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Let's Play Ball

In the South Pacific on an Island chain,
The World War II Seabees wanted a game.
They worked and they toiled all week long,
"Take me out to the Ballgame" was their favorite song.
Let's finish the air strip, patch up the last crater,
So we can wash up and have a game later.
Sunday afternoon only comes once a week,
It's a game of baseball that we seek.
It doesn't matter that we're in a war zone,
If I can hit me a double, I'll be half way home.
By John O'Brien February 19th 2017

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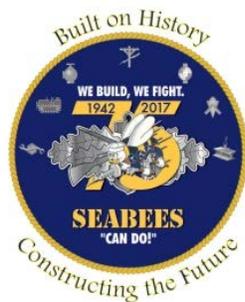
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Please read this is very important

A great Seabee day to all:

As a lot of you may know the **Can Do** has fallen on hard time with higher costs and less issues being printed, in an effort to bring it back to full publication we need to update a lot of information.

Over the last few years many have moved, passed away or just plain lost interest. This form will be placed in the **Can Do** for one year and must be filled out or the information forwarded to the National Secretary if you wish to continue receiving the mailed copy.

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SEABEE 75th Anniversary Ball

Hosted by Island X-5 Cape Girardeau, MO

Clippard Wilson Taylor VFW Post 3838

March 4, 2017



Kneeling L to R: Craig Wooldridge, Tim King, Richard Hengst, Tom Nolen, Glen Beussink, Kurt Meyer, Scott Gooch, Scott Enderle, Jeff Coyler, ?, P. M. Kurre, Tom Meyer.

Standing L to R Back to Front: Mike Morgan, Richard Gentry, Mike Sauer, Fred Ross, Ronald Rudloff, ?, Doug Gerecke, Wes Sadler, Charles Pruitt, Jeff Heise, Larry Hagan, George Rennison, Bill Thompson, Larry Pierce, Dan Stitz, Noel Stasiak, Charles Sadler, David Nolen, George Reutzler, Larry Eskew, Bill Humphries, Clarence Mattingly, Kenny Rodgers, Glen Statler, Larry Hendershot, Doug Slough, Keith Reed, Steve Lange, Jim Lorenz.

*Taken by Rhonda Pierce Photography
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SEABEE's in attendance at the SEABEE 75th Anniversary BALL on March 04, 2017 in Cape Girardeau, MO











“CAN DO” ‘WDO” DID!

Pennsylvania Island X-IV of Dickson City. Set out this year to celebrate the 75th Anniversary with that “Can Do” spirit. The membership of the Island wanted to make this historical gathering one to remember.

The Committee got busy set the budget and a goal, that this party would be affordable, memorable, and would reach beyond our geographic Island membership.

Tradition is a big part of a historical event. The VFW Post in Dupont, Pa. was the ideal venue. USNR Activity Avoca, and its detachment of MCB 21 for decades have used the facility for numerous events. Commander Mike Boncheck along with the committee members Joe Pehanick, Doug Jumper, Dennis O’Hara, and Harold Nudelman took on individual rolls and moved through securing hotel rooms for out of town guest, a Chaplin, Guest Speaker, DJ for entertainment, center pieces, menu, and many little details right down to a 75th Anniversary challenge coins as gifts. It was also the “CAN DO” calendar that helped spread the word along with emails, snail mail, and phone calls.

The evening of March 4th 2017 came quick, and so did the guests from Island X-12 of New York, X-19 of New York, and Seabees and Veteran Seabees



Judge Thomas Munely of Lackawanna County Court, was The Guest speakers. He served in the Army in Viet-Nam and received the Bronze Star. Ever since his discharge he has been a tireless advocate for veterans. He assisted in the success of this party. By interviewing on his weekly TV “Veterans Views” show Mike Boncheck and Harold Nudelman about the Seabee’s and the 75th Anniversary Party. Island IV presented him an award for his “CAN DO” Spirit for starting a Veterans Court, and his outreach programs in the County.



The evening was full of memories of being a Seabee. Old friends seeing each other again reminiscing of their service and experiences since the creation of the “Bees”. Most memorable was the Honored Guest Robert Megatulski. He enlisted at the age of 17, went through Boot Training at Camp Perry, Allen & Bradford in Virginia. He was then sent to Davisville, RI. There the 77th NCB was formed and shipped out to the West Coast, Port Hueneme, California. The 77th was shipped overseas August 2 1943 to New Caledonia, Guadal Canal, Vella La Vella, Bougainville, Emirau Island. After that rotation they were sent back to the islands of Milne Bay, New Guinea, Holandia, Manila, and Leyte all part of the Philippines. Bob said they built Airstrips, oil tanks, hospitals, and seaplane bases throughout the islands, and saw plenty of action. He earned 4 Bronze Battle Stars, along with many commendations. He received his Honorable Discharge in April 1946, as Boatswain Mate 2.

Pictures and Faces of the Bee's and their families.



We are still in chow lines 75 years later. Misty Brown & Bob Megatulski cut the cake being the youngest and oldest Seabee's present.



Cutting the Cake

While Celebrating 75 Seabee Years



(L-R) CMDMC (SWC) Neal Beard, USN Ret.; BU1 (SWC) Calvin Croxton, NMCB-14, USNR; EOCM John Hillyard, USNR Ret. and CE1 (SWC) Ed Crenshaw, USNR Ret. (CDR NSVA Island X-3 Blairsville, Georgia)

These four Seabees together with other Bees from Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Florida joined with their brother from Georgia in Blairsville, GA on March 4th for an evening of dining and dancing to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the US Navy Seabees.

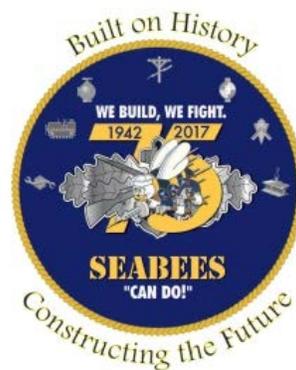
Entertainment was provided by “The Tunnel Rats”, a Blue Grass group, most of whom are Vietnam Veterans. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships made through shared memories and tales, true and tall.

Next year’s Ball will be held on March 3rd.

What does the City of Surprise Arizona have to do with Seabees?



City of Surprise, AZ invited us to display the Seabee Diamond Anniversary Collages at the Kansas City Royals/Texas Rangers Spring Opener. Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea and WW II Seabee Construction Projects Collages; "All present and accounted for...Sir"



Major League Baseball legends signing autographs;
L: 1985 World Series Champ and 2000 Hall of Famer, Willie Wilson. KC Royals.
R: 1965, 20 Game Winner and 2 time All Star, Jim (Mudcat) Grant, Twins.
M: Pitching/Rehab Coach, KC Royals, Carlos Reyes recalling past memories off the mound.

Submitted by John O'Brien, Seabee Island X-5 Arizona

Seabee Diamond Anniversary

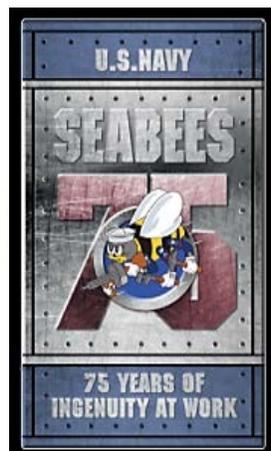
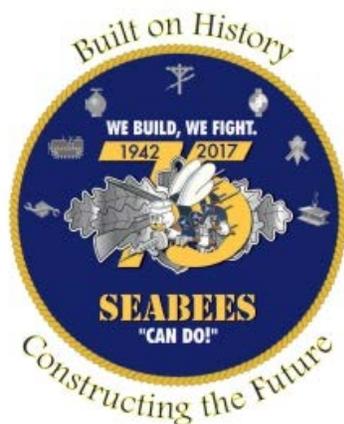


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Week of March 6th to the 10th 2017

Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea and WW II Seabees at war construction projects collages are on display.

Submitted by John O'Brien, Island X-5 Arizona

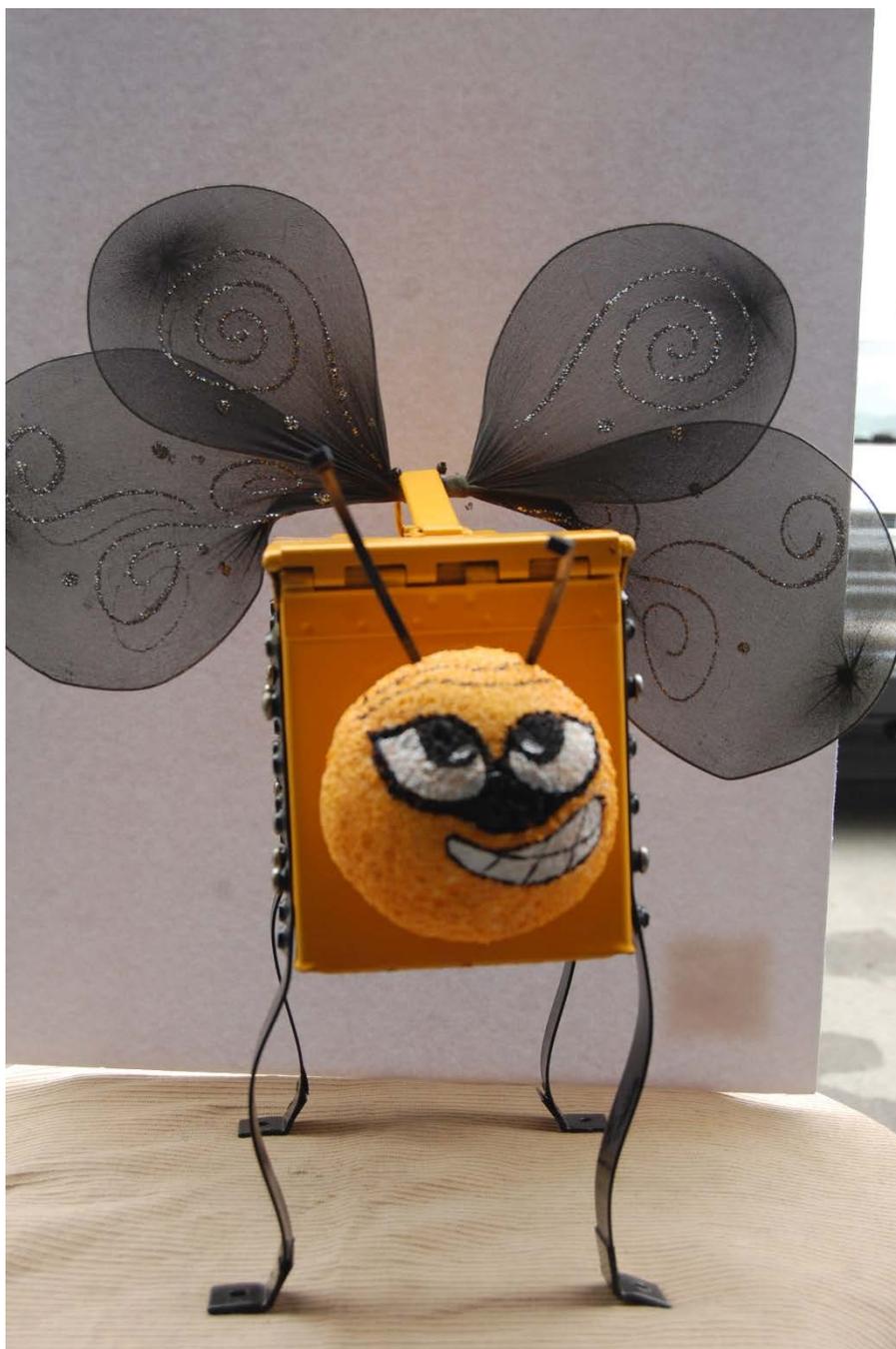


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Submitted by Commander Bill Tatlow

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Donation box created by my family to be use when we are collecting donations, made out a 50 CAL AMO BOX.

The can do spirit carries on.

AFDB – 7 Los Alamos HOLY LOCH, SCOTLAND

“IN THE BEGINNING....”

<https://theleansubmariner.com/2014/04/04/afdb-7-los-alamos-holy-loch-scotland-in-the-beginning/>

Mr. Mac posted a blog on August 1st, 2011 titled “Bagpipes and Boomers and Beer, oh my!”¹ The sub heading was, “Holy Loch, Scotland”and ***THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION***. In fact, that was how I stumbled across his blog back on August 3rd, 2013. You see, my 50th wedding anniversary was coming up on the 21st and I was still looking for something unusual for my wife and had been Goggling Scotland for quite some time looking for the perfect gift.

Why, you might ask? Because she is from Glasgow, Scotland and we were married there on August 21st, 1963. I met her on my first day ashore in Dunoon, Scotland, arriving on May 27, 1961 aboard the USS DE SOTO COUNTY. I was a Seabee in MCB-4 (Mobile Construction Battalion Four) and the main body was heading for Rota, Spain.

Fortunately for me, I had been assigned to **DETACHMENT KILO** and was disembarking with the main body of Kilo to spend my stay in Scotland, in the Holy Loch, on a floating barracks ship, APL-42, which we affectionately called, “The Apple”. The purpose of Detachment Kilo was to erect a floating dry dock capable of docking Polaris submarines.

The dock had been in storage in Green Cove Springs, Florida since WWII and Detachment Kilo was formed in the spring of 1960 to assist in the reactivation of AFDB-7. With the completion of reactivation on the dry dock sections, preparations were begun for the long tow across the Atlantic. This involved the inventory and stowage of all equipment and procuring provisions for the 30-day voyage. The tows left Green Cove Springs, Florida the end of April. Not only were the four sections of the dry dock separately towed but also the barracks ship (APL-42) and a floating warehouse (YFNB-32). Also towed behind the A and B sections of the dock were two barges. It was the largest tow since World War II.²



¹theleansubmariner.com

² This paragraph from MCB-4 Cruise Book of 1961

These pictures are from the MCB-4 Cruise Book of 1961.

Work commenced on the dry dock sections under the direction of LCDR W. E. Nims, officer-in-charge of Det. KILO, on June 2, 1961. By the 23rd the first wing walls had been raised and by August 10th dock sections A and B had been welded together. Difficulties plagued KILO's work, the largest being the inclement weather which resulted in faulty welds which had to be cut out and re-welded. Shelters were built around the crews to protect them and the welds where work continued night and day.....and so did the troublesome weather. The **core of KILO's work** on the floating dry dock **enveloped the steelworkers**. Intricate welds, hampering weather and long hours produced a strain evident in the steelworker crews by deployment's end. Forming the backbone of the steelworker crews were 11 men who had graduated in April 1961 from the **Davisville, (RI) (Home of the Seabees)**¹ Class "C" Welding and Certification School. All phases of horizontal, vertical, overhead and pipe welding were covered to give the men technical experience for the task they faced. Honor man of the class, J. M. Frizzel lauded the school for the interest shown each individual. Passing on the knowledge and interest acquired in school, the graduates helped promote more efficient steelworker crews in KILO. Addressing the graduating class, LCDR Nims stated that the steelworkers would have the most critical phase of the dry dock assembly.²



On top of Section A looking at B going up. I took this picture using a Polaroid camera in 1961. All my black & white pictures are from the same camera.

On August 15th sections A and B were ready for the first test dive. However, as the dock descended a fault was discovered in the levelometer system and the submergence test had to be postponed. To repair this deficiency it was necessary to call upon the **ONLY LIVING EXPERT ON THIS SYSTEM**, age 72, Mr. "T", as he was known. By September 16th A and B sections were prepared for another try at submergence and were successful.

The next task was to transfer a gantry crane from the back of one of the remaining C and D sections **TO THE TOP OF THE WALL on A and B** (the only sections that the walls were erected and had been welded together.)³ This was accomplished on September 18th.⁴

How... you ask?

By sinking sections A and B, building bridge rails across to the back of the section holding the crane then pulling it across with block and tackle.

Normally, this would mean the completion of the hardest task of erection and the beginning of a downhill jog. But events became more hectic for KILO. The weather worsened. The Ingersoll Rand main generator engine broke down and it became obvious that a longer working week was necessary to meet the operational date of November 1st, 1961. The work schedule was pushed to six days a week, 12 hours a day. By October 4th section C was joined to A and B sections and on October 22nd the last section, D, was incorporated. The work schedule was increased to seven days a week, 12 or more hours a day.⁵ (Funny, I don't remember getting OT).

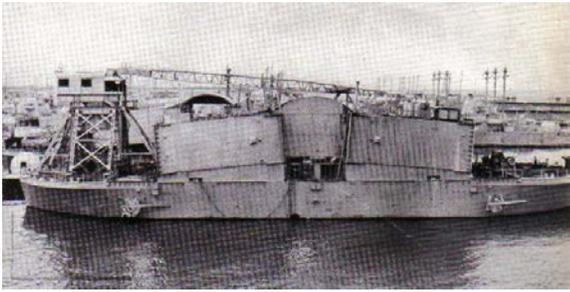
¹ Davisville Naval Base no longer exists.

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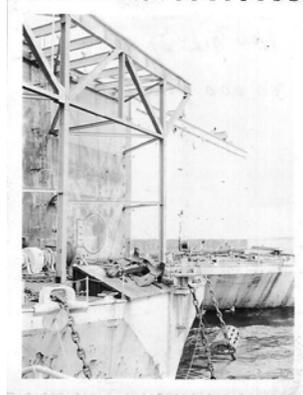


Note the crane on the back left of a section and the wing walls are lying down and on hinges with the tops facing each other. The crane(s) had to go from this position to the top of erected wing walls. The left picture was taken in Green Cove Springs, FL before the tow. I took the picture on the right from the top of section A showing a crane on the back of C section, the wing walls still down, which could not be raised because of the position of the crane. The crane's cable drum is almost as large as a pick-up truck. A Mike boat is approaching on the unusually calm waters of Holy Loch.

Below gantry structures are going up for the outer rail for the cranes to run on. The other rail was atop the outer edge of the wing walls.



In the second picture below you can see one of the 30,000 pound anchors used to hold the dock in place. Twenty-four were used with 3 inch chain links which weighed 86 lbs. each. We had 3 miles of chain and **dropped 24 anchors in 90 feet of water, having only to re-drop one.**



⁶ This photo is from MCB-4 Cruise Book of 1961

⁷ These two pictures were taken with my Bell & Howell 8 MM movie camera and film converted to a DVD



These color pictures were taken with my Bell & Howell 8 MM movie camera as a crane was being transferred to the top of wing walls A and B. Note the gantry structure at water level in the picture on the right and the crane at the back of section C. I had the 2 & 3/4 inch reels of film converted to a DVD & received several of the pictures as still images like these. All my color pictures are from the 8 MM film.

Cranes were pulled across with ropes.



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I took these pictures from the upper deck of the APL-42 showing section C wing walls going up after the crane had been placed on top of sections A and B. Note the workers on the jacks in the picture on the right, changing the pin position. The left picture below shows a close up of the jacks with the holes for a large pin to be inserted as each side is raised about a foot. The pin holds up one side while the jack on the other side of the same wall is lowered, a pin removed, and then jacked up two notches, and re-inserted. The process is then repeated for the opposite wall. It took almost 16 hours to raise the walls for each of the four sections. Naturally the ballast must be controlled for the shifting weight.



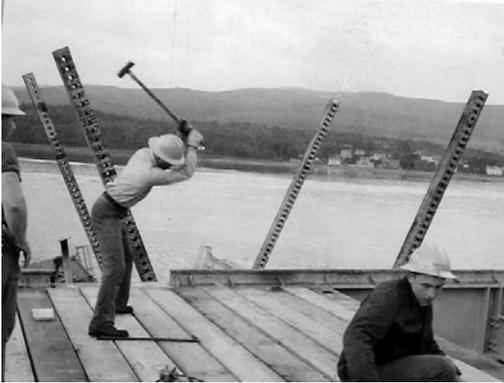
⁸ Picture on left was taken with Bell & Howell 8 mm camera, picture on right with Polaroid Land Camera.

The above picture on the right is from the top of section C looking at our “home away from home”, the APL-42, or as we called it, “the Apple” (a floating barracks ship).



This is a different view of the Apple showing it had been moved to a different position in relation to the dock, and also one of the outer crane rails on the gantry structure is visible on the right.

I took these pictures with my Polaroid Land camera from the top of section A showing Seabees installing the deck between the rails of the cranes.





This is what Seabees in the West Valley, Arizona look like today March 25, 2017.

**One is a WW II, Iwo Jima runway welder who is 94 years' old
and serving in the Pacific at age 19.**

Four are Korea area Bees

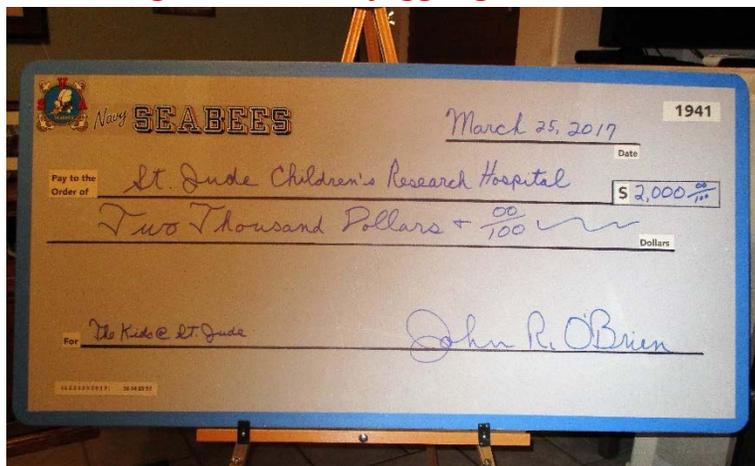
Three are Cold War area Bees

Thirteen served in Vietnam

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**If you take the time to listen they all have some
truly, true grit amazing stories to tell.**

**The other 23 members that could not show up were busy
chewing on nails and juggling anvils at home.**



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Submitted by John O'Brien

**Vietnam Veterans Commemorate the 23rd Annual
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Statue surrounded by Wreaths



A massing of colors



Vietnamese's Naval Officers

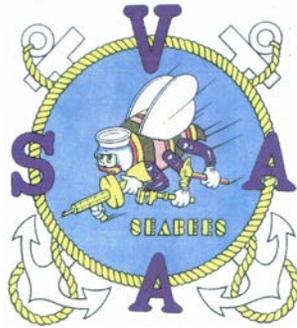


The Island x-5 Vietnam Collection



Honoring Marvin Shields

Submitted by John O'Brien Island X-5 West Valley Arizona



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By Nancy Staples

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Hello all. I hope you are planning to attend the National Convention in Tampa the 28-30 September 2017. This is the year for election of officers. After the convention, my term will be over...it has been very rewarding. As President, I have been able to sign charters for 5 Island Auxiliaries. I would love to sign a couple more before my term is up. Think about it please. It only takes 3 members to start an auxiliary. I have also had the privilege of presenting membership pins at last year's convention and at this year's mid-year meeting to ladies who joined the auxiliary at those events.

The midyear meeting in Chicago went very well. We were in the meeting for almost three hours and accomplished many things. There are two resolutions we recommended and will be up for the membership vote in September. The National Convention was discussed with Linda Hillyer, the National Chaplain/Historian and President of her own Island X-11 Tampa, FL, and Betty Nelson, National Vice President. Linda showed us shirts that have been designed specifically for the 75th birthday of the Navy Seabees. If you want one, it MUST be ordered now as there will be none available at the convention. If you have not seen the shirts, please email Linda or Betty (email addresses below).

History (I think) has been made this year. There is now an Island male president. Frank Stulic III has taken command of the Island X-16 Sun City Center, FL Auxiliary. He is the son of Frank Stulic Jr. Frank III's mother, Susan, is also involved with the Auxiliary. Congratulations Island X-16 Auxiliary for this ground breaking action. I attended the All-Seabee Reunion in Gulfport, MS in April. The attendance was terrific. I did a couple of excursions; one to the World War II Museum in New Orleans. If you have never been there, you should go and see what the Greatest Generation of Military did for our freedoms. I also toured the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Biloxi; another amazing tour. I was so impressed with what the veterans have available to them at the Home. Bowling, a weight lifting room, a doctor, a dentist, a wood hobby shop, an arts and crafts area, a post office; all state of the art equipment for their use just to name a few of the areas.

The Meet and Greet, Luau, Banquet, and Departing Picnic for the reunion had door prizes and raffles at each event. I have to say that Island X-1 Gulfport, MS knows how to put on a great event. KUDU's to Island X-1 members and Auxiliary Gulfport, MS. I hope to meet many more Auxiliary members at the National Convention in September. Remember to check that you are an auxiliary member on your registration form. **If you need information on how to form an Auxiliary or become a Member at Large, please let one of the officers know. Application for membership is on the NSVA.ORG website.**

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Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
By Joe Scott, Life Membership Chairman, Navy Seabee
Veterans of America
It is with pleasure that we welcome the following
Seabees as Life Members of our Organization:

Robert W. Reeter X-1 Gulfport, Ms # 6587

Patrick W. Tribbey X-2 Columbia, SC # 6592

James Franks X-24 Batt-at-Large #6593

Cecil L. Ownby X-24 Batt-at-Large # 6594

James R. McLellan X-5 Buffalo NY #6595

Gregory E. Klatt X-7 Tucson AZ #6596

Rockney E. Stoddard X-7 Mid-Columbia AZ #6597

Robert Babson X-1 Greenville, TN #6598

Charles K. Heatherly X-1 Gulfport MS #6599

Daniel Neukam X-1 Evansville IN #1272 (Replacement)

Allen McSweeney X-6 Spokane WA #3729 (Replacement)

Donald J. Galster X-1 Gulfport MS #5852 (Replacement)

Norman L. Rachels X-5 West Valley AZ #6600

Warren M. Garbe NC #6601

Robert L. McCarley X-7 Mid-Columbia WA #6602

Lanny L. Davis X-2 Macon GA #6603

Melvin E. Jacobs X-5 Lancaster PA #6604

Robert D. Bingham X-6 Fayetteville NC #6605

Keith H. Hieser X-1 Gulfport MS #6606

Alfred B. Hoibraten X-3 Blairsville GA #6607

Charles Obert III X-2 Omaha NE #6608

“WE BUILD WE FIGHT”



Above is an example of the Giclée print in a walnut with gold lip frame.

“WE BUILD, WE FIGHT” was created in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy Seabees occurring 5 March, 2017.

Seabees – their simple motto tells their story: “We build, We fight.” For 75 years the Seabees have demonstrated their skills as builders and fighters. From the islands of the Pacific, to the jungles of Vietnam, to the mountains of Bosnia, and to the sands of the Mideast; they have built and fought around the globe for freedom through the years to preserve our liberties abroad and at home. In peacetime, they have been goodwill ambassadors, sharing American values across the world. In peace and in war, they have lived their slogan: “Can Do!”

This limited edition print is a montage of the Seabee experience over the past 75 years. The intent of the painting is to show how the mission of the Seabees remained steadfast throughout their history despite changes in where they work, the tools of their trade, and the ever-changing world. Using photographs housed at the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme, California, the artist has created a background that spans the history of the Seabees, morphing from a scene of airfield construction on one of the Pacific islands during World War II on the left to one of airfield construction in current day combat operations on the right.

The figures featured in the center of the portrait depict how the Seabees themselves have changed over the years both with respect to diversity and the uniform they wore. On the far left is a Civil Engineer Corps officer in khaki’s reviewing a set of construction drawings standing next to a bare-chested enlisted Seabee in dungarees from World War

II. In the center stands a Vietnam-era Seabee wearing the classic green utilities, a soft cover, and a flak jacket. Crouched in front are a Cold War-era Seabee Chief Petty Officer in woodland camouflage uniform and a Seabee diver wearing the green digital camouflage uniform, as well as a current Seabee in digital camouflage standing behind him wearing a hard hat. On the far right a female Seabee wears the original three color desert uniform. All are focused and ready to accomplish their mission. Seabees Can Do.

The original oil painting by James Dietz will be dedicated to all Seabees past, present, and future during the 75th Anniversary celebrations and will be permanently on display at the Seabee Museum in Pt. Hueneme, California.

Dear Seabees,

You may have seen the promo we did in our last Seabee Quarterly about the availability of the prints of the painting that we commissioned to help recognize the upcoming 75th anniversary of the creation of the Seabees. In case you missed it, I have attached the copy for the two pages.

We are working to spread the word about the painting and the availability of copies of prints of the painting, as far and wide as possible. Would you check to see if the NSVA will agree to put the information in their next issue of the "Can Do"? If so, they should be able to use the attached, as it is hi-res, but if they have a problem, have them get back to me.

The response to the painting has been nothing but positive and I hope that you have had a chance to take a good look at it. We donated a framed 25" x 50" Giclee framed print to the Chief's office and were up there at the end of July to see it hung in the front office. The Chief liked it so much that he bought the same sized print for himself.

Thanks.

Bill

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Print Ordering Options

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Please check the appropriate box(es) and/or fill in the desired quantity. Each limited edition print is individually numbered and signed by the artist.

Package One

A signed, numbered print. Image size 25" x 14.5", print size 31" x 19".

Cost Each Qty Subtotal

Tube packed with a Certificate of Authenticity.

\$95 x _____

Includes \$20 shipping, handling and insurance.

Package Two

A signed and numbered print, with your choice of mat

\$450 x _____

and frame, and a Certificate of Authenticity.

Frame _____

Includes \$30 shipping, handling, and insurance. Please select the following options:

Frame Options

CHAMPION VEHICLE OR WAGON WITH GUN LEO

Matting

Matting Options

Beige and Dark Olive -OR- Beige and Navy Blue

Package Two Add-On:

Two (2) Special Edition Seabee 75th Anniversary Coins embedded into the matting.

Add-On: \$50 x _____

Package Three

Custom Giclée of the Original Painting. Limited run of 75 signed and numbered Giclée prints, framed in the same style as the original painting.

Size Options

20" x 40" Framed Giclée

\$700 x _____

Includes \$100 shipping, handling and insurance.

25" x 50" Framed Giclée

\$975 x _____

Includes \$125 shipping, handling and insurance.

30" x 60" Framed Giclée

\$1,345 x _____

Includes \$145 shipping, handling and insurance.

Total:

Ordering Information

Please fill in the following information.

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P.O. Box 657
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	REGISTRATION DEADLINE <u>AUGUST 1</u> . Mail check to: EQCM(SCW) NELSON 5142 ENDEAVOUR AVE. DOVER FL. 33527-5881			
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29 Sept.	Bus transportation : To Ybor City. Returns after dinner at the Columbia Restaurant / Reservations 17:30 to 19:00 Self-pay	\$15.00		
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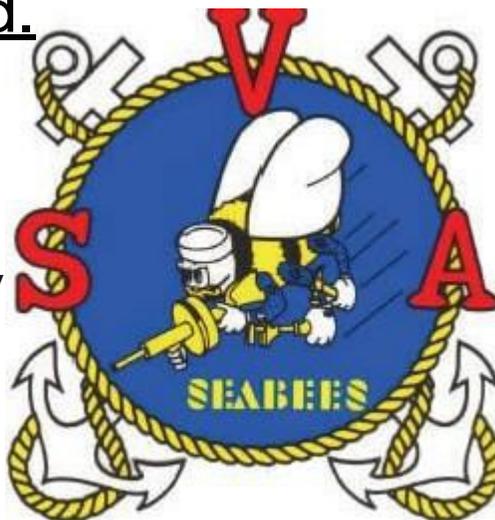
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