



WELCOME TO THE SEABEE MUSEUM

We invite you to take a tour of the growing Seabee Museum and Memorial Park in Davisville, Rhode Island --
“Where it all started”

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THE PLACE WHERE IT ALL STARTED



Thanks to the vision of retired Seabees of Island X-1 Davisville, the historic heart of the former original Seabee base is now under long-term lease to the Seabee Museum & Memorial Park, a 501c (3) corporation, committed to preserving the site "*Where it all started.*"

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THE MUSEUM LOCATION



The Museum is within a state managed development park that includes the former Quonset Point Naval Air Station and the Navy piers. The Museum is within sight of Rt 1, Post Road. Entrance is free and there is ample parking.

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The famous gate Seabee was relocated a few hundred feet to the north onto the grounds of the Museum. In 1999, Seabee creator Frank Iafate supervised its repainting. Now it's time to repaint again and the Museum is seeking funding.

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QUONSET HUTS



Currently one hut houses the actual museum. One serves as a meeting place for the Museum and Island X-1 Davisville, one is currently used as office space and hut 2 (shown with the concrete pad) is a workshop supporting further expansion of the Museum.



CHAPEL-IN-THE-PINES



Just past the impressive Seabee that commanded the entrance gate for decades is the famous Chapel-in-the-Pines. Constructed in the 1960s by Seabees using poured concrete, the Chapel saw countless weddings. The Chapel is currently under renovation.



MEMORIAL PARK



Davisville was also the “birthplace” of the famous Quonset Hut and six vintage huts form the core of the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. Trails though acres of woodlands leave from this area, offering a leisurely stroll for the many visitors.



MEMORIAL STONES



When the base closed, buildings were gradually demolished. Many Seabees recall the “memorial stones” for Battalions that were located around the base. These were saved by the Museum and are now on the park grounds, permanent memorials to the “Can do” Seabees.



SMALL STORES



The Museum maintains a Small Stores in this building near the huts. Bob Schwab, Store Manger, stocks Seabee clothing and merchandise, as well as offering a friendly greeting to visitors.



THE MEMOIRAL PARK



Located less than a half mile from Narragansett Bay, the grounds are a tranquil setting to commemorate the dedication and sacrifice of the men and women of the US Naval Construction Battalions ... the *Fighting Seabees*.

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VINTAGE EQUIPMENT



The Museum owns a growing collection of vintage military and construction equipment. Renovation by volunteers is ongoing. Under the direction of Board Member Joseph Cormier, a vintage Seabee “deuce and a half” is used for local parades.



“WE COULD USE A LITTLE HELP”



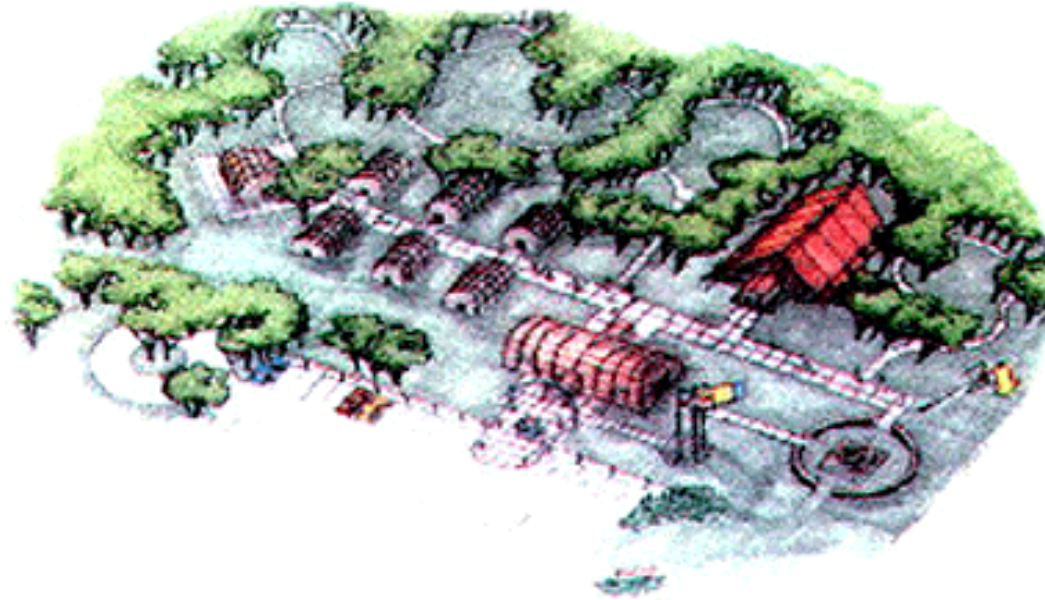
Volunteers are need for hundreds of jobs, large and small. Here Museum Vice President Jack Sprengel makes sure the lawn is cut. If you live in the Rhode Island area ... we could use your help.

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HELP KEEP THE VISION ALIVE



The \$5 million vision of the 1990s is becoming a reality. Left to do ... an equipment storage building, a climate controlled museum building, plus ongoing restoration and maintenance. Keeping the vision will never be complete ... and we invite your support. With your help, we "Can Do."

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