

NMCB-TWENTY-SIX AND NMCB-ONE TURN TO DURING BEEP

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BEEP BEEP! Looooook out? What's that? That's the Battalion Equipment Evaluation Program, or "the BEEP", which gives a good snapshot of the equipment assigned to a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion in order to perform its assigned mission. NMCB ONE's Det Rota Alfa Company recently experienced first hand what it is like to receive 300 pieces of heavy construction equipment from the outgoing Reserve Battalion, NMCB TWENTY-SIX. During turnover from one battalion to another, it is essential the incoming battalion captures and understands the condition and the maintenance required for the Camp's Civil Engineer Support Equipment, or as the Seabees call it, "CESE".

The purpose of the BEEP is threefold: (1) to pass on all special knowledge of CESE maintenance and operations techniques; (2) to provide the relieving battalion with a realistic and in-depth condition evaluation of CESE allowance, facilities, tools and materials; and (3) to use the full expertise and efforts of the two equipment forces to create the best "A" Company operations for a successful deployment. DET Rota Seabees did just that, and had fun doing it. "As an inspector and mechanic for live storage and working alongside NMCB-TWENTY-SIX's "A" Company, we were able to completely inspect one of the largest number of pieces of CESE ever, in a record amount of time" stated CM3 Jesse Koch .

A lot of coordination was done well before NMCB ONE arrived in Rota. Equipment representatives from the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment, NMCB-TWENTY-SIX, and NMCB ONE's Det Rota ensured that the necessary manpower was coordinated, tools were cleaned, staging areas were prepped, and all counterparts were introduced well before the two battalions ever met face-to-face. The advance coordination and planning paid off. "I was impressed with the knowledge NMCB-TWENTY-SIX had of the equipment during turnover," CM3 (SCW) Grant Gallant said. "This made it one of the best BEEP's that I have ever been involved in."

"The best part of the turnover for me was the certification for the crane rigging gear," CM3 James Watkins stated. "They did a good job with what they had to work with." Cooperation and teamwork was the key to the BEEP's success. CMCN Cory Van Auken noted, "Overall, turnover went exceptionally well. There were a few issues here and there but nothing that we couldn't overcome. NMCB TWENTY-SIX assisted in making it a smoother turnover since I had little experience working within the tire shop."

The BEEP was completed in four days and due to the dedication and pride of both NMCB's, it set NMCB ONE up for a successful deployment. CM3 Joseph Shimko said, "We were able to work well together. By making this turnover a team effort, utilizing both the knowledge and equipment we had, this resulted in a very successful and professional turnover." CMC (SCW) Lenzi was quoted as saying, "In eighteen years and after twenty BEEP's, I have never seen as much work or equipment checked and completed in so few days. Both teams were very professional and responsible for such a successful turnover."



NMCB-ONE's Alfa Company of DET Europe took a break recently to pose for a picture and commemorate the completion of their fastest BEEP to date on Camp Mitchell in Rota, Spain.