



Seabee News



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Seabees "Can Do"

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*Seabee Memorial
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Association (SMSA)*
and the
*Seabee Historical
Foundation (SHF)*

U.S. Navy Seabee Museum Reopened June 2nd

After being closed to the public since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum announced it started to gradually reopen on June 2nd.

To help ensure physical distancing and a safe, comfortable experience, they will be limiting the number of visitors in the museum to 60 visitors and will only be open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum reopened with the following visitor guidelines in place:

- ◆ In accordance with Navy guidance, mask wear for fully immunized personnel (two weeks beyond final dose) is no longer required indoors or outdoors at DoD facilities.
- ◆ Immunized visitors should continue to comply with Centers for Disease Control and prevention guidance regarding areas where masks should be worn.
- ◆ Please do not enter the museum if you feel sick or have a temperature over 100 degrees.
- ◆ Exhibits require one-way foot traffic flow.
- ◆ The STEM Bee Fun Zone is temporarily closed.
- ◆ The Seabee Museum Archive Reading is temporarily closed to researchers.
- ◆ The Seabee Museum Store remains closed.
- ◆ In-person tours available for groups of 10 or less require a reservation.
- ◆ Military Events and Ceremonies for groups of 35 or less require a reservation.
- ◆ USNSM does not accept unsolicited on-site drop-off of historical material donations.

For the most updated visitor information, follow the museum on:

- ◆ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/seabeesmuseum/>
- ◆ Museum website: <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/museums/seabee.html>

Museum Staff is always available to assist you with Seabee-related historical questions or museum operations questions.

General museum operations questions contact: SeabeeMuseumVisitor@navy.mil

Historical/reference questions contact: SeabeeMuseumArchive@navy.mil

Information about donating historical material contact: SeabeeMuseumCollections@navy.mil

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From the SMSA Vice Chair's Desk, *Lou Cariello*



Well, we're getting there... After fifteen months of relative seclusion from each other, COVID restrictions are being lifted and the opportunities for gathering with family, friends and comrades are returning. While the pandemic impacts have been great, we are now looking forward enthusiastically to real opportunities to celebrate life more actively again. Our One – Seabee – Family is special... Regardless how long you served or whether your affiliation with the Seabees is as a family member, close friend, colleague or adoring fan, it is a wonderful community which grows in significance for each of us through time. The chance to once again celebrate our common bond through community with each other at Seabee Balls, golf fundraisers, OktoBEEfests, reunion gatherings, etc. is around the corner, giving us renewed hope for brighter days ahead.

Enabling brighter days is what the Seabees are all about! Since 1942 and continuing today, Seabees bring hope for a better future wherever it is needed most across the globe. Sharing and perpetuating our Seabee "Can Do" culture helps improve society and simply make the world a better place. And it starts at home – for example with the impact that our Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association is making every day for the children and grandchildren of Seabees. Giving our Seabee children a leg up at a pivotal time in their lives can make all the difference, enhancing their ability to positively impact others in their lifetimes. So thank you for your generosity in supporting Seabees. Your contributions make a real difference!

From the SHF Vice Chair's Desk, *Chris Levesque*



It has been an honor to be part of the foundation for the last 3½ years. We have amazing Trustees and staff who are always ready to support the needs of our great SEABEE community. I'm proud to say we have a good mix of retired officer and enlisted which allows us to focus on the community as a whole. To call them passionate volunteers would be a huge understatement. I wanted to publicly thank them for the many hours they put forth toward our success.

One of my main focuses has been to clear our debt. As Kevin Slates mentioned in his last article, we went from a 5% to 0% interest on our loan. We will kick off a crowdfunding event in July and I am asking for your support. We are able to do many amazing things with your donations, but the sky is the limit of what we can do for our community if we completely rid this loan that we had to secure to build our amazing SEABEE museum.

The SEABEE community has the most amazing people, which makes it extremely easy to support. To all of you who have supported us in the past, please continue to do so. I ask that you reach out to others who may not be a current member or supporter and ask them to help with a donation. This is the best way to ensure that our history and heritage is secure for future generations.

The President/Executive Director Reports, *Steve Hamer*



Seabee Family, I hope our joint SMSA/SHF newsletter finds you all well. I'd like to start by saying THANK YOU for all who supported the SHF Membership Drive last month. This is a huge part of our yearly outreach and we really appreciate all of you who became members. As new members, many of you are receiving this publication for the first time so we are excited to have you onboard!

As you'll read in this issue, SMSA recently completed the selection of the 2021/2022 SMSA scholarship recipients. This is the "point of the spear" for SMSA and I'm always honored to serve on the selection committee. It was humbling to see the challenges students and parents overcame to prepare themselves for college this past school year and how they are continuing the "Can Do" legacy of their Seabee parent or grandparent.

On a solemn note, one of the features of the SHF website is our Final Salute page. In it we post all recent obituaries, that we can locate, of Seabees who have passed on. Unfortunately, every week we update the site to add numerous WWII, Korea, and Vietnam vets that we've lost. I ask you to visit the site from time to time and read about the lives of these heroes and to see if they may have lived in or near your town.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition. I wish you all an enjoyable summer and be on the lookout for more e-newsletters, SeabeeGrams, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn posts and much more from SHF and SMSA.

SMSA to Increase Scholarship Awards Over Next Four Years



The SMSA Scholarship Selection Committee met virtually to review the 2021 scholarship applications.

The Board of Directors of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association announced a significant increase in the number of scholarships to be awarded starting this year. In addition to an increase in total dollars awarded each year, the scholarship awards will be tiered to a student's financial need, allowing more students to receive scholarships each year.

At the Annual meeting of the SMSA in March, CAPT Keith Hamilton, CEC, USN (Ret) proposed a five-year increase in total scholarship awards. The 118% increase in the number of scholarships awarded will take place over five years, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and will culminate in a total award of 224 scholarships in 2025-26. The SMSA awarded 105 scholarships in 2020, so this means 119 more students will receive a scholarship by 2026. The goal is to award 224 scholarships each year thereafter, resulting in the largest expansion in scholarship awards in the SMSA's 50-year history.

According to CAPT Hamilton, *"This new award schedule allows us to reach more students each year. There are always more applicants than funding, so this new approach helps close that gap. I want to thank the scholarship selection committee for the many hours they put in reading and scoring*

scholarship applications. It's a difficult job that takes each member many hours over many days."

Chairman of the SMSA Board of Directors, CAPT Mike Blount, CEC, USN (Ret) commented, *"Thanks to the incredible work of the SMSA investment committee, led by RADM Bob Marley, CEC, USN, (Ret) and many generous donors over the last several years, we will be able to serve more Seabee Children and Grandchildren. I can think of no better example of "Can Do" than this!"*

Recipients of scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year will be announced by the end of June. Through the 2020-2021 academic year, 67% of current SMSA Scholarship recipients major in one of the STEM disciplines, including 20% in engineering. Additionally, 77% of recipients have an enlisted Seabee Sponsor and 28% are first generation college students.

To learn more about funding a perpetual scholarship with the SMSA, go to www.seabee.org/get-involved or email the SMSA Chief Development Officer at danmiller@seabee.org.

Meet the SMSA Scholars



Emily Meier

Class of 2022
Kansas State University
Major: Animal Science
Sponsor: CEC Gregory Meier

“My father has always served as a role model in my life. His hard work and determination will always shine through whatever task he may be put up against. He has proved to me that if you believe in a cause, you should speak up for yourself and never go unheard. Perhaps the most important value that he has taught me is that putting others before yourself, even if that means that you are the last.”



Josiah Kareck

Class of 2023
Cedarville University
Major: Theater & Communications
Sponsor: CM John Kareck

“My father has instilled in me a great respect for my country, an overwhelming sense of responsibility, and an eagerness to learn.”



Alexis Simmers

Class of 2021
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Major: Accounting / Information Systems & Management
Sponsor: EO3 Arthur Morgan

“My Grandfather was an amazing role model, he was such a hard worker and when he did something he did it with his whole heart. As a child, he taught me how to be a friend to others but also how to stick up for myself when I needed to. He has helped me become the person I am today by teaching me at a young age how to be determined, hardworking, loving and responsible.”

SMSA Named Scholarship Profiles

The SMSA has 145 named scholarships funded by generous donors since 1972 that provide the income for the annual scholarship awards. Each was funded by an individual, company or group to honor or remember someone who served in the Seabees or Civil Engineer Corps or contributed to the history or success of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, the Naval Construction Force or the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA).



THE COMMANDER LEE DOBLER SCHOLARSHIP - Established in 1979 by the Seabees in the four Atlantic U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalions and in the 20th Naval Construction Regiment. Commander Dobler was killed on 13 April 1974 on the U.S. Naval Base at Subic Bay in the Philippines. CAPT Thomas J. Mitchell, CEC, USN, Commander of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment, CDR Leland R. Dobler, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133, and LT Charles H. Jeffries, CEC, USN, Officer in Charge of Detachment WALLABY of that battalion, were riding in a jeep on an inspection tour of a section of perimeter road which was being worked on by LT Jeffries' detachment. The three officers were driving in an isolated area approximately seven miles from base headquarters in deep jungle along the boundary between the base and Bataan Province when unidentified terrorists ambushed them.



THE WILLIAM PRESTON TUTHILL SCHOLARSHIP - Established in 2007 by his wife, Mary H. Tuthill and his two children, Jane T. Chapman and Captain W. Lee Tuthill, CEC, USN (Ret) in memory of her husband and their father. "Pret" Tuthill was born in Cutchogue, NY, the oldest son of nine children of Charles P. and Clara S. Tuthill. He owned and operated the C. P. Tuthill Heating and Plumbing business, starting at age nineteen until he passed away at age ninety, a total of seventy-one years. He was a charter volunteer member of the local fire department and active in the community while serving on the local School Board, Cutchogue Historical Society and as President of the Cutchogue Cemetery Association. During World War II he served as a volunteer air raid warden along the north shore of Long Island Sound.



RADM DAVID J. NASH SCHOLARSHIP - Established in 2020. Admiral Nash had a distinguished 33-year career in the U.S. Navy, eventually serving as the Commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of the Civil Engineer Corps. After retirement from the Navy, he served on the boards of both the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and the Seabee Historical Foundation, including terms as Chairman of both boards. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Indiana Tech and a Master of Science in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School.

For information on funding a named scholarship with the SMSA, please contact Dan Miller, Chief Development Officer at danmiller@seabee.org.

Washington DC Seabee Golf Tournament a Sellout!

The sun was shining as 125 golfers took the course on June 7th at the Springfield Golf and Country Club to fund a scholarship in memory of SW3 Eric L. Knott. Knott was killed in action in Iraq on Sept. 4, 2004. This was the first time the Washington DC Seabee Golf tournament sold out!

Corporate sponsors and generous donors made the day a resounding success. In addition to sponsoring teams, participants made donations for mulligans, raffle tickets and for a long drive contest that brought in thousands of extra dollars for the scholarship.

Randy and Teri Knott, the parents of SW3 Knott, joined the golfers for the day, greeting participants as they made their way around the course. They honored the SMSA and the participants with their presence.

A number of special guests participated, including; RADM John Korka, CEC, USN. Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command and the 45th Chief of Civil Engineers, LTG Mick Bednarek, USA, Ret. Vice President- Defense, Fluor, RADM Dave Nash, CEC, USN, Ret. Former Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers, RADM Tom Gross, CEC, USN, Ret. Former Deputy Commander and Deputy Chief of Civil Engineers, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, RADM Mark Handley, CEC, USN, Ret. Senior Vice President, National Governments, AECOM, Former Commander, First Naval

Construction Division/ Former Commander, Naval Construction Forces Command, RADM Patrick Drennon, CEC, USN, Ret., CAPT Dennis Biddick, CEC, USN, Ret. Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Reserve Affairs/Total Force Integration), CAPT Mike Blount, CEC, USN, Ret. Senior Vice President, Navy Client Account Manager for AECOM, CAPT Steve Hamer, CEC, USN, Ret. SMSA Executive Director, FORCM Delbert Terrell, USN, Seabee Force Master Chief, and Barbara Rusinko, President, Bechtel President, Nuclear, Security & Environmental.

At the dinner after the golf tournament, SMSA Board President CAPT Mike Blount announced the major increase in scholarship funding that will begin this year and more than double the number of scholarships awarded over five years. Two former scholarship recipients joined the group for dinner, Haley Hartney, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2019; and Madison Briest, University of South Florida, 2018. Haley spoke to the group and truly displayed the high caliber of SMSA scholarship recipients.

The event would not be possible without the sponsors, including lead sponsors NFCU, Bechtel Nuclear, Security & Environmental, Stanley Black and Decker and Planate Management Group LLC. The Washington DC Seabee Golf committee is already working on next year's event!





CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE SMSA & SHF

There are many ways you can support either organization.



Shop Amazon Smile

For every dollar you spend, SMSA or SHF receives a donation from the Amazon Foundation. Just choose the organization to support at smile.amazon.com



Matching Gifts

Many employers match your gifts to the SMSA or SHF. Find out more at <https://www.seabee.org/get-involved>



Make a Donation

Current and retired federal employees can give to both the SMSA and SHF through the Combined Federal Campaign!

SMSA# 11959
SHF# 20784

Learn more at www.seabee.org or www.seabeehf.org

Planned Giving

Are We in Your Estate Plans?

Many of the largest individual gifts to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and the Seabee Historical Foundation come as a result of a planned gift made through an estate or trust. These gifts are made after the donor's death and are either a fixed amount or portion of an estate.

Planned gifts come in many forms depending on the tax needs of the estate. Some donors make a bequest in a will, others include an organization as a full or partial beneficiary of an insurance policy, IRA or other retirement plan. This is a great way to make sure the organizations you care about are taken care of after you take care of your family.

It's important to let us know if you have already included the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association or the Seabee Historical Foundation in your estate plans. If we have your intentions on file, it helps us be prepared to work with the executor/executrix to settle the estate. It's important to know your intentions if you are planning to fund a scholarship with SMSA.

If you have included either, or both organizations in your plans, contact me and I'll work with you to get the documents we need for our files.

If you are interested in talking about including either organization in your estate plans, I'm happy to talk at your convenience.

Dan Miller, Chief Development Officer, SMSA and SHF, 859-327-1830, danmiller@seabee.org

SMSA and SHF Planned Giving Overview Goals and Gifts

Your Goal	Your Gift	How to Make the Gift	Your Benefits
Make quick and easy gift	Outright gift	Donate cash, securities, or personal property	Income tax deduction; avoidance of capital gains tax
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Bequest in will	Name SMSA or SHF in your will	A donation exempt from federal estate taxes
Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	Life insurance gift	Give policy to SMSA or SHF as owner and beneficiary	Current income tax deduction; possible future deductions
Avoid the twofold taxation on retirement planned assets	Retirement plan gift; Bequest	Name SMSA or SHF as beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	Avoidance of heavily taxed fits to heirs, allowing other, less costly gifts, to heirs

Making a Gift

Whether you want to reduce taxes or benefit from an increased income stream, there is a gift to fit every objective. No matter how or what you give, rest assured you will be supporting the Seabee legacy by helping SMSA or SHF fulfill their missions. You can support either organization, or both. After determining the gift that is right for you, meet with your financial advisor then contact the organization you wish to support to begin implementing your plan.

If you choose to make an outright gift, please mail donations to:

Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association
P.O. Box 391
Springfield, VA 22150

Seabee Historical Foundation
P.O. Box 657
Gulfport, MS 39502

2021 Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies



SMSA Scholar Sami Robertson, Master Chief Louis Alvarez, Doug Bower (NSVA), SMSA Scholar Kylee Tuebner

SEABEE MEMORIAL, ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

As our nation commemorated Memorial Day, the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA), Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF) and Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) proudly honored the 403 courageous Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps Officers who have given their lives preserving our freedom since 1942.



"For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."

~Chester A. Garfield

GARDINER CEMETERY, GARDINER, WA. The Sequim VFW Post 4760, led by Post Commander Steve Henrikson, honored Marvin G. Shields in a ceremony, including wreath laying and a flyover, which was attended by many, including Marvin's widow, Joan Shields-Bennett. CM3 Marvin G. Shields is the only Seabee to ever be bestowed the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Vietnam.



Social Media Connects Hall of Fame Musician with the Seabees

What happens when a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer/songwriter posts a picture of his WWII Seabee father holding a Seabee sign on Facebook? It explodes with likes, comments and support. John Oates is one half of the best-selling duo of all time, Hall & Oates, as well as an accomplished solo artist. His honors include membership in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and The American Songwriters Hall of Fame. He is also the recipient of the BMI Icon Award as well as numerous American Music, MTV awards and multiple Grammy nominations.

In 2019, John posted a photo of his father, Al Oates holding a Seabee sign found at a local yard sale. That photo came to the attention of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and Seabee Historical Foundation. We reached out to Al and asked if we could interview him. Earlier this year, SHF Chairman Kevin Slates and SMSA/SHF Chief Development Officer Dan Miller talked to Al by phone from his retirement home in Pennsylvania.

Here is the interview:



Al Oates in Uniform after training.

How did you join the navy?

“After the bombing of Pearl Harbor and my father talked me into joining the Navy. He was in the British Navy. But I was too young and had to get my parents’ signature. I was 17. I had no construction experience. I signed up to be in the Navy and how I got into the Seabees I have no idea!”

Where did you train? “Camp Perry.”

What did you do in the Seabees? *“I was just a seaman. Most of the time I did KP. We had a machine that was like an old dishwasher. It was lined with something like sandpaper and it peeled the potatoes. My father said I should get into that because it was safe. After training I went to Port Hueneme and Camp Endicott. I was in the 86th Battalion. My first tour was Aleutian Islands. In Adak, we built an airstrip and lodging. After a short liberty, we shipped out to the west coast then went to Okinawa. I can’t complain about my tour of duty, because it wasn’t a basic fighting unit.”*

When you went to Okinawa, was that after the invasion? *“Yes, about a week after the invasion. It was good duty. We were on a ship and we woke up one morning and there were about 100 ships around us. We sat out in the ocean and watched the Island be invaded.”*

When did you get out of the Navy? *“I got discharged in 1945 and went to Long Island. My parents lived in Long Island. Shortly after that I married and had two children. After the Navy, a friend got me a job in a machine shop sweeping floors and I worked there for a few years until the company moved me to Pennsylvania. And that’s where*



John Oates, American rock, R&B, and soul guitarist, singer, songwriter and record producer. (Photo by David McClister, used courtesy of John Oates)

I am now. After that I went to work for a Pharmaceutical company. My daughter Diane was a TV producer and my son became a musician and he became very popular."

Thinking back, was your time in the Seabees memorable? *"I think of the people I used to serve with and I wouldn't even know what to say. It's been so long. We lived in Quonset huts and in Okinawa we lived on the top of a hill. When the war was over, they asked for volunteers to ferry back troops to the states. I volunteered and I did 3 trips on troop transport. We would pick up sailors and marines all over the pacific. They would pay me to be a lookout while they gambled so officers wouldn't catch them. After three trips I had enough and decided to go home. I thank my stars that when I joined the Navy, I got put in the Seabees. I learned how to drive in the Seabees. I had friends in the motor pool and they let me learn how to drive."*

Al's daughter Diane recently retired as a TV producer for WABC. She provided photos of Al in uniform for this article remarking, "I love the photo of



Al Oates holding the Seabee sign found at a yard sale.

Dad in uniform. He looks so young but I still see his smile."

John Oates said of his father *"As a child growing up after WWII, I was fascinated to hear my father's stories about his service in the Seabees. He*

always had an ability to do what needed to be done, was a hard worker and good father. He was proud of his service in the Navy. A few years ago, when our son was an intern in Congress, we took a family trip to Washington D.C. To celebrate we bought him a WWII Veteran baseball cap to wear. As we walked around the WWII Memorial people began to stop and thank him for his service...everyone wanted to shake his hand and take a picture with him...he was overwhelmed and more than once had a tear in his eye. At one point he stopped, stood at attention and saluted, it was a moment we will never forget. I'm sure he wasn't prepared for the overpowering emotions that he felt and had to be helped back to the car. The men and women of the "greatest generation" will all soon to be gone and I am proud to have been able to share their time in America and hear their stories first hand."

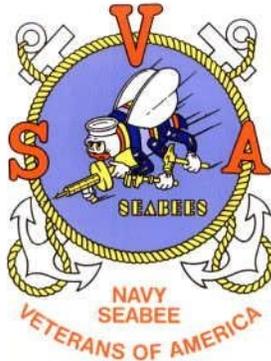
Seabee Connections are everywhere and we're pleased to make this one. To Learn more about the 86th NCB and their time in World War II, you can find their Cruise Book on the US Navy Seabee Museum website at <https://www.history.navy.mil/content/dam/museums/Seabee/Cruisebooks/wwiicruisebooks/ncb-cruisebooks/86%20%20NCB%201943.pdf>

To learn more about John Oates, visit his website at <https://johnoates.com>.



Al Oates standing, second from left, from the 86th NCB Cruise Book.

News from our fellow Seabee non-profit, the
Navy Seabee Veterans of America



75th Annual NSVA Convention

August 18th thru 22nd, 2021
 Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, Biloxi, MS
 1-800-777-7568 (reservations)

For additional information, including event registration, shirt orders, and more, please visit:
<https://www.nsva.org/75th-National-Convention.html>

Seabee KIA Dedication Brick Laying Ceremony

*Heritage Plaza, CBC Gulfport, MS
 Sunday, 22 August, 2021 at 10:00 am*

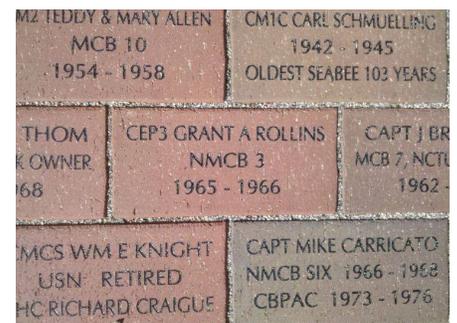


Seabees attend a memorial service on May 15, 2004, honoring seven Seabees from NMCB 14 who died as a result of hostile fire on April 30 and May 2. (Photo by PH2 Eric Powell)

*“The brave die never,
 though they sleep in
 dust: Their courage
 nerves a thousand
 living men.”*

– Minot J. Savage

The ***Seabee Historical Foundation***, in conjunction with the ***Navy Seabee Veterans America***, will host a dedication ceremony on August 22nd at 10:00 am to commemorate the placing of the Memorial Bricks in honor of all Seabees killed in action. The ceremony will take place at the Heritage Plaza outside the Seabee Heritage Center aboard NCBC Gulfport, MS. The Chief of Civil Engineers, RADM John Korka, will be in attendance.



The Seabee Historical Foundation's Fundraising Challenge in support of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum's 10th Anniversary

July 2021 is the 10th anniversary of the new building that houses the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum. For the month of July, SHF will run a "Pay Off the Museum" challenge with donations going directly to the less than \$1.4M debt remaining from the construction of this amazing state-of-the-art facility.

The original loan was for \$3.7M with an interest rate of 7%, and we've made steady progress through the last 10 years thanks in large part to your support.

The great news now, is that through the generosity of the Berger Foundation, the interest rate has been reduced to 0% for the next 4 years, which means 100% of your support goes directly to paying off the principle on the loan.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the new museum, the SHF Board Members have pledged \$37K in Challenge Gifts to motivate potential donors. Some ideas for donating an amount that is unique to you: \$10 if you served 10 years, \$24 for being assigned to NMCB 24, \$30 if you served 30 years, \$82 for the year you went to Boot Camp, \$133 if you were a Running Roo. Any amount helps! On the SHF website, we will track donations by Company.

Fun fact: Did you know that during our last crowdfunding campaign in 2018, Alfa Company squeaked by Bravo, Charlie, and HQ!

The challenge is on Seabees!

Let's "Pay Off the Museum!"



Preserving the 'Can Do' Spirit...

CMM CHARLES GANMILL
1921-1998
THANKS DAD

SW2 LARRY SMART
DESERT STORM 1991
IRAQ 2004-2005

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**United States Navy
Seabee Museum**
 PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA
Memorial Plaza
 at the Seabee Heritage Center
 NCBC GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

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SW2 LARRY SMART
DESERT STORM 1991
IRAQ 2004-2005

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BRICK #2 PERSONALIZATION

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BRICK #3 PERSONALIZATION

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HONOREE'S NAME _____

HONOREE'S MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

CUSTOMIZED BRICKS ORDERED

NUMBER OF BRICKS _____

x \$125 EACH

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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(Payable to CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation)

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 DISCOVER
 AMERICAN EXPRESS

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXPIRATION _____

SIGNATURE _____

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PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation
 P. O. Box 657
 Gulfport, MS 39502-0657

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Seabees helping Seabees

Are you a Seabee transitioning to the private sector, or a Seabee veteran looking for a new opportunity?

On this platform, you will find employers who are looking to add members to their team who exemplify the Seabee "Can Do" ethos.

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WHAT IS A SEABEE?

This parable from World War II days of the Seabees tells the story of a mythical creature known as a Seabee and starts out with,

“Between the awkwardness of a soldier and the dignity of a Marine there is a questionable character called a SEABEE.

Seabees come in assorted sizes, shapes, and weights, but all have the same code: to enjoy every second of every hour of every day, whether at work or at play...”

And the parable continues on in colorful prose of a WWII Seabee that can now be updated to include the amazing women Seabees in the world’s best military construction force, and some other current references, but at the end of the day, in the words of Hans Solo in Star Wars: The Force Awakens, “It’s true! It’s all true!”

Here’s a story of a mythical Seabee who truly enjoys, and brings enjoyment, to every second of every hour, of every day, and especially in his work that looks like play to a wide-eyed audience.

CM2(SCW) Jeff Harris started his career serving 8 years on active duty as an Aviation Support Equipment Tech (AS2), then served 4 years as a Construction Mechanic in the Reserves attached to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWENTY-TWO (NMCB-22) in Fort Worth, TX. While in NMCB-22, he deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 -2010 as part of the first Reserve Seabee Battalion to be deployed to Afghanistan.

In his civilian capacity, Jeff has been a rodeo clown, bullfighter, and barrelman since 1993. And when I mentioned work that looks like play to the audience, well, it is a tough business. He once had his face shattered by a bull and 6 weeks later was back in the arena, a tough as nails Seabee and cowboy.

His bullfighting days are now gone, but he still does some shows as a rodeo clown and funnyman and gets back in the arena whenever a cowboy gets hung up.

This Seabee has been an avid supporter and participant of the National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA) and their program, “Heroes on Horses.” Through this program, he shows horses and won the 2019 American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Congress in Columbus, Ohio. He also won the 2020 NSBA World Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma and two events at the 2020 Appaloosa World Show “Stars and Stripes” in Fort Worth, TX. He is currently seeking sponsorship as he eyes the prize to defend his titles this year.

Well done, Seabee!



For more information on the “Heroes on Horses” program, including eligibility for participation, or support of other veterans in the program, please visit:

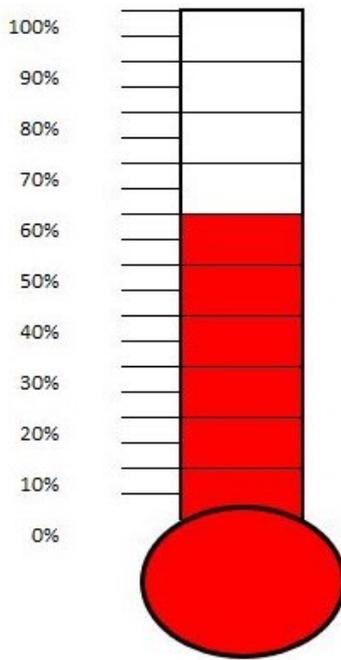
<https://www.nsbacom/heroes-on-horses>.



“SEABEES have magical abilities; they can weld, build, drive, repair and fight; they can beautify, they can make something out of nothing; work never tires them nor do they seem to tire of it.”



2021 Annual Membership Drive Close-out



The Membership Committee and all of the SHF family want to thank everyone who became a member, renewed their membership, or gave a membership gift to someone during this year’s SHF Membership Drive. We also want to thank all the dedicated Seabees who gave their time to create one of our wonderful Membership Drive videos. It was so important to hear from our members perspective about how vital SHF Membership is towards meeting our mission.

Through this year’s drive, we added 638 new or renewed members to our ranks, which is a battalion-sized element of friendlies! That additional battalion of Bees helped us achieve 60% of our annual goal through memberships that apply directly to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the rich heritage of the U.S. Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps. To our new members, welcome! And thank you for joining our team.

New/Renewed Members	638
Annual Goal	\$80,000
Actual	\$47,912
% Achieved	60%

What a great start to 2021! Hoorah, Seabees!

OktoBEEfest News

As society begins to open up again across the nation, the Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF), along with our partners, the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA) and Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) are proud to once again sponsor an OktoBEEfest in your area. Let’s celebrate OktoBEEfest Seabee-style with craft beer and comrades. Gather together your crew and enjoy an evening surrounded by Bees, friends and family sharing in the camaraderie of the hive. Here are some locations that SHF is currently hosting, and if you’d like more information on these, please stay tuned and visit us on Facebook. If you’d like to hold an event in your area and are interested in being the point of contact, please contact Bert Ramsay at bert.ramsay@teaminvolve.com.



Washington, DC
Jacksonville
Northwest
Cleveland

Gulfport
Great Lakes/Chicago
Port Hueneme
Arkansas

Norfolk
San Diego
Honolulu
Boston

Potential new location in Italy. ***Muster up, Seabees! Cheers!***

Seabees! You're why we do what we do...

The Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF) seeks to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the legacy of the Seabees, the Civil Engineer Corps and the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command and their extraordinary contributions in times of war and peace, their ingenuity, traditions, and culture all under the banner of the famed Seabee "CAN DO" Spirit.

The Foundation's service to the Seabee community falls 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*

Today, approximately 10,000 Seabees serve as a global force that enables Navy and Marine Corps readiness and capabilities. Just as this global force works in tandem to serve and support, we envision a future where all current Seabee support organizations work in tandem to better serve Seabees and the extended Seabee family. Looking forward, we will expand our work within *five key areas* that support our programmatic pillars:

We can and will do more to:

Honor, Connect, Unite, Inspire and *Support* our Seabee family.

In keeping with this mantra, we have begun to identify and share information on other non-profits that positively impact Seabees and Veterans and call it our "Non-Profit in the Spotlight." We understand people have different needs, or may be looking for different resources to help them in their life situation, or want to recommend a resource to a Seabee or friend in need, and we want to help connect and support you in that effort.



Non-Profit in the Spotlight

Save A Warrior is an original, Warrior-led, well-grounded and timeless journey for active duty military, returning veterans and first responders who feel desperately alone. Give us a week and you will change the way you see - and live - your life. We provide counseling services in the fields of mental health and wellness, suicide prevention and post-traumatic stress to veterans, military personnel, police, firefighters and other first responders. Please contact us for more details.

To expand on what it is that Save A Warrior offers is that we provide an alternative, warrior-led, holistic service that equips veterans, military personnel, police, firefighters and other first responders with a community of support and effective techniques to overcome the symptoms associated with post-traumatic stress and suicidal ideations.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

There are parts of ourselves that the traditional medical model is not equipped to heal or nourish, adding to our suffering. In ancient times, tribes understood that Warriors returning from battle required emotional and spiritual support to harmoniously reintegrate back into society. Everyone, from the wisest village elder to the common man understood, accepted and embraced these truths which, today, seem further and further from reality. Authentic cultures carried these principles for thousands of years - until they were lost. We NOW invite Warriors to revisit these "lost" homecoming experiences. To make this journey possible, we had to push the boundaries of the healing arts. By combining historical rituals and ceremonies with contemporary innovations, we witness astonishing results. Through the timeless art form of storytelling and story listening, combined with well-grounded instruction informing solid, "daily practices", Warriors encounter a sense of being simultaneously present... and vitally alive. Some liken what we do to The Hero's Journey. We simply call this "SAW".

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, or how to support, please visit:

<https://saveawarrior.org/>

NCF Looks to the Future with Cold-formed Steel Fabrication

Seabees from Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2 and NCG 1 participated in a two-week course on the Cold-formed Steel Mobile Factory (CFSMF) at the Contingency Construction Crew Training (CCCT) facility on board Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, MS.

The CFSMF is an emerging concept gaining traction within the Naval Construction Force (NCF) that replaces traditional lumber with prefabricated steel studs and cladding for building construction. Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 went through a similar two-week training course in September 2020 on board Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, California.

The origins of the cold-formed steel framing technique within the NCF can be traced back to NMCB 1's deployment to Okinawa, Japan to include the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Cruise. During this deployment, Seabees had the opportunity to use an earlier version of stud machine used today. Although successful, more needed to be done.

Since 2014, the requirements expanded to include an additional cladding machine to fabricate the sheets for siding and roofing as well as the containerization needs for the entire CFSMF.

The most recent training course held at CCCT took 14 Seabees from NCG 2 and NCG 1 through a classroom curriculum and a practical application phase where students used the machines to fabricate the materials in order to build a small 'doll house' as they would have done during their "A" school curriculum using traditional lumber.

Representatives from the equipment's manufacturer, New Tech Machinery, were on hand to guide the students on the set up, operation and maintenance of the CFSMF.

Although the training held in Port Hueneme was essentially the same as the training in Gulfport, most of the students going through the most recent class were instructors. According to John DeBerard from New Tech Machinery, the training in Gulfport exceeded expectations due to the experience level of the students in the course.

As with any new technology, the curriculum needs to be refined and standardized so it can be fully implemented. According to Senior Chief Equipment Operator Justin Richards from NCG 1, this is part of the reason for the most recent training.

"When Naval Facilities Engineering Command purchases new or modernized equipment, there are potential training gaps," Richards said. "Our purpose is to begin to fill those gaps."

Someone who is not familiar with the construction processes may ask what advantages cold-formed steel has over the traditional framing methods the Seabees have used for more than 75 years.

Richards explains some of the advantages.

"I believe that the Navy's priorities are for the NCF to be able to build structures anywhere in the world and quickly," Richards said. "Using steel versus dimensional lumber to frame helps overcome the lack of material availability, high cost, or a wide logistics footprint for the latter. Plywood and other materials for framing take up a lot of space when embarked, and the elements can easily damage the wood."

One of the students who went through the training, NCG 2's BU1 Jonathan Wagner, sees other advantages to CFSMF.

"I believe with the right application these machines can immensely improve

our capabilities across the world," Wagner said. "There are advantages for this type of application vs traditional framing methods. The metal structures have a longer life expectancy as well as being significantly more durable."

There are plans for additional training sessions in the future.

According to DeBerard, without regular use of the cladding and stud machines by both students and instructors, it will be difficult to retain the knowledge gained during their initial course of instruction. The mission of Naval Construction Group (NCG) 2 is to organize, man, train, maintain, and equip Naval Construction Regiments (NCRs), Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs), the Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU), and the Underwater Construction Team (UCT) to provide supported commanders with expeditionary engineering forces capable of general engineering and construction, and limited combat engineering across the full range of military operations.

*Story and photo by Jeffrey Pierce
Naval Construction Group TWO*



Reunions**Future Events*****"Postponed" OICC-RVN Reunion***

New date TBD
New Orleans, LA
Ed Stone
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Dept of TN***All Seabee Reunion Picnic***

August 14
Kodak, TN
Harry Ray McPeek
865-776-1051

NMCB 74***All Era's Reunion***

August 15-19
Quality Inn Hwy 49
Gulfport, MS
Harold Hurge
214-533-7021

75th NSVA Anniversary Convention

August 18-22
Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS
<https://www.nsva.org/>

MCB 11 Association Reunion

September 09-13
Nashville, TN
Larry Hagler
mcb11.2021@earthlink.net

Navy Fleet Hospital 15 (CBHU 20 Desert Storm '91, Saudi Arabia) Reunion

September 17-18
G. Lebeduik
jnmni@ptd.net

133 Seabee Veterans Assn.

September 24-27
TownePlace Suites
Woodbridge, VA
Dennis Ruocco
gulfport67@gmail.com

MCB 1-9-10 Reunion

October 14-17
Courtyard by Marriott
Gulfport, MS
Sally Longbine
sal9795@aol.com

CBMU 302 Reunion

October 14-17
Gettysburg, PA
Peggy Vandenberg
509-520-5396
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NMCB 3 Reunion

October 17-19
Radisson Hotel Branson, MO
Tom Banner
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NSVA Dept of Tennessee All Seabee Reunion

October 24-28
Pigeon Forge, TN
Harry Ray McPeek
865-776-1051

NMCB 121 Seabee Association (Will join the NSVA Dept of TN All Seabee Reunion)

October 24-28
Pigeon Forge, TN
Dave Pearson
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NMCB 14 Alumni Association Reunion

November 04-07
Sheraton Tampa
Brandon, FL
Gregg Harkness
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NMCB 4 Reunion

November 04-07
Golden Nugget
Las Vegas, NV
Jim Wilson
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5th Annual San Diego Seabee Scholarship Invitational

August 9, 2021
Rancho Santa Fe, CA
<https://birdease.com/sdseabee golf>

7th Annual Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Invitational

October 14, 2021
Virginia Beach, VA
<https://birdease.com/Seabee golf classic>

26th Annual Northeast Navy Seabee Golf Invitational

September 24, 2021
Richmond, RI
<https://birdease.com/14199>

Gulf Coast Seabee Golf Invitational

November 11, 2021
Diamondhead, MS
<https://birdease.com/GulfcoastSeabee golf>

“Success is not final,

failure is not fatal:

it is the courage

to continue that counts.”

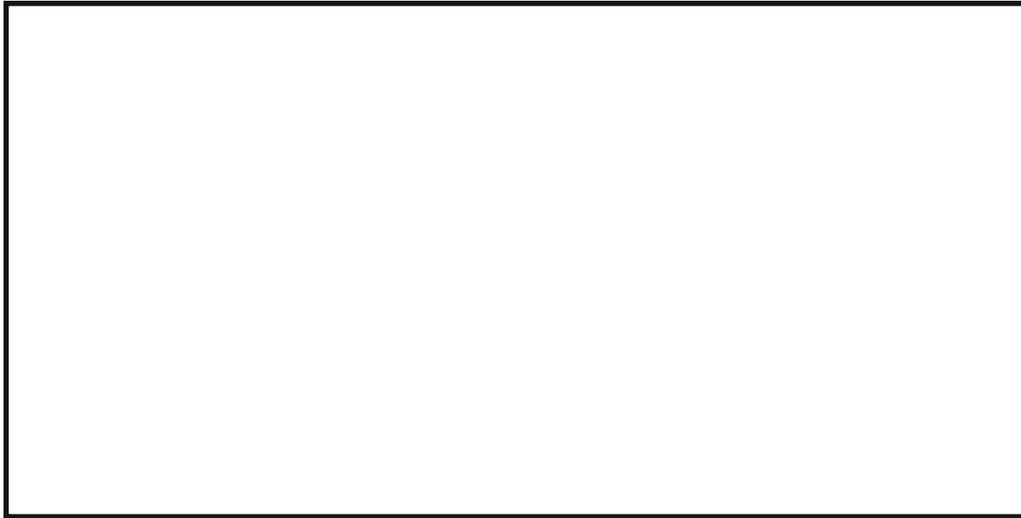
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