

MCB#2 Reunion Association

Newsletter for former MCB#2 Personnel
May 1, 1997

Senior Chief Donald J. Barnes, a former MCB-2 member who served at Cubi Point. He was killed at Khe Sanh, Vietnam during a rocket attack while a member of NMCB 11 on 6 June 1967. Camp Barnes in Vietnam was named in his memory. **We hereby dedicate the Denver Reunion to the Memory of Senior Chief Donald J. Barnes.... over, above, & beyond**



Official U.S. Navy Photograph

A little patriotism lesson.....
"The Soldier"..... or Seabee

It is the soldier, not the reporter,
 who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet,
 who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
 who has given us freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier, not the lawyer,
 who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under
the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
 who allows the protester to burn the flag.

..... forwarded to us by Scott Williams

Now Hear This.... This Is No Drill.... Make Your Denver Plans NOW!

Make Plans To Attend Denver MCB#2 Reunion, Sept. 11-13, 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.

More information on page 2.....

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.

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.

Members arriving at the Denver International Airport needing transportation to the Holiday Inn Denver Southeast. Go to the Baggage Claim section pick up the Holiday Inn Denver Southeast telephone and state that you are with MCB#2 Reunion and need transportation to the Holiday Inn Denver Southeast. Depending on what air lines you are arriving by..... you will be told to go to a "certain location" in the airport to be picked up.

BANQUET TICKETS.. We should remind all that have not bought banquet tickets.... that we need to know..... and that they may not be able to purchase tickets at Denver.... because we have to give Holiday Inn a "hard count" 72 hours prior to the banquet day.

ROOM RESERVATIONS...AT OUR RATES

The cut off date for making room reservations with the Holiday Inn Denver Southeast is **AUGUST 21, 1997**. At that time, all remaining of our guaranteed block of rooms.... at our special low rates.... will be released for general sales.

DENVER MAP ATTACHED... For those driving and R.V.ing into Denver..... we have enclosed for your information a highway map of Denver. The Holiday Inn we are staying is on the right side of the map.... above Denver Tech Center. Yes, there is plenty of free room for parking your R.V. at our hotel. See attached pages in back....

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 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.

Agenda for Reunion...Sept 11-13

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-
	Optional Tour	8:30am-4pm
	Dinner/Entertainment	7pm-12am
Sunday, 9/14/97	Hospitality	9am-noon

Order Your Dinner Tickets NOW

Stoney wants to hear from you Now! "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 100 plus.... the number will be larger when you and I get our orders in. We are looking for 300 plus at the dinner.

PASSINGS.... We sadly report...

You can remove Eugene A. Walton's name off of all future correspondence and newsletter. Fighting for two years with emphysema and then 4 months with lung cancer, my father died on February 21, 1996.

Judy A. Nelson

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

His wife, Alice

THINGS TO DO.... NOW!

1. Order Banquet Tickets
2. Make Reunion Hotel Reservations
3. Reserve Colorado Springs Tour seats
4. Make Ladies Tour reservations
5. Make Travel Arrangements

Make Welcome....

Our Newest Members

Auseth, Lyle..... Olympia Washington
 Balon, Benjamin P..... Palm Beach, Florida
 Benson, James..... Coldstrip, Montana
 Blatchford, Fred..... Burton, Michigan
 Boucher, Edward R... Green Bay, Wisconsin
 Conahey, David..... Hamilton, Montana
 Guemmer, John R..... Apple Valley, MN
 Farnsworth, Galen.... Drain, Oregon
 Merit, Richard..... Spring Valley, California
 Middleton, Neil C..... Redmond, Oregon
 Monk, Paul..... Ashville, Ohio
 Morris, Pat..... Guthrie, Oklahoma
 Mullican, Harry L..... Rochester, New York
 Mullenix, Arthur..... Belleville, Illinois
 Nitsche, Don..... Oceanview, Hawaii
 Rewey, Wayne J..... Oroville, California
 Robinson, Gene..... Boise, Idaho
 Sim, Richard W..... Eugene, Oregon
 Suhr, Allen A..... Pomona, New Jersey
 Torrey, Harold..... Longwood, Florida
 Wilmarth, Fred..... Balch Springs, Texas
 Young, James H..... El Paso, Texas

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!

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.

Actual Excerpts from Newspapers

1. *Illiterate? Write today for help.*
2. *Auto Repair Service: Try us once... you'll never go anywhere again.*
3. *Dog for sale: Eats anything and is fond of children.*
4. *Stock up and Save! Limit one per customer.*
5. *For sale: Antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.*

More Recent "Good-Guys":

This new listing of Good-Guys are those who have recently contributed to the support of the MCB#2 Reunion Association from February 16, 1997 until April 20, 1997.

ARNOLD, BASIL D.
 BAZZOLI, EMIL S.
 BENNETT, JOHN E.
 BINNEY, RALPH SS.
 BLAKESLEE, VERNON A. SR
 BODY, WILLIAM F.
 BROWN, MARVIN L.. JR
 BURLEIGH, LLEWELLYN P.
 CAREY, JAMES C.
 COUSINS, WILLARD V. JR.
 COZAD, FREDERICK D.
 DEVILLE, JESSE H.
 DALBY, MARVIN
 DOWD, THOMAS J.
 DUNNE, MARSHALL D.
 FARNSWORTH, GALEN
 GRASZ, EUGENE R.
 HOLLSOMBACK, SAMUEL J.
 INSKEEP, BERKLEY C. 'SKIP'
 JANDREAU, ROBERT J.
 JONES, DONALD E.
 JONES, HENRY
 KEEN, GORDON W.
 MAJETIC, IVAN A.
 MINGO, FRANK
 McCABE, CHARLES R.
 McKOWN, JERRY O.
 RUDOLPH, C. EDNER
 SCHOLTZ, EDWIN F.
 SIMPSON, BILL
 SITKOWSKI, JOSEPH C..
 SMITH, RICHARD D.
 STEVENSON, LARRY B.
 SVENDSEN, DAN
 TROTTER, PAUL J.
 URMEY, GENE K.
 VIDRINE, LIONEL
 YETTER, DWIGHT A.

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.** There are more.

Why isn't my name on the last list, or this 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 Good-Guy for 10 years. Or, maybe you forgot to send the dues in... You be the judge!

Which way did they go.. George?

The following last newsletters were returned by the Post Office..... with no clue where to forward their newsletters. Does anyone have a current address for....

Cayson, Benny C.
 Fridley, John W.
 Taylor, William C.

We have no recourse but to pull their names from the mailing list.

Which by the way.... can happen to anyone.... if we don't have a good current address for you. Hmmmmmm.... do you suppose there is a subtle hint in there somewhere.... to tell Roy.... where we go.... when we move? Naaaaa never-happen

What are your hobbies?.....

No...flapping your eye-lids does not count as a hobby..... But we have some interesting ones in this group..... We are interested in your hobbies. Oh, I know.... too many of you are working like the dickens, and are too busy..... but everyone should have something very special that they enjoy doing. Tell us about your hobbies..... or your wife's???

The Grand Kids....
 R. V.ing.....
 Flower culture....
 Surfing..... (The Internet.... <grin>)
 Banana Belting....
 Staying outa jail....
 Telling Folk Stories.....
 Collecting Historical Memorabilia....
 Flying.....
 Making Banjo Ukuleles....

Why not drop your Secty-Treas a note..... and tell about your hobby. You might be surprised and find some new buddy in this group that has the same hobby.

Echoes from our crew...

Echoes Via The Banana Belt

Chief John Wilborn, former MCB#2 was instrumental in helping us get Senior Chief Barnes' photograph and also provided information about Chief Barnes. We probably have more retired Seabees in our group, who we will be happy to hear about. That is what we are trying to do.

There are many in our membership who are Veterans of the war in Vietnam. Maybe we can ask them to let us know what they can remember about Senior Chief Barnes
Stoney

Here is our check for the dinner tickets in Denver. See you there.

Eugene "Nellie" Nelson

We are really looking forward to Denver and seeing all our friends again and again. My wife and I spent January and February at Myrtle Beach, SC. Larry Stevenson and his wife, Nancy came to stay with us for a few days.

Ambros Johnson

Just received the latest newsletter of MCB#2. Clyde and I both enjoy reading it. It was quite interesting this time. (HmMMM? what about the time before <grin>)

Clyde and Marian Stenholm

Hope to see all at the Reunion.

Vernon Blakeslee

Hey where you guys been for 45 years. Sorry I've missed out on past reunions. What a roster, Camden, Carter, Budworth.... even old Cecil Westwood. But where is Steve Arroyo, Don Gould and Olangapo Sue? Se Ya'll in Denver

Ralph Binney

Another item, Nelson Boudreau was impressed with your home page on the Internet.
<http://www.phoenix.net/~roycone>

Nelson teaches a course in computers of the older groups in Baton Rouge. He is a retired Electrical Engineer. I had the pleasure of serving with him on Kwajalien.

Just received a call from Gelen Teske that he has had a serious accident from hot water heater blow back... not been too active lately... but coming to our Denver Reunion. All Right! Stoney

Echoes from the Texas Connection

As I have gone through the past newsletters, I have not seen the following names appear. These are two guys who served 3 full tours with me at Cubi Point from 1952-55. Please see if your can locate Orville (Chick) V. Hardison from Riverside, CA and Hans Engelmann from New York, NY. Thanks and keep us the good work. I will get my dues off right away.
Larry Jessop

I have not heard from anyone who was a member of the Engineering Dept at Little Hueneme, at Cubi Point, in 1952-3, but I have enjoyed the newsletters. Enclosed is a check for 1997 dues.

Dwight A. Yetter

Here are my dues and extra for a special mailing list of former personnel. I will not be able to come to the reunion in Denver. The pictures and articles bring back a lot of memories.

Bill Simpson

Enclosed is my check for two years. We had a great time in Vegas. Saw quite a few old friends. Hope to be able to make it to Denver. My only regret about Vegas was that I missed a few friends which I didn't recognize or know that they were there. One old friend that I have not seen or heard of was "Boston Blackie" Micheal Antonavich. He was here to visit in 56.... went to Buffalo for Krygier wedding then lost all contact. Wonder what happened to him? (Emil.... that was a nice check..... but you didn't sign it. Edith would have signed it. <grin>... Roy) Emil Bazzoli
(p.s. I had your name wrong but Stoney caught it)

Echoes continued.....

I have received the MCB#2 Newsletter and want to stay on the mailing list..... here is my check.

Gene K Urmev

It is good seeing the names of old friends. Hoping to see many more. I wonder what happened to: Earl and Shirley Allen, Jim and Pat Cobb, Edna and Carl Smith? Jim & Earl were stationed on Midway in 58-59. Carl was stationed in Guam in 55. We would also like to hear from Buddy and Dee Dee Miller. Buddy was with Battalion 10 in Guam in 55. I wonder if Tom Crowder remembers our tack party on Guam in 55.... he sure made a fine looking gal with his "mop" hair. Tom was fun to be around. Does anyone know what happened to "purple people eater" that Jesse left at the work place when we returned to the states? I think it was left on Guam. My sister sent it to him as a running joke.... since it was sentimental.... would appreciate its return. I have a few pictures of Guam, Midway and the Philippines. I also have a silver baseball charm form that famous baseball team. If and when we ever make one of the reunions, I'll bring them. I also have all the old love letters from Jesse but, I don't think he would appreciate me sharing them. I do use them occasionally for black mail! I'll have to re-read them. Since we wrote daily.... should be a lot of good history.

Jesse and Margaret Deville

Sorry, we haven't paid sooner.... looking forward to see all in Denver! Chuck and Helen McCabe

Nelson Baudreaux of Baton Rough told me if I did not get my dues up to date..... I would be on the hit list (I said "Hit"). I have checked my records and found that I was currant. I sent my last dues payment in 2-1/2 years after the end of the Civil War. You ask why not E-Mail?.... the last time I typed a letter was when I was in the 3rd grade.... I'm not about to learn now. My wife sends all E-Mail. I want to tell you a little about Virginia.... it is now one of the states. It has been good to us. We love it here in Amherst. We moved from California in 91. We found Amherst quite by accident.....

3100 people, one gas station, two stores, two banks, one hardware, library, Dog Vet (for my two), Court House. At 6 pm all sidewalks are rolled up.... The current newsletter arrived yesterday..... and I was on the Hit List. Oh well, we can't all be perfect! Good hunting.

Marsh D. Dunne

You could have knocked me over with a feather when I saw my name in the latest newsletter regarding the four handed chess games we had in the old green hut. The only thing, I don't remember the belt buckle that Jack Wilson referred to. It is nice to be remembered regardless of what's for.

P.J. Trotter

Don "Ike" E Minhizer was wondering about the whereabouts of "Ed Kahawai". When I was at CBMU-1 K3 Korea in late 52 and early 53 Ed "Kawai" or "Kahawai" was doing his second time around with K3 with his buddy, Johnny Manalo. We lived in hut #2 and Ed bunked under me. Johnny Manalo was just across from us. Ed like to take a drink or two and Johnny as I recall didn't drink at all. When Eddie would come back to the hut late at night with a few too many drinks, his favorite expression was "this pineapple is hot cargo". The three of us, along with Ed Posey, all stood a Captain's Mast for "forgetting to come back to the base before sundown" one evening. My punishment was to dig fox holes for two weeks in my "free time" and the loss of one R&R in Japan. When I was working at Pearl Harbor in 69, I did not have time to look them up but I talked to an employee of the Navy there that verified that they had returned to work there. My phone book program does not show a listing for E. or Ed Kahawai, but it does show a listing for a J. Manalo, Molo St, Kailua, HI, 808-254-3242.

Pat Morris

Tell "FRITZ" SAATHOFF that I couldn't find Ogallala, NE on the map, so I had to retire to Hot Springs Village, AR. To BIG "SIG".... I can still out jump you.

Joe (Pollack) Sitwowski-(501) 922-6852

Echoes continued.....

Carolyn and I hope to make the Denver reunion but we might have some family obligations about the same time so we will have to wait a few months to make our final decision.

Carolyn and Don Seethaler

Would it be possible to get the address of Millard N. Schneider? (P.O.Box 36, Lake Villa, Ill 60046) Last time I saw him was in Atsugi in Dec 51. I was on way to K-2 in Korea. Also Donald W. Eminhizer (924 Lee Trevino Drive, Belen, NM 87002-7034). Also I haven't seen Melvin Laitenen's name come up - was from Embarrass, MN? (Melvin has passed away..... Stoney) Gordon W. Keen

Here's dues.... Hope to see you in Denver. Vegas was a blast! Sure looking forward to seeing old shipmates again. Hope to see P.P., Tony and hope to see Willie Free and the rest of the steelworkers.

Bill Body

How's everything going? Fine here. I had a letter from "Tubes" Dixon. What a surprise..... I had no idea he would remember either of us. I make my first "regional" appearance at the Tejas Storytelling Festival.... by telling a story based on Murphy's Law. Sorta follows the same format as "Rag-Tag Christmas." I'll let you know how it turns out.

Marvin L. Brown, Jr.

I am enclosing my dues check -- didn't realize I was behind. I am looking forward to the Denver reunion. I'm a CBMU577 with Kreskey and hope to get a good group together. Edwin Scholtz

Enclosed are my dues for another year.... time really flies when you're having fun. Don't know yet if we'll make it to Denver. Our summer travels may put us too far away in September..... but we'll try.

Tom Dowd tjdowd@juno.com

Here is some money -- Please put my name back on the "Good Guys" List. Hope to see you all in Denver.

Larry Stevenson

Here are some 97 dues.....

Frank Mingo

Enclosed are 96/97 dues. Hope to be at the reunion this year in Denver!

Gino Grasz

It took the last newsletter for me to remember to pay my dues. Yes, keep 'em coming....

Sam J. Holsomback

I am unable to attend the reunion but after serving with MCB#2 (Det 1803) in the Philippines @ Cubi Point.... I am very proud to call myself a former "Seabee"!! Would love to hear from my former tent-mates (Colvin, Kline, Liverman, Barkand, Butler and others) God bless you all and have a great reunion in Denver!

Berk "Skip" Inskeep (520) 326-3387

Here's dues for 5 years! (Thank You Mucho!) Plan on seeing you all in Denver. Keep up the good work on the Reunions.

Basil D. Arnold

I say your name on the Internet regarding the Seabees. My dad (Albert S. Ewell) was in the 38th Battalion of Seabees on Guam - Tinian during the war. I am trying to find a reunion group like yours for the 38th. Does anyone know whom I can contact? (Send info to me.... Roy)

Sally Ewell Matenkosky

Oh..... Please keep my name on the Good Guys List. I hope to see all of you in Denver. I was so glad that Herb Mead, George Chang and Frank Honeychurch from our electric shop at Atsugi was able to make the last reunion. I miss seeing and visits from Stoney and Gladys Serretts since they left Louisiana and moved to Montana.

L.P. Burleigh

Please note my change of address..... (Thank you, it is so much easier to change it now..... than to have the Post Office notify me.... at extra cost..Roy)

Richard D. Smith

Echoes continued.....

Hi! There..... it was good to hear from them Old Timers. I had many good times at Subic. Sorry if I'm late on my payment..... but better late than never (You got that right!) Still working 10 & 12 hours a day and 7 days a week. Some time you just forget what going on and not getting any younger. (Hey.... don't forget to back off and smell the flowers... Roy)

Lionel Vidrine

I saw the name of Seabee John and Mary Wilborn. Johnny really helped me in R. Island in 1959. I never got around to thank him at the time. Would you send him my address please (Paul Muma, 620 W. Perry, Aberdeen, WA 98520). I am going to Europe in August this year and will return to the states in November or December. The trip I take to Europe is under the control of other people. Yet it works out good for me because I still have two aunts living in Europe and I get to visit with them.

Paul and Mary Muma

Sorry I got behind in my dues. Your newsletter is tops.... keep them coming. Always glad to see new members being found and added. Shirley and I plan to be in Denver. We enjoy R.V.ing and Colorado is one of our favorite places to visit.

Shirley and Fred Cozad

Enjoy the newsletter. I was transferred to MCB#2 Det. Able Cubi Pt. then Cameyn Pt. and Midway Island. I am now enjoying retirement with 41 years in Operating Engineers Local #3. Keep up the good work.

Henry and Raquel Jones

I just wanted to thank everyone for helping me obtain an application this past January for the Seabee Memorial Association Scholarship; Ed Jones snail mailed me an application. I have completed the application and mailed it off a few weeks ago; thanks again everyone.

Daniel Pfarrer gsp@idt.net

After much consideration I have come to the

conclusion that having been in MCB#2 for such a short time, I do not relate to any of the events in the newsletter. Nor do I recognize any of the men's names. So therefore I will request that my name be removed from the mailing list.

Finis R. Smith

Everything is going good here in whine country. John and Mary Stock visited Carol and I for a few days in January. C.U.N. Denver.

Rich (aka Nellie) Nelson

I really enjoy our newsletter. I know you put in a lot for us... that do so little. Thanks again...

Jerre O. McKown

Enclosed you will find a note (Page 6) from Paul Trotter of La Pine, Oregon. He was very popular with his ship mates..... we need a lot more like him.

Stoney

Sorry about not signing my check..... it's not the first time. This Micheal Antonvich I asked about may be passed away. Does anyone know?

Emil Bazzoli

Can't remember about the dues.... I hope I have enclosed enough to take care of it for a while (paid thru 12/31/98). Not sure if we can make the Denver Reunion..... but if not we will certainly miss everybody.

Dan and Joni Svendsen

It's some time since we had contact. We're still interested in getting photos/film/antidotes about the building of Cubi Air Station. For you info, the air station gets a plug in an upcoming movie, "Goodbye Americas". (Send any info to Roy.... I'll forward it.)

Bob Couttie

I have been out traveling because of storytelling. Have been to OKC, Ft. Worth, Denton, etc. (I knew that "storytelling" would get him in a lot of trouble.... sooner-or-later.) Oh, you say he means "folk stories".... O.K.

Marvin L. Brown Jr

Echoes continued.....

(I'm not sure this is exactly true.... because it was relayed via Montana.... by you know whom)..

Seems that a fellow we all know in Denver was reading in the morning paper about his obituary..... then he got to thinking.... "Things ain't all that good as I was expecting in the Good Place.... my lumbago is still hurting like crazy! And things ain't all that bad as I might expect in the Bad Place.... sure had a dandy breakfast. Hmmmmm... I must still be alive and here on earth. Well, if this is so..... than as Mark Twain put it, "The story of my demise is much exaggerated.""

about Ted Seros' report

From the Internet.... Attached is a picture of Mac McDonald. He was at Atsugi when you were there. I worked for him at K3 Korea CBMU#101 in 1953. At that time Mac was about 40 years old. A real character. He thought nothing of asking the Commanding Officer if he would loan him his car. Mac was a CE1

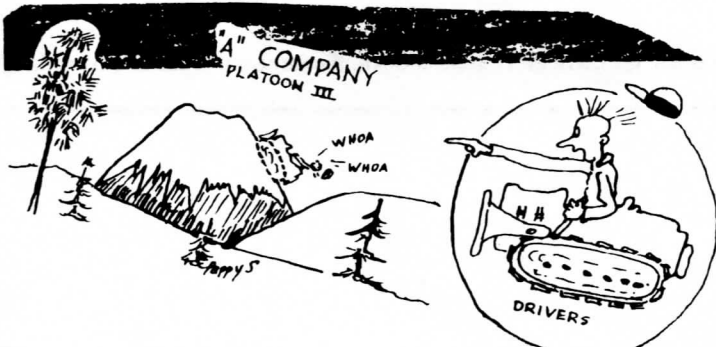
Pat Morris sirrom@ezin.net

I have received from Dwight Yetter several copies of the "Cubi Pointer". It was a newspaper put out by the 30th Naval Construction Regiment. I will send you some information for the newsletter.

Stoney

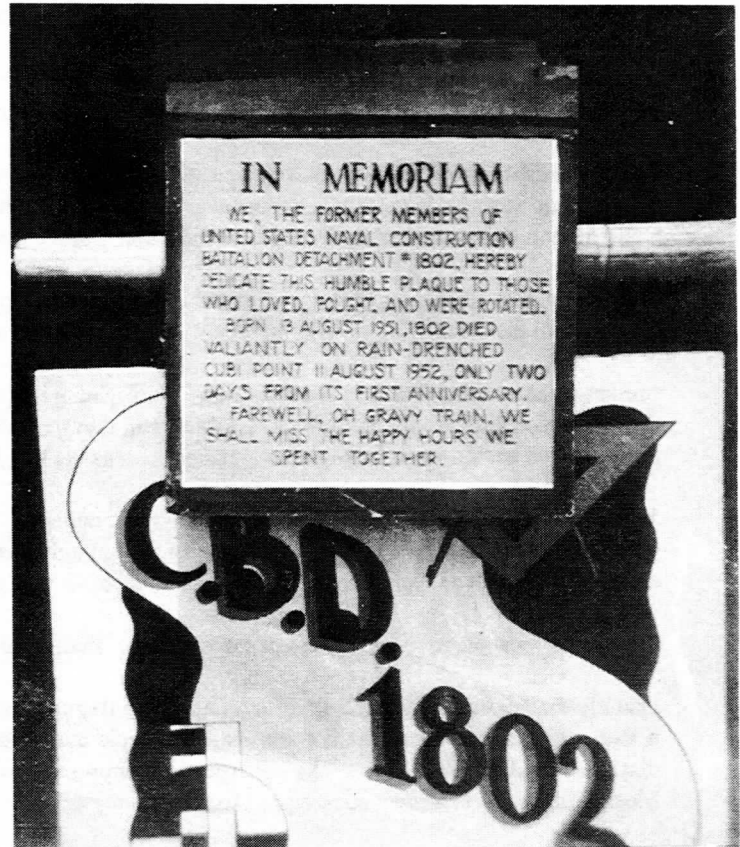
Enclosed are my C.B. dues for 97. Really enjoyed the Vegas Reunion, but due to illness will not make it to Denver. Hope to make the next one in 1999. Have you heard from Donald Johnston.... he was from Deckerville, Michigan (Can anyone help???? I have no info.). Keep up the work the newsletters.

Bob "Frenchie" and Babe Jundreau



CBD 1802

When CBD 1802 was deactivated in August 1952, the men were assigned to MCB#2. So in reality... CBD 1802 was another splinter group of MCB#2. Maybe this picture will attract some of that group.



"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it."

-A congressional candidate in Texas

"It is necessary for me to establish a winner image. Therefore, I have to beat somebody."

- Richard M. Nixon

"When -I have been asked during these last weeks who caused the riots and the killing in L.A., my answer has been direct and simple: Who is to blame for the riots? The -rioters are to blame. Who is to blame for the killings? The killers are to blame." -Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle on the complex social issues behind the Los Angeles Riots

"Things are more like they are now than they ever were before." - Former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1997 Santa Rosa, California..... *forwarded to us by Richard A. Nelson*

Port Hueneme museum reveals Fighting Seabees' Mission Scope

By JEREMY BAGOTT
Los Angeles **Daily News**

LOS ANGELES - "We build, we fight," goes the Seabee motto. In a sea of modern organizational blather, there could scarcely be a pithier, more focused mission statement for any group. Its clarity borders on the poetic.

The Seabees, otherwise known as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, don't blow whistles. They don't scrape paint off rusty hulls. They build, and if you get in the way, they blast. What's not to understand?

The fruits of the Seabees' labor, as well as a staggering array of weapons, construction equipment, uniforms, photographs and assorted stuff the fighting Seabees have commandeered from their numerous foes over the years can be viewed at the Seabee Museum at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme - home of the Pacific Seabees.

"The museum is more than the sum of its exhibits," said director John Langellier. "The real story of the Seabees is in the most mundane of objects, like the Coca-Cola bottles the Seabees improvised as electrical insulators in the Pacific during World War II."

Immortalized by John Wayne in the 1944 film "The Fighting Seabees," the Seabees have seen action in every major U.S. zone of conflict since their formation after the attack on Pearl Harbor. But they've also conducted little-known operations in parts of the world so remote you'd be hard-pressed to find them in any atlas - places such as the tiny Pacific island of Yap, where 80-pound stone disks are used as legal tender.

Veterans, history buffs and civil engineer types will be euphoric. Others less so. A case containing battle-worn surveying flags, Wye levels, protractors, alidades and other surveying equipment that only a construction worker could truly love gives way to an exhibit room containing about 50 anti-aircraft cannon, mortar tubes and machine guns of all nations and vintages.

Ringed the weaponry are wall-size glass cases with the small arms of many nations and convincing dioramas depicting former Seabee enemies.

One life-size diorama features a North Vietnamese Regular and a cache of what was once his standard-issue field equipment. Beside him, a Viet Cong in black pajamalike attire stands beside numerous weapons of choice: assorted booby traps and homemade mines (long ago disarmed) and several punji sticks - sharpened bamboo shoots designed to pierce the standard-issue U.S. combat boot and infect the foot. Most chilling is a bear trap once rigged to ensnare the ankle of some unsuspecting GI.

In another room, a wall-size glass display case contains dozens of helmets, among them a British paratrooper's, a French infantryman's, an Italian carabinieri's and a well-preserved specimen of a Pickelhaube, the German spiked helmet worn in World War I.

A passageway leads to a large hall with dozens of cases containing hundreds of cultural artifacts acquired by the Seabees. Assembled here is an Okinawan shi-shi dog, an array of Japanese ceremonial scabbards, a Russian samovar, a Moroccan kaftan, a stuffed bald eagle and items too numerous to mention. All are contained in cases according to country and region: Japan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Melanesia, the Pacific Trust Territories, Micronesia, Polynesia, Africa, Europe and the Americas.

The many displays that aren't related to warfare speaks to the Seabees' humanitarian work. When Saddam Hussein drove Kurdish refugees into barren regions of Northern Iraq after the Gulf War, President Bush called out the Seabees to provide comfort and sanitation.

Across from the museum, at the base's Heritage Park, bulldozers, cranes and a huge amphibious resupply vessel stand in silent tribute to those who once operated them.

But whatever the mission, the Seabees remain unfazed. As the saying goes, the difficult is done at once, the impossible takes 1.5 working days.

Let's go to... COLORADO SPRINGS - AIR FORCE ACADEMY - GARDEN of the GODS

Several of our members have asked for this tour. Here is what has been worked out..... we think it is a good tour.... and a bargain price too. If you wanta go..... sign up now! We must have 35 reservations to guarantee this tour.... we should easily get 100. Lots of fun!

Travel the path of the covered wagons and gold seekers to the majestic Pikes Peak region. An expert and experienced tour guide enlivens your tour to Colorado Springs.

Visiting the United States Air Force Academy is an experience to remember - a sprawling campus set against a backdrop of breathtaking mountain peaks. See the Academy Cadet Chapel with its 17 gleaming aluminum spires, enjoy a tour of the athletic facilities and watch the cadets marching and participating in the academic life.

Then drive through the famous "Garden of the Gods", a registered national landmark of red sandstone rock formations - formerly an old Ute Indian burial ground and encampment, now a geological park.

On to Old Colorado City for an historic walk and time for shopping - once the Territorial Capital of Colorado boasting gen mills, gambling dens, houses of ill fame, now a delightful neighborhood of distinctive shops and imaginative craftsmen, especially the Simpich Character doll Factory. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many restaurants offering a variety of menu selections.

A memorable day in Pikes Peak Country! And think of the great MCB#2 group you are going with.....

Date: Saturday, September 13, 1997

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (including transportation, tour, and guide)

Tour will depart from the Holiday Inn Parker Road.... where we are staying. The minimum guarantee for all tours is 35 passengers unless otherwise noted. Tour will be subjected to cancellation if minimum numbers are not met by the pre-registration deadline of August 29, 1997. No refunds after that date.... The tour reservations desk will be open for on site reservations on a space available basis only.

Pre-Registration deadline is August 29, 1997. No cancellations or refunds after that date. Tours depart from Holiday Inn Parker Road. On-site tour registration on space available basis only. Contact Stoney Serrett at (406) 727-3519 if you have any questions: Let's make this a super-success! We would like to see 90 plus men and women attend this great tour! Order Now!

COLORADO SPRINGS

DATE: Saturday, September 13, 1997 # Tickets Total

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COST: \$ 25.00 per person _____ _____

Total Due \$ _____

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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 44 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. Of course, there can be more reservations and we look forward to your joining us in the fun. So to those of you that have been thinking of sending in your reservations, *please* consider doing so soon..... Why not doing it now, before it slips your mind?

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 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 _____

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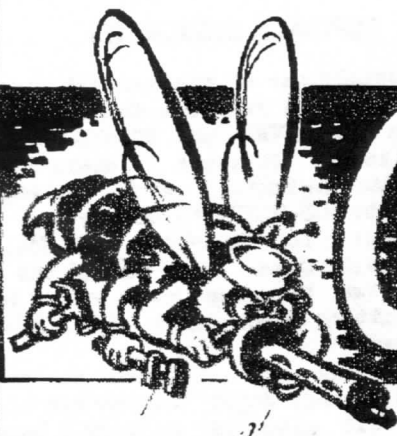
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\$25.00 Contest Prize Divided

Because of the difficulty in picking one name from the many entries, a combined entry was picked. Therefore, it was necessary to divide the prize money among the following men. Each one contributed to the name selected or helped in the design and make-up of the first issue. They were William F. SHARP, BUCN, of MCB 2, William G. RICHARDSON, DMSN, of MCB 3, Donald PALMER of MCB 9 and Arlen R. PHIPPS, also of MCB 9.

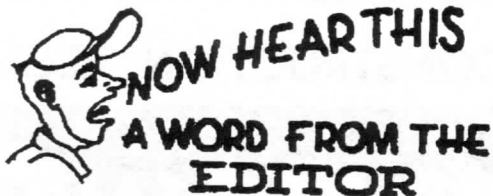
The name of the paper reflects our job (Sea Bees) and our location.

Among the entries received were "The Banana Leaf", "The Typhoon", and "The Philippine Flash". Many thanks for your interest and suggestions.

President Magsaysay poses with P.R. Matalucci, GD3, of MCB-TWO (left) and Emil R. Steiner, YN3, of the 30th NGR Staff, during his visit. Hundreds of Seabees crowded the administration area and the Mess Hall to see the famous Philippine hero and to pose with him for pictures. President Magsaysay displayed the friendliness and informality so characteristic of him and won many admirers among the men on Cubi.

MCB TWO CHANGE OF COMMAND

Before the impressive ranks of white-uniformed MCB-TWO personnel, LCDR Madsen, former Executive Officer of MCB-NINE, read his orders to take command of the battalion. Construction Battalion Two's former Commanding Officer, CDR C. C. Compton then read his orders to report to a naval shore station in the continental United States. We wish both the best of luck in their new work, though we know from past experience that both men are capable of accomplishing any task that may be assigned them.



Branding Irons of Freedom

In the days when the world was ruled by Julius Caesar, every free citizen had one passionate ambition. That ambition was the secret weapon which enabled a small number of men to conquer, rule, and civilize the European continent.

The ambition was this: to leave an indelible imprint on the face of the earth. To lawyers and men of thought this imprint was a just code of law. To artists and architects this meant a statue or a graceful bridge. To the common man this meant conquering barbarian lands as a Roman soldier, or putting marble block upon marble block to form a great building.

It is a like ambition which has fired the hearts of American patriots during the history of our country. Nowhere is it found in more vital form today than in the men whose career as fighting artisans has earned the admiration of the world, the U.S. Navy Seabees. To train for battle, to build for peace, to make a mark of America on the doorstep of the enemy; that is the Seabee way.

Throughout the island-dotted Pacific, in Japan and Korea, in Europe and the Atlantic, the Seabees have left the sign of freedom's might written by bulldozers and carbines, and sealed with air bases, new installations, and famous chapels. But most of these projects are small compared with the job to be done on Cubi Point.

At the beginning of this project, experts expressed doubts that it would ever near completion, for they realized the often insurmountable obstacles of delay, lack of adequate equipment, slow communications, youth and inexperience of many hands, and others which can not yet be told.

The amazing progress of the work here is the most eloquent testimony of the willingness with which the Seabees have given themselves to this task, and of their unparalleled ambition to sear deep on the face of the earth the brand of freedom. It is the Seabee spirit which has accomplished such wonders against such odds, and has won the unqualified admiration of the experts and of high officials of our own and other countries.

But soon the rains will be here, and the work will be severely curtailed. There is little time left to do the job, to leave the imprint of these four battalions, of this regiment, on the earth. This is a project which is second to no construction job in the world in importance, and it must be done quickly and thoroughly because of our crucial position. Work now as your brothers did on Okinawa, as they are in Korea. Work with a will, and let's get the job done. Our reputation and the freedom of the world may some day depend on your work here.

SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Probably one of the hardest played games this year was the game between MCB-ELEVEN and MCB-TWO softball teams. It was a pitchers duel from the beginning, with the edge going to MCB-ELEVEN's Garter.

Throwing for MCB-TWO was Eddie "Fireball" Owens. He turned out a good game, but was not backed by the hitting power that MCB-ELEVEN boasted.

With the bases loaded in the third inning, Roger Garter won his own ball game by getting a home run over the center field wall. He also took the hitting honors by getting two hits for the night. Last year, Owens and Garter played together, and they made a good combination. It is fun to watch them oppose each other on the diamond this year.

Another game which was a slug-ging battle was the one between MCB-THREE and the Marines. The boys from MCB-THREE hit hardest by getting fourteen runs to the Marines Five. Glason went all the way difficultly when the Marines put two runs across the plate on a wild pitch in the second inning.

There were three home runs during that game, one going to W. Johnson, the second to Joe O'Brien, and the third to Bobby DeLong. Joe Cruso got two hits to lead the hitting average.

In other games, MCB-THREE beat MCB-TWO, two to four, and MCB-TWO beat the Regiment, twenty-one to seven. (That is a softball, not a football, score.)



DON'T ALL STARS SHINE?

An All Star Softball team composed of men from MCB's TWO, THREE, FIVE, and ELEVEN, couldn't beat the AKA-27 Team from the Naval Station. Men chosen for the All Star team were Eddie Owens and Jack Ainsworth from MCB-TWO; Don Smeznik and Scott and Bobby Glason from MCB-THREE; Rinco, Jerry Coleman, Joe Drazic, and Willie Williams from MCB-FIVE; and Roger Carter and Brand from MCB-ELEVEN. The two teams met twice.

Cubi Point Seabees Drop Semi-final Game, 68-60

In the United States Armed Forces Basketball Tournament for the Philippines, held at Clark Air Force Base from January 20 through January 24, the CUBI POINT SEABEES were among the top players on the courts.

After crushing the feeble opposition of Sangley Point Naval Station 60-45, the Seabees felt the next game slip through their fingers by a mere three points. The 581st ARC gained these points through luck in the last few seconds of the game, to make the score, 78-75.

But though this loss dropped the Seabees to the losers' bracket, it did not dull their enthusiasm, and they easily cut down the 6200th Air Base Wing 69-57. In their next game the Cubi Pointers rolled over the Twenty-Fourth Air Depot by a score of 76-54.

Then, in the semi-finals, the gallant men from Cubi were again edged out by the 581st ARC, this time by an eight point margin, 68-60. This disqualified the Seabee team.

The 581st ARC in turn lost two games to the 13th Air Force, a splendid, smooth-operating team, 70-60, and 62-55. The 13th Air Force emerged as the Champions.

But the Seabee defeat does not look as bleak when an overall view of the tournament is taken. The Cubi team scored a total of 340 points against some of the best teams in the Philippines. Only 302 points were scored against our men during the whole tournament. And both their defeats were suffered during the last few minutes of play with the 581st ARC. So though Cubi Point has no trophy, I do not hesitate to say we have a Championship team.

COULD THIS BE MCB-2's DANNY PELAEZ Pelaez is High Series Man in First Meet

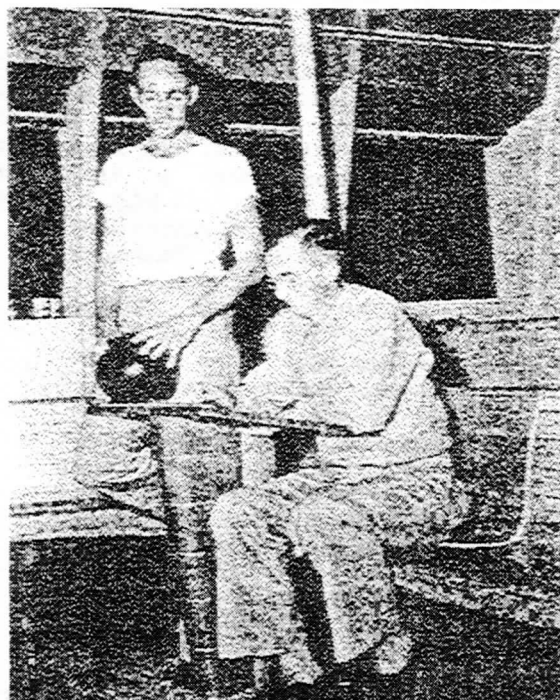
Pelaez of the Holletties bowled 188, 164, and 188 for a total of 540, and an average of 180 in the first meet of the 1953 Thursday Bowling League. High Team honors went to the MCB-9 Officers who scored a total of 2325 in three games.

In addition to having the high series for a team for the evening, the Battalion Nine Officers also pushed out in front for their game average of 811, highest game average of January 22nd's tilt.

Many of the bowling teams are looking for extra men, and if you would like to bowl, contact one of the Cubi Point teams as soon as possible. There are twelve teams competing, and games are played every Thursday evening in the bowling alleys of the Subic Bay Naval Station.

Though it is too soon to predict victors in the League, the teams to watch are those of the Thirtieth Regiment and battalion nine.

The AKA won the first game by the score of five to one. Carter was the starting pitcher, but the fleet sailors got to him in the third, and he was relieved by Glason after four runs sped over the plate for the visitors. The following night, Glason started, but was relieved by Carter in the Fourth after the AKA27 had scored four runs. Score for the second game was AKA-27, 6; Seabees 1.



LAUGHTON AND CHAPLAIN KILLEEN - These two men are the ones who did most to organize the Cubi Point Bowling League and make it as successful as we saw it last Thursday. Father Killeen is from Yonkers, New York.

CHOW DOWN

To feed hundreds of hard-working men three good meals a day in a place thousands of miles from one where wholesome food is almost a luxury seems an impossible task. The best indication of the success of the undertaking is the exceptionally high standard of health of the Cubi Point personnel. Many an hour of work must be spent by Ltjg. Henge, Commissary Officer, and B.F. Munson, CSC, his assistant, in ordering provisions and balancing the budget. That is a problem to an average homemaker. On such a scale and under such difficult conditions it is a colossal enterprise, and the galley staff is doing a remarkable job.

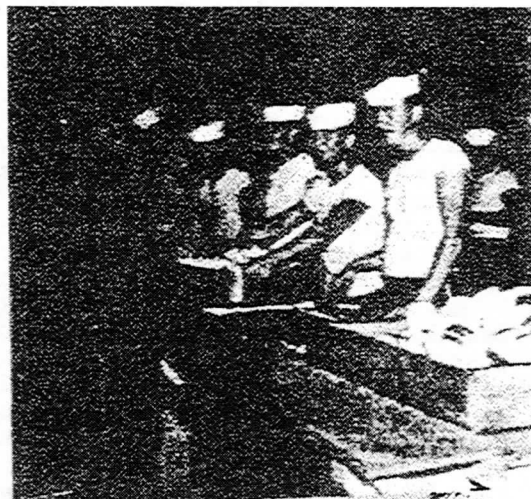
The gruff galley captain with a heart of gold, "Ski" Pietranowicz, is one of the best known and best liked men on Cubi, and we have heard many a story about "Ski" from his cooks and from Seabees who have spent some weeks in the galley. Along with his assistants, watch captains Horse and Harris, he is responsible for the practical recipes which make the best use of the nourishing foods. New ranges and ovens just acquired will help them in preparing meals in the future.

The jack of the dust for the galley is Kennora. Most of the fresh vegetables come from Baguio in the cool fertile Northern Luzon mountain valleys. Kubleman arranges for delivering these and other provisions from Subic Naval Station. The butcher shop, where American meats are prepared for cooking, is supervised by Hill. Almost all meat and dairy products, as well as canned and frozen foods, are imported from the U.S. In charge of the spud locker is Robison. And what meal would be complete without the pies and cakes and the bread from the bakery of Chief Shultz.

A.T. Barrett, BMC, Chief MAA of the galley, is responsible for a couple hundred temporary messcooks who do the important job which make this galley cleaner, and this serving line more efficient, than those of some long established Naval bases. Few jobs are as tedious and unsung, yet as essential and far-reaching in effects as theirs.

To the personnel of the galley, from the Commissary Officer, to the last messcook, go our thanks for long hours spent serving us.

In addition to these cooks working in the main galley are the ones who work in the two outlying annexes under Segras and Puchett.



Messcooks stand prepared to begin serving chow. There are three serving lines in the galley, resulting in fast service and short chow lines.

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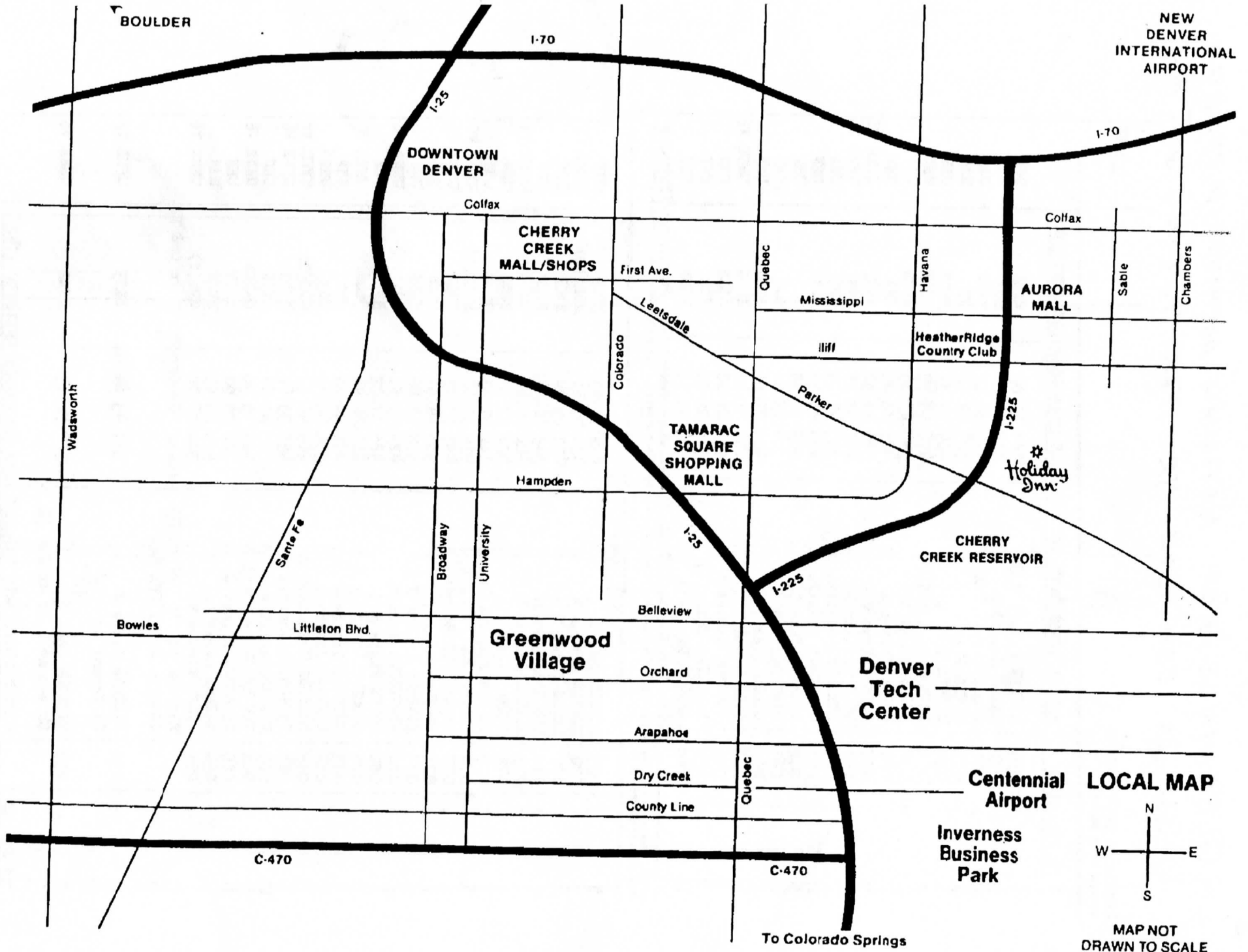
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