

***NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA***

**CAN DO**



**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention Recap  
Volume 31, Edition 3, Fall 2021**

**Cover:** NSVA Officers sworn in at the 75<sup>th</sup> Convention, L-R Historian Teddy Montuori, Treasurer Jerry Schmuck, Vice Commander Anthony Amesquita Jr, National Commander Jack Tangen, James Furey (PNC), Chaplain Michael Boncheck, Resolutions Chair Joe Millette, Secretary Charles Coffin and National Counselor David Buchanan (PNC).

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## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

During some of the darkest days of the past year I was asked the question, "Why has God turned his back on us and cursed us with this disease". I was unable to immediately answer because frankly I didn't have one.

I have pondered this for some time and during my recent High School reunion I came upon an answer. One of my classmates asked if anyone recalled the name given to our morning assemblies. The answer was "Chapel" We would start our day with the Principal reading a few verses from the Bible, either Old or New Testaments and then we would all bow our heads for a minute of silent prayer. Mind you this was a Public School not Private or Parochial. We all lamented how the world was a much better place when the mention of God in public was not prohibited because it might offend somebody.

I don't know how many of those reading this will agree or disagree with me when I say that maybe the things that are happening in the world today are because we have turned our backs on God. The founders of this Great Nation we are so blessed to have been born into all held firm beliefs in a higher power and founded it on those beliefs. Maybe it's time for mankind to take a step back and reaffirm that someone greater than us exists. None of the world's Religions teach hatred or condone violence toward one another but preach gospels of peace and love.

Now may be the time to be not ashamed to voice our beliefs but to be proud of them and practice what they preach and then maybe God will again hear our Prayers and answer them.

Michael Boncheck, National Chaplain  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

## Commanders Corner

First of all let me thank the NSVA community for providing me with the opportunity to lead our organization as your National Commander. I chose the picture on the right to emphasize a point. Seabees as we all know and appreciate are a get down to business, Can Do group of hardy individuals that pride themselves on their ability to perform any given task and to complete it as quickly as possible using skill, ingenuity and the materials on hand. Today we are faced with a challenge that makes building a bridge across a raging river look easy, and it might be. Today we are facing a challenge only we the (NSVA) can help ourselves overcome. No other organization or becoming part of another organization can do this for us. As we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, let us not forget those that have gone before us, let us not forget the dedication, resourcefulness and energy they have expended that has made this event possible. They mentored and led us to where we are today. Now it's our turn to do the same. If we envision a Seabee Veterans of America Organization in the future, we must search out and reach out to new members. We must engage them in comradery, in only the way a Seabee can. Every Seabee has a story or two (or more) that endears them to other Seabees. They're out there, we just have to go get them. Getting a new member is WORK. You have to be persistent (think of that junk yard dog). Wear your Seabee attire, let them know who and what you are. Results may be slow in coming, but it will come if you put yourself into it.



Within the coming year the NSVA leadership team will embark on several long sought after projects. A committee will be formed to evaluate and recommend changes to the NSVA Constitution and By-Laws. Its been a while since we've taken a good look at how this document fits our present operations. We have and will continue to improve our communications and recruiting tools using social media where it proves effective. We will continue to explore the realm of the Seabee swarms, visiting their gatherings and inviting them to NSVA functions, meetings and events. We are still pursuing the Seabee Stamp initiative, mentioned later in this publication. If we are going to make it happen, we need Everyone's involvement.

It is my intent to involve and engage the membership of the NSVA in these activities and more. We didn't earn our Can Do reputation by setting back on our haunches. Going forward we must do everything in our power to grow our membership. It is key to our success and survival as a veterans organization.

Once a Seabee, Always a Seabee

Yours in the Can Do Spirit  
Jack F. Tangen, National Commander  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

# Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary



NSVAA New officers from L-R Lorraine Santo, President. Nancy Staples, Vice-President. Elaine Coffin, Secretary. Linda Schmuck, Treasurer. Linda Hillyer, Historian. Carol Parker, Chaplain/Parliamentarian

Hi, MAL and Auxiliary members, I am the newly elected President of the NSVAA. My duty this year, along with the assistance of my Vice President, Nancy Staples, is to grow our organization with additional MAL members and also new Island Auxiliaries. But, we kindly ask for your assistance.

I have asked our National Secretary, Elaine Coffin, to ensure each Island Auxiliary President and each MAL member receive a copy of the by-laws with the changes recently made. This will be sent via email. Those without email addresses will receive a hard copy. Any changes or additions should be sent to me prior to our mid-winter meeting. I will give members of the board the recommendations or corrections and we will discuss at mid-winter to be approved at National. Feel free to discuss anything with. This is your organization and we want to be open to all members and suggestions. Members are welcomed to our mid-year meeting. We have two suggestions before us now. One is to allow Auxiliaries to have Honorary and Affiliate Members and also Life Membership.

Look forward to anything you want to discuss. Suggestions for our National Meeting next year welcomed. Thanks for supporting our Seabees. Lorraine Santo National President

[LorraineSanto43@gmail.com](mailto:LorraineSanto43@gmail.com) .



From the desk of the NSVAA Vice-President  
President of the National Island Auxiliary-at-Large

August 2021

First, I would like to introduce myself for those who don't know me. I am Nancy Thompson Staples, the newly elected Vice-President of the National NSVAA. It is my responsibility "to assist the President in all matters referred to the office, and in the absence or disability of the President, shall preside over meetings and perform the duties of the President. In the event of death or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office. The National Vice-President shall also be the President of the National Island Auxiliary-at-Large and will perform all other duties delegated to the office by the National Convention and/or Executive Committee."

With that being said, I am so happy to be the one to keep in touch with all the Members at Large, commonly known as MAL's.

If you are aware of someone eligible for membership in the Auxiliary but does not have an NSVA Island near them, this is the category for them. The membership application with eligibility requirements can be found on the NSVA website..... NSVA.org.

IF I have your email address, as passed down from my predecessor, you will be hearing from me. IF I don't have your email address, please contact me as listed below.

I look forward to hearing from you during my term of office. You will be hearing from me.

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352-697-5565



Pictured on the left; the NSVAA meeting to discuss various Convention business details and on the right Betty Nelson receives Past Presidents gift from SVAA Secretary Elaine Coffin. The SVAA goes about their business without fanfare or recognition in many instances. They are in many ways instrumental in the success of the NSVA. A hearty Thank You to all of the SVAA Members.

To: The membership of the Seabee Veterans of America  
Re: USPS Stamp Commemorating the U.S. Navy Seabees 80<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary



My Fellow Seabees, as our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March of 2022 draws closer, it behooves us to mount a letter writing campaign requesting a USPS Seabee Stamp be issued in recognition of the U.S. Navy Seabees and to commemorate this milestone event. Past initiatives to persuade the Citizen’s Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a Seabee stamp, recognizing our existence and our previous anniversaries ended without success. We cannot and must not let these past rejections deter us from seeking the recognition and acknowledgement the Seabees have earned.

“The difficult we do now, The Impossible takes a little longer” is a statement about the Seabee creed of “CAN DO”. Seabee pride and esprit de corps is never ending, but not readily shared with outsiders. This initiative is our opportunity to have the legacy of our past, present and future brothers and sister Seabees recognized for their service to God and Country.

The Seabee Veterans of America along with the Seabee Historical Foundation have joined together in championing this cause. We are asking YOU, the SVA and SHF members to pick up the torch and to display that CAN DO Spirit by signing and mailing the sample stamp request letter below. Your signed statement or letter needs to be sent to address listed below. Because the wheels of bureaucracy move slowly the sooner everyone responds to this request for action the better, the more requests mailed the greater the impact. Let’s commit to making this happen.

In the Can Do Spirit  
Douglas Bower  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

The Address:  
Douglas Bower  
999 County Route 85  
Oswego, New York  
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Sample Stamp Request Letter

We, the U.S. Navy Seabees, request the U.S. Postal Service Citizens Advisory Committee consider the U.S. Navy Seabee emblem be used to create a USPS Seabee stamp to recognize our accomplishments and to commemorate our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurring in March, 2022. This request is made on behalf of all Active duty, Reserve and Retired Seabees.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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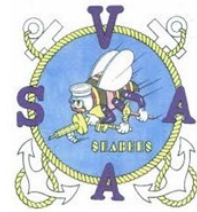


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Island X-11 Restarted over five years ago. Since then we have re-gained the Seabee enthusiasm, and willingness to serve and help others. We don't just meet and eat. We help support the Robert Jenkins Veterans home in Lake City affecting the lives of 150 Veterans. We have donated and participated in the Warrior Walk in Lakeland as well as the Marvin Shields Sea Cadet Battalion. In an effort of preserving the Seabee Legacy we have placed three Seabee Monuments, Two in National Cemeteries and one at Veterans Memorial Park in Hillsborough County. “Lucky Leven”



Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month  
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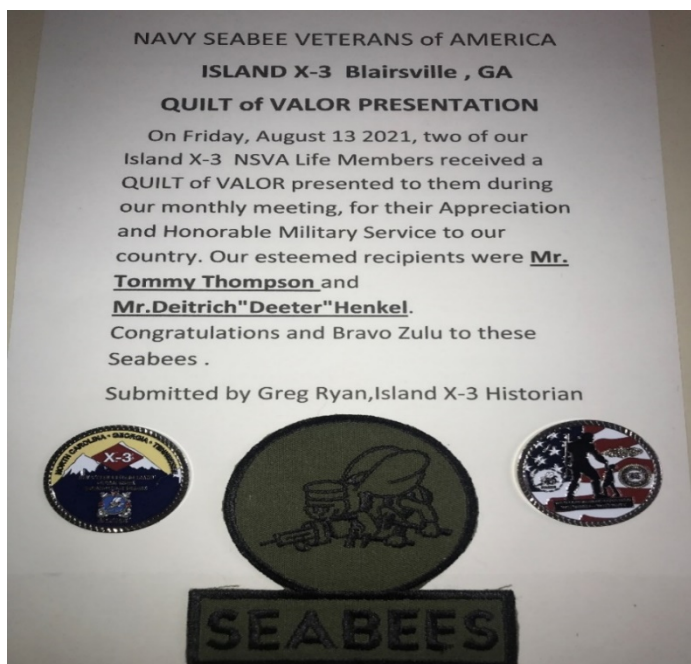
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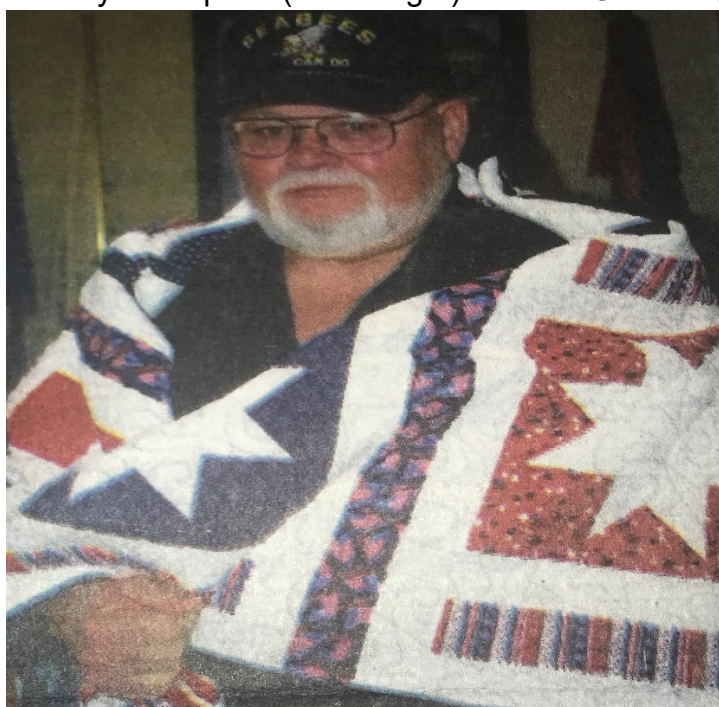
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- NSVA Island X-3 Blairsville, GA Seabee Birthday Gala/Ball March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022
- IBEW Local #3, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, “New York’s Brightest”

## ISLAND HOPPING

Island X-3 located in Blairsville GA, where honored when Misty Mountain Quilts of Valor Outreach members presented three of their Life Members with these prestigious awards. Quilts of Valor Foundation was founded by Blue Star Mother Catherine Roberts in 2003, over 278,847 have been presented to our Military Heroes. For more information go to [www.govf.org](http://www.govf.org)



Tommy Thompson (above right) Michael Gardner (below left) Dieter Henkel (below right)







# 7th Annual Seabee Ball All Services & Civilians



Organized By  
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Celebrate  
The Seabees  
80th  
Birthday

Saturday, March 5th, 2022  
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Ceremony: 1930  
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**Attire:**  
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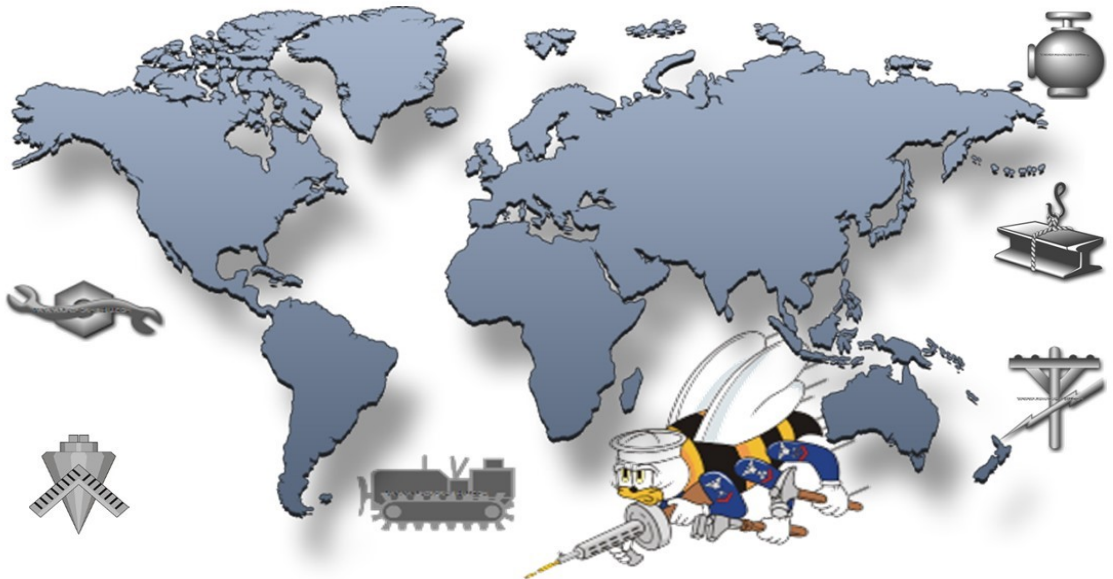
**Speaker:**  
CMDMC (SCW)  
James McKinney USNR

While the Island has welcomed Seabees from as far as Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas to our past Seabee Balls, our normal membership comes from North Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. If you are visiting the Georgia Mountains or would like to join our Island you are most welcome. We meet at 1400 hours on the second Friday of each month at the Major Leon Davenport Veterans Center, 78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy, Blairsville, GA. 30512. Contact Ed Crenshaw (706) 897-2649, [cecbret@windstream.net](mailto:cecbret@windstream.net) or Bob Ramay (706) 400-9245, [bobramay@windstream.net](mailto:bobramay@windstream.net)

for more information.



Island X-1 San Antonio, TX, newly elected National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Anthony Amesquita Jr. is shown presenting Proclamations to X-1 Commander Roy Aguillon (L) and Vice Commander, Benny Hernandez (R) from the Bexar County Commissioner declaring March 5<sup>th</sup> as Seabee Day



**SEABEES SACRIFICE WORLD WIDE; Thanks from the Falcons, Josh, Laura, Brittney & Michael**



**HAND- MADE KNIFE RAFFLE WINNER**  
 PNC David J Buchanan presents the knife to raffle winner Deb Taylor. She purchased her ticket while serving Island X-23 breakfast at the Riviera Mexican Cantina in Crystal River, FL. Deb said that she will give the knife to her adult son for Christmas. Congratulations Deb and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets hoping to win the beautiful knife. Thank you again to David Spanski for donating the hand-made knife to Island X-23 for the raffle.  
 Provided by N.T. Staples

**Dedication of the Navy Seabee Plaque to the U.S. Navy Seabee NOSC at MacDill AFB on April 17 2021**

**In Photo: Left, Commander Frank J Stulic Jr. of NSVA Island X-16 SCC FL  
 Right: Vice Admiral John B. Mustin Chief of Navy Revere  
 Not in photo: Capt. Gregory M Unger USN NAVOPSPTCEN  
 LCDR Matthew J O'Brian USN NAVOPSPTCEN  
 Commander Frank J Stulic III of NSVAA Island X-16 Auxiliary SCC FL**



On Saturday, September 11, 2021 (Patriot Day), the members, family and guests, from the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-4, Longmont, Colorado gathered for their 11<sup>th</sup> annual picnic and remembrance day at the Dwayne Webster Veterans Park in Loveland, Colorado. The gathering was held on a beautiful 80 degree day with sunshine and WONDERFUL VIEWS of the mountains. There were 24 people in attendance. Everyone socialized, told stories and were able to renew old friendship and establish new friendships, alike.

The event was called to order by Island Commander, Patrick Reinard. The pledge of allegiance was recited, the Preamble to the Navy SVA Constitution was recited and a long moment of silence was observed to remember the fallen service members, first responders and citizens that lost their lives in the attacks that occurred Twenty years ago. The prayer for our veterans was performed by Jerry Kissinger and then the eating, drinking and celebration began. The Island was brought back to order, by Patrick. The 75<sup>th</sup> National Navy SVA and Auxiliary convention debrief was given by Jerry. A description and explanation of the financials, activities, events, resolutions and votes was given. There was a shift of gears to discuss the 76<sup>th</sup> National convention, that will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on August 24-28, 2022. Pictures were taken by family members for proof and prosperity of attendance. The event concluded with a prayer of thanks for our health, the abundance of food, warm friendships, sacrifices made by those still serving and for the safe travels of all in attendance.

BRAVO ZULU SEABEES! Construimus Batuimus. "With Willing Hearts and Skillful Hands, the Difficult we do at once, the Impossible takes a Bit Longer!" SEABEES CAN DO!



Attendees in the group picture are as follows: kneeling left to right are Jerry Kissinger, Robert Wheeler and Patrick Reinard; standing left to right are Brian O'Neill, Jim Hamrick, Ted Durante, Bart Morrison, Tom Rasmussen, Brian Condray, Ed Eggloff, Russell Lambrecht, Ron (guest), Mark Abromski, Darrell Chapman and Claude McCabe.



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Pictures and narrative supplied by Jerry Kissinger X-4 Longmont, CO

Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers would like to thank the Veterans of the Navy Seabees for their service to our nation.



The NSVA Department of New York and its affiliated Islands congratulate the NSVA on a successful 75<sup>th</sup> National Convention. We further wish to congratulate the National Officers and appointees, wishing them every success in leading the NSVA forward to an exciting and prosperous future.



**Island X-2 Huntington, NY**  
**The Long Island Seabees**

**Island X-5 Buffalo, NY**  
**The Western New York Seabees**

**Island X-8 Tonawanda, NY**  
**The Monument Builders**

**Island X-9 Kingston, NY**  
**The Rebuilding Seabees**

**Island X-10 Albany, NY**  
**The Capital District Seabees**

**Island X-12 Rochester, NY**  
**The Flour City Seabees**

**Island X-14 Hudson Falls, NY**  
**The Adirondack Seabees**

**Island X-19 Syracuse, NY**  
**The Salt City Seabees**

**Once a Seabee, Always a Seabee**

## MCB-7 & NMCB-7 Reunion

Thanks to Denny Blaisdell and others, members of MCB-7 and NMCB-7 Reunion Association were treated to a great reunion in Warwick, RI recently. Activities ranged from tours of the Davisville Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, with a very informative lecture on the history and development of the Davisville base by CWO Jack Sprengel USN Ret. Additional day tours to Mystic Seaport Whaling Museum and the USS Nautilus Submarine Museum in New London kept the group going. Many friendships were renewed and many new ones made at this event. The reunion culminated at the Banquet Buffet and business meeting emceed by Burt Mollohan. Present at this meeting were two (2) of the original MCB-7 plank holders, Tom Cornell and Burton S. Mollohan. Pictured below (L-R) are National Commander Jack Tangen, Burton Mollohan and Tom Cornell. Pictured on the right are a few of the MCB-7 members standing below the BEE at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park at the reunion.



In addition to the Seabee reunion the hotel hosted a food truck rodeo and the North East Pontiac Owners car show. While waiting to board the tour bus Lorraine Santo (SVAA Pres.) and I were privileged to meet this EM-1 (in new uniform) going into the Nautilus Museum for a re-enlistment ceremony. Below The Drink of Choice





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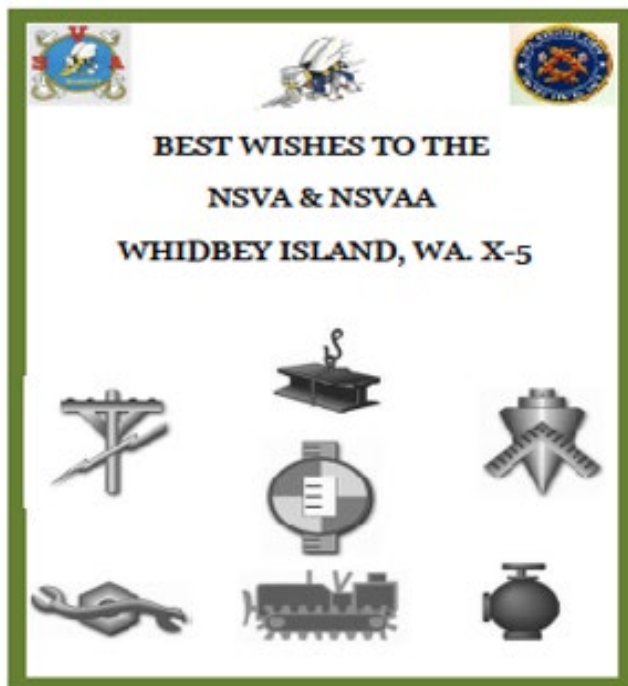
Seabee logo on one side, American flags on the reverse side.

\$12 for one, \$20 for 2 includes free shipping within the US.

Contact John Duengfelder (Life Member Island X-5) at [jsd849@yahoo.com](mailto:jsd849@yahoo.com)

or send a check to John Duengfelder, PO Box 224, Hamburg, NY 14075

\$4 from each mask sold will be donated to St Catherine's church for the purchase of a swing set for their playground.



## More Updates...(for your information)

Our NSVA National Secretary, Charlie Coffin has relocated, consequently any and ALL written communications going forward from this publication; should be sent to the following address:

Charles H. Coffin, Secretary  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America  
2047 Ridge Road  
Queensbury, New York 12804

Don't forget to visit the [NSVA Ships Store](#) for all your Seabee uniform regalia and paraphernalia. Visit the NSVA Website for more information on ordering at [WWWnsva.org](http://WWWnsva.org)

# 75<sup>th</sup> NSVA Convention Highlights

The NSVA 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention was a outstanding success, considering this uncertain time for personal health and wellness. The Convention was attended by NSVA members from the 4 corners of the lower 48 as the following collage of pictures taken at the banquet dinner will attest. Pictures provided by Seabee Neal Beard.













The shadowbox token of appreciation presented to FMC Delbert M. Terrell Jr. the Keynote speaker at the NSVA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Convention.



Pictured at the shadow box presentation are L-R, James Furey Past National Commander, Jack Tangen National Commander, Force Master Chief Delbert Terrell Jr., Anthony Amesquita Jr. National Vice Commander and Doug Bower Past National Vice Commander.



The Memorial Service is a solemn event where deceased members of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America are honored with dignity and homage. The recitation and announcement of each members name is accompanied by the Two Bell Ceremony. Followed by the draping of a sailors cap and playing of Taps. The pictures below show the reverence of this ceremony.



## NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS

Utility Service Scams are on the Rise, make sure you stay safe Remember these 3 simple steps:

1. **Protect Yourself. Do not** provide any personal information or make immediate payment to someone you can't identify.
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The Deadline for the Winter edition  
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DECEMBER 1st

## Vietnam Perspectives



An excerpt from the Press Republican Plattsburg, NY March, 1968

KHE SANH, RVN (AP) A Seabee dodged into his bunker as another North Vietnamese barrage began hitting this much bombarded U.S. Marine post. He offered a newsman a can of rations with the comment "This describes Khe Sanh" The label read; "Mixed nuts, shelled and salted"



Upper left MCB- 62 bridge abutment pour, Upper right MCB-7 Rock Crusher. Contributors unknown and dates.



# Island X-5 Fort Lauderdale Florida



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## NMCB-14 Alumni Association

Our 2021 Annual Reunion will be held 5 - 7 November at the Sheraton Tampa Brandon located at 10221 Princess Palm Avenue; Tampa, FL 33610. Details on registration and schedule will be posted soon on the Association's website <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>. You can begin booking your room now (see details on our website).

If you are or ever were a member of NMCB-14 or RNMCB-14, you are encouraged to join the Association. Application and dues structure can be found at the Association's website.

### NEW - NMCB-14 Alumni Association Challenge Coin



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The NMCB-14 Alumni Association is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (19). Our purpose is to provide charitable, educational, and spiritual support and to help provide for some of the basic necessities of life for widows, children and other family members on active or inactive duty and former members of NMCB-14, especially for members that were wounded or killed in conflict while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

## PAST SEABEES

Pictured on the right, a Seabee with his bulldozer slices a road through the heavy sand of a Guam beach to facilitate landing operations.

Pictured below are Seabees and with their bulldozers and equipment in Cherbourg France





# ONE MAN **TASK FORCE**

**TRACTOR BULLDOZERS** mount no guns, are not even armored. Yet men who put service above self are taking them deep into the danger zones to clear the path *ahead* of the guns. Many a Mother's son is living tonight because a bulldozer driver did not falter in the performance of his mission.

If you could sit at the elbow of a 'dozer operator when he opens the throttle of his crawling powerhouse, you would see first-hand how it's done. How, for instance, Seabees in the Aleutians built a bomber airfield by pushing a mountain into the sea. How they built a runway in the Solomons despite touching off a buried 100 lb. Jap bomb that twisted one corner of the rugged bulldozer blade but failed to stop the tractor.

In the thick of one attack, there were six casualties in succession at the controls of a single tractor, yet the seventh man took over determined to keep it rolling. Courage like that is not a thing which can be described.

We of Allis-Chalmers are proud of these men who operate the tractors we build. Our hats are off to Uncle Sam's one-man task force, the bulldozer driver. And our sleeves are rolled up in a sincere effort to live up to his example.

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## CONVENTION AND REUNION INFORMATION

Stay tuned for upcoming news & registration forms on the 2022 NSVA National Convention scheduled to be convened August 24<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at the Academy Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO.

### Scholarship Donations

The CAN DO will acknowledge donations to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and The Seabee Historical Foundation.

Donations should be mailed directly to: Charles Coffin

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**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  
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NAME	LM #	ISLAND	CITY	STATE
John Martel	6880	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
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Roger Friedrich	6887	X-5	Cape Girardeau	MO
John Rush	6888	X-5	West Valley	AZ
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Anthony L. Cecilia	6890	X-5	Buffalo	NY
Edmund J. Davis	6891	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
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Gregory Vogel	6893	X-11	Tampa	FL
Edward Abbott	6894	X-10	Stuart	FL
Walter G. Henegar	6895	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
John C. Claydon	6896	X-10	Albany	NY
Barry N. Blanton	6897	X-2	Maryville	TN
Mark J. Cutler	6898	X-2	Maryville	TN
Leslie A. Macura	6899	X-14	Hudson Falls	NY
Lynn Malinowski	6900	X-14	Hudson Falls	NY
Wayne Keech	6901	X-14	Hudson Falls	NY
Larry McKay	6902	X-5	Akron	OH
Michael Bryant	6903	X-7	Port Hueneme	CA
Scott Von Ende	6904	X-5	West Valley	AZ
James Sloan	6905	X-5	West Valley	AZ
Stephen Thompson	6906	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Charles N. Deacon	6907	X-12	Rochester	NY
Michael Burkett	6908	X-24	Battl. @ Large	
Thomas V. Ray	6909	X-3	Blairsville	GA
Lori McIntyre	6910	X-1	San Antonio	TX
Richardo Trevino	6911	X-1	San Antonio	TX
Roy Aguillon	6912	X-1	San Antonio	TX
Jack Keith	6913	X-1	San Antonio	TX
Theresa Brandes	6914	X-1	San Antonio	TX
Richard Smith	6915	X-1	San Antonio	TX
Jose D. Quiroz	6916	X-1	San Antonio	TX
John Kimball	6917	X-1	San Antonio	TX
Charles R. Rowell	6918	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Charles S. Kitchen	6919	X-1	Huntington	WV
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Ojeda Santriago	6922	X-1	San Antonio	TX
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Carl M. Hacker	6924	X-10	Albany	NY
Willard Chess	6925	X-1	Greenville	TN

Jose L. Elizarraraz	6926	X-1	San Antonio	TX
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Fellow Seabees, I'm John Cubit the NSVA Life Membership Chairman. I will do my best to ensure that all new membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. Please forward all requests along with any required funds to me, this will allow faster service. My contact information is:

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4953	Barrett (PNC)	Carl		X-2	Lakeland	FL
2358	Stuckey	Harry		X-8	Tonawanda	NY
3183	Martin, Sr	Dale	C	X-2	Columbus	OH
3410	Greer, Sr	Philip		X-9	Kingston	NY
3958	O'Connell	Charles	B	X-1	Gulfport	MS
4071	Webster	Roger	F	X-1	White River Jct.	VT
4498	Driskell	Earl	P	X-2	Columbus	OH
4831	Albrecht	Kenneth	L	X-8	Tonawanda	NY
5016	Ward	Michael	G	X-6	Spokane	WA
5637	Young	Clifford		X-2	Columbus	OH
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Annual	Erickson	Steve		X-4	Longmont	CO
Annual	Wojtczak	Joseph	J	X-1	Torrington	CT
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	Allen	Carl			Baumgarner	Duane

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	Beede	Kenneth			Bice		Louis
	Bolt	Clark			Bowers		Dominique
	Brown	Robert			Bumpas		Dempse
	Butler	Louis			Chandler		Paul
	Christiansen	Von Orson			Cougias		Gust
	Cuellar	William			Davis		Rodney
	Denning	Dean			Devoe		Harold
	Draper	Lynn			Driskell		Charles
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	German	Lauren			Goodman		Clair
	Grant	Dale			Haslam		Robert
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	Ingalls	Stanley			Janka		Samuel
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	Whitty	John			Williams		Kim
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	Wood	Michael			Zepede		Leland

## ATTENTION

NSVA Island X-1 San Antonio, Texas will be conducting a Seabee Monument Dedication Ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Winans Rd., San Antonio TX. 78234. The Ceremony is scheduled to commence at 10:30am. For further information contact NSVA National Vice Commander Anthony Amesquita Jr. at 210-573-5279 or [ajamesquita@yahoo.com](mailto:ajamesquita@yahoo.com)

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