

Office of the Mayor
CITY OF NEW YORK



A Proclamation

Whereas: It is impossible to adequately express the gratitude we owe the brave men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces. Their commitment to protecting our freedom and ensuring our collective wellbeing has kept our City and our country strong, and we're always glad to commemorate the tremendous contributions that they've made to safety and security around the world. This is why we're glad to join the Forbes Family and Vetflix in recognizing the 70th anniversary of the United States Navy Seabees.

Whereas: Since 1942, the United States Navy Construction Battalions, or, "Seabees," have led the Navy's construction efforts across the world. They are responsible for building bases, paving roads and airstrips, and developing the infrastructure that enables the continued operation of armed forces abroad. Since World War II, and up through overseas operations taking place today, the Seabees have had a tremendous effect on our Navy's ability to engage wherever they may be. Their work creates hospitals, roads in war zones, and provides relief efforts to areas in need of support. The Seabees have had a positive impact on communities around the world, and done so much to maintain good will abroad during times of strife.

Whereas: The Seabees' straightforward motto "we build, we fight," demonstrates the crucial role that they play within the Navy. Their work, often undertaken under hazardous conditions, helps the United States Navy perform its most necessary functions across the globe, and their contributions go unrecognized all too often. Today's event gives us the opportunity to commemorate their heroism, and all that they've done to protect our nation and promote our values.

Now therefore, I, Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York, in recognition of this important event, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 21st, 2012 in the City of New York as:

"United States Navy Seabees Day"