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CHAPLAINS CORNER

"Say a Prayer for me" How often has anyone said that to you and how did it make you feel. Over the course of many years I have been asked to say a prayer for all sorts of reasons by family & friends. Most of the time it was for health, undergoing a surgical procedure or for healing after an accident. Sometimes it was for help in finding employment or getting a promotion. No matter what the reason I never felt as though I was being asked for something unreasonable or having an unwanted burden placed upon me.

I have always felt honored that someone would think that I would or could be instrumental in appealing to a Higher Power on their behalf. I have never refused or judged anyone who thought that my prayers would be helpful.

Now I ask all of you to say a Prayer, not for me but for all those who wear the uniforms of all the armed services ,all our front line workers including our Police, Firemen & EMT's, and all those working in our overburdened health services. Pray for their health & safety, for their families, and for the leaders of Nations that they may work to bring peace among all mankind and that together we may all face a brighter future for ourselves & our loved ones.

Let us also say a prayer for the end of this Pandemic & for all those who have contracted it and those who lost loved ones to it.

In closing I want to thank all of you for this opportunity to share my thoughts with you

Michael Boncheck, National Chaplain
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

Commander's Corner

To My fellow Brother and Sister Seabees

It is evident that the greatest challenge facing the Navy Seabee Veterans of America is our dwindling membership. The creation of the NSVA 75+ years ago culminated in a veteran's fraternal organization that was composed of and designed around WWII Seabee Veterans, as are many of the present day Veterans organizations. In past decades, our membership flourished with Seabee Veterans from career Navy, career Reserve and combinations of both. From shooting conflicts and wars, thru cold war times and in National crisis' events, the Seabees have served our country with undying dedication. The Seabee Monument in Arlington Cemetery is inscribed, "With compassion for others, We build, We fight for peace with freedom". Just as the excerpt from the NSVA constitution reads; "We further pledge our lives and action to preserve the fundamental ideals of American government, which we believe are Justice, Freedom and Equality for All".

Membership in our Seabee Brotherhood is earned, "Once a Seabee, Always a Seabee". Seabees are an elite group, as we well know. Many are quiet and unassuming, going about their business in the same manner. There are Seabees veterans out there who need to be ferreted out in order to be informed regarding the NSVA. I was recently informed at a local Island meeting that many veterans don't/didn't know we existed. That comment wasn't earth shattering. After all, nobody is out there expounding the pride, benefits and comradery associated with belonging to the NSVA.

If we are going to grow our membership and keep the NSVA a viable entity, it's up to us. We must promote ourselves; we must take pride in our organization by wearing Seabee paraphernalia and apparel. We must "press the flesh". If you see a veteran from another branch of the service, acknowledge them and ask if they know any Seabees. Get up close and personal. We have to be our own salesmen and women by carrying the trifold membership application with us and handing them out willingly and often.

At the National level, we are embarking on an informational campaign using the NSVA website, CAN DO Magazine, and social media by targeting membership benefits of belonging to the NSVA. The District Commanders will assist and work with Departments and Islands to gather the information and results of what works and what doesn't. At the Island level, members need to sell, promote, advertise and demonstrate the CAN DO Spirit in canvassing all their local veteran's organizations searching out Seabees. They should put up posters advertising the Island's meeting location, date and time, and providing telephone numbers and email addresses for further information. The SVA Auxiliary will also be involved in supporting any activities and initiatives where they can assist.

Lastly, a Department, Island or Island at Large should not rest on their laurels. IF they choose to, they will be lost in the past. We must strive to move forward and replenish our ranks with both experienced and younger energetic members.

Please take the time to fill out the survey on pg.4, mail it in or screen shot **no later than May 15th** and send to nsvavicecmdr@gmail.com electronic survey link <https://forms.gle/ygkzMMTNrDGEBpu78>

Yours in the Can Do Spirit



National Commander, Navy Seabee Veterans of America

NSVA Membership Survey and Questionnaire

In the September, December and along with this edition of the CAN DO Magazine; I have outlined a membership initiative designed to get the word out about the Seabee Veterans of America. I have not done this work alone; it has been a collaborative effort with support and input from most levels of the NSVA. At this point, we are down to the “brass tacks” or “where the rubber meets the road”. This is at the largest group of NSVA membership, the Annual and Life members at the Island, Battalion and Department levels. **YOU** are the life blood and backbone of the NSVA.

There is no question in my mind, the NSVA needs your support and input if we are to grow our numbers, bringing in both seasoned veterans along with younger members. Your answers and suggestions on the following survey and questionnaire will help to further design and develop the plans and initiatives to help recruit new members.

1. Are you an annual or a life NSVA member? Annual _____ Life _____
2. How do you display your Seabee Pride?

3. Check all that apply. Are you active in your NSVA?
Island _____, Battalion at Large _____, State Department _____ or National _____?
4. How often do you meet with your NSVA Unit?
Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Seasonally _____ Yearly _____ Never _____
5. Do your island / battalion hold activities to engage prospective members? _____ Yes _____ No
6. If your island / battalion has found successful recruiting techniques? Please describe

7. If National could provide you with a list of prospective members to follow up with, provide your name, e-mail and address so we can follow up with you.

8. If National can provide you with any other assistance or information, please provide your name, e-mail and or phone number.

Please return this survey **no later than May 15th** to:
Anthony Amesquita Jr. 21965 Trumbo Rd. San Antonio, TX 78264
Electronic survey link <https://forms.gle/ygkzMMTNrDGEBpu78>

Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary

A quote from Henry Ford.....

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got".

If you read the article by the NSVA Commander, you will see that we all have the same challenges. It is evident that what we all have been doing, or not doing, is not reaching out to all the Seabees or their families to join our organization. We should be promoting our accomplishments and our mission. I know these last two years have been a challenge, and this year does not seem to be more promising. But, with social media and/or e-mail, we may be able to reach more prospective members.

My suggestion is that we post on our personal Facebook page the time and date of meetings and events. Send this information to everyone and include those members of our Auxiliary. We may not live in your area, but may know someone who does. This is the least expensive way to advertise there. It is free, only takes a few minutes. Send out the membership application on our personal Facebook page; along with our Facebook info and website address. There may be a widow or a Seabee family member who may be interested.

The men are doing a membership survey and we may piggy back with them in the next Can-Do. More information to follow via e-mail. Next week we will be holding our Mid-Year meeting in Gulfport. If you are going to attend, bring suggestions. If not, send suggestions to me at lorrainesanto43@gmail.com. We can discuss these at the meeting. Publicize information thru our personal social media that the annual Convention and meetings will be held in August in Colorado Springs. We will also be discussing on what projects we will support with our fund raising efforts. All suggestions are welcome. Further information will follow.

There are so many ways we can grow our membership. We just have to pick out our strategy and implement it.

Please send me an e-mail with just a short HI, so I can add you to my e-mail list. Please reach out to our Chaplain, Carol Parker, fparker25@cox.net, if any condolences or get well cards need to be sent out.

By the time you receive this, our Mardi Gras season will be over and we will be preparing for Easter. Maybe we will be lucky and have a long spring.

Stay safe and wear a mask in public. Better to be safe than sorry.

Lorraine Santo
National President

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

March 2022

It is not too late to become a Member at Large if you do not have an auxiliary in your Island. Let YOUR voice be heard, become a member today. My contact information is listed below. I will guide you through the application process, or if there is an interest in creating an island auxiliary, I can help with that also.

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A Day in the Life of a Seabee

Navy Wife: “Hi Honey, I thought you said you were going to be home early today?”

Fighting Seabee: “Wow, you wouldn’t believe it. I was going to muster and make it right after PFT, but the TPO grabbed me and told me to report ASAP to the RTC in S-2. It seemed that the people in R-20 had changed the schedule for a CCCT class over at ABFC and I had to replace a guy because he was going TAD to an FSB billet at R-50. Man, I couldn’t believe it. I told them that I couldn’t do it because I was P&E Ing a homeport project and there wasn’t anyone else with my NEC available. They just said that it was more important that I get the PRCP skill from the ABFC assembly. I said “OK, but S-3 will be upset when we’re not ready for the DMI with R-30.” They said that they knew that, but since R-20 and R-30 were both part of the 31st, after all, is our ISIC, they could just have to understand.”

Navy Wife: “Huh?”

Fighting Seabee: To make matters worse, the Air Det grabbed me and told me I would have to qualify on the M203 at the FEX. I said, “You got to be kidding me, sir – I’m already qualified on the M-60 and the M-16, not to mention the M1911A. I don’t know if I can handle another one.”

Navy Wife: “Does this mean you won’t be coming home early anymore?”

Fighting Seabee: “Doesn’t look like it. They keep loading me up with all those things on top of everything else I’m supposed to be doing. The RTC had me scheduled for a SCBT at NCTC two weeks from now. The same time my TPO “volunteered” me for CBR training out at DRT. Next time you know I’ll be on the RRR crew too?”

Navy Wife: “Just answer the question. Will your children ever see you again?”

Fighting Seabee: “Next Thursday looks pretty good. I’ve got the duty and I’m going to talk to the CMAA to see if the JO, who has OOD, can keep me out of the POOW watch. Hopefully, they can make me a supernumerary.”

Obviously, this conversation is stretching things a little, but if it didn’t make sense to you, perhaps the following might help you understand the language of a Seabee.

ABFC- Advanced Base Facility Construction. The type of construction Seabees will be doing in time of war. Everything from tent camps to hospitals to airfields.

AIR Det- Air Detachment. Eighty-Nine Seabees who found a bad way to avoid FEX.

CAT- Civic Action Team. Thirteen Seabees who found a good way to avoid the FEX.

CBR- Chemical, Biological, Radiological warfare. Nuclear weapons, poisonous gases, etc.

CCCT- Contingency Construction Crew Training. Taught by the 31st NCR (Naval Construction Regiment) to teach crews how to construct ABFC components.

CMAA- Chief Master at Arms. The chief of police in the battalion.

Det- Detail. A group of Seabees who spend months at a tropical paradise different from the one where the main body is located.

DMI- Departmental Management Inspections. Offered periodically by the regiment to help us. Really their way of snooping around.

DRT- Disaster Recovery Training. Taught by NCTC (Naval Construction Training Center) to prepare Seabees for rescue operations in a CBR environment.

FEX- Field Exercise. Two weeks of fun in the sun. Guaranteed to make Seabees want to deploy more than any other form of persuasion available.

FSB- Fleet Support Billet. A few lucky people get to stay home when the rest of us deploy.

I Div.- Indoctrination Division. Where you go your first couple of weeks in the battalion to learn this language.

ISID- Immediate Superior in Command. Everybody has one. The battalion’s is the regiment. (see NCR)

JO- Junior Officer. All officers from ensign to lieutenant commander in the Navy. A few officers from ensign to lieutenant in the Seabees.

JOOD- Junior Officer of the Day. The Seabee on duty who is senior to the POOD.

NEC- Navy Enlisted Classification. Similar to PRCP, only you go to a longer school to get it.

NCR- Naval Construction Regiment.

NCTC- Naval Construction Training Center

OOD- Officer of the Day. The officer or CPO (Chief Petty Officer) on duty who is senior to the JOOD.

P&E- Planning and Estimating. What we tell our Seabees to say they’ve been doing when the inspecting officer from the regiment asks them.

PFT- Physical Fitness Training. The reason gunny is always unhappy.

POOW-Petty Officer of the Watch

PRCP-Personnel Readiness Capacity Program. A collection of individual skills every battalion is supposed to have.

RDI-Readiness to Deploy Inspection. What the regiment found out by snooping around in the DMIs.

RRR-Rapid Runway Repair. Fixing holes in runways caused by bombs or other battalions' faulty construction. Usually done while airplanes are still taking off and landing. Slightly hazardous and very exciting.

RTC-Rate Training Coordinator. Works for the S-2 (Training Officer). His job is to make sure enough people go to school so that we pass the training DMI.

R20. R30. R50, R60. Etc.-Departments at the regiment whose function is to make us ready and eager to deploy.

SCBT-Special Construction Battalion Training. Taught at NCTC as a refresher of skills learned at "A" school.

S2, S3, etc.-Departments within the battalion whose main job it is to interpret the language spoken by R20, R30 etc.

TAD-Temporary Additional Duty.

TPO-Training Petty Officer. Similar to the RTC, only he works for the company commander.

THEY-The person or persons who is/are responsible for more people being in trouble than anyone else.

"They" told me to do it, "They" told me not to do it," etc.

Submitted: N. Staples, SVAA V.P.

SEABEE STAMP INITIATIVE UPDATE

As you have read in the December edition of the CAN DO Magazine, I have been very busy promoting the NSVA's Seabee Stamp Initiative with members of Congress and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Board. I have been in contact with many individuals promoting and lobbying for approval of the stamp. Our 80th Anniversary is upon us and it would be momentous if they would approve this initiative. I will update you as the request moves through the "system".

In the Can Do Spirit

Doug Bower, Past Natl. V. Cmdr.





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Gifts for the Veterans home. A truck load of Christmas Joy

Island X-11 restarted over 8 years ago. Since then, we have regained the Seabee enthusiasm and willingness to serve and help others. **We don't just meet and eat.** We have a very strong auxiliary. Our dedicated members support the Jenkins Veterans Home in Lake City where we impact the 150 resident veterans. We have donated to and participated in the Warrior Walk Lakeland. We have installed three Seabee Monuments; two in National Cemeteries and one in Veterans Memorial Park. After building the Purple Heart Monument at the NOSC in Tampa we have partnered with the TBCPOA providing all the maintenance. Wreaths Across America - Metropolitan Ministries



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



Courtesy of Peter Baker

ISLAND HOPPING

Pictured below are members of NSVA Island X-6, Johnstown PA and their Honey Bees at their Post-Christmas Dinner gathering January 16th, 2022. From the looks of everyone's smiles they had a very good time. Pictures and narrative provided by X-6 member Gerald Montecupo.



More X-6 Johnstown activity, Family Picnic and Veterans Day Parade participation



Our Pictures from Veterans Day parade and our summer Family Day picnic with Honey Bees and Awards Day. The awards day picture is of Marty Brezovic, CDR. of Island X-6, Ron Stockley and Dan Till. Pictures and narrative submitted by Martin G Brezovic, CDR, Island X-6, Johnstown Pa.

This is a casual gathering of NSVA Seabees, non NSVA members and their Honey Bees in Sayre, PA on January 8th, 2022. This group meets every other month at Beeman's (little play on words there with the underline) Family Restaurant in Sayre, PA for good food and to catchup on the local news and a "few" sea stories. If you are ever in the area and have the opportunity to stop by and meet this group, you'll never regret it.



Around the table L-R, R. Scrivener, B. Wolcott & Honey Bee Wolcott, J. Tangen, R. Lebo Honey Bee & R. Lebo, A. Warner Honey Bee & A. Warner, R. Wilkins, Honey Bee K. Wilkins, J. Spaulding, L. Green, G. Rose, L. Sherman, F. Williamee and W. Wilkins. Picture and names provided by Larry Green, member Island X-12 Rochester, NY. On a side note Larry informs me that there is a NW Tri-State Seabee Swarm, that meets in Cory PA.

Sea-Tiger, August 1969.

Seabees Join Marines at Elliot To Aid in Road Sweeping Operations August 1969. Vietnam.

A four mile hike before breakfast is said to be very healthful. However, the Marines and Seabees at Elliot Combat Base don't necessarily agree. It is their job to sweep almost four miles of Route #9 between Elliot and Bridge 912 for mines, booby traps and ambushes each morning.

The Marines are members of "A" Company of the 11th Marine Engineers. The Seabees are MCB 62 men who walk the road with the Marines to point out places where Battalion men will be working and in progress construction which may be booby trapped. From 20 to 30 Marines make up the major part of the sweep team. Of these, about 18 provide point (forward), flank (side) and rear security.

Three two-man teams perform the actual sweep. One man on each team operates the detection gear as his partner probes for hidden demolition. A Sergeant in charge, a Hospital Corpsman, a radioman and, often, a Marine sentry dog and his handler comprise the rest of the team. A five-ton truck follows behind to carry the men to the starting point after the sweep. Many times tanks and other heavy armored vehicles come along to provide greater fire support. Engineering Aide Construction man Danny Hawes is one of the Seabees who walks the route with the Marine group each morning. It is his job to point out new working areas which must be swept. Certain places off the road such as those where equipment operators pick up fill dirt with their scrapers are also checked.

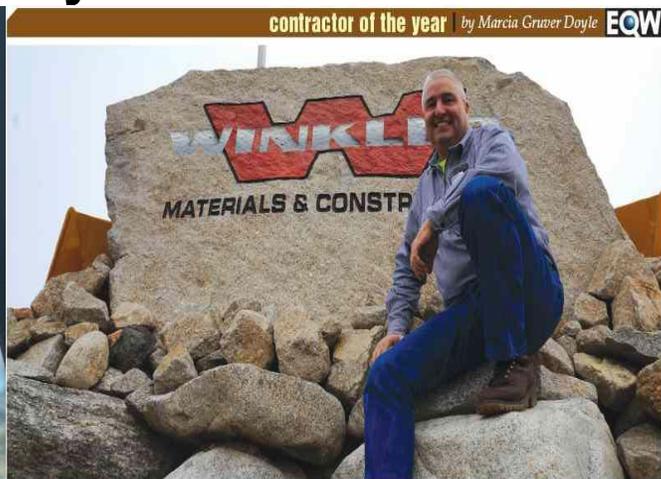
At the end of each hike Hawes reports to the operations officer on all mines and traps found. Presently, two men from the First Platoon of 62's Charlie Company also travel with the team. The men, who are assigned the mission on a rotation basis, are taking the place Builder Third Class Frank Ryncarz who previously worked with the sweepers. The Charlie Company men are responsible for making sure that the sites where the company is building culverts are swept. Each morning the sweep team and the Seabees clamber aboard a truck which takes them to the main gate of Elliot Combat Base. There the Marines don the headsets of their detection devices. They assemble the main component of their detectors, a long collapsible pole with a flat metal plate attached. As the gate guards remove the road barriers, the team forms into three columns, one in the middle of the road and one on each road shoulder. At a signal from the Sergeant the columns move out, each man keeping well away from the men around him. Moving slowly as they sweep the detectors back and forth before them, the Marines try to cover every inch of roadway and shoulder. If they detect something the spot is marked. The next man in line then probes the ground with a bayonet to discover what caused the reading on the detector.

The team has discovered relatively little enemy activity along the route lately. Since mid-July, however, the sweep teams have discovered two Claymore anti-personnel mines, two 60-pound anti-tank mines and several grenades, dud mortars and artillery rounds. Any demolition found is destroyed by the Marines with c-4 plastic explosive. Although the four mile walk each morning is more than a mere constitutional for the three Seabees, it means a much more healthful place to work for 62's other Bees on Route #9.

Submitted by John Ratomski

Once a SEABEE, Always a SEABEE

contractor of the year by Marcia Craver Doyle EQW



While concrete may be this company's sweet spot, that hasn't kept it from diversifying into a variety of markets.

This article started with the picture taken by Valarie Caulfield, member of Island X-23 Crystal River, FL, but lives in Spokane Valley, WA, saw this truck on the road in Spokane. Her Dad was EQCM George Staples, Jr. That's the way to get to the word out about NSVA and show your Seabee spirit. Investigation led us to this X-6 Spokane WA member Seabee Brian Winkler and this statement of Pride and Patriotism for the Seabees.

"We love to do anything that involves concrete," says Brian Winkler, 47, president of Wm. Winkler Company. In fact, concrete has been Wm. Winkler Company's material of choice since Brian's grandfather started the firm in Spokane, Washington, in 1919. His grandfather did curb and gutter work, and Brian's father, the oldest of 11 children, joined two brothers in continuing and expanding the firm. After working several years for another contractor, Brian bought the family company from his uncle in 1999. Brian had a clear career path when he graduated from high school: he would enlist in the **U.S. Navy Seabees**, and then take that experience, plus all the summers he had worked for the family construction business and go into construction. In the Seabees, he gained the rank of chief petty officer. "The order and discipline I learned there has really helped in business," he says. Another plus: working in the Spokane area. "This area didn't get the high peaks and valleys of other places, which has really helped," Brian says. About three years ago, the company moved from downtown Spokane to its present location in nearby Newman Lake, taking over a retiring contractor's facility and allowing them to spread out. In 2011, Wm. Winkler merged with Reed Concrete, which gave the company the ability to offer a complete Division 3 package – structural and flatwork concrete.

Although concrete work—including airports, roads, commercial and industrial development—is what Brian calls the company's "sweet spot," the firm has added several capabilities in the past decade, including grading, excavation, demolition and a recycling operation in Spokane. During the recession, Wm. Winkler's union crews took on several out of town projects, and continue to work in several states in the Northwest. (This year it ventured into a new state for the company, and is doing place and finish work at the new Statewide Library Archives Museum in Juno, Alaska.) "We had enough going on in different geographical areas, we did not have to lay off any key people," Brian says. "We have very loyal people and they were willing to pick up and travel. They are critical in helping us be competitive." The \$14 to \$15 million company employs 150 people during peak summer work. "Brian has the most loyal guys," says Arron Allison with Macon Supply. "All of his top guys are American Concrete Institute certified; he pushes everyone to go the extra step. He would rather lose a job than not do the right thing." For several years, Brian has participated in an American Society of Concrete Contractor's Mix Group, a peer group of around six non-competitive contractors who share best practices, visiting each other's operations to help come up with solutions for mutual problems. The company has an active Facebook page, posting pictures of recent projects, including pouring the foundation for the world's largest wooden roller coaster at Six Flags Great America in Chicago.

Take care of your fleet Wm. Winkler runs two shop shifts, operating from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The large, well-organized shop underlines Brian's equipment philosophy: control your productivity and costs by taking care of your fleet. The company employs an equipment manager and several mechanics and runs two shop shifts that operate from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. "I like everything to be clean, organized and ready to go," Brian says. Heavy trucks, pickup trucks and loaders are typically bought new. "Loaders today are so much more agile, fuel efficient and offer greater operator comfort," Brian says. "Making our operators comfortable contributes to morale, and gives us a huge return." The company uses rental equipment to get the right mix on far-flung jobs. "We might own four telehandlers, but need seven," Brian says. "We'll rent the rest." The company's over-the-road truck fleet keeps its equipment moving between jobs.

Brian also stresses communication: every week his key shop, field and office personnel meet. "That way, for example, the shop knows if a machine is critical to a job. And everyone understands why we track fuel burn per hour per unit," Brian says. "His equipment is top drawer, it really stands out," says Leroy Zimmerman with Spokane Rock Products. "When it comes to concrete, Brian is about getting it done." After attending this year's ConExpo and hearing the roundtable conversation during the Contractor of the Year event in Las Vegas, Brian came away with a new mission: installing GPS/machine control on one grader. "We're see it paying off already in terms of efficiency, and achieving accuracies much more quickly – especially the tight tolerances the Federal Aviation Administration requires," Brian says. "We looked at the rate of return and what we could do if we had the technology and made the plunge. It really was no different than our usual equipment acquisition strategy."

Flip phones and iPads Although he laughs at his continued reliance on a flip phone, Brian equips his company leadership with iPads. "They are an efficient way to complete daily job reports, including job photos," he says. "All of our safety topics are on our iPads."

The company's .7450 experience mod rate has won them numerous safety awards, the most recent from the Inland Northwest Associated General Contractors. "I've seen contractors where nothing worked including their backup alarms," relates Matt Breen, construction manager at the Spokane International Airport. "But Brian brings a military precision to the construction site. At the end of the day, everything is lined up in a row, and they have that same discipline and rigor regarding safety. I've had a quarter century of managing contractors, and when these guys get the job, I just heave a sigh of relief."

Breen says he calls Brian "Dr. Construction." "He's very focused," Breen elaborates. "He just bleeds diesel. If I have questions about concrete or heavy civil work, he's the one I go to."

Following are a few pictures of Seabee vehicle that display the Pride of the Seabees by their owners:



Around the horn: L-R top, Doug Bower, Ted Montuori, Charlie Monroe & Theresa Houndster



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



On the Lighter Side: An elderly couple visit their doctor when they discover they are forgetting little things. The doctor tells them that many people find it useful to write themselves little notes. When they get home the wife says, “Dear would you get me a dish of ice cream and maybe you should write that down so you don’t forget”. “Nonsense”, says the husband, “I can remember a dish of ice cream”. Well say the wife, “I’d also like some strawberries and whipped cream on it”. “My memory isn’t that bad” say the husband. “No problem, a dish of ice cream with Strawberries and whipped cream, I don’t need to write that down”. He goes into the kitchen and she hears pots and pans clanging around. The husband finally emerges from the kitchen and presents his wife with a plate of bacon and eggs. She looks at the plate and says “Hey where’s the toast I asked for.”



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Many of you have seen this on Facebook but it bears repeating because the Seabees don't get enough publicity! This screen shot was from a scene in the Netflix series Ozark taken as the actress walked by the 2 door metal cabinet to turn off a circuit breaker.

Anytime you see a Seabee emblem sticker or mention of the Seabees, get a picture (JPEG) if you can and forward it to the CAN DO at itange@rochester.rr.com and we'll get it in the magazine with honorable mention. Just like the previous shots of cars and trucks with Seabee/NSVA logos, signs and stickers.

Show your Seabee Pride, put a sticker on your vehicle so everyone who sees it will know you're a Seabee.



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Birthday*

*Saturday, March 4th, 2023
The Ridges Resort, Young Harris, GA*

Time:

Social Hour: 1730
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Dancing: 2000-
2330

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PEOPLE

How Construction Helped Win World War II

The U.S Navy Seabees played a major role in building critical infrastructure that helped the Allies emerge victorious

BY SCOTT VAN VOORHIS | JANUARY 19, 2022

Some World War II veterans shouldered rifles over dusty hills and through torrid jungles. Others flew in cramped cockpits, toiled in the crowded engine rooms of storm-tossed destroyers or served up hot meals on the chow line. Ira Rigger, however, lugged the levels and tripods and other tools of the surveying trade around one shell-blasted Pacific Island after another, the World War II veteran recalled [in a 2021 interview broadcast on C-SPAN](#). Rigger is one of a dwindling number of surviving members of the United States Navy Seabees, construction units that fought in World War II with shovels, bulldozers, concrete and steel. The Seabees rolled out the infrastructure that paved the way for the Allied victory, serving on every major front and offensive, from the beaches of Normandy to the sands of Iwo Jima. The Seabees played an especially crucial role in the Pacific, where the fighting took place across thousands of miles of oceans and scattered atolls. The construction workers, many of them experienced tradesmen in their 30s and 40s, repaired airfields after enemy raids, transformed lagoons into deep water harbors and forged supply roads.

True to his service in the Seabees, Rigger used a highway analogy to describe his years in the Pacific Theater during the C-SPAN segment on the 75th anniversary of the battle of Iwo Jima. “My talk today is my World War II road to Japan,” Rigger said in the interview. “When I say road, I am actually talking ocean. The rest stops were islands we had to take possession of before we could move on the next step.”

Launching a construction army:

In the weeks following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that spawned the United States’ entrance into World War II, the US found itself faced with the immense logistical challenges of fighting a global war on two fronts.

Navy officials decided against trying to use private contractors for a job that would involve building countless bases, airfields, ports and warehouses across the world. Additionally, civilian contractors would not have even the small shred of protection granted to service members under the Geneva Convention. If captured wearing civilian clothes, they could be executed as potential spies or partisans, [according to the Naval History and Heritage Command](#).

The Navy instead decided to form a series of specialized construction battalions.

On Jan. 5, 1942, [Rear Admiral Ben Moreell](#), who had championed the idea, was given a green light to recruit thousands of construction workers from contractors and jobsites across the US.

RELATED:

The newly minted Naval Construction Battalions were soon dubbed the Seabees, based on the initials C and B. Moreell, who would go down in history as the founder of the Seabees. This also supplied the new force with an official motto: *Construimus, Batuimus*—“We Build, We Fight.” Navy recruiters initially focused on signing up construction industry veterans, turning to the men who “had helped to build Boulder Dam, the national highways, and New York’s skyscrapers.”

The average Seabee age was 37, with some men more than 60 years old even managing to sneak through, the Naval history notes, citing an early example of the ingenuity that would become a characteristic of the Seabees throughout the war.

The Seabees quickly made a name for themselves.

As the US Marines fought a desperate battle in the late summer and fall of 1942 for the pivotal island of Guadalcanal, the Seabees played a crucial role in keeping the Japanese at bay. Crews scrambled to fill in bomb craters on Henderson Field amid daily air and naval bombardment, helping keep the small but determined group of Marine and Navy pilots defending the island in the air. Meanwhile, news of the Seabees’ exploits made them an increasing draw for potential young recruits like Rigger, who was just out of high school and working as a surveyor when he volunteered in the fall of 1942. Filled with “romantic” visions of working on far-off islands in the South Pacific, Rigger was eager to join the fight, but instead found himself with a far more prosaic job.

“Instead of going to the South Sea islands to do all this romantic work, I was put to work watching a boiler at Camp Perry,” Rigger recalled. “Things didn’t always work out the way you thought they would in the service.” After a stint as a plumber, another job he had no training for, Rigger found himself on a ship headed out of Hawaii for an unknown destination—his Seabees unit, the 301st Construction Battalion, was assigned harbor building duties. Fate or chance intervened. Rigger overheard a pair of officers in a ship passageway talking about a desperate shortage of surveyors and stepped forward to volunteer his services.

Later, landing on Guam in the wake of the recapture of the island from the Japanese in the summer of 1944, Rigger finally was able to put his surveying skills to work, with his battalion handed the task of turning a shallow, sleepy lagoon into a deep-water harbor. Rigger was part of crews that motored out in small boats to lay a grid of dynamite charges across the floor of the lagoon, detonating the charges after backing off to a safe distance. It was a process that was then repeated, steadily deepening and expanding an inlet that had been only 18 inches at low tide. “When the job was finished, there was an aircraft carrier in there—that gives you an idea of what our crew could do,” Rigger said. But it was not without cost, for it was dangerous work, with one crew lost after an unexploded charge from a previous demolition went off unexpectedly. “Some days I was on that boat—that was one day I was glad I wasn’t on it,” Rigger said. “We never found anyone.” Rigger would go to work on construction crews in two other bloody island battles.

At Peleliu, an island the Marines stormed in the fall of 1944, Rigger and his fellow Seabees built a channel through a coral reef that surrounded the island, enabling supply barges to go through. The Seabees were told not to bring any food or shelter, only to find supplies or tents awaiting them on the island. Instead, they were forced to scavenge rations off dead Marines. Rigger’s weight fell to 125 pounds, and some fellow Seabees were hospitalized with malnutrition. “Whoever was giving out instructions had failed to tell anyone we were coming,” Rigger recalled. Later, in the spring of 1945, Rigger and the Seabees took part in one of the last major battles of the war: the fight for Iwo Jima. Their first assignment was to build a dock, an attempt that failed when a pile of ammunition went off, killing several people. Footprints from enemy infiltrators, who lurked in a network of tunnels that honeycombed the island, were later found in the area.

Rigger’s last job on Iwo Jima came after the fighting had ceased, surveying the ground for the cemetery where thousands of Marines and other service members who died in the battle are now buried. Still, not everyone’s service in the Seabees was so eventful. Like Rigger, Ned Connor found himself on a ship in the middle of the Pacific, headed for destinations unknown. After a stop in the South Pacific island of New Caledonia, the ship—an Italian luxury liner seized by the US and converted into a troop ship—finally arrived at its destination, a port facility on the coast of Papua New Guinea, Connor recalled in a 2017 interview with the American Veterans Center. There, he and his fellow Seabees began unloading supply ships, mostly American, but some British and a few from various Scandinavian countries.

Connor operated the winch used to lift cargo out of the ships. Days, weeks and then months flew by, with Connor and his fellow Seabees all the while wondering what their next assignment would be as the Navy and Marines hopped from island to island, battling ever closer to Japan. But as it turned out, this would be his battalion’s first and last stop. “We just stayed there and wondered where we are going to go next and we never went anywhere until the war was over,” Connor recalled. This sense of being in the dark wasn’t unusual, Rigger noted. Information was strictly controlled during the war, with enlisted men and noncommissioned officers rarely clued in on the details. “They loaded us up on a liberty ship and off we went,” Rigger recalled. “Enlisted men were never told where they were going.”

Herculean accomplishments:

Rigger and Connor were just two of 325,000 members who served in the Seabees during World War II. The ranks have thinned dramatically over the years. Out of the 16 million men and women who served in all branches of the US armed forces in World War II, an estimated 326,000 are still alive today.

But the contributions of the Seabees and the construction workers who filled their ranks have earned their place in history. The construction workers who served in this special force played a crucial role in what William Bradford Huie, author of "Can Do!" the first history of the Seabees, described as the "world's greatest construction war."

The Seabees built hundreds of bases across the world, including an immense amount of infrastructure in the Pacific, often in remote locations. The numbers are mindboggling to contemplate. The Seabees, according to the Navy's official history, built housing for 1.5 million soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. They also built tanks for storing 100 million gallons of gas, 700 square blocks of warehouses and hospitals with the capacity to treat 70,000 patients. And that's before we get to the 111 major airstrips, 441 piers and 2,558 ammunition magazines built by the dozens of naval construction battalions that served on fronts ranging from the Pacific to Italy to northwest Europe, according to the US Navy's history of the force. All told, 200 Seabees were killed in combat, with another 2,000 receiving Purple Hearts for wounds received in battle.

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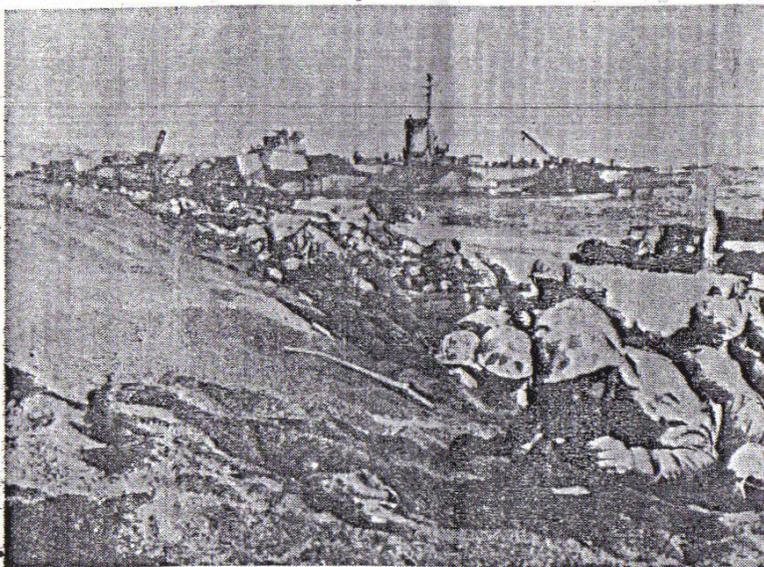
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CONBATS-MARINES ON D-DAY AT IWO



SEABEES INVADE IWO JIMA—This unusual sound photo found shows Fourth Division Marines and 41st Regiment Seabees landing on an unidentified Iwo Jima beach. They are temporarily pinned down by heavy Jap fire. It is believed that the Seabees participating in this landing are attached to the 31st and 133rd battalions.

Two Seabee Battalions Hit Iwo In Second Assault Wave

31st and 133rd Land In Face Of Heavy Fire Following Invasion

Two battalions of the 41st Seabee Regiment are operating with the Marines at Iwo Jima, the Navy has disclosed. The 133rd Battalion, attached to the Fourth Marine Division, and the 31st Battalion, attached to the Fifth Marine Division, hit the Iwo Jima beach in the second wave of the initial assault.

Bupers Announces New Leave Policy For Navy Personnel

A new leave policy has been adopted by the Bureau of Naval Personnel and is now effective on this base.

In a station order issued through the Camp Rousseau legal office this week, regulations covering leave policy for construction battalion personnel were outlined as follows:

Robert Evans, Seabee newspaper correspondent, on the beach with the assault troops, said the Seabee battalions landed less than 60 minutes behind the first assault wave, made up of amphibious tanks and armored amphibious tractors.

In the face of heavy fire from mortars already zero-ed in on beach positions, the Seabees unloaded Higgins boats with cranes and bulldozers.

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Over the treacherous volcanic sand, in which many landing vehicles had mired down almost at the waters edge, the Seabees laid Marston matting.

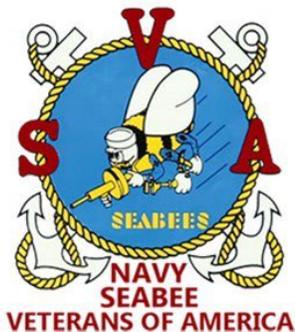
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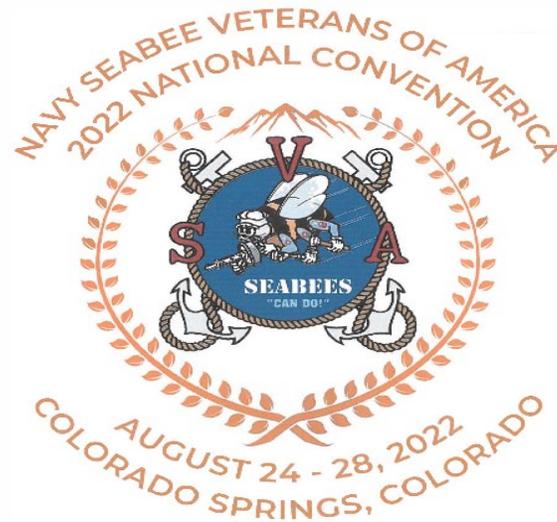
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Katherine L. Gregory

Rear Admiral, Civil Engineer Corps, US Navy, (Retired)

Kate Gregory is a native of St Louis, Missouri. She served in the United States Navy for over 33 years as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer, during which she supported missions around the globe leading engineering, construction and public works organizations in the Far East and Southwest Asia, Western Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, California, and Washington DC. During that time, she served with the US Navy Seabees, supporting combat missions, disaster response, and humanitarian actions in the Middle East, Indo-Asian- Pacific, and European regions. Gregory's Seabee tours included PHIBCB-1, NMCB-1, NMCB-133, 30th Naval Construction Regiment, and the 1st Naval Construction Division. Her non-Seabee tours included Public Works positions at Adak, Alaska, at Naples, Italy and the Hawaiian Islands, as well as construction positions on Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, in San Francisco Bay, and the US Navy Base Gricignano, Italy. Gregory's final position before retiring from the military was as the Commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command and the Chief of Civil Engineers.

Gregory currently serves as a Senior Consultant with SNC Lavalin/Atkins Nuclear Secured. Prior to that she served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory and as Iowa State University's Senior Vice President for Business Services.

Gregory holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering and construction management from the US Naval Academy, University of Southern California and the George Washington University. She is a graduate of the London School of Business Senior Executive Program. She is a registered Professional Engineer, Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, and a Certified Military Parachutist.



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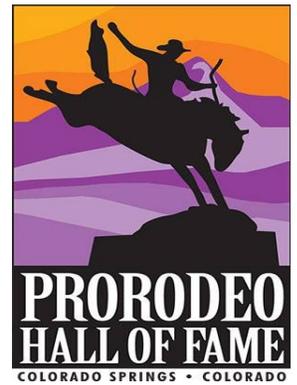


View from Pikes Peak Road



Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

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 - Navy Seabee Monument dedication at Pikes Peak National Cemetery at 2:00 pm (Transportation provided)
- 8/26: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm NSVA and NSVAA Main Body meetings, post-convention meeting and Memorial service practice
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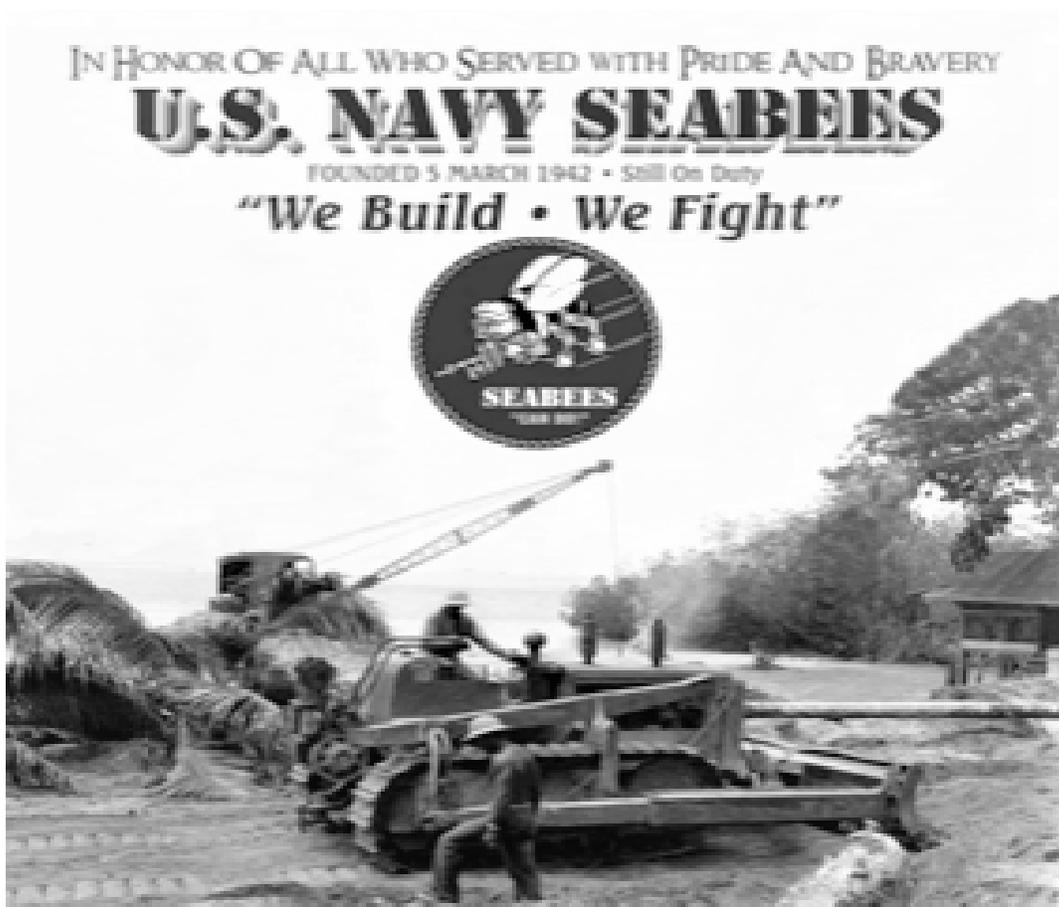
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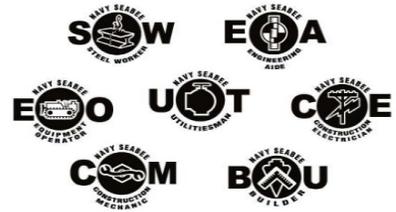
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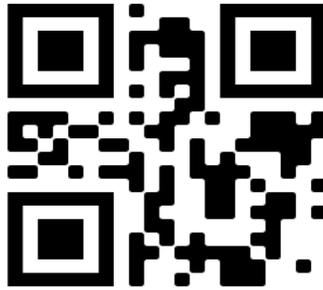
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6706	Quinn	Joseph	J	X-1	Davisville		RI
4475	Fodor	Ronald	S	X-1	Davisville		RI
5304	Cramer	Robert	C	X-2	Twin Cities		MN
3681	Harper	Donald	L	X-4	Longmont		CO
3244	Kerr	Stewart		X-4	Scranton		PA
2622	Mercer	Richard		X-8	Sacramento		CA
2312	Petronka	John	S	X-3	Pittsburgh		PA
2036	Westerdale	Joseph	H	X-2	Davenport		IA
	Sraver	William		X-5	Cape Fear		NC
	Brite	Jerry		24th	Batt. At Large		
	Groth	Allen		X-6	Spokane		WA
	Kridner	Charles		X-2	Maryville		TN
	Blackwood	Samuel	B	X-2	Hillsborough		FL
	Mastroianna	Anthony	D	X-2	Huntington		NY
	Szydowski	Jack		X-4	Scranton		PA
	Cosner	Robert	C	X-4	Scranton		PA
	Coutts	Willard		X-4	Scranton		PA

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