



*The periodic electronic newsletter of  
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# BEE NEWS

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# SEABEE CELEBRATION

Each year, the Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF) and Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA) hold a Seabee Celebration recognizing some stellar Seabees and Seabee supporters. This year, we went back to where it all began in Davisville, Rhode Island, at the Seabee Museum & Memorial Park (SMMP).

We thank the event sponsors, Involve, ESPN, Blue Trident, Salem FIVE, and Commodore Builders, and really appreciate their commitment to our Seabees and Seabee families. And we are especially grateful for the SMMP team for hosting our event this year, to name a few:

Joe Frigon, SMMP President  
Tom Santos, SMMP VP  
Jack Sprengel, SMMP Curator  
Dave Spears, SMMP Member

This group of Seabees and their hive of “Can Do” volunteers hold working party Wednesdays to upgrade, operate, and maintain the SMMP grounds, including the renovation of the Chapel in the Pines, creation of all of the museum displays, and providing tours colorful stories for the museum visitors.

This year was a bonus as well, as MCB1 held their Reunion/Swarm concurrently with the Seabee Celebration, and three World War II Seabees were also in attendance. It was a great night, and no amount of rain could stop these Seabees from the task at hand.

The SMSA, represented by Lou Cariello, the Chairman of the Board, presented three awards, starting with the Can-Do Award, which is given to a corporation, foundation, or organization for embodying the Seabee “CAN DO” Spirit through its generous support of the SMSA Scholarship program. This award has been previously presented to AECOM, Parsons, Huntington Ingalls,

Clark Construction, ECC and Turner Construction. This year’s award is presented to the Francis T. & Louise T. Nichols Foundation.

The Francis T. & Louise T. Nichols Foundation has supported the SMSA since 2010. Over the years they have contributed over \$250,000 to support scholarships for students in the Northeast. Francis and Louise Nichols were the parents of EOC William Thayer Nichols who served as a Seabee in the Naval Reserve, completing 27 years of service before retiring in 1994. Chief Nichols received a Navy Achievement Medal in 1988 and was awarded Seabee of the Year for Reserve Naval Construction Regiment 27. He was always very proud of the Seabees and the work they did and was instrumental in the Foundation supporting the Scholarship Program. A member of the Nichols family had planned to attend but was unable to come at the last minute.

The next award is presented to one of SMSA’s distinguished scholars, a



*Courtney Santos receives the 2023 Distinguished Scholar Award from SMSA Chairman, Lou Cariello.*

graduate who has done great things in their chosen field and represents the “Can Do” values of the Seabees. The 2023 SMSA Distinguished Scholar is Courtney Santos.

Courtney received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in moderate disabilities from Bridgewater State University as well as a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Autism Spectrum Disorders from Arizona State University. She is in her fifth year as a Special Education Teacher at the elementary level. Courtney says, “Teaching is my passion, watching my students learn and grow brings me great joy.”

Courtney’s Seabee Sponsor is CM3 Tom Santos, SMMP Vice President and SHF Board of Trustees.

The final SMSA award The SMSA Everyday Hero Award is presented to a Seabee that has proven performance above and beyond and has had a significant impact- on or off duty.

The 2023 Award goes to SW1 Cayla N. George from NAVFAC EURAFCENT PWD Sigonella, Italy. The citation from her nomination reads: SW1 Cayla N. George is awarded the SMSA Everyday Hero Award for exhibiting outstanding moral courage in support of the traditions and legacy of the Seabees while serving public works department Sigonella, Italy. On 11 February 2023, Petty Officer George demonstrated exceptional gallantry when she instantly sprang into action after receiving a call from an unknown number about a possible suicide attempt in the barracks. She immediately called emergency services and directed sailors closest to the service member’s room to provide immediate support, ultimately saving the sailor’s life. Her unrelenting perseverance, and steadfast

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devotion to duty reflected great credit on her and contributed significantly to perpetuating the Seabee legacy.

SW1 George couldn't be with us tonight, we will present her award in person in November in Gulfport when she returns from her duties in Sigonella.

The SHF, represented by Kevin Slates, the Chairman of the Board, presented three awards, starting with the award named in honor of the SHF's longest serving Chairman, Rear Admiral Ben Montoya. The Montoya Award is given to an individual or a company who has been a generous long-term supporter of the Foundation to help preserve our Seabee history and legacy. This year's award winner is Rear Admiral Robert (Bob) M. Gallen.



CAPT John Gallen receives the Ben Montoya award on behalf of his brother, RADM Bob Gallen, from SHF Chairman, Kevin Slates.

Rear Admiral Gallen has been a supporter of the Seabee Historical Foundation since the very beginning. He is a former trustee on the Board and a dedicated volunteer. Bob wanted to be here tonight, but

unfortunately he's recovering from surgery. Accepting the award on his behalf was his brother CAPT John Gallen.

The Seabee Historical Foundation presents the Fighting Seabee Award to an enlisted Seabee who has made the most outstanding contribution in perpetuating the legacy of accomplishments and traditions of the Seabees past, present, and future.

This year's award goes to CM1 Rodney H. Paris from Naval Special Warfare Group ONE.



CM1 Rodney Paris receives the Fighting Seabee Award from SHF Chairman, Kevin Slates.

Some highlights from CM1 Paris nomination read, "While serving as logistics department Leading Petty Officer for SEAL Team 5 from Oct 2022 to Sep 2023, CM1 Paris made extraordinary contributions to mission operations, critical life support, and sustainment of special operations camps in support of missions in the Arabian Peninsula. He led 10 sailors and 12 DoD contracted personnel in the planning and execution of 36 camp sustainment and infrastructure upgrade projects valued at \$3.8 million.

Examples of those projects were: the

installation of a hardened ammunition supply point and fueling supply point; the construction of two 1,600 square foot maintenance facilities; perimeter lighting, security gates, and a 30-foot tower to counter unmanned aerial systems. His efforts greatly improved the security of and response time for forward deployed forces. He also led the embarkation retrograde for 70 flights when the Team redeployed.

CM1 Paris' impressive accomplishments, perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty reflected great credit on himself and contributed significantly to perpetuating the Seabee legacy.

Each year, the SHF awards the RADM Lewis B. Combs Award which is presented to the individual who has made the most outstanding contribution in perpetuating the legacy of the Seabees and the Civil Engineer Corps.



LT Kody Price receives the Lewis B. Combs Award from SHF Chairman, Kevin Slates.

We normally award this on the Seabee Birthday in March, but this year's recipient, LT Kody Price, is currently an Ocean Engineering Graduate Student at

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the University of Rhode Island, so we thought we would wait for tonight.

His nomination citation reads:

For outstanding contributions in having distinguished himself, the Civil Engineer Corps and Seabee community, by perpetuating the legacy of accomplishments and traditions of the Seabees past, present, and future while serving as India company commander and detail Tinian officer in charge for NMCB

FOUR from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022.

An officer of exceptional ingenuity and determination, LT Price led over 150 Seabees in the largest prototype training program where the entire company trained in all aspects airfield damage repair, port damage repair, ground lines of communication construction, bridging, and advanced base construction.

He and his company tested this combined construct during Exercise Turning Point where NMCB 4 conducted distributed

operations at five different sites across southern California.

During the 2022 INDOPACOM deployment he led a detail of 39 Sailors and 11 Marines delivering \$4m worth of infrastructure upgrades on Tinian improving Pacific Fleet's sustainment posture within the second island chain. LT Price's impressive performance, bold leadership, and professional achievement reflected great credit upon himself and contributed significantly to the enduring legacy of the Seabees and the Civil Engineer Corps.



# News from the Quarterly Board Meetings

The Seabee Historical Foundation and Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association held their quarterly board meetings in Davisville, Rhode Island, which culminated in the Seabee Celebration later in the evening.

One of the main topics discussed by both organizations in taking steps toward merger was the motion, discussion, and unanimous acceptance of the bylaws for the merged organization to be known as the

## Navy Seabee Foundation.

Thanks to the bylaws working group and all who participated in preparing for this significant milestone. There is still much work to be accomplished prior to our final vote of merger at the December board meeting, but we are well on our way to best serve the Seabee community.



*"Our Seabee community is special, and we've never been stronger and more aligned than today. As the Boards of SMSA Directors and SHF Trustees continue to work tirelessly to join our two organizations into one Navy Seabee Foundation this year, we have strengthened the foundation for an even greater capability to support and serve Seabees and Seabee Families. It is a privilege to do this great work for our country."*

Lou Cariello, SMSA Chairman

*...and casting in concrete the ability to serve our Seabees and Families.*





**Call Out!**

**Calling all Golfers...**

Join us In Virginia & Mississippi and Support the Seabees!

**SEABEE GOLF INVITATIONAL 2023**  
**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
 Virginia Beach National Golf Club  
 5500 Tournament Drive, Virginia Beach VA

**SEABEE GOLF INVITATIONAL 2023**  
**GULF COAST, MS**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
 The Club at Diamondhead  
 7600 Country Club Circle, Diamondhead MS

[WWW.SEABEEGOLF.ORG](http://WWW.SEABEEGOLF.ORG)



# Hot off the press

Charity Navigator has completed an update on SHF and we are now a 3-star charity. The combination of eliminating the debt and increasing program expenses put us over the top. And we're not done there in striving to be a premier nonprofit to Connect Seabees, Past, Present, and Future. Stay tuned, Seabees! It's just getting better.

## Did you know...

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) offers rebates for veterans. Here are the specs:  
 Veteran Rebate for ACI Certification

Honorably discharged U.S. military veterans attaining ACI certification in any program as the result of exams administered through any ACI Certification Sponsoring Group are eligible to apply for a \$250.00 rebate from the ACI Foundation. These rebates will be distributed by the ACI Foundation as long as funding remains available.

Who is eligible? Honorably discharged U.S. military veterans (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), attaining ACI Certification as the result of exams administered on or after June 1, 2018.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.concrete.org/certification/veteranrebate](http://www.concrete.org/certification/veteranrebate)



# NMCB 3 on deployment



Day or night we get it done!

Can Do! Our Crane Crew answering the call to assist 33rd Rescue Squadron with some heavy equipment on Kadena Air Base.



Our Det Palau Seabees continue to hit the ground running placing concrete on the Malakal Harbour.





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01 SEPTEMBER 1942: OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 6TH NCB LANDED ON GUADALCANAL IN THE SOLOMONS. THESE WERE THE FIRST SEABEES TO LAND ON ANY ENEMY HELD ISLAND IN WORLD WAR II AND THE FIRST TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY IN COMBAT. THE 6TH SEABEES TACKLED THEIR MOST IMPORTANT JOB: REPAIRING THE AIRSTRIP THEN NAMED HENDERSON FIELD. IT WAS A NEVER-ENDING JOB, FOR AS FAST AS THE BUILDERS LEVELED THE STRIP AND PUT DOWN MARSTON MATTING, THE JAPANESE WOULD SEND BOMBERS OVERHEAD TO DROP HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS ON THE STRIP. AS THE FIGHTING AROUND THE ISLAND INCREASED, THE SEABEES DEVELOPED A SYSTEM OF REPAIRING THE DAMAGED AIRSTRIP IN MINUTES. LESS THAN 40 MINUTES AFTER JAPANESE BOMBERS SWOOPED DOWN AND STRAFED THE FIELD, THE SEABEES, WAITING WITH PREVIOUSLY-LOADED TRUCKS, WOULD DART OUT ON THE STRIP AND COMPLETELY FILL IN THE BOMB HOLES. MANY TIMES THE SEABEES WORKED FURIOUSLY TO REPAIR THE FIELD WHILE CRIPPLED U.S. MARINE INTERCEPTORS CIRCLED OVERHEAD WAITING TO LAND. SEVERAL TIMES WHILE DUCKING BULLETS, THE SEABEES WORKED ON ONE END OF THE FIELD MAKING REPAIRS AS THE JAPANESE INFANTRY FOUGHT WITH U.S. MARINE DEFENDERS AT THE OTHER END. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THE SEABEES FOUGHT BESIDE THE U.S. MARINES IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AGAINST THE JAPANESE TROOPS.

01 SEPTEMBER 1969: THE FIRST RESERVE NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE REIDER, CEC, USNR.

01 SEPTEMBER 2008: RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY IN ANBAR PROVINCE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO IRAQI CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES, MARKING THE RETURN OF THE 11TH OF 18 PROVINCES TO PROVINCIAL IRAQI CONTROL.

03 SEPTEMBER 1967: AT DONG HA, 5 MILES SOUTH OF THE DMZ, A COMBINED VIET CONG – NVA ROCKET ATTACK DETONATED 20,000 TONS OF AMMUNITION AND 40,000 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL NEAR NMCB 11'S CAMP. THE EXPLOSIONS ROCKED THE BASE FOR EIGHT HOURS, AND THIS REPRESENTED THE LARGEST AMMUNITION DISASTER IN RECORDED HISTORY. MIRACULOUSLY, NO AMERICANS OR SOUTH VIETNAMESE WERE KILLED.

04 SEPTEMBER 2002: CONSTRUCTION MECHANIC 1ST CLASS DAVID TUCKER FROM BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DROVE THROUGH OROTE POINT ROCK QUARRY, GUAM TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THE NEW TRUCKZILLA MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT (MTVR) CARGO/PERSONNEL TRANSPORT CAN TRAVEL THROUGH THE TOUGH TERRAIN. THE MTRV WAS DESIGNED TO REPLACE OLDER, COMMERCIALY BASED CARGO TRUCKS USED BY SEABEES. PETTY OFFICER TUCKER WAS ASSIGNED TO THE FIGHTING FORTY OF NMCB 40.

04 SEPTEMBER 2004: STEELWORKER 3RD CLASS ERIC LYLE KNOTT KILLED IN FALLUJAH, IRAQ IN AN INDIRECT FIRE ATTACK ON THE BASE. KNOTT WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART. CUCM MARTY YINGLING, CMC DARREN WILLIAMS, AND SW3 JUSTIN SASSER WERE INJURED IN THE ATTACK THAT KILLED ERIC KNOTT AND WERE ALSO AWARDED PURPLE HEARTS.

05 SEPTEMBER 2014: CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT (CBMU) 202 DETACHMENT WAS DISESTABLISHED DURING A CEREMONY ON NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE (NSB) KINGS BAY, GEORGIA. THE SEABEES HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE KINGS BAY MISSION TO SUPPORT THE WARFIGHTER FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. CEC NICHOLAS WHITBECK, ASSISTANT OFFICER IN CHARGE, CBMU 202, HANDED THE UNIT'S BANNER TO BUCS TIMOTHY GRIDLEY, OFFICER IN CHARGE, CBMU 202, DURING THE CEREMONY TO DISESTABLISH THE UNIT.

09 SEPTEMBER 1943: BEFORE DAWN ON THIS DAY, INITIAL ALLIED LANDINGS TOOK PLACE AT SALERNO, ITALY. FOR THESE LANDINGS, THE 12-MILE BEACH WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE NORTH SECTION WAS INVADED BY THE 46TH BRITISH DIVISION THAT LANDED FROM TANK LANDING SHIPS WITH THE AID OF THE 1006TH SEABEE CAUSEWAY DETACHMENT (CBD 1006). THE SOUTH SECTION WAS INVADED BY THE AMERICAN FORCES THAT ALSO LANDED ON CAUSEWAYS LAID DOWN BY SEABEE PONTOON CREWS. THE GERMANS, HOWEVER, WERE READY AT SALERNO. THE LANDING SHIPS CARRYING THE SEABEES AND THEIR PONTOONS TOOK A FRIGHTFUL BEATING. MANY PONTOON STRINGS WERE SENT ASHORE AND WERE BLOWN UP ON THE MINED BEACHES. ALLIED SHIPS GUARDING THE BEACHES WERE BOMBED BY GERMAN GUIDED MISSILES AND DIVE BOMBERS AND TORPEDOES AND SHELLED BY GERMAN SUBMARINES AND PATROL CRAFT. DURING THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE BATTLE, THE SEABEES BIVOUACKED ON THE SALERNO BEACHES WHILE THEY UNLOADED SHIPS, BUILT UNLOADING-SLIPS AND ROADWAYS, AND CLEARED TRAFFIC, AND DID IT

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ALL WHILE UNDER CONSTANT FIRE. THE 1006TH DETACHMENT SUFFERED 28 PERCENT CASUALTIES. LT CARL M. OLSON, CEC, USNR, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE 1006TH DETACHMENT, AND SEVEN OF HIS MEN WERE KILLED IN ACTION. THE ALLIES WON THE BATTLE AT SALERNO, AND SEABEE OPERATIONS WERE INVALUABLE IN THE GREAT VICTORY.

10 SEPTEMBER 1943: FIRST CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION, LT CARL M. OLSON AT SALERNO, ITALY.

10 SEPTEMBER 1965: NMCB 10 RENAMES CAMP BANISTER AT CHU LAI, RVN AS CAMP SHIELDS, IN HONOR OF CM3 MARINE SHIELDS, FALLEN HERO OF THE BATTLE OF DONG XOAI.

11 SEPTEMBER 2012: UNDERWATER CONSTRUCTION TEAM (UCT) 2 CONDUCTED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CHAINS HOLDING THE DOCK NEXT TO THE USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL ON JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, SEPT. 11. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME UCT 2 HAS BEEN ABLE TO DIVE THE MEMORIAL, A MOMENT THEY SHARED ON THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS.

12 SEPTEMBER 1944: UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAMS, LED BY CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS OFFICERS AND COMPOSED OF MOSTLY SEABEES, BEGAN CLEARING THE APPROACHES TO PELELIU FOR AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT. THREE DAYS LATER U.S. MARINES OF THE FIRST DIVISION CAME ASHORE ACCOMPANIES BY SEABEES OF THE 33RD AND 73RD NCBS AND CDB 1054. INITIALLY, THE CBD 1054 SEABEES OPERATED PONTOON BARGES AND CAUSEWAYS TO ASSIST IN THE LANDING OF SUPPLIES AND VEHICLES, WHILE THE SEABEES OF THE 33RD AND 73RD WORKED ON THE BEACH UNLOADING CARGO. ON 19 SEPTEMBER, HOWEVER, WHEN THE AIRFIELD WAS CAPTURED, THEY BEGAN CLEARING DEBRIS FROM THE AIRSTRIPS. THE FOLLOWING DAY THEIR CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WAS BROUGHT ASHORE AND THE SEABEES BEGAN MAKING RAPID REPAIRS. ONLY 72 HOURS LATER THREE SQUADRONS OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WERE ABLE TO LAND AND BEGIN OPERATIONS. ON 23 SEPTEMBER THE SEABEES BEGAN CONSTRUCTING A BOMBER BASE WHICH, DESPITE LAND MINES AND MORTAR FIRE, THEY MADE OPERATIONAL IN SEVEN DAYS.

12 SEPTEMBER 1968: AN NMCB 1 JEEP CARRYING THE DELTA COMPANY COMMANDER AND COMPANY CHIEF, LTJG ARTHUR D. MOSCRIP, JR. AND BUC W.W. MCGINN, HIT A MINE WHILE ENROUTE TO A JOB SITE AT 2/1 MARINES SOUTH OF DA NANG, RVN. BUC MCGINN WAS KILLED INSTANTLY AND LTJG MOSCRIP DIED AT 0120 THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

12 SEPTEMBER 2012: NMCB 40 WAS DECOMMISSIONED AFTER 46 YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE. THE BATTALION ORIGINALLY "STOOD UP" IN OCTOBER 1942 IN SUPPORT OF OUR COUNTRY'S EFFORTS IN WWII. IN 1945, WHEN THE WAR WAS OVER, THE BATTALION WAS DECOMMISSIONED. THE DISESTABLISHMENT LASTED FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS UNTIL THE UNIT WAS COMMISSIONED ONCE AGAIN ON FEB. 1, 1966, FOR VIETNAM AND EVENTUALLY OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM (SAUDI ARABIA), OPERATION RESTORE HOPE (SOMALIA), OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR (BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA), AND OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM AND ENDURING FREEDOM (IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, RESPECTIVELY).

13 SEPTEMBER 1966: CM3 MARVIN G. SHIELDS WAS AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR POSTHUMOUSLY FOR HIS ACTS OF HEROISM AT THE 1965 BATTLE OF DONG XOAI IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE MEDAL WAS PRESENTED TO HIS WIFE, JOAN, AND HIS DAUGHTER, BARBARA, BY PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AT THE WHITE HOUSE. THIS MEDAL OF HONOR WAS THE FIRST EVER AWARDED TO A SEABEE.

15 SEPTEMBER 1950: SEABEES OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION 104, LATER REDESIGNATED AS AMPHIBIOUS CONSTRUCTION BATTALION ONE, PARTICIPATED IN AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS WITH THE U.S. MARINES AT INCHON, KOREA. PONTOON CAUSEWAY CONSTRUCTION AND THE UNLOADING OF EIGHT TANK LANDING SHIPS CARRYING SUPPLIES INTO INCHON POSED UNHEARD OF PROBLEMS FOR THE SEABEES. INCHON HARBOR HAD A FANTASTIC TIDE, OVER 30 FEET IN MOST PLACES. THE TIDE WOULD RUN OUT TO THE MAIN CHANNEL AND LEAVE A VAST MUD FLAT IN FRONT OF THE CITY. SMALL CRAFT, TANK LANDING SHIPS, PATROL CRAFT, AND OTHER SUPPLY VESSELS WERE LEFT HIGH AND DRY ON THE MUD WHEN THE TIDE RAN OUT. IN THE FACT OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED PROBLEM, THE SEABEES HAD A PONTOON CAUSEWAY DOWN ON THE SECOND DAY TO ALLOW GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR TO WALK ASHORE DRYSHOD, FROM THE USS MOUNT MCKINLEY.

18 SEPTEMBER 2004: MEMBERS OF NMCB 1, 74, AN ELEMENT FROM THE 22ND NCR, AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PORT HUENEME-BASED MUSE DIVISION PROVIDED DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS AT NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA, FL AFTER HURRICANE IVAN SEVERELY DAMAGED THE BASE ON 17 SEPTEMBER.

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# Good Samaritan suffered burns pulling truck driver from fiery wreck

By Mauricio Casillas, News4 Reporter, Washington, DC

A hero who helped pull a driver from a fiery wreck in Northern Virginia last week says instinct kicked in when he rushed to the burning truck.

The semitrailer was clipped by a car in the southbound lanes of Route 28. It flipped over and exploded into flames.

“While it was rolling, it was already on fire,” Mark Pembleton said. “Then it rolled to a stop, and I immediately pulled over with my kids, told them to stay in the car.”

As the flames grew – and with his children watching – Pembleton knew he needed to act fast. After calling 911 he headed toward the flames.

“As soon as I came around the truck on fire, I could hear him yelling, ‘Help, help, help!’” Pembleton said.

The truck driver, Cesar Yepez, was engulfed in flames.

Pembleton began to meticulously pull Yepez out of the truck.

“At certain points it, was so hot, the fire was just so much that I’d run in and grab him, I’d pull him back inches,” Pembleton said. “It was just a systematic, you know, getting inches and inches and inches.”



Soon, other bystanders helped, and eventually they rescued Yepez. Emergency crews took him to a hospital where he remains gravely injured.

For Pembleton, there was no time for fear. His 20-plus years in the Navy kicked in to save a fellow father.

“He was saying, ‘I have kids. I have kids. Please help me,’” Pembleton said. “I have to get him out of there. If he was fighting, I was fighting.”

Yepez’s family said he’s a loving husband and father of two young children.

A statement sent on behalf of the family reads in part, “The Yepez-Casucci family is extremely thankful for the love and support ... Unfortunately, there will not be an ending to this story until Cesar has made a full recovery and is back home with his family. Thank you for your continued prayer and support.”

The family has set up an online fundraiser to help with medical expenses.

Pembleton, who suffered second- and third-degree burns, met the family in the hospital and said he will continue to do what he can to support them.

“Hoping, praying, everything for them, for Cesar to get better,” he said.

He said he’s dealing with pain but has returned to work.

*Mark has a fairly long road to recovery with the extent of his injuries, but selflessly asked to share the GoFundMe for the truck driver, Cesar, who is alive, but fighting for his life on a ventilator in critical condition. If you can, please consider supporting this husband and father of two young children in his fight for his life. The GoFundMe link is provided here:*

<https://gofund.me/f8d4dcd2>

*Thank you for your consideration.*

*Mark retired in 2018 as an SWCS(SCW/FMF) and is co-owner of Vetbuilthomes LLC, with fellow retired Seabee, CUCM (SCW/FMF) Joe Maioriello.*





# NMCB 133 on deployment

Our Seabees at NMCB 133, America's Battalion, are staying busy while deployed to Rota, Spain. Our mechanics are staying on top of equipment maintenance to ensure we always have the construction equipment we need ready to go, and our builders, steelworkers, and electricians are hard at work with camp maintenance to ensure our day-to-day operations run smoothly.



Our Seabees at NMCB 133, America's Battalion, are working hard around the globe while we are deployed supporting contingency operations. Our detachment working at the John C. Stennis Space Center has been continuing with their shower facility project for Special Boat Team 22 showcasing our construction abilities and encouraging interoperability between Naval units.







Seabees Helping Seabees



# CAN DO Career Connection



Are you looking for employees who are: Hard Working, Dedicated, Reliable, and Innovative? On the SHF website you can post open job listings and search resumes of qualified Seabees with "Can Do" attitudes and the skills to match. Consider adding a Seabee to your team today!

Are you a Seabee transitioning to the private sector, or a Seabee veteran looking for a new opportunity? On the SHF website you will find employers who are looking to add members to their team those who exemplify the Seabee "Can Do" ethos. Registration is FREE for employers and job seekers!

We are looking for feedback on the "Can Do" Career Connection as a resource for Seabees. Has it helped you land a job or hire a Seabee? What was good about your experience with this site? What can be improved on this site to make it more user friendly? Contact us at (228) 575-3858 or email [info@seabeehf.org](mailto:info@seabeehf.org) and let us know how we have supported you or how we can support you better. Thank you to the companies who have registered and are posting jobs with the Can Do Career Connection.

[www.seabeehf.org/careers](http://www.seabeehf.org/careers)

**21 LOCATIONS FOR 2023!**

NORFOLK, VA - 9/27	NAPLES, ITALY - 10/14	GEORGETOWN, KY - 10/19
CLEVELAND, OH - 9/30	SAN ANTONIO, TX - 10/14	JACKSONVILLE, NC - 10/20
GUAM - 10/5	DENVER, CO - 10/14	PORT ORCHARD, WA - 10/21
VENTURA, CA - 10/5	BOSTON, MA - 10/17	OAHU, HAWAII - 10/21
ROTA, SPAIN - 10/6	CHICAGO, IL - 10/18	WASHINGTON, D.C. - 10/24
LUBBOCK, TX - 10/7	SAN DIEGO, CA - 10/18	GULFPORT, MS - 10/26
ROANOKE, VA - 10/12	JACKSONVILLE, FL - 10/19	SALT LAKE CITY - 10/26

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## Prost!

This year's OktoBEEfest events have already kicked off in Norfolk and Cleveland and we are off to a great start of fun and camaraderie!

There's just something about Seabees getting together that refreshes the soul. Find a location near you and Get There!

And after your event is done, send us some pictures and we'll share them for you.

Capture the QR code on your camera for more information.



# UCT 2 participates in Multinational Underwater Repair Engagement (MURENG) 2023

U.S. Navy Divers, assigned to Underwater Construction Team 2, work alongside Republic of Korea divers during a joint scuba dive for MURENG 23 at Apra Harbor, Guam, Sept. 15, 2023. Through this joint dive, divers improved their interoperability through assessing and enhancing each other's capabilities and gaining insights into each team's strengths and best practices.



Below: U.S. Navy Chief Hospital Corpsman, assigned to UCT-2, gets his KM-97 helmet checked for leaks by a Royal New Zealand Navy Leading Diver during MURENG 23 at Apra Harbor, Guam, Sept. 19, 2023. During this operation divers verified and inspected mooring systems for corrosion and deterioration following the effects of time and weather, then installed zinc anodes to increase life expectancy.



### Fire in the hole!

Underwater Construction Team 2 Divers, assigned to CTF 75, conduct a land demolition exercise alongside divers from Republic of Korea Navy Underwater Construction team in support of the Multinational Underwater Repair Engagement 2023 onboard Camp Covington, Naval Base Guam, Sep. 13, 2023.

The purpose of MURENG 23 is to improve interoperability and Interchangeability of military divers around the world through performing underwater repairs, constructions, and inspections of Naval Base Guam, improving NBG waterfront infrastructure, and ensuring fleet mooring points are certified for use.



## Once a Brawner, 'Always a Brawner'

### Brawner Elementary School celebrates return of Officer Fowler

By *ASHLEY TERRY* Staff  
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*Hood County News,  
Granbury, TX.*

Brawner Elementary School Security Officer Steven Fowler may have spent the past year giving back and serving his country in Africa — but the call of duty had nothing on the pride and joy he felt coming back to a school that means the world to him.

Last fall, the Navy Seabee traveled abroad to Djibouti Africa on a military assignment, where he was tasked with loading cargo such as vehicles, uniforms, and medical supplies onto large planes.

"While I was there, I got to go on a couple helicopter rides," Fowler said, during Brawner's school assembly on Sept. 15. "I got to do a couple snorkeling trips and got to go out of town and do coalitions to take stuff to other bases. I can't talk too much about what I did, though because I just signed a letter of confidentiality."

After being gone just shy of a full year, Fowler officially returned to Brawner on Monday, Sept. 11 — and he couldn't have been happier.

"I'm enjoying being back. I miss being here," Fowler told the HCN on Sept. 15. "I love this job, just the kids make it great, so being gone that year

it was kind of depressing being away from all of them, but they did write me letters, so I enjoyed that, and I got to hang up pictures that they had sent."

Before he left last year, the school presented Fowler with a Granbury Independent School District "G" flag containing signatures from around 900 students. Once he arrived in Africa, he proudly displayed the flag on his wall so he could always remember where he came from.



*Brawner Elementary School Security Officer Steven Fowler, middle, presents a certificate and a plaque to the school following his return from Africa on his Navy deployment military assignment. He is pictured with Brawner Assistant Principal Julie Sellers, left, and Brawner Principal Sandy Ruiz, right.*

*COURTESY RYAN COX/GRANBURY ISD*

"The welcome home and giving them hugs, it was overwhelming," he said. "I loved it and it almost brought tears to my eyes. I try not to cry, but it was nice. I'm just feeling so welcomed and appreciated coming back and the kids missing me. It's hard to explain, but it's a feeling

that not a lot of people will get to enjoy."

During Fowler's "Welcome Home" ceremony, he also presented students and faculty with a couple of plaques that he designed himself in Africa using a woodworking program.

"The plaque is the shape of Africa, and it has my name and 'Brawner' presented on it," Fowler explained to the HCN. "The coin is my command coin that we had made over there, (and it also

has) our Spartan helmet, and a titan helmet with tentacles coming out to represent our different jobs."

Fowler explained that he also flew a flag on a ship in Djibouti in honor of Brawner Elementary School, which in turn, earned a certificate that

he presented to the school.

"We're gonna hang this in a really special place so that all of you (students) can see this every single day," Brawner Elementary School Principal Sandy Ruiz said during the ceremony. "Thank you, Officer Fowler. We're so glad you're back."

While Fowler was gone completing his military duties, Officer Chris Burke stepped in as his replacement.

"For the last almost year, when Fowler left for deployment, we had somebody step up in a really, really big way," Brawner Assistant Principal Julie Sellers, said during the ceremony. "Officer Burke came in and served at Brawner. He has a very calm, very serious presence. That's something that I love about him. As a matter of fact, one of the first things I asked him was 'Hey Burke, were you ever a police officer in the military or something?' and he's like, 'No,' and I was like, 'You carry yourself like 'I mean business.' But at the same time, Officer Burke has taken the time to get to know the teachers, get to know our staff, and get to know each and every one of you. And I think it's so very special when we have an officer that takes the time to do that."

To honor Burke for his time and dedication, the staff

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presented him with a gift basket of goodies and a signed photo of every staff member at Brawner.

Sellers added that she hoped Burke would hang the photo up once he started his new position at Acton Middle School.

“Thank you, Officer Burke. We couldn’t have asked for anyone better,” Ruiz added. “Once you’re a Brawner, you are always a Brawner.”

As Fowler leaves his African Seabee duties behind, he will resume his duties as a security officer at a school that has always held a special place in his heart.

“This was actually my middle school 20 years ago,” Fowler had previously told the HCN before he left on his deployment. “I was the last eighth grade class who went through when it was Meadows Middle School.”

The 37-year-old Seabee only has a year-and-a-half left in the Navy before he retires, but he said he is glad that Africa was his last deployment, so he never has to leave Brawner again.

"I didn't really want to leave, but I enjoyed it," he said. "I won't ever have to actually leave again unless something bad happens — which fingers crossed nothing does — but I’m looking forward to not having to leave anymore."

Ruiz added that “it feels amazing” to have Fowler back at Brawner.

“We’re going to truly miss Officer Burke, but having Fowler back, it feels like our whole family is back together again,” she said.

Fowler added that he plans to stay at Brawner until he retires at the age of 65.

“If I can stay here until I retire from the school district, I'll be happy,” he added. “So long as they'll let me, I'll keep coming.”



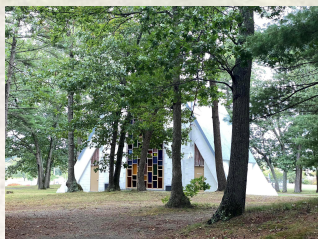
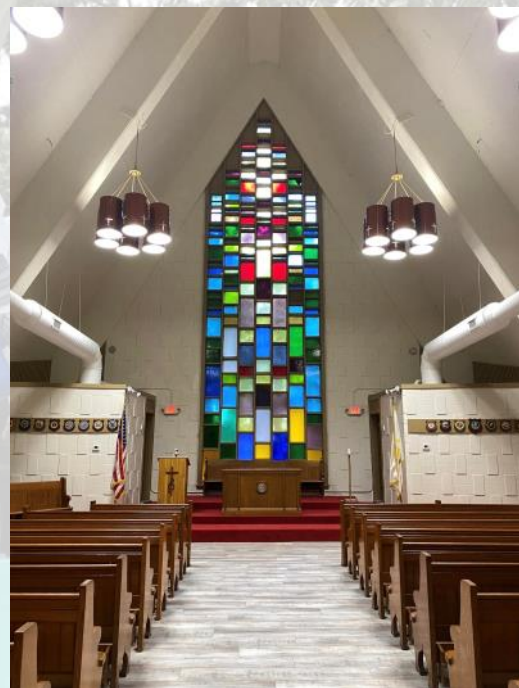
# SEABEE MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL PARK

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN RHODE ISLAND

## Chapel in the Pines

The Seabee Museum and Memorial Park, Davisville RI has been in the process of renovating the Chapel in the Pines for 2 years through the sheer determination and Can Do attitude of a handful of dedicated volunteers. This was accomplished through Working Party Wednesdays, where they got together and worked a few hours. Every Wednesday they poured their blood, sweat, and tears into this project because of their love of being Seabees!

Through the volunteers efforts, they are now 90% complete with renovations and have scheduled the grand reopening and dedication of this famous Chapel in the Pines for 7 October at 2023 at 10:00 AM . The dedicated volunteers are excited to show everyone that their team CANDO spirit is still alive and well. Hopefully all who have contributed financially and in kind will be able to attend. See you there, Joseph Frigon President Seabee Museum & Memorial Park.





# Navy proves superior at annual Joint Service Truck Rodeo

Article and photos by Melissa Buckley, Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office - September 27, 2023

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — Imagine backing up a vehicle through a winding serpentine of cones with precision-perfect accuracy — now, try it in a 35,000-pound 18-wheeler. That is just one of the challenges 16 competitors had to negotiate during the 58th Transportation Battalion's 8th Annual Joint Service Truck Rodeo Friday at Training Area 228.

Each service that teaches motor transport operators on post — Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines — send four instructors to represent their branch. According to organizers, the competition is designed to showcase the instructors' technical expertise

behind the wheel through friendly competition.

This year's winning team, earning the title of "Victors of the Road," came from the Navy's Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Detachment Fort Leonard Wood — Petty Officers 1st Class Daniel Morris, Jeff Reaves and Michael Swan, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Sobieralski.

"Congratulations to the Navy on their win. They earned it," said Sgt. 1st Class Ernest Haefner, this year's transporter awarded for having the most individual points.

Haefner is an instructor for the 58th Transportation Battalion's Motor Transport Operator Course, where he teaches new Soldiers the military occupational specialty of 88M Motor



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Sobieralski exits the Army's M915 tractor trailer after completing the challenge of backing up the vehicle through a 90-degree turn during the Joint Service Truck Rodeo competition Friday at Training Area 228. Sobieralski's team from the Navy's Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Detachment Fort Leonard Wood went on to win the rodeo, earning the title of "Victors of the Road."



Transport Operator. He has been driving professionally for 23 years.

"I was a commercial driver seven years before the Army and have been an 88M for over 16 years," Haefner said.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Kovac, one of this year's event organizers, is also an instructor at the U.S. Army Transportation School's MTOC. He said each branch designs an event based off their own instruction — his favorite event to watch this year was the Air Force's forward drive and reverse serpentine challenge in a sleeper cab tractor trailer.

"It looks easy driving forward but taking that trailer in reverse is like trying to take a grocery store cart backwards through cones. If you want to go left, you have to push the back end to the right," Kovac said. "It is a tricky event."

The Navy's challenge included parallel parking a

MK31 Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement tractor trailer. The Army's challenge was to back a M915 tractor trailer through a 90-degree turn. The Marines set up a



question mark-shaped alley through which competitors had to back a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement with a MK593 cargo trailer.

The teams took turns rotating through the events, meaning the drivers had to show proficiency in operating other branch's vehicles.

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service's vehicle adds a level of difficulty because the maneuver has to be executed in a vehicle they are unfamiliar with," Kovac said. "These instructors have to be able to take their skills and efficiently apply them to any vehicle in any situation."

Haefner said learning about other vehicles, "is a rare opportunity — an excellent opportunity for everyone."

According to Kovac, competitions like this are important because they build joint-service relationships.

"We have to be able to speak each other's lingo. If we build these relationships now, it will make missions we will face in the future more successful. When we are working together on the battlefield, we will already have that bond and it won't be like we are speaking foreign languages," Kovac said. "At the end of the day, we all joined the military for the same reasons — to protect our country and better ourselves. We just took different paths. We are one family."

Haefner said instructors thinking about competing in the truck rodeo next year should take the unique opportunity.

"This event enables you to be a multi-platform, multi-functional operator. The team comradery among the squads made it all worth it. This opportunity has only been available to me while serving at Fort Leonard Wood."

## Happenings at NSU, State Department

Naval Support Unit (NSU) State Department Officer In Charge recently visited the troops around the world. LCDR(s) Hamilton had the distinct pleasure of visiting NSU personnel stationed in South Central Asia. His trip included stopping in Kazakhstan, Pakistan and India.



Above: LCDR(s) Hamilton, SWC Christian and BU1 Davis enjoying some sightseeing in Astana, Kazakhstan.



LCDR(s) Hamilton, SWC Christian, EO1 Lefford and SW1 Brouwer outside the Taj Mahal.



Below: LCDR(s) Hamilton, SWC Christian and CE1 Alvarez at a local restaurant in Islamabad, Pakistan.



The first OktoBEEfest of the year happened in Norfolk, VA. And a great time was had by all.





OktoBEEfest'ivities in Cleveland, OH. These things are fun, and fun is good!





## Seabees! You are why we do what we do...

The Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF) seeks to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the legacy of the Seabees and the Civil Engineer Corps in the famed Seabee “CAN DO” Spirit.

Our efforts fall under four programmatic pillars:

- \* **Honor and Serve Seabees and Seabee Veterans**
- \* **Engage a Wider Audience**
- \* **Inspire America's Youth**
- \* **Educate the Public about Seabee Contributions**

Our work falls within five key areas to support these pillars:

- \* **Honor, Connect, Unite, Inspire and Support** Seabees.

In supporting Seabees, our “Non-Profit in the Spotlight” page highlights additional resources available for Bees in need.

### Non-Profits in the Spotlight

It's all about the Seabees, and Seabee families, and how we can best support you. Sometimes, that is through our programs, and sometimes it is through other resources that can help where people just may not know where to look. We began this quest in the Spring of 2021 to bring awareness of support that is out there and available for active duty, veterans, and family members. There is so much more and we will continue to bring them to you. Below is a summary in one place of all of the organizations we have put in the spotlight since we began. Please check them out. Their goal is like our goal, to help you! All the best, Seabees!

No	Publication	Non-Profit/Other Support Network	Link
1	Seabee Quarterly Spring 2021	NSVA	<a href="https://nsva.org/index.html">https://nsva.org/index.html</a>
2	Bee News 2021-05	Echo Group/Band of Brothers	<a href="https://www.echovets.org/">https://www.echovets.org/</a>
3	Seabee News Summer 2021	Save a Warrior	<a href="https://saveawarrior.org/">https://saveawarrior.org/</a>
4	Bee News 2021-08	Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors	<a href="https://www.taps.org/">https://www.taps.org/</a>
5	Seabee News Fall 2021	Reach 22	<a href="https://reachtwenty-two.org/">https://reachtwenty-two.org/</a>
6	Bee News 2021-09	Team RWB	<a href="https://about.teamrwb.org/">https://about.teamrwb.org/</a>
7	Bee News 2021-10	Hiring Our Heroes	<a href="https://www.hiringourheroes.org/">https://www.hiringourheroes.org/</a>
8	Seabee News Winter 2021	American Legion	<a href="https://www.legion.org/">https://www.legion.org/</a>
9	Bee News 2021-11	DAV	<a href="https://www.dav.org/">https://www.dav.org/</a>
10	Bee News 2022-01	Paralyzed Veterans of America	<a href="https://pva.org/">https://pva.org/</a>
11	Seabee Quarterly Spring 2022	Camp Southern Ground	<a href="https://www.campsouthernground.org/">https://www.campsouthernground.org/</a>
12	Bee News 2022-03	Gary Sinise Foundation	<a href="https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/">https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/</a>
13	Bee News 2022-04	AMVETS	<a href="https://amvets.org/">https://amvets.org/</a>
14	Bee News 2022-05	H.E.R.O.E.S. Cares!	<a href="https://www.heroescare.org/">https://www.heroescare.org/</a>
15	Seabee News Summer 2022	Wild Jaeger Veteran Adventures	<a href="https://wildjaeger.com/veteran-adventures/">https://wildjaeger.com/veteran-adventures/</a>
16	Bee News 2022-08	Veterans Club	<a href="https://veteransclubinc.org/">https://veteransclubinc.org/</a>
17	Seabee News Fall 2022	Jake's Journey Home	<a href="https://vetsjourney.com">https://vetsjourney.com</a>
18	Bee News 2022-09	Hope for the Warriors	<a href="https://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/">https://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/</a>
19	Bee News 2022-10	Operation Homefront	<a href="https://operationhomefront.org/">https://operationhomefront.org/</a>
20	Bee News 2022-11	Armed Forces YMCA	<a href="https://asymca.org/">https://asymca.org/</a>
21	Bee News 2022-12	Wounded Warriors Family Support	<a href="https://www.wwfs.org">https://www.wwfs.org</a>
22	Bee News 2023-01	Blind Ninja Project	<a href="https://www.theblindninjaproject.org/">https://www.theblindninjaproject.org/</a>
23	Bee News 2023-01	Team Rubicon	<a href="https://teamrubiconusa.org/">https://teamrubiconusa.org/</a>
24	Bee News 2023-02	Support The Enlisted Project (STEP)	<a href="https://www.teamstepusa.org/">https://www.teamstepusa.org/</a>
25	Bee News 2023-03	Carry the Load	<a href="https://www.carrytheload.org">https://www.carrytheload.org</a>
26	Bee News 2023-04	Home Base	<a href="https://homebase.org/">https://homebase.org/</a>
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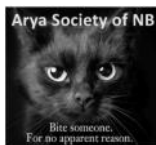


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# Reunions & Events

*"If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is good." -Dr. Seuss*

### NMCB 23 CPOAA Decom/All Era Reunion

October 06-08, 2023  
Washington, DC  
Tom Hanna,  
TBruceHanna@gmail.com

### NMCB 16 Reunion Picnic

October 07, 2023  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
Craig Norton, 702-301-5511  
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### NMCB 3 Veterans Reunion Assn

October 19-22 2023  
Radisson Nashville Apt  
Nashville, TN  
Dennis Strecker, 262-443-0223  
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### East Coast All Seabee Reunion

October 22-26, 2023  
Pigeon Forge, TN  
Troy Branch, 865-924-9023  
Harry McPeck, 865-776-1051  
Chett Winchell, 720-560-3834  
John Drexler, 540-840-4558

### NMCB 1, 9, 10 Reunion

October 22-26, 2023 as part of the  
**East Coast All Seabee Reunion**  
(above)  
Peter Dowd, 617-688-2512  
Harry McPeck, 865-776-1051

### NMCB 133 Seabee Veterans Assn

October 22-26, 2023 as part of the  
**East Coast All Seabee Reunion**  
(above)  
Dennis Ruocco,  
gulfport67@gmail.com

### NMCB 121 Assn Annal Reunion

October 22-26, 2023 as part of the  
**East Coast All Seabee Reunion**  
Dave Pearson, 210-289-4616  
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### UCT 50th Anniversary Reunion

May 17-19, 2024  
Port Hueneme, CA  
CBCM(MDV) Adam Winters, 805-982-  
2430, adam.s.winters.mil@us.navy.mil

### NMCB 4 Reunion

November 07-10, 2024  
Golden Nugget Casino/Resort  
Las Vegas, NV  
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Seabee Memorial

Arlington National Cemetery.

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