

MCB#2 Reunion Association

Newsletter for former MCB#2 Personnel

March 1, 1997

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.**

Make Welcome....

Our Newest Members

Mohs, Roger..... Bend Oregon
Camden, Lex.... Linton, Indiana
Hayes, Frank L... Tacoma, Washington
Johnson, Ansel... Curwensville, Penn
Jones, Henry.... Mariposa, California
Dixon, Melvin... Springfield, Illinois
Gresser, Frank B.... Pasco, Washington
Free, Willie Lee.... Pinehurst, Texas
Munda, Dale.... San Diego, California
Urmey, Gene.... Dayton, Ohio

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. Welcome Aboard!

Reservation Procedure... For Our Denver Reunion!

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 your reservations now!**

Did You Know.. Chief John A. "Dutch" Noetzel?

We are the two sons of CPO John A. Noetzel (Dutch), who served many years in the Seabees. His last active duty was with MCB#2 in Atsugi, up to June 1952.... then serving in the Active Reserves at the Phila Navy Yard until his death in 1963. We plan to attend your coming September reunion. At this time we would like to ask for anyone who knew our father, to contact either of us and perhaps share any knowledge of him and/or his Seabee Service. Our mother has also passed way, and we now have very few links to our fathers past. We would also be very pleased to chat with any of you who knew him, during Denver Reunion.

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88 Bridge Street
Salem, NH 03079
Phone (603) 898-2992
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6791 Ironwood Circle
Greensboro, NC 27410
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DKSX69A@Prodigy.COM

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

Order Your Dinner Tickets NOW.

That Stoney is chomping at the bit and ready to go!!!! In fact, there is nothing (well, almost nothing) that Stoney likes to do better than selling dinner tickets. Stoney wants to hear from you Now!

You may not know this, but it really helps Stoney's health when you buy your dinner tickets early. (Your buying tickets now keeps Stoney from being "so wormy".) Improve Stoney's health.. buy tickets

"What if an emergency happens between now and the September Reunion", you ask cautiously. Of course, you can always get your money back if an emergency or something unforeseen happens and you are unable to attend the Denver Reunion.

You can order your dinner tickets from Stoney now! So write to....

**Stoney Serrett
P.O. Box 1831
Great Falls, MT 59403-1831**

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

Last count Dinner Buffet ticket sales totaled just about 70. And the number will be larger when you and I get our orders in. We are looking for 300 plus at the dinner. Order you Dinner Tickets Early!

The 1996 Good-Guys are as follows:

"ADAMS, JACK L."
 "AGLES, HAROLD R."
 "ALEXANDER, A.J."
 "ALEXANDER, MICHAEL J."
 "ALLEN, CARSON D."
 "ARNOLD, BASIL D."
 "BAKER, RICHARD A."
 "BALDING, JACK C."
 "BARRY, DONALD E."
 "BARTON, BRUCE M."
 "BAZZOLI, EMIL S."
 "BEAULIEU, RAYMOND A."
 "BENTSEN, HANK S."
 "BETONTE, FRANK S."
 "BLOEM, JOHN R."
 "BOBER, JOHN T."
 "BODY, WILLIAM F."
 "BOKERN, RALPH R."
 "BOUDREAU, NELSON J."
 "BOYETT, J.W."
 "BRADLEY, DONALD R."
 "BREDEFELD, ARTHUR"
 "BRITAIN, NORMAN E."
 "BRODE, CHARLES A."
 "BROWN, MARVIN L."
 "BRUNELLE, PHILIP P."
 "BRYANT, ALFRED J."
 "BUCHER, SILAS E."
 "BUDWORTH, DAVID L."
 "BURKHART, ALFRED N."
 "BURLEIGH, LLEWELLYN P."
 "CANNON, CHARLES A."
 "CAREY, JAMES C."
 "CARTER, WILLIAM B."
 "CHANG, GEORGE C. F."
 "CHAPMAN, C.L."
 "CHEW, KENNETH K."
 "CHIDALEK, EDWARD"
 "CHRISTIAN, RICHARD L."
 "COLQUHOUN, ROBERT B."
 "CONE, ROY T."
 "CONROE, ROBERT E."
 "COPELAND, HARRY E."
 "COULTER, JACK L."
 "COUSINS, WILLARD V. JR"
 "CRIM, EDGAR L."
 "CROWDER, TOM W."
 "CULBERSON, WARREN"
 "CURE, JOHN C."
 "D'ANGELO, PAUL J."
 "DALBY, MARVIN O."
 "DAUER, STANLEY K."
 "DE FRANCO, JOSEPH N."
 "DEMERS, ROBERT W."
 "DENIS, CHARLES K."
 "DEVONIERE, FRANK"
 "DILLMAN, J.E."
 "DIXON, MELVIN L."
 "DOEZIE, ROBERT"

"DOWD, THOMAS J."
 "DUENSING, WILLIAM F."
 "DeFRANCO, JOSEPH N."
 "EDIGER, EDWIN A."
 "EDWIN E. FARR"
 "ELLIOTT, JOHN K."
 "ELLIOTT, PETE"
 "ELLISOR, CURTIS"
 "EMINHIZER, DONALD W."
 "FANUCCHI, BRUNO"
 "FARBO, RICHARD R."
 "FIBICH, FRANK"
 "FLETCHER, JOHN W."
 "FOGELSONG, CARL L."
 "FOLAND, FORREST D."
 "FOWLER, LEONARD R."
 "FREELAND, HAROLD L."
 "FRITZ, ALBERT K"
 "GANTT, WILLIAM C. JR"
 "GARSIDE, BILL"
 "GARZA, AL"
 "GLASSER, RONALD J."
 "GOLLER, ALLAN D."
 "GRAF, ROBERT A."
 "GRIMES, GLEN C."
 "GRISHAM, ROY L."
 "GROBBEL, DONALD P"
 "GUTZMAN, JOHN E."
 "HAGEMANN, CHARLES E."
 "HAINES, DAVID A."
 "HALL, LUTHER W."
 "HAMILTON, ALEXANDER W."
 "HAMILTON, ROGER D."
 "HARDWICK, ARLIN R."
 "HEES, ARTHUR G."
 "HENRICHSON, DUANE L."
 "HERSHBERGER, LEONARD"
 "HISEY, H.A."
 "HOFMANN, E."
 "HOFSTETTER, DONALD R."
 "HOLLEMBEAK, GERALD"
 "HOLLEY, KENNETH L."
 "HOLLINGSWORTH, M. P."
 "HOLSOMBACK, SAMUEL J."
 "HONEYCHURCH, FRANK E."
 "HOSKINDS, ARTHUR B."
 "HUGHES, MAURICE J."
 "HUNT, CLAUDE W."
 "INGALLS, CHARLES L."
 "IRELAND, HUGH C."
 "IRVINE, WILLIAM T."
 "JANDREAU, ROBERT J."
 "JENSEN, DEVON C."
 "JOHNSON, AMBROS R."
 "JURASH, JOHN"
 "KAEMPFER, ROBERT E."
 "KALLSEN, LLOYD L."
 "KAREKIN, K. GREGORY"
 "KEECH, DUANE M."
 "KEEN, GORDON W."
 "KELLER, LESLIE J."
 "KETELS, YUNG H."
 "KEYES, RICHARD G."
 "KIM, ALLEN C. S."
 "KING, JAMES W."
 "KOLASZ, JOHN M."
 "KORKES, STEPHEN E."
 "KRESKY, ROBERT T."

"KRYGIER, EMIL E."
 "KUMPF, WALTER E."
 "KUNTZ, CHESTER"
 "LADLEY, HARRY JR."
 "LARSEN, SHERWIN"
 "LEABLE, ARTHUR W."
 "LEAVELL, MAX"
 "LEE, TOM A."
 "LEVASSEUR, EUGENE R."
 "LIND, HAROLD L."
 "LONG, ROBERT R."
 "LORENZ, CLIVE"
 "MAERE, THOMAS R."
 "MATALUCCI, PHILIP"
 "MEADE, HERBERT J."
 "METTS, PAUL"
 "MILLER, DAVID A"
 "MILLET, DANIEL F."
 "MILLS, DAN R."
 "MINGO, FRANK"
 "MITCHELL, G. L."
 "MOORE, JAMES D."
 "MOORE, WILLIAM R."
 "MORTON, HANCE"
 "MUMA, PAUL W."
 "MYERS, DAVID C. JR."
 "McCARLEY, WILLIE R."
 "McDANIEL, NORRIS A."
 "McDONAGH, EUGENE T."
 "McLAIN, DON"
 "NELSON, EUGENE W."
 "NELSON, RICHARD A."
 "NETHERCOTT, RAYMOND P."
 "NEUGENT, CHARLES L."
 "NEUSETZER, PAUL C."
 "NICKMAN, ROBERT J."
 "NOETZEL, JOHN A."
 "NOETZEL, WALTER P."
 "NUGENT, HERMAN J."
 "OLSON, MELVIN J."
 "OSTROSKI, ALFRED J. 'SKI'"
 "OWENS, ERNEST W."
 "PADDEN, THOMAS J."
 "PAGEL, ROBERT J."
 "PAINTER, BEN F."
 "PARTRIDGE, BILLY W."
 "PEAK, ROY D."
 "PEARSON, HOWARD E."
 "PEARSON, MALCOLM H."
 "PEDERSEN, RALPH S."
 "PEDROTTI, BEN V."
 "PELAEZ, DAN"
 "PERRY, DONALD D."
 "PETRONKA, JOHN S."
 "PHILLIPS, AMOS"
 "PIRO, MICHAEL R."
 "RAGUSA, SAM J."
 "RASMUSSEN, ROBERT G."
 "RECKLITIS, JOHN M."
 "ROARK, REX C."
 "ROGERS, FLOYD"
 "ROY, THOMAS W."
 "RUDOLPH, C. EDNER "
 "SAATHOFF, FRED E."
 "SCHMIDT, A. L. TONY"
 "SCHMIDT, DARL"
 "SCHNEIDER, MILLARD N."
 "SCHNEPP, MERLE "

"SCHORR, CLIFFORD M."
 "SCHRADER, JACK M."
 "SCHREINER, RICHARD"
 "SEESMAN, IRWIN 'BILL'"
 "SELL, LEON R."
 "SERRETT, STONEWELL"
 "SHARP, W.F. BILL"
 "SHEEHY, LAWRENCE 'TOM'"
 "SIGMUND, WILLIAM G."
 "SIMPSON, BILL"
 "SIPLE, ARTHUR L."
 "SONNEN, RAY F."
 "SPOONER, BARRY E."
 "STAPLETON, THOMAS C."
 "STENHOLM, CLYDE A."
 "STEVENS, LEE B."
 "STOCK, JOHN "
 "STRUECKER, WILLIS"
 "SURRETT, DENNIS"
 "SWANSON, VICTOR E."
 "TERRY, GEORGE E."
 "TRIMARCHI, CHARLES"
 "VANBENDEGOM, JAMES M."
 "VIBBER, DR. LARRY N."
 "WADDELL, WALTER K."
 "WARD, BILLY D."
 "WATTS, JERALD"
 "WEISELBERG, LEROY L."
 "WESTWOOD, CECIL"
 "WILBORN, JOHN"
 "WILKENING, JERRY W."
 "WILLIAMS, SCOTT H."
 "WILLIAMSON, C. 'LEFTY'"
 "WILSON, JACK E."
 "WILSON, PRESTON G."
 "WINKLER, ROBERT L."
 "WOMMACK, JAMES E."
 "WRIGHT, WILLIAM R."
 "YRIZARRY, ANTONIO R."

Who are the Good-Guys?

The 1996 Good-Guys are people in our membership that have contributed their money for dues to the MCB#2 Reunion Association from the opening of the Las Vegas Reunion up until February 15, 1997.

Why isn't my name on the list? An interesting question.. If you are like Alex Borys.. in 1995 he paid 10 years up until 2005... SO he is not on the 1996 list. But, Certainly he is a 10 year Good-Guy. Or, maybe you forgot to send the dues in... You be the judge!

Thank You! All GoodGuys!

PASSINGS.... We sadly report...

Albin, Robert J.
Hale, Jack 11/09/96
Kelley, Elias J. 07/96
Millette, Ernest C. 11/11/96

I'm writing to inform you of Richard Dague's sudden death (heart attack) while we were on a trip in Athens Greece. We were looking forward to coming to the reunion this year. We just thought you would like to know..... Alice Dague

You can remove William G. Hapgood's name off of all future correspondence and newsletters. My husband died on October 24, 1996.

An Ode to Bill Hapgood In Loving Memory

So many times in the past, for nearly 40 years, he'll never make it, they thought they were right, but we never spent our time in shedding tears.

A true Navy Seabee, he learned to stand and fight.

The doctor's often marveled at his grit, shook their heads from side to side, they really knew he'd never quit.

Again that motto, Can Do or Die.

Oft said, you'll never make it as problems multiplied he'd shrug his head and speak with wit through pain he'd often hide.

I found and truly knew at the end of each and every day, that what they said he couldn't do, he managed nicely anyway.

It only takes three words, they're simple, "I love you."

Say it often, make it be heard, it's something most of us can do.

I'm sure that you are now at peace and sitting up there high and know your pain has finally ceased, I now can say my last good-bye.

47 Rita G. Hapgood

Looking for Stoney? That Sneaky Fellow Has Moved Again.... Right in the Middle of the Banana Belt

Well, Stoney and Gladys have 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 1831
Great Falls, MT 59403-1831
Phone (406) 727-3519**

Yes, Stoney and Gladys moved from Baton Rouge.... to Lewistown, Montana..... and now to Great Falls, Montana. (Who knows where next?)

Here is a great idea..... while you are sending Stoney a "thaw-out" message..... enclose your check for \$48.00 for a couple of Reunion Banquet Tickets. Stoney would be thrilled to hear from you!

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.

THINGS TO DO.... NOW!

- ✓ 1. ***Order Banquet Tickets***
- ✓ 2. ***Make Reunion Hotel Reservations***
- ✓ 3. ***Make Travel Arrangements***

Cliff's Notes.....

Been doing a lot of reminiscing..... What happened to Andy Overturf? Did anyone remember the fire in his bunk while he was at the Korean village? I remember his statement of what he was going to tell the "Old Man" at Captain's Mast. How many of us know who did start the fire?

What happened to Nick Grillo? And I wonder what he did with the mat he got from his brother for Christmas? And does anyone remember how he was going to charge for the guys to try it out?

Another name comes to mind, Rock Kennedy. UT

I can't remember his name, but the big gunner's mate that Joe Goetz and Bob Biondich took under their wing and made an Equipment Operator out of him.

How about Chief Mullenix? Some of the things he got away with!

Whatever happened to Lackey.... he was a UT. He kept getting letters with the heading "Dear Honest John" from guess Who? I wonder if he remembers the Honey soaking pit?

How about the Equipment Operators getting us all involved when they tried to rectify their problem with diesel oil?

(That Gunner's Mate was Nelson, and a nice guy.)

I'll have to start thinking about some more of our escapades.

One last name BU2 Jim McDonald. He was from Green Cove Springs, Calif? (FL?). What a time we used to have in Yokohama on rainy day liberty. Walking down Main Street in the pouring rain with a Japanese umbrella for scant protection. Did we get soaked!

Enough of this Bull for now.... I'll make some notes and scribble something another time.

Yours in CBship..... Cliff Schorr

ECHOES FROM OUR CREW

Echoes Via The Banana Belt

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Denver..... (Yes, they have Dinner Tickets already.)
Willie and Carolyn Wright

I have had lots of health problems this past year. Doing GOOD now and I hope that Donna and I can make the Denver Reunion.... God willing.

Jerry Watts

At the moment, we are not sure that I will be going to Denver for the next reunion. Both Anne and I really enjoyed our trip to Las Vegas. We will be deciding some time soon if we can make Denver.

Bob & Anne Conroe

Had a complete knee replacement on my right knee in June 96. Barbara and I will be seeing you in Denver. REALLY DON'T WANTA MISS THIS ONE!

Al & Barbara Fritz

Had a GREAT time in Vegas. We look forward to all being together in Denver.

Finley & Iona Morrison

Hope to see everyone at the reunion in Denver. A PROUD SEABEE!

Emil Bazzoli

We are sure looking forward to seeing all of the other MCB-2 fellows and their gals at the 1997 at the 1997 reunion in Denver.

Louie & Rosa Patton

We plan on seeing everyone in Denver. The Las Vegas reunion was the greatest.... partly due to some new faces, Sam Ragusa, Al Rubinich, and Bill Body. Also I received a phone call from Willie Free. Willie was surprised to learn about MCB-2 Reunions.

Phil and Pat Brunelle

Echoes Continued...

All Right.... hope to see everyone in Denver,
Colorado. Ready to go.... now!

Steve and Freida Korkes

Looking forward to Denver in "97".
C. U. N. Denver!

Chuck & Helen McCabe

Come on September..... Looking forward to seeing
everyone in Denver! Ready as we go!

Len & Nita Hershberger

What are we looking for???? Hmmmmmm.... Oh Yes,
Looking forward to the Reunion in Denver.

Bruce and Maya Baron.

**If you want to live to a ripe old age without
serious pains.... Always think positive... not
negative.** I am still kicking and will be 89 years of
age by April 18, 1997. (How's this for thinking
positive?)

Tony Yrizarry

We are looking forward to the Reunion in Denver.
Jim and Fawn Bolton

It is always great to receive the newsletters and to
see some of the guys are still doing okay. Joyce and
I look forward to seeing ALL in Denver.

Ben & Joyce Hoskinds

Betty and I are looking forward to Denver with
great expectations. Sure hope all the publicity turns
out to be correct. (Have we ever failed you?) No!
Bette and I are going to do some extensive
traveling, Hawaii, South Carolina, Las Vegas (kids
live there), maybe Ponca City (my daughter lives
there) and sometime in between Tampa (son lives
there). Now you know why we have 90,000 miles
in a "93" Olds. We are looking forward to seeing
everyone in Denver in September.

Cliff and Bette Schorr

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in
Denver come September.

John and Marcy Bloem

Tom Roy and I have banquet tickets. We plan to
travel to Denver together. Also through the reunion
newsletter I have received correspondence from Ken
Holley. I served nearly four years with him and had
not heard from him since 1953.

Jack Schrader

Over the years I have often wondered what
happened to some of those guys in that drafting
room in Atsugi..... and it is nice to know that at least
some of them are alive and well. Marvin Brown's
drafting table was right next to mine and.... Roy
Cone was like the lead man over the whole group
and... Steve Matheson was like the yeoman if I
remember right. Lt. Karekin was in charge of our
whole section. There was quite a few in there from
Texas. Most were WWII that had been recalled.

Melvin Dixon.. Springfield, IL

Echoes from the Texas Connection

1951 goes back a long way. I spent 39 years on the
B & O Railroad working as a Conductor.... and
since there's a lot of water gone under the bridge....
I'm getting bad at remembering names.

Herff Epperson... can you help me? Did you at one
time live (Ooops, I almost mis-read this as "wed"
instead of "live".... Herff would have some problem
setting the record straight with Marlene.) in Green
Spring, WV?

Have been retired eight years. My wife doesn't like
to travel, so I took up jousting. (Horse riding kind?)

Arthur Siple

Here is a few bucks for my dues. I had a chance to
talk to Don Sethaler in December. He was here for
the death of his Mother. CAN DO!

Stan K. Dauer

Echoes Continued...

In the last newsletter John Jurkash was looking for my husband along with several others. My husband has said many times he'd like to find John. Could you please send his address and pass Barry's on to him?

Barry Spooner
601 Lower Valley Road
Kalispell, MT 59901

John Jurkash's address is.....
8112 Woodlawn Ave.
Munster, Indiana 46321

(That should do it.....)

Here are my dues for this year and a little extra for any needs you have. (Hmmmmm????) I am going to Europe in August this year and will return to the states in November or December. This trip I take to Europe is at the present time under the control or other people. It works out good for me because I still have two aunts living in Europe and I visit them.

Paul & Mary Muma

I would like to have the addresses of

Richard L. Anderson
(778 SE 3rd Ave. Coquille, Oregon 97423-2025)

Richard F. Draper
(2618 Waverly Drive Albany, Oregon 97321)

Ferral J. Hitesman
(775 Broadmore Way Tooele, Utah 84074-2504)
(Three outa Three.... ain't bad) What year am I paid up to anyway? (Paid thru 12/31/98) Great newsletters.... looking forward to the Reunion.

Harry Ladley

Enclosed is my check for CB dues plus some extra. By the way.... if you hear from P.J. Trotter (Box 710 La Pine, Oregon 97739) tell him I still have the belt buckle he gave me while we were at Subic Bay. Also, Roy Grisham, Henry Walp and I would like to

play another game of four-handed chess with P.J., like we used to, in the "old green hut." Happy New Year to everyone.

Jack 'Willy' Wilson

After the last reunion I discovered I paid in Nashville and didn't get credit for it. (Murphy's law still applies.) At any rate I am sending dues for 96/97 and will try to keep track of the dues in the future.

John Bloem

Somehow I am unsure of the dues about last year.... so I am sending two years dues. (Yes, if you send too much dues.... we will post future years as paid.) I am looking forward to Denver.

Bruce and Moya Barton

Sorry about these dues.... can't find where we paid them.... so will send for both years. (They sent in the best looking green marblized check you ever saw. Almost too pretty to deposit.... Well, in a moment of weakness, I deposited it in our account anyway. <hee hee>) Looking forward to the Reunion in Denver. *We made the reservations today!* (Way to go....)

Willis and LaBerta Struecker

I am having a problem remembering if I paid my dues.... I want to thank all who are keeping our association and reunions going. It means a whole lot to me to be with my old buddy's and get acquainted with guys that were in the battalion that I never got to know. My wife and I haven't missed a reunion yet, and as long as our health permits we will be in attendance.

Don McLain

Enclosed are my dues. I was very impressed with your home page on the Internet. You must have spent a lot of time since it is well done and attractive. (<http://www.phoenix.net/~roycone>)

Nelson Boudreaux

Echoes Continued....

Enclosed is my donation to MCB#2 Reunion Association. Although never a member of the Navy or the Seabees, My father, Chief John A. Noetzel (now deceased) was. My brother and I plan to attend the Denver reunion in the hopes of meeting some mates who may have served with my father. Perhaps by so doing, we may learn more about his service activities. Hope to see you in Denver. (Walter, Welcome aboard!)

Walter P. Noetzel

Another year zooms in and I start getting those pangs of guilt. Did my dues get paid or not? So, here they are for myself and also for that gentleman that I covered before.Most of my family lives in the Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas area, so for more reasons than one, I look forward to Denver in September.

Jim E. Dillman

Gladys and I have returned to Lewistown from our Christmas visit to Calgary. All went well, and we had an enjoyable, but cold Christmas. Enclosed you will find my check for the 97/98 dues. Sure hope that all the others who are due to pay will do so this month. Presently, Gladys and I are started to get ready to move over to Great Falls, Montana. (Just like I told ya.... nobody is exempt, even the "Bull-Goose" Stoney has to pay his dues. Is that heartless or what? Ain't no "free-rides".)

Stoney and Gladys

I'm a little late, but here are my dues.... We had a great time in Vegas and we are looking forward to Denver. It was great seeing my friends again. It sure brings back a lot of fine memories.

Eugene & June Nelson

Here are some dues. Where am I at? (paid through 12/31/98). Recently I visited Dave Budworth in Santa Rosa. We reviewed his VCR from P.I. Very

Interesting and enjoyable. I have just put my old 8mm on tape. If you want.... I can bring a copy to the reunion (Sure, please do.... but be ready to furnish the narration.)

Bob Doezie

Enclose are my 97 dues. Certainly enjoy getting the newsletter. As far as I know now..... won't be able to make the Denver Reunion.

Ken Holly

I spent my time in MCB#2 with Det. A from Midway in 1952 to the summer of "54" when I went to Okinawa. too bad we had to lose the base at Subic.I doubt if I can get to Denver, but hope everyone has a good time. Maybe there will be some San Miguel around.

Al Brode

I was a PN1, USN when serving with MCB#2 at Cubi Point. I made the reunion in Missouri a couple of years ago, but had to leave early because arthritis flared up.

John T. Bober

Here is a (special amount) toward dues. See you in Denver.

Fred E. Saathoff

Enclosed are some funds for dues plus extra. I doubt if I can make Denver, however I enjoy the newsletter and all the comments and observations.

I was at MCB#2 at Atsugi in 1951 then in CB Detachment 1804 in Korea. an old retread from WWII. I saw Larry Stevenson at Las Vegas. He was not feeling too good & since he has not responded to my letters.... hope all is well. Keep the news coming, most of us are getting awful close to "check-out" time.

Robert W. Demers

Lookin Good



Echoes Continued...

I got to thinking the other day, I've been missing my C.B. paper, and it finally dawned on me, maybe its because I haven't renewed my subscription. I can't remember like I used to. I really miss getting and reading my little paper.

Don Moore

I have always paid my dues from the start of the Association. I certainly wish to remain on the mailing list. (Got you covered.)

Robert Kresky

I plan to attend the Denver Reunion with Joyce, my wife (Good Thinking!). We really did enjoy the reunion in Las Vegas. I got to see folks I had not seen for over 40 years. I need an updated list of MCB#2 former personnel if it is possible (We only have our current mailing list available free at the reunions themselves, as they are some 20 pages long. If you want a special current mailing list printed and mailed for you, the cost will be \$13.00 delivered Priority Mail. <I have plenty to do already without going into the MCB#2 mailing list business..... I trust you will understand..... Roy >). I am looking forward to seeing you all in Denver.... until then....

A.B. Hoskinds

I will be unable to make the Denver reunion, but wish to keep in touch. I have kept in touch with Paul D'Angelo and Al "Cat" Borys. I need the addresses of Bill Sharp (W.F. Sharp, 1113 Ollerton Road, West Deptford, NJ 08066)... Ferral J. Hitesman (775 Broadmore Way, Tooele, Utah 84074-2504). Jim Huiras (no help on this address) was the Master-at-Arms in green hut camp at Cubi, along with William Jolen, (now deceased). They were former Merchant Seamen from WWII, as I was, so we had a lot in common.

I visited Jim Huiras in the winter of 59/60. He had a

barber shop in West Linn, Oregon? It occurred to me that there was a line man named Stevenson from Sedrow Wooly, Washington, who it would please me to hear from.

I have just finished writing to Frank Rice, whose name and address was in the last newsletter. I am unable to travel alone, and my wife has trouble flying.... but if a reunion could be held East of the Mississippi River again, I could try to make it.

Ed F. Fair

I meant to mail these dues about a week ago, but my Grandchild of seven had a virus and I forgot all about it. Hope you and all the outfit are doing good and in good health. I had intended to make this Denver reunion, but now it is 50/50. I am still going to try. The distance is the big thing. I gave up flying when I came back from overseas w/ MCB#6.

Jack L. Adams

Reading the Newsletter and seeing an article from John Wellborn - Reefer Shop. I had the Power Plant just down from the galley. Names are familiar. I will try to make the reunion, but my health isn't the greatest this year.

Tom Sheeny

I won't be at the Denver reunion this year. I'll be in England at that time. I hope I can make the next reunion. Here is about 8 years dues. Tell all Hello!

Harold L. Lind

Please be advised that I will be moving to Mexico.
Martin J. Enright (We don't know where)

Mr. & Mrs. Rasmussen declare on their envelope....
"Jesus is Lord!!" (I believe that)

I must apologize for being so remiss keeping my dues up to date. I really want to keep getting the Newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Cecil Westwood

Echoes Continued...

What a great Newsletter. I can't believe Stoney has moved to Montana, but I guess all have to live someplace (interesting observation <grin>). I hope to make the Denver Reunion in September 97. I will undergo cancer surgery the end of January 97. I have the MCB#40 reunion in Gulfport in April 97, Florida Dept of Seabee Vets in June 97, MCB#9 reunion in June 97. 124th NCB Reunion and National SVA convention in Aug 97., What a busy year. I hope I am up for it. Talked to Dick Napper (UT) MCB#2 - 51 Atsugi the other day. he is doing fine, but don't know if he will be in Denver however.

Harold Agles

We wish..... peace, love and happiness to last throughout the year!

Al & Betty Jo Hardwick

Hey Podnabs.... This ole Cajun war hoss here in Costa Rica Salutes all of you.... We are well and pray that you all those you love are blessed likewise. We will be unable to attend the Reunion in Denver.

Ernest & Rosalina Owens

Thanks for another year of good work in evoking pleasant memories. We appreciate all your efforts.

Jack Coulter

What's this about Stoney moving to the frozen wastelands? Maybe he's going to raise cattle. I don't think chickens thrive that far north! Hope to see everyone in Denver (Got the correct town this time). From the Sunny Coast of Florida.... wishing all the very best.

Bill Seesman

My dues will help a little. We will see you in Denver. We haven't missed a reunion yet. I received a letter from Stoney telling me had moved up to Montana?

Ski and Mary Ostroski

I am considering going to Denver if I can be reasonably sure I will see some old comrades. I was stationed at Atsugi from January 1951 thru January 1952, and then joined CBD-1804 in Korea attached to the 1st Marine Air Wing, Advanced Fighter Group. We were 50 Seabees 'Detachment Able' from CBD-1804, later to become CBMU-1 Detachment ABLE. I am interested in locating Holly Hollingsworth if he was the same Seabee that served in Korea with CBD-1804 (Milford P. Hollingsworth, 177 Indian Springs Road, Petal, Mississippi 39465.... does this sound like the right one?) I am also interested in locating D. Poki Kauhina "Carl" from Honolulu and E. T. Kahawai "Ed" from Honolulu. Will probably see you in Denver. An old Seabee.. (Does anyone know location of Kauhina and Kahawai these days?)

Don "Ike" Eminhizer

We so enjoy the newsletters. Enclosed are the dues and extra for whatever is needed.

Billy and Zelda Partridge

We're still enjoying full time R-Ving and hope to keep it up as long as we can. Jerry's wife said that Jerry had angioplasty on three blockages on December 4, and was out surf fishing on the 6th. Can't keep a good man down. We wish all you Seabees a Happy Holiday Season.

Jerry Hollembeak

Roy... hope to see you and Faon in Denver. Don't know where I am on dues..... so here is some. We have a lot of snow here in Yakima Washington.

Jack Balding

I have made all the reunions so far and will bust my butt to make Denver in September. Always have a good time seeing all the gang from Atsugi. Please excuse the torn check (Don't you worry about the torn check..... I'll take 'em any ole way.... Roy)

John W. "Fletch" Fletcher

Echoes Continued...

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.... Luke 2:14" Wishing each
of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year. Looking forward to see you all in Denver.

Herff and Marlene Epperson

Thanks for the newsletter! Well today is a special
day for me -- celebrating my 54th Anniversary in the
service of the Lord. It has been a long time since
the days I spent with MCB#2 at Atsugi. I have
many fond memories of my association with the
Battalion. Now, that I have retired from the active
ministry of the Diocese of Providence, I still
maintain permanent residency in Jamestown, RI and
spend the winter months at West Palm Beach. At
this point, I am uncertain as to the Denver reunion.

May God bless each of you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year. Your former chaplain.

Rev Raymond A. Beaulieu

Thanks for reminding us again about our dues in
your "smooth way". We just forgot to write the
check... (Yea Holly..... the checks in the mail....
heard it before <grin>) We enjoy the newsletter and
appreciate the job you are doing. Hope to see you
all in Denver.

M.P. "Holly" and Fran Hollingsworth

May this season hold a special share of happiness of
each of you. Many fond memories....

Phil and Pat Brunelle

Enclosed are for dues starting about '94. We hope
to attend a Reunion soon.

Art Bredefeld

Mal retired on September 30th and has agreed with
other retirees.... "Where does the day/time go? How
did I have time to work???? We really look forward
to our fourth Seabee reunion. Hope to see all the

Seabee gang there.

Marge and Mal Pearson

I did not make Vegas, but you can count on me in
Denver. Don't know about the dues.... so here is a
check (A big 'un). Hope the enclosed check covers
it... (Don, just the right size and the right color....
Spiffy)

Donald R. Bradley

We had a great time in Las Vegas and will try to be
at the Denver Reunion. Enclosed is my dues. If you
want more, lemme know. (Frank, you done good!)

Frank S. Betonte

Sam Ragusa sent me his dues and note of something
to do..... Hmmmmmm.... can't find the note. Maybe
Sam's forgot about it.

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.

<http://www.phoenix.net/~roycone>

E-mail address is roycone@phoenix.net

On our ***Seabee Home Base - Houston*** are links to....

U.S. Navy Mobile Construction Battalion #2 SeaBee Reunion
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The Story of the SeaBees.....from the U.S. Navy Public Affairs
Library

SeaBee Cook's Home Page.....lots of links to SeaBees and
Military

Port Hueneme Home Page.....official SeaBee home page...
other military links

Navy Mobile Construction Battalion #1 Home Page
.....official NMCB #1 home page... other military links

Reunions.. Navy, Marine, Coast Guard.. not complete
MILITARY NETWORK - HOUSTON... Other Military
Links To All Services

To The Ladies of MCB#2

Spring will soon be here and I know that if you are like me, you are looking forward to sunny, warm days and Spring flowers. We have had lots of rain in No. California this winter!

I wanted to send you a note to keep you updated on our *Denver Reunion Tour for the Ladies*. To-date we have 28 paid reservations for the tour. I think that is a great response for all of you. I appreciate your support with this project of mine. Now we need only 7 more Ladies to send in their reservations, of course there can be more than that amount, but not Less. So to those of you that have been thinking of sending in your reservations, *please* consider doing so soon.

Please don't hesitate to call or write to me if you have any questions regarding this Tour.

Darla Budworth
1310 Park Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404-3543
Phone (707) 545-1086

I am really Looking forward to visiting Denver in September. I hope all of you are, too.

Darla

Darla Budworth

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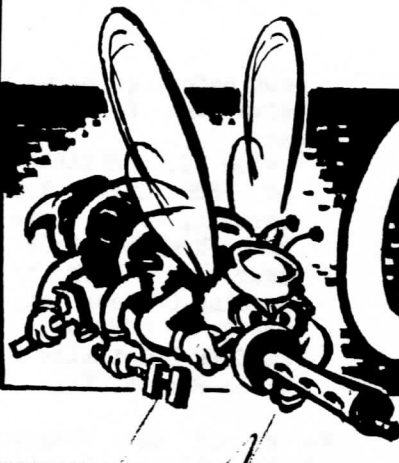
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Let's make this a SUPER-SUCCESS by having 70 Reservations on this tour.... taking two busses. O.K.!



Q-BEE POINTER

MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS 2-3-5-9

The Cubi Point basketball team after its victories at Sangley Point has left for the WestPac basketball eliminations being held at Guam, 11-13 March.

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Cubi Point Basketball Team: Ltjg Bland, Farmer, Thomasello, Boss, Daniels, Chaplain Rankin. (Bottom row) West, Reid, Saathof, Hargrove, Talbott

Seabee Softball Victories

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BOXERS TO GUAM

After successfully competing in Sangley, the following named men went on to Guam to represent the 30th NCR at the WestPac boxing eliminations:

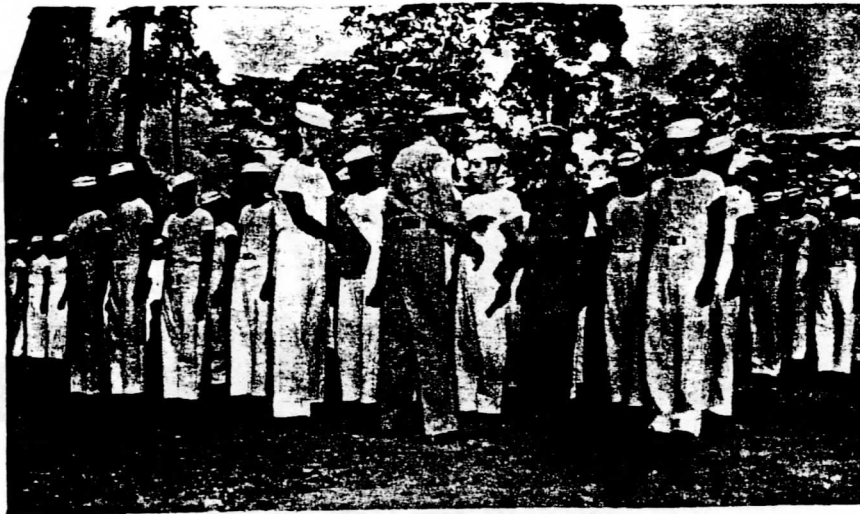
Grobber, D.P., and Gould, D. M., both of MCB-2; Doran, W.V. of MCB-3, and Reese and Wall of MCB-5.

Softball League Standings

American League:	Wins	Losses
Marines	19	3
MCB-Nine	17	3
YO46	14	6
MCB-Three	14	8
LSIL 1017	8	12

National League:	Wins	Losses
MCB-Two	17	2
MCB-Five	18	3
ARD 28	16	5
APL 27	10	9
ADM	10	11
Golden Knights	7	12
Boat Pool	8	12
AFDL 1011	5	15

In the long-awaited return bout between MCB-2 and MCB-5, the men from Two laid the MCB-Fivers low 3-0. This was the last time the two teams will meet. Much of the credit for the win goes to the brilliant pitching of MCB-TWO'S Carter.



CDR C. C. Compton decorates personnel of MCB-TWO for the part they played in the present Korean conflict. Shown receiving the United Nations and Korean Service Ribbons are Michalaki, Breeze, Chadwick, Molina, Phillips, Chief Silvers, and Seethaler.

The following personnel of the Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment are also eligible for this award because of duty in Korean waters: Aquino, J.; Bernado, A.B.; Correa, M.; Galang, R.; Merna, R.P.; Mike, B.G.; Roque, S.S.; Socia, J.D.; and Taylor, H. W.

Just before going to press we received the following news release:

Jesse H. DEVILLE, UT1, USN, of 3625 Shell Road, Corpus Christi, Texas, was awarded the Navy's Safe Driver's Award for 1952 by the Commanding Officer of MCB-TWO, CDR C. C. COMPTON. DEVILLE originally hails from Ville Platte, La.

We extend the congratulations of the "Q-Bee Pointer" to Deville, and urge him to keep up the good driving which has earned him this award.

Remember these five rules for safe driving:

1. BE SURE YOU ARE AWAKE
2. DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE
3. PAY ATTENTION TO ROAD
4. KEEP CAR IN CONDITION
5. DO NOT SPEED

A careless driver's is today's Public Enemy Number One.

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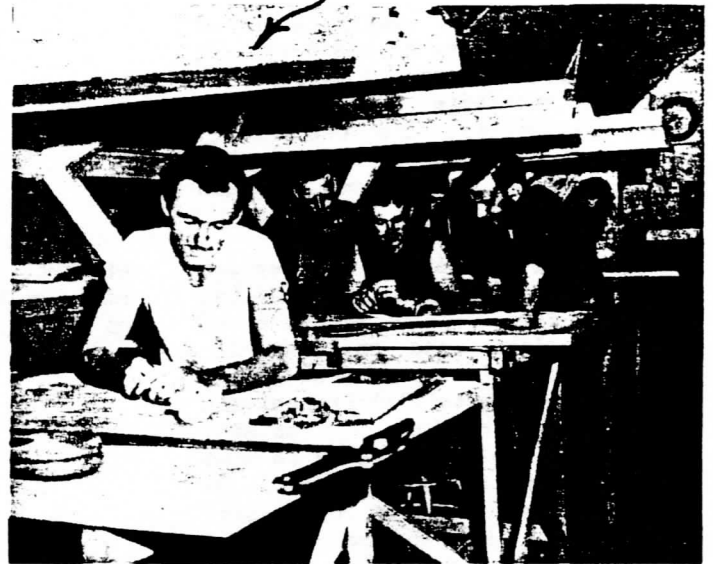


Our truck drivers work very hard all day, I am told, so they are entitled to a few minutes rest while their trucks are being loaded. Here "Ole" Olinger tells, with many gestures, how he would operate a shovel, while "Aggie" leans back against the fender of their truck. There is a constant stream of trucks like this one picking up gravel and dumping it as a sub-base during the day and night.

OUR OWN LIGHT YETTER

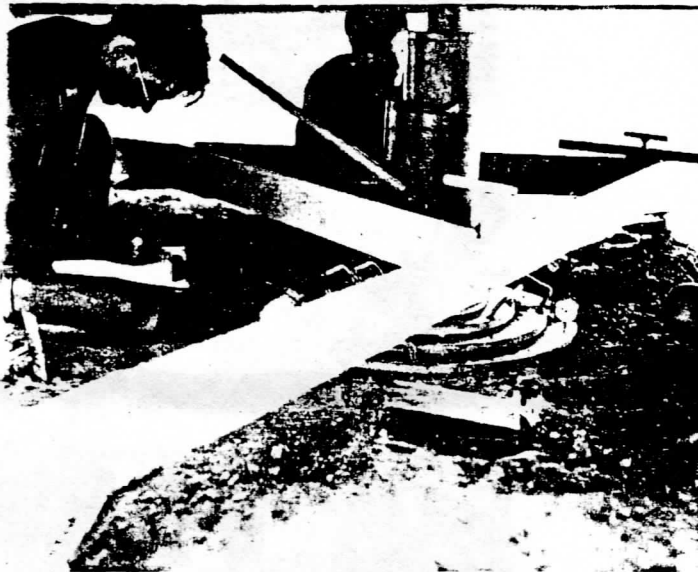
Little Hueneme"- The Cubi Point Engineers

"Little Hueneme" is the home office of the busy Regimental Engineering Department. This little department's far-flung interests are divided into five main divisions under the supervision of ENS Mattock and Ted Erickson, DMC. Until recently the director of the department was LT H. M. Cahn.



Engineering's draftsmen turn to on a weighty problem in Little Hueneme.

"Red" Jenkins and his crew of assorted draftsmen, pencil-pushers, and artists turn out the engineering drawings and statistics of the Cubi Point project. Prints of these and other drawings of the A & E contractors, Bechtel Corporation of San Francisco, are turned out by the thousands by Natali and Bradley, who operate an ammonia-hungry ozalid machine on a two-shift schedule.



The Soil Mechanics making plate load tests on the Cubi Point Project.

Supplying the necessary data, grade staking, and laying out construction projects keeps six survey parties constantly on the move. Under the watchful eyes of Chief Coffman, "Gord" Marske, and Gene Rutledge, these parties take on individual projects. Their leaders on these parties are Walp, Mohl, Holmes, Lowande, Strausbaugh, and Wiseman.

Glenn Smith and his "Soil Mechanics" provide the analyses, batch proportions, and soil bearing data of the Materials Testing Laboratory. The Laboratory and Field sections of the soil testers are led by Sobczak and Danison respectively. The stability of the main Cubi project and the other structures will depend largely on the calculations of these digging draftsmen.

The all-important weather data is compiled by the "Weather Station" personnel under the direction of J. L. Clark. Around the clock, hourly observations are recorded wind velocity, temperature, humidity, rainfall, cloud formations, bay conditions, and similar information necessary for planning construction and aircraft operations.



A survey party prepares for field work. There are six survey parties constantly on the job.

The fifth division, the Photography Laboratory, is the subject of an article on page eight of this issue.

The Engineering Department is more important to the success of the Cubi Point Project than a map is to a visitor in a foreign country. It directs the activities of the men though its calculations and plans.

STEELWORKERS

The Steelworkers rating is one of the most exacting in the Navy. It calls for a variety of skills. A working knowledge of mathematics and electricity, and the ability to read blueprints and use the tools of the trade are the main requirements.

The duties of a steelworker are many. He fabricates, places, fits, cuts, welds, and rivets steel shapes, plates, and built-up sections used in structural steel work. He erects "A" frames, gin poles, derricks, hoists, booms, and special tackle to move heavy material and equipment. On shipboard he is called on to make cargo nets and splice rope and cable.

On a Seabee construction job it is the steelworker who is called upon to rivet the many steel plates into a durable storage tank or to swing the girders of a bridge or pier into place. Often he must fix construction equipment like cranes and shovels, carefully splicing cables and welding plates together. He often must construct with pontoons, the simple steel boxes which are the Navy's answer to a hundred problems.

Among the Seabee projects here, one of the most evident marks of the steelworkers' trade is the forest of re-inforcing rods used in the new barracks. Those re-inforcing bars are the main factor in the tensile strength of the concrete. Among the less permanent structures which have made the Seabees famous are the Butler building and the quonset hut. These ingenious buildings have enabled the Navy to maintain outposts far from the U.S. at a maximum of efficiency and a minimum of cost in money and man hours.

Just like all Seabees, the Steelworker is a member of a team. Carpenters and builders, surveyors and drivers, and countless others must do their part if his work is to be successful. Every man has a definite job which must be accomplished if the vast plans of a construction operation are to be fully realized.

It is the Steelworkers' privilege and pride to think that his work has become a trademark of the Seabees, a symbol of their motto "Can do."

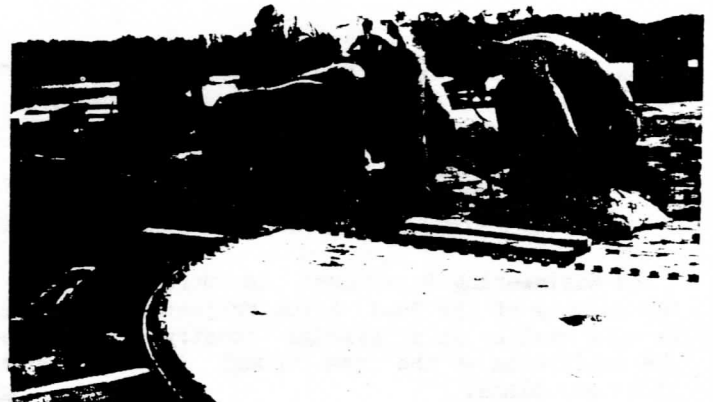
Wilmarth, Kieth, and Vidrine can be seen working on a tank.



Havner, Carter, Moore, and Atkinson help pour concrete.



Cristner and Philipps bolt plates together.



◆ WORLD ◆

A NEW DAY AT SUBIC BAY



Federal Express cargo jet sits on the runway at Subic Bay Freeport, formerly a U.S. Navy base.

MARC SCHLOSSMAN

Former U.S. Navy base is transformed

Hotels, casinos, computer plant are open; industrial park is on the way

By Belinda Rhodes
SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER

SUBIC BAY, Philippines — Standing on the terrace of a brand-new Malaysian-built hotel, Dick Gordon, who runs Subic Bay Freeport, gazes through the night toward a runway where a jet from Hong Kong is about to land.

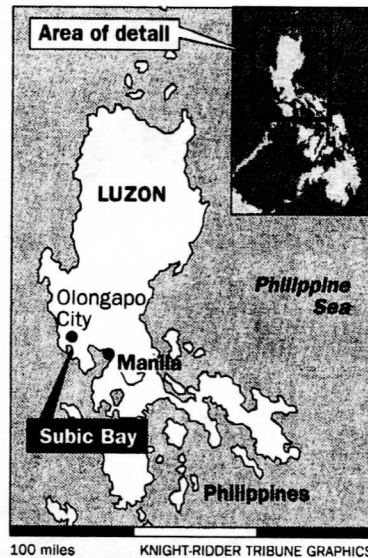
It is the second arrival in less than an hour: The passengers off the first flight already are placing bets in a Taiwanese casino staffed by Filipino croupiers. The second batch will soon drive past the site of a Japanese business park and unload into another casino catering to Chinese gamblers from Hong Kong.

Friday nights at Subic Bay Naval Base used to see hordes of rowdy young U.S. servicemen returning from sleazy nightclubs in nearby Olongapo to their quarters on the base or aboard ships in dock. Now, four years after U.S. troops left, the huge base has been reborn in a thoroughly Asian incarnation.

Gordon, chairman of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority since the base was turned over, calls it "a rediscovery of character, a chance to go back to what the Philippines was before foreign intervention intervened."

His vision is grand: tens of thousands of hard-working, self-confident Filipinos conscientiously applying existing or newly acquired skills in low-polluting factories and businesses neatly arranged in a clean, well-landscaped industrial zone.

Anyone who has done business in the Philippines knows how high that goal is. Gordon wants Subic to become a good example for the rest of the Philippines as well as an



engine of growth to accelerate the whole archipelago's economic recovery.

Some of those dreams already have been fulfilled, to the astonishment of many observers who expected a great opportunity would be squandered when the Americans left the base in 1992.

That view was not just cynicism; the people of Olongapo and Subic were, after all, starting from less than zero. The government had no concrete plans for the future of the base, having expected the Navy to pull out over a five-year period; Mount Pinatubo had just dealt a severe blow to the whole area and dumped tons of ash on Olongapo, and the closure of the base made some 40,000 Filipinos jobless in one fell swoop.

Mayor rallies city

Gordon, who was in his 10th year as Olongapo mayor during the hand-over, had to act fast. Not only had skilled laborers on the base lost their jobs, but tens of thousands of retailers, hoteliers and even prostitutes had also watched their livelihoods float away on U.S. troop carriers. The mayor needed to rally support before the city

[See SUBIC, A-34]

◆ SUBIC from A-31

Closed Philippines Navy base thrives

sank into an irreversible decline.

Gordon lobbied hard for investors, and locals were given priority for jobs at Subic.

There are now more Filipino jobs on the former base than there were under the Americans. Many unemployed people in the city complain, however, that they cannot even afford the roughly \$10 needed to wrap up paperwork required before taking up employment at Subic.

Later this month, when 18 heads of state — including President Clinton — gather at Subic for the 1996 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, the region is expected to get another major boost.

But before the international spotlight shines on Subic, construction workers must hurry to complete a marina, a golf course and several hotels, not to mention the luxury accommodation that will house the heads of state during their visit.

The APEC forum is not music to the ears of everybody in the area. Many squatters in Olongapo's poor areas are jittery over rumors of planned shanty demolitions before the Nov. 25 meeting.

Kate Gordon, mayor of Olongapo proper and wife of Dick Gordon, denies there will be sweeping de-



MARC SCHLOSSMAN

A shuttle bus in the city of Olongapo, adjacent to Subic Bay, shows area's emphasis on world trade.

molitions. But she said a number of unsanitary dwellings on the edge of a canal that can be seen from the free port's perimeter fence will have to go.

Some Olongapo retailers and hoteliers are already moaning that they will be left out of the APEC boom as competing businesses open up on the base. Indeed, on the face of it, the city proper does not

seem to have benefited greatly from the base's rapid transformation into a thriving industrial zone.

Many of the businesses, including most of the bars and nightclubs that collapsed after the pullout, remain closed, their neon lights and gaudy facades now broken and dreary. In a city of about 200,000, there are few restaurants and even fewer supermarkets. Beggars and

street children still abound.

Still, the Gordons remain optimistic about the region's future.

Gordon himself goes about Subic, giving pep talks about hard work, opportunity, profit and discipline. He publicly dresses down managers and workers alike for poor behavior, and even has been known to haul men off to the police station for urinating in the street.

Help and Ideas Wanted!!

Your Leadership Committee is actively seeking individuals who are willing to work in the MCB#2 Reunion Association in various assignments. We need future Leadership Committee members. We need future Site Coordinators for Future Reunions.

If you know a "gee-whiz" site for one of our future reunions.... investigate the possibilities and let us know now.

We need people with some book-keeping skills. We need people with computer skills. We need people with Internet skills. We need people willing to be Secretary, Treasurer, Edit/Publish and work on the Newsletter. We are looking for those who can contribute articles to future newsletters. We are looking for those who can draw cartoons for the newsletter. No, the Secretary-Treasurer assignment does not have to be one person as we presently have. It would probably work out better for the organization if more than one person could do the job, because of possible travel, sickness, etc.

What we need is for you to "brain-storm" the kind of organization you would like to have in the future for MCB#2. No, there is nothing at all wrong at all with putting your own name up for consideration. We would certainly appreciate it!

Rest assured that no one in the present Leadership will get "bent outa shape" with your comments. We can never have a better organization without change in active personnel. Present personnel will not and should not continue forever in their assignments..

Please send your objective comments and thoughts in a note directly to Stoney. (His address is in this newsletter a couple of times already, so we will not repeat it now.) Stoney would appreciate your candid comments and information... say by April 15, 1997.... (that's a date you already remember for something or other..... forget what it is <grin>.)

C.U.N. Denver Sept. 11

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