

Naval Construction Battalion Unit 418

Historical Information



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



CONSTRUCTION BATTALION UNIT 418

Naval Construction Battalion Unit 418, with a present compliment of 52 enlisted men and women and one Civil Engineer Corps Officer, as Officer in Charge, was established on 1 March 1979 as a separate activity of the Naval shore establishment. CBU 418 provides a contingency construction augment capability to the Naval Construction Force as a Fleet Hospital Public Works Support Unit. The Unit is designed to deploy with equipment and supplies within 48 hours. In preparation of this mission, CBU 418 conducts individual military training and performs construction on a variety of projects to strengthen technical skills. The Unit devotes a majority of its time improving the living and working conditions and facilities of the Naval Submarine Base, Bangor and other Puget Sound area commands.

Since the establishment of the Unit, CBU 418 projects have resulted in over \$2.6 million worth of materials in place and have saved customers an estimated \$6 million dollars in construction labor and equipment rental costs. These projects have been completed for Submarine Base Bangor, as well as Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport, Naval Hospital, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Naval Supply Center, Naval Communication Station Jim Creek, Pacific Beach Recreation Area and at Army Firing Center, Yakima. In addition to Navy projects, Unit personnel have volunteered to assist in community action work for a number of activities in the Kitsap Peninsula area. Highlights of community work include the completion of a childrens park in Silverdale, playground canopy for the Bremerton Hollyridge School for Handicapped Children, sidewalk for Martha and Mary's Nursing Home, Poulsbo and playground equipment for both Clear Creek and Cougar Valley Elementary Schools.

CBU 418 was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for their part in NSB Bangor's selection as the Commander in Chief's award for installation excellence for 1987. As budgets and military spending continue to shrink, Seabee labor will become more and more competitive and coveted. The future looks bright for CBU 418 in terms of quantity and quality of work available in the Puget Sound area. As the Navy charges through the 90's into the next century, CBU 418's **Can Do** spirit will blaze the way.



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

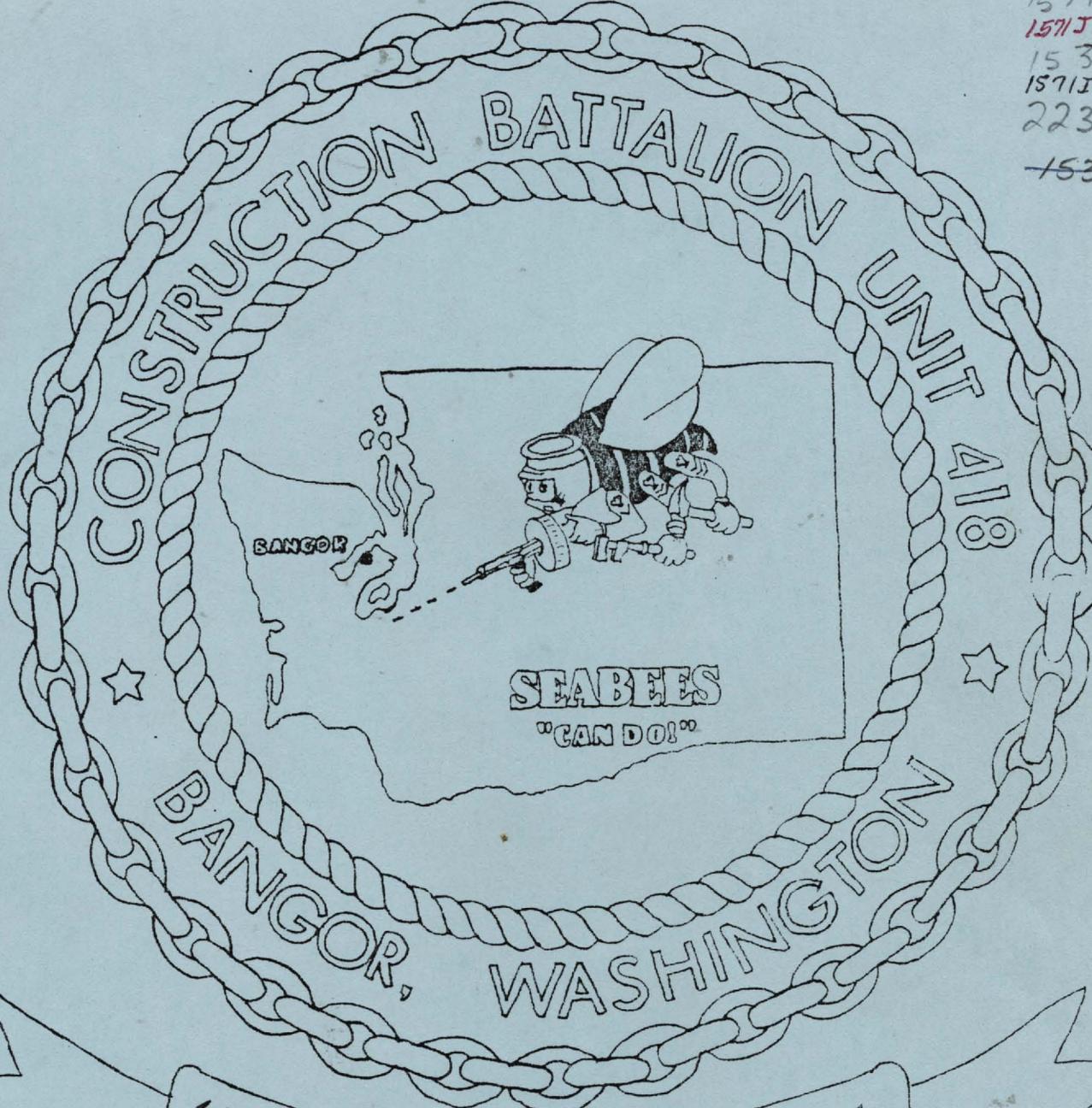
CBU 412 Kings Bay to CBMU 202 DET Kings Bay

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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