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## **The Seabees Memorial Monument in North Tonawanda, New York**

This Nationally famous Memorial Monument stands proudly in a beautiful public park on the shore of the mighty Niagara River, a few miles upstream of Niagara Falls. It is an outstanding example of the Seabee "CAN DO" spirit. The Monument was built by members of NSVA Island X-8 in Tonawanda, New York, and was financed by donations for space on the wall for Seabees names and units.

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Please visit the NSVA Website at [nsva.org](http://nsva.org) and review the contact information displayed for your Department, Island and/or Unit there under National Department – Island Officers 2017-2018, located in the lower right hand side of the Home page. Displayed is the most recent information that has been sent to me. It appears that a portion is still outdated and incorrect. Please forward any updated contact information to Jack Tangen at [jtangen@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jtangen@rochester.rr.com).

As you can see the website is still in a state of flux. Both minor and major changes are planned and underway at this time. These changes will take a bit of time but are on the way. A large change presently underway is the Island Location page. The contact information for officers and meeting locations/times/dates will be change to a spread sheet format making it much easier to edit changes and to print out. Please bear with us through this project, and if you have any constructive suggestions please share them with us.

In the CAN DO spirit  
Jack Tangen  
Website Manager

#### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Let me begin by introducing myself, I'm Jack Tangen your CAN DO publication editor. It is my privilege to assume the responsibilities associated with the NSVA CAN DO from a friend and fellow Seabee PNC Carl Barrett. Carl has been extremely helpful in providing assistance and guidance through the procedures and protocols associated with our fine magazine. It is my intent to carry on with the continuous improvement and high quality that Carl and previous editors before him have developed into a great magazine.

The publishing cycle and type of publication of the CAN DO will remain the same as it is today. The December and June issues will be electronic versions posted on the NSVA website. The March and September issues will be printed and mailed to your address of record. Submittals for publication in the CAN DO must be made in Word or PDF format to [jtangen@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jtangen@rochester.rr.com). Deadlines for submittals will be published in the previous CAN DO on page 2.

In the CAN DO spirit  
Jack Tangen, Editor  
CAN DO Magazine



# **Seabee Monument**

## **North Tonawanda, NY**

### **Written by Arthur R. Lee**

If you find yourself heading toward Niagara Falls to view one of the 7 wonders, there is another, albeit man-made, sight that is sure to give you goose bumps and force you to stop and think. Even if only for a brief moment, visitors of the monument dedicated to the brave soldiers of past wars are transcended to the “Can Do” era of our great country.

Located in North Tonawanda, NY on the shore of the mighty Niagara River sits this one of a kind Seabee monument. Thanks to the efforts of Navy Island X8, NY along with gracious donations and support from local folks and businesses, this must-see structure was erected and dedicated in 1996.

My name is Arthur Lee; I turned 90 years young in September. I’m a proud WWII Navy Seabee Veteran and sadly one of the few remaining who helped with and can document the building of our great monument. While I’m forced to write this from memory, not even Father Time can erase the memory of working with some of the greatest men this country has ever produced. A few of those men include; Ken Wendt, Cam Taylor, Jack and Ken Holler and Dan Misner, Norm Clark and his brother (owner the necessary equipment used to move the cumbersome and heavy parts of the monument) Louis Fronczak, Benjamin Muniak, Robert Sherry, Pete Davol, John Smith, Jack Misner, Paul Wendt and Otto Hobel and Ray Franchell, Jr. Wendt, Glynn Wendt, Neil (Corky) Klettke. I’m sure there are a few greats I missed – please accept the sincerest apology of this old Seabee.

Up the narrow stairs of the Eldridge Club in Tonawanda, New York, Cam Taylor presented the meeting of about 50+ members with a blue print of an idea. As it was passed around for all to see, it was clear the idea was beginning to gain momentum.

One of the most challenging parts of any big project is getting what is a grand idea on paper and beginning to take steps toward making it a reality. If we wanted this to become a reality, the group agreed, we had to get it in the hands of Ken Wendt. Ken is the owner Wendt's Propane in Sanborn, NY. Ken, the visionary and proud man that he is, took one look and uttered the four words the group were waiting on, "when do we start?" The excitement and determination met its tipping point, and the project began the very next day.

It was that next day a small faction went searching for the ideal location. Several locations were brought up at the next meeting. After careful consideration and debate, the group unanimously decided on its current resting place, River Road, partially because it was the former sight of a steel mill. The group felt the location, with the beauty of Mother Nature on one side and the hustle and bustle of River Road on the other, combined with the former mill, was perfect to show the strength the monument represented.

It was fall when the group agreed on the final site but had to wait until spring to break ground. While we waited we could gather what we needed to start construction.

As the owner of a successful, local business, Ken had a lot of friends who gladly donated material and time to the monument. We wanted a bulldozer as the centerpiece of the monument to represent everything we are. The bulldozer was a reminder that the Seabees are the first on site to clear the paths and build what is needed for troops to set up temporary bases.

Ken found the bulldozer at Lancaster quarry and managed to convince the owner to donate it as he no longer used or needed it. The dozer was put on a lowboy and brought to Wendt's business to be sandblasted and painted. We built a tent over it to keep it dry while it was sandblasted and painted by one of his employees.

Ken Wendt and Cam Taylor had a wood carver make a wooden statue of a Seabee holding a sledge hammer and a rifle over his shoulder. A 4'x4'x8' tall column was built to put with a wood statue on it. In the years since, we have replaced the wooden statue with a bronze statue for practical purposes.

The stone around the pathway consists of a former high-speed rail that ran from Buffalo to Niagara Falls. Furthering our commitment to the symbolism this monument represents.

Around the bulldozer are three beautiful brick walls. We raised money for the monument by selling space on the walls. The center wall of the monument is reserved solely for Seabees names and units. The right wall is reserved for other military personnel and the left wall for civilians who wanted to donate.

The monument was officially dedicated on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1996 by RADM. David Nash, Officer in charge of all U.S. Naval Construction Forces. We organized a dedication and it was well attended. Among those in attendance were Navy personnel, active and retired as well as Veterans from many wars. We considered it a success.

The sustained care of the Monument nagged at all of us members of Island X8. Then it happened.

A local family called Ken Wendt and asked him to meet them at the Monument. Why is this important? The husband and father of this family was a Seabee. Ken picked me up and we went to meet the family. This family generously donated money to the Seabee Monument and trusted to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. Unbeknownst to us they had our Seabee Island X8 chapter checked out to make ensure we were a legal, legitimate organization. We checked out if you had any doubts.

This family's generosity will ensure the Seabee Monument and it's care and maintenance will continue for decades to come.

Fast forward a few years and the bulldozer needed to be re-painted. Ken Wendt was on a mission. Everyone we talked to needed to move the bulldozer under cover to paint it. Ken found a painter painting a bridge in Niagara Falls, NY. He told Ken he had a way to paint it without moving it first. We covered the monument and the shrubs and he cleaned it with baking soda and air pressure. His last name was Bartlett and he was generous enough to donate his time and material, but there was more to him than met the eye.

Seems when Mr. Bartlett was in high school in Stephenville, Newfoundland Canada he wanted to form a band. He went to Harmon Air Force Base in Stephenville, Newfoundland; it was an American Air Force Base. Bartlett was looking for used instruments, anything he could get his hands on. Instead of giving him used instruments, the American Air Force personnel presented him with brand new instruments for his band. When we asked him for help with the monument he saw it as his way of giving back to the armed services that helped him all those years ago.

This story doesn't stop there – the Seabees of Island X8 built a monument to honor their brethren, but more so, they made it their mission to give back to the community.

Island X8 participated in several Day of Caring events at the Red Jacket Club on Sweeney

St. in North Tonawanda. In other years we worked at the YWCA, we painted a house, built a boat dock at a slip and built a boom across the slip to keep out debris.

Tonawanda City Hall officials called Jack Holler. They needed a Vietnam Monument moved from under a bridge on East Niagara St. to the back of Tonawanda City Hall. City Hall made this request on behalf of four mothers whose sons were killed in action in Vietnam; Burton Dale, Ronald Sadler, James Sabrina and Mark Vanderheid. In our Seabee "Can Do" spirit Jack Holler, Ken Wendt, Dan Misner and I got that monument moved. That one felt good.

Hopefully you can excuse this long-winded story of how the Seabee Monument in North Tonawanda came into existence. We are so proud of all that we've been able to accomplish and couldn't be more thankful to everyone that's played a part, big or small, along the way. The goal of all of this is to motivate, inspire and entice just a few of you to stop by and have a look around. I can promise you, connection to former or active military aside; you will be moved by the perseverance and sacrifice behind all aspects of this amazing monument.



**Walkway leading to Seabees Monument**

## The building of the Seabee Monument in North Tonawanda, NY



L-R, Ken Holler, Otto Nobel, Cam Taylor, Art Lee, Ken Wendt



L-R, Art Lee, Otto Nobel & Ken Holler

# SVAA Update

Greetings SVAA members, I hope that this message finds everyone well. The Midyear meeting is March 1-3 2018, will be held in Washington DC during the Seabee events. The board will be reviewing the By-laws and submitting changes to the NSVA for approval. If there are any suggestions /changes to the By-laws please email then to me or any of the board members that are listed on the website. I will keep you informed about our accomplishments from the meeting. We also have SVAA patches for \$5 if you would need one to complete your SVAA shirt.

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

Washington Mid-Columbia Island X-7 members for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Opportunity Center" 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 Gary Armstrong and his two boys Jaiveyon 9 years old and Kristian 13 years old Gary is an Army Veteran who served in Desert Storm, he is a single father who has been unemployed and just prior to our dropping off presents had been hired by a contractor working out on the Hanford Area. Many of the members who weren't able to make the delivery sent checks and gift cards in addition to our Christmas fund, two bicycles and helmets were donated by Local 598 Plumbers & Steamfitters "Bikes For Tikes" which donated over 1600 bikes this the 8<sup>th</sup> year of donating to local needy children . Below is a collage of pictures taken during our gift drop off.

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

*Gary Armstrong and Family with X-7 Members*



Pictured back row  
L-R: Joe Winters, Gary Armstrong, Rockey Stoddard,  
Laury Case, Robert McCarley.  
FR L-R: Jaiveyon, Kristian, Ray Weber



Gary and his boys Kristian and Jaiveyon trying on their new bikes.

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

Washington Mid-Columbia Island X-7 members (L-R) Robert McCarley and Rocky Stoddard manning a table at the 'Veterans Fair and Stand Down' held in Tri-Cities, WA. In November to help and try to raise awareness of the Seabees and Local Island X7, some recruitment was raised due to our presence at the Stand Down. The Island members also donated time in the set-up and teardown of the Stand Down.



*Rocky Stoddard  
Commander Island X-7  
Tri-Cities, WA*

# HONORING THE BOBCATS

The first Seabees were recruited by the U.S. Navy during World War II. They were skilled construction workers and tradesmen whose task it was to assist in building forward naval bases and facilities in the theaters of war. In all, 325,000 men served as Seabees during the war.

Enlistment was voluntary until December 1942, when the Selective Service System became responsible for recruitment. After basic training, most members of newly formed battalions were sent to one or two advanced bases Depots at Davisville, Rhode Island (the original home of the Seabees) or Port Huemene, California for advanced military training before being shipped overseas.

The first Seabees were not raw recruits when they voluntarily enlisted. The first Seabees were seasoned construction workers who constructed Boulder Dam, national highways, New York's skyscrapers and bridges. Emphasis was placed on experience and skill, so all they had to do was adapt their civilian construction skills to military needs. The Seabees in the Pacific theater of Operations earned the gratitude of all allied fighting men who served with them or followed in their wake. Their deeds were unparalleled in the history of wartime construction.

The first Naval Construction Battalion (later re-designated 1<sup>st</sup> Construction Battalion Detachment) left the United States in January, 1942 and one month later, landed on Bora Bora in the Society Islands. The men called themselves the "Bobcats" after a code name given the Island of Bora Bora. Anyone who knows or calls themselves a Seabee knows this and the remainder of the story. However it is an extremely rare privilege to meet or have known one of those legendary "Bobcats".

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 NSVA Island X-1 TN. And those attending the 75<sup>th</sup> Seabee Anniversary Celebration in Kodak, TN. Received a great honor in meeting one of the first Bobcats. Mr. Roy Pennington, now 93 was introduced to those attending this celebration. Mr. Pennington was not only one of the first Bobcats, but was also in the first group of Bobcats to arrive at Bora Bora.

An astounding gentleman and as we all have our sea stories, Mr. Pennington far exceeds us. Island hopping throughout the Pacific theatre of operations – Guam, Tarawa, Guadalcanal, Treasury Island, Siapan and many others. Mr. Pennington, you are a real treasure.

Finding the oldest Seabee attending the celebration, Mr. Pennington, we also found the youngest, EO Amy Miller. Together they shared the honors of cutting the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake.

## Honoring the Bobcat



L-R Troy Branch, "BOBCAT" Roy Pennington, Dave Howard

**Bobcat/Seabee Patch designed by Bobcat Al Traugott member of the Bobcat Battalion.**



## CONVENTION & REUNION INFORMATION

**\*\*\*\*ATTENTION ALL SEABEES\*\*\*\***

**Make your Reservations NOW!!!**

The 2018 NSVA National Convention is scheduled to be held at:

The Sheraton Hotel, 700 E. Main St. Stamford, CT. 06901

Convention dates are from Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Room rates are \$139.00 per night, double occupancy

Registration forms and additional details to follow soon!!!

## Hotel information for the 2018 NSVA National Convention



**Sheraton**

**Sheraton Stamford Hotel**

**700 East main Street**

**Stamford CT 06901**

Room Type	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Traditional Guestrooms	\$139.00	\$139.00	\$159.00	\$179.00

- Full Breakfast Buffet included in sleeping room rates daily (\$25 value per person/day)
- 50% reduced overnight and day-use self-parking to \$7.00 with unlimited in/out access
- **Individual Call In** - Please contact the hotel direct, toll-free at 1-800-325-3535 and request the "Seabees National Convention" group rate. Once an individual reservation has been made, any changes should be made directly with our Group Reservations Department. A credit card number or a 1 night advance deposit will be required to secure a room out of this block. Cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to arrival or 1 night room and tax will be assessed.

**A personalized Web site for NSVA 2018 National Convent occurring (August 29, 2018 - September 3, 2018) has been created for you.**

**Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from March 15, 2018 to September 4, 2018.**

**Below you will find the appropriate link(s) for your participants to access the site:**

**Attendee**

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NOTE: We will hold our annual meeting Sunday morning, April 29, 2018

## North Central District Convention

The Navy Seabee Veterans of America, North Central District Convention will be held on June 8th and 9th 2018 at the Downtown Indianapolis, Indiana Hilton. This convention will be hosted by Island X-4 of New Castle Indiana. For more information contact Dan Wells NSVA

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Wooten NSVA Department of Indiana Secretary at [cb5803@gmail.com](mailto:cb5803@gmail.com) or call (317) 432-1377.

**See NSVA website & following page for registration form.**

## NMCB 74, DESERT STORM / DESERT SHIELD REUNION

A reunion for NMCB 74 Seabees that were deployed in Desert Storm and or Desert Shield is scheduled for April 21, 2018 at 2:00pm in Saucier, MS.

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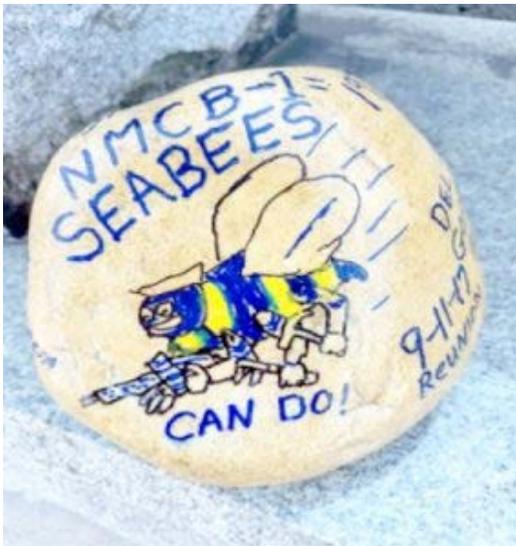


Several years ago, well many years ago, there was a handful of young men who came together from several parts of the United States to build a Seabee Naval Base half-way around the world in Guam.

This was 1973. Some came from Vietnam, some from Diego Garcia, some from boot camp; some weren't sure where they came from. We were 18-21 years old. We knew a lot about nothing when it came to adult life. Most of us spent 9-14 months eating, sleeping, working and parting together. At the end of this time we were Brothers from Different Mothers, as we call each other. At the end of the deployment we all went our separate ways, some got out of the military, some stayed in and made other deployments. We had no idea we would all get together someday.

That "someday" came 4 years ago through "social media". We have managed to get enough Brothers together to have annual reunions. The 2017 Reunion was held here in Parsons, West Virginia. With the help of some local businesses, to name a few, Debbie Stevens and Little Andi's Restaurant.

During a trip at the reunion we were leaving the WWII Museum in Rowlesburg, we encountered a young group of trainees from Camp Dawson. One of the Seabees wives told them to "Take a look at these guys. This is what you will look like in 40 years".



This rock has all of our names on it and has been placed at the Veterans' Memorial in Parsons as a symbol honoring those who served and as a celebration of old warriors getting together after 44 years

## Remembering World War II, By George Trautman Jr.

In 1942 I was a junior in Tonawanda High School. My English teacher was Miss Jean Weber. During the course of the year, one of the books we covered was "I Married Adventure" by Osa Johnson. I was fascinated by their trips to far-a-way places. I had rarely been out of the City of Tonawanda.

One of their trips I especially enjoyed was their travels to the South Pacific and the Islands of the New Hebrides where they encountered and filmed "Headhunters" and Cannibals. They were lucky to escape with their lives.

I graduated from High School in June of 1943. In September I was drafted into the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion Seabees. In October I left for boot camp at Camp Perry, Virginia. After 4 weeks of intensive training and a brief leave home, I was on one of 4 Liberty ships, 1,000 men per ship, on the Pacific Ocean in December of 1943. The destination was unknown. After 3 weeks of zig-zaging, we crossed the equator and arrived at our Island X. We did soon find out we were on the Island of Espiritu Santo of the New Hebrides group of islands. We set up a base for furnishing parts for construction equipment throughout the Pacific war theatre.

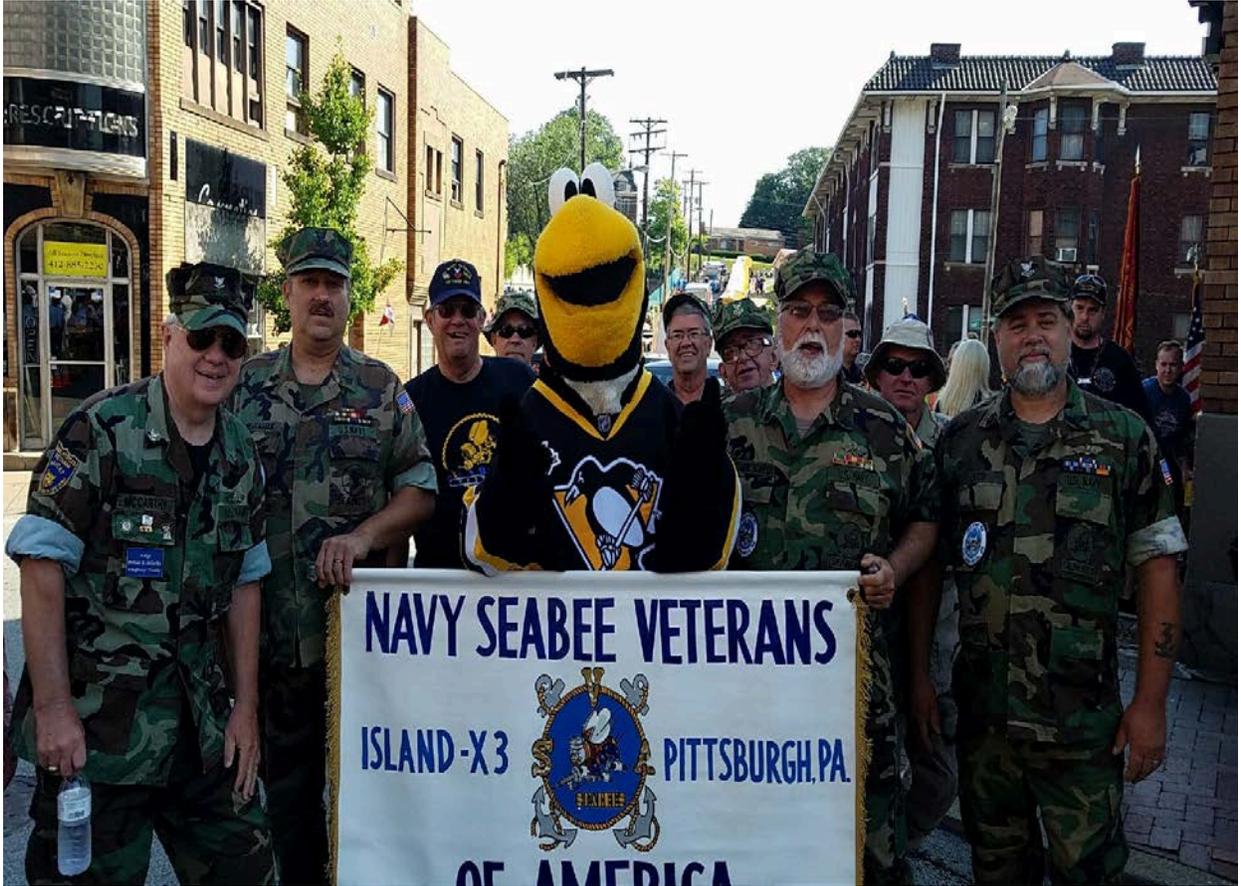
I would remain on this Island for almost 2 years. One day members of the "Big Nambas" tribe, including their chief came by canoe to our island, Espiritu Santo. As far as we know, they are still in the headhunting and cannibal activities. I was able to get a photo of them. I wrote Miss Weber and told her that never in my wildest dreams did I ever expect to come face to face with this tribe.



The natives in villages near our base were somewhat friendly and I felt safe when visiting them and trading cigarettes for shells. I played my harmonica for them and they smiled and wondered about this strange device.

The pictures depict Espiritu Santo natives and Seabee George Trautman Jr. conversing about the price of shells on the commodities market (only kidding).





**Island X-3 Marching Seabees pose for picture with Pittsburg Penguins Mascot "ICE BERG"  
(hope there aren't many Flyer fans in the audience)**

## Williamson Family Donation

On March 5, 2017 the Williamson Family of the Village of Bergen donated a large wall emblem honoring all armed forces on the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Seabees to the Sackett-Merrill-White Post 575. The plaque that was placed under the wall emblem honored Thomas W. Williamson MM2 WWII, one of the first Seabees from the Village of Bergen. The idea for the wall emblem and plaque came from his son, Thomas F. Williamson UPT2, who was also a U.S. Navy Seabee with MCB11 in Vietnam. Thomas is commander of Sackett-Merrill-White Post 575 and a member of N.S.V.A. Island X12, Rochester, NY.



## Island X-11 visits Veterans residing at Robert Jenkins Domiciliary, Tampa FL.



Top picture:

Island X-11 Commander Ernie Nelson's truck (above) packed with Christmas gifts for the 150 Veterans residing at Robert Jenkins Domiciliary, Tampa FL.

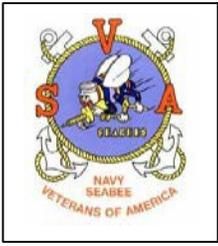
Bottom picture:

NSVA Commander John Hillyer III and Betty Nelson, NSVA Auxiliary President greet the veteran residents. Island X-11 member Dan Vitale (official photographer) standing to the left with camera in hand.



**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:**

6645	HARLOW	JACQUES		X-1	WHITE RIVER JCT.	VERMONT
6646	STEDMAN	RICHARD		X-8	YOUNGSTOWN	OHIO
6647	MURRAY	WILLIAM		X-4	ORLANDO	FLORIDA
6648	BUGH	RONNIE	L.	X-4	PEORIA	ILLINOIS
6649	COREY	JEFFREY	A.	X-4	LACONIA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
6650	HAMRICK	JIMMY	L.	X-4	LONGMONT	COLORADO
6651	ARMSTRONG	ARMOR		X-6	SPOKANE	WASHINGTON
6652	DOWNING	MIKE		X-6	SPOKANE	WASHINGTON
6653	ELLIS	DOUG		X-6	SPOKANE	WASHINGTON
6654	LEWIS	PHILIP	L.	X-6	SPOKANE	WASHINGTON
6655	MC NEIL	KEITH		X-6	SPOKANE	WASHINGTON
6656	POPE	RAYMMOND		X-6	SPOKANE	WASHINGTON
6657	GOMEZ	JOHN		X-6	SPOKANE	WASHINGTON
6657	SIRIANNO	JOHN		X-12	ROCHESTER	NEW YORK
6658	WILSON	STEPHEN	G	X-24 AT LARGE		
6659	ERDT	BARBARA		X-5	BUFFALO	NEW YORK
6660	WILDENER JR.	PAUL	G	X-24 AT LARGE		
6661	PECK	RICHARD	J.	X-3	BLAIRSVILLE	GEORGIA
6662	PALMATEER SR	VAUGHN		X-3	BLAIRSVILLE	GEORGIA
6663	ELLIOTT	TIMOTHY	A.	X-3	BLAIRSVILLE	GEORGIA
6664	BRIIDGES	JAMES		X-3	BLAIRSVILLE	GEORGIA
6665	BOSSARD	FREDERICK	S.	X-3	BLAIRSVILLE	GEORGIA
6666	ROGALSKI	GEORGE	J.	X-1	GULFPORT	FLORIDA
6667	WINCHELL	CHETT	K.	X-4	LONGMONT	COLORADO
6668	SELGRADE	JOSEPH	P.	X-5	LANCASTER	PENNSYLVANIA
6669	BARKER	DONALD	F.	X-1	RED BANK	NEW JERSEY
6670	WOODARD	JOHN	R.	X-5	AKRON	OHIO
6671	KINGSLEY	KEN		X-1	RED BANK	NEW JERSEY
6676	SHANK	JOHN		X-3	SALEM	OREGON



# NavySeabeeVeteransof America

## NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

FILL IT OUT AND RETURN TO THE NSVA LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN ALONG WITH THE  
REQUIRED FEE.

REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP FOR ISLAND: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit(s) served with: \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Life membership rate is based on age:

18-30 \$250.00

31-40 \$225.00

41-50 \$200.00

51-60 \$175.00

61-70 \$150.00

71-?? \$125.00

Checks to be made out to: NSVA National Life Membership.

Please forward to: John Cubit, NSVA Life Membership Chairman  
113 Kislingbury St.  
Rochester, NY 14613-1611



# FINAL SALUTE

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NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.



LM	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	ISLAND#	CITY	DEPARTMENT
	<u>BALTOSSER</u>	<u>ROBERT</u>				
<u>3735</u>	<u>BELLING</u>	<u>DAVID</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>X-8</u>	<u>TONAWANDA</u>	<u>NEW YORK</u>
<u>6151</u>	<u>CAITO</u>	<u>RICHARD</u>	<u>N.</u>	<u>X-1</u>	<u>DAVISVILLE</u>	<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>
<u>5495</u>	<u>DODGE</u>	<u>GEORGE</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>X-6</u>	<u>SPOKANE</u>	<u>WASHINGTON</u>
	<u>EMBACH</u>	<u>HENRY</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>X-23</u>	<u>CRYSTAL RIVER</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>
	<u>ENOS</u>	<u>EDWARD</u>	<u>L</u>			
<u>4361</u>	<u>FONTI</u>	<u>FRANK</u>	<u>J.</u>	<u>X-5</u>	<u>BUFFALO</u>	<u>NEW YORK</u>
<u>4736</u>	<u>GRAHAM</u>	<u>DONALD</u>	<u>N.</u>	<u>24TH</u>	<u>BATTALION</u>	<u>AT LARGE</u>
	<u>GUSHWA</u>	<u>DAVID</u>	<u>E</u>			
<u>6024</u>	<u>KELLER</u>	<u>JOHN</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>X-3</u>	<u>PITTSBURGH</u>	<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>
<u>1989</u>	<u>LAWRENCE</u>	<u>EDWARD</u>	<u>H.</u>	<u>X-13</u>	<u>SOUTH HILLSBOROUGH</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>
	<u>LINEBERRY</u>	<u>EUGENE</u>	<u>E</u>			
<u>3726</u>	<u>LEIMER</u>	<u>EUGENE</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>X-19</u>	<u>SYRACUSE</u>	<u>NEW YORK</u>
	<u>LIVELY</u>	<u>GEORGE</u>	<u>C</u>			
<u>6550</u>	<u>MENDOLA</u>	<u>FRANK</u>		<u>X-19</u>	<u>DAYTONA</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>
<u>5735</u>	<u>MORTON</u>	<u>LAWRENCE</u>	<u>V.</u>	<u>X-5</u>	<u>AKRON</u>	<u>OHIO</u>
<u>4608</u>	<u>NIXON</u>	<u>DON</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>X-5</u>	<u>AKRON</u>	<u>OHIO</u>
<u>333</u>	<u>PAPPAS</u>	<u>ANDREW</u>	<u>J.</u>	<u>7TH&amp;36TH</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>AT LARGE</u>
	<u>SIROIS</u>	<u>LIONEL</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>X-6</u>	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>
	<u>SKELTON</u>	<u>ROBERT</u>	<u>S</u>			
	<u>STEELE</u>	<u>DANIEL</u>				
<u>2518</u>	<u>STONE</u>	<u>FRANK</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>X-9</u>	<u>KINGSTON</u>	<u>NEW YORK</u>
<u>5623</u>	<u>SUTTON</u>	<u>WILLIAM</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>X-4</u>	<u>ORLANDO</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>
	<u>ULRICH</u>	<u>RICHARD</u>	<u>OTTO</u>			
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>HERB</u>	<u>L</u>			
<u>2891</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>NED</u>	<u>R.</u>	<u>X-2</u>	<u>COLUMBUS</u>	<u>OHIO</u>
<u>2820</u>	McCREA	PAUL	R.	X-5	BUFFALO	NEW YORK

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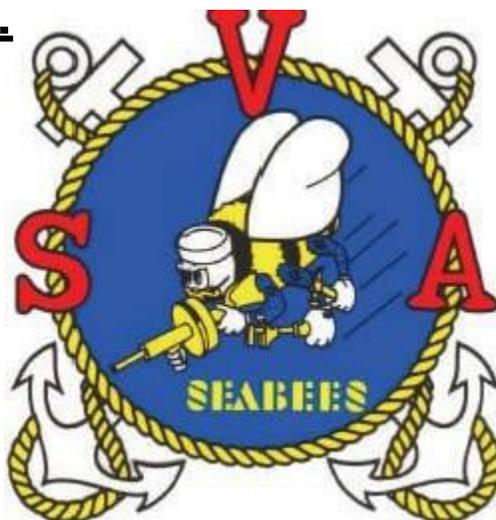
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