

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

CAN DO



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Cover: The gravestone is that of Admiral Ben Moreell, the Father of the Seabees. Admiral Moreell's grave is in Arlington National Cemetery. On March 4th, 2023 the annual Seabee Birthday Ceremony was held at the Seabee Memorial. As is done every year a visit to Admiral Moreell's grave site is conducted with a wreath presentation to honor our founder.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

"WAR IS HELL". This was the message delivered by General William T. Sherman to the Graduating Class of the Michigan Military Academy on 19 June 1879

I don't know how many of the readers of the "Can Do" are aware of the fact that there are 6 wars presently being fought across the Globe today.

We are all too well acquainted with the war in Ukraine receiving daily updates but there are also Wars being fought in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

The people of all these Nations are suffering because their leaders won't accept that the way to resolve differences is thru the Negotiating Table with communicating, cooperating and compromise instead of bullets and machines and weapons of war.

I ask all of you to pause in you daily routine and offer Prayers of Petition to your God and ask for Peace.

Let us all Work and Pray together for a Brighter, Better World Tomorrow. A World where our Children will live in Peace & Harmony

Michael Boncheck, National Chaplain
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

Commander's Corner

THE SEABEES DESERVE A STAMP and WE'RE GOING TO GET ONE!!

It is with great pleasure and pride I take in announcing that Doug Bower, Past V. Cmdr. has received notice from the United States Postal Service that a commemorative SEABEE postage stamp will be issued in 2026. Doug announced this great news at the 2023 NSVA Mid-Year Zoom meeting on March 18th. After all these years of petitions, letters, meetings, and telephone calls Doug got it DONE. Doug is to be commended for his tenacity and CAN DO Spirit, a true Seabee. We should all take heed from the second part of the Seabee creed, "The impossible takes a little longer"

WELL, DONE DOUG, WELL DONE SEABEES' OOH RAH

More good news; Membership Chair Anthony Amesquita has located a Garrison Cap manufacturer that has agreed to work with the NSVA exclusively through the Ships Store thanks to Ernie and Betty Nelsons negotiation skills. Locate the order form on the NSVA website www.nsva.org or in this issue.

Over the past months, the NSVA leadership teams have been very busy. It appears sometimes Zoom meetings have taken over our lives. While the application has been a boon in many ways, in others it has become our nemesis. Many, many hours have been spent in meetings discussing and refining suggestions, policies, and procedures in streamlining our Constitution, By-Laws along with our Rites and Rituals. These committees have worked long and hard on these tasks. The upcoming Convention in San Antonio, Texas will be the culmination of much of this work as resolutions will be placed in front of the membership body in attendance for their approval. It is your responsibility to take the time and review the proposals and to decide how your Island wants to vote on each one. The resolutions are available for viewing on the NSVA website, as are the 2023 Mid-Year Zoom meeting minutes.

Many officers at the National Level will be changing this year at the National Convention. The NSVA depends upon its members to step forward and take on the responsibilities associated with these positions. If you think/believe you have what it takes and want to grow with a fraternal organization that has many opportunities get off the sidelines and GET IN THE GAME. You'll have an opportunity to move the organization forward, suggest changes and implement them.

I hope to see many of you at the Convention in San Antonio, it's promising to be a memorable event.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit



National Commander, Navy Seabee Veterans of America



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

Only five months to go and it will be convention time. Have you joined the National NSVA Auxiliary, so that you can attend and vote at the convention?

I know there are some spouses, parents, siblings, children, and grandchildren (over the age of 18) who have not joined the National Auxiliary yet. I hope you will take a minute and join prior to the convention in San Antonio, TX. We want to meet you and have you become members.

We have some great activities planned for the auxiliary besides our annual meeting.

Contact me if you would like to become a member at Large (if you don't have an auxiliary nearby) and I can get you started. Want to start an auxiliary? I can help you there too.

Nancy Staples

Geonan5565@yahoo.com

A VETERAN'S WIFE

By Heather M. Tabers

A uniform I do not wear
A gun I do not carry
But I serve my country proudly
Through the man I chose to marry
I may not wear a dog tag
But I have a mission just the same
My husband defended freedom
And I'll defend his name
A purple heart I'll never wear
No ribbons adorn my chest
But this ring upon my finger
Shows that I'm truly blessed
My husband is a warrior
Both in battle and at home
He loves and guards us fiercely
No greater love I've ever known
When the shadows of his darkest days
Come back to haunt his mind
His wife will faithfully stand beside
And love he'll always find
A Veterans wife I'm proud to be
No greater honor could I know
Than to proudly love and honor
My husband, my hero



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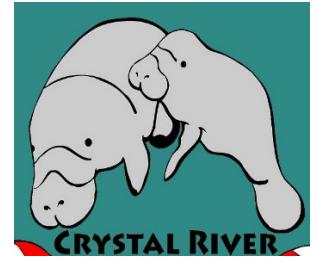
ISLAND X-23, CRYSTAL RIVER

David J. Buchanan, Commander/Secretary

John Lowe, V. Commander

David J. Buchanan, Treasurer pro-tem

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To: **ALL**

Island X-23, Crystal River, Florida has received a very generous donation of a one of a kind knife, hand crafted by our own Life member, Dave **SPANSKI**, to be used as a “raffle” to generate funds for our Island projects.

There will be a limited number of tickets available, only 300 will be printed and they will go on sale from any Island X-23 member, on March 1, 2023.

The overall length of the knife is 9 inches, with the blade being 5 inches. This knife is made of American top quality CPM 154 steel, and features dyed giraffe bone handle with mosaic pins and an Amish handcrafted “Carriage leather” sheath.

Tickets for this unique handmade knife will be \$5.00 each and the winning ticket will be drawn at the 77th National Convention and Reunion in San Antonio, Tx. during the banquet.

Please support our Island and by doing so, help our community. To purchase tickets for the raffle, contact any member of X-23 or David Buchanan (contact info. below)



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Island X-11 Tampa, Florida

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SVA X-11 Leadership

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Secy.: Dwight Hamborsky

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

SVAA X-11 Leadership

Pres.: Betty Nelson
813-376-3947

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Treas: Doreen Doe

Secy.: Dan Vitale

Chaplain: Dianne Dukart



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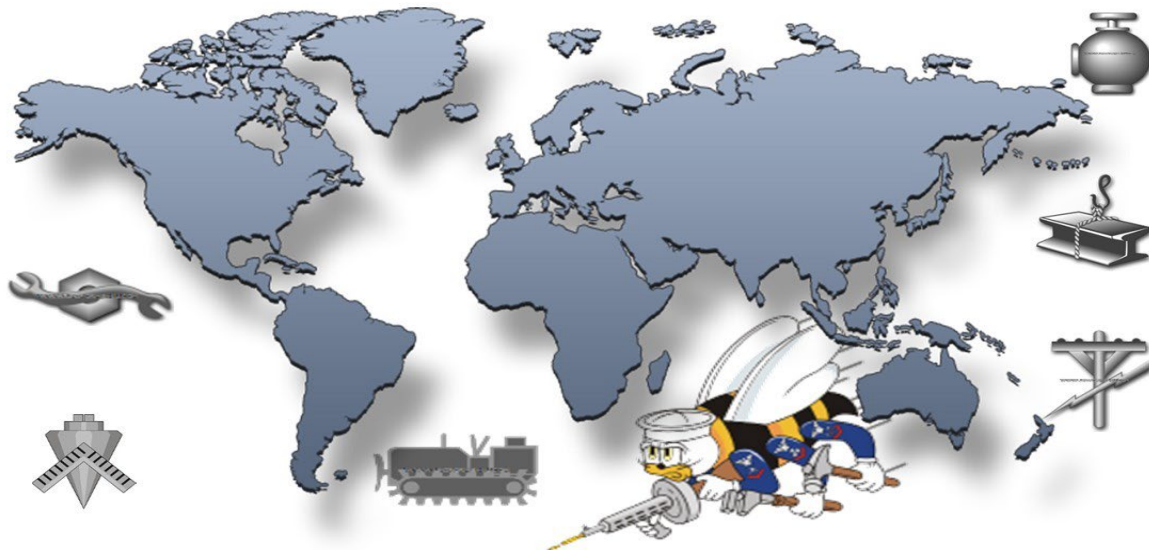
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SEABEES SACRIFICE WORLD WIDE; Thanks from the Falcons, Josh, Laura, Brittney & Michael

ISLAND HOPPING



Pictured is Hank Windows member of Island X-12 in Rochester, NY. Hank was surprised when he received a Quilt of Valor during a ceremony held in his honor in Sayre, PA. Seabee Windows joined the NSVA in the fall of 2021 at the MCB-7 Reunion in Warwick, RI.

Picture and text were submitted by Larry Green, also a member of X-12. Both Hank and Larry live in the Elmira, Binghamton, NY area and regularly meet with other Seabees in the local area in Sayre, PA.



On March 4th, NSVA members from drove to Arlington National Cemetery to participate in the 81st Seabee Birthday Ceremony at the U.S Navy Seabee Memorial.

Pictured R-L James Sorenson MCB7 at Large, Joe Tack, Craig Turnbaugh, Joe Lascowski, Bob Koch, Bill Ryan from Island X-5 Lancaster PA and NSVA National Commander Jack Tangen.

Upon completion of the Birthday Ceremony the group along with the other attendees formed a procession and drove to Admiral Ben Moreell's grave site placing a wreath at the "Father of the Seabees" head stone.

Pictured on the right are NSVA X-5 members L-R Bill Ryan, Joe Tack along with Jim Sorenson member of Island MCB-7 at Large in the area of Admiral Moreell's grave site.



Doug Bower, Past Natl. V Cmdr. and member of X-19 Syracuse, NY has been busy over the winter designing and constructing a good sized model of the "Fighting Bee". Doug describes the materials he used to construct this finely detailed model of the Bee. The Seabee model is all welded metal, the shoulders and arms are made of 2" metal pipe, cut at angle to form the shoulders. The face pc is from an LPG bottle, a clean one at that, the body is from an old air compressor tank (without the wheels and handle). The wrenches, hammer, other tools, and the Tommy gun I made from a 2 x 8. The wings are 14 ga sheet metal, the pedestal and base are from a person's pc desk that they had to get rid of. I installed casters on platform to make it easy to move around. It is already slated for 2 parades this year and will be placed at the New York State Fair in Syracuse this August in the Veterans exhibit area.

Seabees Helping Seabees

Ian has come and gone but the devastation will remain for years. This brief account of what we found was sparked by a text from Past NSVA VCDR Anthony Amesquita. He alerted me that there was a Seabee in Naples who families house had been flooded. Turns out that EQCM Mike Korman had asked for some help with the “heavy lifting” and demolition of the inside of the house. While we didn’t know Mike there was clearly a need that is within every Seabees wheel house. We made contact with Mike and on Thursday 6 Oct. DPCM Arnie Feller previously; Mineman/DV, Ernest Nelson IV RN and I drove to Naples. We were routed down the middle of the state as there were issues on I-75. Three and I half hours later we met Mike and his buddy Marc Steadman. In the days prior to our arrival the amount of work that was accomplished was amazing. Ninety-five percent of the furniture was at the curb or at least in the driveway.

We worked as a team removing drywall and other demolition debris to the curb for future pickup by the county.

Doors, jambs everything that was affected by the 30” of water that washed through this home. The Red Cross had free food available, not gourmet but it filled the void. Later in the afternoon we repeated the journey home. The middle of the state wasn’t spared either. Mobile homes and older dwellings sustained extensive damage. Standing water approached the road shoulders in many areas. Quite a mess and we commented on how blessed we were to have avoided and direct hit in Hillsborough County.

Since Mike and Marc still had their hands full, we decided another trip was in order. SVA X-11 responded again. On 10 October, X-11 VCDR Walt Sauers, member CDR John Walker, X-11 CDR Ernie Nelson with additional support from the Air Force neighbor LtCol Scott Funk we made the trip down I-75, This time five and a half hours due to accidents and unknown causes.

Then came the “heavy lifting”. Tub, shower pan, granite counters all had to go. The Can-Do spirit prevailed and everyone slept in the following day.



L to R Walt Sauers, Marc Steadman, Scott Funk, John Walker and Mike Korman

Article and pictures submitted by Ernie Nelson, Cmdr. Island X-11 Tampa, FL

MILE HIGH REPORT

NSVA Island X-4 Longmont, CO Celebrates The 81st SEABEE BIRTHDAY



On Saturday, March 04, 2023, eight Seabees, seven Honeybees and five Seabee guests, from the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-4, Longmont, Colorado gathered for their 5th Annual CEC and Seabee Birthday. Island X-4 rented a meeting room in the Associated Veterans of Loveland, CO facility, decorated and provided a barbecue lunch catered by Dickey's Barbecue. The historic and well restored World War II German internment camp "Theater" provided a magnificent venue for this celebration of our accomplishments, history, and future endeavors of the United States of America's fighting forces. Attendees from left to right standing are Rick Youngquist, Gerald Kissinger, Jimmy Hamrick, Mark Abromski, Brian Condray and Steven Ransom and kneeling are Bernard Bay, Jerry Gossel, Saxton Wiley, Robert Wheeler, Thomas Rasmussen and Michael Woods. Island X-4 is continuously searching for ways to engage fellow Seabees, their families and the local community in gatherings, service days/holiday events and involvement in their service organizations. BRAVO ZULU SEABEES! "With Compassion for Others We Build ~ We Fight for Peace with Freedom "Construimus Batuimus. "With Willing Hearts and Skillful Hands, the Difficult we do at once, the Impossible takes a Bit Longer!" SEABEES CAN DO!

Submitted by Gerald Kissinger, NSVA SW District Cmdr.



Island X-23 Crystal River, FL Annual Picnic and Chinese Auction, to benefit Auxiliary charities, was held at the home of Dave and Lynn Spanski in Inverness, FL. We had good food and great stories were heard from all Seabees, Auxiliary, and friends. The generosity of all present reaped over \$250 for the Auxiliary.

Kneeling: Joy Atterbery, Dominic Andras and Denise Andras First Row: Beverley Schoeffler, Ann Lyons, Nancy Ward, Murielle Heath, Debbie Phillips, Julie Ujwari, Sweet Pea Dodge, Ruth Dodge, Barb Manley, Charlie Schoeffler, Lynn Spanski, Chris Westhall, Nancy Staples.
Middle Row: Patrick Lyons, Bill Phillips, Jeanette Bare, Jim Bridgeland, Kara Turner Back Row: Mike Atterbery, Elaine Coffin, Charlie Coffin, David Buchanan, Eldon Turner, Dave Spanski, Phil Manley, Lynn Spanski.
Not pictured Joan Buchanan and Jay Andres who took the pictures.

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?
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Theresa needs a kidney and pancreas with a dying
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More information is available at: www.unos.org*

Remember their names, Dora and Theresa Frehlich

Office of the NSVA Treasurer Posting

Attached are listed the general duties (but not limited to) required of the NSVA Treasurer

General Duties of Treasurer

As per Article (IX) Section 5 of the Constitution and Bylaws (available at www.nsva.org)

The National Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the National Organization. He/she shall sign all checks disbursing the funds of the National Organization (as approved and directed by the National Convention and National Executive Committee, and between Conventions and Executive Meetings, upon the direction and approval of the National Commander or authorized Committee Chairperson). He/she shall make reports on the condition of the Treasury when called upon to do so by the National Commander. The National Treasurer shall be furnished with a surety bond, the cost of which shall be borne by the National Organization. He/she shall perform such other duties as are incident to that office.

If interested in applying for the position of NSVA Treasurer, please contact any of the following Dave Buchanan (352-564-0378), Jim Furey (718-729-2377) or Jerry Schmuck (228-861-3459)

3/2023

NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS

- At the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas on August 15th thru 19th, Election of many National Officers will take place, including the office of Treasurer. Jerry Schmuck has decided it's time to resign from the position he has held for 14 years. Jerry's departure leaves the NSVA in need of an individual with a background in financial and accounting principles with a good working knowledge of electronic accounting programs. All candidates will be interviewed by the nomination committee and should have a resume' or BIO outlining their skills, experience, and involvement in the NSVA. See the preceding page.
- To cut publication costs of the CAN DO the National Secretary has been authorized to institute a program that will remove members from the mailing list of the magazine if they cannot be located or their mailing address verified in response to his request. Post cards are being mailed out requesting member contact information be updated. Failure to provide this information may result in a members **Removal** from the CAN DO mailing list.
- The Navy Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary at the National Convention in San Antonio this summer. As we all know and appreciate, the auxiliary component of our organization has been responsible for the success of many social and fund raising events. I am positive that without the support and drive of the auxiliary units at the National, Department and Island levels, we would not have been as successful an organization as we are. Please thank your auxiliary members and let them know you value and appreciate their efforts and support.
- Important proposed changes to the NSVA Constitution & By-Laws as reviewed at the 2022 National Convention, are posted on the website. Additional resolutions and recommendations for 2023 have been posted there as well. Review these important issues under the Resolutions tab on the NSVA website at www.nsva.org and be prepared to vote on them at the National Convention
- It is Tax time and the Scammers are out in force. The IRS will not call you to offer a free filing service, or to claim you're going to jail if you do not pay back taxes (that you know nothing about). NEVER share your personal information with anyone over the phone or internet that you have not initiated the contact with. The sole purpose of these individuals is to separate YOU from YOUR \$\$\$.
- Good News; Anthony Amesquita, Membership Chair has found a Garrison Cap supplier that will provide a quality product working exclusively through the Ships Store. See the order form in this issue.

The Deadline for the SUMMER 2023 electronic edition of the
CAN DO is JUNE 1st 2023

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.

77th NATIONAL CONVENTION AND REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



AUGUST 16-19, 2023
San Antonio Texas
Last day to Register at hotel
July 17 2023

!!!!!!! 1 REGISTRATION FOR EACH ATTENDEE!!!!!!!

Name; _____ Membership _____ Auxiliary _____ Annual _____ Life # _____

Mailing address; _____

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Island X- _____ City _____ St. _____ SEABEE'S Year of Birth _____

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Positions held in National _____

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

DATES	EVENTS: Details available on following pages.	COST	TOTAL COST
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	Convention Registration fee for the 2023 Convention and Reunion A Registration fee is required for each convention attendee Registration Fees are Non-Refundable	\$20.00	\$20.00
8/19/2023	SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET		
	Top Sirloin	\$50.00	
	Chicken	\$50.00	
	Salmon Fillet	\$50.00	
	Vegetarian option	\$50.00	
	All meals include, water, Iced Tea, Coffee, and a Dessert		
	TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$
	NO REFUNDS ON DINNER FEE AFTER 7/17/2023		

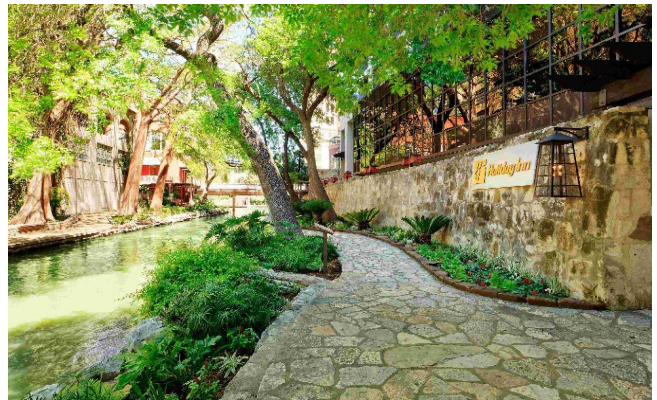
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2023 National Convention

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San Antonio, TX 78205

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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

Office San Antonio Visitor Guide Link

<https://www.flipsnack.com/F8CC58BBDC9/visit-san-antonio/full-view.html>

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300 Álamo Plaza San Antonio TX

Phone 210 225-1391

Open Daily 9 am to 5:30 pm

Trip is being planned for Saturday Aug. 16th at 1 for attendees

Walking distant about 5 long blocks from hotel

Transportation Taxi, Uber LYFE Estimate around \$8.00 1 way.

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Boat pickup location ½ block south from hotel.

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The Chart house restaurant is a revolving eatery on top of the 750 ft tower where you will get a beautiful skyline view of our city.

Observation Deck only \$16:00

Dining – No entrance cost Reservation recommend. Will take walk-in possible longer waiting time.

NSVA ISLAND X-1 San Antonio TX, 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Fort Sam Houston Golf Course, Monday August 14th, 2023

1050 Harry Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, Texas 78209

Shot gun start @ 09:00, Lunch Provided

Entry fee \$150 single, \$500 Foursome, (off base no ID req.)

Putting contest 07:30, Chipping contest 08:00, Silent Auction

Contact Benny Hernandez @ bennyhernandezsr@gmail.com or 210-999-1076

CALLING ALL HANDS NOW HEAR THIS!! THE NATIONAL ISLAND AT LARGE IS REACTIVATED!

I am Dwight K. Hamborsky 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 Dwight Hamborsky 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.

Cordially,

Dwight K. Hamborsky

Commander Island At Large

Vice Commander NSVA





Navy Seabee Veterans of America



A lot has changed in the past 81 years!

One thing that hasn't changed is Seabee camaraderie. We are having fun just being together and sharing our stories and if you have served in a Seabee unit, we would invite you to join us and add your stories to ours!



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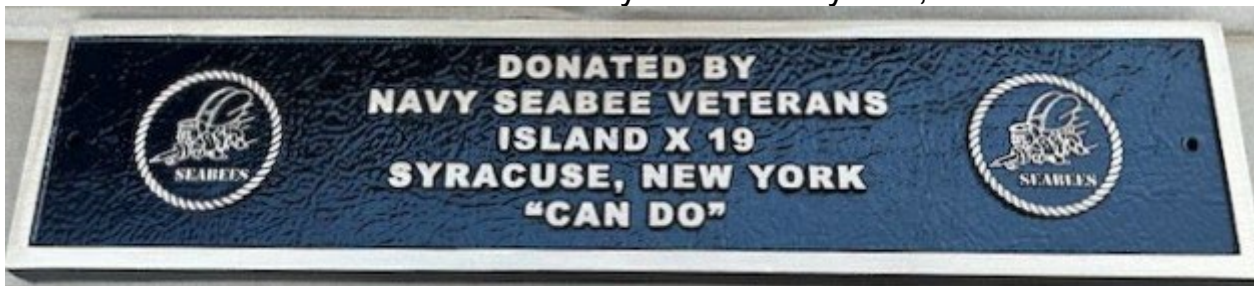
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SEABEE PRIDE



Somewhere around Philly!

Below is the plaque that is to be installed on a bench in the Military Veterans area at the New York State Fair Grounds in Syracuse, NY. Island X-19 is working to have the dedication ceremony around May 28th, 2023.



Blessings to you
and your families!



Thank you
for your service
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2023 NSVA National Convention

August 15th thru August 19th, 2023

Contact Holiday Inn, 217 N. St. Mary's St. @ 210-224-2500 for reservation (NSVA reg. form pg.15)
San Antonio, Texas

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

April 21st & 22nd, 2023

Long Beach, MS Harbor Pavilion

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

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April 21st thru 22nd 2023

Pittsburgh Marriott North (Cranberry, PA 16066)

Contact Bill Hetrick at: 724-242-5347 or n3lqc@comcast.net for additional information

MCB-11 & MCB-8 host Joint Reunions

April 24th thru the 27th, 2023

Charleston, SC

Contact Larry Hagler at 512-796-2834 or mcb11.2023@earthlink.net for information

NMCB 62 Annual Reunion of All Deployments

April 27th thru the 30th, 2023

Gulfport, MS

This reunion will be held in conjunction with the **All Seabee Reunion** hosted by X-1 Gulfport

Contact Norm Hahn at: normhahnjr@yahoo.com or visit www.nmcb62alumni.org

NSVA Department of Florida 53rd Annual Convention

May 6th, 2023 Comfort Suites Main Gate East, Orlando, FL

Contact Karl Doug'e (305) 230-8000, combatelectric@aol.com

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The 8th ALL SEABEE REUNION PICNIC

11:00, Aug. 12, 2023

Douglas Dam Overlook Park, Hwy 338/Douglas River Way, Kodak, TN

Contact Dave Howard at 865-933-5686 or tok500@yahoo.com

NMCB 3 Veterans Reunion Assoc., October 18 thru 23rd, 2023 Nashville, TN

Radisson Nashville Airport, Contact Dennis Strecker @ seabee6568@gmail.com or 262-443-0223

EAST COAST ALL SEABEE REUNION, PIGEON FORGE, TN

October 22nd thru 26th 2023 Contact Dave Howard at 865-933-5686 or tok500@yahoo.com

The Original Seabees 81 years and counting



THE BAILEY BRIDGE

THAT MONSTER MECHANO SET - THE BAILEY BRIDGE HAS BECOME A PART OF SEABEE CONSTRUCTION TROOP EQUIPMENT ON OKINAWA,

A SEABEE BATTALION (130TH) THREW A 150-FOOT BAILEY SPAN ACROSS THE BISHIGAWA RIVER NEAR HIZA IN 12 HOURS, WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD TIME, EVEN FOR EXPERTS LONG EXPERIENCED WITH THIS TYPE OF BRIDGE BUILDING. THE SPAN IS ON A MAIN MILITARY HIGHWAY TO THE SOUTHERN FRONT, AND MUST SUPPORT A CONSTANT STREAM OF THE HEAVIEST TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE 35-TON SHERMAN TANKS.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THE BAILEY TYPE BRIDGE WOULD INDICATE IT SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE DOING THE JOB, IN FACT IT WILL PROBABLY BE THERE, STURDILY STRIDING THE BISHIGAWA, YEARS AFTER THE WAR IS OVER AND THE YANKS HAVE GONE HOME. FOR GIVEN PROPER PILING OR ABUTMENTS, BAILEY BRIDGES SHOULD LAST ALMOST FOREVER.

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Seabees construct cross - island road on Guadalcanal, 1943. Photo: Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 505.



19th MCB on Cape Gloucester, Dec. 1943 with General Sherman tanks firing armor-piercing 75mm shells to a depth of ten feet superseded pneumatic drilling and dynamite crews in the opening of lava pits.



Photos and text submitted by John Ratomski

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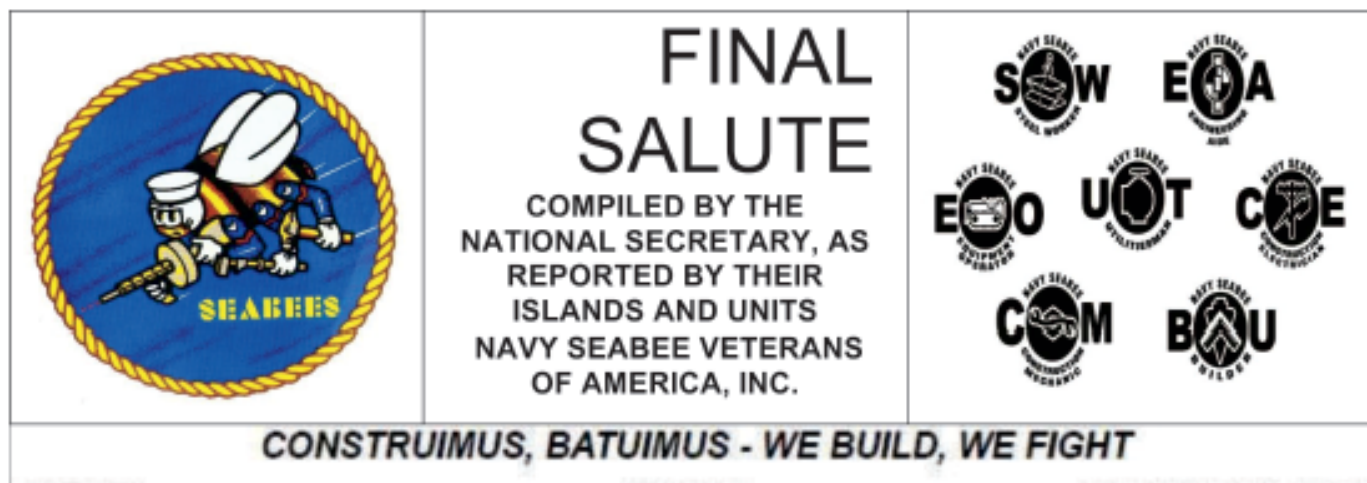


Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
John Cubit, Life Membership Chairman, Navy Seabee
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It is with pleasure that we welcome the following Seabees as
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Camella Jane Jones

October 15, 1952 – October 20, 2022



Camella Jane Jones, 70

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Post Falls Idaho resident Camella J. Jones, 70, died Oct. 20, 2022, at Schneidmiller Hospice House in Coeur d'Alene Idaho from complications with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) a rare neurodegenerative condition that causes problems with balance, vision, speech, movement and swallowing.

Camella was born Oct. 15, 1952, in Gold Beach, Oregon, to John Ross and Hazel Jones. She was the "baby" of the family being the fifth and final Jones child.

In 1972, Camella was the First woman to qualify as a heavy equipment operator construction man (EOCN) and to proudly wear the U.S. Navy Seabee uniform. She was assigned to the Public Works Heavy Equipment Crew at the Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.



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Camella Jane Jones Obituary 2022 - English Funeral Chapel

After her Navy Service, Camella belonged to the Heavy Equipment Operator (Operating Engineer Union) and worked for several years in construction. Also, she worked for many years for Westinghouse as a storekeeper. Camella retired to Post Falls, Idaho.

Camella was lucky enough to stay at home as the PSP disease progressed. She had an especially caring friend, Kathryn Mathis, who gave so much of herself to make her life comfortable and peaceful.

Camella was preceded in death by her father John Ross Jones, mother Hazel Jones, and older brother Gordon Jones. She is survived by a brother Eldon Jones, and sisters Peggy Bickley and Sandra Johnson. Camella had numerous nephews and a niece who always loved spending time with her and will miss her terribly.

Graveside Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Evergreen Cemetery, 2834 N Spokane St, Post Falls, ID.,

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of North Idaho Schneidmiller Hospice House 2290 W Prairie Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815.

On November 12, 2022 the NSVA Department of Washington and its affiliated Island members traveled to Post Falls, Idaho to attend the funeral rites given Camilla Jones, the First woman to qualify as a Heavy Equipment Operator Construction man. Submitted by Charlie Monroe Cmdr. Department of Washington.

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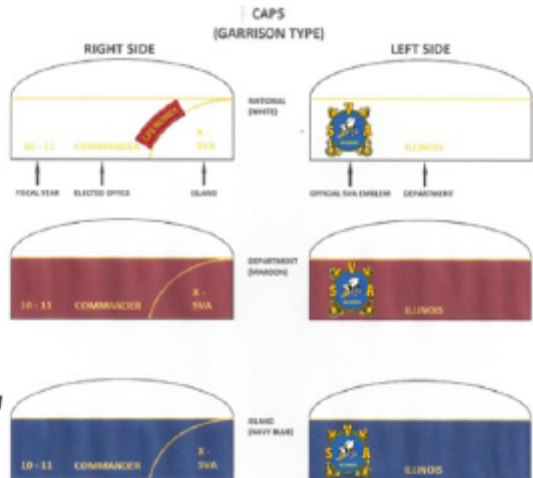
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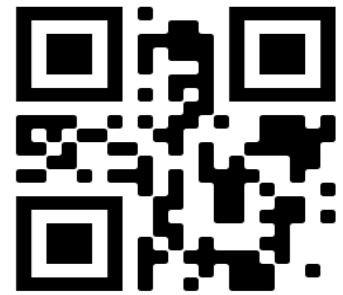
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