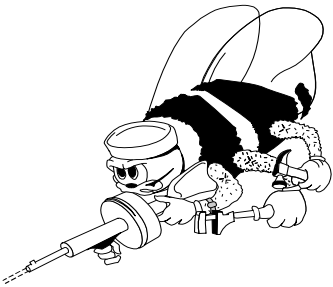


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Seabees

*A Newsletter for Former US Naval
Mobile Construction Battalion 2 Personnel*

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

This Is Your Last Newsletter If You Are Not A Good Guy

**Check the Good Guy List
and Pay Your Dues if You
Are Not On It.**

Don't miss out and lose contact with your buddies. The dues have been kept down to a minimum so all can afford to pay a year at a time, so send your dues check right now while you are thinking of it. Check page 13/14 for your name. There are over 400 names on our mailing list that have not paid their dues and the last Newsletter cost over \$700 just to send to these 400+ names. If you enjoy seeing the pictures and keeping up with old buddies, then send at least one years' dues to keep these pages coming.

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A Note From Pete Elliott

After visiting several hotels and several weeks of negotiation with the Sheraton and with Armed Forces Reunions, a contract was signed and arrangements have been made at the Four Points Sheraton in San Antonio for our reunion which will be held from September 13 – 15, 2001. Armed Forces Reunions, Inc., will again handle our reunion and forms will be published in this Newsletter early next year to make your reservations. The hotel room rate is \$92 per night, single or double, plus tax. If the tax rate is as today, the daily rate will be \$107.41 per night. Hotel parking will be \$5 per day for self-parking and airport transportation is currently

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offered for \$8 per person each way. There are a number of excellent tours available and these will be announced in a future Newsletter.

As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter, my wife, Clorinda, went into full cardiac arrest on June 5 while exercising at a fitness center. Quick action by two nurses and local paramedics saved her. One week later she underwent quadruple bypass surgery and was discharged a week later. She is home and recovering well. Since this happened, I have not had my mind on San Antonio but we are on track and all set for San Antonio. All details will be posted later.

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer.



Clorinda Elliott Suffers Heart Attack

Pete Elliott called me today (June 15) that his wife, Clorinda, suffered a heart attack about two weeks ago and had quadruple bypass surgery. She is recovering now and expects to be out of the hospital by Monday, June 19. Keep Clorinda and Pete in your prayers. [SW]

Seabees

May – July Dates to Remember

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| Aug. 6, 1945 | Bombing of Hiroshima. |
| Aug. 7, 1942 | 1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal. |
| Aug. 9, 1942 | Battle of Savo Island |
| Aug. 9, 1945 | Bombing of Nagasaki. |
| Aug. 11, 1942 | USNCTC Camp Endicot, Davisville, RI, commissioned "Original Home of the Seabees." |
| Aug. 20, 1942 | OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal, first CEC/Seabee Officer to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 1, 1942 | 6th NCB Seabee arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 2, 1945 | VJ Day. Formal surrender of Japan. WW II ends. |
| Sept. 15, 1950 | Seabees land at Inchon, Korea. |
| Oct. 13, 1775 | Navy Birthday |
| Oct. 16, 1942 | Eight men of the 6th NCB killed at Guadalcanal, first Seabees killed in action. |



Notes from our

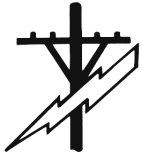


Does this list also include e-mail addresses? [yes, the ones that I know.] I have your e-mail list of Feb. 3, 2000, and have picked up a few from Powerpaw [woops!

That is a friend of **Mike Cas-**

tlevecchi, Mary. Guess it's OK if she doesn't say anything:)] I really enjoy the e-mails you send out, plus **George Stewart's** additions. Please keep it up. [OK, I'll try. .SW].... Received dues and a change of address from **Henry Ben-guerel** [thanks]..... from **Rex Roark** (e-mail): About the pictures **Gene Staples** sent, I have no idea who the other people in the truck are but on the fender is **Bill Kershberger** and **Fred Ulmer**. I was hoping to see **Bill** at Charleston but he couldn't make it. I have no idea where **Fred** is..... from **Jack Balding** (e-mail): I have a new address. I didn't make Charleston but maybe the next one... from **Don McDaniel**: Thanks for the Newsletter and imagine my shame in not being one of the Good Guys. I hope the enclosed check will take care of that detail and also get me a membership roster. [it does and thanks. And a roster is on the way.] My service record is an uneventful one. I enlisted in June 1949, Boot Camp in San Diego then on to Guam in September and CBD 1507. Lived through typhoon Allyn; then 1507 was disbanded and I ended up in 103rd NCB still on Guam and driving semi's, busses, manhauled, wrecker, etc., until around the end of October of '51. Home for 3 days leave and then to Korea in early November '51 via LST and CBD 1804 at K3 & K6 as a heavy equipment operator (also in CBMU 1). Homeward bound in January '52 to Coronado and ACB 1 and the Battle of San Clemente Island until discharge in April 1953. One of my fondest memories is a little poem that someone wrote to commemorate Christmas in Korea for us to send to our loved ones back home: Christmas Greetings from Korea/Land of Lice and Diarrhea/From the Murky Shores That we've Half Mastered/Merry Christmas, You Lucky Bastard..... from **Ron Landrum**: Thanks for sending the copy of the Seabee

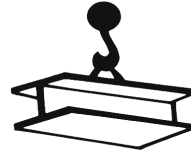
From **Walter "Gene" Kumpf**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thank you] and some extra for a roster [on its way]. I would like to be on the list for a 1950-'51 MCB 2 yearbook from Atsugi. Let me know how much. [you're on the list and they should be ready soon. The printer said he is fitting it in his job orders as it is such a small run (50 of each).] Look forward to the Newsletter. Keep up the good work.....received dues from **Pat Badgett** and he sent his e-mail address: badgett@imsday.com [thanks]..... received dues from **Chuck Minert, George Kraeer, Jack Foster & Ivan Majetic** [thanks, guys]..... from **Richard (Herbie) Schreiner**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. This should make me a good guy again [sure does!]. Hope to get to the reunion one of these times and meet you and my old buddies [great! Hope so]..... from **John Ruby**: Enclosed are my dues for another year [thanks]. Thanks for a job well done..... from **Dwight Padgett**: Way past time I should have had dues paid. Put this where it belongs and send me a membership roster. (done, thanks and the roster is on its way.) I think I first contacted **Stoney** (or vice versa) in '98, so I'm already 2 full years behind. I never pretend to be a "good guy" but my dog likes me and my dues are now paid. (You are really a good guy, **Dwight**. Thanks.) Thanks for bearing with me and keep up the good work. I really enjoy the Newsletter. Hope to make it to San Antonio in 2001.... from **Don Seethaler**: Sorry we missed the reunion but we had a conflict for those dates. Hope to make the next one. (**Don** enclosed his dues. Thanks)..... from **Jim Stephens**: Enclosed are my dues for '00/'01 [thanks] and extra for a roster [on its way!].



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Newsletter. I had wondered if there was some support needed by some of the info **Pat Morris** sent me when I contacted him on the Internet. I am enclosing dues

[thank you] plus some extra for a copy of the membership roster..... from **John Wilborn**: Enclosed is a check for two cruise books and some extra for whatever. [thanks] Best regards and thanks for all you do for the men..... received dues from **Albert Rubinich, R.F. Sonnen, Ordean Johnson, Alexander Bishop, Robert Schanbron, Conrad Lawlor, and Glenn Sisco** [thanks, guys]..... from **Antonio Yrizarry**: I am writing just to say hello and at the same time I am sending my dues. [thanks much] Time is sure going by fast since we met at the reunion in Vegas. By May 16, my son-in-law and I are going to Las Vegas to visit an elderly sister living there and at the same time having some fun playing the One-Arm Bandit. [great! Hope to see you.] We'll be staying at the California Hotel. It would be nice to meet with you and chat about old times. I am sorry to read about **Gantt** passing away. We met at the Las Vegas reunion and to me he didn't age too much since we were in Atsugi. All of my buddies from Atsugi that I used to correspond with are all dead, but I am still kicking at the ripe old age of 92. I enjoy reading the Newsletter [good, and thank you.] Aloha..... from **Ambros Johnson**: Enclosed are dues [thanks] and a change of address..... from **Wayne Bulgerin**: Thanks for contacting me. I was in Korea with CBD 1804 and CBMU 1. Enclosed are my dues [thanks] and please send a roster [on the way] Looking forward to San Antonio in 2001..... from **George Gustin**: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and **Pat (Morris)** for the swell job with the reunion and to have MCB 2 hosting CBD 1802, 1804, CBMU 1 & 101, and CBMU 577. I had lost track of everyone except **Roger Germundson** from Oregon. At Charleston I met three more guys from CBMU 1 who were at K-6. I am sending along a check to be used in whatever way best. [thank you] My



military history is: June 1951, Boot Camp at Newport, RI, then westward to school at Port Hueneme for driver and spare parts. CBMU 1 Det. Able at K-6 was next. In November

'53 to Adak for a year and then met up with MCB 9 to go to Camayan Point at Subic. Discharged in June 1955 as CD1. In your Newsletter I keep looking for names that I might recognize but not many appear. Thanks again for the invite to Charleston. We are already planning for San Antonio. I enjoy the photos of the activities long past..... from **Mrs. Lilbern L. Layton**: Just to inform you my husband passed away April 28, 1999. He was a good man. He died of a heart attack. He always talked about loving the Seabees..... received dues from **George Stewart** (Okoboji Joe) [thanks]..... from **Gordon Keen**: I received the April 15, 2000, edition of Seabees yesterday. It's always good to remember, but to suddenly realize that MCB 2 is one month short of its 50th birthday is heart stopping (almost)! That means some of the names I see in the Good Guy List, I haven't laid eyes on for a very long time. We do plan to be at San Antonio if at all possible. I have been able to visit **William "Bill" Harbeck**. He is pretty well tied down at the nursing home here in Bethany, Oklahoma. There is nothing wrong with his thinker, his eyes, ears, voice, or anything like that. He would definitely appreciate calls, letters, cards, visits, etc. His phone number is (405) 688-0711 and address is Mariner Health, 6900 NW Expressway, Bethany, OK 73008, Room 415..... from **Roy Emmons**: I have been receiving the MCB 2 Newsletter for some time so I had better get on the Good Guy List and send in my dues. [thanks very much] I was with MCB 2 after I finished Class A CM School in April '52. Went to Cubi Point in July and was there until July '53. Lived in a tent called Mud Mountain Manor down the hill from the EM club. While I was there I became a Christian. I stayed with the Seabees and transferred to MCB 4 on the east coast and went to North Africa then Newfoundland. Afterwards,



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I was with the Amphibs at Little Creek, VA. I was there about four years then two years shore duty at Lake Mead Base, Las Vegas, NV. The Air Force has since

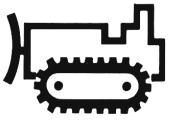
taken it over. Back to ACB 2 at Little Creek then to Naples, Italy, for overseas shore duty with my family, which at this time was my wife and three boys. From there to MCB 62 and two tours in Vietnam where we adopted two girls in 1968 and 1969. They are all grown now and we have 17 grandchildren. I retired in 1973 and finished college. I taught high school for a while then entered the Christian ministry. Last summer a few of us from the Good News Gang in Cubi Point got together in Colorado. We hadn't seen each other in 46 years. Not sure if we can make it to San Antonio or not. [sure hope so. You'll see a lot more old buddies.] from **Joe Zeren**: Here is a check for dues and a roster [thanks]. If you print this, say 'Hi' to **John Wilborn**, **Russ Granby**, and **Don Grobbel** for me. [OK—done] I was a mechanic at Subic Bay from '52-'54 and, although we all said "I hate this place" at that time, I know we all have some fond memories of great friends and good times. [the longer I am away from there, the more I remember the good times and can't remember the bad-SW] So far I am the only 'Z' on the paid list, so my name is easy to spot, like in the pay line — at the tail end of the list. I really enjoy the Newsletters and, like all the old 'Bees, I appreciate the effort of all the people who put it together and keep it going..... from **Bob Lohrentz**: Here's my dues [thanks]. I didn't realize I owed. Maybe I haven't given all my history of being in the Seabees. I was in from 1952 'til 1959 and served '52-'53 in Adak with NCB 124 and Public Works. NCB 124 was deactivated and it became Public Works. From '53 to '54 I was with CBMU 1 and then CBMU 101 at K-3 in Korea. I served '54-'55 back up on Adak. The joy of being on Adak was so strong I just couldn't stay away. Actually, I think someone in BuPers had it in for me. Since then, I have



never been able to understand why people go to Alaska for a cruise. From 1955 to 1958 had Instructor's Duty at Port Hueneheme, then '58-'59 I was with MCB 11 on Guam, including

four months with a detachment sent to Chi Jima..... from **William Irvine**: Enclosed find a check for dues [thanks]. We really do enjoy reading the Seabee Newsletter. I'll see you in Texas..... from **Norman Britain**: Please find enclosed dues [thank you]. I am enclosing a copy of my VFW Yates-Gonzalez Post in Atsugi, Japan. I am interested in knowing whether this post was closed out as we all went our different directions (mine was Subic Bay) or if it is still active. **Ted Speros** may know. Thanks for your good work... from **Maggie Kitts** for **Bruce Kitts**: My Seabee husband has been in the hospital for three weeks now but is recovering. Praise the Lord. Our address is partially incorrect as on the Newsletter [see correction on page 16]..... from **James Young**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks] and see you in San Antonio..... from **Dale Lundstrom**: Enjoy the Newsletter but rarely see old (familiar) names. I was in Korea with CBMU 1/101 at K-6 from January 1953 to February 1954. Please send a roster and keep up the good work..... from **Cliff Schorr**: Please reserve one Atsugi Cruise book for me [done]..... from **Donald Shoff**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. I was in CBD 1804 at K-3, then went to K-18. From there I went to K-6. We went from K-18 to Inchon on an LST. At Chumin Jin, we bought a weapons carrier load of crabs and we ate steamed crab and played pinochle the three days it took to make the trip. I was a CMCU and worked a wagon drill at the quarry and ran the rock crusher at K-6.... from **Ralph Binney**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List so guess I haven't paid up. Also didn't see **Lex Camden**, or **Don Gould**. Any Info? [nothing on **Don** but **Lex** is at Rt. 3, Box 517, Linton, IN 47441 (812) 847-8409] sic 'em, **Ralph**. He has never joined.] from **John Recklitis**: Thanks for keeping me on your mailing list. My wife used your

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President's quiz for a wedding shower game. Her only complaint was that you had 24 questions and only 23 answers. [ha! I was seeing if anyone was paying

attention! You won! Tell your wife the answer to Question 24 is Ronald Reagan.] Keep up the good work and the mail coming to our home. [thanks, John. I try and it's all fun.]..... from **Stoney**: Thanks for sending the April Newsletter. I sure hope that **Pete, Roy, and Chuck** can get the room rates down below the \$100 mark [they did]. I believe it will certainly help attendance. I knew that the rates were going to be higher because San Antonio is a convention city. The pictures in the last Newsletter were very clear and very interesting. They should stir up a lot of memories for the gang. I was also glad to see the copy of the original orders authorizing the establishment of MCB 2. It should be very special to **Tom Padden** as he was the first XO for MCB 2. Thanks again for your hard work in getting the very interesting Newsletter out..... from **Gene Urney**: Enclosed is a check for a Cubi book [OK, **Gene**. Thanks, and you are now on the list.]..... **Myron Strausheim, Mel Olson, Arthur Childress** and **Gerald Seger** sent dues [thanks]..... from **Edward Kazarian**: I'm Edward "Mike" **Kazarian** and in the April issue of the Newsletter, **Dick Danzl** wrote of sixty men of CBD 1804 stationed with the 33rd MAG just north of Pohang. I was one of the 60, **Dick**. My classification was UT2, "your friendly plumber." There were three plumbers in that group. I enlisted in '42 with boot training at Camp Perry, VA. I was stationed with the 10th Special Battalion in Exeter, England, and was discharged in '45. I returned to active duty in '50 for Korea and discharged in '52. I'm sending my dues [thanks] and I'm not sure how my standing is [tall, now!]. Really enjoy the Newsletter. Brings back memories [good ones, I hope]. Keep up the great job! [thanks, again]..... from **Preston Wilson**: Enclosed is a check to take care of my membership [thanks]. Sorry to be so late but



now I'm paid up. Thanks for sending out the Newsletter..... from **Lee Stevens**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. We hope to see you all at the next reunion.... from **William Ganske**: I am sending

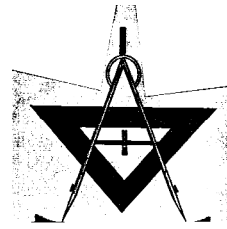
some pictures of CBMU 101 at K-3. I believe the members will like them. They were taken in late '53 and the first part of '54. Please put them in the Newsletter. [sure will. They are great photos. Thanks] And enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I was just in Las Vegas with my son who lives in Reno. I also did a lot of construction work around Vegas in my day. I worked on the road to Overton from Henderson and also many smaller jobs..... from **Bruce (Maggie) Kitts**: Enclosed are the dues and thanks for your reply regarding **Bruce's** dues status [thank you for sending the dues. That will keep his Newsletter coming.].... from **Ralph Burnley**: This should take care of the dues for the next few years [it does thanks] Seems more than a senior moment. Thanks for all your good work..... from **V.H. Barnes**: Hope this arrives in time for me to be included on the Good Guy List [it did. Thanks] I have been parking on someone's nickel long enough. I first reported to MCB 2 in mid July 1950. I believe I was the first PN or YN to report. Even before **Ted Speros, Donahue, McDowell** or **Thompson**..... from **Marie (Ron) LaFave**: [I had sent **Ron** and others a tribute to veteran's on Memorial Day by e-mail-SW] Your Memorial day message was beautiful and meant so much to me. My husband, **Ron LaFave**, passed away on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at age 66. His funeral Mass was at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kelso, WA, on May 31st and was buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR, on June 1st with full military honors. The ceremony was absolutely wonderful on a sunny, warm day on a hillside overlooking the beautiful city of Portland. I am so glad we were able to attend the Seabee Reunion in Charleston. He had such a good time with all of you. I am sorry we will



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not get to be at the next get-together in San Antonio, but my thoughts will be with you..... from **Duane Keech**: I'm sorry I'm late on my dues [no problem. At least they are paid now. And

thanks.] I only spent 13 months with MCB 2 but I still remember that time with pride. I had transferred over from the USS Philippine Sea, CV 47. I was in tent #1 with **Ostroski, Odum, T.S. Campbell, D.J. Barnes** and others I can only remember by their nicknames: **Moose** from Illinois and **Willy** from Alabama. I worked mainly on Mt. Maritan and the tank farm fill. I also spent some time on the hydraulic fill. After my tour at Subic I pulled shore duty at Pawtucket Naval Test Center. They soon decided that was no place for a Seabee and I spent the next year and a half at the Anacostia Receiving Station in D.C. I became the License Examiner & Accident Investigator for the D.C. area. Lots of fun..... from **Bob Hauptman**: Enclosed are dues plus some extra for past mailings [thanks]... **Richard Skillicorn** sent 10 years' dues! [thanks, **Richard**]..... from **Marvin Sparks**: I'm sorry that I haven't sent my dues before this. [you did now and that's what counts. Thanks] I enjoy the Newsletter very much. I also would like an up-to-date roster [on its way]. I haven't been able to attend any of the reunions but hope to some year. Keep up the good work. You guys are doing a great job [thanks for that]..... from **Hugh Waltz**: I have been receiving the Newsletter and the time has come to pay up [thanks]. Here are my dues, so keep the presses running. You do a good job on the Newsletter. [thanks - it's a one-man operation putting it together.] My Navy history includes: enlisted January 9, 1952; Boot Camp at San Diego; Destroyer USS Rupertus DD851, which was assigned to the 7th fleet. Saw duty during the Korean War. Transferred to the Seabees September 1953. Went to Driver's School at Port Hueneme, then to Pyongtaek, Korea, 2/20/54-2/20/55 with CBMU 101, Det. A at K-6, MAG 12, First Marine Air Wing, base mainte-



nance; Guam, MCB 10, Co. A-3, 3/20/55 until discharge 12/9/55. Returned home, married, went into farming full time and retired in 1994. Can't make San Antonio. Maybe next time.

Don't see any names I recognize on the lists, so maybe they haven't signed up yet. Thanks for sharing all of the news and pictures..

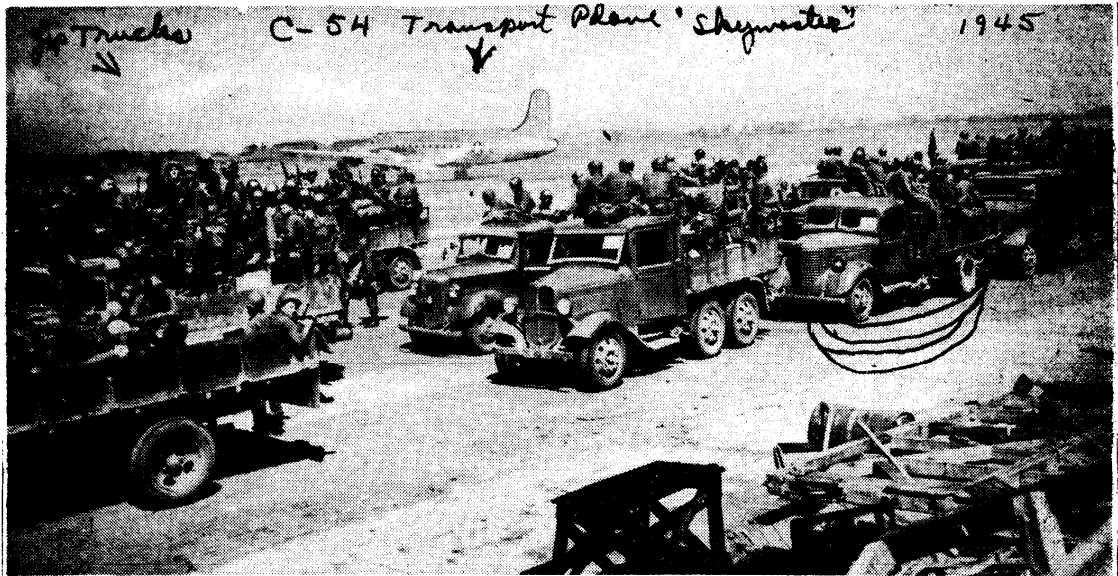
..... from **Richard Swallow**: I did not see my name on the Good Guy list so here are my current dues, although I was in MCB 8. I will most likely remain a member. [thanks] MCB 8 has a reunion group now, headed by Capt. **Gordon Gilmore** of Bakersfield, California. I served with **Stoney** briefly in MCB 8 in Vietnam in 1965. I enjoy the Newsletter and share it with other Korea vets. [great!] My Seabee collection continues to grow and I hope that **Larry Meacham**, who lives in Joplin, MO, got in touch with you. [no, not yet.]... from **Lowell Rohrig**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. Now I am on the Good Guy List. Wow! I enjoy the Newsletter..... from **C.D. Dowell**: Enjoy the Newsletter! [thanks] I even found a war buddy from K-3 and am looking forward to San Antonio. I hope I am paid up. [yep..... through '00] I have only two pictures from this era and enclosed is one of them. It is a picture of the 1953 K-3 Marine-Seabee basketball champs on the peninsula. We went to the Far East Tourney in Japan and got beat by Bill Bradley (I think) who was a college player then. Might need to check this out. I know only two of us from CBMU 101 and would like to identify the rest of the team. [see the team picture on page 18] from **Verle Williams**: After reviewing your last three Newsletters, I noticed that many members had served at Subic Bay and Atsugi. Looking through my collection of newspaper clippings I ran across some you might want to use. Enclosed is a check to help with postage. [thanks. SW]..... from **Dale Rogers**: Sorry I'm late with the dues [ahh, but they're here now!] Looking forward to the reunion in San Antonio next year. [Thanks to all of you who wrote. I tried to

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include most or all of the notes you send. Keep those cards and letters coming. Scott]



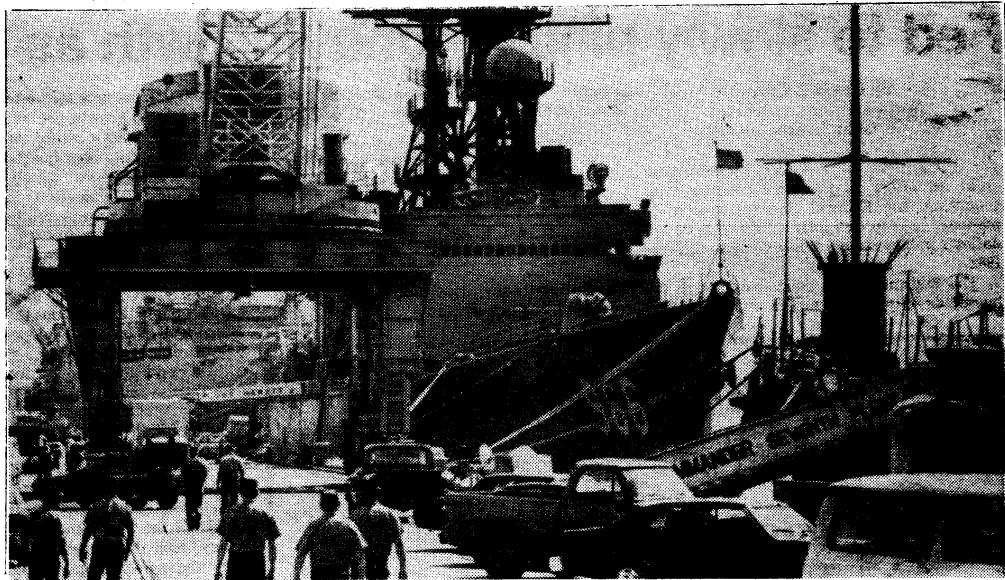
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American Occupation Troops Pour Into Japan

Elements of the 188th Parachute Infantry Regiment are loaded into trucks at Atsugi Airfield, Japan, on their way to Yokohama. They have just arrived from Okinawa by transport planes (one of these planes is shown in the background).

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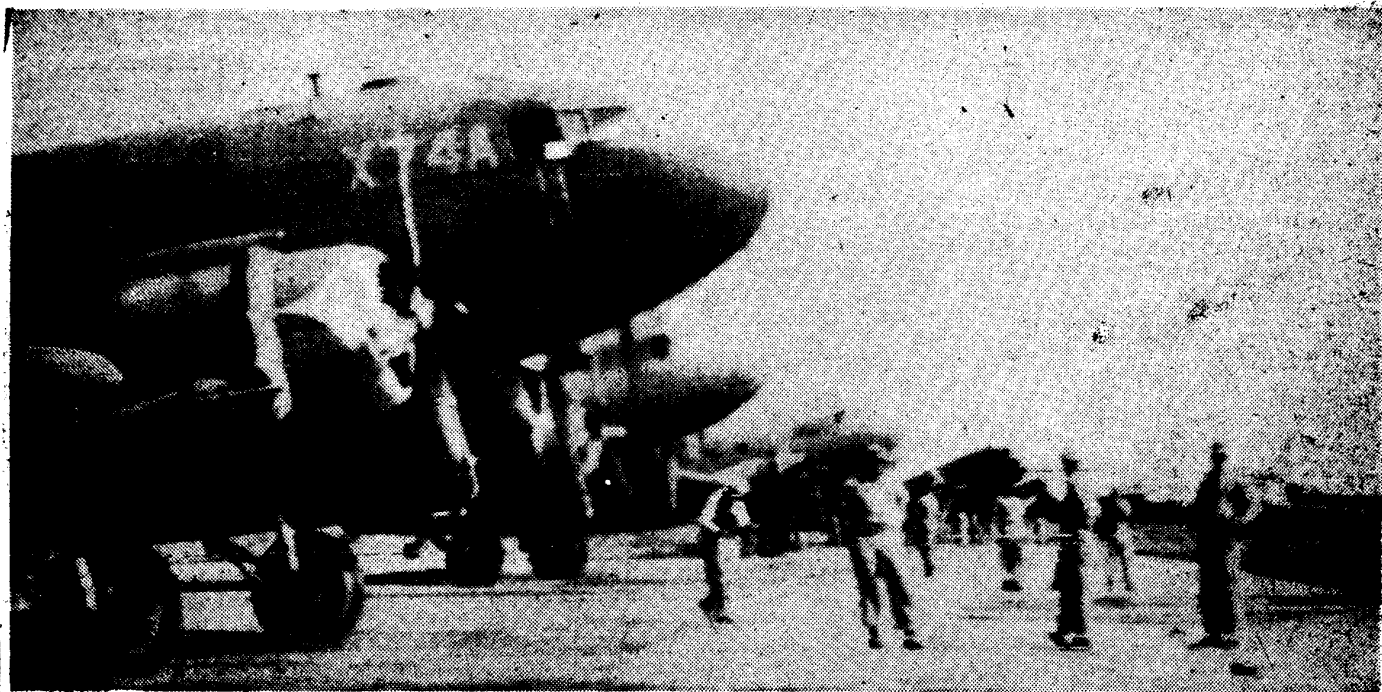
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Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines is a major facility for the US 7th Fleet in the western Pacific

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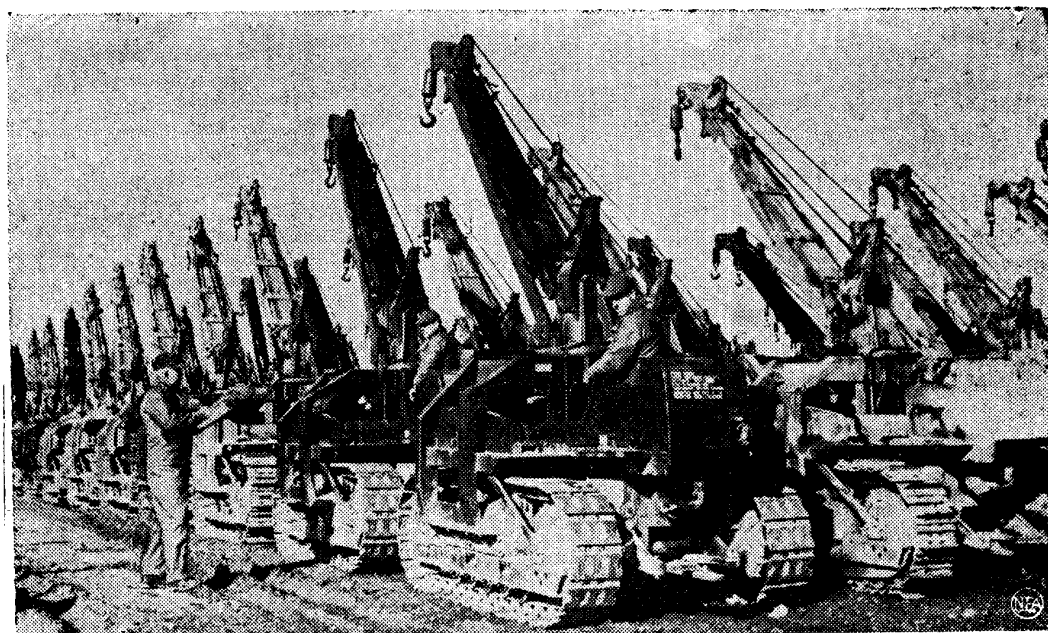
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C-47's

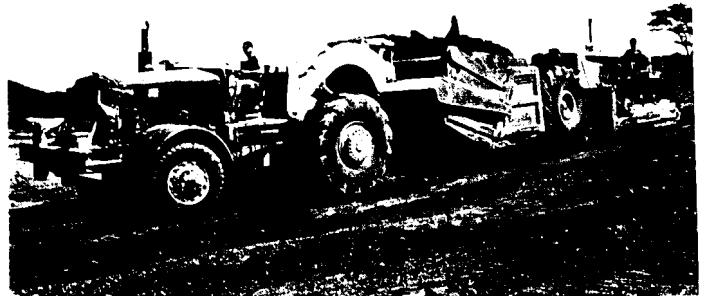
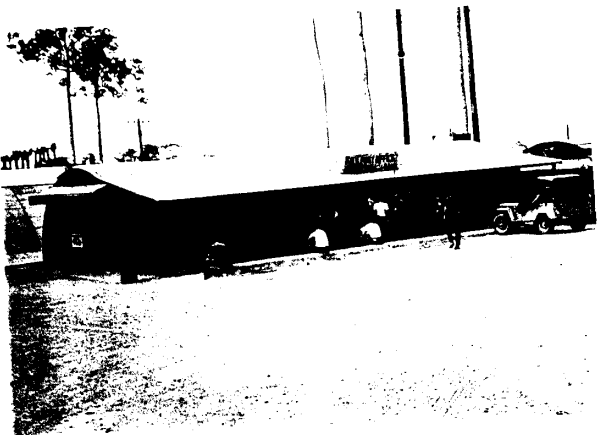
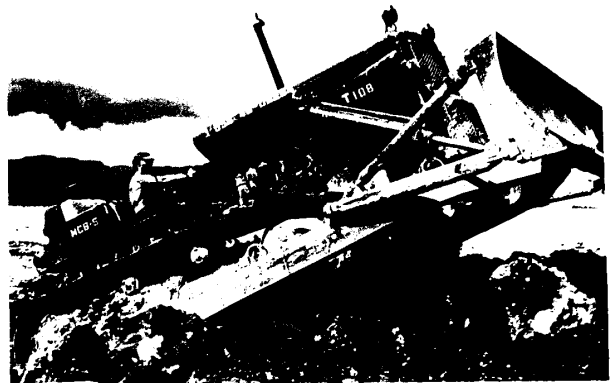
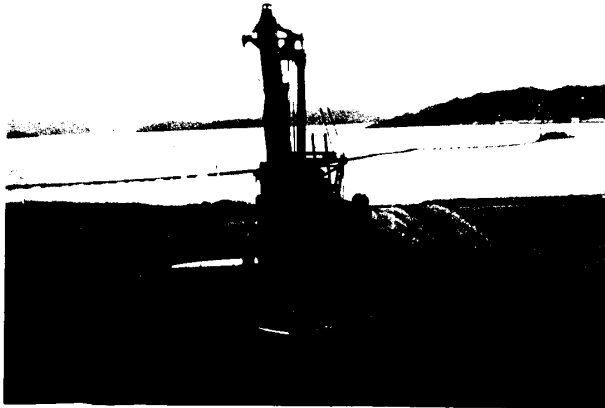
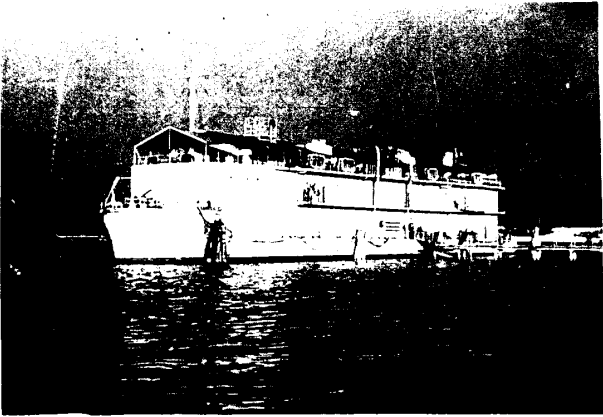
'Jungle Skippers' DebarK at Atsugi Airport

1945

Crews of United States C-47's, troop-carrier group, shown taking over the airstrip near Tokyo to prepare the field for the mass landing of troops to follow. This marked the first landing of a hostile force on Japanese soil in the long history of the Island Empire.



"SEABEES" TRAIN TO GIVE OUR GI'S A LIFT—Men of the Navy's Mobile Construction Battalions—"Seabees"—get checked out at an undesignated base on rows of "cherry-picker" cranes as part of their training to build in a hurry under combat conditions. In Washington, the Navy says the crane drivers boast they can make the versatile machines do everything but pick cherries.

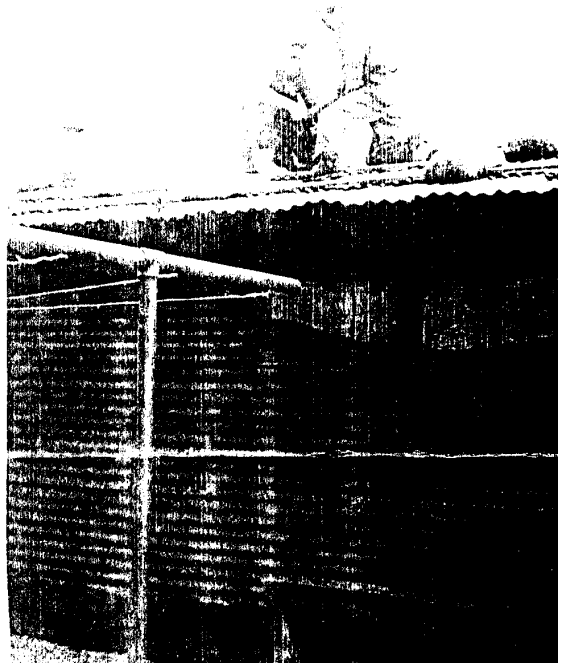


Subic Bay – 1952 – 1954



Karl Wiesenbacher

From the Wiesenbacher K-3 cell



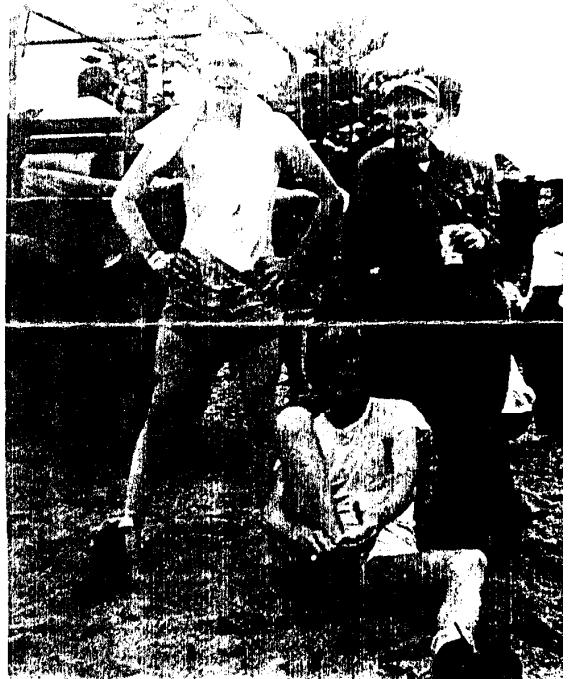
Ervin Lampe doing hard time

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The office crew

The office crew



Ervin Lampe and crew at beach

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CBMU 101 at K-3

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.



IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!

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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 364 members paid through

## Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.  
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## 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.

# THE GOOD-GUY LIST

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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 July 27, 2000. There are currently 368 paid up members

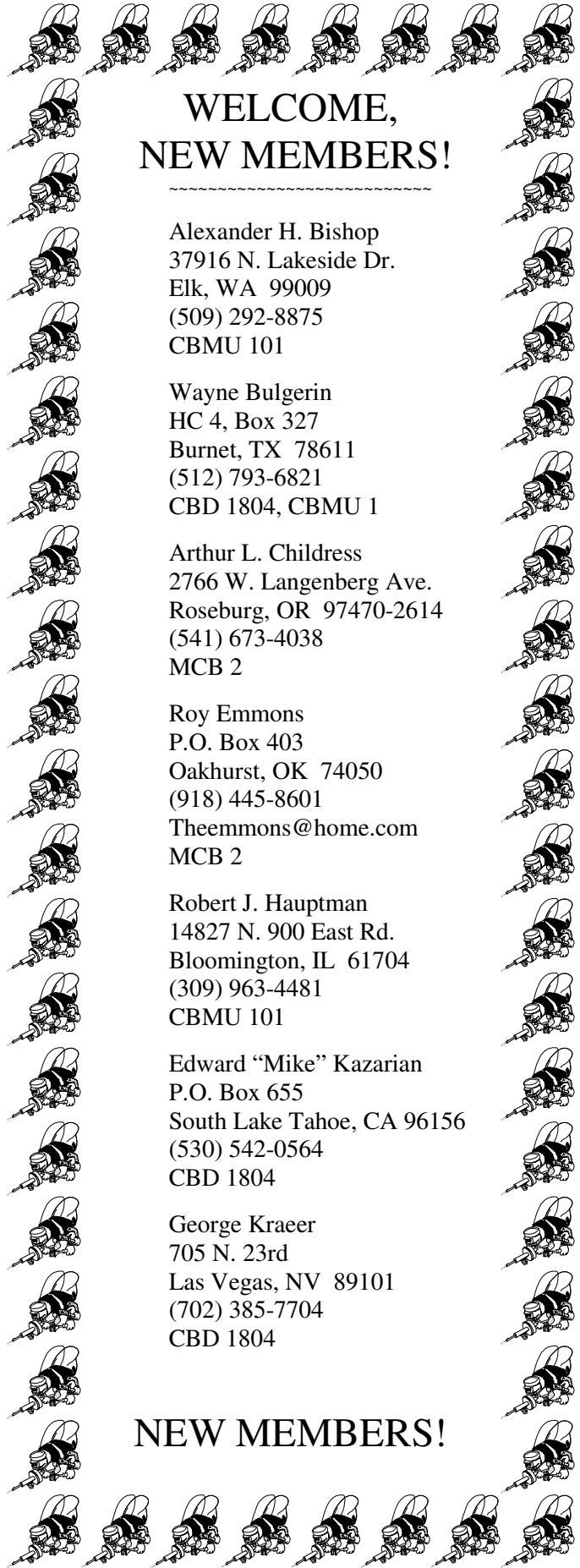
### DAFFY-AFFIRMATIONS

- ◆ Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- ◆ To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world.
- ◆ Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% of how you respond to it.

### 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!

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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 your name is not  
on the Good Guy List,  
this is your last issue.**

## **Our Fallen Comrades**

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Tom Crowder 4/12/00

Ronald D. LaFave 5/27/00

Lilbern L. Layton 4/28/99

Arthur Mullenix 4/24/00



## Seabee Mugs, Plates and Mouse Pads!

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Bud Smith can provide anyone with Seabee mugs, plates and computer mouse pads. The mugs are white with a 3" gold Seabee and the plates are white with a 5" gold Seabee. Prices are: mugs – \$7, plates – \$9, mouse pads – \$4, all plus shipping. Contact Bud at 2329 El Rancho Circle, Hemet, CA 92545 (909) 765-8221 or e-mail:

## Little-Known Truths

- ◆ It is well documented that for every mile that you jog, you add one minute to your life. This would enable you, at 85 years old, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5,000 per month.
- ◆ The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
- ◆ I joined a health club last year, spent about \$400. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.
- ◆ I like long walks. Especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- ◆ If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.
- ◆ I don't exercise at all. If God meant for us to touch our toes, He would have put them further up on our body.
- ◆ I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

## Frank J. Iafrate, 81, Died. Designed Seabee Logo And Coined the Name

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It was Mr. Iafrate who coined the name "Seabee" for a corps of Navy engineers and laborers who built the bunkers, docks and airports crucial to the defeat of Japan in World War II. And it was Mr. Iafrate who created the Seabee insignia – a fierce-looking bee toting a machine gun and a slew of construction tools.

The Seabee mascot would travel all the way to the Mediterranean, the invasion of Normandy, and the Pacific Ocean, which became a symbol of the pride of the Marine builders, and it would earn a prominent post at the entrance to Davisville, RI, the North Kingstown base where the Seabees were born.

Mr. Iafrate, 81, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, at his home in North Providence, RI.

It took Mr. Iafrate just a few hours in January 1942 to design a logo that would outlast him. At age 22, he dropped out of the Rhode Island School of Design, failed to get a job with the Walt Disney Company and had grown tired of drawing caricatures at area nightclubs, so he took a job as an engineering clerk at Camp Endicott in Davisville. There, his drawing skills caught the attention of an officer who had taken charge of 250 men hand-picked to form what was originally given the uninspiring name "Construction Battalion of the Navy." The officer asked him to rename the group and create a logo. "About a day later," he said in an interview, "I thought of a bee. It works all day, it doesn't bother you but if you bother it, it has a way of stinging you. I put a Navy hat on him, gave him a submachine gun to show fighting ability, and some tools in his other arms to show construction ability."

Mr. Iafrate never made a dime off his creation but, as a civilian, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Navy. He later enlisted and served in the Seabees.

Reprinted in part from the NSVA publication *Can Do*



1953 Marine-Seabee Basketball Champions  
K-3 Korea



## Patches from Don McDaniel

Don can get embroidered patches made if any are interested.

CBMU 1 HE patch:

25 @ \$15 ea.

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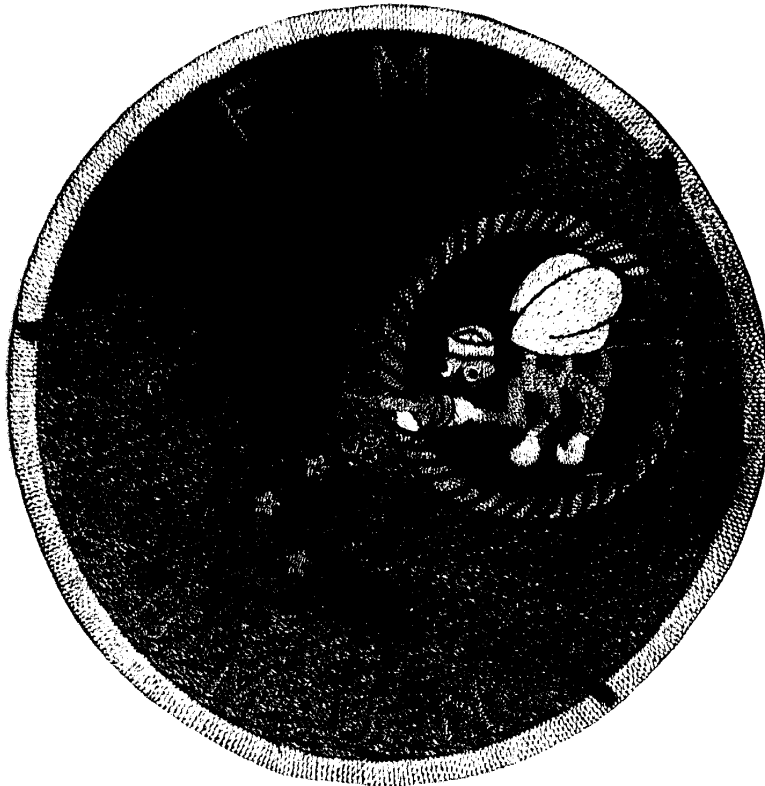
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FMAW/CBMU 1 Patch:

25 @ \$12 ea.

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Pictures from Clem Gregurek  
CBMU 101 Det. Able Korea  
MAG 12

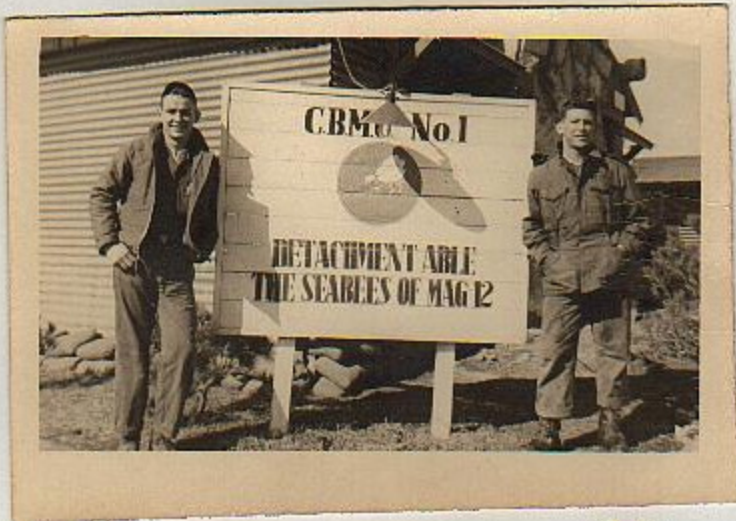


Clem Gregurek, 3rd from left, Ryder, far right.  
Does anybody know the others?

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GREGUREK  
3RD. FROM LEFT

(CBMU-101  
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FAR RIGHT  
RYDER



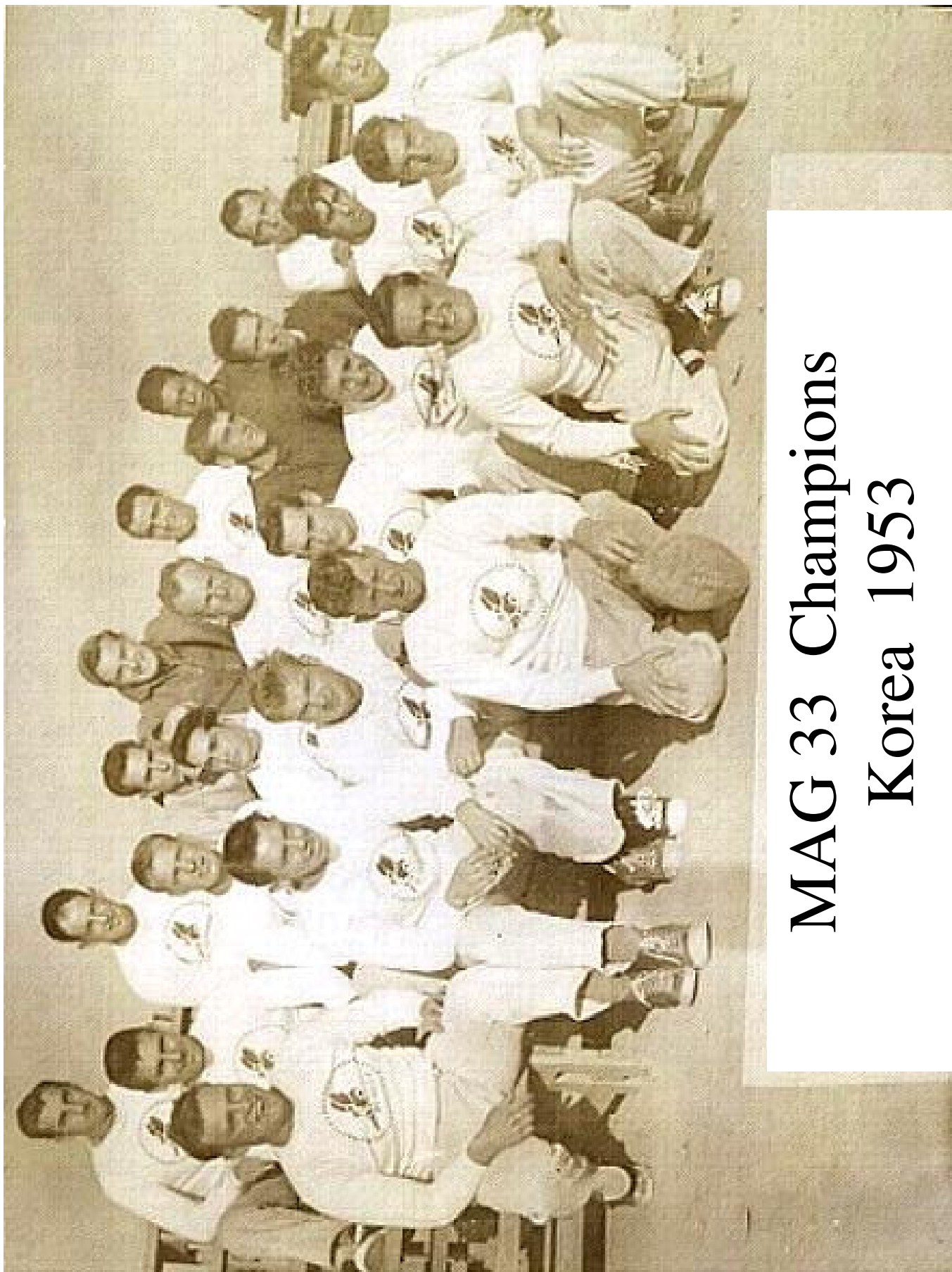
Clem, left, Shaw, right.

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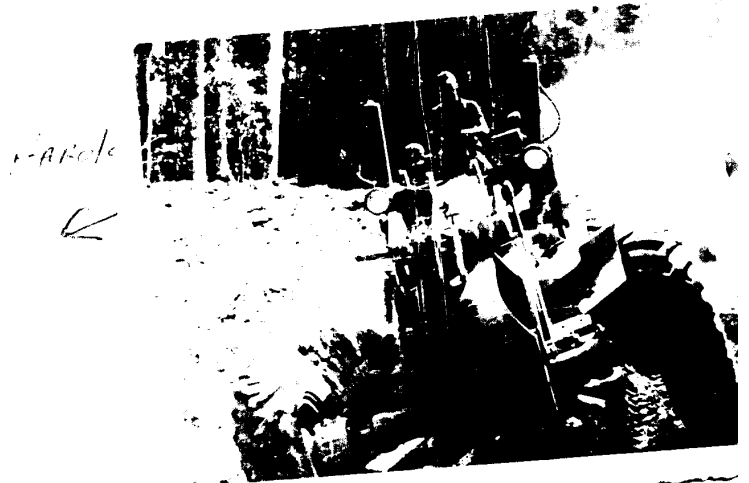
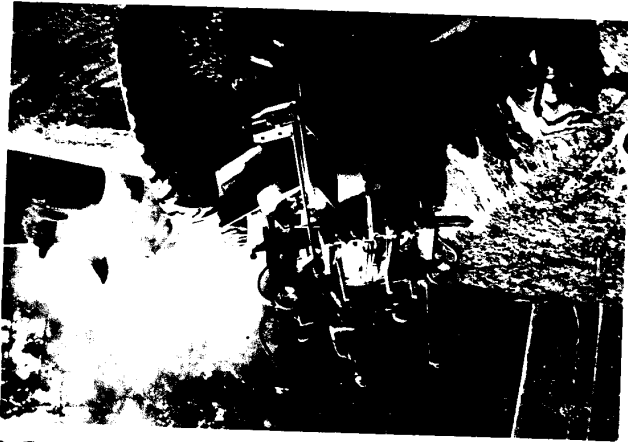
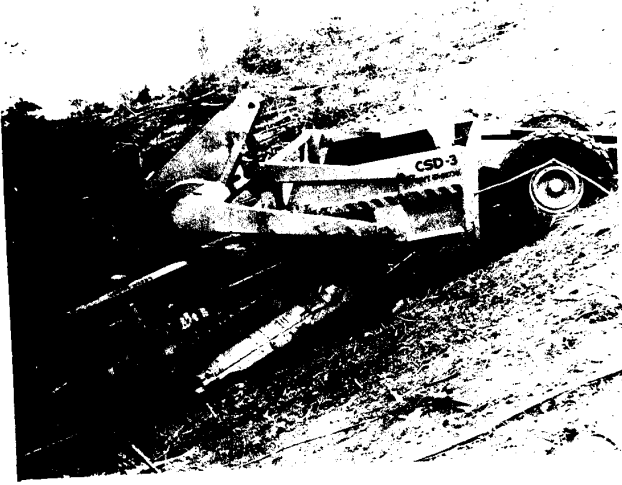
SHAW



Stoney sent a picture of Tom Crowder who passed  
away in April.



**MAG 33 Champions**  
**Korea 1953**



Pictures from Pat Carey – Subic Bay – 1952 – 1954



Pat Carey on beach  
with building on hillside



Pat Carey on beach  
with building on hillside



Pat Carey on beach  
with building on hillside

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