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# NMCB 74 Seabee Earns Two College Degrees

By MC1(SCW/SW/AW) Ryan G. Wilber



*CS2 Roberson stands with the 2011 graduating class at Naval Station Rota, Spain as the commencement ceremony begins in the Base Chapel.*

Culinary Specialist (SW/AW) Tanioe Roberson of Tifton, Ga., assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74, received two college degrees during a ceremony held at the Base Chapel on Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota, Spain May 20.

Roberson, an 11-year veteran, earned an associate's degree in Supervision and Management from Coastline Community College and a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University in the short span of only two years. She attributed selecting a military-friendly school with the right accreditation for her accomplishment.

"It is important to select a school that is understanding of the military, with regional, not national accreditation, and that offers short semesters online. Being deployed often can really slow you down, but you can make it work if you choose the right school," said Roberson.

The mother of six school-age children said that she had to sacrifice time with her family while working on her education, but made it work by having a family homework time for two hours each evening.

Lt. Cmdr. Ron Dennis, NAVSTA Rota commanding officer, addressed the 2011 graduates praising their accomplishments and sacrifices, as well as encouraging their continued education in and out of the classroom.

"For many of you, just like Petty Officer Roberson, you sacrificed many off-duty days to accomplish what you accomplished, finishing school and finishing your degree; many off-duty days

that you could have been out exploring Spain, exploring Europe, enjoying life in general," said Dennis. "You don't merely earn your degree by sitting in a classroom. Education is a life-long process. Today is just another stepping stone in life, a door-opening event, as I like to call it. Continue your education; in the classroom, out of the classroom, don't stop here. Set your next goal."

Roberson expressed a feeling of relief after receiving her degrees, but also said that she plans on continuing her education.

"Finishing my degree feels like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders, and now I'm getting ready to enroll for a master's degree," said Roberson. "My plan is to get my master's and put in a package for officer candidate school, so I can retire as an officer and hopefully educate junior sailors about the importance of education."

# Message From the Commanding Officer



Fearless Friends and Family,

As we begin our final push on our deployment, the good news is the finish line is beginning to come into sight, and although the days all start to seem the same one after another, we are definitely much closer to the end than the beginning. In true "Can Do" fashion, your Seabees continue to put quality work in place throughout the world.

Det. Croatia completed their three month project this month, constructing an impressive eight block-building MOUT (military operations on urban terrain) facility. Thanks to their outstanding efforts the Croatian and Coalition forces now have a state-of-the-art training facility. Great work Det. Croatia!

Det. Morocco completed the construction of a low water river crossing for Army and Marine Corps tank units as well as the construction of a K-Span facility while participating in Exercise African Lion 2011 (AL11), which was the largest military exercise on the African continent. Det. Morocco recently returned to Spain and their hard work will directly contribute to U.S. and Moroccan operations for years to come!

While two Dets having recently returned, another Det. punched out at practically a moment's notice. The requirement for a Det. Sigonella arose in support of Operation UNIFIED Protector, and thanks to Alfa

Company and Embark the equipment was prepared, the ship was readied and they were on their way. As always it takes a combined effort to be as successful as these Seabees have been.

Not to be overshadowed by these hard-charging Dets, the Seabees over in HOA completed the Ecole 5 primary school project, which will undoubtedly enhance the lives of African school children for years. Det. Ethiopia's Water Well team continues to bring fresh water to a continent historically in dire need of it, and Main Body in Rota continues their great work and we continue to answer the call for additional Seabee work.

With all this great work going on it is hard to think that anyone would have time for liberty, but once the week is done the sun and warm weather is hard to pass up. There could not be a more perfect time of year in these deployment areas, especially Spain and elsewhere in Europe, to enjoy the outdoors, and that is just what is happening. The beaches are full, the barbecues are nearly endless and outdoor recreation can be seen everywhere.

As always, I take great pleasure in expressing to you the pride I feel leading such a great battalion of men and women serving their country as nation builders and true humanitarians. Of course we will fight if need be, but we really are building for a better future. Without your continued support that would be impossible. Thank you.

Please remember our Ombudsman and Family Readiness Group is always there for you if you have any questions, need any assistance or would like to be involved with other family and friends enduring a long separation. Master Chief Kartz, our FRG Officer and Homeport Liaison, is over in the Fleet and Family building and loves to assist.

Take care; keep the goal in sight and finish strong!

Sincerely,

R.D. Hayes, III

CDR, CEC, USN

CO, NMCB 74



# Los Perros de Alfa Company

## Alfa Company Takes Charge of SCWS Program

*By CM3 Dylan Spangler*

With the deployment here in Spain drawing to a close, Alfa Company has been buckling down and hitting the books hard to get their Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist (SCW) insignia pins. Anyone can tell you that getting the SCWS pin during deployment is easier than waiting and trying to qualify with the distractions of homeport.

At the beginning of the deployment, there were 47 individuals enrolled in the SCWS program within Alfa Company, seven of which have become SCWS qualified with another nine on track to be qualified in the next two to three weeks.

All E-4 and below service members within the battalion are allowed 30 months to obtain their SCWS pin. E-5 and E-6 service members are allowed 24 months and those who only need to re-qualify are allowed 12 months. The “Alfa Dawgs” are currently averaging 45 to 50 percent complete, while the whole battalion is at an average of 35 to 40 percent according to Alfa Company’s SCWS coordinator, Construction Mechanic 1st Class James Allison, the dedication displayed by the troops of Alfa Company is astonishing.

“I can’t remember a more dedicated bunch of Seabees in my career and their motivation really makes me proud,” said Allison. “The best advice I give these guys is that once you start working towards the qualification, don’t stop. Keep the knowledge fresh and stay with it.”

In order to be awarded the Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist qualification, the service member must first complete the Naval Construction Force Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS), four lengthy online courses and tests, a written examination, and an entire battalion field training exercise (FTX). Upon final completion of all prescribed training, a “murder board”, which usually last eight hours, is taken. Upon completion of the “murder board,” a final board (usually two or three hours) is given. Once the member has completed all of the above requirements, they are designated a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist.

With the constant fluctuation of troop numbers coming in from “A” School or transferring in from non SCWS qualifying commands, it is nearly impossible to have a 100 percent qualified roster. Alfa Company has set a goal to have at least 60 percent of those enrolled in SCW to be qualified. In addition to those who are ready to take their test, murder boards and final boards, Alfa Company should only need 10 more individuals to meet that goal.



*CMCN Walton and CMCN Erndteman take a brief break from performing their scheduled maintenance to study SCWS in the Light Shop on Camp Mitchell.*



*EO2 Ambers pins SCWS insignia pin onto EO2 Swart during an awards at quarters ceremony on Camp Mitchell, Rota.*



# Bravo Company

## Busy Bees of Bravo

*By BU3(SCW) Marilyn Umbaugh*

The Seabees from Bravo Company have been hard at work on Naval Station Rota. Their projects include replacing a concrete pad by the golf course, a sidewalk next to Bravo Company Shop, a walkway and lighting project that covers quite a bit of land, the renovation of the CTF-68 Operations Office and the final touches to the renovating the Camp Mitchell Gym.

For the concrete pad located by the base Golf Course, approximately 46 cubic yards of select fill was placed and compacted in approximately two weeks. Currently the Bravo Bees have started working on placing approximately 644 board feet of formwork.

The walkway and lighting project crew is now working on a bicycle lane which consists of 1,600 linear feet of formwork placed with over 200 cubic yards of land excavated. Builder Constructionman Daniel Dolan claims his crew is striving for excellence instead of just trying to get it done.

"It's been a lot of work and a great learning experience for me," said Dolan. "Our Seabees from Bravo Company go for quality of work so they can reflect on a job well done."

Outside the Bravo Company Shop, Builder 3rd Class William



***BU2 Pataky, BU3 Newell, BU3 Moore and CE3 Foster sanding and mudding the drywall at CTF-68 operations office.***

Baldwin and Builder Constructionman Daniel Smith are placing more than 100 linear feet of formwork for a sidewalk that is just about complete.

Builder 3rd Class Robert Newell's four man crew is renovating the inside of the Operation Office, also known as CTF-68. They are constructing a 16 ft by 8 ft wall which consists of 96 board feet of light frame construction for wall framing and 128 sq ft of drywall placed and finished.



***HMC Burnett helps BU3 Baldwin place and set forms for the sidewalk outside the Bravo Company Shop to fulfill his labor obligation after being purchased in the Khaki Auction.***

The interior of the Gym is now complete and the crew is painting the exterior to upgrade its appearance and add a nice glow to the camp for all the Seabees.



***CECN Brown paints the exterior of the gym.***



# Headquarters Company

## HQ Moving Along

*By EO1(SCW) Joseph Peters*

The month of May was a busy one for the Operations Department. The Quality Control and Embark office's moved to our new location above the Command Quarterdeck. QC oversaw ten concrete placements with four of them being on the same day, as well as the completion of four of our projects.

The Operations Department move entered its first phase last month with the construction of the new MLO office in the CTR warehouse. This allowed Embark and QC to move from our old offices to the old MLO office and the conference room above the Quarterdeck. In true Seabee style, the command got our new office furniture from DRMO. The Battalions ITs and ETs moved all of the computer assets. A working party from Bravo Company moved all of our books, binders and other office thingys and Alfa Company provided the truck to move it all. It all went off without a single hiccup. This whole thing was such a great idea. Now we have lots of room for activities.

The Engineering Aids took time out of their busy schedule to complete several jobs. The MWR golf course was in desperate need of a new putting green. So, the EAs of 74 Fearlessly shot in construction boundaries and elevations for the 60-foot diameter green. This allowed Alfa Company to come in behind the EAs and once again steal all the glory from those who truly did all the hard work. The EAs took this in stride as they took concrete cylinder samples for the second phase of the NEX sidewalk project, the golf course maintenance yard, the family housing pool and the new base bike path. They waited for seven days, all the while stewing over the fact that their glory had been stolen from them, and vented their anger by smashing the concrete cylinders in a hydraulic press. There was much celebrating.

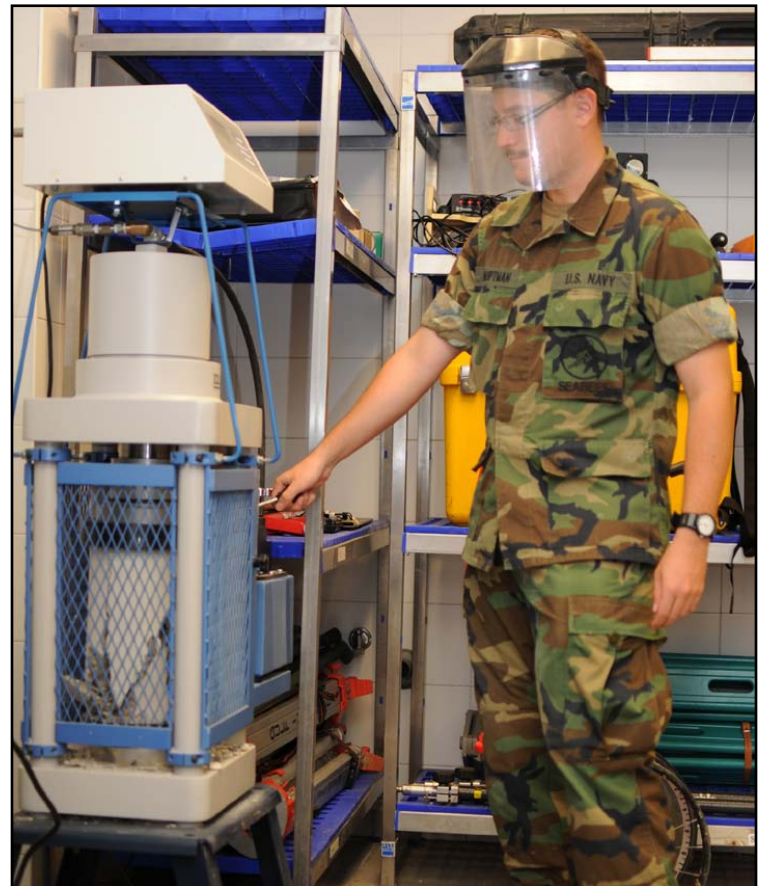
So with May behind us and all of our fingers and toes attached we look ahead to June. It should be a good month. We came up with a whole new list of things to bug the projects about.



*EA1 Piper on the job at Camp Mitchell.*



*EO1 Peters on the job at NAVSTA, Rota.*



*EACN Hauptman performs a concrete break test.*



# Det Croatia

## Detail Croatia “Can Do”

*By UTCN Jackie Bartz*

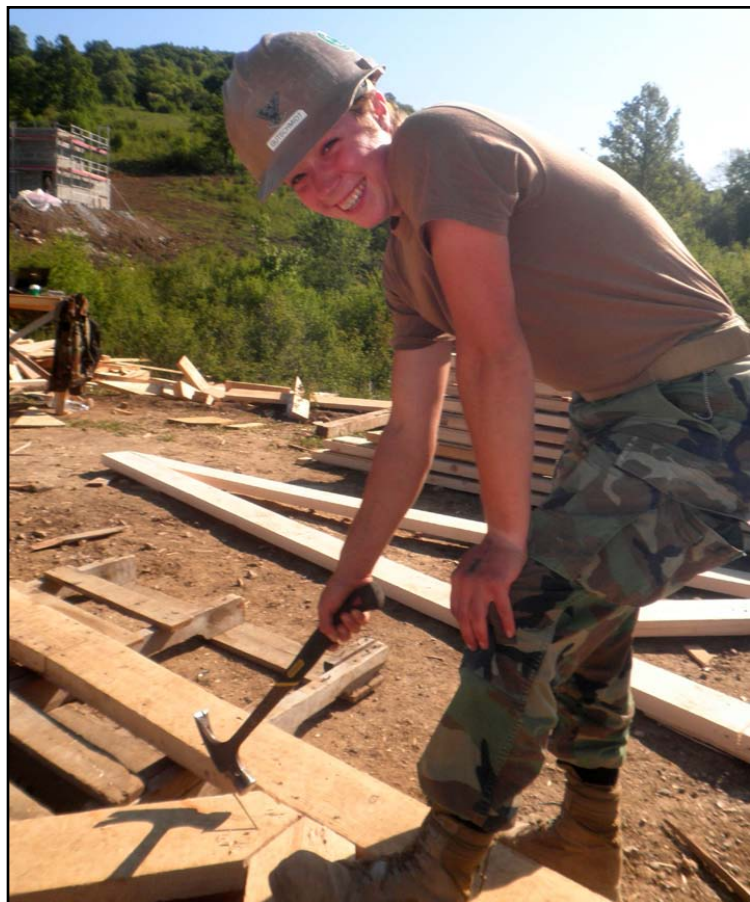
As Detail Croatia prepares to return to Main Body, a sense of relief has set in with the members. This is not due solely to the fact that the mission is finished, but more that the mission was a success. When members were given the tasking for this assignment, many doubted that completion was possible. An unattainable goal some believed. Well.... Guess what? We did it!

A total of seven concrete pads poured, block buildings built on top of them (two of the seven have a second story), and a local school bathroom renovation. OH. MY. WOW. It's been a quick paced, back breaking, tiring two and a half months here in Croatia. Members worked into the night to reach daily and weekly goals, worked through many days of rain and cold, and even when their bodies felt defeated they pushed through. As the days here in Croatia are winding down and the buildings are being buttoned up, we see now that it was all worth it.

We've all had to rely on one another at some point, and lean on each other for support at times. We even fight and bicker like family. Most importantly, because of that bond, we were able to work together as a team. Even though it took a few weeks to get to that point, without it the mission might not have been completed.

So much has gone on in the last few months, but it seems like just a blink. Work started the morning after touching ground, and has gone full speed, six days a week since. The 3rd class exam was conducted just one week after arriving and many members were hard charging towards their SCWS pin. But even with all that, we still managed to get our well needed rest. Most Sundays were a relaxing, chill out day, and that seemed the perfect way to prepare for the week ahead.

So, in the end, what can be said about Detail Croatia? Many words come to mind, but two stick out the most. Challenging and rewarding. Every part of this mission was a challenge, and each of those challenges has now turned into a reward. Whether professionally or personally, each member has grown in some way. Oh, and no big deal by the way, but every member of Detail Croatia passed their PRT. As OIC Captain Hansen would say, “The monkey is out of the closet.” In case you're wondering, that means the secret is out, Detail Croatia Can Do!!



*BU3 Gutschmidt has a laugh while building trusses.*



*CM3 McKinney guides a truss onto the roof.*



*The ground crew prepares a gable end to be lifted by crane.*



*Seabees of Det. Croatia place tin on a gable end.*



# Det Horn of Africa (HOA)

## Seabees Build Camp Lemonnier Freedom Chapel Expansion

*By MCI Joseph C. Garza*

Members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 have begun construction to expand the Freedom Chapel at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti. Construction started May 2 and the plans for the chapel include expansion of the Sanctuary, construction of an office and the addition of storage and a confessional.

While only three weeks into the project, the crew is already ahead of schedule according to Builder 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Daniel Reckers, the crew leader. He credits the success to his crew's training and experience.

"We jumped on the project and because of our previous training and experience, each crew member anticipates what the others will need," explained Reckers. "So far, it is going great. All of the chaplains are impressed with the work and I think the quality of the work is fantastic."

While the crew is proud to be ahead of schedule, no short cuts are taken. Being ahead of schedule did not come at the expense of safety. According to the project's safety supervisor, Builder Constructionman Allyson Eppley, daily safety lectures are given and hydration and good housekeeping are just a couple of examples of safety measures that are reinforced.

"This kind of project has its own safety requirements," said Eppley. "For example, I make sure we have enough people when we lift walls and materials. I stress proper housekeeping by reminding crew members to keep work areas clear of tools and materials to prevent tripping hazards. And, of course, proper personal protective equipment is utilized."

According to Reckers, support for the expansion has come from various departments on camp.

"Capt. Banaji has stopped by to look over our work and loves it," said Reckers. "And, Senior Chief Builder John Koenig



*BUCN Woehler and BUCN Jackson secure a frame into place.*

and Chief Utilitiesman Miguel Fernandez of the camp Public Works Office have stopped by too to offer their support."

Along with the Seabees, the chaplains of the Freedom Chapel anticipate the completion of the project also. According to them, more space is a prayer answered.

"The expansion will add about 30 more seats to the sanctuary," said Cmdr. Stepen Beyer, Chaplain of the Freedom Chapel. "But, just as important, by widening the sanctuary we have more usable and more flexible space. The sanctuary is larger but also more intimate."

The idea of expanding the chapel has been on the mind of Beyer since his arrival at Camp Lemonnier and he is now glad to see it has become a reality.

"I spoke with Capt. Banaji about expanding the chapel during my initial brief in November of 2010," said Beyer. "The Command Religious Program has grown with the base, but was limited by space. As a Seabee, he understands space requirements; as a Commander, he understands the importance of religious accommodation. He made it happen."



*BUCN Woehler and BU3 Reckers lift a frame into place.*



# Det. Macedonia

## Ground Broken, Projects Under Way.

By BUCN Redfearn

The demolition has been rigorous and time consuming, our bees have been buzzing there stingers off to prep the entire school for reconstruction. Plumbing is a major issue that our dedicated UTs are working hard to fix.

"I have full faith in my crew, especially my UTs doing the plumbing," said BU3 Stevens.

BU3 Whelan and BU3 Tiamzon have tackled the mission of prepping and painting the outside of the building to give a more respectable appearance compared to its previous monstrosity.

Before our work began the outside of this building looked like it was hit by a bomb. With all the patching and texturing its nearly good as new thanks to BUCN Roche and BUCN French who spent countless time working and fixing every small detail. BUCN Wymer announced to the Detail, "I'm going to miss all of this painting when were done it just brightens my day, get it?" For those who do not know, our school is painted with yellow and red paint (Macedonia's colors), which stands out from a mile away.

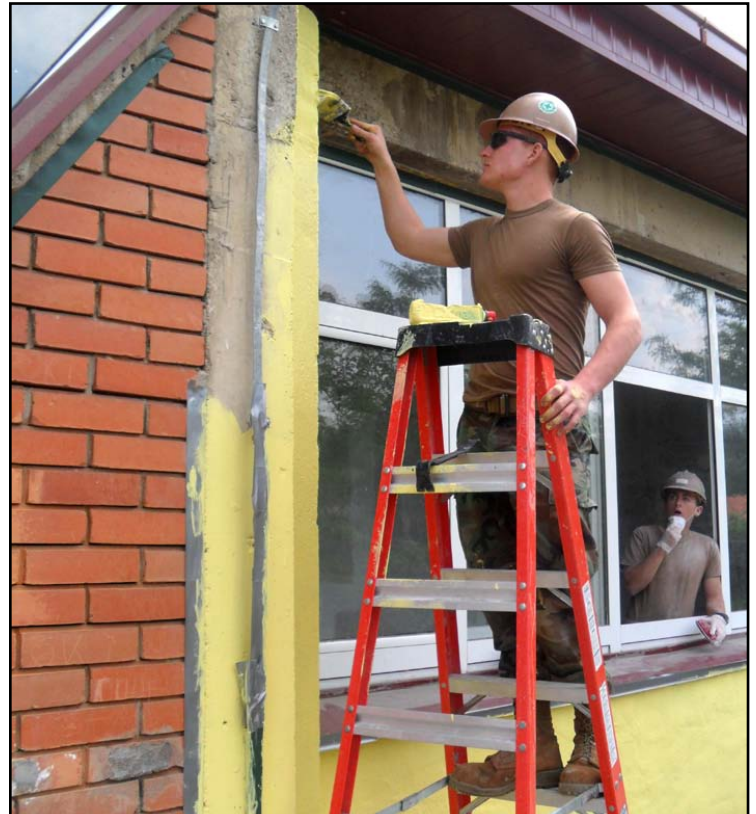
BU2 Ring, BU3 Stevens and BUCN Redfearn configured a set of stairs which led into a hand chiseled step out of the existing floor which allows for easy access and provides a clean sharp look to the room. Soon enough, tile and indoor painting will occur brining this project to near completion.

"With the old bees teaching new bees, the quality and efficiency has been phenomenal," said LT Segalla, officer-in-charge (OIC) of Det. Macedonia.

In other news this month, we have seen some familiar faces from main body: Lt. Cmdr. Tobias, Senior Chief Fellows, Senior Chief Destefano, Cmdr. Hayes and Master Chief Graves paid a visit during a Det. Swing. During the CO and CMDCM's visit they spoke to all of our troops, swapping stories, providing news and info about battalion and current events. Awards were also given out during the visit. BU2 Ring, Staff Seargent Park,



*The project crew take a break from work to pose for a group picture.*



*BUCN Wymer paints with yellow paint.*



UTCN Gatke and our translator, Konstatene, were awarded the CO's coin for their hard work and accomplishments for the deployment.

With all this work going on we have had little time for play. Every morning we're up at the crack of dawn working 10 hours a day, so on our off day we took a trip up to Skopje, Macedonia to kick back and relax.

"One major factor that we like to consider is troop morale and our guys have earned it unquestionably," said Ensign Uglow, assistant OIC. "Although the day didn't seem long enough it will forever last as a memory of good food, fun and experience."

SCWS, SCWS, SCWS! It's being drilled into our non SCW's qualified warriors heads. BUCN Oates and UTCN Delasalas, BU3 Whelan and CM3 Rowland are the next in line for their tests and pre-boards. Good luck guys. Look next month for more SCWS warriors, updates, stories and Seabee shout outs.



*CEC Blue pins SCWS onto UTCN Gatke.*



*UTCN Delasalas and UTCN Gatke on the job.*



# Det Morocco

## Seabees Re-Deploy in Support of Project African Lion

*By BUCN Ana Serrano*



*Det. Morocco poses for a group photo.*

On May 5, 2011 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Detail Morocco boarded USS Swift, a High Speed Vessel class ship headed from Rota, Spain to Tan-Tan, Morocco. The Seabees mission there was to construct a 35-foot by 45-foot steel K-Span structure, a project originally started by 2010 African Lion.

When the group arrived in Cap Draa they put their “Can Do” spirit in motion. The first order of business was to fix the building’s foundation, a concrete pad not placed to the right dimensions. Once everything was corrected we were able to build a single radius building using the Ultimate Building Machine (UBM-240).



*HSV 2 Swift pulls into port.*

“This was a great opportunity for the Seabees to work enhance international cooperation and to demonstrate the ability to expertly provide construction support and top notch customer service,” said Lt. j.g. Ryan White, detail officer-in-charge (OIC).

Aside from the K-Span, Det. Morocco also completed a river crossing project. Throughout the years, there has been military training by the Qued Dra River. During African Lion evolutions river crossings were made by building a road across the Qued Dra River and opening the road back up after the operations were completed.

Due to erosion caused by the rainy seasons this technique required constant rework. The solution was to use nature’s resources to work with and not against military operations. The team used large boulders in order to create a fording site approximately five meters wide and 60 meters long. The wearing surface was 24 inches thick and extended up each bank enough to provide a solid surface during the high and low water conditions.

“Detail Morocco did an absolute exceptional job completing all assignments ahead of schedule and I am personally grateful for all their hard work and outstanding attitudes,” said Chief Steelworker Roderick Reeves, detail assistant OIC. “They hit the ground running kept high hopes throughout the exercise.”



*A crane crew assists the project crew with lifting the K-span into place.*



# Det Sigonella

## Det. Sigonella Completes Air Hanger Project

*By SW2 Benjamin Nablo*

A small detachment of Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74 recently completed their first construction project on Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG). NMCB 74 Det. Sigonella deployed from their main body site in Naval Station, Rota aboard the HSV 2 Swift (High Speed Vessel) on May 19th and arrived on the 23rd.

Upon arrival to NASSIG, NMCB 74 Det. Sigonella quickly identified the need for assistance at the Steelworker shop. Work on their first project in support of the airfield material handling mission began on May 25. The project called for the installation of steel bays designed to hold 463L pallets. Steelworker 2nd Class Benjamin Nablo was the crew leader for the project.

“The project was good work for the junior troops that have not had the experience of a pre-engineered building (PEB),” said Nablo. “Some point in their careers they will need to do a PEB, and with the experience of the project they will have the basic concept of it.”

The eight member crew completed the 12 bays in just one week. The Seabees of the NASSIG Steelworker shop and the customers were very pleased with the work and the airfield personnel now have a more efficient way to store pallets by stacking them allowing for easier storage. NMCB 74 Det. Sigonella’s next big project will be a 500 man tent camp in support of Operation Unified Protector.



*BUCN Burns, BUCN Miller, SW3 Hunt and UTCN Anderson on the job.*



*The finished product.*



*SW3 Hunt on the job.*



# NMCB 74 Seabees Donate Food to Convents, Parish in Spain



*A member of the Rota, Spain media captures video of Lt. Bowen Woodruff, Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Michael VanAsselberg (left) and Construction Mechanic Constructionman Phillip Geho (right), as they deliver food to San Vincente de Paul convent in Rota, Spain.*

*By MC1(SCW/SW/AW) Ryan G. Wilber*

Donations from a food drive led by Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction (NMCB) 74 were distributed to two convents and one parish in and around Rota, Spain May 6 and 11.

Throughout the 3-week food drive, nearly 3,000 pounds of food and hygiene products were donated by the Seabees, military members and civilians attached to Naval Station (NAVSTA) Rota. According to Manuel Alba, NAVSTA Rota comrel advisor, the drive was the most successful of any during his 2-year tenure in the Public Affairs Office.

“This is the largest donation I have ever seen,” said Alba.

Originally, the food drive was initiated to gather donations for one convent, Espiritu Santo, a closed convent in El Puerto de Santa Maria. However, due to the unexpected

amount of food donations the Seabees were able to donate to two additional organizations: a parish in El Puerto de Santa Maria, San Joaquin Parish, and a convent in Rota, San Vincente de Paul.

Each of the three organizations runs a program to feed the homeless, immigrants, senior citizens, children and other less fortunate people in their cities. Alba stated that not only will those in need be fed through the food pantries and soup kitchens directly donated to, but the food will most likely be distributed to other organizations with similar goals in order to feed as many people as possible with the large amount of food.

Thirteen volunteers set up donation boxes in several locations on Camp Mitchell, the Seabee camp on NAVSTA Rota, but according to Lt. Bowen Woodruff, NNCB 74 command chaplain, the 1-day food drive booth set up in front of the base commissary was the “game changer.”

“The amount of participation and donations we received were really overwhelming. It was a lot more than we expected. I think that’s really a testament to the big hearts of the people in the military,” said Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Shaun-Michael VanAsselberg, NMCB 74 chaplain’s office leading petty officer and a food drive coordinator.

Rota’s First Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Mari Angeles Sanchez Moreno, met with the Seabees at the San Vincente de Paul convent to show the city’s appreciation.

“Everywhere we went and dropped off the food everyone was very appreciative. They had big smiles, and seemed very pleased and appreciative that someone who didn’t have much in common with them would help their cause,” said VanAsselberg.



*Rota, Spain’s First Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Mari Angeles Sanchez Moreno (right) and Mother Superior of San Vincente de Paul convent, Sor. Pura, look through food donations. Nearly 3,000 pounds of food and hygiene products were donated.*



Chaplain Woodruff cited lent and a desire to give the Seabees an opportunity to help the people of their host country as a few of the reasons he initiated the food drive, and hopes that those most in need will receive it.

“My hope is that it will be for the greater glory of God, and that the hungriest and those who really need it will get it, immediately and in the months to come,” said Woodruff.

For the Seabees of NMCB 74 and all the men and women attached to NAVSTA Rota, the food drive was a huge success, for which all involved repeatedly expressed their sincere gratitude.

“I’d like to give them [those who donated] my sincere thanks for their generosity and the tremendous outpouring, and giving the Seabees a chance to deliver this food on their behalf. It was a community effort, spearheaded and led by the Seabees, but it was a base-wide effort,” said Woodruff.



***Mr. Manuel Alba, Naval Station Rota, Spain comrel advisor (left), Lt. Bowen Woodruff, command chaplain, RP2 Vanasselberg and CMCN Geho pose with Rota Spain's First Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Mari Angeles Sanchez Moreno (front), Secretary, Miss Maria Eugenia Aparcero and sisters of San Vincente de Paul convent after delivering food donations.***



***A member of the Rota, Spain media captures video of Chaps speaking to Mr. Alba and Deputy Mayor Sanchez.***



***Sisters of Espiritu Santo convent in El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain stack food donations***



# Junior Seabees Help Rota Animal Welfare League

By MC2(SCW) Michael Lindsey

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 74's Junior Enlisted Leadership Organization (JELO) presented the Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL), a non-profit, volunteer-based animal shelter on Naval Station Rota, Spain, with \$462.50 in cash donations, May 14.

To raise money, JELO volunteers ran a dunk tank and whipped cream pie booth during the battalion's over-the-hump party. The donations will help provide immunizations, food, flea and tick preventative medications for the animals, as well as basic upkeep of the facility.

Lindsey Esposito, the head of RAWL for the last year and a half, expressed her great appreciation for the Seabees donations.

"It's so great when you get a group of good guys like this to help out of the goodness of their heart. A lot of them are young guys and they miss their own animals and need that companionship," said Esposito. "We really, really appreciate the fundraiser and we depend on donations like this because we are a volunteer organization."

Equipment Operator Constructionman Alex Brautigan, a 22 year old native of West Virginia, said that he began recruiting fellow JELO members to help out as soon as he heard about it.

"It came up at the Junior Enlisted meeting that the RAWL needed help, me being the son of an animal woman who runs her own animal shelter, this seemed to be right up my alley," said Brautigan. "It's been a great opportunity and they need the help. Mrs. Esposito is working really hard and you can see that. You can see she's doing the best she can and it looks like to me if they just had a little bit of help they could turn this place into an awesome facility for animals."

Brautigan said that there are plans to raise more money with help from his mother and the Seabees. The JELO is also looking at plans to help clean and improve some of the facility's existing kennels that were abandoned to protect the health of the animals. Brautigan said the work would be done in their personal off-duty time, and materials would come from fundraisers and donations.

"I'm looking at getting the mold and algae cleaned out of it and spackling the floors because it would be a lot easier to clean and it doesn't grow mold on it very easily," said Brautigan.

Lindsey said that RAWL is always looking for volunteers to take the dogs for walks, bathe them or just play with the animals.

Cmdr. Richard Hayes III, commanding officer of NMCB 74, visited the shelter to show support for his troops.

"I'm very impressed with all they have done so far," said Hayes. "They have banded together to come up with some good community service projects that bond together the E-4 and below. Everybody down to the



*Members of NMCB 74's Junior Enlisted Leadership Organization (JELO) pose for a photo with Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL) volunteers at the shelter.*

most junior person is a leader in this battalion and I think they are doing an outstanding job stepping up and showing that leadership for the rank that they are at and setting the example for those below them as well as those above them."



*EOCN Brautigan plays with one of the dogs at the Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL) shelter*



# Individual Recognition



*Lt. Col. Bryant, 26th MEU, presents Cmdr. Hayes with a plaque of recognition for the hard work Alfa Co. put into assisting them washdown their vehicles.*



*BUC Hult accepts the trophy for Over-the-Hump Party horseshoe champions. His teammate was BUCS Harfmann.*



*BUCS Baldwin accepts the trophy for Over-the-Hump slip 'n' slide champion.*



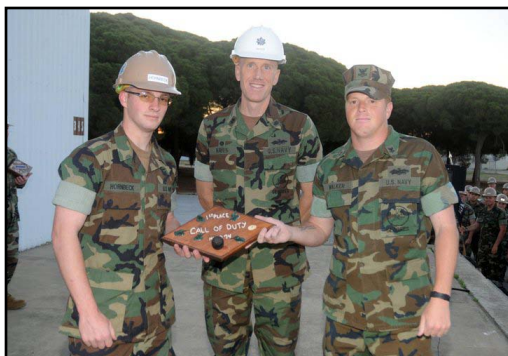
*CE2 Boos and EACN Faumuina accept the trophy for Over-the-Hump Party volleyball champions on behalf of Det. Senegal.*



*EO1 Bertalotto accepts the trophy for Over-the-Hump Party weightlifting champion - most reps at 225 pounds.*



*EO2 Wren, EO1 Bertalotto and EO1 Davidson accept the trophy for Over-the-Hump tug-of-war champions on behalf of Alfa Company.*



*EOCN Hornbeck and CE2 Walker accept the trophy for Over-the-Hump Party Call of Duty champions.*



*HMC Burnett and CE1 Guerrier accept the trophy for Over-the-Hump Party basketball champions. Their teammates were CE2 Mortis and CM1 Record.*



*UTCN Dawkins accepts the trophy for Over-the-Hump Party weightlifting champion - most % body weight lifted.*



*BU3 Smith is awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal at Camp Mitchell, Spain 12 May.*



*CE3 Yapo is awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal at Camp Mitchell, Spain 12 May.*



*EO2 Ambers is awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal at Camp Mitchell, Spain 14 May.*





*MR1 Beasley is presented with a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal which will conclude his 20 year service.*



*EO3 Connell is awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal at Camp Mitchell, Spain 14 May.*



*Cmdr Richard Hayes III, presents SWCN James with a certificate for her SCWS qualification at Camp Mitchell May 5.*



*Cmdr Richard Hayes III, presents EACN Samson with a certificate for his SCWS qualification at Camp Mitchell May 14.*



*Cmdr Richard Hayes III, presents EO2 Swart with a certificate for his SCWS qualification at Camp Mitchell May 24.*



*Cmdr Richard Hayes III, presents UTCN Kos with a certificate for her SCWS qualification at Camp Mitchell May 14.*



*Cmdr. Richard Hayes III, presents CM3 Rivera with a certificate for his SCWS qualification at Camp Mitchell May 14.*



*Lt. Smith administers the oath of enlistment to UT2 Gilbert at Camp Mitchell May 17.*



*CMC Akins administers the oath of enlistment to CM1 VanOverberghe at Camp Mitchell May 14.*



*Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Roughead administers the oath of enlistment to HM3 Wade, and other Seabees and Sailors at NAVSTA Rota May 24.*



*Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Roughead presents HM3 Wade with a reenlistment certificate May 24.*



# Deployment Photos



*EACN Faumina and EACN Romang on the job on NAVSTA Rota.*



*CMCA Ryan gets settled in to his temporary bunk onboard the HSV 2 Swift.*



*Members of the Junior Enlisted Leadership Organization (JELO) barbecue hamburgers and hotdogs at Camp Mitchell, Spain for the battalion's Memorial Day picnic.*



*SW2 Nablo checks his Facebook account while onboard the HSV 2 Swift.*



*Lt. Pruneda sight seeing in Macedonia.*



*Capt. Donovan addresses the bees during an allhands call on Camp Mitchell.*





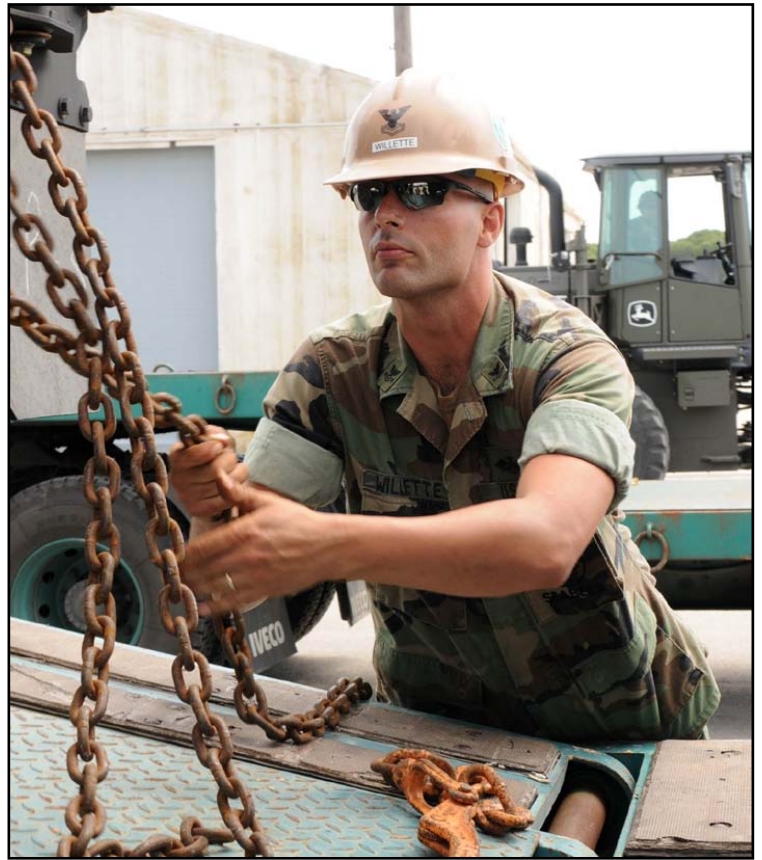
*Det. Senegal bees pour concrete at a pool project on NAVSTA Rota.*



*EOCN Lott, EOCA Hamilton, EO2 Tetrault and EO2 Piatt show the MCPON around the Alfa Yard.*



*UICN Lampinen paints the fence at the air terminal on NAVSTA Rota.*



*CM2 Willette removes the chains from a brand new Humvee on Camp Mitchell.*



*BMC Long fills out is standing job order form during his Khaki auction work day.*



*BU1 Farina, CE2 Mortis and CM3 Hysong pose with participants at the memorial day ceremony in France.*





*Det Senegal bees fill Georgia Buggies with fresh concrete on NAVSTA Rota.*



*BU2 Piatkowski and EO1 Vehrs record weights and balances to prepare CESE for movement.*



*UTCS Detwiler addresses his troops prior to departing for Sigonella.*



*CE2 Boos, UTCN Dawkins and BU3 Radsky work on the pool project on NAVSTA Rota*



*EO2 Romo removes the chains from a brand new Humvee on Camp Mitchell.*



*CNO Admiral Gary Roughhead addresses the troops.*

*If you would like to submit photos to be used in The Beaver Tale or our Cruise Book, email high quality photos to MC2 Michael Lindsey (michael.lindsey@eu.navy.mil). Please include a brief description of what is taking place and who is pictured in the photo. (rate, first and last name). Thank you.*