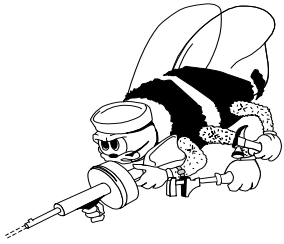


# ***MCB 2 Reunion Association***



# **Seabees**

*A newsletter for former MCB 2 Personnel*

and host to CBD 577, CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1 and CBMU 101

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# **Happy New Year!**

## **The Last Year of the 2nd Millennium!**

The year 2000 is upon us, the last year of the Twentieth Century! Wow! Did you think you would ever celebrate the ending of a century? Now, let's set our sights on celebrating a new millennium when we bring in 2001 and our reunion in San Antonio.

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## **The Association is Now a Corporation!**

The MCB 2 Reunion Association was incorporated in the state of Nevada on December 6, 1999. Efforts are now being made to have the Internal Revenue Service recognize

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us as a nonprofit corporation, which will reduce our printing and mailing costs. This could take a while, but it is anticipated that by the next Newsletter we will have a letter from the IRS granting us that status. This is a major step in our organization and one that will benefit all of us.

## Here is a true story about Neil Armstrong...

When Apollo Mission Astronaut Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, he not only gave his famous "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" statement but followed it with several remarks, usual communication traffic between him, the other astronauts and Mission Control. Just before he reentered the lander, however, he made the enigmatic remark, "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky."

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs. Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky" statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled. On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year old question to Armstrong. This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had finally died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question.

When he was a kid, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball which landed in the front of his neighbor's bedroom windows. His neighbors were Mr. & Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky. "Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

True story.....

# Seabees

## January – April

### Dates to Remember

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| Jan. 5, 1942   | Bureau of Naval Personnel authorizes formation of Construction Battalions.               |
| Jan. 27, 1942  | Bobcat detachment sent to Bora Bora, first Navy construction unit sent to overseas duty. |
| Feb. 1, 1944   | Seabees land with Fourth Marine Division on Kwajalein.                                   |
| Feb. 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 | CEC 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  | Seabees land on Okinawa  |
| April 8, 1942  | Doolittle Tokyo raid   |
| April 9, 1942  | Bataan falls   |



## Notes from our



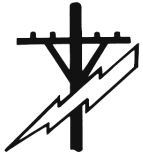
In an e-mail note, **David Anderson** writes: In a recent search for something else, I came across a list of Seabees who were with MCB 2 at Cubi Point in 1951-'53. This list included **Joe Larkins, Lex Camden, Clarence Jordan, Fred Cozad, Dale Moorehead, Joe Kinsman, and Charles Hamerick**. I don't have a clue what they are doing or where they live now. My list also included **Marv Dalby, Dale Rogers, and Clive Lorenz** who are paid up active members of the MCB 2 reunion organization. They were good guys all. [we have **Lex Camden** and **Fred Cozad** on our mail list but not the others.

Maybe a little detective work will find the others. SW] ..... from **Danny Terry**: I served with CBD 1804 & CBMU 1 at K-3 from January to December 1952. I have enjoyed the newsletters that were sent to me. I am sorry that I missed the reunion in Charleston. Please find the enclosed check for the 1999 dues and an up-to-date membership roster. [well, that's for the 2000 dues and the roster is on its way. Thanks for your support.] ..... **Tom Crowder** called to report the passing of **Louis Patton** on October 9. **Louis** had a stroke and never recovered.

**Tom** has been in and out of the hospital twice in the last couple of months with cancer and is on chemotherapy now..... A note from **Mal Pearson**: We sure got out of South Carolina in time. I hope Stoney changed his mind about spending three days at Myrtle Beach. We sure enjoyed the reunion!..... E-mail from **Pat Painter**: I have been neck deep in cattle, trying to sort them. I keep asking, "And who is your mother, child?" It is all Greek to me. The cattle were Ben's. In the last 42 years Ben Painter has gotten me in lots of trouble, but this one beats

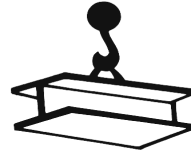
them all. Anyway, I wanted you to know I appreciate the prayers.... **William Wright** sent his dues [thanks].....a note from **Eula Westphal**: Thank you so much for the copy of the memo-

rial services at the reunion. What a tribute. I am only sorry **Loren** didn't get involved sooner so he could have gone to a reunion. But that was not in the Master's plan. I have enclosed a copy of the service that was held for **Loren** at our church. I am doing OK even though **Loren** had some time to teach me the **Loren** jobs outdoors. I draw a blank when I do them the first time, but that is part of life I guess. Enclosed find a check for dues for 2000 and keep up the good work. [thank you, **Eula**.]..... from **Bill Heflin**: I want my computer back! You sent that web page that has all the jigsaw puzzles on it and my wife is a jigsaw nut. Well, she has taken over. Thanks a lot. [You're welcome. You were wasting too much time on that thing anyway - ha!] Only hope I might have is that she gets them all put together and becomes tired of it. But I guess while she is working on those she won't be nagging me [better watch it! She might read this.].....from **Eugene Antoine**: I have no idea what is due so hope this is right and brings me up to date [it does and thanks. But I need your phone number.]..... **C.D. Dowell** sent dues and writes: Keep up the good work. I enjoy the Newsletter [thanks. And thanks for the dues, also.]..... **Roy Grisham** and **Charles Rebb** sent their dues. Thanks, guys..... from **Charles Ingalls**: Sorry we missed Charleston [we are too!]. Hope to see you in San Antonio in 2001. [great! Hope to see you there, too.] Enclosed are my dues and I need a roster [on its way!]..... **Carl Aiello** sent his dues [thanks]..... from **Emil Krygier**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. Had a wonderful time in Charleston. Sure glad we missed the hurricane [me, too!]..... E-mail from **L.P. Burleigh**: Hate to bother you but I have spoken to several members by e-mail and they mention getting the Newsletter. I did not receive mine



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and was really looking forward to receiving it. [don't know what happened, L.P., but one is in the mail to you now.] I enjoy the e-mail stories and letters you send out. Keep up the good work [will do!]..... **Dan Stewart** sent dues [thanks, **Dan**. Maybe we'll see you in San Antonio?!]..... **Gary Rawlings** sent dues PLUS [thanks, **Gary**!]. Also wants a roster [on its way]..... **Bob Bowdler** writes: Thanks for the Newsletter and enclosed are dues for 2000 [thanks]. January 18 & 19, 2000, a group - so far six of us CMs and CDs - are going to meet in Laughlin for a few days of fun and sun.... impromptu! We are all CBMU 101 Korea/Atsugi. Pass the word and all are welcome. Most of us are RVers. We'll meet at Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel race book at 11 a.m.. .... **Jim & Glad Wommack** write: Charleston was wonderful! Thanks to everyone who made it a success! We stayed a little too long and got to evacuate for Hurricane Floyd on September 14. We made the reunion a focal point of a 28 state tour starting in Montana in August and ending in Apache Junction, Arizona, in October. 13,636 miles in 72 days. What wonderful fun and what a beautiful country we have the privilege of living in! [I agree, and thanks for the dues]... **Ralph Evans** sent dues [thanks].... ... **Ed & Sharon Ballerstein** sent dues plus [thanks] ..... From **John Petronka**: First of all, let me (on behalf of my wife **Geri**) extend our "thanks" to you and the rest of our crew for a job "well done" and for a most enjoyable and successful reunion in Charleston! Keep up the good work and that "Can Do" spirit! [thank you on behalf of the Commodore's Barge]. Secondly, please include me as a purchaser of the MCB 2 Cruise Book if and when published..... from **Ben Pedrotti**: Enclosed is a check for dues and a tip for the kitty [thank you]. Missed the reunion due to problems and am dealing with the hand that has been dealt. Keep up the good work. Maybe see you in Texas [hope so]..... **Tom Hendershott** writes: Please include my e-mail address ethendy@email.msn.com with my



name and home address in the membership roster. [**Tom** also sent dues. Thanks] ..... **Roy Peak** writes: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks] and I'm interested in two cruise

books. I enjoyed your note about \$8 refund for tough prime rib. Keep mine. Glad I have good teeth. [ha! Thanks, **Roy**]..... from **Mal and Marge Pearson**: We enjoyed the reunion in Charleston. As a matter of fact, we have liked them all! We also enjoy the Seabee Newsletter. You do a good job and we know it takes a lot of time [thanks, I needed that]. Enclosed is a check for dues and the extra is for postage. [thanks for that, too.]..... **David Haines** and **Andrew Winzler** sent dues [thanks]..... **George Epright** writes: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I really look forward to reading the Newsletter. I think it's great..... from **Victor Swanson**: I hope these dues will keep the Newsletter coming [thanks, it will]. I do enjoy them. I have not been able to make one of our reunions. I retired January 1994 but due to a lot of family with bad health I haven't been able to attend any. I would like to get an up-to-date roster [on its way]. Thanks for all the good work you guys are doing. I hope to see all of you at San Antonio [great! Hope to see you there, too]..... **Robert Coley** writes: Sending dues plus please send me a roster listing all of CBMU 1/101 and MCB 9. [I'll try and find someone with a list of MCB 9. The roster of MCB 2 with CBMU 1/101 is on its way.]..... from **Rick and Bev Baker**: Nice to have met you in Charleston. We had a great time. [Rick sent dues-thanks]..... from **Richard Rose**: Here's my dues for a couple of years. Maybe now I'll be on the Good Guys list [you are and thanks]..... **Mel Olson, William Behnke** and **Richard Keyes** sent dues [thanks, guys]..... from **Dan and Mary Millett**: Nice Newsletter, especially the pictures [thanks]. Enclosed are my dues [thanks again]. We had a wonderful time in Charleston and looking forward to San Antonio. Had fun talking over old times with my tent mate, **Mike Linch**. He's the only one out of eight of us that attend the reun-



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ions. We both wish the other six would show up sometime..... from **Riley McDaniel**: Thanks for the Newsletter. It is very informative. I appreciate the efforts

of everyone involved in keeping us informed. Maybe one day I will be able to make one of the reunions [sure hope so]. My check for dues is enclosed. [thanks].....from **John Grasz**: Here's my dues plus extra for a roster [thanks]. If you need more, you have my address [we can always use more!].... **Henry Jones** writes: Enclosed is my check for two years' dues [thanks]. I think this should keep me on the Good Guy list for a while. If not, let me know [you're OK for now]. I spent two years at Sangley Point then Mob 2 Det. Able at Camayan Point, then on to Midway operating all types of equipment. After discharge, I joined the Operating Engineers Local 3 and retired after 40 years in the union. I am thankful for the learning experience I received in the Seabees. I enjoyed serving with a group of great guys. We worked hard but still had a lot of good times..... from **Don DeLisi**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I am trying to locate a fellow by the name of **Dick Herndon** who served with me at Cubi Point in 1953. Could you put something in your next Newsletter that if anybody knows his whereabouts they could call me at (727) 360-6685. Thanks [you got it]..... from **John Bober**: Enjoy the Newsletter [thanks]. I was a PN 1 with MCB 2 in the Personnel Office. Got to know a few of the "B"s, plus all of the officers, especially **Dick Christian**. I retired as a Lt., Supply Corps, USN on 6/30/73. Keep up the good work [we try]. Did make Springfield, MO, reunion but had to cut it short. Enclosed are dues plus extra for a roster [on its way and thanks]..... from **Ray Nethercott**: Here's my dues for a couple of years [thanks]. I certainly enjoy the Newsletter [thank you]. I would like to say hello to **Art Leable** if he is the same one that was with me in CBD 1503 Midway 1951 -1952..... from **Don "Ike" Eminhizer**: Enclosed is check for

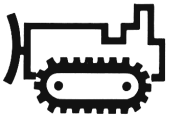


year 2000 dues and a little extra for the roster you were kind enough to send [thanks and you're welcome]. Enclosed are some Kinko's copies of pictures from CBD 1804 De-

attachment Able [these pictures are on page 17 & 18 in this issue]. The metal sand-bagged building in the background of two pictures is the same building, Headquarters, that was in the group picture of **Ed Dechant's** in last November's Newsletter. The third picture shows our Seabee living area. Had a long talk with **Ed Dechant** about the picture and we couldn't agree totally on who was who. But a lot of the names sure were familiar. Some of the faces I could identify were **Danny Murphy, Pat Papano, Gordon Keen, Chester Dunlap, Ken Behrens, Bill Seesman**, and, of course, me. Others I should know but either clouded mind or clouded picture prevents that from happening. That picture sure brought back a lot of memories. Would anybody have a roster of the group of Seabees? You are doing a great job with the Newsletter [thanks] and I'm sure it is appreciated by all who receive it..... from **C. R. "Lefty" Williamson**: Got your Newsletter today. Checked my files and no 2000 dues, so here they are! [thanks] Enjoy your good job of putting it out to us. As I have said in past letters, both of us are not in good health. My wife is recouping from by-pass surgery done September 13th. Keep up the great job. Give my best to all who might remember me!!..... from **Ken Chew**: I just received the Newsletter and reminded me it's time to pay my dues for Y2K [thanks]. I enjoy reading the Newsletter. It brings back a lot of memories. Keep up the good work [thanks, it is fun]..... from **Jack Wilson**: Enclosed are my dues and a little more [thank you!]. Want to stay on the Good Guy list [right on]. When I was in Subic in 1954-55, I was with the surveyors. We had a surveyor whose last name was **Rankin**. He was red headed and from Texas. I never see his name on the membership roll and just wondered if anybody knows anything about him. Merry Christmas

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and a Happy New Year to everyone..... from **Arnold Daisy**: Thanks to MCB 2 hosting other CB units. Enclosed are my dues for the year 2000 [thanks].

Please keep me on the mailing list to receive the Newsletter. I enlisted in 1950 and was on Guam '51 - '52 in CBD 1506. Then on to Korea for me in 1953 and '54 in CBMU 1/101. Then the last part of '54 before discharge, I spent a few months on Adak. Thanks for contacting me [that's **Pat Morris'** doings. Thanks, **Pat**]..... from **John Fletcher**: Hope your holidays are the best [thanks, I hope so, too.]. I want to stay on the Good Guys list, so here are my dues for 2000. [thanks, **John**] Had a real good time there in Charleston and sure hope I can make San Antony..... from **Ken Ludwig**: here are my dues [thanks, **Ken**]. I was in CBMU 101 in October '55 to '56. I was a CM3. [great to have you aboard, **Ken**.]..... **David Bridges** sent dues [thanks, and it is great to have you aboard, too, **Dave**]..... **Bill Hilderbrand** requested a roster. **Bill** is the Exec. V.P. of the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation in Gulfport. **Bill** wrote: I was reading through MCB 2's latest Newsletter — another superb effort. I see scores of unit newsletters and yours is among the very best of the bunch. [thank you very much, **Bill**.] Only one or two others are anywhere near your quality... .. Received dues from **Joseph O'Brien** and welcome aboard!..... from **Verle Williams**: My wife, **Jenna**, and I sure enjoyed the reunion in Charleston. My second and her first. Now we are both looking forward to the one in San Antonio. I attended my first one in Las Vegas. There were six of us from our old outfit, CBMU 577. We served together in WW II at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands and on Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Theater. Did you get an opportunity to change CBD 577 to CBMU 577 as you and I talked about? [sure did] It was a pleasure to meet you in person and I enjoyed my short visit with you. [it was great to visit with you, too. It was nice to put faces with all of the names that were at the reunion.] I want to



commend you on the fine job that you are doing as secretary and with the Newsletter. [thanks, **Verle**]..... from **Jack Coulter**: Thanks to all for the great job that you're doing. Enclosed is a check

for my dues. [thanks for both].

..... **John Ginther** sent dues [thanks]..... from **Don & Jeanne Hofstetter**: We enjoy travel and this past summer we took an extended trip across the country. Our primary destination was Charleston, SC, and we traveled through 32 states and five Canadian Provinces. May the gift of Christmas love be yours throughout the New Year along with health, happiness and prosperity..... from **Ray Sorrentino**: Enclosed are dues and extra for a roster [thanks] to try and refresh my memory. Couldn't make the reunion but do enjoy the Newsletter. Keep up the good work.. [thanks and I sure hope to.] I have a favor to ask and you might be just the right person to ask. First, re: the picture of CBD 1804 from **Ed Dechant** in the Newsletter, do you have names to go along with it? [no, but call **Ed** or **Don Eminhizer**.] Second, here's the history of my enlistment: I joined the Navy in November 1950 and completed Boot Camp at the Great Lakes Naval Station and then on to construction school at Port Hueneme. I was sent to Guam with MCB something, the only Seabee outfit there in October 1951. I left Guam with a small group of men and ended up in Korea (think it was K-3). While in Korea 1951-1953, I moved from K-3 North (a Marine air strip below the 38th parallel). Then the outfit was moved aboard LST's to Inchon and another Marine air strip (I think it was K-6). In the summer of 1953 I was transferred to Guam again with MCB ? until my discharge in 1954. After 45 years and not thinking about all of this, my memory is foggy. Whatever information you can give me will be appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you. [Ray is at (941) 492-5605 if anybody can answer his questions]..... from **Fred Saathoff**: Attached is a check for 2000 dues plus extra for a roster. [thanks - on its way.] We sure

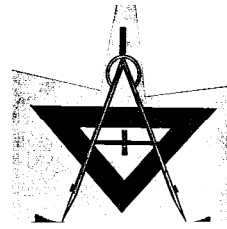
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hated to miss the Charleston bash but a prior commitment kept us from attending. We do plan on being at the San Antonio reunion, providing the proverbial creek level stays the same..... from

**Rod Howard:** Thanks for returning the stuff I sent. You do good work and attached is a check for next years' dues. [thanks]..... Received dues from **John Vidusic** (thanks)..... from **Bill Wisnowski:** It sounds like you had a good time at the reunion. [we sure did. Wish you had been there - maybe San Antonio.] I'm sending you some pictures that might bring a smile to your face. [sure did! Find one of them printed on page 14. Thanks for the memories, **Bill.**] It's hard to believe we were ever that young. The picture of you and **Doug [Emond]** was taken when you guys came to see me at Sangley Point. [that's when I got in big trouble - but that's another story!]..... received Christmas cards from **Roy Peak** and **David Anderson** [thanks]..... from **Ron Howatson:** Enclosed are dues and some postage money [thanks]. I really enjoy the Newsletter. **Norma** & I had a great time at the reunion. Met lots of nice folks and the tours were to remember. I'm really impressed that you were able to insert our reunion between two hurricanes [good planning]..... **Billy** and **Zelda Partridge** sent a nice card and a note saying they are sending dues for two years plus a little extra as they need a roster [thanks]. Thanks you so much for the Newsletter. We so enjoy it, with all the info. [and they sent a new address]..... from **Mel Dixon:** Here's my dues for 2000 [thanks]. I want to be on the right list [you made the Good Guy list!]. Thanks again for all the work you and the committee do to hold the association together. [thanks for that] Hope 2000 treats you kindly. 1999 was a bummer for me. Seems like I got a lot of news about buddies, like the one about **Lt. Karekin** enclosed. He was the CO of our engineering unit at Atsugi. A good officer and always had the welfare of his men first. I wish him the best.. .... here's the note about **Lt. Karekin** from his



sister, **Isabelle Karekin:** Dear Mr. **Dixon:** Thank you for remembering my brother at Christmas. Unfortunately, after his wife died last December, he had a massive stroke in January.

After many months of hospitalization and therapies, I had him transferred to Washington and he is now in a nursing home, unable to speak, and with his entire right side paralyzed. I visit him every day. He is in a private room and has his own TV for entertainment. He understands what is said, but can't respond. You can imagine the frustration. I'm sorry to give you such sad news at what should be a happy time, but thought you'd want to know [how about sending **Greg Karekin** a card? 2939 Van Ness St. NW, Apt. 924, Washington, D.C., 20008 -4662] ..... from **Erv Lampe:** Just a short note to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy, happy new year. Can't tell you how much my wife and I enjoyed meeting and spending time with you and your wife in Charleston. Sure am looking forward to the next one. [great! So am I]... ..... **Larry Jessop** sent his dues [thanks]..... **Cecil Price** sent a Christmas card..... **Willard Cousins** sent his dues [thanks]..... **Harold Wardenburg** writes: I enjoyed the reunion at Charleston very much. It was very good to see old friends again after so many years. Enclosed are my dues and a little extra to help with expenses. [thank you very much.] Please send me an up-to-date membership roster. [on its way!] Hope you make it to Hot Springs [Ark.] in the near future. [thanks, that would be fun. I have family around that neck of the woods.]..... received dues from **Ed Smith, Walter Waddell, Sam Holsomback, James Carey, Don Barry, Darl Schmidt,** and **Harry Nelson** [thanks, guys]..... **Gene Urme**y sent dues [thanks] and said he would be interested in an MCB 2 cruise book..... from **Roger Mohs:** Enjoyed Charleston very much and looking forward to San Antonio, God willing and the creek don't rise. [**Roger** sent dues also. Thanks.].....from **Tony**

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**Yrizarry:** I am enclosing my dues [thanks] for the year 2000. I am still breathing and kicking at the ripe old age of 91 plus 8 months years of age. [wow!!] I am not expecting to kick the bucket yet. [sure hope not]

Hope you will feel the same. I'll write more later. Sayonara..... From **Howard Doyle:** I am thrilled to find that reunions have been an ongoing thing and am sorry that I somehow fell into that percentage who "never got the word." I especially am glad that **Herman Nugent**, whom I met at Camayan Point shortly after I arrived in the Philippines in 1952, initiated the effort to locate me and have me enlightened about the reunions. I was transferred from CBD 1525 on Okinawa to the Philippines into MCB 2 in the fall of 1952. Glancing over the Good Guy List I recognized **Sam Holsomback**, who was with me on Okinawa, and I saw references to Lt. **J.K. Elliott** and Warrant Officer **R.W. Winters**, both of whom I remember with great fondness. I look forward to San Antonio..... That's it for this Newsletter. Keep those cards and letters coming. SW

# The Commodore's Barge

*Our leadership consists of:*

**Chairman:**

**Pete Elliott**

**Committeemen:**

David Haines

Rich Nelson

Roy Peak, co-chairman

Malcolm Pearson

Stoney Serrett

Ted Speros

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome

## Country-Western Song Titles

- 1 I Got in At 2 With a 10 and Woke Up At 10 With a 2.
- 2 How Can I Miss You if You Won't Go Away?
- 3 If I Had Shot You When I Wanted To, I'd Be Out By Now.
- 4 I'm So Miserable Without You, It's Like Having You Here.
- 5 You're the Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly.
- 6 I Still Miss You Baby, But My Aim's Gettin' Better.

## Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

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Dues are \$15/year  
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This is what keeps us going and enables us to send this Newsletter.





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## 1950-1951 MCB 2 Yearbook Atsugi, Japan

A yearbook (cruise book) has been made available to make copies for those that would like the original MCB 2 book from Atsugi. I recognize a lot of names in the roster of this book of our present members. I am working at getting a price on this 60-page, 10" X 14" soft-bound book in the \$15 range. Please contact Scott Williams if you would like a copy.



# MAKE A NOTE!

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## Memories.....

I remember when we were returning from the PI aboard the USS Gen. D.I. Sultan, in July 1956 or 1957. We were approaching Guam and the ship's Boatswain's Mate piped over the loud speaker for "All those desiring liberty in Agana to lay down to the bow of the ship for their liberty cards." Well, needless to say, we all stood around wondering what we were supposed to do when the Bo's'n Mate piped again and, in a very disgusted voice said, "For the information of all Seabees, the bow is the pointed end of the ship." I'll never forget that and I'll never forget where the bow of a ship is!

Scott Williams

## Our Fallen Comrades

Jack Bledsoe

Louis Patton

## BUILDERS OF CUBI POINT NAVAL AIR STATION

Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr., Ret., is trying to contact anyone that had a hand in building the Subic Bay/Cubi Point installation. He knows that MCB 2, 3, 5, 9, and 11 all had a good deal to do with this so, he is asking anyone who would like to attend a reunion in San Diego in May of 2000 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 and to show their pictures of the construction. For more information, contact Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr. CEC Ret., 10832 W. 28th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 238-2726.

## 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. I can send this list in standard alphabetical listing or with each name listed alphabetically by Zip Code, which is handy if you travel and want to see who lives in the area. We currently have 756 names and addresses of former MCB 2, CBMU 577, CBD 1802, CBD 1804, and CBMU 1/101 personnel, so this is a pretty thick directory (23 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters - especially the ones with checks!

Scott Williams

# THE GOOD-GUY LIST

Harold Agles, Walter Ahem, Carl Aiello, Eugene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Edwin Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Don Barry, Bruce Barton, Glen Bates, William Behnke, Hank Bentson, John Bober, William Body, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, David Bridges, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, Alfred Burkhardt, William Camp, Jim Carey, Patrick Carey, William Carter, Mike Castelvechi, George Chang, Ken Chew, Walt Cloonan, Robert Coley, Jack Coulter, Willard Cousins, Fred Cozad, Tom Crowder, Pat Cunningham, John Cure, Paul D'Angelo, Arnold Daisy, Ed Dechant, Joseph DeFranco, Don DeLisi, Jimmie Dillman, Melvin Dixon, George Dorge, Carroll Dowell, Howard Doyle, J.K. "Pete" Elliott, Don Eminhizer, Doug Emond, George Epright, Ralph Evans, Bruno Fanucchi, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, John Fletcher, Forrest Foland, Al Fritz, Alfred Garza, Don Gelroth, John Ginther, John Grasz, Roy Grisham, Donald Grobbel, Gerald Grubb, Gordon Gwathney, Wayne Haaglund, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roy Harris, Frank Hayes, Arthur Hees, Bert Helms, Tom Hendershott, Gerald Herr, Len Hershberger, Don Hofstetter, Gerald Hollembeak, Holly Hollingsworth, Sam Holsomback, Frank Honeychurch, Ray Hooter, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Maurice Hughes, Charles Ingalls, William Irvine, Frank Jacus, Robert Jandreau, Larry Jessop, Don Jones, John Jurkash, Robert Kaempfe, K. Karekin, Richard Keyes, Capers Kinard, John Kolasz, Stephen Korkes, Emil Krygier, Ron LaFave, Ervin Lampe, Art Leable, Michael Linch, L. H. Lind, Stanley Lore, Kenneth Ludwig, Philip Matalucci, Bill Mayo, Willie McCarley, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Eugene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Eugene Nelson, Harry Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Charles Neugent, Herman Nugent, Joseph O'Brien, Melvin Olson, Al Ostroski, Billy Partridge, Louie Patton, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Dan Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro, Cecil Price, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Charles Rebb, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Harry Robinson, Richard Rose, Thomas Roy, Edner Rudolph, Fred (Fritz) Saathoff, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Clifford Schorr, Stoney Serrett, Richard Shafer, Billy Simpson, Ed Smith, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sorrentino, Ted Speros, Thomas Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Larry Stevenson, Dan Stewart,

John Stock, Dan Svendsen, Victor Swanson, Danny Terry, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Gene Urmev, Larry Vibber, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Philip Wagenschnur, Billy Ward, Harold Wardenburg, Cecil Westwood, H.W. "Bud" Wheless, John Wilborn, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Clarence Williamson, Jack Wilson, Robert L. Winkler, Andrew Winzler, James Wommack, William Wright, Antonio Yrizarry, and Stephen Yunger.

All men listed above have their dues paid at least through 2000, 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 1 through December 31. This list is as of January 10, 2000. There are currently 197 paid up members. (SW)

## SO NOW YOU KNOW!

Why is the bathroom on a ship called a "head?" The use of "head" in this context sounds like an anatomical joke, or the work of someone who, to put it delicately, didn't know their head from their foot. But, after a dip into some maritime history, calling a ship's bathroom the head makes perfect sense. That's head, as in the forward part of the ship, the bow. In the days of sailing vessels, there wasn't any indoor plumbing on land or sea. Sailors took care of business while hanging over the edge of the ship by ropes or on a platform — always at the bow. Why the bow? Because sailing ships had to have the wind coming from behind them to power their sails. Thus, if the sailor chose the stern, or back of the ship, the wind would be coming toward him. And, well... you wouldn't spit into the wind, would you?

# Minutes of our South Carolina Meet- ing

I neglected to put any mention in our last Newsletter of the meeting of the members that was held in Charleston, South Carolina. The meeting was held on September 11, 1999. The meeting was chaired by Mal Pearson, Vice-Chairman, as a result of the death of Ben Painter, Chairman, on August 30.

- The first item brought before the membership was the location of our next reunion. The Leadership Committee had met previously and selected San Antonio, Texas; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Minneapolis, Minnesota to recommend to the membership. Motions from the floor were taken with Gatlinburg, Tennessee; Branson, Missouri; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Drain, Oregon offered as possible reunion sites. The vote was taken and San Antonio, Texas was selected by a majority.
- The next item brought before the membership was should the Chairman (Pete Elliott) and Vice-Chairman (Roy Peak) for the San Antonio 2001 Reunion have their travel expenses reimbursed and, if so, what upper limit should be allowed. After discussion, the membership agreed to reimburse the Chairman and Vice-Chairman their travel expenses with a limit of \$500 each.
- Vice-Chairman Pearson asked the membership to dedicate this meeting to

the memory Ben Painter as Ben had chosen Charleston over other location sites and had also insisted upon certain items to be included in our contract that would safeguard our interests. The membership made the motion and was seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- It was asked if we had ever considered a category of Life Membership. The response was no, we are of the age that Life Membership in anything is questionable. If you want to send in dues for ten years, that amount would be applied to your account, thank you.
- The secretary, Scott Williams, asked if those that had an e-mail address would mind if it was published for all on-line members. This was acceptable to those members.
- A motion was made to book a cruise at some point in the future. A notice will be placed in the Newsletter to request a response to indicate interest.
- It was requested that we have a Continental breakfast in the Hospitality room at our next reunion. This will be taken care of in our negotiations with our next hotel.
- The membership expressed disappointment with the paddleboat excursion in Charleston harbor. This feeling was passed on to our Armed Forces Reunion contact who contacted the excursion company. They offered their apologies and did say that paddlewheel boat will be taken out of service.
- Following our meeting, a professional photographer will take a group picture

for us and will make them available at \$15 per photo postpaid.

- Pat Morris has worked very hard to locate men that had been part of CBD 1804 and CBMU 1/101. CBD 1804 has already affiliated with us as there are so few of them. The membership was asked if the MCB 2 Reunion Association would want to include these units in our reunions. A motion was made and seconded to allow CBD 577, CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1, and CBMU 101 to join with MCB 2 for common reunions and MCB 2 would be the host unit. This motion was carried by unanimous vote. Welcome aboard! And thanks for all of the hard work you have done, Pat Morris, in locating all of these men.

- Our membership roles have grown tremendously since the addition of these additional units. Our dues have been kept low to encourage those retirees that are on fixed incomes to be able to pay these dues without hardship. However, at last count, there are 316 paid members and there are 745 names on our mailing list. A motion was made and seconded that those that have not paid their dues by June 2000 will no longer receive the Newsletter. This will send the Newsletter to all members twice before it is discontinued to them. This motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Some have expressed interest in having our MCB 2 Cruise Book reprinted. Scott Williams will investigate the cost and report the results in a forthcoming Newsletter.

The business meeting was concluded at this point.



# IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!

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**This is what keeps us going, so please send your dues today while it's on your mind. Don't fall off the Good Guy List. There were 315 members paid through 1999 and there are currently 197 paid for the year 2000 and beyond. We have 754 names on our mailing list, so you see we really need your dues. And the NOTICE on page 19 allows this Newsletter and one more for those that are**



L-R: Nick Yasck, Bob Young, Mike Lynch,  
Harold Marshal, far right & seated-?



L-R: Scott Williams & Doug Emond  
at Sangley Point – 1956. Visiting  
Bill Wisnowski.



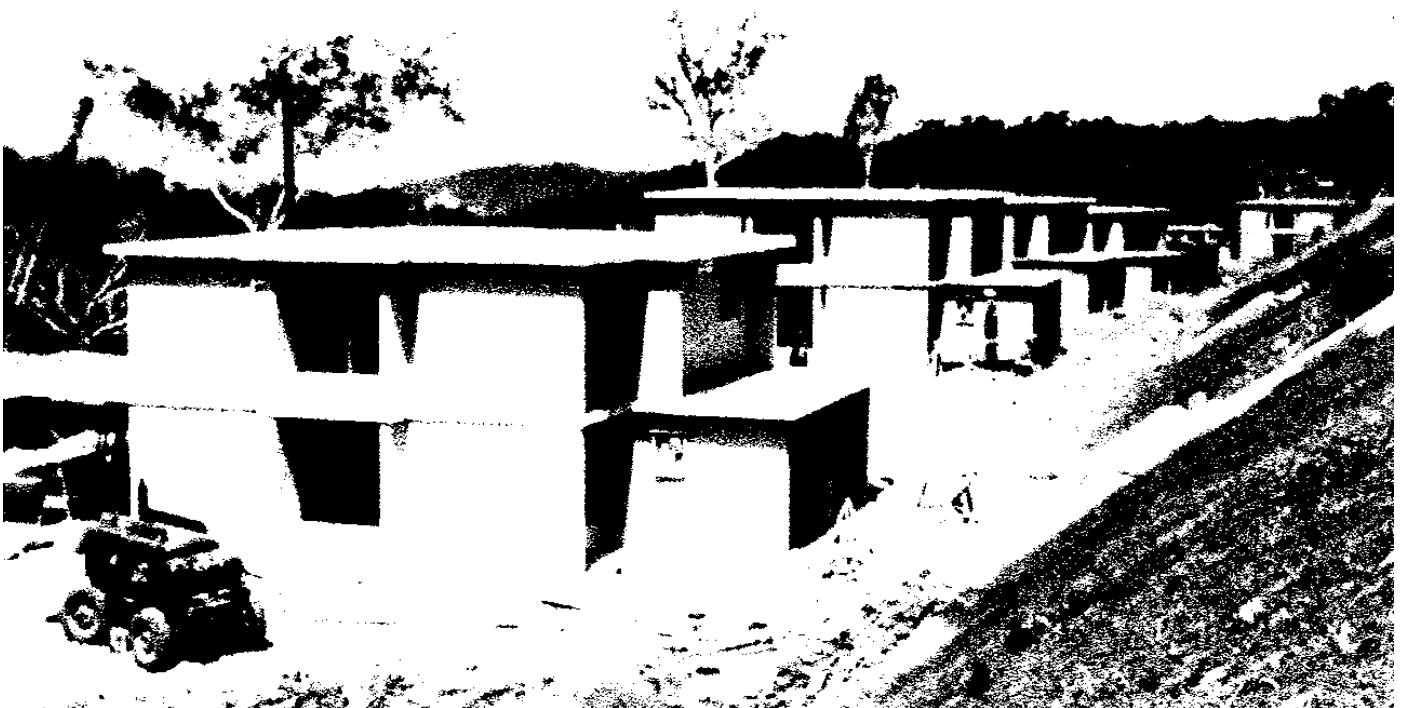
Can you identify any of these men? Green hut porch, Subic Bay, P.I.



Haversack housing construction, Subic Bay, P.I.



Haversack housing construction, Subic Bay, P.I.







L-R: Don "Ike" Eminhizer, John "Johnny" Doyle, Irwin "Bill" Seesman. Standing guard duty in Korea, CBD 1804 Det. Able, 1952



Don "Ike" Eminhizer CBD 1804 Det. Able, Korea, 1952



Don "Ike" Eminhizer at Seabee compound, CBD 1804 Det. Able, Korea. Summer 1952



Mike Lynch with the man truck he drove, Subic Bay, P.I.

## I'M MERELY MATURE

(Of course, none of us is a Senior yet.....)

Today at the drugstore, the clerk was a gent.  
From my purchase this chap took off ten percent.  
I asked for the cause of a lesser amount;  
And he answered, "Because of the Senior's Discount.

I went to McDonald's for a burger and fries;  
And there, once again, got quite a surprise.  
The clerk poured some coffee which he handed to me.  
He said, "For you Seniors, the coffee is free."

Understand—I'm not old—I'm merely mature;  
But some things are changing, temporarily, I'm sure.  
The newspaper print gets smaller each day,  
And people speak softer—can't hear what they say.

My teeth are my own (I have the receipt)  
and my glasses identify people I meet.  
Oh, I've slowed down a bit...not a lot, I am sure.  
You see, I'm not old...I'm only mature.

The gold in my hair has been bleached by the sun.  
You should see all the damage that chlorine has done.  
Washing my hair has turned it all white,  
But don't call it gray...saying "blonde" is just right.

My car is all paid for...not a nickel is owed.  
Yet a kid yells, "Old duffer...get off of the road!"  
My car has no scratches...not even a dent.  
Still I get all that guff from a punk who's "Hell bent."

My friends all get older...much faster than me.  
They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see.  
I've got "character lines," not wrinkles...for sure,  
But don't call me old...just call me mature.

The steps in the houses they're building today  
Are so high that they take...your...breath...all...away;  
And the streets are much steeper than ten years ago.  
That should explain why my walking is slow.

But I'm keeping up on what's cool and what's new,  
And I think I can still dance a mean boogaloo.  
I'm still in the running...in this I'm secure,  
I'm not really old...I'm only mature.

## 1954 MCB 2 Cruise Book

A printer has been contacted to reproduce the original MCB 2 Cruise Book that was published in 1954. The cost for this book will be \$35 each, which will cover shipping. If you want to purchase an MCB 2 Cruise Book Reprint, please call, write or e-mail Scott Williams.

## NOTICE!

A decision was reached by the Leadership Committee and presented to the membership at the regular meeting held Saturday, September 11, 1999, in Charleston, South Carolina. It was unanimously agreed that those that have not paid their dues by June 2000 will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you like this Newsletter and wish to continue receiving it, you must be a paid-up member. It costs approximately \$900 per issue to publish and mail the Newsletter. Please don't be dropped from the mailing list. Your dues keeps us going.

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