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A Short Story
Fort Mason, S. F. CA
The EO & CM

Flags UP



Sept, 3rd

Nov. 11th
Veterans Day



TAPS

- John Large 3/2018
- Kenneth Caldwell 4/2018
- Joseph (Frenchie) Jandreau 4/2018
- Donald Castro 4/2018

Thought of the Quarter

“A lazy man seldom invents an easier way to do a job.”



History of the Purple Heart



The award known as the **Purple Heart** has a history that reaches back to the closing days of the American Revolution. The Continental Congress had forbidden **General George Washington** from granting commissions and promotions in rank to recognize merit. Yet Washington wanted to honor merit, particularly among the enlisted soldiers. On August 7, 1782, his general orders established the Badge of Military Merit. The **Purple Heart** is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military. The Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members – the only earlier award being the obsolete Fidelity Medallion. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York

Remember

Sept. 14th 1892 ADM Ben Moreel's Birthday

October 13th 1775
US NAVY



Sept. 15 1950 MCB 2
commissioned

Sept. 23rd 1949 103rd CBD LST
1136 lands on Truk

Oct. 2011 CB Museum opens at
Port Hueneme, CA

Nov. 11th VETERANS DAY

1941, the U.S. Navy moved onto Treasure Island as the USA prepared for World War II. T.I. became a major training center with 4.5 million personnel shipped over-seas from T.I. At War's end, 1945, aviation had changed dramatically. The Pan Am Clippers were no longer in regular service, & the island was never developed as an airport. The Navy stayed on.

BLONDIE

(Courtesy King Feature via SEA)

by **CHIC YOUNG**



(1st 3 digits) Bar Codes

- China: 640, 691, 692
- US/Canada 00, 09
- France 30, 37
- Germany 40, 44
- Japan 49
- UK 50

To buy American look for "O"

Your Rating - The New Look

These job descriptions include much more & are far more demanding & In some cases Enlistment is longer.

S. T. E. M.

As a Seabee of the past you set this stage. You had a part in designing the unbelievable Seabee of today. **Be Proud, Stand tall.**



& Vegetables-good for the heart....



"The only trouble with Seabees, is we don't have enough of them"
General Douglas MacArthur



Camp David

Did you know Camp David is maintained by the Seabees? The crew is handpicked and all are masters in their trades. Yes, it is a Military Facility and the Commanding Officer is a CEC. A fascinating story from the beginning when **President Roosevelt** called it his "Shangri-La" - today it is called "Camp David". Near Thurmont Maryland. Catoctin Mt's. (by car 2-1/2 hrs. from Washington DC.

(30 min by Helicopter)

It sits on top of a mountain (Nat. park setting with a forest and lots of wildlife); well protected by the US Marines Corps. Camp David is for our Presidents only and of course his guest. It is not a convention center. It is historical, restful, quite, & a very Rustic place. **A Retreat** The story is told by most all of its CO's. The author was one of those CO's.

Large Print (new)

Title: **Inside Camp David 2017**

Author: **Rear Admiral Michael Giorgione, CEC. USN, (Ret) ENJOY Pages: 339 An Amazing Place**



Eisenhower and Khrushchev Arriving at Camp David



John H. Large - EO

Upon High School graduation he joined the Navy and served in the Seabees for 4 yrs before transferring to the Reserves where he served another 24 yrs. He was called to service for one year in the **Vietnam War**. He retired from the US Postal Service after 30 yrs. He was active as a Scout Leader for many yrs. He attended several of our Reunions. He is married to **Juanita** (Parker) Large celebrating their 64th Annv. John is survived by a large and loving family. Cards may be sent to his Wife **Juanita** (see your directory for address)

Dec. 18, 1929 -
 March 9, 2018
 Graveside
 Service March
 16, 2018
 Elmwood
 Memorial Park

TWO ACTIVE & PROUD SEABEES AT REST.

It was love at first sight



Kenneth Caldwell
 8/29/1929 - 4/20/2018
 Seabee - CM
Sacramento National Cem.
Dixon. CA, 5/4/2018

Ken grew up in Southern CA and entered the USN Seabees as a Construction Mechanic. Married Jeanne and raised 5 children in Bellflower CA. He owned and operated "Custom Aircraft Inc." a flight School & plane repair station for 25 yrs. In 1976 they moved to Kelseyville CA farming pears, walnuts for 28 yrs. They moved to Twain Harte, CA to be close to family. His hobbies, genealogy, RV'ing, & his grandchildren. (14) grands & 27 greats. His wife **Jeanne** had passed on 7/21/2015

All retirees, the following message is sent on behalf of Arlington National Cemetery. Your input is requested to help determine the future of **Arlington National Cemetery**. Military and civilian leaders are facing difficult decisions as they work to preserve Arlington National Cemetery as the shrine to the nation's heroes and history. With limited space for expansion, eligibility rules are being considered to extend the site's role as an active military cemetery for decades to come. Your input is important and can help shape the future of Arlington National Cemetery.

The eligibility survey is available now at

www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/eligibility-survey.

You can learn more about Arlington National Cemetery by visiting www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.



Gross income?: When you visit a VA Regional Office please take your current Income tax report & your DD 214 to find out what benefits you are entitled to. The list of benefits is too big for us list, so ask. There is no cost at this point. Home loans, dental, eye, hearing, Rx., use of a nearby hospital, blood test, flu shots, etc. are among just a few you may be entitle to. Visitations to a VA councilor is a free service to you.

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These are the requirements for today's Seabees. (**STEM =Science –Technology-Engineering – Math**). The Seabees of the future will require greater skills in a world of a growing technology. **The types of combat skills performed by Sea-Bees include:** Chemical, Biological, and Radiological (CBR) response including individual and unit protection and decontamination. They coordinate [disaster recovery](#) teams (DRT) and airfield damage repair (ADR) teams and also perform camp security. They will build obstacles to prevent base or camp destruction, stand guard duty in observation posts, go on patrols with squad / platoon sized elements, and drive in convoys. Seabees are small arms [qualified](#) as well as crew served weapons systems and trained in advanced first aid. All 7 ratings are appearing in future issues of your NEWSCASTER.

Engineering Aid



The EA: Assist construction engineers in developing final construction plans.

They conduct land surveys; prepare [maps](#), sketches, drawings and blueprints; estimate costs; perform quality assurance tests on common construction materials such as soils, concrete and asphalt; and perform other engineering technician functions.

The duties performed by EAs include:

- conducting location surveys for roads, airfields, pipelines, ditches, buildings, drainage structures and waterfront construction;
- preparing hydrographic, topographic and triangulation drawings and maps;
- computing the volume of bulk materials (concrete, bituminous mixtures and earthwork) from drawings and specifications;
- laying out all types of construction work;
- operating and maintaining various types of precision surveying and laboratory test instruments and equipment;
- preparing architectural, mechanical, electrical, and civil drawings and sketches;
- designing grading and drainage systems;
- conducting concrete, soil and asphalt tests;
- conducting quality control inspections for all types of construction projects;
- prepare network analyses, charts and graphs;
- reading and interpreting blueprints and preparing sketches for projects;
- **making estimates** of material, labor, and equipment requirements.

Working Environment

EAs may work in a variety of conditions, independently or as members of a large team. Their many different duties may be performed in climates ranging from tropical to arctic.

Must have at least 1/2 Year of high school Trig, or 1 Qtr of College Trig, with a minimum grade of "C"

Yesterday



Today





Construction Electricians - CE

The CE's are first responsible for the producing the electric power needed to build and operate airfields, roads, barracks, hospitals on other needed buildings on a base or forward operating base. Construction Electricians build, maintain, and operate power production facilities and electrical distribution systems for Naval installations. The Construction Electrician enlistment tour is a 5 year program mainly due to the long school required to make competent Construction Electricians

The duties performed by CEs include:

- installing, maintaining and repairing [telephone systems](#) and high and low voltage electrical power distribution networks, both overhead and underground;
- splicing and laying cables, erecting poles, stringing wires and installing transformers and distribution panels;
- installing, repairing and maintaining street lighting, fire alarm, public address, inter-office and telephone switchboard systems;
- installing, maintaining and repairing interior wiring for lighting and electrical equipment; working with batteries, electric motors, relays, solenoids and switches; operating electrical generators; reading and interpreting blueprints and preparing sketches for projects; making estimates of material, labor, and equipment requirements.

- **ASVAB Score Requirement:**

- General Science (GS)- Arithmetic Reasoning (AR)-
- Mathematics Knowledge Electronics Information
60 Month service obligation Must have [normal color perception](#)
20/20 correctable vision



S.T.E.M.

