



THE BUZZZZZZZZ OF THE MOUNTAINS

NSVA ISLAND X-3 NEWS

Quarterly: Jan-Mar 2026

Wayne Arnold: From the Commander

Thanks for all the help in making the 11th annual Seabee /Military Ball a success , and looking forward to start work on next years Ball , thanks to all who made donations and assisted in all facets of the planning and carrying out of the Ball.

Brian Parker: From the Sr. Vice Commander

Hello again and I pray that you and yours are doing well. Having just finished our 11th All Military Ball we thank those that worked so hard to make it a success. It was a fun evening. We will work to make next years Ball even better so if you have any suggestions, we are grateful to hear them. Nothing happens in a void and with more participation, work and ideas, we can make this an event no one will want to miss.

I also want to strongly encourage you to attend our monthly meetings. Do you need a ride? Let us know and we will get one for you. Need a visit from the Chaplain or other members, just tell us so we can meet your needs. We were part of a team when we were on active duty, and we are still part of the Seabee team until we pass on to that great Battalion in the sky. Until next time, keep up the CAN DO spirit!

Ed Crenshaw: Secretary NSVA Island X-3 Georgia

From The Secretary Island X-3 and Treasurer NSVSA

This has been a busy Quarter, especially with the 11th annual Seabee Birthday/All Military Ball held at the Ridges on 7 March 2026. We had an enjoyable evening as we celebrated the 84th Birthday of the United States Navy Seabees. Thanks goes out to both the Island and NSVSA for all the help that went into making this a fun evening, of good food, fellowship, music and dancing. We had Col. Butch Teston USA (Ret) as our Key Speaker and again had our very own Congressman from our district Congressman Andrew Clyde and his wife Jennifer and Aid Conner Land. Congressman Clyde is also a Retired Seabee Officer.

This Quarter we also elected our new slate of Officers for FY-26. Thanks to all who stepped up to fill these very important positions in the Island.

Commander: Wayne Arnold

Sr. Vice Commander: Brian Parker

Jr. Vice Commander: Paul Brown

Treasurer: Chuck Chandonnet

Secretary: Ed Crenshaw

Chaplain: Richard Hoibraten

MAA/OOD: Keith Hunter

Historian: Mike Gardner

Newsletter: Dr. Tammy Holloway



X-3 2026

Meetings:

Second Friday of each
month at 1400

(unless otherwise specified)



Chaplain's Corner

I bring greetings on this spring morning for everyone

This is a new year and many opportunities to grow in faith and commitment to God and Country beginning in our heart's and community.

Challenges may provide each of us with opportunities and it is up to us to make good decisions.

May we always give thanks for our many blessings and be prepared to unite and serve. May the Hive thrive and grow. In God's Grace Peace, Rev Richard Hoibraten, Chaplain

NSVSA News

Maggie Guerrier: President Navy Seabee Veterans Support Alliance

Dear Members of NSVSA Aux, I want to thank you for your generous contribution of time and effort especially this last quarter. Your willingness to volunteer has had a meaningful impact on our work and on our outreach to the community. Working with you has been a positive and rewarding experience. Your willingness to share ideas, help troubleshoot issues, and step in when things get busy has made a big difference. I truly appreciate your reliability and the professionalism you bring to our team.

Because of your dedication, the Military Ball was a huge success! It was truly an honor to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday as well. We were able to serve more people and create a better experience for everyone involved. Your positive attitude and reliability made all of you a true asset to our team. From everyone who went door to door to the many businesses of this community to those that helped with bake sales to raise and the personal donations. As always, the baskets were huge hit and the silent auction garnered a nice amount of revenue. That is from everyone's dedication. I am deeply grateful for the support you've all have shown to make NSVSA a continued support for the Seabee's. and hope you know how much we appreciate your commitment to our mission. I look forward to working together on many more projects. With sincere thanks, Maggie Guerrier—President—NSVSA Auxiliary

Notes from the NSVSA VP: Pauline Crenshaw

Hello everyone, I'm sure everyone is in a wind down mood from the Month of March. The Seabee Birthday/All Military Ball was again a huge success, but it couldn't have been done without the cooperation of all our members. The baskets you helped put together were again a big hit as well as all the other donations that were solicited. Thank You!!! Big thanks go out to Kaiyle Payne of the Family Bargain Bazaar as almost all the baskets were donated by them, when you are there, which we hope is often say thank you for all the help. Remember they give a Military Discount.

Please keep telling folks about our Organization. Let them know we are a non-profit, 501c3, and is open to anyone 18 years of age or older that basically have the same ideals of supporting the Seabee Island, Helping Veterans, Widows and Orphans of deceased Veterans, Giving Student Scholarships, and assisting in local Civic Projects. Dues are only \$25.00 per year (Life Membership \$100.00) and the first year is Free. The NSVSA is open to our Island Members also and we have a number of our members who are Island members.

We had a fun morning on Saturday 14 March as we met at Longhorn Restaurant to help out the Appalachian Veterans Memorial Park with their Pancake Breakfast to help raise funds for the Park. We had a great turn out and thanks to all who helped or at least came and ate.

We want to welcome our newest member Mrs. Donna Dillard-Lee, who joined us in March as a Life Member. Welcome we are glad to have you as a part of our awesome group. Donna is a local Realtor so if you need to Buy or Sell you now have a great contact.

The Newly elected officers of the NSVSA

Maggie Gurrier : President
Pauline Crenshaw ; VP
Ingrid Engle: Secretary
Ed Crenshaw : Treasurer
Kenny Engle: Historian
Chaplain(s) Jim/ Linda Gorman



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Member Spotlight

Paul Brown Jr.
Junior Vice Commander, NSVA Island X-3

Greetings from the Junior Vice Commander's chair. I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Military Ball and the Pancake Breakfast. Both events were a great success, and everything turned out very well.

I began my military career in 1966, right out of high school, when I joined the Florida Army National Guard. I attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where I spent six months before returning home to my unit. I served in the Guard for 12 and a half years, leaving in 1979 with the rank of Staff Sergeant, E-6. During that time, I attended various camps and served at several different forts, earning a number of citations and diplomas for the work and training I completed. I truly enjoyed my years in the Guard, especially the opportunities to travel in and out of state and around the country.



In 1984, I joined RNMCB-14 out of NAS Jacksonville. I spent a little over three years with that unit and made Company Honor-CB during one of our deployments. I also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the NAR Battalion for services rendered. My time with the Reserves brought my total military service to 15 and a half years. There is nothing especially outstanding about my service other than the fact that I was honored to serve, and I enjoyed being a part of it all. I especially enjoyed my time with the Seabees and continue to value being a member of Island X-3. I hope everyone has a

great New Year ahead. I look forward to continuing to work with the Island and with our veterans. Thanks, everybody, and enjoy. Paul Brown Jr.—Junior Vice Commander

Here are all the Zebu with Seabee Inspired Names at [Holloway Zebu Farm](#)

“Seabee” Our >>> current “mascot” rep for the Island



<<< Our original Island Mascot, CanDo the Zebu, from the Holloway Zebu Farm had a little bull calf and with keeping with the Seabee names was named Sparky. Remember the owner and Life Member Dr. Tammy Holloway was a CE, so Sparky was an excellent name.

“CanDo” Our>>> original mascot and mother of Phoebe (pictured here) and the new calf, Sparky



Facebook Presence

The Island and the NSVSA has their own Face Book Page. Seabee stuff, Meeting Information, Veterans Needs, etc. can be put on the Face Book Page. Go to [NSVA Island X-3 Georgia](#) and [NAVY SEABEE VETERANS SUPPORT ALLIANCE](#) and give your input by uploading your own information or photos.

If you do not have a Facebook account - its easy! Just go to ‘apps’ on your phone and follow the steps or on your computer go to: facebook.com and click on Log In or Sign Up. Enter the name you go by, Enter your email or mobile phone number, select your gender and date of birth and choose a password. Tap sign up, confirm your email or mobile phone numberIts Free and easy! Just click [here](#) to get started: <https://www.facebook.com/>

Our Facebook Links: [NSVA Island X-3 Georgia | Facebook](#) or [Navy SeabeeVeterans Support Alliance | Facebook](#)



Island Events



Seabee Ball

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Other News

The Appalachian Veterans Memorial Park Project Update



The Park is moving forward, The Bricks that folks have been buying to recognize their family members and friends are being installed now. A second order is due in any day and they will also soon go up. Remember you can still purchase a Brick by going to the web page at TheVeteransPark.org and follow the link to Buy A Brick. It is very easy. If you have not been by the Park in a while you need to go check it out:

TheVeteransPark.org



Thanks go out to the NSVA Island X-3 donated \$1000.00 to the Park and The NSVSA donated \$500.00 to the Park. Many Thanks go out to these two groups for all the help in building the Appalachian Veterans Memorial Park

Seabee History

We have a member that was in MCB 62 so here is some early History of the Battalion

62nd Battalion

After forming at Davisville RI in December, 1942 the 62nd was sent to Port Hueneme for advanced training. The Battalion spent three weeks at Camp Rousseau then went to San Francisco, whence it shipped out on March 24 for Pearl Harbor. The 62nd was on duty in Oahu for 19 months then went to Maui on November 2, for the Iwo Jima Staging. Embarkation for the invasion began Christmas Day 1944, and by February 1, 1945, the last elements of the Battalion were aboard ship. The first landing party of the 62nd hit Iwo Jima on February 24th, with the main body of the outfit coming ashore during the next three days. On VJ Day, the 62nd was still on Iwo Jima.

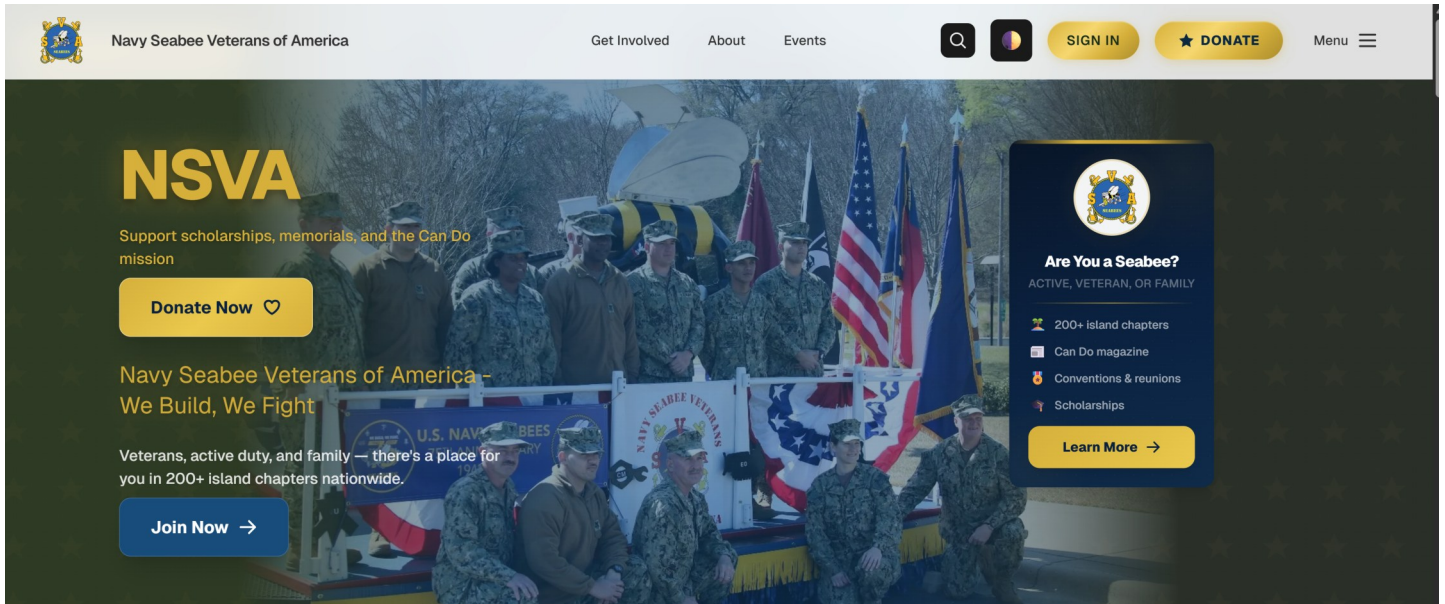
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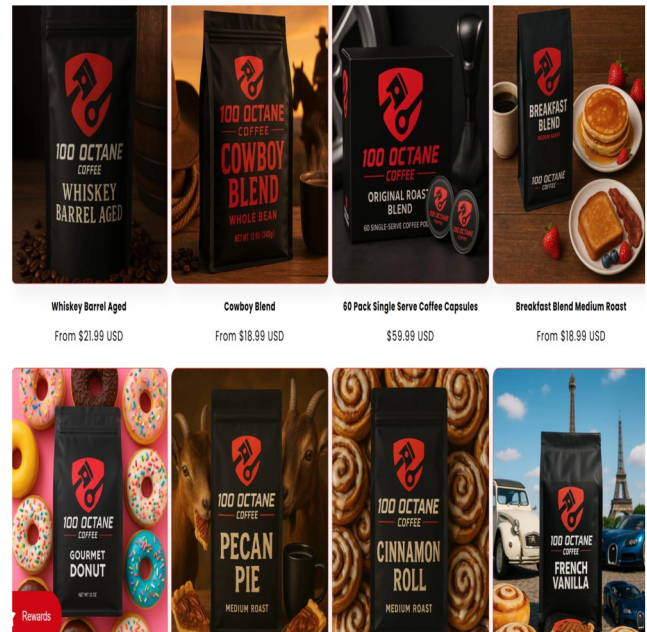
"Committed to Veterans and the Local Community"

NEW NSVA WEBSITE

The National Navy Seabee Veterans Of America have redone completely the nsva.org web page.



Dan Wickersham won the bid on the 100 octane coffee



We would like to recognize local veteran owned businesses

We would like to recognize businesses that support the Seabees and Veterans or are a Veteran owned business. If you would like to run an add in the newsletter contact Editor Tammy Holloway PhD at email: tammyholloway70@gmail.com

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1538 Blue Ridge Hwy
Blairsville, GA 30512
706-745-9665

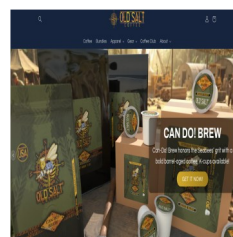
North Georgia Garage Door Man
<https://northgeorgiagaragedoorman.com>
New Install Residential/Commercial
Nathan Holloway
706-633-7697

Old Salt Coffee Company, Inc.
57-091 Lalo Kuilima Place Kahuku,
Hawaii 96731
(808) 404-9867
co@oldsaltcoffee.com

Veterans Fly Fishing Inc
www.veteransflyfishing.org
Billy Ray Smith

Family Bargain Bazar
307 Cleveland Street
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Blairsville, Ga 30512

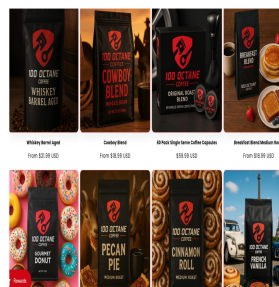
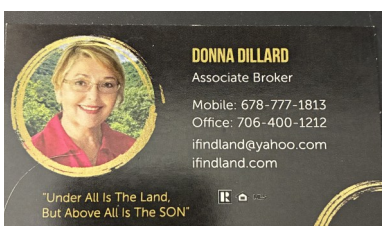
[Old Salt Coffee : Seabee Can Do Brew](#)
(Annual Sponsor of the Ball)



Holloway Zebu Farm
IMZA Registered Micro Mini Cattle
706-851-0997
hollowayzebufarm.com

Barry J Herold
Custom Ink Pens with LOGO's
706-745-5665
Barry398@cs.com

[100 Octane Coffee](#)
(100 Octane was a sponsor of the Ball)



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MEMBERSHIP: Island X-3 Blairsville Georgia

We are always looking for new members for the Island. If you know of a Seabee (current or prior), or "ANYONE" who has served with the Seabees they are eligible for membership in a NSVA Island and we would be glad to have them join with us in Island X-3 Georgia. We still offer the first year of an annual membership FREE to new members, so if you know of a potential member have them drop into one of our meetings. Be sure to always wear a SEABEE hat or shirt or some type of Seabee clothing when you are out and about and have some of the Island business cards available as you never know when you will run into a SEABEE.



The Navy Seabees Island X-3 Blairsville, Georgia



*Meeting the Second Friday
Of Each Month at 1400 Hours
At the Major Leon Davenport
Veterans Center
78 Blue Ridge Highway
Blairsville, GA*

Come Volunteer With Us!
All are welcome

