

This year the Iosco County Agricultural Society dedicates the Fair Premium Book

To the men and women of Naval Construction Battalion Twenty Six (NMCB26). For those of you who do not know of the Seabees they are the Construction Force of the Navy, and since 1995 they have been partnered with the Iosco County Agricultural Society helping with construction projects. NMCB26 is based out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens, Michigan with detachment 1126 based out of Saginaw Michigan. This detachment is where most of the service members come from that we have normally been able to utilize. They use their weekends to train on various construction projects all around Northeast Michigan, and we have been fortunate to be able to have NMCB26 come up usually at least one month a year and provide assistance with different construction projects with the Iosco County Agricultural Society (ICAS).



**WITH COMPASSION FOR OTHERS
WE BUILD – WE FIGHT
FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM**

Seabee Memorial monument is situated on the north side of Memorial Drive, just west of the Lincoln Memorial near the entrance of Arlington National cemetery.

For over 71 years, the men and women of the Naval Construction Force have been giving their all to protect our Nation and serve our armed forces with pride.

Since the war in Iraq started in 2003 and has continued on through to the war in Afghanistan it has been difficult for the Seabees to keep up with helping out the community with construction projects, but they have still provided a service to the community whenever possible. There are quite a few members of the Battalion living within the area, and when you get asking around there are quite a few Seabee Veterans or someone that has a member related to or that served with the Seabees within the community. In the time since that first project, numerous other projects have been completed on the fairgrounds through joint efforts between our two groups. Some of these completed projects include the long horse barn located by the Horse Arena, a second horse barn, horse arena fence installation, a new rabbit & poultry building, bleacher seating around the livestock auction arena, a three story announcers stand for the exhibition grandstand area, miscellaneous other repairs, and coming up this year the construction of a new bathhouse facility for the campground and horse members.

The Iosco County Agricultural Society wants to take this opportunity to say thanks to these men and women for not only your hard work and assistance on projects at the fairgrounds, but more importantly for your service to our nation! Our deepest gratitude and respect go out to all members of Naval Construction Battalion 26.