

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

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Cover: Seabee Memorial, Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, Rhode Island. Island X-1 Davisville---an organization of retired Seabees, part of the Seabee Veterans of America conceived and raised funds for a permanent memorial to the Seabees at the Rhode Island Veteran's Cemetery, 301 South Country Trail, Exeter, RI. Frank Iafrate assisted in the design of this Seabee Memorial, which also includes on its sides, the emblems of the Civil Engineering Corp and the United States Marines Corp.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

It's hard to believe that this issue of the "Can Do" marks the beginning of my 3rd year as National Chaplain. The world today is a lot different than it was when I first introduced myself to readers of this publication. We now live with a new treat to our health and wellbeing in the form of Covid19 and its variants. The necessity of getting yearly Covid vaccinations along with those for the Flu will become a way of life for years to come. Also there is the ongoing war in Ukraine that at any time could escalate to a much wider conflict with disastrous results.

As we celebrate the Holiday Seasons let us all reaffirm our Faith in a Higher Power and ask our God, however we perceive him, to Bless us with Peace on Earth & Goodwill to All.

Let us also pray for those who are having a difficult time with rising inflation, those who struggle to provide for their families and those who are homeless. In my last letter I mentioned that I was undergoing Radiation Treatments for Prostate Cancer. I am happy to report that I am now doing much better and thank all of you who kept me in their thoughts and prayer

Let me close by wishing all a Happy, Blessed and Safe Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year

Michael Boncheck, National Chaplain
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

Commander's Corner



Pictured above are a pair of soaked Seabees, yours truly representing the NSVA (L) and RADM, CEC USN (ret) Robert C. Marlay on the (R) representing the SMSA and SHF. The picture was taken at the Seabee Monument in Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 2022, Veterans Day. The weather was a bit inclement to say the least, but the wreath laying ceremony and words given by RADM Dean VanderLey reminded all in attendance how an inconvenience like a little rain isn't worth mentioning when we consider the sacrifices our veterans have given and continue to give every minute of every day.

Honoring the Seabee veterans gives us a special opportunity to thank and recognize our brother and sister Seabees for their accomplishments, comradery and Spirit de Corp. I felt very privileged to stand with all those in attendance and to be a part of the ceremony recognizing all the past, present and future U.S. Navy Seabees.

The NSVA leadership team has been at work over the past quarter doing many things. They have updated and created new forms available on the NSVA Website www.nsva.org. All Island officers and members should avail themselves of the opportunities to integrate and use these forms. We are continuing to promote and spur interest on our social media sites and are aggressively promoting the upcoming National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Make your reservations early, both the convention and venue appear to be building into a spectacular event. There is going to be an abundance of business to complete at this convention. There are resolutions proposed, Constitution and By-Law proposed changes to vote on, and last but not least, a new slate of National Officers to elect.

However before anything else, there is the matter of the annual mid-year meeting, scheduled for March 18, 2023. This meeting will set the agenda for the upcoming convention. It will be a ZOOM format, available for viewing beginning at 12:00 noon. The link for the event will be posted on the NSVA Website by 11:00am on the 18th with instructions.

With the upcoming Convention, leadership and office changes are going to take place. Consider getting involved in not only your local Island or Department level but consider the National level of the NSVA. Get involved, don't sit on the sidelines, this is YOUR organization.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel F. Tangen".

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Gifts for the Veterans home. A truck load of Christmas Joy

Island X-11 Tampa, Florida

Lucky Leven

Island X-11 restarted over 8 years ago. Since then, we have regained the Seabee enthusiasm and willingness to serve and help others. **We don't just meet and eat.** We have a very strong auxiliary. Our dedicated members support the Jenkins Veterans Home in Lake City where we impact the 150 resident veterans. We have donated to and participated in the Warrior Walk Lakeland. We have installed three Seabee Monuments; two in National Cemeteries and one in Veterans Memorial Park. After building the Purple Heart Monument at the NOSC in Tampa we have partnered with the TBCPOA providing all the maintenance. Wreaths Across America - Metropolitan Ministries



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Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary



Happy 2023 to all of you. As we enter the 75th year anniversary of the NSVA Auxiliary, we must remember those courageous members who started our organization and those who kept it going. Plans are being made to honor those who came before us, along with the Commanders of the NSVA on Thursday August 17th at the National convention in San Antonio, Texas. We will celebrate this event at a location within walking distance of the host hotel.

We will be having our Mid -Year meeting on Saturday March 11th in Gulfport, MS. If you have any suggestions for us or changes to our bylaws, please let me know. We do have concerns about membership and would love to see Auxiliaries where there are Islands, or members as MAL's. Suggestions are welcomed.

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

Good Bye 2022....Hello 2023 and on to bigger and better things. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and will have a Healthy and Happy New Year.

I was reminded recently that the NSVAA will increase the dues by \$1.00 to \$3.50 for the 2023/2024 membership year and beyond, as voted on at the 2022 Convention in Colorado Springs in August. This increase in membership does **NOT** affect the MAL dues. They remain at \$5.00 per year.

Plans for the NSVA/NSVAA Convention to be held in San Antonio, TX in August are getting exciting. We will be celebrating the NSVAA's 75th Anniversary. I hope many of you will join us for the festivities. Check online at NSVA.org for further information and the registration form. I personally have my registration form submitted and my hotel reservations made. It's not too early for you as well.

Questions about membership can be sent to me below. Anything you'd like brought up at the mid-year meeting to be held in March, can be sent to me as well. Want to start an Auxiliary in your island? I can help there too.

In the Can-Do Spirit,

Nancy Staples NSVAA V-P/ Member at Large President

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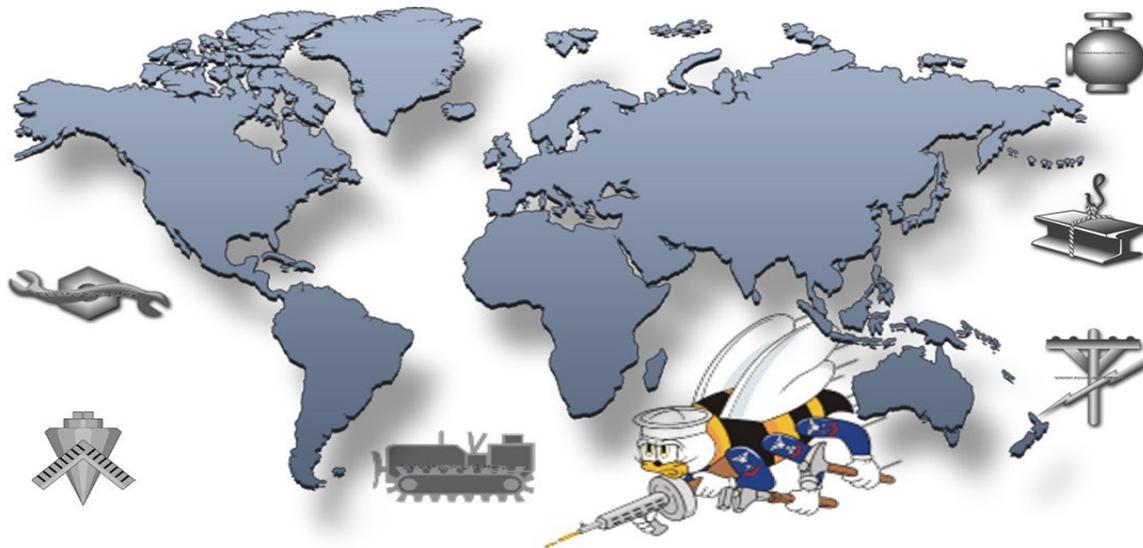
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SEABEES SACRIFICE WORLD WIDE; Thanks from the Falcons, Josh, Laura, Brittney & Michael

ISLAND HOPPING

Island X-19 Syracuse New York participating in a Veterans Day Expo Parade and accepting a citation for their work with the Sea Cadets, Submitted by Norm Sullock X-19



Island X-19 From Daytona Beach participated in the Deland Florida Veterans Day parade. Retired Navy LCDR Nick Leva was happy to let 8 of his children participate with the Island to celebrate Veterans day. The ages ranged from 6 to 15 years old. We thank the Leva family for participating. The parade was preceded by a flyover. Submitted by Don Rowley

Pictured below are the 70 flags Doug Bower placed on the graves of the veterans buried in the Fort Ontario Cemetery, in Oswego, NY on Veterans Day 2022. Many veterans buried here are from the war of 1812. Doug volunteers at the Cemetery and the historical fort.



More Island X-19 Daytona Beach FL.



To the left is a picture of Island X-19 Daytona Beach, FL Commander Bob Duffy giving \$200 worth of Steak and Shake gift cards to the Emory Bennett Veterans home. The gift cards will be used to take out the veterans that are able to get out.

The Honey Bees of X-19 display their delicious desserts for the Christmas luncheon



On December 1st, Bill Waters and Honeybee Reba Carter placed two beautiful flower arrangements created by Joe Licata and Honeybee Karen Marks at the Seabee Monument at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery. Island Secretary, Don Rowley, and some fellow worker Bees refurbished the entry sign in front of the Veterans Home which Island X-19 originally installed in 2010.



The Island also participated in a "Local Vet" program through the Flagler County Veterans Services. This was spearheaded by Island Chaplain, Joe Licata. We sponsored a Navy veteran who is blind and his wife is having health issues as well. Through the generosity of the Island membership, we collected \$700 which was sent to the deserving Veteran. All submissions for X-19 Daytona Beach FL by Don Rowley



Unfortunately I have to apologize for not being able to provide a caption for the picture below. I received it and a caption, I believe, however I cannot find it. Please let me know which Island this is and contact me at Jtangen@rochester.rr.com



Island X-12 Rochester, NY celebrate the holidays at their traditional Holiday Party



Attendees Back row L-R: Mary Kay Paul, Bob Paul, Jackie Smith, Pete Nicoletta, Mark Pedersen, Chris Magliocco, 3rd row: Kevin Smith, Kathy Cubit, Rick Stacy, Charlie Deacon, Jane Pedersen, Stephan Greenberg, Frank Dorobiala. 2nd row: Ed Nicoletta, Michele Meteyer, Sarah Kridenoff, Amy Stacy, Jack Tangen, Kevin Johnson. Seated row: John Cubit, Anita Nicoletta, Sue Dorobiala and Anne Krauss.



The Christmas Party cake and the eldest Ed Nicoletta and youngest Sarah Kridenoff cutting it with Samurai sword.

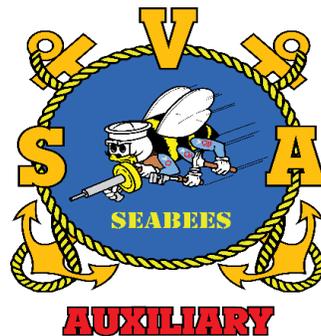
Island X-23 Crystal River, FL at their 2022 Christmas Celebration Party



Attendees at the Island X-23 Christmas Party Back row Chris Westhall, Carl Miller, Bill Phillips, Phil Manley, Ray Jordan, Mike Atterberry, John Hillyer, and Jim Bridgeland.
Middle row: Murielle Heath, John Lowe, Debbie Phillips, Barb Manley, Jeannie Jordan, Joy Atterberry, Nancy Ward, Linda Hillyer, and Jeanette Bare.
Seated: Joan Buchanan, Dave Spanski, Lynn Spanski, and David Buchanan. Picture by Nancy Staples



The Cake is representative of the bees buzzing in the Island X-23 Crystal River, FL hive !



ISLAND X-14 HUDSON FALLS, NY REMEMBERS



Les Macura by wall



Pictured standing is Joe Gagliadi, kneeling L to R: Lynn Malinoski, X-14 Commander Kevin Kolakowski and Bill Cooper

On 21 Dec 2022 members of Island X-14, Hudson Falls, N.Y. traveled to 6 area cemeteries to place Christmas wreaths on the graves of fallen Seabees.

We placed 18 wreaths in memory of our brothers and sisters and their families. Island X-14 has been placing wreaths since 2016 and takes great pride in spending a day remembering deceased Seabees at Christmas time. Submitted by C. H. Coffin

U.S. NAVY SEABEES DESERVE A STAMP TOO!

As you have read in the all of the 2022 editions of the CAN DO Magazine, I'm continually promoting the NSVA's Seabee Stamp Initiative with members of Congress and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Board. I continue to be in contact with many individuals promoting and lobbying for approval of the stamp. We are well into our 80th Anniversary, it would be fantastic if approval of this well-earned and deserved symbol of recognition would be approved before this coming March. I want to thank everyone that has sent in petition signatures and statement supporting our desire to have a Seabee postage stamp issued.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit
Doug Bower, Past Natl. V. Cmdr.

Department of Tennessee Convention & Reunion October 2022



Great time hooking up with old friends and making new Seabee friends also. In attendance were association contingents from MCB-1, MCB-9, MCB-10, MCB-11, MCB 121 & 122. Lots of sea story swapping but most of all it's the comradery, that's what the Bees are about. The Department of Tennessee and company put on a great reunion.



Pictured on the left is Seabee Leon Tippitt +94 years old, the oldest Seabee in attendance at the Department of Tennessee Convention & Reunion. How do you like those suspenders?

Pictures by Donna Howard.

More from Tennessee (The Volunteer State)

On November 4th, 2022 Island X-2 Maryville TN, received recognition for community service for the Maryville area from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Other Veterans and Veteran organizations were in attendance and saluted also.

Past Island X-2 Commander Frank Acs, SVA Department of Tennessee Commander Chett Winchell and Island X-2 Commander John Drexler were present. Pictured below.



A Little Humor

If you can start the day without caffeine
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then You Are Probably The Family Dog
And you thought I was going to get all spiritual ...

Handle every Stressful situation like a dog.

If you can't eat it or play with it,
Piss on it and walk away.

Everyone smiles in the same language!
Submitted by Joe Jung member X-12 Rochester, NY

Phoebee the Female Seabee



The original 1944 Walt Disney sketch of Phoebee the Female Seabee (U.S. Navy Seabee Museum Archives). From the beginning of WWII it was popular for different military units to adopt divisional mascots as their representative insignia. The Seabees were no different. Although the official Fighting Seabee Insignia is “Disney-type” in style, it was not an original Disney design. Over the course of WWII numerous Naval Construction Battalions requested to have their Fighting Seabee Insignia sketched by an artist at Walt Disney Studios. Framed artwork of “Phoebe the Female Seabee” by Disney artist Hank Porter and 1944 article from Yank Magazine. (U.S. Navy Museum Collection). In 1944, Seabees at Camp Hueneme, California (present day Port Hueneme Naval Base) wrote to Hank Porter, head of the ‘Military Insignia’ Department, at Walt Disney Studios. According to Yank

Magazine they requested a sketch of a Seabee pin-up girl. They wanted a “deliciously feminine queen bee, with rosebud lips, dewy bedroom eyes and an atomizer to make her deadlier than the male, who carries only a Tommy gun”.

Porter, who was busy producing more than 1,000 designs for the Army and the Navy, fulfilled the Seabees’ request and created a real beauty, Phoebee the Female Seabee. Wooden shadowbox of Phoebee standing in front of house, donated to the Seabee Museum from the Seabees on San Nicholas Island. (U.S. Navy Museum Collection) The Seabees’ pin-up girl came to represent the many wives and sweethearts of Seabees all over the world. Numerous wives' clubs such as the Phoebee Hut, the Civil Engineers Corps wives club at Port Hueneme Naval Base were created. Phoebee became an established insignia in the Seabee world and she can be found represented on numerous artifacts in the museum.



The Tee shirts pictured on the right were created for the Honey Bees of Island’s X-1 and X-2 Department of Tennessee by Frank Acs Island X-2 Marysville. Phoebee article courtesy of Dave Howard’s Newsletter (and his Honey Bee Donna)



*8th Annual Seabee Ball
All Services & Civilians*

*Organized By
The Navy Seabees
Island X-3, Blairsville, Georgia*

*Saturday, March 4th, 2023
The Ridges Resort, Young Harris, GA*

*Celebrate
The Seabees
81st
Birthday*

Time:
Social Hour: 1730
Dinner: 1830
Ceremony: 1930
Dancing: 2000-
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While the Island has welcomed Seabees from as far as Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas to our past Seabee Balls, our normal membership comes from North Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. If you are visiting the Georgia Mountains or would like to join our Island you are most welcome. We meet at 1400 hours on the second Friday of each month at the Major Leon Davenport Veterans Center, 78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy, Blairsville, GA. 30512. Contact Ed Crenshaw (706) 897-2649, cecbret@windstream.net or Bob Ramay (706) 400-9245, bobramay@windstream.net

for more information.





A suggestion from the Office of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee is a group of SEABEE Veterans who help determine the direction the Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, Inc. is going in the future.

The Nominating Committee is a 5 person Committee made up of the most recent National Commanders present at the National Conventions, plus Ex Officio members (Present Natl. Cmdr. & Natl. Sec'y)

In an effort to identify SEABEES that are most dedicated to your organization, the Nominating Committee is recommending that candidates pre-introduce themselves with a short resume' or bio outlining their involvement and contributions to the Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, Inc.

These resumes' or bio's should contain past and present positions held as well as aspirations or goals for the future of the Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, Inc. to make your Organization the best it can be.

The resumes' or bio's should be in the hands of the National Secretary, **NO later than July 1** prior to the National Convention elections for distribution to Committee Members. However, as always, Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Convention, at which time the nominee will be required to give an oral bio or resume' of their contributions and involvement.

If elected, candidates must be willing and able to attend the National Conventions and Reunions, be proactive in their positions and submit a minimum of 2 written reports to the National Executive Committee each year, one at the Mid-year meeting and another at the National Convention to the General membership.

In addition, it is imperative that the elected candidate has the ability to maintain an open and effective line of communications with the National Executive Committee and National Commander.

NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS NOW HEAR THIS

During this past quarter, the NSVA leadership team has been busy behind the scenes developing and updating comprehensive NSVA forms that address most of the common requests and communications issues associated with keeping our records and membership files up to date. Among the “new” forms are:

- Resolution Form (provides template for systematic and orderly format for proposal input)
- Request for Replacement Life Membership card (for updated cards and member information)
- Address Change Request form (standardizes requests for updating member address changes)

These forms and others are available on the NSVA Website at www.nsva.org under the NSVA Forms tab.

Additionally the proposed changes to the NSVA Constitution & By-Laws as reviewed at the 2022 National Convention, are posted on the website under Resolutions. Additional resolutions for 2023 will be posted after the 2023 Mid-year meeting again under the Resolutions tab, so be aware and look for the updates.

The upcoming Annual National Convention, August 15th thru the 19th, 2023 held in San Antonio TX., on the following page

The Deadline for the SPRING 2023 edition of the
CAN DO is MARCH 1st 2023

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.

77th NATIONAL CONVENTION AND REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



AUGUST 16-19, 2023
San Antonio Texas
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Positions held in National _____

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8/19/2023	SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET		
	Top Sirloin	\$50.00	
	Chicken	\$50.00	
	Salmon Fillet,	\$50.00	
	Vegetarian option	\$50.00	
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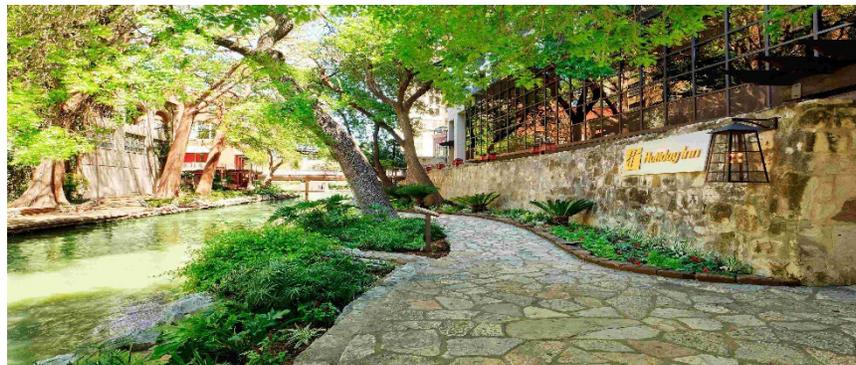
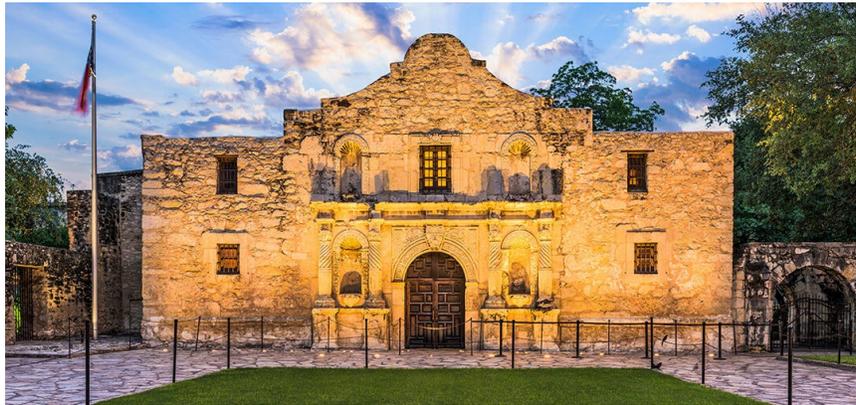
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San Antonio Texas

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And meet with your fellow Seabees
More info on events to follow



2023 National Convention

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last day to make reservations at your group discount will be on: **July 17, 2023**

\$15 Full American breakfast buffet is available to you at the discounted price



Navy Seabee Veterans of America



A lot has changed in the past 81 years!

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



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Monument Picture

Attached is a photo taken after the installation of the 2nd NSVA Monument by the Department of Tennessee in the Mt. Home National Cemetery, Johnson City, TN. This unique picture was submitted by Donna Howard, Dave Howard's Honey Bee X-1 Marysville TN. This picture shows the recently installed NSVA Seabee monument through the All Branches Military Monument. Great shot.



Pictured below is a gathering in Youngstown OH, of Ohio SVA Seabees to help celebrate a 100 year old Seabee. His name is Daryl George Duffett. He goes by Jim. The story we think is that due to his first name kids called him darling, so he was given the nickname of Jimmy. Actually he is known by most people as Jim Duffett. In fact he had to get his high school diploma changed because it said James Duffett. submitted by his daughter Jayne Boucherle. Pictured Across back - L-R Mike Scott, Russell Root, Chris Cheline, Warren Cintron, Paul Patterson, Front L-R Pat Leiher, Daryl (Jimmy) Duffett.



The 4th Mahoning Valley Seabee Swarm Meeting was a great success. We had 10 Seabees and 2 guests in attendance. We are growing and hope to continue. I want to thank the members of Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-8 for attending. They had great information on their organization and most of us there joined on the spot. Michael (Chaplain) Johns donated a POW/MIA kit that we can display at our swarm meetings. Thanks to him for donating the POW/MIA kit.

Here are those in attendance today.

L to R back row: Joe Ball, Larry Kamicker, David Yahnert, John Clark, Russell Root, Dawn Decker (friend), and Michael Johns. L to R Holding the flag: Warren Cintron, Marianne Clark, Chris Cheline, Steve Metzger.



picture by Darren Yahnert. Next meeting on Feb. 11, 2023.

Blessings to you
and your families!



Thank you
for your service
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VIETNAM PERSPECTIVE



A Shau Valley 1968. MCB-4 Seabees doing work in A Shau. Is that an American dozer or captured NVA Dozer?

Does anybody recognize anybody? NMCB 4 Reunion www.nmcb4reunion.com

Conventions and Reunions

NSVA Mid-Year Meeting

March 18th, 2023

More details to follow

2023 NSVA National Convention

August 15th thru August 19th, 2023

San Antonio, Texas

[National Convention Flyer](#) | [Hotel Information](#) | [Registration Form](#)

US Navy Seabee 81st Birthday Ball

March 4th, 2023

Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista Center, Orlando, FL 32836

Contact Chuck Doug'e for info. 305-230-8000 or combatelectric@aol.com

[More info and Registration Form](#)

Midwest Seabee Ball

March 4th, 2023

Minneapolis, MN

[View the Flyer for more information...](#)

NMCB 4 Reunion

March 17 thru 19th, 2023

New Orleans, LA

Contact Dean Jaeger @ 402-499-8289, kjaaeg@aol.com, www.nmcb4reunion.com

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

April 21st & 22nd, 2023

Long Beach, MS Harbor Pavilion

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

MCB-11 & MCB-8 host Joint Reunions

April 24th thru the 27th, 2023

Charleston, SC

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

NMCB 62 Annual Reunion of All Deployments

April 27th thru the 30th, 2023

Gulfport, MS

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

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

NSVA Department of Florida 53rd Annual Convention

May 6th, 2023

Comfort Suites Main Gate East, Orlando, FL

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

[View the Flyer for more information...](#)

8th ALL SEABEE REUNION PICNIC

11:00, Aug. 12, 2023

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

EAST COAST ALL SEABEE REUNION, PIGEON FORGE, TN

October 22nd thru 26th 2023

The Original Seabees 80 years and counting 6th Special Bougainville, 1943



6th Special Christmas Show 1943



Unloading the 164 Infantry, Christmas Morning 1943



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Scholarship Donations

The CAN DO will acknowledge donations to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, The Davisville Museum and Memorial Park, and The Seabee Historical Foundation.

Donations should be mailed directly to: Charles Coffin

NSVA National Secretary, 2047 Ridge Road, Queensbury NY 12804.

- A donation of \$500.00 was made by Island X-9 Kingston, NY to the Davisville Museum and Memorial Park, Chapel in The Pines Renovation Project.



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:

NAME	LM #	ISLAND	CITY	STATE
Michael Woods	6983	X-4	Longmont	CO
Michael Aspelund	6984	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
William Klubek	6985	X-1	Gulfport	MS
Donald Weimer	6986	X-3	Pittsburgh	PA
Roger Jacobson	6987	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
Amanda Templeton	6988	X-2	Twin Cities	MN
Walter Reckinger	6989	X-5	Harrison	MI

Hello Seabees, my name is John Cubit NSVA Life Membership Chair, here is my contact information:

John Cubit, NSVA Life Membership Chairperson,
113 Kisingbury Street, Rochester, New York 14613-1611
Phone: 585-647-9294 Email: egcmcubit@gmail.com

Members who have passed will be listed in the Final Salute of the Spring 2023 issue of the CAN DO

Navy Seabee Veterans of America Ship's Store Order Form

Make Checks Payable to the NSVA

Mail Form to: NSVA Ship Store Attention: Betty/Ernie Nelson

5142 Endeavour Ave. Dover, Fl 33527-5881 (Questions ph. 813-376-3947)

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E-mail: _____

Shipping Cost: \$1.00 per Patch , \$5.00 Bolo Slide/Combo , Cord/Pin \$2.00

Coins \$2.00 per coin >6 coins \$10.00. Please call for LG quantities to reduce shipping.

Item	QUANTITY	COST	Shipping	Total
SVA Shirt Patch \$5.00				
SVA Hat Patch \$5.00				
American Flag Patch \$5.00				
POW/MIA Patch \$5.00				
Life Member Patch \$5.00				
75th Convention Patch \$5.00				
75th Lapel Pin \$5.00			\$2/pin	
<u>Coin Combo \$20 per set =1 -National + 1-75th coin *save \$5.00</u>				
SVA National Coin \$15.00				
SVA 75th Coin \$10.00				
Gold Uniform Button Covers 4/\$6.00+\$2 ship each set				
Bolo+Cord combo \$20 Slide \$15 Cord \$10	State item			
GRAND TOTAL				



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NSVA SHIPS STORE MANAGER

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813-376-3947 (Attention Betty or Ernie Nelson)



NATIONAL POLO SHIRT ORDER FORM

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

Name _____ Embordered name for shirt _____

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Customer Signature _____ **This is a custom order, not subject**

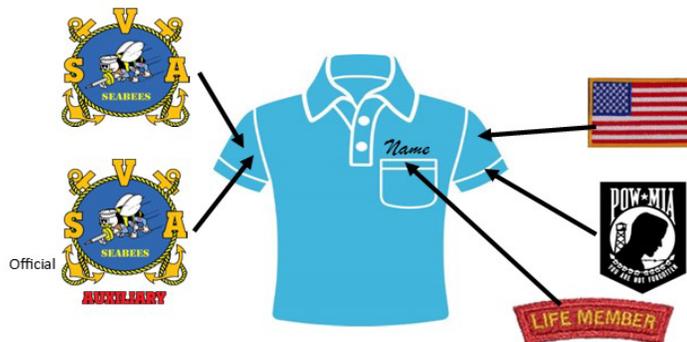
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Circle color & size Navy Blue or Light Gray					+\$2	+\$4	+\$6		\$8.50	/MIA		
Woman's cut polo style no pocket V neck										\$8.50		
S-XL Shirt w/SVAA logo and embroidered name \$40.00												
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Note: If you are buying more than two shirt, PLEASE call for a discount on postage

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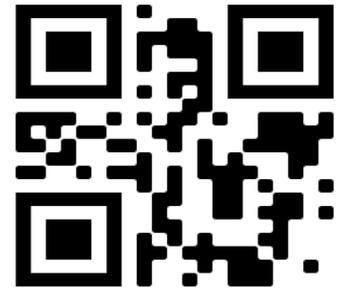
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The Can Do Magazine is committed to honoring the NSVA members on their passing by listing them in the Final Salute pages. Please notify the SVA National Secretary at nsvasec@gmail.com or by calling 1-203-843-5513 of a members passing as soon as possible. Be sure to include the members Life Member number (if applicable) and their Island/Unit affiliation. To view more deceased Seabee names go to the Seabee Historical Foundation website at www.seabeehf.org



Search the NSVA Website for more contact information and updates at www.nsva.org See you at the National Convention



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