Seabee News

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Seabees "Can Do"

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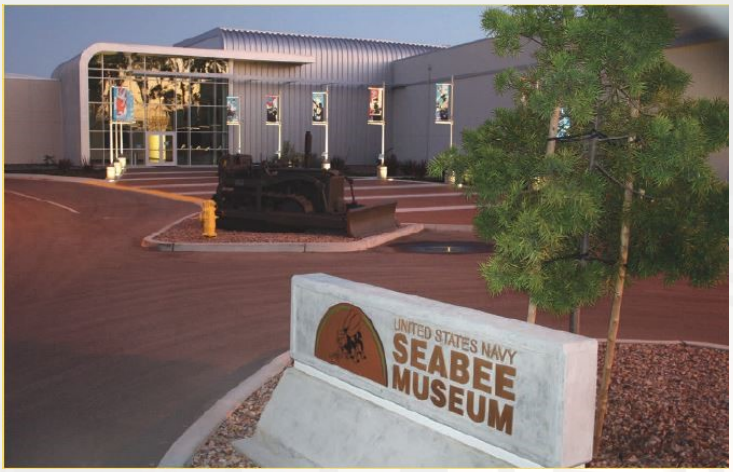
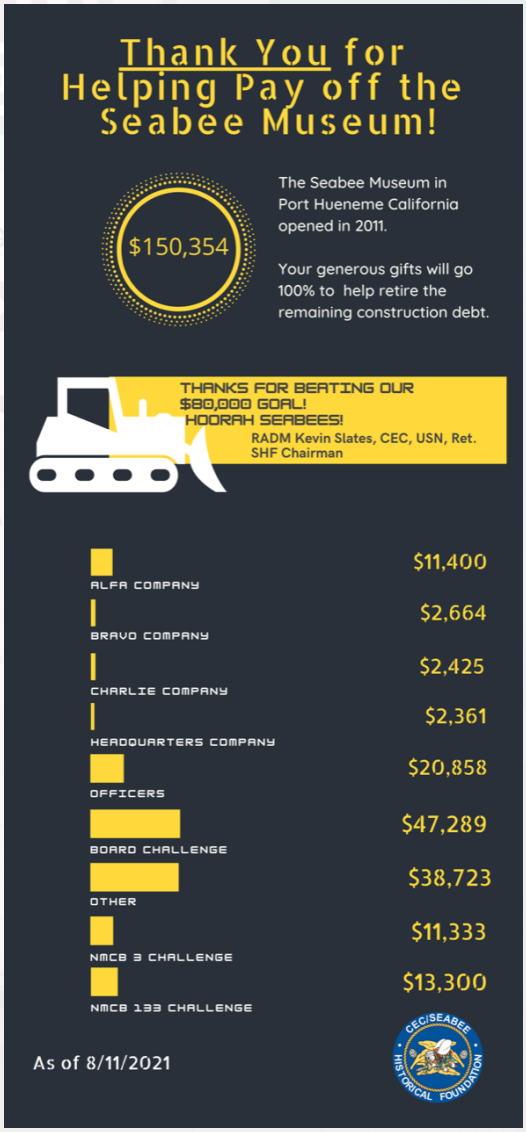


Thank you Donors for your Generosity during the SHF "*Pay Off the Museum*" Crowdfunding Campaign!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our "Pay Off the Museum" crowdfunding campaign in July. We raised $150,354 and every penny has been applied to the principal of the construction loan for the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum. With the generosity of over 300 donors, we blew past our goal of $80,000! Here are some highlights from July's campaign.

- Alfa Company surpassed the other Line and Headquarters Companies for the second consecutive time in donations by company. So, the tip of the hat goes to the horizontal constructors, aka Alfa Dawgs.
- NMCB 133 Commanding Officers dug DEEP in their pockets to honor the Kangroo "Can Do" spirit, resulting in a giving total of $13,300!
- NMCB 3's "Better than Best" Alumni gave $11,333! We'd like to give a special Shout Out to Darren and Jodi Morton for starting the NMCB 3 Giving Challenge.
- The original loan was $3.7M. The balance owed on the construction loan on July 1st was $1.33M and on August 1st the principal owed is now $1.18M.
- The Berger Foundation has generously reduced the interest rate for the construction loan to 0% through December 2024, allowing SHF to apply all designated contributions during this time to go 100% toward "Paying Off the Museum."

SHF sincerely appreciates our longstanding supporters and our first-time donors who helped us achieve this impressive feat. Thanks for always being strong advocates for the Seabees!



From the SHF Chair's Desk, *Kevin Slates*

I hope that everyone had a great summer despite the wild weather and recent COVID resurgence and that you and your families are happy and healthy. Since our last publication, Steve Hamer our SHF and SMSA Executive Director has left for another professional opportunity. I'd like to personally thank Steve for his support leading both organizations and know that he will continue to be a supporter of Seabees and Seabee families.

We had a very successful "Pay Off the Museum" appeal in the month of July that you can read more about in this edition. I want to personally thank everyone who supported this campaign and helped us reduce our construction loan for the museum in Port Hueneme.

On the 21st of August we had the privilege of holding a KIA brick dedication ceremony at the Heritage Center in Gulfport with Force Master Chief of the Seabees Del Terrell as our guest speaker. Thanks to a generous donor, 403 bricks with names, unit, and date have been installed in a special area of the Memorial Plaza to honor every CEC officer and Seabee who were killed in action during wartime since 1942. What a tremendous way to show our support for these heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice and a lasting legacy/memorial to their service to our Country. If you are ever in the Gulfport area, please stop by to see it.

Several SHF Trustees and myself had the pleasure of attending the Navy Seabee Veterans of America 75th National Convention in August where Jack Tangen was installed as the new National Commander. I look forward to working with Jack on opportunities to partner and become more aligned to better support our Seabees, Veterans, and their families.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your continuing support and generosity. Our Board of Trustees are an awesome group that I enjoy working with and we are all focused on one thing … IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SEABEES. Ooh-Rah!

From the SMSA Chair's Desk, *Michael Blount*

It's been a great summer at SMSA where we had the opportunity to select 128 scholarship recipients in the first year of our five-year plan to increase to 228 scholarships awarded annually. Thanks to the incredible work of the SMSA investment committee, led by RADM Bob Marley, CEC, USN, Ret. and many generous donors over the last several years, we will be able to serve more Seabee Children and Grandchildren. I can think of no better example of 'Can Do' than this to support our mission of Building a "Can Do" Legacy Through Education. Our Scholarship Selection Committee met virtually to review applications and select scholarship recipients for the upcoming school year, and through the 2020-2021 academic year, 67% of current SMSA Scholarship recipients major in one of the STEM disciplines, including 20% in engineering. In addition, 77% of recipients have an enlisted Seabee Sponsor and 28% are first generation college students. Thank you for your continued support as we come into the fall semester and good luck to all the SMSA scholarship recipients. As you'll see below, our Executive Director Steve Hamer is moving on. Steve served SMSA and SHF with honor and distinction. Fair winds and following seas.

The President/Executive Director's Final Report, *Steve Hamer*

Dear Seabee Community,

This is my final newsletter note to you as the end of July has marked the completion of my time as SMSA Executive Director and SHF President. Over the last few years, it has been an honor to continue my affiliation with the community that has been such an important and influential part of my life. I'm very pleased with how these two organizations continue to grow and expand their missions. I thank the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees for their leadership and vision for greatness for SMSA and SHF and for allowing me to be a part of us being who we are and who we are going to be. Finally, I'd like to thank you all and I hope that you'll continue your great support for SMSA and SHF both spiritually and financially and help us continue to have a strong, vibrant, and enduring Seabee community. Stay safe. Have a great rest of your summer and fall. God Bless you all and…Ooh-rah Seabees!

Fun \\ Beer \\ Food \\ Networking
Come celebrate OktoBEEfest!

Gather together your crew and enjoy an evening surrounded by Bees, friends, and family. Tickets are only $10 and include a commemorative, one-of-a-kind OktoBEEfest-branded beer glass. To purchase tickets, sponsor an event, and get updates for other potential locations, please visit: https://seabeehf.org/events-8/

Location	POC	Date	Location	Address	Time
Cleveland	Pat Rios, Neil Gamble	Oct 2nd	BottleHouse Brewery and Meadery	2050 Lee Rd Cleveland, OH 44118	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Port Hueneme	Herb Schwind, Dave Fleisch	Oct 7th	Poseidon Brewing Company	5777 Olivas Park Drive, Unit Q Ventura, CA 93003	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Washington, DC	Kathy Donovan, Larry Readal, Jim Wink	Oct 12th or 13th?	The Brig	1007 8th Street SE Washington, DC 20003	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Great Lakes/Chicago	Carl Kirar, Alex Elliott	Oct 13th	Chief's Pub	502 N Western Ave Lake Forest, IL 60045	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Northwest	Doug Heiner	Oct 16th	Port Orchard Pub	2591 SE Mile Hill Dr Port Orchard, WA 98366	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Jacksonville	Mike Blount	Oct 21st	Veteran's United Craft Brewery	8999 Western Way #104 Jacksonville, FL 32256	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
San Diego	James Sinclair	Oct 21st	Stone Brewery at Liberty Station	2816 Historic Decatur Road San Diego, CA 92106	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Gulfport	Brandon Hill, Clint Rainey	Oct 22nd	Cypress Taphouse	6616 Rose Farm Road Ocean Springs, MS 39564	5:30 pm - 11:30 pm
Norfolk	Tony Pregel, Kevin Slates, Rick Roth	Oct 27th	Elation Brewery	5104 Colley Avenue Norfolk, VA 23508	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Please check out the Seabee Historical Foundation on GuideStar profile at: https://guidestar.org/profile/58-1998577.

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SHF Welcomes New Board Members

Emmanuel (Manny) Bautista, P.E., CDR, CEC, USN Ret
President and CEO, Principal Engineer, Blue Trident, LLC

Mr. Bautista served 22 years in the Navy, retiring in 2010 as the Operations Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Silverdale, WA. Mr. Bautista founded Blue Trident in 2012 and his affiliations include Fellow in the Society of American Military Engineers (F.SAME), Member AGC, Member ASCE, Member ACEC, and National Civil Engineering Honor Society, Member – Chi Epsilon. He is a 1994 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and holds a Masters of Science in Civil Engineering. Mr. Bautista is conversant in Spanish, Italian and Tagalog.

Mike Korman, EQCM, USNR Ret
Owner Korman LLC – Vetrepreneur (cyber, Critical Infrastructure, more)

Mr. Korman was assigned to Multi-National Security Transition Command Iraq, (MNSTC-I / CPATT) at the by-name request of LTG David Petraeus, US Army and served in multiple NCF units, including CBHU 22-ODS, NMCB 15, NMCB 25, PHIB CB 1, and IA Assignments including Bosnia & Kosovo Ops, and also served as Command Master Chief. In Mike's civilian capacity, he worked for Target as a Senior Project Manager/Group Manager for 9 years and also serves in the community as the Commissioner of the Glenview Planning Commission. His Board experience includes the National Museum of the American Sailor and the Glenview District 34 School Board. Michael brings with him a Reserve Forces Senior Enlisted perspective.

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

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

The Foundation's service to the Seabee community falls under ***four programmatic pillars***:

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

Our work is focused within ***five key areas*** that support our programmatic pillars:

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

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

Non-Profit in the Spotlight

REACH 22 VETERANS SAVING VETERANS

OUR MISSION:
To effectively address the causes and complexities of homelessness, joblessness and helplessness among our Veteran community. We will address these issues by providing temporary housing, food, clothing, open discussion forums, phases of wellness and personal growth based on individual goals and needs. We will work with the VA for case management services, treatment services, transitional planning for short and long term goals, housing, education, employment, and another chance towards independence and success.

Our Purpose:
Every Veteran that is currently struggling deserves the chance for a better tomorrow. Our purpose is to be able to provide that chance for change and growth. We are committed to listening to the struggles that our homeless, jobless and helpless Veterans suffer with everyday.

Our Goal:
To work hand in hand with the VA healthcare facility and provide our struggling Veterans with the answers that will allow them to accept, adapt and cope with the everyday struggles that Veterans face. The continued goal is to be able to provide the resources that allow our Veteran community to not just live but succeed and thrive in everyday life.

Our Commitment:
To provide a resource, a voice, an ear for listening or a shoulder to cry on for our 22 Veterans (on average) that commit suicide every day. We hear you and want you to know that you are welcome here as an alternative, as a place of acceptance and a brotherhood and sisterhood of understanding. We hear you and want to help you!!

For more information, please visit:
https://reachtwenty-two.org

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❑Leader	$5,000/yr
❑Patron	$10,000/yr

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Are you looking for employees who are:
Hard Working, Dedicated, Reliable, and Innovative

On the platform, you can post open job listings and search resumes of qualified Seabees with "Can Do" attitudes and the skills to match. Consider adding a Seabee to your team today!

Seabees helping Seabees

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

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

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It's a Great Time to Donate Appreciated Stock or Directly from An IRA

With the rapidly changing economy and changes in the deductibility of cash gifts, donating appreciated stock may be a great strategy for some donors. The market is currently high and many stocks are at all time high values.

When you purchase stock and hold it for years it may go up significantly in value. This is good for your investment, but when you sell the stock, you may be liable for taxes on the difference of what you paid and what the stock is worth now. If this is the case, donating the stock to a 501(c)(3) charity may be a good strategy for you. By donating the stock at its current value, you may be able to deduct the full value without having to pay taxes on the growth. Of course, consult your tax advisor or attorney before making any large donation to see if it will benefit you and your unique situation.

Donating appreciated stock to the SMSA or SHF is easy. **Do not sell it yourself**, simply have your broker transfer it directly to the brokerage account of either organization and we will handle the sale and provide you with a letter stating the value of your donation.

Some donors are also facing a required minimum distribution from an IRA. If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. You can choose to donate all or part of that to charity as a Qualified Charitable Distribution. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity, such and the SMSA or SHF, as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to $100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. If you take a withdrawal, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

Please consult your tax advisor if you feel donating directly from your IRA is a good option to make sure it is right for you.

If you are interested in supporting the SMSA and/or SHF with a gift of stock or a gift from your IRA, contact Dan Miller, SMSA & SHF Chief Development Officer at danmiller@seabee.org or 859-327-1830.

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SMSA Scholarship Recipient Profiles

Madalyn Duvall

Class of 2025
Belmont University
Major: Global Leadership Studies
Sponsor: CEC Timothy Duvall

My father has been a role model and I admire his ability to adapt. He is always prepared to be called on a trip, no matter the length. Without my driven Seabee father and his many tours served in the Navy, I may not have found my love for travel and heart to help people. Throughout my many moves, I always looked forward to meeting new people and completely allowing my persona to mold to the cultural ambiance of my new location.

Olivia Mills

Mississippi State University
Major: Biological Sciences
Sponsor: EOCS Thomas Mills

My father has been very impactful on my life and helping me succeed in it. He has helped guide me in the right direction and has always been the rock in my life when I am struggling with personal issues or with a difficult class. Seeing my dad not give up helps me want to not give up on my life goals.

Graham Seiler

Class of 2023
Indiana University – Bloomington
Major: Mathematics & Japanese
Sponsor: EOC Scott Seiler

My father always told me I would be a leader. At first, I resisted this concept as it brought to mind being a figurehead in front of a large crowd. As I grew older and reflected on his guidance, “A leader leads from the front, not from behind,” I realized he hadn’t been telling me to set a position as a goal, but instead, hinting about the person I would become. Leading from the front would mean being willing to take a risk and demonstrate that something was doable. He continually put me in positions that would challenge me and stretch me. “The difficult we do at once; the impossible takes a bit longer,” he would reply to my childhood excuses, helping me build both resilience and adaptability.

San Diego Golf Tournament sells out to support SMSA's mission

The weather in sunny southern California was perfect for the 5th Annual San Diego Seabee Golf Invitational. A sellout crowd of 128 golfers enjoyed good food and great golf at the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club in Rancho Santa Fe, CA.

Top Sponsors, Pacific Coast Iron, Hensel Phelps and Marathon Construction guaranteed a successful event, raising much needed scholarship funds for the SMSA.

Lunch was provided by Penhall Company and their Barbecue trailer. Thanks to all the sponsors and participants who made this another record breaking golf tournament for the SMSA!

SMSA Awards 128 Scholarships for the 2021-22 School Year

For the first time ever, 128 students are attending college with the help of a scholarship from the SMSA. As part of a major expansion of scholarship awards, the SMSA awarded 50 scholarships to incoming freshmen and 78 scholarships to returning upper class students. Scholarship awards range from $1,200 to $5,200 totaling $427,100. This is the first year of a five-year plan to increase the number of awards each year to 228.

According to SMSA Chairman Mike Blount, "This increase is only possible because generous donors stepped up to make it possible. Despite the challenges of the past eighteen months, we have been able to fund this increase thanks to donations and good returns from our scholarship investment fund."

This year's Seabee Scholars come from all over the Country and will be attending schools from Washington State University to the University of South Florida. Coincidentally, we have five scholars that will be attending Purdue University. All of the recipients are children and grandchildren of US Navy Seabees.

Sophomore Lydia Hilton recently stated "Having completed my freshman year of college, I have come to realize both exactly how much education cost and how beneficial it can be for life. I know that without this scholarship, the burden of the cost of my education would be much heavier. As a future math teacher, a field that is very fulfilling but does not pay highly, student debt would take many years to pay off. It is through your generosity that I can spend my future concentrating on my students and not worrying about debt."

This list contains 121 of the 128 scholarship recipients and 7 additional students were named after the newsletter deadline.

Name	School	Major(s)	Seabee Sponsor	Class
Connor Addison	Mount Union	Business	UTC Mark Morris	2025
Isabella Alaksin	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Nursing	CM2 Michael Alaksin	2025
Margarita Alvarez	Kansas State University	Animal Science/Pre-Vet	EO3 Isreal Alvarez	2025
Savannah Arabe	University of California, San Diego	Biology	LT Jerome Arabe	2025
Caitlyn Arango	Oregon State University	Environmental Engineering	BUC Manuel Arango	2025
Emma Kathryn Bond	University of Mississippi	Biology	BU3 Lee Bond	2025
Olivia Bosch	Spalding University	Nursing	CE2 Jerry Rowland	2025
Evan Bradshaw	San Antonio Community College	Architecture	BU2 James Bradshaw	2025
Cain Cervenka	University of South Florida	Computer Engineering	CDR Norman Cervenka	2025
Ella Cheatham	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Aerospace Engineering	AN Norris Cheatham	2025
Michael Craft	Purdue University	Pre-Veterinary Science	BU2 Gene Craft	2025
Emma Denton	University of California, San Diego	Environmental Studies	SW2 Johnny Lee Denton Jr	2025
Madalyn Duvall	Belmont University	Global Leadership Studies	CEC Timothy Duvall	2025
Jonathan Dynda	SUNY Maritime	Architecture /Engineering	BUC Lyle Dynda	2025
Brendan Flaherty	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	Engineering	SKC Stanley Herriott	2025
Madison Frisbie	University of Missouri	Health Science	YNC Douglas Frisbie	2025
Emily Furth	Rutgers University, Camden	Business	CM3 Robert Furth	2025
Mia Gonzales	University of North Texas, Denton	Human Rights/Humanitarian Studies	PSCM Gorgonio Gonzales	2025
Emily Hammerberg	Clemson University	Business Management	EO2 Larry Hammerberg	2025
Faith Hermann	University of Southern Mississippi	Social Work	CE2 Andrew Hermann	2025
Olivia Hinton	Colorado Mesa University	Nursing	LT Wilburt Hinton	2025
Hannah Ielfield	University of Mississippi	Exercise Science	CEW3 Michael Michalski	2025
Kristen Issa	University of South Carolina	Biology	EO1 Thomas Sullivan	2025
Paul Kemmerer	Purdue University	Physics	SKC Richard Kemmerer	2025
Matthew Lim	University of Washington	Mechanical Engineering	CDR Augustus Lim	2025
Kailey Lipginski	University of Alabama	Pre-Law	CMCS Stephen Lipginski	2025
Matthew Love	University of Alabama, Huntsville	Civil Engineering	EOC Edward Love	2025
Juliona Martens	University of Colorado, Boulder	Business	CDR Eric Martens	2025
James McClure	University of Southern Mississippi	Polymer Science/Engineering	LS1 Rebekah Masker	2025
Kennedy Mebert	Huntington University	Agribusiness & Crop Production	BU3 Jay Kelley	2025
Annalynn Muller	Southern Oregon University	Writing	CM2 James Mueller	2025
Matthew Nordwick	Arizona State University	Data Analytics	EO3 Thomas Reinfuss	2025

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Sara Peach	University of San Francisco	Architecture	CE1 Ronald Peach	2025
Caroline Ridge	Syracuse University	Political Science	EOCS Michael Whiteley	2025
Isaacq Sanchez	Louisiana State University	Pre-Medical	ET2 Robert Sanchez	2025
Brock Seiler	Purdue University	Civil Engineering	EOC Scott Seiler	2025
Avery Sesney	McDaniel College	Psychology	EO2 Robert Bradley	2025
Cody Shubert	Central Community College	Automotive Technology	CE1 Jayson Shubert	2025
Cambria Skaggs	Ohio University	Nursing	EA2 Ty William Skaggs	2025
Abigail Smith	Texas A&M	Psychology	CEC Tim Smith	2025
Quinten Stead	Hobart Institute of Welding Technology	Welding	CMA3 James Stead	2025
Drew Sullivan	Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Aeronautical Engineering	CE3 Michael Sullilvan	2025
Jaden Thacker	North Central Missouri College	Pre-Medicine	CWO3 Joshua Thacker	2025
Katherine Wallace	Ohio State University	Psychology	S1c Edward Kerkhoff	2025
Julia Wenzel	Old Dominion University	Marine Biology	CECS John Wenzel	2025
Catherine Westover	Texas Christian University	Biology	BU2 Andrew Westover	2025
Caitlin Williams	Purdue University	Neuroscience	BU2 Gene Ray Craft	2025
Presley Williamson	University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	Mechanical Engineering	CAPT Isaac Williamson	2025
Daniel Yamomo	University of California, Davis	Animal Biology	CE1 Rodrigo Yamomo	2025
Jasmine Young	University of Miami	Political Science	CE2 Byron Young	2025
Emma Arnold	East Tennessee State University	Early Childhood Education	CUCM Jimmy Arnold	2024
Mallory Beltz	Kansas State University	Animal Science/Pre-Vet	EOCS Jerry Beltz	2024
Mileana Burmesch	St. Norbert	Music/Communication & Media Studies	BU1 Stephen Burmesch	2024
May Marie Cheline	Kent State University	Chemistry	CMC Christine Cheline	2024
Aiden Chimienti	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Computer Science	EOCA Robert Dewyer	2024
Abby Crowe	Auburn University	Apparel Merchandising	MM3 Glen Miller	2024
Maura Doherty	Holy Cross	Ecomomics	BUH3 Joseph Barry	2024
Ryan Gatton	Western Kentucky University	English for Secondary Education	SW2 Stephen Garrett	2024
Katelynn Geissel	Ventura College	Business Administration	BUC Christopher Chilton	2024
Rikki Gonzalez	Universal Technical Institute	Automotive Technical Training	CM1 Loren Gonzalez	2024
Ellen Helferich	University of Michigan	Chemical Engineering	CAPT Norman Schleif	2024
Lydia Hilton	Hillsdale College	Mathematics	LCDR Jon Hilton	2024
Haley Hock	University of Texas, Arlington	Elementary Education	BUCS Norman Pannell	2024
Dylan Isgett	North Carolina State University	Civil Engineering	LT Robert Isgett	2024
Noah Jayne	Kansas State University	English	CAPT David Jayne	2024
Emma Johnson	Clark College	Nursing	EO3 Karl Johnson	2024
Zachary Love	Auburn University	Chemical Engineering	EOC Edward Love	2024
Kacie Meisner	University of Nevada, Reno	Neuroscience	BU1 Robert Meisner	2024
Joseph Moynihan	University of Dallas	Undecided	RADM Thomas Gross	2024
Maeve O'Donnell	Stetson University	Aquatic & Marine Biology	BU1 Joseph O'Donnell	2024
Mariana Pinilla	Texas A&M	Biochemistry	CM1 Walter Morgan	2024
Benjamin Prien	GA Institute of Technology	Industrial Engineering	CAPT John Prien	2024
Andalushia Reilly	Holy Cross	Biology	EOH3 August Gomes	2024
Emmalyn Romero	New York University	Civil Engineering	SWC Michael Romero	2024
Jillian Rudolf	Oregon State University	Rangeland Sciences	CM3 Alan Parks	2024
Joseph Schwartz	Ohio State University	Health Sciences/Pre-Med	CEG2 Joseph Schwartz	2024
Skyler Tawney	University of Tampa	Forensic Science	CE1 Thomas Lontkowski	2024
Kylee Tuebner	Shenandoah University	Biology	CAPT Kenneth Tuebner	2024
David Ubinger	North Carolina State University	Secondary Education	BU2 David Ubinger	2024
Emily Weaver	Union College	Earth/Environmental Science & Forensic Science	CDR Kenneth Weaver	2024
Jack Williamson	Cornell University	Mechanical Engineering	CDR Marcus Williamson	2024

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SMSA Awards 128 Scholarships for the 2021-22 School Year (cont.)

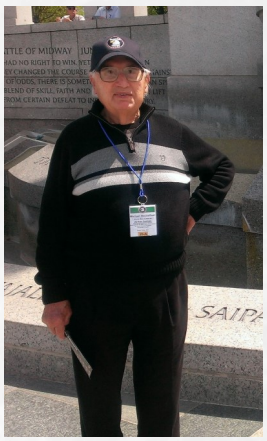
Name	School	Major(s)	Seabee Sponsor	Class
Katherine Bell	Purdue University	Health Science/Pre-Med	BU1 Clem Bell	2023
Madison Bowell	DePauw University, Greencastle	Economics	LT John Oliver III	2023
Katelyn Crockett	West Virginia University	Electrical Engineering	BMSN Daniel Crockett	2023
Lara Federspiel	Savannah College of Art and Design	User Experience Design	UT1 Jeff Federspiel	2023
Anna Grace Hilton	University of Nebraska, Lincoln	Biochemistry/Forensic Biology	LCDR Jon Hilton	2023
Catherine Hudson	Mississippi College	Speech Pathology	CM3 Walter Hudson	2023
Joshua Irvin	Northwestern University	Computer Science & Lingusitics	SF2 Maurice Irvin	2023
Lauren Johns	University of Florida	Animal Science/Pre-Vet	EO2 Allen Johns III	2023
Josiah Kareck	Cedarville University	Theater & Communications	CM John Kareck	2023
Aaron Keathley	Wayne State University	Economics	SW3 Randall Keathley	2023
Sarah Keiser	Liberty University	Computational Mathematics & Physics	LCDR Robert Keiser	2023
Bridget Krause	Arizona State University	Conservation Biology & Ecology	EO3 Thomas Krause	2023
Julianne Marquart	California State University, Sacramento	Criminal Justice	UT1 Ronald Marquart	2023
Kathryn Martin	Oklahoma State University	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	LCDR Walter Catrett, Jr.	2023
Ethan Moll	Western Washington University	Digital Audio Engineering	EQCM Alexander Moll	2023
Kelsey Morgan	Northern Arizona University	Biology	CE1 Douglas Morgan	2023
Elizabeth Orlando	Arizona State University	Earth & Space Exploration (Astrophysics)	SW3 Walter Godlewski	2023
Charles Pacheco	The Citadel	Business Administration	BUC Edward Pacheco	2023
Luke Sargent	St. Olaf College	Trumpet Performance	LT Twig Sargent	2023
Graham Seiler	Indiana University	Mathematics & Japanese	EOC Scott Seiler	2023
Elizabeth Shingleton	University of North Carolina	Chemistry	BU1 David Shingleton	2023
Dustin Sloan	Arizona State University Polytechnic	Software Engineering	CM1 James Sloan	2023
Jake Vorburger	University of Charleston	Sports Business/Psychology/Exercise Physiology	EO1 Michael Vorburger	2023
Gabriel Andino, Jr	Baylor University	Biology, Cell & Molecular Concentration	LT Gabriel Andino	2022
Eric Bormann	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Biology & Biotechnology and Bioinformatics & Computational Biology	EOC Edward Jenne	2022
Kassandra Bout	Duquesne University	Occupational Therapy	CM1 Robert Bout	2022
Sidney Brown	University of Southern Mississippi	Biological Sciences (Microbiology)	EO1 Jason Brown	2022
Ty Bruysschaard	Texas A&M	Electrical Engineering	EACN John Bruysschaard	2022
Casey Como	George Washington University	Public Health	CM2 Melissa Como	2022
Hannah Cummings	College of William & Mary	Computer Science	EOC John Cummings	2022
Priscilla Duran	Glendale Community College & Ottawa University	Nursing	SW3 Kenneth Duran	2022
Hannah Elkins	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	English & Comparative Literature/Peace, War & Defense	CM3 Charlie Futrell	2022
Meagan McLaughlin	University of West Florida	Biology	BU2 Daniel McLaughlin	2022
Emily Meier	Kansas State University	Animal Science	CEC Gregory Meier	2022
Emily Patterson	University of California, Davis	Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology	LT Amy Patterson	2022
Alexander Petty	Shippensburg University	Biology	UCCM James Petty	2022
Kole Shubert	Fort Hayes State University	Animal Science/Pre-Vet	CE1 Jayson Shubert	2022
Ariel Villanueva, Jr.	San Diego State University	Computer Science	CE1 Ariel Villanueva	2022
Koen Weaver	Syracuse University	Political Science	CDR Kenneth Weaver	2022
Marcus Williamson	Virginia Tech	Civil Engineering	CDR Marcus Williamson	2022

SMSA Named Scholarship Profiles

The Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association (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 Systems Command, the Naval Construction Force or the SMSA.

THE NMCB 23 SCHOLARSHIP -
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 23 is a Reserve Seabee battalion composed of officers and men from Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, The NMCB 23 scholarship was funded by members of the battalion in 1979 when the Perpetual Named Scholarship amount was $7,000. The battalion was decommissioned in 2013. Starting in 2014, current and former members worked together to raise the amount to $60,000.

THE CAPTAIN F. M. DERR/U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 1957 SCHOLARSHIP -
Established by Captain Fred M. Derr who was one of eight members of the U. S. Naval Academy Class of 1957 commissioned directly into the Civil Engineer Corps upon graduation. CAPT Derr remained on active duty until October 1967, at which time he resigned his regular commission and accepted a reserve commission. CAPT Derr established this scholarship in 1979 in recognition of his promotion to Captain and as a tribute to his Naval Academy class.



MICHAEL J. BACCELLIERI HONOR SCHOLARSHIP -
Established in 2019 by the family of Michael J. Baccellieri to honor his service. He served with the 50th Seabees in WWII. The 50th Naval Construction Battalion served throughout the Pacific from Hawaii to the Marianas.

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

"Life's persistent and most urgent question is "What are you doing for others?""
–Martin Luther King Jr.

25 SMSA Scholarship Recipients Graduated in 2021

Name	School	Major	Seabee Sponsor
Kirsten Anderson	Virginia Tech	Material Science & Engineering (Minor: Green Engineering)	LT David Anderson
Brandon Barger	Franklin College	Multimedia Journalism	EO1 Micky Barger
Elaine Bisso	Missouri Southern State University	Criminal Justice Administration	EOCR Joseph Bisso
Adam Coe	Western Michigan University	Chemical Engineering	BUCS Rodney Coe
Brittney Collins	University of Michigan	Biology Health & Society	MS3 Daryl Collins
Sean Cullen	University of Virginia	Biomedical Engineering	CDR Shawn Cullen
David Danis	University of Colorado	Bio-Medical Sciences/ Pre-Vet	LCDR Kurt Danis
Brandi Eischeid	Morningside College	Nursing	SW2 Donald Eischeid
Caitlyn Ekberg	Montana State University	Environmental Design	LCDR James Ekberg
Allison Gray	University of Hartford	BFA Musical Theater (Minor: Performance Management)	CM1 Charles Summers
John Grindstaff	Old Dominion University	Mechanical Engineering	CM3c John Evans
Lily Gunn	Penn State University, Erie	History & Communications	CMH3 Kenneth Gunn
Jennifer Hensley	Clemson University	Psychology/Nursing	CM1 Mark Hensley
Laura Jett	University of California-Davis	Cognitive Science (Minor: Psychology)	CECN Alan Randolph
Margaret Lingane	Wright State University	Environmental Science	UT3 Patrick Lingane
Sinead O'Donnell	Virginia Tech	Human Nutrition Food & Exercise	BU1 Joseph O'Donnell
Grace Oram	Franklin & Marshall University	Biology (Minor: Spanish)	BU1 Richard Oram
Kameron Reed	University of Northern Iow	General Music Studies (Minor: Politics & Law)	CMDCM Jeffery Reed
Hannah Regal	Liberty University	Business Administration	BU2 Robert Regal
Samantha Robertson	Virginia Commonwealth University	Nursing (Minor: Psychology)	UT2 Scot Robertson
Lexi Simmers	Virginia Tech	Accounting and Information Systems & Management	EO3 Arthur Morgan
Olivia Trillizio	University of California-Davis	Psychology and Political Science	EO3 George Trillizio, Jr
Joshua Tysor	Georgia Tech	Aerospace Engineering	LCDR Dale Tysor
Bethany Warne	Trevecca Nazarene University	Intercultural Studies (Minor: Creative Writing)	EA1 Joe Warne
Sarah Wood	Converse College	Interior Design	BU2 Leslie Cyrus Lanier

World War II Seabee ~ Francois "France" Doiron

France Doiron was born on July 21, 1927 to Earnest and Claudia Doiron in Brunswick, Maine. Earnest was French Canadian and immigrated to the United States from Newfoundland to become an electrician at Bath Iron Works (BIW) Shipyard on the Kennebec River in Bath, Maine. Claudia was from nearby Brunswick.

At the age of 16 France went to work at the Bath Shipyard as a welder and helped build destroyer class ships. After a year at BIW when he was 17, France, with his parents' permission, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1944. He went through a 12-week boot camp in Sampson, New York. Leaving boot camp with his duffel bag and hammock, he was sent to Camp Parks in Livermore, CA to join the Seabees in Delta Company of the 7th Naval Construction Battalion (NCB 7).

With NCB 7, France shipped out of San Francisco on a transport in January 1945 to Pearl Harbor where the battalion was assigned a three-week work project. They lived in tents at a camp near Honolulu. The Battalion Commanding Officer told his Seabees if they finished their project early, they could have some time off to see the sights in Hawaii. They finished in two weeks and had a week off before boarding another transport ship to the Island of Saipan in the South Pacific.

Arriving in Saipan in February, 1945, the Battalion concentrated on staging causeway pontoons aboard a Navy LSD for use in the invasion of Okinawa. While he was working on Saipan, France was interviewed by his Company Commander for promotion to Third Class Petty Officer. One of the questions was, "How would you handle giving an order to a construction man bigger than you that he doesn't like?" France being only about 5' 6", answered, "Well, I would have to make sure I could outrun him." France got the promotion to 3rd class.

It took about a month to get the LSD loaded with the Battalion's equipment, causeway pontoons and construction material and make the transit north to Buckner Bay on the southern end of Okinawa. The Battalion offloaded their equipment and material onto the beach, set up camp and began the job of assembling the floating causeway to be used by the numerous ships in the bay to off-load tanks and heavy weapons to assure victory in the ongoing battle for Okinawa. The Seabee Camp perimeter was defended by Seabees, France's weapon was an M1 Carbine. The camp was strafed by Japanese aircraft and the ships unloading cargo onto the Seabee's causeway were hit by Kamikaze aircraft. France said there were some bullet holes in the roof of his tent but he thought they were made by Seabees shooting at enemy aircraft strafing the camp.

On Okinawa, the battalion was slated to participate in the invasion of mainland Japan. Their specific mission would be to rebuild piers and wharf facilities in Tokyo harbor which presumably would have been destroyed by the Japanese military to hinder the invasion by the Allies. The NCB 7 Seabees were given secret passwords to use during the invasion. Much to their relief, the Seabees heard the news that the Japanese surrendered in August of 1945. France was detached from NCB 7 on Okinawa and returned to San Francisco (Treasure Island) by transport ship in early 1946. He travelled by train across the country to New York (Long Island) where he was discharged from active duty in March of 1946. He had been promoted to second class petty officer while on Okinawa and he elected to stay in the Navy Reserves.

He returned to Brunswick, Maine. They weren't hiring at the Bath Shipyard (the war was over and the U.S. had a surplus of ships) so France went to work in a textile mill. In 1948 he married Roberta Giroux who was also from Brunswick. France and Roberta had two boys, Mark and Richard. France was recalled to active duty during the Korean "Conflict" and was assigned duty at Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado where he repaired small craft and performed base maintenance. Roberta came out to California to join France and they lived in Navy housing located on 43rd street in San Diego. France was re-released from active duty in 1951.

They liked southern California, so France took a job as a welder with National Steel (NASCO) shipyard. He built tuna boats for the then thriving tuna fleet in San Diego and

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Pictured below, left to right, are RADM Lou Smith, CEC, USN Ret, France Doiron, SW2 with NCB 7 in WWII, CAPT Dave Schlesinger, CEC, USN Ret and CAPT Roger Frauenfelder, CEC, USN Ret. The group had just finished a breakfast celebrating France's 94th birthday, July 30th, 2021

World War II Seabee ~ Francois "France" Doiron (cont.)

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tug boats for the U.S. Army. After four years with NASCO, France accepted a position in the Aircraft Tooling Department at Rohr Industries in Chula Vista, California. He made parts for all types of aircraft, military and civilian. He stayed with Rohr for 38 years before retiring in 1998.
France and Roberta have enjoyed square dancing over the years, so much so that France became the President of the San Diego Square Dance Association. That was a natural assignment for him with the leadership skills he learned as a Seabee. France doesn't square dance much anymore but he likes to tend to his garden at his home in Chula Vista.

France and Roberta's son Mark enjoys being an independent photographer after having served a career in the U.S. Air Force. Unfortunately, their other son, Richard, passed away two years ago. France still lives at home in Chula Vista, but Roberta is in an assisted living facility nearby. France visits her daily.

France is very proud to have served with the Seabees and we are very proud to have him in the retired Seabee Community in the San Diego area.

SMSA Selects New Board Members

In June, the SMSA Board of Directors added two new members who will serve three-year terms.

Charles "Charlie" Hewitt
President, Mirror Studios, Boise, ID

Founder and president of Mirror Studios, Charlie is a lifelong recording and performing musician, audio recording producer and engineer, and domestic and international voice talent.

UCCM David J. Crowell, USN Ret
Naval Construction Group One Non-CESE TOA

Utilitiesman Master Chief who served with NMCB FIVE, NAVFAC/PW Senior Enlisted Leader. He has multiple sea and shore NCF assignments

Charlie and David replace board members CAPT Dennis Biddick, CEC, USN, Ret. and CAPT Tracy Mustin, CEC, USN, Ret. who both rotated off the board. We thank Dennis and Tracy for their service to the SMSA!

SMSA Scholarship Alumni Profile ~ CAPT Christopher Sawyer

SMSA is honored to feature CAPT Christopher Sawyer, Supply Corps, USNR, as this month's alumni profile. CAPT Sawyer is one of only a few former SMSA students who entered the armed forces. His impressive Navy career path started many years earlier, however, when he received the news while still in high school that he had been chosen for an SMSA scholarship. CAPT Sawyer remembers the day his father handed him the phone and he learned that SMSA would assist with his education. "It put the wind in my sails that things were going to work out." With his father's influence and encouragement, CAPT Sawyer had an early interest in the Navy. He had applied for a position at the Naval Academy, but as a runner up, he did not have the Congressional nomination. His final destination would be Boston University, over a thousand miles away from Fort Worth, Texas where he grew up. "I still had to work to cover the tuition and my parents contributed as well, but it (the SMSA scholarship) was that first push to get things rolling." CAPT Sawyer graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in December 1992 and received his commission through Boston University's Naval ROTC unit.

The Sawyer family has an inspiring and long history of military service that informed CAPT Sawyer's ultimate professional path. His father was Yeoman Second Class Petty Officer (YN2) Thomas Elmer Joseph Sawyer. YN2 Sawyer was the great grandson of 1LT Elmer Sawyer, 97th NY Infantry Civil War and the 4th great grandson of Phinheas Sawyer, Harvard Mass Militia 1775 and Revolutionary War gunsmith. YN2 Sawyer enlisted in June 1944 at age 16 at the midtown Manhattan recruiting office. He was called to active duty a year later in September 1945 and was with HQ COM Marianas, 5th NCB and 103rd NCB in Guam just after the conclusion of WWII. YN2 Sawyer was discharged to the Reserves in 1949 and volunteered for service during the Korean conflict but was not called up. When CAPT Sawyer was making plans for his future, his father supported him in his decision to pursue military service. CAPT Sawyer's cousin, LTC Denis O'Keefe, USA (Ret.) had attended West Point and his father placed a name tag inside a gifted cadet uniform cover with CAPT Sawyer's name and his anticipated graduation year. They both knew the Navy would be his future choice though, not the Army, since they ritually cheered on Annapolis each year for the Navy/Army game.

Upon receiving his commission, CAPT Sawyer reported for his first Navy duty station, NAS Pensacola FL, for flight school. Later, due to post-Gulf War downsizing, CAPT Sawyer transitioned to the Supply Corps. One of his memorable duty stations included three years with ship's company, aboard the USS Guam. During that time, he was promoted into the Assistant Supply Officer position as a LT (O3) when the job was designated for a LCDR (O4). At the age of 27, he was in charge of a department of 120 sailors. The USS Guam was the command ship for the Amphibious Ready Group of four "Gator Navy" Marine Corps transport ships. One of the recall periods provided a shared experience with his father - both CAPT Sawyer and his father served with the Seabees. As part of the 2nd Naval Construction Brigade in 1998, CAPT Sawyer was mobilized to Honduras as a Supply Officer where he contracted for construction supplies in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.

Serving many years as a Reservist since 1999, CAPT Sawyer has been recalled to active duty numerous times. On September 11th, 2001, CAPT Sawyer was part of a reserve unit that was attached to the USS Kitty Hawk stationed in Yokosuka Japan. He remembers that time of heightened alert as they anticipated immediate deployment. This did not occur though, because the Kitty Hawk deployed in an unconventional manner with only Special Forces helicopters versus a Navy Wing with fixed wing aircraft. Soon after, CAPT Sawyer was activated to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Fort Worth for a year and a half, which was only ten minutes from his home. There he became the first Supply Officer at Commander Fleet Logistics Support Wing. From 2007 to 2008, he was activated for duty to Baghdad, Iraq with Multi-National Force Iraq as the Coalition Operational Needs Officer acquiring Blue Force Trackers and up-armored vehicles for partner nations via CENTCOM. Another noteworthy assignment was as the Logistics Director (J4) at Joint Task Force Guantanamo from 2011 to 2012.

In addition to his many career-satisfying Navy positions, CAPT Sawyer has had equally fulfilling civilian roles. He completed Graduate Business School at the University of Texas, held management roles at The Home Depot and Target (Logistics), and was a Continental Airlines Senior Financial Analyst. As a federal civilian, he acted as the sole Logistician for the Secretary of Defense Office of Military Commissions in Guantanamo Bay,

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Cuba, from 2012-2015. This role was of major significance for CAPT Sawyer. He lost a cousin who had been in the World Trade Center's North Tower on September 11th and was eager to fill a role to facilitate legal proceedings against the alleged planners of the attacks. He is currently a Federal Civilian for the Department of the Navy as a Program Manager. CAPT Sawyer is assigned to the NAVSUP WSS – Surface/Electronics Operations Directorate, Littoral Integrated Weapons System Team.

CAPT Sawyer's continued Naval Reserve deployments included a mobilization to the Army with 3rd Special Forces Group in Germany where he oversaw Comptroller finances in North and West Africa (Libya to Senegal geography). His most recent activation was for three years with Navy Supply Systems Command in the capacity of Deputy Director of an organization comprising 330 personnel (Civilian, Military and Contractor) overseeing the Independent External Audit of the Navy Working Capital Fund assets ($33B) by auditor Ernst and Young. During this period, CAPT Sawyer was promoted to his current rank.

CAPT Sawyer has completed the Project Management Professional (PMP) 6 Sigma Black Belt and Joint Professional Military Education at the Naval War College. He has 29 years of military service and will be retiring from the Naval Reserve when he reaches 30 years. He is looking forward to more family time and the chance to pursue other interests after many years balancing challenging civilian and military careers. CAPT Sawyer was recently married and is the full-time caregiver for his mother. Some of his other pursuits are studying history, working on family genealogy, and relaxing by trying his hand at portrait painting.

CAPT Sawyer is thankful for the structure and guidance that his father provided as a consequence of his military service and has felt from an early age that serving in the military and pursuing its challenges were the basis of learning critical decision-making skills and the foundation of building character. "I've learned along the way that not only was it the challenges that provided these things but the strong relationships with shipmates and fellow warriors who choose to turn into the wind. My father was proud of his service and association with the Seabees and frequently looked back and spoke of the Seabee leaders he met and worked for with great fondness. The SMSA remembered him too in the form of the SMSA Scholarship and for that I am forever grateful."

Seabee MUSE Technicians Prepare Two Navy Carriers for Inspections

Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (NAVFAC EXWC) Mobile Utilities Support Equipment (MUSE) deployed three technicians to conduct annual inspections and testing on eight mobile electrical substations currently supporting the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68). MUSE technicians will also support the Chief of Naval Operations planned maintenance period for the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

Based out of Port Hueneme, California, the MUSE Seabees traveled to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to install a 1000kW power plant that supports backup electrical power to the hydrostatic relief water drainage pumps at dry dock 6. Although Roosevelt will not be in the dry dock for several months, plans are underway to facilitate the carrier's power requirement, ensuing their are no delays, and allowing all critical maintenance and modernization to remain on schedule.

Navy Seabees—specifically those assigned to MUSE—are arguably the most versatile and well-trained power generation experts in today's military. At NAVFAC EXWC alone, MUSE technicians possess over 119 pieces of high to medium voltage support equipment, including generators, transformers, and substations in their equipment inventory. When called upon, MUSE technicians are able to meet power requirements to support the warfighter at any location—whether on shore or abroad.

Today, the world not only relies on power, but sustainable power, and the Navy is no exception. MUSE technicians provide a unique skillset of both expert craft and versatile utility when providing critical power for industrial equipment—saving the Navy nearly $2 million to date.

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CE1(SCW) Alphanso Gilling working on MUSE switchgear at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington as part of a 3-person team of Seabee MUSE technicians. Photo and article by Palmer Pinckney II, Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center.

Reunions

MCB 11 Association Reunion
September 09–13
Nashville, TN
Larry Hagler
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Navy Fleet Hospital 15 (CBHU 20 Desert Storm '91, Saudi Arabia) Reunion
September 17–18
G. Lebeduik
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MCB 12 Reunion
September 24-26
Hampton Inn Westport, MA
Donald Napert
508-946-0666

133 Seabee Veterans Assn.
September 24–27
TownePlace Suites
Woodbridge, VA
Dennis Ruocco
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MCB 1-9-10 Reunion
October 14–17
Courtyard by Marriott
Gulfport, MS
Sally Longbine
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CBMU 302 Reunion
October 14–17
Gettysburg, PA
Peggy Vandenberg
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NMCB 3 Reunion
October 17–19
Radisson Hotel Branson, MO
Tom Banner
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NMCB 121 Seabee Association and NSVA Dept of TN All Seabee Reunion
October 24–28
Pigeon Forge, TN
Harry Ray McPeek
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NMCB 14 Alumni Association Reunion
November 04–07
Sheraton Tampa
Brandon, FL
Gregg Harkness
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NMCB 4 Reunion
November 04–07
Golden Nugget
Las Vegas, NV
Jim Wilson
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Future Events

26th Annual Northeast Navy Seabee Golf Invitational
September 24, 2021
Richmond, RI
https://birdease.com/14199

7th Annual Virginia Beach Seabee Golf Invitational
October 14, 2021
Virginia Beach, VA
https://birdease.com/Seabeegolfclassic

Gulf Coast Seabee Golf Invitational
November 11, 2021
Diamondhead, MS
https://birdease.com/GulfcoastSeabeegolf

"SEABEES are found everywhere: on top of, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or more likely than not, turning to."

This fall, SHF will be relocating our small office space onboard the NCBC Gulfport to the Heritage Center adjacent to the base theater/ training center to be closer to Seabees and increase our visibility and presence on the base. We are excited about this opportunity and our ability to engage with the frequent visitors to the Heritage Center.

Seabee Museum Store: We have been getting many inquiries regarding the status of the Seabee Museum Store in Port Hueneme and if it will open again. The current status of the museum store is there are no immediate plans to re-open and if it does, it will likely operate under a different business model. The museum staff and the Naval History and Heritage Command, along with SHF, are considering different viable options for the future. Please be patient as options are explored and once a decision is made regarding the future of the store, we will share it through our SHF channels and the Seabee Museum will also publish an update. Thank you for your inquiries and your understanding.

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