



SEABEE NEWS



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2020 JOINT VIRTUAL AWARDS

Honoring Those Who Serve Our Seabee Community

Certainly 2020 has been a year like no other, requiring adaptability and new ways to connect. This year, the Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF) and Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA) partnered to virtually host a shared 2020 Awards Ceremony. It premiered live on Facebook in early October and is available now for viewing on both organizations' Facebook pages and YouTube channels.



Sal Paolantonio
National Correspondent, ESPN

The event was hosted by ESPN National Correspondent Sal Paolantonio, and featured remarks from special guest RADM John Korka, CEC, USN.

"It is a particular honor for ESPN to be a part of the SMSA/SHF Joint Awards Ceremony once again – though virtually this year," said Sal Paolantonio. "As a Navy veteran myself (Surface Warfare Officer in the Pacific Fleet), I'm joined by my boss, Jimmy Pitaro, whose father Tony Pitaro served in the Seabees in Vietnam in 1966-67. I'm proud of our involvement with all of our military and veteran's groups. It was my pleasure to emcee this event and give due honor to those serving our Seabee community and our nation."

2020 Honorees



Clark Construction
Accepted by Joe Hogan
Division Pres., Mid-Atlantic Region
"Can Do" Award



Joe Albanese
Founder and CEO
Commodore Builders
RADM Ben Montoya Award



Joe Dolence
Distinguished Scholar
Award Recipient



UTI (SCW/EXW) San Roque
Fighting Seabee
Award Recipient

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Joining the ceremony from the Seabee Memorial in Arlington, VA, RADM Korke shared a powerful message with viewers. “These words: ‘With compassion for others, we build, we fight for peace with freedom’ were first etched in stone by the Seabees’ bravery during World War II and remain true to this very day,” he shared. “For the past 78 years, they have served as the foundation of the Seabee’s ‘Can-Do’ rally cry. Today’s ceremony is a fitting opportunity to recognize the common connection of Service, Sacrifice, Hard Work and Compassion for Others as we remember the past, acknowledge the present and fulfill the responsibility of investing in the future.”

Sharing in the celebration, SHF Board Chairman RADM Kevin Slates, CEC, USN (Ret.) and SMSA Board Chairman CAPT Mike Blount, CEC, USN (Ret.) spoke about each organization’s missions and accomplishments in 2020 in support of the Seabee community including:

SHF:

- Honoring, educating and preserving the legacy of all Seabees who have served and continue to serve today
- We work to Connect, Unite, Inspire, Support, and Honor Seabees and their families
- Hosting our exclusive online job board, the “Can-Do” Career Connection, as the go-to resource for employers seeking highly skilled and experienced Seabees and veterans
- Preserves the Seabees’ legacy and promotes the Seabee story to the public with the Museum in Port Hueneme, CA and other sites

SMSA:

- In response to the heightened need from COVID-19, we’ve bolstered our support for the Seabee community by universally increasing our existing 95 scholarships by \$500 to \$4,100 each for one year
- Added 10 new, one-year scholarships at that same level: \$4,100 each
- For the 2020-2021 academic year, SMSA awarded \$426,800 in scholarships to benefit 105 high-performing scholars
- Collectively, this brings the total scholarships awarded to \$6,072,377 since 1972, supporting 1096 students

THIS YEAR’S HONOREES INCLUDE:



FORCM Chris Leveque USN (Ret.) joined the program to present the Fighting Seabee Award to UT1 (SCW/EXW) Jessica San Roque.

Petty Officer UT1 (SCW/EXW) Jessica San Roque was nominated by CDR Cielo Almanza, Commanding Officer, NSWG-1 LOGSU. He wrote: Petty Officer San Roque’s leadership, commitment, and dedication to duty made a significant contribution to the Seabee legacy as well as to the Naval Special Warfare’s legacy...Through her distinctive accomplishments, she reflected great credit upon herself, Naval Special Warfare Group ONE, Logistics Support Unit, the United States Navy, and the Department of Defense.

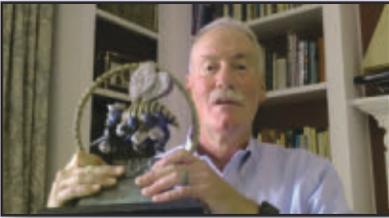


“To say that I am honored to be selected as the 2020 Fighting Seabee is an understatement,” said UT1 (SCW/EXW) San Roque. “I’d like to express my gratitude to the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation for sponsoring this award as well as the support you give to the CEC and Seabee community. Thank you also to my Chain of Command for nominating me...To my SOTF-W J4 Family it was an honor and privilege to serve as your Leading Petty Officer. You all are exemplary Seabees and Sailors, embodying the Seabee Motto of “Can Do and with willing hearts and skillful hands the difficult we do at once, the impossible takes a bit longer.”

To read the full citation nominating UT1 San Roque for this award, please visit www.seabeehf.org/sanroque/

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THIS YEAR'S HONOREES INCLUDE (cont'd)



SHF Board Chairman Kevin Slates presented the RADM Ben Montoya Award to Joe Albanese, founder and CEO of Commodore Builders.



“On behalf of Commodore Builders, I want to thank not just [SHF] but the Navy, the Civil Engineer Corps and the Seabees for all that they have given to me,” said Joe Albanese. “It’s been foundational to who I am really, and to my values. It’s the officers, the leaders and most importantly the Seabees that have shaped my leadership style and the success I enjoy today in civilian life.”



SMTA Board Chairman Mike Blount presented the “Can Do” Award to Clark Construction. The award was accepted by Joe Hogan, division president, Mid-Atlantic Region.



“A special thanks to all the outstanding folks who give their time and talents at the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, and to those who provide opportunities to many Seabee children and grandchildren,” said Joe Hogan. “Clark construction supports our service members and we greatly appreciate everything our service members do, day in and day out, in serving our great nation and defending our freedom. We thank all the Seabees very much and admire your ‘Can Do’ Spirit. You make us proud!”



FORCM Percy Trent USN (Ret.) made a special appearance to present the 2020 Distinguished Scholar Award to Joe Dolence, immunologist and assistant professor of biology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, son of CM1, Joseph Dolence, who last served with NMCB 25.



“It is humbling to think of myself as a distinguished scholar for anything, but for this group of people, it means something more because of what you guys have done in service for this country,” said Joe Dolence. “I want to thank my dad, Joseph Paul Dolence, who served in the Seabees for many years – 20 years in total...his daily example of sacrifice and hard work and showing that Seabee “Can Do” attitude was fundamental as I established my career and continue to drive me day in and day out here at UNK. I know he is extremely proud that his service helped me achieve my dreams.”

We salute this year’s honorees for their gifts of time, talent and treasure, their selfless sacrifice and diligent work to support and represent our Seabee community.

Special thanks to RADM Korka for joining the ceremony from the Seabee Memorial, and for his inspiring message. Also, special thanks to Sal Paolantonio and ESPN for your continued support. You are champions of Seabees, giving voice and visibility to our work and missions.

Congratulations to the 2020 honorees. We look forward to celebrating with you in person in 2021!

Watch the show:

SHF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOvxusuweBU&t=1702s> • SMTA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqCNzUu9ABQ>

FROM THE SHF CHAIR'S DESK



Kevin Slates

I hope that you all are doing well during these challenging times and that you and your families are happy and healthy.

Due to COVID restrictions and wanting to continue our annual awards tradition we had a joint virtual event with SMSA that was prerecorded. Sal Paolantonio from ESPN served as our emcee and our King Bee, RADM John Korka gave a great talk from the Seabee Memorial. This year we presented the RADM Ben Montoya award to Joe Albanese and Commodore Builders for their longstanding support of the Foundation and our Seabees. The Fighting Seabee award was presented to a very impressive Seabee, UT1 Jessica San Roque from NSWG-1. The video is on our YouTube channel if you have not seen it.

Even in today's COVID environment, it's ALL ABOUT THE SEABEES and their families. We've been able to expand participation in our "Can Do Career Connection" job opportunities

site to include many of NAVFAC's job announcements as well as reaching out to University facility staffs with former CEC officers in those facility organizations. With virtually no reunions this year we've helped many Seabees stay connected or reconnect.

We had a great membership drive adding more than 150 new members thanks to the dedication of Kathy Donovan and Doug Heiner. Welcome to all of our new members and thank you for joining our team. We were able to have 3 OktoBEEfests this year in Culpepper and Norfolk, VA and Jacksonville, FL. While numbers were small the events were safely held and fun.

After many months of being closed, we hope the Seabee Museum will reopen with limited hours soon.

Lastly, THANK YOU for your support. While donations are down as they are for many nonprofits, the generosity and willingness to continue to support our proud history and heritage while supporting Seabees and their families is impressive in light of today's uncertainty. Ooh-rah and Stay safe!

FROM THE SMSA CHAIR'S DESK



Mike Blount

I hope that you and your families are well in these times of COVID-19. As mentioned before, your Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA) has been busy and decided that this is not the time to hunker down,

but this is the time when the need is the greatest. So, for 2020, we provided a boost in assistance to our current 95 scholars and awarded 10 additional one-year scholarships. SMSA wants to do their part in these tough times – every little bit helps! A gigantic thank you to all who have given, your contributions are truly helping those in need.

Though many of our face-to-face events have been either postponed or moved to a virtual setting, we will continue to beat the drum for our association, but will do it taking into account the current conditions. With that in mind, we did have four

very successful Golf Tournaments raising needed funds for our cause. Additionally, the Seabee Historical Foundation hosted several OctoBEEfests, and one in conjunction with SMSA; though they were lightly attended, we kept the battle rhythm going.

And finally, last month we had our SMSA/SHF Awards Gala on Facebook Live. Sal Paolantonio from ESPN was our Master of Ceremony and hosted a great event. We presented our "Can Do Award" to Clark Construction for sustained support of SMSA, and the award was accepted by one of our newest Board Members, Joe Hogan, Senior Vice President from Clark. Then we presented our "Distinguished Scholar Award" to Dr. Joseph Dolence for his work in immunology and peanut allergy research. The event was highlighted by an inspirational speech by Rear Admiral John Korka from the Seabee Memorial!

Keep charging and remember - it's ALL about the Seabees!

THE PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS



Steve Hamer

Dear CEC and Seabee Family,

Wow. What a year! As we come to the end of a truly unique time in our lives, I'd like to personally thank you for supporting SMSA and SHF throughout

2020. Whether that support came in the form of finances, advice, opening doors to new opportunities, or just encouragement it has all been wonderful and helped us do our mission. Even so we are very excited about starting the new year and all the prospects for serving our community that 2021 will present. In the new year we're looking forward to expanding our outreach to more

families about our scholarship opportunities, participating more at reunions and other veterans' events, connecting to our active duty and recently retired/transitioned Seabees and learning how we can best support their needs and interests and, of course, recognizing the heroes and superstars in our Seabee community for their hard work and achievements. I know that many of you have had individual and professional challenges over the last several months but we hope you've been able to get through this time in good health and spirits and share the same optimism we have for the new year. Despite whatever 2021 brings us, we are truly lucky to be a part of a community of wonderful patriots who share a great legacy. God Bless and have a great holiday season and a Happy New Year.

CEC/SEABEE Historical Foundation SEABEE QUARTERLY



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HONORING "CAN DO" SERVICE. ~ BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE.

THE SEABEE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Bill Rudich, CAPT, CEC, USN (Ret.)

Bill Rudich is a native of East Meadow, New York. He graduated from Union College (Schenectady, NY) with a civil engineering degree. He received a Master's Degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado. He is also a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College. Seabee assignments included: NMCB ONE in Gulfport, MS where he deployed to the Trust Territory of Palau as OIC of Seabee Team 0112; Operations Officer NMCB FIVE; Operations Officer, Commander Construction Battalions U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMCBPAC) that included deploying as Operations Officer/Chief Staff Officer with the provisional command element COMCBPAC FWD to Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Commanding Officer NMCB FORTY which deployed to Somalia in 1992-1993 for Operation Restore

Hope; Chief Staff Officer, THIRTY-FIRST Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) and Commander THIRTIETH NCR where he deployed to Kuwait/Iraq for the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002-2003. Non-Seabee Assignments included: Public Works Officer Naval Regional Medical Center, Newport, RI; Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Assistant Production Officer, Navy Public Works Center Guam; two tours on the staff of the U.S. Pacific Command and a tour as the Engineer Division Chief on the Joint Staff.

Bill worked as a DoD civilian for 14 years after leaving the Navy in 2004 and retired in 2019.

2021 REUNIONS

Gulfport All Seabee Reunion

April 22-25

Gulfport, MS

Jon Scott

228-669-6858

Robert Smith

228-424-1185

smithrp@cablone.net

OICC-RVN Reunion

May 3-7

New Orleans, LA

Ed Stone

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edstone1960@alumni.purdue.edu

75th NSVA Anniversary Convention

August 18-22

Golden Nugget

Biloxi, MS

For more info visit: <https://www.nsva.org/>

MCB-11 Association Reunion

September 9-13

Nashville, TN

Larry Hagler

mcb11.2021@earthlink.net

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

September 17-18

Contact G. Lebeduik

jnmni@ptd.net

The 133 Seabee Veterans Assn

September 24-27

TownePlace Suites

Woodbridge, VA

Dennis Ruocco

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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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tom.banner@sbcglobal.net



2020 SHF/SMSA OktoBEEfests

This year due to COVID-19 restrictions the CEC/Seabee Historic Foundation, in partnership with the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, sponsored three limited-gathering OktoBEEfests this fall. We were fortunate to be able to find venues to hold safe and responsible events in Washington DC/Northern VA, Norfolk and Jacksonville. Many thanks to the coordination teams who, despite countless uncertainties and challenges, organized these scaled-back gatherings with a priority on safely coming together to celebrate tradition and have fun. Also, many thanks to those of you who were able to come out and join us in those areas to support the organizations and our missions, and to connect with our Seabee family. Although we were disappointed that our outreach had to be much different and limited our plans, we

look forward to next year and are hopeful we will be able to host a much fuller schedule of events and OktoBEEfests in 2021!



Seabees, friends and family safely celebrate OktoBEEfest with RADM John Korka and his wife, Katie, at Old House Winery and Brewery in Culpepper, VA.



SEABEE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Good day, Seabees! This has been a year like none other in the lives of all our Seabee families, and Seabees have never backed down from a challenge. The Seabee Historical Foundation (SHF) had planned a membership drive to begin in April with a generous matching grant from the Berger Foundation in the amount of \$50K, which served two benefits. First, to increase or renew SHF memberships and spread the word on what we offer in preserving the Seabee legacy past, present, and into the future. And second, was to forgive a portion of the loan the SHF took out to bring the current Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme to life for the benefit of all Seabees and families.

In true fashion, even through the COVID-19 pandemic, Seabees Can Do! And Did! As of mid-September, Seabees renewed or initiated new memberships in the amount of \$62,309, which included a significant amount of gifted memberships. This is where someone donated a membership in someone else's name, either specifically, or at the discretion of the SHF. Some of the notable gifted memberships in varying levels went to CECOS graduates and training staff, NCTC Gulfport top graduating students, Viet Nam and other veterans, Sailors of the Year, retirees, and Purple Heart recipients or their living families. In these ways, the SHF is dedicated to honoring those who serve or previously served the greatest fighting construction force in the world.

With compassion for others, we build, we fight, for peace with freedom. And as the holidays near, please consider membership, or gifting a membership, in the Seabee Historical Foundation where we can continue to perpetuate your memory and service to this great Nation. Hoorah, Seabees!

CMDCM(SCW) Doug Heiner, USN, Ret.
SHF Membership Chair

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"We Build, We Fight"



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"WE BUILD, WE FIGHT" was created in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy Seabees which occurred on March 5, 2017 and is dedicated to all Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps officers past, present, and future.

The original oil painting by James Dietz will be dedicated during the 75th Anniversary celebrations and will be permanently on display at the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme, California.

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Preserving the 'Can Do' Spirit...



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USS STETHEM CELEBRATES

On September 24th, 2020, the USS Stethem (DDG 639) held a change of command ceremony at Naval Base San Diego. Commander John Kajmowicz, USN assumed command after relieving CDR John Rummel, USN. The crew and special guests also celebrated the 25th anniversary (October 21) of the ship's commissioning at Port Hueneme, CA as the 13th Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer. DD639 is named after Steelworker Second Class Robert Stethem.

Petty Officer Stethem, a Seabee Diver, gave his life in service to our country on June 15, 1985. He is buried in Section 59 of Arlington National Cemetery, near a number of other Americans who were victims of worldwide terrorism.

SW2/DV Patrick L. Stethem, brother of Robert Stethem and his family attended the ceremony and spoke to the sailors and guests. Here are remarks of Gabrielle Stethem, niece of Robert Stethem, Genevieve Stethem, niece of Robert Stethem and Robert David Stethem, nephew of Robert Stethem

"I'm Gabrielle Stethem, niece of Robert Dean Stethem. Thank you for this opportunity to share with you what the USS Stethem has meant to me and my sister, Genevieve, and brother, Robbie. My uncle gave his life for our country long before we were born. We have never met him. He has never attended one of our birthday parties or spent a holiday with us.

While his memory is honored in our home, he is not physically present in our lives. But the ship that bears his name is here. The USS Stethem is physically present. The deck that we stand on, the rails that surround us, the flags that fly over our heads are a physical manifestation of his legacy. It's something of him that is here and is tangible. What's more is that my family has celebrated special times on this ship.

In 2014, my family joined the ship on a tiger cruise. On that cruise, Genevieve and Robbie turned twelve. The crew threw the most fun birthday party for them. Also on that cruise, my parents celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. My father and Commander John Bradford surprised my mother with a vow renewal on the bridge.



Those special family events happened here, on the USS Stethem, making my uncle seem a little bit closer and, somehow, celebrating with us. To most people, the Stethem is just another warship in the fleet. To us, this ship represents family. Thank you."

"I'm Genevieve Stethem, niece of Robert Dean Stethem. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts with you on this special occasion.

Every day, all over the world, crews and families observe changes of command, ships are christened, commissioned, and celebrated for their beauty and their power. Every ship is special, possessing unique qualities.

The USS Stethem, however, truly stands out as the pride of its class. The USS Stethem is only one of two ships in the Navy to ever be named after a Seabee. The first was named after Vietnam era Seabee, and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Marvin Shields. And now, the USS Stethem for my uncle, Robert Dean Stethem.

I come from a Seabee family. My father, Patrick, is a Seabee and my uncle, Robert, was a Seabee. My father followed his brother Robert to the Seabees' underwater construction teams, both of them Steelworkers.

Our Navy follows a plan in the naming of ships. Carriers are usually named for Presidents and battleships were named for states. Destroyers, however, are almost always named for our heroes. Almost always there was a sacrifice made, a life cut short, a family left to grieve.

If there ever were a hero to be honored and remembered as the namesake of a United States Navy destroyer, my uncle is that hero. His sacrifice and legacy aligns perfectly with the Seabee motto, "With compassion for others, we build, we fight, for peace with freedom."

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25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Robert Dean Stethem to me is just Uncle Robbie. I haven't met him yet, but I believe in Heaven. I believe there will be a time that I will be able to tell him how very proud I am of him and that he was never forgotten."

"Good morning and thank you for this opportunity. My name is Robert David Stethem, and I am the nephew of Robert Dean Stethem.

In the days leading up to my family heading out to San Diego for this celebration, we have received heartfelt congratulations from friends, teachers, and extended family. We're not only observing a change of command, but also celebrating the Stethem's 25th year of service. It is, no doubt, a special time for my family and the Stethem Steelworkers.

I do believe, however, that this celebration is not ours alone. When someone is named an American hero, that person then belongs to every American. He belongs to us all.

On July 12, 1994, four days before the christening of the Stethem, the United States Congress addressed the event through the drafting of a resolution. And I quote, "Few people could find the courage to act as Robert Dean Stethem did in 1985. Mr. Stethem epitomized the very best this country has to offer, and it is an appropriate and fitting tribute to him that the Nation is dedicating the USS Stethem to this authentic American hero."

Lastly, to the Steelworkers and the ship's leadership. If you ever feel the pressure to be uphold the name Robert Stethem because you are his namesake, I know exactly how you feel. I want to tell you that you do not have to be perfect; my uncle wasn't perfect. Do your best. I'll do my best. When we fail, we'll try again. My uncle would want you to bear his name with pride, but not with pressure.

Thank you, each of you, for what you do every day. We are grateful for you. God bless."



Genevieve Stethem



CDR John R. Kajmowicz



The Stethem Family



Gabrielle Stethem



Robert David Stethem

Happy Holidays Seabees



NMCB 5 Seabees Anthony Lucia (left) and Richard LeBlond, both of Torrington, Conn., read Christmas greetings signed by more than 10,000 residents of their home town wishing them well on deployment in Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam.
Source: U.S. Navy Seabee Museum



NMCB 74's Santa Claus spreading joy to the children of Bac Ninh and Nam-O village on Christmas Day 1967.
Source: U.S. Navy Seabee Museum



NMCB 40's prize-winning Christmas display, Camp Shields, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, December 1967.
Source: U.S. Navy Seabee Museum



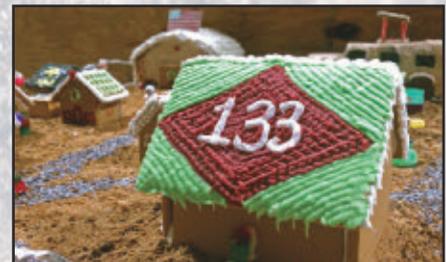
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Commander W.F. Daniel (center), commanding officer, and Lt. Cmdr. D.R. Austin (right), executive officer, serve Christmas roast to EO2 J.C. Cordato at NMCB 40's holiday feast in 1968. Source: U.S. Navy Seabee Museum



U.S. Navy Seabees deployed with NMCB 5's Detail Timor-Leste pose for a photograph with children at a local orphanage while volunteering to help with their Christmas party.
(U.S. Navy photo by Builder 3rd Class Sierra Hall/Released)



Seabees assigned to NMCB 133, created a camp layout from gingerbread houses during a Christmas celebration aboard Camp Krutke, Dec., 24, 2012.
(U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Drew Verbis/Released)



YEAR-END GIVING CONSIDERATIONS

Year-end Giving Checklist for SMSA and SHF Donors

Many donors make a significant contribution to charity in the last few months of the calendar year. As you consider making a gift to the SMSA or the SHF, please consider the following:

CARES Act - Thanks to federal coronavirus relief legislation, taxpayers are now able to take advantage of a new deduction for donating to qualifying charities — up to \$300 for individual filers and up to \$600 for married couples. This applies even if they don't itemize. Another CARES Act change is the removal of the deduction cap. Normally, the deduction cap on charitable contributions for those who itemize is 60% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). The CARES Act lifts that cap to 100% for individual and joint tax filers that wish to claim this \$300 charitable donation deduction. If you are considering a one-time large gift, this might be a good time to do it.

Donate Stock - With the stock market at record highs, now is a good time to donate appreciated stock. You may save on capital gains tax and receive a deduction if you itemize. Even a few shares of stock can be a significant donation. If you wish to donate stock to either SMSA or SHF, contact Dan Miller at danmiller@seabee.org for assistance.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)- If you work for the Federal Government or are retired from government

service you can contribute to the SMSA (CFC#11959) and SHF (CFC#20784) through the CFC. Sign-up ends on January 15th. See your CFC coordinator at work or get more information here- <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov>

Amazon Smile - If you shop on Amazon you can support either SMSA or SHF. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and choose either organization to support. Every time you shop Amazon, they will make a donation to the organization of your choice.

Make a Multi-year Pledge - Now is a good time to consider a multi-year pledge to either the SHF, SMSA or both. Learn more at www.seabee.org or www.seabeehf.org.

Consider a Planned Gift - As you look ahead to 2021, now is a good time to think about how best to take care of your family and the charities you support through your estate. Consult your tax advisor about the best ways to avoid taxes and support those you care about.



Support the SMSA or SHF when you shop at smile.amazon.com. Just choose either organization and Amazon will donate .05% of your purchase.

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Federal Employees, the CFC is underway!

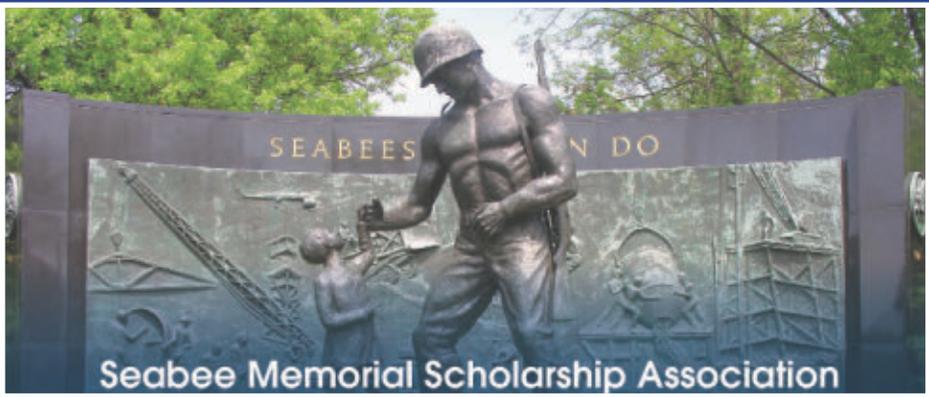
One of the easiest and most effective ways to support the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association or the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation is with a regular gift from your paycheck.



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We Build. We Fight. We Educate.

SMSA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SUCCEED DESPITE COVID-19

In a year like no other, 105 SMSA scholarship recipients began their fall semester of college. Some attended in person, some attended online and many had to change their plans and attend a different school than the one they had planned. Despite these challenges, these incredible Seabee students are thriving.

One hundred and five students are attending 87 different schools in 33 different states plus the District of Columbia. Sixty-seven percent are studying one of the STEM disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering or Math. There are three students enrolled in Career and Technical Education programs (CTE) this year. Twenty-eight percent of scholars are first- generation college students and seventy-seven percent have enlisted Seabee sponsors.

Here are a few examples of how SMSA scholars are adapting to the challenges of 2020:



Adam Coe
Class of 2022

“School has been going fine so far and I do enjoy my classes although they are very hard now that I’m an upperclassman. I’m staying busy with homework and a couple of new hobbies that I picked up over the summer. Despite the rising cases of COVID-19 at my university. I am staying safe.”



Jake Vorburger
Class of 2023

“Classes are going smoothly in my psych and sports business courses and we even have most of our classes in-seat still. That’s one of the biggest benefits of going to a small college during this time with COVID. I want to thank you all again for your support and helping me to do these things that I love most.”



Kylee Tuebner
Class of 2024

“I’m really enjoying my classes, even though they require lots and lots of studying. The transition coming from high school to college wasn’t bad at all, I really didn’t notice any difficulties with that. COVID has created a little bit of a unique experience with lack of some experiences, but overall it’s been really good.”



Elizabeth Shingleton
Class of 2023

“I am really enjoying most of my classes and my major so far this semester. This semester has definitely been an adventure, but I am grateful to still be living on campus.”

Thanks to our generous donors and supporters, the SMSA Board of Directors was able to award a one-time increase in scholarship funding in 2020 in response to COVID-19 and the economic pressures of the pandemic. Ten extra one-year scholarships were awarded and each recipient was awarded \$500 extra for the year.

The application for SMSA scholarships will be available on January 1st, 2021 and the deadline to complete the application is April 15th, 2021. You can find more information about SMSA scholarships at www.seabee.org/scholarships

NEW SMSA BOARD MEMBERS

SMSA Elects Three New Board Members

The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (SMSA) elected three new board members at the September Virtual Board Meeting. Trudy Hoff, Joe Hogan and RADM Tom Luscher, USN, Ret. join their fellow board members in their commitment to providing need-based scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Seabees and CEC Officers.



Ms. Trudy Hoff
Realtor/Owner- Remax Alliance

Trudy Hoff has been a realtor in Hampton Roads since 1981. She and her late husband, CAPT Michael “Mick” L. Hoff, CEC RET opened RE/MAX Alliance in 1995. Trudy’s real estate firm and title company has consistently been among the top companies in Hampton Roads. Trudy has received numerous awards from her local Realtor Association as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award from RE/MAX International. Trudy and Mick cherished their philanthropic endeavors with the Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters (CHKD). Mick was the adored “Santa” for many years at CHKD. Trudy established the CAPT Mick Hoff Endowment for the Child Life Program which continues to help patients and families daily. Trudy Hoff and Team actively list, sell and professionally manage property and take pride in assisting military families achieve their long-term financial investment goals with wisdom, passion and a “can do” spirit.



Mr. Joseph Hogan
Division President, Mid Atlantic Region, Clark Construction

Joe Hogan oversees the development and delivery of projects for public and private clients in Clark Construction Group’s Mid-Atlantic Region. Joe leads a business unit where he focuses on the acquisition and construction of technically complex projects. He has worked on many notable projects in the Mid-Atlantic Region, including the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Cannon House Office Building Revitalization, and National Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Memorial. Joe earned his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Norwich University.



RADM Thomas Luscher, USN, Ret.
Founder, Luscher Strategic Leaders Consulting, LLC

RADM Tom Luscher served 33 years in the Navy, retiring in 2019. In his final assignment, he served as Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command and Deputy Commander, Navy Reserve Force (RESFOR) in Norfolk, VA where he was responsible for the training and mobilization readiness of 60,000 Reserve Sailors. In his first flag officer assignment, he served as Deputy Chief of Navy Reserve, OPNAV N095. His operational assignments include service as an F-14 Tomcat pilot, command of VR-1 Starlifters, and commanding officer of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, where he utilized his embedded Seabee detachment to help rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He is a 1986 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and holds a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

SMSA Golf Tournament Recap

Our plan this year was to have three SMSA golf tournaments and one joint tournament with the CEC/ Seabee Historical Foundation. As we all know, plans changed quickly in March when COVID-19 began to impact daily lives. In an effort to keep all of the golfers, volunteers and sponsors safe we made adjustments and rescheduled tournaments throughout the summer and fall. Despite the challenges, we had four successful tournaments and raised a significant amount of money to fund future scholarships.



San Diego Seabee Golf Invitational August 31, 2020

The fourth annual San Diego Seabee Golf Invitational was held at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club on a beautiful sunny Southern California day. Eighty-two golfers and sponsors were joined by MLB Hall of Fame pitcher David Wells and NHL hockey legend Jeremy Roenick, guests of Alliant Insurance. Thanks to David, there was a spirited auction for a signed baseball!

The local committee, led by CAPT Mike Williamson wishes to thank these top sponsors for their generous support:

Pacific Coast Iron	Rossin Steel
Hensel Phelps	Geico Military
Clark Construction	Alliant Insurance Services



Northeast Seabee Golf Invitational September 25, 2020

The 25th Annual Northeast Seabee Golf Invitational returned to Richmond Golf and Country Club in Richmond, RI. Seventy-three golfers enjoyed a wonderful fall day and dinner together on the patio.

The local committee, led by CAPT Bonnie Nault wishes to thank these top sponsors for their generous support:

Skanska	Commodore Builders
Safety Aspects, LLC	RHM Consultants, LLC
CDM Smith/STV	Barstow Building and Remodeling



SMSA Golf Tournament Recap (cont'd)

Washington D.C. Seabee Golf Invitational September 28, 2020

The Washington D.C. Seabee Golf Invitational moved to the Springfield Golf and Country Club this year. It was a perfect fall day for the eighty-two golfers who enjoyed a pre-golf BBQ lunch on the patio before heading out on the course and a socially distanced dinner after. In addition to the golfers, special guests included; RADM Chris Mossey, CEC, USN (Ret); RADM Tom Gross, CEC, USN (Ret); CAPT Dennis Biddick, CEC, USN (Ret); Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Reserve Affairs/Total Force Integration); CAPT Steve Hamer, CEC, USN, (Ret); SMSA Executive Director and FORCM Delbert Terrell, USN.



The local committee, led by RADM Chris Mossey and CAPT Dennis Biddick wishes to thank these top sponsors for their generous support:

NFCU
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Bechtel Nuclear, Security & Environmental
Stanley/Black & Decker/Anderson & Catania Surety Services
Geico Military

Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Invitational October 6, 2020

We returned to Virginia Beach National Golf Club for the fourth year. For the first time, this event benefited both the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association and the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation. Eighty golfers participated, joined by RADM Mark Handley, CEC, USN, (Ret); RADM Kevin Slates, CEC, USN, (Ret); RADM Chuck Kubic, CEC, USN, (Ret); RADM Tom Lusher, USN, (Ret) (Former Commander, Navy Reserve Forces command); and RDML Dean Vanderlay, CEC, USN. Also joining us for the day were Seabee Purple Heart recipients LCDR Matthew W. Catanese, CEC, USN; Chief Albert Johnson, USN (Ret); CMI Curtis Cox, USN

The local committee, led by RADM Mark Handley and RADM Kevin Slates, wishes to thank these top sponsors for their generous support:

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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) and their generous donors.

THE REAR ADMIRAL “ACE” HUSBAND SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1978 by the Active Duty Civil Engineering Corp Officers under RADM Donald G. Iselin, Chief of Civil Engineers and Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, following the sudden death of Admiral Husband. He was appointed Chief of the Bureau and the Corps by the President effective May 1, 1965, and became Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (formerly Bureau of Yards and Docks) as a result of a Navy Department reorganization. Following 34 years of naval service, Admiral Husband retired from active duty in 1969 to become vice president for construction with the Consolidated Edison Company of New York.

THE FELIX de WELDON SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1983 by world renowned sculptor, Felix de Weldon, designer of the Seabee Memorial monument and the USMC monument. Mr. de Weldon, who died in 2003, was a Seabee veteran and a long-serving member of the SMSA Board of Directors.



Felix de Weldon

THE AECOM SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2011 by AECOM to honor all Seabees and CEC officers who have served our country. AECOM is the world's premier infrastructure firm, delivering professional services throughout the project lifecycle on projects spanning transportation, buildings, water, governments, energy and the environment. We partner with our clients to build legacies for generations to come. They are planners, designers, engineers, consultants and construction managers driven by a common purpose to deliver a better world.

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

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!

Matching gifts are a great way to "Double Your Donation" to the SMSA. Many companies will match employee and even retiree gifts made to a charity. Go to the SMSA Matching Gift page and see if you can get your gift doubled by your employer. Companies that have recently made matching gifts to the SMSA are:



To find out if your company will match your gift to the SMSA, simply go to <https://doublethedonation.com/smsa>.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact **Dan Miller at 859-327-1830 or danmiller@seabee.org**.

SMSA SCHOLAR PROFILES



TY BRUYSSCHAARD Class: 2022

Hometown: Dickinson, TX
Sponsor: Engineering Aid Constructionman John Bruysschaard (father)
School: Texas A&M University
Major: Electrical Engineering

Prior to the pandemic Ty was very active on campus and participated in various extra-curricular activities. He used his leadership skills gained from being a Resident Advisor and church youth group leader to contribute to a new organization on campus, Sling Health, which creates a business and engineering solution to orthopedic problems. Ty's father instilled the value of always do your best, to give 100%, to never quit. He is doing just that this semester as he welcomes the challenge of Zoom classes. Even though the engineering classes are difficult and he'd rather be attending in-person classes he is doing his best and maintaining an excellent GPA.



BRIDGET KRAUSE Class: 2023

Hometown: West Bend, WI
Sponsor: Equipment Operator Petty Officer Third Class Thomas Krause (father)
School: Arizona State University
Major: Biophysics

Bridget's father taught her from a young age to never take education for granted and to make the most of the blessings she receives. Bridget is enrolled in the honors college at Arizona State University and is also a member of the ASU Sun Devil Marching Band and basketball Pep Band. The rigorous schedules for academics and band have taught Bridget the importance of time management. She continues to volunteer her time with Circle K International, the collegiate level of Kiwanis. Despite challenges that virtual learning has presented, Bridget is excelling in her academics and finds organic chemistry to be her favorite this semester. She also finds her undergraduate research in genetics to be very interesting.



DAVID UBINGER Class: 2024

Hometown: Valencia, PA
Sponsor: Builder Petty Officer Second Class David Ubinger (father)
School: Edinboro University
Major: Biology

As the son and grandson of Seabees, David saw firsthand how the Seabees taught the value of service, leadership and hard work. Their influence has been instrumental in David becoming a confident, responsible and independent young man ready for the challenges of college.

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