

MCB#2 Reunion Association

Newsletter for former MCB#2 Personnel

JULY 1995

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Imperial Palace

Las Vegas - Sept. 10-13, 1995

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**Order Banquet Tickets from
STONEY SERRETT
9756 Mesa Verde Ave.
Baton Rouge, La. 70814**

Your Banquet Tickets must be ordered prior to September 1, 1995. Some 195 of us have done it already But if you haven't.....
ORDER YOUR BANQUET TICKETS NOW!

Sorry, we cannot pay at the door for the banquet. The hotel chefs must know in advance how much delicious food to prepare for us.

Banquet Tickets will be \$20.00 per person plus 17% Gratuities and 7% Nevada Sales Tax. This makes your total cost \$24.80 each.

If you get going right now, Stoney will confirm your order by sending your Banquet Tickets directly to you by mail.

**If you have not done it....
Please Get Your Room & Air
Reservations Placed Now!**

Your Reunion Committee has been in close communication with the Imperial Palace Hotel. September is the busiest time of the year in Las Vegas. Both hotel rooms and airlines tend to get filled up quickly.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW! If something happens and your plans change, you can always cancel your room reservations 48 hours in advance.

Special Information

SHUTTLE INFORMATION....

The shuttle service company (Bell Trans) runs from the airport to the strip hotels on a regular basis for \$3.50 per person one way. When you arrive and go to the baggage claim area, the Bell Trans shuttle is out Door #9. Any of the airport employees can direct you if you get turned around. But, for the return trip, you must make reservations 12 to 24 hours ahead of time so they will come to the appropriate hotel at the required time. And the return fare is \$3.50 per person also.

LATE DEPARTURES..

Several have asked about late departures instead of leaving Wednesday. Mr. Scott Williams went right to work on it. We now have up to 50 rooms that could be set aside for Friday departure rather than our scheduled Wednesday departure. I don't know, but if we have a response beyond the 50 room "late departure", we could request additional number of rooms. Anyone that wants to stay late should make their reservations as early as possible.

EXTRA PEOPLE..

If there are more than two guests per room, there is a \$12.00 plus 8% tax for each additional person beyond the two guests.

SPECIAL ROOMS.....

In and effort to better accommodate persons with disabilities, the Imperial Palace has the following accommodations and services available in the Tower Rooms

MOBILITY IMPAIRED ROOMS HEARING IMPAIRED ROOMS VISION IMPAIRED ROOMS

1. Availability of disability requirements must be confirmed at the initial time of booking by calling

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your contact at Imperial Palace 800-643-6441 or 702-731-3311 prior to committing specific accommodations..

2. If availability is confirmed, all reservation information is to be given to the person confirming the reservation.

A VIP check-in window is available to all disabled guests. Sunshine Medical Services may be contacted at 702-386-891 for any additional medical items or equipment.

Non-smoking floors are available

About Tours.....

Yes there are several available, but you are on your own to arrange them..

There are lots of things to do in Las Vegas, and one of them is tours. But as diverse as our group is you must make your own arrangements. Tours you can book include:

Grand Canyon
Liberace Museum - Outlet mall shopping -
and Lake Mead Cruise
Red Rock and Bonnie Springs
Ethel M. Chocolate Factory - Hoover Dam-
Cranberry World - Kidd Marshmallow
Factory - Buffalo Bill's Hotel and Casino

For you to find out about what is available that might fit your needs, You should contact directly the.....:

SHOW RESERVATION DESK on the main floor of the Imperial Palace.

Put on your thinking caps.....

Please give some thought as to where you would like for our 1997 reunion location.

Weather report -- Rich Nelson

This has been the worst winter in Northern California in a long time. They blame it all on El Nino. It's May 22 and still not much sun. This will probably ruin the grape harvest and that means higher prices for the California Wines (which he says are the best. Not that he is biased..... Naaaaa, never!)

EQUAL COVERAGE WANTED ON BASKETBALL

Fred Saathoff was banging on my cage wanting equal coverage on our basketball team.... since we have featured out winning softball and football teams. But I am up a blind alley. Any of you basketball team members..... wanta scratch your heads and come up with a story about the basketball team. I haven't a clue on what to writet..... Send it to me.... and I'll get your basketball story in the newsletter.

FOOTBALLER FOUND

The last member of the Atsugi Flyer Football Team has been located. He is Lloyd R. "Brute" Burgess, and he has indicated an interest in coming to the Las Vegas Reunion to be with all the others that were mentioned in the March 1995 newsletter. Is that good news or what? Yes, tis good news!

The Commodore's Barge

Our leadership consists of:

Chairman: RICHARD NELSON

Committeemen

PETE ELLIOTT	STONE SERRETT
AL GARZA	TED SPEROS
BEN PAINTER	SCOTT WILLIAMS
ROY T. CONE.....	Secty-Treasurer

From our Chaplin
Herff Epperson

TRIUMPH OVER TRAGEDY

We are all shocked and saddened by any tragedy..... whether it is by storm, earthquake, or fire. But when the tragedy is perpetrated by one or many evil persons, it moves us with anger and perplexity.

I'm referring to the tragic bombing of the Albert P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 19th. This was beyond my comprehension. The deaths, injuries, and destruction brought incense and anger to my mind and perhaps to yours. Nothing has ever been seared in my mind so vividly as the picture of the fireman holding the lifeless body of the little one year old baby, Amie.

Though nothing will bring the life of those killed and it will be a long time before those injured will be healed, we have seen a sense of *Triumph over Tragedy*. The way the many responded in caring for the tragic need was wonderful.

It was said that at the hospital nearest the building, fifty eight injured people were brought in for emergency treatment and there was a doctor and a nurse there to treat and care for each one of them personally.

Not only the people of Oklahoma City, but people from all over our nation and other nations as well converged on the scene for rescue and tireless searching for survivors as

well as for the deceased. Our hearts and our thanks go out to them.

Let us rededicate ourselves to letting good overcome evil.... righting the wrongs of our day. By doing good ourselves, we will be a small part of seeing good triumph over the tragedy of evil.

See you soon in Las Vegas. May God bless you in all your needs.

Your friend and fellow Seabee

Herff Epperson, Chaplain

In Memory.....

Got some sad news from Clarence "Lefty" Williamson. We received the obituary of KERMIT "PAPPY" HAGAN. Pappy was a Seabee Legend. Pappy was 83 years old, and well respected by all those that worked for and with him. Pappy was a veteran of 3 wars.....

We are saddened to learn that Eugene A. Hall, 10161 Wales Loop #204, Bonita Springs Florida passed away from a heart attack on February 18, 1995. Eugene's wife, Helen wrote that they had planned on attending the Las Vegas reunion.

It is later than we think.....

We have lost 33 more of our members since the last reunion. Some of these people that were not on our roster then..... but were with MCB#2 at one time or another. We miss those that are leaving this life before us. As we remember them..... the most important thing we can do is to make each day count for ourselves and our loved ones by giving our love and helping others all we can while we have the opportunity. Are you ready to meet your God?

MCB 2 DOOD IT

FROM A 1950'S PAPER...

Quonset huts earned their place during World War II for the ease with which they could be built, but once erected they have been considered permanent or at least semi-permanent structures.

Necessity mothered the wings and legs of these Seabees have given Quonsets. MCB-2's first big job since the battalion's commission in September 1950, has been the rebuilding and expansion of U.S. Naval Air Station at Atsugi, Japan. Unfortunately there hasn't been time for the Seabees to jump in and do their building before the air station was placed in operation. Consequently, temporary offices and operations quarters have had to be set up as part of the regular process of station renovation.

Quonsets provide the answer... if they could be moved. Seabee riggers and drivers got their heads together and came up with the method. Now, a Navy officer aboard NAS Atsugi can pick up a telephone and order a Quonset hut as he could a quart of milk in the U.S.

Two eight-by-eight timbers 16 feet long are placed inside a Quonset hut. With two sheets of the metal roofing removed to provide openings-- one forward each end of the hut-- two 3/4 inch wire rope slings are extended through and around the 16-foot timbers inside. The slings then are picked up by a truck-mounted crane approaching from the side, and the timbers, drawn up against the inside top of the Quonset, lift the structure clear.

With the hut suspended six feet above the ground, a flatbed trailer is backed underneath and the building is lowered onto a special rack constructed of salvaged angle iron from a wrecked Japanese aircraft hanger. The trailer is driven to the hut's new site, where the crane lifts it off and places it on a new foundation.

Only six Seabees, including drivers for the truck and crane, are required to move a Quonset hut in this manner. They are known to have had a hut on its way to a new location within less than an hour after arriving at the original hut site.

(Handwritten note.... the six men are Chief Buyers, Carl, Ike, Salty, Collins, McEwen. They are all steel workers.)

MCB#2 SEABEES CAN DO

Late in September 1953 the men of MCB#2 again sailed for the Philippines and Cubi Point. At the end of the voyage they were met by their new commanding officer, CDR. V.G. STEVENS

October was a month of intense activity. "A" Detachment was sent to Sangley Point to complete the construction of twenty dependent housing units. In addition, the battalion took on the formidable job of building a road to Camayan Point. Using the preliminary surveys made by CBD 1802, the surveyors ran a location survey. Parties were started from both Cubi Point and Camayan Point and worked toward a midpoint along the proposed road.

Meanwhile, the battalion continued to work on a tank farm, ammunition storage area, and ammunition wharf. Additional projects were assigned. A water supply system... running from the Naval Station at Subic Bay had to be built. The system included two 750,000 gallon concrete reservoirs and an additional water system at Cubi Point with two 500,000 gallon concrete reservoirs.

Battalion utilitymen set an amazing record on the water systems project. They laid the 16 inch cast iron pipe at the rate of 600 feet a day. They laid the 12 inch pipe from the dam to Cubi Point at the rate of 1000 feet a day.

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The pride of the drivers, the Camayan Point-Cubic Point road was officially opened when CDR Stevens cut the bamboo pole dividing line at the midway point.

The Camayan Point - Cubi Point road was a King size feather in the drivers' caps. Some quarter of a million cubic yards of dirt was moved during the road's construction. A sidelight of this project was the great number of snakes encountered. One was a sixteen foot python.... captured alive and displayed in the camp area.

CAMAYAN WHARF

Construction was started on the ammunition wharf at Camayan Point in November 1952 by Mobile Construction Battalion Five.

In June 1953, Mobile Construction Battalion Two, Detachment Able took over all the construction and placed the upper deadmen during the rainy season.

In October 1953, Mobile Construction Battalion Two returned from leave in the states and took over construction of the concrete pile cap, remaining deadmen and bollard foundations.

The concrete pile cap consisted of a concrete wall two feet wide and twelve feet high, extending down from one foot below low, low water to eleven feet above low, low water.

The concrete cap was poured in two lifts. The first pour was made below water. The forms for this pour were set below the water with the aid of a diving barge. Very rough seas, barracuda, sting rays and jelly fish all added to the difficulties in setting these forms.

The construction of the ammunition wharf was completed prior to the battalion's return to the states at the end of the construction season.

FORMER U.S. BASE REOPENS AS AIRPORT

Associated Press

SUBIC FREE PORT, Phillippines -- The former U.S. Navy airstrip at Subic Bay reopened Sunday as an international commercial airport. Phillippine President Fidel Ramos inaugurated the new airport with a call for more investors to build factories in the former base 50 miles west of Manila.

U.S. forces withdrew from Subic Bay in December 1992 after the Phillippine Senate rejected a treaty to extend the base's lease for another 10 years.

MICROFILM ARCHIVES

At our 1993 Reunion in Nashville, a collection was taken from those attending to buy 6 rolls of microfilm from the National Archives. These film have been received and members of your committee have been working towards locating as many former members as possible.

Some of the difficulties are: These muster rolls contain only the persons last name, first name, middle initial, service number and rate at the time of record. We do not have any indication as to each person's home town or Social Security number (Social Security numbers were not used at that time.)

We have made zerox copies of much of the information from these microfilm. They will be on display at our Las Vegas Reunion. We hope that you will check over those muster rolls and find your best buddy, or buddies. We hope that you will remember those individuals home town. This would certainly help your committee immensely if you would do so.

007's COMPUTERS ARE REVVED UP.....

Our Special Investigator, Pete Elliott has really been working to find several of our lost members. This is like looking for the proverbial "Needle in the haystack..... ALMOST 50 YEARS LATER."

Some of the current ones being found.... really have a cold trail to track. Pete Elliott has been putting in some long hours on his computer and it is really paying off. Some examples are Hank Bentsen, Marshall Dunne, J. C. Bolivar, Eugene Nelson..... and just today Silas Bucher.

The good news is that Pete is really good at tracking us down..... soooooo.... none of you guys better go "POOF" or Pete will track you down and find you.

To: LONG-HAIRED, SHORT-HAIRED, NO-HAIRED MUSICIANS

I hear a rumor that there is "some interest" (whatever that means) by the musicians in our group to bring their instruments to the reunion and see if a couple of numbers can be worked up in a jam-session. I am not the "moving party" in this..... BUT if any of you are interested is this.... please write me a note, telling me what you play, the kind of music you play, and I will tabulate the results, and see if there is any real interest in this. Please include your phone number when you write, so I can call you the results, if any. I might play a "little" ukulele.

Roy T. Cone
815 Chadbury Ln.
Seabrook, Texas 77586

Echos from our crew.....

On Jan 8 1995 I received a letter from Stoney Serrett telling me about the MCB #2 Reunion Association. It is hard to believe that after 42 years of moving around, I could still be located, especially in Amherst Va population? 2100.

I want to be on your mailing list. I am enclosing a check for \$12.00 for this year. Please send me a copy of all future newsletters.

Stoney also said you could include the following paragraph in the next newsletter.... "After 42 years in hiding PETE ELLIOTT found me, and Stoney ran me down. Formerly of Las Angeles, now Amherst, Va, what a thrill. If anyone out there remembers me from KWAJ 1952, give me a call after 5 pm eastern time. Call collect (804) 946-9860.

Also over the years I have attempted to locate a former KWAJ-1952 friend.... no luck. All I know about DENNIS SURRATT CEP 3 334-42-60 from somewhere in Texas. Help!! (Yep, Found him in Mt. Pleasant, Tezas)

MARSHALL DUNNE

I received the MCB #2 Reunion Newsletter and as per usual, just laid it down until the holidays were over. To make a long story short, enclosed is my \$12.00 for my membership dues to the REUNION ASSOCIATION. Am looking forward to seeing everyone!

CARSON D. ALLEN

Thank to all of you working on the reunion. This work keeps our battalion alive.... See you in September.

DON "MAC" McLAIN

The reunion sounds like its going to be a lot of fun. We certainly enjoyed Nashville. Look forward to seeing all in September.

JOHN AND MARY CURE

Echoes continued....

Boy, I really enjoyed the "Seabee Ingenuity" on the last newsletter. I was operator of the crane-dozer (a Northwest 25 with a dozer blade rigged like a drag line) that did most of the railway car unloading. Somewhere I have pictures of the operation. Chief Hagan, I believe, was responsible for the design. I take exception that we only unloaded 50 cars per day. That would have been 2 or 3 hours work. I will however admit that the car unloader was probably superior. I expect after I was "Shanghaied" to Korea in December 1950 they couldn't find an operator "with the proper touch!"

GORDON W. KEEN CD-3/ret

From Scott Williams, our Las Vegas Swat Team Leader, September will be here before we know it. If our members need anything else (like the Late Departures, Extra Guests, etc.) Be sure and let us know pronto, and Scotty will check it out.

Roy, an interesting newsletter.... fun to read.

SCOTT WILLIAMS

Congratulations.... you saved yourself the agony of reading very much of my handwriting by visiting on the phone. Enclosed is my dues. I'll send Stoney banquet money.

MARVIN L. BROWN JR.

I checked..... my 94 dues were paid in April 94. Sooooo... here are the 95 dues. Enjoy the newsletters.

RALPH and COOKI PEDEREN

My name is David A. Miller, I served in the MCB#2 from August 1954 until it combined with MCB#3 plus another 3 years. The group I was around helped build the chapel, the EM club, power plant, and the Haversack Housing. I have some photos that I will bring to the reunion. If Richard Nelson is the blond headed guy that I remember, I have some great pictures I think he will enjoy. I also have some

pictures of "HOSE NOSE." I just wish that I had written his real name. Has anyone remembered him?

I still remain in touch with Mal Pearson and my wife and I are looking forward to seeing him and his wife. Marge was in the back seat of his car that I had asked my wife, Margie, to marry me. That was 36 years ago.

I still live 4 miles from the SeaBee base and drove by it on my way to work until my retirement 6 years ago due to heart surgery. All is well at this time.

See everyone at the IMPERIAL PALACE in September.

DAVE MILLER

I am looking forward to Las Vegas. Since reading your last newsletter, I remember a guy named Herff Epperson, I think he was from El Paso, Texas. (You found him!. Yes, memories do come back slowly. How about that Herff?....)

MARTIN J. ENRIGHT

Looking forward to the reunion in Las Vegas!! Enclosed are my 95 dues, and a little extra to help with other costs. I'm not sure of the dates when the dues are due.

(It's easy..... dues are on a calendar year basis. The 1996 dues begin on Jan 1, 1996)

MALCOLM PEARSON

Looking forward to seeing all the MOB-Two Roughnecks come September. Enclosed are my dues plus a little. (Thank you Jim for the dues and the "extra".... heard from one of our member who is both handicapped and in a tight financial situation now. He was worried about me dropping him from our mailing list because he could not pay his dues. I assured him not to worry, and we did have some members that would be glad to help pay dues for those in a "bind." Jim, you just did.... and Thank You.)

JIM DILLMAN

We are REALLY LOOKING FORWARD to seeing everyone at Las Vegas.

HUGH and NORMA IRELAND

Temperature is in the teens, so Vegas really sounds good! We've got our reservations made and banquet tickets. Duane, John Bloem, Walt Waddell and Dave Haines are hoping you got in touch with Eugene W. Nelson in the San Francisco area. They would sure like to see him. **Yep, you guessed it right.... Pete Elliott found Eugene W. Nelson 04/24/95.... and we look forward to his being at the reunion at Vegas. How about them apples?**

DUANE and MARY HENRICHSON

We are looking forward to 95 Vegas reunion. WE HAVEN'T MISSED ONE YET. Nashville was great. This time my big brother, JOHN, is going to be there too. We BOTH are looking forward to Vegas. See you soon.

EUGENE and GERALDINE GRASZ

Keep the good news coming.... sounds like the Vegas plans are really shaping up. All we need now is a huge attendance. Just heard from Stoney, and he asked me to follow up on Don Grobbel. Seems like Don has been living here in Bay city for the last 30 some years, and neither of us knew about the other. See you in Vegas.

JOE SOBCZAK

I was at Atsugi for a year then went to Korea with First Marine Air Wing (CBD 1804) . I remember Ens. Peak as a young man. I helped asphalt at Atsugi. First Class Smith ran the asphalt plant and Chief ????? (from Washington State) worked on the roads. We hauled rock in 10 ton trucks from the river to the rock crusher. I ran a TD 9 loader at the rock pile for awhile. I am 67 now... love to dance... belong to VFW and American Legion. I have a _____ year old.(young) wife to keep up with me. (or is it visa versa, Jack?)

JACK and SHARON BALDING

Enclosed are my dues, plus a little extra. You will know what to do with it. Sorry to hear our old pal, bigger Boy FORRESTER passed away. I saw him at our last reunion. I am saving my money for the slots in Vegas, and will see you there if all goes according to plan.

JACK E. WILSON

Roy, I did not get a membership card last year on my dues. Do you send such a thing? (No Lefty, to keep our members costs down.... we do not print and send membership cards. Your cancelled check is your receipt. But, if the membership wishes to have membership cards made, they can authorize such action in our coming business meeting. I'll get the subject considered..). I will not be able to attend the coming reunion as I cannot travel. But sure do enjoy the newsletters though.

C.R. (LEFTY) and RUTH WILLIAMSON

This former Surveyor in MCB#2, Det. Able, was recently discovered by Stoney Serrett wandering in the wilderness (actually it was a corn field) in Iowa. I am so happy to be found by the Reunion Association. My wife and I are both looking forward to the reunion in Las Vegas, and hopefully, to renewing old friendships and making some new ones. RICHARD R. (Dick) and ALICE DAGUE [Let me hasten to clarify the above.... it was Dick Dague wandering in the corn field (like surveyors are prone to do), and not Stoney Serrett. Does that help?] {Nonetheless, if it had been a "water-mellon patch" instead of a corn field, Stoney would have been out there too!}

Sending my 94/95 dues plus a extra 25 to help with the postage.

RAY and ALICE SONNEN

I served at Cubi Point in 1952 & 53. Sure do enjoy the newsletter and see a lot of guys names I know. They all know me as HERBIE. I may never get to a reunion but fellows..... keep up the Good Work!

DICK (HERBIE) SCHREINER

Echoes continued....

Roy... no big deal but would you please change my middle initial to "A". See you in L.V. (No problem. it is already changed... even as we speak.)

RICH A. BAKER

Here is a check (a very generous one, too) to help with the work on the Reunion. It looks like I might have to go to Europe again this August for three months. I am trying to get out of it. I was to go every third year and I have been to Turkey the last two years in a row. I am sure going to try to make Las Vegas this year.

PAUL W. MUMA

Here are my dues and a little extra. Thank you guys for the work you have put into these reunions.

LARRY B. STEVENSON

I wanta help with the finances..... We hope to attend the Las Vegas Reunion.

CHARLES TRIMARCHI

Will pay 95 and 96 dues now to help. Sounds like a GREAT REUNION coming up. See you in September.

DEAN LEWIS

Here is a little to throw into the "kitty." (MEOW!!!! Little, he says.... but very generous.) It's only money and I sure am not going to take it with me to the great "construction site" in the beyond! You guys working on the reunion are doing a great job! What else could you expect from a CB?

CHUCK L. CHAPMAN

This ole Cajun is doing well here in Costa Rica, Central America. I have resided here since 1982. I was disabled... never to again carry my 12 mile mail route at Corpus Christi, Texas. As much as I would love to see you old geezers again, I may not be able to make this reunion either. This ole Cajun is

getting tired.... May God bless all of you with good health, happiness and prosperity. Best wishes to all our shipmates, wherever they may be.....

ERNEST W. OWENS

Thank you for the great newsletter. This will be our first reunion and I recognize some of the names. Its been a long time since the 1950's for me. See you in Vegas

GERALD POWELL

You guys are doing a wonderful job. I haven't made plans for the reunion at Las Vegas, but am thinking seriously. (Ken, what will it take to convince you? You better come.... this will be a "really-big" reunion..... Really-Big)

KEN CHEW

Enjoy the newsletter.... Looking forward to the Las Vegas Reunion. See you there.

CHUCK INGALLS

Roy, tried to call you at Christmas, but missed you. I was in C.B.D. 1501 in Yokosuka, Japan during 1951-53. Does anyone know what that detachment was out of? I hope so!

M.P. "HOLLY" HOLLINGSWORTH

Here are 94/95 dues. Hope all of you have a good reunion..... (You better pack your bags and come join us.)

WILLIAM G. HAPGOOD

We're all booked, ticketed, and stamped "READY TO ROLL IN VEGAS". Our quarters pile is growing. See you all there

LEN "HERSH" & NITA HERSHBERGER

Roy, can't find a cancelled check, so must not have paid the dues. But here it is. See all of you in Las Vegas!

WILLIS STRUECKER

Bringing lots of guests to Vegas from my old outfit (CBMU 577) WWII unit.

ROBERT "LOST WAGES" KRESKY

Seriously, you guys are doing a great job. You shouldn't have to beg for money to keep this thing running. I know the time and work necessary for providing a trouble-free reunion.... like the last two. Have you given any thought to establishing "Life Memberships?" These could buy a "certificate of deposit" to continually pay the dues out of the interest returned. Let's take the matter up in Las Vegas.
CHUCK CHAPMAN

Here is two years dues. Looking forward to the coming reunion.
JOHN S. PETRONKA

Enclosed is a check for two years dues. Really enjoy the newsletter... hope to see you all in September.
Von C. JENSEN

I am not sure I will make the reunion this year---- I'm retiring in Sept, 1995, so the next one is a sure thing. Keep up the good work! I was in MCB#2 from June 54 to August 56 in the P.I.
MERLE J. SCHNEPF

I had the honor of having two of my MCB#2 buddies and their wives visit me this past year..... Stoney and Gladys Serrett, and Leonard and Nita Hershberger. You'll come back again. Hope to be seeing all my other buddies in September.
L. P. BURLEIGH

We're looking forward to seeing all of you in the September reunion in Las Vegas.
LUTHER AND JEWEL HALL

Can hardly wait for September and our MCB#2 Reunion!
DANIEL F. MILLETT

Enclosed is our dues check, plus some extra to help with postage. We like the newsletter, and are looking forward to the 3rd reunion. We had a great time at the 2 previous reunions.
WANDA AND PAUL D'ANGELO

Enclosed is the dues check plus some extra to use where it helps most. Have enjoyed the newsletters. It seems more and more MCB#2'ers are signing in.

In the last two newsletters tribute was paid to the softball and football teams. How about some space for the basketball team? The Atsugi team was about 50-50 in wins as I recall. Some of the players were Ostroski, Jerry Watts, Tommy Crowder, Alex Alexander and me. Others escape me. Jeri and I plan to attend Las Vegas. We had a lot of fun at the first two.

FRED (FRITZ) & JERI SAATHOFF

Roy, let everyone know that we appreciate all the guys that send something extra on the dues. We better have some "line dancing" music at the reunion, or I'll sic Carol on you guys. We need to start thinking where the next reunion will be. (OK, let's put your thinking-hats on..... where should we hold the 97 MCB#2 reunion?)

RICH NELSON

We are not running out of banquet tickets, yet. However, since the newsletter, the rate the reservations are coming in have really picked up. Roy.... Marvin Brown and I will try to get you to sing and play ukulele to 1950's Japanese music at the reunion. (Stoney, you and Marvin have two chances of getting me to sing and play..... "slim and none".... heavy on the "none". Hey, I wonder if there is anymore ukulele players out there in MCB#2 land?)

STONEY SERRETT

I won't be able to attend the Vegas reunion.... these dates conflict with things my wife and I had scheduled prior to learning of the Las Vegas reunion (Weeeell.... Edwin.... you guys better rethink your priorities cause this reunion is gonna be a barn-burner. Reluctantly.... we excuse you both this time.... but don't let it happen again.. <grin>)

EDWIN EDIGER

Echoes continued....

What a lovely place to live.... HANK BENTSEN lives at 7041 Peaceful Hills Way in Morrison Colorado. The name Peaceful Hills Way just makes me feel good just to think about it. Hank, is the latch string out for visitors?

DRIVERS ANYONE???? What I would like to know is anyone from this area (DEEP SOUTH) is planning to drive. If anyone from anywhere in the deep South is planning to drive. I would like to share expenses and driving. I will drive to their hometown and GO from there. Looking forward to the reunion.

Call me (404)-773-9207, or write....

JACK L. ADAMS
209 SOUTH MAIN STREET ADAIRSVILLE,
GEORGIA 30103

I read my newsletter ever 2 or 3 weeks.... (is that a dedicated reader or what?) It don't look too good for the reunion this year, but I am hoping it will be better for the next reunion.... where will it be?

LIONEL & SUE VIDRINE

Summer in Idaho.... Winter in Arizona.... can't beat that with a stick. JIM AND GLADYS WOMMACK do it all the time. They say it is a "tough job" but someone has to do it. (I'm green with envy!)

HEY, HEY, HEY.... just got word from FRANK HONEYCHURCH's daughter-in-law, Lisa, that FRANK will be coming from Hawaii to attend the reunion. (Way to go FRANK.... and would you bring me a couple of those little hulu girls while you're coming.... they don't eat much. Dirn.... just remembered my wife, Faon, wouldn't let me keep 'em..... so you can forget the hulu girls.)

Stoney finally found me and I'M SURE GLAD HE DID. I haven't known about the reunion until now

and I think it is a VERY GOOD DEAL.
CHET KUNTZ, Det A

MEOOW, MEOOW..... give the extra from my dues check to the kitty.....(The kitty thanks you.....)
STANLEY K. DAUER

(This man follows orders....) In following the wording in our newsletter. I'm sending my 95 dues in addition to my 94 dues which I never sent.
SAM RAGUSA

Looking forward to Vegas and renewing old acquaintances. Hard to believe it.... 40 years since Cubi Point.
THOMAS J. DOWD

ALL RIGHT... LOOKIE HERE GANG! I am requesting these tickets to the reunion. My father, ANTONIO R. YRIZARRY (age 87) is a MCB#2 member, and we, Shirley and Raymond Mendez (daughter and husband) are accompanying him from Hawaii to this function. (Shirley and Raymond.... you are most welcome... and we are delighted to hear TONY is planning to be at the reunion.
SHIRLEY MENDEZ

It would be nice if we could set up a golf outing for our reunion. It's probably too late for this year. Something to think about for future reunions.
RUTH AND ALEX HAMILTON

My wife (Alice) and I are very much looking forward to the Reunion in Las Vegas. We will be making our hotel and airline reservations soon (already). Also I am sending Roy Cone my 1994 and 1995 dues (got 'em Rich, and as Elvis would say, "thank you very much.....thank you very much.") <Anyone seen Elvis recently?>
RICHARD "RICH" DAGUE

Jeri and I are planning on the Las Vegas reunion and look forward to seeing all there.
FRED & JERI SAATHOFF

Have moved into our new home in Kerrville,
Texas..... plan to be here for a few years.... looking
forward to seeing everyone.

CHARLIE HAGEMAN

Dues are in the mail, Reservations are made,
banquet tickets are paid for... and "Pile of quarters is
growing." All we have to do is pack up the van,
throw in our fancy duds, and we're off.

NITA & "HERSH" HERSHBERGER

We're looking forward to being at the MCB#2
reunion this year.

WILLIS & LA BERTA STRUECKER

I really look forward to seeing everyone again.

CARSON ALLEN

My wife, BEV, and I will be there. This will be my
first and I will be looking forward to it. Don't
remember too much, but the reunion should help.

BEV & RICH BAKER

We are looking forward to the Las Vegas Reunion.
See you there!

BRUCE AND MOYA BARTON

Thanks for sending Lloyd Kallsen's address. I look
forward to seeing him at the Las Vegas reunion.

DANIEL BUTCHER

See you in Vegas..... CHUCK CHAPMAN
(Don't forget the apples, Chuck. <Chuck lives in
Yakima Washington.... the greatest apple country in
the world.>)

We went up to Vegas end of January and stayed at
the Imperial Palace..... had a nice time. It had been
years since we had been to Vegas. We're looking
forward to September. MARY & JOHN CURE

Greetings form the deep freeze..... We're all set for
Vegas. We will be driving from Nebraska..... Till

September.

MARY & DUANE HENRICHSON

See you in Vegas. HUGH & NORMA IRELAND
(Another one of them Idaho residents..... that turn
me "green".... with envy.)

Looking forward to seeing you again in September,
and ALL OF THE OTHER MEMBERS.

DEAN LEWIS

"See you in September..... is it time to leave yet?"

"MAC" DON & VERGIE McLAIN

We're bringing two guests, just looking for a good
time. (Ski, you've picked the place to find it.)

"SKI" AND MARY OSTROSKI

I was happy to see Bill Partridges name on the
roster, I remember him very well. The good guys
seem to stick with you..... names that is...

GERRY POWELL

We're looking down the road..... ready to seeing all
of you guys at Las Vegas

CLIFF & BETTE SCHORR

Had a great time at the last reunion. Here are a few
pictures for you to keep. See you in RENO.
(HOLD IT!!!!!! If you wanta see us..... you better
come to LAS VEGAS..... but that's O.K. because I
thought the Nashville reunion was in Atlanta.... you
know I don't have "all-timers".... but "part-timers."
But, it isn't so bad..... I can hide my own Easter
Eggs. <grin> BILL & MABEL SEESMAN

All we need is 100 new faces to add to those we had
in Nashville..... then we will have a SUPER-GOOD
time. JOE & JOLLY ANN SOBEZEK

Thanks for all the work the Committee has put into
these reunions.

LARRY B. STEVENSON

Echoes continued....

See you in Vegas.... Looking forward to seeing everyone...

WILLIE & CAROLYN WRIGHT

Really appreciate all the effort you guys (Committee) have put out to make this a great reunion. See you in Vegas.

ANN & NORRIS Mc DANIEL

Stoney Serrett reported that he learned of two deceased members this weekend. One was RAYMOND M. NEELY. He was a chief Electrician at Port Hueneme and Atsugi. He was the first Chief Electrician to report aboard MCB#2. The other deceased reported is DICK TURNER. Neither of these men have attended our past reunions.

DON HOFSTETTER..... congratulation on your move from Otis, Oregon to Sun City, Arizona. Thank you a ton for sending me your change of address. We will try to get your newsletter to you right on time. *"Moving on up!"*

Carolyn and I are both looking forward to Las Vegas and renewing our friendship with those we saw in Nashville. We really hope there are lots and lots of newcomers to this reunion. We are staying at the Mirage..... since we have a contract there..... But we will not miss any of the activities at the Imperial Palace.

CAROLYN and DONALD SEETHALER

C. R. "LEFTY" WILLIAMSON says that he is really gonna wear his new Sea-Bee reunion hat proudly. Hope you enjoy it, Lefty.

Hope this keeps me up to date on my dues. If not, I will wrestle you for more when we get to Las Vegas. See you at the reunion. (Hold it! I sure don't want to wrestle all you guys for the dues.....)

You might lose! <grin>) [Stoney warns, "Hey Roy, Herb is a **great big strong guy!!!!!!**"]

HERBERT J. MEADE

I don't think we will be able to attend the Reunion in Las Vegas, it is just too far for my wife to travel right now. Hope you have a good one! (Thank you Harold, and we will miss you. Our best regards to both of you!)

HAROLD AGLES

Allright, Roy.... received a copy of the MCB#2 newsletter from Stoney. Count me in on the dues.

EUGENE W. NELSON

Looks like things are shaping up for a very successful reunion in Vegas. We sure are looking forward to it. While I am not a gambler, I am planning to take in a lot of other entertainment. We need to stress..... **THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS TO DO IN LAS VEGAS BESIDES GAMBLE!!!!**

BEN PAINTER

We sold our house in Belvidere, Illinois, and became full time R.V.'ers. Spending our winters in Padre Island, Texas and our summers in Illinois near our family. (Way to go..... we particularly like to welcome more Winter Texans)

JERRY & SHARON HALLEMBEAK

Received a letter from PHIL BRUNELLE, which advises: TONY AND SANDRA MARCELLA, BILL BODY, AL RUBINICH, DAN AND JONI SVENDSEN, & PHIL AND PAT BRUNELLE all plan to attend the reunion in Vegas. After the reunion is over they will be driving to Hueneme to see their "old Stomping Grounds." They say, "It would be great if more of the Seabees would like to drive with them as a group.

Help, Help, Help.... the above group is looking for Ed Larson..... Does anyone know the whereabouts of Edward L. Larson, from the Bronx, N.Y? If so, contact Stoney or me..

Don't know how to make the check out to..... (you done good.) I was in Subic in 51-52 with HARRY LADLEY. See you in Vegas.

BILL SIGMUND

I will get a dues update in Vegas (Good Lord willing and the bridges don't burn). Take care.... and God bless all.

MIKE PIRO from New Iberia, La.

(Anyone need a case of hot.... hot.... hot..... really hot sauce... It is made in New Iberia? Really Hot!)

I'm sure glad that Stoney finally found me and mailed me the Christmas 94 and the March 95 MCB#2 Newsletters. I'm certainly going to try to make it to the reunion. Take care and God bless you all.

SILAS E. BUCHER

On March 6th, I forwarded my 1995 CB dues, and I have never received my card.

Thank you for the newsletter and hope to see everyone in Vegas. (Note: We do not mail receipt cards back for dues because of the extra expenses involved, your cancelled check is your receipt.)

JACK E. WILSON

Mrs. Marilyn Smith (whose husband, Tom B. Smith, had been a member of MCB#2 before his passing in 1993) is planning to make a memorial presentation for Tom during the reunion in Las Vegas.

I have a second-story that the SeaBee Veterans Association will be having their annual meeting in Las Vegas at the Riviera Hotel. Sept 18-22, 1995, a week later than our reunion. I don't know a thing about it. However, their committee chairman is ARNIE SCHRADER (702) 254-7000. Co-Chairman is RON BRASHIER (702) 255-6822.

Speaking of second-hand information, I understand the publication "CAN DO" has the dates messed-up on our Las Vegas reunion. Don't know a thing about this publication.

ROY T.

Count me in..... I was with MCB#2 from Dec 1950 to June 1952 when I was TAD to MCB#2 Detachment A. Went to Midway then to Phillipines with MCB#3.

AUTHOR HOSKINDS

My wife, MILDRED, and I will not be staying at the Imperial Palace, we will attend the reunion in Vegas. Got our banquet tickets already.

R.B. ANDRIES

Here are the dues, plus some extra for the Kitty (Prrrrrrr... I thank you and the Kitty thanks you!). I hope to see all in Vegas soon.

MELVIN & GLORIA OLSON

Just got a call from JERRY WATTS, and said that he missed the last reunion in Nashville with a split toe, but that all was O.K. now and he was looking forward to being in Las Vegas.

STRANGE.... wonder why it is that the people who seem to complain most about the Newsletter have never paid a nickle's worth of dues since I took over from Ted Speros? Take's guts!

You gotta come to Las Vegas MCB#2 reunion to secure this beautiful reunion patch. It would look good on your jacket, or hat, or p-jams, or whatever.



FINAL REMINDER...

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO..
You would do well if you would get the following done within the next few days.

1.) Call Ms. BLUE at 1-800-634-6441 and make reservations for our MCB#2 Reunion. Arrival is Sunday afternoon Sept. 10, 1995. Departure Wednesday afternoon on September 13, 1995.

2.) Call your travel agency and make bookings for your flights to the reunion. There are some bargain fares now.

3.) Write to STONEY SERRETT
9756 Mesa Verde Ave.
Baton Rouge, La. 70814
and order your banquet tickets for September 12, 1995. The tickets cover both the

KILROY was here!

MCB#2 Reunion Association
c/o Roy T. Cone
815 Chadbury Ln.
Seabrook, Texas 77586-4301

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Send To:

Williams, Scott
7221 Trading Post Lane
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

dinner and the live entertainment. The cost is \$24.80 each. Stoney must get your order well before SEPTEMBER 1, 1995.... to meet our contract cut-off time with the chefs.

4.) If you have not gotten around to paying your dues.....

Write to Roy T. Cone
815 Chadbury Lane
Seabrook, Tex. 77586

and mail your 1995 MCB#2 dues 12.00 now. Yes, I will have the dues receipt records in Las Vegas, and you are welcome to check up on yourself & me...

5.) Make your plans to have the greatest MCB#2 reunion ever. All systems are "GO". Scott Williams, our advance man, has all the arrangements made. Everyone will be a winner in Vegas! LET'S DO IT! SEE YOU THERE.....

MCB#2 Reunion will be held
Sept. 10-13 at Imperial Palace.

So was Smoe!

