

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

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Cover: The picture of the Seabee Memorial Monument dedicated this summer in the Woodlawn National Cemetery located in Elmira, New York was the culmination of efforts by both NSVA members and non-members, but ALL Seabees. Playing leading roles were Larry Sherman, Honor Guard Commander, Vietnam Veterans and X-12 member and Larry Green, member X-12 Rochester, NY.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

I recall a story told by a Clergyman when I was very young. It foretold how mankind would cease to exist. It said that God looked down on the world and was very displeased with that human turned his back on him and disobeyed his commandants.

People became selfish and no longer worked for the common good, offered help to those in need, and entered wars to resolve differences instead of coming together and with communication, compromise, turned to machines and weapons of war to achieve their goals.

God threatened to destroy the world and all on it. His son pleaded with him not to do so for the sake of the righteous who still lived by his commandants.

God than said he would not destroy the world himself but would give man the power to do it themselves.

I cannot help but wonder if this prophesy does not have some truth in it.

Today our world is being ravaged by wars, Man's inhumanity to each other, and a total disregard of the rights of others.

I can only offer up my prayers and ask others to join me with the hope that those who make decisions will realize that we are on a path to self-destruction and seek other means to resolve our differences

Michael Boncheck, National Chaplain
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings!

I am BU2 (Ret) Dwight K. Hamborsky, your new National Commander. I spent my 22 years 3 months and 2 days with NMCB-14. I look forward to serving you to promote and preserve our great Seabee History and expand our membership through the re-institution of the National Island at Large. Many of you who have come to various swarms throughout the Country are not near an active Island but want to be part of our National Organization.

We have not increased our Life Member fee for at least 10 years and becoming a life member will insure your participation forever. Please use my name as a referral on the application and send it and the indicated funds directly to Charles Coffin the National Secretary. As we are improving our ability to process fees other than a check or money order, it should become easier to send payment but we are not there yet.

The next thing I wish to encourage is updating our communication problem. As I look at the current list of members too many have "Dead " land lines and no email address. Our data base is only as good as the information we receive from you and if you have a new cell phone number and acquired an email account please communicate that new information directly to Charlie Coffin 2047 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 or NSVASEC@gmail.com. Take a minute and update your information. I have asked the State Departments to make this a high priority and over the next year include updates on how this very critical program is progressing.

We are planning for the 2024 National Conventions to be in the Pittsburgh, PA area. If you have not attended a National Convention yet, please consider doing so. San Antonio, TX was a wonderful experience and the Seabees from Island X-1 did a magnificent job of having a convention with a lot of activities and a wonderful hotel. Many Departments also have local conventions, which would be closer if you do not wish to travel and remember, as a member, you can go to all or none of them. Participation in local various Island Parades is encouraged. Many Islands have floats or at least a unit that shows up for 4th of July, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and other local parade events. It is wonderful to see the crowd waving, saluting, and cheering for the Seabees! Many of you also have wives or husbands that may wish to enjoy a family activity instead of just going to another meeting.

The SVAA is expanding its reach to Islands that would like to be part of our greater mission. If your Island does not have an auxiliary, consider the relatives starting one. The dues are only \$3.50 a year to National or \$5.00 for a member at Large and you can have a new band of sisters and or brothers.

The Ship Store has acquired a vast inventory of items to order. Having at least an SVA Cap to wear at any event tells the world you are a Proud Navy Seabee. Ernie and Betty Nelson have really put together a store where any member can find just about anything related to Seabees. We have a new team of dedicated Officers that will make our journey to the future a success, so join the club and promote the Seabees!

NOTE---If you have received a BOGUS email from me asking you to BUY \$ 1,000.00 worth of GIFT CARDS. DON'T, THIS IS A SCAM.

In the Can-Do Spirit,

Dwight K. Hamborsky
National Commander
Navy Seabee Veterans of America



On behalf of ALL NSVA Auxiliary members, I would like to thank the NSVA for the beautiful pin (below) that we have all received in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the Auxiliary. We will wear it with pride, as our relatives have served our country with pride. Thank you again.



First, if you have not heard, I was elected President of the Auxiliary at the National Convention and Reunion in San Antonio, TX in August. Thank you for all the proxy votes.

As always, my focus is to recruit more members for the Auxiliary. An application form can be found on this website. If you have an island in your area, feel free to join it. If you do not have an island nearby, you can become a member at Large (MAL). Dues for an MAL remain at \$5.00 per year. Island dues are as the island has set. National dues for an island member are \$3.50 per year. Please consider joining.

The convention in San Antonio was VERY nice. The highlight for many was the trip to the Alamo. The Memorial Service is always a very touching and emotional service. The Auxiliary meeting was capped off by a luncheon provided by the members of the NSVA.

An award was given to the Island with the most members present at the convention and went to Island X-11 Auxiliary Tampa, FL. The Member at Large who traveled the furthest for the convention award went to Carol Parker from Rhode Island. A new award was created this year and named the Derek Donovan Award for the member who has stepped up to fill vacancies and help wherever needed. This award went to Joan Buchanan of Crystal River, FL, who stepped up in the past to take over the office of President when the officer could not fulfill her term. Joan also has manned the registration table, oversaw the donation table many times, and has been willing to do whatever was needed. Congratulations Joan.



Your elected officers include: President Nancy Staples, Vice-President Nancy Ward, Secretary Elaine Coffin, and Treasurer Linda Schmuck. Appointed Officers are Chaplain Carol Parker, Historian Linda Hillyer, and Parliamentarian Betty Nelson.

In the Can Do Spirit,
Nancy Staples, National President

**CALLING ALL HANDS NOW HEAR THIS!!
THE NATIONAL ISLAND AT LARGE (NIAL) HAS BEEN REACTIVATED!!**

I am Roy Aguillon your Commander for the NIAL. How to join is as follows:

1. Go to the NSVA Website download and print the Application for Membership
2. Top line write AT LARGE after Island and your State
3. Recommended by: print Roy Aguillon and the Date.
4. Select your age bracket and write a check
5. Mail to Charlie Coffin and you are DONE

Looking forward to seeing you on the WELCOME ABOARD page of the CAN DO.

In the Can Do Spirit

Roy Aguillon

Commander, Island At Large

Vice Commander NSVA

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Convention Highlights

The 2023 NSVA National Convention held in San Antonio, Texas was a grand affair despite the triple digit temperatures. There was much to see and experience, from the River Walk, sidewalk vendors, restaurants serving every type of cuisine to the night life and lights, the city never sleeps. History is alive in San Antonio from the Alamo to the historic old buildings, museums, and bridges over the San Antonio (one from Germany too) river.

A lot of business was accomplished as well as experiencing the great cuisine and sights. Below are candid shots of members, meetings and events that took place at the convention.



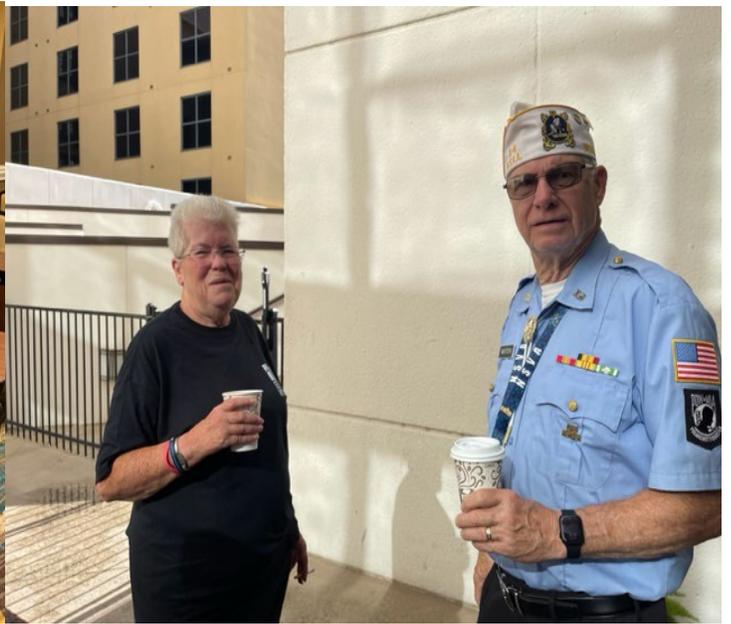
Pic 1. Opening session with the SVAA. Pic 2. Presentation of past SVAA president's plaque and original SVAA charter to President Lorraine Santo and Historian Linda Hillyer for safe keeping. The plaque and Charter were previously located at Island X-8 Tonawanda, NY.



Pic 1. L-R X-1 members, Jesse Escamilla, Roy Aguillon, Mark Dumas, Euseboi (chevo) Soliz & John Roberts.
Pic 2. L-R Steve Devereaux, Jerry Schmuck & David Buchanan



Pic 1 Freddie Sauseda, Ray Johnson & Ernie Nelson



Pic 2 Suzanne Devereaux & Bob Wooten on break



New Slate of NSVA Officers being sworn in by PNC Jim Furey, L-R Freddie Sauseda Resolutions, Jerry Kissinger Treasurer, Chett Winchell SC Dist. Commander, Charlie Coffin Secretary, Dave Buchanan Constitution By-Laws, Dwight Hamborsky National Commander, Roy Aguillon Natl. Vice Commander, Amanda Templeton Master at Arms, Jesse Escamilla Trustee, Jack Tangen Trustee. Visit the NSVA website for a complete list of Officers



Pictured above is the cake provided by X-1 San Antonio and to the right is the oldest Seabee present Michael Boncheck Chaplin, Loraine Santo, Auxiliary President, and the youngest Seabee present Roger Williams EO 2nd CI



Pic 1 L-R National Counselor Jim Sorensen and V. Commander Roy Aguillon. Pic 2 L-R SC Dist. Commander Chett Winchell and National Treasurer Gerry Kissinger



Pictured L-R Jim Zywort Commander X-19 Jacksonville Fl., Charlie Coffin National Secretary, Jack Tangen PNC, Jim Furey PNC, and Dwight Hamborsky National Commander.



Pictured L-R Jerry Schmuck Past National Treasurer, John Hillyer III PNC, Jack Tangen, PNC David Buchanan PNC, and Jim Furey PNC. The Past National Commanders presented Jerry with a token of our appreciation for his 14 years of service to the NSVA as National Treasurer.

ISLAND HOPPING



NSVA Island X-3, Blairsville Georgia is partnering with other local VSOs to build the “Appalachian Veterans Memorial Park.” Current Secretary and prior Commander of Island X-3, Ed Crenshaw is the Project Manager. The Union County Georgia Commissioner has donated one acre of land within the County owned Meeks Park in Blairsville Georgia to build this beautiful Park. A team of various Veterans and civic leaders has been formed and is currently raising funds to build the Park.

The Park will have a 60-foot Compass Rose surrounded by each Military Branch Monument with the American Flag at the forefront. There will be a pathway through the park where each VSO will have their own Monument. So, we as a SEABEE Island will have our own Monument within the Park. The Park was named the “Appalachian Veterans Memorial Park” to take in a larger area of Veterans of which our area is included. All Military Branches, VSO’s, Military Families, and donors will be recognized in the park.

The Appalachian Veterans Memorial Park is a dedicated space for residents, their families, loved one’s members of the community and visitors to Meeks Park. Its purpose is to remember those who are serving or have served our nation’s military. The park will be a place of solitude, one of retrospection, and a gathering place for the recognition of honoring all military branches and Veterans Service Organizations of Appalachia, located at the beautiful Union County Georgia Meeks Park at 490 Meeks Park Road Blairsville GA.

We are accepting donations of various sizes as well as partnering with companies and civic groups to help us build the park. We are also selling Bricks to remember members, friends or relatives who may have served. All information on donations and donor recognition and the sale of Bricks can be found by going to the web page at: TheVeteransPark.org. Any donation big or small will help us build the park.

I am glad as a SEABEE that I was asked to serve on this team to build this beautiful Park.

CE1 (SCW) Ret: Ed Crenshaw: Project Manager Appalachian Veterans Memorial Park

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NSVA Island X-3 Blairsville, GA Gained a Mascot - 'Can Do' the Mini Cow

Hi. My name is Tammy Holloway, and I am a Life Member with NSVA Island X-3, Blairsville, GA. I am a Navy Seabee veteran, a wife, a mom, a business owner, a recent PhD recipient, a homeschool teacher, a business consultant, a volunteer, and own Holloway Zebu Farm, which is a mini zebu cattle farm. I serve as an officer for NSVA Island X-3 out of Blairsville, GA and serve as the only female Bee in the group. I was awarded Seabee of the Year in 2022 and was honored to receive my Quilt of Valor this year, 2023. I enjoy putting their newsletter together quarterly and serve as historian for the group as well. I am honored to be a part of a great group of folks! My husband, Nathan, and I decided to give our mini zebu cattle names relating to the Navy Seabees this year. The Island decided to make one of our Zebu their mascot. Can-do is the Island's mascot and was featured in one of the newsletters for the island. We also have a bull calf named Seabee. The calves are about the size of a deer fawn.



CANDO and her calf Phoebe



Seabee



Above, Island X-19 of Syracuse, NY set up display in the Veterans Park at the New York State Fair in August. On the left of the tent is the bench X-19 dedicated and installed in the Veterans Park (noted in June '23 issue of the CAN DO magazine)

X-1 GULFPORT, MS. Awards two scholarships and Installs New Officers



Mrs. Resa Sobandi is awarded Scholarship by Nadeen Nichols & Bill Hill. Nathaniel Edwards (C) receives scholarship from Nadeen Nichols and Bill Hill with Mr. & Mrs. Michael Edwards proudly standing by.



Pictured above the Honorable Jerry Schmuck reads the NSVA oath of office to (L-R) CDR. Ernie Carpenter, Sec'y. Gene Cowick and Treas.' Jerry Luzadder, not pictured V. CDR. Ricky Burkhart.

NSVA Island X-19 Daytona Beach Change of Command

Shown below is outgoing Island X-19 Daytona Beach Commander, Bob Duffy, On the left, receiving a commemorative plaque from incoming Island X-19 Commander, Bob Forand, recognizing Bob Duffy's 17 consecutive years of leadership as our Island Commander. As the story is spun, Bob Duffy showed up late to an Island monthly meeting 17 years ago only to find that he had been "duly" elected the Island Commander for X-19. Throughout his time in the position, Bob led the Island in sustained membership growth; community service projects; and spearheaded the Island's acquisition and placement of a Seabee Memorial monument at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, FL. Bob was always out in front leading our annual Veterans Day parade participation with our colorful Seabee float; he presided as our senior Seabee official when the Island was asked to share in the funeral of a fallen Seabee; and just a few months back, Bob was recognized as a 2023 Volusia County, Florida "Patriot of the Year." He remains as our Island Commander Emeritus, a title only Bob Duffy is deserving.

For new Commander Bob Forand, welcome to your role as our X-19 leader and thank you for your willingness to tackle yet another position of responsibility only this time within the ranks of the NSVA. You bring lots of active duty Seabee experience and professionalism with you and all our Island membership look forward to serving with you.

Submitted by D. Rowley X-19

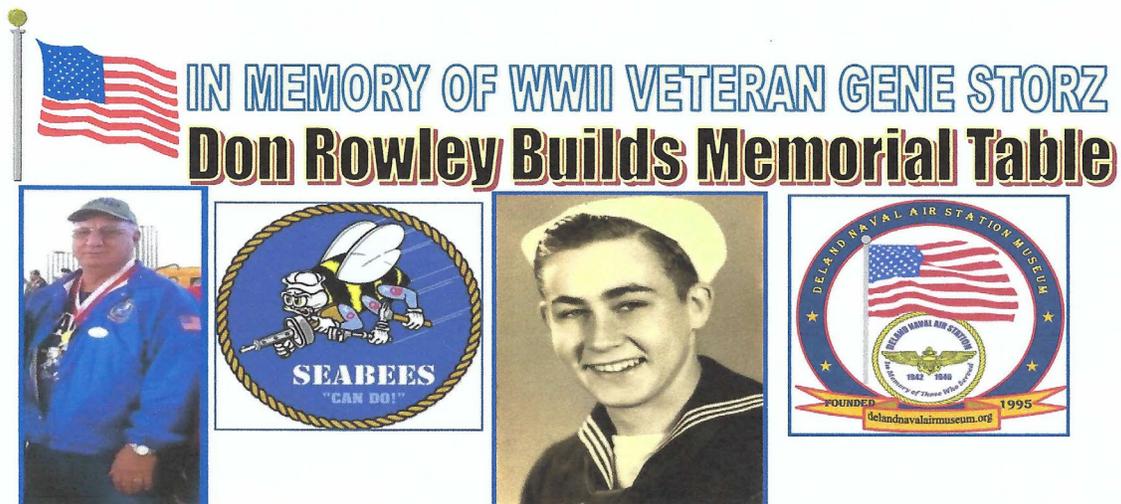


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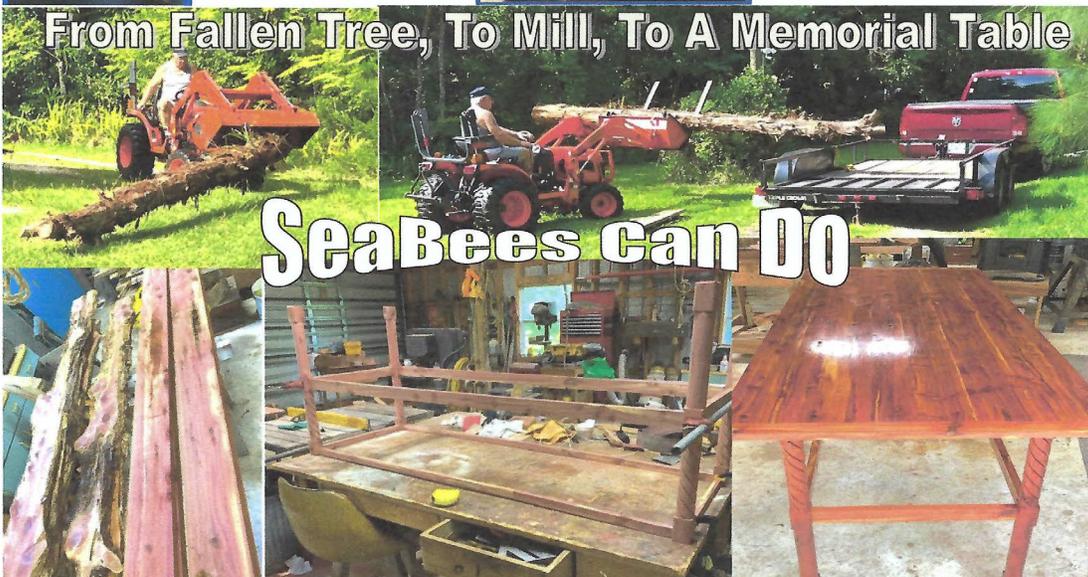


Pictured from L-R are Jack Tangen, Frank Dorobiala, Kevin Johnson, Ed Nicoletta and John Cubit, members of Island X-12 in Rochester, NY. Picture taken after cleanup of the Charlotte Cemetery and the replacement of the service flags. The flag pole with yard arm was installed with the assistance of X-12 a few years ago, along with a plaque and stone monument commemorating the re-dedication of the cemetery as a historical site.

Recently X-19 member Don Rowley took the opportunity to show how the Seabees are working with the community. Attached is a Thank you from the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum. Being the only Seabee in the museum I was asked if I could make a table for a memorial for a WWII Veteran. The Veteran was Gene Storz, a B24 mechanic who was stationed at Pearl Harbor after the attack. He was a member and volunteer at the museum and very active in projects there. He passed away at the age of 99 and was at the museum "working" on his 99th birthday.



**IN MEMORY OF WWII VETERAN GENE STORZ
Don Rowley Builds Memorial Table**



From Fallen Tree, To Mill, To A Memorial Table

SeaBees Can Do

THANK YOU DON, GREAT JOB !!

DeLand Naval Air Station Museum Vice President, Don Rowley, a United States Navy SeaBee Veteran, honored WWII Navy Veteran Gene Storz with a memorial cedar table made from a fallen tree cut by Gene prior to his passing. Don had the log milled and built the table, including the hand turned the legs. The table can be viewed on display at the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum to honor the many contributions made by Gene. He is greatly missed by all. Many thanks Don—SEABEES CAN DO!

THE GEORGIA SEABEES DEDICATION AT THE GEORGIA NATIONAL CEMETERY



PIC 1 DEDICATION BY PIC JAMES ANDERSON AND COMMANDER RICK CONN ISLAND X-1
PIC 2 REMOVAL OF FLAG BY LOREN EMERY ON LEFT AND LARRY THOMAS ON RIGHT IN BACK FROM LEFT TO RIGHT IS PIC /SEC/TREASURE JAMES ANDERSON, COMMANDER RICK CONN JACK LYNN AND ED WOODS. ALL FROM ISLAND X-1.



PIC 3 PICTURED ARE ALL THE SEABEES THAT ATTENDED THE DEDICATION AMONG THEM ARE PAST COMMANDER OF MCB 4 69-70, ISLAND X-3 BLAIRSVILLE COMMANDER VIC RAY, AND 2 MEMBERS OF ISLAND X-2 MACON. SPECIAL GUEST PNC DAVID BUCHANAN WHO WITHOUT HIS HELP AND THE HELP OF ALL THE GA ISLANDS THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

I BROUGHT THIS IN FRONT OF ISLAND X-1 ATLANTA 5 YEARS AGO AND WITH A LOT OF HRS AND HARD WORK WITH THE MEMBERS OF ISLAND X-1 AND X-3 WE GOT IT DONE. WE DID ALL THE LABOR FROM POURING OF THE CONCRETE PAD (MEMBER LARRY THOMAS) TO MANUALLY SETTING OF THE 1700+lb MONUMENT. IT WAS AN ALL SEABEE PROJECT.

THANK YOU NATIONAL FOR ALL THE PAPER WORK AND HAVING MONUMENT MADE (DAVID BUCHANAN) AND ALL THE SUPPORT. THERE ARE A LOT MORE THAT COULD BE SAID AND MORE PEOPLE THAT WAS INVOLVED ALL DONATIONS CAME FROM SEABEES SEABEES CAN DO AND HAVE DONE IT ALL.

Submitted by: CPO JAMES ANDERSON USNR Ret
PIC/ SEC/TREASURER ISLAND X-1 ATLANTA GA.

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Island X-10 Stuart, FL thanks a local business and Community Service Organizations



Pictured above, Paul Wilson CDR. X-10 Stuart, FL and member Brian Ford visited Mission BBQ in Port St Lucie West and presented a plaque of appreciation for letting X-10 meet there free of charge to Manager Nafti. In the second picture Paul presents a plaque of appreciation for the donation the ELKS Lodge 2658 gave to X-10. Pictured L and far R, are Elks Veterans Committee members Harry and Kathy as The Exalted Ruler, Tom accepts Plaque from Paul. Below Paul presents a plaque of appreciation to Kasey Blair of the Mets for letting X-10 fundraise at the Mets spring training and at the minor league stadium, Clover Park in Port St. Lucie, FL.



Text and pictures submitted by Paul Wilson X-10 Stuart, FL.

Island X-4 Longmont, CO 13th Annual Picnic and Adopt a Highway Service



Attendees are as follows left to right: Thomas Rasmussen, Rick Youngquist, Darrel Chapman, Jerry Kissinger, Jim Hamrick, Brian Condray, and Mark Abromski.

On Saturday, October 7th, 2023, family, guests and members of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-4, Longmont, Colorado gathered for their 13th annual picnic and Remembrance Day at the Dwayne Webster Veterans Park in Loveland, Colorado. The gathering was held on a beautiful 65-degree day with clear skies, sunshine, and WONDERFUL Mountain views. In attendance were 12 people. We socialized, renewed old friendships, and established new ones. The event was called to order by NEWLY ELECTED Island Commander, Brian Condray. A prayer for our veterans, fallen service members, community and the food were performed, followed by eating, drinking, socializing and celebration, by all. The Island was brought back to order, by Brian. Installation of the Officers (Brian Condray-Commander, Gerald Kissinger-Sec'y/Treasurer and Thomas Rasmussen-Chaplain) Ceremony was performed by Mark Abromski (appointed as Master-at-Arms), in front of the members present, family and visitors. Brian, gave a brief acceptance speech on his personal mission and his expectations for the Island. The future Island events and activities were discussed. The announcement of the NEWLY APPROVED/FUNDED (and soon to be available (January)) State of Colorado "Navy Seabee" License plate/tag for personal vehicles and motorcycles was given. There were pictures taken by family members for proof and prosperity of those in attendance. The event concluded with a prayer, by Thomas, giving thanks for our health, warm friendships, sacrifices made by those still serving and for the safe travels of all in attendance. BRAVO ZULU SEABEES! Construimus Batuimus. "With Willing Hearts and Skillful Hands, the Difficult we do at once, the Impossible takes a Bit Longer!" SEABEES CAN DO!

On the morning of October 14, 2023, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-4, completed another successful day of Adopt a Highway service to the Weld County residents and to Colorado motorists. The crew consisted of three Retired Seabees (Mark Abromski, Brian Condray and Gerald Kissinger). Thank you, to all, for your CAN DO ATTITUDE and COMMITMENT! The crew performed over 4.0 hours of cleanup, picking up 24 bags of debris, in addition to lumber, sheet metal, a mattress, carpet and cable spool wheels. This cleanup of the State Highway is critical and clears the right-of-way for mowing operations performed by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

BRAVO ZULU, Volunteers!

Submitted by Gerald (Jerry) Kissinger, Navy SVA, Island X-4, Longmont, CO Secretary

NSVA Island X-3, Pittsburg, PA Member Honored at Pittsburgh Steeler Game



The Steelers honored active-duty service members and veterans on Thursday night at Acrisure Stadium as a part of the Steelers Salute to Service game. The Salute to Service game, an annual NFL initiative, honors our nation's service members, veterans, and their families.

The U.S. Steel Salute to Heroes recipient is Petty Officer Michael E. McCarthy, United States Navy Seabee, member of NSVA Island X-3 in Pittsburgh. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, McCarthy was chosen as he served during that time. Under enemy fire, McCarthy provided our forces safe routes through the challenging terrain. After the war, he continued to serve our community and veterans. He is a founding member of the Veteran's Court and a board member of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare's Fisher House. He served the community as a county police officer, an assistant DA, and is a Judge for the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. Submitted By Jerry Montecupo



Seabee participants in attendance at the Seabee Monument dedication at Woodlawn National Cemetery, Elmira, New York. (see cover) Submitted by Larry Sherman, VVA Color Guard Commander and member NSVA Island X-12 Rochester, NY.

CALLING ALL HANDS *** CALLING ALL HANDS**

Hey there. I am Justin Frehlich. Retired CMDCM and Lifetime SVA member. Prior tours of duty include three tours with NMCB4 and one tour as Force Master Chief, Pacific Fleet Seabees. As you read the attached, I can truly use your help. Please be a "Live Donor." Thank you.

**Are you the one? Can you be the One?
Will you be the One?**

90,000 people are waiting each year for a kidney transplant.
5,000 of them die. Over 20,000 kidney transplants
are performed each year in the U.S.
8,000 of them are from Live Donors.

You can be a Live Donor. You can save a life!
**My wife Dora needs a kidney. My daughter
Theresa needs a kidney and pancreas with a dying
friend or family member being the donor.**

BE A HERO!

*Contact the Living Donor Coordinator at:
Jeffrey.klister@aah.org, 414-646-0584.
More information is available at: www.unos.org*

Remember their names, Dora and Theresa Frehlich

**NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS
AGAIN**

There is a "NEW" batch of would be scammers out there. They are probably not all new, I think the technology is changing along with the introduction of "AI" (artificial intelligence). In my day it was artificial insemination.

Anyway, NOTHING has changed those SOB's are still out there trying to SCAM your hard earned money away from you. Remember, the NSVA will never solicit money, gift cards or money orders, no-matter the office held or the charity.

The latest SCAM is a letter mailed to primarily Senior citizens telling them they have WON 2.5 million dollars from Publishers Clearing House!! BUT the recipient of the letter has must pay \$4,000 in insurance fees to have the money transferred into their bank account, by the way they need the bank routing and account numbers. The final tipoff is they tell you:

Do not Tell Anyone about winning!!

SEABEE PRIDE

John Ash's '73 Plymouth shows his Seabee Pride with Seabee decals and CB-21 (NMCB 21) number



A Family Affair: The car took us about two years to build, it was a wreck and was most likely headed to the junk yard. The build was a family effort. My wife Mary Anne helped with the body, and my brother ripped out the old factory harness then rewired the whole car for the race systems. My Dad, also a veteran, was over every weekend working on the car, including a lot of cleaning of parts. Matthew, my son, helped with the final assembly of the car. I did all the engine work myself after Steve at Motor Clinic in Ransomville NY prepared the block. Close friend, fellow drag racer and mentor Mike Hickey offered experience and help. In typical hard headed Seabee fashion, instead of buying all the chassis parts, I made them myself. Chassis parts can cost thousands, but with the purchase of a little steel tubing, rod ends, and angle iron, I was able to make frame connectors, differential mounting plates/shock plates, and traction bars by hand. We had the car out last year, a time which was spent testing and working out the bugs. That continued into mid 2023 until we thought the car was where we needed it to be and we stopped changing things. Then we started winning 4-5 rounds a race and made it to the quarter finals a couple of times at the end of the season. I am growing as a driver also. All my years as a Seabee and all the leadership that helped me along the way, have given me the confidence and Can Do attitude to see a project like this through. I am proud to display the Seabee logo on the car. I thank God, he put me in this country at the time he did so I could serve in the best military engineering unit ever created.

Article submitted by John Ash, NSVA member X-5 Buffalo, NY



Blessings to you
and your families!



Thank you
for your service
to our country!



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Conventions and Reunions

2024 NSVA National Convention

August 21st thru 24th at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 101 Mall Drive, Monroeville PA

More information coming soon, check the NSVA website www.nsva.org

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

MCB-12 Vietnam Reunion, Bath Maine 21-24 May 2024

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Seabee Invitational Golf @ www.seabeegolf.org

A Note from the Editor

It has been my pleasure to have had the honor and responsibility to fill the position as the Chief Editor of the CAN DO Magazine over the past the 6 years. I assumed the office from then Editor and PNC Carl Barrett with the 2017 June issue. I took this office in 2017, because I had assumed the office of NSVA Website manager in 2016.

It had always been apparent to me that there was a definite and positive coalition between the NSVA Website and the CAN DO magazine. That being the dissemination of information and communications within the NSVA membership.

I believe that is the primary and key guiding philosophy in the effort to provide current and relevant information to the NSVA members. To provide a platform to display the comradery and fellowship that has existed and continues to exist today between the brother and sisterhood of Seabees.

As we all must realize, the technology and science surrounding communications today changes daily. It is time for me to step aside and allow the NSVA to move forward. I would encourage anyone that feels they can contribute to the advancement of the NSVA to step forward and take up the challenge to improve the CAN DO.

I will be happy to assist in the transfer of responsibility for this office, making myself available for consultation and guidance. I do expect to relinquish the office of Chief Editor in approximately 1 year from now (November 2024).

Please give this opportunity serious consideration. Plan on carrying on the CAN DO Spirit. Feel free to contact me regarding any questions about the office or processes.

In the Can Do Spirit

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Scholarship Donations

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

Donations should be mailed directly to: Charles Coffin
NSVA National Secretary, 2047 Ridge Road, Queensbury NY 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
Donald Mulcahy	7029	X-7	Plymouth	MA
Jeffery Reed	7030	X-5	Lancaster	PA
Joseph Capozzi	7031	24 th Battl. @ Lg.		
Timothy Zehnal	7032	24 th Battl. @ Lg.		
Dallas Heffran	7033	X-26	Camargo	IL
Charles Bartoszewski	7034	X-19	Syracuse	NY
Charles Baker	7035	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Jerry Harris	7036	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Eric Treece	7037	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Lawrence Haft	7038	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
John McDowell	7039	X-3	Myrtle Beach	SC
Harold Pollock	7040	X-23	Crystal River	FL
Larry Sherman	7041	X-12	Rochester	NY
Brian Keppers	7043	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
Frank Pelose	7044	Natl. Island @Lg.	Port St. Lucie	FL
Terence Paperella	7045	X-9	Jacksonville	FL
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First Name	Last Name	Int.	Island	City	State
Douglas	Miles	R	24 th Battalion		
Roger	Hanson	D	X-26	Villa Grove	IL
Darrell	Hopps	R	X-5	Akron	OH
Bernard	Arsenault	J	X-1	Davisville	RI
John	Supple	L	NIAL		
Richard	Penta	F	X-14	Hudson Falls	NY
Lawrence	Picard	J	X-9	Kingston	NY
Patrick	Venezia	W	X-9	Kingston	NY
Sheldon	Vetter	J	X-9	Kingston	NY
Charles	Schumacher	M	X-5	Buffalo	NY
Michael	Mini		X-5	Buffalo	NY
Harold	Elder	L	X-5	Buffalo	NY
Roger	Kirschner Jr	W	X-9	Kingston	NY
Richard	Brown Jr	L	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Raymond	Cochran	M	X-2	Lakeland	FL
Henry	Verlicco	F	X-1	Davisville	RI
John	Racht		X-4	Scranton	PA
Maurice	Aasland	A	X-5	Whidby Island	WA
Daryl	Duffett	G	X-8	Youngstown	OH
Michael	Kopec	J	X-19	Syracuse	NY
Stan	Bartoszewski	R	X-19	Syracuse	NY
Robert	Reeter	W	X-1	Gulfport	MS
William	May	R	X-1	Davisville	RI
Ernest	Fenton	R	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Paul	Gastauer	S	X-3	San Diego	CA

Charles	Shortt	V	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Patrick	Couch	S	X-8	Sacramento	CA
Gerald	Schaal	J	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
Paul	Arceneaux	A	MCB-7	At Large	
James	DiPietro	C	MCB-7	At Large	
Gary	Ewin		MCB-7	At Large	
Martin	Foley	J	MCB-7	At Large	
Eugene	Halverson	L	MCB-7	At Large	
Leo	Hoag		MCB-7	At Large	
Larry	Johnson	J	MCB-7	At Large	
John	Leardi		MCB-7	At Large	
Roger	Miller	A	MCB-7	At Large	
Richard	Myers	A	MCB-7	At Large	
David	Perkins	E	MCB-7	At Large	
Art	Presnell		MCB-7	At Large	
George	Rasmussen Sr		MCB-7	At Large	
William	Schultheis	F	MCB-7	At Large	
Warren	Albrecht	R	X-23	Crystal River	FL
John	Schwenderman	F	X-19	Syracuse	NY
Roger	Crain	D	X-19	Syracuse	NY
Robert	Jennings		X-2	Huntington	NY
Richard	Byerman	K	X-5	Buffalo	NY
Kenneth	Gen Jr	B	X-5	Buffalo	NY
Bruce	Ingram		X-4	Alexandria	LA
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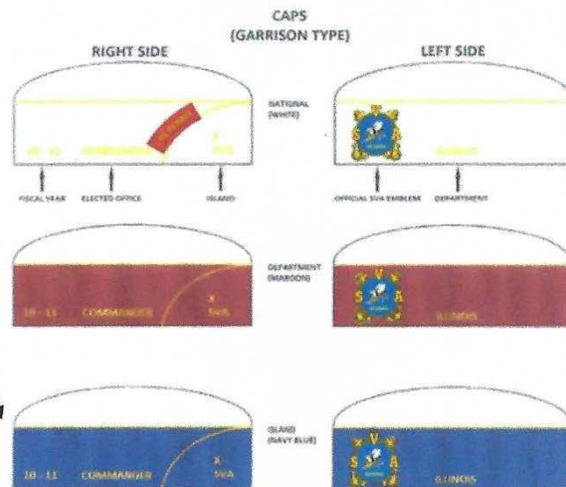
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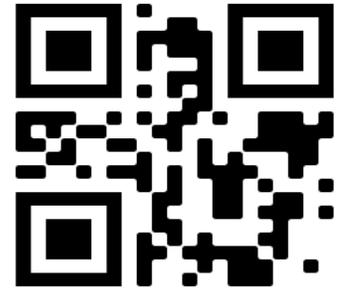
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