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PWD Rota Supports Ammunition Movement

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs



ROTA, Spain – Equipment Operator Constructionman Christian Ramirez (left above photo), assigned to Naval Station Rota, Spain's Public Works Department (PWD) Production Division transportation branch weight handling equipment (WHE) crew, guides ammunition equipment by providing signals and handheld transceiver communications to Carlos Mazon, crane operator for PWD Rota aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) Oct. 2. Below, PWD Rota WHE crew comprised of Equipment Operator Second Class Petty Officer Alex Jackson, Equipment Operator Second Class Petty Officer David Francis, and Equipment Operator Constructionman Christian Ramirez, guide an ammunition container toward Bulkeley's vertical launching system. Bulkeley routinely operates in the U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa area of operations, employed by the U.S. Sixth Fleet to defend U.S., Allied, and Partner interests. PWD Rota provides a full range of Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command facility and environmental products and services to NAVSTA Rota, including quality life-cycle facilities management, utilities, transportation, and environmental services to support mission requirements of the Commander, Naval Activities Spain, and other supported commands.

(U.S. Navy photos by Lt. Chanhon Lee)

What's Up with Building 1?

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs

ROTA, Spain – Some of you may have noticed that Building 1 at NAVSTA Rota has been getting a serious makeover lately. Along with commands moving around and changing office spaces inside, PWD Rota's laborers, painters, and carpenters have been hard at work on the outside. Samuel Bravo Garcia and Francisco Javier Herrera Bolanos, pictured here, worked on installing 4,200 feet of cable underneath the roofline, which serves as an anti-bird nesting device. This project included pressure washing the stains left behind from previous nests and repainting those areas for a "NAVFAC quality" finished product. Hopefully, this will keep those pesky birds from nesting all over Building 1 in the future!



(U.S. Navy photos by Construction Electrician Second Class Petty Officer Warreck Neubauer)



Water Crew Keeping Fires at Bay!

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs

ROTA, Spain - Throughout the month of October, Seabees assigned to the PWD Rota Utilities & Energy Management Branch Water Crew, Utilitiesman Second Class Petty Officer Adriana Vandenbrink, Utilitiesman Third Class Petty Officer Johnsonpowers, Utilitiesman Constructionman Aidan Doyle, and Utilitiesman Apprentice Dennis Stephen, were tasked with testing fire hydrants located on NAVSTA Rota. The fire hydrants they tested serve to protect mission critical assets such as the Flight Line, Hangar Bays, Water Storage Tanks and NCTAMS. The Seabees had to fully open the valve, ensure the proper water flow was taking place and replace the rubber sealing gasket for when it's not in use. They tested over 30 hydrants throughout the month and reported any deficiencies in any of the hydrants so they could be addressed.

(U.S. Navy photos by Utilitiesman Constructionman Aidan Doyle)



Construction Electrician Apprentice
Francis Kahele



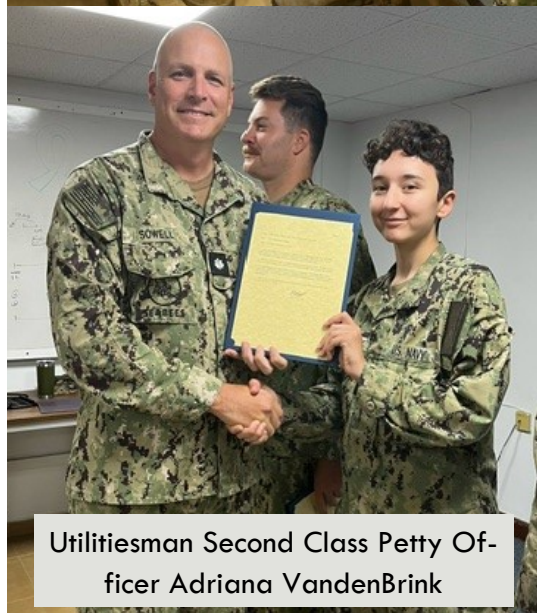
Construction Electrician Second Class
Petty Officer Warreck Neubauer

Letter of Appreciation for the 'Bees!

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs

ROTA, Spain - Cmdr. Kenneth Sowell, PWD Rota public works officer, presented Letters of Appreciation (LOAs) on October 19th to the 82nd Seabee Ball Committee members for their tremendous hard work on the Fourth of July event. Members worked 12 hours of selfless volunteering and made the event a great success, where they raised \$4,299 in sales and donations in support of the upcoming Seabee ball. Donations help offset some of the cost and keep the ticket prices low for all hands! Bravo Zulu, for everyone receiving the LOAs and for all the hard work!

(U.S. Navy photos by Equipment Operator Constructionman Christian Ramirez)



Utilitiesman Second Class Petty Of-
ficer Adriana VandenBrink



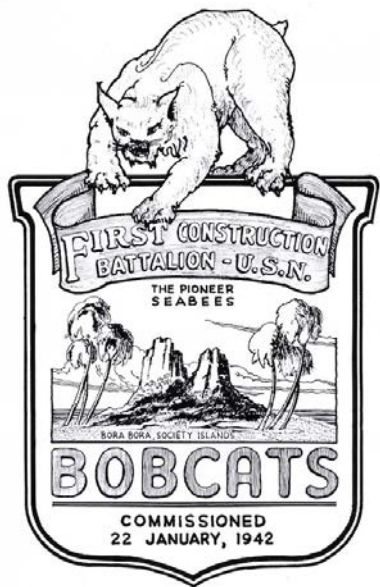
Construction Mechanic Second Class
Petty Officer Patrick O'Brien



Construction Electrician Apprentice
Dylan Creech

This Month in Seabee History

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs



On Oct. 31, 1941, Rear Adm. Chester Nimitz, the chief of the Bureau of Navigation at the time, authorized the formation of the first headquarters construction company. This was the predecessor to the Fighting Seabees!

The Bureau of Yards and Docks began organizing these units based on war plans formulated in the 1930s and before the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor. The initial concept was to utilize rated military personnel in units under officers in charge of construction at advanced bases if war interrupted contracted operations. As some may know, the first company formed was "Construction Battalion BOBCAT." They left the states and headed for Bora Bora to satisfy the Navy's immediate need for fueling stations to refuel ships and planes, keeping the sea-lanes open to Australia.

There were approximately 100 men who had construction experience in the First Headquarters Construction Company, but that was not enough. An additional 150 general service recruits from Newport Basic Training Camp, R.I., were drafted, all with no construction experience!

(Article by Construction Electrician Second Class Petty Officer Warreck Neubauer)



Some Crazy Winds!

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota experienced the effects of Storm Aline that moved through the area Oct. 19 - 22. The rain and high winds brought nasty conditions to the base, toppling trees and causing some unsecured items to fly away!



(U.S. Navy Photos by Construction Electrician Second Class Petty Officer Warreck Neubauer)

Welcome Aboard!

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs

Let's welcome the following new members of PWD Rota to our family!



Construction Electrician
Constructionman Apprentice
Christopher Jesmer
Production Division UEM



Jose Maria Lucero Roma
Production Division F&S



Pablo Chacon Raposo
Production Division F&S



Miguel Angel
Rodriguez Minchero
Production Division Supply



Laura Blanco Delgado
Production Division Supply



Raquel Blanco Delgado
Production Division Supply



David Carretero Pino
Production Division Supply



Angel Carretero Pino
Production Division Supply



Manuel J. Castellano Beltran
Production Division Supply



Emilio Mantecon Hernandez
Production Division Supply



Jose A. Gonzalez Arana
Production Division Supply



Jose Castillo Pacheco
Production Division UEM

PWD Rota Seabee Host Haunted House Event

Source: PWD Rota Public Affairs

Rota, Spain - The Public Works Department (PWD) Rota Seabee Ball Committee hosted its 11th annual Haunted House event Oct. 27 and 28 aboard Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain. The committee spent weeks preparing for the event to ensure it went smoothly, and the preparation work included decorating, advertising, and, most importantly, ensuring the location was safe. All the hard work paid off when, finally, it was the weekend of the event, and the fun part could begin! The committee also received help from other PWD Rota Seabees, the deployed Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133, and the members of the Girl Scouts on NAVSTA Rota, who volunteered to act in the Haunted House or serve as cashiers and guides. On both nights of the event, the line went past the parking lot, and everyone was looking for some good scare! The event was a huge success, raising \$2,900 to help fund the next Seabee Ball scheduled in March 2024! Stay tuned for more fundraiser events like this!



Article by Utilitiesman Constructionman Aidan Doyle/U.S. Navy Photos provided by Lt. Chanhan Lee



Who's in the Seabee Ball Committee?

The committee consists of Construction Electrician Second Class Petty Officer Robert Holmes, Construction Electrician Third Class Petty Officer Zuhair Ali, Construction Electrician Third Class Petty Officer Peng Zhou, Utilitiesman Constructionman Aidan Doyle, Construction Electrician Constructionman Dylan Creech, Utilitiesman Constructionman Apprentice Dennis Stephen, and their supervisors Equipment Operator First Class Petty Officer Lawrence Stanley and Lt. Jessica Hatfield.



SEABEE BALL COMMITTEE PRESENTS

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prize!**