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THAT FEW UNDERSTAND  
& EVEN LESS ARE A PART OF**

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**Cover:** A picture of the Seabee mascot/Icon, above the words that ALL Seabees harken to. The Seabee mystique is about the comradery, pride and brotherhood that goes far beyond a casual acquaintance while in our country's service. Once a SEABEE, always a SEABEE

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## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

I live in Northeast Pennsylvania and am writing this as another storm is headed our way. I never cared for cold weather & snowy days but having be born in this area & having family here is part of the reason I do not relocate to a warmer climate.

I look forward to the coming spring season with all its promise of rebirth and renewal it brings.

Like most of you I have grown weary of the news that is mostly bleak, with wars continuing across the Globe, natural disasters, and never ending reports of senseless gun violence.

I can only pray that the coming Spring will not only renew the face of the earth but awaken in mankind a desire to renew efforts to find peaceful ways to resolve differences, work together to solve problems such as Global Warming and Natural Disasters, World Hunger and Poverty and create a Brighter Tomorrow for All.

I ask all who read this to please join me in this prayer and together we may be able to bring about the change necessary to accomplish these Lofty Goals

Michael Boncheck, National Chaplain  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

### HELP WANTED!!

I would like to start a new position for the objective of retaining and just plain finding lost Seabees. Several dedicated individuals in various Islands and Departments have done the impossible job of getting current email addresses and phone numbers for our members that only have an address listed on the NSVA Secretary's National Roster. NMCB 24 at Large and the Department of New York have done the best job doing this and taking from what works and using it for others will be a first step in this project.

If you have the time and desire, this meaningful job is for you. The best candidates will be retired with limited computer skills and perhaps a helpful wife or girlfriend with good handwriting skills. You can start with your local Island and we will send a current roster of who is on the list and you will know what is missing. Because most of us joined the club before the Commadore 64' was invented, the need for email address was not on anyone's radar. The cell phone has, for a lot of us, replaced the once dependable land line (I still have mine and use it), thus the last thing we think of is letting the NSVA know our new numbers. Areas without an Island near or the various reassigned Island at Large members that were put into Islands nowhere near the Island they were assigned seems to be the largest number of lost Seabees.

To start, I will be asking the District Commanders to reach out to individuals and Islands to see who may be able to assist. The local Island Secretary will request a roster for their Island and see what is missing on the list. I will work with Charlie Coffin, National Secretary, on a post card to send out to the last known address on the list. He sent out 300 a few years ago with some replies. We will design and print the cards. The local coordinator will send them out and we will see how many come back. I think we will be able to send out these cards with our current "Bulk Mail" ticket with the Post Office to save on postage.

I will put together a sort of handbook on what the successful guys have done in their efforts to solve this growing problem. Every day we have more members switch phone numbers and even switch emails. Back in the day it was all AOL, now the service provider is whoever is the cheapest or if you move and are required to switch from Verizon to Comcast etc. Having many local/regional/district coordinators will be a great start to this situation. If you are the least bit interested, call me 813 681-5861 or send me an email [dkhamborsky@gmail.com](mailto:dkhamborsky@gmail.com).

I will be creating a new listing on the National list of Appointed Officers for Membership and Retention, as the current position is too much for one person to do effectively. I would welcome all who can help us increase membership and retain the members we have who have, for no fault of their own, been out of touch with us.

It was an inspirational and moving experience to be at the Veterans Day events in DC this year. Thanks to Nancy Staples for taking pictures, especially at the Amphitheater and Wreath Laying at the Seabee Memorial at Arlington.

I am looking forward to March 2nd for the Seabee Birthday Ball and another Wreath being placed to honor Ben Moreell, our Seabee Father.

In the Can-Do Spirit,  
Dwight K. Hamborsky  
National Commander  
NSVA



Hello 2024,

Yes, another year has gone by, and I am hoping 2024 brings joy and happiness to all members.

The convention committee is hard at work planning the next convention to be held at the Double Tree by Hilton 101 Mall Drive Monroeville, PA from 21-24 August 2024. Please look at this website for further information. I hope many of you will be able to join us for this year's convention.

The Auxiliary has had two zoom meetings to discuss what our part of the convention will be. The table of donated items will continue, so if you have anything that you would like to donate towards this money-making project, we will be happy to receive them.

I have personally volunteered to help with the program/ad book. If you know of any company/entity that would like to have their business advertised in the book, check this website for the form and instructions.

The Auxiliary will have some resolutions for you to vote on this year, so be ready to vote when they are sent out.

If you have any suggestions to make this Auxiliary or your own a better organization, please feel free to contact me. If you would like to start your own Island Auxiliary, I can help with that also.

Nancy Staples  
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## A Note from the Editor

It has been my pleasure to have had the honor and responsibility to fill the position as the Chief Editor of the CAN DO Magazine over the past the 6 years. I assumed the office from then Editor and PNC Carl Barrett with the 2017 June issue. I took this office in 2017, because I had assumed the office of NSVA Website manager in 2016.

It had always been apparent to me that there was a definite and positive coalition between the NSVA Website and the CAN DO magazine. That being the dissemination of information and communications within the NSVA membership.

I believe that is the primary and key guiding philosophy in the effort to provide current and relevant information to the NSVA members. To provide a platform to display the comradery and fellowship that has existed and continues to exist today between the brother and sisterhood of Seabees.

As we all must realize, the technology and science surrounding communications today changes daily. It is time for me to step aside and allow the NSVA to move forward. I would encourage anyone that feels they can contribute to the advancement of the NSVA to step forward and take up the challenge to improve the CAN DO.

I will be happy to assist in the transfer of responsibility for this office, making myself available for consultation and guidance. I do expect to relinquish the office of Chief Editor in approximately 1 year from now (November 2024).

Please give this opportunity serious consideration. Plan on carrying on the CAN DO Spirit. Feel free to contact me regarding any questions about the office or processes.

In the Can Do Spirit

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## Convention Highlights

### Name Correction



In the Fall issue of the CAN DO Magazine I had mistakenly identified Louis Breaux, member of MCB 40 as Ray Johnson, my apologies to Louis.

# ISLAND HOPPING



This is Seabee Troy Branch, Vietnam Veteran, Past South Central District Commander of the Seabee Veterans of America and Commander of Island X-1 Greenville, TN.

Following is an interview conducted by the Citizen Tribune newspaper of Morrisville, TN Veterans Salute on Troys time in Vietnam

Few people under 60 years old can remember the Vietnam War. Officially beginning in 1955, direct U.S. combat ended with the passing of the Paris Peace Accords in 1973. Over three million U.S. service members would serve in Vietnam, with 543,000 of those being in the country during the height of the fighting around 1968. 58,281 U.S. military members, including 70 others who remained behind after the combat troops pulled out would pay with their lives during the conflict. This number does not include the enormous numbers of allied and enemy soldiers, along with civilians who would die.

Having endured war since World War 2, the country then known as French Indochina was pounded by the Japanese, then the French, followed by the Viet Minh, and then by the U.S. and its allies against the units supporting North Vietnam. The country's entire infrastructure had been badly damaged or destroyed by war. Even as fighting would continue for several years after the U.S. pulled out, Vietnam has made a strong recovery from those war years, with the

infrastructure in southern Vietnam now in even better shape than in the northern part of the country. A good bit of credit for the southern Vietnam recovery can be credited to a lesser known branch of the military commonly known as the Seabees, who built much of that improvement. Seabees are construction workers who are also fighters. Organized in 1942 after the attack on Pearl Harbor as the Navy Construction Battalion, the initials "C.B" were arranged as "Seabees", with their motto being "Can Do". Organized with civil engineer officers and skilled tradesmen, the group was tasked with an extremely wide variety of projects.

Eighty percent of the World War II Seabees would be sent to the Pacific Theater to make invasions, often with Marines, while the remainder would serve in the European Theater, especially on D Day and the crossing of the Rhine River. General McArthur would say of the Seabees that the only problem he had with them was that there were not enough of them.

Held together following the war, the Seabees would serve in the following conflicts, as well as in military preparations.

With the coming of the Vietnam War, Seabees would go in early to help the CIA and Green Berets to set up forward outposts and airfields to help at winning over the local citizens. When fighting occurred, the Seabees would fight alongside their service members. Seabees would receive Purple Hearts, Silver, and Bronze Stars, among other medals, with Seabee Marvin Shields earning the Medal of Honor. During the war, the Seabees would be seen in very practical 13 man units, with a Civil Engineer being the commanding officer, along with 3 equipment operators, 2 mechanics, 2 builders, a steelworker, an electrician, a utilities man, a surveyor, and a corpsman. All the men in the unit would then be cross-trained into a high skill level at doing the other jobs.

Along with military projects tasked to the Seabees, the teams, often with civilian help, also built roads, bridge, schools, hospitals, and such to repair the countryside's devastation that came with three decades of war and destruction. The corpsman would also often set up medical stations where the civilians, often with years of no medical care, could come for treatment.

Witt community's Troy Branch was one of those Vietnam Seabees, who had a background to make a valued member of a Seabee unit. The oldest of seven children of Floyed and Luise Bohanan Branch, Troy was delivered by Dr. Thomas, who had also delivered Dolly Parton. The family would make several moves with Troy's dad working as a truck driver for Bush Brothers, a farmer, running a dairy farm at Jones Cove and later a businessman running Morristown's Enka Y Motel.

Having attended school in the first two grades at Fair Garden, Troy would move on to Caton's Chapel through the 8th grade, before graduating from Sevier County High School, where he graduated in 1965, after having spent many years as a schoolmate of Dolly's. Having worked at Bushes through high school, Troy headed to Jefferson City's Magnavox, before being drafted that same year. Taking the opportunity to join the Seabees, he did his basic training at the Great Lakes. Leaving the cold north, he was then sent to Port Hueneme, California for his job training. "It had the perfect weather there," he remembered. "The weather was never over 75 or under 60 degrees."

"I went to A School where they taught us to operate everything from cranes to trucks, then on to Chu Lai, Vietnam in late 1966 with the U.S. Navy MCB8 Mobile Construction Battalion," he told.

"When I got there, I operated graders, transits, scrapers dozers, cement mixers and more. One of our missions at Chu Lai was to build a concrete air strip with revetments for the A-4 planes. We also built ice plant, a milk reconstituting plant, and a stage for Bob Hope, who I did not get to see. Our other detachments were spread all over. After 8 months we came back for more schools and combat training."

After training more, including metal, well drilling, and blasting schools, we went back to Vietnam in January 28, 1968 and landed south of Hue where we worked night and day building roads, bridges, and pipelines. Our main base was at Phu Bai. During the Tet Offensive our unit was on the front lines where we got hit 3 times on the first night. I was laying down in our trench when a rocket hit and was not hurt, but we lost one man and hurt a lot of our guys had concussions. After that, I spent a lot of time running most of the equipment. We worked in shifts 24 hours a day and under lights at night. I came home in September and in February, 1969, I was with the ACB1 (Amphibious Construction) helped train several Seal teams until I was discharged in November."

After returning home, Troy took a brief job with the Blaylock Construction Company before moving on to the Hamblen County Highway Department as an equipment operator. In 1972, he would open a Shell service station which he sold to go to work with L & N Railroad in their signal maintenance section. He would retire from L & N after 34 years of service. Presently married to Dawn Calahan, Troy has two sons from a previous marriage – Gerald (Victoria) and Chris, as well as a grandson, D.J. Having kept an interest in restoring old cars and equipment since his teenage years, Troy can often be found in the well-appointed garage beside his house, where he can relax and visit with some of his veteran buddies. Troy helped in organizing the first Seabees Veterans of America Island in East Tennessee, who now host an annual Seabee reunion every October.

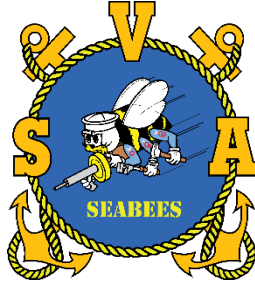


## Purple Rain??

Not really, the lighting effects at the venue cast a purple light on these 6 Seabees. The occasion was the marriage of Island X-12 Rochester, NY Commander Kevin Johnson (chiefs uniform), present where L-R Ross Brown, Rick Stacy, Kevin Johnson, Jack Tangen, Robert Williams and John Fuller



Arizona Island X5 was in the 2023 Veterans Day Parade and we had a nice turn out for the event. Photo submitted by Seabee Sam Elbe



Huntington SVA Island X-1 is open to new members.  
Courtesy of Navy Seabee Veterans of America

HUNTINGTON — The first and only chartered U.S. Navy Seabee Veterans of America (SVA) Unit in the state of West Virginia exists in the Huntington area.

On April 27, 1990, Huntington's local SVA unit (referred to as Island X-1), was formally dedicated by former SVA National Commander John "Fletch" Fletcher, who presented the charter and proclaimed Island X-1 Huntington to be officially established as one of many such Islands under the National Naval Construction Battalion (Seabee) Veterans Organization officially called the "Navy Seabee Veterans of America Inc."

Within this organization, many interested Seabee veterans have chosen to join to share in the pride of their service and at the same time provide public support to various charitable organizations. Huntington SVA Island X-1 is presently comprised of 34 veteran members (mostly from the Tri-State area) and under the leadership of Commander Paul H. Winters and Vice Commander Greg Stillwell comes together monthly for informal dinner meetings with spouses and/or guests at different area restaurants. In addition, the group enjoys family outings that include picnics, parades, and holiday parties.

All Seabee veterans are welcome to attend and consider joining up with their "tent buddies" in this organization. Annual membership fees are \$20. Although annual membership officially runs from July 1 to June 30, enrollments are accepted at any time throughout the year.

Veterans from all other military branches are also welcome to join as non-paying associate members. Applications and more information may be obtained by calling Island Secretary John Turner at 304-453-1474.

### ONCE A SEABEE, ALWAYS A SEABEE

Recruiting members for the NSVA is every member's duty. Remember you are the best example and the best salesperson to entice a fellow Seabee to join our ranks. X-1 in Huntington has made it easy, given us a blueprint for an advertisement that works. Download the tri fold recruiting forms off our website (under forms) and go to it.



Island X-23 Crystal River Florida Christmas Party attendees, 2024

Back row: Mike Atterbery, Dawn Riley, Ken Phillips X-23 SIGN. Phil Manley, Dave Buchanan, Ray Jordan, John Hillyer, Lynn Spanski

Third Row: Eldon Turner, Hal Pollock, John Lowe, Linda Hillyer, Dave Spanski, Carl Miller, Chris Westhall, Maryjo Kenyon, Don Main, Jeannie Jordan, Barb Manley

Second row: Anne Pollock, Joan Buchanan, Jim Bridgeland, Bill Phillips, Murielle Heath, Nancy Ward

Front row: Nancy Staples, Joy Atterbery, Jeanette Bare, Debbie Phillips, Craig Riley



X-23 Crystal River Island Commander David Buchanan, PNC waves the U.S. Navy flag at the Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony as each branch of the service is recognized. Island member Chris Westhall stands while

Anchors Away is played

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NSVA Island X-1 Gulfport, Veterans Day Parade 2024

L-R on the Float: Gene Cowhick, Don Galster, Bill Hill, Susan Smith, Bob Smith, Dawn Johnson, and Jason Johnson. Standing Ricky Burkhart Submitted by Bob Smith

## Secret Military Facility Base near Williamsburg: From WWII Detention Center to CIA Training Grounds

Camp Peary, a 9,000-acre military reservation in York County, Virginia (near Williamsburg), is an Armed Forces Experimental Training Activity (AFETA) under the Department of Defense. It houses the covert CIA training facility, "The Farm," which trains officers of the CIA's Directorate of Operations and the DIA's Defense Clandestine Service. The camp also hosts off-site activities like conferences and working groups for the intelligence community. Named after Arctic explorer Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, the camp is home to Porto Bello, the historic hunting lodge of Lord Dunmore, the last royal governor of Virginia.

## About 'The Farm'

Camp Peary, also known as "The Farm," is a training facility run by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for clandestine officers and other organizations specializing in clandestine activities. Access to the facility is strictly controlled, and visitors are always escorted.

The original World War II Seabee base north of Interstate 64 has been closed to the public since 1951, but the roads and structures of Magruder and Bigler's Mill remain occupied. An airport with a 5,000-foot runway was added near Bigler's Mill, and flight records show at least 11 aircraft owned by CIA front companies have landed on the runway.

Former CIA officer Bill Wagner attended a three-week interrogation course at The Farm in 1970, which he claims was the agency's "premier course." Interrogators-in-training practiced techniques such as sleep deprivation, deliberately tainted food, and mock executions. The course was dropped from the CIA training curriculum after the Watergate scandal due to increased attention being paid to CIA practices.

## History

During World War II, the US Navy took over Camp Peary in York County, Virginia, initially for Seabee training. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway (C&O) established Magruder Station near Magruder, a former unincorporated town.

As part of converting the property to a military reservation, residents of Magruder and Bigler's Mill had to vacate. Magruder was an African-American community established for freedmen after the Civil War, while Bigler's Mill was occupied by a Civil War field hospital.

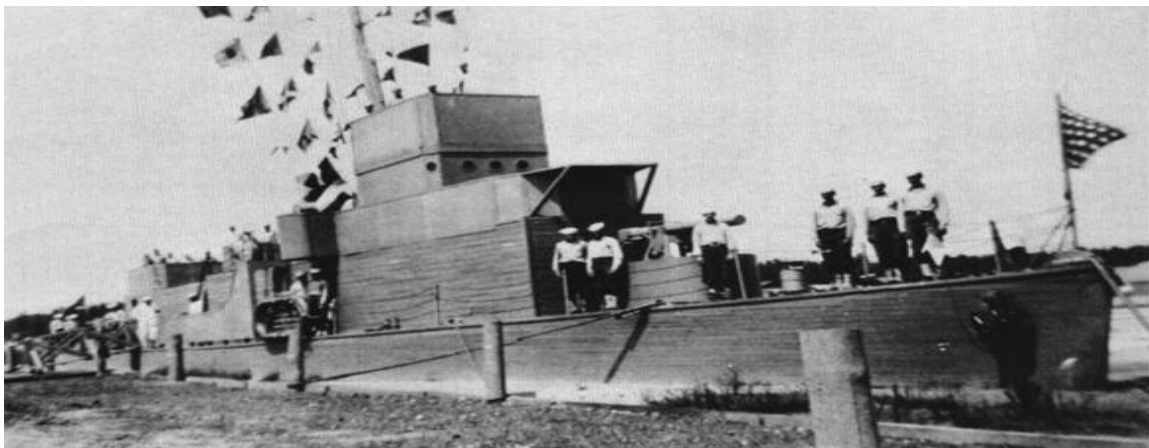
Many residents and Mount Gilead Baptist Church were relocated to the Grove community, like the relocation of residents from the Reservation during World War I.

During WWII, the Seabees underwent preliminary training at Naval Training Stations before consolidated boot training at Camp Allen Virginia. They trained at Naval Construction Training Center Peary, which opened in 1942, and later moved to Camp Endicott, Rhode Island. The base also introduced a hog farm, earning the moniker "The Farm."

## Detention center

Camp Peary became a detention center for German prisoners of war in the United States, including Kriegsmarine crewmen and ships presumed lost at sea. Extra secrecy was necessary to prevent compromised secret codes and codebreakers from changing them.

The Herman Recht papers from the College of William and Mary provide information about life at the Camp and the German POWs. Many remained in Virginia and the U.S. after the war.



Miss Never Sail at Camp Peary used for training in 1945 Photo by Camp

## Camp Peary's Post-WWII Evolution

Camp Peary, vacated by the Navy in 1946, was a Virginia state forestry and game reserve for five years. The City of Williamsburg divested a reservoir built to supply fresh water to Camp Peary, which later became Waller Mill Park.

The abandoned Chesapeake and Ohio Railway spur from the base is now a recreational rail trail. In 1951, the U.S. Navy closed the northern portion of the property to the public, and it has remained so ever since.

In 1961, the Navy opened a new facility at Harvey Point base in Hertford, North Carolina, for testing and evaluating classified materials and equipment. Some training will be transferred to Harvey Point.

**NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS**

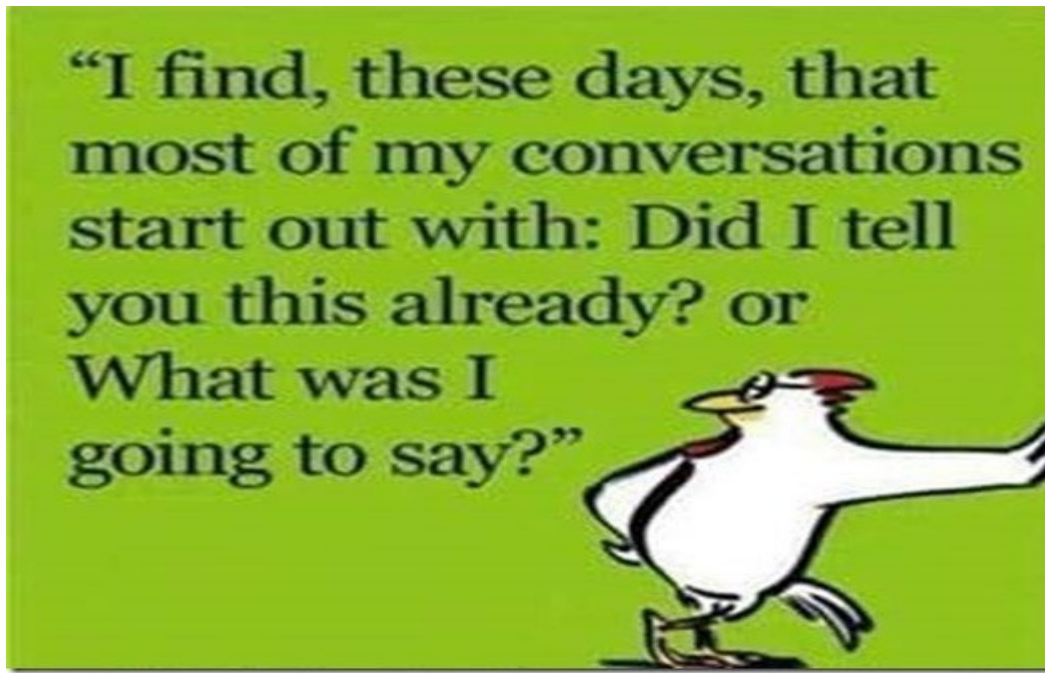
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## Vietnam Perspective

Navy Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 (NMCB-40) stand at attention after receiving their Purple Heart medals at Camp Campbell, Phu Bai, Vietnam 1969. Camp Campbell was attacked with 122mm rockets early in the morning on the 9th of May, 1969 with two of the rockets landing within the camp. One hut was destroyed, another was damaged, and 16 Seabees were wounded.





WASHINGTON, DC -- A Vietnam veteran from the Elmira area was honored in the House of Representatives in a speech on the House floor.

Larry Sherman is the President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 803 in Elmira. He also leads the Chemung County Honor Guard, providing ceremonial military services at funerals and events throughout Chemung County. Sherman enlisted in the U.S. Navy, served in Vietnam as a member of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, known as the Seabees.

Congressman Nick Langworthy (R-NY23) recognized Sherman in a speech delivered on the House floor this week. The remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary Vietnam veteran from Chemung County, Larry Sherman.

After America entered the Vietnam War, Larry Sherman answered the call to serve his fellow Americans and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Shortly after he completed training, he deployed to Vietnam to join Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 10, the Seabees.

He spent his deployment supporting our military and building critical infrastructure under fire, often dodging mortar and rockets.

When Larry returned home, he received the same harsh treatment that many Vietnam veterans faced and decided to act. Larry has been a leader in local initiatives to support his fellow veterans.

He now serves as the President of the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 803, and leads the Chemung County Honor Guard, which provides a ceremonial military presence at the funerals of veterans and other events.



Thank you, Larry, for your courage and service, and for going the extra mile to support veterans across the Southern Tier."

Article submitted by Island X-12 Rochester, NY member Larry Green

The following lists are of NSVA annual members that have gone missing, if you have any information on their whereabouts please contact Charlie Coffin at [nsvasecy@gmail.com](mailto:nsvasecy@gmail.com) or 1-203-843-5513

GARY	ACUFF	WASHBURN	IA
JOHN	ALAN	SALT LAKE CITY	UT
DENNIS	ALSTON	SUNSET	LA
GORDON	ASHEY, JR.	MERIDEN	NH
STEPHEN	BAILEY	FULTON	IL
DAVID	BARNA	SPRINGFIELD	VA
BENJAMIN	BAUMHOVER	DUBUQUE	IA
JESSE	BELL	MOBILE	AL
ROBERT	BIDGOOD	SANDWICH	IL
ANTHONY	BILY	DOWNERS GROVE	IL
EDWARD	BLUME	ELKADER	IA
MERLIN	BODIN	NEW IBERIA	LA
MELISSA	BRACCO	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX
CLYDE	BRADLEY	CLINTON	IA
TERRY	BRAEGGER	BRIGHAM CITY	UT
MAX	BRAY	MONROEVILLE	AL
ISRAEL	BROUSSARD	DUSON	LA
JOE	BROWN	MONTGOMERY	AL
DANIEL	BURD	LOVES PARK,	IL
FRED	BUSCH	ROBINSON	PA
EDWARD	BUTKOVICH	PUEBLO	CO
EWELL	CAMP, JR.	WEST MONROE	LA
ALLEN	CANNON, SR.	FLORA VISTA	NM
ROBERT	CHASE, SR.	VALRICO	FL
BRUCE	CHEEK	ELDRIDGE	IA
MELVIN	CHIOGIOJI	ROCKVILLE	MD
JAMES	CLARK	WONDER LAKE	IL
BENJAMIN	CLARK, JR.	LAFAYETTE	LA
MONICA	CLENNON	ROCHESTER	IN
MARK	CLOOS	SPRINGBROOK	IA
DON	COLEMAN	SHREVEPORT	LA
VINCENT	CONNERS	DUBUQUE	IA
DALE	COOK	PLAINWELL	MI
CARL	CORNELL	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
JAMES	CRAMER	THEODORE	AL
WILLIAM	CRAWFORD III	TOWNSEND	TN
CHARLES	CREASEY II	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
FRANCIS	CURRAN, III	JOLIET	IL
JOSEPH	DARION	LYME	NH
WILLIAM	DAUGHERTY	SOUTH ORLEANS	MA
JACK	DAVIS	BARBOURVILLE	KY

JOSEPH	DEGI, JR.	COPPERAS COVE	TX
EDGAR	DEVENPECK	N. FORT MYERS	FL
RICHARD	DEVOSS	LAKE PLACID	FL
JOSEPH	DISCON, JR.	BAY ST. LOUIS	MS
WILLIAM	DOHRMAN	CAMANCHE	IA
DANIEL	DOLTER	DUBUQUE	IA
WILLIAM	DONOVAN	CASCADE	IA
EUGENE	DREGER	LAS VEGAS	NV
HAROLD	DROLLINGER	HENDERSON	NV
MATTHEW	DROZDIEL	DUNKIRK	NY
CLAUDE	DUGAS	LOREAUVILLE	LA
GREG	DUNCAN	DES MOINES	IA
STEPHEN	EBEL	RAPIDS CITY	IL
KENNETH	ENDRESS	ZION	IL
LAWRENCE	FAIRBAIRN	LAYTON	UT
J.	FINDLAY	ZACHARY	LA
JESSE	FLEMING	SHREVEPORT	LA
CLYDE	FOLZ	FALLON	NV
LEE	FORRESTER	BETTENDORF	IA
DUANE	FORTIN	LAS VEGAS	NV
GEORGE	FRANK	NORWALK	IA
THOMAS	FREEMAN, JR.	COLUMBIA	LA
HAROLD	FRITZE	TUCSON	AZ
WILLIAM	GALLOWAY	GONZALES	LA
HARRY	GEORGE	JOLIET	IL
KRIS	GESLER	LAS VEGAS	NV
THOMAS	GLEESON	CEDAR CITY	UT
CHARLES	GODSHALL	RUSSELL	IL
EDWIN	GOSHERT	HUDSON	IN
JAMES	GOSS	BOSSIER CITY	LA
LAWRENCE	GRAF	LAS VEGAS	NV
JIM	GRAHAM	IRVINGTON	AL
CRAIG	GRAYBAR	GREENFIELD	WI
EDWARD	GRILLOT	WHEATLAND	IA
ERNEST	HAMBERLIN	GILMER	TX
WILLIAM	HEINE	AUSTIN	TX
WILLIAM	HENDERSON	RENO	NV
ROBERT	HENNESSY	CEDAR RAPIDS	IA
ROBERT	HENSEL	MOBILE	AL
JON	HERRIG	DUBUQUE	IA
EVERETT	HIATT	ROCHESTER	IN
JOSEPH	HICKOK	ATHENS	PA
LOUIS	HOGAN	HOLY CROSS	IA
SHERMAN	HONEY	BATON ROUGE	LA
ROBERT	HUFF	CHAMBERSBURY	PA
GEORGE	HYMEL	LULING	LA
BRUCE	INGRAM	NEW BRAUNFELS	TX
VICTOR	JACCINO	VILLA PARK	IL
ALFRED	JENSEN	ALEXANDRIA	VA
JAMES	JOHNSON	CUMBERLAND	MD

WALTER	JONES, JR.	CHICAGO	IL
JAMES	JOYCE	FLUSHING	NY
PAVLOS	KALTSAS	ALEXANDRIA	VA
GARY	KAMP	GRANTSVILLE	MD
PATRICK	KENNEDY	HUNTLEY	IL
GALEN	KONKEN	STERLING	CO
MICHAEL	KORMAN	GLENVIEW	IL
LUTHER	KRAMER	STERLING	IL
JOSEPH	LAMPERT	NILES	IL
ANGEL	LAVIN	MYRTLE BEACH	SC
GARY	LEE	MOBILE	AL
GARD	LEEDOM	PEARL	MS
GREGG	LESCHMAN	OAKLAWN	IL
AARON	LEWIS	WASHOE VALLEY	NV
DAVE	LITTLETON	JACKSONVILLE	FL
TERRY	LONGO	MILWAUKEE	WI
ROBERT	LOWE	UPPER MARLBORO	MD
STEPHEN	MANSKIE	FALLON	NV
GEORGE	MARTINO	CHICAGO	IL
EUGENE	McCALLISTER	DAVENPORT	IA
JOSEPH	McCARTNEY	TEMPE	VA
LEO	McDONOUGH	MOBILE	AL
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BUSTER	MELTON	LAWTON	OK
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## **Conventions and Reunions**

### **ATTENTION>>>>>ATTENTION**

The NSVA 2024 National Convention is being moved to a new venue with different dates, through no fault of the NSVA. More updated information will follow very soon, please Stay tuned!!!

# 2024 National Convention Ad Form

1/4 Page

5" x 3 3/4"

**\$50**

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**\$75**

FULL PAGE

7 1/2" X 10"

**\$100**

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1/2 Page..... \$ 75.00

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Photos 200 dpi or higher may be emailed

**All ads must be received no later than**

**JULY 15, 2024**

## Make ad check payable to NSVA

Mail to  
Jack Tangen

5553 Brockport-Spencerport Rd  
Brockport, NY 14420-2807

Send the ad in WORD or picture in  
JPEG to

[Jtangen@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Jtangen@rochester.rr.com)

By July 15, 2024

## Vendor Table Rental

One table...\$100 for the Convention

Mail vendor table check to

**NSVA**

2047 Ridge Road  
Queensbury, NY 12804

Total Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

## Conventions and Reunions continued

### **Mid-West Seabee Birthday Ball**

March 2nd, 2024, Minneapolis MN. [midwestseabeeball@gmail.com](mailto:midwestseabeeball@gmail.com)

### **Island X-14 Hudson Falls Seabee Ball, March 3rd 2024**

Holiday Inn Resort, Lake George, NY  
Contact Michael Wheeler for info. (518) 322-8114

### **ALL SEABEE REUNION, Gulfport, MS**

May 2nd thru May 5th, 2024  
Hosted by NSVA Island X-1 Gulfport, MS  
Contact Bob Smith at [smithrp1904@gmail.com](mailto:smithrp1904@gmail.com) for details

### **NMCB 62 Reunion in Gulfport, MS**

May 2nd thru May 5th, 2024  
Contact Norm Hahn at [normhahnjr@yahoo.com](mailto:normhahnjr@yahoo.com) for details

### **Department of Florida 2024 Convention, May 17-18 Orlando Courtyard**

Contact Karl Douge @ [combatelectrician@aol.com](mailto:combatelectrician@aol.com) for Info.

### **MCB-12 Vietnam Reunion, Bath Maine 21-24 May 2024**

Contact Bob Williams (207)-844-8142, [mcb12vietnam@gmail.com](mailto:mcb12vietnam@gmail.com)

### **MCB-11 & NMCB-8 Joint Reunions September 23-26, 2024**

in Branson, MO. Contact Larry Hagler at 512-796-2834 or  
[mcb11.branson@earthlink.net](mailto:mcb11.branson@earthlink.net) for more information.

### **Seabee Invitational Golf @ [www.seabeegolf.org](http://www.seabeegolf.org)**

### **Consider placing your Advertisement in the NSVA CAN DO**

Contact Jack Tangen at 585-880-3235 or at [Jtangen@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Jtangen@rochester.rr.com) for details

## Donations

The CAN DO will acknowledge donations to the NSVA, The Davisville Seabee Museum and Memorial Park and the Navy Seabee Foundation.

**Donations should be mailed directly to: Charles Coffin**

**NSVA National Secretary, 2047 Ridge Road, Queensbury NY 12804.**

- A \$200.00 donation was made to the NSVA by RADM Robert Marlay
- A \$100.00 donation was made to the Davisville Chapel in the Pines Restoration Fund by the NW Pennsylvania Swarm in Corry, PA



**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
Larry Holt	7053	X-23	Crystal River	FL
Darcy Mogler	7054	X-1	Greenville	TN
Robert Parker	7055	X-8	Sacramento	CA
Aaron Lewis	7056	X-3	Fallon	NV
Kenneth DeBord	7057	X-2	Hillsborough	NC
Richard Arkfehnd	7058	X-5	West Valley	AZ
Dennis Griffin	7059	X-8	Sacramento	CA
Terry Hartley	7060	X-8	Sacramento	CA
Joseph McDonald	7061	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Roger Lance	7062	X-5	Cape Fear	NC
Brian Dunleavy	7063	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Andrew Luska	7064	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Robert Rebal	7065	X-6	Wilmington	MA
Leroy Young	7066	X-1	Atlanta	GA
John Deberard	7067	X-4	Longmont	CO
Charles White	7068	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC

John Cubit, NSVA Life Membership Chairperson,  
 113 Kisingbury Street, Rochester, New York 14613-1611  
 Phone: 585-647-9294 Email: [eqcmcubit@gmail.com](mailto:eqcmcubit@gmail.com)





# FINAL SALUTE

Compiled by the National Secretary, as reported by their Islands and units of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America

First Name	Last Name	Int.	Island	City	State
Kevin	Griffin	L	X-1	Red Bank	NJ
Richard	Rathburn	C	X-4	Toledo	OH
Lonnie	Rogers	R	X-8	Sacramento	CA
Winton	Pouncey	W	X-1	Davisville	RI
James	Garinger		X-4	Longmont	CO
Otto	Tuttle	L	X-11	Tampa	FL
Vance	Bryson	E	24 <sup>th</sup> Battl.	At Large	
Dennis	Wilcott III		X-5	Buffalo	NY
George	Sabolcik	M	X-1	Torrington	CT
Jack	Lee	E	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Lonnie	Rogers	R	X-8	Sacramento	CA
Richard	Waite		X-19	Syracuse	NY

The Can Do Magazine is committed to honoring the NSVA members on their passing by listing them in the Final Salute pages. Please notify the SVA National Secretary at [nsvasec@gmail.com](mailto:nsvasec@gmail.com) or by calling 1-203-843-5513 of a member passing as soon as possible. Be sure to include the members Life Member number (if applicable) and their Island/Unit affiliation. To view more deceased Seabee names, go to the Seabee Historical Foundation website at [www.seabeehf.org](http://www.seabeehf.org)

# Navy Seabee Veterans of America Ship Store Order Form

Make Checks Payable to NSVA

Mail Form to: NSVA Ship Store Atten: Betty/Ernie Nelson

5142 Endeavour Ave. Dover, FL. 33527 ( Questions Call: 813-376-3947 )

## Shipping Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping cost :\$1 per patch				
	Quantity	Cost	Shipping	Total
SVA Shirt Patch (3.75"x3.5") \$7.00				
SVA Garrison Cap Patch (2.25"x2.25") \$7.00				
American Flag Patch (3.5"x2.25") \$7.00				
POW/MIA Patch (3"x4") \$7.00				
75 <sup>th</sup> Convention Patch \$5.00				
Life Member Patch \$5.00				
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lapel Pin (1" Diameter) resembles 75 <sup>th</sup> on coin \$5.00/pin			+\$2 ship/pin	
<b>Uniform Button Covers</b> \$6/SET of 4 +\$2 ship				
\$2.00Shipping /coin >10 Coins \$11.00	Quantity	Coin Cost	Shipping Cost	Total
SVA National Coin \$15.00				
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin \$10				
WindowDecal4/\$10 \$1ship				
Shipping BoloCombo\$5.00 Cord Shipping \$2/cord	Quantity	Bolo/Cord Cost	Shipping Cost	Total
Bolo+Cord \$20.00 Bolo Slide only \$15.00				
Bolo Cord only \$10				
Coin Combo special \$20 = 1 National + 1 75th save \$5				
GRAND TOTAL				
CALL 813-376-3947 FOR LG ORDERS TO POSSIBILITY REDUCE SHIPPING COST				



May 2023



**NATIONAL NSVA Garrison Cap Order from  
One Cap per order form**

**NSVA SHIPS STORE MANAGER**

**5142 Endeavour Ave. Dover Fl. 33527-5881**

**813-376-3947 (Attention Betty or Ernie Nelson)**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NSVA: Mail form and money to the above address for processing**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**This is a custom order, not subject to change, refund or cancellation.**

**Cap orders will be sent in Quarterly and at convention**

Garrison cap price will include all patches,  
embroidery and shipping.

\$75 per Garrison cap

Size \_\_\_\_\_

Vinyl Cap Bag add \$5.00

**TOTAL**

**Cap \$75.00**

Vinyl bag \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Call for large orders and special postage rates

Circle color corresponding to position

Fill in the blanks

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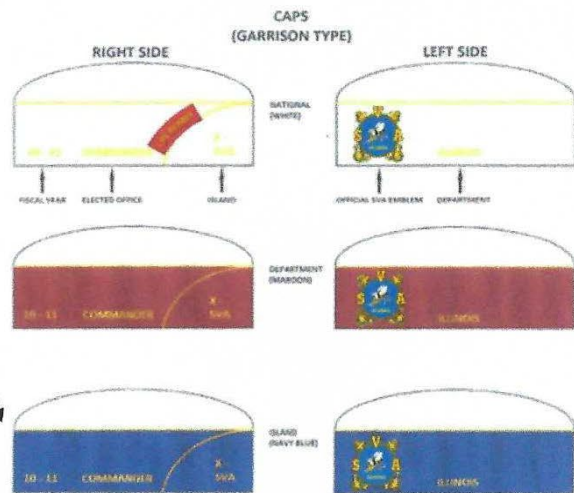
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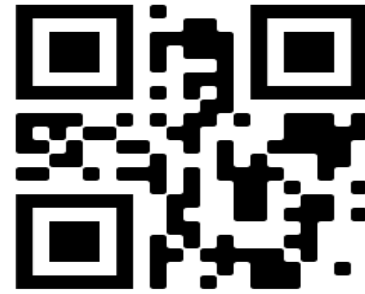
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Search the NSVA Website for more contact information and updates at

[www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org)

See you at the National Convention in Monroeville, PA.



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Picture submitted by Ralph Bean NW District Commander

