

CHARLIE COMPANY BUILDS MORE THAN STRUCTURES IN GUAM

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Charlie Company is well known for its ability to build bunkers, towers, sea huts, bridges, and other buildings. Now they are taking on a new type of construction—building friendships.

Seabees from Charlie Company have been spending their precious few days off performing volunteer work since arriving in Camp Covington, Guam, more specifically, working at local elementary schools. One school, Carbullido Elementary, badly needed repainting, while others needed grounds maintenance. Volunteers from Charlie Company joined forces with volunteers from Headquarters Company to donate a part of their Sundays to accomplish this work.

When the battalion has a two-day weekend, another small crew gets together to help out with grounds maintenance at Harry S. Truman elementary school. One of these volunteers and organizers, SW1 (SCW) James Trumble, says he does it because “It’s good to help others and this is a good program that helps us give back to the community.” BUCN Daniel Ortega sums it up a little differently, he thinks of volunteering as “a way to define who you are. This is my first deployment, and I think volunteering is a good way to keep the high standards of the Seabees rolling.”

Three Charlie Co. Seabees have also been giving their time to mentor the

children in the classroom. They have been traveling to Harry S. Truman Elementary School on Mondays and Thursdays since October, and for one hour each day, they present new and exciting ways to help the children learn. They participate in classroom assignments, such as a Show-and-Tell activity named “What I did Over the Weekend.” BUCN Matthew Brown enjoys being a part of the program. “I like helping the kids because I think it is good to know the community in a more personal way. It makes me feel good about being here,” he says.

These are just a few of the ways NMCB ONE’s Charlie Company has been helping the community. Charlie Company continues the time-honored tradition of building with compassion for others and maintains NMCB ONE’s tradition of being “*The First and The Finest*”.