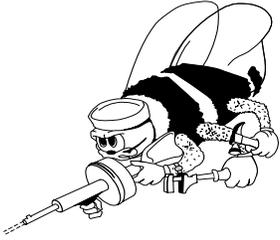


MCB 2 Reunion Association



Seabees

A newsletter for former MCB 2 Personnel

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

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We're Locating Hotels In San Antonio

Pete Elliott, Roy Peak and Charles Hagemann Reviewing Hotels

The gang's all here! Pete, Roy and Charley are meeting with Armed Forces Reunions in San Antonio to locate a hotel that can accommodate us for all our needs. As soon as a selection is made it will be posted right here. Get ready to make your reservations. The plans are that our next Newsletter will have all the details if the Crew can get all of them worked out by then.

A Note From

Pete Elliott

I have made arrangements to go to San Antonio with Roy Peak and Charlie Hagemann the weekend of April 1 to look over a few possible locations . I have been told by Armed Forces Reunions that the average price range anywhere in San Antonio that can accommodate us is at least \$100 or more per night. We did, however, get a quote from the Four Points Sheraton for about \$94 per room. It is downtown on the Riverwalk and has everything we need. I will update you in the next Newsletter as to the exact price and progress made. Have a safe and happy summer!

The Commodore's Barge

Our leadership consists of:

Chairman
Pete Elliott

Committeemen:

Joe DeFranco
David Haines
Rich Nelson
Roy Peak, co-chairman
Malcolm Pearson
Stoney Serrett
Ted Speros
Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

Differences - Between a Man and a Woman

What she said:

This place is a mess! C'mon!
You and I need to clean up!
Your stuff is lying on the floor and
you'll have no clothes to wear
if we don't do laundry right now!

What a man hears:

Blah, blah, blah, blah, C'mon!
blah, blah, blah, blah, You and I
blah, blah, blah, blah, on the floor
blah, blah, blah, blah, no clothes

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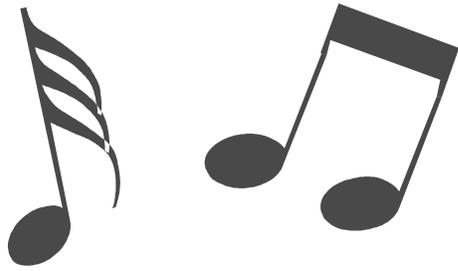
May – July Dates to Remember

May 8, 1942	Battle of the Coral Sea
May 8, 1945	V-E Day. Germany surrenders.
May 20	Armed Forces Day
May 29	Memorial day
June 4, 1942	Battle of Midway
June 6, 1944	Seabees land at Normandy as Naval Combat Demolition Units.
June 15, 1944	Seabees land on Saipan.
June 30, 1943	Seabees land with 9th Marine Division, Solomon Islands.
July 4	Independence Day
July 26, 1944	Seabees land on Tinian.

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 763 names and addresses of former CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1/101, CBMU 577, and MCB 2 personnel, so this is a pretty thick directory (22 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters - especially the ones with checks!

Scott Williams



Notes from our



two years' dues [thanks]. The Newsletters are always very interesting. Keep up the good work [thanks again, and I'll try to]. At this time, I'm placing my order for a reproduction of the

1954 MCB 2 Cruise Book. [great! We have enough pre-orders that I'll place an order right now.].... Received dues from **Marv Dalby** [thanks].... from **DeVon Jensen**: Received the Newsletter for January today. As usual, great job [thanks]. I didn't see my name on the "Good Guy List" and realized I needed to send in my dues [thanks]. Couldn't make Charleston but looking forward to San Antonio.....from **Don Henderson**: Here's my dues for another year. I am moving to Arizona in a couple of weeks..... from **Bill Hodges**: Here are my dues for the year 2000 and some for a copy of the current roster [thanks, and the roster is on its way]. I was a member of MCB 2 from early October '54 until its merger with MCB 3 in '56. I was a CD2 in A Co. and worked on the Cat and Pan crew and the drilling/blasting crew, along with other assignments. Scanning the "Good Guy List" I saw a few names that were familiar and some others that sounded a little familiar. This is nothing new for me; I have trouble remembering what I had for lunch yesterday! [Bill is a new member. Welcome aboard, Bill]from **Nancy Bowen** for her husband, **Thomas**: Thanks for the Newsletter. My husband enjoys it very much. [sure hope so. I try to put something in it for everyone.] He was in CBD 1804, CBMU 1 and CBMU 101 — all for K3 Korea at Poe Hong Dong AB, 1st Marine Air Wing, TAD to Chin Hay. Now, what all that means, I'm not at all sure, but that's what he said! (smile) It was a lot of years ago. I believe he made Chief thereabouts. **Thomas H. Bowen**, BUC, USN, Ret. (30 years worth) Thanks again and sorry for the delay of 1999 dues. I was supposed to write this sooner. [thanks for the dues and the history. Find Tom's address in the New Members List].... from **Leonard Hershberger**: Just a note to have you put me on the list for the

Stoney sent a nice letter. Here are some highlights: I received the list of the registered guests from the Charleston reunion and thank you. I have also received my Newsletter and I enjoy receiving them and look forward to the next one. Believe me when I say everyone that I know looks forward to receiving it. [thank you] I have received nearly 60 Christmas cards from members of MCB 2 and they have all told me that they enjoyed Charleston and are looking forward to San Antonio. I have written two of our members that they go see **William Harbeck**. He is in a nursing home in Bethany, OK. He is paralyzed in his left arm and hand and has multiple other problems. He has indicated that he would love to hear from anyone from MCB 2 [write **William** at 6900 NW 39th Expressway, Bethany, OK 73008].... Received dues from **Willis Struecker**, **Hank Bentsen**, and **Tom Dowd** [thanks, guys]..... and a note from **Shorty Campbell**: Please find the enclosed check for dues that I may receive the Seabee Newsletter [thanks]..... from **Ernest Teoli**: Please put me on your Good Guy list. Enclosed is my check for dues [you're on, Ernest]. I was a CD 3 in CBMU 1 at K-3 from September '52 to September '53, then to MCB 11 in November '53 to May '54 at Cubi Point.... from **Rodney White**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Had a good time in Charleston this past September. Met many new friends. Hoping to see all again in San Antonio in 2001..... received dues from **Robert Conroe** and **Henry Benguerel** [thanks]..... from **Lloyd Kallsen**: My wife, **Evelyn**, and I had a very enjoyable time at Charleston and are looking forward to San Antonio. Enclosed find a check for

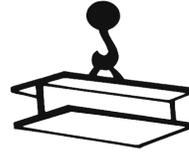


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MCB 2 book from Atsugi. Let me know the price and I will get a check off quick like. [as soon as I know, I sure will] Thanks a lot..

..... from **Cecil Price**: How goes

things in Vegas? Good I hope [things are good]. I came across a cruise book of the 38th NCB that was formed in 1942. I thought you might know of someone that had been in the 38th NCB [I do. A friend here in Las Vegas]. It is quite interesting but I think it would mean more to some old timer who was there than it does to me. I really enjoy the Newsletter and look forward to seeing you guys next year in San Antonio. If I ever make it through Vegas, I will damn sure call you, if for no other reason than just to be ornery [hope so!]..... From **Deryl "Ace" Parris**: I received the Newsletter today and am enclosing a couple of years dues so you and I can keep in touch [thanks]. I think this is a great opportunity to keep in touch with old friends. My Navy history includes enlistment March 1, 1951; Boot Camp at USNTC San Diego, California, then on to Port Hueneme to Driver's School; to Guam with the 103rd Seabees and MCB 10; to Korea and CBMU 1 at K-3, then to Atsugi and Iwakuni, Japan. Discharged in February 1955. Keep up the good work [thanks, I'll try]..... received dues from **James Sichel, R.F. Sonnen, and Clem Gregurek** [thanks]..... from **Barry Spooner**: I just received my MCB 2 paper today so will get some dues to you while I'm thinking of it [thanks]. Kind of curious if **Malcolm Pearson** is the same **Pearson** I used to toss a football around with in the "Green Hut" area on Cubi around '54 or '55. Good-sized guy who could throw the ball about three times as far as I could, so I spent most of my time chasing the ball. [yep.... same one] Also would like to hear from **T.W. Tait** from Selma, AL. You guys do good work and deserve a 'well done' by "ol' MCB 2" [thanks for that]..... from **Mary (for Sam) Ragusa**: You do so much at this "volunteer" job. I hope you know that many appreciate it even if you don't hear from them. [thanks, it's always good to hear that.] Great tax



idea to incorporate the organization. Here's my order for one cruise book... from **H.R.**

"Kritz" Kritzman: Check enclosed for dues [thanks]. I went to Electrician's School at Port

Hueneme in summer of '50. I then went to Guam and the 103rd NCB in November '50 and spent 18 months there. I then went to K-6 in Korea and CBMU 1. In July of '52, I served on the main line crew, along with **Cecil (Arky) Price** and **Gerald Moore**. I left Korea in November '53 and discharged in December. I spent 39 years with General Motors as a maintenance electrician and retired in February '93. I am trying to get a license plate from each state, so if anyone could send me one it would be appreciated. Enclosed are a few pictures..... from **Dave "Ernie" Pyle**: Did you fall over when you got this letter and check? [no, but I sure do thank you for the dues. It all keeps us going] I have been a put-off, but I guess I had better get off my *@!"#. Let me know if I owe any more and send me a roster [on its way]. My service record is I enlisted in June 1948; went to Boot camp in San Diego; then CBD 1509, Kwajalein; CBD 1507, Guam; NCB 124, Adak; MCB 3, PI; CBC, Port Hueneme; MCB 2, PI; CBC, Port Hueneme; MCB 10, Guam, Kodiak, Adak, & Okinawa; Shore Duty, Coos Bay, OR; Public Works, Adak; MCB 62, Gulfport; MCB 74, Gulfport; Construction Training Unit, Gulfport. If hell don't freeze and the creek don't rise, I'll be there in Texas in 2001. Hope to see y'all there..... from **Charles Finley Morrison**: Missed seeing my name on the "Good Guy List." That's how I know my dues are due [you betcha.... That's why we put the list out. Thanks] Enjoy the Newsletter and don't want to quit receiving them. My wife, **Iona**, and I enjoyed the trip to Charleston. Thanks to everyone who had a part in that. [you are most welcome. Now plan on going to San Antonio].... from **Bob Colquhoun**: Please put me back on the "Good Guys List"! Also for the record, my e-mail address is devspoppy@aol.com [thanks] from **Herb Meade**: I received the News-

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letter today and enjoy reading everyone's comments and news clips. A lot of time and effort goes into putting the Newsletter together and it is greatly appreci-

ated. [thank you.... And it does take some time.] I'm sending my dues and a little more for a roster [thanks, and a roster is on its way.] My e-mail address is hjm101@gte.net..... from **Irwin "Bill" Seesman**: Here's my '00 dues and a little extra to help with the Newsletter [thank you very much!] Sorry I missed Charleston but I had part of my right foot amputated in August and they didn't want me travelling anywhere. Coming along fine now and my last trip to the hospital will be February 22 for more skin grafts. Say 'hello' to the crew in the next Newsletter [done]..... **John Noetzel** sent his dues [thanks]..... from **Gerald Powell**: We enjoyed Charleston very much. Keep the prime rib (money). See you all in Texas..... from **Chuck Chapman**: Noticed I was no longer on the "Good Guy List" so am enclosing a check [thanks]. Sorry I missed Charleston but just couldn't miss our band's trip to England, Scotland and Ireland. See you in Vegas in 2001 - first in early July for the Shrine Imperial Session & then in September. I will be Potentate of MASADA Shrine Temple during 2001. [Hope you plan on making it to San Antonio, also. We will be there probably in October]..... received dues from **Yung Ketels** and **Donald Seethaler** [thanks]..... from **Bob Sutton**: I received a letter and roster from **Pat Morris** [thanks, **Pat**] in November. It mentioned the dues but did not say when to send them. It was the first I knew about this (association). I got the first newsletter in January. You guys are doing a great job. [thanks] Keep up the good work. I have been trying to locate a couple of brothers by the name of **Deral** and **Duane Kenney**. The last I knew, they were in Durango, Colorado, and Mt. Rose, CO. I tried to call both last December and could not reach either. I also would like to find **Bob "Stub" Wilson**. The last address I



had for him was in northern California. He was with Caterpillar. Dues are included and thanks a lot. [thank you, Bob. And welcome aboard]..... from **Claude Garcenot**: Forgot to

send dues sooner, so enclosed is my check for this year. [thanks, and welcome aboard also] Your Newsletter definitely brings back a lot of memories. I was CBMU 101 from 1953 to 1954..... received dues from **William Duensing**, **Willie Free**, **Arlin Hardwick**, **William Moore**, and **Neil Middleton** [thanks]..... from **Richard Fairbanks**: I just received the MCB 2 Newsletter and learned how to pay the dues. [thanks] I was present at Hueneme when MCB 2 was commissioned. Later, I was in MCB 3 and went to the Aleutians with them. When we came back in June '52, the Battalion turned the BUs in C & D Co. loose. They were put into MCB 2 for disposition and then to CBD 1804, arriving in Japan on Thanksgiving day 1951, then to K-3 in Korea. The next day we were sent to K-18 and finally K-6. I got out in August 1952 and returned to my reserve unit, eventually retiring from the reserve program..... from **Roger Hamilton**: I was so sorry to read about **Ben Painter** in the Newsletter. He was a good friend of mine during my tour of duty at Subic. I was surprised to see my picture in the Jan. 15 Newsletter. I am the one sitting on the back of the chair on the green hut porch. The guy to my right (left, looking at the picture) is **Duane M. Winters**. The guy below him is **Charles Hagemann**. Have you located **Winters**? [no, not yet] Sorry I got behind in my dues and am sending some to get caught up. [thanks. That really helps.] I haven't been to a reunion since Nashville but hope to make the one in San Antonio. Have you located **Donald L. Story**, MCB 2? [no, still looking]..... from **L.P. Burleigh**: Received the January Newsletter and, like all the others, job well done. [thank you] Sorry to hear about **Louis Patton's** passing. **Tom Crowder** had told me that **Pat** was very ill. I received a nice letter from **Stoney** last week. Keep up the good work.

5 I enjoy your e-mail letters and stories. [thanks

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for that] Enclosed is a check for dues plus some extra for postage [thanks again]..... from **Russ Granby**: Sorry I have been so lax about my dues. I don't know

how much this covers, but if I owe more, let me know. [that covers a lot. Thanks] Do you have an address or phone number for **Glen Grimes** or **Ray Flynn**? [yes for **Glen**, no for **Ray**] I served with MCB 2 from '52 to '54 in Subic Bay. My e-mail address is bebludog@aol.com. I really appreciate the Newsletter..... from **Joe Sitkowski**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. Keep up the good work with the Newsletter. [I'll try to. We have a good printer now....] My wife, **Audrey**, and I had a wonderful time at the Charleston reunion. We met my old buddy **Bill Sigmund (Sig)** and his wife, **Theresa**. It was great to rehash the 'good old days.' Of course, we didn't tell the wives *everything*. [it's a good thing!] Looking forward to San Antonio. Since we live in Arkansas, the trip will be shorter for us.... from **Roy Peak**: I'm interested in two copies of the '50/'51 MCB 2 Yearbook and one of the '54 Cruise Book. [great! Thanks, Roy. So far we have about 15 books of each ordered.] Enclosed for your information is the invitation and planning forms about the Cubi Point Plankowners Reunion 2000 received dues from **Raymond Lucia**, **Ralph Bokern**, **Edwin Scholtz**, **Jasper Fudge**, and **Charles Rebb**. [thanks, guys]..... from **Duane Henrichson**: Had a great time in Charleston. Am sending my dues [thanks]. I have attended all of the reunions and at each one I came across someone I hadn't seen since I left Cubi in January 1956. I'm planning on making it to San Antonio. I'm looking for **Tex Garner**, **John O. King** and **John Shutt** from California. Keep up the good work on the Newsletter as it is much appreciated. [thanks]..... from **Frank Betonte**: Enclosed are my dues and a little extra [thank you]. We missed the reunion in Charleston due to my wife being ill. We do hope to attend the next reunion in Texas. Thank you for all of your hard work. We really enjoy the Newsletter



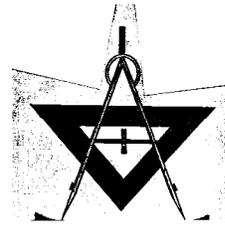
[thanks]..... From **Don DeLisi**: Enclosed are a few of the 100 or so pictures I have. [great! Thanks] Besides being a Driver I also ran the model airplane section of the Hobby Shop. See if any bring back

memories. I would like them back when you are done with them. [absolutely!! Check them out on page 20]..... received dues from **Paul Keener**, **Warren Flading**, and **Walter Smith** [thanks]..... from **Bob Doezie**: Please add my name to the "Good Guy List." [done... and thanks] And thanks for doing a great job [thanks again]..... from **Ken Catchpole**: Here's my dues [thanks] and a request for a roster [on its way]. **Ken** was CBMU 1 & MCB 2, Subic Bay -Sangley Point-Korea 1951-1953; Coronado, CA 1953-1955..... from **Howard Doyle**: [this is funny... **Howard**, who lives in NC, had sent me a letter saying he was enclosing a check for 2 years' dues but there was a check for 1 year enclosed. I wrote him back that the check was short and he replied as follows:] After receiving your letter, the finger pointing began. I wondered aloud (too loud) why my secretary did not read the letter to you and know the amount for which the check was to be written. She pointed back and wondered aloud (also too loud) why I did not see the amount of the check when I signed it. As soon as we each had exhausted all of the theories we could dream up to place the blame elsewhere (at least, to move it away from either of us despite the fact no one else was involved) Mother Nature, obviously having tired of hearing our arguments, sent us a record snow storm, deep enough to enforce a separation of seven days as neither of us could get to the office during that time. My secretary is about ready for her fourth hash mark here and the longer she stays the more she reminds me of the old adage, "Don't give the mess cook too hard a time; on your next hitch he may be the Old Man." I may be the boss but she knows who runs things. It is safe to say we have cooled off now, in every way that term can be applied. The single digit temperatures we had



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were bad enough but the more than twenty inches of snow we received exceeded by about nineteen inches the amount this area has been able to handle. It is the ninth day now since the snow fell and the schools in this county are still closed. I could not help but wonder how quickly MCB 2 could have made the roads passable. By now, I would argue, a good Seabee outfit could have built new roads, to say nothing of clearing existing ones within the time elapsing since the snow came. Anyway, I am enclosing a check to make up the amount I intended to send in the beginning. You may be sure that this time I will pay proper attention to what I am signing. [thanks, **Howard**. The letter was worth the wait]..... from **Tom Padden**: Enclosed is my check [thanks]. It was very sad to hear about **Greg Karekin**. I would appreciate receiving his sister Isabelle's address or telephone number [it is on page 7 of the Jan. 15 Newsletter, middle of right column.] I was one of the original officers, as was **Greg**, that went on the first deployment to Atsugi. Keep up the good work. Your Newsletter is most interesting [thanks]..... received dues from **Lionel Vidrine**, **Dan Mills**, **Len Har-doin** and **Dwight Yetter** [thanks, guys]..... from **Robert Patinka**: [enclosed dues. Thanks] Please correct the spelling of my last name on the mailing list [oops! Thanks for telling me] from **Paul Schell**: Had a great time in Charleston — hope to make San Antonio in 2001. Enclosed are my dues and an obituary of a WW II and Korea Seabee (**George G. Houting** of Albany, NY) [thanks for both...]..... from **Frank Honeychurch**: Enclosed are dues and would like one copy of the Atsugi book. [as soon as I get it I'll send it on]..... from **Harry Ladley**: I did not see my name on the "Good Guy List" so I am sending you my dues, which should be good until our next reunion in Texas. My lady friend, **Mary Bucci** thought it would be a good idea if the wives or lady friends' names were on the roster with the Seabees, as they get to meet so many at the reunion. It



would help to remember them. [that's a tough one, Harry. I'm out of room on the roster unless I delete the middle name/initial and maybe delete the suffix such as Jr. or Sr. Still might not have enough room to add her name. I'll work on it and see what I can come up with. I sure don't want to use smaller type.] Had a great time in Charleston. As I told you there, you did a great job [thanks]..... from **Bill Frazier**: Good talking to you. As promised, here are some dues. [thanks very much] I'll assume that when my name isn't on the "Good Guy List" I'll owe more. [you got it!]..... from **Wes Loveall**: Please find enclosed my dues and extra for a roster. [thanks, and the roster is on the way] Did not make the last reunion but will try to make the next one. When I was with the Seabees, I was on a reserve cruise and most of my time was spent with CBMU 1 at K-6 in Korea. I will write to **Ray Sorrentino** and fill him in on the little bit I remember. **Ray** was our hut captain and at our weekly inspection we had the worst score in the detachment. Enjoy your Newsletter. [thanks. I do the work but it is really your Newsletter]..... from **Ron (Elaine) Glasser**: I just wanted to say we're sorry the dues were not mailed sooner. You know we always have good intentions, but it just takes a while. I have enclosed a check for **Ron's** dues. [thank you and better late than never...] I would like to say what a great reunion and how nice it was to meet everyone. Ron was so excited to see his buddies 45 years later. Their wives were great and I could finally relate to faces, not just names. I met so many great people and I'm looking forward to going to the next reunion, providing we are in good health. I was the person who won the 50/50 cash pot at the dinner. Just an added benefit. [and it was fun, too] I wanted to also say we were happy that the hotel reimbursed some of the money for our dinners. We know you can use the refund to help defray expenses, so just keep ours. Our phone number was not on the MCB 2 Member List



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and is (716) 683-3207 in case someone wants to call us. We wish everyone a very healthy and happy New Year. See you in San Antonio in 2001.....

from **Stoney Serrett**: Just a few

lines to say hello and to pass on some news. I have received word from the wife of **William C. "Red" Gantt** that he had passed away in November of last year. **Red** was a good and loyal friend of mine from our Atsugi tour. His wife said that he had cancer and was in a great deal of pain his last few months. He made it to all of our reunions except Charleston and his wife told me that he wanted to come to Charleston very badly but he finally realized that he just could not make the trip. At our reunion in Charleston, one of our members, **Lloyd Kallsen**, gave you a poem entitled *Respect for Our Flag*. He wanted you to read it on our banquet night. I know you had too many things to do that night and you didn't have time for all that you had to do, so if you have space in some future Newsletter I would appreciate very much if you could include it. [see page 27] He also sent me a current active roster by state. It may be something you could find space for in a future Newsletter. **Lloyd** is our official statistician and has always tried to be helpful with our reunions..... e-mail from **Al Bryant**: Hey! I sent you a check and paid up a couple of years and I'm not on the Good Guy List! [oops! I missed that one. You're on the list now, **Al**. Sorry about that.]..... received dues from **Warren (Barbara Anne) Culberson [thanks]**..... **Art Siple** sent his dues and a note: Sorry, my forgetter is still working overtime [thanks, **Art**]..... from **Allen Kim**: I want to be a "Good Guy" for the year 2000 at least, so enclosed is my check [thanks]. Also, just a reminder for all other shipmates - I sent in my minimum "Worker" dues of \$25 to the CEC/Seabee Historical Museum [great! I hope everyone can as they can really use the money]..... from **Don Anderson**: A big thanks to the people that planned the Charleston reunion. We are looking forward to Hous-



ton [oh, oh.... Don't go to the wrong place! It's San Antonio!] and hope more people from CBMU 1/101 will be there. Here's a check for my dues [thanks].... from **Kenneth Stancombe**: Sorry I forgot my dues

until I received the Newsletter. Hope this catches me up for a while [thanks, it does]. We had a good time in Charleston and are looking forward to the next one, the Lord willing..... from **Hugh (Norma) Ireland**: Here are the dues for **Hugh** [thanks]. Sorry we missed the Charleston reunion. **Hugh** had a total knee replacement one year ago. He is now in the hospital due to an illness and should be home by the 12th (of Feb.). He enjoys the Newsletter. Maybe we will be able to make the next reunion..... from **Glen Grimes**: Here are some dues [thanks] and some photos probably taken in 1953. San Antonio sounds good..... received dues from **Lester Harvey** [thanks].... received an order for a 1954 Cruise Book from **Patrick Carey**..... received dues from **Lyle Ausetz, Joe Ates, and Jerry Wilkening** [thanks, guys]..... from **John Bloem**: I normally pay my dues for the next two years while I'm at the reunion, but I forgot to do so last year. Must be that "maturity" thing. [oh, well. They are paid now and thanks.] At any rate, here is a check to get me back on the "Good Guy List". We are looking forward to San Antonio. My e-mail address is jrbloem@aol.com..... from **Edwin (Jean) Farr**: Enclosed are dues and please send **Edwin** an up-to-date membership roster. [thanks, and will do. It's on its way] **Edwin** was one of the many who had a hand in building the Naval Station at Cubi Point. He is unable to attend the reunions, but I think he has some pictures. If I can get reprints, would you like me to send these? [yes! But I would prefer the originals. I'll send them back.] He has many stories of his time with MCB 2 but is unable to express them due to a stroke two years ago. **Edwin** enjoys reading the Newsletter. The stroke affected the part of his brain that lets him say what he is think-

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ing, although after a few minutes he is able to say it. He can read, watch TV, and take care of himself and has always enjoyed telling about all of his adventures with MCB 2..... From **Gene Staples**: Please accept the enclosed for my dues. [thanks, and welcome aboard.] Also, please send me a roster. [on its way] If I owe you anything for past dues for the SEABEES Newsletter, let me know. [no, but thanks for asking] It is a very well-edited paper and I am very proud to have been a Seabee. [10-4] Last year, I was not too interested in the paper as my wife's mother was in and out of the hospital and we were very busy with her. Also, I do not recognize too many of the names of the ones at Cubi Point. I hope I can remember more names after I get the roster. I do remember **Rich Nelson**, a Yeoman; **Bob Long**, also a Yeoman; and **Rex Roark**. I have a picture of **Rex** and will send it when I find it again. **Bob, Rich** and I had a lot of fun while there. [the **Rich Nelson** on our roster was a Builder and worked on the concrete pouring crew at Haversack, **Gene**.] I remember when I was at Cubi, I was assigned to operate a motor grader and worked with **Pete Peterson** while he operated a Cat and pan. We were building roads and ammunition revetment bases about ten miles from the main base. We were in MCB 2 Detachment A. While there, a camera crew took movie pictures for a future training film. Can this be found? I know this happened as I was working one afternoon while the others were drinking beer at our PX. [I find this hard to believe! Seabees drinking beer and left you working?!] If you can find this film, I would like to see it. I know that **Pete Peterson** passed away last year and I felt very proud to have known him. May God rest his soul and bring peace to his family. Please keep up the good work that you are doing and MAY I COME ABOARD, PLEASE? [absolutely!]..... from **Clive Lorenz**: Enclosed is my dues check [thanks] and some for a roster. I enjoy the Newsletter as it brings back memories. Keep up the good work [thanks, I'll try.] I'm a former Seabee with a fleet rate. [there were a lot of

those, especially during WW II]..... from **George Terry**: I sure enjoy the Newsletter and I see names I still remember from my CB days. Just a note to let you know that I was never a member of MCB 2, per se. I attended boot camp at Great Lakes and went from there to Port Hueneme for a guaranteed class A school by being a high school graduate. The steelworker school had already started and was about 2/3 finished, so I had to wait about 3 or 4 weeks until a new class would start. Certainly you had to do something while you wait, so I was put on mess cooking. After about a week, I'd had enough of working in the scullery. While walking back to the barracks one day, I passed a steelworker from South Carolina and told him that I came to the Seabees to be an iron worker because that's what I had been doing since I was 10 or 12 years old. My father owned and ran a steel fabricating and erection business. Chief **Sheffer** asked me if I could weld. After telling him I could, he took me down to the bay where he had a crew welding splice plates on pontoons instead of putting them together with the "jewelry" or bolts, as was customary. A guy gave me a helmet and the stinger and I ran a vertical weld that my father would have been proud of. **Sheffer** told me my mess cooking days were over. A causeway was to go to St. Nicholas Island just off the coast of California which was a drone (pilotless plane) landing strip. I was then placed in MCB 2 Det. "A." After going to St. Nicholas, we went to Midway Island to extend a runway and I helped to maintain equipment, asphalt pavers, etc. After about 7 or 8 months, we were sent to Camayan Point, then to Subic Bay, Cubi Point. I was still in MCB 2 Det. "ABLE." Then I was transferred to MCB 5 and sent to West Quarry to help maintain rock crushers and other heavy equipment such as Euclid off-road trucks, etc., and shovels, clam buckets, etc. I enlisted in July 1951 and was released in June 1955 to the ready reserves. I got my Honorable Discharge in July 1959 with a total of 8 years service. So, you see, I was never really in MCB 2. [sorry, but you

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were in MCB 2... Detachment Able was a part of MCB 2] I have enclosed a check for my dues and would like to have a roster. [thanks, and a roster is on the way.] I was in the PI 39 months on 3 trips..... from **Robert Long**: I noticed I was not on the "Good Guy List" so here are my dues [thanks]. Missed the reunion in Charleston but plan to be in San Antonio. ps: Pardon the stationery [it has flowers all over it]. It belonged to my ex-wife. [that's what you got out of the divorce? Wow! At least she left you with something!]..... received dues from **Pat Morris, Ronald Claypool, Robert Pagel, Donald Jones, and Gene Parks** [thanks]..... from **Bob Graf**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks] plus a little extra for a roster [on the way]. Hope this will keep me on the "Good Guy List" [it sure does and thanks]. You do a good job with the Newsletter and keep up the good work..... from **Bill Sigmund**: Enclosed please find my check for dues [thanks] and sorry I'm late, but better late than never [you got that right!]. Had a great time in Charleston..... from **Silas Bucher**: Enclosed find a check for my dues [thanks] plus a bit extra for stamps or whatever [thank you!] I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend the reunion. Maybe some day I can. [sure hope so. Lots of fun.] Love the Newsletter [thanks for that]. I keep them and go back and read them again..... from **Dick Sim**: Here's my dues. [thanks] The Newsletter is great. I look forward to it. I don't recognize many names from 1952-'54 era. Guess we're getting old. Have a good 2000. Can you print from colored pictures for the Newsletter? [yes, I can. Send whatever you can and I will send them back.] Most of my pictures are color..... from **David Conahey**: Here are my dues. [thanks] I also have a new address. [see page 16]..... from **R. G. "Pete" Williams**: Seems like I am in motion all of the time – can't sit down and do my paperwork. Dues are late. Sorry, I hope not too late [never – and thanks]. Will call you before we come to Vegas to play. Soon, I hope. [great! Hope so]..... from **Stan Dauer**: I know I am not on the "Good Guy List." I hope this little bit will help me get close

to the list [that did it, and thanks!]. I don't know how far in arrears I am [not any more]. If I owe any more, please drop me a line and let me know how much more I owe..... from **Joe Barbree**: Enclosed are my dues and please send a roster [thanks and the roster is on its way.]..... From **Mel Dixon**: Hi! How are things going? I enjoyed the last Newsletter very much [thanks]. Good job. I would like a copy of the Atsugi book when they become available. [OK... you are on the list.] Also find enclosed information about plans for an MCB 3 reunion in Las Vegas. [MCB 3 will hold their Vietnam era Seabee reunion at the Showboat Hotel September 15-17. Contact **Phil Weatherwax** at (626) 969-1841 for more information.] e-mail from **John Grasz**: Just writing to let you know that my brother, **Gene (Gino) Grasz**, passed away February 19th at the age of 62. He died of ARDS (Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome)..... from **Dan Pe-laez**: We are finally retiring! [great!] Moving to Arizona, about 100 miles from you. [all right! Come up and visit.] Enclosed are my dues. [thanks]..... from **Harold Davis**: I received the Newsletter you sent. Good reading. [thanks] I have to apologize on the dates that we talked about on my time in Korea at K-3. My time was from March 1953 to June 1954. Seems like Father Time played with my memory. While I was at K-3, it was CBMU 1 then changed to CBMU 101. If you have any info about these dates, please let me know. [**Pat Morris** can help here, maybe?] I'm enclosing dues. [thanks] Keep up the good work..... from **Virgil Sprague**: Thanks for sending the January Newsletter. I'm sending my dues and some extra for whatever. [thanks!] I have some more names for you to try to contact and see if they are interested. I was in 101 and in Korea and Japan in '53 and '54. These guys were good friends at that time, although I haven't kept in touch with them since except for one. **John Spangler**, P.O. Box 391, Montrose, CO, 81401, 1-303-249-3375. Then there were two brothers, **Darrell** and **Duane Kenny** who are also from the Montrose area, but I don't have their address. One other

is **Darrel S. Jones** from Colorado Springs. He was a CPA there. We were all at Atsugi except **Johnny**. Sure would like to hear from some or all of them. Also, in West Palm Beach, FL, is a phone number I got at the VA Hospital asking for Seabees to call: 1-561-881-8245..... from **Jim Green**: Still working on my computer skills. [all of us with computers are in the same boat, **Jim**.] I'll get it right one of these days. Here's my dues so I can keep getting the great Newsletter you publish. [thanks, **Jim**] I've got a lot of 35mm slides but I can't find a projector to view them and make a video. Also, can you inquire in the next Newsletter about an old acquaintance from mechanics' school at Port Hueneme in January '54? His name is **Bob Hughes**. Thought somebody may have heard of him. He was from Missouri and his family had an International Harvester dealership..... from **Gene Staples**: I received the list you sent and I thank you very much. It has been so long since I thought of any of the men that I served with in Cubi Point that I do not recognize any of the names except **Bob Long** and **Rex Roark**. I must have gotten older since then. I have traveled and worked with many men and I cannot remember the names of the men I served with. I left CHB 2 in Adak and went to Oakland. From there I went home for a quick leave and then reported to Port Hueneme. I went to Pearl and then to Midway to catch up with MCB 2 Detachment ABLE. From there I went back to Pearl and then to Subic Bay and Cubi Point. We were assigned to build revetments for ammunition for the base. It's been a long time from 1953 to now..... that's along time for anyone. Upon discharge, I returned to Treasure Island and then home. I then worked, went to college and worked in many plants such as petroleum refining, plastic, North Slope in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, and 5 nuclear power generating plants. I have truly met and worked with many people. I worked with one man named **Robert (Bob) Baird** while at Cubi. He and I operated motor graders and were assigned to the Euclid heavy equipment pictured with those I sent you. [see on pages 22 & 23] We were wild cowboys when

we were operating those..... from **Max Leavell**: Please accept these dues. [thanks] We enjoy the Newsletter..... from **Jim Dekeyser**: Enclosed are my dues. [thanks] Hope to make the reunion in San Antonio..... from **Howard Pearson**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I served on Midway in 1952 and then in MCB 2 at Cubi Point from January 1953 to April 1955. I was a driver..... from **Vinny Ryan**: Here's some dues to keep me in the Good Guy club [thanks]. Special thanks to **Al Erb**, 'coach', for the pictures of the K-3 football team. See you in Texas. p.s.: I'm looking for **Don LaDue**, UT2..... from **Gene Staples** (again): Thank you, but the **Bob Baird** name and phone number you sent me is the wrong one. I called the number you sent and I talked to him, but he was in CBMU 1/101 and never in Subic. Thanks for your help, but the **Bob** I know and seek was in MCB 3 while I was assigned there also. If you know where I can get a list or roster of MCB 3 personnel, I would be very grateful. [if anyone knows, let me know as there have been many requests for MCB 3 - Scott.] I am looking forward to the next SEABEE Newsletter..... from **Mrs. Lugene Lucky (Donovan D. Lucky)**: I received your MCB 2 Reunion Newsletter and it showed that everyone must have had a Grand Time in Charleston. I regret that my late husband and I couldn't be there as we had planned. Due to his illness, it just wasn't possible. I know he would have had a grand time, too. Please accept this check in Donovan's memory to aid in postage or other needs. [thank you very much.] And, since I will be moving soon and have not made the choice where yet, it would be all right to drop me from your mailing list. Have a Grand Time at your next reunion..... from **Dick Danzl**: First off, allow me to introduce myself. I am **Dick Danzl**, member of the original sixty men of CBD 1804 stationed with the 33rd MAG just north of Pohang. We were sent over from Guam. Most of our group being reservists, we were only there for a short period of time. We went over in the Fall of '51 and some of us were sent early in '52 for release from active duty. I

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spent only about four or five months on Guam prior to that. I have made some effort to locate some of the guys who were over there with us, but to no avail. I have seen a lot of lists but it seems we are not listed. I had a Builders' classification thanks to six months at Port Hueneme, then on to Adak in the Aleutians where I spent eighteen months with the 124th from '47-'49. That is enough of that for now. I am enclosing my dues [thanks] and a bit extra for a roster [on its way]. I like the Newsletter. I am also a member of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America in Minnesota.



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us to send this Newsletter.

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!

This is what keeps us going, so please send your dues today. Don't fall off the Good Guy List. Send your dues now while it's on your mind. There are 318 members paid through

CRUISE BOOKS

Both of the Cruise books, the Atsugi book from 1952 and the Cubi Point book of 1954, are being printed. The cost for either of these books is \$35 each, post paid. Two books to one address will be \$65. If you would like either one or both, send your payment to Scott Williams. Those that have reserved copies will receive theirs with an invoice.

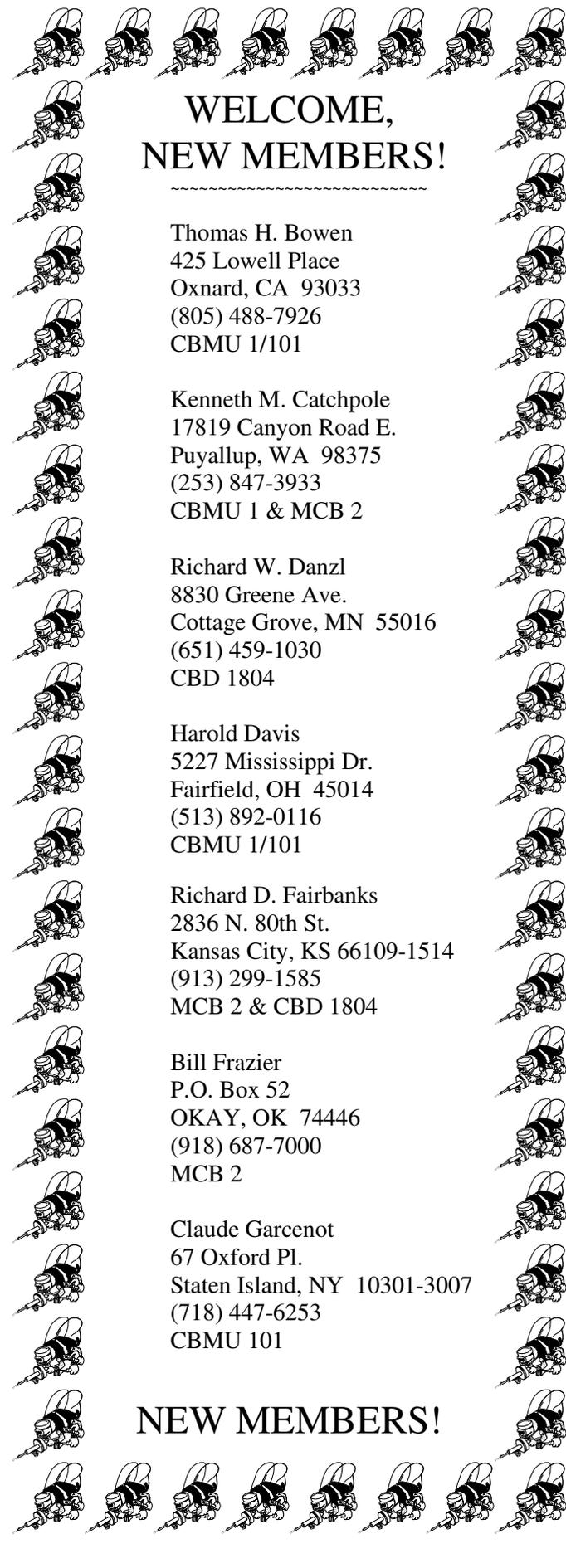
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All men listed above have their dues paid at least through 2000, some much longer. If you don't find your name on this list, then maybe you have forgotten to send in your dues recently. All dues are paid through the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. This list is as of March 27, 2000. There

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Presidents' Quiz

Name the men who were the only presidents... or who... or first...

1. To be elected who were incumbent Vice Presidents.
2. Who signed the Declaration of Independence.
3. Who signed the U.S. Constitution.
4. Who was a lifetime bachelor.
5. Who won the Nobel Peace Prize.
6. Who was elected to the U.S. Senate after his presidential term.
7. Who took the oath of office from a woman.
8. Who have State Capitals named after them.
9. Fathered the most children.
10. Gave the shortest inaugural address.
11. Appointed the most Supreme Court justices.
12. Had the shortest term of office.
13. Had the longest term of office.
14. Youngest man to become president.
15. Youngest man elected president.
16. Oldest man elected president.
17. To leave the continental U.S. while in office.
18. To have a child born in the White House.
19. The first Christmas tree was set up in the White House during his term.
20. To throw out the first baseball of the season.
21. To address Russians on Russian television.
22. Whose mother attended his inauguration.
23. Who was a Roman Catholic.
24. Who had been divorced.

Answers on page 17



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The things that
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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. Please don't be dropped from the mailing list.

If you lend someone \$20
and never see that per-
son again,

Our Fallen Comrades

William "Red" Gantt

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COCA-COLA Strange stuff.....

- ◆ **To clean a toilet:**
Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl. Let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.
- ◆ **To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers:**
Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.
- ◆ **To clean corrosion from car battery terminals:**
Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.
- ◆ **To loosen a rusted bolt:**
Applying a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.
- ◆ **To bake a moist ham:**
Empty a can of Coca-Cola into the baking pan; wrap the ham in aluminum foil and bake. Thirty minutes before the ham is finished, remove the foil allowing the drippings to mix with the Coke for a sumptuous brown gravy.
- ◆ **To remove grease from clothes:**

President's Quiz Answers

1. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Van Buren, George Bush.
2. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams.
3. George Washington, James Madison.
4. James Buchanan.
5. Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson.
6. Andrew Johnson.
7. Lyndon B. Johnson.
8. Abraham Lincoln (NE), James Madison (WI), Andrew Jackson (MS), Thomas Jefferson (MO).
9. John Tyler (15).
10. George Washington.
11. George Washington.
12. William Henry Harrison.
13. Franklin D. Roosevelt (12 years).
14. Theodore Roosevelt (42).
15. John F. Kennedy (43).
16. Ronald Reagan (73, second term).
17. Theodore Roosevelt (1906 visit to Panama).
18. Grover Cleveland.
19. Benjamin Harrison.
20. William Howard Taft.
21. Richard Nixon, May 28, 1972.
22. James A. Garfield.
23. John F. Kennedy.
24. Ronald Reagan.

Empty a can of Coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent and run through a regular cycle. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains.

- ◆ **It will also clean road haze from your windshield.**

AND WE DRINK THIS STUFF!



From Glen Grimes: Caught a 10 foot python



From H.R. Kritzman: Marine Line Crew – K-6
L-R: Marine Sgt., Kritzman, Marine Cpl., Cecil Price (Arky)



From Kritzman: L-R: Moore, Price (Arky), Kritzman, K.A. Larsen



Cubi Point Concrete Pouring Crew – Haversack
L-R: (standing) George Epright, ?, Jim Randall, Doug Emond, ?, ?, ?
L-R (squatting) ?, ?, ?-SW



Haversack Housing – Close to completion



From Don DeLisi: These guys are pretty brave.... The python is still alive!



From Don DeLisi: The Model Airplane Club – Cubi Point



From Glen Grimes: Cubi Point: L-R: Brownie Wilcox, Patrick Henry Corey, ?, ?



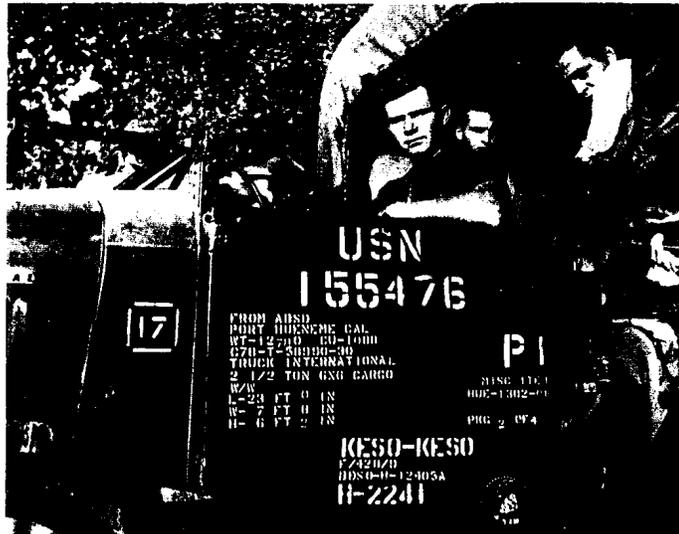
The Championship football team



Would you believe a beer party?

These two pages of pictures are from Gene Staples

Rex Roark behind the wheel.



Rex and the gang.

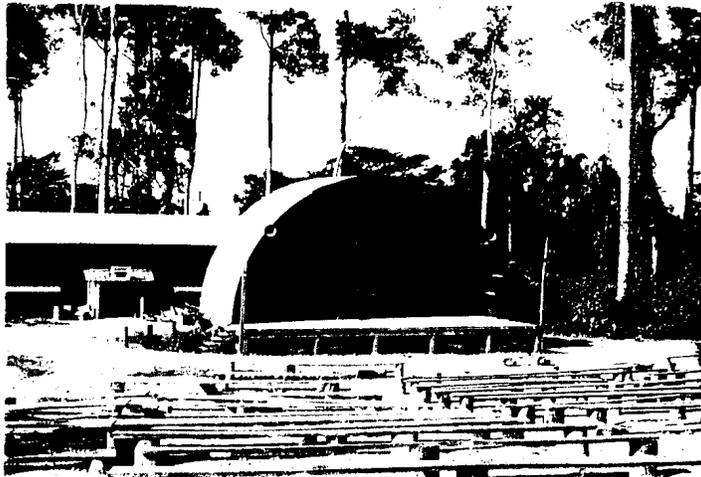


A pan hauling its load.





A Cat and pan working on the airstrip at Subic Bay.



The outdoor theater.



Our early camp at Subic Bay.



Bud Wheless in front of the Supply Warehouse;
K-6, Korea



From Bud Wheless; K-6, Korea



Shoulder patch – CBMU 1 Det. A



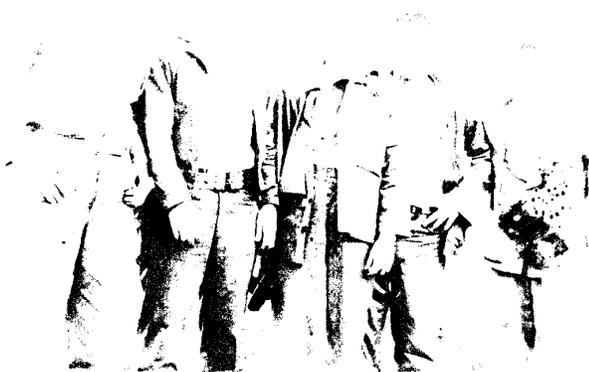
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Clockwise from upper left:

1: Chief John L. Howe standing in the doorway of the Temple at Chang Tu on top of the mountain. A real good fellow!; 2: In front of the CBMU 1804 Supply building at K-3: L-R: C.L. Pugh, D.J. Terry, F. Chinn, K.C. Carter; 3: (at K-6 or K-3) L-R: D.J. Terry, Bud Wheless, K.C. Carter, C.L. Peck, Corpsman ?; 4: A Korean restaurant in Buyers Market



The following is a copy of the original orders authorizing the establishment of MCB 2. Special thanks to Capt. Bill Hilderbrand, Exec. V.P. of the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation and Dr. Vince Transano, the Navy's official Seabee Historian at Port Hueneme.

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From: SecNav

ACTION: ALL SHIPS AND STATIONS

1. The following activity is established under an officer in charge, effective 1 June 1950:

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion No. 2
U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center
Port Hueneme, California

This activity is a mobile unit whose movements will be directed by the Chief of Naval Operations. While temporarily shore based at the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California, it is under the command of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, exercised through such subordinate commander as the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, shall order. While afloat or at an overseas base in the Pacific area, it shall be under the command of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet. While afloat or at an overseas base outside the Pacific area, it shall be under the command of the appropriate fleet or naval commander.

2. The mission of this activity is as follows:

MISSION: To be used for advanced base construction, the development of techniques connected therewith, training of such Reserve Construction Battalion units as may be assigned, and for participation in special task force projects.

3. Bureau and offices concerned take necessary action.

(s) Francis P. Matthews

(In ND Bull. 30 June 1950)

Respect for Our Flag

Remember Me?

Some people call me Old Glory. Others call me the Star Spangled Banner. But whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. But something has been bothering me, so I thought I might take some time to talk it over with you.

I remember some time ago, people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and, naturally, I was always there, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you, I remember you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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