

# MCB 2 Reunion Association

A newsletter for former MCB 2 Personnel

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## CHARLESTON, HERE WE COME!

### LOTS OF EXCITEMENT EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF MCB 2

Letters have been coming in from members saying how excited they are to be going to Charleston in '99! Everyone is looking forward to this next reunion with a great deal of enthusiasm. Our previous reunions have been great with each one better than the previous one. Ben painter is contacting the reunion organization to see what help they can provide to make this next reunion the best one ever!! Rich Nelson sent a card saying that we can call 1-800-413-6800, a toll-free telephone number, to receive a free travel guide of South Carolina. When you call them, tell them you are with the MCB 2 Seabees planning our reunion in Charleston. As they take calls from all of us, they will know that we are a big group coming to South Carolina. Plan to travel around the state and see some wonderful sights. There's lots of antique shops and

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN,

### BEN PAINTER

**W**ith 1997 behind us and now well into 1998, we can now say that our next reunion will be next year! Sounds good to me. As far away as it may seem, I can assure you it'll be here before you know it. I'm looking forward to it for I know it will be a great year and Charleston will prove to be a great location.

While I still haven't seriously started making contacts with specific individuals about the reunion, I have been getting information together. It was determined in Denver that if possible we should attempt to get one of the retired, high ranking officers to attend at least a portion of our event. I now have the name of a couple of retired Admirals and will be making contact with them in the next

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colonial sights around Charleston and Ben is contacting the Navy asking them for help in providing access onto the Naval Station there. Who knows, Ben might get an Admiral to show us around!

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## OUR FALLEN COMRADES

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Edgar L. (Eddie) Crim  
C. B. Davis  
James L. Edwards  
William C. Keith  
Robert T. Kresky  
Willard W. (Bill) Limpus  
Jerald E. (Jerry) Watts

### A memory of Eddie Crim from Don Henderson:

Eddie returned from two weeks shore leave in 1950, before his battalion was to be shipped out a few weeks later, and he asked for another five days leave as soon as he returned so he could go back home and get married. At first he was turned down on his request, but after he told the Skipper that he was going AWOL if he didn't get permission, he was given another five days shore leave. He went home and married Louise and they remained together until his death this past September.

Don also mentioned that he had just learned of the death of Frank Inman. Frank had passed away sometime after our reunion in Springfield and was noted by Roy Cone in a previous Newsletter.

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few months. If any of you happen to know of any retired Civil Engineering Corps (CEC) Seabee Admirals or other high-ranking officers that live in the area, please let me know and I'll give them a call.

Scott tells me that our finances are in fairly good shape but since it's 1998, it is dues time again and we have to remember that the membership voted to increase those dues from \$12 to \$15 per calendar year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Scott for his efforts in producing this Newsletter. I can assure you it isn't an easy task. Good news articles are hard to come by, so if you have any Seabee-related material that you feel would be of interest to recipients of this Newsletter, please send them to Scott. <Thanks for the plug, Ben. My e-mail, snail mail and phone number are elsewhere in this Newsletter.> If all goes well, I hope to have a tentative schedule of our '99 reunion by the time we get our next Newsletter out. Have a great 1998 and plan to attend our fifth reunion in 1999.

Ben Painter

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**dues are now \$15/year**

## LETTERS FROM THE CREW

From **Stoney**:

Enclosed you will find a dues check from John Noetzel. You may remember he was the young man who was trying to find someone who remembered his Dad. <Does anyone have any memories for John of his Dad?> I was reading through the Great Falls *Tribune* when I came across the obituary of Bill Limpus. He was one of the two guys in the photo of the 1954 Cubi Point Yearbook holding a 12 foot python.

From **DeVon C. Jensen**:

(To Roy Cone, who forwarded to me, SW)  
Enclosed is a check for \$15 for my dues for 1998. I can't remember who the new secretary-treasurer is (age?). Will you please forward? <Got it and thanks, DeVon> The 1997 reunion was my first so I can't compare to others, but Mary and I had a grand time. Look forward to Charleston! Thank you for your efforts as well as the other officers of the reunion association for a job well done. Also, a deserved thank you all for past performance.

From **Richard Swallow** (not a former MCB 2 member, but a Seabee that collects Seabee items):

I sure enjoyed our telephone conversation. It is such a pleasure to be able to talk "Seabee" with someone. I have enclosed a couple of photos of part of my collection. These photos are a bit old. My collection is constantly growing and is considerably larger than shown. Enclosed is payment for one of the MCB 2 laser-engraved plaques. Let all the MCB 2 buddies know of my Seabee collection and if anyone has

a patch or anything they would like to donate to my collection, they can reach me at (918) 451-2241. I have a fairly extensive collection of battalion patches, plaques and other items and if anyone would like a copy of something just let me know. Thanks a lot.

From **Glen Grimes**:

Just a note to say thanks for the newsletters. Here is some dues <Thanks, we can always use dues - SW>. I planned to make it to Colorado but in May was run over by a pickup truck while walking my dog down the sidewalk. Lots of doctoring and therapy since then. Maybe we can make the Charleston reunion. I was at Cubi Point '52-'55 as mechanic. Most of my comrades have passed on but I recognize some of the names in the Newsletter. I plan to retire in April 1998. Keep up the good work. I appreciate the newsletters.

From **Mel Dixon**:

Here are my dues for '98 & '99 <thanks - checks are always welcome>. My thanks to you and the committee for all of the work it takes to hold such an organization together. I really enjoy my Newsletter. I was with Roy Cone at Atsugi and never even knew about this <? this what? the MCB 2 Reunion Assoc.? - We're trying to get the word out!>. I never got to Denver and doubt if I can get to Charleston, but hope to. I had major back and hip surgery an July and thought I would be as good as new, but I am finding out it doesn't work that way at my age. Have a nice holiday.

From **G. L. "Mitch" Mitchell**:

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Sorry I missed Denver <we are, too!>. Harvest time in North Dakota. Have enclosed dues <thank you!>. Newsletter is much enjoyed. Keep up the good work.

From **Henry Benguerel:**

Here's my dues for '98. <Thanks. It all adds up and keeps us afloat!>

From **Ralph W. Evans:**

Please find enclosed my check <Thank you>. Not even sure if I owe any dues but the reunion in Denver was "GREAT". Looking forward to Charleston in '99. It was great to see Larry Stevenson.

From **Dave Budworth:**

Darla and I want to let you know what a great job you did on the Newsletter. Roy was a hard act to follow, but you did great <Thank you very much.> Thanks for getting in the pictures we sent. They turned out great. <I am still working on getting better quality photo reproduction. See this issue.> I got a call from Ralph Binney last night. He was so surprised when he got his newsletter and opened it to find the picture of Warren Culberson and himself. He had to call to say how shocked he was. It was good hearing from him. I will go through all my old Q Bee Pointers and find some things with MCB 2 people in them and send them to you for the next Newsletter. <Thanks for the help with the photos and the Q Bee pointers..>

From **C. R. "Lefty" Williamson:**

Got the Newsletter today so I thought I had better send in my dues before I forget - which is what happens very often!! <Thanks for the check. The dues are what keeps us going.> Both my wife and I have

bad health so don't do much traveling any more. The Newsletter is very good and enjoy it very much. Keep up the good work.

From **Red Gantt:**

Here's my dues 'til the end of the century <Thanks. Always appreciated.> Missed Denver but hope to make it to Charleston. Fresh seafood!! Yum yum!

From **Patrick Patinka:**

Please send a 9" X 12" MCB 2 plaque to me for a gift for my father, **Robert**, for Christmas. <What a great gift from a son!> Don't let him know I am getting him this, so send it to me when complete. <Done!>

From Piper **Dan Millett:**

Sorry I missed the Denver reunion. <We are, too..> It sounds like you had a great time. <We did, so don't miss Charleston!> Mary and I are going to try like h\_\_\_ to make the next one. <Great! You will really enjoy it.> We always have such a good time and it gives us a good excuse to travel and see different parts of the country. My congrats to the committee for a job well done. Keep up the good work.

From **Ed Sullivan:**

Enclosed is my check for MCB 2 dues. <Thank you!> Please change my address from Arvada, Colorado, to Sun City, Arizona. <Will do - see the address changes elsewhere in the Newsletter.>

From **Stoney** (again):

<The Committee voted to present an MCB 2 plaque to Stoney for his work as Chairman and was sent to him earlier.> I got your letter, Scott, and I was happy to

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hear from you again. I am extremely happy to learn that you have been offered a good job at the Yucca Mountain Project <I am, too, but not near as happy as my wife is! I am working for SAIC as a Drilling Engineer.> I hope that by now you may be back at work. <I am. I went back to work December 1 after being laid off from Bechtel on June 12.> I received the very nice plaque that you sent. I sure appreciate it very much but I hate that you would spend money on me for that. <You are more than deserving, Stoney.>

From **Verle Williams**:

I had hopes of attending the Denver reunion but unfortunately didn't make it. Hopefully, I plan to attend the next one in Charleston. I did attend the one in Las Vegas in 1995 as one of the "Special Guests from CBMU 577" which included **Bob Kresky, Bob Kitts, Ray Levasseur, Hance Morton and Edwin Scholtz**. We all served together beginning with basic training at Camp Peary, VA, in October 1943. Then on to Port Hueneme, CA, for Advanced Training and embarkation to the South Pacific where we were located at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. Later we moved to Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands. CBMU initially began as the 21st Super Battalion, then divided into four units as CBMU 574, 75, 576, and 577. The reunion at Las Vegas was most enjoyable. I also treasure getting the newsletter. My thanks goes to **Stoney Serrett** for explaining the origin and continuation of MCB 2.

**Williams C. Keith** was one of three who originally contacted me about the Las Vegas reunion. He was a new replacement in CBMU 577 on Eniwetok when Japan surrendered. After this contact, we then

corresponded by letters and phone until just a few days before his death on October 31, 1996. **William C. Keith** and his friend, **John J. Hammonds**, took basic training together at Camp Peary. John was transferred to Rhode Island and then to Port Hueneme for the duration of WWII. He was a stevedore in the 38th Special Battalion. I met him through **Bill Keith** and have visited him a couple of times. His address is: John J. Hammonds, 614 W. Wayne, Delphos, OH 45833 (419) 695-2711. Please accept my enclosed check for the yearly period beginning September 1997. I'm not sure if this is intended for membership or to help cover postage expenses, which is fine with me. I really wasn't in MCB 2. <Money is always accepted, Verle. You're now an honorary member and we'll see that you keep getting the Newsletter.>

From **John W. "Fletch" Fletcher**:

Here's my 1998 dues <Thank you>. Have attended all the reunions so far and, unless they have planted me, I'll make Charleston in '99. <We'll see you there. You're too tough to be planted before then!>

From **Don Hofstetter**:

Here are my dues for '98 & '99. <Thanks. That keeps the Newsletter going.> Keep up the good work on collecting the funds that keep this operation viable. Jeanne and I have attended every reunion to date and have enjoyed them all. <Thanks, but wait until you see Charleston. That will be the best one ever!>

From **Jack Coulter**:

<Thanks for the Christmas card, Jack.>  
Best wishes for the New Year.

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From **Ed Hoffman:**

<Ed saw a Seabee bolo tie I was wearing while in Denver and asked if I could get another. I told him I could and took his \$20 for one. Unbeknownst to me, the man in Las Vegas that makes them for our local Seabee group, took a six-week vacation just after I returned from Denver, then got sick and one thing after another. Ed still hasn't received his bolo tie, nor have any of the Las Vegas Seabees. Maybe soon?>  
Hey, remember me? I ordered a bolo tie at the Denver reunion. Did you let me drop through the crack? I surely thought I'd have it by now.<Me, too.> I had hoped to have it by Christmas. Where's the "Can Do" spirit? <My apologies, Ed.>

From **Rich and Carol Nelson:**

<Thanks for the Christmas card.>  
Things are going good for us. Carol conned me into going flying in a bi-plane over the Napa and Sonoma counties! **Holly** and **Sharon Hollembeak** visited us in September on their way to their winter home in South Padre Island, Texas (Snow birds). Denver was a good reunion.

From **Ron Glasser:**

Here is my check for my 1998 and 1999 dues. Hoping to meet you at the next reunion in Charleston. I hope this note finds you having a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year. <Yes, thank you. And thanks for the check.>

From **William G. Sigmund:**

Sorry to have missed Denver but I will see you in Charleston. <Good Lord willing>  
Enclosed find a dues check which I believe

takes me up to the year 2000. <Sure does, and thanks, Bill.>

From **Jim De Keyser:**

I'm enclosing my dues for the rest of this century. <Well, you're close. The end of the 20th century is December 31, 2000 and the beginning of the 21st century is January 1, 2001. You are now paid up through 1999..>

From **Walter E. Kumpf:**

Sorry we missed Denver due to other commitments. Looking forward to Charleston. God willing, we will be there. Enclosed is a check for 1998 and 1999 dues. <Thank you.> Keep up the good work. We enjoy reading the Newsletter. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## MAKE A NOTE!

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*Our leadership consists of:*

**BEN PAINTER, Chairman**

**Committeemen:**

Roy T. Cone

Pete Elliott

David Haines

Rich Nelson

Roy Peak

Malcolm Pearson

Stoney Serrett

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## A LITTLE BAR PSYCHOLOGY

A very shy guy went into a bar and saw a beautiful woman sitting at the bar. After an hour of gathering up his courage, he finally goes over to her and asks, tentatively, "Um, would you mind if I chatted with you for a while?"

She responds by yelling at the top of her lungs, "No, I won't sleep with you tonight!" Everyone in the bar is now staring at them.

Naturally, the guy is hopelessly and completely embarrassed and he slinks back to his table.

After a few minutes, the woman walks over to him and apologizes. She smiles at him and says, "I'm sorry if I embarrassed you. You see, I'm a graduate student in psychology and I'm studying how people respond to embarrassing situations."

To which he responds at the top of his lungs, "What do you mean \$200?"

## THE SONG OF THE SEABEES

On the next page you will find the Song of the Seabees, for all of you that can play an instrument or like to sing. If anyone has a computer with a sound card and are on-line, let me know and I will send you the full orchestra version.

# THE SONG OF THE SEABEES

A stirring seer's dedication for the noble Seabees. Sing briskly and with spirit!

**CHORUS**

Key of C

Count 2

We're the Sea-bees of the Na-ty — We can build and

Am

Extend

we can fight — We'll prove a way to vic-to-ry And

Dm A7 Dm G G7

A

guard if day and night, — And we prove-ly — that we'll re-

E7 D7 G G7 C G7

F

sons - bar — The "Sev-enths of the seas bar" — We're the Sea-bees

D D7 G G7 G7 C

Gm8 A7 D7 G7 C

of the Na-ty — Sons of the Sev-enth Sea! —

Fad

*Interlude*

Count 2

Em B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

*Bridge*

The Na-ty want-ed

B Em B D

men, That's where we came in, — Men - for Brown and

Adim7 A7 D7 Am7 B7

Men - for Jones, the O - vers, the Co - lons and Ryan, — The

Em B Em Gm7 D7

Na-ty want-ed more — Of the Sev-enth's his, So we

G Dm7 D D7 G7

all joined up — And here - there we're in for war.

*From beginning to end*

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For all of you sailor buds who miss the sea, here's how to simulate shipboard life. Suggestions for the ex-sailor who misses the "good old days."

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- 1 Sleep on the shelf in your closet.
- 2 Replace the closet door with a curtain.
- 3 Six hours after you go to sleep, have your wife whip open the curtain, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and mumble, "Sorry, wrong rack."
- 4 Renovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of your bathtub and move the shower head down to chest level.
- 5 When you take showers, make sure you shut off the water while soaping.
- 6 Every time there's a thunderstorm, go sit in a wobbly rocking chair and rock as hard as you can until you're nauseous.
- 7 Put lube oil in your humidifier instead of water and set it to "HIGH."
- 8 Don't watch TV except movies in the middle of the night. Also, have your family vote on which movie to watch, then show a different one.
- 9 Leave a lawnmower running in your living room 24 hours a day for proper noise level.
- 10 Have the paperboy give you a haircut.
- 11 Once a week, blow compressed air up through your chimney making sure the wind carries the soot across and onto your neighbor's house. Laugh at him when he curses you.
- 12 Wake up every night at midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread. (Optional: Canned ravioli or cold soup.)
- 13 Buy a trash compactor and only use it once a week. Store up garbage in the other side of your bathtub.
- 14 Make up your family menu a week ahead of time without looking in your food cabinets or refrigerator.
- 15 Set your alarm clock to go off at random times during the night. When it goes off, jump out of bed and get dressed as fast as you can, then run out into your yard and break out the garden hose.
- 16 Once a month take every major appliance completely apart and then put them all back together.
- 17 Use 18 scoops of coffee per pot and allow it to sit for 5 or 6 hours before drinking.
- 18 Invite at least 85 people you don't really like to come and visit for a couple of months.
- 19 Have a fluorescent lamp installed on the bottom of your coffee table and lie under it to read books.
- 20 Raise the thresholds and lower the top sills on your front and back doors so that you either trip over the threshold or hit your head on the sill every time you pass through one of them.
- 21 Lockwire the lugnuts on your car.
- 22 When baking cakes, prop up one side of the pan while it is baking, the spread icing really thick on one side to level off the top.
- 23 Every so often, throw your cat into the swimming pool, shout, "Man overboard, ship recover!", and run into the kitchen and sweep all of the pots/pans/dishes off the counter onto the floor, then yell at your wife for not having the place "stowed for sea."
- 24 Put on the headphones from your stereo (don't plug them in). Go and stand in front of your stove. Say (to nobody in

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particular), "Stove manned and ready." Stand there for 3 or 4 hours. Say (once again to nobody in particular), "Stove secured." Roll up the headphone cord and put them away.

25 Don't flush your toilet for a week and then only once a day.

26 Set all the alarms in your house to go off at 0345 and go running around the house yelling, "General Quarters, General Quarters."

God, how I miss the sea life!

*(Thanks to one of the fleet sailors on the Internet for this.)*

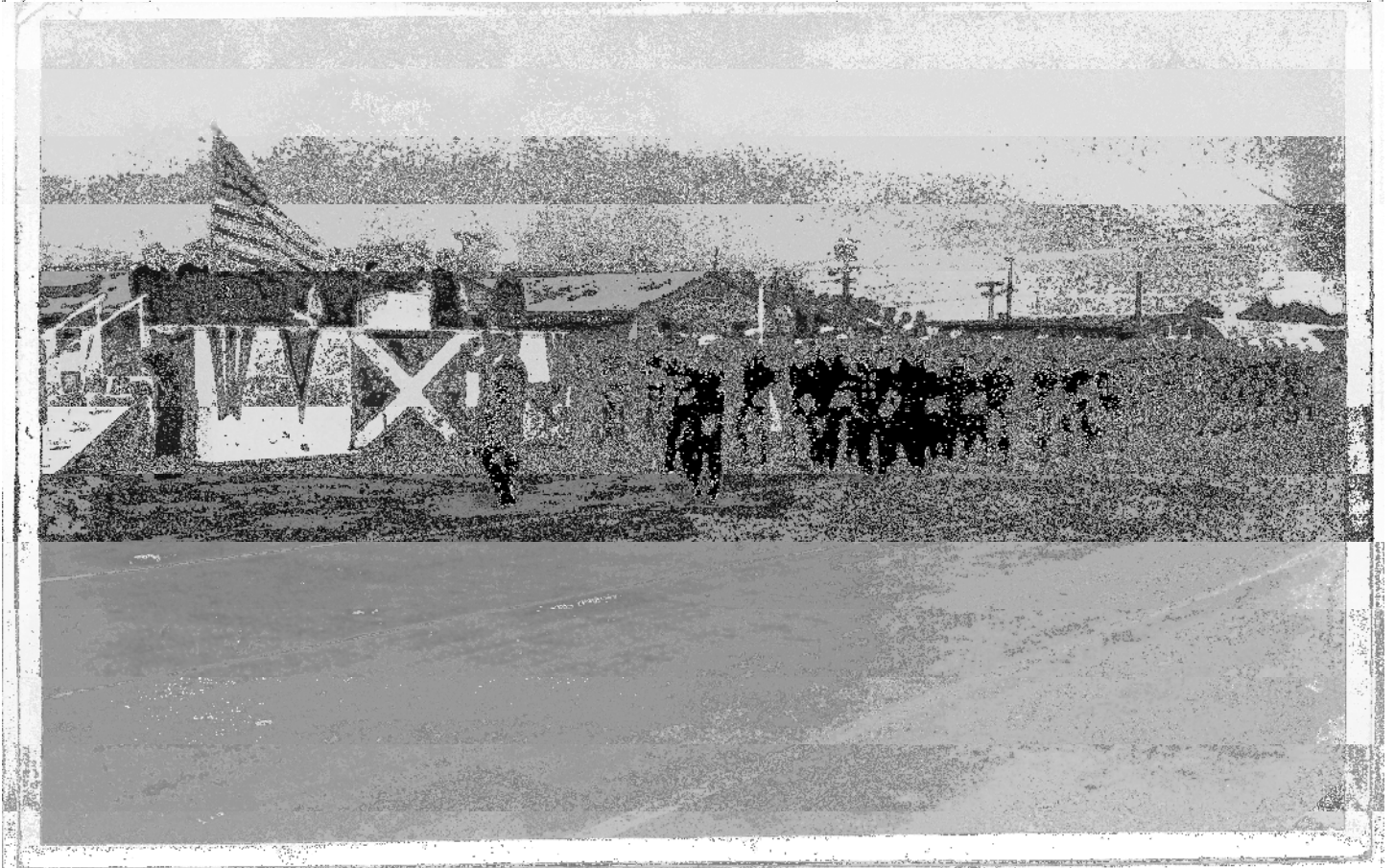
Below and on the next pages are photos and the program when MCB2 was commissioned. Thank you, Stoney.

## Commissioning Ceremonies of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 2



Presenting American Flag: J.J. Andreis, Jr. SK1  
Presenting Battalion Flag: H.F. Ackerman CD1  
Honor Guards unknown





Passing in Review  
Lt. j.g. T.J. Padden saluting

COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES

U.S. NAVAL  
MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION #2

15 SEPTEMBER 1950



PROGRAM

Formation of Battalion

Invocation

LTJG. J.A. KEELEY, CHC, USN

Reading of the Letter of Establishment  
CAPT. H.P. NEEDHAM, CEC, USN

Commanding Officer reads his orders  
LCDR. W.J. McFARLAND, JR., CEC USN

Presentation of National Ensign

Presentation of Battalion Flag

Guest Speakers

Inspection of Battalion

Review of Battalion

OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

LCDR. W.J. McFARLAND, JR., CEC, USN

Executive Officer

LTJG. T.J. PADDEN, CEC, USN

Personnel Officer

ENS. R.L. WINKLER, CEC, USN

Operations Officer

CHCARP. J.B. COCHRANE, CEC, USNR

CREW

ACKERMAN, H.F.	CD1	COLWELL, E.V.	CM1
ALEXANDER, A.J.	CDCN	CRIM, E.L.	BUCN
ALLGOOD, R.M.	SKC	CROWDER, T.W.	UT3
ANDREIS, J.J. JR.	SK1	CRUZ, E.N.	SD1
BARNES, "V" "H"	PN3	DAVID, J.J.	SW3
BATTLE, W.B.	CEP1	DEISCH, J.E.	BUCN
BEASLEY, F.A.	CE2	DERNAGO, F. (n)	BUL1
BEAVERS, B.L.	CM1	DONAHUE, J.F.	YNT2
BEHAN, J.E.	BU1	ERICSON, J.H.	CE3
BELCHER, W.A.	SW3	FAIRBROTHER, F.F.	CE3
BOSCHETTE, E.E.	CECN	FISHER, W.L.	CEP2
BOYD, J.L.	BU2	FRASER, C.L.	CMC
BRENTON, B.E.	UT2	FRITZ, A.K.	BUCN
BROOKS, M.L.	CDC	GARRETT, M.E.	CM3
BROWN, J.E.	SVC	GRANT, C.I.	BUCN
BURLEIGH, L.P.	CN	HARDON, L.J.	BUCN
BUSH, C.J.	CDCN	HAYS, E.L.	BU2
BYRD, G.W.	CM3	HAZLETT, O.A.	CMCN
CASTO, M.G.	BUCN	HENDERSON, C.D.	UT3
CLABOUGH, C.W.	FPC	HICKS, A.T.	CDCN
CONLY, E.W.	CS3	HOFSTETTER, D.R.	CDCN
COOPER, G.D.	SW3	HORNER, F.L.	CD3
CORIO, A.B.	PHG1	HUCKBY, E.E.	CD3
COSBY, J.D. JR.	SV2	HUMES, R.S.	BU1

CREW (continued)

HUMPHREY, J.D.	GM1	PATTON, L.M.	BUCN
IRBY, E.H.	CN	PAYNE, O.B.	BU3
INMAN, F.C.	CP	PHILLIPS, A.W.	CN
INGALIS, C.L.	CECN	PIRO, M.R.	UT3
JACKSON, L.W.	CD3	PRITCHARD, K.H.	SWC
JAEGER, M.P.	ME3	RAMSEY, W.A.	UTC
JARDON, D.E.	CP	REILLY, J.J.	YNSC
JENSEN, B.H.	DM1	REINWALD, R.G.	CMC
JEORGESEN, J. (n)	CP	ROBILLARD, C.W.	UT1
JOHNSON, O.L.	CP	ROGERS, R.E.	MEC
JORGENSEN, G.M.	CECN	RUBY, J.L.	UTCN
KECK, T.S.	MRC	SANCHEZ, R. (n)	CS3
KERSBERGEN, W. (n)	CM2	SCAGLIARINI, C. (n)	BULC
KING, J.W.	UT3	SCHMITT, A.G.	BUL2
KING, I.J.	SWCN	SERRETT, S. (n)	CE3
KUMPF, W.E.	BU3	SHOCKLEY, J.M.	CN
LAYTON, L.L.	UTCN	SHUGAR, L.S.	SWCN
LOTT, C.E.	CN	SMITH, G.A.	UT1
MATTHEWS, H.W.	DK2	STODDARD, D.F.	BU1
MATTINGLY, W.W.	CD1	SUHR, A.A.	CECN
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MEACHAM, R.F.	CN	TESKE, G.E.	CDCN
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MURRAY, J.H.	UTCN	WATTS, J.E.	CM3
NEELY, R.M.	CEC	WOLTERS, V.C.	CD2
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OWENS, M. (n)	SWCN	YATES, C.W.	SW1

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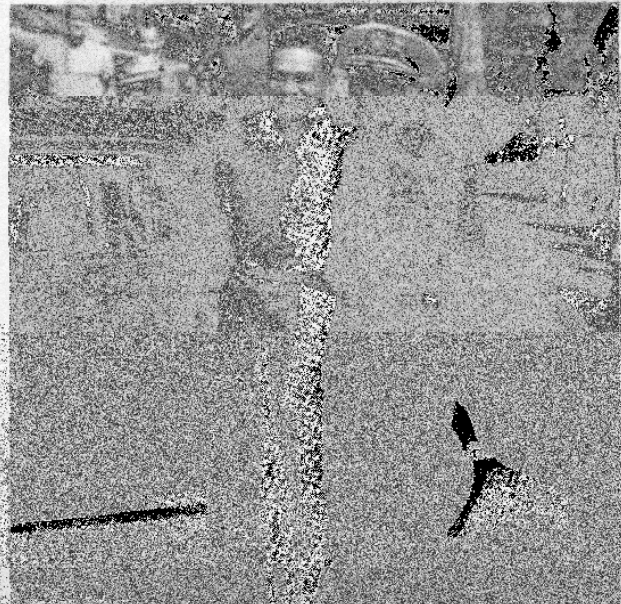
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 MOB3 LCDR R. B. CRILINGS    CEC USN    COMMANDING OFFICER  
 MOB5 CDR I. M. SMITH    CEC USN    COMMANDING OFFICER  
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### MAGSAYSAY VISITS CUBI POINT PROJECT

Philippine President, Ramon Magsaysay and Capt Madison Nichols, Regimental Commanding Officer, posed for the Bureau of Seabee members in the background who crowded around the President during his visit.

Seabee Illustrated President Ramon Magsaysay of the Republic of the Philippines arrived at Cubi Point about 11:45 a.m. Sunday, 10 Jan 54, to pay a surprise visit to the Seabees at their base here.

The young, energetic President, known as a leader of guerrilla forces during the war and as the war-wireless defense secretary, ended the internal strife caused by dissidents, fought his way through the Hukbooth line carrying a rifle. Accompanying him were the Commander of the Philippine Army, General Juan Francisco, and other Philippine dignitaries.

After lunch, the President talked with some of the men, and posed for pictures for a certain number of hours.

Only three days before, Mr. Magsaysay was inaugurated as the 3rd President of the Philippines, on Manila, Luzon, at a large park hallowed both by the blood of Philippine patriots and the laughter of the city's children. Among the high officials present for the occasion were ADM Arthur W. Radford, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff; Walter G. Robertson, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State; General Walter D. Blandy, Chief of the Central Intelligence Department; and Major General Roland A. Hobbs, former Chief of USMARPAC.

Throughout the Philippines, the morning of the inauguration was good in weather. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Ricardo Palma, administered the oath of office about noon. This was immediately followed by four ruffles and four flourishes. A 21 gun salute was given the President, with the United States and about 100 Philippine participants.

He at Cubi Point said President Magsaysay's visit was a great honor to the Seabees and their families.

## Divine Services

<b>SUNDAY</b>	- Mass	0830 and 1000
<b>DAILY</b>	- Mass, small chapel	0800
	- Mass, " " after the service	
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Stations Club, large Chapel	1900
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Services	0800
	- Stations Club	1900
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### COVER PHOTO

President Ramon Magsaysay of the Republic of the Philippines leaves the Seabee Men's Mess Hall, Cubi Point, with Capt Madison Nichols, Commanding Officer, Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment, after lunch on 10 Jan 1954.

The Hall, located in the center of the base, is a fine example of the Seabee's ability to build and maintain a comfortable and efficient living environment. Through his personal visit, the President expressed his appreciation for the Seabees' hard work and the high quality of the construction work they have done at Cubi Point.



# SEABEE BIRTHDAY PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

## CHRISTMAS ON CUBI

A greater success than even the highest expectations was the gala Twelfth Anniversary Party of the U.S. Navy's Seabees held at Cubi Point on 26 December, 1963. The largest group of Seabees in the world played host to the Naval Station, Cubi Point, and the town of Charlyaco in one of the most memorable parties ever held in the Pacific area.

Lovely Queen Laura Rosen reigned over the celebration, attended by Princesses Leonie Kaitiako, Julie Kikoti, and Caroline. The queen rode in state through the town of Charlyaco on a gleaming US Cavalry rider, symbol of the Department's collection. Queen Laura and her daughters, with the ceremonial Cossackin officers, on the magnificent St. Paul's and accompanied with the Seabees in a parade. Eleven Navy Seabees accompanied the queen and her court in a fine display of the California mounted police.

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Favorite pastimes included swimming during the twelve hour long celebration. The fine meals was provided by the Cubi Point band, the Royal Band, Riders, and the Night Engineers. The night that no one could say of these favorite pastimes, attractions, dogs, barbecues, soft drinks, beer, and entertainment. The Cubi Point Club, Royal Band, and the Night Engineers were the main attractions of the party, where the party was held.

The carnival type booths, featuring everything from basketball to "Dunk the Officer" were opened all day. Every kind of game was offered, and the Seabees and their guests tried their hand at all of them. A raffle was held to raise funds for the occasion, with tickets on sale for 25¢ each. Here is an official list of all the prizes won by Seabees.

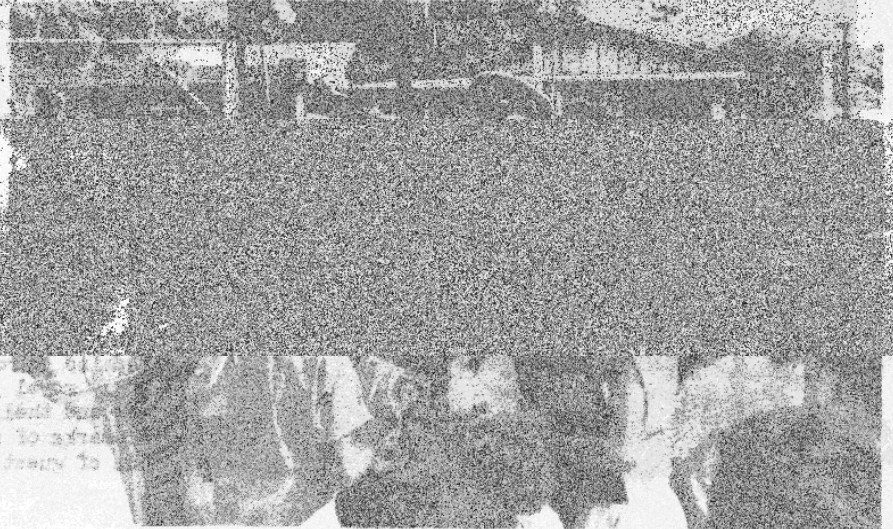
All prizes consisted of clothing, sports equipment, cameras, record players, radio operators, and other items. A "Ball Game", Fruit Game, and other items were also offered. (Continued Page 4)

The Seabees went all out this year to bring the spirit of Christmas to Cubi Point. Hundreds of men attended the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, and the Protestant and Catholic services in the following day. Christmas Cards were prepared for every loved one, and many of the tents were decorated with evergreen trees, with home-made Christmas cards, and other decorations.

On January 1st, the 11th Point and 12th Point were held in the town of Charlyaco. The party was a great success, and the Seabees and their guests enjoyed every minute of it. The party was held in the town of Charlyaco, and the Seabees and their guests enjoyed every minute of it.

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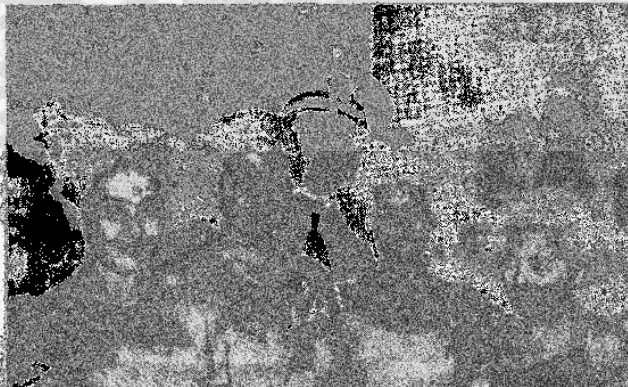
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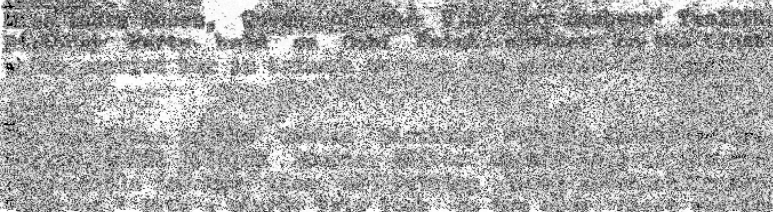
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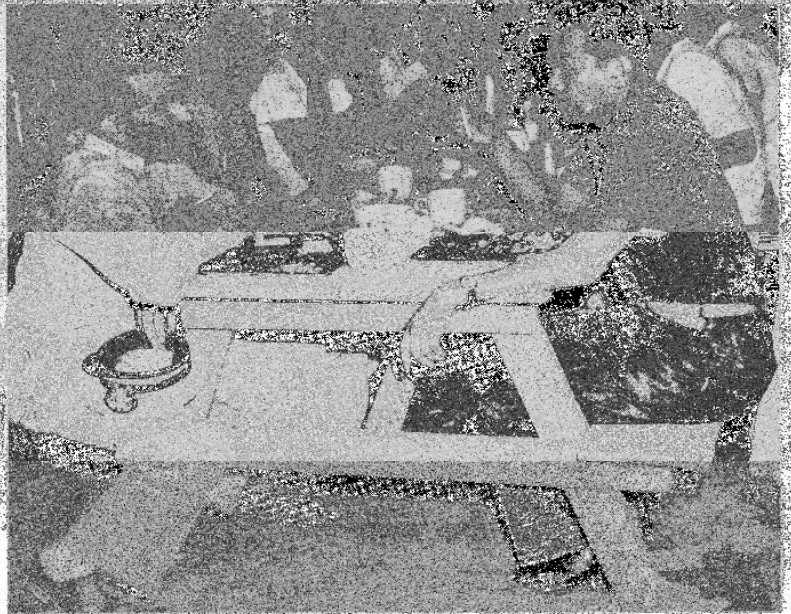
(APRIL 12) - A group of people is gathered on the deck of a ship, possibly a birthday party. The scene is crowded and festive. The text is mirrored and appears to be bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.



Ready the men on Orin.



# CUBI PICTORIAL



...of the night



(TOP LEFT)  
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(TOP RIGHT)  
 A group of people are seated around a table in a restaurant or bar. The table is set with drinks and plates, and the atmosphere is lively.

(MIDDLE)  
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# LEADERS PRAISE CUBI POINT SEABEES

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## TO THE FOLKS BACK HOME

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"CUBI RISE AND SHINE" is a one hour radio program which is broadcast from the local Armed Forces Radio Station from 5:30 AM to 6:30 AM daily except Sunday. It is a record request type program and carries general news, news schedules, movie schedules, and the like pertaining only to the men on Cubi Point.

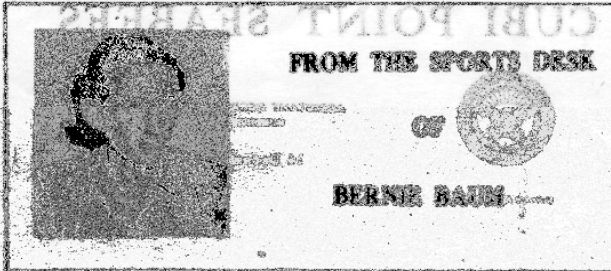
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SOFTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Probably one of the hardest played games this year was the game between MCB-THREE and MCB-TWO softball teams. It was a pitchers duel from the beginning, with the edge going to MCB-THREE's pitcher. Throwing for MCB-TWO was Eddie "Fireball" Gama. He tossed out a good game, but was not helped by the hitting power that MCB-THREE

Greetings and a Happy New Year to you, Sport! This is Bernie Baum again with the latest in sports news at the post. Just put the phone to Don-Laughton, assistant manager of the ER Club, and he says that he and his bowling team just broke another record in the Wednesday night bowling league by getting the highest number of hits.

With new additions DeFazio, Hughes, Schank, Schaffner, Perry, and Laughton, the ER Club is now to be the team to watch next year out for the "Burr" Series. As they will be a top run club also.

Well, there is another boxing smoker to be held here at Gubi around the thirteenth of January, if the details can be worked out. It is going to be a return bout with the Naval Station, and if the fights are anything like the last ones, it is going to be a "howler."

Drop over to the Naval Station Softball Diamond just about any night and watch some of these games if you enjoy good softball. According to the Gubi Point Sports Schedule, Track competition will begin toward the end of February, as all you Track Stars can

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The wrestling team still works out every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Lewy Hall. If you are interested, see them over there, or contact V.C. Yarralis, MCB-3.

Now that the holidays are over, the softball season will resume, with the Second Half starting on 13 January, with a game between MCB-THREE and MCB-FIVE.

Here is the official run-down of team standings at the end of the first half. MCB-THREE and the ER Club (these will later be a play-off between these two teams.) Also, MCB-FIVE, MCB-TWO, and MCB-ONE.

The rest of the teams are also at the heels of the top four, with MCB-FIVE, MCB-TWO, and the ER Club still battling for third place.

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CHIEF OF BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS  
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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE THIRTIETH  
NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT

On the Twelfth Anniversary of the Seabees on 12 December 1953, it is a great pleasure for me to extend greetings to our construction men everywhere.

During the brief existence of the Naval Construction Battalions, the Seabees have achieved, both in war and peace, an almost legendary reputation for accomplishing assignments which less skilled workmen might have considered impossible.

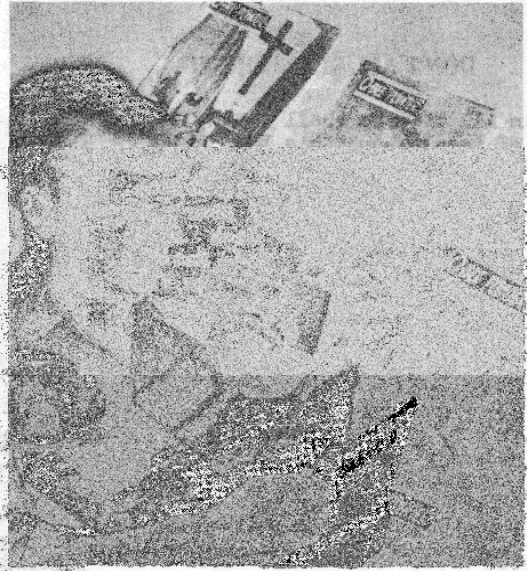
Our present day Seabees, though younger and less experienced than their World War II predecessors, continue to perform in the manner which earned the earlier Seabees their reputation as America's master builders.

I am proud to join with you in celebrating this happy occasion.

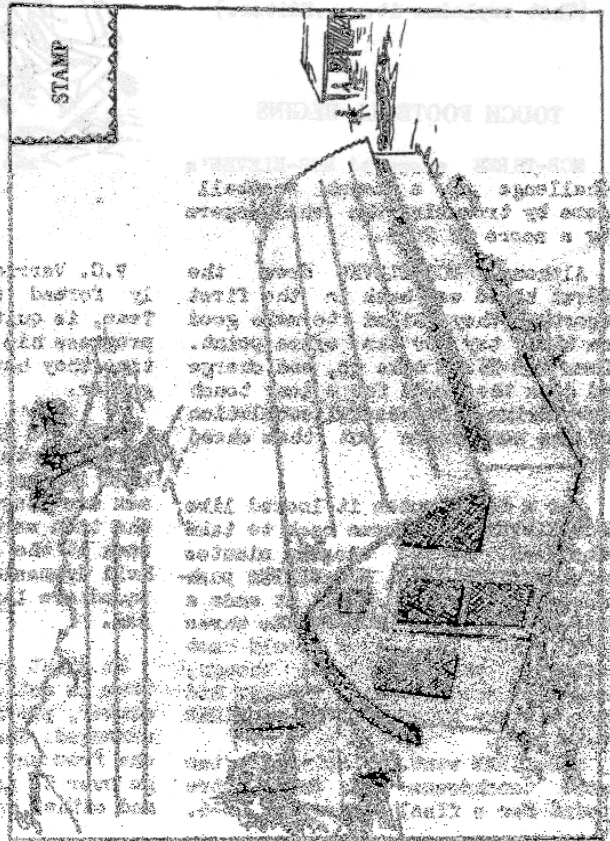
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Thomas A. McLean, PH2, Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment photographer, has received his orders to leave for Composite Squadron 61, Miramar, California, this month. This issue's pictorial section and cover are "Mac's" farewell contributions to the Q-BEE POINTER. Behind him are other of his cover pictures. McLean, a Salt Lake City man, attended Airman School at Jacksonville and Photographer's School at Pensacola after joining the Navy in 1951. He was stationed at Sangley Point before joining the 30th NCR Staff in November, 1952. Best of luck in your new job, "Mac!"



## Last-minute letters received:

from **James Carey:**

<Thanks for sending the dues. You're on the *Good Guy* list.>

from **John Stock:**

The Denver Bash was the best yet!! Looking forward to Charleston. Enclosed are dues for 98/99. Put me on the *Good Guys* list. <You got it! And thanks. We need everyone to be on the *Good Guy* list!> Could you send me a copy of the current roster of names and addresses? I failed to bring one from Denver. <Will do - and anyone else that needs one, let me know and I'll send you one. But please send a buck for envelope and postage. A few would be no problem, but if 20 or 30 ask, it can run the postage up. Thanks, guys.>

From **Stoney**, again:

Gladys and I have just returned from Calgary where we had a very nice Christmas with our daughter and her family.

When I receive the micro-film re:MCB2 55/56, I will go to the library and make some copies of the rosters that I hope they will be sending.

Certainly hope that you are enjoying your new job as a drilling engineer. I sure hope that there will be three to four years' work so that you will be ready to enjoy your retirement.

I am sending some remarks that I gleaned from Christmas cards that were here when we got back from Canada. Maybe you will receive them before you complete your next Newsletter. <Gonna get 'em in here, Stoney. Thanks for sending them along.>

from **Emil and Edie Bozzoli:**

Hoping to see everyone in Charleston in 1999.

from **Bob and Anne Conroe:**

We are planning to go on a 26 day trip to the British Isles in June. It will cover England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. Bob is hoping that the reunion in Charleston will not conflict with his 50th high school class reunion.

from **Jimmie Dillman:**

Was totally "bummed out" over missing the Denver reunion. Not only the reunion but I also had family living in the Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming areas. Health permitting, I will certainly make Charleston.

from **Al and Barbara Fritz:**

Enjoyed the Denver reunion very much and Denver was beautiful. Toured the capitol building, the mint and Molly Brown's home. It was wonderful seeing all the MCB-2 gang again.

from **Lenny and Nita Hershberger:**

Really enjoyed the Denver reunion and we are looking forward to Charleston.

from **Duane and Mary Henrickson:**

We always enjoy the reunions, but they go by so quickly. We are hoping to take a few more days at Charleston.

from **Chuck and Helen McCabe:**

We enjoyed Denver and are 90% sure that we will be in Charleston in 1999. We have two years to prepare for it.

from **Mary and Dan Millett:**

Sorry that we missed Denver but it couldn't be helped. Had a hip replacement in May of '96. Hoping to make Charleston.

from **Finley and Iona Morrison:**  
"the Kentuckians" We will be in Charleston for the "99" reunion. We are glad it will be on our side of the states. We have made some really nice friends because of the MCB 2 reunions.

from **Louie and Rose Patton:**  
Hoping to be well enough to make the next reunion. It is too early to tell right now.

from **John and Geri Petronka:**  
We enjoyed the Denver reunion as always.

from **Lyle Auseth:**  
<enclosed a check for dues. Thanks, and you are added to the list of *Good Guys*.>

from **Ed Hoffman:**  
Glad to hear from you on the bolo tie. I now know the order hasn't fallen through the crack. Thanks. <You're welcome, Ed. And the man has started work on all of the back orders, so maybe soon you'll have it.>

from **Charles and Helen McCabe:**  
Guess we need to return this form and take advantage of it. Had a nice Christmas and are looking forward for a wonderful new year. Have begun saving for Charleston, all I need to do is convince Chuck that it's not too far to drive. We may have to fly but I would really drag my feet about that. We'll see you there and looking forward to it.

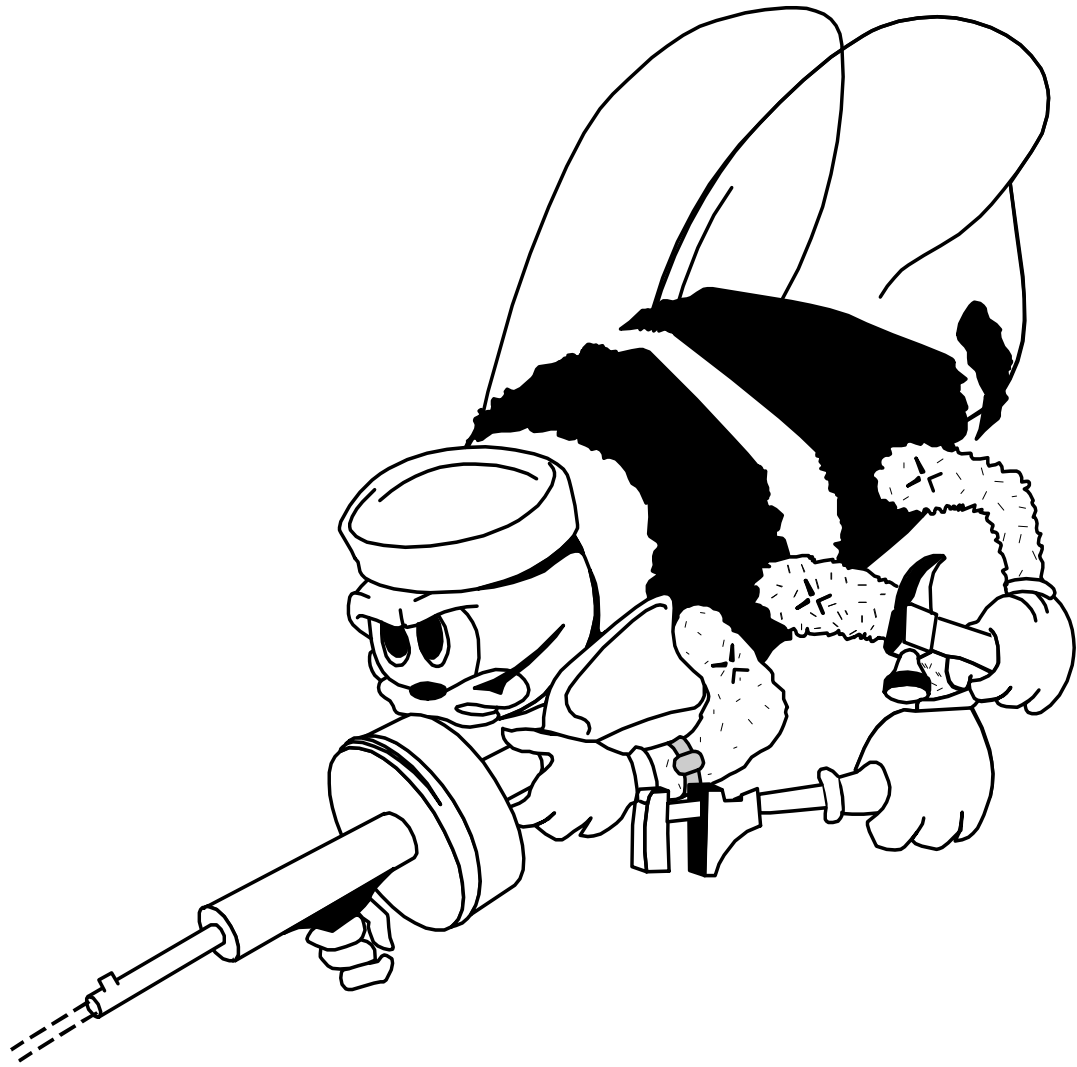
from **Roger Mohs:**  
Sure enjoyed Denver! God willing and the creek don't rise, we'll see you in

Charleston. Here's my dues for the New Year.  
<Thanks. You're on the list, too.>

from **Joe Sitkowski:**  
<Thanks for sending the check, Joe. Got you on the *Good Guy* list, also.>

That's about it, folks. Keep those cards and letters coming. Especially those checks. We love 'em and can't do without 'em. From all of the Commodore's Barge crew, have a prosperous New Year and we hope to see everyone in Charleston in 1999.

And if you have any material you would like to see in the newsletter, please send it and I will put it in and get the original back to you. Thanks to all of you that have sent material for this Newsletter and for future Newsletters. It sure makes for enjoyment to look back and see how we lived, worked and played. Best wishes for a prosperous new year.  
Scott Williams





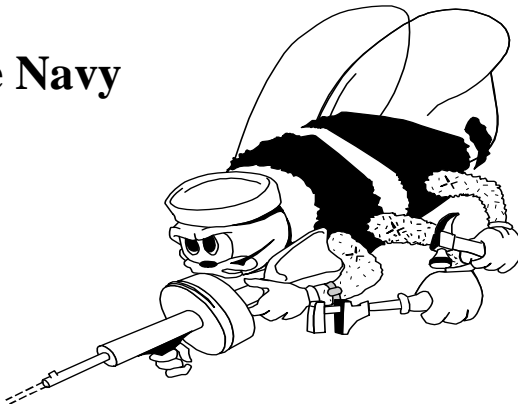


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