

# ***MCB#2 Reunion Association***

Newsletter for former MCB #2 Personnel.....  
Spring - Summer 1994

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## ***Start Planning for Las Vegas Now!***

Interest is high for the 1995 MCB #2 Reunion meeting at Las Vegas in Fall 1995. I hear this excitement on both our reunion officers and our members. Tony Yrizarry in Hawaii writes:

"I am sorry that I missed Nashville, but I will do my best to attend Las Vegas, if I am "still kicking". I am 86. Be sure and save some time for me to play them 1-arm bandits. Be sure and send me ALL THE DETAILS the details about Las Vegas meeting.... I am looking forward to seeing you all again. (A family member will travel with me to be sure I get there!)"

Good idea, Tony, and we are looking forward to seeing you too! Our leadership is planning the BEST EVER REUNION.

The dates, details, costs for the 1995 Las Vegas MCB #2 Reunion will appear in the coming THANKSGIVING - CHRISTMAS newsletter. Please watch for it so we can all make our plans early.

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## ***Thank You, MCB #2***

We received the following acknowledgement of our gift of \$200.00 to Ann's Haven Hospice for their help to Marvin and Addie Brown in getting out our last year's newsletters.

Dear MCB-2:  
Ann's Haven Hospice gratefully acknowledges your generous donation of \$200.00. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will enable us to continue to care for our patients and their families throughout Denton County.

Our deepest thanks is given in behalf of those in the

community to whom we serve.

I add my own personal thanks for your continuing faith and support of the hospice philosophy, which helps so many in such a time of need.

Sincerely,  
Adrian Anderson  
Executive Director

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## ***Imperial Palace is it!***

The Imperial Palace has been selected as the Hotel Casino for our 1995 reunion in Las Vegas. Our leader, Richard Nelson and his advance team has selected this site. Scott Williams did all the leg-work. YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME IN LAS VEGAS!

# *From our Chaplin Herff Epperson*

## **BLUEPRINT FOR LIVING! Psalms 1:1-6**

1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4. The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation.
6. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

In Psalm 1 we are given a choice of two plans to follow in life. Anyone of us who spent time doing construction knows the importance of plans and blue prints.

The Law of God is a blue print for living, and is a friend of God's people, but the enemy of ungodly ones.

"Law" is more than legal codes. The Psalmist regards the law "as the intelligible expression of Divine Will, valid for all, and therefore the unerring compass used to regulate his conduct and is the rule over his life".

The benefits of accepting God's plan is shown in Verses 1-3. We become a living, growing specimen of what God's will is for our life.

Yet, when we choose to oppose God's way as shown in Verses 4-6, the ungodly has no ROOT and no FRUIT. To choose this way is to choose eternal separation from God.

The man of God is seen as:  
STATELY - like a tree  
STURDY - Firmly planted  
SUCCESSFUL - productive

**SELECTIVE** - decides what he will allow into his life.

Each of us must choose whether we will follow the plan of righteousness or the plan of wickedness. We must build with God's plan upon His foundation - "THE SOLID ROCK". May God bless you in all that you do. Your friend and fellow Seabee.

Herff Epperson

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## *The Dues Are News*

The CAN-DO spirit is alive and well in some 60 of our members, cause they rushed in their 12 bucks for 1994 dues. And we really needed this financial support to keep from having to dip into our reserves to pay the current bills for mailings, postage, and arrangements for our Las Vegas meeting. Just printing and mailing to you of one copy of the newsletter costs \$0.65.

The AIN'T-DONE IT YET spirit is beginning to show with about 500 of the rest of us.

If you are in a financial bind, or medical bills are eating your lunch, or the IRS man is on the porch trying to bang your door in, and you need the \$12.00 dues to be spent with more important things, don't worry about it.

How-some-ever, if you are procrastinating and just haven't sent your dues in cause you have forgotten all about it..... then this note is for you. Please send in your \$12.00 dues in... Today.

## *The Commodore's Barge*

Our leadership consists of:

Chairman: RICHARD NELSON

### Committeemen

PETE ELLIOTT  
AL GARZA  
BEN PAINTER  
STONEY SERRETT  
TED SPEROS  
SCOTT WILLIAMS

Secty-Treasurer:

ROY T. CONE

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## *110 SeaBee Names Located.*

Stoney Serrett has a new break-thru. Bob Long recently sent the roster of Detachment ABLE. This group made the deployment to Midway Island in 1952-3.

We have started working on this roster and Stoney has contacts with at least 20 who are still living in the home town shown on the roster. We will contact all of these with our newsletters, so may be we can find some more of your buddies in time for Las Vegas reunion.

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## *Echoes From Nashville...*

We keep hearing good things about our last reunion in Nashville. For Example, here are a few...

I had a ball seeing my old friends for the first time in 40 years.. Dave Budworth

We had a great time in Nashville and are looking forward to Vegas in "95". Dan Svendson's late arrival sure surprised me.

Phil Brunelle

The ole heart is doing pretty good after the overhaul. We both are looking forward to our next reunion.

Bob & Ann Conroe

Had a great time in Nashville, looking forward to Las Vegas.

Fred & Shirley Cozad

We are looking forward to Vegas. John & Mary Cure

Ted and I had a wonderful time at the Nashville reunion. We can't wait for the next one in Las Vegas.

Ted & Ruby Forrester

That was really some good time. After all these years they were still good friends and spent three days sharing stories. Sarah Ann Goller

(Mrs. Allan Goller)

We really enjoyed the reunion Nashville. Jack & Carol Hale

We had a great time in Nashville.

Alex & Ruth Hamilton

I am looking forward to "LOST WAGES". Bob Kresky

We are really looking forward to the next reunion.

Chuck & Helen McCabe

Mary and I have our bags packed for Vegas.

"Ski" & Mary Ostroski

## *From Our Pretty Ladies - Carol's Report*

So you are going to Las Vegas. What's there to do besides gamble? Well, let me tell you. **THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

From our Imperial Palace hotel on the strip you can walk to some of the other major hotels and take in the sights. Across the street is Caesar's Palace are spectacular Forum Shops and special shows at the Omnimax Theater. The Forum looks like an ancient Roman setting and the specialty shops are the best. At the free show at the Festival Fountain, Bacchus and his entourage present a magnificent sound, light and laser show every hour. The deli makes a great lunch.

Next door the Mirage Hotel has indoor and outdoor tropical gardens. If Siegfried & Roy are there you can see their beautiful Siberian tigers in their own marble garden. In the evening there are outdoor spectacular eruptions of a volcano ever half hour.

And just next door is Treasure Island Hotel. There is a magnificent sea battle between a pirate vessel and English ship. **THIS IS A MUST SEE!**

Take a short cab ride to the Ex Caliber, Luxor (the pyramid) and MGM. Browse through the medieval Excalibur, cross to the

Luxor. Take a voyage down a flowing indoor River Nile to King Tut's Tomb and Museum.

There are outdoor adventures too. You will have wonderful food at very attractive prices. **SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS**  
Carol Nelson

## *Pat's Report*

There were millions of gems, diamonds and sparkling jewels all over the ground as far as you could see. That was my first impression of Las Vegas from a plane.. 37 years ago.

This was my first trip back to Las Vegas since I married my newly discharged sailor boy there thirty seven years ago.

What a delightful fantasy world Las Vegas is now to wander about. The mall across the street has the features of an art gallery. Instead of clocks, they have exquisite marble statues that move around and talk to you while the sky flashes and booms with a show of its own.

Be assured you will find things to take home and things to dream about. **BE SURE TO WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES!** Across from our hotel would will find: tropical gardens, live tigers, erupting volcano, a sphinx that is dazzling, and a sea battle that is free.

There are marvelous stage shows, music, reasonable meals, and fun for everyone. **VIVA LAS VEGAS!** Pat Painter

## ***Transformation of Subic Bay***

Subic Bay, Philippines  
A year after the U.S. Navy left its largest overseas base, Subic Bay is being transformed into a tourism and trade center the government hopes will power an economic revival.

The Navy closed the 62,000 acre base in November after the Philippine Senate refused a new lease. The closing cost more than 40,000 Filipinos their jobs and destroyed the economy of nearby Olongapo, a city of 300,000.

Subic Bay has a deep-water harbor and U.S. built facilities, and investors are paying attention. The Authority's goal is to develop the port into a commercial complex focusing on tourism, financial services, light industry and shipment of manufactured goods.

Federal Express is considering using Subic Airport, built by navy Seabees in the 1950's as its major asian hub. Subic is an ideal location as it is right in the middle of Asia.

About 20 Taiwanese companies to manufacture textiles, electronics and other products pending approval.

Enron Corp or Houston operates the 30-megawatt power plant the Navy left

behind.

Malaysian conglomerate, Genting Berhad has opened a gambling casino in what used to be the Bachelor Officers' Quarters and plans to build a luxury hotel and golf course.

## ***Interesting Jobs, Hobbies, Notes from the mail bag***

The mail that you send me with your dues contains some things that really get my interest. For Example...

California Old-Time Fiddlers Association (R. Huffman Oxnard, Calif)

Best looking eagle's picture you ever saw.... stamped on back of an envelop. Don't know if it is a save the eagles statement, or what.

A bold "Jesus is Lord" identification on an envelop makes a bold witness.

Beefalo Cattle Farm..... It sure is fun to raise 'em, except during the 14 degree weather. (I haven't the foggiest what a beefalo cow is, but it can't be nearly as pretty as a Texas Long Horn.)

How is this for an "excuse?"  
"Most regretfully, I could not attend the Nashville reunion, due to some very urgent commitments including courting and marrying a beautiful Lithuanian Lady. Finally she was able to enter this country in Feb. AllenKim  
WAY TO GO, ALLEN!  
You are excused - (this time)

## ***MCB #2 Souvenirs***

I hadn't thought too much about Seabee hats, patches, buckles, etc. But recently I heard from one of our group who reported he really did enjoy wearing his Seabee Hat because so many people would stop him and say... they appreciated the work the Seabees did when they were in service at such and such a place. Or Marines that had a soft place in their heart for the work the Seabees did for them.

So souvenirs can be important and a source of pleasure for you.

"Can I order 'em by mail?", you ask cautiously. You bet. Pete Elliott now has our mail "store" open. Please see as follows:

### ***Seabee Goodies Available***

There are 3 1/2" MCB#2 patches and Navy Seabee bumper stickers on hand.

Patches MCB #2	\$ 6.50
Bumper Stickers	\$ 1.30
Both	\$ 7.50

Seabee and U.S. Flag Patches

Seabee 3"	\$ 5.50
Seabee 6"	\$12.50
U.S. Flag 3"	\$ 2.50
All three	\$20.00

Postage is included for all items. All profit is going into the MCB #2 reunion fund for our 1995 Las Vegas Reunion.

Make your Checks to...  
Pete Elliott  
1655 Larchmont Ave.  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Please do not send cash.  
Allow 2 weeks to get your order.

P.S.. Believe that Pete now has some cast white metal Seabee buckles for 10 bucks.

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### ***In Memory Of.....***

Since we have met last we have recieved word that these of our friends have now passed away. They are gone, but not forgotten!

BOWEN, EUGENE	
GILLIS, MORRIS R.	July 1993
HOLMES, JOHN	
NECOCHEA, ROBERT	1959
PRICE, JODA	
SLYE, MERLE E.	
VERCHIMAK, MICHAEL F.	

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### ***Lost and Found Column***

We are looking for David Bridges, Austin, Texas. He served at Cubi Pt 1952-55.

Oh yes, does anyone respond to the nickname "HOSE-NOSE?"

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### ***Need Your Input.....***

This newsletter can be anything you want. Just send your suggestions and input when you send in you dues. I'll appreciate your help!

## *Las Vegas is .....*

Las Vegas is a huge splash of neon in the middle of a flat, desert landscape. Huge neon signs, some of the largest in the world, and the giant hotels send blazing messages into the night. On the inside are the people who are attracted to the casinos to seek their fortune at the games. Here is a chance to win big, see some shows and eat cheap. No where else can you get as much for your money as you can in Las Vegas.

As soon as you get off the plane, you know you're not in Kansas anymore. You're greeted by the constant jingle and slam of slot machines in the terminal. Taxis to the strip run from \$7-\$10. There are limos, and CAT (Las Vegas Transit System) buses for less.

Dozens of hotels and casinos line a 3-1/2 mile stretch of Las Vegas Blvd called "the strip."

Las Vegas is America's nightclub. Sequins, lights, dancers, acrobats, ice skaters, gymnasts, magicians, crooners, musical reviews, comedians, dance clubs, animal and lounge acts--Las Vegas has them all. The quality and variety of entertainment is some of the best in the world at some very good prices.

SIEGFRIED AND ROY - part magic show part animal act - all spectacular.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL - dazzled by the enchanting theater and fantasy of a European Circus.

JUBILEE - See the Sinking of the Titanic, the Story of Samson and Delilah and a Ziegfeld Follies extravaganza.

LANCE BURTON - A MAGICAL JOURNEY - a favorite magic show. Burton was 5-times world champion magician.

SPLASH - an Ester Williams movie comes to life. Dazzling aquacade, show divers, synchronized swimmers, plus dancing, singing and comedy.

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES - a cast of female impersonators. You will swear Joan Rivers, Cher, Madonna was there.

STARLIGHT EXPRESS - a multimedia extravaganza on roller skates. The show is about trains.

ENTER THE NIGHT - style, sophistication, and elegance with beautiful costumes, beautiful women, and great dancing & spectacular effects.

KING ARTHUR'S TOURAMNET - a medieval jousting contest with knights and fair damsels.

HEADLINERS - Frank Sinatra, Tanya Tucker, Lize Minelli, Ann-Margret, Wayne Newton, and many other superstars perform on limited engagement concerts. Plus comedians galore, and fine lounge acts.

## ***Tips for First-Timers ...***

Decide before departing what you are willing to spend on this vacation with no regrets, divide it among the days of the trip.

Stop and look before you leap! It is easy to get caught up in the glitter and the fast pace.

Ladies! Do not drag a purse around with you. Carry a pouch around your waist. Bring casual clothes. Fall is the best time to visit, And that is exactly when the MCB #2 Reunion is.

Souvenirs. Each casino has its own dollar coins... try to collect \$1.00 coins from several. Cards and dice that have been used by the casinos can be purchased relatively cheap. You can even buy your own reconditioned slot machines. Caution some states do not permit your ownership of such. The ultimate souvenir of Las Vegas is to buy yourself something that you would never find in your hometown.

Some visitors are willing to stake their fortunes on the toss of the dice. Remember "This town wasn't built by winners."

For more info, contact Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, 3150 Pradise Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89109, or phone (702) 892-7575

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