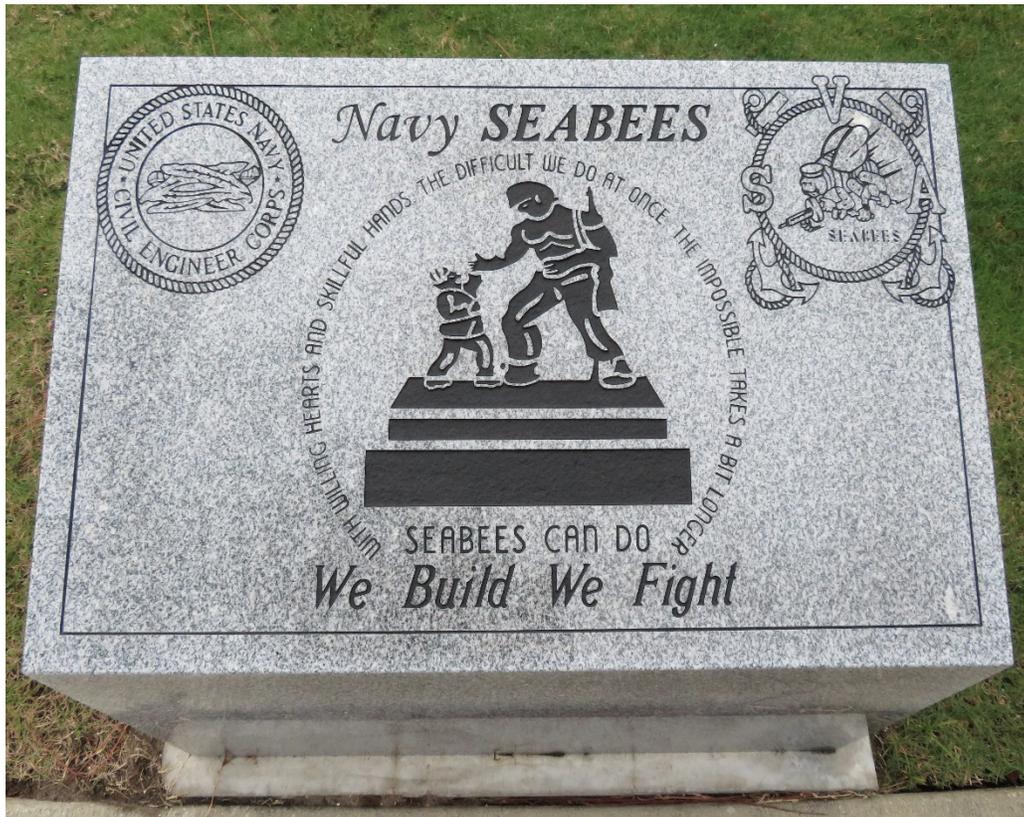


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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

With the arrival of spring and its promise of rebirth, let us all rededicate ourselves to the principals that this great country of ours was founded on and the reason we all choose to wear the uniforms of its armed forces. We must never forget that Freedom isn't free and with this thought in mind keep the brave men and women who are deployed all over the world in our thoughts and prayers and ask that they may be returned to their loved ones unharmed.

In the "CAN DO" spirit of the SEABEES let us work together to continue to make this world a better place for ourselves and those around us.

Yours truly: Michael Boncheck

### The Army Cot

Dear Mom:

If you could see your little tot  
After a night on an Army cot  
With his back nearly broke and his eyes sunk in  
And bags that hang below his chin  
You'd ask what cruel and cunning brain  
Contrived this instrument of pain  
Devised this foul and fiendish plot  
They calmly call-the Army cot.

An Osteopath, a Chiropractor,  
A pretzel bender and a tractor  
Are required to bend you straight  
If you sleep a little late,  
'Twas not Macbeth that murdered sleep  
O would they'd murdered on the spot  
The guy that built the Army cot.

Copyright 1989 by Ralph G. Fallert. Written while serving in the US Navy Seabees in the South Pacific in WWII.

**HAPPY 78<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ALL SEABEES**



## Commanders Corner

I Hope this finds everyone well. As you know, our Mid-Year meeting will be held at 08:00 on Friday, 6 March 2020, at the Westin Crystal City Reagan National Airport Hotel, located at 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA. 22202. Check with the front desk personnel for the meeting location.

Hope to see you there.

I have to say, I expected to receive a greater response to our request for feedback regarding the question of a possible merger between the Navy Seabee Veterans of America and the Seabee Historical Foundation. We want to make sure we are considering this issue from as many points of view as possible. Most importantly, if it's good for the NSVA. Please send your thoughts, questions and concerns to my email: [jjseabee@yahoo.com](mailto:jjseabee@yahoo.com).

On another note, we are still striving to back to four (4) printed issues of the Can Do Magazine per year. As you know we need as much communication as possible. However, we could use some assistance in accomplishing this. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if everyone tried to enlist advertisers. The form is on our website at [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org) Thank you in advance for all your help.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit  
James J. Furey  
NSVA National Commander

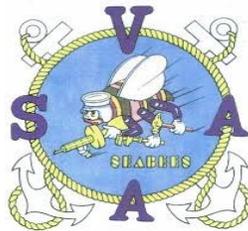
The Commanders Corner is also available for viewing on the NSVA website, [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org) located just below the National Officers link.

**“Elections remind us not only of the rights, but the Responsibilities of Citizenship in a Democracy.”**

# Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary Officers



L-R Carol Parker, Linda Hillyer, Linda Schmuck, Elaine Coffin, Lorraine Santo and Betty Nelson



## NSVAA National President Communication

Hello to all, We will be convening a SVAA meeting at the NSVA Mid-Year meeting in Arlington, VA at the Marriott Westin Crystal City Reagan National Airport Hotel on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Your 2020-2021 SVAA Officers are:

**President: Betty Nelson**  
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**Chaplin/Historian: Linda Hillyer**

**Vice President: Lorraine Santo**  
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# Seabee Monuments and Monuments to the Seabees

It was a relatively brisk day on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery near Mims FL when Seabees, Honeybees and invited guests gathered for the dedication ceremony of a Seabee Memorial Monument and accompanying Seabee bench, both donated and installed by members of NSVA Island X-19 of Daytona Beach FL. While the ceremony was held during activities for Veterans Day week 2019, the monument and bench were presented in honor of ALL Seabee shipmates now at eternal rest.

The dedication ceremony was hosted by X-19 CDR. Bob Duffy. Following the presentation of colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and Benediction by Dennis Wellington. Ben Taylor recited The Watch, and Gerry Dasher played Taps following a 3 volley-rifle salute. The monument was unveiled with assistance from Paul Thomas, Seabee widow Reba Carter and Seabee widow Marcia McMahon. Featured speakers LCDR Raul DePersia and CUCS Jason Fletcher addressed the attendees. CDR. DePersia commented "There are many more National Cemeteries that need Seabee Monuments, history has proven the Seabees are not afraid of hard work, I have every confidence that the NSVA will band together and get the job done" Chief Fletcher commented that "We are here today to honor and preserve the history and traditions of the Seabees past present and future. This Seabee monument and bench offer a place for reflection on the sacrifices that all our fellow Seabees have made".

Neither Island X-19 WWII veterans Charles Shockey (95 yrs.) or Don Polan (94 yrs.) Where able to attend but were contributing members to this project. From nearby Titusville FL WWII Seabee Can Peletier was in attendance (98 yrs. young).





On left Bob Duffy, Paul Thomas, Ben Taylor, LCDR Raul DePersia, Normand Dupuis, CUCS Jason Fletcher, Dennis Wellington, Earl Rau



Pictured behind the bench are X-19 members (L-R) Ben Taylor, Don Rowley, Louis Roy, Bob Duffy and Paul Thomas. Don Rowley and wife Shirley where the first designated setters on the bench.



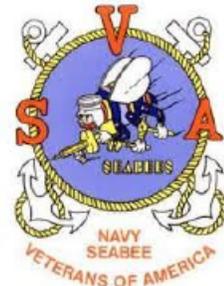
Seabee/Bugler Jerry Dashner

Seabee Jerry Dashner plays taps at the conclusion of the Dedication Ceremony along with the supporting efforts of the North Brevard County VFW color guard/rifle team. Special thanks to Mr. Don Murphy, Superintendent, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery for timely assistance to X-19 from his staff, equipment and materials in making our dedication ceremony a memorable achievement for the Island.

Pictures and text submitted by Don Rowley X-19 Daytona Beach FL



# Island X-11 Tampa, Florida



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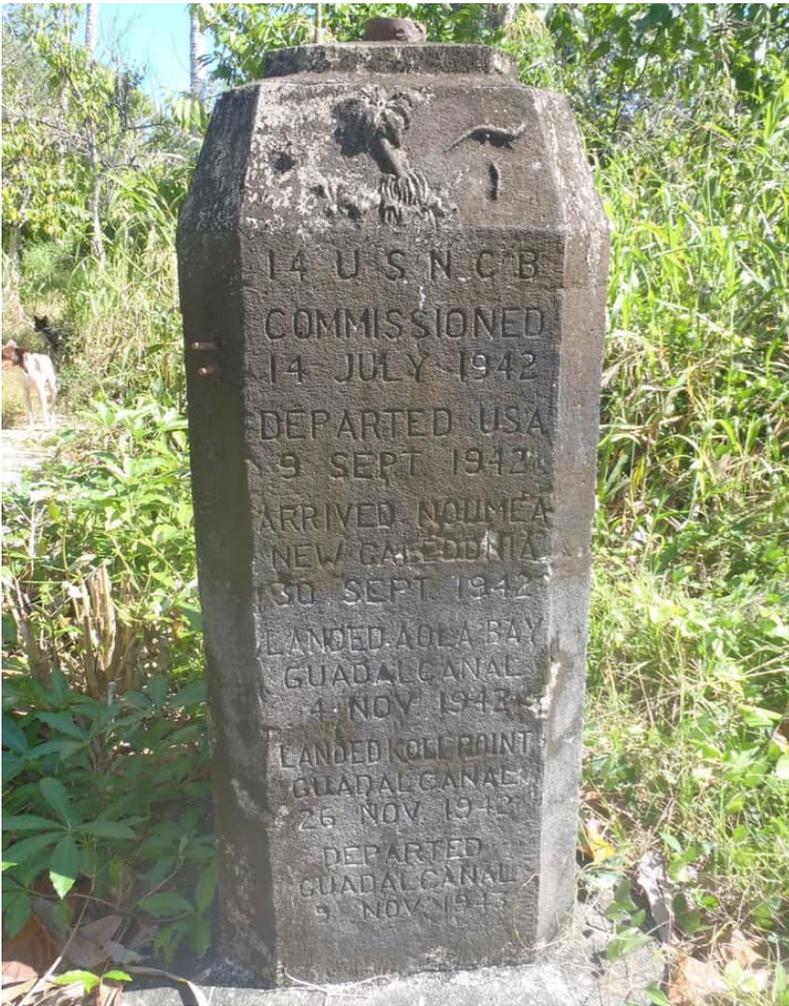
Treasurer: Bob Marlette

Secretary: Dwight Hamborsky



A Gift Shoppe named the Frog & Toad located on Hope St. in Providence, RI displays this window painting. It was spotted by the daughter of a NSVA member of Island X-12 in Rochester, NY. We're not sure of what its supposed to depict, but a guess might be the invasion of a giant "Lobsta" being fought off by the "Mighty Seabee". If you look closely at the Bee's lips I think he's saying "Pass me the Butta"!

Submitted by Frank Dorobiala X-12



This is a monument to the 14<sup>th</sup> NCB for their work and sacrifices on Guadalcanal in 1942. This was a base for a flag pole. The steel pole long since eroded away, leaving but a small nub left on top of the monument.



A Picture of a WWII and later Seabee personnel carrier (or weapons carrier). Actually they carried anything a Seabee could fit in it (and then some). These vehicles were real work horses next to the 6 X. Photo taken at the War Eagles Air Museum, Santa Teresa, NM, submitted by J. Cubit member X-12 Rochester, NY

# ISLAND HOPPING

## 102 year old Seabee Robert Vollmer Retires



That's right Seabee Robert Vollmer officially retired on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after nearly 6 decades on the job, saying that "your body tells you when it's time to go". In the March 2019 edition of the Can Do, Seabee Vollmer was featured with pictures and a story line depicting Bob's war time experiences in the South Pacific and his life after WWII. Vollmer enlisted in the Navy after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, after the war Vollmer graduated from Perdue University with a degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering in 1952. In 2016 Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb awarded him a Sagamore of the Wabash—one of Indiana's Highest Honors. Bob plans on spending time reading and farming. He also plans to take trips to some of the South Pacific Islands he was on during the war. Bob also came away from his war experience with a firm understanding of its cost. "This is the worse part of war, you lose so many damn good men, good men, helluva lot better men than me"

We wish Robert Vollmer the best in his retirement. "HIKI NO" Brother.  
(Hawaiian for Can Do)

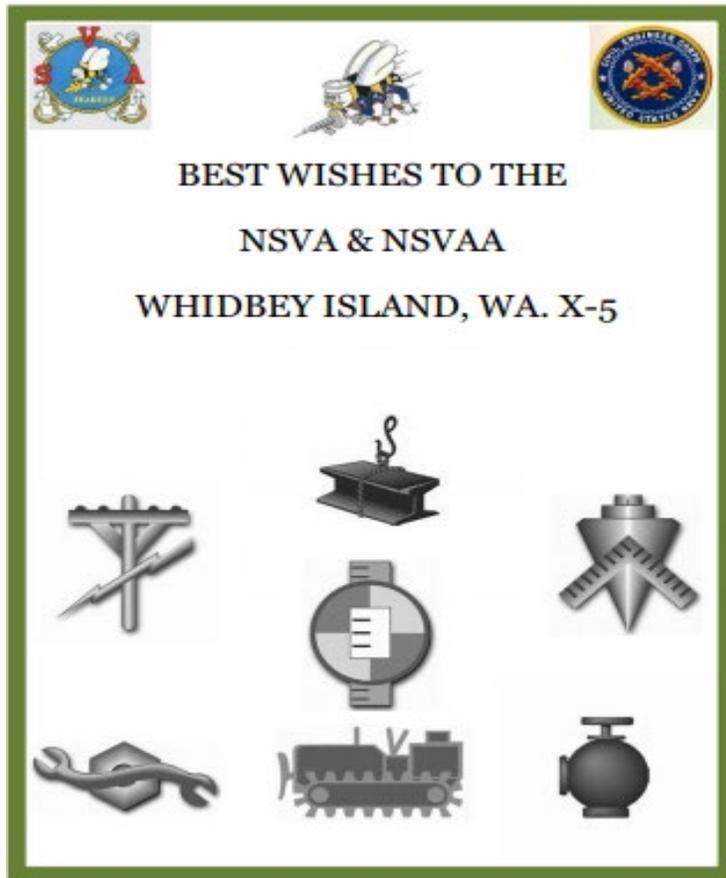


Pictured is recently deceased Dominick Papa, WWII Seabee Veteran affectionately known as "The Flag Man" of Howard Beach FL. The Lindenwood FL resident collected tattered and torn American Flags for almost 40 years and in that time donated more than 4,000 new flags to homes, businesses, Fire Houses and Police Precincts. Papa's passion for rescuing damaged and abandon flags originated one day when he noticed that someone had torn up Old Glory and thrown it in the garbage. Papa also started buying and donating flags out of the goodness of his heart because he thought people and businesses didn't have the time or resources to replace their own tattered flags.

Consider placing your Advertisement HERE or ANYWHERE in the Can Do Magazine.

The Staff here at the Can Do and all NSVA members associated with this publication wish to thank the advertisers for their generosity and willingness to take a leap of faith by donating to the NSVA Can Do magazine. Their advertisements have appeared in this electronic issue and will in the next 3 printed editions of the Can Do magazine. The contributors are:

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- NSVA Island X-5, Whidbey Island, WA. Maurice Aasland Commander
- NMCB-14 Alumni Association



The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Deadline is **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. An online application is now available. The SMSA awards Two-year, Four-year and Career and Technical Education (CTE) scholarships to children and grandchildren of US Navy Seabees or others that served in a Seabee Unit Special scholarships are also available for children of Seabees killed or wounded in action. Please share this information with any Seabee family with children or grandchildren attending college next year.



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# JUST SAY NO

(An Editorial)

Over the past weeks many have been copied on comments, concerns and questions regarding the Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF) proposal to merge with the Seabee Veterans of America. This is an issue that cannot be taken lightly, the future of the SVA as we know it is in our hands. Our National Commander, James Furey has issued the proposal details (via the internet) as developed by and proposed by the SHF at the 2019 National Convention. This information was also posted in the electronic issue of the December Can Do, available on the NSVA website. There has been little feedback from the SVA membership due to the lack of information being transmitted at the Department and Island levels. Indeed our National Officers have not weighted in for either the Pro or Con side of the issue. To stand aside without opinion on matters of such importance may lead the membership to think they don't care. Remember that the SVA has NO rank/rate. This is a civilian organization as stated in the NSVA Constitution.

The NSVA is a fraternal veterans organization structured in a similar fashion as the Original Seabees where. Small detachments, maintenance units up to battalion size, dispatched to remote locations to ply their skills, building/repairing and maintaining facilities necessary to win a world war. The NSVA has followed that structure in creating a National Organization broken down into Districts, Departments and Islands, what better way to build and maintain comradery and pride. Some may say its archaic because of the advances in communication technology, why would you need/want Island members getting together when you can just communicate via Facebook or Skype. No travel for anyone, members can be spread out all over the country (as the SHF membership is). An organization managed from the TOP without member input is an organization for shareholders. An organization that values member input, contribution, dedication and volunteerism is the NSVA.

Comradery & fellowship are key factors that keep the NSVA organization together. "Once a Seabee Always a Seabee" is a true reflection of our pride in our brotherhood. Many members don't believe we need to join another organization to "survive" in todays world. Other groups and individuals consider us dinosaurs, soon to be extinct. The NSVA was borne of WWII veterans, then Korea, Peace Time, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Shield, Afghanistan and a whole bunch of skirmishes in between.

When their time comes; Seabee Veterans will join the NSVA.

# Vietnam Perspectives



This is a humorous story, it was placed here because of the rain, similar to a Monsoon, in Nam. You can also replace the Royal titles with whatever titles come to mind, no pun intended.

## The Rain Story

The king wanted to go golfing, and he asked the royal weather forecaster the forecast for the next few hours. The palace meteorologist assured him that there was no chance of rain.

So the king and the queen went golfing. On the way he met a man with a fishing pole riding on a donkey, and he asked the man if the fish were biting.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge rain storm."

The king replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an educated and experienced professional. Besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him."

So the king continued on his way. However, in a short time a torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked.

Furious, the king returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the meteorologist. Then he summoned the fisherman and offered him the prestigious position of royal forecaster.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that... it will rain."

So the king hired the donkey.

And thus began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in influential positions of government. This practice remains unbroken to this day.

Submitted by J. Jung member X-12 Rochester, NY



RVN Phu Bai, 1967 a 9 acre Helipad being installed/repared by MCB 121 for the 169th Maintenance Battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry US Army.

We receive few personal accounts/stories about experiences in Vietnam, understandably so. We are always open to considering them for publication in the Can Do. We must restrict text and picture space due to the size of the publication to 2-1/2 to 3 pages max. Your input is always welcome.

Seabees and Marines work together to off load supplies and equipment bound for the construction of the Chu Lai airfield in May 1965. Trucks and jeeps are seen on causeway after being unloaded from Vernon County (LST 1161). Other amphibious ships can be seen in the background waiting to unload.



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Our 2020 annual reunion will be held in Jacksonville, FL this Fall. Location and date will be announced in future editions of the “CAN DO”. Information will also be posted on the Association’s website <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>

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

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



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Yours in Service,

*James J. Furey*

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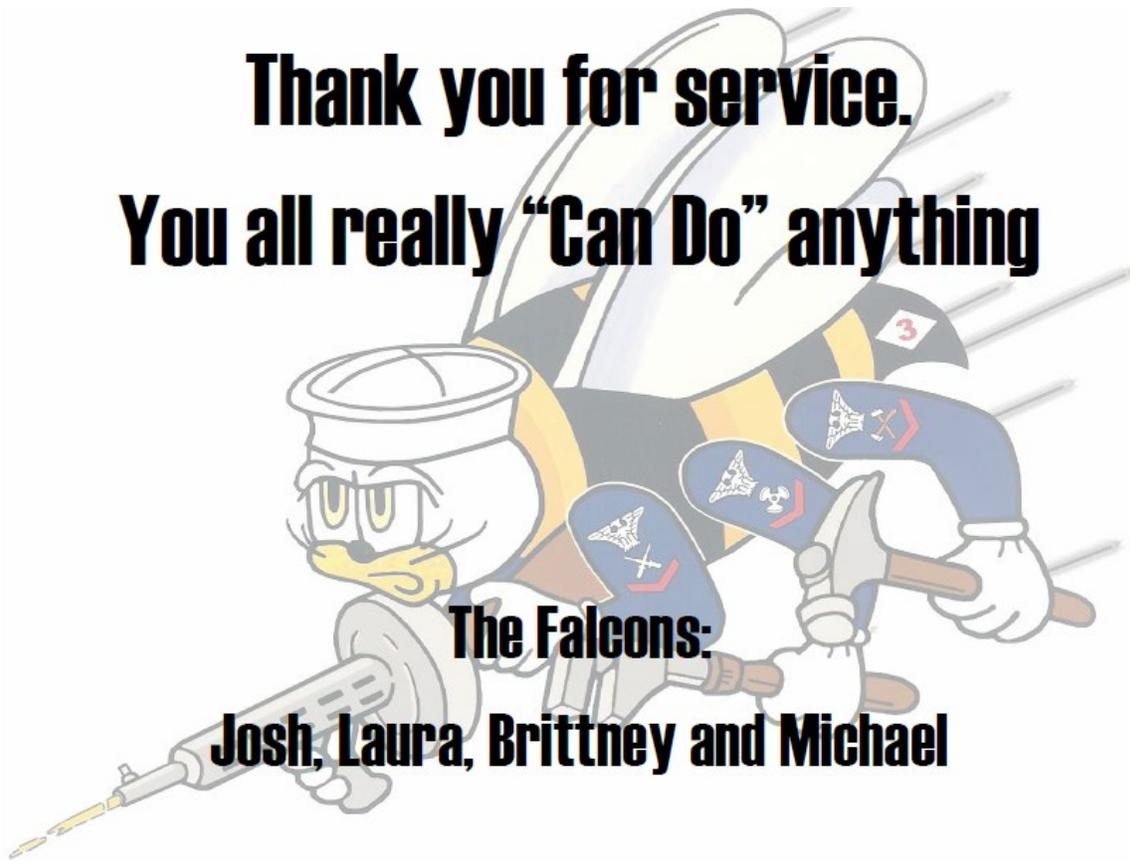


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<p align="center"><b>Please make checks payable to NSVA, on Memo line note "CONVENTION"</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Mail check and registration form to:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Dave Buchanan, 8491 Desert Rose Terrace, Crystal River, FL. 34428</b></p> <p align="center">Deadline August 1, 2020      Thank You</p>				Total enclosed:

# **UPCOMING CONVENTION AND REUNION** **INFORMATION**

**2020 Navy Seabee Veterans of America Annual Convention**  
**Colorado Springs, CO. August 19th thru 22nd, 2020**  
**Host Island X-4 Longmont CO.** (see previous 2 pages for info.)

**CANCELLED NSVA NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT SEABEE CONVENTION**

Contact Jim Jones at [jimjones@jonesoptical.comcastbiz.net](mailto:jimjones@jonesoptical.comcastbiz.net)

**NMCB 62 REUNION** April 23rd - 26th, 2020

Contact Norm Hahn 715-379-8482 [normhahnjr@yahoo.com](mailto:normhahnjr@yahoo.com)

**GULFPORT ALL SEABEE REUNION** April 23rd - 26th, 2020

Contact Jon Scott at 228-669-6858 or Bob Smith at [smithrp@cableone.net](mailto:smithrp@cableone.net)

**NMCB 74 Desert Shield/Desert Storm 3rd Annual Reunion**, May 1-2, 2020

Contact Joshua Turner at [jturner4771@gmail.com](mailto:jturner4771@gmail.com)

**NMCB 58 REUNION (ALL SEABEES INVITED)** May 13th – 16th 2020

Valley Forge, PA. Contact: John Hughes (517) 332-5961, [jiv3hughes@aol.com](mailto:jiv3hughes@aol.com)

**MCB-11SEABEE ASSOCIATION REUNION** September 10th – 14th, 2020

Nashville, TN. Contact Larry Hagler 512-796-2834 or [mcb11.reunion@earthlink.net](mailto:mcb11.reunion@earthlink.net)

**30th Annual MCB-7 & NMCB-7 REUNION** September 24th – 27th, 2020

Warwick, RI. Visit [www.mcb7.com](http://www.mcb7.com) for additional info.

**NSVA Department of Tennessee ALL SEABEE REUNION** October 25<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Pigeon Forge TN. Contact R. McPeck 865-776-1051, D. Howard 972-837-3919 for details

## SEABEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION and THE SEABEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DONATIONS

The Can Do will acknowledge donations to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and The Seabee Historical Society.

Donations should be mailed directly to:

NSVA National Secretary, 16 Graham Ave. West Haven, CT. 06516.

Please indicate on the Memo line which scholarship you wish to donate to.

### SMSA Scholarship Donations:

The SMSA has 25 SVA identified (earmarked) scholarships, here are a few of the most popular; The Marvin Shields Scholarship, The Robert Dean Stethem (killed by terrorists in 1988 on TWA Flt. 847 ,31 yrs. ago). The Mel Ramige Scholarship, whose dedication and service to the SVA was impeccable.

SVA Marvin Shields Scholarship

SVA SW2(DV) Robert Dean Stethem Scholarship

SVA National Secretary, Mel Ramige Scholarship

- A donation in the amount of \$200.00 was made by Island X-9 Kingston, NY to the Seabee Wounded in Action Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of Walter G. Boll by Island X-1 Davisville, RI. to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of Glen Rodgers Sr. by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA. to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of Lee A. Lefever by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA. to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
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- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of Fred Hummel by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA. to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of John I. Finger by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA. to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made by Jim Johnson, member of Island X-11 Tampa, FL. to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of Kenneth L. Keslink by Island X-23 Crystal River, FL. to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$100.00 was made in the name of Dorothy Anderson by Carol Conroy to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Thank You for your generous contributions

If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock, that's humerus.

J. Hilgers X-19 Syracuse NY





# FINAL SALUTE

COMPILED BY THE NATIONAL  
SECRETARY, AS REPORTED BY THEIR  
ISLANDS AND UNITS

Blue = SVA Members

Black = Brother Seabees Non NSVA  
Members



LM#	Last Name	First	MI.	Island #	City	State
847	Boll	Walter	G.	X-1	Davisville	RI
5663	Thomas	Sidney	W	X-10	Albany	NY
5534	Rogers	Thomas		X-9	Kingston	NY
4494	Ose	Joseph	G	X-9	Kingston	NY
5938	White	Bruce	P	X-1	White River	VT
1757	Strausbaugh	Joseph	E	X-5	Lancaster	PA
6522	Perrotti	Ralph	C.	24 <sup>th</sup> Batt.	San Jose	CA
3878	Keslink	Kenneth	L.	X-23	Crystal River	FL
1821	Hummel	Fred	H.	X-5	Lancaster	PA
5896	McCurdy	John	D.	X-7	Port Hueneme	CA
2965	Wojnar	Leo	A.	X-8	Tonawanda	NY
6088	Ihnat	Albert	R.	X-4	New Castle	IN
1695	Wasilko	John	A.	X-9	Cleveland	OH
3435	Hart	Robert	E.	X-1	Kearney	NE
6376	Chase Jr.	Calvin	C.	X-1	Davisville	RI
6802	Nicholson	Robert		X-1	Kearny	NE
5648	Moore	Chuck	N.	X-5	Akron	OH
3295	DeFeis	Nicholas		X-6	Spring Hill	FL
3777	Bell	Jesse	M.	X-2	Mobile	AL
3957	Waldrop	James	O.	X-1	Birmingham	AL
3161	Owen	John	G.	X-1	Birmingham	AL
3663	Kennedy	Theo	C.	X-1	Birmingham	AL
4848	Knapp	Lewis	A.	X-1	Birmingham	AL
5919	Matisohn II	Joseph		X-3	San Diego	CA

1244	DeAragon	Orlando	C.	X-5	Fort Lauderdale		FL
1662	Crista	George	J.	X-5	Akron		OH
1585	Griffey	Robert		X-23	Crystal River		FL
3640	Reber	Larry	G.	X-2	Tacoma		WA
5493	Ritza	Kenn		X-7	Port Hueneme		CA
5030	Baggett	Ronald	L.	24 <sup>th</sup> Batt.	At Large		
3265	Thorp	Kenneth	E.	X-16	S. Hillsborough		FL
4665	Kuivenhoven	Cornelius		X-8	Lee County		FL
Annual	Kellerman	Calvin	R.	X-2	Twin Cities		MN
Annual	Kirkley	Owen	M.	X-5	West Valley		AZ
Annual	Jones	Richard	H.	X-1	Huntington		WV
Annual	Finger	John	L.	X-5	Lancaster		PA
Annual	Lefever	Lee	A.	X-5	Lancaster		PA
Annual	Jones	Richard	H.	X-1	Huntington		WV
Annual	Rodgers	Glenn	H.	X-5	Lancaster		PA

**SVA Members    No Island    Aff.    Information    Received**

Annual	Bosak	LeRoy		Marshall	Burnhart		
Annual	Heller	Joe		Blaine	Gregg		
Annual	Machado	Lindsey		Crisp	Mikel		
Annual	Orioli	George		Rea	Larry		
Annual	Frahm	Larry		Rodrigues	Raynaldo		
Annual	Denno	Todd		Kimmes	Raynaldo		
Annual	Meade	David		Hoskiss	Clifford		
Annual	Martin	Barney		McCormick	Patrick		
Annual	Dowling	Derek		Young	Jermaine		
Annual	Hicks	Cody		Schmitz	Chuck		
Annual	Corbett	James		Manthey	Bruce		
Annual	Mechol	Rochelle		Schmit	Christopher		
Annual	Newton	Joshua		Neumann	Michael		
Annual	Carawan	Harry		Hill	David		
Annual	Bond	John		Drudge	Lance		
Annual	Haynes	Garrison		Goodale	Glen		
Annual	Ford	Martin					

<b>Brother</b>	<b>and Sister</b>	<b>Seabees</b>	<b>Not</b>	<b>NSVA</b>	<b>Members</b>		
	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First</b>		<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First</b>		
	<b>Nagele</b>	<b>Eugene</b>		<b>Malerk</b>	<b>Gilbert</b>		
	<b>Fetterly Sr.</b>	<b>Wayne</b>		<b>Duss</b>	<b>Edward</b>		
	<b>Watts</b>	<b>James</b>		<b>McClure</b>	<b>Edward</b>		
	<b>Uppgaard</b>	<b>Bob</b>		<b>Shockey</b>	<b>Daniel</b>		
	<b>Aman</b>	<b>Samuel</b>		<b>Legg</b>	<b>Kenneth</b>		
	<b>Naylor</b>	<b>Grant</b>		<b>Vergara</b>	<b>Christopher</b>		
	<b>Timms</b>	<b>Sidney</b>		<b>Brayley</b>	<b>Carlton</b>		
	<b>Peterson</b>	<b>Donald</b>		<b>Grubor</b>	<b>Donald</b>		
	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Dusty</b>		<b>Lourie</b>	<b>Philip</b>		
	<b>Shipley</b>	<b>Larry</b>		<b>Burke Jr.</b>	<b>John</b>		
	<b>Carter</b>	<b>Eugene</b>		<b>Smith</b>	<b>George</b>		
	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>Wayne</b>		<b>Thompson</b>	<b>James</b>		
	<b>Fisher</b>	<b>James</b>		<b>Stemper</b>	<b>John</b>		
	<b>Farr</b>	<b>Bob</b>		<b>Basham</b>	<b>Lester</b>		
	<b>Blaidell Jr.</b>	<b>Samuel</b>		<b>Bales</b>	<b>Lewis</b>		
	<b>Conrad</b>	<b>Grant</b>		<b>Layman Jr.</b>	<b>Gregg</b>		
	<b>Matthews</b>	<b>Sidney</b>		<b>Herrick</b>	<b>Roscoe</b>		
	<b>Slater</b>	<b>Donald</b>		<b>Leeds</b>	<b>Joseph</b>		
	<b>Boyne</b>	<b>Dusty</b>		<b>Meredith</b>	<b>Emery</b>		
	<b>Papa</b>	<b>Dominick</b>					

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