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Seabee veteran Susie Hicks sings the National Anthem at the Ventura Veterans Memorial as part of Operation Green Light, a community program that recognizes veterans and service members.

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Reflections on the Second Battle of Fallujah: a lesson in Philia

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“The real [wo/]man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection.”

– Thomas Paine

This month marks the 19th year since the Second Battle of Fallujah. Seabees from NMCB 4/NMCB23 and Army Combat Engineers from Alfa Company 120th Engineer Construction Battalion jointly supported Operation Phantom Fury/Al-Fajr (The Dawn) organized as Task Force Echo (TFE) under the Marine Expeditionary Group (MEG) led by RADM (ret) Ray Alexander. RADM



040406-N-1261P-001 Fallujah, Iraq (Apr. 6, 2004) – The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seventy Four (NMCB-74), Tactical Movement Team (TMT), escorts a construction crew convoy through Fallujah, Iraq. NMCB-74 was deployed in Central Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Eric Powell (RELEASED)

(ret) John Korka who commanded Task Force Echo reflected, “I was honored and humbled to lead, and serve alongside, a group of men and women whose grit, warrior ethos, and enduring brotherly/sisterly camaraderie fostered such a tremendously

strong unity. Our deep respect and unyielding care for each other outlasts any of the projects we left behind. The Team's success supporting the battlefield enabled the first democratic elections for the Iraqi people in 56 years and cap stoned the deployment. Freedom does come at a cost and I am sure I speak for many others when I say that our time in Fallujah left an indelible memory in our minds and fortified our patriotic duty as Americans.”

After the overwhelming success of Operation Iraqi Freedom I, we had developed a false perception that we would retrograde our equipment and go back to deployment presence missions. All changed when four Blackwater contractors

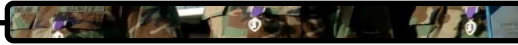
were killed and their bodies very publicly desecrated in Fallujah in March 2004, which led to the First Battle of Fallujah a month later. The operation was subsequently turned over in May 2004 to the Fallujah Brigade, a local militia, which was organized by the CIA. By September 2004 the Fallujah Brigade had turned its allegiance from the United States military to the Ba'ath insurgency.

NMCB 4 arrived in theater in August 2004. Within weeks of arrival, an enemy 122mm rocket impacted a road grader in camp with shrapnel killing SW3 Eric Knott and seriously wounding CUCM Marty Yingling, EOC Darren Williams, and SW3 Justin Sasser. At that moment, we came to understand the gravity of the fight that was to ensue. Marty Yingling reflected, “It was a much different deployment, at any given day Seabees were going to be called in general support of the Marine Corps to enable the fight to take back Fallujah.”

CMDCM (ret) Doug Heiner volunteered to be the homeport liaison to support the Battalion's families back home. He reflects, “As the Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO) for the battalion, I was the official representative of the Secretary of the Navy, I
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050129-N-1810F-193 Fallujah, Iraq (Jan. 29, 2005) – U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Twenty Three (NMCB 23) patrol the streets of Fallujah, one day prior to Iraq's historic democratic elections. U.S. Navy photo by Photographers Mate 3rd Class Todd Frantom (RELEASED)



Reflections on the Second Battle of Fallujah, continued

exercised my duties for the first of three times for the deployment to provide information and resources to the Primary and Secondary next of kin in the event of a casualty. It became my full-time responsibility and mission to assist the Knott family during this very difficult time, and ensure they received the benefits and entitlements due. I enlisted the assistance of a couple of Seabees to build two shadow boxes because Eric's parents were divorced and I wanted to ensure both families received one."

"Concurrently, we contacted all the Battalion families and held an emergency Family Readiness Group (FRG) meeting after we received the news of the attack. It was very difficult to stand up in front of the anxious crowd and break the news to them and say we're two weeks into a six-month deployment, and this may not be the last time we have to meet like this. My mission was to support the families, but not mislead them or fill them full of false hope. It was a very sobering moment for all of us."

"I flew to Nebraska to attend Eric's funeral service and hand-deliver the shadow boxes to Eric's parents, his dad, Randy (and Teri) in Grand Island, and his mom, Vera (and Steve) Thorpe in Hastings. During the service,

Randy was presented the Purple Heart, posthumously for Eric's sacrifice, by the Chief of Civil Engineers, Rear Admiral Mike Loose and Force Master Chief Harrell Richardson."

"My tour as the Homeport Liaison was the most challenging job I had the opportunity to perform in my 30-year career. It was demanding on a level I had never experienced and I felt I was in the right place during our hardest moments doing what I was absolutely meant to do, take care of Seabees and their families." – CMDCM Doug Heiner (ret)

After losing the Task Force Operations Chief, CUCM Marty Yingling, FLTCM Del Terrell was fleeted up from Air Det AOIC to plan the Task Force's support to



060520-N-9712C-010 Fallujah, Iraq (May 20, 2006) – Seabees pour concrete on a road repair project in Fallujah, Iraq. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four Zero (NMCB-40) is providing support to Multi-National Coalition Forces throughout Iraq. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class John P. Curtis (RELEASED)



041117-N-4388F-001 Fallujah, Iraq (Nov. 17, 2004) – Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Aaron Wolken mans a turret mounted M-240B machine gun atop a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) to provide security while Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four (NMCB-4) clear debris from the streets of Fallujah, Iraq. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Philip Forrest (RELEASED)

Operation Phantom Fury. Shortly before the move back to main body, the khaki berthing tent Del had been assigned to was peppered by mortar shrapnel. Fortunately, no one was injured. Del laughingly

reflects, "The worst part of planning for the Battle was listening to Kurgan's set of Dave Matthews Live in Central Park CDs in the Ops Shop through the night until the early hours each morning. It still triggers a PTSD Response. However, I was truly amazed by the grit and passion these women and men possessed to not give in and focus on taking care of each other while accomplishing the mission. Not a day goes by that I don't think of them and what they did."

In late October 2004 after eleven straight years of Sea Duty, CUCM (ret) Chris Sparks joined NMCB 4 to assume the Operations Chief Role. After nearly two decades past, Chris reflects, "I joined the unit to the

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Reflections on the Second Battle of Fallujah, continued

sound of 24 hour a day howitzer with the intermittent 500-pound bomb. The pace was unrelenting as the operation demanded immediate changes to convoy manifests every evening after 2200 as impact to our fellow Seabees. Arriving with fresh energy, Chris Spark's leadership was critical to rounding out and rallying our Team in making final battle preparations and completing tasking to



060616-N-9712C-010 Fallujah, Iraq (June 16, 2006) – Seabees prepare a site for the construction of a bridge. Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four Zero (NMCB-40) were tasked with rebuilding a damaged bridge used heavily by Iraqi citizens. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class John P. Curtis (RELEASED)

the next day's tasking unfolded. The dedication of the team that pivoted and lost sleep every night to be ready for the next mission was humbling. After the battle commenced, the sound of medevac choppers was continuous as they landed at the LZ adjacent to our compound with wounded to be transported to Bravo Surgical.”

CAPT (ret) Chris Kurgan was TFE's Operation Officer. Kurgan reflects, “TFE unified after the tragic

support the operation. Task Force Echo Seabees constructed bed down facilities to support the influx of coalition forces, a prison for insurgents, and vehicle check points. We often relied on engineering reach back support from NAVFAC Atlantic to overcome technical challenges. I would send Jim Gale and Brian Crowder a classified email near midnight and would have a technical solution by 0600 the following morning. It was a true team effort

between our active and reserve Force, Army combat engineers, and our Systems Command.”

On 8 November 2004, Seabees from Task Force Echo disconnected power at two electrical substations to secure power to the North side of Fallujah ahead of Regimental Combat Team 1 and Regimental Combat Team 2 assault. Seabees were embedded with both Regimental Combat teams to provide road clearance for seven miles of quick reaction force and medevac routes, harden buildings in Fallujah to be used as tactical operation centers, and provide power for communications, command and control.

Throughout the main battle which had subsided by 16 November, Seabees expanded shelter to cover the wounded awaiting triage

at Bravo Surgical, and restored large pumps to de-flood inundated portions of Fallujah that sat below the water level of the Euphrates River. Pump stations and generators that were damaged by shelling during the preparation of the battle space were repaired and augmented by portable pumps to remove over 60 million gallons of water, enabling the Marines to clear the last remaining pockets of insurgents hiding within the flooded areas. We also constructed biometric checkpoints to facilitate civilians to return to the city.

NMCB 23 arrived in theater and joined TFE on 27 September. We could not have supported the Second Battle of Fallujah nor sustained our repeated OIF/OEF deployments without the full support of our



060616-N-9712C-010 Fallujah, Iraq (June 16, 2006) – Seabees prepare a site for the construction of a bridge. Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four Zero (NMCB-40) were tasked with rebuilding a damaged bridge used heavily by Iraqi citizens. NMCB-40 is currently deployed providing support to Coalition Multi-National Forces throughout Iraq. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class John P. Curtis (RELEASED)

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Reflections on the Second Battle of Fallujah, continued

Reserve Force. The unit performed magnificently during the entire deployment. UCCM Chris Cronin (ret), Operations Chief for NMCB 23 reflects, "Members of NMCB 4 and NMCB 23 became one family, there was no distinction between the units. They overcame whatever kinetic challenge came before them through the fighting spirit of the Seabee family."

The Second Battle of Fallujah was the bloodiest battle the Marines fought since Vietnam. Coalition Forces suffered over 700 casualties, including over 100 killed in action. Insurgent casualties exceeded 1200 killed, with over 1500 prisoners taken and held in the prisons built by TFE. After the battle, Seabees constructed mortuaries and employed their equipment to dig graves for the enemy dead. Unlike the Blackwater contractors, the enemy were respectfully buried by the Marines and Soldiers they had fought in battle; with a proper Islamic prayer service and burial rights. Chaplain Rhoads, current chaplain of Naval Construction Group 1 and then NMCB 4 chaplain reflects, "War can do terrible things to the soul of a warrior. The actions and events, sights, sounds, tastes, and smells can conspire

together to strip away one's humanity if left to run their natural course. But by caring for the dead whether friend or foe, we leave open a spiritual door to comfort, healing and eventually peace."

The Greeks define four types of love. Of the four types, philia love is referred to as the brotherly/sisterly love and bond between close friends that share suffering and sacrifice. There was no shortage of suffering and sacrifice during that deployment as six awards with valor, 21 combat action ribbons, and eight purple hearts were awarded to our teammates that built and fought. While the repressed memory of our time in Fallujah becomes more clouded as years pass, the philia love and respect we



Master Chief Constructionman Martin Yingling, Chief Equipment Operator Darion Williams and Steelworker 3rd Class Justin Sasser stand at attention wearing Purple Hearts presented to them by Admiral Michael Loose for wounds sustained by indirect fire while working in Camp Fallujah, Iraq. Yingling, Williams and Sasser were part of a detachment assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, 16 November 2004.

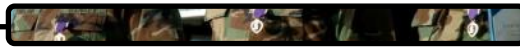
have for one another continues to grow in endearment. That same love extends to our immediate families who shared the bond of sacrifice. UCCM Jamie Rainwater (ret) reflects, "I was the command duty officer during the rocket attack on 4 September and

during so many other harrowing days and nights throughout this battle and many others. The only way we stayed sane was relying on each other and finding a little bit of humor where we could. I love and miss the camaraderie and so many of my teammates. Like them, I try to find healing through my faith, and the memories of witnessing Seabees rise to their best to win despite adversity. Our times together changed my life."

The Second Battle of Fallujah was one battle among many battles that our Seabees supported in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past two decades. The 700+ direct physical casualties/injuries noted above are a very small subset of the indirect physical body wear/tear, spiritual, and emotional injuries sustained by our



The main gate to Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, CA was re-named in honor of SW3 Eric L. Knott on March 5th, 2020. SW3 Knott was killed in action in Fallujah, Iraq on September 4th, 2004.



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community during the many combat deployments. Kurgan reflects, "During my major command opportunities, it was daily apparent to me of the burden our collective community carried out of sheer patriotism and dedication to the Country and especially each other. Most of us have tried to forget those days, but our individual pains do not allow it and our personal emotional triggers ensure the collective sacrifice is not forgotten. The adversity of those experiences challenged us to grow in virtue and change to become better. I

pray to God each day for healing and peace for our Seabees and their families."

As we observed the world events that have occurred in the Middle East this past October, we are reminded of the quote from Mark Twain, "History never repeats itself, but it does often rhyme." May freedom always prevail over tyranny by those willing to sacrifice and demonstrate the highest form of philia love of neighbor, God, and Country...and may we always provide a respectful burial for those that stand in the way.



From the Fall Quarterly Board Meeting: The Seabee Historical Foundation and Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association held their Fall 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.

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01 NOVEMBER 1945: IN THE IMMEDIATE PERIOD AFTER WORLD WAR II, SEVERAL NAVAL ACTIVITIES WERE TRANSFERRED TO, OR ESTABLISHED AT PORT HUENEME, CA. THE ADVANCE BASE PROVING GROUNDS AT DAVISVILLE, RI WAS DISESTABLISHED AND THE OPERATIONS, MEN, AND EQUIPMENT WERE TRANSFERRED TO PORT HUENEME, LATER KNOWN AS THE NAVAL CIVIL ENGINEERING LABORATORY.

01 NOVEMBER 1965: THE FIRST UNITS OF 300 SEABEE-BUILT HOMES AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION ROTA, SPAIN WERE OPENED TO OCCUPANCY THROUGH A JOINT EFFORT OF NMCB 4, 7, 8. CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED ON THE HOUSING PROJECT IN JULY 1964.

02 NOVEMBER 1942: THE OFFICES OF DIRECTOR ATLANTIC DIVISION AND DIRECTOR PACIFIC DIVISION, BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS WERE ESTABLISHED WITH THE DIRECTOR GIVEN AUTHORITY TO ACT FOR THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU.

07 NOVEMBER 1971: SEABEES OF NMCB 4 ARRIVED AT THEIR HOMEPORT OF PORT HUENEME. THIS WAS THE LAST FULL BATTALION TO DEPART FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THEIR DEPARTURE MARKED THE END OF A SIGNIFICANT CHAPTER IN THE SEABEE EFFORT IN VIETNAM. AN EFFORT WHICH BEGAN AT CHU LAI IN 1965 AND RESULTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$200 MILLION WORTH OF FACILITIES IN SUPPORT OF U.S. FORCES.

08 NOVEMBER 1802: PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON ENGAGED BENJAMIN HENRY LATROBE, DISTINGUISHED ENGINEER AND THE U.S. NAVY'S FIRST CIVIL ENGINEER, AND LATER ARCHITECT OF THE U.S. CAPITOL, TO DESIGN A DRY DOCK. AS "ENGINEER OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT," LATROBE DESIGNED AND BUILT FACILITIES AT SEVERAL NAVY YARDS.

08 NOVEMBER 1942: THE SEABEES ENCOUNTERED THEIR FIRST COMBAT IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS WHEN THEY LANDED WITH THE ASSAULT FORCES ON THE BEACHES OF NORTH AFRICA. THE SEABEES BUILT FACILITIES AT ORAN, CASABLANCA, SAFI, AND FEDALA. LATER, AS THE AMERICAN ARMY MOVED ACROSS AFRICA TOWARD TUNISIA AND THE FINAL SHOWDOWN WITH THE GERMANS, THE SEABEES BUILT STAGING AND TRAINING AREAS ALONG THE COAST AS FAR AS ARZEU. ON THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA, THE SEABEES BUILT A HUGE NAVAL AIR STATION IN PORT LYAUTEY, MOROCCO AND SUPPLEMENTARY AIR AND SUPPLY BASES AT AGADIR AND CASABLANCA. THROUGH THESE LATER PORTS POURED MATERIALS, MEN, AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE COMING INVASION OF SICILY AND THE ITALIAN MAINLAND.

14 NOVEMBER 1968: RAILROAD BRIDGE NO. 1, FIRST OF THREE BEING REBUILT BY NMCB 1'S DETAIL FOXTROT AROUND LAP AN BAY, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, IS COMPLETED.

14 NOVEMBER 1969: NMCB 6 AND 58 HELD DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONIES AT DAVISVILLE, RI.

14 NOVEMBER 2003: PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION AWARDED TO THOSE SEABEES DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM UNDER THE FIRST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ENGINEER GROUP (1 MEG). THESE INCLUDED THE 30TH NCR, NMCB 5, NMCB 74, NMCB 133, NMCB 4, NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE SUPPORT UNIT 2, UCT 2 AIR DETACHMENT, THE 22ND NCR, 1 MEG COMMAND ELEMENT, NMCB 7, NMCB 15 AIR DETACHMENT, NMCB 21 AIR DETACHMENT, NMCB 25 AIR DETACHMENT, AND CBMU 303 DETACHMENT.

15 NOVEMBER 1967: NMCB 58'S FIRST ADVANCE PARTY CONSISTING OF 3 OFFICERS AND 62 MEN ARRIVED AT CAMP HASKINS, NORTH, IN PREPARATION FOR NMCB 58'S SECOND DEPLOYMENT IN RVN.

15 NOVEMBER 2010: SEABEES ASSIGNED TO NMCB 18 AND U.S. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL UNLOADED AN EQUIPMENT SHELTER AT KANDAHAR AIR FIELD AFGHANISTAN. NMCB-18, A RESERVE BATTALION FROM THE NORTHWEST COAST, WAS PROVIDING ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE RC SOUTH REGION OF AFGHANISTAN.

16 NOVEMBER 2004: CHIEF ENGINEERING AIDE ARDELL BALL, CENTER, ASSIGNED TO NMCB 4, STUDIED AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE STREETS IN FALLUJAH, IRAQ, AS A SEABEE-LED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM PREPARES TO SURVEY THE BATTLE-SCARRED CITY DURING OPERATION AL FAJR (NEW DAWN). THE TEAM ALSO INCLUDED U.S. NAVY SEABEES ASSIGNED TO THE 1ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ENGINEER GROUP, NMCB 23, AND SOLDIERS FROM THE U.S. ARMY BRAVO 445 CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM.

16 NOVEMBER 2004: THREE SEABEES FROM NMCB 4 RECEIVED PURPLE HEARTS DURING A CEREMONY AT NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER PORT HUENEME, CALIF. COMMANDER, NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND AND CHIEF OF CIVIL ENGINEERS RADM MICHAEL K. LOOSE PRESENTED THE MEDALS TO MASTER CHIEF CONSTRUCTIONMAN MARTIN YINGLING, CHIEF

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EQUIPMENT OPERATOR DARREN WILLIAMS AND STEELWORKER 3RD CLASS JUSTIN SASSER. THE THREE HAD BEEN INJURED IN A ROCKET ATTACK SEPT. 4 WHILE WORKING IN CAMP FALLUJAH, IRAQ. STEELWORKER 3RD CLASS ERIC KNOTT, WHO WAS KILLED DURING THE SAME ATTACK, WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART IN SEPTEMBER.

17 NOVEMBER 2004: CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIAN 3RD CLASS JOE TANK OPERATED A TURRET MOUNTED M-240B MACHINE GUN ATOP A HIGH MOBILITY MULTIPURPOSE WHEELED VEHICLE (HMMWV) PROVIDING SECURITY WHILE SEABEES ASSIGNED TO NMCB 4 CLEARED DEBRIS FROM THE STREETS OF FALLUJAH, IRAQ. NMCB 4 IS HOMEPORTED IN PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA AND WAS DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION AL FAJR (NEW DAWN). OPERATION AL FAJR IS AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION TO ERADICATE ENEMY FORCES WITHIN THE CITY OF FALLUJAH IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING SECURITY AND STABILIZATION OPERATIONS IN THE AL ANBAR PROVINCE OF IRAQ.

18 NOVEMBER 2006: CHIEF EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (SCW) THOMAS MAXWELL, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A WELL DRILLING TEAM, AND HIS NMCB 5 SEABEE CREW HELPED RESCUE A MAN FROM FLOOD WATERS IN A REMOTE AREA OF KENYA NEAR THE VILLAGE OF RAYA.

19 NOVEMBER 2004: RESERVE SEABEES ASSIGNED TO NMCB 23, POURED CONCRETE AS THEY WORKED TO COMPLETE AN EXTENSIVE REPAIR JOB WHICH INCLUDED MAKING PERMANENT REPAIRS TO 39 SWIMMING POOL-SIZE IMPACT CRATERS ON DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE AL ASAD, IRAQ AIRFIELD RUNWAYS. THE CRATERS, A RESULT OF BOMBING DURING THE 2003 INVASION OF IRAQ, HAVE LEFT THE AIRFIELD INOPERABLE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

20-28 NOVEMBER 1943: DURING WORLD WAR II, THE ISLAND CAMPAIGN OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 1943. TARAWA, MAKIN, AND APAMAMA IN THE GILBERT ISLANDS FELL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20-28. THE TOUGHEST OBJECTIVE WAS THE FORTRESS OF BETIO, MAIN ISLAND OF THE TARAWA ATOLL. A SAVAGE AIR AND NAVAL BOMBARDMENT RAZED THE ABOVE-GROUND DEFENSES, BUT THE WELL DUG IN JAPANESE DEFENDERS TOOK A TOLL OF NEARLY 1,000 AMERICAN DEAD IN ONE OF THE COSTLIEST ISLAND SEIZURES OF THE PACIFIC WAR. D-DAY PLUS 4 SAW THE FIRST ECHELONS OF THE 74TH AND 98TH NCBS COME ASHORE AT TARAWA. THE BIG PROBLEM WAS CLEANING UP RAVAGED BETIO ISLAND. AS A BASE, IT HAS BEEN WRECKED. RUINS, DECAYING FOOD DUMPS, THOUSANDS OF DEAD FROM BOTH SIDES, AND CHAOS MET THE OCCUPIERS. THE SEABEES HAD TO CLEAR AND GRADE VIRTUALLY EVERY SQUARE FOOT OF THE ISLAND. THE SEABEES PUT TARAWA'S JAPANESE AIRSTRIP IN USE LESS THAN A DAY AFTER LANDING. KEEPING IT IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION, THEY RESURFACED AND LENGTHENED THE RUNWAY TO 6,000 FEET. IN ADDITION, THEY ERECTED A FUEL FARM AND HOUSING FACILITIES, AND INVENTIVE SEABEES USED JAPANESE MATERIALS TO REBUILD TARAWA'S PRINCIPAL DOCK.

20 NOVEMBER 1956: THE SEABEES HAD LONG BEEN USED TO WORKING TROPICAL JUNGLES AND EVEN IN THE EXTREME COLD OF ALASKA, BUT OPERATION DEEPFREEZE TOOK THEM TO THE COLDEST AND MOST DESOLATE AREA ON EARTH. ON NOVEMBER 20, 1956 EIGHT SEABEES AND ELEVEN DOGS WERE LANDED BY PLANE NEAR THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOUTH POLE TO BEGIN ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH POLE STATION, THE FIRST PERMANENT CAMP AT THE SOUTH POLE. THANKS TO THE SEABEES, ANTARCTICA WAS LATER ABLE TO BOAST SNOW-COMPACTED ROADS AND RUNWAYS, UNDERGROUND STORAGE AND COMFORTABLE LIVING AREAS.

21 NOVEMBER 1965: DURING CEREMONIES, NMCB 9 NAMED ITS CAMP IN HONOR OF RESTITUTO P. ADENIR, SD3, WHO WAS THE FIRST MEMBER OF NMCB 9 TO BE KILLED IN VIETNAM (ON 28 OCTOBER 1965).

21 NOVEMBER 1967: CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (CNO) REQUESTS THAT THE COMMANDER, NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND (NAVFAC) BE ADVISED BY NAVAL COMMANDS AND PROJECT OFFICES ENGAGED IN OCEANOGRAPHIC AND DEEP SEA DEVELOPMENT AND/OR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH FACILITY/CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS MAY BE GENERATED OR REQUIRED OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS ON A CONTINUING BASIS "IN ORDER THAT THE ADVANCEMENTS IN NAVFAC AND SEABEE UNDERWATER CONSTRUCTION CAPABILITIES ARE MATCHED TO EMERGING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS."

24 NOVEMBER 1992: THE U.S. FORMALLY TURNED OVER THE NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AT SUBIC BAY AND CUBI POINT TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, ENDING ALMOST HALF A CENTURY OF SEABEE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT BOTH INSTALLATIONS.

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Veterans Day events

NAVFAC HQ, Seabee Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery

Left-Top/2nd down: Rear Adm. Dean Vanderley, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), and Chief of Civil Engineers, right, and Seabee Master Chief Denise Demontagnac, NAVFAC's senior enlisted leader, salute and place the wreath during a Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at the Seabee Memorial at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Left-3rd down: Rear Adm. Dean Vanderley offers remarks during the Veterans Day ceremony.

Left-bottom: Musician 1st Class Jon Fontan, with the United States Navy Band, plays taps on the bugle during a Veterans Day ceremony.

Photos by: Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Adam Brock.

NAVFAC NW, Marvin Shields Gravesite, Gardiner Cemetery, Gardiner, WA



Right-Top/2nd down: Joan Bennett, Marvin Shields widow, and her husband Dick Bennett look on during the remembrance ceremony held at Marvin Shields gravesite in Gardiner, WA. Also in the 2nd down is the guest speaker, Commander, Civil Engineer Corps retired, Paul DeMoncada.

Right-3rd down: Captain Brent Paul, NAVFAC NW Commanding Officer, offers remarks.

Right-bottom: Captain Benjamin Leppard, NAVFAC NW Executive Officer, offers remarks.

Center: Captain Brent Paul and Captain Benjamin Leppard place the Medal of Honor wreath during the remembrance ceremony.

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Gwendelyn L. Ohrzda





Seabees construct facility for Pennsylvania non-profit Outdoor Odyssey as part of Innovative Readiness Training program

Story by Petty Officer 3rd Class Shanice McNulty, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command

Seabees assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 partnered with the Air Force's 436th Civil Engineering Squadron in September and November to construct a cabin in Boswell, Pennsylvania for a local outdoor leadership non-profit organization, Outdoor Odyssey, as part of the Department of Defense's innovative readiness training (IRT) program.

The IRT program delivers hands-on training opportunities to military units to increase their deployment readiness while providing key services, like construction capabilities, to American communities. CBMU 202 began working on the cabin project in August and completed their participation this week. The construction project offered not only leadership opportunities to the Seabees but also helped refine their mission essential skills in a new environment.

The project required the skillsets of almost every Seabee rating to include builders, construction electricians, engineering aides, equipment operators and construction mechanics.

Engineering aids refined the layout of the building and surveyed the land while equipment operators and mechanics operated heavy machinery to excavate and grade the surrounding area so that the



construction could begin. The builders used their skills of rough and finish framing, roofing, siding and finish carpentry, and the electricians wired the building from start to finish which includes both indoor and outdoor lights and outlets.

"Our Seabees were able to sharpen their skills for their specific rates, but this program has also given the crew the opportunity to teach and learn outside of their expertise so that each individual Seabee could broaden their skill set and strengthen the team," said Builder 2nd Class Agnes Neal, a Seabee who participated in the project.

Outdoor Odyssey was founded in 1998 by retired United States Marine Corps Maj. Gen. T.S. Jones, with the primary mission to pair western Pennsylvania youth with a mentor to build leadership skills, resiliency and teams. The program has since evolved and expanded to embrace a variety of organizations, including veterans, active duty, and the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

"I'm extremely proud of our team and

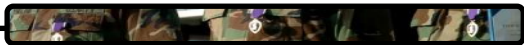
their desire to better themselves through real-world construction tasking but also to contribute towards improving local communities through our service," said Lt. Ensz, executive officer, CBMU 202. "We train to conduct missions where military construction and advanced general engineering support are needed in response to global contingencies, and this project gave us an opportunity to improve our readiness in an isolated location while building partnerships in our communities—that's a win-win scenario for all involved."

CBMU 202, is a subordinate command to Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, who mans, trains, equips, organizes and sustains their forces to bridge the gap from sea to shore and provide expeditionary capabilities in remote, complex and austere environments.

Photos: U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 construct a cabin in Boswell, Pennsylvania for a local outdoor leadership non-profit organization, Outdoor Odyssey, as part of the Department of Defense's innovative readiness training program.

Courtesy Photos by Navy Expeditionary Combat Command





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NBVC Sailors participate in Operation Green Light



Sailors assigned to Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) participate in Operation Green Light, a community program that recognizes veterans and service members at Ventura Veterans Memorial, Nov. 6, 2023.



Capt. Robert "Barr" Kinnach, commanding officer, Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), delivered remarks during Operation Green Light, a community program that recognizes veterans and service members at Ventura Veterans Memorial, Nov. 6, 2023.



CTF-68 Seabee Divers and Georgia Coast Guard Build Partnership in the Black Sea

Courtesy Story, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 PAO

**U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Joseph Bevilacqua*

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U.S. Navy Seabee divers assigned to Commander Task Force (CTF) 68 conducted a six-week exercise with the Georgian Coast Guard in Batumi and Poti, Georgia in an effort to build a stronger relationship and improve maritime security.

CTF-68 sent divers assigned to Underwater Construction Team ONE (UCT 1), to



Steelworker 2nd Class Cooper Rektis, assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1 (UCT 1), drills anchor bolts into a pier wall while working with Georgian divers.



Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Zachary Reisinger, assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1 (UCT 1), secures bottom form work to a spire panel while working with Georgian divers

Georgia from mid-September to the end of October to work with Georgian Coast Guard divers to begin port security infrastructure enhancements in Batumi and Poti. The project adds new security features to the ports and is part of a larger maritime domain awareness program that provides U.S. assistance to the Georgian Coast Guard in coordination with complimentary NATO and Allies and partners efforts.

The port security enhancement project required the divers and Georgian Coast Guard personnel to complete a range of tasks involving small boat operations, diving, underwater concrete placement, hydrographic and

topographic surveying, and use of underwater hydraulic tools.

“Coming to Georgia and working with the Georgia Coast Guard has been a fantastic experience,” said Chief Equipment Operator, Joey Rodriguez, Master Diver, assigned to UCT 1 Dive Detachment Bravo. “We are very excited to visit Georgia and experience the culture and hospitality of our new friends.”

During their deployment to Georgia, the Seabee divers were also able to assist with development a new European Command Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) program with the Georgian Coast Guard and the Georgian Special Forces Maritime Detachment

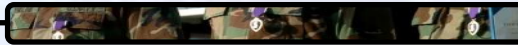
(MARDET). This program will build the Georgian capability to respond to explosive threats within Georgian maritime territory. The Seabee divers conducted a review of the Georgian Coast Guard divers training, equipment and maintenance programs in order to make recommendations on how the new HMA program should progress.

Since a floating sea mine exploded near a beach in Batumi last February, the Georgian Coast Guard has prioritized building the capacity and capability to deal with this new threat to maritime commerce and public safety.

“We have an acute focus on building the overall Georgia Coast Guard capability, specifically the ability to respond to drifting sea mines,” said Captain Ramaz Papidze, commander of the Georgian Coast Guard. “We intend to increase the quantity of divers within the Georgian Coast Guard and enhance our Maritime Domain Awareness. We are very happy to host the U.S. Navy Divers here in Georgia again.”

The Black Sea ports of Poti and Batumi are important ports to U.S. 6th Fleet as Georgia plays a critical role

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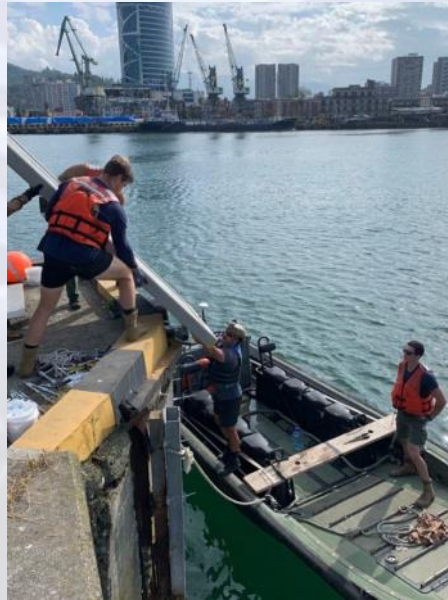
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in maintaining security and stability in the Black Sea and is a valuable partner in this region.

“The work completed by UCT 1 was nothing short of superb and is symbolic of our strong relationship with the Georgian Coast Guard” said Mr. Steve Bower, U.S. Maritime Advisor to the Georgia Border Police. “The team integrated seamlessly with the Georgian Coast Guard and overcame many challenges to make this mission a success.”

CTF-68 has conducted numerous exercises with both the Georgian Coast Guard and Georgian Army over the last year, including the building of a new intermodal railhead project at the Port of Poti which enables the Georgian Ministry of Defense to distribute cargo and heavy equipment across the Caucasus region.

“What the Seabees in Poti have been doing with my engineers is incredible” said Lt. Col. Levan Shubiti, commanding officer of Combat Engineer Battalion West, Republic of Georgia Army. “We are very excited to have an opportunity to learn new construction skills and partner with the U.S. Navy Seabees.”



Seabees, assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1 (UCT 1), move spire panels into the water to attach them to a pier wall while working with Georgian divers



Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Zachary Reisinger, assigned to Underwater Construction Team 1 (UCT 1), secures bottom form work to a spire panel while working with Georgian divers



NMCB 133 Deployed to Rota, Spain

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Waters



Builder Constructionman Apprentice Carson Bourque, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 (NMCB 133), measures and cuts wood for palletization during a mount-out exercise on Camp Mitchell in Rota, Spain



Our Seabees in Rota are conducting a Command Post Exercise where they run scenarios we may face in the field when operating an expeditionary advanced base of operations.



Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Jonathan MarreroGuerra, right, and Construction Mechanic Constructionman Brian Richmond, install a door on a skidsteer on Camp Mitchell in Rota, Spain

NMCB 133 on deployment

Rota photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Waters

Even on deployment NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos have been training hard to ensure we maintain our readiness. Our Seabees in Rota, Spain are conducting a Mount Out Exercise and Command Post Exercise to stay proficient in all aspects of mobilizing and operating an expeditionary advanced base of operations. Staying fresh on these skill sets ensure that we can operate efficiently no matter where we are in the world.



While in Romania, NMCB 133's Runnin' Roos have been working on various projects for the Romanian Armed Forces. They are building everything from platforms for generators to desks and workbenches for Romania's Network Enterprise Center. Work like this helps us strengthen our partnerships and alliances by providing useful services to our host nation's military.





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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.

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

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- * **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



The Yellow Ribbon Fund is a veteran service organization, 501(c)3 providing housing, transportation, and caregiver & family support to severely wounded, ill and injured post-9/11 service members from every branch of the United States Military, following unexpected medical crises.

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For more information and how you can support, or utilize the Yellow Ribbon Fund's services, please visit:

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NMCB 5 on Field Training Exercise (FTX)

Photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Luke Cunningham



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 place concrete during a field training exercise (FTX) onboard Naval Base Port Hueneme



Equipment Operator 1st Class William Price, a Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, levels a slump cone during a field training exercise (FTX) onboard Naval Base Port Hueneme



Equipment Operator 2nd Class James Powell, a Seabee assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 (left), levels sheet pile during a field training exercise (FTX) onboard Naval Base Port Hueneme



Equipment Operator 3rd Class Joseph DeJohn operates a crane during a field training exercise (FTX) onboard Naval Base Port Hueneme



Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 place concrete during a field training exercise (FTX) onboard Naval Base Port Hueneme

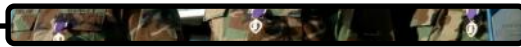


Cmdr. John Pergerson, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5's commanding officer (far left), and NMCB-5's Command Master Chief Michael Saenz (second from right), along with other NMCB-5 Seabees, observe a project site during a field training exercise (FTX) onboard Naval Base Port Hueneme

Training how you fight, or camping with your friends? How about both!! Check out these photos from NMCB5's 2023 Field Training Exercise!

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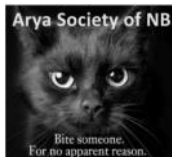
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Seabees in Sicily renew forlorn memorials to Sigonella base crash victims

By Alison Bath
Stars and Stripes

Navy Seabees' efforts to restore and rededicate roadside memorials in Sicily that honor sailors killed near Naval Air Station Sigonella also may help keep other service members alive.

The three memorials to five sailors killed decades ago are a potent safety reminder, Petty Officer 1st Class Monica Cervantes said.

"It brings back the realism of driving ... especially under the influence, out here at night and the dangers of it," said Cervantes, a Seabee attached to Sigonella's public works department.

On Nov. 3, new crosses were installed and the memorials were cleaned. Plaques with the sailors' names will be added later, she said.

One refurbished memorial is dedicated to three Seabees who died March 27, 1989, when a tire on their truck blew out. The others remember a Seabee killed in a motorcycle crash on his way to work in the late 1990s and a sailor who died Nov. 11, 1998.

Cervantes said she and fellow 1st Class Association Seabees were inspired to fix the remembrance sites after learning that they had been forgotten.

Maintaining the memorials had been a Seabee tradition until about 10 years ago, she said, adding that she didn't know why it stopped.

It took about four months to locate the memorials, seek needed permissions, build crosses and gather other materials, Cervantes said. She said the association spent about 340 euros on the project.

The Seabees hope to revive the tradition of maintaining the memorials as part of annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day

observances. They also plan to eventually memorialize other sailors killed in traffic crashes near the base, Cervantes said.

Veterans who served at Sigonella submitted names of sailors they knew who had died on area roads.

That response created a feeling of responsibility among association members to let those veterans know that "we have your back" and will make sure the sailors they served with are remembered, Cervantes said.

Service-wide, 43 sailors died in crashes involving cars, motorcycles or other private vehicles during fiscal year 2023, which ended Sept. 30, according to data from the Naval Safety Command.

That's an increase of 43% from 2022, when 30 sailors were killed. It's also higher than the 36 who died in 2021, the data show.

Sigonella lost at least four sailors to traffic accidents in 2021, including a single-vehicle crash in September that killed Petty Officer 3rd Class Racquel

Amanda Johnson and Seaman Darica Shunte Lashae Slaughter.

Those deaths prompted base officials to heighten scrutiny of dangerous driving and rules violations, Stars and Stripes reported at the time.



Naval Air Station Sigonella Seabees stand beside a traffic crash memorial in Sicily that they restored

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

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Joan Bennett (center), widow of Medal of Honor recipient CM3 Marvin Shields, and Seabee veterans Pat Hogan (left) and Tim Willet (right) observe Veterans Day events in Gardiner, WA.

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