



SEABEE
BIRTHDAY
BALL
1969

DAVISVILLE, R. I.

*The Commander, Naval Construction Battalions
United States Atlantic Fleet
and
The Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center
request the pleasure of your company at the
Seabee Birthday Ball
commemorating
The 27th Anniversary of the U. S. Navy Seabees
and
The 102nd Anniversary of the U. S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps
on Friday, the seventh of March
at nine-thirty o'clock, Max Kiel Gymnasium
U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center
Davisville, Rhode Island*

WELCOME
TO THE
SEABEE BIRTHDAY BALL
COMMEMORATING THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
U. S. NAVY SEABEES
AND THE
ONE-HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS



7 MARCH 1969
1900 - 0100



DONALD G. ISELIN	CHARLES C. HEID
CAPTAIN, CEC, USN	CAPTAIN, CEC, USN
COMMANDER NAVAL	COMMANDING OFFICER
CONSTRUCTION	U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION
BATTALIONS, U. S.	BATTALION CENTER
ATLANTIC FLEET	DAVISVILLE, R. I.



GUESTS OF HONOR

THE HONORABLE AND MRS. FRANK LICHT
Governor
State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations



1969 SEABEE QUEEN AND COURT

Queen — Mrs. Peggy McHale
Princesses —
Mrs. Sheila Hartner
Mrs. Debra Mathern



ORDER OF EVENTS

1900-2100 Dinner at the Seabee Dining Hall
2130 Ceremony begins at the Max Kiel
Memorial Gymnasium
Welcome by CAPT HEID
Introduction of Guests and remarks by
CAPT ISELIN
Daniel E. Byron Award
Remarks by GOVERNOR LICHT
Crowning of the Queen
Cake-Cutting
1930-0100 Dancing

Commander, TWENTY-FIRST Naval
Construction Regiment
CAPT Charles C. Heid, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE
CDR Thomas J. MITCHELL, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIX
CDR Hugh H. CRISP, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN
CDR Jack C. RICKLES, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FORTY
CDR William F. DANIEL, JR., CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion FIFTY-THREE
CDR Robert K. MILLER, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion FIFTY-EIGHT
CDR Charles J. MATHEWS, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion SEVENTY-ONE
CDR Warren H. ANDERSON, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Schools Construction
LCDR John A. Kelch, CEC, USN

U. S. Naval Construction Battalion
Unit TWO HUNDRED ONE
LT John E. PERRY, CEC, USN

SEABEE HISTORY

Twenty-seven years ago this month, Admiral Ben Moreell, then Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, organized the first Construction Battalions. In August of the same year, 1942, the SEABEES first came under fire as they landed on Guadalcanal.

At their peak in World War II there were 130 battalions and almost one quarter of a million SEABEES. Although later drastically reduced in number, they also took part in the Korean conflict, notably at the Inchon landing.

Every year since 1947, when they first landed in the Antarctic as part of the Navy's Operation High Jump Expedition under Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the SEABEES have participated in the Antarctic scientific program.

In the spring of 1965 SEABEES hit the beaches of Vietnam with the Marines; where they have been fully committed ever since.

At present there are 21 Mobile Construction Battalions, 14 of which are in the Atlantic Fleet, and 7 of these are homeported at the Seabee Center, Davisville, Rhode Island.