

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

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Cover: After four years of unwavering dedication and “CAN DO” determination, NSVA Island X-1 of San Antonio, TX has officially completed the long awaited Seabee Monument dedication at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Originally envisioned as part of the NSVA’s 75th anniversary celebration, the project faced many multiple delays – but with grit, unity and unshakeable purpose, the mission was accomplished. Photo & Text supplied by A. Amesquita X-1 member.

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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Now that what seemed like a forever winter is finally over, we can look foward to Spring and the rebirth it brings. I for one cannot wait to see the trees bud, the grass grow green & hear a robin sing

We should all use this time and try to make this world a better place to live in. Small acts of kindness, a pleasant word or a sincere smile can go a long way to improving a person’s day

So, the next time you are irritated by someone’s words or actions instead of lashing out at try a little kindness to defuse the situation.

No matter who it is, someone close to you or a complete stranger I think the outcome will pleasantly Suprise you.

With a little Practice you will find this easier to do each time you find yourself in a stressful setting

Michael Boncheck National Chaplain
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

From the Editor: Due to the new officers that were elected at the National Convention it was suggested that the CAN DO carry at least two printings of the National Officers contact information per year for the convenience of the members that may not have ready access to the internet.

Please see the following page for this information.

Remember the CAN DO is printed and mailed to your address twice annually, the remaining two editions are available electronically on the NSVA Website at www.nsva.org

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ATTENTION All NSVA Members

On August 20th thru 24th, 2025 the NSVA will conduct its Annual National Convention in Orlando, FL. This meeting is open to all NSVA members; however, you must be a member of the NSVA in-order to speak, a registered and paid Island/Department delegate or alternate to vote during the meeting. Contact NSVA Sec'y Charlie Coffin for more information.

COMMANDERS CORNER

THE END IS NEAR!

As I reflect on the past 2 years, I am more positive about the growth and stability of our wonderful organization. Having met many difficult challenges and learned from recent situations emerged stronger and more resilient than ever. I am most confident that Eric will expand our mission to engage Seabees to join us for the fellowship of shared experiences. Hopefully we will make it less difficult to join with the help of computers to have less time between I think I want to join and actually having a Lifetime Membership card in hand. Growing the National Island at Large will give future members the flexibility to participate in Island activities or not. Receiving the Can Do both via email and hard copy has greatly benefited all our members and as printing and postage cost rise, we may in the future as the Navy Seabee Foundation does with the Beeline use all email. I hope this will not happen soon as I enjoy turning paper pages. Adding a newly created department of Advertising to solicit Companies and individuals to use our small publication will offset the additional cost. As most of us receive other Veterans related magazines, they all have numerous ads that support their mission.

A few updates on our next Convention in Orlando this August. Our "Dining Out" event will be Friday night at the Medieval Times Dinner Theater Castle just a few minutes from our Hotel. We will car pool for members not having a car thus no need to hire a Bus. As an additional asset **UTENSILS WILL BE AVAILABLE** on request for anyone not wishing to go native and eat with your fingers. If you have not experienced this event, you will remember it for a lifetime. We are out of necessity going to purchase tickets directly through the MWR at the Shades of Green. By doing this our group will get preferred seating which will save you at least \$ 25.00 per ticket. The minor detail is one person buys all the tickets (guess who?) I have not worked out how we will collect for the seats at the Convention but where there is a will, there is a way. The ticket price will be about \$ 60.00 and you will not go home hungry. Visit the Medieval Times website and watch the video. Chuck is working on other optional side trips as Orlando really does not have enough places to see and things to do? I will purchase 40 tickets so we will be able to sit as a group and cheer for our favorite Knight and a good time will be had by all.

It was 20 with a wind chill down to 5 when I left Washington DC on March 3rd. It was well worth it as I have enjoyed all the 4 trips to DC, If you are close enough to make either the Veterans Day events or the Seabee Birthday Ball please try as you will not be disappointed.

In the Can Do Spirit
Dwight K, Hamborsky
Your National commander



President's Perspective Spring 2025

The 2025 National Convention and Reunion is quickly approaching. Have you sent in your reservations for the convention and for the hotel? Information can be found online and in this Can-Do.

Election of officers will be held at this year's convention. I will not be running for President again and I am sure there is someone out there who would like to lead this great organization even further. All offices are up for election.

The last CAN DO listed all the current officers' contact information and I will repeat it for those who missed it. In the meantime, make your reservations to join us in Orlando in August.

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See you in Orlando August 20-24, 2025

Nancy Staples, NSVAA President

ISLAND HOPPING

Pictured below is NSVA member Doug Bower, member of X-19 Syracuse, NY, and past National 1st Vice Commander. Doug received a "summons" to appear in Albany, NY on Friday March 29th at the request of his State Assemblyman; William A. Barclay, Assembly Minority Leader. Upon arriving at the Averell Harriman State Office Building Campus in Albany, Seabee Bower was escorted into the Assembly Chambers and seated. The Master at Arms called the Assembly to order and the Speaker declared the assembly in session with the rap of her gavel.

The House Speaker then asked for Douglas Bower to stand. The Speaker then read a brief review of Doug's background, sighting his tours in Vietnam, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and Bosnia/Croatia, and that he had been a Seabee for 26 years. Doug has been deeply involved with promoting the development and issuance of a Seabee stamp forecasted for distribution in 2026. This stamp would commemorate the legacy of the Naval Construction Forces, the Seabees.

Seabee Bower was then presented with a Service Citation Proclamation, recognizing his service to his country as a Vietnam Veteran. The Legislators then stood and applauded, came over and shook his hand. Doug believes 5 or so assemblymen stood up and said "my dad was a Seabee during WWII, he loved the Seabees, they are a unique brotherhood."



Island X-23 Crystal River, FL re-elected slate of Officers 2025



L-R Chaplain Chris Westhall, Secretary/Treasurer David J Buchanan, Vice Commander, Bill Phillips, and Commander Eldon Turner. Installation of Officers conducted by John Lowe DoFL Treasurer.

New flags for the Charlotte Cemetery in Rochester, NY. Island X-12 held work party cleaning up winter debris, fallen limbs etc. Note the white flag on the upper left lanyard.



On 09 October 2024, Commander John Drexler, Island X-2 Maryville TN greeted Female Veterans on their return from Washington D.C to Knoxville, TN. Nurses from the Vietnam, Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan Wars, serving in all branches of service.



Quilt of Valor Presentation Ceremony

A Quilt of Valor Ceremony was held on November 09, 2024 at the American Legion Hall in Cape Girardeau, MO. The presenters where Debbie Carlton and Joy Pierce. This was at the monthly meeting for NSVA Island X-5 Cape Girardeau, MO.



Debbie Carlton Tim King Joyce Pierce



Dick Gentry



Glen Statler
Heise



Jeff



Wesley Statler



Larry Hagan



Jeff Heisse, Dick Gentry, Tim King, Glenn Statler, Wesley Sadler & Larry Hagan
Photos and article provided by Cathy Stitz

Mile High Report from Island X-4 Longmont, CO



On Saturday, March 01, 2025, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-4, Longmont, Colorado gathered for their 7th Annual CEC and Seabee Birthday. In attendance were eight Island Seabees, six Honeybees and six Seabee guests. The Island decided to return to The Boot Grill, in Loveland, CO to continue the previously GREAT Successes and Happy Times, to celebrate our accomplishments, the immeasurable history and the future endeavors of the United States of America's fighting forces. Attendees from the left to right FRONT are UNKNOWN (CE CPO), Robert Wheeler, Steven Ransom; MIDDLE are John Hoelscher (guest), Thomas Rasmussen, Gerald Kissinger, Charles Nichols (guest); BACK are Patrick Reinard, Mark Abromski, John DeBerard, Brian Condray, James Proctor (guest) and Dean Namanny(guest). The significant others and not pictured were Dana Condray, Liz Reinard, Ed and Sara Eggloff, Greta Abromski, Janet Wheeler and Madonna Molinario.

Island X-4 is continuously searching for ways to engage fellow Seabees, their families and the local community in gatherings, service days, holiday events and involvement in local service organizations.

BRAVO ZULU SEABEES! "With Compassion for Others We Build ~ We Fight for Peace with Freedom Construimus Batuimus." "With Willing Hearts and Skillful Hands, the Difficult we do at Once, the Impossible takes a Bit Longer!" **SEABEES CAN DO!**

Respectfully submitted by

Gerald A. Kissinger, Island X-4 Secretary

Island X-1 San Antonio, TX members at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery prepping for the pad installation for the Seabee Monument dedication.



SWCN Quintin Chacon, NMCB 22EO2 Joseph Martinez, BU2 P&E Anthony Amesquita, V-CDR. NSVA - NMCB-14NDV, NMCB 22 CM1 Juan J Garcia, NMCB 22 NDV John Ascosta, UCT 2

Four challenge coins from NMCB-14, NSVA, UCT 2 and Alamo Battalion Sea Cadets placed by Anthony Amesquita, John Ascosta & Quintin Chacon.

TODAY'S SEABEES



This story from Seabee veteran Derek Sansone (NMCB-21, Black Jack Battalion) reinforces my conviction that the Seabees is the most ingenious branch of the military.

My Reserve Navy Seabee Battalion was activated in January 2003 as part of the build-up for the invasion of Iraq. A few months into deployment, 125 of us arrived at a train station outside of the Iraqi city of As-Samawah. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines had recently arrived from Baghdad, some 170-miles north.

These Marines were as filthy and bedraggled as any I'd ever seen. They hadn't showered in 6 weeks. Their sea bags were still pier-side in Kuwait. All they had were their assault packs and change of uniform. The Marines had heard they were getting a Seabees detachment. With Seabees, they knew, came field showers, which they desperately needed.

It took us two days to get the showers up and running. We decided that none of us Seabees would shower until every Marine had done so.

Part of being a Seabee is observing what needs to be done and then improvising, as necessary, to achieve it. After the showers were up, we noticed Marines sitting on a curb eating MREs. Trucks and Humvees drove by, kicking up dust that landed on their food.

We went to work building picnic tables to get the food off the roadside. We added camouflage netting for shade. It's hard to understand the importance of creature comforts unless you've been without them. It did not take much effort on our part, and it meant the world to the grateful Marines.

Next, we made a long convoy to the sea port in Kuwait to retrieve their seabags so they could have just a few more comforts.

To keep the showers going, we made “water runs” to the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit in downtown As-Samawah (which pumped & filtered water out of the Euphrates River). We used it for messing (washing dishes), shaving and to fill our giant water bladders for the field showers.

We happened to have an extra bladder and came up with an idea. We added another truck to our water run.

When it returned, we used the water to fill the spare bladder. Then, we ran a hose off the Water Truck Air Compressor (for its Air Brakes) and just like that, we had a “Field Jacuzzi”—a giant bathtub with bubbling water. It was glorious!

Word got out about the improvised hot tub in camp. Some women from an Army National Guard MP unit even came to check it out.

For some reason, the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines CO wasn’t as impressed as the MPs were. Maybe he objected to the waste of water and truck fuel. I can’t think of any other reason for his discontent (I didn’t ask).

The jacuzzi came down as quickly as it went up. Another SeaBee innovation ahead of its time, I suppose.

The famous SeaBee slogan—“We Build, We Fight”—deserves a small print addendum: “We Have Fun.”

EO1(SCW) Derek M. Sansone

NMCB-21, Air Det 1

Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003

A Seabee’s Baptism by Blood and Fire

By Anthony Amesquita, BU2 -NMCB 14

April 1st, 2004.

For some, it was April Fool’s Day.

For me, it was the day I bled into the story of war—my own and my brothers.’

I was flying over the Atlantic, in route to Kuwait, preparing for a northern convoy into Iraq. It was a mission that would take us into the heart of the theater of operations: Al Asad, Fallujah, Ramadi, Haditha Dam—names that still echo in my bones. We weren’t just builders—we were warriors with hammers, hard hats, and hearts full of grit.

Before I faced combat, I faced a cot.

It snapped shut on my hand. I looked down—my index finger split, a piece of meat dangling, bone visible, blood spraying like a warning shot. I fainted. Our Seabee doc? Didn’t flinch. Superglue, gauze, and a look in his eyes that said, “You’ve got work to do. Now go to war.”

And I did.

We convoyed through ancient Mesopotamian land—where Babylon once rose and tribes still battled like ghosts of a thousand empires. I saw people who had nothing but honor. I saw kids smile through rubble. I saw pain etched into the faces of men older than war itself.

But nothing weighs more than this:

Seven of my brothers didn’t come home.

Seven Seabees. Killed in Action.

NMCB 14.

Their names are etched into my soul—and one day, they will rise in stone in our Memorial Tower.
I carry them in every breath I take.
Every nail I drive.
Every idea I build for this community.
They are my blueprint.
The war took pieces of me—physically, mentally, spiritually.
But through the grace of God, I survived
And I refuse to let their memory fade into statistics.
Today, I'm building a different kind of mission:
Healing through legacy.
Digital transformation for every veteran.
Web3 bridges for those still stuck in yesterday.
Purpose for the broken.
This ain't just April Fools anymore.
This is April Forged.
Because some of us don't get to joke around on April 1st.
Some of us remember.
Some of us rebuild.
For the 7.
For the Seabees.
For the future.
"CAN DO."



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 (3.6"x2.25") \$7.00				
POW/MIA Patch (3"x4") \$7.00				
75 th Convention Patch \$5.00				
Life Member Patch \$5.00				
75 th Anniversary Lapel Pin (1" Diameter) \$5.00/pin			+\$2 shipping	
Uniform Button Covers \$6/SET of 4 +\$2 shipping				
Window Decal 4/\$10 \$1ship				
Shipping Bolo Combo \$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				
CALL 813-376-3947 FOR LG ORDERS TO POSSIBILITY REDUCE SHIPPING COST				
GRAND TOTAL				







Circle below

Cord Length
36" 42"

Cord Color

White National Office

Burgundy District Office

Blue Island








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NATIONAL NSVA UNIFORM SHIRT 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 Check to the above address for processing

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone ____ - ____ - ____

Customer Signature _____

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

5/2023

The Official NSVA uniform is described under "Constitution" on page 23 Rituals and Procedures on the **NSVA.org** website.

Each Uniform shirt includes the SVA patch, USA Flag patch, POW patch, Life Member patch if applicable, and 4 gold button covers. Collars will be embroidered with your Island on the left collar and SVA on the Right collar. If you are a "Member At Large" SVA will be on both collars.

Circle color: BLUE WHITE Size circle S M LG XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL Island X- _____

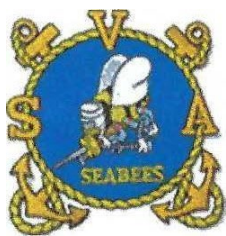
Life member patch? Circle Yes or No

Shirt cost is **\$85.00** *Patches, embroidery, button covers and Shipping included*

Official Bolo \$20 extra Circle color and length of cord 36" or 42" White Burgundy Blue TOTAL: _____

5/2023 *NSVA Polo Shirt Order form see website for greater details **NSVA.org**

Men's Navy Blue Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	Flag	POW	Life	Sub-total:
S-XL Shirt w/ Official SVA Patch, and Embroidered name \$ 48.00					Plus	Plus	Plus	Plus		/MIA		
American Flag Additional \$ 8.50					\$2	\$4	\$6	\$6	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50	
POW/MIA Patch Additional \$ 8.50												
Life Member Patch Additional \$ 8.50												
Woman's Navy Blue Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL		Flag	POW	NA	Sub-total:
Woman's cut polo style no pocket (V neck)					Plus	Plus	Plus		\$8.50	/MIA		
S-XL Shirt SVAA patch and Embroidered name \$48.00					\$2	\$4	\$6			\$8.50		
American Flag Additional \$8.50												
POW/MIA Patch Additional \$8.50												
Shipping per shirt \$10.00												
* buying more than one shirt call 813-376-3947 for a possible savings on shipping.												
Total												



NATIONAL NSVA Garrison Cap Order Form

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 the 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.

Garrison Cap will include all patches, embroidery and shipping.

\$80 per Garrison Cap

Size: _____ Vinyl bag add \$5.00 (if needed)

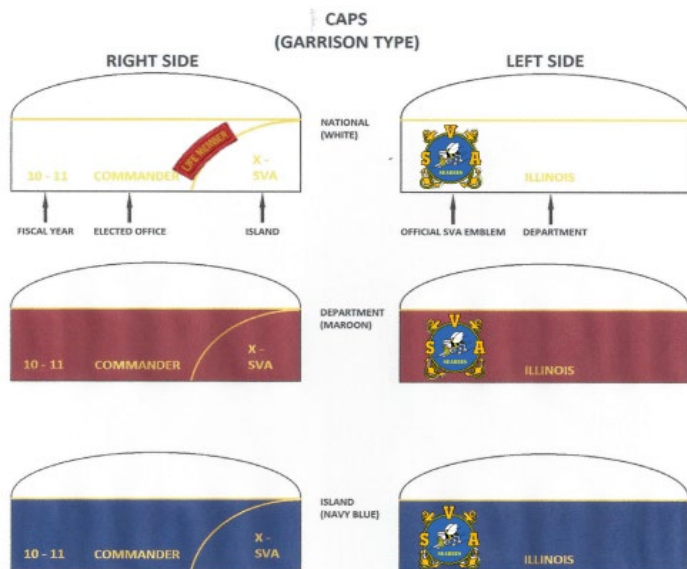
Order total

Cap \$80

Vinyl Bag _____

TOTAL: _____

Call for lg orders and special post rates



Circle color corresponding to position
WH National, Bur Dist., Blue Island

Fill in the blanks:

Right side

X-_____ S.V.A

Dates: _____

Position _____

Life Member if applicable: _____

Left side

STATE: _____

The crown of all caps will be white, the color of the body will correspond to the organizational level of the member, and the piping will be gold.

All lettering will be 1/2" uppercase embroidered in gold thread to match the piping.

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CONVENTION AND REUNION INFORMATION

NSVA 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION August 20 thru 24

Hosted by the Department of Florida and X-5 Fort Lauderdale

See the Following Forms/pages for more information

NSVA 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION



Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre

8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida, USA, 32836

Room Rates are \$89 Guestroom and \$109 Suite plus tax, Breakfast included

Hotel phone number (407) 239-6900 block code SNC

**If you need a suite or handicap room, call (407) 239-6900 EXT 803 or
press 2 Ask for Victoria 8-4 PM**

Convention from August 20 to 24, 2025

Room rate available from August 17 to 27, 2025

Hotel is minutes away from Disney, Sea World and Universal

45 Minutes from Space center

**If you need a handicap room or any other question, Please Call me to
make sure you get the room you need Chuck Dougé (305) 230-8000**

Additional Convention Events

August 21 Thursday: at 2 PM, the trip will be going to the Orlando Auto Museum. Cost is \$25.50 Per person. We will pay at the door.

August 22 Friday: At 6 PM, The Dinner will be at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament. See Dwight Hamborsky's note below regarding this Event.

August 22 Friday: 6 PM will be a trip to Disney Spring for those who want to do some Disney shopping and to eat some good food.

MEDIEVAL TIMES EVENT.

The event of a lifetime!! August 22 at 6:00 PM (We will leave the hotel about 5:15) google the Medieval times Orlando website for information. I will be buying all the tickets under my blue card so everyone does not have to do an individual ID check for the no tax MWR discount. The tickets will be in an envelope at the convention when you check in.

The price is \$ 60.00 per adult ticket and the check is made out to DOFL . Send your request to me directly:

Dwight Hamborsky 2521 Wrencrest Circle, Valrico, Florida 33596.

I am getting only Forty (40) tickets under this group rate. If we exceed this number individual tickets can be purchased at the MWR Shades of Green at Disney.

We will be in PREFERRED SEATING which is a significant upgrade from general admission and receive a Knights Cheering Banner for each guest.(normally \$ 2.50) I have no idea why but it is part of the package. As per Google maps which I will have copies in the envelope for you it is 6.1 miles from the hotel and estimated time is 21 minutes.

Because it is so close we will just carpool over as the cheapest bus was \$ 1,000.00 for pickup wait and take home. We do not have the money for that extravagance. The actual breakdown is Ticket from MWR \$ 54.50 plus \$ 5.00 tip to the event. thus, the extra 50 cents will cover map copies, envelopes etc. The normal price of Preferred seating is between \$ 80 and \$90 so it is a real savings not to sit in the Cheap seats and not being in the Front Row the chance of dirt from the floor is less likely.

Cordially Submitted,
Dwight Hamborsky

Ps: Silverware is available upon request

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

79th NATIONAL CONVENTION AND REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



AUGUST 20th-24th, 2025

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Last day to Register at hotel

August 6th 2024

!!!!!!! 1 REGISTRATION FOR EACH ATTENDEE!!!!!!!

Name; _____ Membership _____ Auxiliary _____ Annual _____ Life # _____

Mailing address; _____

E-mail; _____

Phone# _____

Island X- _____ City _____ St. _____ SEABEE'S Year of Birth _____

Positions held in Island _____

Positions held in National _____

Unit _____, Unit _____, Unit _____, Unit _____ Unit _____

EVENTS: Details available on following pages.		COST	TOTAL COST
Mail checks to: Karl Douge' 19121 NE 25 Ave. Apt #D Miami, FL 33180			
Convention Registration fee for the 2025 Convention and Reunion A Registration fee is required for each convention registration Registration Fees are Non-Refundable		\$20.00	\$20.00
SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET			
Sliced Sirloin Steak / Port Wine Reduction		\$65.00	
Grilled Mahi-Mahi / Fresh Pineapple Pico		\$65.00	
Herb Roasted Chicken		\$60.00	
Vegetarian Meal		\$60.00	
All meals include Salad, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Dessert			
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$
NO REFUNDS ON DINNER FEE AFTER 15 July 2025			

Please make checks payable to NSVA X-5, with "Convention" on the memo line

NSVA /NSVAA 79th National Convention Schedule of Events

Times subject to change

Tuesday, August 19th

12pm-5pm

pre-con hotel committee only

Wednesday, August 20th

8am-3pm

Hospitality Suite set up

1pm-3pm

Registration set up

1pm

Crypto class by Anthony Q and A optional

3pm-5pm

2025 Convention Committee Meeting

3pm-11pm

Hospitality Room open

5pm-7pm

OPEN POSTIONS AND DUTIES Q/A FORUM

Thursday, August 21st

8am – 10am

Convention Committee Meeting?

10am-4 pm

Registration Opens

11am -11pm

Hospitality Suite Opens

10:00am

NSVA Pre-Convention

10:00am

NSVA Auxiliary Pre-Convention

after meeting

Car Museum Trip

6:00pm

Memorial Service practice

Friday, August 22nd

8am-4pm

Registration Opens

8am-11pm

Hospitality Suite Opens

9am-9:30am

Joint NSVA/NSVAA General Session

10:00am

NSVA General Session (Continued)

10:00am

NSVA Auxiliary General Session

Lunch Break

2:00pm

NSVA Post Convention

2:00pm

NSVA Auxiliary Post Convention

5:00pm

Medieval times dinner show

DISNEY SPRINGS trip (shopping and entertainment)

Saturday, August 23rd

9:00am

DOFL Meeting

11:00am

Memorial Service

12pm-4pm

Hospitality Suite Opens

12pm-4pm

FREE TIME

5:00pm

Reception CASH BAR OPEN

6:00pm

Dinner Seating

After dinner

Hospitality Suite Opens

**Officers must be in uniform for all Meetings
Dinner Business casual**

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA

2025 National Convention Program Ad Order Form

August 20-24, 2025 Orlando, Florida

Program Rates (circle your choice)

Full Page Only Cost \$100.00

Inside covers (front or back) @150.00 Both (**SOLD OUT**)

Back Page \$200.00 (**SOLD**)

A limited number of vender tables are available for rent at \$100.00 (**SOLD OUT**)

All program ads must be received no later than 1 July 2025

Please make your check payable to SVA X-11 Send it to

Ernie Nelson, X-11 CDR

5142 Endeavour Ave.

Dover Fl. 33527 Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Send the Convention Program Ad or picture in JPEG to Ernie Nelson at

egcmnelson@aol.com any question call Ernie @ 813-376-0500

Name: _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Navy Seabee Veterans of America



Support the NSVA with your **\$5.00** purchase of a business card size add on the reverse of the convention dinner program use the QR code or use the link below.



<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/navy-seabee-veterans-of-america>

NOTE FROM ZEFFY: WHEN CHECKING OUT, ZEFFY WILL AUTOMATICALLY ADD A "TIP", PLEASE FEEL FREE TO \$0 THIS OUT AS WE CANNOT REFUND THIS CHARGE!

MCB-12 Vietnam 2025 Reunion

20 May thru 23 May 2025

Bath, Maine

Contact Bob Williams at 207-844-8142

mcb-12nam@outlook.com

10th Annual All Seabee Reunion Picnic

All Seabee Reunion Picnic, scheduled for 1100, 09 August 2025, at

DOUGLAS DAM OVERLOOK PUBLIC PARK,

Hwy 338/Douglas River Way, KODAK, TN

Registration Fee is \$15.00 per person, which includes meal. Check Payments will be made to: NSVA DEPT. OF TN.

Contact: Commander Chett Winchell @ 720-560-3834

Troy Branch, Vice Commander 865-924-9023; David Howard, Secretary 972-837-3919

EAST COAST ALL SEABEE REUNION, PIGEON FORGE, TN

26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Leaving 30th, OCTOBER 2025

*Grand Smokies Resort Lodge, 2385 Parkway * Pigeon Forge, TN*

Inquiries to: NSVA Dept. of TN, 14845 WEST LEE HWY, PHILADELPHIA, TN 37846-2481, 720-560-3834

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 \$50 donation in the name of Donald R. Finney was made by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A \$25 donation in the name of Michael M. Dolley was made by Island X-23 Crystal River FL to the Navy Seabee Foundation.

WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
Chuck Lombardi, 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
James Kemp	8020	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
Philip D. Lehman, Jr.	8021	X-5	Lancaster	PA
Michael J. Nicosia	8022	X-2	Marysville	TN
John "Jack" O'Hearn	8023	X-2	Marysville	TN
James A. Miller	8024	X-1	Kearny	NE
Richard D. Thorsten	8025	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Ronald W. Riggan	8026	X-3	Winnemucca	NV
Patrick Larva	8027	X-7	Tucson	AZ
Donald Avila	8028	X-5	Phoenix	AZ
Tony Testa	8029	X-5	Phoenix	AZ
Troy Seefeldt	8030	X-3	Fallon	NV
Jennifer Lynch	8031	X-3	Fallon	NV
Timothy M. Connors	8032	X-6	Wilmington	MA
Daniel Fletemeyer	8033	X-4	Longmont	CO
Robert Judge	8034	X-6	Spokane	WA
Terry Baxter (Deceased)	8035	X-6	Spokane	WA
Leonard Eagle Jr.	8036	X-6	Spokane	WA
Larry Sutton	8037	X-6	Spokane	WA
David Kuntz	8038	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Steven Coffin	8039	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Dennis G. Rainboth	8040	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Thomas W. Freyburger	8041	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Andrew A. Anderson	8042	NIAL	Alexandria	VA
Gregory Lundsford	8043	X-4	Longmont	CO
Gary M. Washock	8044	X-14	Hudson Falls	NY
William Cox	8045	X-4	Toledo	OH
Richard A. Lott	8046	X-8	Youngstown	OH
Alfred G. Schafer	8047	X-8	Youngstown	OH
Jame R. Balentine	8048	X-8	Youngstown	OH
Larry Kamicker	8049	X-8	Youngstown	OH
John L. Clark	8050	X-8	Youngstown	OH
Steven Metzger	8051	X-8	Youngstown	OH
David Yahnert	8052	X-8	Youngstown	OH
Thomas W. Geisler	8053	X-1	Gulfport	MS
John Guzman	8054	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
Steve Montuori	8055	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
Stephen Wylie	8056	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Paul M. Knab	8057	X-1	Gulfport	MS

Please feel free to contact Charles Lombardi, NSVA Life Membership Chairperson, with any questions concerning your NSVA Life Membership. Chuck can be reached at
415 Prospect St., Catasauqua, PA. 18032-2000
Phone: 610-657-2851 Email: chuck781@outlook.com



Here is a great picture of a Good looking bunch of Seabees (& 1 Air Force guy) per the attached list of attendees at the South Central PA Seabee Swarm gathering held at Hoss's in Chambersburg, PA on April 12th, 2025.

Pictured L-R Larry Kunkle, Jim (USAF Ret), John Byrne, Joshua Billet, Paul Burnett Jr., Tom Goodwin, Dave Weddle, Dan Herrick, and Jerry Wolfe.

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Please visit the NSVA Website to review the 2025 proposals & resolutions that will be voted upon at the upcoming NSVA National Convention this August in Orlando Florida. On the website you can find various NSVA forms, the NSVA Constitution/Standing Rules & By-Laws, Rituals and Procedures, NSVAA contact information and Ships Store merchandise. You will also find links to other Seabee associations, IRS Tax filing information, the most recent CAN DO magazine along with archived issues too.

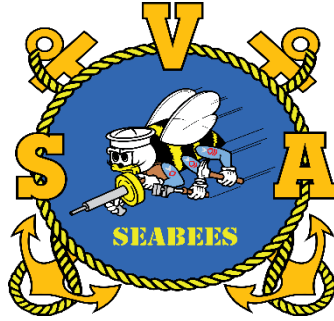
In Early March of this year Island X-1 attended the opening of the National Museum of the Pacific War located in Fredericksburg, TX. The museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian. They had a great turn out for this opening event.



The entrance to the Museum on the left and Anthony Amesquita standing next to a larger than life statue of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.



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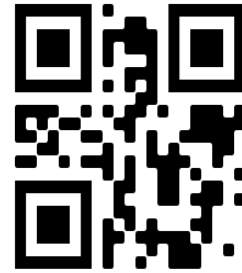


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First Name	Last Name	Int.	Island	City	State
Theodore	Mytnik	A	X-5	Buffalo	NY
Hugh	Lamb, Jr	R	X-2	Columbus	OH
Peter	Reilly, Jr	E	X-1	Red Bank	NJ
Morton	Hance	H	X-1	Red Bank	NJ
William	Marr	L	X-7	Port Hueneme	CA
Glenn	Haught	L	X-5	Akron	OH
Michael	Dolley	M	X-23	Crystal River	FL
Dale	Ecker	L	X-3	Tucson	AZ
Jerry	Polan		X-5	Lancaster	PA
Joseph	DeFranco	N	X-5	Lancaster	PA
Richard	Trudell	P	X-8	Lee County	FL
Alan	Smith	R	X-1	Cincinnati	OH
Edwin	Sullivan, III	C	X-1	Davisville	RI
Joseph	Murano	M	X-1	Red Bank	NJ
Richard	Spink	C	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Alvin	Anheier		X-12	Rochester	NY
Samuel	Kirsch	H	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Philip	Fleming	J	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Gerald	Murphy	E	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Harrison	Barton	P	X-3	San Diego	CA
Bill	Cardoza		X-19	Daytona	FL
Carl	Crisp	R	X-11	Tampa	FL
Ronnie	Harvey	E	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Ronald	Saracino	A	X-1	Red Bank	NJ
Louis	Willhoit	E	X-12	West Palm Beach	FL
Malcom	Barkley	D	X-11	Tampa	FL
Maurice	Frederick	I	X-11	Tampa	FL
Melvin	Davis	J	X-5	Harrison	MI
Michael	Jacoby	N	X-11	Tampa	FL
Neil	Mullane	A	X-4	Brockton	MA

Paul	Rizzo	J	X-6	Spring Hill	FL
Paul	Carlton, Jr	R	24 th Battallion	At Large	
Penny	Kurre	R	X-5	Cape Girardeau	MO
Raymond	Gaugler	H	X-10	Stuart	FL
Richard	Stedman		X-2	Columbus	OH
Robert	McMahan		X-1	Gulfport	MS
Robert	Milner		X-4	Toledo	OH
Quincy	Milem, Jr	J	X-1	Huntington	WV
Renfro	Richardson	G	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Raymond	Clemmons	L	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
Lon	Slocum	L	X-5	Harrison	MI
Charles	Ambrosio		X-23	Crystal River	FL
Andrew	Horvath	E	X-4	Toledo	OH
Donald	Ferguson	L	X-7	Dayton	OH
Donatien	M'Sadoques	M	X-12	West Palm Beach	FL
Earl	Eck	D	X-1	Atlanta	GA
Edward	Scruggs	D	X-2	Macon	GA
Edward	Keever	E	X-10	Stuart	FL
Edward	Letkiewicz	J	X-6	Spring Hill	FL
Edward	Reiter	T	X-4	Toledo	OH
Emilio	Herranz		X-11	Tampa	FL
Eugene	Royston	G	X-5	Harrison	MI
Evertt	Michaels	W	X-11	Tampa	FL
Eura	Morse	A	X-7	Dayton	OH
Guy	Kemp	I	X-2	Lakeland	FL
John	Falciglia	J	X-8	Lee County	FL
Terry	Baxter		X-6	Spokane	WA
Jose	Guillen		X-8	Lee County	FL
Kieran	Burke	J	X-12	South Palm Beach	FL
Elmer	Brown	J	X-5	Akron	OH
Richard	Godfrey	T	X-5	Akron	OH

Please notify the SVA National Secretary at 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



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