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Ground Broken on Memorial to Fallen Gulf War Seabees

On June 15, 2009, members of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 27 broke ground on the first non-military memorial to honor U.S. Navy Seabees killed in the Gulf Wars. The new Gulf War Seabee Memorial will be on the grounds of the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

“The Gulf War Seabees have served proudly and with distinction. They have given deep meaning and dimension to the Seabee’s legacy as builders for peace.” said Nicholas Fish, president of the museum and a Vietnam Veteran Seabee. “This memorial will recognize and honor those individuals who gave their lives in the fight for freedom.”

The Gulf War Seabee Memorial will include a plaque honoring each fallen Seabee and will feature a flagpole donated by Quonset Development Corporation. Richard F. Griffin of AIA Peterson/Griffin Architects, Ltd., Waltham, Massachusetts, designed the memorial. Griffin served with the Seabees during the Vietnam conflict. In 1971 he was involved in planning the Davisville main gate.

Additional support for the memorial has been provided by the 7th Naval Construction Regiment of Newport, Rhode Island, and by Commodore Builders of Newton, Massachusetts. Commodore Builders’ CEO, Joseph J. Albanese, is Commodore of the 7th Naval Construction Regiment.

A public dedication of the memorial is planned for 9 Am on Friday, July 31, 2009. The public is invited to attend.

The Seabee Museum and Memorial Park is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3)

corporation. On the grounds visitor can see the famous Gate Seabee statue, the Seabee built Chapel in the Pines, seven vintage Quonset Huts, a small museum, and a store.



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