



**Commander
Navy Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven
Gulfport, Mississippi**

Welcome Aboard Shipmate!

Congratulations on your orders to NMCB 11, located in Gulfport, Mississippi. On behalf of the men and women of Lucky ELEVEN, I welcome you!

NMCB 11, is a 600 person Seabee Battalion providing contingency construction, disaster relief, and humanitarian assistance in support of Combatant and Component Commanders world-wide. I have enclosed valuable information on our Command and the Gulfport area and available services to assist you in your transition.

A sponsor will contact you prior to your arrival. Alternatively, you may contact our Command Career Counselor, NCC(SCW/SW) M. J. Howard, at michael.j.howard2@navy.mil, (228) 871-2936, as well as BU1(SCW) T. Stocking at troy.stocking@navy.mil, (228-871-2937).

Please keep your sponsor advised of your arrival date, time, and any flight information you may have. We look forward to having you join our team!

/s/
M. L. Aguayo

Our postal address is:
NMCB ELEVEN
UNIT 60569
FPO AA 34099-1101

CDR's Intent: We are a nation at war. Seabees are a high demand national asset. Our center of gravity (COG) is our ability to task-organize with unique technical and tactical skill sets. To strengthen our COG, we will use homeport to refresh, retrain and refocus for our CENTCOM deployment.

MISSION

- Go Anywhere, Build Anything, Anytime & Defend our Projects and Ourselves & Take Care of Our Seabees and Families.

Vision: We will enhance our value to our Nation's wartime mission and will continue to use our construction skills to promote peace throughout the world. We will be ready anytime, anyplace. We will do this by promoting **Seabee Fitness**:

- **Safety Fitness**
 - Nothing is more important than your safety. Mitigate risk in all you do on and off duty.
 - People are our #1 resource. Can't get the job done without the health of our people.
 - Live, breath, enforce safety.
- **Readiness Fitness**
 - Mission Readiness: We will be fit to build and fight by honing our construction and military skills. This is our value to tomorrow's military.
 - Communication Readiness: Communication is the key to the performance of our mission. We will communicate up and down the Chain of Command. We will ensure every Seabee understands the "why" of our mission.
 - Personal Readiness: We will maintain our medical, physical , spiritual and family fitness to respond anytime, anywhere.
- **Core Fitness**
 - Integrity is the heart of our character. Never compromise it. Promote unwavering trust.
 - Every Seabee adds value to our mission. Every Seabee will be recognized for their diverse talents. We will inspire and challenge every Seabee to unleash maximum potential.

We must strive every day to be fit Seabees in NMCB ELEVEN. We must earn the title and reputation exemplified by the legacy of those who came before us. You represent our nation throughout the world. Be proud and live up to the character of the Navy Seabees.

Welcome Aboard



History of NMCB Eleven

On August 12th, 11 NCB departed on a two week cruise for Island "X" in the Pacific, Pago Harbor Tutuila, and Samoa. Projects included 600,000 cubic yards of earth fill to form the base of the industrial area, creation of a command post, oil storage tanks, maintenance shops, taxiways and air strip extensions.

After hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of earth were moved, hundreds of bridges and docks constructed and all the work to erect an 11,000 man city, peace broke out and 11 NCB was formally decommissioned on December 1, 1945.

NMCB 11, also referred to as MCB 11, was recommissioned in July 1953 during the waning days of the Korean War as "The Newest Battalion in Existence" under the command of LCDR Allison Froman. By November, the Battalion had arrived at Cubi Point, Luzon, Philippines, under the command of LCDR James C. Castanes, and continued work on the removal of a mountain known as the rock. Some 2 million man-hours would eventually be spent to finish the project. Excess dirt and rock from the project was ideal for building and expanding the 10,000 foot runway on the base. NMCB 11 managed to set the record for the number of piles driven, for piers, in a single day.

The base at Adak, Alaska was severely damaged on March 9, 1957 by a 9.1 magnitude earthquake followed by three days of 7.0 or greater aftershocks. Runways and roads were devastated. One of the main roads suffered a 14 foot crack and two major bridges were destroyed. NMCB 11 arrived on April 6 to repair the devastation and repaired everything from piers to the base housing that had been demolished. All projects undertaken were successfully completed within the six month deployment.

In October 1959, the Battalion's main body boarded the USS General J.C. Breckenridge (AP-176) bound for Okinawa where they built permanent staging facilities for the U.S. Marine Corps. The facilities included five 100 x 400 foot warehouses, a pair of engineer shop buildings, a motor transport shop, one ordinance shop, a supply and administrative building, a central head, wash racks, retaining walls and electrical services.

On December 17, 1965, NMCB 11 was awarded the Battle Efficiency Award, commonly referred to as the Battle "E", for the fourth time in five years for its outstanding deployment to Okinawa. During this homeport the Battalion received 16 weeks of intensive training, two of which were spent in SERE training to include: counter-insurgency, foreign languages, blasting and quarrying and field communications. Three STAT Teams, 1103, 1104 and 1105, were deployed to Vietnam and Thailand with U.S. Army Special Forces. Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Marvin G. Shields served with Seabee Team 1104 at Dong Xoai, South Vietnam. On June 9, 1965 a Viet Cong Regiment attacked. After being wounded in the initial mortar attack he continued to supply ammunition to the firing line. Shields was wounded a second time and then carried a critically wounded soldier, Captain William N. Stokes III, to safety. In the early morning hours of June 10, Shields volunteered to help First Lieutenant Charles Williams, the acting camp Commander, knock out a Viet Cong machine gun emplacement, located in a nearby school building. Under heavy enemy fire the two men were able to knock out the gun on the third shot from the 3.5 inch rocket launcher. While returning to his fighting position, machine gun fire struck Shields in his right leg nearly tearing it off. He managed to make it back to the headquarters building with the help from some fellow troops where he expired due to his wounds. Both First Lieutenant Williams and Petty Officer Shields received the Medal of Honor

for the destruction of the machine gun emplacement. Shields was the only Medal of Honor recipient for the Seabees and the first awarded to the Navy in Vietnam. LTJG Frank Peterlin, CEC, USN and Equipment Operator Chief Johnny McCully received the Silver Star. The remaining men all received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and Navy Unit Commendation. Steel Worker 2nd Class William C. Hoover was awarded posthumously.

In February 1966, NMCB 11 became the first battalion to be flown into the Vietnam's combat zone on a C-141 arriving at Camp Adenir, Danang East. After landing, they took over NMCB-9's expansion and improvement of the Naval Hospital constructing an x-ray building, fire station, generator building, several Quonset-type wards, and improving roads and parking areas. Other construction included drilling wells to blast and expand the Danang Harbor, keeping it clear for shipping, and completing a 420,000 gallon POL tank to hold jet fuel necessary for helicopters which were crucial in U.S. operations. While under enemy sniper fire, NMCB 11's Seabees built a Marine cantonment camp deep in hostile territory which included strong-back and tin roof buildings for berthing and other support facilities.

Between the years of 1967 and 1969, the "Lucky Eleventh" was deployed to Vietnam for four consecutive tours. In the early summer of 1967, NMCB 11 became the first battalion to be deployed to the Northern I Corps at the Dong Ha Forward Combat Base, Vietnam. The advanced party began construction at Camp Barnes on April 10 erecting berthing tents, stringing a barbed wire perimeter, and laying a pipeline for a new galley. Upon the main body arrival, construction commenced on a permanent area for Fleet Logistic Support Unit (FLSU) One at Dong Ha including a cold storage unit, administration and communication facilities, and a cantonment camp. Projects also included runway reconstruction and airfield lighting at Khe Sanh, helicopter revetments and parking pads, and numerous tasks supporting construction and militaristic activities. NMCB 11 also constructed more than twenty 50' observation towers in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). During the deployment, the Battalion received 138 attacks involving rockets, ambushes, snipers, and mines sustaining 64 WIA and 5 KIA.

From May 1968 to January 1969, NMCB 11 was deployed to Camp Rhodes, Quang Tri, Vietnam. The focus on the deployment was roadwork involving new construction, repair, and maintenance for National Routes 1 and 9. The Battalion constructed 7.5 miles of new road and built 4 bridges spanning 40', 80', 160', and 392'. The largest task was the Minimum Essential Requirements (MER) project which was geared toward the improvement of living conditions for combat units. The NMCB 11 Seabees built over 2000 structures consisting of tropical huts, shower facilities, and galleys reaching a total cost of \$1.7 million (present day cost of \$90 million).

The last of the four deployments to Vietnam for NMCB 11 was from June to December 1969. About two-thirds of the Battalion was deployed to Camp Haines, Hue-Phu Bai, Vietnam (located at Camp Evans cantonment camp) while the other third went to Okinawa and Guam. Vietnam construction primarily consisted of roadwork and bridgework. While working with NMCB 5 to ready and pave a four mile stretch of new road, NMCB 11 crushed more than 10,000 tons of rock each week to support road projects in Vietnam. Typhoon Cora hit Okinawa in August 1969 damaging much of its infrastructure. Seabees acted quickly to restore utilities and repair damaged buildings and roads. In the early morning hours of 07 August 1969, an Army mortar platoon was laying down some supporting fire when sparks from a mortar tube ignited a near by ammunition store. Seven NMCB 11 Seabees fought the fires and explosions including CM1 Milford Tognazzini who was killed in action by shrapnel from an exploding vehicle. Several others were wounded. CM1 Tognazzini was posthumously awarded the Soldier's Medal and the Purple Heart.

Shortly after the Battalion pulled out of Vietnam and Guam in early December, NMCB 11 was decommissioned in Port Hueneme on 15 December 1969, leaving behind a legacy of contingency construction and support.

NMCB 11 was recommissioned on 14 September, 2007 in an attempt to meet the overwhelming demand for Naval Construction Forces (NCF) throughout the world. Classified as the first "SMART Battalion", NMCB 11 is leading the way with many of the new initiatives and changes being implemented to improve NCF operations.

NMCB 11 returned from its first deployment in almost 40 years in August of 2009. The 'Bees of 11 went above and beyond the expectations of their Higher HQ's in multiple AOR's during their deployment to Africa, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Cuba, Jamaica, Romania, Ukraine and several other locations in support of Operations' Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.



AGUAYO, CDR, CEC, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, NMCB 11



LEVESQUE, CMDCM (SCW), USN
NMCB 11, Command Master Chief



SHERWOOD, LCDR, CEC, USN
NMCB 11, Executive Officer

NMCB Eleven is located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, 74 miles west of Mobile, Alabama, and 78 miles east of New Orleans, Louisiana. Gulfport and Biloxi are famous for entertainment provided by their coastal resorts and casinos. The base itself is located south of Interstate 10 (just south of 28th Street) and west of route 49.

WEB SITE

General information about the Command can be accessed through our web site at

<http://nmc11.navylive.dodlive.mil/>

www.facebook.com/nmc11

<http://www.seabee.navy.mil/>

<https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Gulfport/index.htm>

EDUCATION SERVICE OFFICER

The command's Education Service Officer will assist you in gaining the competitive edge as you seek to advance in your professional training, or simply pursue off-duty education. The ESO works closely with Navy College Learning Center, located in Building 60 room 239.

NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE-NCBC GULFPORT

The NCO provides counseling in the development of educational and degree plans and testing for active duty service members for ACT, SAT, and GED. The NCO can evaluate credit for rate and other degree programs depending on the service members' professional direction. Counseling is also available for civilian dependents. Additional testing for CLEP and DSST are also available.

The Navy College Office is located in building 60, room 239 and can be contacted at 228-871-2785. There are also college representative's located on-base and they can also provide assistance with questions concerning those specific institutions. There are also on-base classes which are available to both active duty and civilians. The on-base institutions are listed below.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
228-865-0675
Coastline Community College/Fort Hays State University
228-871-3439
University of Southern Mississippi
228-214-3511

The NCO is open from 0800-1500 Monday through Thursday and 0800-1400 on Friday. Staff is always available to assist individuals with questions concerning their current and future educational plans.

COMMAND CAREER COUNSELOR

The opportunity to broaden your naval career both personally and professionally are limited only to your initiative. The Navy offers many programs to today's Sailors and Seabees. Our Command Career Counselor is committed to providing you and your family with all the necessary information and assistance needed. Our Career Development Team's mission is to ensure each Seabee and Sailor, both active and reserve, be provided with a sufficient quantity and quality of career information, in a timely manner, to allow them to align their goals with a viable career path and the command's mission.

COMMAND CHAPLAIN

The Command Chaplain is a resource that is available to all members of NCBC. Our Chaplain is there to help provide guidance in many of life's situations. Our chaplain is trained to facilitate opportunities for you to practice your denominational beliefs or can help connect you with local resources to practice with those of your like faith. If you have any family, personal, or spiritual problems, feel free to take advantage of this great resource.

CHAPEL SERVICES

MON-FRI SUN

Roman Catholic 1130 0900

Protestant ---- 1030

For more information contact front desk: (228) 871-2454.

HOUSING

All personnel are recommended to check into the Navy Housing Welcome Center prior to procuring off-base housing. Invaluable assistance can be obtained, whether you desire to rent or buy a home. This service provides a centralized source of information on available housing, schools, hospitals, shopping centers and other support services from the civilian community. Navy Housing Welcome Center will forward you a Welcome Aboard package. There is also a partnership program in place thru the Navy Housing Office, which will greatly benefit Military personnel who choose to rent in the local area. The phone number is (228) 871-2586.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Household Goods services information can be provided by Terry Humnard at the Gulfport Fleet and Family Support Center. You may contact her at 228-871-3000 ext. 4741.

CBC GULFPORT FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER (FFSC)

The FFSC provides an assortment of free services to service members and their families. Located in Bldg. 30, CBC Gulfport, the Navy Fleet and Family Support Center provide:

- Information and Referral - Base information, civilian community information,
- Welcome Aboard packages
- Transition Assistance Management Program - Spouse employment assistance, relocation assistance, transition assistance
- Short Term Counseling - Individualized, Marital, Family counseling, referral to appropriate resources, Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI), Family Advocacy
- Financial Guidance - Individualized financial planning, tax return preparation, financial workshops
- Deployment Support - Good Neighbor Volunteer Program, pre-deployment and pre-homecoming seminars, return and reunion programs.
- Miscellaneous Programs and Workshops - Current listing available on request

Commercial (228) 871-3000 / DSN 312-832-3000

Director Barbara Jones

Deployment Support	Paula Ingram
Information & Referral	Jeffery Isabell
Ombudsman Support	Paula Ingram
Relocation Assistance	Jeffery Isabell
Transition (TAMP)	Jeffery Isabell
Family Employment	Jeffery Isabell
Family Advocacy (FAP)	Susan Pyles
Counseling	Cheryl Hall
SAVI	LaTasha Banks
New Parent Support	Sue Maters
Personal Finance	Saudi Rogers
Case Management	Jean Sammons
Personal Property	Jerry Houmar

Additional information about the Center's services can be found at:

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/SpouseSupport/>

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Minimum requirements to register a motor vehicle onboard the base is as follows:

1. Possess a valid state driver's license supported by an appropriate ID card.
2. Possess a certificate of valid state registration.
3. Proof of insurance with minimum required level of coverage.
4. Valid Mississippi State inspection sticker. (MS tags only)

SOME MISSISSIPPI LAWS

The driver and passengers must wear safety belts. An approved child or infant safety seat must be used. Use of headphones and cell phones are prohibited while operating any motor vehicle on base. The use and/or display of RADAR detectors are prohibited. Motorcycle, moped, or scooter operators must show proof of completion of a certified Motorcycle Operator Safety course. All required personal protective equipment must be worn.

MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR LICENSE AND PLATES

Military personnel stationed in Mississippi are permitted to operate motor vehicles with a driver's license and license plate issued by their state of legal residence or Mississippi. Personnel who are legal residents of states other than Mississippi may obtain Mississippi license plates without paying the Mississippi personal property tax on their vehicles. Special forms permit a spouse of a deployed member to apply in his or her behalf. Personnel who have applied for homestead exemption must pay the Mississippi automobile personal tax and may not claim the military license tax exemption. DMV telephone number is 228-769-3266.

SAFETY

Operation Risk Management (ORM) needs to be part of every Sailor's daily life, no matter on duty or off. It's a simple and logical process. First, you must know the four principles of ORM:

1. Accept risk when benefits outweigh the cost.
2. Accept no unnecessary risks.
3. Anticipate and manage risk by planning.
4. Make decisions about risk at the right level, (this happens before you start).

The five-step process in ORM:

1. IDENTIFY HAZARDS. A hazard can injure or kill people or make them sick, damage or destroy equipment or property, or even keep you from completing a mission.
2. ASSESS HAZARDS. This step examines each hazard in terms of probability and severity to determine what the level of risk is when you're exposed to the hazard.
3. MAKE RISK DECISION. After assessing each hazard, you develop one or more controls to either eliminate the hazard or reduce the risk of mishap. You develop controls by considering the reason for the hazard, not just the hazard itself. (For example, driving a car, but a reason it may be even more a hazard is that the car is poorly maintained.)
4. IMPLEMENT CONTROLS. After you have developed controls, you have to carry them out. You know what to do to prevent a mishap, so do it.
5. SUPERVISE (watch for changes). If you're supervising others, ensure they are using the controls you have set out for them. If you're on your own, supervise yourself. (For instance, the poorly maintained car you're driving and all of sudden the weather changed to rain, now you must develop a new controls.)

OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT IS NOT JUST OPERATIONAL, IT'S SITUATIONAL. USE ORM EVERY DAY.

SUPPLY

Mission

- ❖ To provide Atlantic Naval Construction Forces maximum logistic support.
 - Specifically:
 - Develop and maintain a contingency program for:
 - Non-Civil Engineer Support Equipment(CESE) Table of Allowance (TOA)
 - ARP (Automotive Parts Repair) Warehouse
 - MLO and CTR Operations
 - PGI Gear Issue
 - Equip, train, evaluate, and logistically prepare NCF units for field exercises and deployments.

Vision

- Deliver quality logistic support and customer service.
- Committed to strengthening the logistics support mission capability and readiness of all NCF units.
- Every Member of The Supply Division:
 - is a subject matter expert in their respective key billet and collateral duty
 - adds tangible and intangible value to the SRG organization
 - looks back at this tour with fond memories

Phone Numbers

Front office: (228) 871-2467 FAX: (228) 871-2277

R41 office: (228) 871-3756 Cell: (228) 239-8684

LCPO: (228) 871-3423

LPO: (228) 871-3440

ALPO: (228) 871-2965

COASTAL WEATHER

During severe weather, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association broadcast weather reports from Gulfport and Biloxi on frequency 162.4 MHz. The hottest month on the Mississippi coast is July, with an average maximum temperature of 98.7 degrees. The coolest month is February, with an average low of 49.3 degrees. Relative humidity ranges from an average of 52% in May to a maximum of 96% in July.

Tropical hurricane season occurs along the Gulf Coast during the months of June through November, with greatest frequency during August, September, and October. Less serious, but much more frequent, are thunderstorms accompanied by high velocity winds, hail and lightning. About 75% of all hurricanes that have struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast since the turn of century have been Category 3 or higher. Advance preparation on personal and family disaster plans along with a disaster survival kit will minimize the effects of such severe weather conditions.

BRANCH DENTAL and MEDICAL CLINIC

Dental (228) 871-2606

Medical (228) 871-2810

Ambulance (228) 871-2333

MILITARY MEDICAL SUPPORT OFFICE

Medical Appointment Line 1-877-879-1621
TRICARE Service Center (Biloxi) (228) 385-6650

QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

NCBC GULFPORT (DSN Prefix 868)

NCBC Gulfport Quarterdeck (228) 871-2555
Family Service Center (228) 871-3000
Bachelor's Quarters (228) 871-3844
Family Housing Office (228) 871-2586
Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society (228) 871-2610
Child Development Center (228) 871-2323
Navy Lodge 1-800-628-9466
MWR (228) 871-4697

TRANSPORTATION

Gulfport/Biloxi Regional Airport (228) 863-5951
Coast Transit Authority (Bus) (228) 896-8080
Amtrak 1-800-872-7245

PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Gulfport City Schools (228) 865-4600
Long Beach City Schools (228) 864-1146
Harrison County Schools (228) 865-4052
Pass Christian City Schools (228) 452-7271
Biloxi City Schools (228) 374-1810

GOVERNMENT INTERNET RELOCATION INFORMATION DIRECTORY

NCBC

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/gulfport/Service_Organizations/PAO/index.htm

Military Connection

<http://www.militaryconnection.com>

MilitaryHOMEFRONT:

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

Military OneSource:

<http://www.militaryonesource.com>

Military Spouse Career Center:

<http://www.military.com/spouse>

Navy Personnel Command

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/channels>

Lifelines (Navy's Quality of Life Mall).

www.lifelines4qol.org

Military Acclimate (cost of moves, etc)

www.militaryacclimate.com

PCS Rules and Regulations/DLA/etc

<http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/>

BAS/BAH and other Pay issues

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

PCS Housing

www.housing.navy.mil

Chaplain

www.chaplaincare.navy.mil/index.htm

Newcomers

http://www.militarynewcomers.com/GULFPORT03/resources/01_B.html

GULFPORT INFORMATION WEBSITES

TRICARE	www.tricare.osd.mil
Dental	www.ucci.com
WLOX (TV)	www.wlox.com
The Sun Herald	www.sunherald.com
Gulf Coast Info	www.gulfcoast.org
Commercial Relocation site	http://www.move.com/
The Apartment Directory	www.aptdir.com
Realtors	www.realtor.com
City Search	www.usacitylink.com/citylink
The Newcomers Guide to the MS Gulf Coast	www.newcomersguide-ms.com
MS School system	www.mde.k12.ms.us
HUD	www.hud.gov/index.html
VA	http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/

Mortgage Calculator

www.homefair.com/usr/qualcalcform.html

Better Business Bureau www.bbbonline.org