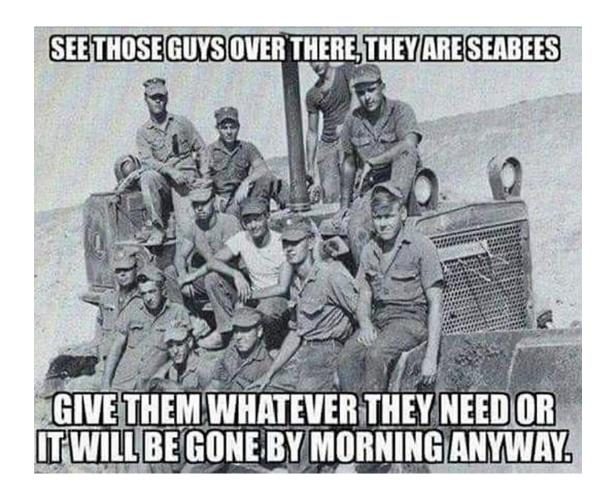
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NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR September 2018 CAN DO IS August... 15, 2018!



Front Cover: picture was supplied courtesy of John Ratomski. Does anyone know where or when this picture was taken or who the Bees in the picture are and what was their unit/detachment?

#### Patriot of the Year Award Ceremony



L-R Seabee's Don Rowley and Seabee Joe Licata

Seabee Don Rowley

The Daytona Beach Concert Band held a Memorial Day free concert tribute for the area sponsored by the Lohman Funeral Home and the local American Legion.

The local military organizations were notified to submit a Patriot of the Year award to honor one of their members. There were seventeen names submitted.

We were honored to have two Seabees selected for the awards.

Seabee Island X-19 submitted Joe Licata's name for his untiring dedication to assist fellow veterans in need, gathering personal items to be sent to a deployed battalion at Christmas time and visiting persons in the hospitals.

Seabee Don Rowley was nominated by the Deland Naval Air Station Museum for his efforts in construction a 40'X50' pavilion and the disassembling of a butler type building to be reconstructed at the museum site in the future.

Photos and text by Seabee Don Rowley, X-19 Deland, FL.

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#### Seabee's Cleanup in Longmont, Colorado

The Seabees of Island X-4 along with their Honey Bees, of Longmont, Colorado cleaned two miles of trash from a major highway in the area on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The effort was led by Secretary Jerry Kissinger who coordinated the event with the Colorado Department of Transportation. This is the Bi-Annual cleanup of the highway. The effort was completed in the rain, culminated with 30 bags of trash being cleaned from the highway.



X-4 Longmont, CO members and helpers

X-4 Honey Bees



Photos and text submitted by Seabee Robert Wheeler, NSVA X-4 Longmont, CO.

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#### VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION Village of Bergen, NY

On June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018, the Village of Bergen, NY and American Legion Post #575 dedicated a beautiful, highly polished black marble Monument in the memory of all veterans who have, are serving and will serve our Great Country. This Memorial was first conceived by the Post Commander and NSVA X-12 member, Seabee Tom Williamson. Tom presented his concept to the village for approval, once approved he organized volunteers, village of Bergen DPW resources, solicited private company donations and resources to coordinate and develop the time line to complete the project. Too many volunteers, Legion members and contractors worked on this Memorial to individually mention. Tom did comment that everyone took on the "Can Do" attitude and had "sweat equity" invested in the project, they pitched in whenever needed and worked on whatever was needed to complete the project in time for the dedication. A parade led by the Genesee County Honor Guard, followed by Armed Services units, High School Marching Bands, Political Dignitaries, numerous local business floats etc.



Sackett-Merrill-White Post 575 Commander/Seabee Tom Williamson pictured with front & rear of engraved Veterans Memorial, dedicated 9 June 2018, Bergen, NY.

#### National Seabee Veterans of America, Auxiliary Officers 2017-2019

Hello SVAA members. My name is Betty Nelson and I am the 2017-2019 National SVAA President. I was elected at the September National Convention in Tampa, Florida. I am excited to start off this term with a supportive board. Your 2017-2019 National Officers are as follows:



L-R Linda Hillyer Chaplain, Linda Schmuck Treasurer, Elaine Coffin Secretary/Parliamentarian, Lorraine Santo Vice President and Betty Nelson President. Not pictured Darlene Carpenter Historian.

Contact information on following page.

We hope to see and meet many auxiliary members at the National Convention in Stamford CT later this year. Remember this is **YOUR** organization, **YOUR** support is always welcomed and needed.

If you need information on how to form an Auxiliary or become a Member at Large, please let one of the officers know. Application for membership can be found on NSVA.ORG website

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#### EVERYONE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN STAMFORD CT. AUGUST 30th THRU SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2018!!!

Convention Business Meeting Thursday, August 31st

Memorial Services Sunday, September 2nd

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#### Seabee Louis J. Rossi

#### NSVA Island X-19, Syracuse, NY

Lou Rossi has been a fixture for as long as I can remember with NSVA Island X-19, his Life Member number is only 3 digits long. Lou was recently recognized by Island X-19 for his dedication and contributions while in the military and as a member of X-19 at the Department of New York Executive Committee Meeting on 5/5/18.



L-R X-19 members; Barry Burge, CDR. Doug Bower, L-R CDR. Doug Bower, Natl. 1<sup>st</sup> V. CDR. Jim Furey and Lou Rossi, PIC, Jim Hilgers, Dan Gordon, Leon Stannard. Seabee Lou Rossi

Seabee Lou Rossi enlisted in the Army on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1948. After boot camp he was stationed in Japan at Camp Zoma Replacement Depot, assigned to the 70<sup>th</sup> Signal Corp in Yokohama. After a few months he requested to be transferred to the Army Engineers and was assigned to the 584<sup>th</sup> Engineers Construction group. In early 1950 the 584 was decommissioned and he was transferred to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Engineers Construction Battalion. When the Korean War began, A Co. from the 43<sup>rd</sup> was designated for deployment in Korea and left Yokosuka on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1950 arriving in Hong Dong Korea on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1950 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry. After 3 weeks in Korea, A Co. was ordered to turn in their carbines and where issued M-1 Garand's. They were then informed they were now B Co. in the 14<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers. The 14<sup>th</sup> moved north as far as Anjir, N. Korea. Lou's squad was given orders to blow up a bridge and to move south. They had the charges all set when a colonel crossed the bridge from the north and asked them what they were doing. They told him what the orders where, he explained his regiment was on the north side of the river and headed their way. They proceeded to give the plunger to the colonel's men and asked them to blow the bridge after their guys had crossed. Lou met the GI he gave the plunger too many years later in Utica, NY. After 13 months in Korea, Lou was discharged in 1951 at Fort Benning GA.

In November, 1952 Lou enlisted in the Navy, completed boot camp at Great Lakes, IL. And received orders for the USS Quail (AM-377) a mine sweeper where you could get sea sick when tied up to the pier. After a few months on the Quail, Lou had a yeoman type a letter stating that he had 3 years' experience in the Combat Engineers, why the hell was he stationed on a mine sweeper! Shortly thereafter in 1953 he received orders to meet MCB-7 in Gitmo, then it was on to Morocco in '54, New Found land in '55. In '56 he was assigned to a detachment planting sea grass on the sand dunes around Nantucket Is. In '56 he was sent back to New Found Land to finish his enlistment.

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Lou Rossi cont.

In 1957 Lou enlisted in the Air Force and spent 1 year in Plattsburg, NY and 3 years in England hauling ICBM's on 90 ft. trailers. When May of 1961 rolled around, Lou re-enlisted in the Navy. He received orders for Ice Land for a year, then was assigned to ACB-2 in Little Creek VA. In December of '63 he arrived in Japan, assigned to Marine Air Station at Ewokuni, Japan. In July '65 he returned stateside to Port Hueneme, CA. for military training and was deployed in August to join MCB-10 in Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam. In '66 Lou made a second deployment with MCB-10 in RVN. In August of '66 Lou received orders for shore duty and was stationed at Clarksville, TN. In '68 Lou returned to Port Hueneme, CA. where he joined MCB-11 and completed 2 deployments in Viet Nam, the 1st at Quang Tri and the second at Camp Rhodes.

Lou returned stateside and retired as EO-1 on the same day MCB-11 was decommissioned, December 15, 1969.

Photos and text by X-19

#### 2018 Mid-Year Meeting and Seabee Ball

The 2018 NSVA Mid-Year meeting was held in Washington D.C. on Friday March 2nd, at the Crystal City Marriott Hotel in Arlington VA., as was the SMSA 2018 Seabee Ball.



Seabee Ball attendees L-R Constitution/By-Laws Chair Ernie Nelson, Master at Arms Joe Dezelar, 1<sup>st</sup> V. CDR. Jim Furey, Natl. CDR. John Hillyer III, Natl. Secretary Heath Coffin and Natl. Trustee Doug Bower

Other 2018 Mid-Year meeting attendees



L-R Can Do Editor Jack Tangen, NE District CDR. /Life Membership Chair John Cubit



Seabee Memorial Wreath Dedication L-R Trustee Doug Bower, Natl. CDR. John Hillyer III, 1<sup>st</sup> V. CDR. Jim Furey and Constitution/By-Law Chair Ernie Nelson.

#### THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

Massing of the Colors and Service Remembrance
"It is Nobler to Serve Than to be Served" (MOWW moto)



Palm Ridge Rec. Center, Sun City West, Arizona February 28, 2018



James Johnston: Arizona Veteran Hall of Famer (Seabee) representing Korea.

Moon Valley High School: Navy JROTC carried the Seabee flag for Island X-5.

John O'Brien: Seabee representing the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Did I mention that....? "It is nobler to serve than to be served."



**DESERT BRASS BAND** 



Blue Star Moms & Rosie the Riveter, Sun City AZ. Chapter



Peoria High School, Air Force JROTC performed the Missing Man Table ceremony.

Col Jerry Wojtas US Army (Ret) Co-Chairman of The Military Order of the World Wars, Chapter 131 West Valley AZ. granted permission to post the 50th Anniversary Vietnam Flag frame in the auditorium.

TAPS...... Bill Fedor, Col, US Air Force (Ret)

Submitted by John O'Brien NSVA Island X-5 AZ

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Seabee Island X-16 Sun City Center FL, Donated \$150.00 to the DAV Chapter 110 for their new Van to take Veterans to their medical appointments. Left to Right: Sea bees, Secretary, Frank J Stulic Jr. Treasurer, Barnett Alpert, Commander, Jim Wilt, DAV officers, accepting the check, Treasurer, Bob Pitcher and Commander, Jim Schwartz.

#### **NSVA Island X-4 Longmont CO.**

The following Island Coin was designed and manufactured for our Island by a Seabee brother in Gulfport. We found after attempting to pass a military license plate for the Seabees through the Colorado State Legislature. There is a lack of knowledge about who the Seabees are. We will use the coin as a way to educate people we come in contact with.



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#### **Seabee Memorial Monument North Tonawanda New York**



The Seabee Memorial Monument is located at 682 River Road, in North Tonawanda, New York. Information for the purchase of personal name plaques to be placed on the Memorial is listed below.

Please contact Ken Giroux at (716) 874-4230 or email: boardbrenda@yahoo.com for details.

#### **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

NAME			PLAQUE INSCRIPTION
ADDRESS			LINE#1
CITY	STATE	ZIP	LINE#2
PHONE		EMAIL	<del>-</del>
Make checks payable to: ISLAN	ND X-8 MEMORIA	AL FUND	Mail to: Ken Giroux, PO Box 271 TONAWANDA, NEW YORK 14151-0271
There are three (3) standard si curbing around the Bulldozer p		placing na	mes on the wall and one (1) for names going on the granit
11-1/2" X 3-1/2" Lamico Donation: \$30.00	oid Plastic with to	wo (2) engr	raved lines, limited to 19 characters per line, incl. spaces.
21-1/2" X 7-1/4" Cast B Donation: \$150.00	ronze Plaque wit	h three (3)	lines, limited to 20 characters per line, incl. spaces.
34-1/2" X 7-1/4" Cast B Donation: \$300.00	ronze Plaque wit	h five (5) li	nes, limited to 19 characters per line, incl. spaces.
•	pad, 5' X 12" En	graved Gra	anite Section are available. Donation: \$500.00 Call/write for

#### **CONVENTION AND REUNION INFORMATION**

Register NOW for the 2018 National Convention



September 13-16, 2018 in Louisville. Kentucky.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND JOIN US IN BLUE GRASS COUNTRY

For more information, contact: Denny Blaisdell, Executive Director

Email: mcb7ra@yahoo.com or (419) 867-9371

"Reuniting Seabees from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN

#### **ATTENTION**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th, 2018 11:00am

PIG ROAST HONORING POW-MIA COMMEMERATION DAY

HOSTED BY ISLAND NSVA X-1 RHODE ISLAND

DAVISVILLE MUSEUM & MEMORIAL PARK (Davisville RI)

Contact Phil Justin, pajusnret@me.com or 401-741-8342

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#### 2018 Navy Seabee Veterans of America

#### 72nd National Convention Registration Form

#### 30 August — 3 September 2018

#### Sheraton Stamford 700 East Main Street Stamford CT 06901

Make your check payable to NSVA Memo line "CONVENTION"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag Name\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse/Guest name: Name Tag Name					
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Mailing	Address				
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DATE	EVENTS: Details of the tours on following pages	COST	# of PEOPLE	TOTAL COST	
	REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 15. Mail check to:				
	Charlie Coffin 16 Graham Ave, West Haven CT 06516				
	Convention Registration Fee NSVA/NSVAA Members	\$15.00 ea			
	Saturday night Dinner				
9/1	Banquet Dinner <b>Beef</b>	\$47.00 ea			
9/1	Banquet Dinner <b>Fish</b>	\$47.00 ea			
9/1	Banquet Dinner <b>Chicken</b>	\$47.00 ea			
	Events				
9/1	Ct Beer Trail Tour Four local stops 20 people min needed	\$43.00 ea			
9/1	Mystic Seaport Bus Trip With box lunch 30 people min needed	\$109.00 ea			
9/2	Mohegan Sun Casino Bus trip 25 people min needed	\$48.00 ea			
	Total amount enclosed Make your check payable to NSVA Memo lin	ne "CONVENTIC	DN"	Total enclosed:	
	Mail check and registration form to: Charlie coffin 16 graham ave we:	st haven CT 065	16		
	Deadline August 15 2018 THANK YOU				

#### Ct Beer Trail Tour

- Tour scheduled for Saturday September 1st
- Minimum 20 people needed
- · Ride in comfort and let us be your designated driver!
- Visit four noted Connecticut Breweries
  - Learn how these charming enterprises developed in Ct
  - o Discover the wide variety of brews available

#### **Mystic Seaport Bus Trip**

- Tour scheduled for Saturday September 1st
- Minimum 30 people needed
- Cost includes General Admission and a boxed lunch per person
- Travel back in time, and spend a day at historic Mystic Seaport
  - Stroll through a recreated 19<sup>th</sup> century Seafaring Village
  - o Visit the Preservation Shipyard
  - o Tour the numerous exhibits, galleries, and grounds

#### Mohegan Sun Casino

- Tour scheduled for SUNDAY September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Minimum 20 people needed
- Experience the thrill of the casino at Mohegan Sun
  - Slots, table games, poker, and race book
- Don't like to play?
  - o 47 Dining options
  - 36 Shopping options
  - o Or check out what entertainment options are available!

# Ad in Convention Program To help offset cost of convention

Full Page	\$100
½ page	\$50
¼ page or business card	\$25
Shout outs, honors, thank you	<b>\$15</b>
(2 lines ,60 letter)	

#### 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION of MCB-12 Vietnam Recall

#### & 40th Anniversary of MCB-12 Association "The Yankee Battalion"

ALL SEABEES are invited 28-30 SEPT 2018

For more information:

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MCB-12 Assoc Sec'y.
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781-749-7737
mcbseabee@yahoo.com

Hampton Inn 53 Old Bedford Rd Westport, MA 02790 508- 675- 8500 Return form and money to:

Don Napert
MCB-12 Assoc Treas.
2 Birdie Court
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denapert@verizon.net

Dinner Dance SEPT 29 at White's Restaurant is next to the Inn Room rate is \$95/night. Use Code MCB

Reserve hotel room directly with the Inn up to August 28

Make checks for dinner dance payable to MCB-12 Association

SEABEE \_\_\_\_\_\_

BATTALION (NCR, etc.) Affiliation (s):\_\_\_\_\_\_

No attending dinner \_\_\_\_\_\_ (\$55 per person for dinner)

Guest (s) \_\_\_\_\_\_

SEEBEE's Address \_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone / email

MCB-12 Association is a large Seabee fraternal association including Seabees from MCB 12, 27, CBU 202, NCR's, many other battalions and CBC Davisville. The Davisville Museum & Memorial Park is nearby in Rhode Island. The Annual Reunion is always the last weekend of September and has been at this Hampton Inn and White's Restaurant for many years because of the superb service of the Inn, the free breakfast, and the gourmet, endless buffet style dinner. Live DJ playing our favorite music for dancing and great fun with old and new friends. Hotel books out fast, so please reserve your room as soon as possible. 110 Seabees plus guests attended the 2017 Reunion. Westport is a historic coastal town close-by CAPE COD, Providence, RI, a Battleship Cove Museum, and a Whaling Museum.

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#### ORIGINAL WD-40 LABEL? (That's saying a lot)



#### **Courtesy of Ernie Nelson**



Seabee Island X8 Day of Caring

June 27 2018
at the Red Jacket Club
Splitting Wood
L-R Bill Myers – Army-Associate Member, Forest Wendt (Ken Wendt's brother)
Art Lee Sr. X8 Seabee and Arthur Lee Jr.

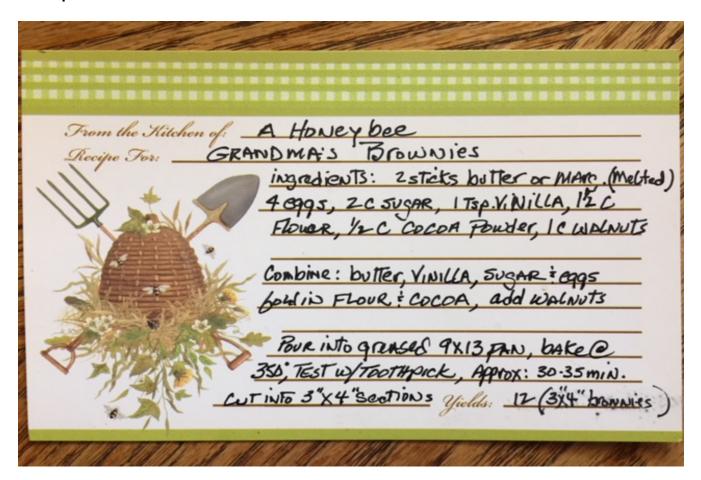
#### SEABEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

In past issues the editor of the Can Do has acknowledged donations to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association as provided by the National Secretary. I have received requests from numerous NSVA members requesting the Can Do resume this practice. I feel the acknowledgement and recognition in the Can Do is duly warranted. I would like to begin with this issue, but have only one acknowledgement that I'm aware of at this time.

A check in the amount of \$500.00 has been donated and acknowledged by the SMSA from NSVA Island X-9 Kingston, New York in the name of NSVA member Edward T. Roser.

#### **HONEY BEE PAGE**

I received a suggestion that the Can Do could use a little Honey Bee touch. Perhaps something that would entice our Honey Bees to look over the Can Do a little closer. With that being said, I have posted a recipe for Grandma's Brownies. Please share this with your Honey Bee and if she wishes to submit a recipe for sharing I'd be glad to consider it. Submitted receipts will be limited to one page in the publication.





### Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members! John Cubit, Life Membership Chairman, Navy Seabee Veterans of America It is with pleasure that we welcome the following Seabees as Life Members of our Organization:

NAME	LM #	ISLAND	CITY	STATE
Kenneth Gordon	6673	X-7	Port Hueneme	CA
Ted Durante	6674	X-4	Longmont	СО
Donald Morrison	6675	X-1	Gulfport	MS
John Smith	6677	X-6	Johnstown	PA
Ronald Beard	6678	MCB-24	Battalion at Large	
Lou Walters	6679	X-12	Tampa	FL
Brent Young	6680	X-12	Rochester	NY
Bob Williams	6681	X-12	Rochester	NY
James Grainger	6682	X-4	Longmont	СО
Frank Merxbauer	6683	MCB-1	Battalion at Large	
Ephraim Meadows	6684	MCB-24	Battalion at Large	
Nicholas Bobbitt	6685	X-2	Virginia Beach	VA
Alan Buckes	6686	X-1	Torrington	СТ
Stephen Ellingham	6687	X-12	Rochester	NY
Rudy Bodenschantz	6688	X-5	Cape Girardeau	MS
Joseph McGrady	6689	X-4	Scranton	PA
Joseph Partsch	6690	X-6	Johnstown	PA

#### ATTENTION ALL NEW and EXISTING LIFE MEMBERS

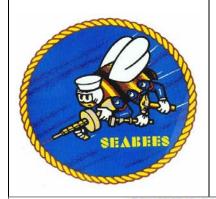
I would like to introduce myself, I'm John Cubit the new NSVA Life Membership Chairman. At this time I'm receiving all records from the National Secretary and past Life Membership Chairman. As I review the records and find out where we stand I will do my best to insure that all new membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. Of course I must control costs so at times it may take a little longer because of the printing one card as compared to being able to have up to 16 cards processed at one time. Please forward all requests along with any required funds to me, this will allow faster service.

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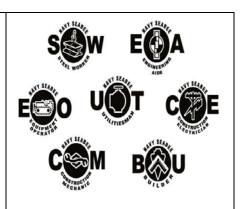
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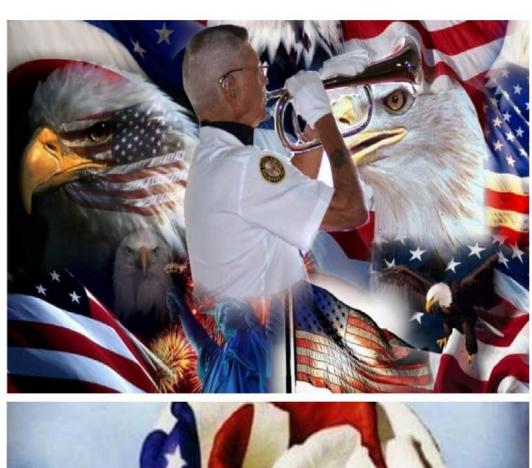


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Annual	Bollinger, Sr.	Gary	L.	X-1	Huntington	VA
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3901	Coberley	Leroy	R.	X-4	Toledo	ОН
5365	Coombs, Jr.	Kimball	н.	X-7	Plymouth	MA
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3353	Crippen	Robert		X-23	Crystal River	FL
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Algier	Kenneth	W.	Gable	Duane	S.
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