

## **Highlighting NAVFAC's COVID-19 Efforts (as of May 13)**

5/12/20: NEWS RELEASE

### **Navy's Quickly-built COVID-19 Facility Opens on Guam.**

Following just three weeks of construction, a new Expeditionary Medical Facility is operating at Naval Base Guam to support COVID-19 diagnoses and treatment, the Navy announced on Monday. The five-acre site was developed by the 30th Naval Construction Regiment of the Navy's Pacific Seabees construction battalion, and included the involvement of several units of advance teams, cargo handlers and logistics, in addition to site preparers and builders.

UPI - May 11

<https://www.upi.com/Defense-News/2020/05/11/Navys-quickly-built-COVID-19-facility-opens-onGuam/3011589219150/>

RELATED STORY: **Seabees Complete COVID-19 Medical Facility on Guam.** Maritime Executive. May 12. <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/seabees-complete-covid-19-medical-facility-on-guam>

5/12/20: NAVFAC NEWS RELEASE

### **LMH, NAVFAC Southwest, and NAS Lemoore Protect Fleet from COVID-19.**

NAVFAC Southwest Public Private Venture (PPV) along with its partner Lincoln Military Housing and Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore started a program May 4 to help protect the fleet from the novel coronavirus pandemic by moving Sailors permanently assigned to the air station from on base barracks to vacant PPV family housing units. This allowed healthy Sailors from deploying units to be isolated prior to their deployment.

Navy News Service - May 12, 2020

[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=112929](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=112929)

5/8/20: NAVFAC NEWS RELEASE

### **NAVFAC Helps U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Coronavirus Response.**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas professionals helped in COVID-19 response by supporting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A NAVFAC Marianas team in Guam, consisting of 14 engineers and public works employees, played an integral role in the Army Corps of Engineers' alternate care facilities assessments of various buildings including public schools, hotels and a number of miscellaneous public and private meeting spaces. The buildings were identified by the government of Guam and the Federal Emergency Management Agency as possible temporary health care facilities to augment those currently available.

Pacific Daily News - May 11

<https://www.guampdn.com/story/news/local/2020/05/10/coronavirus-navfac-professionals-help-us-army-corps-engineers/3094534001/>

PRESS RELEASE: **NAVFAC Marianas Team Lends Hand in COVID-19 Response and Recovery Efforts in Guam.** Navy News Service. May 8.

[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=112874](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=112874)

4/30/20: NEWS RELEASE

### **Seabees Build Expeditionary Medical Facility in Guam; Support COVID-19 Efforts.**

Sailors assigned to Task Force 75.5 achieved engineering initial operating capability (IOC) of a 150-bed Expeditionary Medical Facility (EMF) as part of the Department of Defense's fight against COVID-19 on board Naval Base Guam, April 25. Reaching engineering IOC means the EMF is structurally ready to perform its core medical care mission when the medical staff arrives. Construction will continue until achieving full operating capability, which means the EMF is fully constructed and able to execute all of its designed tasks independent from external support.

DVIDS - April 30

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/368818/seabees-build-expeditionary-medical-facility-guam-support-covid-19-efforts>

4/29/20: NEWS RELEASE

**Barracks at Naval Base Guam Ordnance Annex Refurbished for Warfighter Support.**

Three unoccupied barracks buildings were refurbished at the U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) Ordnance Annex in Santa Rita and will soon be used to house unaccompanied Sailors, once again. Plans to overhaul the buildings were only a discussion a few months ago. However, in response to the COVID-19 threat the planning turned to immediate execution and the refurbishment was rapidly completed. The restoration of these barracks directly supports current island-wide COVID-19 response efforts and will later add much needed capacity to installation barracks shortfalls. According to NBG Public Works Officer Cmdr. Christopher Almond, the work was completed by Base Operating Support (BOS) contractor DZSP-21 and other local contractors. While the project was quickly executed in support of COVID-19 response, Almond explained, the barracks can now be used in the long-term as part of a bigger picture.

Navy News Service - April 29

[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=112787](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=112787)

4/29/20: NAVFAC FACEBOOK PHOTOS

**NAVFAC Hawaii/PWD JBPHH Transportation & COVID-19**

Transportation personnel are working hard to protect themselves and their customers from COVID-19. Here are a few of the many actions being taken: \* Two GSA buses were outfitted with Plexiglas barriers to protect the driver. Eventually, all buses will be outfitted with this type of barrier. Buses are also decontaminated after each use. For added measures, the first row of seats behind the driver are cordoned off for social distancing. \* CPOOL (loner) vehicles are decontaminated before returning them to service, safeguarding the next user. \* Before vehicles receive maintenance, they are decontaminated to protect transportation mechanics. Many thanks to Charles Heisey, Mitchell Hirasu and Mason Matsuda for showing us their COVID-19 defensive activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/navfachawaii>

4/28/20: VIDEO

**How we are adapting to this new normal in the COVID-19 pandemic.**

NAVFAC Far East continues to serve our Sailors, Marines, civilians and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are improving infrastructure and facilities for health and safety as well as providing essential transportation and other critical services. Watch the video to find out what other services are currently offered and what they are doing to keep everyone operational while

still being safe. Be sure to thank all of our hard working folks who ensure we are safe and mission-ready every day.

Facebook post. Original Commander Naval Forces Japan website.

<https://www.facebook.com/COMNAVFORJAPAN/videos/523322855031644/>

4/23/20: VIDEO

**Seabees Begin Construction of Expeditionary Medical Facility.**

Sailors assigned to Task Force 75.5 raise a tent during the construction of a 150-bed Expeditionary Medical Facility onboard Naval Base Guam. The EMF will provide expanded medical capabilities in support of DoD's COVID-19 response and will enable forces to be postured to support Guam and the region if a Defense Support of Civil Authorities mission is requested.

YouTube Video -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmuLCaSgz50&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1UmDUesc\\_j9e1fyQqumY7n\\_xAD88bFWMx6IUtvcg48jqtoDcAsXBGn96k&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmuLCaSgz50&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1UmDUesc_j9e1fyQqumY7n_xAD88bFWMx6IUtvcg48jqtoDcAsXBGn96k&app=desktop)

4/23/20: NAVFAC VIDEO

**“We are NAVFAC Strong Video.”**

As we continue to adjust to working remotely and social distancing, COVID-19 has challenged our world, our country and NAVFAC in more ways than one. In response, many people around the world have started to post inspiring and supportive messages. Joining that honored cast is our NAVFAC leadership who share their own messages of inspiration and appreciation for the work you do every day. We invite you to view "We Are NAVFAC Strong."

NAVFAC YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/Rsxod23Jkv0>

4/22/20: NAVFAC FACEBOOK PHOTOS

**NAVFAC Hawaii Protecting Our Coworkers.**

JBPHH (April 22, 2020) – On April 20, NAVFAC Hawaii personnel from OPS, CIO2 and 09SF came together to fill bottles of hand-sanitizer for PWD JBPHH shop forces who may not have access to soap and water while performing their work. One Team, One Fight against COVID-19! NAVFAC Hawaii Facebook Page – 2 photo links below

1. <https://www.facebook.com/navfachawaii/photos/pcb.2317045075269977/2317044188603399/?type=3&theater>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/navfachawaii/photos/pcb.2317045075269977/2317044285270056/?type=3&theater>

4/22/20: NAVFAC FACEBOOK PHOTOS

**NAVFAC Marianas Provides Engineering Support in COVID-19 Response.**

DEDEDO, Guam (April 22, 2020) – Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas engineers and public works professionals conducted three more facility assessments today in support of Guam's COVID-19 response and recovery program led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the government of Guam. Okkodo High School gymnasium in Dededo, John F. Kennedy High School gymnasium in Tumon and St. Anthony Catholic School gymnasium in Tamuning were evaluated for its

feasibility and suitability to support alternate care facilities if required. This joint effort also included medical professionals and engineers from the Guam Air National Guard, representatives from the Department of Homeland Security and the Guam Fire Department.

NAVFAC Marianas Facebook Page – 5 photo links below

1. <https://www.facebook.com/navfacmarianas/photos/pcb.2572063576338795/2572062606338892/?type=3&theater>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/navfacmarianas/photos/pcb.2572063576338795/2572062829672203/?type=3&theater>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/navfacmarianas/photos/pcb.2572063576338795/2572062939672192/?type=3&theater>
4. <https://www.facebook.com/navfacmarianas/photos/pcb.2572063576338795/2572063006338852/?type=3&theater>
5. <https://www.facebook.com/navfacmarianas/photos/pcb.2572063576338795/2572063269672159/?type=3&theater>

#### 4/20/20: NEWS RELEASE

##### **Pacific Seabees Demonstrate Expeditionary Expertise; Support COVID-19 Fight.**

A skilled and dedicated team of U.S. Navy Seabees are providing engineering and expeditionary logistics support to the Expeditionary Medical Facility (EMF) being constructed onboard Naval Base Guam, as part of the Navy's fight against COVID-19 in Guam.

The EMF will provide expanded medical capabilities in support of the DoD's COVID-19 response and will enable forces to be postured to support Guam and the region if a Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) mission is requested.

DVIDS - April 20

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/367919/pacific-seabees-demonstrate-expeditionary-expertise-support-covid-19-fight?>

RELATED STORY:

[https://www.cpf.navy.mil/news.aspx/130598?fbclid=IwAR023DFd3oS6O1tr\\_haWUqeJKSLTnl4k8EvvxcuHxE-Qe1vB36\\_2xcWYIDM](https://www.cpf.navy.mil/news.aspx/130598?fbclid=IwAR023DFd3oS6O1tr_haWUqeJKSLTnl4k8EvvxcuHxE-Qe1vB36_2xcWYIDM)

#### 4/20/20: B-ROLL VIDEO

##### **Pacific Seabees Demonstrate Expeditionary Expertise; Support COVID-19 Fight.**

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/748555/seabees-begin-construction-expeditionary-medical-facility?>

#### 4/20/20: PHOTOS

##### **NAVFAC Far East members at PWD USNF Diego Garcia combat COVID-19.**

Our NAVFAC Far East Team members at Public Works Department U.S. Navy Support Facility Diego Garcia are not playing around! Heed their message--physical distancing and facemasks are not just for cool people--they are for all people.

NAVFAC Far East Facebook Page – 3 photo links below

1. <https://www.facebook.com/fareastnavfac/photos/pcb.1292855377585192/1292853714252025/?type=3&theater>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/fareastnavfac/photos/pcb.1292855377585192/1292853740918689/?type=3&theater>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/fareastnavfac/photos/pcb.1292855377585192/1292853924252004/?type=3&theater>

#### 4/19/20: PHOTOS

##### **PWD Atsugi Seabees Support COVID-19 Fight.**

Public Works Department Atsugi Seabees supported COVID-19 efforts by passing out 80 handmade cloth face masks to Sailors April 17 at Naval Air Facility Atsugi- free of charge! Builder Chief Johan Sanchez proactively spearheaded this effort by cutting and sewing all 80 face masks with the support of Utilitiesman 1st Class Sonia Deputee, Builder 2nd Class Cheree Hockaday, Construction Electrician 2nd Class Mark Castillo, and Construction Electrician 3rd Class Hunter Vicknair. Bravo Zulu Shipmates!

NAVFAC Far East Facebook Page –

<https://www.facebook.com/fareastnavfac/photos/pcb.1292848634252533/1292848574252539/?type=3&theater>

#### 4/17/20: NAVFAC NEWS RELEASE

##### **NAVFAC Southwest Battles COVID-19 with \$2.6 Million for Disinfecting Services.**

Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southwest awarded a not-to-exceed \$2.6 million contract March 19 for critical cleaning and disinfecting of areas with confirmed COVID-19 cases at military facilities in the NAVFAC Southwest area of responsibility.

“Requests for cleaning and disinfecting of confirmed COVID-19 cases have been fast and furious,” said Alan Lacuesta, NAVFAC Southwest Facility Support Contracts Product Line director. “We have processed 43 requests since the blanket task order was awarded, an average of nearly two per day. It’s definitely a unified effort between NAVFAC Southwest, EWA Direction and our military installations.”

[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=112680](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=112680)

#### 4/17/20: NEWS RELEASE

##### **Military preparing medical facilities for COVID-19 response.**

Joint Region Marianas is constructing medical facilities around the island that will also help the local population. An Expeditionary Medical Support System is being built by Air Force Engineers assigned to the 554th RED HORSE Squadron within the fence line of U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, a release stated. The project is expected to be completed within the week and will consist of three 25-bed capacity units, the release stated. The extra beds and additional staff of 90 Air Force personnel will provide expanded capacity for U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, allowing expansion from 42 beds to 85 beds and from a six-bed ICU to 24 beds, the release stated.

Pacific Daily News - April 17

<https://www.guampdn.com/story/news/local/2020/04/16/guam-military-medical-hospital-beds-coronavirus-covid-19-cases/5142963002/>

4/17/20: NEWS RELEASE

**NAVFAC EXWC Prints Masks to Aid Pandemic.**

Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (EXWC) has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic through the use of the command's additive manufacturing capabilities. NAVFAC EXWC will soon deliver the first batch of 250 face mask kits to commands needing additional PPE. Other commands will continue to coordinate with NAVFAC EXWC leadership for shipment of needed PPE, and subsequently update the additive manufacturing teams on further developing supplies.

The face masks kits are being printed in three sizes: small, medium, and large. In addition, the design of the face mask frame can be heat molded to conform to the end user's face using a low-level heat gun or blow dryer.

Maritime Logistics Professional - April 17

<https://www.maritimeprofessional.com/news/navfac-exwc-prints-masks-pandemic-357607>

4/16/20: NEWS RELEASE

**Seabees building 150-bed field hospital in 2 weeks.**

Troops from the Naval Construction Force, better known as the Seabees, are developing a 150-bed field hospital that will be run by more than 400 personnel in the military's South Finegayan property in Dededo, formerly known as the Royal Palms housing area.

The project is expected to be completed in two weeks.

Guam Daily Post – April 16

[https://www.postguam.com/news/local/seabees-building-150-bed-field-hospital-in-2-weeks/article\\_17ab6f68-7f0e-11ea-a453-d319b313b143.html](https://www.postguam.com/news/local/seabees-building-150-bed-field-hospital-in-2-weeks/article_17ab6f68-7f0e-11ea-a453-d319b313b143.html)

4/16/20: NEWS RELEASE

**La Crosse native leads team 3D printing masks to aid pandemic response.**

The Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (EXWC) will soon deliver a batch of facemasks thanks to a La Crosse native. Todd Jonas is leading the efforts of 3D printing the masks in three sizes. The process began in late March, according to a release. In April, tactical efforts began. On April 7, Naval Air Systems Command released a technical data package to the U.S. military community. It provided a sample face mask kit validated by the National Institutes of Health and Department of Veterans Affairs, and approved for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) when social distancing is not a viable option.

WIProud.com (Wisconsin) - April 16

<https://www.wiproud.com/coronavirus/la-crosse-native-leads-team-3d-printing-masks-to-aid-pandemic-response/>

4/15/20: NAVFAC NEWS RELEASE

**Engineering/Expeditionary Warfare Center 3-D Prints Masks to Aid Pandemic Response.**

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EXWC leadership for shipment of needed PPE, and subsequently update the additive manufacturing teams on further developing supplies.

Navy News Service - April 15

[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=112633](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=112633)

4/14/20: NAVFAC NEWS RELEASE

**NAVFAC Partners with USACE for FEMA "Whole-of-Nation" Effort Combating COVID-19.**

Military service members and civilian employees from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) voluntarily forward deployed this month to partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) "Whole-of-Nation" effort in combating COVID-19.

Navy News Service – April 14

[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=112647](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=112647)

4/14/20: NEWS RELEASE

**NAVFAC EXWC Aids DoD COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Efforts by Manufacturing Face Mask Kits.**

Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center (EXWC) has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic through the use of the command's additive manufacturing capabilities. The office of the Assistant Secretary of Research, Development & Acquisition (ASN RD&A) initiated weekly meetings of the Navy's system commands (SYSCOM), whose additive manufacturing leads possess the capability to develop and restock vital personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to combat the pandemic. NAVFAC EXWC's support of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response efforts began by representing NAVFAC at SYSCOM meetings during the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. NAVFAC EXWC provided high-level, non-directive updates to SYSCOM leadership, keeping them apprised of the preliminary additive manufacturing efforts via NAVFAC EXWC's Expeditionary Department.

DVIDS - April 14

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/367347/navfac-exwc-aids-dod-covid-19-pandemic-emergency-response-efforts-manufacturing-face-mask-kits>

4/13/20: NEWS RELEASE

**USACE, NAVFAC Marianas partner to assess Guam sites for potential alternate care facilities.**

In response to the spread of coronavirus in Guam, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Honolulu District and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas have combined efforts to perform seven initial planning and site assessments on Guam for potential conversion into alternate care facilities (ACFs).

Army.mil – April 13

[https://www.army.mil/article/234540/usace\\_navfac\\_marianas\\_partner\\_to\\_assess\\_guam\\_sites\\_for\\_potential\\_alternate\\_care\\_facilities](https://www.army.mil/article/234540/usace_navfac_marianas_partner_to_assess_guam_sites_for_potential_alternate_care_facilities)

4/4/20: FACEBOOK PHOTOS

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 and NMCB 5 coordinate transportation of Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) who

have tested negative for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic from Naval Base Guam to Government of Guam and military-approved commercial lodging. Sailors will be required to remain in quarantine in their assigned lodging for at least 14 days, in accordance with DoD directive and the Governor's executive order.

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=10157086257677823&id=74281347822&tn=%2As%2AsH-R](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10157086257677823&id=74281347822&tn=%2As%2AsH-R)

3/23/20: NAVFAC NEWS RELEASE

**NAVFAC Washington Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19.**

On Mar. 20, U.S. Navy civilian employee at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Public Works Department Annapolis tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The individual is quarantined at home in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and is being monitored by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health.

The individual was interviewed by both the Public Works Officer and Installation Public Health Emergency Officer (PHEO) about his movements on the installation, timeframe he was at those locations, and people with whom he had close contact. The individual was last on the installation Friday, March 13.

Navy News Service – March 23

[https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=112426](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=112426)