

NMCB-1 Turnover

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Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-ONE (NMCB-1) recently began a historic deployment when *the First and the Finest* took possession of both Camp Mitchell, located in Rota, Spain, and Camp Covington, located in Tamuning, Guam. This is significant because NMCB-ONE is the first Seabee battalion to occupy two main body deployment sites at the same time. In doing this, NMCB-ONE's personnel are literally stationed around the globe.

The deployment officially started in early September as NMCB-TWENTY-SIX's Commanding Officer, CDR Dan Stehly, turned over Camp Mitchell to LCDR Scot Sanders, NMCB-ONE Operations Officer and Officer in Charge of DET Europe. A little over a week later, NMCB-FOUR's Operations Officer, LCDR Christopher Kurgan turned over Camp Covington to CDR John J. Heinzl, Commanding Officer of NMCB-ONE, beginning a deployment that is destined to set a precedence throughout the Naval Construction Force.

NMCB-ONE's DET Europe is also supporting two detail sites and two Deployment For Training (DFT's) sites: DET Sigonella, Sicily; DET Souda Bay, Crete; DFT Senegal, Africa; and DFT Grenada in the Grenadine Islands. The Guam main body site is supporting DET Bahrain and a Civic Action Team in Palau.

Work commenced as soon as the Seabees touched the ground in both Rota and Guam. Projects vary from building a new Obstacle course for the Marines to rehabilitating barracks for the Navy. "There are a lot of great projects here for us to take on," said Builder Third Class Anthony Edwards of DET Europe. "Our main mission is to square away Camp Mitchell, get all Civil Engineer Support Equipment (CESE) and Table of Allowance (TOA) assets ready for the next battalion before we leave."

Although the Seabees of NMCB-ONE have enormous tasks ahead of them, they still plan on taking opportunities to explore the various cultures placed before them. "The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) staff here in Rota have been very helpful with providing us with trips and activities," stated Yeoman Third Class Deborah Johnson of DET Europe. "They also schedule these things specifically for us on our non-workdays."

"Here in Guam, you have a lot of history; Seabee history," said NMCB-ONE's MWR Chief, Information Technician Chief Robert Baker. "MWR sponsors many opportunities for those interested in seeing the island and meeting the community. It is a good feeling to know that we are appreciated and people are still interested and appreciative of who we are and what we do."



CMDCM William White, Command Master Chief of NMCB-ONE, watches his Master-At-Arms break the Command Flag over Camp Covington officially beginning their historic deployment around the world.



LCDR Scot Sanders, NMCB-ONE's Officer in Charge, as NMCB-ONE takes charge of Camp Mitchell during a historic turnover ceremony that placed a single NMCB in charge of two main body deployment sites at the same time.