



US Navy Civil Engineer Corps Collegiate Corner



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Greetings!

March madness is fully upon us and whether you're a basketball fan or not, you probably have seen a NCAA tournament game going on. We hope this semester or quarter has been a productive and successful one for you. Keep up the hard work and best wishes for those moving on to OCS!

As always it is the goal of the Accessions team to make sure you are knowledgeable about the CEC and are prepared for the challenges ahead. Each month, we will send out this newsletter to keep you informed about current events in the CEC, leadership development, and to answer questions you have with regards to the Navy, CEC, Seabees, etc. Each of the Accessions Officers' contact information is below for you to contact or pass along for questions, comments, and concerns. We're looking forward to you joining the ranks!

- CEC Accessions Team

LEADERSHIP TRAITS

The Marine Corps uses fourteen traits in defining what qualities all leaders embody and aspire to. In addition to the core Navy values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, each month we will briefly discuss one of the leadership traits.

Dependability- Dependability means that you can be relied upon to perform your duties properly. It means that you can be trusted to complete a job. It means that you willingly volunteer your support of the policies and orders of the chain of command.

Dependability also means consistently putting forth your best effort in an attempt to achieve the highest standards of performance.

CAREER FOCUS

Training and Qualifications

The Civil Engineer Corps trains and educates its officers based on a continuum of education and experience. This approach is a career long process that ensures the CEC is comprised of highly knowledgeable and versatile officers, fully capable of supporting both military installations and operational warfighters.

After you complete Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, Rhode Island you will go to Civil Engineer Corps Officer School (CECOS) in Port Hueneme, California.



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The mission of CECOS is to provide Seabees, Civil Engineer Corps officers, Facility Engineers and Environmental Professionals with the necessary skills, knowledge and education to enhance lifelong learning and to provide quality support to the Fleet.

CECOS represents the foundation of professional military education for Civil Engineer Corps officers. The backbone of the CEC's professional military education is the CEC Officer Basic Qualification Course. This 9-week course is the foundation of a 16-week "pipeline" training program designed to prepare newly commissioned CEC officers for their initial assignments as officers. Upon graduation each student is ready to assume the challenging duties of a Naval Officer and Engineer in support of the Navy's military construction force and shore installations.

In addition to the CEC Basic Officer Qualification Course, CECOS offers 55 different courses in the areas of facilities planning, acquisition, public works, Seabee readiness and environmental management.

Warfare Qualification

The Seabee Combat Warfare (SCW) Officer qualification program was approved in March 1992 and qualification criteria include completion of Online Training Courses, Common Core SCW Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS), Unit Specific PQS, and NCF Officer PQS.

Upon completion of all the requirements and final approval by the Commanding Officer, the officer is authorized to wear the SCW Officer breast insignia (pictured below).



While assigned to a qualifying unit, Naval Mobile Construction Battalions, Amphibious Construction Battalions, Underwater Construction Teams, or Construction Battalion Maintenance Units, CEC officers have the opportunity to earn their Seabee Combat Warfare Officer qualification. The qualification program enhances an individual's knowledge and understanding of contingency operations, expeditionary construction, weapons systems and defensive combat operations. Upon completion of a successful operational tour, CEC officers return to facilities and staff assignments and are able to speak intelligently on Naval Construction Force capabilities.

CEC OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:

Lieutenant Commander Jeremy Ramberg



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Lieutenant Commander Ramberg is a native of Mentor, Minnesota. He enlisted in the Navy in August 1992 and received an honorable discharge in May 1996. He is a 2000 graduate of Washington State University (B.S. Civil Engineering), and a 2007 graduate of the University of Washington (M.S. Civil Engineering). He attended Officer Candidate School in Pensacola Florida and received his commission on April 6, 2001.

After completion of boot camp and the Airman Apprenticeship program he was assigned to VA-145 and then VA-52 at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington.

As a newly commissioned Ensign, LCDR Ramberg was the Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Pearl Harbor Hawaii from Sept 2001 until May 2003. While in the Hawaii he split toured and transferred to the Public Works Department, Pearl Harbor Hawaii as the Assistant Operations Officer from June 2003 until April 2005.

While at PWC Pearl Harbor he took short notice orders to transfer to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN. He served as Assistant Operations Officer, Communications Officer, Convoy Security Element OIC, Training Officer, and DET OIC. After transferring from NMCB SEVEN, LCDR Ramberg attended postgraduate school at the University of Washington.

In 2007 he reported to Naval Support Facility Thurmont, Camp David, as the Readiness and Electronic Security Officer. He reported aboard NMCB FOUR to serve as Training Officer in May 2010. Upon his transfer from NMCB FOUR in 2012 he reported to Naval Personnel Command as the LT Detailer. He is currently the Deputy Assistant Regional Engineer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest.

LCDR Ramberg is a registered professional civil engineer in the state of Washington, and is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. His awards and decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Navy Good Conduct Medal and various unit and service awards.

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