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Seabee Monument in every National Cemetery Project

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Subject: Monument Update

The SEABEE Monument in every National Cemetery program has been doing well.

As of this 2018 Convention we have placed Monuments in the following National Cemeteries:

	<u>CEMETRY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSORED BY</u>
1.	Great Lakes National Cemetery,	Holly, Michigan	Monument Fund (2010)
2.	Ft. Custer National Cemetery,	Augusta, Michigan	Monument Fund (2011)
3.	Dayton National Cemetery,	Dayton, Ohio	Monument Fund (2010)
4.	Western Reserve National Cemetery,	Rittman, Ohio	Monument Fund (2010)
5.	Alleghenies National Cemetery,	Bridgeville, Pennsylvania	Monument Fund (2009)
6.	Woods National Cemetery,	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Monument Fund (2011)
7.	Camp Nelson National Cemetery,	Nicholasville, Kentucky	Cliff Hardstat and KY. area SEABEE's (2010)
8.	Danville National Cemetery	Danville, Kentucky	Island X-1 Cincinnati (2012)
9.	Sandhill Veterans Cemetery	Fayetteville, North Carolina	J.C. and Sherron Hampton (2011)
10.	Sacramento Valley National Cemetery	Dixon, CA.	Island X-1 Sacramento (2012)
11.	Camp Butler National Cemetery	Springfield, IL.	Island X-4 Peoria, IL. (2013)
12.	Grafton National Cemetery	Grafton, WVA.	Dept. Of Ohio, Island X-3 Pittsburgh, personal donations from Warren and MaryJane Cintron and Navy SVA member Dave Clem, who coordinated the project. (2014)
13.	Veterans Memorial Park	Adel, Iowa	John McCurdy and area SEABEES (2013)
14.	Lake Baldwin Veterans Park	Lake Baldwin, FL.	Island X-4 Orlando SEABEES.(2013)
15.	Indiantown Gap National Cemetery	Annville, PA.	George Bips and SEABEES of Island X-5 Landcaster, PA. (2013)
16.	Biloxi National Cemetery,	Biloxi, Mississippi	Island X-1 Gulfport, MS. (2010)
17.	Bakersfield National Cemetery	Bakersfield, CA.	Single donation (2013)
18.	Corinth National Cemetery	Corinth, MS.	Island X-1 Gulfport, Ms. (2017)
19.	Natchez National Cemetery	Natchez, MS.	Island X-1 Gulfport, Ms. (2017)
20.	Jefferson Barracks	St. Louis, Mo.	Island X-1 St. Louis, Mo. (2012)
21.	Jefferson City	Mo.	Island X-1 St. Louis, Mo. (2013)
22.	Missouri State Veterans Cemetery	Bloomfield, Mo.	Island X-5 St. Louis, Mo. (2014)
23.	Springfield National Cemetery	Springfield, Mo.	Island X-1 St. Louis, Mo. (2013)
24.	Salisbury National Cemetery	Salisbury, NC.	Island X-1 Selma, NC. (2013)
25.	Ft. McPherson National Cemetery	Maxwell, NE.	Island X-1 Kearney (2015)
26.	South Florida National Cemetery	Sarasota FL.	NSVA Auxiliary funded and placed by Ernie Nelson and family from Island X-11(2017)

27.	Indiana National Cemetery	Marion, IN.	Islands X-3 and X-4, IN.
28	Miramar National Cemetery	San Diego, CA.	Island X-3 San Diego
29	Mounds National Cemetery	Mound City, IL.	Island X-5 Cape Girardeau, Mo.(2015)
30.	Sarasota National Cemetery	Sarasota, Fl.	Paid for by SVA National Auxiliary and placed by Island X-11 Tampa, Ernie Nelson and son Ernie Nelson (2017)
31.	Jacksonville National Cemetery	Jacksonville, FL.	Island X-11 Tampa (2017)
32	Memphis National Cemetery	Memphis,TN.	X-1 Gulfport in production (2018)
33.	Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery	Elwood, IL.	X-4 Peoria/ DoIL. in production (2018)

We also have serious consideration from Island X-4 Peoria/Department of Illinois for the placement of additional Monuments in Alton National Cemetery, Alton, IL., Danville National Cemetery, Danville, IL., Quincy National Cemetery, Quincy. IL.

We are also waiting on confirmation from the Nashville National Cemetery, Nashville, TN.

SEABEES have been inquiring about National Cemetery's across the country and applications have been sent to Tennessee, New York and Florida for placement of the Monument.

Monuments with our design have also been placed at the following:

1. SEABEES in western Florida have placed a Monument in **Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Fla.**
2. SEABEES from Island X-24 Battalion at Large have placed a similar Monument in the Chattanooga National Cemetery in **Chattanooga, TN.**
3. SEABEES from Islands X-4 and X-5 in Arizona have placed a Monument in the **National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.**
4. SEABEES of Island X-2 Shakopee have placed a Monument in **Fort Snelling, MN.**
5. SEABEES of Island X-11 Tampa have placed a Monument at the **Hillsborough Co. Veterans Memorial Park (2017)**
6. SEABEES of Island X-1, Red Banks, NJ. Have placed a Monument in the **Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery** in Wrightstown, NJ.
7. SEABEES of the Department of Florida placed a monument in the **Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell** in 1989.

This is a very satisfying list of accomplishments for the SEABEES to be honored in so many National and Veterans Cemeteries today.

As you heard, it is not uncommon for several people or Islands to come together, pool their resources and place a SEABEE Monument in a National Cemetery close to them. And it is a lot more affordable with the very generous donation from **ABF Freight Lines**, to transport the Monuments across the country at no cost to the Veterans.

We are looking for SEABEES in the area of the National Cemeteries to help in the fund raising and placement of the Monuments. The SEABEES or volunteers would pour a pad to the National Cemetery's specifications (38" x 24" x 4") then pick up the Monument at the ABF terminal nearest the National Cemetery and transport it to the cemetery and place it on the pad and then prepare a Dedication Ceremony to donate the Monument to the National Cemetery.

We are very pleased to announce that the newly formed Auxiliary has chosen to sponsor the SEABEE MONUMENT in every NATIONAL CEMETERY program as one of their most worthy causes. We have hopes they will be able to place Monuments annually in conjunction with our NavySVA National Convention.

Donations can be made any time in any amount by making them “**PAYABLE TO** “David J. Buchanan” with “**Monument fund** “**on the memo line**. The address is at the top of the page.

Thanks to the cooperation of the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA’S Islands, this program is realizing our goal of placing a **SEABEE Monument in every National Cemetery**, one cemetery at a time.

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