



Seabees

A newsletter for former MCB 2 Personnel

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Next Stop: Charleston!

Make Your Reservations Soon

Check pages 20-23 for all of the information you need (I hope) to reserve your room at the Charleston Hilton, including a map to help you get to the hotel. If you are arriving by air, the hotel has a shuttle available to pick you up for free (just tip the driver). So, when you arrive at the airport, call the hotel that you will need the shuttle service (see page 20). There is a separate insert included in this newsletter for registration for all of the tours and the Saturday banquet. Be sure to send it in early with your check. You can cancel as late as August 30 if needed.

Ben Painter Says:

The Armed Forces Reunion Service has a Reservation Form included in this newsletter which includes the prices for our tours and the cost for the banquet, plus our MCB 2 Reunion Registration fee. They would like us to use that form when we make our reservations, but be sure to make a copy of that form after it is filled out and before you send it in. Everything is now in place for a great reunion, so be sure to get your registration form sent in early AND call the hotel to make your room reservations. See you in Charleston! I received an e-mail from **Pat Painter** February 16, 1999. The following is the full text of the letter:

Scott:

Just wanted to bring you up-to-date on us. They sent Ben for a Thoracotomy last Wednesday (his 65th birthday). Saturday they told us he has a cancer on his lungs.

When I first got on the Internet and e-mail, I never dreamed it might prove to be a factor in saving Ben's life. However, I now see that as a real possibility. In addition to the wonderful information we (so far, mostly our son, Jerry) are finding we are receiving these almost constant messages from family and friends full of support, encouragement, and most of all love. Everyone is letting us know they are praying for him and this means so very much to us.

We saw the cancer specialist yesterday and we all three feel so much better today, like we know what we are fighting and are doing something to make a difference. The disease Ben has is malignant mesothelioma. At least they are over 90% sure of this. This is on the outside of his left lung which prevents surgery to remove it. Were it on the inside, surgery would be possible.

That's the bad news. Now for the good: mesothelioma, very rare and related to asbestos exposure. It is not a fast-spreading cancer and only very rarely does it go into the organs. Right now, Ben's lungs are clear because the surgeon just scraped them. We go back in four weeks for another cat scan to see how it looks then.

In the meantime, we are fighting with all we have: massage, meditation, vinegar baths, fresh carrot/beet juice, in fact all of the fresh fruits, vegetables and grains he can eat. He is walking several times a day in the fresh country air and getting plenty of rest. Just remember this word: mesothelioma. If you hear anything about it or know of anyone who now has or has had it, let us know. We are trying to find out as much as possible about it.

Scott, I am in such a rush now trying to get things done, it would be better if you don't send any of the things that take so long to download as it ties up my system for 20-30 minutes. Sometimes I am trying to get messages out and have to wait.

Our best to you and Rachel. I will keep you posted on Ben. He has excellent genes and very good general health and we believe those are very important factors. Pat

From Scott: Let's keep Ben in our prayers and if anyone hears anything that can help, let Pat know.

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Feb./March/April

Dates to Remember

February 1, 1944 Seabees land with 4th Marine Division on Kwajalein.

February 19, 1945 Seabees land with 5th Marine Division on Iwo Jima.

March 2, 1867 Civil Engineer Corps established.

March 5, 1942 Seabee Birthday!

March 19, 1942 Civil Engineer Corps officers given military authority over construction units.

March 22, 1945 Seabees ferry General Patton's armored units across Rhine River into Germany.

April 1, 1945 Okinawa Seabees land on



Notes from our Members...

From Pete Elliott: Happy New Year and sorry I have not been in contact for a while, but things piled up. We now have four grandchildren and one on the way in May. Enclosed is a door prize certificate (great! glad you are using it!!-SW) Please tell me if I am behind in my dues (you are paid thru 1999-SW). Looking forward to our next reunion and playing the bag pipes. I found out the reason that my bag pipes did not work in Denver was the altitude!.... Bob Conroe writes: I hope this letter finds you in good health (it does, thanks-SW) I'm sorry that I couldn't make the last MCB 2 reunion ... but Anne and I plan to be at the Charleston reunion. Both Anne and I are in good health. It's hard to believe that I will be 70 in the year 2000. Have a healthy and prosperous New year and, God willing, we will see you in Charleston.... from William Body: Here's the address for the newsletter for Navy retirees. They will accept reunion notices if you send it to them. We are looking forward to the reunion in Charleston. As soon as we get the info on reservations, etc., we will do so. See you there from Joe DeFranco: Thanks for the MCB 2 roster (you're welcome-SW). I want to let you and Ben know that we will be in Charleston the 8th and can help out with setup or whatever is needed (THANK YOU!). Have you checked out www.nsva.org? (yes, and I keep in touch with them regularly.)... Received dues from Hank Bentson and Irwin Seesman (thanks very much)..... **DeVon Jenson** writes: Enclosed are my 1999 dues (thanks) and please



put me on the "Good Guy" list (you got it!). Mary and I are looking forward to Charleston. You are doing a good job on the Newsletter. Keep it up (thanks, I'll try-SW). See you in

Charleston!... from Riley McDaniel: Bro. Williams, greetings from Baton Rouge! I am sorry I am a little late with my 1999 dues. I finally got around to cleaning my desk off and found the Newsletter I had held out to remind me to send my dues (we all do that!-SW). I always enjoy the Newsletter (I sure hope so. I try to keep it fun-SW) I hope to be able to make it to Charleston this year. Congratulations to all who had a part in the organization, especially Bro. Stoney Serrett, formerly of Baton Rouge.... received dues from Gene Urmey and Fred Saathoff (thanks, that is what keeps us going-SW).... Rex Roark sent his dues and requested a roster..... from John Stock: Want to stay on the "Good Guy" list so here's my dues (thanks). Not sure if I am paid up for '99, but wanted to at least pay up thru 2000 in case we all fall the edge when the century rolls over! (thanks, you're paid up thru '01) We had a minireunion at our place in Michigan this past September when the Hollembeak's, Hageman's and the Hughes' got together for a couple of days. Had hoped that the Roger Hamilton's could join us, but heard from them via telephone while we were together. How about some ball caps that say MCB 2 as well as Seabees? (OK, we'll do that-SW) Looking forward to Charleston.... Norm Britain sent dues (thanks).... Jack Balding writes: I was at Atsugi, Japan, when we paved the roads - 1950 or '51. I was sent to CBD 1804 with the 1st Marine Air Wing and worked on the air strip....cold as hell. 45 were sent over to freeze our butts off! Just talked to Chuck Chapman here in Yakima and he will not be in Charleston. He is in a band that is going to England and Scotland at the time of the reunion. I'll try to make it. I'm WWII and Korea, 1945 to 1957. I'm sending a check

(Continued from page 3) (Thank you - ten year's dues!-SW). Best of luck to all the Seabee bunch -MCB 2 and the old CBD 1804.... from **Gene Robinson**: Here are some pictures (see elsewhere in this

Newsletter) of the people that worked on the POL fill and pipeline. I lost my year book in my travels and would like to find another. In looking at the Commissioning Ceremonies issue of February 1998, I have got to be in there somewhere. I can't make it to the reunion this time. Hopefully next. Thank Stoney for what he has done and thanks for the help.... from Stoney: Just a few lines to say hello and ask about Harry Armogost. He was missing from your mailing list and was wondering why. (Fallen Comrades - see Feb. 1999 Newsletter)... from Richard Todd: Sending dues (thanks). My wife and I are planning to attend the Charleston MCB 2 Reunion. I need info re: hotel, flights, car rental, etc. I assume this is forthcoming. (soon, I hope. Probably this Newsletter) I'm looking forward to meeting all my old friends and buddies.... Willis Struecker, Ben Pedrotti, and Pat Morris sent dues (thanks)..... from Gary Mitchell: Enclosed are my dues (thanks). The Newsletter is worth \$15 (thanks, again. I try to give you a good Newsletter.). I lost my wife of 40 years, Diane, to cancer last September. I may make it to Charleston.... Ivan Majetic sent dues and requested a roster.... Tom Crowder sent his dues and said he hopes to see everyone in Charleston. Also, if Louie Patton's health will let him, they will come together.... L.P. Burleigh writes: Enclosed are my dues (thanks to all who send their dues.). I received the Newsletter today and enjoy reading it, especially the notes from our members. (that's what makes it a fun Newsletter.) We miss Stoney and Gladys dropping in for a visit like they used to do before they moved. Depending on my wife's recovery, I hope to see all of you in Charleston..... from **Ben painter**: As soon as I get the package from AFR I'll get the info to you, maybe early April..... from Loren



Westphal: Enclosed are the dues and thanks for keeping us informed on the news. We enjoyed a visit with **Stoney** and **Gladys** in September.... received a bunch of dues from

Charles Trimarchi, John Recklitis, Frank Mingo, Stephen Korkes, Roy Grisham, and Ed Hoffman.... from Robert Rasmussen: enclosed are dues and would like a roster. Thanks for all you are doing (thank you and you're welcome).... from Gene Nitsch: This is my first correspondence with anyone in MCB 2 since my discharge in 1955. I would like very much to get a list of names of CBMU 1/101 and CBD 1804. (done...and see the list of CBD 1804 plankholders elsewhere in this Newsletter.) I will be in Las Vegas in February and maybe I will have a chance to call and say hello (sure hope so). Enclosed are dues and some extra for the names. I want to thank you for all the work you and others are doing on this project.... Art Hees sent a note.... John Vidusic, William Duensing, Herbert Meade, Arlin Hardwick, Al Burkhart, Richard Swallow, and Harry Ladley sent dues (thanks) William Moore requested a roster.... Galen Farnsworth writes: Please pay me up on my dues. I think I was paid up through '98, but I'm not sure. Here's two years just in case (thanks) from Holly Hollingsworth: I enjoyed reading the last Newsletter - as I do all of them. I need to get on the "Good Guy" list, so here's dues for '99 and Y2K. I also need to get "one up" on Les Keller. Have a great year!!.... from **Art Bredefeld**: Really enjoy the Newsletters. Enclosed is a check for 2 years dues and I would like a roster. Looking forward to Charleston. (thanks).... from Stoney (again): I received my copy of the Newsletter and happy to receive it. I really enjoyed the letter you printed from Galen Farnsworth (I did, too-SW). I though it was real funny. I was saddened to read of our new "Fallen Comrades." I most remember Ralph **Pederson** as he was able to attend the reunions

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at Nashville and Las Vegas. I am sure he would have been at Denver except he had been diagnosed with cancer (bummer). I will be bringing the

belt buckles we have left. Gladys and I are getting a little more settled here in Calgary. Every day we get a few more boxes opened and put away.... from Dick Merit: Sorry I'm late. Thought I had paid them. Can't be getting old?.... Bob Long writes: I received the last Newsletter and suddenly realized I had not sent in my dues. (thanks) I don't believe I will be making Charleston as my college fraternity reunion is being held at the same time and I am on the committee promoting it. It will be the first one I have missed. (we'll miss you, too) Tell all the guys hello for me.... from Ken Chew: Another year gone by and it is time to, pay my MCB 2 dues for 1999 (thanks). I hope to make it to the reunion at Charleston. In your last Newsletter you wrote something about **Robert Schroll**. Bob was a very good friend of mine and we kept in touch after he was discharged from the Navy. At the time he passed away, Bob was a Supervising Highway Engineer with the California Department of Transportation. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and two daughters..... a long letter from **Bill Garside**: I was at our local gas station (Norwell, Mass), when the owner, Art Joseph, mentioned that his son was back home. He had just completed four years as a Seabee and was coming home from Subic Bay. I mentioned that I had been a draftsman in the Seabees. After Drafting School, I had been assigned to MCB 2 in '51 and had served at Cubi Point. Art replied that he also was a Seabee at Subic and, it turned out, at the same time. We had never met. We shoot the breeze every once in a while now, reminiscing of our life then. Names of friends of long ago are hard to remember. I am hoping the following two expose's may begin a series of connections that will trigger someone's memory. When we left for Subic on an AKA transport (28 days)



six of us Seamen DMs studied together all the way over for the upcoming exam for DM3. We all passed with almost the same grade, causing the Navy to question whether or not we

had cheated. Are there some DMs out there that may remember? And also, my first Shore Patrol duty after making DM3 was at the White House in Olongapo. My buddies decided to visit and give me a hard time. They started a disturbance that escalated into a fight. When the fight began to look like something from an early western, the owner came out to ask me to stop the fight. For those of you who may remember me, I was a 110-lb skinny kid. I asked the owner for his keys, went over and locked the door, then called the Marines. My friends thought the whole thing was very funny. Is anyone out there remembering? It sometimes requires some "connections" to help remember and I need a lot of help. For those of you who may now be thinking of changing your mind and maybe getting even with me regarding the above, allow me to add that our oldest son is a Commander in the Navy, presently serving as the Flag Secretary to the Seventh Fleet. We also have two other boys and a girl and my kids can beat up your kids! Ha Ha!! (If the sin of pride could kill, I would be long dead.) I'm sending a very late dues payment with a few extra bucks for a roster to see if that will help me remember and from John Wilborn: A few fast lines to thank you for adding my story about Chief Hoffman and to send along some dues in case they're needed (always, thanks -SW). Things are stuffy here in the Phoenix area - we don't have the hot weather to complain about right now so conversation is sketchy. But, I suppose Las Vegas has that hot weather to discuss too, huh? (always!) I'm becoming more proficient with my computer so I wander around on the Web at my leisure - most of the time I can't recall where I've been and how I got there when I want to show my wife some discovery. But the



(Continued from page 5) other day I was at MSNBC Health and I discovered a story I was involved in last Easter. My wife and I went to visit this terminally ill AIDS patient at the

same Hospice where our son John had died the previous year. Her name was Jackie Valenzuela and she was only 14. Jackie's entire family, Mom, Dad, and siblings, had succumbed to AIDS. Well, when my wife and I read the story in the Phoenix Republic on Easter Sunday, we just seemed to be driven to do something. Mary took one of the Raggedy Ann dolls she had made and I took one of John's Angels and went to see the young girl. Well, let me tell you, that young lady was sure more brave than I could ever be, for I wept so bad I had to leave. It haunts me to this day how fevered the little girl's brow was as I bent to kiss her goodbye. My wife, who was a Hospice nurse and saw comparable situations so often, bore up under that situation easily, but not I. Well, just recently they had Jackie's story on the 'Net and I ran into it quite by accident. (John sent a print- out of the Internet story showing John's Angel with Jackie-SW.) This is just a story I wanted to pass along. Elton John and Oprah Winfrey have a John's Angel, plus I sent one to **Stoney** and **Gladys** right before they moved. p.s. Stoney sent me an article about Chief Hoffman's passing. Stoney is a wonderful, caring person (hear, hear!-SW)..... Received dues from Norm Britain (thanks)..... Roy Harris writes: Thank you for the Newsletter and information on the reunion in Charleston. I noticed you had a reunion in Denver in 1997. Are there any plans for a reunion on the west coast or some state near Denver in the future? (We'll know after we meet in Charleston, but probably - SW) from Jack Wilson: Hi! Put me on the Good Guy list. I had forgotten about my dues until I got the last Newsletter. When I was at Subic Bay in '54-'55, I was with the surveyors and one of our guys name was **Rankin**. He was kind of red-headed. Just wondered what ever

happened to him. Thanks for a great Newsletter (you're welcome, and thank you.)...... **Richard Muns** writes: I think it's about time I got on the Good Guy list (thanks). My wife lost her

evesight in May '95 during back surgery. They did not maintain sufficient oxygen to the main optic nerve causing the nerve to die. She was an artist and Middle School Art Teacher which caused her to retire early on disability. We now seem to be on the upswing and she has now started working with another art teacher doing pottery. Ruth and I are are looking forward to the Charleston reunion..... from Glen Bates: I am receiving two newsletters, one under the name Bares. Please delete Bares. (thanks, I never caught that one-SW)..... from John Wilborn: (I received an 11-page manuscript from John titled "The Spook and His Shadow" which I will try and include in one of our Newsletters. SW) I hope you don't mind me sending the stories. I am trying to write one now about Khe Sanh. Been on it since last Easter and it happened Easter of '68..... from Don DeLisi (a new member - we just found him!) Thanks for sending me a copy of the Newsletter. Enclosed is a check (thank you!). Having spent 2 years at Cubi Point and 2 years on Guam, I have quite a few pictures of both (bring them to the reunion. All there would love to see them- and thanks) Gordon Love sent his dues (thanks).... from Jack Coulter: Please forgive my tardiness in sending in my dues - just forgot until I received the January Newsletter. Must be getting old! (we all are and I hope so. Better than the alternative!) Hey! You're doing a great job. Each issue of the Newsletter gets more distinctive, something which we can all be proud of. (Thank you) from Dick (Herbie) Schreiner: Here's my dues for '99. Sorry I'm late (better late than never, huh? Thanks!) I'll try to make the reunion in September (sure hope so). Make me a good guy! (you are for sure!).... Jim Sichel writes: Thanks for doing this job (you're welcome and I



(Continued from page 6) enjoy it, thanks).... **Ray Nethercott** and **Jimmie Dillman** sent dues (thanks)..... from **Dick Sim**: here's some money for 1999 dues plus a few bucks for a

membership list. I really appreciate the Newsletter. I recognize a name now and then from Cubi Point 1952-'54 time slot (By the way, this DM symbol is the best I can find. Does anyone have a good line drawing of the DM rate? Send it to me if you do. I'll make a copy and send it back. - SW)... Marshall Dunne writes: Thanks for the kick in the butt as a reminder to "pay my dues or else." Well, you didn't exactly say "or else," but I know. My name was not on the "Good Guy" List. Please excuse this ancient method of communication but I'm not an e-mail person. My wife is the expert in e-mail. Enclosed are my dues (thanks). Boy, what a grump. And a little extra to help. I appreciate the up-date on Ben's condition. (I sent all MCB2ers that are on-line an e-mail note about Ben). Please let him know we are praying and pulling for him (thanks, I will and he will like that). It sounds to me that Pat is one special lady (she sure is). Thanks again, Scott, for your interest and dedication. Perhaps someday we will meet. I hope so (I sure hope so, too. Maybe Charleston?).... from Gordon Keen: I thought I would drop a little history on you along with my dues check (thanks for sending the check). I see several old friends' names in the last newsletter. Thank you so much, and all the other people who contributed. My recollections are poor, but here goes: September 15, 1950, USNMCB-2 was commissioned at Port Hueneme, California. The advance party arrived in Atsugi, Japan, on October 12, 1950. The second party came a little later on the USS General Randall. I boarded the USS General W.A. Mann at San Francisco in late November 1950 and arrived in Atsugi late December, having had my Christmas seagull and trimmings at Yokosuka, Japan. We were the third contingent, I believe. Most of my time was spent operating heavy equipment such as

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back-hoes, shovels, and cranes on construction projects and also procuring rock and crushing it for aggregate (concrete). Procuring, you may remember, is another word for scrounging and/or swapping what doesn't belong to the Seabees for stuff we needed. I did the hoisting operation (glass and steel) for the new control tower and also helped the Japanese contractor, Mr. Watanabe, on the powerhouse project. At the end of 1951 and beginning of 1952, we spent time loading out equipment. Of the "originals," some went home, some went to the Philippines, and the lucky ones went to Korea where we built the infrastructure for the 1st Marine Air Wing at Pohang Dong (K3) and Pyongtaek (K2). Hard to tell which was the worst place I've ever been. We had landed in Korea in the equivalent of a DC-3, temperatures below zero in a high, snowy wind. I left on another like the first plane on or about July 23, 1952. The temperature was 111°F at 11:00 a.m. and no stinking wind. In a few days I had passed through Tokyo and was released from duty in Seattle. Enough stories! Several years ago I traded in my serial number for a Social Security number. Pays about the same, but I love it!.... from John Ruby: Here's my dues for this year (thanks!). Thanks to Don Henderson for finding me. I enjoy the Newsletter. (thanks for that. I hope everyone enjoys it and recognizes a name from the past occasionally)..... from Don DeLisi: I think I read in the Newsletter that you have a mailing list for MCB 2 for a couple of bucks. Please send one. (it's on the way!).... from Gerry Powell: Thank you so much for the update on the Charleston reunion. I plan to go. My name did not appear on the Good Guy list so here are my dues (thanks). I have that CRS disease and just can't remember stuff. I'm sending you a newsletter from MCB 9, so do with it as you want. (see excerpts elsewhere). Anyway, the good ol' boys from the '50s are still in demand..... Bob Colquhoun sent his

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dues (thanks) from Al Fritz: Here's my dues thru 1999. Hope this will get me on the Good Guy List (it does...but I had to sign his check! Al forgot to sign it...) so I can wear my white cowboy hat again and I can put my black hat back in the closet. We'll see you in Charleston in September - wearing a white hat!..... Gene Parks sent his dues (thanks)...... from **Dan Pelaez**: Not sure if I paid 1998 or not so enclosed are dues for two years (thanks, Dan. You're paid thru 2000 now!)..... from John Noetzel: Enclosed are two years' dues for '98 and '99 so that I may continue to receive the Newsletter (thanks, John). I was never with MCB 2 but my father was and I would like to receive it in his memory. I did attend the Denver reunion. (yes, I remember and it was great to meet you and your family.) It was great talking to a few of the guys who knew my father and hearing/ reading of other tales of things my father must have experienced also. I did my time in the Army, so at least from that I have some flavor of what military life was like for all, particularly in the Far East. I don't expect to be attending any more of the reunions but please keep me on the mailing list (you got it!)..... from Len (Nita) Hershberger: Just a line to apologize for being late with dues (not a problem, but thanks). Hersh had hip replacement surgery Jan. 22 and complications led to two more surgeries before 36 hours were up. He was critical for 9 days, in ICU for 17 days, and 4 weeks in the hospital. He's home now - one tough Seabee! Here's dues for the next two years (thanks) and a little extra. Hope to see you in Charleston..... Ernest Owens writes: This ol' rajun Cajun Acadian Seabee war hoss here in Costa Rica Salutes you all. We are well, thanks to God, and we pray that you and all those whom you love are blessed with good health, happiness & prosperity. Thanks for the Newsletter and I see that I am one of the Bad Guys (not any more!). Last August Rosalina received her B.A. degree in English

April. I was named Willie at birth on 11/27/25near Rayne, Louisiana, Acadia Parish. I enlisted on 11/23/43 and trained in San Diego, then was sent to San Bruno for three months of commando training. We were sent to the Philippines and after one night at Tacloban on Levte we went by LCI to Guian, Samar. I met my first 'Bees there. I was discharged as a Seaman 1st Class on 1/9/46. I reenlisted in 1950 and was assigned to MCB 2 at NAS Atsugi, Japan. I was assigned to a skiploader in the river to push rock for EO1 Sullivan (Sully) & his helper EO3 Dominic J. Grillo of Bronx, NY. Walter K. Aona, D.J. Grillo, Leach and I would go to Hiratsuka to attend Judo classes. Aona married a young lady he met there after he was discharged. Swisher, EO2, & I, EO3, were the two EOs who volunteered to join CBD 1804 along with one UT2. I think we were sent to Pohong Dong where we later convoyed in dump trucks loaded with rock crusher equipment to Kangnung to board an LST. At or near Inchon we offloaded and went overland to Pyongtaek USAF base. It was supposed to be the nearest air base to the front lines. It could have been a Marine base because we were issued Marine uniforms. Dominic J. Grillo was one of my friends who was sent to CBMU 1/101. We drilled, blasted, crushed, and hauled rock from the mountain to the runway. We would raise the Marston matting with a hook on a bomb carrier and fill up the holes with crushed rock. I was discharged in August of '53 & returned to Texas. I retired 1/15/73 with 18 campaign ribbons, 7 ¹/₂ years in combat zones in three wars. Spent 4 1/2 years in Viet Nam... Lordy!! I near forgot! I have been unable to attend any of the past MCB 2 reunions and, if we are moved to Houston before that time, Rosalina and I will be there. (Sure hope so!)..... from Jon Ericson: Enclosed find a check for dues (thanks) from an MCB 2 plank owner..... from **Paul Muma**: Here are my dues for the next two years (thanks). I will make one of (Continued on page 9)

Translation (congratulations!!). She will receive

her second degree in English Education in

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these reunions for sure. I leave in May for three or four months in the Mediterranean again. Last year I went for two months and stayed six. I sure enjoy the Newsletters (thank you). from Fred Cozad: Sorry to be one of the Bad Guys so here's my dues for the next two years (thanks). Sure enjoy the Newsletter. Keep up the good work (thanks, again and I'll keep trying to publish a fun newsletter)..... from **Ralph Binney**: I don't see my name on the Good Guy list so I guess I'll have to buy my way on. (thanks) I don't have any illusion that I am a good guy but I don't want to be a bad guy like some of my pals on the Good Guy list (ooooh, touché). See you in Charleston..... Robert Pagel sent a dues check (thanks)..... Myron Strausheim writes: A word of thanks to Stoney for tracking me down in August of '98. It was a real surprise as a period of 46 years has elapsed since I served at Cubi Point, from '52 to '53. I was a CMG3 but also worked a lot in the dental clinic (wow! a mechanic working on teeth!!) with six others. (Myron sent a copy of a picture of the clinic crew but will have to wait until the next newsletter to publish as there just isn't any more room in this issue.) Thanks for getting my name on the new member list. Also enclosed is a check for dues for '99. Hope to be on the Good Guy list (you are now - and thanks!) from Bill **Sharp**: here's my check for a couple of year's dues plus a roster (thanks - will send it right out). I was MCB 2 from 3/52 to 7/55. Was on Grand Island, Camp Pendleton, Det. "A" Sangley Point, and Advance Party to USA. See you in Charleston!.... from Bert Helms: Here's my dues for '99 & '00 (thanks). Now I'm back on the Good Guy list. Like very much to read the Newsletter (you're welcome - my pleasure - SW)..... from Gerald Seger: I received the info about the reunion in Charleston and am impressed by your Newsletter. (thank you) I enlisted in the Navy August 22, 1951, arriving in Great lakes just before Labor Day. Upon completion of recruit training, a large group went to San Diego by troop train. Most of us

became ship's company of the USS Quincy, CA 71, which was in mothballs in Bremerton, WA. In January 1952, we arrived in Bremerton and began work getting the ship ready for sea. After having completed a Med cruise in the fall of 1952 and early '53, the ship was transferred to the Pacific Fleet and assigned to the 7th Fleet. We were scheduled to go on patrol in Korea about the time of the cease fire. We remained attached to the 7th Fleet the rest of 1953 and were sent back to the west coast and Bremerton for decommissioning in 1954. I guess they needed a machinist in MCB 2 because my rate was Machinery Repairman 2nd Class at the time. There were three of us from the Quincy that were transferred to MCB 2 at Port Hueneme. One was a Damage Controlman by the last name of Simon from Scranton, PA, and the other was a Disbursing Clerk last name unknown now. My first duty assignment when we arrived at Cubi Point was with a group who stood watch with a Marine at the check point on the causeway. After about 3 or 4 months of that duty I was assigned to the 2nd shift repair garage - it had a small portable machine shop on wheels. I spent most of my idle time at the fire station and an occasional trip to the Subic Bay Naval Base. In May I was promoted to Machinery Repairman 1st Class. I believe MCB 2 left Cubi Point in June of 1955 and I was sent on to the Long Beach receiving Station for discharge on August 5. Since then I worked as an operator on a machine line at a Ford plant, then as an apprentice machinist at a large steel company with layoff and strikes. I needed some job security which resulted in my becoming a Cleveland Police Officer in April 1958, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant on May 3, 1996, after 38 years. Some of my recollections are the huts we lived in, my learning to drive a 6 by, swimming in the fresh water pond, the pet monkey and dog someone had, the Marine Corps birthday bash when several Marines were thrown over the hill near the EM Club (hearsay), and Happy Hour at the EM Club. I recall there was a craft shop of sorts. I built a

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OUR FALLEN COMRADE

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Betcha Didn't Know....

- The most common elements in the ٠ universe are hydrogen and stupidity.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving isn't for you.
- Deja Moo: The feeling you have heard this bull before.
- Psychiatrists say that one out of four people is mentally ill. Check your friends; if they're OK, you're it!
- The trouble with doing something ٠ right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.
- It has recently been discovered that ٠ research causes cancer in rats.
- The Law of Probability Dispersal: Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.
- Experience enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas. MCB 2 Reunion Association 7221 Trading Post Lane Las Vegas, NV 89128 (702) 254-1929 e-mail: williash@aol.com make checks payable to Scott Williams/MCB 2

> Dues are \$15/year January - December

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TO THE LADIES OF MCB #2

As I begin this column, it is the day before Easter 1999, so I wish you all a Happy Easter, knowing that by the time you receive the Newsletter, Easter will just be a memory.

Can you believe that in only five months we will all be together again in Charleston, So. Carolina. For the last month I have been conferring with Stephanie Miller from Armed Forces Reunions regarding organized tours for our group in the Charleston area. I have found her to be very helpful and knowledgeable about the Charleston area. I think we have put together some really interesting tours for you. You can pick and choose whatever tours suit your tastes, and what's most important, the prices for the tours are reasonable in my estimation, for what you are getting.

I have a small favor to ask of all of you. You will find a description of the Tours with prices along with a order form in this Newsletter. Would you return the order form with the proper amount for each Tour as soon as possible. Each tour is limited in size and when that limit is reached, that tour will be closed. So don't be disappointed, send your order form and check soon. There is a refund policy in effect, encase you have to cancel before the reunion.

I hope you are all planning on trying some of Charleston's Lowcountry Cuisine. For those of you that read "Cooking Light Magazine", the April 1999 issue has some good Lowcountry recipes along with its history. Have you ever tried She-Crab Soup? There is so much history to see in Charleston, along with wonderful restaurants, shopping, and walking tours that you can do on your own, that I am sure your time there will be busy, but very interesting.

I look forward to being in Charleston in September with all of you. Dave and I will be arriving in Charleston on Tuesday, September 7. If you have any questions regarding the tours, please don't hesitate to contact me at 1310 Park St., Santa Rosa, Ca 95404-3543. (Ph. # 707-545-1086)

I'll see you all in September!!

Darla

Darla Budworth

These two pages are for the large picture of CBD 1802.

The Commodore's Barge

Our leadership consists of:

Chairman: **BEN PAINTER**

Committeemen: Roy T. Cone Pete Elliott **David Haines Rich Nelson Roy Peak** Malcolm Pearson Stoney Serrett **Ted Speros** Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

MAKE A NOTE! ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

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Robert Winkler 15222 Brandon Drive Ponchatoula, LA 70454

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FAON CONE

Last Fall, Faon had triple by-pass surgery and I (SW) have been keeping in touch with Roy regarding her recovery. The following is a report from Roy about Faon:

After Faon's triple by-pass, she apparently had a stroke that stopped the blood flow to her right eye and caused her to lose her vision in that eye. Now, Faon is losing sight in her left eye as well. She can't read the big E on the eye chart with either eye although she can see some light and fuzzy objects. She previously has had cataracts removed from both eyes.

We have been through MRA and MRI tests and there are no tumors or big baddies in the brain, so don't know why the left eye is not working. Checked her neck arteries out and they are OK. The optic nerves in the left eye are badly swollen and the doctors are trying to shrink it with steroids. The neurologist has just changed one of Faon's blood thinners in the hopes of improving the blood flow to the eyes.

We have driven down to Houston three times last week (2/27/99) to see specialists, so we are not outa the woods.

(On 3/1/99 I received the following from Roy) We go back the 4th (3/4) to the eye doctor to check the swelling in the optic nerve and see if it has responded to the steroids. We go back to the neurologist on the 17th. Faon is not too sure about the neurologist's tests. She mused, "I wonder why they could not see the rocks in my head that Roy is always talking about....." Hmmmmmm????

I asked Roy if I could say something in the Newsletter about Faon and Roy said I could, but that I should not fill up the newsletter with aches and pains or I would have to put out extra editions. OK, but we all know Faon and how much she enjoyed coming to the reunions. She worked like a Turk at the Ship's Store. Let's keep Faon in our prayers

THE GOOD-GUY LIST

Harold Agles, David Anderson, Basil Arnold, Joe Ates, Lyle Auseth, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, David Ball, Benjamin Balog, Joseph Barbree, Donald Barry, Bruce Barton, Glen Bates, Emil Bazzoli, Raymond Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentson, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, John Bloem, William Body, R. Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, Norman Britain, Marvin Brown, Philip Brunelle, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, Alfred Burkhart, L.P. Burleigh, Patrick Carey, William Carter, Chuck Chapman, Ken Chew, Edward Chidalek, Ronald Claypool, Bob Colquhoun, Jack Coulter, David Conahey, Bob Conroe, Fred Cozad, Tom Crowder, John Cure, Paul D'Angelo, Joseph DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, Don DeLisi, Keith Denis, Jimmie Dillman, Melvin Dixon, Thomas Dowd, William Duensing, Marshall Dunne, Pete Elliott, Don Eminhizer, George Epright, Jon Ericson, Ralph Evans, Bruno Fanucchi, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, John Fletcher, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Willie Free, Al Fritz, William Gantt, Bill Garside, Alfred Garza, Ronald Glasser, Allan Goller, Robert Graf, James Green, Glen Grimes, Roy Grisham, Donald Grobbel, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Frank Hayes, Arthur Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Gerald Herr, Len Hershberger, Ed Hofman, Don Hofstetter, Gerald Hollembeak, Holly Hollingsworth, Sam Holsomback, Frank Honeychurch, Arthur Hoskinds, Maurice Hughes, Claude Hunt, Charles Ingalls, Berk Inskeep, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, DeVon Jensen, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Don Jones, John Jurkash, Robert Kaempfe, Lloyd Kallsen, K. Karekin, Duane Keech, Leslie Keller, Gordon Keen, Richard Keyes, Allen Kim, Capers Kinard, Bruce Kitts, Stephen Korkes, Walter Kumpf, Harry Ladley, L. H. Lind, Robert Long, Clive Lorenz, Gordon Love, Thomas Maere, Ivan Majetic, Philip Matalucci, Bill Mayo, Charles McCabe, Willie McCarley, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Don McClain, Herbert Meade, Richard Merit, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, William Moore, Pat Morris, C. Morrison, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Charles Neugent, Eugene Nitsch, John Noetzel, Al Ostroski, Ernest Owens, Robert Pagel, Ben Painter, Gene Parks, Bill Partridge, Louie Patton, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Dan Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro, Gerry Powell, Sam Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Gary

Rawlings, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, Fred Saathoff, Millard Schneider, Merle Schnepf, Jack Schrader, Richard Schreiner, Irwin Seesman, Donald Seethaler, Stoney Serrett, William Sharp, Jim Sichel, William Sigmund, Dick Sim, Billy Simpson, Joseph Sitkowski, Ray Sonnen, Ted Speros, Kenneth Stancombe, Clyde Stenholm, James Stephens, Larry Stevenson, George Stewart, John Stock, Myron Strausheim, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, Galen Teske, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Gene Urmey, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Billy Ward, Loren Westphal, Cecil Westwood, John Wilborn, Jerry Wilkening, R.G. "Pete" Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Clarence Williamson, Jack Wilson, James Wommack, William Wright, James Young, Antonio Yrizarry, and Stephen Yunger.

All men listed above have their dues paid at least through 1999, 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. 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

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 581 names and addresses of former MCB 2 personnel, so this is a pretty thick directory (17 pages). Scott

From MCB 9 Newsletter: BUILDERS OF CUBI POINT NAVAL AIR STATION

A letter was received from Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr. Ret., who is trying to contact anyone that had a hand in building this place. He knows that MCB 2, 3, 5, 9, and 11 all had a good deal to do with this so, what he is asking is that anyone who would like to attend a reunion in San Diego in May of 2000 it would be greatly appreciated if they would contact him. There was one reunion in 1998 for NAS Plank Owners in Colorado Springs and not too many Seabees attended. Louis wants more Seabees there to tell it the way it was. For more information, contact Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr. CEC Ret., 10832 W. 28th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 238-

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These two pages are for the two sheets of pictures from Gene Robinson.

Pat Morris was able to obtain the original muster roll of CBD 1804. MCB 2 transferred 67 men into CBD 1804 on 30 January 1952. The following list is a retyping of that muster roll. Some of the names and/or service numbers are smudged on the original, so I may not have read them correctly. Please advise me of any corrections. Thanks, Scott Williams

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| 119 | BALDING Jack O | 387 57 14 | CD2 | | |
| 120 | BALLARD Walter K | 785 89 73 | BUL3 | | |
| 121 | BIVA Frank T | 886 31 32 | BUH2 | | |
| 122 | BEHRENS Kenneth L | 346 71 40 | CD3 | | |
| 123 | BITTMER Harold R | 714 74 78 | BUH3 | | |
| 124 | BYRON Richard J | 718 67 11 | BU3 | | |
| 125 | CAMPBELL Herschel H | 842 15 29 | BUL1 | | |
| 126 | CARDINAL Leonell A | 760 65 38 | CD1 | | |
| 127 | CHIEN Francis Y T | 335 42 55 | BUL1 | | |
| 128 | COLQUHOUN Robert B | 232 45 88 | BUL2 | | |
| 129 | COCKCHESNE Leo A | 807 06 64 | BUL2 | | |
| 130 | COOPER Theodore O | 351 01 78 | BUL1 | | |
| 131 | DENERS Herbert W | 600 43 89 | BUL1 | | |
| 132 | DICK Robley E | 613 24 86 | BUL2 | | |
| 133 | DORE Raymond R | 418 27 39 | BUL2 | | |
| 134 | DOYLE John R | 569 11 33 | CD3 | | |
| 135 | DUNLAP Chester O | 245 33 49 | CD3 | | |
| 136 | ELDER Charles W | 331 69 78 | CD3 | | |
| 137 | | 307 09 21 | BUL3 | | |
| 138 | EMINHIZER Donald W | 252 70 73 | CD2 | | |
| 139 | GRILLO Dominick J | 419 52 08 | CD3 | | |
| 140 | HAPGOOD William G | 209 56 36 | CD3 | | |
| 141 | HOBAUGH Roy E | 664 82 08 | CML2 | | |
| 142 | HOTARD Ferris P | 846 95 67 | CD1 | | |
| 143 | HOYLE Robert A | 993 60 71 | CD3 | | |
| 144 | JOHNSON Willard (n) | 757 74 10 | BUL3 | | |

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| 148 | KLEIN Allen Y | 713 83 78 | CD3 | |
| 149 | KNUPP Fred L | 896 37 29 | BUL2 | |
| 150 | KROUN Wallace J | 378 95 62 | CD2 | |
| 151 | LOGICERO Anthony J | 713 75 36 | BUL3 | |
| 152 | LUNSFORD Herman L | 722 42 40 | BUL2 | |
| 153 | MAKIN George A | 106 47 59 | BUL2 | |
| 154 | MC CLENAHEN Francis J | 663 04 60 | BUL1 | |
| 155 | MC DONALD James A | 632 81 89 | BUL1 | |
| 156 | MC GREEVEY James C | 964 08 56 | CD3 | |
| 157 | MC INTIRE Charles W | 663 52 61 | CD1 | |
| 158 | MEDINA Thomas C | 335 41 68 | CD1 | |
| 159 | MELVIN Mark P | 814 33 40 | CD1 | |
| 160 | MENSCH Raymond C | 862 64 80 | BUL2 | |
| 161 | MILLER William E | 417 70 47 | BUR2 | |
| 162 | MONTEZ Klogio C | 841 56 32 | BUL2 | |
| 163 | MULLER John J | 815 81 77 | CD2 | |
| 164 | MURPHY Daniel E | 419 60 37 | CD3 | |
| 165 | NICKMAN Robert J | 318 22 61 | CD3 | |
| 166 | OAKES William E | 993 12 11 | BUL3 | |
| 167 | O'QUINN William L | 551 78 42 | CML2 | |
| 168 | PAI John S | 995 45 28 | CD1 | |
| 169 | PAPPANO Pasquale (n) | 906 56 25 | CD3 | |
| 170 | PETTUS Deaver C | 273 31 95 | BUL3 | |
| 171 | PEARSON Andrew F | 802 47 06 | BUL1 | |
| 172 | RAPCEA George (n) | 995 39 13 | CML1 | |
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| 174 | ROBB Richard A | 323 39 74 | CD3 | |
| 175 | RYAN Thomas J | 421 36 51 | BUL2 | |
| 176 | SCHOENROCK Lawrence E | 729 44 71 | BUL2 | |
| 177 | SMITH John M | 735 12 65 | BUL2 | |
| 178 | TYRO Ramon (n) Jr | 335 42 00 | BUL1 | |
| 179 | TOMS Julius L | 334 84 66 | BUL2 | |
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MCB 2 REUNION HILTON CHARLESTON NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 843-747-1900

HOTEL LOCATION

The Hilton Charleston North is located at 4770 Goer Drive, N. Charleston, SC 29406. It is only five miles from Charleston's International Airport and eight miles to the historic downtown area and waterfront.

MAP AND DIRECTIONS

These will be found on page 23 of this Newsletter. Directions from the International Airport, from Charleston, and from Columbia are given along with a map.

HOTEL EXTRAS

The hotel's amenities include a gift shop, two pools (indoor & outdoor), whirlpool, and a health club. Coffee makers, irons & ironing boards, and hairdryers are provided in each guest room. Microwave ovens and refrigerators are available for a fee and based on availability.

Handicapped and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. There is plenty of free outside parking available. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out is 12 noon.

Dining facilities on site include: *Moniker's*, open for breakfast, lunch, or dinner; Mon-Fri 6:30am-2pm; reopens 5-10 pm; Sat-Sun 7am-2pm. *Bogie's Bar and Grill*, open Sun-Sat 12 noon-12 midnight; Happy Hour daily 5-7pm. Room Service available from 6am-12am.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Courtesy transportation is provided to and from the Charleston International Airport. After receiving your luggage, call the hotel from the courtesy phone located in the luggage claim area. The hotel will send their van to pick you up.

NEARBY RV PARK

The hotel parking lot will accommodate RV's just for parking. If you need hookups, Fain's RV Park, located at 6309 Fain St. is only a mile away. Take Exit 211A off I-26. Continue west 100 feet on W. Aviation Ave. to Fain St. Go north 0.3 miles to Fain's RV Park. Please call 1-803-744-1005 for more information and reservations.

WHEELCHAIRS

The hotel has a few wheelchairs. Should you require a wheelchair during your stay, please request the hotel to reserve one for you when you make your hotel reservations.

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 8 ~~~~~~

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8:00 Hospitality Room opens

9:00 Planning Committee meeting until 12:00 pm

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2:00 Early Bird registration until 7:00 pm

#### ~~~~~~ Thursday, September 9

- 7:30 Registration open until 8:30 am
- 9:00 Board bus for Patriots Point Tour.
- 9:45 Tour the largest naval and maritime museum in the world. Visit the carrier escort Yorktown, the destroyer Laffey, the submarine Clagamore, the Coast Guard Cutter Ingham, or the first nuclear powered merchant ship Savannah.
- 11:30 Reboard bus for lunch at RB's Restaurant, located on Shem Creek. Enjoy the scenery as seamen bring in their catch.
- 1:30 Reboard the bus to return to hotel by 2 pm.

#### \$41/person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch

- 2:30 Registration resumes until 5:30 pm.
- 6:00 Board bus for a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Carolina

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- 6:30 Begin boarding the Spirit of Carolina for an evening of great food, entertainment, and fun under the stars as you cruise Charleston's historic harbor. Your four-course dinner will include a choice of prime rib, chicken breast, Mahi Mahi, or a vegetarian entree.
- 10:00 Reboard bus to return to hotel by 10:30 pm.

\$56/person includes bus, escort, and dinner cruise

Friday, September 10

- 8:45 Board bus for the Charleston Harbor Queen, Charleston's only paddlewheel boat.
- 9:30 Enjoy a two-hour harbor cruise that cruises by Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Patriots Point the US Naval Base, waterfront mansions, commercial docks, and more.
- 11:30 Disembark and board bus to go to Market Square, Charleston's historic marketplace which is surrounded by restaurants and eateries of all types. Lunch on your own and free time.
- 1:30 Reboard bus for a two-hour guided tour of Charleston also called the Holy City, so named for its many picturesque churches. Favorite sites include the Battery overlooking Charleston's harbor and Fort Sumter, colorful Rainbow Row, the Citadel, and White Point Gardens. Return to hotel by 3:45.

~~~~~ Saturday, September 11 ~~~~~~

- 8:30 Business Meeting until 9:30 am.
- 9:30 Board bus for Boone Hall Plantation.
- 10:00 Arrive at America's most photographed plantation. Drive down the famous 3/4-mile avenue of massive, Spanish moss-draped live oaks. Step back in time and relive the grandeur of the old South when you tour the mansion, smokehouse, gardens, original slave quarters, and cotton gin house.
- 12:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 12:30 pm.

\$28/person includes bus, guide, and admission

- 2:00 Memorial Service until 3:00 pm.
- 6:00 Cash bar/social hour.
- 7:00 Banquet dinner is served (Salons A-E).
- 8:00 Entertainment by the George Doren Band and dancing until 12:00 midnight.

~~~~~ Sunday, September 12 ~~~~~~

12:00 Farewells and departures. Have a safe journey home!

Please Note!: Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Function room space and registration times are subject to change. Please refer to the hotel reader board daily.

Make your reservations at the Charleston Hilton NOW!! Charleston Hilton, 4770 Goer Drive, North Charleston, SC 29406 phone: 803-747-1900 or toll-free 1-888-747-1900 Fax: 803-744-6108

Room Rates:

Single or Double: \$79.00/night plus 12.32% room tax.

The reservation cut-off date is Sunday, August 8, 1999. Any reservations received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space or rate available basis.

The check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 noon. The Hotel will accommodate any early arrivals on a space available basis.

Method of Paying:

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or check.

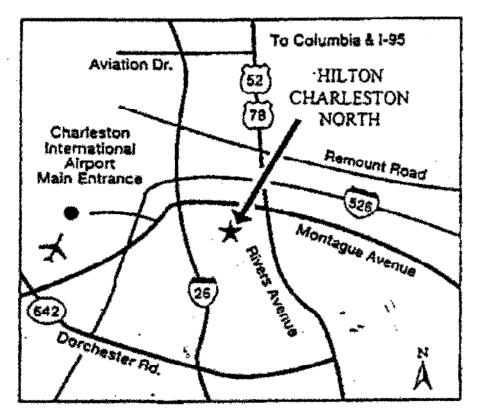
Express Check-in Service:

In order to expedite check-in, the Hotel requests all reservations include the following information:

- Arrival and departure dates.
- Estimated time of arrival.
- Room preference (single or double occupancy/smoking or non-smoking/ special needs/handicap).
- Credit card type to be used for payment including number and expiration date.



DIRECTIONS TO THE Hilton Charleston North



From the Charleston International Airport

Leave airport on International Blvd. & continue straight ahead about 2-3 miles. Get into left lane. At the third stop sign you will meet Montague Ave. Turn left on Montague Ave. Go 1-2 miles. Get into right lane. You will drive over the Interstate and come to a second stop light at Goer Drive. Turn right onto Goer Drive. You will see the hotel on the left. The parking lot is the third left turn.

From Downtown Charleston

Continue from Downtown until you see signs to I-26 West (toward North Charleston/Columbia) Follow I-26 West to Montague Ave. approximately eight miles. Take Exit 213 to the stop light; Turn right onto Goer Drive. You will see the hotel on the left. The parking lot is the third left turn.

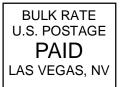
From Columbia

Follow I-26 East towards Charleston.

Take Exit 213 B which curves right putting you onto Montague Avenue. Stay in the far right lane and turn right at the second light onto Goer Drive. Turn right onto Goer Drive. You will see the hotel on the left. The parking lot is the third left turn.

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