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NMCB 74 Main Body Returns to Gulfport one last time

GULFPORT, Miss. – Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74's Main Body returns to Gulfport, June 26 after a six month deployment to Europe and Africa, marking the final deployment for the Seabee battalion before decommissioning July 25.

The final deployment for NMCB 74 officially ended June 24 during a transfer of authority ceremony with NMCB 133, also from Gulfport, at Camp Mitchell on board Naval Station Rota, Spain.

NMCB 133 relieved NMCB 74 and assumed command of Camp Mitchell as well as ongoing Seabee missions throughout four combatant commands in Africa, Bahrain, Europe and Guam.

NMCB 74 was deployed to Romania to help set the initial conditions for the Aegis Ashore missile defense program in that country. The project is very important to the United States and its partner nations.

They also constructed facilities and improved infrastructure in Rota, Spain for the arrival of the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Ross (DDG 71) this month.

The battalion completed an operations center in Cameroon, overcoming logistics and extreme conditions, while creating a great rapport with Cameroon's operations forces. Other projects took place in Djibouti, Niger, Israel and Bahrain.

NMCB 74 was originally commissioned April 28, 1943 and was deactivated Oct. 31, 1945, before being commissioned again Dec. 6, 1966. The "Fearless 74" will decommission July 25 following more than 70 years of service.

NMCB 74's commanding officer is Cmdr. David McAlister.

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