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It's weird being the same age as old people



web site: www.mcb53.com

Seabee Golf Tournaments

Seabee memorial Scholarship Association currently have four tournaments scheduled in Washington, D.C., San Diego, Virginia Beach, and Gulfport.

GOLF ONLY

- Foursome.....\$1,000
- Individual Golfers.....\$250
- Current Military Foursome.....\$600
- Current Military Golfers.....\$150

<https://www.seabee.org/event>

Meanwhile at Davisville

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US
"WHERE IT ALL BEGAN"

SEABEE CELEBRATION

DAVISVILLE, RHODE ISLAND

SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

A Joint Celebration of the Seabee Historical Foundation and the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association.

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January

Fred L.	Allen	VIETNAM
Ronald P.	Bieri	VIETNAM
Joseph M.	Bridgers	VIETNAM
Stephen M	Cutting	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Dupalo	VIETNAM
Lyle J.	Forsythe	VIETNAM
Theodore	Glover	VIETNAM
Charles W.	Guenzel	VIETNAM
David C.	Hanos	VIETNAM
Donald D.	Hicks	VIETNAM
Charles C.	Iliff, III	VIETNAM
Donald C.	Jentsch	VIETNAM
John M.	Kearns	VIETNAM
Dennis R.	Kiebach	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Kilber	VIETNAM
Nathan P.	Laborde	VIETNAM
Albert J.	Lanoie	VIETNAM
Frank J.	Lavin, Jr.	VIETNAM
Ross E.	Likens	VIETNAM
David N.	Mc Cord	VIETNAM
John H.	Mc Intosh	VIETNAM
Jeffrey M.	Musburger	VIETNAM
Ronald D.	Quinn	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Reda	VIETNAM
William	Shehab	VIETNAM
Robert D.	Simpson	VIETNAM
Thomas M	Smith	VIETNAM
Manley M.	South, Jr.	VIETNAM
Thomas J.	Van Eynde	VIETNAM
Paul L.	Wertz, Sr.	VIETNAM



February

Dana L.	Littlefield	VIETNAM
Arthur D.	Mc Collum	VIETNAM
Steven M.	Stover	VIETNAM
Walter	Shkapich	VIETNAM
Terry L.	Drobny	VIETNAM
Louis S.	Langford	VIETNAM
Willard J.	Cheirrett	VIETNAM
John M.	Scheer	VIETNAM
James L.	Huff	VIETNAM
John D.	Behan	VIETNAM
Alfred F.	Garrison, Jr.	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Conley, Sr.	VIETNAM



March

Leslie E.	Green	VIETNAM
Charles M.	Jorgenson	VIETNAM
Arlan J.	Marks	VIETNAM
Michael M.	Micklos, Jr.	VIETNAM
Lane L.	Plauche, Sr.	VIETNAM
Robert E.	LaCasse	VIETNAM
Callis E.	Bridgers, III	VIETNAM
Gordon F.	Ballard	VIETNAM
James P.	Casino	VIETNAM
Fred S.	Kuznia	VIETNAM
Richard E.	Jackson	VIETNAM
Donald J.	Strandell	VIETNAM

James V.	Bartlett, Jr.	VIETNAM
Jesse W.	Willett	WWII
John C.	Corwin	VIETNAM
William L.	Bradley	VIETNAM
Raymond	Mc Collum	VIETNAM
William C.	Atkinson	VIETNAM



April

Richard J.	Beresford	VIETNAM
Ronald D.	Eckert	VIETNAM
William T.	Garside	VIETNAM
Joseph B.	Green, Jr.	VIETNAM
Donald E.	Mull	VIETNAM
Charles G.	Reiner, III	VIETNAM
Dick R.	Slayton	VIETNAM
Joseph J.	Cerminaro	VIETNAM
Sidney T.	Spencer	VIETNAM
Noel G.	Pelletier	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Kervin	VIETNAM
George E.	Tallman	VIETNAM
Wayne	Prather	VIETNAM
Franklin D.	Henthorn	VIETNAM
Robert B.	Kyle, Sr.	VIETNAM
John E.	Kellogg, Jr.	VIETNAM
Ronald R.	Smith	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Young	VIETNAM
John W.	Saale	VIETNAM
Claude E.	Starr	VIETNAM

James J.	Donohue	VIETNAM
Larry E.	Lousig-Nont	VIETNAM
Emmett w.	Sullivan, III	VIETNAM
Walter B.	Kropf	WWII
Jay	Green	Vietnam

Two brothers joined the Navy in 1967/68, and each had different experiences during the Vietnam War.

<https://cherrieswriter.com/2023/02/18/a-seabee-and-a-submarine-sailor/>

I was on board the 617 as a Missile Technician and diver (E-6) during refit and listening to the cassette tape my older brother Jim had sent from Vietnam. When I dropped out of school in 1967 and joined the Navy, Jim waited until January 1968 to drop out of Ohio University in his second year of school and enlisted as well.

Although I was headed to the Polaris program and knew that during Boot Camp, Jim was headed for the fighting Seabees and Vietnam—but he didn't know it when he came out to San Diego. *(read more at link)*

The Real Wonder Woman



Iconic army nurse Kate O' Hare Palmer is a true hero, fighting along the front lines to save even those soldiers that were way beyond saving. Kate ran at least 2 field hospitals in the thick of the war, directing and mending the worst of the worst injuries and devastating violence to be wrecked upon these human men.

She survived the war herself and now, Kate is the head chair of the Women Vets Committee for the Vietnam Vets of America.

Auditioning for Doughnuts



The Donut Dollies actually had higher standards for joining and being active in the Red Cross than the boys in the military. The Red Cross Supplemental Recreational Activities Overseas (SRAO) initiative set the rules—the girls had to be completely higher-level educated

(college graduates), 21 years or older, and come with several letters of recommendation from prominently recognized U.S. citizens. Higher than average physical exams also had to be passed, along with someone subjectively deciding on whether or not these girls had what was deemed “outstanding personality”. Despite their names, they did not serve donuts in Vietnam as that was a WWII gig. Instead, these girls wrote audience participation game shows, put them in a large green bag, and jumped in a chopper, or a jeep or a truck...whatever could take them to the firebases and LZs, where they literally played games with the troops and passed out ditty bags or other goodies sent to them.

WWII veteran W.C. Vest celebrates 100th birthday



PRINCETON — More than 80 years ago, a young man enlisted in the U.S. Navy and soon learned what was like to be bombed every day and wake up with your pup tent full of water. He lived to tell his stories with the children, grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Vest became a member of the Navy Construction Battalion, also known as the Seabees. “We were bombed every day for the first month,” Vest recalled. “We managed to shoot

one down. I figured that would stop them, but they kept on coming.” [WWII veteran W.C. Vest celebrates 100th birthday | News | bdtonline.com](https://www.bdtonline.com/news/wwii-veteran-w.c.-vest-celebrates-100th-birthday)

A note from Becky Stants

I thought I would tell you about a Service Dog project.

I belong to Donegal American Legion Post 941 Auxiliary.

We are working with Guardian Angels to raise money to buy a Service Dog for a disabled Veteran. We invited Jack Wagner Director of South Western Guardian Angels to come to our meeting on the 1st. He in turn brought a disabled veteran and Foxy his medical dog. It was an emotional evening to hear his story and meet Foxy. A dog will cost us close to \$30,000 maybe even more until we raise this money. We are hoping the Legion, SAL and Legion Riders will join in to help earn this money. Wish us the best. Becky

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-DUES \$ 200 195 185 175 170 160 150 145 135 125 115 110 100 90 80 70 70 70 etc.

GOOD TIMES
SMALL FEE

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(email): _____ Dues amount enclosed: _____

Circle Tour: 1942-1945 1968 1969 \$15/annual or use Life Member Chart

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