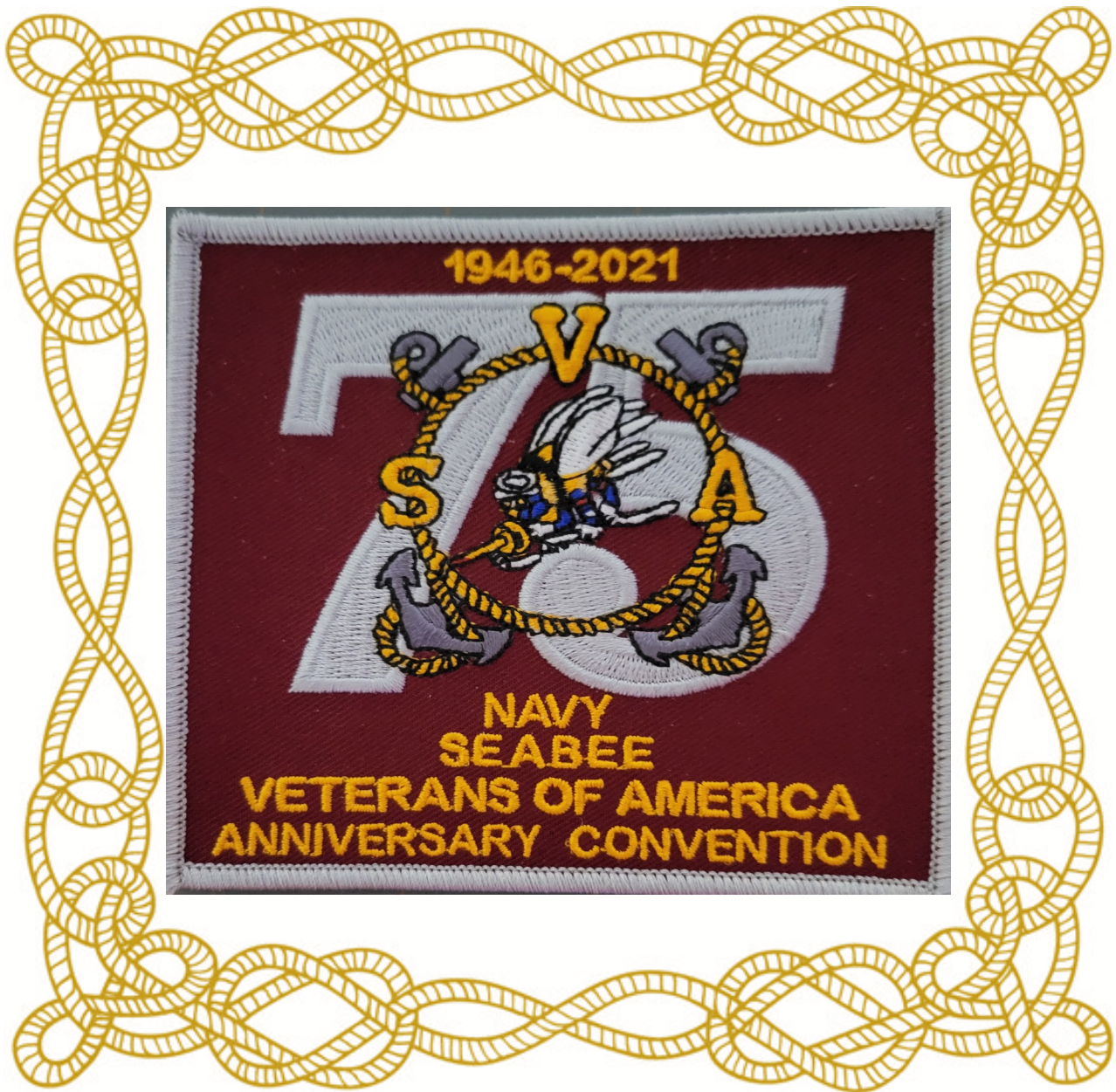


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## “WELCOME”

Our organization was formed in the year 1946, just after World War II ended. We, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. are very Proud and Honored to host this, our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Convention and Reunion.

We would like to extend our sincere and hardy welcome to all Seabees and Honeybees. We do hope you enjoy your stay with us. For your convenience, arrangements have been made for complimentary van service to the base, as well as local destinations.

I would like to give my sincere thanks to all the NSVA and SVAA members who worked so tirelessly to put this convention and reunion together. They all have the Can Do Spirit!

Island X4 Longmont, CO will be hosting next year's National Convention and Reunion. It will be held at the Academy Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO from August 24-28 (additional information can be found on our website [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org)). Please pass the word to other Seabees you know.

Yours in the CAN DO SPIRIT

James J. Furey

NSVA National Commander





## Key Note Speaker at the NSVA 75<sup>th</sup> Convention

Rear Admiral John Korka

**Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command/ Chief of Civil Engineers**

Rear Admiral Korka was born in Rota, Spain and is the son of a master chief petty officer. He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Old Dominion University in 1986 and commissioned an ensign through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He holds a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Science in National Strategy Resources from the National Defense University Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and is a graduate of the Executive Advanced Management Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Korka's operational tours include electrical officer, USS Sylvania (AFS-2); company commander/OIC Detail Souda Bay, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133; operations officer, NMCB 1; and commanding officer, NMCB 4. He also served as commodore of 31st Seabee Readiness Group, the Pacific Fleet Seabees.

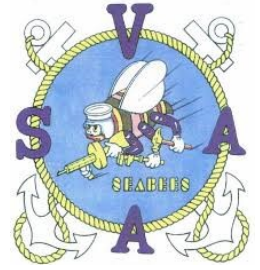
His shore assignments include assistant resident officer in Charge of Construction, Norfolk Naval Shipyard; facilities engineering department head, Public Works Center, Guam; military construction and energy program officer, Office of Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Readiness and Logistics); executive assistant to the commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and chief of civil engineers; executive officer, NAVFAC Europe and Southwest Asia; and director, maritime headquarters NECC/NECCPAC. He commanded officer in charge of Construction, Bethesda; Naval Facilities Logistics Center, Port Hueneme; and NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic.

Korka is currently serving as commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command/ Chief of Civil Engineers. His previous flag assignments include deputy commander for Facilities and Environment, Navy Installations Command and deputy commander for Facilities and Environment, Marine Corps Installations Command; commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific and fleet civil engineer/N46, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Korka is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Virginia, a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare and Surface Warfare officer. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (five awards), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), and other personal, service, unit and campaign awards. He also received the 1997 Society of American Military Engineers' Adm. Ben Morell Medal for his leadership and engineering contributions in support of Operation Joint Endeavor while deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina.







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Linda Hillyer  
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# Past National Presidents 1948-1970

## Past National Commanders 1971-2021

1948-49 Howard Potter	Illinois	1975-76 Jack Wright	Oregon
1949-50 Lee Crowley	Michigan	1976-77 Dick Grove	Texas
1950-51 Edward O'Rourke	Massachusetts	1977-78 Jim Johnstone	Michigan
1951-52 John Guminski	Illinois	1978 William Baker	Louisiana
1952-53 J Bert Knille	Ohio	1980-81 Jim Johnstone	Michigan
1953-54 Charles Hillhouse	Indiana	1981-83 Paul Simcoe	Louisiana
1954-55 Don Engel	Illinois	1983-85 James Lindenmeyer	Florida
1955-56 Martin Richards	Ohio	1985-87 Joe L. Mathews	Texas
1956-57 Norman P. Sercombe	Michigan	1987-88 David Youngs	Ohio
1957-58 Clayton Fralic	Wisconsin	1988-89 John Fletcher	Ohio
1958-59 Max Sherman	Illinois	1989-90 Donald Clay	Florida
1959-60 Don Laubenz	Ohio	1990-92 Norman Hill	New Hampshire
1960-61 William McKnight	Missouri	1992-94 Lenno Johnston	Missouri
1961-62 Tom Reside	California	1994-96 Paul Sutphin	Illinois
1962-63 Edward Kipple	Illinois	1996-98 Ed Jones	Florida
1963-64 Don Laubenz	Ohio	1998-2000 Jack Brandt	New York
1964-65 Willis Mitchell	California	2000-02 Richard Schindler	Ohio
1965-66 Ray Gartski	Illinois	2002-04 Richard Parker	Rhode Island
1966-67 Willis Mitchell	California	2004-06 Jim White	Florida
1967-69 Frank Ware	Texas	2006-08 Dave Buchanan	Florida
<u>1970</u> Title Changed to	Commander	2008-10 Bear Holland	North Carolina
1969-71 Dan Brombaugh	Oregon	2010-12 Carl Barrett	Florida
1971-73 Elmer Pegorsech	Ohio	2013-14 Jerry Landcastle	Arizona
1973-74 Cecil Gould	Louisiana	2014-16 Dave Buchanan	Florida
1974-75 James Sullivan	Florida	2016-18 John Hillyer	Florida
		2018-21 Jim Furey	New York





# NSVA Auxiliary Past Presidents

1948 Christine Dobbins	Ohio		
1949-50 Marie Heimbrook	Ohio		
1951 Arith Clark	Michigan		
1952 Jane Hoffman	Kentucky		
1953 Ellen Schultz	Wisconsin	1985-86 Marie Gastfield	Illinois
1954 Jean Handel	Illinois	1987-89 Vyvian Davidson	Washington
1955 Lorraine Supitilov	Wisconsin	1990-91 Ruby Tumley	Louisiana
1956 Magdalene Ade	Indiana	1992-93 Barbara Simcoe	Louisiana
1957 Leona Taylor	Ohio	1994 Pinkey Mathews	Texas
1958 Rose Sercombe	Michigan	1995 Joyce Linder	New York
1959 Bess Clayton	Wisconsin	1996 Lil Confrancesco	Florida
1960-61 Edith McKnight	Missouri	1997-98 Catherine Brandt	New York
1962 Marie Fish	California	1999-2000 Gloria Jones	Florida
1963 Virginia Kipple	Illinois	2001-2002 Dianne Wendt	New York
1964-65 Ivy Zanier	Illinois	2003-04 Kitty Harbinson	Florida
1965-69 Edith McKnight	Missouri	2005-06 Mary Magurno	Florida
1970-71 Emily Storeng	Texas	2007-10 Dianne Wendt	New York
1972-73 Lydia Lake	Missouri	2011-12 Ann Lyons	Florida
1974 Danny Gould	Louisiana	2013-16 Nancy Staples	Florida
1975-76 Marie Simmons	Missouri	2017-21 Betty Nelson	Florida
1977-78 Marie Gastfield	Illinois		
1979 Maragaret Ocmann	Missouri		
1980 Eileen Wright	Oregon		
1981-82 Danny Gould	Louisiana		
1983-84 Barbara Simcoe	Louisiana		

## **A Prayer of Reflection**

**A prayer to remain humble, yet courageous, and to seek God's Grace and Peace.**

**Lord God as we the people of the United States Navy SeaBee Veterans of America prepare for a gathering as a "Bee Hive Swarm" and convention with family and friends we seek Your presence through the Holy Spirit to guide us in remembering the many blessings in our lives and the skills we have developed to become the "Can Do" people who serve all of the military branches, communities in times of need and the many nations around the world.**

**We give You our humble, yet joy filled thanks for aiding us in serving and to never forget our commitment to duty, God and Country.**

**In the book of Romans 12:5-9, the scripture reads, that though we are many, we form one body using our individual gifts and uniting in service for all. This is the truth of how we "Can Do" because we care and serve.**

**In I Peter 4:10-11, the scriptures read, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.**

**There is no perfection in people just opportunity, and I pray that we shall always look forward to the future and celebrate the love of God and be the best "Bee's" and families that we can be.**

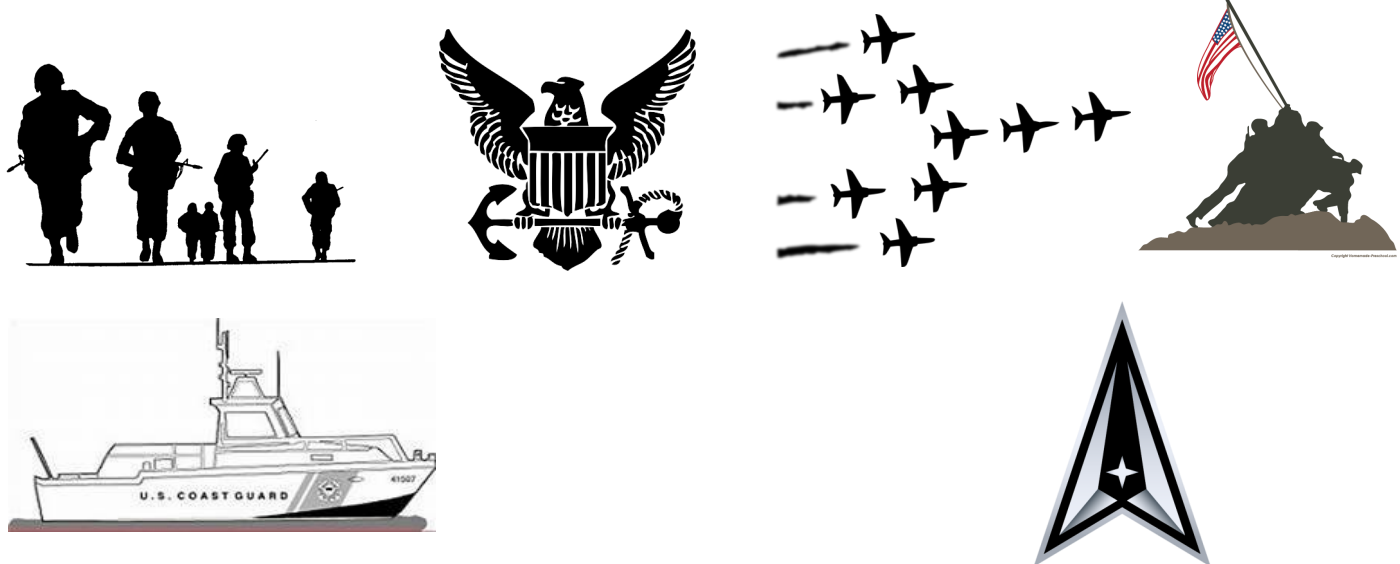
**In the name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit,**

**Amen**

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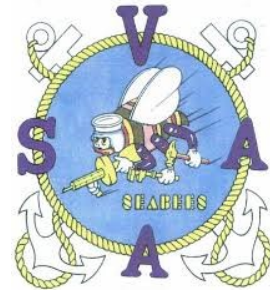
Hosted both National & DoFL Conventions

Publish Monthly Newsletter

Participated in the Annual Hackney Cemetery  
Cleanup

Participated with our Float in the  
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Monthly Meetings



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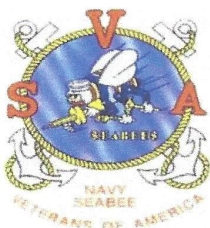
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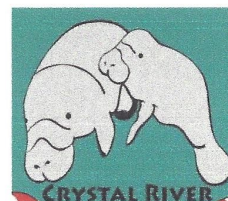
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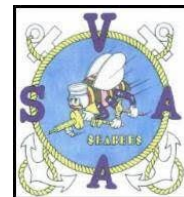
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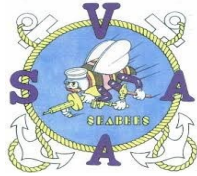
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Welcome to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention for the Navy Seabee Veterans of America here in Biloxi, Mississippi. I hope that you enjoy this area of the Gulf Coast. This convention holds a very special spot in the history of the NSVA. The program will give you just a glimpse of how and who came before to lead us today 75 years later.

The NSVA Auxiliary has also had a wonderful journey. We too started up the auxiliary in 1948 and had the first convention in Chicago, IL. The NSVA has assisted with conventions all across North America and Hawaii in 1966. Yes we go all over to celebrate Seabees. This gives the NSVAA a time to update and revise policies also. We have supported the SMSA ,SHF, provided gift cards for conventions and organize the Memorial Service at the conventions.

The NSVA Auxiliary's members are made up of relatives of Seabees. The auxiliaries are attached to an Island and supports the efforts in the organization. No one is left out in the auxiliary there is a membership category for all. If there is no island around you then Member at Large is the spot for you. If you just enjoy being around a group of patriotic people that enjoy giving back then the Associate member role is for you. The application is on the [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org) to join. I hope that you will give the site a look.

Now I will take a moment to say THANK YOU to the officers and board that has supported me as the National President for the last 4 years. Without each of you I would not have laughed hard, talked a lot and most of all have my memories of each of you. All the best to the new officers and board. You will have my support at anytime. Enjoy, you are a hard working group.

I would be remiss if I left out any part of my family. God has blessed me with the best circle, THANK YOU ALL. Your support is never wavering with a yes when I ask for help. My rock EQCM Ernest Nelson III thanks for everything.

I will always be proud to have the opportunity to represent the NSVAA and will continue to do so.

As we all gather to enjoy the camaraderie, stories , time to catch up and reflect it is also a time to remember all Past , Present and future Seabees.

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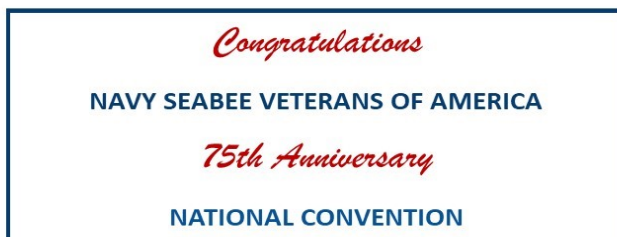
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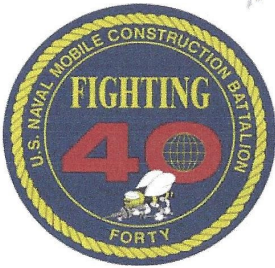
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- Friday morning (4/1):** Hospitality suite open to meet with fellow Seabees, light snacks, sodas, & beer.
- Friday evening:** No-host cocktails, & hosted dinner, introductions & greetings by Association President & reunion hosts.
- Saturday morning (4/2):** Bus loads at hotel & takes us to Seabee Museum at Naval Station Ventura (aka Port Hueneme) for tour & wreath laying ceremony.
- Saturday noon:** Bus takes us on base for hosted lunch at the famous Bard Mansion. Bus may be allowed to drive through the base, on our way back to hotel. Hospitality suite open for visiting.
- Saturday evening:** No-host cocktails, hosted dinner, raffle & guest speaker. Hospitality suite open for visiting.
- Sunday morning (4/3):** Chapel service available  
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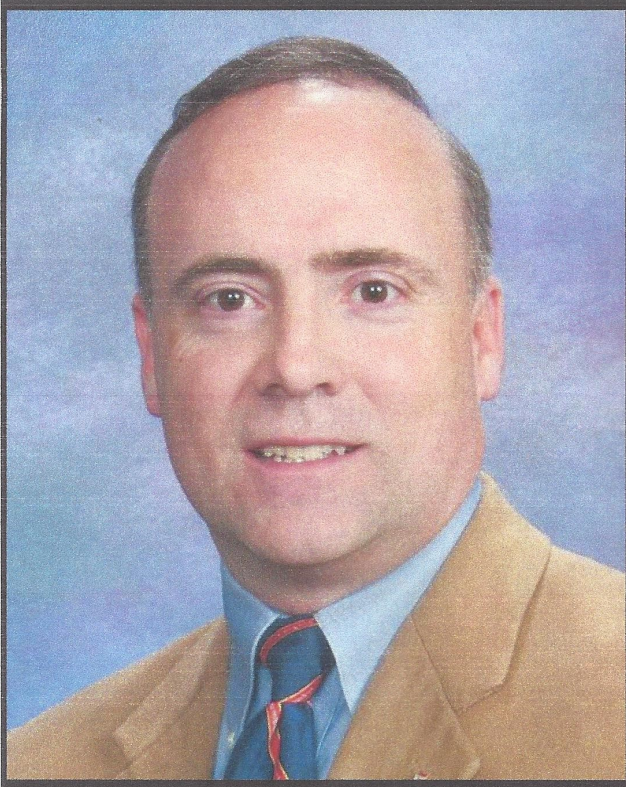
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**Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday, August 18**

2:00 pm	Registration Opens	Horn Island Foyer
2:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Opens	Horn Island Ballroom

**Thursday, August 19**

8:30 pm	Registration Opens	Horn Island Foyer
9:00 am	NSVA Pre-Convention	Deer Island Ballroom
9:00 am	Navy SVAA Pre-Convention	Horn Island Ballroom
12:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Opens	Horn Island Ballroom

**Friday, August 20**

8:30 am	Registration Opens	Horn Island Foyer
9:00 am	Joint NSVA/NSVAA General Session	Ship Island Ballroom
10:00 am	NSVA General Session Continued	Ship Island Ballroom
10:00 am	NSVAA General Session	Horn Island Ballroom
1:00 pm	NSVA Post Convention	Ship Island Ballroom
1:00 pm	NSVAA Post Convention	Horn Island Ballroom
2:00 pm	Hospitality Suite Opens	Horn Island Ballroom
4:00 pm	Practice Memorial Service	Ship Island Ballroom

**Saturday, August 21**

10:00 am	Memorial Service	Deer Island Ballroom
11:00 am	Hospitality Suite Opens	Horn Island Ballroom
2:00 pm	Brick Dedication	(offsite) Heritage Center Gulfport
5:30 pm	Admiral's Reception	Ship Island C
6:00 pm	Dinner Seating	Ship Island Ballroom



\*\*\* Please note all times and locations are subject to change and will be posted in the Hospitality Suite\*\*\*



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Congratulations on the 75th anniversary if the Navy Seabee Veterans of America We the members of the NSVA Island X-3 Georgia and Auxiliary want to invite everyone to join is on 5 March 2022 for the annual Seabee/All Military Ball to celebrate the 80th birthday of the Navy Seabees.



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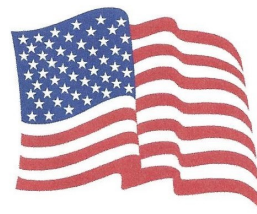
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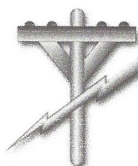
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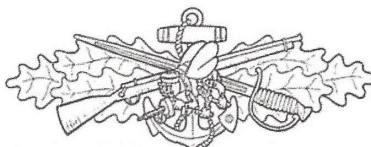


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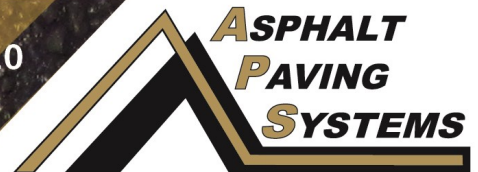
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I sincerely hope that my candidacy will receive your support for this critically important position. We cannot afford to set idly by on the sidelines and watch our organization slowly fade into oblivion.

Yours in the Can Do spirit  
Jack Tangen, Commander/Sec'y  
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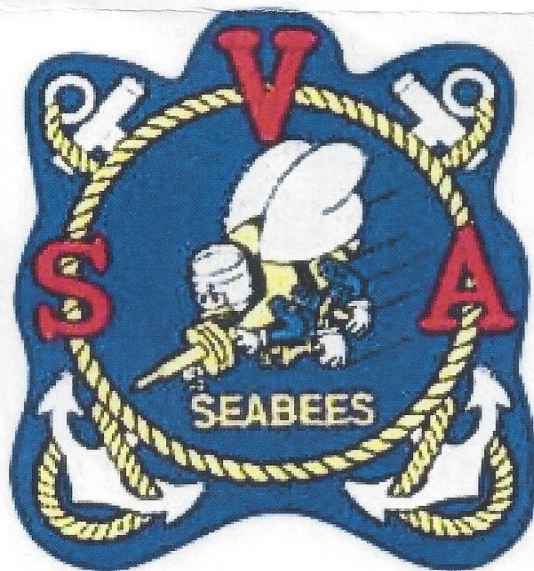




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*Island X-1*

*Gulfport, Mississippi*



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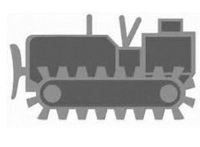
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The Kansas City Seabee Swarm, as a public Facebook group, consists of members with personal affiliations, or service with the United States Navy Seabees. This may include Navy Seabee service members either active or veterans, their spouses/ significant others, and Seabee Gold Star families. We welcome all Seabees to join the group or to follow us on Facebook. From time to time announcements pertaining to meetings, group activities, rules, or items relating to The Swarm will be posted. Members are encouraged to share or post comments, pictures, memories, birthdays, obituaries, etc. that are Seabee related and of interest to the group.

Let's grow this group together, share ideas, suggestions and spread the word about Our Kansas City Seabee Swarm and Bee active in a positive way to our community and to one another. For more information, find us on Facebook.





# **In honor of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America 75th National Convention & the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary**

*When I consider how my light is spent,  
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,  
And that one Talent which is death to hide  
Lodged with me useless, though my Soul more bent  
To serve therewith my Maker, and present  
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“Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?”  
I fondly ask. But patience, to prevent  
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## In Memory of my dad and mom, Angelo and Emma Lombardo

When I was in grade school, my dad had an excavating company in East Paterson New Jersey. Besides digging foundations and land clearing, he also did asphalt paving for homeowners and businesses.

My mom's part was in the home office taking phone calls and chasing paperwork.

During the summer months I would go to work with dad. It was so great. I would sit on a cushion next to the operator seat on his cable D-3. He also had a rubber tire Front-end loader with a backhoe, and an asphalt roller. He trailered his equipment pulled by a dual axel dump truck. I loved summers because I got to go with him and ride in and on all this equipment. As I got older, he started showing me how to operate the controls.

As time went on the asphalt part was phased out and dad just had the dump truck.

When I got to ride with him, he would let me "Shift" the truck. I got to engage the PTO and pull the lever that raised and lowered the dump body. For a little kid what could be better? It was great!

He sold stone and fill dirt and top soil. He hauled out of a rock quarry on top of a mountain in a town called Prospect Park. Every Saturday during the year I would go with him to service the dump truck. I watched him and learned how to do "Tune ups" repair motors, change oil, grease, fix differentials, air brakes, change U Joints, troubleshoot electrical systems, carburetors, everything on the truck. I remember once when he had a Chevy 1957 sedan delivery that he used to go back and forth to the quarry in was smoking blue out the back tail pipe. That was the first time I witnessed and helped rip out a 6-cylinder motor and do a complete rebuild, rings, "lap" valves in the head and replace bearings on the piston rods. By time I was 15, I was driving rock dumps in the quarry and "split shifting" big diesel trucks like Diamond Reo and Auto cars. I remember delivering asphalt to a customer one summer day it was so hot in the cab of that F 950. It had to be 90° outside 200 degrees under the hood behind the fire wall in front of the dash, and 300+ degree asphalt behind us in the body. I don't know how he endured that during the summers, there was no air-conditioning and no power steering! It was uncomfortable but I'm so glad I got to be there and I'd trade a whole lot of tomorrows for one more ride with him in that Ford F950.

All that experience with heavy trucks and equipment growing up qualified me to get into the Seabees! I remember my dad being so proud of me when I got in. He also served in the Army and was familiar with the Seabees from his experience he had while serving on Saipan and Tinian with the Army Signal Corp during WW2. This page is dedicated to the loving memory of my dad Angelo and my mom Emma Lombardo.

Daniel Lombardo EOCN

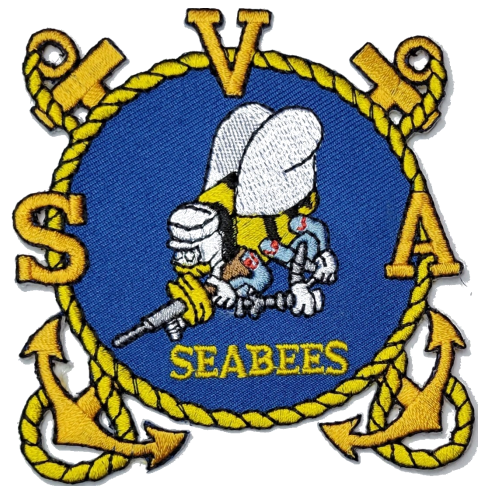
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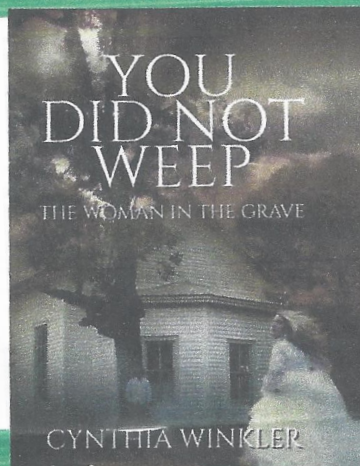
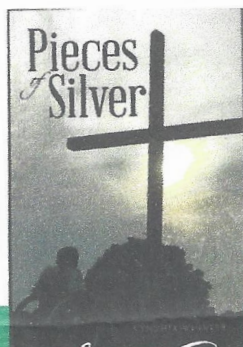
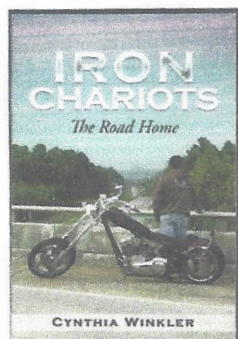
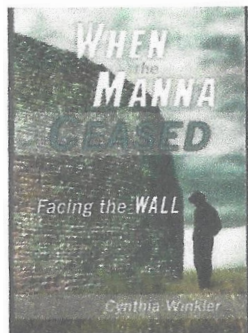
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James Totin, Cat Totin-Burrell and Jeff Collins. Uncle Jeff used to work for my dad and introduced my parents. They served together in ACB2 Little Creek 71-74. Daddy served from 61-84. He was a mechanic.



**Best wishes to the  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America  
On the occasion of their  
75th National Convention  
Island X-6 Spring Hill, Fl.**

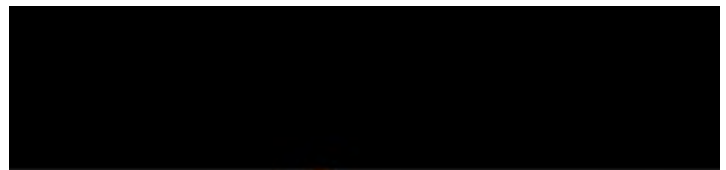


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## Formation of National Seabee Veterans Association

### A Gathering in Chicago

When writing of the early days of the original few whom worked and laid the groundwork for the present Navy Seabee Veterans of America Organization, there is one name that will always be in our hearts and minds. That name belongs to a leader, the late Captain Howard P. Potter, CEC, USN.

Captain Potter was instrumental in not only bringing the Seabee Veterans together in units called chapters to further their fellowship, he envisioned the need for a National Organization that would be exclusively for the WWII Seabee Veteran. In 1948 he called together the men in the Chicago area chapters for the purpose of developing a National Organization. They realized the problems and difficulties involved in implementing an organization of National scope would demand considerable time and effort: however, they felt the groundwork for a national organization would best be started by organizing state and local chapters where Seabees and CEC's could be found within the USA. Then and only then would these state and local chapters be welded into a national association.

The development of a National Association was to follow the generally accepted democratic process employed in the United States, that of implementation by Constitutional Convention. This method insured that the resulting organization would represent the will of the majority.

From these considerations, a National (Constitutional) Convention was called. This convention was held at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, May 8-10, 1948. Over 100 members and delegates from thirteen states were in attendance and a constitution was drawn up, revised and accepted by the convention.

From this Constitutional Convention, the date and place were voted upon to hold the Association's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Convention. The attendees chose October 8-10, 1948 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, as the 1<sup>st</sup> site to begin the 75 year history of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America. Hundreds of Seabees and their guests enjoyed the planned programs, along with many other special attendees.

Vice Admiral Ben Moreell, was among the guest speakers, as was Rear Admiral John J. Manning, CEC, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. While addressing the convention, Admiral Manning spoke of plans for a Seabee Reserve to be authorized, trained and ready in case of any future attack. Once formed, he said "they (the Reserves) would not be used on any construction project that could be performed by union labor, and they would never be used as strikebreakers". Those that attended did a terrific job of laying the foundation for our permanent National Organization. A vast amount of practical planning and business was accomplished in a short period of time. The outstanding features mentioned again the same shown at the Constitutional Convention held the previous May: enthusiasm, loyalty, fellowship and common determination to build a permanent, enduring fraternity.

The early make-up of our organization set the pattern from which our present day National Organization evolved. Although titles may change, the description and duties remain fairly standard. The 1948 Constitution/By Laws recommended that units be known as Island X's, because most Seabees were shipped to Islands in the Pacific. Therefore, the term Island X-?

Thus began the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, built on Enthusiasm, Loyalty, Fellowship and Common Determination.



Congratulations to ALL the Navy Seabee Veterans of America



Members and Auxiliary for achieving 75 years of service to our Great Country, numerous communities and fellow Americans.

The Department of New York and its affiliated Islands wishes the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, a successful Convention and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and by many more. Reaching a milestone of this magnitude has been achieved through the dedication, perseverance and leadership of many Seabees that demonstrated the determination that we call the CAN DO Spirit.

Congratulations to ALL NSVA and NSVAA members

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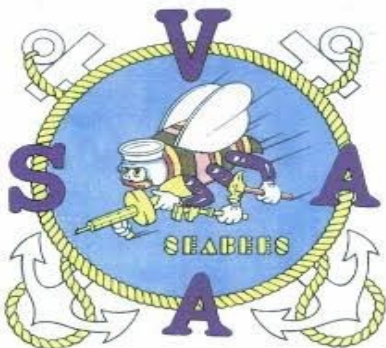
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**Best Wishes for a productive and enjoyable 75th Navy Seabee Veterans of America Convention  
Continue the ‘Can Do’ Spirit**

Mark A. Mighell, M.D., is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, and he serves his profession as a national board examiner. He specializes in the treatment of injuries and disorders of the shoulder and elbow, and, having been trained in an American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons fellowship, he now trains three fellows each year. Additionally, Dr. Mighell treats patients using advanced surgical techniques including elbow arthroscopy, reverse total shoulder replacement, and shoulder reconstruction.

Prior to joining Florida Orthopaedic Institute in 2001, Dr. Mighell served on active duty in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center for seven years, and as Medical Director for the United States Navy during the previous four years receiving a Navy Commendation for duties performed. He is an active member of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association and American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeon and has received the “Best Doctors In America” award annually since 2007.

Multi-lingual in English, Spanish, French, Russian, and German, Dr. Mighell has authored dozens of publications and has delivered numerous poster and oral presentations relating to his medical expertise. His outreach activities include acting as Team Physician to the Plant High School athletic departments, as well as mentoring college students who are interested in studying medicine.

Dr. Mighell enjoys spending his free time boating with his wife and three children. He is board-certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

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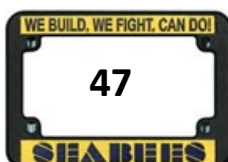
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And guard it day and night  
And we promise that we remember  
The "Seventh of December"

We're the Seabees of the Navy  
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Of uncle Sammy's kin  
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