

MCB#2 Reunion Association

Newsletter for former MCB#2 Personnel

July 4, 1996 "Freedom isn't Free!" Be active in your government, schools, & church!

All Systems Are "GO" For DENVER Reunion September 11, 12, 13, 14, 1997

Stoney Serrett says, "The ink is dry on our new contract, and let's get into gear to make the Denver Reunion the best ever!" Sounds like a great plan to us!

The ***Holiday Inn – Denver Southeast*** was chosen by your Site Committee, as a "hands down" favorite. They have it all.... geared and waiting for our 1997 reunion. We are crazy about this place.

The Holiday Inn Denver Southeast has 475 deluxe guest rooms, and 23 suites overlooking the Rocky Mountains... by far the best view of any hotel in Denver. There are plenty of non-smoking rooms and handicapped accessible rooms available. All of the amenities of a fine hotel await you.

The rooms chosen for our MCB#2 reunion hospitality, business and banquet rooms are excellent, and you will enjoy them thoroughly.

Great Prices.... The Holiday Inn Denver Southeast has offered us very special pricing of \$68.00 single or double

occupancy, plus 11.8% state and local taxes. Rate is applicable for 1-4 per room.

Great Location... at 3200 South Parker Road in an affluent suburb of Denver. The hotel is easily accessible to all major freeways and the new Denver International Airport. The hotel overlooks Cherry Creek Reservoir and Recreational Park. There is great shopping in six nearby malls, squares and plazas.

Come Early & Stay Late... For those of you that can come a few days early or stay a few days late to do some sight-seeing, we have 50 set aside rooms reserved for your convenience.... at the special reunion prices. See "Room Block" next page...

Free Shuttle to and from Denver International Airport, Free Parking, and Plenty room for your RV's... The Holiday Inn Denver Southeast will offer **complimentary** round trip airport transportation. This will save you \$25 bucks itself. In addition, for those that drive... parking is always **complimentary**.

Registration Information Continues....

Reservation Procedure...

Please make your reservations directly with the Holiday Inn Denver Southeast. You can call either (303) 695-1700 or (800) 962-7672. You will need to

- (1). identify yourself as being with **MCB#2 REUNION, and**
- (2). be sure to tell the reservation clerk **your day of arrival**

to obtain these special group rates. Reservation cut-off will be 3 weeks prior to the reunion. After that date.... all remaining of our guaranteed block of rooms and our guaranteed special prices will be released for general sales.

What if something happens and you must cancel? If a guaranteed room is cancelled prior to 6:00 p.m. the hotel will release that room and there will be no charge to you. Soooo..... it is not too early to make reservations now.

Agenda for Reunion...

Thursday, 9/11/97 Registration 9am-9pm
 Friday, 9/12/97 Late Registration 9am-
 Business Meeting 12pm-3pm
 Memorial Meeting 4pm-5pm
 Saturday, 9/13/97 Hospitality 9am-
 Dinner/Entertainment 7pm-12am
 Sunday, 9/14/97 Hospitality 9am-noon

Dinner Tickets Available NOW!!!

That Stoney is ready to go!!!! and you can order your dinner tickets from him even now.... as we speak. So write to....

Stoney Serrett
 9756 Mesa Verde Avenue
 Baton Rouge, LA 70814

Our MCB#2 Dinner Buffet will cost us \$24.50 per person, including all costs.

Here is some of the goodies on the menu. Not that there are any "chow-hounds" left among us.....

Creamy Cole Slaw
 Tossed Greens w/ Condiment & Dressings
 Carved Watermelon & Fresh Fruit Display
 Medley of Steamed Fresh Vegetables
 Brown & Wild Rice Pilaf
 Buttered Noodles
 Rosemary Baked Chicken
 Cod with Lemon Basis Sauce
 Carved Roast Sirloin of Beef
 Dessert Display... bunch of 'em.. all good
 Hot Rolls
 Coffee, Tea and Decaffeinated Coffee

Sight Seeing....

There is a ton of nifty stuff to do in Denver... so we blocked out extra rooms at our reunion special prices for taking in the sights with using early arrivals and late checkouts. **Help yourself to these rooms.**

Our Room Block

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14	9/15
20	50	150	150	150	50	10

Feel free to come early and stay late and really enjoy yourself while in Denver.

The Commodore's Barge

Our leadership consists of:
 Chairman: STONEY SERRETT

Committeemen:
 PETE ELLIOTT TED SPEROS
 RICH NELSON MALCOLM PEARSON
 BEN PAINTER SCOTT WILLIAMS
 Roy T. Cone, Secty-Treas.

***Welcome to our....
NEWEST MEMBERS***

Henry A. Liverman
 Ronald J. Glasser
 Henry L. Cline
 C. Edner Rudolph
 Jack D. Ohler
 Phillip A. Wagenschur
 Vernon Bladesless
 James W. King
 Robert Pagel
 Ernest C. Millette
 Ralph Heitt
 Gordon Love

Gentlemen: We give you our warmest welcome into our organization. We have a ton of FUN here and we hope that you will enjoy our group. We sincerely hope that you will start making plans to come to Denver in September of 1997. You can then begin to see what it is that we have been bragging about.

When you can come, you help make this coming reunion our best one ever!

PLANK OWNERS.... by the way, two of our most recently found members, James W. King and Phillip A Wagenschur were on board when the Battalion was commissioned on September 15, 1950.

Our Newsletter is on Internet

If you are surfing the internet looking for something to do..... check out our MCB#2 Reunion Association Newsletter. There are some other military links that you might find interesting on my home page. And some Ukulele Stuff is there too...

<http://www.phoenix.net/~roycone>
 E-mail address is roycone@phoenix.net

MCB#2 IN KOREA

Amphibious Battalion One participated in the invasion of Wonsan Korea. Mobile Construction Battalion #2 sent a detachment to Pohang, Korea in support of the First Marine Wing.

Besides our work at Atsugi, several work assignments were given to us which required both men and equipment to be sent some distance from Atsugi. The first of these extra efforts was at Bofu, Japan. Here the work consisted of laying Marston matting on taxiways and patching a concrete parking apron for the First Marine Air Wing. This job was far from pleasant for the work was done in January 1951 in the midst of cold rains and icy winds.

When this work was completed another detachment was sent to Korea to resurface a fighter strip for our old friends. the First Marine Air Wing and Marine Air Group Thirty Three.. The men who were assigned to do this work accomplished an excellent job. With the aid of Korean labor, they completely resurfaced the runway in record time. During the entire project, the airstrip was operational with both Jet and piston engine fighters taking off and landing on one half of the strip while the Seabees were working on the other half.

Now Hear This.....

C. U. N. Denver

WHO ATTENDED OUR LOS VEGAS REUNION?

Glad you asked.....

Carson and Jill Allen
 Justin and Marian Andries
 Blanchard and Mildred Andries
 Eugene and JoAnn Antoine
 Richard and Bev Baker
 Bruce and Moya Barton
 Jack and Sharon Balding
 Emil and Edie Bazzoli
 Frank and Donna Betonte
 John and Mary Bloem
 Bill and Roberta Body
 Bill and Mary Bohrer
 Jim and Faun Bolton
 Al "Cat" and Bea Borys
 Jack Boyett
 Norman and Pat Britain
 Marvin and Addie Brown
 Phil and at Brunelle
 Dave and Darla Budworth
 Al and Audine Burkhart
 Lloyd "Brute" and Mattie Burgess
 L.P. Burleigh
 Dan and Judy Butcher
 Bill and Doris Carter
 Chuck Chapman and Doris Morgan
 Ken Chew and Phyllis Shuck
 Ed and Donna Chidalek
 George Chang
 Roy T. and Faon Cone
 Bob and Anne Conroe
 Tom Crowder
 John and Mary Cure
 Paul and Wanda D'Angelo
 Stan Dauer
 Robert Demers
 Jim Dillman
 Bob Doezie
 Pete and Clorinda Elliott
 Martin Enright
 Herff and Marlene Epperson

Frank and Marge Fibich
 John Fletcher
 Forrest and Shirley Foland
 George and Ronnie French
 "Red" and Irene Gantt
 Al and Marge Garza
 John and Joan Grasz
 Gino and Geno Jr. Grasz
 James and Shirley Green
 Allen Gollar
 John and Joan Gutzman
 Dave and Marge Haines
 Luther and Jewell Hall
 "Chuck" and Pauline Hageman
 Alex and Ruth Hamilton
 Arlin and Betty Jo Hardwick
 Duane and Mary Henrichson
 Gerald and Althea Herr
 Jerry and Sharon Hollembeak
 "Holly" and Fran Hollingsworth
 Frank and Kay Honeychurch
 Rodney and Lisa Honeychurch
 E.D. Hofman
 Don and Jeanne Hofstetter
 Bennett and Joyce Hoskinds
 Maurice and Lois Hughes
 Charles and Isabelle Ingalls
 Hugh and Norma Ireland
 Bill Irvine
 Robert "Frenchie" and Diane Jandreau
 Lloyd and Evelyn Kallsen
 Bob and Shirley Kaempfe
 Ambros and Sonja Johnson
 Don and Linda Jones
 Allen and Julia Kim
 Stephen and Frieda Korkes
 Bill Kersbergen
 Les and Margie Keller
 Bob and Ella Kresky
 Emil and Betty Krygier
 Harry Ladley
 Sherwin and Gloria Larsen
 Tom Lee
 Dean and Lupe Lewis
 James Lortie
 Bob Long and Jane Millard

Vegas Attendees Continued...

Clive and Elaine Lorenz
 Tony and Sandra Marcella
 Charles and Helen McCabe
 Willie McCarley
 Norris and Ann McDaniels
 Gene and Josephine McDonagh
 Don and Virgie McLain
 Herb Meade
 Paul Metts
 Dave and Margie Miller
 Dan and Mary Millett
 Dan and Peggy Mills
 Charles and Ionia Morrison
 Eugene W. and June Nelson
 Rich and Carol Nelson
 James and Jean Nethercott
 Ray and Loretta Nethercott
 Charles and Annette Neugent
 Bob and Doris Nickman
 Mel Olsen
 Gerald Olsen
 "Ski" and Mary Ostroski
 Tom and Cathy Padden
 Ben and Pat Painter
 Roy Peak
 Howard and Betty Pearson
 Malcolm and Marge Pearson
 John and Geri Petronka
 Ralph and Cookie Pedersen
 Ben Pedrotti
 Amos and Julia Phillips
 Mike Piro and Mary Ann Derouen
 Gerald and Ruth Powell
 Gene Purcell
 Sam and Mary Ragusa
 Albert Rubinich
 Fred and Jeri Saathoff
 Perry and Carmenza Saunders
 Millard and Bette Schneider
 Tony and Marlene Schmidt
 Cliff and Bette Schorr
 Bill and Mabel Seeman
 Don and Carolyn Seethaler
 Stoney and Gladys Serrett
 Bill and Nancy Sharp

Tom Sheehy and Edythe Carlson
 Bill and Theresa Sigmund
 Bill and Jolly Sobecak
 Ray and Alice Sonnen
 Ten and Aggie Speros and Bev Doyle
 Tom and Joan Stapleton
 Clyde and Marian Stenholm
 Lee and Lucie Stevens
 Larry Stevenson and Nancy Goudelock
 Willis and Laberta Struecher
 Dan and Toni Svendsen
 Charles and Anna Trimarchi
 Jack and Barbara Vidusic
 Walt and Joan Waddell
 Frank and Rhoda Weir
 Leroy and Joyce Weiselberg
 Scott and Rachel Williams
 Jack and Eleanor Wilson
 Preston and Helen Wilson
 Jerry and Donna Watts
 Jim and Gladys Wommack
 William and Carolyn Wright
 "Tony" Yrizarry and Ray and Shirley Mendez
 Gilbert Zeemer

Special Guests from CBMU577D

Bruce Kits
 Ray Lavaseur
 Hance Morton
 Ed Scholtz
 Verle Williams

Additional Guests were.....

Tony and Rose Carbucci
 Marge and Paul Gillespie
 James Twiggs

WHAT SHOULD WE DO???

At our last count we have about 185 of the names on our mailing list that

- 1). Never have attended a reunion...
- 2). Never have contacted us at all...
- 3). Never have sent in a nickle to help defray any of our newsletter expenses.

Please let us hear from you.. if this describes you!

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT AT ATUGI

The supply section had a never-ending task of purchasing and ordering materials for all of the Navy work at Atsugi. From the very start the men in the supply warehouse and the office have had to keep on their toes to furnish the thousands of various items necessary to keep all the jobs and projects of the battalion underway. Because of the tireless efforts of each and every member of the supply section, a minimum of confusion in distribution of materials was felt.

Tons of cement, thousands of pipe fittings and valves, hundreds of pieces of builders hardware, thousands of board feet or rough and finished lumber.... and countless other buildings and material have passed through the doors of the supply warehouse.

Supply personnel have turned to, many a weekend to unload railway cars and motor trucks so that badly needed materials that they carried might be on the job as soon as possible. Each and every one of the items received by the warehouse had to be recorded on stock tally cards both in the warehouse and the Supply Office.

To all this add the time consuming job of paying the battalion every pay day and the many, many questions that must be answered every day and you have a fair idea of the amount of work accomplished by supply. The men in the section have

always been ready to answer questions and help everyone in any way that they could. Much thanks is due to LCDR G.J. Williams and CPO J.J. Andries.

SEARCH FOR LOST BUDDIES

Our search continues and we certainly feel that we will find many more of our long lost "BUDDIES." If you feel that you have Buddies that we have not located and you would like our search to include that person, please send whatever information that you may remember. The Persons full name and his hometown when that individual was serving with MCB#2. Send that information to Stoney Serrett, 9756 Mesa Verde Ave, Baton Rouge, LA. 70814. Or you can call Stoney directly at (504) 927-7208

Who knows, maybe we can locate that person in time for him to be with us at Denver just like we were able to do for so many that were able to come to Las Vegas

Database Info Available

I just read your MCB2 newsletter on the Internet.

If you have people looking for people.... try Capt. W.C. Hilderbrand, P.O. Box 657, Gulfport, MS 39502 Pho (601) 865-0480 He has a data base with 40,000 names in it. (And maybe your buddy's)

Bob Civitello

FALLEN COMRADES

We have received notification from the Department of Veterans Affairs that the following comrades are deceased:

Charles Boles	April 24, 1965
Don Hallman	April 17, 1992
Harold Lamont	February 3, 1993
James Smith	April 20, 1988
Chester Thompson	August 11, 1991
Sylvester Wecker	September 12, 1976
Howard Ackerman	June 5, 1989
Horace Dillinger	February 2, 1957
Stafford Guillory	July 6, 1980
Raymon Laco	January 23, 1991
Joseph May	August 4, 1990
James Simmons	November 12, 1967
Harold Taylor	May 30, 1969
R.B. Willis	June 8, 1978
Harry Wallace	September 19, 1976

We have also received word from some of our members that the following are also deceased.

Lyle Chevalier	4/29/95	Letter from wife
Earl "Bud" Woods	10/19/95	from wife
Raymond A. Flynn		Naval Affairs Mag.
Elwin Peterson		Call from Bob Long
Gilbert Zeemer		Call by Dave Budworth

Both Elwin Peterson and Gilbert Zeemer had attended MCB#2 Reunions in the past. They will certainly be missed at all of our future reunions.

With all of the above in mind it might be a good time to plan for Denver in 1997.

SANGLEY POINT HOUSING

In October 1953 a detachment of MCB#2 was sent to Sangley Point to complete the construction of twenty dependents housing units. The Sangley Point housing orihect was completed by forty MCB#2 Seabees at the Naval Station, Sangley Point near Manila. It was part off an overall development project known as "Replacement Housing for the Pacific Area."

There were twenty complete housing units in the 10 buildings. These duplex homes were built largely of reinforced concrete block walls. The concrete blocks were manufactured at Cubi Point.

The three types of units constructed were: a two story... two bedroom home, a one story rambling... three bedroom home, and a single story... one bedroom home. The homes were enhanced with trees scattered about the project.... which was originally a park.

It has been confirmed that these housing units were still in use on Tuesday, Nov 24, 1992. Ens. R.A. Allen was the in charge of the Sangley Point housing. These men deserve a hearty **WELL DONE** for their hard work on this project. We salute you wherever you are today.

ARE YOU MAKING YOUR PLANS
NOW TO ATTEND THE MCB#2
DENVER REUNION? WONDERFUL!

ECHOES FROM OUR CREW

We are already looking forward to Denver reunion...
Ben & Pat Painter

I missed the reunion at Vegas... but really going to try to make the next one in Denver.... I sure remember Camayon and Cubi Point....
Leon (Lee) Sell

Thought Vegas was great.... How do you follow an act like that! (Red, it's called Denver... and here is some info.) "Red" Gantt

Gladys has had some eye surgery in December, and she seems to be doing well. Also I am enclosing my 1996 dues check. (Yes, even the boss has to pay his dues in this outfit... we don't cut no body no slack.) Stoney

Sorry we missed Vegas.... but we are hoping to go to Denver. We're doing fine. Here are the dues and some extra. We look forward to the newsletter. Billy and Zeldia Partridge

Roy.... here's some bucks to assist with the publication of the Newsletter Joe DeFranco

That was an impressive program you fellows put on in Vegas. We look forward toward Denver. We left some money in Vegas.... but we are gonna go to the boats in Kansas City, and hope to get it back. (Good luck) Fred Saathoff

DENVER!... My old stomping grounds... only my old hangouts are long gone. Yes Siree... Colorado is a beautiful state (until those snowballs start hitting you in your backside.) Oh, howabout the casinos in Golden Colorado.... shuttle vans operate from most major hotels to the casinos. Enjoyed the Las Vegas reunion. It was certainly well planned and organized. We plan to attend the forthcoming reunion in Denver. CAN DO!

Ed Hofmann

Not sure what I owe on dues... hope this covers it.... We had a GREAT TIME IN LAS VEGAS
Rich Baker

Missed Las Vegas, but hoping to make the Denver one. We escape the cold weather in Minn, and are staying in Yuma until things thaw out at home... maybe May.
Duane M. Keech

Really enjoyed Vegas. Met my old friend Larry Stevenson and renewed our friendship of over 40 years ago. Hope to see all in Denver in '97
Bob Demers

I sure wish I could have been at the reunion this year. Here is my new address. Dennis Surratt

Your next newsletter should note that the 48 Star American Flag that was hanging next to the MCB#2 Banner at the Las Vegas Reunion was Donated by Scott Williams. Your last newsletter was very good. Your wife, Faon must have helped.

Richard Nelson

It was good to see you at the reunion in Vegas. We all had a good time. I am looking for an MCB#2 patch.... Pete said that you have 'em. (I hate to dispute Pete, but I ain't got 'em.... maybe Scotty Williams has)

Harry Ladley

After we left Vegas, my wife and I went to our nieces wedding in St. Louis. Then we went to Ft. Lauderdale with our bag-pipe band. We have been very busy in the business. And then I was laid up for several weeks with a bad back. But better now....
Pete Elliott

I sure had a good time in Las Vegas and it was just great to see a lot of good ole friends again. I am certainly sorry I had messed the previous two reunions.... but I am really looking forward to Denver.

Sam Ragusa

Echoes continued...

I had to miss the reunion because Doris had a stroke July 25. Maybe we can make it some other time. It was nice to see names from Midway. I remember Ray Nethercott and Lefty Williamson.
Art Leable

Sorry we were unable to attend the reunion. Enjoyed reading last newsletter. Recognized quite a few men. I served from late 53 until mid 56. I remember Duane Henrichson, Jack Adams, John Petronka, Sam Ragusa, Walt Waddell, Dave Haines, John & Gene Graz (brothers). I am still working at the trade of equipment operator and expect to retire in about 2 years.

Basis D. Arnold

Please remove name from the mailing list... Carl Dutch Hollarnd. Will not have a forwarding address in 1996. (We have done so.)

Please send the video to this address.... it's a surprise for my hubby who was there at the same time as Dave Budworth. (Name held in secret)

I really enjoy seeing your newsletter. Wished we could make a get-to-gether, but the fall is bad for us up here. It's nice you finally got help to do something. I still have a picture of us resting in Hawaii. We wanted to join you in Las Vegas, but in April went back into hospital. Had open heart surgery a week ago.

G.L. Mitchell

I am now retired and hoping to make the next reunion in Denver. After my schooling in Hueneme, I was sent to Atsugi. After 13 months went to Cubic Point at Subic Bay. I was part of the original group that went in and set up the camp sight. I stayed at Cubic Point until the middle of 1954. Vic Swanson

We wish Every One a fantastic new year!!!!....
Herff and Marlene Epperson

Fantastic job... that all of you do in locating former members, preparing reunions and publishing newsletters. On last newsletter Eugene A. Walton mentioned buying a Seabee Flag from the Seabee Museum. Would you please give the addresses of the Seabee Museums in the next newsletter. (I got you covered on page on page 10... how about that?)

Jack L. Coulter

Had a great time with old friends at Vegas (not Reno.... finally found my way). I liked the article about MOB 2 advance Atsugi Party.

Bill Seesman

Sorry I was not able to make the reunion. I'm in Costa Rica.

Earnest W. Owens

Cathy and I enjoyed very much Tailhook II; however, I don't remember reading anything in the newspapers about the frolicking Seabees of MCB#2.

(Who??? Us????? Never Haaopen)

Looking forward to Denver.

Tom Padden

Here's a check... if not e-nuf... please let me know. C. U. N. Denver... God willing and the creek don't rise.

John Stock

Will retire in March 96 after 45 years of fiber optic-microwave radio-transmission engineer. Looking for 54-56 era Electricians.

Merle / Carol Schnepf

I knew Dave Budworth well... send me the video. Looking forwarding to meeting all at the Denver reunion.

C. Edner Rudolph

Now there are 185 of you receiving this newsletter that we have not heard a word from ever. Are you well and in the land of the living? If you would write us something.... we would put it right here in this very spot.... and we would be delighted to hear from you!!!!!!

SEABEE MUSEUM ADDRESSES

We are frequently asked about these addresses. Thought you would like to know.

CEC/Seabee Museum
NCBC Code 10H
1000 23rd Ave.
Port Hueneme, CA 93043-4301
(805) 982-5163

CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation
P.O. Box 657
Gulfport, Mississippi, 39502-0657
Phone (601) 865-0480

From Tokyo Metro Television

Atsugi Base... Kanagawa Pref. is second, only to Okinawa, in terms of the number of U.S. bases. The people residing around the base have to live with many concerns. Near Atsugi Base residents continue to live amid the deafening roar of jet planes flying overhead. Atsugi Base is the training site for fighter jets of the aircraft carrier of the 17th fleet. It occupies land on both sides of the border of Yamato and Ayase Cities. Our reporter says he was almost hit by a car... he couldn't hear it approaching, because of the noise of jet planes. What causes most complaints is nighttime landing practice. Noise levels are incredibly high.....

Local residents says that the Japanese government is providing funds for the base, while leaving them at risk.....

found on the Net in an "Atsugi" search... sounds like our TV.

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