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CHAPLAINS CORNER

I don't know how many readers of the Can Do are aware of the fact that items submitted for publication must be in at least 6 weeks before publication date. That being said I try to make my comments up to date and relevant.

Due to my being away from my computer for the next 2 weeks and I do not have a Crystal Ball, I can only hope my thoughts will still be applicable when the June issue of the Can Do is published.

Last issue I asked if any of you ever had someone ask you to say a Prayer for them. At this time I am asking everyone to say a Prayer for the embattled people of Ukraine.

I sincerely hope that by the time this is published the war is over and a peaceful solution has been reached.

I am fearful that if the war is made to last for an extended period of time NATO will be dragged into it and a much larger war will ensue.

Again I ask that all turn to their God and pray for an end to this madness and that leaders of all nations will turn to diplomacy and dialog to settle differences and not hostilities and war.

I thank you all for this opportunity to share my thoughts and Prayers with you. May tomorrow be a brighter day with a lasting peace for all mankind.

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



Pictured above are the Elected and Appointed Officers that attended the NSVA Mid-Year Meeting in March 2022 held in Gulfport, MS. L-R J. Millette Resolutions, J. DeZelar MA, A. Amesquita Natl. V.CMDR., J. Hillyer III SE Dist. CMDR., PNC, J. Tangen Natl. CMDR., J. Schmuck Natl. Treasurer, J. Furey X-2 Huntington, NY, PNC., C. Coffin Natl. Secretary, D. Buchanan Rec. Secretary PNC. Not pictured E. Nelson CMDR. X-11 Tampa FL. The notes of the Mid-Year Meeting can be found on the NSVA Website www.nsva.org

This past 9 months have been both demanding and rewarding, the Membership Survey Committee was instrumental in the survey development and data collection regarding the recent Social Media and CAN DO surveys. The Convention Committee has worked hand in hand with X-4 Longmont, CO in planning and coordinating what is developing into an outstanding NSVA Convention. The Rites and Rituals Procedures Manual is being updated to reflect the integration of the Official NSVA logo. The Nomination Committee has also made a suggestion (see pg. 23) that could potentially smooth out and expediate the election and appointment process. A Constitution Review Committee has been formed also. There is still much to do! Help us to get these types of housekeeping items done at all levels (Natl., Dept. & Island), by volunteering to help and by stepping up into a leadership role.

These are a few of the items and projects the NSVA leadership team has been working on to address a few of the processes and procedures. Remember and don't forget; our organization is run by Seabees, for Seabees and is dedicated solely to Seabees. CAN DO

Yours in the Can Do Spirit

Joel F. Tangen

National Commander, Navy Seabee Veterans of America



From the National Leadership Team

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to our survey! We are a Seabee organization and it has been great to hear back from so many Seabees! We started this survey with the intent of listening to our fellow Seabees and taking the pulse and see where to take the NSVA to the next phase in our development as a National Organization.

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America Inc. is a National Organization, perpetually incorporated in the State of Illinois under the "General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act". The Navy S.V.A. is organized for the purpose that "We, the Veterans of the Naval Construction Forces and the Civil Engineer Corps of the United States Navy, who have Honorably served our Country during time of war and peace, recognizing that service to God and Country is the foundation on which our Nation was founded, do hereby rededicate ourselves to that service, and further pledge our lives and actions to preserve the fundamental ideals of American Government, which we believe are Justice, Freedom, and Equality for all".

We wish to continue our service to our Country, and in continuing to do so, we have developed certain objectives which we actively pursue. We want to promote within our Nation, increased love of Country, Patriotism, and respect for our Nations Flag, to foster camaraderie among members of the various Islands, to stimulate, and inspire interests in all fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational activities of the Navy Seabees. We also want to promote, and instill interest in, and respect for the professions, trades, crafts, and occupations of our members.

The very best thing about the NSVA is that we are a social organization which was created to continue the camaraderie that you experienced in the Seabees! We are the only social national Seabee organization who represents individual Seabees for all of the formal National Veteran's Day and Seabee Birthday celebrations. You can engage in a local, state, or national level and we are here to help you do that! We also host a national convention every year and this year it is in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We would love to see you there!
<https://nsva.org/pdf/Events/2022%20National%20Convention/22%20conven%20hotel%20Reg%20forms.pdf>

For more information please check out our website NSVA.org or to find a meeting near you go to <https://nsva.org/pdf/NSVA%20Island%20Location%20and%20contact%20information%20by%20District.pdf>, but please call before you go in case the meeting days or times have changed! You can also call the National Secretary, Charlie Coffin at 203-843-5513 or e-mail him at nsvasec@gmail.com.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit

National Commander
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary



Dear Member and Prospective Members.

The year is going by too quickly. Hope you are having a good start to summer. Ours was a good summer start, HOT and HOTTER. Somehow, we all survive. Thank goodness for some little storms and rain.

We are now on the downside of our National Convention to be held in Colorado Springs. See the information provided by the NSVA in this issue. We hope you are planning to attend. Jerry Kissinger and his gang are planning a good time for all of us and there will be many activities to participate in. If you email the Tourism Commission or Chamber in Colorado Springs, they will send you a couple of books with information on the areas. This way if you want to spend a little more time sightseeing, you will have a plan.

The Auxiliary will have a meeting Friday am around 9am. If your Seabee attends the SVA meetings, you are welcomed to attend ours. We will, of course, offer you a chance to join as an MAL. If you do not have an auxiliary in your area. and we will sign you up as an MAL. If you have the opportunity to start an Auxiliary (get the members to bring their spouse or immediate family member to attend) and see if you want to start an auxiliary. We will help you with information and what is expected. Our MAL dues are \$5.00 a year. Our meeting should last about two, maybe three hours depending on questions, We have some bylaw changes to take care of. I will see if there is room to post our mid-year meeting Minutes where the b-laws are outlined. Your presidents should have received a copy. MAL's should have received a copy too.

At our annual meeting, we will be selling "chance" tickets for a 50/50 and also a "chance ticket" for a \$100.00 gift card. We will also have a "donation" table with small items. Please bring any small item that you think someone else may want. Remember, whatever you bring, someone has to take it back on a plane. I know a few will drive, but most will fly. These items will be set up in categories by our board and whoever else wants to help. I know a lot of you have been busy and have attended many activities that are put on by members, VFW, American Legion, DAV, etc.

I had the opportunity to attend the All Seabee Reunion held in Gulfport. Good time to renew acquaintances and make new friends. They had a sellout crowd for the dinner. The members did a good job with their fantastic "raffle" items. Hopefully, some of you may attend next year.

Hope you were able to pay respects to those Veterans at the various cemeteries in your area. The Fourth of July is almost here and that is a day to celebrate. Put out flags, if you do not already have one flying in your yard. Linda Schmuck and I belong to the Catholic Church at the Seabee Base and we will be feeding students on Sunday afternoon, July 3rd. Various groups take turns to feed the students who cannot leave the base and most stay in uniform. They enjoy the homemade food and the friendship. We have chess and karaoke and various activities for the group. We just may have to teach them the Seabee Song if they do not already know it. If you meet a service member who got out, remind them they are Veterans. Surprises me how many do not understand that. If they were a Seabee, invite them to the Island meeting or the VFW or the American Legion.

Until next time, have a good summer, watch for sunburn, and be careful of COVID, WEAR a mask in public. Please visit our and the SVA's web-site for any other information you may want. Use Navy Seabee Veterans of America or Navy Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary.

Lorraine Santo
National NSVA Auxiliary President

From the Desk of the NSVAA Vice President
Member at Large President

Hello Members at Large, I hope many of you have decided to go to Colorado Springs for the National Convention, August 24-28 at the Academy Hotel. Check the Can-Do magazine or NSVA.ORG for further information. There is still time to get your registration in.

If you have not joined the NSVA Auxiliary, there is a registration form on the NSVA.ORG website or you can contact me and I will make sure you get one. Members at Large are not affiliated with an Island Auxiliary but want to be a part of the NSVAA. Spouse, widow, widower, mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter and grandchildren over the age of 18 who are related to a veteran who is or was a Seabee or served with a Seabee unit are eligible to join. We'd love to have you as a member of the NSVAA.

For those who are members, please send your dues (\$5.00) to Linda Schmuck before June 30th to remain an active member.

Nancy Staples NSVAA V-P/ Member at Large President
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SVAA X-11 Leadership

CDR Ernie Nelson
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Treas: Jim Johnson

Secy.: Dwight Hamborsky



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



Island X-11 Tampa, Florida **Lucky Leven**

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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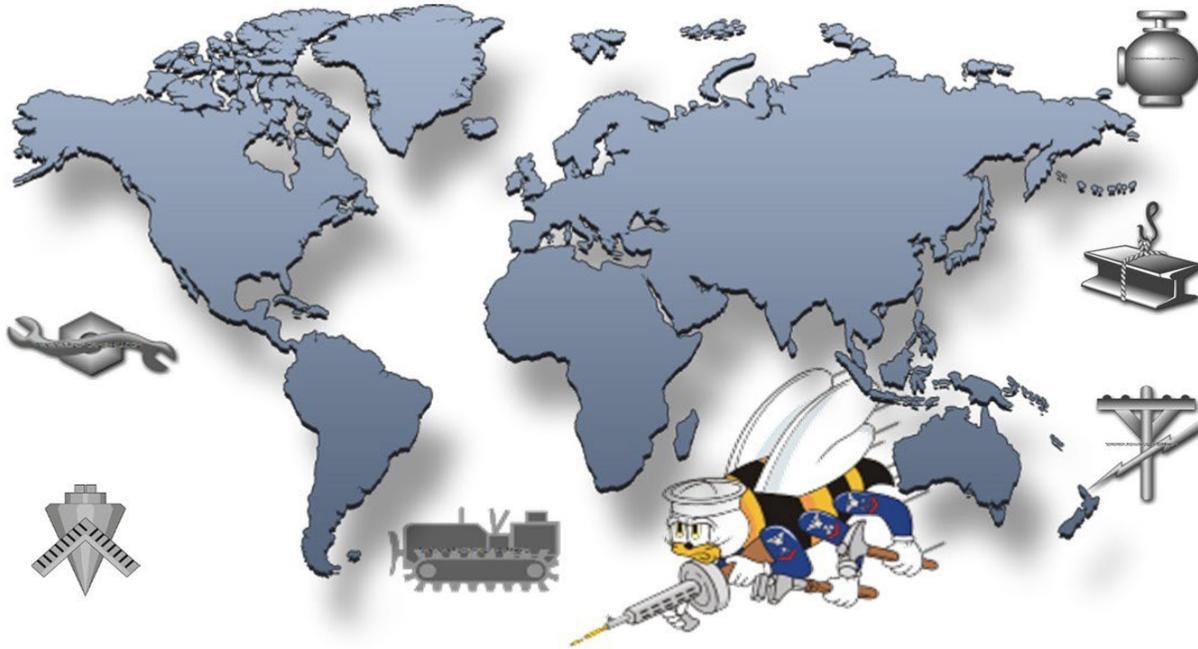


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U.S. NAVY SEABEES DESERVE A STAMP TOO!



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

If you can't have the one on the left for your truck, the one on the right will have do



Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville, RI

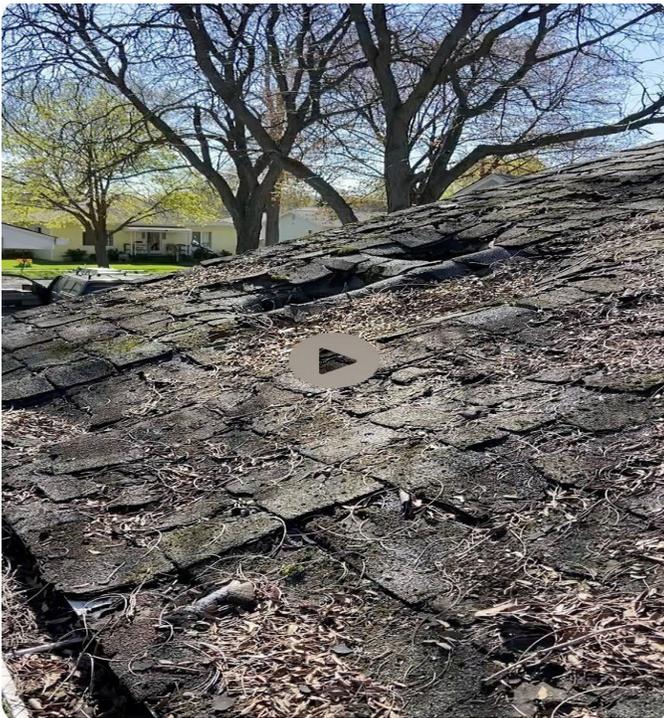
Bruce Speller, Member Island X-5 Buffalo, NY

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

ISLAND HOPPING

This write up is about Seabees helping Seabees. A couple of weeks ago two Seabee Brothers from Michigan that I was stationed with in GITMO back in 81/82 gave me a call saying that another Seabee that was in GITMO with us had fallen on hard times. The roof on his garage was in dire straits and needed to be replaced. Luckily one of the Seabees that called me owns his own Construction Company and was willing to get the job done Pro Bono but was wondering if there was any Seabee organization that maybe could help with the cost. Let it be known that this project was going to be done even without financial assistance. After talking with my Seabee Brothers and understanding what was going on up in Michigan I talked to our Vice Commander of Island X-9 in Jacksonville FL and decide to give a call up to Michigan and speak to Chaplain Michael Johns who is very involved with the Seabees not only in Michigan but all over. After speaking with Chaps he commented "I'll see what I CAN DO". Within a week Chaps notified us that they had raised a substantial amount of money to help our Seabee Brother. After hearing this and again talking with our Vice Commander we decided to have a couple raffles at our Island/Swarm meeting on 21 May 2022 to help our Brother Seabee and a check was in mail that day being sent to Chaps. Chaps will be delivering the cash he collected this coming Friday. To all our Seabee Brothers and Sisters out there this is what We (Seabees) are all about and this quote comes to mind, "With compassion for others, we build, we fight for peace with freedom." Included is a before picture one of the pictures after completion.

Submitted by Jim Zywort, CMDR. NSVA Island X-9 Jacksonville FL.



"The American Flag does not fly because the wind moves past it.

The American Flag flies from the last breath of each military member who has died protecting it."

Here are a few photos of the Mississippi Vietnam Memorial Clean-up that we did last Friday. Bob Smith organized it for NSVA Island X-1 Gulfport. We had Seabees from NMCB 14, 27 NCG 2 and Island X-1 Gulfport, MS. This year is the 25th anniversary of the Memorial being in place. CAN DO...Well Done





Today, NSVA Island X-4 members completed another successful day of Adopt a Highway and service to the Boulder County residents and motorists. The crew consisted of Four Retired Seabees (Robert Wheeler, Mark Abramski, Brian Condray and Gerald Kissinger) and Two Guests (Rodney Rice and Clarence (Sky) Solomon, a Retired member of the Air Force's 8th Maintenance Group). Thank you to all for your CAN DO ATTITUDE and COMMITMENT! We performed a little over 3 hours of cleanup, picking up 26 bags of debris, along with a flat screen television, sheet metal, tire treads and barbed wire. This cleanup clears the right-of-way of the State Highway for mowing operations performed by the Colorado Department of Transportation. BRAVO ZULU, Volunteers!

Respectfully, Gerald (Jerry) Kissinger, member NSVA Island X-4 Longmont, CO.

Our Johnstown PA Island X-6 completed a service plaque placement on the Local VFW Post 155 in time for Memorial Day. The working party consisted of CDR Marty Brezovic, Treasurer Dan Till, Jack (Radar) Smith Life member and John Bernot Life member and Dennis Bugosh Life member (also Photo Shy). Proud to Serve, Well Done X-6 HOO-RA



Just got back to Orly Airport in Paris. Have been at Trans-Atlantic Council Normandy Camporee. Scouts from many countries were gathered to have fellowship but more important learn of the hardships and losses endured during this war. They visited Fort Du Hoc where rangers climbed The cliffs to engage the enemy. Ceremonies were conducted at the British, German and American Cemeteries as well as the French commando site. I had the privilege of visiting the Grave of one of the first Seabees To be Killed in Action at Normandy. MM1c Phillip P Judd from Iowa died in action on June 14, 1944. Submitted by Jim Sorensen MCB-7 Association



NSVA Island X-1 located in Huntington WV, held their March meeting at Cam's, good looking bunch.



Submitted by B. Gagne, newest Island member.

Homosassa, FL Memorial Monument with Island X-23 NSVA Commander David Buchanan, Island X-23 NSVAA Officers Treasurer Joan Buchanan, President Nancy Staples, and Vice President Nancy Ward.



NICE RIDE



NSVA Island X-1 Davisville RI, our first attempt to submit something for publication in the NSVA CAN DO magazine. Our Commander, Thomas Curran, is all for our Island getting some positive public relation information out into the world. The Island is undergoing a transition of officers and is hopeful that the future of the Island will be bright. The attached photo is of a new sign recently erected at the entrance to the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park (SMMP) grounds. In the late 1990's Island X-1 was the group of Seabees that initiated the idea of the "Davisville" Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. Many X-1 members are also LIFE members of the Museum who contribute their time and energy to running and maintaining the Museum. There are no paid employees, only volunteers that built and have kept the SMMP running for all these years. Submitted by Ed Weikman, X-1 Davisville, RI



SEA CADETS GRADUATE



Attendees L-R LT J. Reaves NTAG Pittsburg, PA, L. Jessie SAR, H. Wakefield Navy League CNY, R. Comerford DAR, J. Orton SAR, N. Sulock NSVA X-19, J. Hilgers NSVA X-19, D. Gordon NSVA X-19. Island X-19, Syracuse, NY has made significant contributions to the Sea Cadets on an annual basis, X-19 is wholly committed to supporting this effort.

The US Naval Sea Cadets Corps is a youth organization that is sponsored by the US Navy and supported by the Coast Guard. We have two groups broken down by ages. We have ages 10-13 are Navy Leaguers and Ages 13-18 are Sea Cadets. They are required to attend a 7-14 day training based off US Navy Recruit Training. They learn many life skills. For example, shining boots, ironing, sewing, making a bed, leadership, responsibility and above all else teamwork. Many of the Cadets decide to join the military although are not pressured to do so.

VIETNAM PERSPECTIVE

By Charles E. Kraus

For the past 60 years or so, my calling has been to mystify audiences and make people smile; especially kids. About a year of that time was spent in Vietnam. Officially, the military had me down as an enlisted man who'd signed up for a hitch in the Navy and had gotten himself attached to MCB 71, a Mobile Construction Battalion, the Seabees.

John Wayne had starred in a movie, "The Fighting Seabees." The poster showed him with a hammer in one hand and a machine gun in the other. We participated in war by building things rather than destroying them but were trained to do both. Outfitted in military fatigues, we attended Escape and Evasion School, learned to use our M16s, practiced throwing grenades and even took a lesson in firing anti-tank weapons. We honed these skills in Camp Lejeune, training with the Marines. Then, off to Chu Lai. It was 1967. I think I was the only one in the battalion who took along props for a stage show.

These were brutal days, though the horrific Ukraine-Russia war has changed my perspective about what we went through. Some 4,431 Americans were killed in the Iraq War. And 58,220 Americans died in Vietnam. I guess we'll eventually total up the current conflict.

I spent much of my time in Vietnam performing shows. Some for military units in the area and some for children. Mostly, I'm a kid-show guy. Born with an ability to help distract children who are enduring traumatic events, getting them to refocus, albeit, for a few moments, on cheerful bewilderment. In this case, my magic tricks.

Some of my in-country entertaining was spontaneous. The streets of Chu Lai were filled with military and civilian vehicles — trucks, motor bikes, transports, rushing about in a nonstop frenzy. Commercial sheds (stores) were mixed in with massive tented areas that serviced troops — bivouacs filled with activity, all day, all night, the pandemonium blending ground-level racket with Skyhawks and other jets taking off and landing every few minutes. The concept of noise abatement had yet to be invented.

Children wandered through this chaos trying to go about their lives. When I could, I'd gather a little crowd and compete with the bedlam. Coins appearing and disappearing. Sponge rubber balls changing color. Silk scarves magically unknotting themselves. Even in Da Nang, which maintained an element of civility, war turned everyone into cautious, suspicious, fearful beings in need of a little diversion.

I was a delivery man, passing out synthetic wonder to children who would have benefited from actual wonder. My performances provided a touch of relief for the kids and for the magician. Pretty tense times.

Sleight-of-hand magic turned out to be one of those universal art forms. Just as music can be appreciated by people around the world, an illusion that defies the laws of science can create an instinctual "wow!" And so, when orphaned children subjected to a war's depravity surrounded the platform and watched the impossible being performed with a smile, sometimes the smile got returned.

Charles E. Kraus was awarded a Bronze Star for his service. He continues to perform as Charles The Magician and Charles The Clown. He is the author of the memoir, "You'll Never Work Again In Teaneck, NJ."

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NMCB-14 Alumni Association

2022 Annual Reunion Announcement

The NMCB-14 Alumni Association's Annual Reunion will be held 20-23 October at the Sheraton Tampa Brandon located at 10221 Princess Palm Avenue; Tampa, FL 33610. Details on registration and schedule will be posted soon on the Association's website <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>. All Seabees welcome!!

If you are or ever were a member of NMCB-14 or RNMCB-14, you are encouraged to join the Association. Application and dues structure can be found at the Association's website.

NMCB-14 Alumni Association Challenge Coin



Cost \$10 each plus \$1.00 shipping within the US. Contact Gregg Harkness at g.harkness@earthlink.net for ordering information.

The NMCB-14 Alumni Association is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (19). Our purpose is to provide charitable, educational, and spiritual support and to help provide for some of the basic necessities of life for widows, children and other family members on active or inactive duty and former members of NMCB-14, especially for members that were wounded or killed in conflict while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

TODAYS SEABEES

Experienced underwater construction Seabees can grab bonuses of up to \$100,000

By [Diana Stancy Correll](#)

May 18, 05:33 PM



Builder 2nd Class Carlos Hernandez, assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1, prepares to enter the water. (MC3 Nicholas Tenorio/Navy)

The Navy is offering Seabee underwater construction technician master divers up to \$100,000 in [retention bonuses](#).

UCT sailors who have served on active duty for 20 to 27 years, and are at least in paygrade E-7, are eligible for the bonus by signing on for [three to five more years of service](#) in a master underwater construction technician diver (B18A) billet.

Eligible sailors can earn \$15,000 annually for a three-year contract; \$17,000 annually for a four-year contract; and \$20,000 annually for a five-year contract. Sailors will receive the bonus annually in a lump sum.

“Reenlistments and extensions may be combined to align service dates for maximum opportunity, up to a reenlistment of 6 years and extension of up to 12 months,” according to a naval administrative message.

Likewise, these sailors may reenlist early to coordinate reenlistment and retention bonus contracts.

E-7s can sign on for a contract lasting until their 24th year of service, while E-8s and E-9s may agree to contracts lasting until their 26th and 30th years of service, respectively. Those with a [retention bonus](#) contract may not “submit a request for retirement or tender a resignation with an effective date that is prior to completion of the agreement,” according to the NAVADMIN.

Sailors submit retention bonus requests through the program manager 60 to 180 days prior to entering the contract agreement. Those unable to fulfill the terms of the retention bonus contract will likely have to repay the unearned portion of the bonus.

Those serving under an existing retention bonus are not eligible for this bonus. Sailors cannot receive the bonus past their high-year tenure date.

U.S. NAVY SEABEES DESERVE A STAMP TOO!

As you have read in the March edition of the CAN DO Magazine, I’m continually promoting the NSVA’s Seabee Stamp Initiative with members of Congress and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Board. I continue to be in contact with many individuals promoting and lobbying for approval of the stamp. We are well into our 80th Anniversary, it would be fantastic if approval of this well-earned and deserved symbol of recognition would be approved. I will continue to keep you abreast as our request moves through the “system”.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit
Doug Bower, Past Natl. V. Cmdr.





*8th Annual Seabee Ball
All Services & Civilians*

*Organized By
The Navy Seabees*

Island X-3, Blairsville, Georgia

Saturday, March 4th, 2023

The Ridges Resort, Young Harris, GA

*Celebrate
The Seabees
81st
Birthday*

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

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While the Island has welcomed Seabees from as far as Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas to our past Seabee Balls, our normal membership comes from North Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. If you are visiting the Georgia Mountains or would like to join our Island you are most welcome. We meet at 1400 hours on the second Friday of each month at the Major Leon Davenport Veterans Center, 78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy, Blairsville, GA. 30512. Contact Ed Crenshaw (706) 897-2649, cecbret@windstream.net or Bob Ramay (706) 400-9245, bobramay@windstream.net

for more information.





A suggestion from the Office of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee is a group of SEABEE Veterans who help determine the direction the Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, Inc. is going in the future.

The Nominating Committee is a 5 person Committee made up of the most recent National Commanders present at the National Conventions, plus Ex Officio members (Present Natl. Cmdr. & Natl. Sec'y)

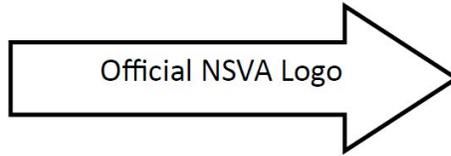
In an effort to identify SEABEES that are most dedicated to your organization, the Nominating Committee is recommending that candidates pre-introduce themselves with a short resume' or bio outlining their involvement and contributions to the Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, Inc.

These resumes' or bio's should contain past and present positions held as well as aspirations or goals for the future of the Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, Inc. to make your Organization the best it can be.

The resumes' or bio's should be in the hands of the National Secretary, NO later than July 1 prior to the National Convention elections for distribution to Committee Members. However, as always, Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Convention, at which time the nominee will be required to give an oral bio or resume' of their contributions and involvement.

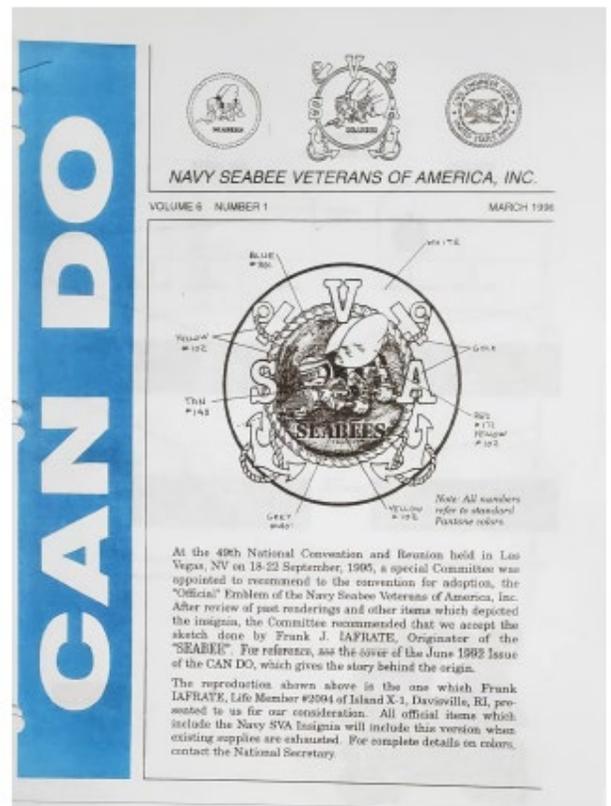
If elected, candidates must be willing and able to attend the National Conventions and Reunions, be proactive in their positions and submit a minimum of 2 written reports to the National Executive Committee each year, one at the Midyear meeting and another at the National Convention to the General membership.

In addition, it is imperative that the elected candidate has the ability to maintain an open and effective line of communications with the National Executive Committee and National Commander.



At the Mid-year meeting held in Gulfport MS. 4 March 2022 there was a decision made to fix a problem that had gone un-addressed for 26 years. Copied below is the cover from the 1996 Can Do where it explains the adoption for the official NSVA logo. For unknown reasons the logo was never adopted as voted on by the membership. Finally, it has been corrected. Those who are currently wearing the old patch with the red letters are welcome to continue to wear them but if you choose to be current the ships store has the Official NSVA logos. The Official logo for printing your Department and Island newsletters both (NSVA & NSVAA) are currently available by contacting NSVA Secretary, Charlie Coffin at nsvasec@gmail.com.

This correction also impacts the Auxiliary. They will use the Official Logo and then have "Auxiliary" embroidered below in Red as pictured below.



NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS
Scammers are hard at work trying to separate you from your \$\$\$

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Requests for Donations: During times of geopolitical events, fraudsters exponentially increase their efforts to take advantage of your interest to support specific causes. Funds or personal information provided to unverified charities could ultimately not reach their intended audience and could put your account information at risk. [FTC.Gov](https://www.ftc.gov) provides guidance to help donate wisely and ensure your contributions reach their intended targets. **The NSVA will not!**

Requests for Account Info: Fraudsters may pose as Citi or a Citi employee and ask for information which allows them to access your account — they may email, text, or call you. **The NSVA will not!**

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CAN DO is September 15th 2022

SMMP
Seabee Museum and Memorial Park



Chapel in the Pines
Preservation Fundraiser
&
80th SEABEE Celebration Clamboil

Saturday, August 27th, 2022 ~ 1 pm
Donation: \$50.00 50/50 raffle and more



For ticket sales contact the museum at:
seabeesmallstoreri@yahoo.com or 401-294-7233
Or anyone of our board members
THE TICKET CUTOFF DATE IS AUGUST 13, 2022

Monument Dedication

Attached are photos of the installation of the 2nd NSVA Monument for the Dept. of TN. This monument has been placed at the Mt. Home National Cemetery, Johnson City, TN. Cemetery Director Bruce W. Longbine, MCB-9 Association, was instrumental in the placement and work being accomplished. Our SVA monument is the first for this cemetery. Dedication of the monument will be the 4th of July weekend, and hopefully, we will have local media coverage. Submitted by Dave Howard. A job Well Done Seabees.



Blessings to you
and your families!



Thank you
for your service
to our country!



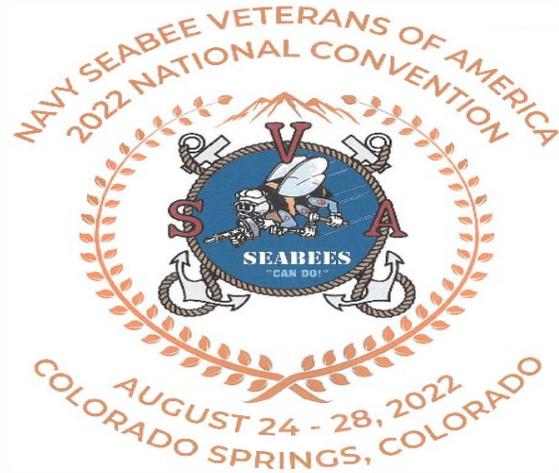
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The Academy Hotel
Colorado Springs

August 24th-28th 2022

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Call to make reservations

Local: 719-598-5770 | Toll Free: 800-766-8524

\$98 dollars + tax per night

Please make reservations early as rooms at this rate are limited and only available until

July 23rd

Ground transportation from both Denver and Colorado Springs airports to the Academy Hotel may be arranged by contacting Groome Transportation online at <https://groometransportation.com/colorado-springs/>

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.

76th NATIONAL CONVENTION AND REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

**AUGUST 24-28, 2022
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO**

**Last day to Register
July 15 2022**



AUXILIARY

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Name; _____ Auxiliary _____ Annual _____ Life # _____

Mailing address; _____

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Island X- _____ City _____ State _____ SEABEE'S Year of Birth _____

Positions held in Island _____

Positions held in National _____

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

DATES	EVENTS: Details to follow (visit www.nsva.org)	COST	TOTAL COST
	Mail Checks and Forms to: Charles Coffin, 2047 Ridge Road Queensbury, NY 12804		
	Convention Registration fee for the 2022 Convention and Reunion A Registration fee is required for each convention attendee Registration Fees are Non-Refundable	\$20.00	\$20.00
8/27/2022	SATURDAY EVENING BUFFET BANQUET		
	Top Sirloin Roast, An herb crusted roast finished with Exotic Mushroom Demi Glaze	\$40.00	
	Salmon Fillet, with Honey Mustard Dijon, Lemon and Butter	\$40.00	
	Both meals include, water, Iced Tea, Coffee, Lemonade or Fruit punch, Salad, (2) side dishes and a Dessert		
	TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$
	NO REFUNDS ON DINNER FEE AFTER 7/15/2022		

**Please make checks payable to NSVA,
with "Convention" on the memo line**



SVA 76th NATIONAL CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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.



76th National Navy Seabee Veterans of America Convention and Reunion
August 24-28, 2022
Island Assist by X-4, Longmont, Colorado



Garden of the Gods Park

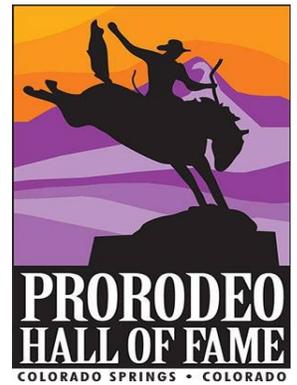


View from Pikes Peak Road



Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

- 8/24: Pre-Convention, The Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO time TBD
Registration and Hospitality suite open at 2:00 pm
 - 8/25: NSVA and NSVAA Pre-Convention meeting
 - Meetings begin at 9:00 am
 - Committee meetings to follow
 - Registration and Hospitality suite open at 12:00 pm
 - 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
Registration and Hospitality suite open at 2:00 pm
 - 8/27: Memorial service 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Registration and Hospitality suite open at 12:00 pm
Admiral Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner Seating at 6:00 pm
- Refer to your Visitors guide, Attractions map and Dining, Shopping and Entertainment guide.
Questions? Contact: Gerald Kissinger cbsw1285@juno.com
(720) 641-8379



PRCA and Cowboy

We ask you to please consider making a donation or placing an advertisement in the convention booklet.



Cadets Salute outside USAFA Chapel



Doolittle Hall on USAFA



United States Olympic Training Center

GROUP EVENT Pikes Peak National Cemetery (<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/PikesPeak.asp>); 19 miles/31 minutes from the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs; OPEN Sunrise to Sunset; No cost; Dedication of Navy Seabee monument by Island X-4, Longmont, CO during the 76th National Navy SVA Convention.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT Cowboy ProRodeo Hall of Fame (<https://www.prorodeohalloffame.com>); 4.6 miles/9 minutes from the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs; M-SU 0900-1700; Military \$6.00 Adults \$8.00; The ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy educates the public about rodeo, its history and impact on Western American culture, and provides recognition to rodeo notables of the past and present and serves as an inspiration for the future.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT Garden of the Gods Park (<https://www.gardenofgods.com>); 8.8miles/14 minutes from the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs; Visitor & Nature Center M-SU 0900-1700, Park 0500-2200; Cost is FREE; Garden of the Gods Park is a registered National Natural Landmark. Imagine dramatic views, 300' towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT Manitou Incline (<https://cityofcoloradosprings.aluvii.com/store/...>); 17.3 miles/26 minutes from the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs; open from 6 AM until 6 PM with **free ADVANCED reservations are required.**; The Manitou Incline was built as a cable car to carry materials to build pipelines on Pikes Peak. After the pipelines were finished, it was turned into a tourist attraction. This is an INTENSE climb.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT Cripple Creek, CO (<https://www.visitcripplecreek.com>); 53.6 miles/72 minutes from the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs; A historic mining town with gambling, food, entertainment, souvenirs and shopping that is FREE to tour (Cost required to play or purchase entertainment).

INDIVIDUAL EVENT United States Olympic Training Center (<https://www.teamusa.org/about-the-usopc/olympic>); 18.9 miles/18 minutes from the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs; Out of an abundance of caution, and in an effort to limit potential exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the OPTC Visitor and Team USA Shop are **temporarily closed and tours are unavailable at this time.**; The Colorado Springs Olympic & Paralympic Training Center is able to provide housing, dining, training facilities, recreational facilities and other services for more than 500 athletes and coaches at one time on the complex.

Colorado Springs Tourism Site (<https://www.colorado.com/official-site>). Wondering what to do in Colorado Springs? We offer more than 60 area attractions, including trains, museums, parks, a zoo and more. You'll find no shortage of things to do in Colorado Springs, where the adventures range from mild to wild! Whether you're looking for outdoor thrills or educational and cultural activities, things to do in Colorado Springs are limitless.

Conventions and Reunions

Upcoming Events

NSVA 76th National Convention

will be convened at the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO
August 24th thru 28th, 2022 (see pages 26-30)

Seabee Historical Foundation Upcoming Events

Golf Tournaments from June to November
(for more info. & dates go to SeabeeHF.org)

NSVA Department of Tennessee, All Seabee Reunion / Picnic

Douglas Dam Overlook Public Park
Hwy. 338 / Douglas River Way, Kodak, TN
August 13, 2022 @11:00

31st Annual MCB-7 & NMCB-7 Reunion

Gulfport, MS. Courtyard Marriott Gulfport beachfront
Contact John Stanger (845) 399-9276 for information
September 14th thru 17th, 2022

MCB 133 - Veterans Association Reunion

Warwick / Davisville, RI. contact D. Ruocco (910) 712-2733
September 16th - 18th, 2022 (go to www.nsva.org for full details)

NSVA Department of Tennessee, All Seabee Reunion

Pigeon Forge, TN
Contact Troy Branch (865) 924-9023 or Ray McPeck (865) 776-1051
October 23rd thru 27th, 2022

NMCB 121 Association Annual Reunion

Grand Smokies Resort Lodge, Pigeon Forge, TN
Contact: Dave Pearson, (210) 289-4616
October 23rd to 27th, 2022

The Original Seabees 80 years and counting



Marine Corps Chevron, 30 October 1943.

"Seabees Share Food, Knives With Raiders Beer Cements Jungle Friendship Of Fighting Men"
By Staff Sgt. Gene Ward
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC - (Delayed) A beautiful friendship has been born in the heat of battles in the jungles on New Georgia and Solomon Islands.

Members of this mutual admiration society are the Seabees and the Marine Raiders. It all started on Guadalcanal back in the doubtful days and has been booming ever since, according to Raiders recently returned from action. Pvt, Homer "Duke" Laneville, veteran of three Raider missions, tells how the Seabees gave up one of their only two sets of uniforms to worn-out and tattered Raiders on Vangunu Island New Georgia group, how they even surrendered their own chow rations and finally, when it was discovered many of the Raiders had lost their knives, completely outfitted them from their own kits. "And up I here," commented Pvt. Laneville, "a knife is just about the most valuable piece of property a man can have. What a swell bunch those Seabees are." GIVEN SOUVENIRS" In return for all this kindness, the Raiders loaded the Seabees down with assorted Japanese souvenirs. Another Raider campaigner, PFC, John E. Roach, relates how the Seabees gave up their beer rations.

"On Guadalcanal, The Seabees learned we weren't getting any beer rations so each of them made a Raider a present of his beer chit. And when we went to their PX, And when we went to their PX, the Seabee in charge lined us up and gave us everything we needed from shaving gear to pogeys (candy), and he wouldn't charge us a penny." According to Laneville, Roach and other Raiders, one Seabee stowed away and made the New Georgia raid.

"TOOK OVER GUN" - He'd helped to load the boat so we thought he was a Navy man attached to the ship we were leaving on, related Roach, "A few hours out, however, he revealed himself to our captain and said he wanted to join the Raiders. So he was attached as an ammunition carrier and later distinguished himself by manning a machine gun after others in its crew had been wounded and killed."

At Viru, the Seabees were calmly building a road while the battle raged over the next ridge and at the particular point where Pvt. Laneville's outfit landed on Vangunu, the Seabees were there ahead of everybody—even the Raiders,

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 Fund.
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Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
John Cubit, Life Membership Chairman, Navy Seabee
Veterans of America

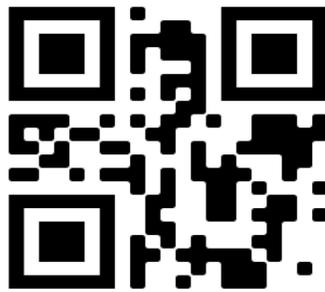
It is with pleasure that we welcome the following Seabees as
Life Members of our Organization:

NAME	LM #	ISLAND	CITY	STATE
Edwin Crabtree	6945	24 th NMCB @ Lg	Gainesville	GA
Daniel Scheidel	6946	24 th NMCB @ Lg	Stone Mtn.	GA
Brent Hatcher	6947	24 th NMCB @ Lg	Douglas	GA
Larry Castleberry	6948	X-3	Blairsville	GA

Fellow Seabees, I'm John Cubit the NSVA Life Membership Chairman. I will do my best to ensure that all new membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. Please forward all requests along with any required funds to me, this will allow faster service. My contact information is:

John Cubit, Life Membership Chair
 113 Kislingbury St. Rochester, NY 14613-1611
eqcmcubit@gmail.com (585) 647-9294

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