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Road Paving Nears Completion

Navy Lakehurst benefits from Seabee Training

July 28, 2004, Lakehurst, NJ – The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion TWENTY-ONE (NMCB-21), also known as Seabees, located at Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst has just completed work on paving a one mile extension of South Boundary Road, a road that links Lakehurst to Highway 539 and adjacent Fort Dix.

As part of their training for redeployment to Iraq, the Seabees paved over half of the remaining 1.4 miles of previously unpaved road that leads along the southern boundary of NAES Lakehurst and connects with Highway 539 and adjacent Fort Dix. Last year the Seabees were sent to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, where they set up base camps and repaired roads and water supply lines. With the possible need to redeploy, the unit has spent the time preparing and training at Lakehurst.

Working on a previously unpaved road, the Seabees gained valuable training and provided Lakehurst with a welcome infrastructure improvement. The newly paved road will further enhance the base's ability to support inter-base travel among the many tri-base tenants that reside aboard the Dix-Lakehurst-McGuire Joint Installation Partnership.

Only about ¼ mile of dirt road remains between Highway 539 and the newly paved portion of South Boundary Road. Once funded and completed, it will provide a safe, secure, all-weather direct vehicle link between the bases.

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