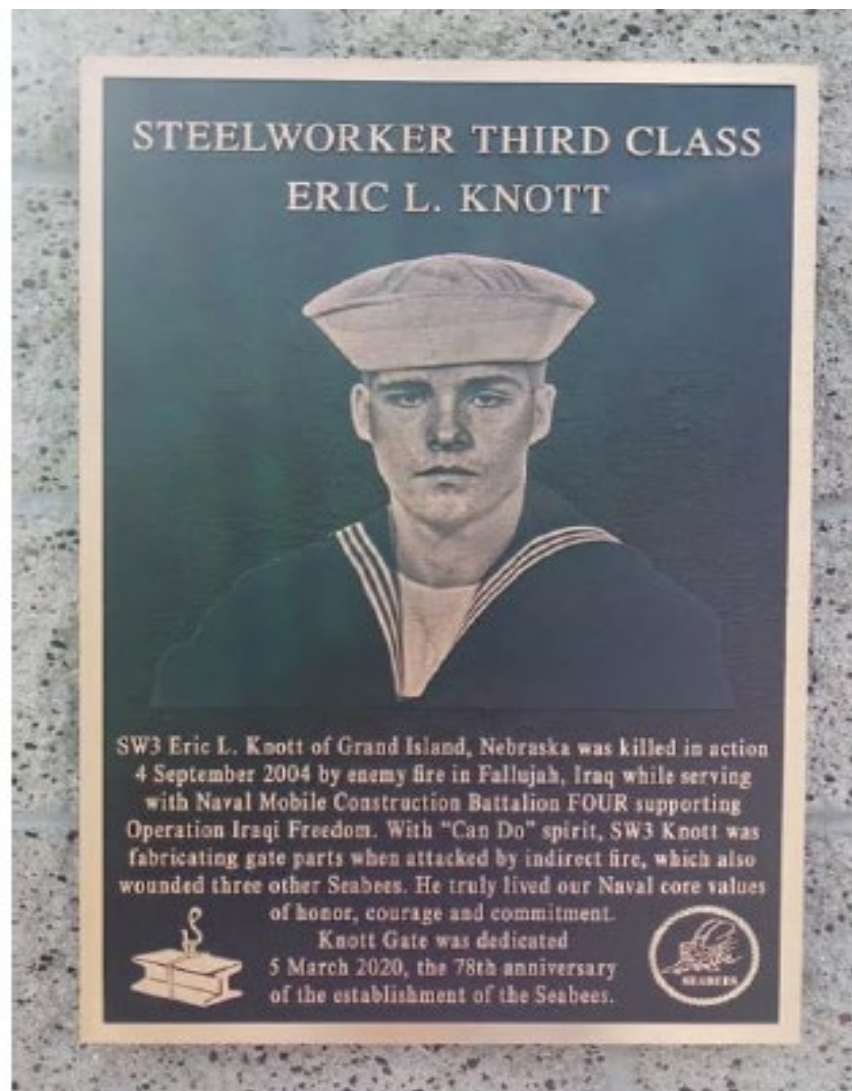


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NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR the Sept. 2020 CAN DO is Aug....25th, 2020.

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U.S. NAVY SEABEES DESERVE A STAMP TOO

Cover: Bronze plaque commemorating the memory of SW3 Eric L. Knott (KIA) dedication and renaming of the Sunkist Gate to Knott Gate on March 5th, 2020 Port Hueneme,CA.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

As we approach the summer and are experiencing a “NEW NORMAL” with the world wide pandemic, let us all band together in prayer for those who are on the front lines in the battle those affected by this virus and those searching for a cure. I know that even though we may worship in different ways, that most of us believe in a higher power and now is the time to ask for divine help.

Remember also our leaders who are being faced with a daunting task of trying to do the best they can for us all while doing battle with a new and entirely different kind of enemy. Please follow the guidelines set forth by the different world health institutions so that together we may in the “CAN DO Spirit” of the Seabees work together to end this battle and return to the way it was before this virus changed our world.

Remember to wash your hands frequently, practice social distancing, wear a face mask in public and if you have to cough or sneeze, Please cover your mouth with your elbow not your hand.

Everyone Stay Safe: Michael Boncheck

“America is a great country, and I believe that the ingenuity, resourcefulness and endurance of the American people, will combine to make the current situation short lived”. (J. Princehorn)



Commanders Corner

I Hope this finds all Departments, Islands and Members doing well and Covid19 free. These indeed are challenging times with public transportation not very safe and social distancing the order of the day plus places where you can gather having the capacity reduced to half or less. As for me here in N.Y.C. nobody knows when we will start to reopen.

As always, the question of membership is paramount in our thoughts; the Life Blood of all organizations is membership. We need some more new young Seabees in our organization to keep our heritage alive and up to date with what's going on today.

As mentioned in the March issue of the CAN DO, we are still striving to get back to four (4) annual printed issues of the CAN DO magazine. Communications is the key to the success of all organizations. Our organization needs your help and is requesting help from ALL in getting advertisers for our publication. Thank you in advance for your help and support in this matter.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit
James J. Furey
NSVA National Commander

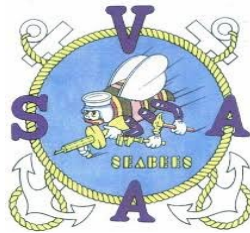
The Commanders Corner is also available for viewing on the NSVA website, www.nsva.org located just below the National Officers link.

May we think of Freedom, not as a right to do what we please, but as the opportunity To Do What Is Right

Seabee Veterans of America Auxiliary Officers



L-R Carol Parker, Linda Hillyer, Linda Schmuck, Elaine Coffin, Lorraine Santo and Betty Nelson



NSVAA National President Communication

Hello to all, The newly updated SVAA Membership Application has been posted on the NSVA website, please view it on www.nsva.org under the SVAA tab.

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THE GREAT SEABEE TRAIN ROBBERY

This story (really happened) was prompted by a call from Leonard Eifel Sr. Sec'y. Island X-9 Cleveland OH. Len's call centered around X-9 member Seabee John "Pete" Elliott in particular and other X-9 members that had passed over the past few months of 2019. It turns out that "Pete" was involved in the "procurement" of the switcher locomotives and several cases of adult beverages from the Kirin Brewery, picture if you can... as the story goes:

On September 15th, 1950, American troops landed at Inchon Korea, and began fighting their way eastward toward the capital city of Seoul, approximately 16 miles away. Air reconnaissance reported that eight switcher locomotives were trapped by cut rail lines in a rail yard at Yong Dong Po, a few miles west of Seoul. Six Seabee chiefs and four petty officers, led by Chief Ernest A. Sidney, who had previous experience with steam engines volunteered to go and recapture the locomotives and bring them back to U.S. lines. They crossed enemy lines, made their way to Yong Dong Po, and found the locomotives standing in the switching yard of the Kirin Brewery. The Seabees took advantage of their good fortune and loaded 15 cases of beer and Saki aboard the locomotives, fired them up and headed back toward American lines.

As they headed toward the safety of the U.S. Marine lines, several broken rails had to be repaired by the Seabees along the way. However, the North Korean forces noticed the movement and began to fire at the locomotives. Minutes later Korean mortars began dropping shells on the locomotives and sharp shrapnel fragments showered the cabs and boilers as they moved. The men ducked down and kept moving towards the area occupied by the Marines.

The Marines of the 1st Division were unaware of what was going on and upon seeing the locomotives approaching from behind enemy lines, thought the North Koreans were using the locomotives to mount and attack. They also began firing at the locomotives, until one marine finally realized that the occupants were wearing U.S. fatigues. "Hold your fire!" he yelled, "Wait a second, these guys aren't North Koreans!" He shook his head and said to his platoon sergeant, "Imagine that a bunch of "doggies" out ahead of us!"

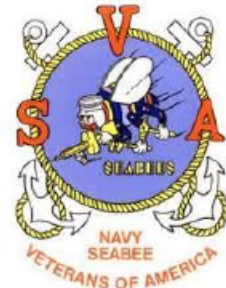
"Naw", the sergeant said, "it's just them damned Seabees at it again!" The Seabees approached the Marines laughing and waving beer bottles. Once the Seabees were safe behind the Marine lines, the beer and Saki seems to have disappeared. No one admits to knowing anything... (provided by J.Ratomski)



The Seabees had experience with locomotion transportation prior to Korea as pictured above.



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NSVA Officers at the Seabee Memorial in Arlington Cemetery, after participating and presenting in the wreath laying ceremony commemorating the 78th Seabee Birthday.

L-R J. Schmuck, Treasurer, C. Coffin, Secretary, E. Nelson, Resolutions Chair., J. Hillyer III, Past National Commander, J. Furey, National Commander, D. Bower, 1st Vice National Commander. (provided by D. Bower)



NSVA 2020 Mid-Year meeting held in Arlington, VA. This great looking group of attendees from L-R are:

J. Millette, Natl. Trustee, J. Sorensen, Natl. Trustee, J. Tangen, Publications, J. Hillyer III, Past Natl. Commander, J. Furey, Natl. Commander, D. Bower, 1st. Vice Natl. Commander, D. Buchanan, Past Natl. Commander, C. Coffin, Natl. Secretary, J. Schmuck, Natl. Treasurer, J. Zywoť, Natl. Trustee, K. Slates, CEO, Seabee Historical Foundation.

(photo by E. Nelson, Resolutions not pictured)

ISLAND HOPPING

Beginning with this issue of the CAN DO we'd like to acknowledge the recent changes in our National, Department and Island Officers. We commend the individuals that aspire to the Seabee Motto "CAN DO" and step forward to assume the responsibility associated with leadership in our organization.

- Christina Cheline, National Publicity Officer
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- Tom Morgan, Pro-tempore, Commander NSVA Island X-19 Syracuse, NY



Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-23 Crystal River, FL and guests had their annual picnic at the home of Dave and Lynn Spanski in March 2020. The weather was beautiful and all enjoyed the friendship, a raffle, and some went on a boat ride. The auxiliary's raffle helped their coffers. X-23 meets the third Tuesday at the Riviera Mexican Cantina in Crystal River at 1030 and the auxiliary meets at 0930.

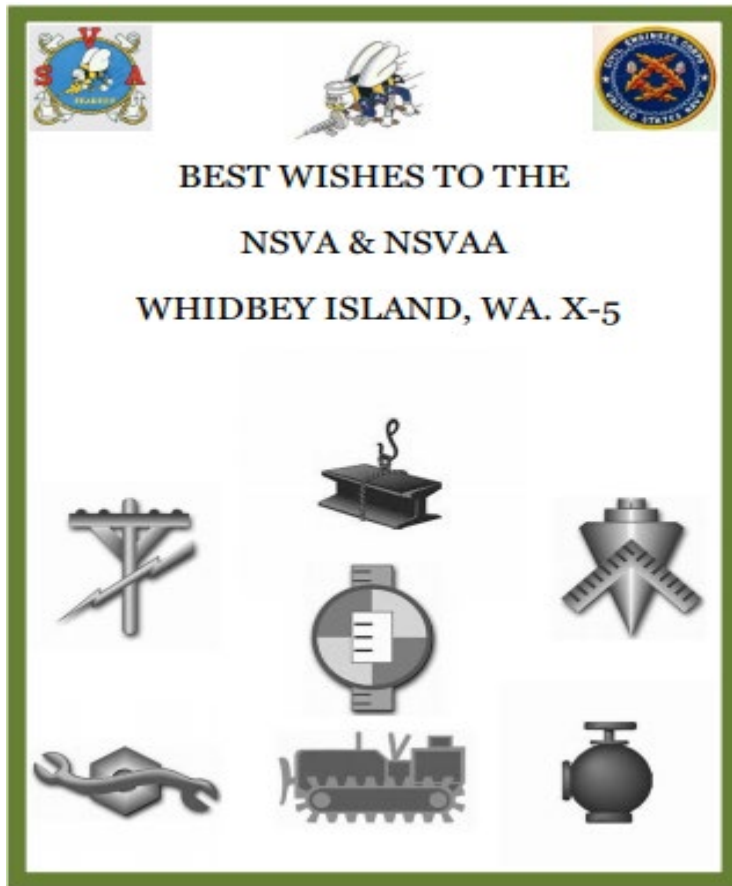
Back row: Nancy Staples (NSVAA Island X-23 President), Dale Mereness, Don Malin, MaryJo Kenyon, Phil Manley, Jim Bridgeland, Charlie Schoeffler, Lynn Spanski, Chris Westhall, David Buchanan (NSVA Island X-23 Commander) and Dave Spanski.

Front row: Mike and Julie Ujwari, Denise Andras, Betty Mereness, Barb Manley, Jeanette Bare, Murielle Heath, Bev Schoeffler, and John Lowe. Not pictured: Joan Buchanan and Karen Lowe. (provided by Nancy Staples)

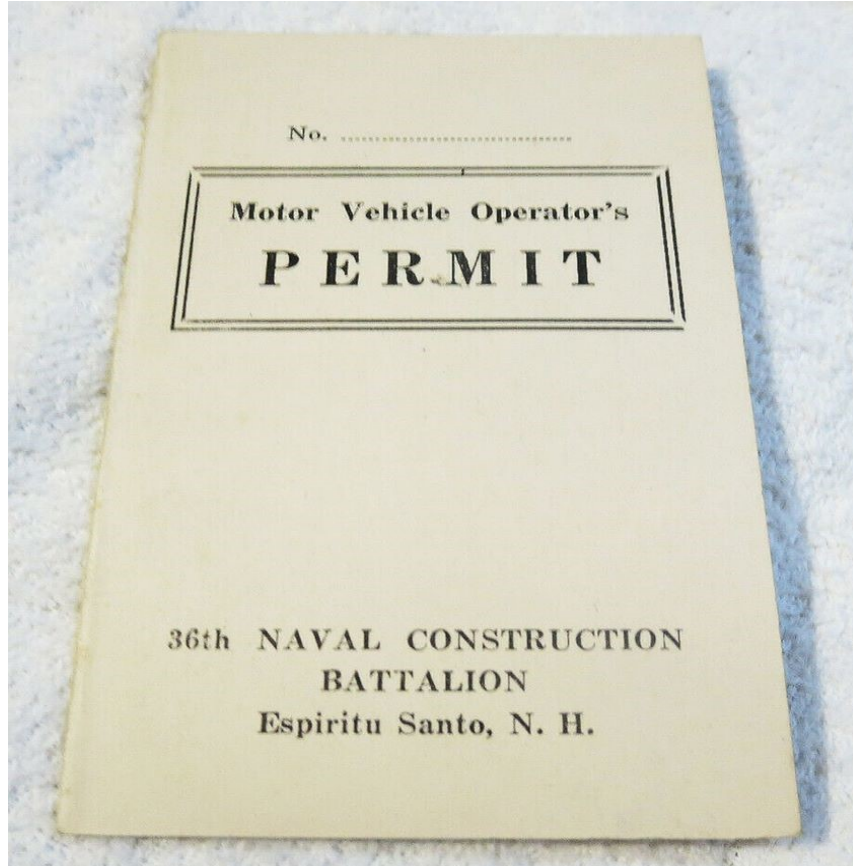
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Dept. Officers - L to R: Ray McPeek, Treasurer, Vice Commander Troy Branch, Secretary David Howard, Chaplain Chett Winchell, Robert Babson, Dept. Commander Frank Acs, Island X-2 Vice Commander John Drexler, X-2 Finance Officer Mark Cutler, Bruce Danley and Tom Kidney. (provided by D. Howard)



Concrete barrier art outside
USO Camp-Buehring, Kuwait.

NMCB-7 & NMCB-21

(provided by J. Ratomski)

Seabee Island X-3 hosts 78th Anniversary Military Ball

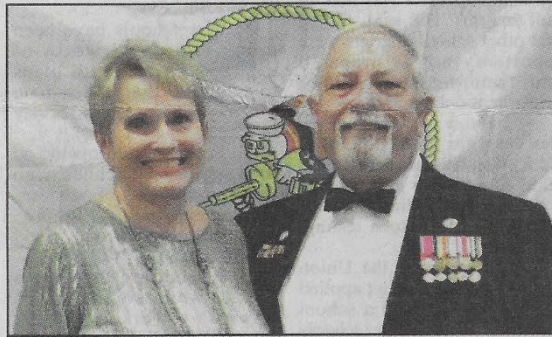
By Mark Smith
North Georgia News
Staff Writer

HIWASSEE – A recent celebration by the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-3 of Blairsville serves as a stark reminder of a not too distant past, before viral anxieties totally seized the national conscience.

In honor of the 78th anniversary of the Seabees' creation, the seafaring veterans hosted their annual Military Ball, complete with dinner, cake and dancing at the Ridges Resort in Hiwassee on March 14.

Island X-3 Cmdr. Keith Hunter said the event was more than just a Seabee affair – it was open to military veterans from all branches and even to civilians.

U.S. Navy Seabees came into existence on March 5, 1942, not long after the



Retired Navy Capt. Bruce B. Geibel, right, served as the keynote speaker in the March 14 Military Ball. He was accompanied by his wife Sandy.

Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

The term "Seabees" was coined at the time using the first two letters of the organization's actual name -- Construction Battalions, or CBs. The Seabee motto is "Can Do!!!"

As with all American military functions of this sort, the Missing Man Table was displayed in honor of those who paid the ultimate price in service to America.

Retired Navy Capt. See *Military Ball, Page 2A*

Military Ball...from Page 1A

Bruce B. Geibel of the Civil Engineering Corps served as the keynote speaker, and he was accompanied by his wife Sandy.

Geibel has over 40 years of experience as a Seabee, including two tours

in Vietnam and one tour in Thailand between 1966 and 1968, and he's been all over the world with the Navy, including Scotland, Japan, Puerto Rico, Spain, Diego Garcia, Saudi Arabia and Guam.

"In the Seabees, we

always practice what I call the four Bs: Be prepared; Be on time; Be brief; and Be gone," said Geibel, to chuckles from the audience. "We must tell our story: Otherwise, nobody in the future is going to really know what it was we did during our time in the service.

"We need to share our stories with our families,

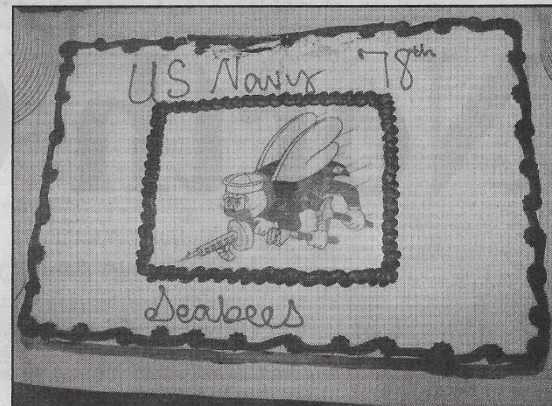
our children, our friends and neighbors. I can't tell you how many times I wish I could have told my kids what it was I did in Vietnam. But I didn't feel comfortable doing it, and believe it or not, nobody ever asked.

"I'm sure it's that way with a lot of you out there. They can't relate to what it was we did. And many of them didn't serve themselves. So, we've got to tell our story. Let's tell it to our kids first, and then our grandkids.

Quoting Winston Churchill, Geibel said, "It's not a choice to fight evil. We must fight it. Because it will either kill you or me, now or later. But it will surely kill you one way or the other."

"How do we tell a new generation of teenagers about the Vietnam War, or any war for that matter?" Geibel said. "We somehow have to tell them, for they won't hear it echoed from the media."

Geibel recommended a book titled "I'm Ready To Talk," a compilation of 160 stories told by members of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association. Copies of the book can be ordered through www.deedspublishing.com/store/irtt.



The Navy Seabees turned 78 on March 5, and local veterans celebrated the occasion with cake and dancing on March 14. Photo by Mark Smith

"Let's all of us tell our stories while we still can, because once we're gone, those stories are lost forever," Geibel said.

Retired Navy Master Chief Ernie Nelson said the motto of his Seabee battalion was, "The difficult we do immediately. The impossible takes a little bit longer."

"There's nothing that we can't do," Nelson said. "I've never run into anything that

the Seabee community couldn't handle."

The Seabees were decommissioned after World War II, then recommissioned during Korea and Vietnam. In addition to their military contributions, the Seabees have conducted many 'people to people' projects internationally, building goodwill and cementing friendships for America.

This article was sent in by NSVA Island X-3 Blairsville GA. Historian Greg Ryan. This story appeared in the "North Georgia News" on March 25th, 2020.

It's great to see and hear of the many Seabee Birthday Celebrations that are scheduled in the month of March to commemorate and celebrate the birth of our brotherhood.

ROSIE the RIVETER



Rosalind P. Walter 1924 – 2020 was the 1st model for Rosie the Riveter

The original iconic poster produced by J. Howard Miller in 1943, was only used for 2 weeks in Feb. 1943 at a Westinghouse factory to inspire their workers. The Office of War Information geared up for a massive nationwide advertising campaign to sell the war, but the "We Can Do It" amazingly was not part of it.

A Note of THANKS

With all that is going on with the VA, it is a pleasure to put this note of thanks into the Can Do. This was written by Isobel McDonald when her father, Seabee Arthur R. Lee, Island X-8 in Tonawanda, NY was a patient in the Buffalo, NY Veterans Hospital earlier this year. Arthur passed recently, he was a true patriot who loved his country and was a kind, intelligent and honorable man. He will be missed by family and friends alike.

To my friend in Patient Advocacy, thank you. You made me laugh with your humor and cry from your kindness. Taking the time to come meet my Dad...who does that? You Did! We are still talking about it.

Next, to the lab tech. Yes, even the lab tech in all of this made her impact. She took it upon herself to drive Dads blood to a facility that had a machine the Buffalo VA did not.... Thank You! Your "out of the box" thinking meant my Dad didn't have to wait for the blood sample that was sent to Albany to come back – you saved him DAYS! So glad we got to meet you and you were open to hugs!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the kitchen staff and even the janitors who met us with a smile every day!

To the doctors, fellows' residents and students – thank you isn't enough. Internal medicine – we saw you every morning and no less than twice a day, often more. Cardiology – you said it was in my Dad's best interests to take it slow and it paid off. Infectious Disease – my Dad challenged you to figure it out in less than a week and you did and got him home. He told you all..."I am 92 years old, I'm not afraid to die, I lived a good life and have the best family – I wish the same for you but I want to go home". YOU ALL MADE THAT HAPPEN. What you have to say about the end of your life means nothing if you are not heard. Your amazing people heard him. As I'm sure many would agree, being of sound mind during the aging process can be as of if not more important than being of sound body, or at least feels more in our control. You all helped care for both. The doctors and nurses at the VA listened and responded to all his wishes, in every sense of the word. Hospital stays are never pleasant but the folks at the VA made us feel special and cared for – nothing is better than that!!

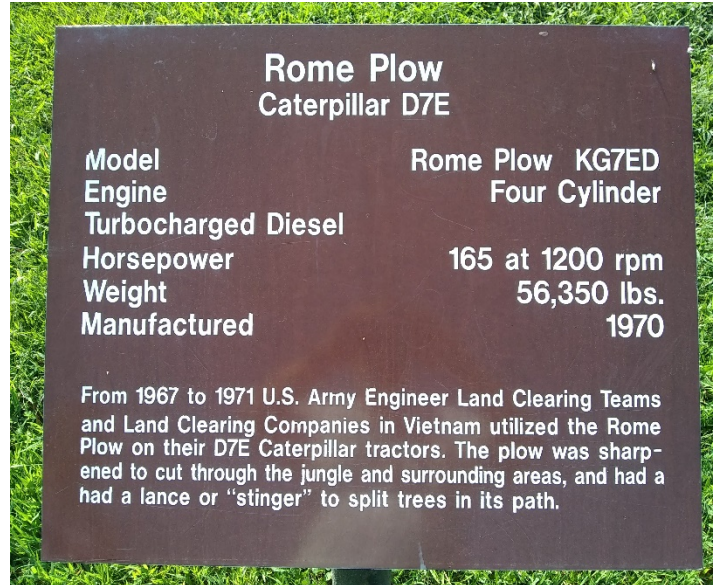
From the bottom of my entire (seriously, entire) family's heart –

Thank You for all you do.

OLD IRON

(Construction equipment, vehicles and military equipment)

As many of you are aware Seabee Normand Dupuis and his wife are travelling around the country visiting many NSVA Islands, Cemeteries with Seabee Monument Stones and in general areas of interest. Normand has shared some interesting photos of “Old Iron” taken in his travels and from his archives.



L-R Upper, Roam Plow Land-clearing tractor, type used in Vietnam, plaque with Roam Plow specs.

L-R Lower, yours truly on 1972 Cat D7F in '73, West Germany, camo paint was applied in-case we deployed to mid-east to support the Arab-Israeli war. War ended quickly so our unit wasn't deployed. Lean to shelters in background are missile sheds and I haven't seen that camo paint scheme since.

Vietnam Perspectives



MCB-10 EO working dozer on Chu Lai perimeter fortifications



We receive very few personal accounts/stories about experiences in Vietnam, understandably so. We are always open to considering them for publication in the CAN DO. We must restrict text and picture space due to the size of the publication to 2 to 2-1/2 pages max. Your input is always welcome.



NMCB-14 Alumni Association

Our 2020 annual reunion will be held in Jacksonville, FL this Fall. Location and date will be announced in future editions of the "CAN DO". Information will also be posted on the Association's website <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>

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The NMCB-14 Alumni Association is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (19). Our purpose is to provide charitable, educational, and spiritual support and to help provide for some of the basic necessities of life for widows, children and other family members on active or inactive duty and former members of NMCB-14, especially for members that were wounded or killed in conflict while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America.



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Yours in Service,

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James J. Furey
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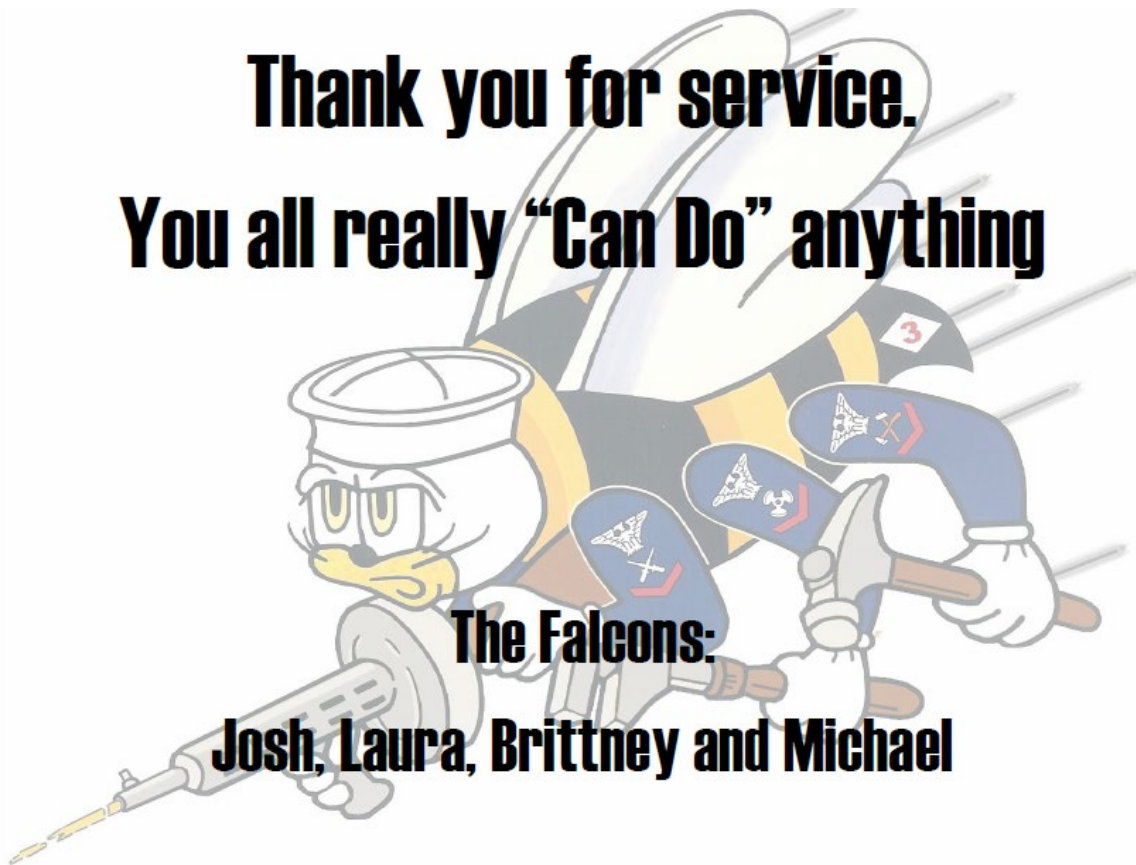


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11th Special NCB (The Can Do Boys)

While watching TV on a cold Sunday afternoon, I received a call from a witty 95 year old Seabee named Modesto “Buddy” Sarno regarding the CAN DO magazine. As it turns out “Buddy” was a member of the 11th Special NCB that supported the invasion of Okinawa. He was born in Brooklyn, took land surveying in High School and was drafted in '42 and picked the Navy. After boot camp he was assigned to the Seabees as a stevedore in the 11th Special NCB. The 11th staged, supplied and supported many amphibious landings with Okinawa being the largest. Buddy recalled his time on the Island of Banika in the Russell Islands, part of the Solomon chain staging for the invasion. Following is a short article about the Okinawa invasion and the 11th Special.

OKINAWA – April 1, 1945: One of the largest Seabee stevedore assault operations in WWII was handled by the 11th Special NCB at the invasion of Okinawa. The assignment began in February 1945 when the battalion was joined by two base companies of untrained personnel. Indoctrination of these recruits in the Seabee stevedore tradition, “keep the hook moving” was started immediately. The big battalion was split into two divisions of nine (9) nine (9) man teams each. The divisions separated, each going to a different staging area, where the 18 teams where assigned to 18 separate assault ships. Once at the staging area, each team loaded their vessel and then rode that vessel to Okinawa. When the ships arrived off the coast of Okinawa on April 1, 1945, they were spread the entire length of the northern beaches. These were the beaches hit by the Third Amphibious Marines. Once landed the Seabees unloaded on a 24hr basis.

Unloading was performed under extremely hazardous conditions. Enemy air raids persistently hammered at the shipping. The 11th Special suffered 14 casualties during the early stages of the campaign. On the day after the invasion six cranes, five bulldozers and a number of floodlight trailers where on the beaches as far north as Nago on the bitterly contested Motobu Peninsula. When the discharge of assault cargo was completed the Seabees had about a week before the next echelon of supply ships arrived. However during this week the men were not idle. They did excavation and construction work, roughed in roads and helped install anti-aircraft emplacements. Despite the week long pause in stevedoring and the reduction of working time due to air raids, the end of April saw more than 70,000 tons of munitions, guns, vehicles and supplies safely ashore and in the hands of the swift moving assault forces.

William Smith enlisted in the Seabees and was assigned to the 11th Special NCB. Basically we were stevedores, we loaded and unloaded ships. But the 11th also carried Marines in. The 11th Special was also known as the “Can-Do Boys” because there weren’t many things we couldn’t do. One of those things was to go into battle once their other duties where completed. We carried in supplies and built camps and dug foxholes and got in them. We were in on invasions in the Pacific as we moved the Marines from one island to another. We were handed four packs of K-rations, two canteens and told to go get-em. The 11th Special went in behind the Marines to mop up, every time the Marines pushed on, we went right behind them.



Picture of an 11th Special Seabee, thought to be on Banika one of the Russell Islands circa 1944-'45. The Russell Islands where liberated in early 1943, playing a vital role as a forward base used for the staging of munitions, supplies for future operations. Hospitals and support facilities were also constructed on Banika. Its air fields provided fighter escort for daytime bombing raids on the northern Solomon's, Bougainville and Rabaul in early '44.

Modesto “Buddy” Sarno stayed with the 11th Special until the end of the war, he married Evelyn in 1945 and celebrated 75 years of marriage before he passed earlier this year due to complications from Covid19.

CONVENTION AND REUNION INFORMATION

ATTENTION ALL SEABEES

Good day all SEABEES,

These are very trying times with this COVID-19 virus threatening us all.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Jerry Kissinger and the Officers and members of Island X-4, Longmont CO. They were very helpful and showed a real concern for our members. They said in a statement that having our National Convention now is not in the best interests of our members. We at the National after our secretary's questionnaire to all officers came to the same conclusion, just about the same time.

So THERE WILL NOT BE A NATIONAL CONVENTION THIS YEAR. Our next National Convention will be in 2021 and be held in Gulfport, MS. Time and date to be set by our secretary when arrangements are finalized.

All NSVA Officers will remain in their respective positions for another year until the 2021 convention in Gulfport, MS. If for some reason you can't remain an officer please contact me so arrangements can be made. For anyone who paid the advance registration fee, we are working on returning the fee sometime soon.

Yours in the Can Do Spirit
James Furey, National Commander
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MCB-11 SEABEE ASSOCIATION REUNION September 10th – 14th, 2020
Nashville, TN. Contact Larry Hagler 512-796-2834 or mcb11.reunion@earthlink.net

30th Annual MCB-7 & NMCB-7 REUNION September 24th – 27th, 2020
Warwick, RI. Visit www.mcb7.com for additional info.

Convention and Reunion Information (cont.)

NMCB-3 Navy Seabee Veterans Reunion Oct. 1st thru Oct. 4th 2020 Branson, MO.

Radisson Hotel (417) 335-5767 Contact V. Horvath at bigbuzzard@outlook.com

NMCB-14 Alumni Association Reunion, October 8th – 11th, 2020 Orange Park, FL.

Visit nmc14alumni.com for more information

NSVA Department of Tennessee ALL SEABEE REUNION October 25th thru 29th, 2020

Pigeon Forge TN. Contact R. McPeck 865-776-1051, D. Howard 972-837-3919 for details
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The Can Do will acknowledge donations to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and The Seabee Historical Foundation.

Donations should be mailed directly to:

NSVA National Secretary, 16 Graham Ave. West Haven, CT. 06516.

Please indicate on the Memo line which scholarship you wish to donate to.

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- A donation in the amount of \$200.00 was made by Island X-9 Kingston, NY to the Seabee Wounded in Action Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of Kenneth C. Cooley by Robert Marlette to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- A donation in the amount of \$25.00 was made in the name of Charles Robert Thacker by Robert Marlette to the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Thank You for your generous contributions



Welcome Aboard to our Newest Life Members!
John Cubit, Life Membership Chairman, Navy Seabee Veterans of America
It is with pleasure that we welcome the following Seabees as Life Members of our
Organization:

NAME	LM #	ISLAND	CITY	STATE
Donald Schaefer	6821	X-5	Cape Girardeau	MO
James Lock	6822	X-5	West Valley	AZ
Rodney Bonsky	6823	X-5	Akron	OH
Michael Harris	6824	X-4	Laconia	NH
Stephen Rosen	6825	X-4	Laconia	NH
Gregory Munden	6826	X-6	Spokane	WA
Dan Parker	6827	X-6	Spokane	WA
Edward Niemczyk	6828	MCB-7 at Large	Newton	KS

Fellow Seabees, I'm John Cubit the NSVA Life Membership Chairman. I will do my best to ensure that all new membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. Please forward all requests along with any required funds to me, this will allow faster service. My contact information is:
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