Seabees Can Do – On the Job since 1942

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This year the Navy marks the 73rd birthday of the United States Naval Construction Forces “Seabees,” who are still going strong supporting the Navy’s shore mission with their traditional “Can Do” spirit.

"Our Seabees, public works department professionals, and Civil Engineering Corps Officers work tirelessly around the clock, around the world, supporting our shore mission," said Capt. Pete Lynch, director of facilities and environment for Commander, Navy Installations Command.

The “Can Do” spirit the Seabees bring to their work is tremendous. Whether new facility construction, continuous maintenance of our infrastructure, purification of the water we drink, or sustaining the professional appearance of our bases, including runway repairs, grounds maintenance or maintenance of waterfront facilities, our Seabees come through, anywhere, anytime.

“The work they do is second to none. I’m proud to lead such a fine group of hard-working and enthusiastic men and women who are dedicated to putting their skills to use in supporting our Fleet, Fighter and Family," said Lynch.

Seabees have contributed in so many ways both near and far since their inception, such as building bases in Antarctica, Diego Garcia, and the Philippines. They have worked and fought side by side with Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from Korea to Vietnam, Lebanon, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today our Navy Installations Command Seabees are heavily involved in building the Navy’s newest installation located in Deveselu, Romania in support of Aegis Ashore. Naval Support Facility Deveselu sits on about 430 acres and will house a fire-control radar deckhouse with an associated Aegis command, control and communications suite that looks a lot like the superstructure of a Navy cruiser. The site will also have several SM-3 missile launch modules and be supported by about 200 U.S. military, government civilians and support contractors. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2015.

“I am in awe every day of the accomplishments these professionals exhibit all the time in some of the world’s most difficult environments and circumstances,” added Lynch.