



# Seabee Camp

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**More than 325,000 men served with the Seabees in World War II, fighting and building on six continents and more than 300 islands.**

The United States Navy 30th Construction Regiment 'Seabee' Camp (Guam Historic Properties Inventory Site 66-08-2305) began as a US Army encampment in 1944 associated with the construction of Northwest Field. The US Navy 30th Construction Regiment took over the encampment in 1947 to support construction at Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) and stayed on Guam until March 1952.

During World War II, United States Navy Construction Battalions known as the Seabees built airstrips, bridges, roads, warehouses, hospitals, and housing throughout the world. After the war, Seabee units supported construction on military bases such as Andersen AFB.

***The Seabee Camp is historically significant because it is associated with construction of Andersen AFB, the only US base from which planes flew combat missions in three wars: World War II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War.***

When archaeologists first recorded the Seabee Camp in 2007, they discovered concrete slabs that likely served as floors for Quonset-style buildings, trenches carved into the limestone bedrock and concrete-lined trenches that may have served as latrines or wastewater catchments, sewer pipes, asphalt pads, roadways, and a natural sinkhole and cave that had been used as a dump for concrete blocks and 55-gallon metal drums. There were many beer and soft-drink bottles dating from the mid-1940s to the early 1950s. The majority of these bottles were found in dense clusters located close to the concrete slabs.

When there is a need for construction on military bases, avoidance of historic properties is always the first choice of the military. When avoidance is not possible, the military then looks for ways to minimize the effects of the construction on historic properties. Mitigation is proposed when it has been determined through consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and other consulting parties that avoidance is not possible. Data recovery is the standard mitigation for historic properties which are archaeological in nature. Data recovery can include background research, exploratory testing, and excavation.

In 2011 and 2012, archaeological data recovery took place at the Seabee Camp because of its location next to a construction project on Andersen AFB. Archaeologists investigated a small portion of the Seabee Camp by excavating five shovel tests. Shovel tests are small exploratory holes excavated to search for artifacts or other cultural deposits below the ground surface. These exploratory shovel tests resulted in the finding of only one piece of clear modern glass. It was determined that the Seabee Camp would remain unaffected and undamaged by the construction project.

This Public Education and Interpretation Series Booklet was developed in partial fulfillment of the Programmatic Agreement between the Department of Defense, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the military relocation to the islands of Guam and Tinian. This Booklet is based on the information developed and data recovered from the site during the implementation of the mitigation plan developed for this project.



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**Más ki tres sientu bente singko mit na laláhi manmañetbe gi 'Seabees' gi Geran Etmundo Dos manmumu yan manmanhátsa gi sais na estâdos yan más ki tres sientu na islas.**

I Marinon Estâdos Unidos mina'Trenta Batayon manmanhátsa Sagan 'Seabee' (Lugát Inbentârion Propriadât Hestorikât Guahân 66-08-2305) ma tutuhon komu Sagan 'U.S. Army' gi Mit Nuebi Kuarentai Kuattro na sâkkan annai mahâhatsa i 'Northwest Field' gi ya 'Andersen Air Force Base' (AFB) ya sumâga ha' gi ya Guahân esta Mit Nuebi Singkuenta Dos.

Durânten i Geran Etmundo Dos, i Batayon Marinon Estâdos Unidos manmatungo' komu i 'Seabees' manmanhátsa plâsan batkon aire, tollai, châlan, fina'gima trâtes, espetât yan guma siha gi todû lugât. Despues di i gera, siha ta'lo sumapotte humatsâyi i militât tâtkomu i ya 'Andersen AFB'.

Annai pâ'go ma nota ni' i taotao ni' umestudia i Sagan 'Seabee' gi Dos Mit Siette, ma sodda' plânchan simento taiguihi i ma usa para pison guma'kuânset, guinaddok kânnot esta pâpa' gi acho' âfok yan kontodu kânnot ni' ma afuloyi simento buente para fantinani'an o sino para sahguan hânôm aplacha', tubon tâki', matiriât atkitrân para châlan, châlan yan naturât na mâddok yan bokongo' ni' ma u'usa para u ma yute' troson simento yan tângken singkuenta singko galon na kapasidât. Bula buteyan setbesa yan gimen mames siha ma sodda' desdi tatte gi tinalo' Mit Nuebi Kuarenta esta i tutuhon Mit Nuebi Singuenta. Los di mas gi ma sodda' potpot na inestiban buteya gi fi'on i planchan simento.

Yanggen háfa ma nisisita para u ma hatsayi gi bes militât, i más takhilo' i para u ma eskapâyi na i propiadât hestorikât gi lugât. Yanggen ti pusipbli, pues i militât ha espiha empeñu para u ma desminuyi i distrosu gi propiadât hestorikât. Ma aligao ya ma konsutta i Ufisinan Estadon Inadahen Hestorikât yan otro siha na ahensia para u mana'tungo' na ti pusipbli para ma eskapâyi i lugât. I pâso para ma tattiyi i u ma ilao kao guâha a'annok gi inestudian i propiadât hestorikât naturât na trâtes. Debi di i inilao u annok na guâha gof siguru na inestudia put i lugât yan i guinaddok.

Mana'huyong este na Lepblon Idukasion yan Pinila' Publiku para u komplâsi i kontrâtan i Dipattamenton Difensot, i Konsehilon Abison Inadahen Hestorikât, i Ufisiât Estadon Inadahen Hestorikât Guahân yan i Ufisiât Estadon Inadahen Hestorikât Islas Notte Mariâna yan i militât ni' para u fanma muebi para Guahân yan Tinian. Mana'pusipbli este na Lepblo ginen i enfotmasyon ni' ma pripâra put i lugât annai ma sera i plânu para i che'cho'.

***Siknifikânte i Sagan 'Seabee' gi hestorikât sa' guma'chong annai mahâhatsa iya 'Andersen AFB' i uniko na bes Estâdos Unidos ni' manggugupo i batkon aire para tres na gera: Geran Etmundo Dos, Geran Korea yan i Geran Vietnam.***

Gi Dos Mit Onse yan Dos Mit dosse na sâkkan guâha inestudia gi Sagan 'Seabee' sa' put i gaige gi fi'on annai manmanhátsa gi ya 'Andersen AFB'. I taotao siha ni' umestudia i lugât ha embestiga didide gi lugât i Sagan 'Seabee' ya ma chagi singko na guinaddok pâla. Este na klâsen guinaddok gi edda' put para u ma li'e' kao guâha fina'âtte pat otro na antiguayon trâtes kutturât gi papa' i edda'. Este na guinaddok na ma sodda' un pidâson kristât. Ma ditetmina na i Sagan 'Seabee' ti u inatborota pat u nina'dânñu ni' i che'cho' hinatsa.



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