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Cover: The theme of this edition of the CAN DO is Seabee Veterans, Veterans Day Ceremonies, and parades along with Holiday festivities by NSVA affiliated Islands. Front row; Peter Boudreau (Vice Commander), John McDowell, James Olyer, Eric M. Treece (Commander), Steven Wylie, Glenn "Buck" Rogers, Stephen Coffin, Tom Freyburger, Back Row; Cliff Hinton, Charles Hill (Secretary), Jimi Jones, Charles Baker, Owen Dunfee, John Schoeder

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

At this year's National Convention, we again Honored members of NSVA who passed away since last year's Convention. A total of 155 names were read.

It came to mind that this may be the last time some of these names would ever be spoken. I would like to ask all who read this to pause and say a prayer or just remember a fellow Seabee who is no longer with us.

Thank You.

Michael Boncheck National Chaplain
Navy Seabee Veterans of America

From the Editor: Due to the new officers that were elected at the National Convention it was suggested that the CAN DO carry at least two printings of the National Officers contact information per year for the convenience of the members that may not have ready access to the internet.

Please see the following page for this information.

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TAX SEASON IS HERE, a couple of tips from the IRS

The IRS announced the 2025 Tax Filing Season will start on January 27, 2025. I am providing to you the attached news release (English & Spanish) along with social media images and messaging with direct links to the IRS website that you can share with your organization's members and families. The news release provides information on the new "Direct File" program, Free File, other options to file for free, how to contact the IRS with tax questions or assistance, current Tax Scam schemes, and great resources to assist in a variety of topics.

- The #IRS will begin accepting tax returns on January 27, 2025, and will include tools and resources such as Direct File and Free File programs to help you through the process. Learn more about what is available to you this filing season: <https://ow.ly/sVTm50UEwQN>
- The nation's tax season begins on Monday, Jan. 27 when the #IRS will start accepting and processing 2024 tax returns. This filing season will continue reflecting our focus on improving services for taxpayers. Find out more: <https://ow.ly/sVTm50UEwQN>

Direct File

- The #IRS will kick off the 2025 tax filing season on January 27. This year, Direct File will be open to eligible taxpayers in 25 states with new features to make filing quicker and easier. Find out more: <https://ow.ly/sVTm50UEwQN>

Free File

- The 2025 tax filing season kicks off on 1/27 but most taxpayers can use #IRS Free File now to get a head start. Available in English and Spanish, Free File lets you prepare your returns now and holds them until they can be filed electronically later. <https://ow.ly/sVTm50UEwQN>

ATTENTION All NSVA Members

On March 15th, 2025 at 10:00am thru 3:00pm the NSVA will conduct their Mid-Year business Zoom Meeting. This meeting is open to all NSVA members; however, you must be a member of the NSVA Executive Committee in-order to speak or vote during the meeting. Contact NSVA Sec'y Charlie Coffin for more information if you wish to attend.

COMMANDERS CORNER



I trust you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As we look forward to 2025, I have every confidence that the newly elected and appointed officers will learn how to best serve the members who elected them.

We are making progress with the Lifetime Membership records and sending out cards in a timely manner. Our finance committee is working on a statement of our position on the Lifetime Membership account that will reflect our continued conservative position on these funds.

Our Secretary is doing a yeoman's job of trying to keep our membership names with accurate contact information. I encourage any of you, if you have a new or changed email address, phone number or street address, please let Charlie Coffin know.

I have had too many emails and phone calls to mention regarding what we are doing with suggestions. If you have a suggestion, please bring it forward to the NSVA Executive Committee.

I am looking forward to another trip to DC for the Seabee Birthday in March. I really have enjoyed the experience of representing our great organization to our fellow Seabees.

Yours in the Can-Do Spirit!
Dwight K. Hamborsky
Your National Commander



Winter 2024-25

Hello Auxiliary Members and Perspective Members,

On behalf of all the National Officers, I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and will have a very Happy, Healthy New Year

Speaking of National Officers, it has come to my attention that there is not a listing of how to get in touch with any of us, so I will list our information.

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Please keep in mind that the National Convention will be in Orlando August 20-24, 2025. We hope your 2025 plans include attending our meeting and fun filled gathering.

Nancy Staples

ISLAND HOPPING



An Arizona Island X5 contingent was in the 2024 Veterans Day Parade. We had a nice turn out for the event. Photo submitted by Seabee Sam Elbe

[NOW HEAR THIS***NOW HEAR THIS***NOW HEAR THIS](#)

It is Tax time again and the SCAMMERS have already started their probing and conniving.

Do not allow yourself to be duped into sharing your confidential information.

Island X-23 Crystal River, FL members and Auxiliary in the Veterans Day Parade



Nancy Staples, Eldon Turner, Murielle Heath

Bill Phillips, Don Malin, and Eldon Turner



Standing by the float are Murielle Heath, Chris Westhall and Eldon Turner. On the float are Kara Turner, Bill Phillips, Debbie Phillips, Nancy Ward and on the end our friend a Marine, Dennis. Photos by Nancy Staples and Jeanette Bare.

X-19 Daytona Beach, FL Veterans Day Parade in Deland, FL.

With our ageing and diminishing membership we recruited the help of the Leyva family which cheerfully participated. Their father is a retired LCDR, Carrying the American Flag is Cardo, the Seabee flag is Isaac, and carrying the banner is Tommy and George, Also participating is Michael, Roy, carrying flags and riding on the float is Francie and Debbie Sue.



Island X-19 senior member, 94 year old Mike Sikora getting into a corvette to ride in the parade.



Riding on the float is Dennis Wellington and Jerry Dashner along with Francie and Debbie Sue Leyva, Standing by the float waiting for the parade to start is Island commander Bob Forand, with the Seabee shirt is Lance Byer, next to him is Gary Snow and the officer is Ben Taylor. Wednesday prior to the parade there was a work party at Don Rowley's house to prepare the float and Seabee.



Island X-3 Pittsburg PA's annual Christmas Party and the island's 30th Anniversary celebration!! They did sing the Song of the Seabees too!



January 11th 2025 South Central PA Seabee Swarm held at Hoss's in Chambersburg, Pa. Left to right Kenny Wilson, John Byrne, Ross Curtis, Marvin Peck, Larry Kunkle



NSVA Island X-12 Rochester, NY Holiday Dinner Celebration

END OF AN ERA

WWII Navy Seabee in Sitka Dies at 103.

Nov. 14, 2024.

Robert C. Vollmer died last week in Indiana at the age of 103. During his remarkable life, Bob spent most of a year in Sitka from late 1942 to mid-1943.

In 2010 he returned to town with his three daughters and a granddaughter to show them where he served during WWII. While I have not been in touch with Bob for some time, I wish to share a tiny part of his story to commemorate his service with the 22nd Naval Construction Battalion (NCB), "Seabees," in Sitka.

Bob grew up during the Great Depression and learned to work hard, "Because you had to." He earned his Eagle Scout in 1935 and graduated from high school shortly thereafter. He was working in Saginaw, Michigan when the war began in Europe. He tried enlisting, but the military bureaucracy took so long that by the fall of 1941 he had signed up to fight for the British.

"I was sitting on the floor on December 7th, reading a technical manual on batteries. Here comes the radio announcement about Pearl Harbor. A telegram came that afternoon from the British: 'due to entry of US into war, you're released.' I went to the Annapolis Federal Building and took oaths for Navy and Marines. The Navy chief won out, the Navy put me in the Seabees, 22nd."

After ten months of military drills and special construction training in Virginia, the roughly 1100 Seabees of the 22nd NCB took a train to the West Coast and boarded liberty ships for the trip to Sitka. Bob's ship arrived in Sitka in the fall of 1942.

Bob recalled the rapid pace of construction. First they built their quarters, roughly 40 single story structures located in "North Sitka." (This is the area presently occupied by Moller Park to the stream between Cascade Street and Peterson Ave, including the Sitka High School campus.) Bob described the first structure he helped complete as a four-hole outhouse with no roof. He visibly shuddered remembering, "Boy, there was no loitering! It was snowing!"

In March, Bob was one of 57 men who had to give up the pleasures of indoor plumbing and weekly trips to Ernie's Bar for the rough life at Shoals Point. Work had to be done as rapidly as possible to complete the Army defenses. First the sailors built their own quarters, a wood-frame building that "made the neighbors in their Quonset huts jealous." Then it was time to finish the gun battery and other Army facilities. "We were pretty careless. Wouldn't have got anything done if we had followed the rules."

Some of the work was a real challenge. One goal was to build a pier that reached deep water. Plans called for a 600-foot Pier, 20-feet wide. Shortly after it was completed a winter storm came and destroyed it. The men built the second one better, burying it in three feet of gravel ballast.

The Seabees led busy lives during their months at Shoals Point. With 12 hour work days and one day off in seven, there was not much time for exploring. Bob's job was primarily as a laborer and assistant surveyor. When not on duty, Bob would walk to Fred's Creek to fish for salmon (with hand grenades) or beachcomb for glass balls to use for target practice.

Except for the hard work and seriousness of war, many of Bob's stories show that he and his fellow sailors had fun.

"We had a second class baker who wanted to be a baker first class. He wanted to make the best food: pineapple pie. If it was a good dessert, you'd spit on it to keep it from being stolen. No one spit, the pineapple was barely cooked, terrible. Next was pumpkin cake, terrible too, like your shoe. One guy carried that cake in his pocket for two weeks. Started waving it at the cook anytime he saw him."

In summer 1943 the 22nd NCB left their now-comfortable quarters to rough it again, this time on Attu Island. After living in tents again and having now served over a year in Alaska, Bob and his buddies decided to "borrow" a truck to see Bob Hope perform during his visit to Attu.

"We were on the Navy side of the island and he was coming to the Army side.

I had machine gun duty on a mountain. We went down and got a truck... borrowed... and drove to Army side. A big MP said, 'Halt!' go in a certain direction. A second MP said go another way. We were in a line of trucks heading to the dock, a stevedore line! A big net comes down, plop! We got out of there and headed back home. We had a crate of beer! Good beer! Our tent was in a dug out square of snow. We put the beer in the snow around our tent, so you could grab one any time. We were popular then."

The 22nd NCB returned to the States in early 1944 and the men were reorganized into new battalions, combining the seasoned sailors with new recruits. Bob and most of the others from the 22nd ended up serving throughout the Pacific Theater. Bob went to Rai, Kwajalein, and he ended the war completing an airbase at Tacloban in the Philippines.

After the war, Bob earned his B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Purdue University, earned his private pilot certificate, and finally started career at age 45 as a land surveyor for the State of Indiana. He retired from that job last year at age 102, after working nearly 57 years.

REST IN PEACE!

Navy Seabee Veterans of America Ship Store Order Form

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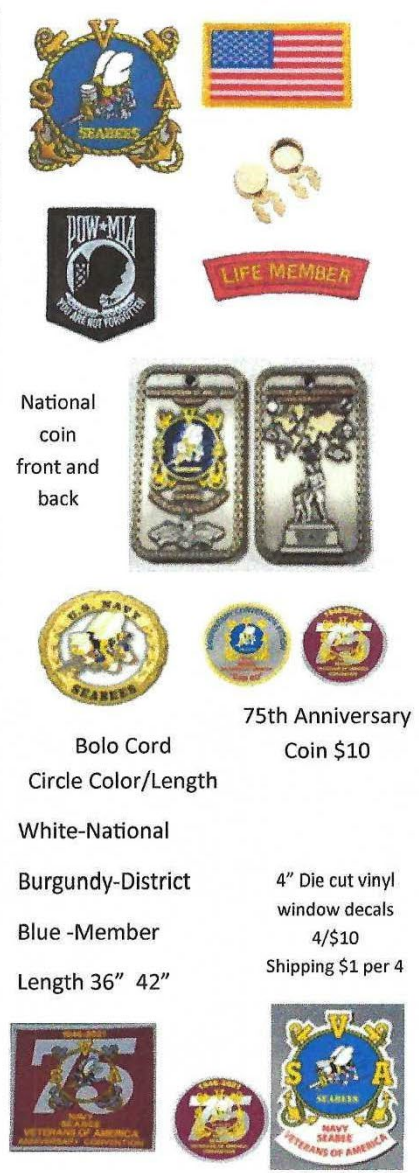
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May 2023



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Each Uniform shirt includes the SVA patch, USA Flag patch, POW patch, Life Member patch if applicable, and 4 gold button covers. Collars will be embroidered with your Island on the left collar and SVA on the Right collar. If you are a "Member At Large" SVA will be on both collars.

Circle color: BLUE WHITE Size circle S M LG XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL Island X-_____

Life member patch? Circle Yes or No

Shirt cost is **\$85.00** *Patches, embroidery, button covers and Shipping included*

Official Bolo \$20 extra Circle color and length of cord 36" or 42" White Burgundy Blue TOTAL: _____

5/2023 *NSVA Polo Shirt Order form see website for greater details NSVA.org

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Honoring the Legacy of Alfred G. Don: A Seabee Legend

In the history of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, few names resonate with as much dedication and legacy as that of Alfred G. Don (A.G.), an E-7 Equipment Operator Chief (EOC) whose life embodied the Seabee spirit of "Can Do." Recently, I had the privilege of connecting with his son, Lance, who shared the remarkable story of his father's journey—a timeline that spans critical moments in Seabee history, multiple wars, and a post-service commitment to the Seabee community that has inspired generations.

A Career of Service: A.G. Don's Journey in the Seabees

Alfred G. Don joined the Seabees in the 1940s, during the height of World War II, and served with distinction across the Pacific and beyond. His assignments read like a roadmap of Seabee milestones:

- **World War II:** As a member of MCB-25, A.G. participated in the monumental task of retaking Guam, a key moment in the war that highlighted the Seabees' critical role in building and fortifying essential bases and infrastructure.
- **Korean War:** During the Korean War, A.G. served with ACB 1, providing crucial support in a challenging environment that called upon his skills and resilience.
- **Post-War Service in the Pacific:** In the Philippines, he was part of MCB-9, helping to build the runways at Cubi Point, an engineering marvel in its time that stands as a testament to Seabee ingenuity and determination.
- **Hawaii and Beyond:** A.G.'s career included multiple tours in Hawaii, where he served on the CICPACFLT staff and became a two-time EO School instructor in the 1950s and 1960s, passing on his expertise to a new generation of Seabees. He even rebuilt the E-Club at Hueneme and was instrumental in the construction of the last CPO Club in Hawaii in the 1960s.
- **A Legacy of Recruitment:** As a recruiter in Philadelphia, he had the honor of recruiting his eldest son, Lance, as his first recruit—a powerful symbol of the Seabee legacy being passed from one generation to the next.

A Lifelong Commitment to the Seabee Community

Even after retiring in 1962, A.G. Don's connection to the Seabees did not end. His dedication continued through his work with the *CAN DO* publication. He became one of the driving forces behind this essential communication tool, ensuring that Seabees everywhere could stay connected, informed, and inspired. The *CAN DO* magazine, now a vital part of the NSVA, owes much to his vision and commitment.

Lance recalls how his father took on the role of editor with the same energy and determination he had shown in his military service. From typing up each issue to involving the whole family in assembling and mailing copies, A.G. worked tirelessly to build a bridge between Seabees past and present.

Under his guidance, *CAN DO* grew from serving a few hundred members to reaching thousands, creating a lasting legacy that continues to unite the Seabee community.

A Legacy Passed Down

A.G. Don's dedication also had a profound impact on his family. His son, Lance, followed in his footsteps, joining the Seabees on November 22, 1963. Lance served with MCB-5, deploying to Adak and Chu Lai, and later spent seven years with RMCB-17. Through his father's example, Lance embraced the Seabee spirit, carrying forward a family tradition of service and resilience.

A Lasting Tribute

Alfred G. Don passed away in 2006 in Pensacola, Florida, but his legacy lives on—not only in the *CAN DO* publication he helped to shape, but in the generations of Seabees he inspired. Today, as we reflect on his contributions, there is a renewed effort to honor the Seabees' legacy with a U.S. postage stamp. While A.G.'s early petition for a Seabee stamp was denied over 25 years ago, we are hopeful that FY26 will see this tribute become a reality, a fitting recognition of the men and women who have served as Seabees.

Moving Forward with the "Can Do" Spirit

As we continue to build on the legacy of *CAN DO*, let us remember the remarkable individuals like Alfred G. Don, whose contributions have paved the way for future generations. His story is a testament to the strength, resilience, and unwavering commitment of the Seabees. It is an honor to carry forward his work and ensure that his legacy, and the legacy of all Seabees, lives on.

CAN DO!

Anthony Amesquita, past 1st Vice Commander, Membership Chairman
Editor, *CAN DO* Publication

This narrative honors Alfred G. Don's life, service, and contributions to the Seabee community, tying in the historical roots of *CAN DO* and the possibility of a Seabee stamp.

Go Seabees'

CONVENTION AND REUNION INFORMATION

NSVA 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION August 20 thru 24

Hosted by the Department of Florida and X-5 Fort Lauderdale

Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre

8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida, 32836

Hotel phone number (407) 239-6900 block code SEABEE

See the Following Forms related to the convention

NSVA 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION

HOTEL WILL BE AT

Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre

8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida, USA, 32836

Room Rates are \$89 Guestroom and \$109 Suite plus tax,

Breakfast included

Hotel phone number (407)239-6900 EXT 814 block code SEABEE

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mcobn-courtyard-orlando-lake-buena-vista-at-vista-centre/overview/>

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79th NATIONAL CONVENTION AND REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



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ORLANDO, FLORIDA

**Last day to Register at hotel
August 6th 2024**

!!!!!!! 1 REGISTRATION FOR EACH ATTENDEE!!!!!!!

Name; _____ Membership Auxiliary Annual Life # _____
 Mailing address; _____
 E-mail; _____
 Phone# _____
 Island X- _____ City _____ St. _____ SEABEE'S Year of Birth _____
 Positions held in Island _____
 Positions held in National _____
 Unit _____, Unit _____, Unit _____, Unit _____ Unit _____

| | COST | TOTAL COST |
|---|---------|------------|
| EVENTS: Details available on following pages. | | |
| Mail checks to: Karl Douge' 19121 NE 25 Ave. Apt #D Miami, FL 33180 | | |
| Convention Registration fee for the 2025 Convention and Reunion A Registration fee is required for each convention registration <b style="color: red;">Registration Fees are Non-Refundable | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |
| SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET | | |
| Sliced Sirloin Steak / Port Wine Reduction | \$65.00 | |
| Grilled Mahi-Mahi / Fresh Pineapple Pico | \$65.00 | |
| Herb Roasted Chicken | \$60.00 | |
| Vegetarian Meal | \$60.00 | |
| All meals include Salad, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Dessert | | |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED | | \$ |
| NO REFUNDS ON DINNER FEE AFTER 15 July 2025 | | |
| | | |

Please make checks payable to NSVA X-5, with "Convention" on the memo line

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA

2025 National Convention Program Ad Order Form August 20-24, 2025 Orlando, Florida

Program Rates (circle your choice)

Full Page Cost \$100.00

1/2 page 5" x 7.5" Cost \$75.00

1/4 page 5" x 3.75 Cost \$50.00

Inside covers (front or back) @150.00

Back Page \$200.00

A limited number of vender tables are available for rent at \$100.00

All program ads must be received no later than 1 July 2025

Please make your check payable to SVA X-11 Send it to

Ernie Nelson, X-11 CDR

5142 Endeavour Ave.

Dover Fl. 33527 Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Send the Convention Program Ad or picture in JPEG to Ernie Nelson at

egcmnelson@aol.com any question call Ernie @ 813-376-0500

Name: _____

Email _____

Phone _____

**Tenth Annual Seabee Birthday/All Military Ball
March 1st 2025**

Hosted by Island X-3, Blairsville, GA. Contact Ed Crenshaw @ ce1crenshaw@outlook.com

**Northern Nevada NSVA Island X-3 hosting 83rd
Seabee Birthday Bash, March 8th, 2025**

Contact us at NNVSVOA@gmail.com

Island/Battalion X-24 Annual Seabee Reunion

April 23-27, 2025 West Knoxville TN

At Embassy Suites, follow this link to make your reservations:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/tyskwes-nsb-dbcf306c-a966-4da5-80db-e817907ac44a/>

For Information Contact: Tim Jufer <timothyjufer@gmail.com>

MCB-12 Vietnam 2025 Reunion

20 May thru 23 May 2025

Bath, Maine

Contact Bob Williams at 207-844-8142

mcb-12nam@outlook.com

10th Annual All Seabee Reunion Picnic

All Seabee Reunion Picnic, scheduled for 1100, 09 August 2025, at

DOUGLAS DAM OVERLOOK PUBLIC PARK,

Hwy 338/Douglas River Way, KODAK, TN

Registration Fee is \$15.00 per person, which includes meal. Check Payments will be made to: NSVA DEPT. OF TN.

Contact: Commander Chett Winchell @ 720-560-3834

Troy Branch, Vice Commander 865-924-9023; David Howard, Secretary 972-837-3919

EAST COAST ALL SEABEE REUNION, PIGEON FORGE, TN

26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Leaving 30th, OCTOBER 2025

*Grand Smokies Resort Lodge, 2385 Parkway * Pigeon Forge, TN*

Inquiries to: NSVA Dept. of TN, 14845 WEST LEE HWY, PHILADELPHIA, TN 37846-2481, 720-560-3834

Donations

The CAN DO will acknowledge donations to the NSVA, The Davisville Seabee Museum and Memorial Park and the Navy Seabee Foundation.

Donations should be mailed directly to: Charles Coffin

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

- A \$25 donation in the name of Michael Moore was made by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A \$25 donation in the name of William Caparella was made by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A \$25 donation in the name of Robert Husher was made to the Navy Seabee Foundation by Island X-23 Crystal River, FL.
- A \$25 donation in the name of Joe Tack was made by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A \$25 donation in the name of Milton Potter was made by Island X-5 Lancaster, PA to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund.
- A \$100 donation was made to the Davisville Seabee Museum and Memorial Park for the Chapel in the Pines renovation project by the Northwest PA Tri State Seabee Swarm in Corry, PA.

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The next issue of the CAN DO will be a printed edition and mailed to your address of record with the NSVA. Please make sure we have your correct address if you've moved since the October of 2024. The cutoff for input into the upcoming edition is **MARCH 21st, 2025!!!**

WELCOME ABOARD



Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
Chuck Lombardi, 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 |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Charles King | 7096 | X-5 | Lancaster | PA |
| Brian Clough | 7097 | X-1 | Gulfport | MS |
| Virgil Handke | 7098 | X-2 | Twin Cities | MN |
| Ron Rabun | 7099 | X-3 | Blairsville | GA |
| Charles Chandonnet | 8000 | X-3 | Blairsville | GA |
| Charles Schritten | 8001 | X-1 | Huntington | WV |
| Martin Feist | 8002 | X-2 | Twin Cities | MN |
| Robert Clark | 8003 | X-5 | Buffalo | NY |
| Harrison Couch | 8004 | X-1 | Gulfport | MS |
| Michael Grimes | 8005 | X-1 | Gulfport | MS |
| Bo Hartley | 8006 | X-1 | Gulfport | MS |
| Frank Barrett | 8009 | X-5 | Fort Lauderdale | FL |
| Thomas Pike | 8010 | X-3 | Blairsville | GA |
| Michael Boncheck | 8011 | X-4 | Wilks-Barre | PA |
| David Finke | 8012 | X-5 | West Valley | AZ |
| Jeffery Colyer | 8013 | X-5 | Cape Girardeau | MO |
| Scott Hall | 8014 | X-6 | Fayetteville | NC |
| Eben Bumpus | 8015 | X-7 | Plymouth | MA |
| Bill Womack | 8016 | X-7 | Plymouth | MA |
| John Lamb | 8017 | Natl. Island @ Lg. | Helena | MT |
| Fredrick Jenness | 8018 | X-2 | Twin Cities | MN |
| James Sieroslowski | 8019 | X-5 | Buffalo | NY |

Charles Lombardi, NSVA Life Membership Chairperson,
 415 Prospect St., Catasauqua, PA. 18032-2000
 Phone: 610-657-2851 Email: chuck781@outlook.com

FINAL SALUTE



Compiled by the National Secretary, as reported by their Islands and units of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America

| First Name | Last Name | Int. | Island | City | State |
|------------|-------------|------|--------|---------------|-------|
| James | DeLisle Sr. | W | X-3 | Myrtle Beach | SC |
| Carl | Crisp | R | X-11 | Tampa | FL |
| Ronnie | Harvey Sr. | E | X-1 | Gulfport | MS |
| John | York | H | X-19 | Alsip | IL |
| Patrick | Callahan | J | X-2 | Twin Cities | MN |
| Richard | John | E | X-2 | Lakeland | FL |
| Michael | Zizzo | J | X-5 | Buffalo | NY |
| W. | Cody | F | X-5 | Harrison | MI |
| Raymond | Nethercott | | X-4 | Toledo | OH |
| Caroll | Caldwell | G | X-1 | Cincinnati | OH |
| Wesley | Lammers | E | X-2 | Davenport | IA |
| Alfred | Hering | RG | X-5 | Cape Fear | NC |
| Frank | Sherman | | X-11 | Tampa | FL |
| Patrick | Lyons | D | X-23 | Crystal River | FL |
| Paul | Hayworth | D | X-7 | Tucson | AZ |

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