

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.



Seabee Monument in every National Cemetery Project

The Monument above is representative of all the Monuments being placed in the all National Cemeteries.

This program started in 2007 in Island X-4, Toledo, Ohio where I was Commander for 12 years. We needed a project to keep our Island active, but being an Island of mainly WWII Veterans, a physical project was not possible.

We came up with the idea of the Monument program as all we had to do was raise the funds. Raising the funds was the easier part of the process. We needed **SEABEES** to take an interest in the project and do the leg-work, ie: place the pad in many of the Cemeteries, coordinate with the Cemetery Director for the placement and Dedication of the Monuments, and pick up the Monuments at the ABF terminal closest to the National Cemetery. ABF donates transportation of all the Monuments from terminal to terminal.

To date YOUR donations have enabled us to place Monuments honoring the **SEABEES** in 33 of the 137 National Cemeteries, as well as 2 State Veteran's Cemeteries and 2 State Veteran's Parks.

The home base for the program changed from Toledo, Ohio to Crystal River, Florida when I moved and the Island asked me to continue administering the project.

The **NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA** embraced the program as one of their most worthy projects and continually supports the effort.

In 2016 the National Auxiliary adopted the program as one of their most worthy projects fully funding the Monument in the Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, Florida, and continues to contribute to the program annually.

The program took on a new volunteer, Dave Kurre, who coordinates the logistics in the transportation of the Monument. Dave is a retired ABF driver. He and Admiral Buffington procured the donation of transportation from ABF for the program.

This is a long range project and we plan to keep it going until we have reached our goal of a **SEABEE MONUMENT in every NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

We are continually seeking funds from Battalions, Departments, Islands, SEABEES and individuals to help us achieve our goal.

Any and all donations, regardless of size are encouraged and welcomed. When we have reached the full cost of a Monument we take the aggregated funds and determine what cemetery to place it in and what **SEABEES** will help with the local leg work, **or** if a group would like to donate the full cost of a monument, that group can select a National Cemetery for placement. That group then coordinates the pouring of the pad and the placement of the Monument with the Cemetery Director.

To make a donation make your checks **payable** to **David J. Buchanan**, as my bank does not recognize NSVA. Write **SEABEE MONUMENT** on the memo line and mail to 8491 N. Desertrose Ter., Crystal River, Florida, 34428.

Thank you for your continued support