

NSA SOUDA BAY WELCOMES NMCB ONE DETAIL SOUDA BAY

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Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay recently welcomed 21 Seabees from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE (NMCB ONE). Using base support, the Detail put together a cookout to celebrate their arrival, grilling chicken, ribs, hotdogs and hamburgers topping the afternoon off with cool refreshments. All enjoyed the festivities.

NSA Souda Bay is located on the island of Crete, Greece. Crete lies at the point where the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa meet. It is the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean with an area of 3,219 square miles and is the U.S. Navy's eastern-most support base in the Mediterranean, occupying an area of approximately 110 acres. Detail Souda Bay is currently forward deployed for contingency operations and construction support for Commander European Command (EUCOM).

The Detail OIC, Ensign Dallas Gipson comments: "Since 1992 and through the year 2004, numerous construction projects have been and continue to be in progress base-wide providing the necessary upgrades in operational capability and quality of life. We, the Seabees of NMCB 1, will continue to support and build for NSA, Souda Bay." There are nine permanent tenant commands, a deployed Seabee detail, and four year-round USAF and Navy operational detachments that total a U.S. military population of less than 500. The deployed Seabee detail is presently constructing a MOGAS Fueling Station, a force protection Guard Post, conducting renovations to a Flight Hanger Office and installing two Emergency Generators.

The Detail's first project is to work on the MOGAS Fueling Station in order to provide the base with a new fueling point. The MOGAS Station is a 1300 square-foot concrete facility that includes: three 10,000-gallon fuel tanks and four individual pump stations on two islands. The new facility will have a state-of-the-art card reader system and environmentally reliable vapor recovery system. The 1635 man-day project was turned over from NMCB 26 with a remainder of 412 man-days of construction.

Second, they will be working on the Bravo Guard Post, a unique facility that will accommodate U.S. and Host Nation Security Force personnel in a 100-sqft concrete facility with ballistic resistant doors and windows.

Third, is the renovation of a Ground Support Element Taxi-Line (GSE/T-Line) flight hangar. The renovation will involve the demolition of an existing workshop and the installation of a new 33' x 44' workshop area to include construction of four office spaces to the 2nd deck of the existing office space.

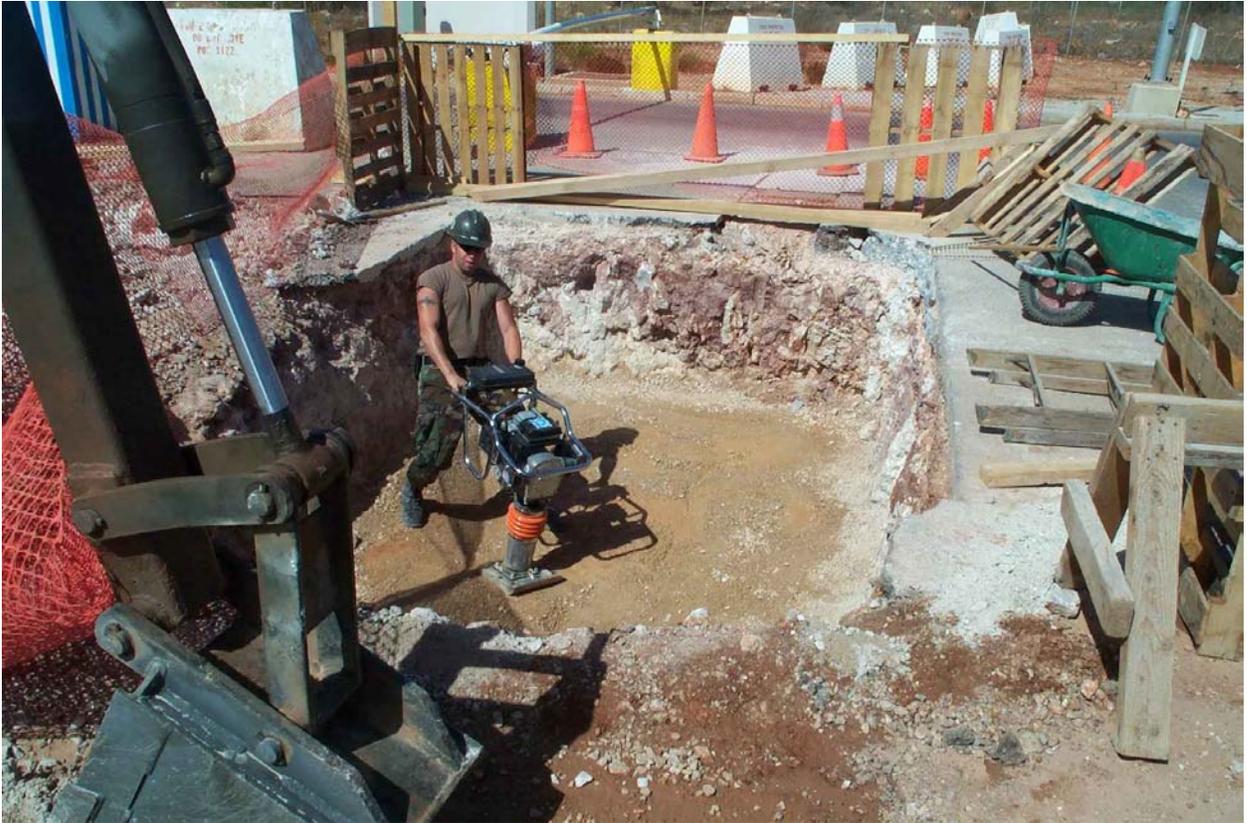
The detail's final project is the "Emergency Generator" project. This project will provide the base with increased back-up power capabilities. Two additional 400kw generators will be added to an existing bank of seven, requiring the placement of new switchgear to the automatic-transfer equipment currently in place.

“The Seabees are hard at work and are looking forward to a successful deployment in Crete,” said CECS(SCW) Glen Mummert, the Detail’s AOIC. “Safety first and quality work will guide the Detail in its efforts”.

To learn more about Detail Souda Bay visit <http://www.seabee.navy.mil/nmcb1/> and to learn more about NSA Souda Bay please visit <http://www.souda.navy.mil>.



MOGAS Fueling Station



BRAVO Guard Post



GSE/T-Line



Emergency Generators