.S. officials.

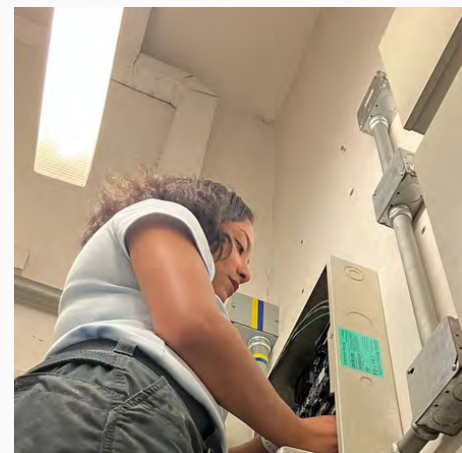
Operating behind the scenes, Technical Security personnel play a vital role in ensuring secure environments for high-level diplomatic engagements. Their expertise, professionalism, and commitment to mission success help safeguard U.S. leadership and enable critical international partnerships. Bravo Zulu to EO1 Alvarez for representing NSU with excellence and supporting this important mission. Photo: EO1 Bettenhausen, SEUR Region PAO



Kuwait City

Bittersweet goodbye's and the mission continues.

The ESO team in Kuwait City marked a bittersweet occasion, presenting BU1 Brydon and SEO Blair Whitworth with the Franklin Award on SEO Whitworth's final day in the office. A heartfelt and well-deserved recognition for their dedication and contributions. Meanwhile, the mission continues across the region! UT2 Duran was hard at work at U.S. Embassy Baghdad, troubleshooting a personnel access issue and conducting system resets and diagnostics to keep security systems operating smoothly. From recognizing outstanding service to keeping critical systems mission-ready, our Seabees continue to support the mission wherever needed. Photos: CE1 Dixon, NEA Region PAO



NSU State Department

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From Bangkok to Australia

America's 250th birthday celebration.

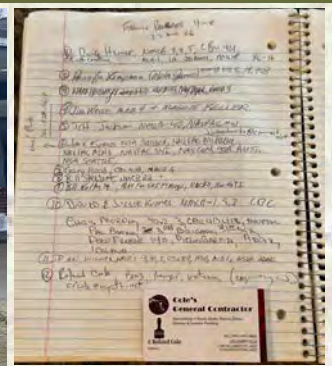
From Bangkok to Australia, our Seabees joined our diplomatic partners and fellow Americans in celebrating the 250th anniversary of American independence! CE2 Lee embraced the spirit of the occasion by stepping back in time, donning Revolutionary War-era attire for the U.S. Embassy Bangkok's 4th of July celebration. SW2 Smith and her wife represented our team at the U.S. Embassy Australia's 250th 4th of July celebration, joining colleagues and partners in commemorating this historic milestone. From honoring our history to strengthening partnerships abroad, our Seabees continue to represent the Navy and the United States with pride wherever the mission takes us. Photos: EO1 Lofink, EAP Region PAO



Always a Seabee...

Bremerton, WA

We're always up for mixing it up and looking for new places to go, but this month brought us to one of our familiar haunts in Bremerton, WA. Where to next, follow us on PNW SEABEES CAN DO on Facebook and join us in the camaraderie and shenanigans. Check out the Events tab for upcoming gatherings.



Seabee Museum & Memorial Park

The Seabee Museum and Memorial Park is currently working on multiple new displays and exhibits designed to enhance the visitor experience and provide a better understanding of the history, accomplishments, and legacy of the United States Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps.

Our goal at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park is to bring Seabee history to life by creating displays that are educational, engaging, and meaningful to Seabee veterans and visitors of all ages. We want visitors to leave with a greater appreciation for the sacrifices, dedication, and contributions of the Seabees throughout our nation's history.

As part of this effort, we continue to gather historic artifacts, photographs, documents, equipment, and other items for our Barracks Project. Named "Moreell Barracks" after the "King Bee" himself, this display will recreate the living conditions and daily experiences of Seabees from WWII to the present day, allowing visitors to better understand what life was like for the men and women who served.

We are committed to preserving this history for future generations. Every artifact tells a story, and together these items ensure that the legacy of the Seabees is not forgotten.

In addition to the barracks, we have several other displays under construction, including:

- The John Wayne (Wedge Donovan) exhibit
- The introduction of the Senior and Master Chief pay grades in 1958 with uniforms
- The Zumwalt-era uniform change (1970–1971)
- The NMCB-12 display, honoring the last battalion stationed at Davisville
- Our Seabee Memorial at Arlington exhibit
- A period-correct full dress mockup of the 1960 work uniform worn during the winter-over in Antarctica

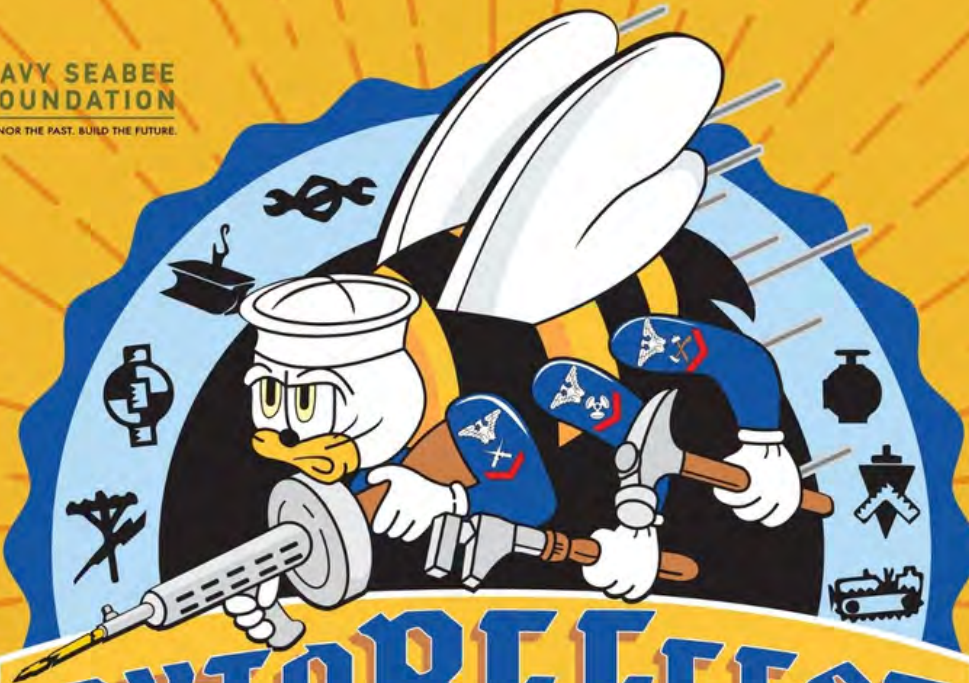
Additionally, all Quonset huts have been appropriately named as part of the overall concept of Camp Iafate.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the Navy Seabee Foundation, Seabee battalions as well as Seabee veterans, their families, and other organizations, and members of the community who have donated or helped us locate artifacts and historical materials. Your contributions play an important role in helping us preserve and share the proud history of the United States Navy Seabees.





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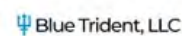
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Nonprofit in the Spotlight

In supporting Seabees, our “Non-Profit in the Spotlight” page highlights additional resources available for Bees.

It is our goal to share as much information as we can for nonprofit organizations that support military and their families. If you are part of a nonprofit or have experience with a nonprofit that you have found helpful, we would like to share it with our fellow Seabees, please send us an email at info@seabee.org.

Vets helping vets

Mission

Empowering Veterans in Northern New York to reclaim their lives and find hope beyond trauma. We provide comprehensive support services, including nature retreats, peer mentoring, crisis outreach, screenings and assessments, case management, suicide prevention, linkage and transportation, and referral services to help Veterans suffering from PTSD. Our mission is to be a beacon of healing and resilience, restoring the strength and well-being of those who have sacrificed for our nation.

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Vision

To be the leading catalyst for transformation and healing among Veterans in the Northern New York region. We envision a future where every Veteran can overcome the challenges of PTSD, finding renewed purpose and joy in life.

Through our unwavering commitment, innovative programs, and a supportive community, we aspire to create a society where no Veteran is left behind in their battle for mental health.



How We Help

At Homeward Bound Adirondacks, our commitment to supporting veterans extends beyond traditional means. Recognizing the profound challenges many veterans face, we've developed a multifaceted approach to their well-being. Our suicide prevention initiatives aim to provide immediate intervention during the most critical times, while our nature retreats offer veterans a therapeutic escape, allowing them to reconnect and find solace in the natural world. Through peer mentoring, veterans can share experiences, fostering understanding and mutual support. Our crises outreach ensures timely assistance in urgent situations, and our thorough screening and assessments help tailor our services to the unique needs of each individual. Beyond immediate needs, our case management system ensures that veterans are given the prolonged support and guidance they require. We further ease the process by providing linkage and transportation to essential services, and our referral services ensure that veterans are connected to external resources that align with their specific needs.

Programs include:

- Nature Retreats
- Peer Mentoring
- Crisis Outreach
- Screening and Assessments
- Case Management
- Suicide Prevention
- Linkage and Transportation
- Referral Services



For more information on how you can receive or support these services, please visit:
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UPCOMING SEABEE EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 2026

- 9 NSVA National Convention
Sep 9-13, Newport News, VA
- 15 LAST DAY to reserve your
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SeabeeCalendar.org
- 15 CBMU 302 Reunion Assn.
Sep 15-17 - Bloomington, MN
- 19 OktoBEEfest - Harrisonburg, VA
Saturday, Sep 19 - Harrisonburg, VA
- 21 MCB11 & NMCB 8 Assns. Reunion
Sep 21-24 - Colorado Springs, CO
- 25 NAVFAC NW Seabee Ball Golf Scramble
Friday, Sep 25 - Lakewood, WA
- 26 NMCB 14 Association Reunion
Saturday, Sep 26 - Orlando, FL - nmcbl4alumni.com

OCTOBER 2026

- 1 OktoBEEfest - Guam
Thursday, Oct 1 - Tamuning, Guam
- OktoBEEfest - Boston
Thursday, Oct 1 - Newton, MA
- 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 San Diego Seabee Ball Fall Classic
Golf Tournament Friday, Oct 2 - San Diego, CA
- OktoBEEfest - Naples, Italy
Friday, Oct 2 - Naples, Italy
- 2 OktoBEEfest - Colorado
Friday, Oct 2 - Denver, CO

- 3 OktoBEEfest - Rota, Spain
Saturday, Oct 3 - Rota, Spain
- OktoBEEfest - New York
Saturday, Oct 3 - Troy, NY
- OktoBEEfest - Cleveland, OH
Saturday, Oct 3 - Cleveland Heights, OH
- OktoBEEfest - Pacific Northwest
Saturday, Oct 3 - Port Orchard, WA
- 8 2026 Virginia Beach
Seabee Golf Tournament
Thursday, Oct 8 - VA Beach Ntl Golf Club, SeabeeGolf.org
- OktoBEEfest - Tampa, FL
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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 NMCB 133 Seabee Veterans
Association Reunion
Oct 12-15 - Gulfport, MS
- 13 OktoBEEfest - Surprise, AZ
Tuesday, Oct 13 - Surprise, AZ
- 15 OktoBEEfest - New Hampshire
Thursday, Oct 15 - Candia, NH
- OktoBEEfest - Washington, DC
Thursday, Oct 15 - Washington, DC

- 15 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
- OktoBEEfest - Utah
Saturday, Oct 17 - Salt Lake City, UT
- OktoBEEfest - Hawaii
Saturday, Oct 17 - Oahu (Kaneohe), HI
- 18 MCB1 - MCB9 Reunion
Oct 18-22 - Virginia Beach, VA
- 21 OktoBEEfest - North Carolina
Wednesday, Oct 21 - Emerald Isle, NC
- 22 OktoBEEfest - Pensacola, FL
Thursday, Oct 22 - Pensacola, FL
- 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
- 25 East Coast All Seabee Reunion
Oct 25-29, Pigeon Forge, TN
- 28 OktoBEEfest - Norfolk, VA
Wednesday, Oct 28 - Norfolk, VA

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- 11 San Diego Seabee Ball Winter Open
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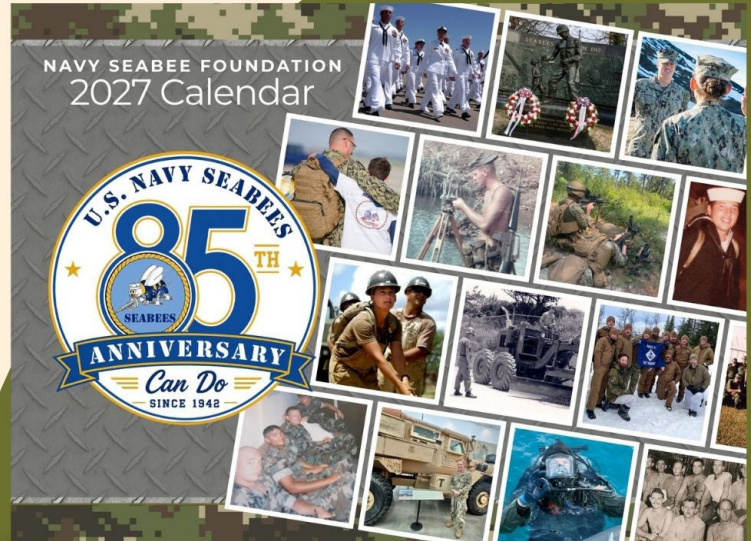
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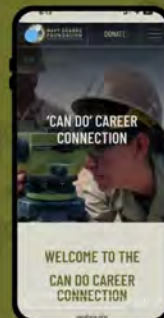
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