

MCB 2 Reunion Association

A newsletter for former MCB 2 Personnel

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START MAKING PLANS FOR CHARLESTON

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TRIP REPORT

FROM

BEN PAINTER

The decision has been made to use the Hilton Hotel for our Reunion '99. A trip to Charleston was made in order to seek first-hand information and decide between the Sheraton and the Hilton. I had previously sent to the committee a survey to establish a feel as to which facility they would choose based on the limited information I had at the time. Most of them felt that the Hilton would be best suited since, among other things, they provided complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport.

At that time we were looking at an \$84 room rate at the Hilton and a \$79 rate at the Sheraton plus each had an 80% attendance

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TRIP REPORT

FROM

PAT PAINTER

AND

MARGE PEARSON

Ben is preparing his trip report for the newsletter and Marge and I thought you might be interested in our thoughts on the city. We had a great time even though we were only there about a day and a half.

OUR VIEWS OF CHARLESTON

by Marge and Pat

In the short time we had, and the many temptations available, one of the highlights of our trip was our visit to Middleton place. This beautiful plantation, billed as "America's Oldest Landscaped Gardens"

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rate in order to get free meeting and hospitality rooms. As a result of the trip and some arm twisting, we were able to get the 80% rate completely removed, a reduction of \$5 on the rooms at the Hilton and at the same time still maintain our weekend after Labor Day schedule. The Sheraton wanted to raise our rate by \$3 in order to keep that same schedule. So much for the Sheraton!

Mal and Marge Pearson met Pat and me for the two-day stay. We believe we gained enough information to make better decisions as we enter into a contract with Reunions of America.

As most of you know, this will be our first time to use a contract organizer to facilitate our reunion. In the numerous conversations I have had with the group, I have been very well pleased with the response and advice they have given me. We are now at a point that we are ready to officially say (barring any snafus) they will be our agent.

It is my sincere hope that everyone receiving this newsletter will seriously consider making this reunion. Charleston, a city of bridges, rivers, and coastal waterways, has so much history that one would have a hard time seeing it all if you were there for a month. There are tours galore and tailored to meet all ages and interests. Restaurants that serve food that would please even the most disagreeable appetite. Some of the most popular entrees seem to be what is called "low country" food. What we found out was that it is really two or more dishes served as one (i.e., shrimp and grits).

Darla Budworth will again be coordinating

our tours. While I'm not sure at this point just how this will be done since we are using R.O.A. Anyway, we'll wing it until we find out!! If any of you (Ladies or Gents) know of any highly recommended tours, get them in the cycle by contacting Darla.

Just one more word about the Hilton room rates. While they are a little higher than we've been paying, these are still very good rates considering the location and time of year. I'm told that Charleston is the place of choice for a very large number of reunions, and most choose September. Also, their staff is exceptionally friendly and seemed to go out of their way to see that our needs were met. For those travelling and staying in campers, there is a campground near the Hilton.

I'm looking forward to September '99 and I hope you are, too. We'll have more information in the next newsletter.

OUR FALLEN COMRADES

Willard Belcher
William H. Heckendorn
Floyd Huber
Frank Inman
Charles Lott
Ainslee C. McDonald
Ovay Odin
Claude W. Robillard Sr.
Stewart W. Vandervort

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details the generations of the Middleton family. You hear of Henry Middleton, President of the first Continental Congress, who acquired the land as his wife's dowry. Their son, Arthur, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence of which there is a hand made copy on silk on exhibit in the home.

The 200-acre plantation which has agricultural displays, including farm animals, and numerous craftsmen exhibiting their skills for products of that period, also includes an elaborate layout of cultured gardens, elegant statues, incredible ancient oak trees with limbs probably 150 feet long that literally form canopies for the gardens. A tour through the home is a must, where the spirit of the 800 slaves still exists.

We found a seafood restaurant (among the dozens available) that we highly recommend. At "R.B.'s" on Shem Creek in Mt. Pleasant, SC, you will find excellent atmosphere, delicious food and even reasonable prices. We watched the dolphins jump and dive as we enjoyed our dinner on the outside deck.

By all means, don't miss Market Street with the blocks long, year 'round flea market in the same building where slaves were once sold. When you go, take one of the city trolleys that run every few minutes. The drivers are friendly and helpful and the prices are most reasonable.

All in all, we found Charleston to be:

- 1 A city easy to get in and out of with nice access to Interstate Highways.
- 2 Weather was great while we were there

so, of course, we know it will be the same in September of '99.

- 3 There are wonderful places to shop. For shoppers, King Street is a must.
- 4 There is a beautiful Information Center downtown in a renovated railroad depot with films and friendly people to give any information you might need about Charleston.
- 5 Easily accessible by quaint trolleys that go to different locations and run about every 30 minutes with a senior rate of 25 cents or you could get a day pass and beat that price.
- 6 Brim full of tours. Walking tours, carriage tours, kayak tours, house tours, garden tours, plantation tours, and riverboat tours. One comment about the riverboat tours: we were cautioned that there is a difference in the quality of the riverboat tours and you would be better off to choose from the "Spirit of Charleston" tours.

The Hilton is a beautiful, elegant hotel. You will find it:

- 1 Has a lovely, big inside/outside swimming pool.
- 2 Is easy to find and very accessible from the Interstate.
- 3 Has a nice restaurant and also a bar.
- 4 Has a great exercise room with a lot of nice equipment.
- 5 Has nice, comfortable rooms.
- 6 Has plenty of space to accommodate our meeting needs.
- 7 Has plenty of outside parking.
- 8 Has a complimentary airport shuttle.

We are looking forward to September of 1999 and hope to spend several days enjoying this grand old southern city. Won't you join us?

Letters, letters, letters:

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

I have received letters and notes from so many that I will try to get as many in that I have time and space for..... I'll at least try to get your names listed!

Paul Muma.....Bob Conroe.....Ivan Majetic... Walt Waddell....Don Barry... Don Jones....Preston Wilson....Duane Henrichson (with change of address)..
...**Stoney Serrett** (with material for the newsletter).....**Willie Free.....Verle Williams....Dan Mills....Cliff Schorr** writes: Those guys from Cubi Point have much to be proud of. Give them a big cheer for me!! I'm glad that **Gene Kumpf** is planning on coming to Charleston. Maybe **Gene McDonough** and I can get together and swap lies with him. We attended a function in Charleston several years ago. It's one of the most beautiful cities in the South....**Jerry Wilkening...Bert Helms ... John Recklitis...Art Leable...Richard Todd** writes: ...I haven't seen very many names of CB's that I worked with while at Subic. Probably because I was shifted around quite a bit. When I first got to Subic in '53 I was TAD to MCB 9 building concrete enlisted men's barracks. I was later transferred back to MCB 2's Operations Office working under **Lt. J.K. Elliott**, Ops Officer, **Ens. J.W. Reeves** and **Ens. L.R. Gardner**, Project Officers. I also did some record keeping work for Warrant Officers **R.W. Winters** and **R.W. Crump**. These were real swell officers to work for.

The enlisted man in charge of the office was **Robert M. Schroll**. In '55 I was TAD to the 30th Naval Construction Regiment's Materials Testing Laboratory doing soil testing during the construction of the air field.... I'm enclosing a snap shot of the guys I shipped out with in '53 from Treasure Island. We sailed on the Ainsworth for Subic Bay, P.I. I haven't heard from them since my discharge from the Navy. (See photo elsewhere in the newsletter)...**Hance Morton** (577th)...**David Conahey** writes: I was assigned to MCB 2 in '52 after completing Mechanic School at Port Hueneme. I think I left Hueneme on an AKA in June or July. While at Cubi I worked at the auto shop as well as a short stint at the hospital. Left Cubi in June '53 for my discharge....**Tom Crowder...Fred (Fritz) Saathoff** writes: The last newsletter was of particular interest to me because of the original roster of the battalion at commissioning. One name that caught my eye was that of Fred L. Horner. Do you have any data on him? While stationed at Atsugi, he and I went on temporary duty to the Air Force to drill water wells. We drilled on A.A. batteries around Johnson, Yokata, and Tashikawa Air Force bases. Tell Joe Sitkowski to be sure and try the "chalk" beer if he gets over near Sallisaw, Oklahoma....**Gordon Keen...Robert Pagel...Jack Wilson** writes: Hope to make the next reunion in Charleston. Maybe if **P.J. Trotter** comes he can bring his four-man chess board

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and he, **Roy Grisham, Jerry Herr** and I can play a round of chess like we used to in the old Green Hut at Subic....**Gene Urmev..... Gene Nelson... Claude Hunt...Willis Struecker...Frank Mingo...Hank Bentson...Robert Colquhoun...Eugene Antoine...Jim Sichel ...Donald Gelroth** writes: I was with MCB 2 Det Able Midway '53-'54. Don't hear too much about Midway, but..!! I have met three others that were there with me on Midway while we were at the Denver reunion, which was my first. Also met a lot of others for the first time and I can say I never met any better gentlemen and a good bunch of people. I would also like relate that I went to Boot Camp in San Diego in the same company as **Ben painter** and **Henry Benguerel**. Am looking forward to attending our next reunion in Charleston.....**William Carter ...Richard Farbo...Billy Partridge...R.W. Sim...John (Mary) Cure** says: Sure looking forward to Charleston....**Jim & Glad Wommack** writes: We used the Denver reunion as the start of a 6800 mile trip to arrive at our winter home in Apache Junction, AZ. Spent five days in Smith Center, Kansas, enjoying the wonderful hospitality of **Jim** and **Faun Bolton**. We plan to start out in Idaho, go thru the northern states to the eastern seaboard and continue on down to Charleston in '99, then will come back thru the southern states to Arizona. See ya'll in Charleston!**Loren Westphal** writes: Thanks to **Stoney** who has sent several newsletters and info concerning some of

the old buddies I was stationed with at Atsugi. I came back to Kinsley (Kansas) after discharge, married hometown gal, and have two married daughters and three grandchildren. I retired in 1990 and Eula (his wife) in 1996. My hobby is making wood model cars and trucks (see elsewhere in this newsletter about that. **Stoney** said that **Loren** has made over 450 models of 34 different cars and trucks). We go to craft shows and sell them. (Loren's wife also has an interesting hobby of coloring black and white photos and also oil painting).....**Fred Jacus** (sent some Q-Bee Pointers for future newsletters) Looking forward to Charleston. We have visited there and I think it is a fine location for our group**Robert Graf.....Bruno Fanucchi** **Stoney** (again) got the muster rolls from the Navy for the period 1955 up to August 6, 1956, when MCB 2 was deactivated. The quick review of names shows **Rich Nelson, Ben Painter, Malcolm Pearson,** and **Scott Williams** were listed on that last muster. (I remember it well - SW) ...**Bill Seesman** says Sorry I'm late with my dues but have had a few other matters pressing, such as my wife, Mabel, in the hospital and nursing home. My mind just wasn't there. Mabel passed away in February 1998. I hope to be in Charleston, powers be willing. I'll see everyone then..... **Ray Nethercott** (Midway '51-'52)..... **L.P. Burleigh** writes: I attended a funeral March 4th of a dear friend. **Charles Lott** passed away March 1st. We were in the first group at

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Port Hueneme to join MCB 2. We visited with each other and kept in touch since our discharge....**Marshall Dunne** writes: Volume 2 Issue 2 was a piece of art. Your wife must have helped you with it. (Nope - my wife doesn't even know how to turn this computer on, not that I haven't tried to teach her - SW) Someone told me that you have a 42' ocean vessel. True? (Again, not true. Would be pretty hard to use here in the desert - SW) Do me a favor, please. **Stoney** found a lost mate for me from MCB 2. I was in contact with him but now all has dried up. No response to letter or phone. Check your records for **Dennis Surratt** (new address: Rt 9, Box 1820, Mount Pleasant, TX 75455). My e-mail address is rosemars@juno.com.....**David Haines**.....**Dwight Yetter**....**Ernest Owens** writes from Costa Rica: Sorry to say that I have not been able to make any of the reunions. I have 15 rosebushes, 5 banana plants, 1 guanababa tree, 1 mango tree, 1 orange, 1 papaya, and 4 palm trees. This property by U.S. standards is small but it is the largest around here. Did **Roy Cone** play his ukulele for you at the reunion? (Not a bad idea. Maybe in Charleston, huh, Roy?) After I sent it to him I never heard from him again. (OK, Roy. A letter is due him!!!) Have you ever had any contact with **Dominic J. Grillo** of New York? In '66 he was with the NYPD. How about **Leach** of Washington State and **Bob Doyle** of Arizona? Or **Walter K. Aona** of Hawaii,

now of Japan? (None of these names are on our roster. Do you know anything about them, Stoney?)....**Lionel Vidrine** **Lloyd Kallsen** writes: The Denver reunion was great. My wife and I have attended every reunion to date and have enjoyed every one of them. Not taking anything away from previous reunions but it seems each one gets better. Looking forward to Charleston...**Stoney**, again**Stoney** found the names of **William (Bill) Wisnowski** and **Doug Emond**, (old buddies of mine. I have Bill's address but don't know if I can find Doug. Bill and Doug were on the final muster when MCB 2 was deactivated and, like me, were transferred to MCB 3. Bill was TAD to Cavite City with MCB 3 and Doug worked on the concrete crew at Haversack. Good memories with these guys. SW) ..**Charles Ingalls** **Michael Piro** **Marvin Brown** **Ben Painter** **Philip Brunelle** **Emile Krygier**..... **Kenneth Stancombe** **Jerry Herr** says: Please put my name on the Good Guys List (you got it!!) My wife and I had a good time in Denver - Hotel accommodations were fabulous! We're really looking forward to Charleston....**Gerald Powell**....**Silas Bucher** asks How often does the newsletter come out? (About as often as I get time to get it out. After this one, I'll try to get another out around November or December. Then next year we'll get two or three, maybe four, out before our reunion in September. SW)**Dick Schreiner** **Herb Meade** **Richard Christian** **Joseph Jandreau (Frenchie)****Stoney** (again) **Roy Peak** (Roy's letter will be found elsewhere in this newsletter) **Joe**

THE GOOD-GUY LIST

Eugene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Joe Ates, Lyle Auseth, Don Barry, Bruce Barton, Emil Bazzoli, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentson, John Bloem, William Body, R. Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, Marvin Brown, Philip Brunelle, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, Alfred Burkhardt, L.P. Burleigh, James Carey, William Carter, George Chang, Chuck Chapman, Edward Chidalek, Richard Christian, David Conahey, Bob Conroe, Jack Coulter, Frederick Cozad, Tom Crowder, John Cure, Paul D'Angelo, Joseph DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, R. Demers, Keith Denis, Melvin Dixon, Robert Doezie, Thomas Dowd, Marshall Dunne, D. Eminhizer, Herff Epperson, Ralph Evans, Bruno Fanucchi, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, John Fletcher, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Willie Free, William Gantt, Alfred Garza, Ronald Glasser, Allan Goller, Robert Graf, James Green, Frank Gresser, Roy Grisham, Charles Hagemann, Alexander Hamilton, Arthur Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bertram Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Gerald Herr, Leonard Hershberger, Edwin Hoffman, Don Hofstetter, Gerald Hollembeak, Samuel Holsomback, Arthur Hoskinds, Claude Hunt, Charles Ingalls, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Frank Jacus, Robert Jandreau, Ambros Johnson, Don Jones, John Jurkash, Robert Kaempfe, Lloyd Kallsen, Duane Keech, Gordon Keen, Richard Keyes, Bruce Kitts, Stephen Korkes, Emil Krygier, Walter Kumpf, Harry Ladley, Arthur Leable, Michael Linch, L. H. Lind, R. Long, Clive Lorenz, Ivan Majetic, Philip Matalucci, Charles McCabe, Norris McDaniel, Eugene, McDonagh, Jerry McKown, Don McClain, Herbert Meade, Richard Merit, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Eugene Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Charles Neugent, Herman Neugent, Robert Nickman, Melvin Olsen, Al Ostroski, Ernest Owens, Robert Pagel, Ben Painter, Bill Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ralph Pederson, Ben Pedrotti, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro, Gerald Powell, Gary Rawlings, John Recklitis, Wayne Rewey, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, C. Rudolph, Fred (Fritz) Saathoff, A. Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Cliff Schorr, Jack Schrader, Bill Seesman, Stoney Serrett, James Sichel, William Sigmund, Richard Sim, Billy Simpson, Joseph Sitkowski, Ray Sonnen, Kenneth Stancombe, Thomas Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Ed Sullivan, Daniel Svendsen, Galen Teske, Richard Todd, Gene Urmev, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, Walter Waddell, L. Weiselberg, Loren Westphal, Jerry Wilkening, Verle Williams, Scott Williams, Jack Wilson, Preston Wilson, James Wommack, William Wright, Dwight

Yetter, and James Young.

All men listed above have their dues paid at least through 1998, some much longer. If you don't find your name on this list, then maybe you have forgotten to send in your dues recently. All dues are paid through the calendar year, January through December. At our meeting in Denver, the membership voted to increase the dues from \$12 to \$15 per calendar year.

If your name is missing from this list and you think it should be here, it may be that you paid your dues but just brought them up to December of 1997. Drop me a note and let me know. (SW)

Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

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Dues are now \$15/year
January - December

Need a Membership Roster?

If you have a need for an up-to-date membership roster, drop me a line with a couple of bucks and I'll send you one. We currently have 512 names and addresses of former MCB 2 personnel, so this is a pretty thick directory. Scott

A Letter from **Loren Westphal**. Loren had been contacted by Stoney and was asked to provide a bit of information about his hobby. The following is Loren's letter, in part:I retired in 1990 due to heart surgery and started a long time dream of making wood model vintage cars and trucks. Then, we go to craft shows and sell them along with selling out of the home. It has really been fun and keeps me busy. Since starting I have made 450 of 34 different models. Anywhere from old 1919's to the new semi-anteater cab and trailers. The older model cars I use toothpicks for the spokes in the wheels. Eula's hobby is painting.

The following is from Loren's description of his hobby included with his letter: In 1990, after I had triple by-pass surgery, and on the doctor's advice, I retired and started a long time dream of making vintage model cars and trucks out of wood. Early on, I made them from pine wood but found that it yellowed so bad, so now make them out of maple and walnut. I do use patterns and add my own touch to them to make as near to the real thing as possible. I finish them with a polyurethane to seal the wood. In making them, I found I could make my own wheels a lot less expensively. On some of the cars there are six wheels with spokes, of which I use 16 toothpicks per wheel, totaling 96 toothpicks per vehicle. When I make wheels, I spend several days just making wheels so I will have them ready. After all this, I started going to craft shows in the area to sell them so that I could make more. In all, I have made 450 units from 34 different models. The list of models include tractor trailers, trucks, cars and golf carts. Soon after I started making them from maple and

walnut, I started numbering them and keeping track of where they go. I now have them in twelve different states and also in Germany. This last summer I had a gentleman request a complete collection to display in his new home. We completed the order and he picked them up on Veteran's Day 1997. What a dream come true. (Loren also sent a Xerox photo of some of his creations and they are really nice. Unfortunately, it was too dark to print here. Write him and have him make a model of your first car for you. SW)

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CORN CORNER

A husband had always been disdainful of people who, in his estimation, talk too much. Recently he proudly told his wife he'd heard that men use 2200 words a day, while women use 4400. The wife pondered that a moment, then concluded, "That's because women have to repeat everything they say to their husbands." He looked up and asked, "Come again?"

Typical macho man married to typical good-looking lady and after the wedding, laid down the following rules: "I'll be home when I want, if I want and at what time I want - and I don't expect any hassles from you. I expect a great dinner to be on the table unless I tell you otherwise. I'll go hunting, fishing, boozin', and card-playing when I want with my old buddies and don't you give me a hard time about it. Those are the rules. Any comments?" His new bride said, "No, that's fine with me. Just understand that there'll be sex here at seven o'clock every night - whether you're here or not."

Viagra Bragging Rights.....

An elderly man goes into confession and says to the priest, "Father, I'm 80 years old, married, have four kids and 11 grandchildren, and last night I had an affair and made love to two 18-year-old girls. Both of them. Twice." The priest said, "Well, my son, when was the last time you were in confession?" "Never, Father. I'm Jewish." "So then, why are you telling me?" "Father, I'm telling

Someone gave this "Seabee Pact" to Stoney several years ago and he sent it to me.

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Note: If any of the above men desire to visit any of the above men it is understood that:

- (a) You will have enough money to get a hotel room.
- (b) You will have food with you or money to buy food.
- (c) You will not have any squalling brats with you.
- (d) You will not start any inter-family arguments while in a visitor status.
- (e) You will not arrive just at meal time.
- (f) You will not try to marry us bachelors off to your wife's sister or anyone else for that matter.
- (g) You will not under any circumstances try to convince we bachelors that you and your ball and chain are happy and recommend that we get married.
- (h) You will bring your own whiskey. (we will give you ice)
- (i) You will wipe your feet before entering and speak in low tones.
- (j) You will, when leaving, just get up and go, don't hang around the front door.....just go! (quietly)
- (k) The host reserves the right to send the bill for the visit on the first of the following month.

THANK YOU
CALL AGAIN



Left to right: Thomas R. Valentine, Robert F. Shubert, Richard M. Todd, ? Scott
1953 at Treasure Island, Cal.

GETTING READY FOR CHARLESTON

TO THE LADIES OF MCB #2

I hope you all had a nice 4th of July! After months of rain and cold weather, the sun finally returned to Northern California just in time to help us celebrate the 4th.

I have something to discuss with you ladies and Scott Williams has been nice enough to hold the newsletter so that I can write to you. Recently, I received a package of Charleston information pamphlets along with a letter from Ben Painter. Ben has asked me to be a consultant for our group tours. As you all probably know, MCB #2 has hired a reunion organization to put on the next reunion in Charleston.

Charleston is the greatest place for tours. So much to see and do, so many historical places! I have a few things in

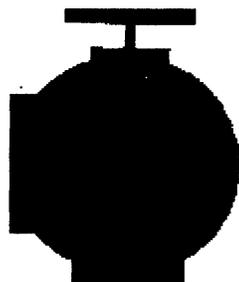
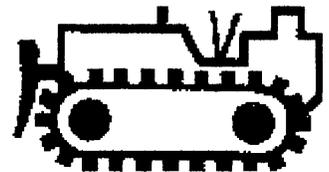
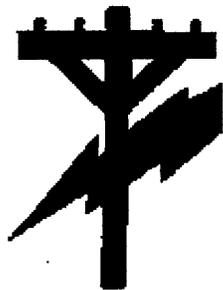
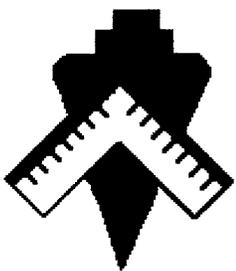
mind, and how about you? Have you visited Charleston before and do you have a favorite place? Those of you that have not been to Charleston before, do you have any places that you have always wanted to see in the Charleston area? I would really appreciate hearing from any of you that would care to comment. Now is the time to do this before any tour plans have been made.

One more thing!.....I have 8 pictures left from our Group Tour in Denver. If there is anyone that would like one of these pictures, it's yours for the asking. Just let me know and I will send one to you.

Until next time- -Have a great summer!

Best regards,
Darla Budworth

(Note from Scott Williams: Charleston is where the Civil War started with the firing on Fort Sumter. A tour of some of the historic Civil War battlegrounds near Charleston might be interesting.)





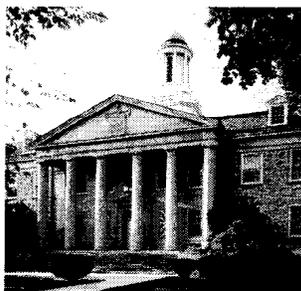
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My apologies to the Construction Draftsmen out there. I did not have a representation of your emblem - a 45° triangle (point down) overlaid with a compass. If anyone has one, make a copy of it and I will add it to my clip art file. Also, the only CEC emblem I have is part of another design which I scanned. Anyway, enjoy some of these graphics. SW

This from Roy Peak: Dear Scott: What to do with photographs, souvenirs, etc., left over from the Korean War era, that children, grandchildren, or other relatives don't want or will only throw away. Send them to the U.S. Army Military History Institute per the enclosed flier (Copy on these two pages). Unless a better repository would be the Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme. Sincerely, Roy Peak

U.S. Army Military History Institute



KOREAN WAR VETERAN'S SURVEY PROJECT

The U.S. Army Military History Institute (USAMHI) is conducting a major survey project to acquire source material on the Korean War. We invite all veterans of that war to join in our effort.

The MHI collects, preserves, and provides to researchers and scholars source materials on American military history. As the Army's official central repository for historical source material, the Institute strives to perpetuate the history and traditions of the Army, its role in the development of the United States, and the records of the men and women involved in its development. Located at historic Carlisle Barracks, PA, the Institute will celebrate its 29th Anniversary in July, 1996.

The MHI holds more than nine million items relating to military history: over 280,000 books; 10,000 bound periodicals; 1,000,000 photographs; 6,600,000 manuscripts (diaries, memoirs, letters and other papers); 239,000 military publications; and over one million classified military documents. No other agency has such an extensive collection of materials relating exclusively to the role of the military in the development of the United States, making the USAMHI the finest military research library in the United States and one of the best in the world.

One of our efforts currently underway is the Korean War Survey. This is an effort to collect primary source material from veterans and their families for the sake of preserving it for history. One of the Cornerstones of this effort is the Korean War Survey Questionnaire. We hope to further strengthen our holdings on that war; therefore, we are asking veterans to record their recollections--an important source of information for historians and researchers who will use our source 50 or even 100 years from now. We urge you to take the time to complete a questionnaire.

This survey is similar to our previous surveys on the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II, which were tremendously successful. With the help of you and your fellow veterans, I feel confident that this current survey will take its place as one of the nation's finest source of primary research material on the Korean War.

In addition to battle accounts, the survey is designed to elicit first-hand responses to a wide range of subject areas. The veteran is encouraged to provide his or her own thoughts and reflections on many different aspects of military service such as personal background, training experiences in various fields--logistics, transportation, medical, etc.--combat actions, occupation duty, demobilization, and postwar experiences. Future researchers will want to know about all aspects of the experiences of men and women during the war. Veterans are also encouraged to modify the survey to meet their specific experiences. Although the survey focuses toward the Army ground forces, questionnaires are also being completed by Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guards veterans. All veterans are welcome to participate.

In addition to the vast experiences revealed in the questionnaires, many veterans are donating personal items related to their service experiences. Our motto has become: "From your attic to the Army's attic." Your donated items will be preserved, given the proper care, and shared with future generations of researchers and scholars--and you will be preserving your own, as well as the nation's history.

As a Korean War veteran, your donation is helping us to preserve the history of that war--a history which you helped write. The type of material the Institute seeks includes: diaries, memoirs, letters, V-Mail, unit histories, books, films, photographs, insignia/unit patches, illustrations, camp/unit newspapers, audiotapes, correspondence and official reports. Although the Institute does not collect uniforms, flags, weapons, equipment, munitions, or plaques, we would be happy to assist you in donating your three-dimensional artifacts to the Army Museum System, which is managed by the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Washington, D.C.

All veterans who return their questionnaire or make a donation to the MHI receive an acknowledgement for helping preserve the heritage of our military. Donations are established in the veteran's name and military unit are entered into an electronic database to facilitate management of the information and donation. All questionnaire and donated items are processed, inventoried, cataloged, cross-referenced, and stored in a temperature and humidity-controlled environment. At the Institute your personal papers and other items will have a permanent home and will stand as a record of your service--an honored part of our nation military heritage.

The MHI has an invaluable sources of information which includes the personal papers of hundreds of prominent generals and thousands of junior officers and enlisted men and women whose services contributed to American military history from the colonial period to the present. The public is always welcome at the Institute. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays.

To obtain a Korean War Survey questionnaire or further information, please write to the U.S. Army Military History Institute, ATTN: Angela S. Lehr, Coordinator, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008 or call (717-245-3225).

Remember me?

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star-Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember sometime ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and, naturally, I was always there, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you, I remember you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute.

Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. I may get a small glance, but then you look away.

I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and look around. He didn't see anybody else with his hat off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam.

Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back in order to keep this republic free. One nation under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart. I'll salute you waving back. And I'll know that you remembered.

(Source Unknown)

The Origin of the SEABEES

INSIGNIA & NAME

by Frank J. Lafrate
Originator



Early in January of 1942, while working as a plan file clerk at the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, Civilian and Naval engineers would come in and out of my office to study naval installation drawings. As they studied these drawings, I studied them and sketched their caricatures.

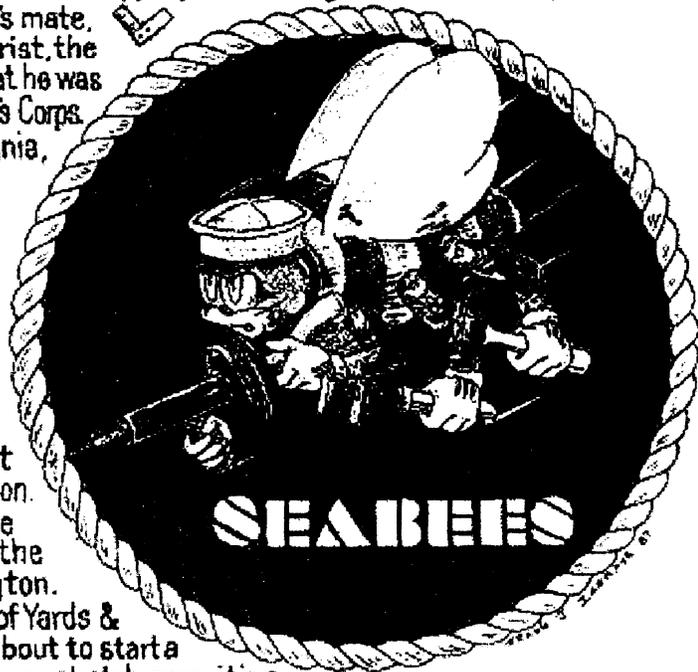
One day a Navy Lieutenant came in. He was the officer-in-charge of some 250 recruits who had been brought in to the newly established "Construction Battalions." This Lieutenant had heard of my cartooning, and asked me if I could produce a "Disney Type" Insignia that would identify and represent this new Battalion. These men would undergo military and construction training, and follow the marines ashore. They would not be an offensive group but could defend themselves if they had to.

My first thought of a beaver, the builder. But some research at the library told me that a beaver in trouble will turn tail and run. So the Beaver was out. Then I thought of a bee... the busy worker, who doesn't bother you... unless you bother him, at which point he comes back with a sharp sting. This was the way of the Construction Battalions.

After the idea was established, the rest came easy. I animated the bee: gave him a white hat to make him "Navy" and a tommy gun to show his fighting ability. I made him third class petty officer with the appropriate insignia on each arm, such as a machinist's mate, a carpenter's mate, and a gunner's mate. On each wrist, the C.E.C insignia showed that he was part of the Navy Civil Engineers Corps. Finally, on the outer circle of the insignia, I put the letter Q for Quonset.

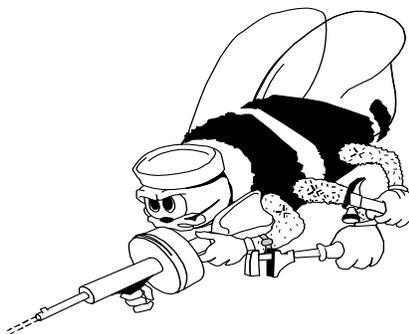
Now, what would this group be called? "Men of the Construction Battalions" was a little awkward. I already had the "bee" for these men who worked at sea. Putting the two ideas together, the name... **SEABEES** was born.

The insignia drawing took about three hours on a Sunday afternoon. The next morning I showed it to the officer in charge, who showed it to the Captain, who sent it off to Washington. Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief, Bureau of Yards & Docks, Chief of Civil Engineers was about to start a nationwide campaign - and he saw in my sketch recruiting appeal. He requested only one revision in the insignia: that the Q be changed to a hawser rope, for national recognition. And today, this is how we recognize that tough and talented group known as the **SEABEES**



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