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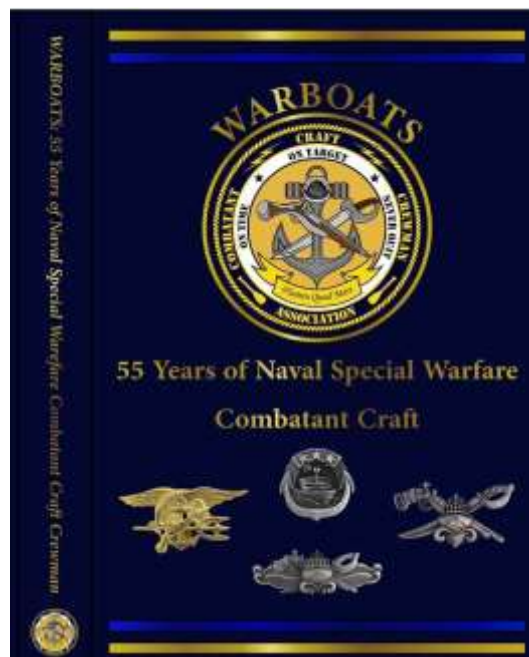
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Combatant Craft Crewman Association. Inc.

"Preserving the History and Honoring the Brotherhood"

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

August 30, 2019

Dear Friends and Families of the CCCA,



On behalf of the CCCA Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support. This is an exciting time for us, and we have much to share. Things are moving exceptionally fast, and we are working non-stop to ensure that we can meet our 2019 strategic goals. This year has presented us with some daunting challenges for your leadership. However, despite the challenges, we are making significant progress. We have made prudent course corrections in our Association to address those specific issues, and your responses were well received for our corrective measures. We want to thank you all for your confidence and trust to lead this exceptional organization. Your outstanding support and our continued growth are humbling. It is our sincere desire that we can continue to provide our charitable services with compassion and integrity.

Our 55th Anniversary scheduled for November 6-10, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Bayside, San Diego, CA, is ongoing. Make your hotel reservation and take advantage of our discounted block of rooms and room upgrades plus and minus four days of the event, just in case you want to make an extended vacation in San Diego. Call (619) 224-3621 and ask for "Reservations" or call (800) 662-8899 and ask for the Combatant Craft Crewman Group Rate of \$149 (Std.) or \$179 (Upgrade). This Anniversary Event is an excellent opportunity to reunite with your old teammates and meet some new Community Members. Our SITREPS are being shared and broadcasted for your convenience with more essential details. You can find the latest regarding the **55th Anniversary information by visiting the CCCA Web Page at:**

<https://www.combatantcraftcrewman.org/anniversary-sitrep.html>

We hope you will invest your time to join us!

We are delighted to announce that Sean Pybus VADM, USN (Ret.) has assumed the mantle of leadership as the President of the Board of Directors for the Navy Seal Foundation in February of 2019. We are honored to have him as our Keynote Speaker. We welcome VADM Pybus and his lovely wife Patty and appreciate both his and the NSF outstanding support over these past seven years. We hope you will join us for this historic event! You need not be a CCCA member to attend. However, your membership fuels our success and we welcome the opportunity to demonstrate our convictions to this very special community and build our capacity to serve.

55th Anniversary Registration Form is located at <https://www.combatantcraftcrewman.org/55th-anniversary--information.html>

Please join us as we celebrate 55 years of Combatant Craft Crewman History with the release of our book, WARBOATS! We celebrate every generations contribution and share our history of the Combatant Craft Crewman as it has evolved into the Modern SWCC. The proceeds of this book will help us assist our veterans and their families in time of crisis. It honors the service and commitment of all those who have served and supported the Naval Special Warfare Family.

Our CCCA National Headquarters is now a reality. We have our own office spaces, conference room, ship store to serve our charitable works better. Our new address is **CCCA National HQ 2160 Fletcher Pkwy., Ste. N, El Cajon, CA 92020**. We are working on multiple projects that will build our capacity. It is definitely an exciting time as we make these leaps forward. We encourage your participation and insights as we have some significant milestones approaching. Please consider contributing your time and talents to further our missions.

We welcome the Public Relations and Fundraising services of Charlie Philpot and Super Bowl Champion, Craig McEwen to our CCCA Family. We plan to build our branding and encourage a broader base of support while providing your recreational opportunities to fulfill our charitable missions better. We hope you will see the value-added and the potential to serve our National Membership.

Upcoming Major Milestones:

CCCA Election (President) Nominee Deadline: October 7th, 2019 (All Nominees must be received by the Secretary by this Date).

CCCA Election (President) Election Deadline: November 7th, 2019 (Announcement will be Announced at 55th Anniversary)

55th Anniversary Event: 6-10 November 2019

WARBOATS Book Release: 6-10 November 2019

2020 Strategic Goal Forum: 6-10 November 2019 (General Membership Meeting).

Sincerely,

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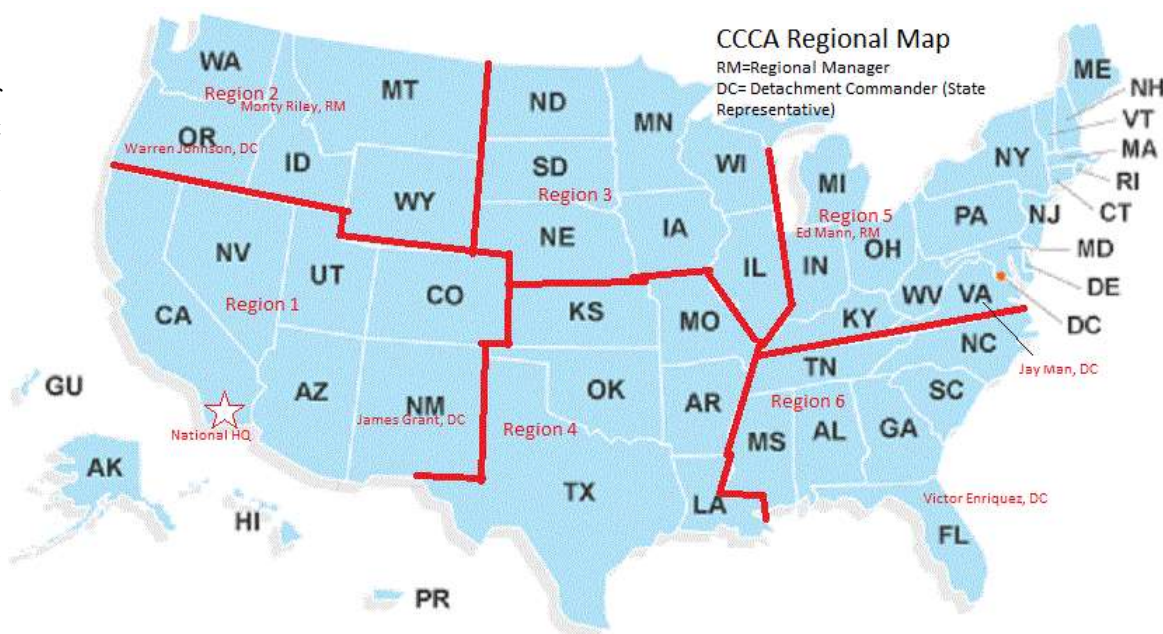
I thought it was about time that I meet a deadline for the newsletter. I process membership renewals and new member packages on the weekends, starting my Saturday and Sunday mornings, in the dark quiet hours with a hot cup of CAF by Black Rifle Coffee Co while the house is still. Most weeks I'll have one or two new members. We're typically averaging 3-4 new members a month. Thanks to you, our membership numbers continue to grow. Also thanks to you, our "declined to renew" list is slowly shrinking also. This is the list that I maintain of folks who were members, but for reasons known mostly to them, they didn't want to continue as members. Those who have re-joined the CCCA, are generally doing so because they're hearing the word from all of you. Talking to our brothers within your own networks, sharing what the CCCA is doing for the brotherhood; sharing the assistance we've been providing; sharing the growth that has been taking place. You're getting the word out and folks are trickling back in. Again, I thank you. Keep it up. The best advertising is word of mouth.

Several years ago we put together a program to help the CCCA grow, but it has taken a backseat to other more important efforts. Occasionally you'll hear me speak of it, push it back out for visibility, then it fades again. The program I'm referring to is the Regional Manager (RM) and Detachment Commander (DC) program. We want to bring the CCCA closer to you; closer to home. Our national HQ is in San Diego, but why not have local chapters? With local leadership? Well, we do. We call the chapters "Regions". A Region consists of several states. Each state is known to us as a Detachment. The lead position, or single point of contact for a region is known as the regional manager (RM); each state's single point of contact is known as the detachment commander (DC). All DCs within a region will communicate, plan, organize, etc with their RM. The RM dials in each month to the board meetings, shares what's happening within his region, events planned, membership contacts made, etc and then relays the meeting details out to his DCs, who share it all with their team within their Detachments. DCs are encouraged to pool brothers and sisters within their state together periodically for coffee, lunch, whatever. Brotherhood. They're also encouraged to reach out to those boat guys in their state who aren't members. Include them in your gatherings, without pressure to join. Just the comradery of brotherhood so that they know they have someone to call if times get tough and they need an ear, or other assistance. It's amazing the feeling I get after having spent a couple hours with a few boat guys. Even if we've never met before, I always leave with the same feeling; that I've really missed being around people that I'm truly comfortable with. The CCCA is here to help anyone who has served or is serving within our NSW community, not just CCCA members. RMs and DCs are the CCCA's eyes and ears into the far reaches of the USA. We help a lot of people, but there are so many more who need us that don't know we exist.

Most states are still lacking a DC. Several regions are lacking RMs. We need volunteers to take on these duties, help to build the CCCA. Help to look after our brothers. Honoring the Brotherhood. Below is a map of the US, outlining what states fall within which regions. It also indicates who is the RM and DC where the billets have

been filled. Any state or region without a name is open for a volunteer to take the helm. Contact me if you're interested and I'll send you a list of duties and responsibilities along with an application. The board reviews and votes on all applicants.

One final note on memberships, if you're in contact with anyone who used to be a member but dropped out please let them know that we do not collect back dues. They're welcome to re-join, using their old membership number, at the current dues rate which is \$50





This famous but often mislabeled photo is NOT a PBR but an LCPL Medium SEAL Support Craft (MSSC). Note ladder welded to the bow, 7.62mm Mini gun and different curving line of the PL's deck. John Woody in Helmet looking to starboard near spotlight. Photo courtesy of John Woody

The "PL," the First Medium Seal Support Craft

**By
Phil G. Garn**

Today, we expect Naval Special Warfare to have the latest Space Age technology, from steerable parachutes, encrypted burst transmitters to the newest generation of night vision devices made by well-known contractors or cutting edge firms no one has ever heard of, yet. Well, that was not the case in 1966, which was smack in the middle of the Space Race, when SEAL Team 1 was sent into the Mekong Delta with their trusty IBS (Inflatable Boat Small) and a Boston Whaler or two.

Though the SEALs from Team 1 had been in country since 1962 and Boat Support Unit 1's (BSU-1), Mobile Support Team 1 (MST-1) had been operating since 1964 from Da Nang, the SEALs soon found even with an outboard motor, the IBS was just too slow, small and exposed for the tides and currents of the Delta, while the Boston Whaler was faster but too small and exposed and neither could provide suppressive fire with crew served weapons, and the mighty PTFs were just too big for the narrow rivers and canals. Additionally, though PBR's from Task Force 116 Game Warden's provided a better platform with much more speed and firepower, they were not always able to break away from their assigned river patrol commitments to support SEAL missions. Surprisingly, Boat Support Unit 1 (BSU-1) at NAB Coronado had not only tested the PBR, but they also developed initial training for the craft. To rectify this lack of organic boat support, the SEAL Team 1 men got a hold of an LCPL (36 foot Landing Craft Personnel Large) and an LCM (Landing Craft Medium) then they transformed them into SEAL support craft adding .50cal machineguns, other heavy weapons and armor. However, the next issue was manpower. Half of the platoon was manning the boats, while the other half was going ashore for operations. Furthermore, maintenance was a significant problem, while they could bor-



Side view of the LCPL MSSC next to a 23 foot Power Cat SEAL Team Attack Boat of MST 2 Det Bravo Binh Thuy. Note the long pilot house with angular front, gun tub with mini-gun, different stern armament suite with two side mounted .50 cal HMGs and a twin M-60 7.62 mount covered in this picture as well as longer rear deck. The PL also had a single engine and propeller as well as a longer awning and mast arrangement.



Classic side view of a Vietnam era PBR MK 2. Note completely different gun tub mounting twin .50 cal HMGs, shorter pilot house with curved front, different radio antennas and mast, amidships weapon station with single M-60 LMG and single stern .50 cal HMG in a recessed well. She has a straight deck line and is twin water jet driven so significantly faster than the LCPL MSSC. It was not uncommon for SEALs to hitch rides from the faster PBRs and PCFs to get back to base more quickly than the slow LCPL MSSCs and even slower HSSC's after insertions and extractions.

row a mechanic from time to time, the SEALs had to do all of their maintenance, which further reduced their availability for operations. The SEALs communicated their concerns back to Captain Phil H. Bucklew at Naval Operations Support Group -1 (NOSG-1) back at NAB Coronado. Captain Bucklew tasked BSU-1 with building more craft for riverine SEAL operations in Vietnam, project ZULU.

The BSU-1 men went across the bay to DMRO (Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office) better known as "Salvage" or the "junkyard" at the 32nd Street Naval Base. There they found two LCMs and four LCPL MK IVs and began converting them at NAB. The conversion took place at Boat Support Unit One in NAB Coronado by BSU-1 personnel and overseen by NOSG-1 as well as base ship fitters. The LCPL was an old craft design had been around since WWII. The "PL" as the SEALs and MST men called them was a steel hulled boat powered by a single GM 8V71N diesel engine specially modified for quiet running with an added skeg that protected her rudder and screw in the shallows. Her superstructure was modified by removing all windows and glass then armored forward of the coxswain's flat. They removed the hardtop roof and replaced it with a canvas cover. Once unsnapped and the cover pulled back, the SEALs could climb out on the bow of the PL. Above the personnel area, a flack blanket provided airburst shrapnel protection and shade. There was a bow gun tub that could mount a variety of crew-served weapons. Initially, ladders were welded on to the bow for easy SEAL access back onto the boat; but these ladders quickly bent and broke, so they were removed and replaced with a cargo net. The coxswain's flat had LN-66 radar and two VR-46 and a PRC-25 radio for communications. Ceramic armor surrounded the inside of the boat. Gun mounts on the bow, port, starboard and aft were added. These mounts accepted a variety of weapons, .50 cal. HMG, grenade launchers, M-60s, 60mm mortars, and later 7.62mm GE Miniguns.



Slightly canted bow on photo of an LCPL MSSC in the Mekong Delta. Note very different single .50 cal forward with external ammo can, side and stern mounted .50 cal HMGs, very simple light mast. The armament would vary significantly on the LCPL MSSCs unlike the fairly standard load out for PBRs. Courtesy of Bruce Eldred.

A compliment of five MST sailors normally operated the boat. Although it could support a platoon, usually a single SEAL squad was carried for operations. PL's and their crews inserted and extracted the SEALs and provided communications support during missions. As more SEAL platoons came into the Delta and deployed in Vietnam, more MST craft were needed to support the operational tempo. Faster craft were also requested, as both the PL and HSSC were very slow, sometimes having to tack against the heavy tides and currents like sailboats to make any headway. Often the PL, was the only MST boat supporting a platoon along with their skimmer or STAB (Seal Team Attack Boats) brought to Vietnam by SEAL Team 2 and soon turned over to MST-2 for operations. From 1967 to 1969, the old PLs were getting the job done despite the drawbacks of slow speed, but also getting shot up and needed numerous repairs to support the SEALs effectively. Two specially designed SEAL support craft would be commissioned for SEAL support operations, the Light SEAL Support Craft (LSSC) built by the Grafton Boat Works and then the specially designed MSSC built by Atlantic Research. Over the years, the Atlantic Research MSSC has become more widely known than the PL based predecessor.

For much, much more on the LCPL MSSC and other MST operations in Vietnam, see the upcoming CCCA Book *WARBOATS* coming to you from CCCA later this year.

Special thanks to the following for assistance preparing this article: Jim Gray, the late Bob Stoner, Bill Mount, Bill Moreo, Bruce Eldred, Denny Brown, Terry Knot, Gary Hunt, John Woody and WARBOATS.ORG.



A brand new production Atlantic Research MSSC. The small ladders on the front would soon be replaced by a cargo net and she would be heavily armed.

55 YEARS

CCCA HISTORICAL BOOK RELEASE

PRESERVING THE HISTORY AND HONORING THE BROTHERHOOD

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CCCA 55th ANNIVERSARY AND FUNDRAISING EVENT:

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A Night In The Life

By
Hoop Adams

Your hair is standing on end. You go over the "game plan" in your head, over and again, trying to find any holes or weak spots. But now it is too late!! No time for changes, no room for error and all players are ready for whatever comes. Cover boats are in place, weapons locked and loaded and you check your watch for the third time.

Your "passengers" have the 500 yard stare and you think, "These guys are crazy"! But then you realize that you have got to be just as crazy because your happy ass is right here with 'em. You don't have time to think about your life, cars, women or down time. You have to focus. Trust the plan, men and tactics. You hear three clicks in your ear from the radio, "That's it, time to start your turn".



Now you start to feel the butterflies in your gut. You ease back on the throttles, turn your boat towards the bank and watch as the team members stand to make their way to the bow. No need for talking or whispers. You've done this a thousand times before and it just comes natural. Thirty feet to go and you kick it in neutral. As the forward momentum slows, you know that this is the point of no return. Praying that there are no snags, stumps or worse yet... booby traps!



You ease the bow ramp down and see out of the corner of your eye, the cover boats taking your flank. You feel the boat start raising up slightly as it makes contact with the beach. You slowly come to a stop and watch as the "passengers" leave, one behind the other. The first ones quickly advance then take a knee to cover the rest that are exiting our boats and it suddenly dawns on me..... 15 men, carrying all kinds of equipment, are able to move that fast and that QUIET!!! Man they are badass!!!!

As the last team member leaves my boat, I quickly check the other boat, he's empty too. So I ease the throttles into reverse and feel the pressure of the pumps starting to pull us off the bank. The ghosts we just dropped off have melted into the bush and you say a little prayer for getting in and out safe, but you're not out of the woods yet! As we spin to head back up river, the cover boats turn and take the point and rear. You glance at your watch, AGAIN, and note that we made it in and out in just a few

minutes and we were right ON TIME and ON TARGET! Two more clicks and you're out of the danger area.

Now the wave of the adrenaline rush is waning and you check cover, crew and yourself! We're good to go so you say another little prayer for the ghosts that you dropped off. Hopefully they will all make it out safely and to the extraction point in two days!

Now, I don't know why I felt the need to type this but I do know that this is just one of the many times we did this kinda thing and it was all because..... We were the Navy's Uber, before Uber was cool!!!! And man did I ever love this crazy shhhhhtuff!!!!!!



No matter the generation of boat guy, the feeling is the same.



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*Bill Redmond Casualty
Assistance Dir./Ch.*

CACO's CORNER



You never know what is around the corner. Life is messy and even the best of us can find our families in need of some assistance. The CCCA's **Casualty Assistance Program** is there to help. Our program is designed to provide confidential and personal help finding solutions to your specific needs. Through our network of amazing resources, we will guide you onto a path of wellness. Our goal is to advocate for you, assist you regain direction, and restore hope!

This program is run by our Casualty Assistance Director and Organizational Chaplain Bill Redmond. Bill is a selfless and compassionate advocate with a track record of victories.

Bill Redmond, Casualty Assistance Director

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- Free Consultation
- Determine Need(s)
- Develop Plan
- Connect Resources
- Restore Hope

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Good Works in Action

Vested in our Veterans and the communities they live in...



We do so much to support our veterans...

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Recognizing our supporters and fellow veterans for their amazing achievements is just one more way in which we can give back and recognize excellence.

Bringing our volunteers together to provide housing modifications for our disabled.

Donating our time and talents to numerous civic and charities and causes in hopes of building a stronger collaborative network of good will and participation.

Your CCCA Board Members hard at work at the San Diego Veterans Museum!

We couldn't do what we do without the cherished support of our collaborative partners. Thank you, San Diego Veterans Museum, for the use of your facilities!



Alzheimer's fundraising event in Mira Mesa



CCCA Board Members hard at work planning future activities but taking time to capture the moment!



Honoring the spirit of Brotherhood...

We have over five generations of Naval Special Warfare Warriors who cherish our Community and power our 100% volunteer force.

Hosting Community Blood Drives...giving the gift of Life

Providing the Blood is just one more way we impact our community and save lives.



Supporting our Active Duty and Reserves...

Each of our journeys started out after completing our special training. It was the forge that established a common bond and inspires us to keep our mission and values alive for generations to come.

Collaborative Partners

Each one of us expand our circles of influence by working together. Here We are joining forces with the California Veterans Legal Task Force, San Diego County Superior Veterans Diversion Court, AmeriCorps /SD211 to help veterans facing legal challenges with viable options to incarceration.



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Let us know how we can better serve you.



*"Preserving the History and
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On behalf of the CCCA and its membership, I want to take this moment to thank you, Clint, for putting on such a fantastic event. It was a privilege to join you and the other many organizations coming together to raise awareness and honor our veterans not only for their services and sacrifice but also as valued members of our community as a whole.

May Ride brought together a very diverse group of patriotic individuals, groups, businesses, and charitable organizations for a common cause. It was our privilege to be allowed to participate.

This outreach opportunity proved to be a massive success for us and allowed us to share our charitable vision and missions with others.

Your words of wisdom and expectations were well received and were sincerely appreciated. We thank you for your hospitality and look forward to next years May Ride.

Sincerely,

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**The CCCA
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- ★ The Mission of the CCCA is to Preserve the History and Honor the spirit of "Brotherhood" for all those who have supported the Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewman, SEALs, and their missions.
- ★ Our Vision is to be a world-class charitable organization dedicated to preserving the Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewman History by Honoring each generation's contributions with integrity and compassion through our charitable services and educational awareness endeavors.
- ★ We are an Association of volunteer's and veteran advocates who give their time and talents freely to enrich lives, restore hope, and ensure our legacy continues.
 - Our elected leadership takes "No Salary" and administrative costs are kept to a minimum.
 - Recipient of the GuideStar 2018, "Silver" Seal of Transparency Award.
 - Our membership is currently represented in over 35 States and Territories.
 - Through our Casualty Assistance Program, we provide "Direct" charitable services and "Referral" Services through our network of collaborative charitable partners.
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 - We provide medical equipment to enhance mobility and sense of independence.
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 - We provide educational awareness services to keep our history alive for the generations to come.
- ★ Your financial support is critical to our noble mission of "Preserving the History and Honoring the Brotherhood." Please consider giving at the level that best aligns with your abilities.

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From The Ship's Store

CCCA Mug Machine

By Phil G. Garn
And
Mike Sigsworth

Over the years many members have wanted coffee mugs with their unit logo; however for the prices to be reasonable we would have had to do a minimum run of 50 to 100, which was not that reasonable or realistic. Joe Zemlin and Mike Sigsworth also have had some experience with other beverage containers from shot glasses to beer mugs to water bottles and even wine glasses for the 50th; the issue was always volume and cost. Then Mike came across the Sublimation Heat Press, which can print on cylindrical objects from a 1.5 ounce shot glass to a water bottle not to mention mugs. Additionally, he believed he would be able to do very small orders economically. After doing some research, Mike presented several options to the CCCA board and we voted unanimously to purchase the machine. Mike was able to make some custom (individual designs) as test samples, which he displayed at the September meeting. These looked very professional, not like a messy decal. We are confident that he will be able to do individual mugs. However, we need good electronic pictures for the artwork. If you want the 1968 MST from Danang versus the 1969 one on the barge, you have to specify what you want. Additionally, if you provide us a logo we want to keep this on file for future projects. Below you will see some of Mike's handiwork. Once he has the process down we may rent the machine out to other organizations for limited runs.



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The Combatant Craft Crewman Association (CCCA) is a nationally recognized 501C3 charitable organization. **Our Vision** is to support and tend to the well-being of our unique community while preserving our rich heritage. We uphold the highest naval traditions and live by our motto **"On Time, On Target, Never Quit"**.

Founded by U.S Navy Honorably Discharged Veterans of the Naval Special Warfare Special Boat Unit and Teams as well as Navy SEALs, we freely volunteer in our following missions:

- ✦ Emergency assistance response to any medical, housing, transportation, or natural disasters.
- ✦ Providing direct charitable services, peer-support, and referrals.
- ✦ Ensuring a positive difference, quality of life, and peace of mind.
- ✦ Our personal services extend to our fallen and their families.
- ✦ Educational Awareness

The Commands consists of **the Elite Navy SEALs** and **SWCC**, forming Special Boat Teams (SBT). Much of the public is unaware of our specialized operations; however, these harsh and hazardous environments place severe strains on the operator's bodies, resulting in numerous debilitating injuries. Only recently have medical studies begun to acknowledge the long-term effects of adverse operating conditions. The CCCA is making a difference by assisting our veterans when current resources fall short.

The Navy's Boat Support Unit One, the first special boat unit, was officially established in October of 1964 to support the Navy Special Warfare (NSW) missions, a.k.a "Boat Guys". Coined **"The Quiet Warriors"** The **Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewmen** (SWCC) protect the global waterways and provide critical mission support to Navy SEALs by operating state-of-the-art, high-performance boats regardless of the weather conditions.

Our Mission: *"Preserve the History and Honor the Brotherhood."*

The CCCA is preserving its unique NSW history by honoring over five generations of Special Boat Operators and highly skilled support personnel. Although, the titles of the commands and their missions have transitioned over the years, the fighting-spirit and uncanny resourcefulness of this elite community continue to be their legacy by pushing their craft and tactics beyond conventional limitations to achieve victory!

The CCCA meets the needs of this exclusive community and their families, no matter what generation of NSW they served or supported. **We bridge the gap between existing services and provide "compassionate-care" and support to those in need.** Help us continue our noble mission as we continue serving those who made the ultimate sacrifice at our U.S Navy.

CCCA Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Combatant Craft Crewman Association (CCCA) is to “Preserve the History and Honor the spirit of “Brotherhood” for all those who have supported the Naval Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman, SEALs, and their missions.

CCCA Vision:

The Vision of the CCCA is to be a world-class charitable organization dedicated to preserving the Naval Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman history by honoring each generation's contributions with integrity and compassion through our charitable and educational awareness endeavors.

CCCA Brief Description:

The Combatant Craft Crewman Association is an award-winning non-profit. Established in 2013 by our Founders to bring over five-generations of Naval Special Warfare Warriors and their families together since 1964. We provide Direct and Referral services through our Casualty Assistance Program and its many volunteers. Providing Wellness Planning, Educational Assistance, Counseling, Living Assistance, Funerals & Honors, Hospital Visitations, Holiday Cheer Campaign, Community Blood Drives, and Care Packages). Our Casualty Assistance Program connects our collaborative partners and our Community via San Diego 211, Courage-to-Call, Veterans Community Connections, San Diego Veterans Coalition, and the Unite Us platform. We are an educational and historical resource for the Community to ensure accuracy and continuity for generations to come. Our leadership takes no salary and our organization is the proud recipient of the Guide Star 2018 "Silver", Seal of Transparency Award.



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