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#### D Day: Another Version

SEABEE SCOUT PARTY SAW FRONT LINE DUTY IN FRANCE - SEABEE NEWS SERVICE REPORT, 1 AUGUST 1944.

THE EVENTUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OF A PARTY OF SEABEES IN NORMANDY HAD ITS FULL SHARE OF THRILLS EVEN BEFORE IT CULMINATED IN THE CAPTURE OF A GERMAN FORT AND 330 PRISONERS, LT. FRANK LAUER, CEC, USNR, ONE OF THE TWO OFFICERS WHO LED THE GROUP REVEALED.

THE NAVY SHORE-PARTY OF 52, WHICH INCLUDED COAST GUARDSMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE FLEET NAVY AS WELL AS SEABEES, REACHED A NORMANDY BEACH ALONG WITH AN ARMY DIVISION ON D-DAY. GERMAN OPPOSITION APPARENTLY WAS HEAVY: LT LAUER REPORTED CASUALTIES ON THE BEACH WERE HIGH.

WE WENT FORWARD WITH THE ARMY DIVISION UNTIL WE REACHED ST. MERE EGLISE, HE RELATED, THEN WE JOINED ANOTHER ARMY UNIT UNTIL WE REACHED MONTBOURG. WE WERE IN THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES, IN THE THICK OF EVERYTHING.

WE STAYED ON WITH THE AIRBORNE DIVISION UNTIL WE REACHED VALOGNES, FIGHTING AND DIGGING IN ALL DAY WITH NO SLEEP AT NIGHT AS THE JERRIES KEPT UP THEIR BOMBARDMENT ALL NIGHT WITH THEIR 88'S.

ON JUNE 24 WE MOVED UP TO GLASIER AND FROM OUR POINT ATOP A HILL WE COULD WATCH CHERBOURG BURN AND OUR ARTILLERY RAISING HELL. ON JUNE 25 AT 1PM WE ENTERED CHERBOURG UNDER HEAVY SNIPING OF MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLES. JUNE 26 THE GERMAN ADMIRAL AND GENERAL SURRENDERED AT 10AM BUT THE SNIPING WAS STILL VERY BAD.

"OUR LITTLE PARTY MADE QUITE A NAME FOR ITSELF IN CHERBOURG" THE LIEUTENANT CONCLUDED.

#### **Quote of the Day**

"Summer is a promissory note signed in June, it's long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January".

#### **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

I had the joyful opportunity to attend the ALL Seabee Reunion held in Gulfport, MS this past spring. It was great to talk to old friends, make new acquaintances and relive some of my experiences both in the service of our great country and in my private life. I hope to see many of you at the National Convention this year.

#### For Our Armed Forces

Lord God, stand beside the men and women who build and give them courage, strength and skill. O' grant them peace of heart and mind, and comfort love ones left behind. Lord, hear our prayers for all Seabees, whether they be on land or sea. Amen God Bless You, Have a Great Seabee Day BU1 Patrick D. Lyons

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#### **Knowing Everything**

When it comes to technology and other advancements, we know that cultures who were open to the idea that they did not know everything were the ones that proved to be the leaders in innovation.

Take Christopher Columbus. He bucked the idea that you had to travel east to get to other lands. So, he went west. And he bumped into land that he thought was the West Indies. He assumed humans knew everything about all the lands in the world and that this spot had to be the West Indies and he called the inhabitants Indians.

We all know he was in the Bahamas, but Columbus never believed it. Until his death, he just thought he found a new way to the West Indies. But many others followed in his footsteps, including a little-known Italian explorer who approached the trip with an open mind. He did not assume he knew everything already and was able to conceptualize the fact that these were lands that had never been discovered before.

He wrote about this discovery and those letters became the source for an expansion of the European collective knowledge base. When cartographers started to draw maps of these new lands, they decided to name them after the Italian who was able to realize what this was: Amerigo Vespucci. And, today, two of the seven continents on earth are named after him ... a man whose only real claim to fame came from him knowing that he did not know everything.

So, why the heck am I writing about this?

Well, I think we all see situations like this around us every day. We assume because we have extensive training and experience, we know it all. But this myopic vision also blinds us to new ideas or innovative solutions to these problems.

"Going into the unknown is how you expand what is known". Julien Smith

Article was contributed by Jerry Kissinger, NSVA Island X-4 Longmont, CO.

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

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.

Hello Everyone,

2018 was a busy year for the board. We accomplished the revisions to the By-Laws and Procedural Manual is being revised. The application for membership is being revised to directly relate to the By-Laws Article IV, Membership. With the final review at the Mid-Year, we should have them on the website soon. The Convention in Stamford CT was very enjoyable and well attended. The NSVVA conducted a raffle and 50/50 which is always fun, successful too. We have started a Newsletter/update email to the membership to keep current information public. I would encourage all Islands and MAL's (Members at Large) to forward Island activities or community service activities to me at <a href="mailto:Bettybud2000@aol.com">Bettybud2000@aol.com</a> to put in the Newsletter/Updates communication. If you did not previously receive this communication please send me your email address, I will put you in the Que. Mid-Year this year will take place in Washington, DC on the 1st weekend in March and the Seabee Ball and Birthday (77th). These events are always a festive time.

Island X-3 Blairsville, GA. Charter was signed in March, 2018 and the officers installed in May. WELCOME Island X-3.

Each National Officer submits an annual report of their events they've attended and participated in representing the organization. If you'd like a copy please contact me. This will show you the work that we do for the NSVVAA.

Now that 2019 is in full swing and elections are coming up in September, if there is anyone that would like to run for National Office, please submit your name to either me (email address above) or the National Secretary at <a href="mailto:denail1eac@gmail.com">denail1eac@gmail.com</a>. Wishing everybody a blessed and a fulfilling New Year.

Respectfully, Betty Nelson, National NSVAA President

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#### **ISLAND HOPPING**



Island X-23 Crystal River FL. Auxiliary Celebrates 12th year Anniversary, with Commander David Buchanan and Auxiliary member Nancy Staples doing the cutting honors.

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

Thousands attended the Memorial Day Watchfire at the New York State Fairgrounds outside of Syracuse.

Seabee Veterans of America Island X-19 was well represented and made it known when MC

asked if any Seabees were present. Submitted by Barry Burge Island X-19 Commander.





Jim Hilgers PIC Island X-19 Syracuse NY

Ed Gerrick Island X-19 Member



Leon Stannard Island X-19 Syracuse Membership Chair, not pictured: X-19 Commander, Barry Burge (photographer)



NSVAA Island X-23 Crystal River, FL. Auxiliary member Eileen Livick, points to her father's paver at Tidewater VA Veterans Park. EQCM George Staples Jr. was a NSVA Life Member.

#### NSVA Island X-19 Daytona Beach FL.

The Daytona Beach Florida Seabee Island X-19 purchased and set a monument in the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery with the donations from the Island members. The base was precast then taken to the cemetery and set, then when the monument was delivered it was placed on the base.

The staff at the cemetery assisted with the equipment to help place the base and the monument.

The monument was purchased through the NSVA. With the help of Dave Buchanan, and Dave Curry assisted with setting up the transportation through ABF freight which they delivered at no cost.

Island X-19 would like to thank all who made this possible.



Photos and narrative submitted by Don Rowley X-19 Daytona Beach, FL.

#### NSVA Island X-7 Mid-Columbia, WA.

(Left to right) Art Moore, Rockey Stoddard, members of NSVA Island X-7 Mid-Columbia WA, are with James Norman "Mad Dog" Mattis in Richland, Washington on March 20, 2019. The event was the dedication of the West Richland Post Office. The West Richland (WA) post office was just the third Washington postal facility renamed to honor a hero under legislation approved in the U.S. House of Representatives. The hero was Marine Sgt. Dietrich Schmieman, who was one of 16 service members who died in a cargo plane crash on July 10, 2017. "Jim" Mattis, as he prefers to be called, makes his home here and is a graduate of the Richland High School many years ago. He is at many of our Veteran events. When he saw our Seabee hats at this event he stepped over and quickly said, "I love the Seabees. Not only could they build but they knew how to fight!" Photo & Comments submitted by Art Moore X-7 Mid-Columbia, WA.



Seabees - Art Moore, Rockey Stoddard Gen. James Mattis - Richland WA - 20 MAR 2019

#### NSVA Island X-3 Marysville TN. Charter Presentation

Maryville, TN, 13 April 2019 – At 0900, on an early morning Saturday, 13 April 2019, members of the Navy Seabee Veterans Association, Island X-1 TN, met with the Plank Owners of the newly formed Island X-2 Maryville, TN.

The approved Island Charter was presented to the Island Commander Frank Acs, Vice Commander John Drexler, Chet Winchell, Chaplain, Arman Drexler, Secretary. Member of Island X-1 TN were also present to share in this monumental, history making moment.

With the establishment of this newly formed Island, the National NSVA has taken another step forward into the future of all Seabee Veterans.



Left to right-SE Commander Troy Branch, Island X-2 Commander Frank Acs, Vice Commander John Drexler, Chaplain Chett William, Island X-2 Secretary Arman Drexler.

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#### X-2 Charter presentation cont.

## NSVA Island X-1 Greenville, TN. & NSVA X-2 Marysville, TN. members attending

X-2 Charter presentation

(A Good-looking group, nice trailer too)



Photos and narrative supplied by Dave Howard NSVA X-1 Greenville, TN Secretary

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#### NSVA ISLAND X-1 Greenville, TN

Sevierville, TN, 9 May 2019 – Early morning 9 May 2019, members of the Navy Seabee Veterans Association, Island X-1 TN, met to set up a review of the need of a new handicapped ramp, inside and outside, for Bill Fisher, Korean Veteran Seabee, and assistance in getting Mr. Fisher desperately needed VA medical benefits.

Following medical reviews by the VA, and with Mr. Fisher being assigned a new wheelchair by the VA, and looking at his existing handicapped ramp, we were apprehensive to walk on the existing ramp, much less use it for wheelchair access. Following establishment of a material list, a donation of material from the local Home Depot was requested.

Management of the local Sevierville Home Depot store were very excited to see members of the Island X-1 TN assisting this needy veteran and were very supportive of our efforts. Home Depot provided the donation of all the required material.

With members of Island X-1 TN, and several of Mr. Fisher's neighbors, a new ramp was constructed both inside and outside, and to building codes, allowing Mr. Fisher to now have a more pleasant lifestyle.







#### The Meaning of the Flag Draped Coffin

Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers: Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 - gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in words of Stephen DeCatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right: but it is still our country, right or wrong"

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their Republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been

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through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded. The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, "In God We Trust"

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it take on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving and freedoms we enjoy today.

Submitted by NSVA 1st Vice CDR. Douglas Bower

# "IF YOU LOVE A SEABEE RAISE YOUR HAND IF NOT RAISE YOUR STANDARDS"

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#### Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. 16 Graham Ave. West Haven CT 06516



Dear Friend of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. (NSVA):

The person presenting this letter to you is authorized to represent the NSVA to request donations for the organization.

The NSVA is a national not-for-profit 501c4 organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois since 1954. Our members recognize that service to God and Country is the foundation on which our Great Nation was founded, we dedicate ourselves to that service, and further pledge our lives and actions to preserve the fundamental ideals of American Government, which we believe are Justice, Freedom and equality for all.

We continue to serve our country by fostering camaraderie among members to stimulate and inspire interests in all fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational activities of the Navy Seabees. We perform charitable works to assist veterans, their widows, widowers and orphans in their time of distress. We promote and instill interest in, and respect for the professions, trades, crafts, and occupations of our members in times of war and peace.

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Thank you for your support of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America

James J. Furey

National Commander

#### VIETNAM PERSPECTIVES



In one month's time frame (August/September 1969), NMCB 74 went through Hurricane Camille, a Rocket Attack & Typhoon Doris

August 17 1969 NMCB 74 was scheduled to depart from Gulfport, MS and head for Vietnam. However, Hurricane Camille put that on hold as our flights were held up for a week while we hunkered down on base, followed by helping with cleanup on base and the community.

We finally arrived at a week later at Camp Rhodes, Quang Tri. A welcoming two days later with a VC rocket attack followed. Two landed in a swamp near the outdoor movie theater, but one hit my Bravo Company shops ventilating it purity seriously. Two weeks later Typhoon Doris tore our camp up pretty well. As Bravo Company Commander, one of my collateral duties was Camp Maintenance Officer. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon headed up by CE1 Hadley was our Public Works Platoon the doers for Camp maintenance. Besides the rocket attack to our shops and general typhoon damage to our camp, one of the two-20KV generators was out due to water damage from the typhoon.

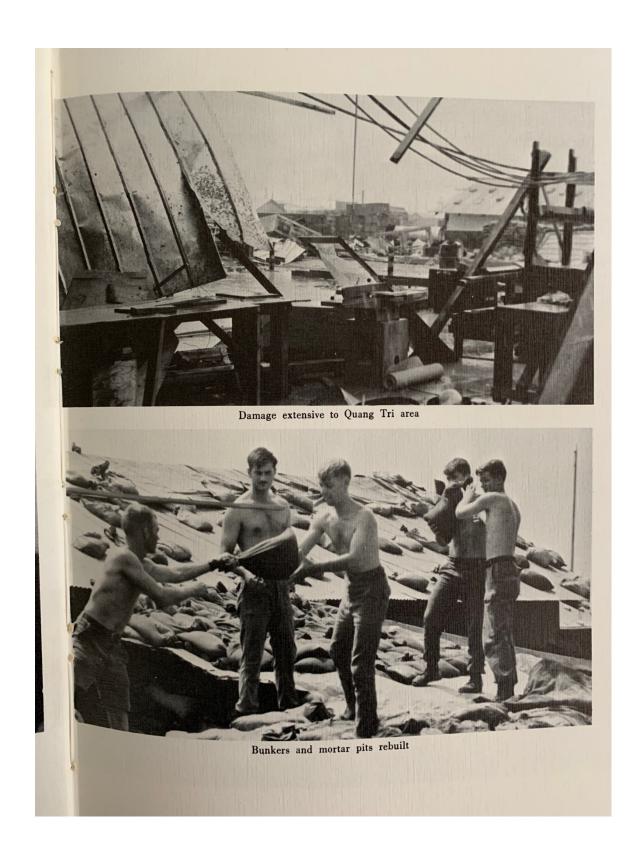
CE1 Hadley came to me with a lifesaving find – another dead lined 20 KV generator in nearby CBMU 301. He said the only thing wrong with it was a bent exhaust stack. We went up there and I met with by counterpart LTjg Bob Taylor 301's B Company Commander. He said take it, actually an exchange.

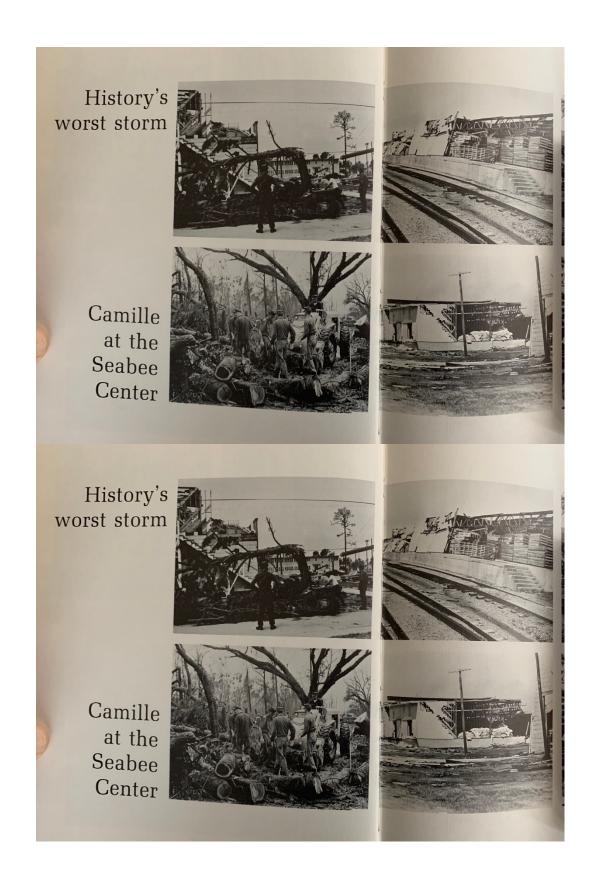
A few days later, we had a diner with their officers and the topic came up about the exchange. Their CO said; the only thing wrong with that Generator was the bent Exhaust stack - **Seabee Requisition!** We had a good laugh and we kept the Generator.

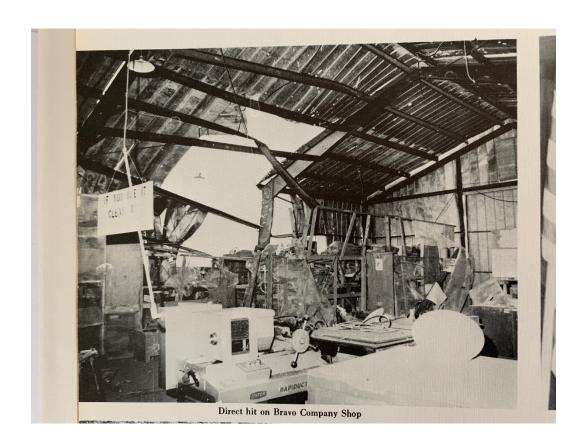
After that things calmed down. In October we moved the main body down Camp Hoover in Danang leaving a detachment of Alpha Company to do major roadwork on QL-1, the major north—south route in Vietnam.

I can't say enough for Bravo Company people - their excellent work, not only camp maintenance, but project work as well. They were dedicated, creative, and professional in all their work. I cherish their friendship and support they all gave me.

Norm Davis Bravo 6 Bainbridge Island, WA







#### YESTERDAYS & TODAYS SEABLES

#### Story Line:

My name is Roger LeBlanc and I command NH's only remaining Seabee Island but growing by the day, Island X-4 located in Laconia NH. I would be remised if I didn't bring up two members that I consider my Heroes, both of which attend our meetings regularly. First and foremost is Heavy Equipment Operator MCB110 EO-3 Lorenzo "Joe" Perry, 94 years young.

Truth be told, according to historians, if it wasn't for the Seabees, **WWII could have lasted another 3 years at the cost of over one and a half million soldiers on both sides.** The Seabees took the task of making that happen in record time. Joe told us firsthand about building the largest runway in the world while fighting off Japanese soldiers who were still occupying the island, operating from tunnels and along the mountain ranges attempting to pick off Seabees off their equipment. With his rifle by his side and his dozer for cover, Joe epitomized the "**We Build – We Fight**" slogan time and time again fighting the enemy and skill set to get the job done.

So proud of Seabee's efforts, the **Army Air Corp**, which I'm proud to say my Uncle Hector LeBlanc also piloted his B-29 from Tinian, they allowed the Seabees to blazoned their **Boeing B-29 Superfortresses** with Seabee paintings on the front of their bombers. When Joe saw the B-29's lift off carrying their deadly war ending payloads to Japan with his final thought was, "**You simply don't mess with the US!**"

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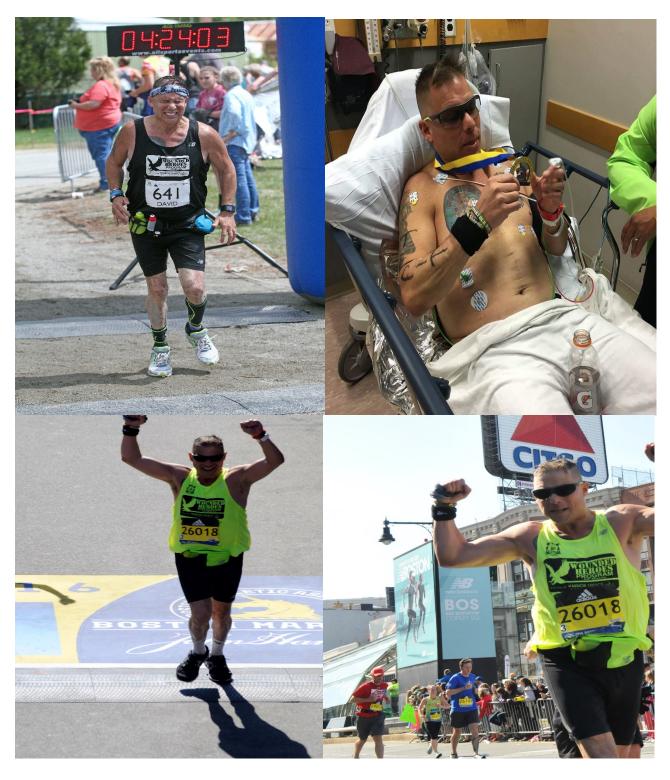
"Big Mike" / 30th Construction Regiment - 505th BG, Tinian 1945

Special THANKS to Bob Thickman who originally published the story of Tinian Island and supplied us with these rare WWII photos.



My second Hero goes to **BU-3 David Slagger**, 56 years young, originally from Maine, now lives in Massachusetts, but still attends our monthly meetings, He chose Mass to be closer to the VA hospitals and clinics that he frequents. David was severely injured during training in Port Hueneme, California. David had 55%-3<sup>rd</sup> Degree burns over his body, Skull fracture which developed into seizers that he's still experiences today, he laid in a coma for 4 months, and spent a year and a half in a Navy hospital along with years of therapy. That in itself made David even more determined when he finally came up to that proverbial fork in the road that read **LIVE** or **SURVIVE**. He chose to live, not simply survive. Granted it was a monumental struggle, and still is today, but he decided to put the Boston Marathon on the top of his bucket list. He first qualified in the Sugarloaf Marathon in Sugarloaf Maine in 2015 in order to run in Boston the following year. He ran under the banner **Wounded Heroes of Maine** and qualified in Boston under the **Mobility Impaired Athletes** which only allow 50 runners worldwide to enter the race.

After his successful run in Boston he was rushed to a local hospital where he was treated for a seizure. David told me the reason he pushed himself so hard is because he wanted others to realize that anything is possible if you pour your heart and soul into it. David had a Seabee blazoned on his yellow T-shirt in the upper right corner to remind him and others of what the true Seabee "CAN DO" Spirit can accomplish. David finished by saying "I couldn't have accomplished all of this without the constant help of my lovely wife Mimi".



#### IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION

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8/15: 9AM NSVA/NSVAA Precon

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1/8 Page / Business Card (B & W)\$25.00
HI BUDDY\$3.00
All ads must be received no later than
June 1, 2019
*Please attach a business card
200 dpi or higher photos can be emailed
Any questions on ads can be answered by:
Kristen Ruder krisruder@gmail.com
(651)815-9634
Please make checks payable to:
NSVA Island X-2 Twin Cities, MN
All companies placing an ad will receive a copy of the
convention booklet

Full Page 1/2 Page 1/	4 Page 1/8 Page/Business Card Hi Buddy
*Name	
Address	"Hi Buddy" Ad (3 Lines per ad)
City	
State/Zip	
Ship Store Table & Space Rental (*1 Island per Table)	
No: [ ]@\$10.00 *Navy SVA/SVAA Island	
No: [ ]@\$30.00 Navy SVA/SVAA Department	Convention ad(s)\$
No: [ ]@\$100.00 NSVA member/business	Ship Store Tables\$
Island Number & State	Donations\$
**No sales allowed outside Ships Store as per local ordinance	Total Amount Enclosed \$
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Island X-2 Booklet Ad 266 Stanley Street West Saint Paul, MN 55118 (651)815-9634	Island X-2 Twin Cities, MN is a 301 (c)3 non-profit military veterans organization registered with the Department of Treasury

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

NSVA ISLAND X-1, Greenville TN. 5th Annual All Seabee Reunion

August 10th, 2019 Contact Ray McPeek @ 865-776-1051 for details

NOW HEAR THIS...29th Annual MCB 7 – NMCB 7 Reunion

Sept. 19th -22nd, 2019 Colorado Springs, CO.

Contact: D. Blaisdell (419)867-9371 or mcb7ra@yahoo.com for details

MCB-11 Reunion October 2nd thru 6th, 2019 Seattle WA.

Contact: Larry Hagler (512)796-2834 for details <a href="mailto:mcb11.reunion@earthlink.net">mcb11.reunion@earthlink.net</a>

MCB-1, MCB-9 & MCB-10 REUNION October 3rd – 6th, 2019 Virginia Beach, VA

Contact Wally Johnson @ 757-570-5864 or MCB1-MCB9.org

THE WALL THAT HEALS (Vietnam Veterans Replica Wall) Rock Hill SC.

October 24th thru 27th, 2019 Contact: Milt Delair (803)322-0111, m delair@yahoo.com

#### SEABEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION and THE SEABEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DONATIONS

The Can Do will acknowledged donations to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and The Seabee Historical Society. Donations should be mailed directly to:

NSVA National Secretary, 16 Graham Ave. West Haven, CT. 06516.

Please indicate on the checks Memo line which scholarship or fund you wish to donate to. The following donations have been received.

A donation for \$100.00 to be split between the SMSA Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund and the Marvin Shields Scholarship Fund by Island X-9, Kingston, NY.

A donation for \$10.00 in the name of Lois A. Ketzer to the SMSA Scholarship fund from Island x-23 Crystal River, FL.

A donation for \$25.00 in the name of David Edwards to the SMSA Scholarship fund from Island X-7 Port Hueneme, CA.

A donation for \$150.00 in the name of Donald and Cherry Baker to the SMSA Scholarship fund from Island X-1 Red Bank, NJ.

A donation for \$50.00 in the name of Edward Coberly to the SMSA Scholarship fund from Island X-4 New Castle, IN.

A donation for \$50.00 in the name of Michael A. Armstrong to the SMSA Scholarship fund from Island X-4 New Castle, IN.



# 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
SPEARS, David	6742	X-1	Davisville	RI
MUNDT, Kenneth	6743	X-12	Rochester	NY
DREXLER, John	6744	X-2	Maryville	TN
SLATES, Kevin	6745	X-2	Virginia Beach	VA
WEEKS, Russell	6746	X-23	Crystal River	FL
STERN, Dennis	6747	MCB-7	At Large	
EWIN, Gary	6748	MCB-7	AT Large	
LITTLETON, Dwight	6749	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
FURCO, Joseph	6750	X-6	Spring Hill	FL
BECKMAN, Walter	6751	X-1	St. Louis	MO
SMITH, Harold	6752	24 <sup>th</sup> Battl.	At Large	
RYAN, Gregory	6753	X-3	Blairsville	GA
BOLLING, James	6754	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
KIEFER, John	6755	X-5	Akron	OH
MONROE, Charles	6756	X-6	Spokane	WA
BURNS, Donald	6757	24 <sup>th</sup> Battl.	At Large	
SCHULTZ, Thad	6758	X-6	Spokane	WA
MAYO, Richard	6759	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
HOGAN, James	6760	X-4	Laconia	NH
REINARD, Patrick	6761	X-4	Longmont	CO

#### 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 ensure 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.

My contact information is:

John Cubit, NSVA Life Membership Chairperson 113 Kislingbury Street Rochester, New York 14613-1611

Phone: 585-647-9294

Email: eqcmcubit@gmail.com

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		First				
LM#	Last Name	Name	MI.	Island #	City	State
701	Coberley	LeRoy	J	X-4	Toledo	ОН
1210	Klamut	John		X-8	Youngstown	ОН
1893	Swanson	Roland	Α	X-5	Buffalo	NY
5532	Hart	Vincent	K	X-5	West Valley	AZ
6046	Pekarski	Stanley	J	X-5	West Valley	AZ
4894	Broady	Jerry	W	МСВ-9	At Large	
3119	McCully	Johnny	R	X-3	Cumberland	VA
2408	Flading	Warren	J	X-8	Tonawanda	NY
6169	Krol	Edmund	Р	X-2	Lakeland	FL
3399	Flouty	Charles	Н	X-4	Toledo	ОН
5092	Sterling	John		X-4	Orlando	FL
4352	Smart	William		X-1	Davisville	RI
5077	Sheppard	John	Р	X-5	Whidbey Island	WA
4155	Gonzales	John	Α	24 <sup>th</sup> Battl.	At Large	AL
5026	Miller	Samuel	Н	X-9	Cleveland	ОН
6412	Reynolds	Herbert	Α	X-6	Spokane	WA
2541	Hose	Ralph	L	X-13	Pensacola	FL
1216	Ansbro	Thomas	М	X-13	Pensacola	FL
1613	Knox	Owen	D	X-13	Pensacola	FL
928	Paintin	Edward	G	X-13	Pensacola	FL
1509	Owens	Edward	Р	X-13	Pensacola	FL
2013	Thomson	Donald	E	X-13	Pensacola	FL
5515	Stroney Jr	John	L	X-8	Youngstown	ОН
435	Chavez	George	С	X-1	Cincinnati	ОН
785	Dodson	Ernest	R	X-4	Orlando	FL
2085	Zembower	Karl	E	X-9	Cleveland	ОН
5983	West	Danny	W	X-2	Indianapolis	IN
6369	May	William	R	X-1	Davisville	RI
4443	Stewart	Robert	F	X-6	Wilmington	MA

2973	Bauer	Benjamin	F	X-1	Red Bank	NJ
5501	Perna	Anthony	С	X-6	Wilmington	MA
6487	Herbert	Paul		X-4	Laconia	NH
3546	Buchanan	Robert	D	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
3340	Bishop	Richard	E	X-8	Tonawanda	NY
	Allart	Richard	-	X-5	West Valley	AZ
	Nesbit	George	М	X-5	West Valley	AZ
	Otte	Paul	141	X-5	West Valley	AZ
	Lincoln	Austin	W	χ-3	vvest vancy	AL.
	Sullivan	Michael	R			
	Cortese	John	- 11			
	Kimmes	Raymond	G	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
	Lotz	Merle	S	N-2	I WIII CILIES	IVIIV
	Stewart	Donald	Lee			
	Mueller	Donald	Р			
	Porter	Morton	J			
	McKee	Kenneth	J			
	Marasco	Rodger William	J			
	Bettger	Robert	_			
	Palmer, Jr.		С			
	Horn	Dawson	-			
	Lockard	William	E			
	Maszaros	Ernest	.,			
	Aleson	Albert	V			
	Hensley	Mark				
	Johnson	James			<u> </u>	
	Kinnell	Douglas	W	X-9	Cleveland	OH
	Ketzer	Lois	A	X-23 Aux.	Crystal River	FL
	Golden	Thomas	M			
	Fessler	Floyd	E			
	Margaretich	Rosalyn				
	Kelly	Mike	_			
	Gallaugher	James	R			
	Somerton	Austin				
	Ford	Jerrod				
	Mohme	Robert	E			
	Stotts	Ravis	E			
	Herbert Sr.	Paul				

Desko	Frank			
Depedro Jr.	John			
Connelly	Donald	E		
Smith	Linstrom	М		
Holmes	William			
Kilen	Larry	L		
Oliphant	Norm			
Myers	Howard	RED		
Menaguale	Paul	S		
Wood	George	R		

	BROTHER	SEABEES	NOT	NSVA	MEMBERS
UT2	Blake	James	E	USN	
UTCM	Brehm	Bernard	F	USN	
BUCS	Clolinger	Edward	D	USN	
EQCM	Harrar	Donald		USN	
CE1	Collins	John	P	USN	
CM1	Conklin	Thomas		USN	
BUCS	Copeland	Lenton	W	USN	

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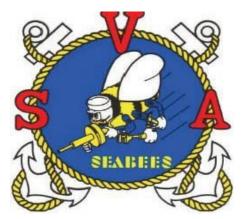
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