

# *MCB#2 Reunion Association*

*Newsletter for former MCB#2 Personnel*

*December 15, 1996*

## Ladies.. Wonderful Tour Planned At The Denver Reunion.. You Must See

All things are shaping up for a First Class Ladies Tour in Denver. My wife says... "Roy, don't you dare put this important information about this Ladies Tour on the back page again." We personally are looking forward to 70 or more women reserving reservations on this tour. This is a "The Best Of Denver" city tour. This is a easy-on-the-tootsies, guided and escorted bus tour. You do well to make your reservations now.... the more the merrier. Yet, in spite of the work already done, this can be a success only when you plan to attend. This is a "MUST-SEE" tour.

The City of Denver has a rich frontier heritage emerging as a booming metropolis from an unpretentious past of Western History. View Denver's earliest streets following a route along "Millionaires' Row" to see the residences and lifestyles of the silver and gold barons, and the most historic block in the city where saloons and houses of ill fame once prevailed and now the Victorian buildings still portray the "early life of the gold rush days....."

Visit our State Capitol, built in the 1880's entirely of granite, housing the office of the Governor, the House and Senate, and the Colorado Hall of Fame - all encompassed with marble and rose quartz walls and covered with a 24 carat gold dome.

The highlight of the tour will be an inside guided tour of the "unsinkable" Molly Brown's house - this Cherry Creek Gothic Victorian mansion is reminiscent of the early wealth lavishly displayed by those who "struck it rich". Included will be a short visit to the famous Brown Palace Hotel.

In contrast... walk through the quaint Ninth Street Park of middle class Victorian residences now a landmark nestled among the academic buildings of Denver's downtown Auraria Campus. On to Larimer Square, where 120 year old buildings offer a variety of shops, art galleries and restaurants.

See where Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp operated the gaming tables and where Colorado's first legislators made decisions and laws.

There will be time for lunch and shopping in the Square. The drive continues through Denver's most exciting, revived area in lower downtown - LoDo. It's upbeat, vital and active with new restaurants, galleries, bookstores and, above all, Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies. You will find your Reservation Forms on page 15.

Ladies Tour Info... Friday, Sept 12, 97, Time 9:00 A.M. to 3 P.M.,

Cost \$23.00 (including transportation, tour, guide and house fee)

## Make Plans Now To Attend Denver MCB#2 Reunion, Sept. 11, 1997

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. You will like it too!

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**.

### **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

LV To call

## Denver Reunion Info. Con't...

room and there will be no charge to you. Soooo..... it is not too early to make your 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  
P.O. Box 726  
Lewiston, Montana 59457

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

34.50  
34.50  
49.00

## From *OUR CHAPLAIN*

Herff Epperson

I'm sure many would join me in saying that Christmas is truly our favorite season of the year. There is an excitement that is unequalled at any other time. Perhaps it is the combination of cool and cool weather; the fragrance of Christmas trees and odor of smoke coming from fireplaces; the beautiful and bright lights and decorations; and the sounds of songs that are all a part of Christmas.

LV To call 758

Let us all be reminded of the importance of celebrating Christmas. We should HONOR OUR HOLY ONE in all that we do, say, and think. The shepherds and the wisemen came to pay honor and homage to the Christ Child. The wisemen brought "gold, frank-incence and myrrh" (Matt 2:11) which means they brought their best that could be found.

### May God Bless Each One Of You!

I wish for each of you and your family and loved ones, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your friend and fellow Seabee.....

Herff Epperson, Chaplain

## Make Welcome....

### Our Newest Members

- Fogelsong, Carl
- Garside, Bill
- Goodwin, William N.
- Knox, Hayden
- Laffoon, James
- Love, Gordon
- Padgett, Dwight
- Sitkowski, Joseph C.
- Yetter, Dwight

Gentlemen, we are delighted to welcome you, and we trust that you will find MCB#2 Reunion Association a fun place to remember the old days, and to renew friendships.

## Cubi Air Station Documentary

Subject: Cubi air station documentary

Dear Mr. Cone,

I'm part of a company that makes TV programs, US owned, based in Subic. We want to make a documentary about the building of the airstrip - regarded as one of the three greatest engineering feats this century at the time.

We're currently looking for photos, film and anecdotes.

We think it is a story worth telling, it's all but forgotten.

If you can help us by spreading the word, I'd be very grateful.

Bob Couttie  
Pacific Hollywood Corporation

For those who wish to contribute to this documentary film, you can contact Mr. Couttie directly at the following address:

Mr. Bob Couttie  
718, Sta Rita Road  
Subic Bay Freeport  
Zambales, Philippines 2200

Mr. Couttie assures me that MCB#2 will receive recognition as a source of information for this film.

### Looking for Stoney?

Well, he has moved from Baton Rouge up into the "banana belt" in Montana. If you want to send him a "thaw-out" message..... you can write to he and Gladys at.....

Stoney Serrett  
P.O. Box 726  
Lewiston, Montana 59457

Pho: (406) 538-4743

And yes, this is where you order your dinner tickets for the Denver reunion. Stoney is busy selling tickets even as we speak. Tickets are selling fast!

### PASSINGS.... We sadly report...

We got a letter from Terri Corter.... who reported the passing last March of her father William Ransier, Coeur D'alene, Idaho.

I am writing to let you know that Robert W. Agen passed away in December 1994. His daughter... Sherry Euler.

I am writing regards demise of Martin T. Caughey Jr. He passed away from cancer about 3 years ago. As a friend, it would be nice to know that his named be placed on your memorial rolls. We miss him... he was sure a nice guy.

Elsie M. LaFrance

### Deceased since last newsletter

Dane, Russell Clarence "Red"  
Noetzle, John A.  
Mertz, Allen  
Lathbury, Norman  
Wessel, William  
McHone, Victor F.

## **Surveying at Atsugi**

The surveyors were the first of the group of eight rates to go to work at Naval Air Station, Atsugi. Theirs has been a steady job of running levels, locating boundary lines, furnishing surveys of every conceivable nature, and keeping up with the demands of the contractors for detailed survey notes on proposed building sites.

By looking at a section of land, you can't 'see' what the surveyors have done, but if they had not been on the job in all kinds of weather, most of the new buildings on the base would not have been built. Without the survey crew, it would have been almost impossible to install the base sewer system and get the proper slope on the roads.

A great share of the credit for getting the ground work done for the projects at Atsugi should rightly go to the surveyors. We are all glad that we had a swell group like you to work with.

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## ***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.

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## ***ECHOES FROM OUR CREW***

I am hoping to make the Denver Reunion and to see a lot of my old friends in MCB #2. I was on the boxing team and went to Guam to fight in the All Navy Championship. This brings back fond memories. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Denver. Thanks to all for putting this reunion together.

Phil Matalucci

I was just located as an ex-member of MCB #2. I am looking forward to more newsletters. If I am able to make the Denver reunion, I will be looking forward to seeing old friends from Cubi Point and the Sangley Point job.

Ronald Glasser

Enjoy the Newsletter very much.... brings back a lot of memories. One year in Japan (51), 6 months with Det. A in Midway, then to Cameyan Pt. Went back to states and came back to Cubi Pt with MOB 5 and worked on carrier pier. Do you know if MOB 5 has any reunions? See you all in Denver.

LeRoy & Joyce Weiselberg

Hi.... we are really looking forward to seeing all you folks in Denver.

Roger & Loraine Hamilton

Received the newsletter and enjoy reading it. See you at the Denver reunion in 1997. Here's the dues. Ken Chew

## **Echoes.... continued...**

We wanta do our part with the newsletter postage....

F.R. Levasseur CBNV 0577

Thank you for inviting us to your reunions, <You're Always Welcome!> I was there in Nevada in 95.

Levasseur, Kitts, Kresky, Williams, Morton, and Scholtz.....

Hance Morton C.B. 577

My wife's uncle, Bill Garside, was a member of MCB #2 and in Korea and the Philippines. When visiting us... by accident he learned that my neighbor was a member of MCB #2 also.... and showed him copies of your reunion association newsletter.

Timothy J. Lunskey

Attention Roy T: (Yes Sir!)

Enclosed are dues for 96/97. It was good to see everyone in Vegas... had a wonderful time. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver.

Emil E. Krygier

It was sure nice to receive the newsletter the other day and to read all about those guys from MCB #2. Sorry I didn't make it to Vegas.... with some health problems. Maybe I'll be able to make it to Denver. This sounds GREAT! God Bless you all....

Silas E. Bucher

I was in MCB #2 from May 52 - Aug 54.... worked in the Reefer Shop for Chief Taft and Ed Hubel. My second tour to the PI was at Camayon Pt. on Camp and Galley Maintenance. Retired in 71 after two tours in RVN w/ MCB 5. Am busy these days raising Grandchildren. Thanks for remembering those past days.

John and Mary Wilborn

I just completed reading your interesting newsletter.... and I think you were talking about me on page 12. Enclosed are my 96/97 dues. Thanks for not cutting me off the mailing list. I expect to see you all in Denver.

Thomas J. Padden

DON'T GET VIOLENT... enclosed are the 96/97 dues. How about a postcard reminder? <I'll be glad to furnish you the postcards.... and you mail 'em.... Roy T.>

Bill Sigmund

Really enjoyed reading the last newsletter. Mary and I are looking forward to the Denver reunion. We ALWAYS have a great time like we did with the last three. The reunions seem to get better each time. Yours in Comradeship..... Battalion Piper

Dan & Mary Millett

Richard is unable to attend the reunion, but wishes to receive your MCB Newsletters. Enclosed are his dues.

Richard R (Darlene) Farbo

## Echoes.... continued...

Roy.... I have checked the back page of the last newsletter several times, but can't seem to fit into any of those exemptions that you mention, so here's my dues. Haven't made any of the Reunions yet, but do enjoy hearing about the old days in the Philippians, where Herff Epperson was always on his way to a party somewhere, and Herb Meade always seemed to be on his way to Sunday School. Keep it up!!!

Leonard R. Fowler

[Now, I've got a little problem here.... I was just talking on the phone to Herff..... and he says that Fowler is "all mixed-up, as usual". According to Herff, it was he that was always on his way to Sunday School and versa visa. .... But since I *found out that* both Herff and Fowler grew-up together.... it is not above either of them, painting the other in a corner. <grin> Hey guys..... if we start telling off on each other.... then we are all in a "heap-a-trouble".]

Hi.... this is another old MCB-2 CB from Cubi Point in 55 & 56. I want to help with the newsletter and costs. If you need more.... holler. I am on the lookout for some of my old friends so we can get in touch with them. Will try to make Denver.... if I can get away from another surgery.

Alfred J. Bryant

232 Oak Drive

St. Martinville, LA 70582-4316

Enjoy the newsletters very much. Please keep them coming. Thanks to each of the Commodore's Barge leadership members.

Norman Britain

Your message in the newsletter concerning dues really "hit the nail on the head!" I am sure it will be a wake-up call for many of us non-payers. Here is a check and use the balance for anything that helps the organization. The Newsletters bring back lots of memories. Please note my address change.

George G. Epright

Can't remember.... but I don't want to be one of those "riding free." Here is a couple of years' worth. Thanks!

James & Gladys Wommack

I know that I am not active in this group.... however, I sure enjoy reading about everyone. Bugging is the only way you are going to collect the dues. If you had not written so "clearly" in the newsletter, I probably would not have taken the time to write or to send my dues.

Charles A. Cannon

Glad that you found me. I'm forwarding newsletter to a buddy that I've kept in contact with through these 40 years. His name is "Tom Budiselich" and we used to call him "Speed". We are marking our calendar of the Denver Reunion. Can't wait. Thanks!

Thomas & Nancy Maere

## **Echoes.... continued...**

I still intend to make a reunion. My wife and I still have family members living in Europe. Here are my dues and some help for someone else.

Paul & Mary Muma

Roy.... No Begging -- Here you go! The dues.... Arthur G. Hees

Hi... I was at "Cubi Point" when a lot of the work was in progress. If you have anything on a young man named St. John from Arizona, please let me know <Anyone able to help on this?>. I worked in Motor Pool driving a 15 ton Ukey(???). Also Tele. Comm. Thanks so much for the newsletter.

Dennis Surratt

Great Newsletter.... which I enjoy. Here is dues plus some help for others. Don't know if Lee and I can make Denver but will do our best. It would be great so see everyone again!

Claude Hunt

Roy and "Barge" Crew.... Didn't have anything else to do so thought I would send some funds to help the cause. <Good Thinking, Chuck> Had a little problem when my computer crashed.... and I lost all my records. That will teach me to backup my programs. But I am still trying to develop (again) a set of non-profit organization by-laws for our group.

Chuck Chapman

Roy -- I can only find a check for Dec 94 on dues. Didn't mean to get behind. Please update my telephone number on the Roster. Thanks...

Charlie Hagemann

I really enjoy reliving some past memories and remembering some old names and friends with the newsletter. Gil Zimmer and I were from the same neighborhood and friends for 40 years. May he rest in Peace. I remember Sammy Regusa and John Petronka real well, and keep looking for others names.... like Bill Knight and Barry Spooner. We spent a lot of time together and John's buddy, Mike Alteri and Frank. They were a really good group of hard working young men. I am sorry I missed two reunions, but hope my wife and I can make Denver and celebrate our 40th Anniversary <Way to go.... John & Dorothy!!!> along with the reunion. Keep up the good work and God Bless all!

John & Dorothy Jurkash

Certainly enjoy the newsletters. Sorry about being lax in keep dues up-to-date.

Edgar L. Crim

Had some medical problems last year. If this check does not cover enough, let me know. Thanks for the reminder.

Bob Graf

Really enjoy the Newsletters and I thank all the staff.... especially Ole Stoney. Keep up the good work. A.J. Alexander



## **Echoes.... continued...**

The newsletters are informative, fun, and keeps me in contact with MCB #2. Missed the last reunion due to illness in family, but hope to make Denver. I hope this contribution helps.

Jerry & Pat Wilkening

I was really shocked when one evening I received a phone call from Stoney asking me if I was the one who was in the MCB #2 outfit. It was a pleasure and a thrill to hear from someone from the old mob. The only names I recalled were Jimmy O'Bass and Wayne Fike. I was on Midway with Det. A in 53-54. I went to CBMU101 Korea, then to CBMU101, Det A Japan. I have been knee-deep in the food service business for the past 35 years.

Carl L. Fogelsong

It is always good to hear from MCB #2. I remember K. Holly and R. Harding also. I expect to see you at Denver in 1997.

T. W. Roy

As usual, a great newsletter. Seems I always have a conflict at the time of the reunion. Maybe next year in Denver! <Your missing the fun....>

DeVon C. Jensen

Yes..... we plan to attend the Denver reunion. Sorry about them dues..... been busy and forgot all about them.

Charles & Anna Trimarchi

It's only a Hop, Skip and a Jump to Denver from Raton. The Reunion is already on our schedule of '97.

Leonard & Juanita Hershberger

I am sending to pay for past, present and future dues. I really enjoy the newsletters, especially the Sept 1996 one. I have been unable to attend any of these reunions due to my health being in bad shape.

Billy R. Simpson

Keep up the good work. Really, really looking forward to Denver Reunion.

J.W. Boyett

Hope that I will still be on this planet to be able to make the Denver reunion. Being 85 at the time of the reunion, I will probably be the oldest fossil on board. <Greg, sometimes I feel 108.>

K. G. "Greg" Karekin

I would pay the dues just to receive the MCB #2 information. The wife and I are looking forward to Denver in '97. Sounds like such a great location that I think we will spend some extra time there. <Great Idea, I recommend it.> An old electrician still going...

Allan Goller

I just am not quite sure when I last paid dues. But now, you are on my computer.... so I can keep up. Enjoy the newsletter.

James Carey

## Echoes.... continued...

I would be interested in hearing from someone who was on Midway Island during 48-50 when we put it in moth balls.

James W. King  
Box 1742  
Bismark, North Dakota 58502

Just finished reading my newsletter, and am worried about my dues status. Thank you for your work in our behalf.

Leslie J. Keller

We didn't make it to the Las Vegas Reunion... but we are certainly going to attend the Denver one. I think I'm about 5 years behind on my dues. If this doesn't catch me up, lemme know. <Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!.... this will certainly keep you off the "mothballed" list.>

Albert & Barbara Fritz

Great Newsletter.... your usual fine job. I appreciate the effort this takes. See you in Denver.

Tom Crowder

We want to pay our dues.... but I just keep forgetting. Was sorry to hear about my old buddy Red Dane. We go back a long ways. Our trip to Vegas was great! Denver will be GREAT (was born and raised there.) So in a couple of weeks, my lady friend (Mary Ann) and I will start making our plans. May God Bless!

Michael R. Piro

Enclosed find Hugh's dues. See you all in Denver!

Hugh & Norma Ireland

Stoney, and all the leadership do so much to keep this thing going... it is a shame that the rest of us can not keep up with our dues. Hope to see all in Denver. Looking forward to it.

Herb Meade

Betty writes that Dick says "it seems only like yesterday you were all together!" He really enjoy the newsletters.

Richard & Betty Keyes

Well, I can only find a check for my 1995 dues.... so here are dues plus a little extra to help any others that might need it. Can you fix my telephone number? <Yep>

Charlie Hagemann

Hope to see you all in Denver. Use the extra on the check where-ever needed. <Thank you very much> Alice and Ray Sonnen

*Echoes via Stoney..... in the banana belt*  
"Red" Gantt says the committee has done a good job of getting us old "Denki-sons" together.... which is something most of us didn't think would ever happen.

Dave and Darla Budworth has made plane reservations, hotel reservations, tour reservations and plan to spend a week in Denver. They are hoping to see all of their friends there.

## **Echoes.... continued...**

Paul D'Angelo says he is definitely looking forward to the Reunion in Denver. I meet more fellows every reunion that I have not seen since the Philippines.

Don Gelroth says he plans to come to the reunion in Denver. He is very familiar with the Denver Area, has lived near the area most of his life. Don hopes that we can locate Ed Sullivan, Robert Bush, Vernon D. Hines, Frank B. Gresser and Bob Flowers. Does anyone out there know where any of them are today?

Tom Maere remembers Vernon D. Hines and Bob Bush. Does anyone know anything about the fellows?

"Red" Dave's daughter, Carolyn Dave Adams plans to come to Denver for the reunion and is hoping to meet anyone who remembers her dad.

Kenneth Holley is hoping that we can locate Raymond L. Cherry and Robert Campbell. Anyone out there know where they may be?

Thanks to C. Edner Rudolph, Bill Goodwin has been located.

Larry Jessop is interested in attending any further reunions. He regrets not knowing about the Nashville reunion since he lives only an hour's drive away from Nashville in Culleoka, Tenn.

Bob Mangerino says that he spent the years of 53-54 with MCB#2. He was transferred to MCB#3. He spent all of his tour at Cubi Point working on the air strip.

Ed Phillips says he was with MCB#2 and MCB#3 from 52-54, working as MAA at the Messhall at Cubi Point. He is wondering about Fred Speck and Frank Rice. Well, we have Frank Rice's address. It is 1012 Park Ave., Vineland, N.J. 08360. "Frank" Ed Phillips can be reached at ... 3507 Moccasin Road, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho 83814, Tele (208) 765-0256.

Dean Railton says he would like to receive information about MCB#2 Det. "Able". Dean, there will be plenty of those who served with you at Midway in Denver and they should be able to help.

C. Edner Rudolph plans to spend some time trying to locate James H. Young. We sure do hope that you can find James Young, Edner.

Ray Sonnen says "I have bought my banquet tickets and am looking forward to being in Denver come September." Thanks Ray, we always enjoy seeing you at our reunions.

### ***Echos From The Mailbag.....***

Roy, recently we found Dwight A. Yetter now living in Seattle, Washington. Yetter states that he was a member of U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Detachment 1802 at Cubi Point until August 52. This detachment

## Echoes.... continued...

was transferred to MCB#2 at that time. He states that he was with a small group of draftsmen and surveyors who mostly associated within their small group.

At that time, he developed a hernia and the operation could not be performed at that time in the Philippines. When MCB#2 returned to the states in the summer of 53, he was put in the hospital and ended up missing the ship taking the group back to Cubi Point. His orders were to return to MCB#2, but never did not get back prior to expiration of enlistment. Yetter would be interested to learn if any members of Det #1802 are on our mailing list. If anyone remembers Dwight A. Yetter, please send that information to me <Roy T. Cone>, so that I can get that info into our next newsletter. If you prefer, you can call Dwight at (206) 938-3848.

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### Consequence is Inevitable,

There is a Price for Every Choice, even a  
**RAG TAG CHRISTMAS**

Some Truth... Some Fiction... You sort it out!

*Names have been withheld to protect the guilty....*

October 6, 1950: Arrived in Yokuska, Japan Receiving Station, assigned to the US Navy Fleet Air Service Squadron Number Five, Opama, Japan.

October 20, 1950: the telephone rang on the

Commanding Officer's desk as he interviewed me for inappropriate and non-regulation dress while on duty. "Yes, we have Aviation Electronicsman Third Class, *name withheld* at this station. Yes, we will have him aboard military transport at 1400 hours today with all his gear. Thank you Admiral."

Sailor, I don't know who you know, but that phone call just saved you from extra duty in the scullary for the next month. The Admiral of all Navy aircraft in Japan wants you in Atsugi, Japan for reassignment to the CB's in the morning. Now, go pack your gear. An airplane will pick you up at 1400 hours. As much as it pains me to say this, 'good luck.'"

"Dear Dad, I am presently located at a bombed out Japanese Airbase near the foot of Mt. Fuji. It looks like I will be here for a while. I am assigned to Mobile Construction Battalion #2. The Battalion is to rebuild this facility as a reconnaissance/strike base for airplanes making attacks on North Korea. Please send text and guide books on building refrigerated storage warehouse facilities for 10,000 men. Oh, and by the way, Christmas is near, please send your secret receipt for homemade egg nog."

Hey *Buddy*, let's borrow the Lieutenant's Jeep and go out in the country and find us a Christmas Tree. We can borrow an axe from the Carpenter's Shop and tell 'em we need to cut some surveyor's stakes."

"Lieutenant, please ask Mr. Doolittle to bring us a case or so of good bourbon the next time he goes into Tokyo for supplies. Our section wants to put on a Christmas Open House for the 'Officers of MCB#2, as well as the Base Commander and all his Officers.'"

"Since enlisted men can't have whiskey in their possession, we'll hide the stuff in the plan drawer cabinet under the new Base Chapel Plans and Specifications. That building is not in line for construction until sometime next summer."

## Consequence is Inevitable, cont..

"OH, good morning, Chaplain. Yes, we have the preliminary plans for your new Chapel. You know the Chapel is not to be built in this year's projected construction schedule?"

"Yes, Chaplain, right here. And oh you can see we've already gone into a great deal of detail concerning the Chapel. As part of what we anticipate the final details to include, these are bottles of sacramental wine for your use when the appropriate time comes for the first communion. And by the way, do come to our Design and Drafting Section Christmas Reception for the Base Officers and Staff Officers."

"*Buddy*, we're going to have over a hundred officers at this party. What'll we mix that much egg not in? Good idea, I'll get some extra mop buckets from the chow hall. We can mix and store the brew in the shower until we need it. It's cold enough so the stuff won't spoil, anyway..."

"Good evening, Captain. welcome to our modest quarters. Yes sir, the Christmas Lights were provided by grateful Japanese Vendors who appreciate the opportunity to provide men to build the new Officer's Quarters Building."

"The tree, Sir? You say you don't have one in your quarters, sir? Did I understand you to say that all the fir forests in Japan are protected lands and are off-limits area? No sir, I don't know how or where Mr. Yamada obtained that tree. Captain, why don't we deliver this tree to your quarters in the morning so you and your staff can enjoy a tree at Christmas? Consider the tree a gift from the Officers and Men of MCB#2. That way you and your staff will have a touch of home at Christmas time."

"Yes, Lieutenant, *Buddy* and I would appreciate using your jeep after the party to return some of the left over supplies to our friends off base. Yes sir, we'll be back before the midnight curfew. Yes sir,

we know the base has a zero admittance policy after midnight."

"*Buddy*, we're going to have to run the equipment gate at the far back side of the base. Look, it's almost one o'clock. Think you can get through the gate without hitting the guard, and then make a quick right turn before he can get his rifle off his shoulder? The rifle is probably not loaded, anyway. Ready? let's go!"

"*Buddy*, what are those flashing red lights? I had no idea the Shore Patrol would be working this side of the Base at this time of the night. Quick, park under that overhang, turn off the lights. We'll duck into the barracks and return for the Lieutenant's jeep in the morning."

"Oh, hello fellows! You Shore Patrol guys are certainly up and about early this morning. And thank you for finding the Lieutenant's jeep. We were sent out to look for it. Yes, we have a separate set of keys. Some party goer must have over indulged last night and not realized he took the wrong jeep. The Lieutenant will certainly appreciate your diligence in locating his lost jeep. No, I'm sorry, I don't know if the loss was reported to the motor pool chief."

"Lieutenant, thank you for making our Japanese Christmas possible. Thank you for having your friends come. And thank you for appearing on our behalf before the Captain in defense of our being changed with the theft of a military vehicle."

"Did the Captain enjoy his Christmas Tree? He's having the Admiral come in this next Saturday night for a reception and he wants us to come serve our egg nog? Do you think the Admiral wishes us to use our secret recipe? Oh, and Lieutenant, do you think the Captain will furnish his own mop buckets or do we bring our own?"

"Merry Christmas, Lieutenant. Merry Christmas, *Buddy*. And thank you all."

## In-Active Members..... We Need You And Your Support In This Effort!!!

The following former members of MCB#2 have shown no interest recently in the MCB#2 Reunion Association. Our plans are to drop these names from our active newsletter mailing lists at this time... and place their name and addresses in the "moth-balls" archives.

We are sorry to have to take this step!

Yet, when you see your name, and want to continue receiving the MCB#2 Newsletters... we need your help with the mailing costs, and we need to hear of your continued interest in this organization. Is that fair?

If you see your buddy's name, give me a note, and I'll send his address to you..... and maybe you can help revitalize his interest in this group.

No, our objective is not to upset anyone. If you have a serious health problem, or are a very limited budget, tell us by send me a note.... now. If so, just remember we have sustaining members that will be happy to continue to see that you get the

newsletter. We will not meddle in your personal situation.... not make it public to others. Do we all understand each other?

Yes, in a group this size, we have undoubtedly made a mistake with the status and interests of somebody. And if so, we apologize....

Alstaeter, Paul E.  
Anderson, Raymond N.  
Anderson, Richard L.  
Ausbun, Thomas E.  
Bauman, J. I.  
Black, James E.  
Botts, Eugene M.  
Brazelton, Dewalt  
Brode, Charles A.  
Brumfield, Byron B. Jr.  
Butler, David E.  
Butler, Ralph W.  
Caughey, M. T.  
Corley, James E.  
DeCarlo, A. M.  
Decato, Albert O.  
Defendorf, Richard E.  
Dicola, William A.  
Diesch, J. E.  
Dragg, Alvin (Bully)  
Draper, Richard F.  
Eminhinzer, D. W.  
Evans, Elwood C.  
Everard, J.J.

Handy, Bob  
Hargrove, James Lee  
Hitesman, Ferral J.  
Holcomb, Douglas W.  
Horsley, Alton R.  
Jackson, James A.  
Jacobs, J. B.  
Jamison, Harwin B.  
Jasmin, I. J.  
Johnson, Willard  
Kimball, C. W.  
Leach, J. L.  
Leighton, George A.  
Livieri, Henry M.  
Malinowski, Peter R.  
Martinez, O. J.  
Mazur, Charles C.  
McCollum, Robert D.  
McMullen, Leon G.  
Mohl, John H.  
Monte, Charles Neal  
Pembroke, Joe Dan  
Puffer, David R.  
Rowley, R. Jay  
Scheurman, Marvin  
Schilling, Carl E.  
Shuster, John  
Stowe, George S.  
Strellner, Donald D.  
Tidwell, Otis  
Tucker, T. L.  
Ulmer, Fred J.  
Vandenbrock, Donald E.  
Walp, Henry D.  
Williams, Frederick A.

## To The Ladies of MCB#2

I know all of you are as busy as I am this time of year, with the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season. However, I hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule, to send in your reservations of the "Denver Reunion Tour For the Ladies." Please note that reservation checks are to be made out to "Around and About Tours".

I know some of you have already sent in your reservations, and I thank you for being so efficient. I know it's hard to be thinking of Denver in September now, but it will be here before we know it. This is the first time that an event has been planned just for the Ladies of MCB#2, and I will do my best to be sure that this tour will be memorable and fun for all of us. If you have any questions regarding this tour, please feel free to call at 707-545-1086, or write me at..... 1310 Park Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dave and I hope all enjoy the most wonderful of holidays and look forward to the New Year with love and hope in your hearts. I will see all in Denver in 1997. You will enjoy this tour!!!!

Best Regards,

*Darla Budworth*

### MILE HIGH CITY HIGHLIGHTS - Reservation Coupon

Date: Friday, September 12, 1997..... Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$23.00 # Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this registration form with a check or money order in U.S. funds for the total due to

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## ***Thank You... The 239 Good Guys***

The Leadership Committee of MCB#2 Reunion Association wants to sincerely express our appreciation to the 239 of you ***Good Guys*** who have contributed financially to this organization at and since the Las Vegas Reunion. It is only by your remembering to pay your dues that this association can continue.

The Leadership Committee is working on various projects in your behalf for MCB#2. In addition to planning the Coming Denver Reunion.... (which you really must attend), the newsletter, custom MCB#2 gift items, we are working to obtain proper custom plaques for the SeaBee Museums.

Oh, yes... if you have slipped up in sending

your 1996 and 1997 dues of \$12 per year, you can still get included if you hurry.

## ***MCB#2 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 of my personal stuff there also.

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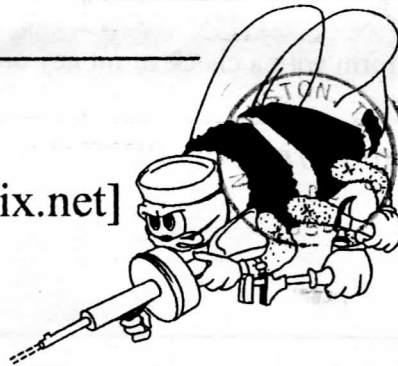
E-mail address is [roycone@phoenix.net](mailto:roycone@phoenix.net)

We get a surprisingly large amount of Seabee inquiries from the internet postings.

***We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
and a Happy New Year!***

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