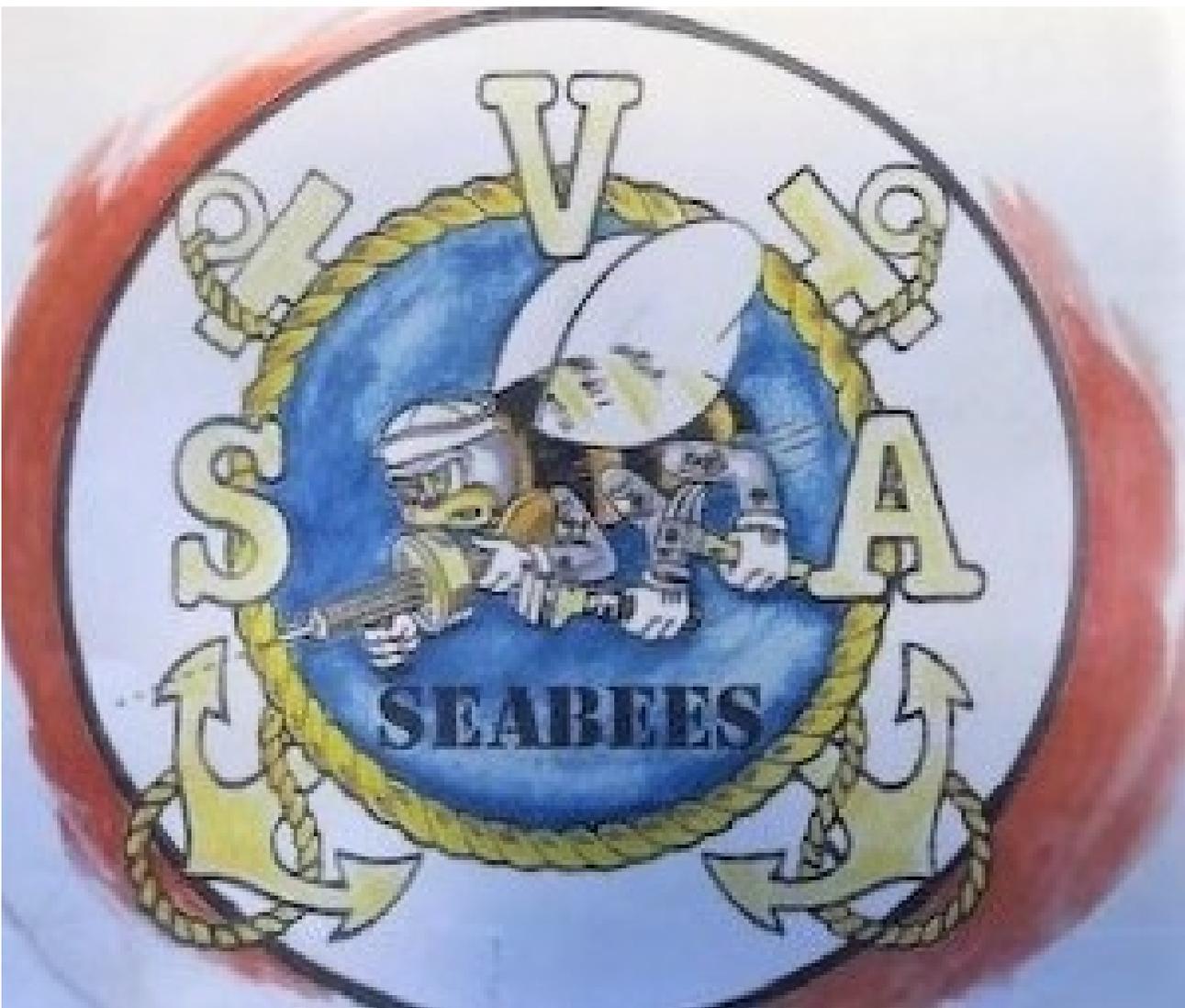


NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

CAN DO

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Original NSVA emblem sketch by Frank J. Iafrate

Cover: This is a rendition of the original emblem submitted by member Frank J. Iafrate for consideration as the official emblem of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America in March 1996.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

During the past year it has been my great Honor and Pleasure to be the National Chaplain I have strived to keep my comments thoughtful and to include everyone regardless of their religious faith or beliefs. I certainly hope the following words do not offend anyone, for that is certainly not my goal.

The months of March, April and May contain special Holidays beginning with Passover celebrated by those of the Jewish faith to commemorate the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

Next is Easter when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead after his crucifixion.

Then we have Ramadan, an Islamic Holiday marked by fasting, praise, prayer and devotion to Islam.

My sincerest apology to those who practice any other form of worship that I may have omitted. I ask all that believe in a Higher Power to join me not only in Prayers of Petition, but also in Prayers of Thanksgiving for the rapid development of a vaccine to combat the Corona virus.

As we approach springtime and its promise of brighter days, blue skies and the rebirth of colorful flowers and green lawns, we also look forward to a time when life can return to be somewhat normal. With the introduction of vaccines to help us defeat the Covid-19 pandemic we must not let our guard down. The new normal will probably require us to continue wearing face masks for a while and continue practicing safe habits like frequent washing of our hands, social distancing and avoiding known areas that put us at risk.

In closing allow me to say all of you will remain in my thoughts and prayers, with special prayers for those afflicted by this pandemic and especially those that have suffered the loss of loved ones to this dreadful disease.

May God send down his Blessings to one and all
Michael J. Boncheck, National Chaplain

**2021 Navy Seabee Veterans of America
75th National Convention Registration Form
August 18th – 22nd**



151 Beach Boulevard
Biloxi MS 39530

Make your check payable to NSVA Memo line "CONVENTION"

Name: _____

positions held /Island _____

Spouse/Guest name: _____ NSVAA Member _____

Mailing Address _____

Email address _____ Contact phone number _____

DATE	EVENTS: Details of the tours on following pages REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 1. Mail check to: Dave Buchanan 8491 Desertrose Terr. Crystal River FL 34428	COST	# of PEOPLE	TOTAL COST
	Convention Registration Fee at 2021 convention	\$20.00 ea.		
8/21	Saturday night Dinner			
	Banquet Dinner Prime Rib	\$50.00 ea.		
	Banquet Dinner Seared salmon	\$50.00 ea.		
	Banquet Dinner Pan seared Chicken	\$50.00 ea.		
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Deadline August 1 2021		THANK YOU		



Commanders Corner

I hope this finds all you Seabees and Honey Bees in good health and spirits along with being COVID-19 free. I have asked Vice Commander Doug Bower to chair our Mid-Year meeting in Rosemount, Illinois and to represent us at the Seabee Memorial in Arlington Cemetery at the Seabee Birthday wreath laying ceremony.

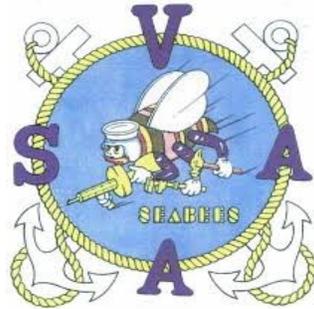
There is quite a lot to be done at our Mid-Year meeting, more than usual because we did not have our Annual Convention last August due to COVID-19 restrictions. Among other things we need to choose a coin design for the 75th Anniversary of the SVA.

Unfortunately I'm unable to attend the Mid-Year due to current health issues. However I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in Biloxi. In this issue of the CAN DO you'll find the Registration form for the Convention as well as the Convention shirt order form and the Hotel reservation information. Please note there are deadlines associated with each form.

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 located just below the National Officers link.

Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary



Hello, 2021 finally made it.

The SVAA has been busy getting ready for the NSVAs 75th convention to be held in August. These are exciting times to celebrate the success of this unique origination. The Seabee moto still holds true today, "With compassion for others, We Build – We Fight for Peace and Freedom". It's hard to wrap my head around the fact 325,000 men served in the Seabees during WWII. Seabees still stand tall and proud together always with a "Can Do" spirit.

The SVAA will be holding it election of officers. Please consider serving; send in your name or nominations for any of the officers' positions. The board will be reviewing the names at the Mid-year meeting.

I know that last year left us without holding meetings and gatherings, but now we are slowly getting back too normal. If you are a MAL please remember to send in your yearly dues. Also, the SVAA Islands should try to gather your SVAA National dues. If you have sent in your SVAA National dues MAL/Islands, THANK YOU. Now on to the fun stuff. As you will read in the Can DO there is information about the 75th Convention ([see page 3](#)). In the registration form there is all the contact details. The Golden Nugget in Biloxi is a perfect location. This is turning out to be a great celebration for the Convention Anniversary. 75 years is a big deal!

There is even a commemorative convention shirt that you can order. Men and women have their own style shirt that comes with your name embroidered, 75th convention patch and a SVA or SVAA patch. A number of other options are available check out the order form ([see page 6](#)). Ordering deadline is 1 July 2021. Shirts will be delivered to you at the convention or you can get them earlier by paying for shipping. Finally, if there is anything that the board can assist you with let us know email or phone.

Respectfully,
Betty Nelson
National SVAA President 2019-2021
Bettybud2000@aol.com
813-376-3947

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CONVENTION SHIRT ORDER FORM DEADLINE 1 JULY 2021

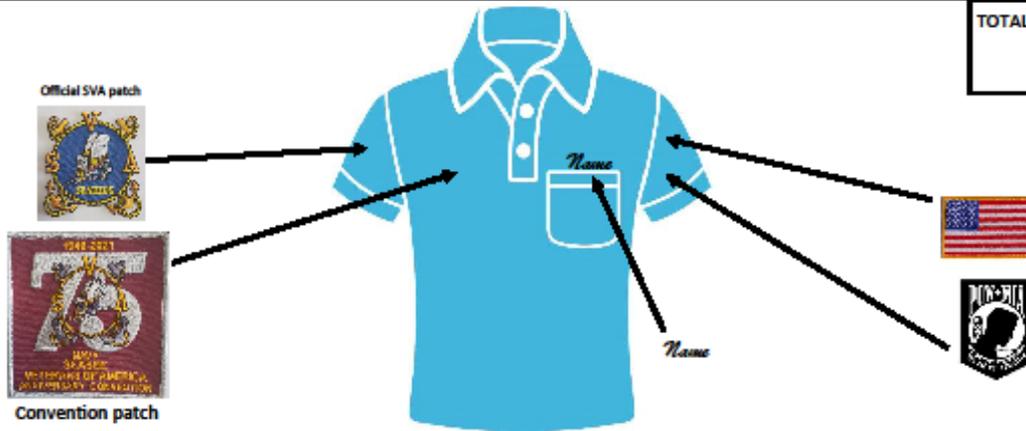
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NSVA: Mail form and money to the above address for processing

Name _____ Embroidered Name for shirt _____

Email _____ Phone ____ - ____ - _____

Customer Signature _____ **This is a custom order, not subject to change, refund or cancellation.**

Men's "Celebrity Pro Burgundy Shirt	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	Flag	POW/MIA	Subtotal:
S-XL Shirt W/ Convention Patch, SVA patch and Embroidered name \$45.00 American Flag Additional \$5.00 POW/MIA Patch Additional \$5.00					+\$2	+\$4	+\$6	+\$5	+\$5	+\$5	
Pick up shirt order at Convention											
Woman's Burgundy Sport Tek Shirt	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL		Flag	POW/MIA	Subtotal:
Woman's cut polo style no pocket V neck S-XL Shirt W/ Convention Patch, SVAA patch and Embroidered name \$43.00 American Flag Additional \$5.00 POW/MIA Patch Additional \$5.00					+\$2	+\$4	+\$6		+\$5	+\$5	
Pick up shirt order at Convention											
Additional patches can be purchased for \$6 s/h included										Quantity	Subtotal:
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75th Convention Patch											
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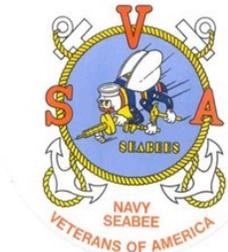
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Island X-11 Restarted over five years ago. Since then we have re-gained the Seabee enthusiasm, and willingness to serve and help others. We don't just meet and eat. We help support the Robert Jenkins Veterans home in Lake City affecting the lives of 150 Veterans. We have donated and participated in the Warrior Walk in Lakeland as well as the Marvin Shields Sea Cadet Battalion. In an effort of preserving the Seabee Legacy we have placed three Seabee Monuments, Two in National Cemeteries and one at Veterans Memorial Park in Hillsborough County. “Lucky Leven”



Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month
18:30, Dinner is \$11.00 inclusive.
Tony's Ybor Restaurant 2001 22nd Street ~ Tpa., FL
Drive on over, Lots of parking and room to spread out!

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

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The Deadline for input in the **June '21 CAN DO** is **MAY 15th**
Send all submissions to Editor Jack Tangen at jtangen@rochester.rr.com



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The Salt City Seabees
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Happy 75th Anniversary to the Navy Seabee Veterans of America

CAN DO

ISLAND HOPPING

The CAN DO wishes to acknowledge the recent changes in our National, Department and Island Officers. We commend the individuals that aspire to the Seabee Creed "CAN DO" and step forward to assume the responsibility associated with leadership in our organization.

- Victor Rivera assumed the office of Island Commander, Island X-12 Rochester, NY
- Anthony Mastroianni assumed the office of Island Commander, Island X-2 Huntington, NY

The pictures below were taken at MacDill AFB just 4 miles south west of downtown Tampa FL. Ernie Nelson Island X-11 Commander and National 1st Vice Commander Doug Bower are pictured on the left, flanking the NAVY Monument installed and maintained by Island X-11 some years ago. Pictured on the right are Vice Commander Doug Bower, Betty Nelson SVA Auxiliary National President and X-11 Commander Ernie Nelson. Not pictured is Mrs. Douglas Bower, the photographer.



Pictured on the left is Seabee Norm Dupuis and National 1st Vice Commander Doug Bower on January 31, 2021 at the Orlando Veterans Memorial Park. The park is located adjacent to the VA Outpatient Clinic occupying the former NTC Orlando Naval Hospital. The Seabee Monument pictured was set in June of 2013 by Island X-4 Orlando (Central) Fl. Vice Commander Bower was visiting NSVA members in both the Central and Tampa areas. He will also be visiting family members as he and his wife tour these areas of the state.

Submitted by Norm Dupuis

U.S, NAVY SEABEES Deserve a Stamp Too



Mike Wheeler PIC of Island X-14 in Hudson Falls NY submitted this picture of his “wedding gift” for a friend of his that was recently married. Mike removed the old stairs leading to the deck and installed this set of stairs, allowing better access to the deck from the back yard in about 14 hours. Mike completed this portion of the stair installation while his friend and his bride were on their honeymoon. There’s a little more to be done but as winter has finally arrived in New York it will be completed in the spring.
Submitted by Mike Wheeler

NSVA Newest Island X-1 San Antonio Texas



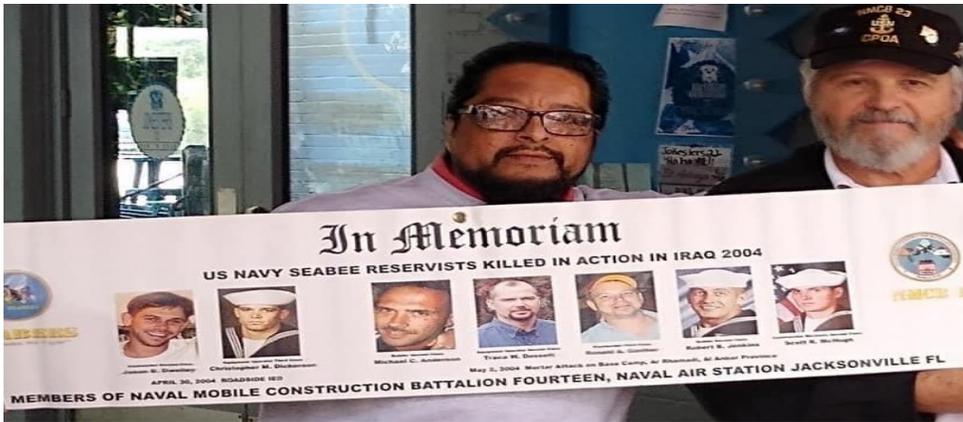
Pictured are the Officers of the Newly formed NSVA Island X-1 in San Antonio Texas. L-R are Jesus Escamilla Treasurer, Anthony Amesquita Secretary, Roy Aguillon Commander and Benny Hernandez 1st V. Commander.

WELCOME ABOARD Island X-1

Below is the 1st “official” X-1 swarm meeting held in October 2020. 15 members shown 30+ showed up to celebrate our Navy’s birthday.



Island X-1 are pictured in front of the Alamo on Veterans Day 2020. One of the pictured members Carlos Vega passed on February 12th 2021 because of COVID-19 making this a memorable event for the Island members. Pictures and text submitted by Anthony Amesquita Secy. X-1



Combat veteran Anthony Amesquita's long recovery and never ending promotion of his fallen brother Seabees (7) KIA's from NMCB 14's deployment in 2004. He's pictured here with Seabee Norm Dupuis.

National Vice Commander Doug Bower, participated in Wreaths Across America at Historic Fort Ontario Cemetery in Oswego, NY in December of last year. He assisted in placing commemorative wreaths at the Veterans gravesites. Veterans gravesites go back to the Revolutionary War.





Here National Vice Commander Bower is pictured with 3 period reenactors to his left a World War I Doughboy, a Revolutionary War officer and an officer from the War of 1812



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



Above are pictures of Island X-9 members at the dedication ceremony of the Seabee Memorial Monument placed by X-9 in the T.R.Gallo Veterans Park, Kingston, NY. Island members pictured are L-R Rod Williams Treas, Dan McShea, Ed Roser MA, Harry Simpson Sec'y, Ron Chrisey Commander, Frank Stone PDC, and Joe McShea (Joe & Dan are Father/Son). Sadly since this dedication Ceremony in 2013 Island members Ed Roser and Frank Stone have passed.

TENNESSEE SEABEE of THE YEAR

Pictured on the left is Frank Acs Department of Tennessee CDR presenting Island X-1 CDR. Dilbert Arrington (center) with the Tennessee Seabee of the Year Award with PIC Troy Branch applauding. The letter to Commander Arrington read:

On behalf of all members of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Department of Tennessee and military veterans, allow me the honor of extending our sincere appreciation to you for your Commitment and Outstanding Public Service. Not only from the members of NSVA Department of TN for your assistance in making Island X-1 Greeneville, but for your support in the establishment of the NSVA a success, and for being an outstanding representative of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America as a whole.



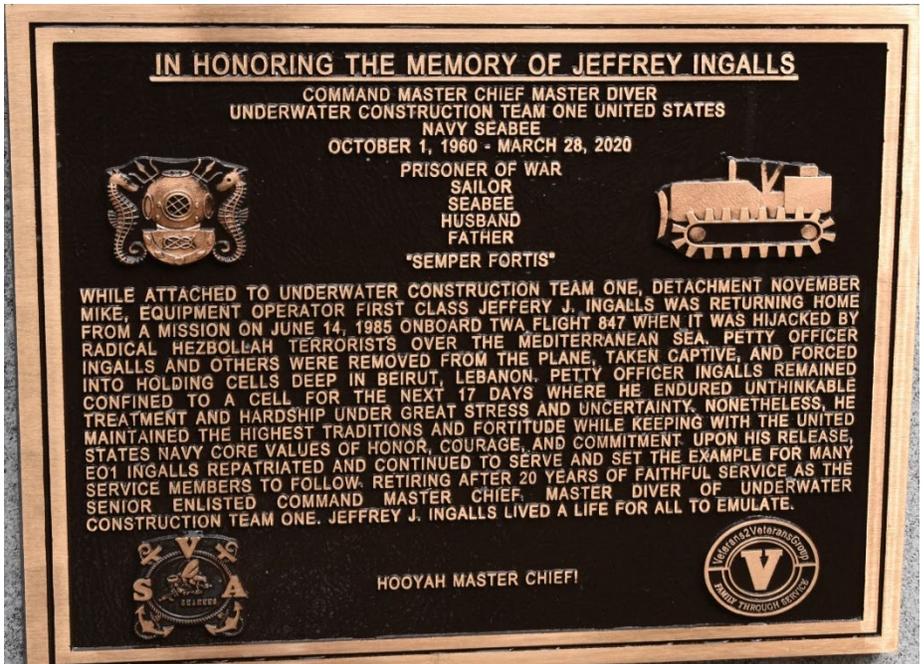
For God and Country

Frank J. Acs, Commander, Dept. of TN

EQMC (SCW/MCV) Jeffery J. Ingalls

Pictured is the plaque that is mounted on the back of the Memorial granite bench, inscribed and dedicated in memory Seabee EQMC Jeffery Ingalls. This rest stop is located in Soldiers Park North Woodstock New Hampshire to be enjoyed by both Veterans and the Community.

The accompanying narrative and pictures were submitted by Island X-4 members Bob Gagne, Peter Baker and X-4 Commander Roger LeBlanc.



U.S. NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, ISLAND X4, LACONIA NEW HAMPSHIRE

Memorial Bench for EQMC (SCW/MCV) Jeffery J Ingalls. EQMC Ingalls passed on March 28, 2020 at the age of 59. I will address EQMC Ingalls as "Jeff" in the following text as he was a friend and a man of the people.

Jeff joined the Navy Seabees in July of 1978 trained as Equipment Operator. During his first duty station in Adak, he requested and was approved to join the Underwater Construction Teams.

In 1985, while on military tour in Athens, Greece Jeff and his team were hijacked along with many other innocent passengers of TWA flight 847. All passengers were released with the exception of 39 men who were held captive for 17 days by Iran's terrorist group, Hezbollah. Thanks to the many prayers throughout his hometown, his navy town, and the entire country the men were set free, which was the first time Hezbollah had ever set captives free. Jeff was never quite able to overcome the loss of his youngest team member, Robert Stethem, and pledged to help other veteran's deal with similar grief.

Jeff's career as with the others in his UCT team of flight 847 continued to excel after the incident, among all the metals and awards he earned during his career he and his team were finally awarded POW status for flight 847. Jeff retired Commander Naval Construction Battalion Atlantic UCT 1 after 20 years of service.

Jeff returned to his hometown of North Woodstock NH with his wife Nancy and two sons Keagen and Brenden in 1998. Jeff continued his life of service. He now funneled his energies on helping veterans in need, neighbors, community and supporting the town of North Woodstock.

After Jeff's passing a bench memorial was suggested. With Nancy and the town's approval the bench was going to be set in Soldiers Park in North Woodstock.

A fund-raising collaboration between Island X4 Seabees, V2VG (veterans support group) in Littleton NH, UCT 1 Seabee Divers both active and retired, VFW Post 83 in Lincoln and the community raised over \$10,000 to purchase a bench and have it installed in the park.

Even with the COVID-19 restrictions and delays we were able to get the bench designed and installed on October 1 2020; which was Jeff's birthday!

Jeffery Ingalls Memorial cont.

The official bench ceremony was on October 3 2020 with a large crowd from the community, Seabees, local and state politicians attending with speeches honoring MC Ingalls.

Lastly to Master Chief's Legacy he started a project called Veterans Rest Stop in North Woodstock to offer veterans transitional housing and support. The bench memorial donated about \$1800.00 toward the VRS project after all the bills were paid.

More information on VRS project can be found on Facebook group page "VRS". More information and pictures on EQMC Ingalls can be found on Facebook page "New Hampshire Seabees and Beyond".



Pictured above are Brendan and Nancy Ingalls at the far left, with attending X-4 members, pictured on the right are members of UTC-1 Seabees that came from far and wide to attend Jeff's wake (held at Legion post 83) and the dedication Ceremony. The truck in the background was Jeff's.



Pictured on the left holding the NSVA Island X-4 Laconia NH flag behind the Jeff Ingalls Memorial bench are X-4 members Bud Durling and John Bush. The bench is inscribed in his memory



Seabee Memorial Monument North Tonawanda New York

The Seabee Memorial Monument is located at 682 River Road, in North Tonawanda, New York. Information for the purchase of personal name plaques to be placed on the Memorial is listed below.

Please contact Ken Giroux at (716) 874-4230 or email: boardbrenda@yahoo.com for details.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____	PLAQUE INSCRIPTION _____
ADDRESS _____	LINE# 1 _____
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____	LINE# 2 _____
	EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to: ISLAND X-8 MEMORIAL FUND Mail to: Ken Giroux, 2449 Old Falls Blvd.
Niagara Falls, New York 14304-4549

There are three (3) standard sizes available for placing names on the wall and one (1) for names going on the granite curbing around the Bulldozer pad.

1. ___ 1-1/2" X 3-1/2" Limacoid Plastic with two (2) engraved lines, limited to 19 characters per line, incl. spaces.
Donation: \$30.00
2. ___ 1-1/2" X 7-1/4" Cast Bronze Plaque with three (3) lines, limited to 20 characters per line, incl. spaces.
Donation: \$150.00
3. ___ 4-1/2" X 7-1/4" Cast Bronze Plaque with five (5) lines, limited to 19 characters per line, incl. spaces.
Donation: \$300.00

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Couldn't resist not putting this picture in. It seems as though private enterprise has always had the where with all to analyze, design and expedite methods and procedures far superior to our government's efforts.

Please remember that COVID-19 is a real threat to each and every one of us and to follow both the CDC and your local health organization's recommendations on wearing masks, washing and sanitizing

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and
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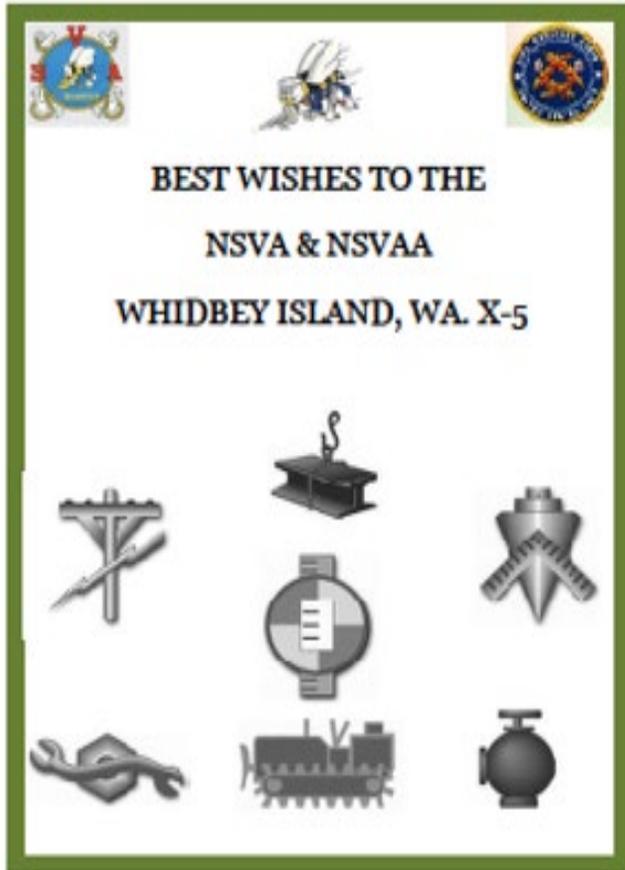
Five Reasons to Think **LOCAL** First

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Seen in the Officers Club



100 years ago everyone had a horse and only the rich owned an automobile. Today everyone has a car and only the rich can afford a horse. The Stable has turned...



NOW HEAR THIS AGAIN !!

There still remains some confusion around the publishing and distribution of the CAN DO magazine. The CAN DO is published (currently) four (4) times a year. Two of the issues (March & September) are printed (hardcopy) and mailed to a members address as recorded by the NSVA Secretary. The two remaining issues (June & December) are NOT printed, they are available "On Line" for viewing and down loading on the NSVA website; www.nsva.org . Please make sure your mailing address is updated if you relocate, or you won't be receiving the CAN DO. If you are experiencing issues with receiving the CAN DO please notify the National Secretary at nsvasec@gmail.com or call 1-203-843-5513

The deadline for input in the JUNE '21 edition of the CAN DO is MAY 15th.

SCAM ALERT

They are STILL at it, NSVA members continue to report Scam solicitations via telephone, email and social media contact, per the following article.

About 2 or 3 weeks ago I received an email from either Home Depot, or Lowes, the claim was to take a survey and be rewarded with a choice of gifts that was worth up to \$100.00, all I had to do is pay \$4.99 for shipping and handling. I received 2 flashlights, they charged me \$5.99 for the second one, the light is a piece of junk, it's probably worth what I paid for shipping or a bit more. I called my credit card company and they told me that that was the least of my problems. I'll be receiving a 'Subscription' charge of something like \$79.95 every month if you don't try to stop them immediately, which is not easy to do. They gave me 2, 800 numbers to call and tell them to stop all charges.

Don't fall for it, they use different companies for their surveys, which don't even go to those companies, some companies don't even know what going on. Today, I got another one from UPS, yesterday it was Walgreen's. The emails look very real, so don't fall for it.

Bottom line, I was told **when they only ask for shipping and handling fees**, beware, that's the hook. Please be aware of these attempts to separate you from your \$\$\$.

Submitted by Roger LeBlanc, Island X-4 Laconia NH



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Here are a few pictures submitted by Don Rowley documenting the efforts by members of Island X-19 in Daytona, FL refurbishing the original benches they had made and donated to the Emory Bennett Veterans Home. They still had 2 benches to refinish when the photos were taken. The original benches were completed 10 years ago. Two of the benches were originally done in recycled plastic, but became warped and had a lot of fungus on them. The refurbished benches will be done in real wood.



HAPPY 79th BIRTHDAY to the U.S. NAVY SEABEES

HOORAH



Seabee bulldozer Eniwetok, Marshall Islands 1944

NSVA 75th National Convention

8/18/2021 to 8/22/2021



The group code that you will need is **S210318**. Attendees may make their reservations by calling 1-800-777-7568 and using the group code, **or** they may click on this link (no group code needed): <https://goldennuggetbiloxi.reztrip.com/ext/promoRate?property=1262&mode=b&pm=true&sr=594680&vr=3>

The last day to make reservations will be **7/28/2021**

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Luxury Two Queen	\$79.99	\$79.99	\$129.99	\$149.99	\$79.99

All rates and a \$12.99 per night resort fee are subject to Harrison County room tax, currently five percent (5%), and state sales tax, currently seven percent (7%). County and state taxes are subject to change without prior notice.

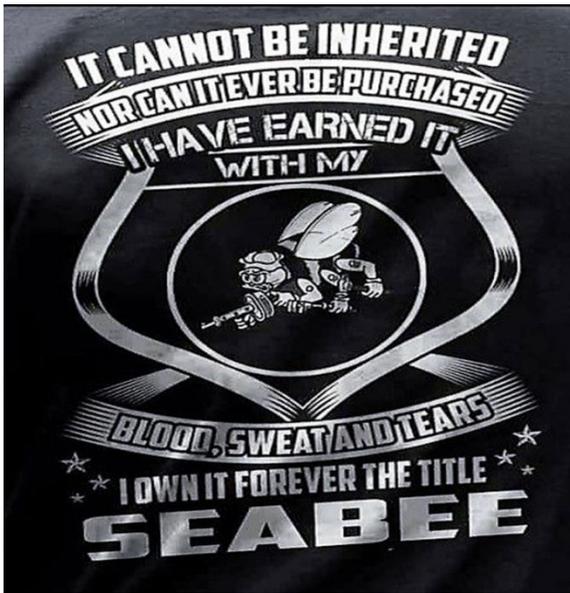
ALL hotel rooms are non-smoking. A \$200 charge will be assessed for smoking in a hotel room. Balcony rooms are available for an additional \$20.00 plus tax per night, based on availability.

Additional Incidental Deposit	Method of Payment Accepted
\$100.00 per stay	Credit Card, Debit Card

This is going to be one heck of a Memorable Event. The NSVA will be celebrating 75 years of dedicated service to our GREAT country, our communities and our membership. Remember Once a SEABEE, Always a SEABEE. Let's have a super "CAN DO" turnout for this Gala Event.



Vietnam Perspectives



On the left: The accompanying Seabee image was submitted by John O'Brien BU2, Graduate of the University of RVN (author unknown).

Below:

U.S. Navy in Vietnam, This January 1967 photo shows Engineering Aid Surveyor 2nd Class Alva Persons surveying a site for bridge reconstruction near Dai Loc south of Danang. Part of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 9, Persons conducted this survey under intermittent VC sniper fire, and is ready for action with his M-14 slung on his shoulder. The field survey team frequently went into areas without American presence.





Above is mystery photo of "Greens" era company of Seabees, no dates, or location from the 2020 December publication. Our questions regarding this photo were answered thanks to the following note from Joseph B. Leap, CAPT CEC USN (Ret.) Member Island X-19 Daytona, FL.

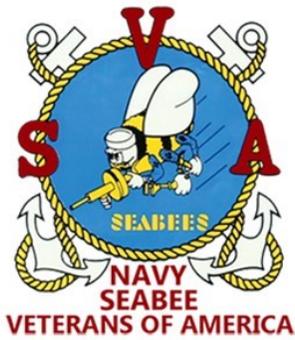
On 13 July 1967 in Gulfport MS, the Naval Construction Training Unit was commissioned. It was known as CTU. It was commissioned to provide a Seabee training command at Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport that was in the process of being re-opened to homeport Seabee Battalions, such as NMCBs 62, 58 and many more. The other two Seabee Bases at Davisville and Port Hueneme had training commands called NAVSCONS--Naval Schools Construction.

When commissioned, the first and foremost mission was to train Directly Procured Petty Officers (DPPOs). These were men in the construction industry with known and proven skills. They were given Seabee ratings in their skill area, BU, SW, EO, etc. They ranged from PO3 thru CPO. (There were very few CPOs). Their commitment to the Navy was 30 months and the program was a huge success. At that time the number of Seabee Battalions was increasing to a total of 19 from 10. (Eventually 21 with the call up of RMCBs 12 and 22.) These men were a big factor in fleshing out the new Battalions. The training program for these new Seabees was four to five weeks, where they were taught to swim, march, salute, get haircuts, uniforms, medical, dental, personal hygiene, Naval history, etc. Essentially boot camp. They were formed into companies of 60 to 90 men and had an active duty Seabee, PO2 thru CPO as their company commanders. A new company was formed every week. Initial staffing included fleet rates ordered to CTU from the Naval Training Center in San Diego because of their knowledge in "pushing boots." They were a huge asset.

So, I am almost certain the photo is of one of the companies undergoing training. The CTU pennant, Seabee greens and the Seabee statue, which there was one at Gulfport, make me believe the group is a company of DPPOs. The only reservation I have is that I can't readily identify the location where there were bleachers for a photo. But, that's over 50 years ago.

What makes me believe this? I was CTUs first Commanding Officer. I commissioned CTU and served as it's CO from July 67 to December 69. In that time frame CTU graduated and sent to the Battalions a total of 9300 new Seabees, DPPOs. I believe some members of X-19 graduated from that program.

CTU did initially offer some formal Seabee training. The first C School was Well Drilling. We also did a great deal of Special Seabee Training, which were short courses of one to four weeks to offer the Seabees in homeport an opportunity for training while in homeport. We did not offer A or B Schools in my tenure. Subsequently, CTU became Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) and is providing Seabee training as I write this.



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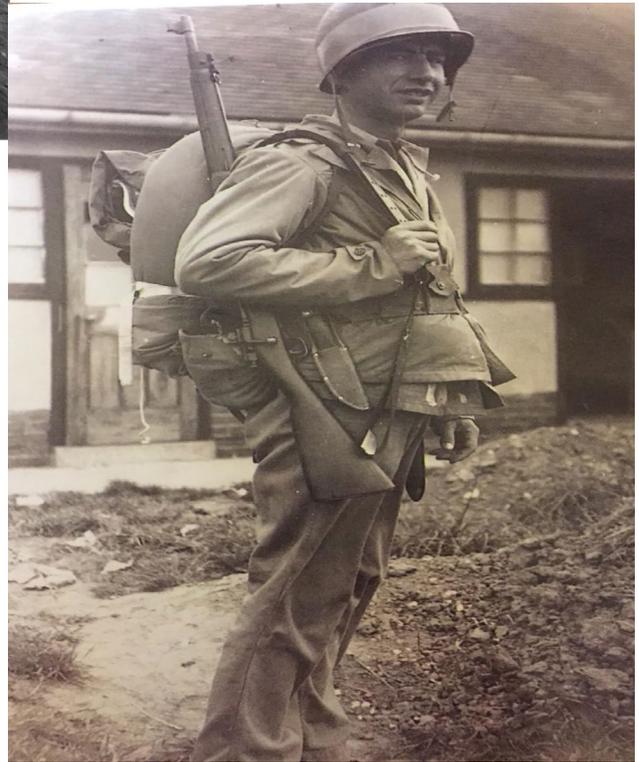
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Yesterday's Seabees



The Seabees were renowned for their ingenuity. And in yet another adaptation of the 55 gallon drum, Seabees from Construction Battalion Detachment 1042, have created a hot water sink for cleaning field gear after chow and a BBQ all in one out of 55 gallon drums. The shot was taken in Pearl Harbor in 1944. Thanks to the Seabee Museum for the shot.

Salvatore Vaccaro. Member of 97th CB, on the eve of D-day. The 97th became the 108th CB during operation overlord. Wonderful photo showing what was worn on 6th June.



CB Detachment on Blue Beach Licata, Sicily on the morning of July 11 1943. LST Hit by German bomber during landing party.





I am a military historian in Hawaii specializing in WW-II and Pacific War. I am writing up a report on the Navy Seabees specifically for a large Seabee camp located by MCAS EWA field in WWII. I have some cruise books, primarily of the 130th CB and some info on a couple of other units that came over from Pearl Harbor to help construct the Navy-Marine airfield next to NAS Barbers Point.

This report is for a federal Section 106 consultation and the site could be totally bulldozed for a solar PV farm without any historic documentation. Most needed are photos from the air like the one attached. But anything else showing the camp, the Navy CB base construction, etc. would be very helpful if you may have any in your files that you could share for this historic documentation project.

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Not All Seabee engineering ideas worked as they thought they would, The Sherman tank pictured on the left is called The Joker. Removing Japanese land mines made it slow going for the Marines and Seabees during the battle for Okinawa. As you can guess the idea was to equip an armored vehicle (a tank) with a flailing device that would beat the ground in front of the tank detonating/sweeping the mines from the road or selected path. The flailing worked so well, it softened the sand enough that the tank was continuously getting bogged down and stuck. The idea did work in the European theatre where the turf is a little more stable.

January 12, 1945, the ammunition ship USS Mazama was struck by a Japanese "Kaiten" suicide submarine and started to sink. The Mazama was taking on water and slowly sinking from the bow due to the gaping hole on the portside. A sea-going tugboat along with a large salvage ship pulled alongside the Mazama to try to save the ship. Evaluating the damage, they started to pump the water out of the ship faster than it was entering. Having suffered the loss of eight men, one dead and seven seriously injured, she began to transfer serviceable ammunition; un-serviceable munitions were dumped at sea. Divers made emergency repairs that allowed them to make it to Guam and Saipan for the major repairs that held until they could get back to the United States. Thanks to the help of many, the USS Mazama was rescued.

"STEVEDORES COMMENDED FOR AMMUNITION HANDLING – USS Mazama (pictured below)

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Fellow Seabees, I'm John Cubit the NSVA Life Membership Chairman. I will do my best to ensure that all new membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. Please forward all requests along with any required funds to me, this will allow faster service. My contact information is:

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