

WELCOME ABOARD





Commander
Naval Mobile Constrcuton 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 620 person Seabee Battalion providing contingency construction, disaster relief and humanitarian assistance in support of Combatant and Componet Commanders world-wide. I have enclosed vaulable information on our Command and the Gulfport area and availble service to assist you in your transition.

A sponsor will contact you prior to your arrival. Alternatively, you may contact our Command Career Counselor NCC(SW/AW) Bryan Whitehead at his email address, bryan.whitehead1@navy.mil, or by commercial phone number 228-871-2149.

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/
J.E. Brown

Our postal address is:
5301 Brainbridge Ave Box #63
Gulfport, MS 39501



Our Vision

We will be the most ready, relevant, and resourceful combat construction force to provide critical engineering and logistic support across the full spectrum of war and peacetime operations. We will make daily contributions to the service of the world's greatest Navy and reinforce the trust provided to us by the American people through exemplary performance, absolute integrity, and the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior.

Our Philosophy

BE READY TO SERVE

- We are Military Professionals, we are **READY** to move, build, and fight to prevail.
- Training and engaged leadership are the cornerstones to readiness.
- Trust in Small Unit Leaders through delegation to the maximum extent. We will be “Brilliant in the Basics.” Move, shoot, and communicate.
- We display and improve competence in our planning, technical, tactical, and logistical skills. We deliver quality construction...on time!
- Our proficiency in independent, self-sufficient operation in movement, defense, and sustainment make us battlefield force multipliers.
- Our construction and logistic support is a critical component to enable Combatant Commanders to achieve their strategic objectives.
- We are responsible and accountable for our people, spaces, gear, and actions.

BE WILLING TO SERVE

- We are a volunteer force **WILLING** and proud to serve our nation in the defense of freedom and our way of life.
- We serve our nation as war fighting professionals and are provided a public trust to operate with honor, courage, and commitment.
- We care for ourselves, each other, and the Battalion.
- We will treat each of our shipmates with dignity, respect, and inclusion.
- We honor our shipmates and respect our leaders. Crisp salutes and unwavering military bearing are hallmarks of good order and discipline.

BE ABLE TO SERVE

- We remember that our families are an integral and inseparable part of our TEAM.
- We spend quality time with our families, friends, and community. We communicate our plans with them, and take care of them. Without them we are not **ABLE** to serve.
- We are all responsible for risk management and safety on and off duty. It is our enemy's objective to do us harm, we will not do their job for them.
- We enable the attainment of career goals and achievements during our service so we are continuously preparing for life after our military service is complete.

“Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Do not bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.” ~William Faulkner~

HISTORY OF NMCB ELEVEN

NMCB 11 was originally commissioned during World War II in June 1942 as 11th Naval Construction Battalion (11 NCB). On August 12th, 1942 11 NCB departed for Island "X" in the Pacific, Pago Harbor, Tutuila, and Samoa. Projects included moving 600,000 cubic yards of earth fill to form the base of the industrial area and constructing a command post, oil storage tanks, maintenance shops, taxiways and air strip extensions. After erecting a 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." While deployed at Cubi Point, Luzon in the Philippines, NMCB 11 set the record for the number of piles driven for piers in a single day. Following the Korean War, NMCB 11 deployed to Adak, Alaska for six months in 1957 to repair damage to a base after a 9.1 magnitude earthquake, then in 1959 deployed to Okinawa, Japan to build permanent staging facilities for the U.S. Marine Corps.

During the Vietnam War, Seabee Technical Assistance Teams (STAT - later changed to Seabee Team) deployed to Vietnam and Thailand with U.S. Army Special Forces. Construction Mechanic 3rd Class

Marvin G. Shields of NMCB 11 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 Shields 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. While returning to his fighting position, machine gun fire struck Shields in his right leg nearly tearing it off. He made it back to the headquarters building with the help from some fellow troops where he died from his wounds. Both First Lieutenant Williams and Petty Officer Shields received the Medal of Honor for the destruction of the machine gun emplacement. Shields remains the only Medal of Honor recipient for the Seabees and the first Navy member to receive the award in Vietnam. LTJG Frank Peterlin and Equipment Operator Chief Johnny McCully received the Silver Star.

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. Other construction included drilling wells to blast and expand the Danang Harbor, keeping it clear for shipping, and completing a POL tank to hold jet fuel for helicopters. While under enemy sniper fire, NMCB 11's Seabees built a Marine cantonment camp deep in hostile territory for berthing and other support facilities.



From 1967 to 1969, the "Lucky Eleventh" deployed to Vietnam for four consecutive tours. In the summer of 1967, NMCB 11 began construction of Camp Barnes at the Dong Ha Forward Combat Base, Vietnam. In addition to the camp, NMCB 11 constructed permanent facilities for Fleet Logistic Support Unit (FLSU) One at Dong Ha and completed other projects including runway reconstruction and airfield lighting at Khe Sanh, helicopter revetments and parking pads, and 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 deployed to Camp Rhodes, Quang Tri, Vietnam to construct and repair National Routes 1 and 9, completing 7.5 miles of new road and 4 bridges. The largest task was the Minimum Essential Requirements (MER) project to improve living conditions for combat units. NMCB 11 Seabees built over 2,000 structures consisting of tropical huts, shower facilities, and galleys

reaching a total cost of \$1.7 million (present day cost of \$90 million).

NMCB 11's final deployment to Vietnam was from June to December 1969. Two-thirds of the battalion deployed to Camp Haines, Hue-Phu Bai, Vietnam to compete roadwork and bridgework. In the early morning hours of 07 August 1969, an Army mortar platoon was laying down supporting fire when sparks from a mortar tube ignited



a nearby ammunition store. While fighting the fires and explosions, CM1 Milford Tognazzini was killed in action by shrapnel from an exploding vehicle. CM1 Tognazzini was posthumously awarded the Soldier's Medal and the Purple Heart. At the same time, one third of the battalion deployed to Okinawa and Guam. When Typhoon Cora hit Okinawa in August 1969, Seabees quickly restored utilities and repaired damaged buildings and roads. Shortly after returning from Vietnam, Okinawa and Guam, 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 order to meet the overwhelming demand for Naval Construction Forces (NCF) throughout the world in support of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Classified as the first "SMART Battalion," NMCB

11 led 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 in multiple AOs during their deployment to Africa, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Cuba, Jamaica, Romania, Ukraine and several other locations in support of OEF and OIF.

In May of 2010, NMCB 11 deployed to the PACOM AOR. With its headquarters on Camp Shields, Okinawa, Japan, NMCB 11 dispersed detachments throughout the PACOM AOR, participating in multiple exercises and constructing schools, warehouses, water wells, a retaining wall, a maternity ward, and numerous other projects. NMCB 11 returned to Gulfport after a 10 ½ month deployment.

In February of 2012, NMCB 11 deployed to the CENTCOM AOR for seven months. With its headquarters on Camp Krutke, FOB Leatherneck, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, NMCB 11 left a lasting mark and delivered excellence throughout the country primarily supporting Marine Corps and Special Operations Forces. In addition to drilling water wells, constructing FOBs and teaching construction management techniques to local contractors and building roads, NMCB 11 partnered with Afghan and coalition forces on various projects.



From August 2013 to February 2014, NMCB 11 deployed to five COCOMS with a headquarters in Rota, Spain. Displaying unmatched operational flexibility in a dynamic environment, NMCB 11 supported Dets in nineteen countries including Djibouti, Ghana, Niger, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Guam and Spain. Lucky Eleven conducted an array of operations including horizontal and vertical construction, force protection improvements, infrastructure and camp maintenance, humanitarian civic action missions, and contingency construction in support of OEF.

In January 2015, NMCB 11 deployed across the globe with projects in Spain, Romania, Bahrain, Guam, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and Djibouti. One of their major tasks included a Congress approved million dollar Electronic System Evaluation Facilities project. This facility will provide testing evaluation services to U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and the Military Sealift Command Actives as well as allied foreign navies. After returning in August of 2015, NMCB 11 earned its third Battle 'E' award since the battalion's recommissioning. The previous years the Battalion received the award were 2007 and 2014, making them back-to-back Peltier recipients in 2015.

NMCB 11 will deploy in the summer of 2016 to five COCOMs and their missions. The tasking will include an array of challenging projects and will provide the battalion and its members with invaluable training and experiences.

Lucky ELEVEN has earned the following unit awards: Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (3), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation – Gallantry (5), Vietnam Service Medal (4), Navy Unit Commendation (3), Meritorious Unit Commendation (3).



J. E. BROWN, CDR, CEC, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, NMCB 11



T. POAGE, CMDCM (SCW), USN
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF, NMCB 11



B. P. VOLKMANN, LCDR, CEC, USN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NMCB 11

NMCB ELEVEN is located onboard Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, along 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://nmcb11.navylive.dodlive.mil/>

www.facebook.com/nmcb11

<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 Houmard

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

COMMAND PFA COORDINATOR

Physical fitness is an important aspect of Navy life, and it is every sailor's responsibility to maintain themselves within standards. A Body Composition Assessment (BCA) will be performed upon arrival to NMCB ELEVEN in the event data has not been entered into PRIMS for the most recent cycle, and performed monthly thereafter.

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

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.cnbc.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