

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA CAN DO



NSVA Monument Dedication
Pikes Peak National Cemetery
Volume 32, Edition 3, Fall 2022

Cover: Seabee Monument Dedication, Pikes Peak National Cemetery, Colorado Springs CO. 8-25-2022. L-R PNC James Furey, National Commander Jack Tangen, PNC David Buchanan, SW District Commander Gerald Kissinger, National Secretary Charlie Coffin.

Table of Contents/Chaplains Corner	Pg. 2
Commanders Corner	Pg. 3
SVAA	Pg. 4
Seabee Stamp Initiative	Pg. 5
Seabees Helping Seabees	Pg. 6
Island Hopping	Pg. 8
Convention Highlights	Pg.15
Conventions and Reunions	Pg.24
SMSA, SHF Donations/Scholarship list	Pg.28
Welcome Aboard	Pg.29
Final Salute	Pg.30
Ships Store	Pg.31

CHAPLAINS CORNER

"God works in mysterious ways" How many times have you heard this and did you ever give any thought to its meaning?

About a year and a half ago my Primary Care Physician told me that due to my age she would like to set up an appointment with a Urologist to check Prostate for any problems.

I agreed and after my first visit it was determined that I had no issues but that follow up checks would be in my best interest. These checks would be held at 3 month intervals.

By my 3rd check it was determined that I was developing Cancer and that being that it was detected early and could be treated with radiation therapy. The Doctors assured me that it was 99% effective and that the cancer hasn't spread to any other part of my body that I should be completely cancer free after 2 months of treatment.

Getting back to my opening statement & question. I firmly believe that a Devine Power prompted my Doctor to suggest seeing a specialist.

I know that a diagnosis of Cancer can be a scary thing & when we hear it, we may want to lash out at God and say "Why Me!" Or we can use it as an opportunity to reaffirm our faith in our Creator and ask his help to beat this or any other health issue we may be experiencing.

I have chosen to put my Faith and Trust in God and ask all of to Pray not for me but for all our fellow Seabees who may be faced with this or any other life altering condition be it physical, emotional or mental.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve as your National Chaplain & look forward to serving for many more years to come.

Michael Boncheck, National Chaplain
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

COMMANDERS CORNER



NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.

From the Desk of
Jack F. Tangen, National Commander

This first year in the office of National Commander of the NSVA has been both exhilarating and humbling. I have been tutored and mentored by many. I have been challenged and corrected by individuals with far more experience in the NSVA than I. I have proposed changes, suggestions, statements and opinions. But perhaps the most important, I have listened to our leadership team, our membership and the Auxiliary.

The office of National Commander is far more than a figurehead position. It's an office that demands and requires understanding and compassion. It requires the ability to listen to proposals, suggestions, comments, accusations, opinions and statements which may not always reflect the true situation or need. I have been fortunate to be surrounded by experienced, open minded individuals that when asked offer unopinionated answers and considerations.

The state of the NSVA is good as I see it. WE (everyone) being involved in a committee project, forming an Island, working in an Island or Department and yes, even closing or declaring an Island INACTIVE are dedicated to the task. We as NSVA members are dedicated to the fellowship and comradery that brought us together in the service to our country, but I dare say more so because we're SEABEES, WE CAN DO !.

We face a daunting task and have for some time, and it's called ATTRITION. Indeed attrition is our biggest challenge. We are losing members at a far greater rate through the aging process than we are signing up NEW members. Don't let the nay-sayers tell you differently. NSVA members are NOT JUMPING SHIP in favor of swarms. Our members may participate in swarm breakfast and luncheon gatherings, but they are also attending their scheduled NSVA meetings.

We have begun the work of reviewing the NSVA Constitution and By-Laws, performed housekeeping updates to the Rites and Procedures Manual, designed and issued a membership and Social Media survey to gather our members and those Seabees that aren't members (yet). Thoughts and suggestions on how to improve and expand on the NSVA's membership are welcome.

There are new projects and initiatives on the horizon which we hope to help grow the membership of the NSVA. Again it's up to US to promote ourselves and the NSVA! Wear that SEABEE paraphernalia, put a SEABEE sticker on you vehicle, show that SEABEE pride and yes, the NSVA will continue to be in a GOOD state.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit
Jack F. Tangen, National Commander

Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary



NSVA Auxiliary Leadership Team R-L: Lorraine Santo President, Nancy Staples V. President, Elaine Coffin Secretary, Linda Schmuck Treasurer, Linda Hillyer Historian, Carol Parker Chaplain.

Happy Fall Y'ALL

As we prepare for the cooler season this year, let's not forget those who have been hit hard by Hurricane Fiona and now Hurricane Ian, who should make landfall in Florida soon. Our prayers are with them that they stay safe and follow instructions about evacuating.

As many organizations in our country and overseas who suffer from low membership, we suffer the same dilemma on how to attract new members. It is up to each of us to ask someone to join. Invite them to join your next meeting or social so they can meet some of the members and get a feel of belonging to an organization that does good in the area. Let them know of your accomplishments and plans for the future. Put on Facebook, Instagram and whatever other social media groups there are pictures of what you do along with a brief description of what happened. We used to depend on the news media to help us out but most have eliminated the social pages that appeared once a week, but that went away quite a while ago.

Our convention in Colorado Springs was great. The hotel, food and fellowship were great. By-laws changes were updated and if you did not receive a copy of the minutes with all that was voted on and discussed, please email our secretary, Elaine Coffin at denali1eac@gmail.com. The NSVAA increased the MAL membership by 4 members with another one on its way. We were able to give a check to Dave Buchanan for the Seabee Memorial Transportation Fund.

Plans are being made for next year's convention in San Antonio which is also the 75th Anniversary of the NSVAA. When a final plan of how we will celebrate our anniversary, they will be published in the Can-Do and sent out to Presidents of the NSVAA and MAL's. BUT any suggestions you have can be sent to me at lorrainesanto43@gmail.com. We would like to do something that will be different and memorable!!!

Until next time,
Lorraine Santo
NSVAA National President



From the desk of the NSVAA Vice-President/MAL President

WOW, what a great National Convention in Colorado Springs, Co. A HUGE THANKS to all who worked so hard to put it together.

We welcomed five new Members at Large, Barbara Bean from Spokane, WA, Ivy Freeman from Sun Tan Valley, AZ, Carol Mueller from New Braunfels, TX, Sandy Pedersen from Cody, WY and Liz Reinard from Windsor, CO. Welcome Ladies.

The four resolutions passed and a lot of other business was conducted. The minutes of the meeting will be sent to all Members at Large soon, so be looking for them.

Speaking of information being sent. if I have your email, this information will be emailed to you to save on postage. If you are in doubt that I might not have your email address, please email me at the address below and put NSVAA in the subject line.

Next year's convention will be held in San Antonio, TX. Please put this on your calendar to attend. I would love to meet you and have you at our annual meeting in person. It will be the 75th Anniversary of the NSVAA and we have some great plans for the celebration.

In the Can-Do Spirit,

Nancy Staples

Geonan5565@yahoo.com

SEABEE STAMP



To: The membership of the Seabee Veterans of America

Re: USPS Stamp Commemorating the U.S. Navy Seabees 80th Anniversary

My Fellow Seabees, "The difficult we do now, The Impossible takes a little longer" is a statement about the Seabee creed that is well known by everyone reading this magazine.

Our Seabee pride and esprit de corps is never ending, but not readily shared with others. Again this initiative is our opportunity to have the legacy of our past, present and future brothers and sister Seabees recognized for their service to God and Country.

I have recently called and left messages for 3 congressmen and 2 congresswomen. I received 3 call backs in quick fashion and I'm encouraged by the support they offered. I will continue to push to have our story heard and retold to get our stamp that the Seabees so dearly earned and deserve. We're on the radar for consideration, that's a positive +.

In the Can Do Spirit

Douglas Bower

Navy Seabee Veterans of America

SEABEES HELPING SEABEES

At the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park (original home of the Seabees) in Davisville RI, the Museum was presented with a \$1,000.00 dollar donation from Island X-1 Gulfport, MS for the Chapel in the Pines Renovation Fund Drive. Pictured at the presentation L-R Bob Loring, X-1 Davisville, Joe Frigon, X-1 Davisville, Jon Scott, X-1 Gulfport, Tom Santos, X-1 Davisville and Bob Smith, X-1 Gulfport, MS.

The Chapel has been neglected over the years, not because it was forgotten about but because the Museum and Memorial Park couldn't fund the necessary renovations. X-1 Davisville members and volunteers have been working to slow the deterioration and to preserve this important piece of Seabee history. This sizeable donation from one NSVA Seabee Island to another is truly Seabees Helping Seabees.

ONCE A SEABEE, ALWAYS A SEABEE



At the 2022 SVA National Convention held in Colorado Springs CO, the Seabee Veterans of America recognized the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park in Davisville, Rhode Island as an official project and most worthy endeavor of the Seabee Veterans of America. Donations for this worthy cause can be sent to:

[The Seabee Museum and Memorial Park](#)
[21 Iafrate Way, North Kingston, RI 02852](#)
(put Chapel in the Pines on memo line of check)



Seabee Veterans of America Island X-11 Tampa, Fl Proudly Supports the “Can Do”



AUXILIARY

CDR Ernie Nelson
813-376-0500

VCDR Walt Sauers
813-505-7415

TREAS. Jim Johnson
813-943-9248

SEC. Dwight
Hamborsky
813-681-5861

Island X-11 Restarted over eight 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 help support the Robert Jenkins Veterans home in Lake City affecting the lives of 150 Veterans. We have donated and participated in the Warrior Walk in Lakeland as well as the Marvin Shields Sea Cadet Battalion. In an effort of preserving the Seabee Legacy we have placed three Seabee Monuments, Two in National Cemeteries and one at Veterans Memorial Park in Hillsborough County. “Lucky Leven”

PRES. Betty Nelson
813-376-3947

VP Cinda Huntley
813-415-9681

TREAS. Doreen Doe
727-599-8253

CHAP. Dianne
Dukhart
813-837-6890



Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month 18:30, Since Tony's Restaurant has closed after over 90 years, we are currently looking for another permanent location. So please call 813-376-0500 for updated information

Consider placing your Advertisement HERE or ANYWHERE in the Can Do Magazine.

The Staff here at the Can Do and all NSVA members associated with this publication wish to thank the advertisers for their generosity and willingness to donate to the NSVA Can Do magazine. The contributors are:

- Donna Furey ESQ. Attorney at Law, Astoria N.Y.
- Joshua Falcon and Family, Tampa FL.
- NSVA Island X-11, Tampa FL., Ernie Nelson Commander
- New York City and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters, New York N.Y.
- NMCB-14 Alumni Association
- NSVA Island X-3 Blairsville, GA
- NSVA Island X-5, Fort Lauderdale FL.
- IBEW Local #3, Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, “New York’s Brightest”

ISLAND HOPPING

NSVA Island X-8, Sacramento, California 2022 California State Fair Military, Veteran, & First Responder Appreciation Day By PNCM Jim Garcia

The California State Fair returned with full force this summer and once again held a special day to recognize members of our community. Thursday, July 21 was designated as Military, Veteran, & First Responder Appreciation Day. Sacramento Seabees with NSVA Island X-8 set up a booth and swapped sea stories with enthusiastic attendees. Island Commander, Dennis Modin promoted the event early this calendar year, made the necessary contacts and recruited members to staff the booth for the day. This is the second time that the Island has had a display and community interest in the booth has been great. Surrounded by over 50 different organizations, the area gets a lot of activity and everyone approaching the booth has previously heard the word *Seabees*. Just leave it to our *Can Do* team to fill in the time with memorable activities performed by Seabees in war and peacetime.

Visitors were asked to identify their duty stations by pinning a label on several maps. Many served in Korea, Vietnam, and in the Gulf War theatre.



Dean Wright, Angelo & Mindi Cellini, Russ & Ester Parrington, Tim Horner, Dennis Modin
2022 California State Fair
Military, Veteran, & First Responder Appreciation Day

Left to Right: Dean Wright, Angelo & Mindi Cellini, Russ & Ester Parrington, Tim Horner, & Dennis Modin



Seabees Stationed Around the World Pics & Text J. Garcia X-8 Sacramento, CA.

The Department of Tennessee officers L-R Cmdr. Chett Winchell, Secretary Dave Howard and Chaplain Eugene Brown, dedicated this Seabee Monument Stone in July of this year with the help and support of their Honeybees.



Photos and text submitted by Dave Howard Secretary Department of Tennessee



The pictures above and below were taken at the Department of Tennessee's 7th Annual Reunion/Picnic held in August at the Douglas overlook Park, Kodak, TN. During this event Honeybee Donna Howard was presented with a certificate of appreciation for dedication and hard work she has done over the years to benefit the Seabees. Donna was presented the certificate by SC District Commander Troy Branch.



Pictured are 3 members of Island X-2 Twin Cities, L-R Terry Sullivan, Pat Sullivan and Roy Kingsley a committee that have worked tirelessly and long to have the Seabee Memorial Monument located in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery refurbished. The process was long and tedious as the monument stone is the property of the National Cemetery and not easily refurbished or cleaned as some believe. Pictured below is the Monument before refurbishing. Pictures submitted courtesy of Roger Jacobson



Below pictures from the X-2 Twin Cities 5th Annual Pig Roast with snacks, beverages and monitoring the guest of honor. Roger Jacobson conversing with Clarence Benson WWII Greatest Generation Seabee. Joe Dezelar prepares the Guest of honor with Amanda Templeton and Island CMDR. Andy Putnam. Members and guests enjoying the best pig roast in the Twin City area. Great time had by ALL!





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

79TH NW PA. TRI-STATE SEABEE SWARM, SEPT. 3, 2022

at Gig's Rt. 6 Diner, Corry, Pa.



Back Row: Kevin Amy-NAS Bermuda, Matt Gee-RNMCB-27 (Active), Bill Dunkle-MCB-21/20,
 Dan Ambrose-MCB-23/28/27, Laura Savko-NAS Bermuda, Doug Kriner-MCB 133/20/23,

Middle Row: Loren Martzall-MCB-1, Jim Gallaher-MCB-3, Homer Clark-ACB-2 CBU-411 MCB-7,
 Ed Kemp-MCB-1, Joe Maxwell-MCB-6/20/23 Spec.Ops., Steve Sventek-ACB-1, Dennis Tharp-MCB-1/121,

Kneeling: Carl Wassink-MCB-3, Toby & Dave Hayes-MCB-121/62, Photo by Loran Jr.

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



Pictured on the left is yours truly with one of the newest members of Island X-12 in Rochester, NY. Al Anheies a Seabee in 38th Special Battalion arriving on Okinawa towards the end of the war. He was reassigned to a desalinization plant on Tokyo Bay where the YO he was assigned to carried water from the plant to the ships anchored in the bay. Al has recently turned 96. I had seen Al at the Legion Post on occasion but never struck up a conversation with him until I wore my NSVA Island X-12 hat into the hall. His son in law happened to be there with Al and asked me if I wanted to meet a WWII Seabee. I was ecstatic at the opportunity to meet an original member of our brotherhood.

We sat and talked about Al's experiences in the Seabees. He gave me his contact information and I brought him a membership application the following week, the rest is history.

I firmly believe that the BEST NSVA exposure tool that we have at our disposal is wearing a Seabee hat, shirt, jacket or any Seabee paraphernalia that draws people's attention to you. You never know who you just might run into.

Picture submitted by J. Tangen, National Commander.

NSVA Island X-5 Akron, OH Celebrates member Frank Mekina's Birthday
 Commander Paul Patterson and the members of Island X-5 in Akron, OH had good reason to smile and celebrate member Frank Mekina's birthday, it was a milestone, 105 years young.



Frank Mekina at 105 years young



X-5 Cmdr. Paul Patterson and Frank



Frank is pictured with a few of the X-5 members. I'm told (through reliable sources) that on Frank's Birthday he received a call from the Force Master Chief and the King Bee congratulating him on reaching this milestone Birthday. Sadly Seabee Frank Mekina passed peacefully on October 2nd, 2022. Rest in peace Brother.

NSVA 2022 National Convention

The 2022 NSVA National Convention was a resounding success!!! It took place in at very friendly and accomodating venue; the Acadamy Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. Credit for making this a successful event is due to in large part to the 2022 Convention Committee, the NSVA Auxilary and our host Island X-4, Longmont, CO. Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work, dedication and attention to detail.

The business meetings where varied, productive, and sometimes LONG, sprinkled with debate and humor. Moreover, at the "end of the day" much of the scheduled business was completed to everyones agreement. Inorder to move through the business part of the convention faster, a new method was employeed. All the Officer and committee reports were submitted prior to the conventions general session. The reports where entered into the secretary's keeping and anyone wanting a copy can request one from the secretary. Any report that needed approval by the convention body was read, reviewed/discussed and voted on for acceptance.

The planning of the off site trips and events went off without a hitch, from my perspective. Island X-4 is to be commended for their seamless coordination in managing and arranging the transportation scheduling. Many attendees took side trips using personal vehicles, primarily to conqour Pikes Peak or to ride the COG railroad to the top of the mountian that reveled scenic overviews of the surrounding mountians and valleys. You could even look down on the clouds. The trip to the Olympic and Paralimpic training and museum facilities was a very interesting and rewarding experience. Being able to view and in some cases actually experience the skill and feeling of what it takes to be an Olympic competer was sureal. To be a part of the solemn cermony dedicating the NSVA Seabee Monument Stone in Pikes Peak National Cemetery was one of the major highlights of the Convention proceedings. A large audience of NSVA members, spouses, Auxilary members and guests were in attendance.

The Convention Memorial Service was very moving and soleum. The names of our deceased brothers and sisters were read with dignity and respect, in tribute to their contribution to our Heritage and Legacy.

The culmination of our convention was the Banquet. Again coordination and execution from the Honor Guard posting the colors, the POW/MIA table and the Military Childs table readings, to the meal, to key note speakers everything went as planned. Kate Gregory, provided one of the most dynamic key note speaches I've heard in a long time, perhaps since the 2014 Convention when she spoke in Warwick, RI. Kathy Donovan spoke on the SMSA, bringing the audience up to speed on the number, types and number of scholarships awarded over the past year. Both speakers where presented gifts of appreciation. After dinner the Commanders Trophy award was presented to NMCB-14 for the unit having the most members present. Chance drawings for gifts and prizes where offered by Island X-4 and the NSVA Auxilary. Pictures of these events follow.

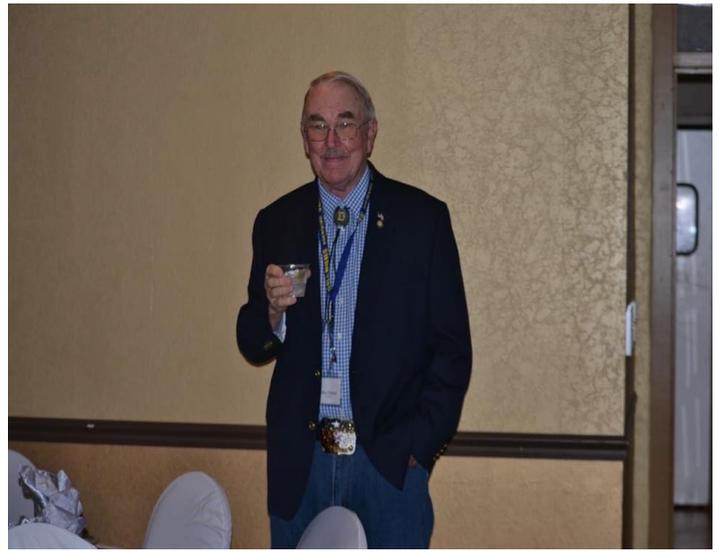
Again without everyone's cooperation, willingness to pitch in and the CAN DO spirit, this event wouldn't have been as successful and rewarding. I believe it was a total success, Kudos to everyone.



Photo taken August 25, 2022 at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery, Colorado Springs CO dedication of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Seabee Monument Stone. Pictured are the Wakefield High School Navy Junior ROTC, from Colorado Springs CO, instructed by Master Chief George Melonas USN Retired, along with the majority of the NSVA convention attendees. Special thank you to NSVA Island X-4 Cmdr. Patrick Rienard, Sec'y Gerald Kissinger and all of its members for making this dedication happen.



Around the horn, the OUTSTANDING Color Guard from Wakefield High School Navy Junior ROTC, Kathy Donovan squeezing Roy Aguillon with another Seabee for chance ticket purchases. Ralph Bean NW District Cmdr. & Roger Jacobsen NSVA Trustee. Cmdr. Jack Tangen along with PNC Dave Buchanan presenting Kate Gregory with a wall plaque as a token of appreciation for her Keynote address. Joan Buchanan with Cmdr. Tangen.



Upper Left is Nancy Staples selling chance tickets to Carol Parker and husband along with Chet Winchell and another Bee. David Pearson enjoying a cocktail before dinner, Kate Gregory during her Keynote address. Auxiliary member Nancy Ward pictured at the culmination of the memorial service with MAA Joe Dezelar in the background. and the delicious Convention Dessert



Photo submitted by Larry Hagler MCB 11 Assn.



This picture hangs in Jeannie Dardano's, apartment at the Episcopal Home in Rochester, NY. Robert Dardano her husband (upper right) a member of Island X-12 passed in February '22. It wasn't until a visit to Jeannie's apartment after Bob passed did, I realize the rich Navy family tradition Bob came from. Not all Seabees, but ALL NAVY none the less. Bob was a proud Seabee.



New York City and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters

Joseph A. Geiger
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Paul Capurso
President

Michael Cavanaugh
Vice President

THANK YOU TO THE NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA FOR THEIR SERVICE.



BUILD IT RIGHT. BUILD IT SAFE. BUILD IT UNION.

Since 1881



395 Hudson Street - 9th Floor | New York, NY 10014 | nycdistrictcouncil.com
P 212.366.7500 | F 212.675.3118 | [@CarpentersNYC](https://www.facebook.com/CarpentersNYC) | [@CarpentersNyc](https://twitter.com/CarpentersNyc)

NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS

I just watched a segment on my local news station that said there are a lot of vehicles on the highway today that are driving with various safety issues.

So, I was instructed to enter nhtsa.gov/recall (Not NH, sounded like National Highway Transportation Safety Act? or something similar.)

Anyhow, I just tried it, and it was very easy to do. It immediately popped up and I was able to put in my VIN number. The results instantly came back "**O**" Recall.

You can usually read your VIN number at the bottom of your windshield looking from the outside driver's side, unless you have an older vehicle. It's also on your car Registration. Sometimes those recall notices are printed on flimsy postcards, and could have been damaged beyond recognition, so if you don't do it for yourself, do it for your loved ones.

Passed on to us by Roger LeBlanc, Commander X-4 Laconia NH (Thanks Roger)

Buy Local, Spend your money where your heart is.

<p>A WARNING from <i>my</i> credit card company: We've recently seen digital money movement fraud on the rise. A scammer can contact you requesting payment through a Wire Transfer or transfer via Zelle® --these methods allow money to be sent quickly, and the funds are often hard to trace and recover.</p>
--

You should never wire money or send money using Zelle® to:

- Anyone who claims to be from a government agency
- Any stranger, no matter what reason they give
- A telemarketer trying to sell you something
- Anyone claiming your account is compromised
- Unauthorized, unverified cryptocurrency sites or salespeople
- Anyone asking you to send money to yourself

Stay **Vigilant** to protect your personal accounts

If you get a suspicious call, text or email, **DO NOT** disclose any personal information until you can verify its from a legitimate source. If you have **ANY** doubt, contact the company directly.

Only allow remote access to your computer when you've initiated the contact with a company you know through verified phone number or website.

Always protect your card and account PIN. Make sure its not easily guessable, do **NOT** enter it on a non-Citi site, and remember that our team will **NEVER** ask for it.

Set up 2-factor authentication (multiple ways to identify yourself) with the companies you work with to help keep your devices and money secure.

If you suspect one of your accounts has been compromised, immediately change your user ID and pass word for your Citi account and other Important accounts.



8th Annual Seabee Ball All Services & Civilians



*Celebrate
The Seabees
81th
Birthday*

*Organized By
The Navy Seabees
Island X-3, Blairsville, Georgia*

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

Time:

Social Hour: 1730
Dinner: 1830
Ceremony: 1930
Dancing: 2000-2330



Attire:

Military:
Dinner Dress
Civilian:
Black Tie Optional
Ladies: Evening Wear

**Speaker:
To Be Announced**

Cash Bar:

Dinner Buffet:

Hotel:

The Ridges Resort
On Lake Chatuge
(706) 896-2262
www.theridgesresort.com
Young Harris, GA
Ask for the Seabee Rate

When was the last time you and your mates from y'all's Battalion got together to reminisce, swap tales and enjoy time together? There will be no better time than the weekend of our Island's annual Seabee Ball, next March 4th, 2023. The Ball will be in the lovely Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge in the Georgia Mountains. For information and tickets contact:

**Ed Crenshaw (706) 897-2649, cecbret@windstream.net or
Bob Ramay (706) 400-9245, bobramay@windstream.net.**



CONVENTION AND REUNION INFORMATION

The 2023 NSVA National Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas August 15th thru August 19th, 2023. Preliminary details on the following pages.

Seabee Historical Foundation upcoming Events

[Golf Tournaments from June to November](#)

[SHFOctoBEEFestsEvents](#)

Island X-3 Blairsville, GA 8th Annual Seabee Ball, March 4th, 2023

Contact: Ed Crenshaw 706-897-2649, cecbret@windstream.net

or Bob Ramay 706-400-9245, bobramay@windstream.net

NMCB-74 Desert Shield/Desert 1990/1991 Veterans Reunion

April 21st & 22nd, 2023 at the Long Beach MS Harbor Pavilion

Contact Joshua Turner at joshua4771@gmail.com for addition information

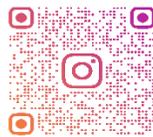
MCB-11 & MCB-8 will have Joint Reunions April 24th thru April 27th 2023

In Charleston, SC. Contact Larry Hagler at 512-796-2834 or

mcb11.2023@earthlink.net for more information

For more details and updates visit the NSVA Website at: WWW.NSVA.ORG

On Instagram: SEABEEVETS



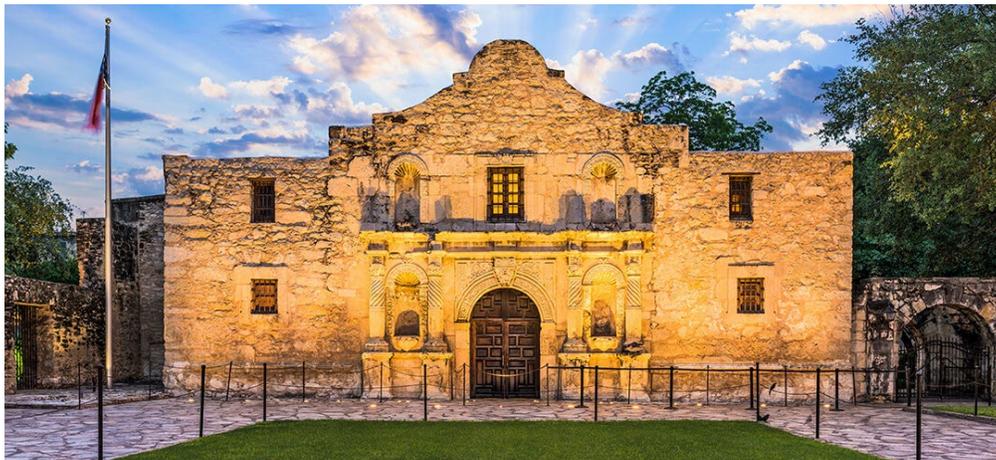
SEABEEVETS

On Facebook: @SEABEEVETSOFAMERICA

On Twitter: @SEABEEVETS

**NSVA 2023 National Convention
to be held in
San Antonio Texas**
Come Help us celebrate the
NSVAA 75th Anniversary

Visit the Alamo
Historic River walk
Great Food and Shopping
And meet with your fellow Seabees
More info on events to fellow



2023 National Convention Hotel info



217 N. St. Mary's Street
San Antonio, TX 78205

Room rates available from

Tue August 15,2023- Sat August 19,2023

\$139 + taxes

24-hour reservation phone number at **210-224-2500** group's
block code: **NSB**

last day to make reservations at your group discount
will be on: **July 17, 2023**

\$15 Full American breakfast buffet is available to you at the
discounted price

Blessings to you
and your families!



Thank you
for your service
to our country!



**LAW OFFICES OF
DONNA FUREY**

ELDER LAW, WILLS, TRUSTS, ESTATES, MEDICAID, SPECIAL NEEDS

44-14 Broadway, Astoria, New York 11103
T: 347-448-2549
Email: dfurey@fureylaw.net Web: fureylaw.net

Scholarship Donations

The CAN DO will acknowledge donations to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and The Seabee Historical Foundation.

Donations should be mailed directly to: Charles Coffin

NSVA National Secretary, 2047 Ridge Road, Queensbury NY 12804.

- A donation of \$200.00 was made by Island X-9 Kingston, NY to the SMSA.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made by Island X-1 Davisville, RI in the name of Matthew Dill to the SMSA.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA in the name of Fred Grampp to the SMSA.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA in the name of Walter Krout to the SMSA.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made by Island X-7 Port Hueneme, CA in the name of Jim Daniels to the SMSA.

SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGABLY

NAME _____

REQUEST ADDRESS CHANGE

FROM: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE# _____ EMAIL _____

REQUEST ADDRESS CHANGE

TO: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

**COMPLETE FORM AND MAIL TO THE
NSVA NATIONAL SECRETARY:**

Charles H. Coffin, NSVA Natl. Sec'y

2047 Ridge Road

Queensbury, New York 12804



Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
John Cubit, 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
Dell Hoyt	6949	X-19	Daytona	FL
William Phillips	6950	X-23	Crystal River	FL
James Wright	6951	X-2	Omaha	NE
Jeff Smyser	6952	X-5	Lancaster	PA
Willie Farmer	6953	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Joshua Boone	6954	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Bret Capps	6955	X-1	Greenville	TN
Shawn Haugen	6956	X-5	Whidbey Island	WA
Carl Miller	6957	X-1	Atlanta	GA
Denys Thompson	6958	X-19	Syracuse	NY
Larry Castleberry	6959	X-3	Blairsville	GA
Edwin Crabtree	6960	24 th Battalion	At Large	
Daniel Scheidel	6961	24 th Battalion	At Large	
Brent Hatcher	6962	24 th Battalion	At Large	
Rodney Moore	6963	X-4	Longmont	CO
Dennis Dougherty	6964	X-4	Peoria	IL
Coy Stone	6965	X-5	Cape Girardeau	MO
Joshua Roberts	6966	X-19	Syracuse	NY
Blane Meadows	6967	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Clifford Green	6968	X-1	Gulfport	MS
John Goss	6969	X-6	Johnston	PA
Craig Koester	6970	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Jason Moore	6971	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
David Morgan	6972	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Lance Pritts	6973	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Glen Webster	6974	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Marion Evans	6975	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Kevin Haneberg	6976	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Herbert Jones	6977	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Thomas Bell	6978	X-23	Crystal River	FL
Timothy Anderson	6979	24 th Battalion	At Large	
David Wilson	6980	X-2	Macon	GA
Al Anheies	6981	X-12	Rochester	NY

Hello Seabees, my name is John Cubit NSVA Life Membership Chair, here is my contact information

John Cubit, NSVA Life Membership Chairperson
 113 Kisingbury Street, Rochester, New York 14613-1611
 Phone: 585-647-9294 Email: eqcmcubit@gmail.com



FINAL SALUTE

COMPILED BY THE NATIONAL
SECRETARY, AS REPORTED BY THEIR
ISLANDS AND UNITS

Blue = SVA Members

Black = Brother & Sister Seabees
Non NSVA Members



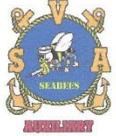
LM#	Last Name	First	MI.	Island #	City		State
4342	Brodt	Theodore	G	X-4	Peoria		IL
2927	Obsincs	Bernard	J	X-3	Pittsburgh		PA
3967	Ver Hasselt	Robert		X-6	Spring Hill		FL
4679	Ward	Kenneth	E	X-7	Tucson		AZ
6303	Dill	Matthew		X-1	Davisville		RI
4265	Daniels	James	F	X-7	Port Hueneme		CA
4234	Candella	Dan		X-8	Tonawanda		NY
3139	Flanagan	Richard	A	X-1	Davisville		RI
2915	Dewbray	Edward	J	X-19	Alsip		IL
6495	McKinney	Fred		X-6	Fayetteville		NC
Annual	*Mekina	Frank		X-5	Akron		OH
Annual	DeLance	John		X-10	Stuart		FL
Annual	Sullivan	Kevin		X-7	Plymouth		MA
Annual	Halton	William		X-1	Greenville		TN
	Stubbs	Melvin			Lawhorn		Patrick
	Utz	Thomas			Thompson		Eugene
	Hanten	Paul			Sneed		Herbert
	Wilkes	Walter			Engstrom		George
	Warner	Michael			Lunderman		John
	Elder	James			Beatty		Robert
	Wenhold	Jackson			Kerber		James
	Rowe	Carroll			Blackmar		John
	Pizzato	John			Armstrong		Daniel
	Gillette	James			Osborne Jr		George
	Trefethen	Clinton			Juba		Robert
	Carruth	James			Templeton		Joseph



NSVA SHIPS STORE MANAGER

5142 Endeavour Ave. Dover Fl. 33527-5881

813-376-3947 (Attention Betty or Ernie Nelson)



NATIONAL POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM

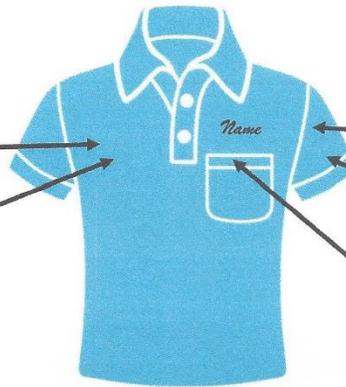
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NSVA: Mail form and money to the above address for processing

Name _____ Embordered name for shirt _____

Email _____ Phone ____ - ____ - _____

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

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	Flag	POW /MIA	Life Member	Subtotal:
Men's "Port Authority" Polo shirt Circle color & size Navy Blue or Light Gray S-XL Shirt W/ Official SVA Patch Embroidered name \$37.00 Life Member Patch Additional \$8.50 American Flag Additional \$8.50 POW/MIA Patch Additional \$8.50					+\$2	+\$4	+\$6	+\$5	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50	
Woman's Sport Tek Shirt Circle color & size Navy Blue or Light Gray Woman's cut polo style no pocket V neck S-XL Shirt w/SVAA logo and embroidered name \$35.00 American Flag Additional \$8.50 POW/MIA Patch Additional \$8.50					+\$2	+\$4	+\$6		\$8.50	\$8.50	NA	
Shipping per shirt Priority mail \$10.00												
SUBTOTAL												
TOTAL												



ATTENTION ALL SEABEES!!! As you have heard the contaminated Camp Lejeune water system has been linked to various illnesses. Many Seabee units received combat training there over the past decades. we have been provided a link to the battalions that have trained there and the dates. Check & share the website for your time there and contact the VA for further information on filing a claim.

Follow this link: [Camp Lejeune - Seabee Training Records \(navy.mil\)](http://Camp Lejeune - Seabee Training Records (navy.mil))

The Can Do Magazine is committed to honoring the NSVA members on their passing by listing them in the Final Salute pages. Please notify the SVA National Secretary at nsvasec@gmail.com or by calling 1-203-843-5513 of a members 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

U.S. NAVY SEABEES DESERVE A STAMP TOO

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA

CAN DO

2047 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY
12804

1-203-843-5513

Visit us on line at WWW.nsva.org



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Twin Cities, MN
Permit No. 7911