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## Seabees touching lives, helping residents in Marshall Islands

By CECN Sarah Coker

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133

A seven-person Construction Civic Action Detail (CCAD) team of Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 recently completed a mission to Majuro and Arno Atolls, 260 miles from their base of operations in Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, July 6.

The efforts helped reaffirm U.S. commitment to the region. The entire Marshall Islands CCAD has been on the go constantly, traveling between six different islands to provide humanitarian assistance to the Marshallese people, and this team spent two weeks enhancing the survivability, safety, and security of the local infrastructure on the two islands.

"Everybody showed a can-do spirit in completing each task. We put in a great effort and truly made an impact on their quality of life," said Steelworker Third Class Melissa Osipchack. "Giving back to those who are less fortunate is something the whole team is proud of."

The first objective of the mission was to construct chicken coops for individual homes on Arno Atoll, which is approximately 5 square miles in size, with a population of no more than 300 residents. Resources are scarce and there is no running water or electricity. Residents use rain catchment tanks to collect water and portable gas generators for power. The new chicken coops will provide a means for local households to raise chickens as a source of food.

The project helps sustain a lasting U.S.-Marshall Islands partnership. It was a U.S. Embassy-supported effort, as it contributed to the Marshallese Senate's food sustainment initiative. In addition, the construction skills Seabees passed down to local residents will help them become more self-sufficient.

"The Arno island project was simple but effective," noted Chief Builder Nicholas Hoffmann. "It was no doubt a huge return on investment. The small amount of time we spent on the island reaped a lasting impact."

The second objective of the mission was to provide renovations to the Majuro Deaf Education Center and make the school safer, more secure, and more comfortable. The school cares for around 30 hearing-disabled children every semester. However, due to limited funding and maintenance capacity, the schoolhouse has deteriorated over the years. Several doors and windows were broken, and merely covered up with plywood. The roof vents were not properly sealed and



leaked water during rainstorms. Upon regrouping in Majuro after the Arno chicken coop project, the CCAD team devoted the next nine days to making improvements to the education center.

With only some cash for materials and a handful of tools, the Seabees went to work: first, seeking out vendors and networking with local hardware stores for equipment, and then developing practical solutions for repairs. The team fabricated and installed 30-foot of safety handrails for the handicap ramp, installed two locking exterior doors at formerly sealed entrances to improve access, and installed two new windows to keep the elements out of the classrooms. They also repaired the school's leaking roof vents to keep the classrooms dry during rainstorms.

CCAD Marshall Islands left a lasting footprint in many new and remote locations in the Marshall Islands, including Majuro and Arno. The team established positive, grass-root relationships with the people there. Representatives from the Majuro Atoll local government said they are looking forward to hosting the Seabees again in the near future. They hope to partner with the Seabees to tackle bigger construction projects.

**Above: As Marshallese children watch and learn, Builder Second Class Brandon Kinsey chisels out a hinge mortise for a new door during the renovation of the Majuro Deaf Education Center, Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands. Left: CCAD Marshall Island Seabees assemble PVC plumbing for the watering system in the Arno Atoll chicken coops. (U.S. Navy photos/Released)**



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# Buzz on the Street

By Brian Lamar  
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## What is your favorite thing to do in your "off" time on or off base?



"I like to go out and eat. I am a seafood fan."

**CE 2 Dawson**  
NMCB 11



"I like to go out to the range and go shooting and find nice places to go kayaking."

**BU 2 Monahan**  
NMCB 11



"I like to go out to eat. I like very unhealthy and greasy stuff like burgers and wings."

**CE 2 Kiev**  
NMCB 11



"I like to travel a lot. Typically I try to go to New Orleans or Pensacola. I love to cook at home too."

**CE Justing Urban**  
NMCB 11



Members of the Naval Construction Training Center enjoy a game of water polo during their morning group fitness training session at the NCBC pool July 20. Base personnel frequently use the base Aquatic Center for summer fitness training. (U.S. Navy photo by Brian Lamar/Released)

# Back in Time: Seabee History

## July 17

1968: The first increment of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 58 advance party, consisting of one officer and 13 enlisted personnel, departed Camp Haskins North, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) bound for Construction Battalion Center (CBC), Davisville, Rhode Island.

1968: First increment of NMCB 22's advance party, consisting of five officers and 75 enlisted men, arrived at Camp Haskins North from CBC, Gulfport, Mississippi.

2009: Capt. Scott Lister, Civil Engineer Corps (CEC), relieved Capt. Jim Wink, CEC, as commander, Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 1 at Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Coronado, California.

## July 18

1970: Seabee Team 0708 arrived at Davisville, Rhode Island, from RVN for reassignment to NMCB 7.

Jul. 19-24, 1968: NMCB 7 main body, consisting of 11 officers and 491 enlisted men, was airlifted from Davisville, Rhode Island, to Da Nang, RVN, aboard eight C-141 aircraft provided by the Military Airlift Command and shuttled to Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN, on C-130 aircraft provided by the 7th Air Force.

2006: Navy approved establishment of 25th Naval Construction Regiment (NCR) and NMCB 11, effective October 1, to be headquartered at CBC, Gulfport, Mississippi.

## July 20

1943: Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Richard Maurer, Naval Construction Battalion (NCB) 63, was cited for the Navy Silver Star following an attack near Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, in the Solomon Islands by the 1st Marine Raider Regiment. A resident of Seattle, Washington before becoming a member of the 63rd Battalion, Maurer had made many friendships among the Marine Raiders when they were encamped close to the Sea-



**Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 unloads littoral combat ships (LCS) at Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam, 1966. Two years later, on Aug 12, Seabee Teams 0703 and 0704 arrived at Da Nang and proceeded directly to Soc Trang City and Go Cong City, respectively.** (Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy Seabee Museum)

bees on Guadalcanal. When the Raiders embarked for their historic attack, Maurer slipped aboard without permission of his superior officers. The gravity of his offense, for which he was ultimately brought to trial, was extenuated, however, by his gallant actions during the attack. From Marine Corps sources, it was learned that Maurer, after attaching himself to a machine gun crew, had serviced and manned the gun with devastating effect upon the enemy when all other crew members had been killed or disabled by mortar fire. He continued by his gun until reinforcements arrived. The Marine officer in charge praised Maurer's performance and instituted citation proceedings.

1945: 63rd NCB inactivated at Manila, Philippines.

1968: Cmdr. L.D. Lawson, CEC, relieved Cmdr. R.B. Wilson, CEC, as NMCB 7 relieved NMCB 5 at Camp Barnes, Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN.

Jul. 20-22, 1968: Main body of NMCB 7 departed Davisville, Rhode Island, for

duty at Dong Ha, RVN.

## July 21

1969: Camp Campbell, Phu Bai, was officially turned over by NMCB 40 to NMCB 1; main body of NMCB 40 arrived at Davisville, Rhode Island, from Phu Bai, RVN.

## July 22

1968: Master Chief William Shannon became the first Seabee senior enlisted advisor to the commander of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and chief of Navy Civil Engineers. As advisor to the commander, Shannon acted as a point of contact at the command headquarters for all Group VIII personnel in the field.

## July 23

1943: 111th NCB commissioned at NCTC Camp Peary, Magruder, Virginia.



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**Lobouy Road 361 Shelter**

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# NCBC gets lucky with quality of South Mississippi schools

By Brian Lamar  
NCBC Public Affairs

Every year random nationwide polls are published in the news regarding how states stack up in the race of who's best or worst in all sorts of categories.

Unfortunately, Mississippi is dragged through the mud with their historically low-scoring school systems nation-wide. A common reaction when a person receives orders to arrive on board the Naval Construction Battalion Center- Gulfport is not one that exalts Mississippi's reputation for academic excellence. While yes, Mississippi is typically ranked in the lower half of states in terms of test scores, Coastal Mississippi is not and servicemembers with children can put some of their worries to rest.

"South Mississippi has a lot going for it because the diverse industry here brings in technicians, engineers, scientists and government employees with companies like DuPont and Huntington Ingalls and government sites like NCBC, Keesler and Stennis, not to mention the constant tax revenue from industry and casinos," said NCBC School liaison officer, Kevin Byrd.

The majority of students from NCBC go to Quail Elementary and Harper McCaughan Middle School in Long Beach, Long Beach Middle and High Schools, according to Byrd.

The Mississippi Department of Education recently released a report card for all public schools in Mississippi. The 2015 Mississippi statewide accountability systems assigns a performance score of A,B,C, D or F for each district, which are composed of scores from individual schools.

According to the MDoE report, nine out of 10 school districts in South Mississippi earned an A or B, which surpasses the state average. Long Beach School District received an A. Gulfport and Harrison County received a B.

"I have noticed our educators here on the coast are top-notch. They are constantly trying to stay on the cutting edge of education," said Byrd.

NCBC is also in good company with the national scale according to the American College Testing (ACT) test.

"We have four or five of our local schools that exceed the national ACT average of 21," said Byrd.

NCBC also benefits from a recently imposed state law called House Bill 879, which states



Courtesy image

that if you live on a military installation, you can choose a school district adjacent to the school district your base is in. "This law permits our students to go to schools in Biloxi, Long Beach, Gulfport, or Harrison County. It is important to note that students can't pick their individual school, they can only choose a school district," Byrd explained.

## Seabees' quick action saves man's life during athletic event

By Ensign Samantha Krulik  
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Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 DET ECHO participated in a GoRuck fitness challenge course on July 16 2016 where they acted quickly and decisively to aide in a medical emergency of a civilian.

In their limited free time, 10 Seabees from NMCB 11 took initiative deciding to participate in a GoRuck fitness challenge course in Mobile, Alabama. A GoRuck course involves hiking with weights over a six to eight mile course while performing competitive physical exercises with a focus on teambuilding and leadership. These individuals are committed to challenging and bettering themselves, and overall enhancing their toughness.

Two hours into the GoRuck event, Petty Officer De Vries witnessed a 59-year old male collapse while doing bear crawls. She quickly rushed to his side, along with two other GoRuck participants, to assess the victim. Upon reaching the patient, she quickly determined that the patient was not breathing and was suffering cardiac arrest. Within 10 seconds of the patient collapsing she began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and with the aid of the two others as a team, continued to perform CPR on the patient. A 911 call was made for an ambulance and the team continued to continually assess the patient and constantly communicate between them to effectively provide aid. Petty Officer Udell provided aid and assistance to the team by monitoring the civilian's vital signs. The team quickly identified the need for an automated external defibrillator (AED) and Petty Officer Kory Field instantly sprung into action and volunteered to run to the nearest building to locate one.

Although the patient showed no signs of pulse or respiration, they provided emergency CPR to the victim for 15 minutes until paramedics from the City of Mobile Fire Department arrived. Due to the quick response, and the efforts



Official file photo of a GoRuck fitness challenge event

of everyone rendering non-stop continuous aid the man was successfully resuscitated in the hospital. They all showed amazing initiative in stepping up to help in a time of crisis. "They were calm, no one panicked and jumped right into action. They truly embodied the Seabee Spirit" said LTJG John Salguero. Many of them have never been in a situation like that, yet were able to work flawlessly together as a team to save a man's life. "I was amazed at their quickness to action and resilience. I am proud of everything they did" expressed LT Danika Globokar. They showed both mental and physical tenacity.

Unfortunately the civilian man passed away three days later, where he was surrounded by family in his passing. "I am comforted that our actions were able to keep him alive for his family and friends to say goodbye" said CM2 Stacie De Vries. It has been a rollercoaster of emotions for the Seabees who participated in the GoRuck fitness challenge course.

"[Our] condolences go out to the family" shared BU2 Patric Udell. While it is a tragedy that a man has lost his life, the prompt actions taken by NMCB 11 Seabees are a true testament to the 'Can Do' attitude and 'Fighting Spirit' of Seabees around the world.

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## NCBC Battle Buddy 5K Run



A small group of runners begin the Battle Buddy 5k challenge behind the Naval Construction Battalion Center Fitness Center July 20. Fitness coordinators for the base host nearly 10 running events each year. According to event coordinators, August is skipped because of the intense South Mississippi summer heat.

(U.S. Navy Photo by Brian Lamar/Released)

# 'The Meat & Potatoes of Life'

By Lisa Smith Molinari  
Special Contributor

## What I found while losing my mind

In the military, a Permanent Change of Station, or "PCS move," is a lot like childbirth – no matter how painful it is, you always think it will get easier the next time around. And it never does.

At least childbirth leaves you with a little bundle of joy at the end of it all, but your consolation prize for enduring the pain and suffering of PCSing is a bundle of boxes to unpack.

Oh, joy.

To make matters worse, there is always someone who PCSed about the same time as you, who somehow manages to get their place fully and fashionably decorated and box-free in two weeks or less.

You, however, spend six months with picture frames lining the baseboards, because no one has gotten around to putting nails in the walls. Your son wonders if you'll ever unpack the box that has his favorite Legos in it. Your husband gave up on finding his golf shoes two months ago. The cat is ticked that her scratching post is still somewhere in the garage.

With all the other day-to-day responsibilities you have

as a military spouse, how on earth can you be expected to fully unpack and redecorate every few years without totally losing your mind?!

\*She slumps onto the couch, and reaches for her coffee, which is on the cardboard box she's been using as an end table since last month. Sigh.\*

In 23 years of being a Navy wife, I, too, have lost my mind while moving. But I've also found a few things in the process.

No, I'm not talking about that old orange, red and black afghan Aunt Millie crocheted from the Benjamin Franklin dollar bin yarn before she died. Although it is amazingly cozy, I must say. I'm not referring to the hardware for the Ikea desk we had to get rid of two moves ago. I always wondered what happened to those screws. I'm not referencing the "Godfather II" VHS tape that we accused the movers of swiping on our claim form back in 1998. Anyone have a VCR we

can borrow?

Sure, I've found a few long lost objects while unpacking, but I'm really talking about finding initiative, resourcefulness, ingenuity and creativity.

From the Cavemen of ancient times to the Hipsters of today, all human beings have an instinct to seek shelter. Even my husband, Francis, who actually has enough

body hair to qualify him as a primate, prefers to live in a house rather than in the wild. But I digress...

Military families seek shelter too, but we know that every home is temporary, so why do

we bother to unpack at all? Uncle Sam is only going to tell us to pack it back up and do it all over again.

And again. And again.

Here's why: military spouses know that it is important for our families to feel at home, so whether it takes two weeks or six months, we will unpack the family belongings and start making memories.

What I discovered while losing my mind is that military spouses are resourceful enough to make any place feel like home -- be it an off-base split-level in Texas, an on-base townhouse in Kentucky, a seaside shack in Hawaii, a high-rise apartment in Japan, or a stairwell house in Germany. We are creative enough to repurpose our belongings to fit new spaces. We are flexible enough to adapt to a vast array of home sizes, layouts, and environments.

And we are ingenious enough to turn a cardboard box into a damned good end table.

After every PCS move, military families might spend a lot of time surrounded by cardboard boxes. But when it comes to making a home for their families, military spouses truly know how to think outside of the box.

*A 21-year Navy spouse, Lisa and her family are currently stationed in Newport, R.I. Her self-syndicated columns appear on her blog, [www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com](http://www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com), and she recently co-authored *Stories Around the Table: Laughter, Wisdom, and Strength in Military Life*. Follow Lisa @MolinariWrites."*



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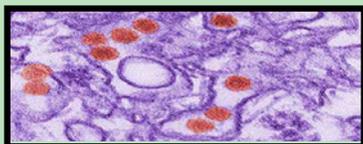
The links below will lead you to updated Navy Zika information sheet and trifold for Sailors, Marines and their families.

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Point of contact for Zika Virus information at Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Gulfport is HN Brian Masse, who may be contacted via email at: [brian.d.masse@mail.mil](mailto:brian.d.masse@mail.mil).

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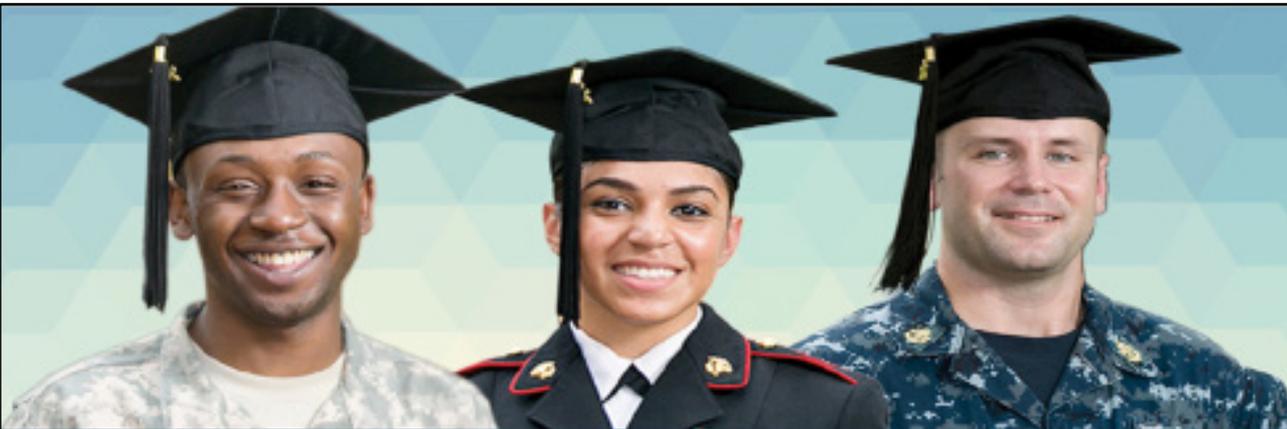
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## What's happening at the chapel?

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9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Protestant Service  
11 a.m. - Children's Church

### Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Praise Break (20 minutes  
of praise and worship through music)  
11:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study  
Noon - 1 p.m. - Protestant Women of  
the Chapel Bible Study



### Sunday

9 a.m. - Mass  
10 a.m. - CCD Class

### Monday, Tuesday & Friday

11:15 a.m. - Mass

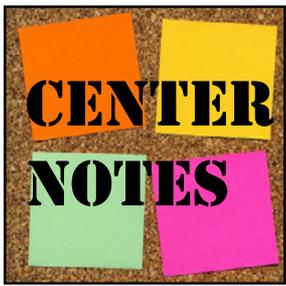
### Thursday

5 p.m. - Holy Hour  
6 p.m. - Mass  
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship

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**NCBC Command Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Ammie Davis**

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**NMCB 11 Family Readiness Group (FRG)** invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the second Monday of every month at the Youth Activities Center, building 335. Meetings are from 6 - 8 p.m. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided during deployment.

**NMCB 11 FRG** invites friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the last Monday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings are held at the Youth Activities Center on board NCBC Gulfport. Children are always welcome and child care is provided at no cost. Please join us for fun, food, and to meet and socialize with other NMCB 11 families and friends. For more information, please contact us at nmcb-11frg@gmail.com or like us on our Facebook page, NMCB 11 FRG.

**NMCB 133 FRG** invites all friends and family members to attend FRG meetings the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center. Children are welcome and baby sitting is provided. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact FRG President Jaime Royal at 317-730-4064 or email NMCB133fsg@gmail.com Log on to the FRG site, <http://www.wix.com/NMCB133FSG/133frg>.

**FOCUS - Families Overcoming Under Stress** provides resiliency training to service members and their families by teaching practical skills to help meet the challenges of military life, including how to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together. Confidential and free with family-friendly hours, contact FOCUS today! Call 228- 822-5736 or email [Gulfport@focus-project.org](mailto:Gulfport@focus-project.org)

**Gulfport Officer's Spouse Club** is a social organization that has fun while helping our community. We meet monthly and have special interest groups for almost everyone! For more information, email [goscgulfport@gmail.com](mailto:goscgulfport@gmail.com) or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gosc.gulfport>. We hope to see you soon!

**Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc.**, is interested in reestablishing a club in the local area. If you are interested in joining an organization that

promotes the health and welfare of any enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, please contact Darlene Carpenter at 228-342-2271 or Tina O'Shields at 228-357-0513. Visit [www.navywivesclubsof-america.org](http://www.navywivesclubsof-america.org) for more information on NWCA.

**NMCRS** - The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Shop is located in building 29 on Snead Street. The Thrift Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, and child care and mileage are reimbursed. Retail hours of operation are Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Visit the NMCRS offices at the Fleet and Family Support Center, building 30, suite 103 or call 228-871-2610 to find out how to become a part of the NMCRS volunteer team!

**Gamblers Anonymous** - The Fleet and Family Support Center offers GA meetings every Thursday at 11 a.m. GA is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. All meetings are confidential and facilitated by GA. Come to a meeting or call Jim Soriano at 228-871-3000.

**TRAINING**

**Naval Sea Cadets** - The Gulfport branch of the Naval Sea Cadets are recruiting youth ages 11 to 17 for Sea Cadets, a nation-wide organization that helps youth achieve personal success through nautical training. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., building 1, second floor conference room. Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at [Region63@juno.com](mailto:Region63@juno.com) or 850-890-6792.

**SOCIAL**

**Miss. Gulf Coast First Class Association** is always looking for new members. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Fitness Center classroom. For more information, contact Association president, CE1 Daniel Shaver, 228-871-2145.

**NCBC Multi-Cultural Diversity Committee** is seeking members. Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays at noon at the ECS, building 122 in the second floor conference room. Contact MCDC President, PS2 Handley at [natashia.handley@navy.mil](mailto:natashia.handley@navy.mil) or Vice President, BUCN Miller at [tariqah.miller@navy.mil](mailto:tariqah.miller@navy.mil) for info.

**VFW Post 3937 Long Beach** - Open Monday - Thursday, noon - 8 p.m., Friday, noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Steak Night is every Friday, 5 - 8 p.m., and

breakfast is available every Saturday, 7 - 10 a.m. VFW meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact Post 3937 at 228-863-8602 for details.

**Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 3937 Long Beach now VFW Auxiliary** - Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars 3937 Long Beach, Miss., now invites men to join. The Auxiliary is now the **VFW Auxiliary**. Our organization supports veterans, their families and current service members. We help in Veterans Affairs Hospitals, have voices in Legislation, help promote patriotism in our youth, offer scholarships to youth, teachers, and members. Members must be directly related to a veteran who has served in a foreign war. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 213 Klondyke Road, Long Beach, Mississippi. Contact Carol Fetters, President at 228-832-4893 or email [cfetters@cablone.net](mailto:cfetters@cablone.net) for more information.

**VFW Post 4526 Orange Grove** is open daily from Noon to 10 p.m. and located at 15206 Dedeaux Road, Orange Grove. Meetings are the second Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 228-832-0017 for information.

**NMCB 62 Alumni Group** - Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 62 was recommissioned in Gulfport in 1966 and decommissioned in 1989. To become a member or for links to historical sites, visit: <http://nmcb62alumni.org>.

**Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 5** invites veterans and future veterans to monthly meetings held the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Call service officer, Silva Royer at 228-324-1888 to find out more information.

**Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) Island X-1** - Gulfport is always happy to welcome new members. You do not have to be retired to be a member. If interested, please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 5 building, 2600 23rd Ave., Gulfport, for the monthly Island X-1 business meeting and see what we're all about. For more information, visit [www.nsva.org](http://www.nsva.org).

**HERITAGE**

**The Seabee Gift Store** is located in the Seabee Heritage Center Training Hall, building 446. Hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop has a variety of Seabee related memorabilia, books and DVDs. Contact them at [www.seabeemuseum-store.org](http://www.seabeemuseum-store.org) or call the gift store at 228-871-4779. The gift store is closed weekends and federal holidays.

# NCBC Helping Hands

**MISSISSIPPI CITY CEMETERY** - Volunteers needed to spruce up the Mississippi City Cemetery located south of Pass Road and Washington Ave in Gulfport. Point of contact is Chuck McKinley, 228-326-4006 or email [cmckinley@cablone.net](mailto:cmckinley@cablone.net).

**HOME REPAIRS** - Volunteers are needed to help a disabled widow of a retired Seabee with some home repairs. If you would like to help out, please contact Ms. Savage at 228-206-3367.

**GULFPORT SCHOOLS NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS** - The Gulfport Battalion of Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is looking for adult volunteers willing to help the area's youth succeed in life. NSCC is a non-profit, nautically-oriented, youth training and education organization, which is run by the Navy League with support from the U.S. Navy. Although a great plus, no prior military experience is required; all we need are adults who are passionate about mentoring America's youth.

Point of contact is Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Klomps, NSCC, at [Region63@juno.com](mailto:Region63@juno.com) or 850-890-6792.

**DISABILITY CONNECTION** - Disability Connection provides support to individuals with disabilities, including military veterans. Volunteers are needed to build ramps and provide home inspections for needed material lists. Call 228-604-4020 or email [office@disabilityconnection.org](mailto:office@disabilityconnection.org).

**NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY** - The NMCRS Thrift Store is experiencing a severe shortage of volunteers. Call 228-871-2610 to volunteer.

**USO GULF COAST** - The USO Gulf Coast is seeking passionate volunteers to give their service at the USO Gulf Coast located on board NCBC Gulfport. Our lounge volunteers primarily serve as host, ensuring guests sign in, offer snacks and beverages, and sign out computers and gaming equipment. We do require that all volunteers go through mentor shadowing

training, which usually lasts two hours. Please visit [www.USOVolunteer.org](http://www.USOVolunteer.org) and register.

**ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME** - Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of activities at AFRH. Please contact volunteer coordinator at 228-897-4417 to find out more information.

**FEED MY SHEEP** - Feed My Sheep, 2615 19th Street in Gulfport is looking for volunteers to help feed the homeless who are in need of a hot meal. To volunteer call Christina Lipke, 228-731-4883.

**COAST SALVATION ARMY** - Volunteers are needed for various projects throughout the year. Point of contact is Shawna\_Tatge@uss.salvationarmy.org.

**HELP SENIORS/DISABLED CITIZENS** - Harrison County RSVP needs retired plumbers, electricians, carpenters, skilled and unskilled laborers to join a team of handymen/women. Point of contact is Mag Holland, 228-896-0412.