

Special Thanks

The open bar is sponsored by
CDR(s) Sam Yu, LCDR Sam
Beering, LT Maxwell Karls and
LTJG Nolan Sullivan.

Congratulations on your promotions!

Thank you LCDR Jamie Wallace
for your donation to the Seabee
Ball Committee on occasion of
your retirement.

*We extend our heartfelt gratitude to
LCDR Wallace for her unwavering
support and dedication after 26
faithful years of service!
Fair Winds and Following Seas*

Master of Ceremonies:

LCDR John Nurthen,
Construction Management Team
Lead, PWD Kings Bay

2025 Seabee Ball Committee:

LCDR Brittni King
LT Andrea Harris
LT Quinn Parlier
LTJG Arthur Halmon IV
LTJG James McMahan
LTJG Matthew Owens
ENS Timothy Finley

NSB Kings Bay Color Guard Detail:

LSS2 William Alverio-Pereira
CSS3 Tyler Vanmeter
ITE2 Jessica Toy
ETV3 Michael Harvey

To our guests, thank you for attending
the 2025 NAVFAC SE Seabee Ball!

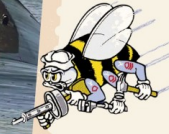


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NAVFAC Southeast presents



83rd Annual Seabee Ball



Bees

by the

Sea



Saturday, March 8, 2025

The River Club

One Independent Drive Suite 3500
Jacksonville, FL 32202

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1800** ***Cocktail Hour***
- 1845** ***Ballroom Doors Open***
- 1900** ***Opening Ceremony***
Presentation of the Colors / National Anthem / Invocation / Salute to Missing Comrades
- 1910** ***Dinner is Served***
- 1930** ***Welcome / Opening Remarks***
CAPT Miguel Dieguez - NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer
- 1940** ***Guest Speaker***
RADM (Ret.) Bret Muilenburg - NAVFAC's 44th Commander / Chief of Civil Engineers
- 2000** ***Seabee Birthday Cake Ceremony***
*Oldest and Youngest Seabees
Cake Cutting / Formal Toasts
Song of the Seabees
End of Official Program*
- 2230** ***Last Dance / Ball Ends***

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Southeast



NAVFAC Southeast's mission is to plan, design, build, and maintain resilient facilities for the Navy, Marine Corps, and other Department of Defense and Federal agencies, while enabling Naval environmental readiness and supporting the Fleet's strategic deterrence mission. We leverage world-class technical expertise and innovation to enhance shore readiness in alignment with Fleet priorities and deliver contingency engineering support for military installations in our area of operations. NAVFAC Southeast leverages a workforce of over 2,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel across 22 locations in the Southeast United States and the Caribbean.

- Commanding Officer:** CAPT Miguel Dieguez, CEC, USN
- Executive Officer:** CAPT Liz Durika, CEC, USN
- Senior Enlisted Leader:** CUCS (SCW/EXW) Lorin T. Asada, USN



183rd Birthday of NAVFAC
*Established August 31, 1842, originally
the Bureau of Yards and Docks*



Rear Admiral (Ret.) Bret Muilenburg Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy



Bret Muilenburg is a native of Titusville, FL, a 1980 graduate of Astronaut High School, and a 1984 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He spent 34 years as a Seabee and a Civil Engineer Corps Officer, retiring from the Navy in 2018. After retiring, he worked as Director of Federal Strategy and Vice President of Environmental Solutions for Jacobs Solutions, board member for commercial and non-profit organizations, and as a private consultant.

Bret remains connected to the Seabees as a Board Member of the Navy Seabee Foundation.

Over his career, Bret attained a Seabee Combat Warfare Qualification, Professional Engineer License, Acquisition Professional membership, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Master of Science in Environmental Engineering and Science, and a Master of Science in Engineering Management.

Bret's expeditionary tours included Commodore, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment and Commander of Theater Engineers, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan; Commanding Officer, NMCB SEVEN; Operations Officer, NMCB ONE THIRTY-THREE; and Assistant Operations Officer, NMCB SIXTY-TWO. His deployments included contingency operations and peacetime construction from Camp Moscrip, Puerto Rico; Camp Covington, Guam; Camp Shields, Okinawa; Camp Bedrock, Bosnia; Camp Moreell, Kuwait; Al Diwaniyah, Iraq; and Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

His shore assignments included Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Chief of Civil Engineers, Washington, DC; Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific and US Pacific Fleet Civil Engineer, Pearl Harbor, HI; Commanding Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, Pearl Harbor, HI; Head, Civil Engineer Corps Detailer and Community Manager, Millington, TN; Executive Assistant, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, the Pentagon; staff member, Operational Navy Staff, Washington, DC; Production Officer, Public Works Center, Jacksonville, FL; Environmental and Planning Officer, Sigonella, Sicily, Italy; Maintenance Shops Engineer, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; and Construction Manager, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Kings Bay, GA.

The History of the Seabees



The Naval Construction Force, better known as the Seabees, was created during World War II to meet the Navy's need for construction of advanced bases in combat zones. Rear Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, requested specific authority on 28 December 1941 to activate, organize and staff the first Navy construction units.

On 5 January 1942, Rear Adm. Moreell gained authority from the Bureau of Navigation to recruit men from the construction trades for assignment to a Naval Construction Regiment composed of three Naval Construction Battalions. The first Seabee units were formed and official authorization of the Seabee name and insignia occurred on **5 March 1942**. This marked the beginning of the renowned Seabees, who obtained their designation from the initial letters of *Construction Battalion*. Moreell personally furnished them with their official motto: *Construimus, Batuimus*-- Latin for "**We Build, We Fight.**"

Since then, Seabees have been the Navy's construction force, building bases and airfields, conducting underwater construction, and building roads, bridges, and other support facilities. They play a crucial role in supporting the fleet and combatant commands while carrying out the Navy's maritime strategy. Seabees also play an important role in sustaining global relationships. Seabees are forward deployed around the world to provide engineering and construction support while promoting regional stability and improving lives through engineering civic action projects in many countries.

Happy 83rd Anniversary to the U.S. Navy Seabees!

Song of the Seabees

We're the Seabees of the Navy. We can build and we can fight.

We'll pave the way to victory and guard it day and night!

And we promise to remember the "Seventh of December"

We're the Seabees of the Navy...Bees of the Seven Seas!



Capt. Bret Muilenburg at the NAVFAC Pacific Change of Command Ceremony on May 12, 2013.

