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## **NCTC Students and Staff Celebrate 72 Years of Seabee History**

PORT HUENEME, Calif. – Celebrating their ‘Can do’ spirit, the Naval Construction Training Center (NCTC) celebrated the 72nd birthday of the U.S. Navy Seabees at Stinger’s Field on board Naval Base Ventura County (NVBC) March 5.

At the celebration, Cmdr. Daniel Cook, NCTC commanding officer, proclaimed: “Every year we look forward to celebrating our heritage by remembering the birthday of the Seabees. It's an awesome tradition and always a lot of fun. We really appreciate all of the hard work by the staff, and the support from the Defense Commissary Agency that made this event so enjoyable for the students.”

Students and staff participated in a number of activities during the birthday celebration, including softball, flag football and ultimate Frisbee.

Construction Mechanic students competed in a spirited game of kickball between the Navy and Air Force school students. “A” School students also competed in a Seabee history-themed trivia game for prizes.

Angela Mora serves as NCTC environmental coordinator, and was one of the key coordinators of the event.

"As a U.S. Army retiree, now employed as a Department of the Navy Civilian, I am very fortunate to be able to witness the professionalism, dedication, and positive attitude of our new Sailors who are training to become "Bees". With the support from the entire command staff and the NBVC Commissary, we were able to bring a big smile to our young Sailors' faces and let them know that we were thinking of them and wishing them a happy 'Seabee' birthday."

For additional information on the Naval Construction Training Center in Port Hueneme, visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/centers/csfe/hueneme/>

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