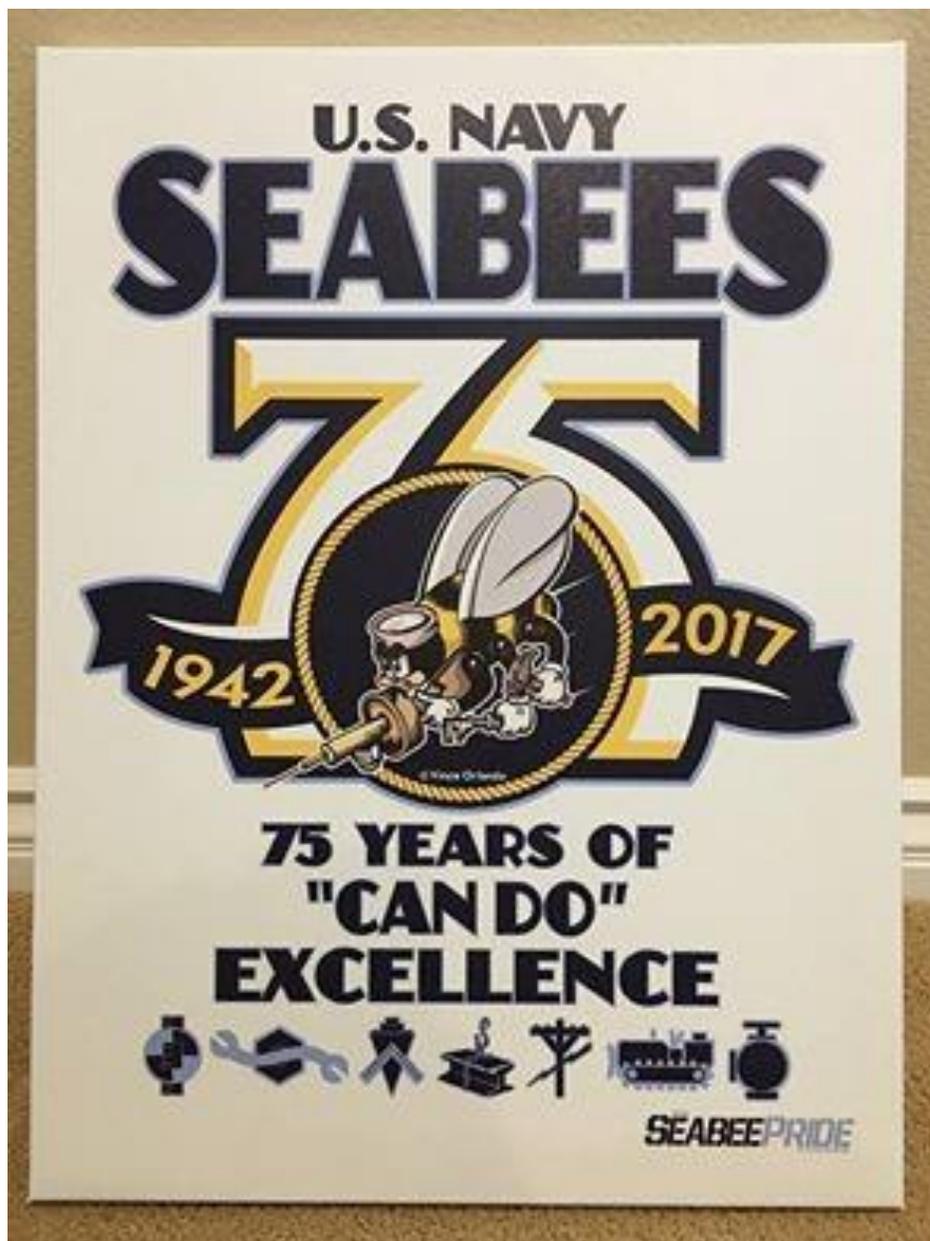


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NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR June 2017 CAN DO IS May 15, 2017!

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA

JUST PRINT THIS PAGE ON YOUR PRINTER
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IT IS JUST THAT SIMPLE.

I HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF ITS MEMBERS, AND TO
PERPETUATE ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICA, TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TO
AMERICA'S FREE INSTITUTIONS.

MEMBERSHIP FOR: Island _____
Islands in Another State _____ State: _____
National Island At Large _____
Name _____

Address: _____
City _____
State; _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

Place Of Birth _____

Date Of Birth _____

Unit(S) Served with: _____

Discharge Date _____

Type Of Discharge _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Spouse _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Web Page: _____

Recommended by _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

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Make checks payable to the Navy S.V.A. and return to the Secretary of the Island of your choice, See the Island Pages for information on the Island nearest you.

or to: Charles Coffin, National Secretary

Navy Seabee Veterans of America

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West haven CT 06516

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Please read this is very important

A great Seabee day to all:

As a lot of you may know the **Can Do** has fallen on hard time with higher costs and less issues being printed, in an effort to bring it back to full publication we need to update a lot of information.

Over the last few years many have moved, passed away or just plain lost interest. This form will be placed in the **Can Do** for one year and must be filled out or the information forwarded to the National Secretary if you wish to continue receiving the mailed copy.

The publication will be on the web site each quarter from here on out.

If you wish to stop receiving hard copies, one can be E-mail to you.

It is of the utmost importance that we receive this information as soon as possible. If NO response is received from you to the National Secretary we can only assume you do not wish to receive the Can DO.

MEMBERSHIP: Island _____
Name _____
Address: _____
City _____
State; _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Unit(S) Served with: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Life Membership Number if you are one: _____
Signature _____
Date: _____

Mail or email this information to: Charles Coffin, National Secretary
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West Haven, CT., 06516
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THANK YOU VIET NAM VETERANS: from VIETNAMESE IMMIGRANT

It looks like we did some good after all! Provided to the Editor by Alex Rose, BUCS, USN (Ret) NSVA, Island X-7, Port Hueneme, CA.

On Saturday, July 24th, 2010 the town of Prescott Valley, AZ, hosted a Freedom Rally. Quang Nguyen was asked to speak on his experience of coming to America and what it means. **He spoke the following in dedication to all Vietnam Veterans. Thought you might enjoy hearing what he had to say:**

Start quote:

35 years ago, if you were to tell me that I am going to stand up here speaking to a couple thousand patriots, in English, I'd laugh at you. Man, every morning I wake up thanking God for putting me and my family in the greatest country on earth. I just want you all to know that the American dream does exist and I am living the American dream. I was asked to speak to you about my experience as a first generation Vietnamese-American, but I'd rather speak to you as an American.

If you hadn't noticed, I am not white and I feel pretty comfortable with my people. I am a proud U.S. citizen and here is my proof. **It took me 8 years to get it, waiting in endless lines, but I got it, and I am very proud of it.**

I still remember the images of the Tet offensive in 1968, I was six years old. Now you might want to question how a 6-year-old boy could remember anything. Trust me, those images can never be erased. I can't even imagine what it was like for young American soldiers, 10,000 miles away from home, fighting on my behalf.

35 years ago, I left South Vietnam for political asylum. The war had ended. At the age of 13, I left with the understanding that I may or may not ever get to see my siblings or parents again. I was one of the first lucky 100,000 Vietnamese allowed to come to the U.S. Somehow, my family and I were reunited 5 months later, amazingly, in California. It was a miracle from God.

If you haven't heard lately that this is the greatest country on earth, I am telling you that right now. It was the freedom and the opportunities presented to me that put me here with all of you tonight. I also remember the barriers that I had to overcome every step of the way. My high school counselor told me that I cannot make it to college due to my poor communication skills. I proved him wrong. I finished college. You see, all you have to do is to give this little boy an opportunity and encourage him to take and run with it. Well, I took the opportunity and here I am.

This person standing tonight in front of you could not exist under a socialist/communist environment. By the way, if you think socialism is the way to go, I am sure many people here will chip in to get you a one-way ticket out of here. And if you didn't know, the only difference between socialism and communism is an AK-47 aimed at your head. That was my experience.

In 1982, I stood with a thousand new immigrants, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and listening to the National Anthem for the first time as an American. To this day, I can't remember anything sweeter and more patriotic than that moment in my life.

Fast forwarding, somehow I finished high school, finished college, and like any other goofball 21 year old kid, I was having a great time with my life. I had a nice job and a nice apartment in Southern California. In some way and somehow, I had forgotten how I got here and why I was here.

One day I was at a gas station, I saw a veteran pumping gas on the other side of the island. I don't know what made me do it, but I walked over and asked if he had served in Vietnam. **He smiled and said yes. I shook and held his hand. The grown man began to well up.** I walked away as fast as I could and at that very moment, I was emotionally rocked. This was a profound moment in my life. I knew something had to change in my life. It was time for me to learn how to be a good citizen. It was time for me to give back.

You see, America is not just a place on the map, it isn't just a physical location. It is an ideal, a concept. And if you are an American, you must understand the concept, you must accept this concept, and most importantly, you have to fight and defend this concept. This is about Freedom and not free stuff. And that is why I am standing up here.

Brothers and sisters, to be a real American, the very least you must do is to learn English and understand it well. In my humble opinion, you cannot be a faithful patriotic citizen if you can't speak the language of the country you live in. Take this document of 46 pages - last I looked on the Internet, there wasn't a Vietnamese translation of the U.S. Constitution. It took me a long time to get to the point of being able to converse and until this day, I still struggle to come up with the right words. It's not easy, but if it's too easy, it's not worth doing. Before I knew this 46-page document, I learned of the 500,000 Americans who fought for this little boy. I learned of the 58,000 names scribed on the black wall at the Vietnam Memorial. You are my heroes. You are my founders.

At this time, I would like to ask all the Vietnam veterans to please stand. I thank you for my life. I thank you for your sacrifices, and I thank you for giving me the freedom and liberty I have today. I now ask all veterans, firefighters, and police officers, to please stand. **On behalf of all first generation immigrants, I thank you for your services and may God bless you all.**

Quang Nguyen, Creative Director/Founder
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"God Bless America " "One Flag, One Language, One Nation Under God"

**For those who understand, no explanation is needed.
For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible**

Department of New York Annual 50/50 Drawing Winner

Attached is a picture of the Department of New York's winning 50/50 oversized check ceremony for the 2016 fund raiser. The winning ticket for the 2016 annual event was purchased by Island X-19 located in Syracuse, New York and drawn at the National Convention in Lake George, NY.

The X-19 attendees that accepted the check from the Department of New York Treasurer John Cubit where (L. - R.) X-19 Secretary Dan Gordon, X-19 member Norm Sulock, X-19 Commander Jim Hilgers, X-19 Treasurer, Leon Stannard and X-19 member Doug Bower.

The Department of New York will begin offering the 2017 50/50 drawing tickets on March 5th, 2017 with the drawing expected to take place on October 28th, 2017. Please contact any Department of New York Officer or affiliate Island after March 5th for tickets.



U.S. NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA NW DISTRICT, WASHINGTON, ISLAND X-7, MID-COLUMBIA

Washington Mid-Columbia Island X-7 members for the 2nd year adopted a Veteran for their Christmas family. Throughout the year X-7 members pass around the hat to take donations that are deposited in our Christmas fund and a veteran family supplied by the local "Veterans Coalition" or the "VA" is contacted and information on their situation is gathered, number of people in the family, ages, sizes and what they would like or what they really need, we also query them on their acceptance of delivery if they would be responsive to Island members delivering of the gifts and photos taken. A committee is formed and shopping is divided up and between the members, most members recruit their spouses to help with the shopping and wrapping. This year our family was Jennifer Nash and her 3 year old daughter Lily, Jennifer is an Air Force Veteran who served in Korea, she is a single mother who is going to school to get her degrees in Cosmetology and Massage Therapy, she is also a caregiver for her mother. Many of the members who weren't able to make the delivery sent checks and gift cards in addition to our Christmas fund. Below is a collage of pictures taken during our gift drop off.

Mid-Columbia, Washington / Island X-7 Seabee Veterans of America

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR VETERAN JENNIFER & DAUGHTER LILY



U. S. Navy Seabee Vets (Left to Right)

Laury Case - Robert Mccarley - Russ Coats - Rockey Stoddard - Delbert Finn
Wayne Cosby - Ray Weber - Lamia Moore - Art Moore



Jennifer, Lily and Jennifer's mother Dina.

Rockey Stoddard
Commander Island X-7
Tri-Cities, WA

Lily giving Bob McCarley a big hug, he's the only one she would give hugs to, maybe its cause he looked like Santa.



Lily trying out her new bike, mom said later that she hadn't gotten off it since we left.



Island X-19 Daytona Beach Florida Activities

Photo Number 1 shows members with care packages collected to be sent to a Seabee Battalion that is deployed. The packages consisted of personal hygiene items, such as toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc. This is the second year X-19 has gathered and sent care packages to the deployed Seabees. The photo was taken just before X-19 members participated in Deland, Florida Veterans Day parade.



The second photo shows X-19 members working on a pavilion at the Deland, FL. Naval Air Station Museum that is being erected. Seabees Bob Duffy, Bill Waters, Lance Byer and Don Rowley assisted in the erection and setting of the trusses for this project





The Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-23 Crystal River enjoyed their Christmas Party at the Riviera Mexican Cantina Sports Bar and Grill in Crystal River, FL. Out of town guests joining them were members from Island X-6 Spring Hill and National and State Commander John Hillyer and his wife Linda, National Auxiliary Chaplain/Historian. Past National Commander David Buchanan and National Auxiliary President Nancy Staples were in attendance. Toys and food for CUB, and cookies for Mission Citrus were delivered after the party. Island X-23 meets the third Tuesday monthly at the same restaurant. The Auxiliary, led by President Karen Lowe meets at 0930 and the Seabees meet at 1000 with Commander Buchanan in charge

SEABEE MONUMENT MODELS

Please e-mail Ken Bingham at jorden2323@msn.com if you are interested in a 3D Model. This will give us some idea on how many units need to be manufactured.

We will contact each one of you when we have pricing and shipping plans established. All proceeds go to the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation.

- All models will be made in the U.S. by professional designers, artists and sculptors.

- Models will be available in Cold-Cast Bronze Resin. They will have the look and feel of actual bronze metal.
- Bronze Metal will also be available upon special request.

Approximate Measurements
are:
5 inches tall by 12 inches wide.
Any size is available by special order.



To view a video of the 3D Scan in Washington, see:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shdtqpcVJCc>

Rough Plastic Prototype

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Also Coming Soon Is A 3D Model Of The
Port Hueneme Needham Theater Statue.

-Ken Bingham, CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation Volunteer

Seabee Parkway Dedication Ceremony

The Seabee Parkway Dedication Ceremony took place on November 3rd, 2016 in Greece, NY. On this day a section of the Ontario Beach Parkway was dedicated in honor of the Navy Seabees.

The inspiration for recognizing the Seabees for their work in both the local community and throughout the free world belonged to Seabee Thomas Paglia. Chief Paglia was a WWII veteran, retired reservist and Life member of Island X-12 in Rochester, NY. Through his perseverance and dedication to this project the seed was sown and grew to fruition. Although Seabee Paglia passed in 2013 the concept and its worthiness was not lost on X-12 Historian Frank Dorobiala.

Seabee Dorobiala, through his persistence and determination pursued the project unto its end resulting in the naming of the parkway as Seabee Paglia had envisioned.

The Ceremony was attended by both local municipality and NYS officials, Seabees from Rochester and Syracuse Islands X-12 and X-19, spouses, guests and dignitaries.

The group picture captures the Seabees, local and NYS officials present.

The Seabee Parkway sign picture is flanked on the left by Island X-12 Commander & NE District Commander, John Cubit and on the right by Department of New York Secretary, Jack Tangen.





East Valley Veterans Parade: Mesa Arizona, 11 Nov. 2016 Navy Seabees L-R Don Prior (Cmdr.), Gary Dickson, Ed Monoscalco & Tony Macias. Military Vehicles provided by AHMTA (Arizona Historical Military Transport Association).



Veterans Day Parade – City of Surprise November 11, 2016



Susan Dejong, Chair of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission, City of Surprise
Reviewing the Art Show at the Veterans Day Parade.

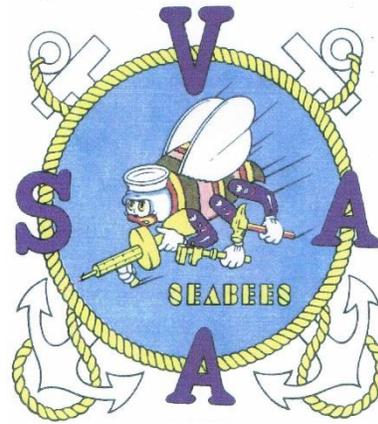
The Navy Seabees of Island X-5 are a Charter Member of the Veterans Memorial Hall, Inc. along with American Legion Post 96, Disabled American Veterans Star Chapter 24, Marine Corps League Detachment #1246 and VFW Post 285.



Military covers from each of the VMH charter members.

The Seabees of Island X-5 were invited to display collages of Veteran Art, at the parade, which are destined to be on permanent exhibit in the Veterans Memorial Hall.

Submitted by John O'Brien Navy Seabees Veterans of America Island X5 AZ



President's Perspective

By Nancy Staples

HERE ARE YOUR 2015-2017 NSVAA NATIONAL OFFICERS

From the left: Linda Hillyer, Chaplain and Historian; Elaine Coffin, Secretary/Parliamentarian; Linda Schmuck, Treasurer; Betty Nelson, Vice President; and Nancy Staples, President.

I hope all of you read the December issue of the Can-Do. There have been some changes to the by-laws that were listed in that issue. This year's mid-year meeting will be held in Chicago, IL the 8th of April. Anyone in the area is welcome to attend this National Convention planning meeting. We are meeting at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites O'Hare 6600 Mannheim Rd Rosemont, IL. Please call me for information as to where in the hotel we will be meeting that day if you are attending.

The following ladies became members of the NSVA Auxiliary at the National Convention in September 2016 at Lake George ... Jeanie Powel, Regi Cooper, and Anna Boothby with the membership cards being given to them by Nancy Staples, National President.



You can become a member by downloading your application (and submitting it to Linda Smuck, including a check for \$5.00 for members at large) from NSVA.ORG that is listed under the SVA Auxiliary at the bottom of the home page. Or contact one of the officers for an application.

Election of officers will be held at the National Convention in September 2017 in Tampa, FL. ALL OFFICES are open for election. Think about it. Would you like to help form a bigger and better NSVAA?

If you need information on how to form an Auxiliary or become a Member at Large, please let one of the officers know.

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2017 National Convention Sheraton Tampa East

Tampa Florida

Dear Patriot

This September 28th – 30th the Navy Seabee Veterans of America are having their 71st National Convention in Tampa. The event is immediately followed by the Department of Florida 46th State Convention 1 & 2 October 2017

History is being made this year with back to back conventions, all during the 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary of the founding of the Navy Seabees.

Following this brief explanation is information concerning placing an ad in the Convention Program. You will note the very modest prices that both business and patriots take advantage of.

Some businesses also donate items to raffle off which continues to fund the NSVA. Navy Seabee Veterans of America Inc. is a 501c4 36-3382055

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration. Very Respectfully

Ernest Nelson III 813-376-0500

2017 National Convention Committee Chairman

Department of Florida Vice Commander



**2017 Navy Seabee Veterans of America
71st National Convention Registration Form**

28 September — 30 September 2017

Sheraton Tampa East 10221 Princess Palm Ave. Tampa FL 33610



Name: _____ Name Tag Name _____

Rate /units /positions held _____

Spouse / Guest name: _____ Name Tag Name _____

Rate /units /positions held _____

Mailing Address _____

Email address _____ Contact phone number _____

2017 Convention Registration fee is \$15.00 per person

BANQUET is \$35.00 per person Cash Bar\$ Menu under construction
Or \$40.00

HOTEL INFORMATION

*rate \$99.00 per night + taxes *free Wi-Fi *free parking *\$3.00 voucher towards breakfast

*free shuttle 5 mile radius (Hard Rock Casino, outstanding restaurants all within 5 miles)

Three nights prior and three nights after are offered at the same rate.

(must be booked separately by emailing Nancy Nethery XXXXX@XXx0)

CONVENTION EXTRAS

“Pro Celebrity Polo Shirt” Must be ordered at the time of Registration: This unique shirt is personalized just for you with both the 71st Convention logo and recognizes the 75th Anniversary of the founding of her Seabees

DVD of the convention events both business and pleasure Cost is \$12.00 includes postage

Tentative Schedule

Thursday 28 Sept NSVA Pre Convention National Executive Committee Meeting 07:30 -12:00 Adjourns

NSVAA Pre Convention National Executive Committee Meeting 09:00—11:00

Lunch on your own. 12:00 13:00 at Hotel on your own

Hospitality Room Open 13:00 until 21:00

Let us Gather for Dinner and take the shuttle

More to Follow

Friday 29 Sept Formal Convention and Joint Session 08:00-12:00

NSVA Convention Business Session

NSVAA Business Session Followed by Post Convention Meeting

Hospitality Room open 13:00 21:00

Need volunteers

Board Bus to Ybor City Trolley Stop 12:30 to 17:30 Channel Side tours

Lunch on your own

Trolley Ride \$2.50 per day

Stop #7 Aquarium Group rate is \$19.95 (need 10) Transportation not included yet

SS Victory Group rate is \$5.00 (need 10) Transportation not included yet

Stop # 8 Tampa History Center Group rate \$7.50 (need 10) Transportation not included yet

Hooters and more Channel Side entertainment area Transportation not included yet

Dinner at the Historic Columbia Restaurant Dinner is 17:30 through 19:00

Menu under construction \$\$

Saturday 30 Sept. Post-Convention National Executive Committee Memorial service 08:00 – 09:30

Hospitality Room open 12:00 until 16:00

Need volunteers

10:00 Board bus to Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park, Memorial Service: Dedication of Seabee Veterans Monument and guided tour of the Park and new Veterans Center & Adm. Leroy Collins Museum

Return to the Hotel by bus 15:00

NSVA Convention Banquet 18:00 Meet and Greet ball room with a cash bar

18:45 Banquet Ceremonies Colors by Sea Cadets Guest Speaker and Entertainment

POCAny Questions/Issues Please Call Ernie at 813-376-0500

71st Navy Seabee Veterans of America

National Convention

Tampa, Florida 28th—30th September 2017

Full Color

Convention Program Order Form

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\$150.00 Half page ads

cost \$75.00

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program One eighth page ads \$18.00 or \$28.00

w/ program Additional programs are \$10.00

Please make check payable to SVA Island X-11

Please send your check to:

DoFL Vice Cdr. Ernie Nelson 5142 Endeavour Ave. Dover Fl.

33527 Artwork should be email to eqcmnelson@aol.com(jpeg)

please Dead line for both the payment and artwork is August 1st

2017

Any questions can be emailed to eqcmnelson@aol.com or call Ernie at 813-

376-0500

Please include your contact phone and email address

Thank you for your support of the Navy Seabee Veterans of

America 2017 National Convention





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27th Annual MCB 7 – NMCB 7 Reunion

September 14 - 17, 2017 in Fishkill, NY in Dutchess County, north of New York City.

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For more information contact: **Denny Blaisdell**, Executive Director
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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Phone: _____

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If you want to receive by email only check

Name Tag to Read: _____

Island X-_____ City/State: _____

(IF A MEMBER OF THE NSVA)

Seabee Unit: _____

Spouse/Guest Information

Name: _____

Name Tag to Read: _____

Island X-_____ City/State: _____

(IF A MEMBER OF THE LADIES AUXILLARY)

Name: _____

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Handicapped Assistance

If a member of your party requires assistance or accommodation for a handicap, please describe the requirement.

EVENTS	COST	# OF PEOPLE	TOTAL COST
PRE-REGISTRATION & MEET AND GREET AT RAMADA \$10 PER FORM 27 APR 0800-1700 (REG FEE COVERS MAIL OUT & ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS)	\$10 PER FORM		\$10
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SEABEE BASE TOUR WITH LUNCH AT DINING HALL 28 APR 1000-1500 (NO SCOOTERS) 40 MAX	\$10		
LUAU PICNIC AT RAMADA 28 APR 1700-2100 300 MAX	\$25		
OCEAN SPRINGS SHOPPING TOUR 29 APR 1000-1400 30 MAX	\$5		
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Gulfport, MS 39502

NMCB-62 REUNION NOTICE

NMCB 62 will hold our 2017 reunion with the Gulfport ALL SEABEE reunion from 27 April through 30 April 2017 in Gulfport, MS. The reunion will start out Thursday, 27th, late-afternoon with the arrival get-together party at the hotel. Friday will be a day tour, followed by the Friday night Luau at the hotel. Saturday will be another day tour followed by the Grand Banquet and Program Saturday night at the hotel. On Sunday morning at 1030, NMCB 62 will hold our annual meeting in the Mississippi Room at the hotel. Following a very short Secretary-Treasurer report, each Seabee will have a chance to stand up and introduce themselves and spouse and say a few words about their Minuteman experience. We also invite those few Seabees who were stationed in Scotland, Ireland or England to attend our annual meeting. Many photos will be taken. Following our meeting will be the final outstanding reunion event, the grand picnic at the hotel. Plan on departing the hotel on Monday, 1 May 2017. Contact Norm Hahn

- normhahnjr@yahoo.com cell: [715-379-8482](tel:715-379-8482). Website: www.nmcb62alumni.org.

Note: ANYONE wanting to receive a reunion schedule and registration form can email Glen Kellerman, eqpackrat@aol.com, Island X-1, Gulfport and give him your name and email address and he will add you to his reunion information email list.

Norm Hahn - NSVA Life Member # 896

NMCB 62 Alumni Group Secretary

<http://www.nmcb62alumni.org>

[715-379-8482](tel:715-379-8482) call between 9am and 1pm CST

NMCB-11 & 11th NCB Reunion, 9/17 to 9/21, 2017, Gettysburg Area, Larry Hagler 512-267-8873, email: mcb11reunion@earthlink.net

MIDWEST REGIONAL ALL SEABEE REUNION

WHERE; MEADOWLANDS HILTON DOUBLETREE HOTEL
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DATE; MAY 19 - 21, 2017

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OF COURSE ALL SEABEES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
By Joe Scott, Life Membership Chairman, Navy Seabee
Veterans of America
It is with pleasure that we welcome the following Seabees as
Life Members of our Organization:

Christopher D. Baxter LM # 6581, Island X-2 Omaha, Nebraska
Lawrence M. Whittlesey LM # 6582, Island X-2, Omaha, Nebraska
Richard E. Halverson LM # 6583, Island X-6 Spokane, Washington
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Hubert A. Thompson, LM # 6591, Island X-11, Tampa, FL

November 9, 2016

Just about two years ago, Dave Buchanan, Carl Barrett, Jerry Schmuck and I, Jerry Landcastle, sat down together in Washington, DC after the Veterans Day event at Arlington, VA. The intention was to raise funds for increasing the CM3 Marvin G. Shields Memorial Scholarship one of the original scholarships of the SMSA effort to support the Children and Grand Children of Seabees.

Over the years the value of Scholarships had increased so the intention was to bring the then \$7,000.00 value up to the approved value of \$50,000.00. Soon thereafter the first checks were received, and the funds grew to the intended value. The final contributions were attained in September 2016.

The generosity of the donors shown below is greatly appreciated. We thank each of you for your generous contributions and support for the intended effort.

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Please accept our gratitude for the funds that all of you were so very generous to send to our National Secretary, Mel Ramige who kept the records and passed the funds on to SMSA.

Sincerely in gratitude,
Jerry Landcastle, Past National Commander
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2152	FELLINGER	EDWARD	S.	FL	X-5	BUFFALO	NY	116	
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