

# Naval Construction Battalion Unit 416

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## *Historical Information*



*“Construimus, Batuimus”*  
*“We Build, We Fight”*





## Construction Battalion Unit FOUR ONE SIX Unit History

The unit was originally established as Construction Battalion Unit (CBU) 409 in February of 1971, but the name did not last long. In July of 1974 it was given its current name, CBU-416. Operational control rested with Naval Air Station Alameda, California. In August of 1995, a small detachment from CBU-416 Alameda, California arrived in Fallon to begin making preparations for the CBU's move from Alameda to Fallon, Nevada

prior to the closing of NAS Alameda under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). Administrative control was granted to the Third Naval Construction Brigade in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On January 1, 1996 the flag was officially switched over to NAS Fallon, Nevada and became the home of the Desert Seabees.

In April 1996, CBU-416 began their first project for NAS Fallon, a new MWD Kennel facility. Several projects followed including construction and erection of pre-engineered buildings for Weapons Storage, Supply Warehouse Storage, Joint Storage, VFC-13 Facility, AIMU Battery Storage; construction of a CMU Government Carwash Facility and a 25-stall MWR RV Parking complete with utilities, telephone and cable hook ups with two bathrooms and laundry facility. Since taking on its first project in Fallon, CBU-416 had expended over 27,720 mandays in project construction with a material cost of over \$6.7 million. The unit had also completed construction on a park and parking lot project for the City of Fallon and a fishing pond with a pier for Churchill County Parks & Recreation which was named Liberty Park, along with numerous community service projects for local elementary schools. It also started a new Military Construction (MILCON) project- Construct Fuel Truck Maintenance Facility, which consists of 1,179 mandays with a material cost of \$300,000.

CBU-416 was disestablished in March 21, 2005 and subsequently re-established as Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303 Detachment Fallon with its headquarters located in San Diego, CA. The Seabees stationed at NAS Fallon proudly serve their country through construction efforts for the base and as public works support for Fleet Hospital Dallas.



## **Construction Battalion Unit Realignment**

On 18 October 2004, the Chief of Naval Operations sent out OPNAV INST 3111 which realigned or disestablished Construction Battalion Units (CBUs), and relocated a number of Construction Battalion Maintenance Units (CBMUs). The purpose was to align active CBUs with reserve CBMUs into two active CBMUs with reserve DETs to enhance command and control. The alignment enhanced command and control of the units and improved responsiveness to combat commanders.

The revised mission for the CBMU was "to deploy rapidly to provide follow-on operations, maintenance, repair and limited construction capabilities at advance base shore facilities constructed by Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NMCBs) ... Provide Forward Operating Base (FOB) facility and logistic support to designated Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), Marine Expeditionary Group (MEG) Command Elements, and NSW squadrons... Operate, maintain and repair shore facilities and utilities in support of forward deployed, ground-based, fleet hospitals ... Construction Readiness Training (CRT) projects at designated Naval shore activities."

### Organizational Changes

CBMUs moved:

CBMU 202 from Camp Lejeune to NAB Little Creek

CBMU 303 from NAS North Island to San Diego, CA

CBUs disestablished:

CBU 401 Great Lakes

CBU 403 US Naval Academy

CBU 405 NAS North Island

CBU 411 Norfolk

CBU 414 Groton

CBU 415 Virginia Beach

CBU 417 Whidbey Island

CBU 420 Naval Station Mayport (FL)

CBU 421 NS Everett

CBU 423 Norfolk

CBU 427 San Diego

CBUs realigned:

CBU 402 NAS Key West to CBMU 202 DET Key West

CBU 402 NDW Anacostia Annex to CBMU 202 DET Washington DC

CBU 406 NAS Lemoore to CBMU 303 DET Lemoore

CBU 410 NAS NAS Jacksonville to CBMU 202 DET Jacksonville

CBU 412 Kings Bay to CBMU 202 DET Kings Bay

CBU 413 NS Pearl Harbor to CBMU 303 DET Pearl Harbor

CBU 416 NAS Fallon to CBMU 303 DET Fallon

CBU 418 NSB Bangor to CBMU 303 DET Bangor



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LONG BEACH  
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SEABEES



NAVAL STATION  
SAILING FACILITY

NAVAL  
MARINA  
GRAND  
WED 21

416 - Long Beach - June 72  
Ribbon cutting ceremony for NAVSTA Long Beach  
Sailing Facility Clubhouse



CBU 416 Long Beach 11/72

End view of the Naval Weapons Station, Fallbrook  
Annex handball court







416 - Long Beach - June 72  
View of completed Sailing Facility Clubhouse from  
the water