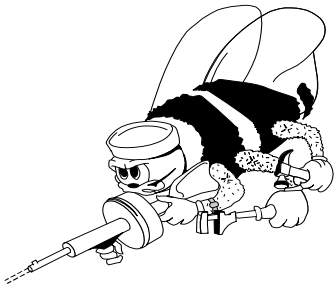


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Seabees

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

We're on our way to

San Antonio!

Be There September 13 – 15, 2001

See page 13 for schedule

**SIGN UP FOR
ALL OF THE**

The tours are great and are filling up fast! Get in on the fun and take the tours with your buddies and their wives (or friends). Don't be left out and wishing that you had signed up earlier. The river cruise and dinner will be fun as will be the western bar-b-que and cowboy show. Don't miss out on all of the great fun and friendship! Send in your registration form and do it now!
See you there!

**DOOR PRIZES
AT THE
REUNION!**

The door prizes at our past reunions have been a big hit, so bring something for door prizes at our banquet. In the past, we have had bottles of wine, ball caps, knives, and many other items of interest. Use your imagination and bring something that all would enjoy winning. We also plan to have some raffles. Remember the beautiful Seabee Afghan we had in Charleston? We will have another in San Antonio. Come and enjoy!

Cruise Book Update

Hooray! The 1954 books have all been shipped to those that ordered them and the printer is working on the 1951 Atsugi book. It is hoped that this book will be available prior to our reunion. Both books will be available at our ship's store table in San Antonio.

A Message From Pete Elliott

The San Antonio Reunion is around the corner so make your reservations now.

I have been very busy 'piping'. On May 14 & 15, our pipe band, the Cleveland Police Pipes & Drums, took part in the National Police Memorial Services in Washington, D.C. On the 18th & 19th, we held our Memorial Service and annual tattoo in Cleveland. We had bands from New York, New Jersey, Chicago, and Canada. Over 200 pipers in one place! On May 28, I soloed at the tomb of President Garfield at Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland for a Veterans Memorial Service held by a joint group of veterans from all armed services and representatives from all wars and conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to the present.

By the time you read this, Memorial Day will be gone for another year and little will be remembered about the day or the weekend. I sat and watched the news about the memorial services and stories about Pearl Harbor and other conflicts and thought about the SEABEES who gave their lives for our great nation. At the roll call of Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the line of duty in Washington, D.C. and Cleveland, the name of the officer was announced and then ended with "Gone, but not forgotten." Let's remember all Seabees "Gone, but not forgotten."

I would like to share with you a paragraph from an editorial written in the first part of April by Miss Regina Brett of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "A flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all we and our comrades have worked for and lived for, and died for — a nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of justice, freedom and democracy."

See you all in San Antonio.

Be safe.

Pete Elliott

Seabees

August – September Dates to Remember

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| Aug. 6, 1945 | Bombing of Hiroshima |
| Aug. 7, 1942 | 1st marine Division lands on Guadalcanal |
| Aug. 9, 1945 | Bombing of Nagasaki |
| Aug. 11, 1942 | Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned. Original home of the Seabees. |
| Aug. 14, 1945 | Japan surrenders. |
| Aug. 20, 1942 | OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal, first CEC/Seabee Officer to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 1, 1942 | 6th NCB Seabees arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 2, 1945 | Formal surrender of Japan. WW II ends. |
| Sept. 14, 1892 | Admiral Ben Moreell's birthday. |
| Sept. 15, 1950 | Seabees land at Inchon, Korea. |



Notes from our



strokes all year back to the end of '98 and he would tell his VA doctor but the doctor paid no attention to him. Now he has two doctors and, no, they are not VA, that's for sure. I'm renewing the

Newsletter for him..... from **Betty Crowder**: Use this check wherever needed in memory of **Tom Crowder**, 6/25/29 - 4/12/00. No thanks needed. [MCB2 appreciates your gift very much]

..... from **Robert (Frenchie) Jandreau**: Sorry I'm late with my dues [thanks]. Seems like I'm always late. Keep up the good work. We won't be able to make it to the reunion again this year but maybe next time. Please note the address change..... from **Gene McDonagh**: I received the latest issue of the MCB 2 news but it was sent to the old address. [your new address was received after we went to press. It's about a one or two-week lead time for printing and mailing, so, when the publication date says April 1, I have to estimate that date. I actually sent it to the printer March 19. Anyway, your new address is on file now and is in the "MAKE A NOTE" section of the Newsletter. But you didn't list your new phone number or e-mail address.]

..... from **Don Gelroth**: Here are my dues [thanks]. San Antone looks a little bit doubtful at this time. Rough winter. Tons of snow. And back surgery. Not a very good combination. Thanks for the Newsletters. I look forward to them [thanks]..... from **Ken Kuper**: Enclosed find dues for CBD 1804 and CBMU 1. I sure enjoyed meeting with you all at Charleston, SC, even if I did not know anyone. It was good to get together with some Seabees who were at Korea. I was in Korea during 1951 and 1952, started at K-3 and on to K-6 with CBD 1804 under Lt. **John Mascenik**. I mostly spent my time in the office acting as the company Yeoman even though I was rated as an electrician. I remember **Danny Terry**, **Warren G. Price**, and **Wayne Lampshire**. I see that **Danny Terry** is the only one who has been found with an address. I think **Warren G. Price** was from Kake, Alaska, and **Wayne Lampshire** was from Nebraska. Really not much help. I was originally from Illi-

..... from **Arlin Hardwick**: [sent dues. Thanks.] Hope to see you in San Antonio received dues from **Luther Hall**, **Gordon Love**, **Richard (Rik) Shafer**, and **Dwight Yetter**, [thanks] From **Stoney Serrett**: Just a few lines to say hello and to congratulate you on another fine Newsletter. Well done and thanks for all of your hard work [thanks, **Stoney**]. I am enclosing a check for the **Galen Farnsworth** CD. Also, I would encourage all of our Seabee Buddies to purchase a copy. It is certainly a good way to add to the treasury. I know it will be worth the eight dollars [yes, it sure is]. Please send it to my new address..... from **Silas (Ida) Bucher**: Sorry for being late with the dues

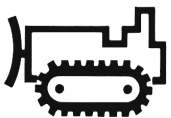
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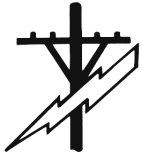
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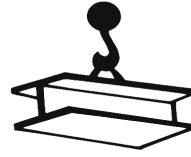


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nois, North (Fox Lake, Ill), and retired from the Post Office as Postmaster after 34 years..... from **William (Bill) Alwine**: I want to thank you for the back issues of the

Newsletters. I didn't know of these units getting together for a reunion. It was a surprise to me. I saw some names that I think I remember. It has been a long time and age is telling on me. [ha! Aren't we all!] Hoping to make it to San Antonio this September. I'll do my best. Sending some dues to help [thanks].... from **Erv Lampe**: First of all, I want to let you know that my wife and I are reserved at the hotel in San Antonio and we have our reservations at the various events. Secondly, I have really been remiss in not letting you know how much I truly enjoy receiving your e-mail messages, comments, cartoons, etc. They really are great. Please keep them coming. I received my copy of the MCB 2 Newsletter today and, as always, enjoyed reading it from cover to cover. However, I must clarify some comments made by Mr. **Bill Ganske**. I was never his boss. I may have offered some directions, but he couldn't follow them if you hung a sign around his neck. (my apologies, **Bill**.) If I had **Bill's** e-mail address I would send this to him direct. [sorry, but no e-mail address] Lastly, I ordered and received a Seabee mug from **Bud Smith** and it is really great. I urge everyone who might want a really nice Seabee remembrance to get one, too. I will have my name etched in the bottom at the reunion. "Hands off." from **William (Bill) Alwine**: I enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and spent my boot camp at The Great lakes, only 6 weeks, a young country boy wanting to see the world. I was sent to Opalocka, Florida, to the crash crew, driving an ambulance. Something new to me. After a short time, I was sent TAD to Fort Pierce, Florida, for

training as a Frogman. Then to Jacksonville FFT to 104th NCB, Coronado, California, and some more training on the beach in the sand. I really liked that. The war was ending and men were going



home. Some time in 1946, the battalion broke up and some other men and I had orders to CBD 1509 at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. I drove truck and equipment and worked on some of the other islands in the Marshalls and the Marianas on the bomb tests. In November 1948, my enlistment was up and I re-enlisted and received orders to the 103rd NCB on Guam. Worked in transportation, drove bus and man-haul for some time. In late 1950 or early 1951, I was sent to 124th NCB, Adak, Alaska. I did everything I could to get out of Adak except go over the hill. I hated that station. I finally got orders out of there to CBD 1804 in Korea. I rode an ammo ship to Pusan and then to CBMU 1 at K-3 in Pohang. I operated a dozer and Super C scrapers in the river bottom. We called them Widow Makers. I was there for a long time. In 1952 or 1953, I went to Atsugi, Japan. I believe it was CBMU 101. After that job was complete, I went to Iwakuni with CBMU 101. I operated a Northwest 6 shovel off the base loading fill for the air field and filling the hopper for the asphalt plant. I got married in 1954 to a lady I met a long time before. I had a daughter born in the hospital there. Late in 1955, I received orders to Subic, either MCB 3 or MCB 5, I don't remember. I operated a scraper and was only there for a short time. I went on shore duty at Port Hueneme with the Operation Division and spent two years there. Then, I received orders to MCB 5. Guess where we went?! Adak, Alaska. I love that place! I was only there about three or four months and then received orders to Beachmaster Unit 1, West Pac, Camp McGill, Japan. I was able to take my family with me. I think this was in 1956. I spent 3½ years there. My son was born in Yokuska, Japan, in 1957. I was on Operation all of the time with Marine shore party.

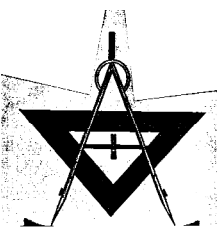
We were in Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, Korea, and Taiwan. I think I rode every LST and LSD in the Pacific Fleet, living out of a seabag and on the beach on sea rations. In 1958 or 1959, I went back to Port Hueneme where my





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youngest daughter was born in 1960. In 1961, I went back to MCB 5 and on to Okinawa for some time. This has been so many years ago, I think I'm getting old. Next, I went to Navscon to B school. Then I received orders to Davisville, Rhode Island, to the re-commissioning of MCB 71. I think this was in 1965. We went to Chu Lai and Da Nang and worked in the rock quarry. After one deployment to Port Hueneme on the Battalion SOAP TEAM, then to Viet Nam again to Chu Lai and TET '68, went up north to Hue for a short time and we got run out of there. After two trips to Viet Nam, I stayed in Davisville in MCB 71 Det. Zulu, to help build a dry dock. In 1969, I went to IT school at San Diego FFT to Port Hueneme Navscon A school as an Instructor. I was no classroom instructor, as I soon found out. In March 1971, I took my retirement. What a change this was for me. I was very happy to get out, but sad to leave all the friends I had served with. I have met and served with some great men in my life and will never forget them. I made my home in eastern Oregon and worked out of the union hall Local 701 in construction and in the winter worked in the woods loading logs. In 1991, I retired and took my Social Security and relaxed making furniture in my shop. My wife became ill in 1993 and I took care of her until she passed away in 1998. I just travel some now, spending my winters in Southern Texas in the Rio Grande Valley like all the other snowbirds. I spend the summers with my children in Idaho and Oregon and visiting friends. If you would like to contact me, PO Box 125, Nampa, ID 83651, (503) 805-9150..... from **Jack (Elaine) Stewart**: Really enjoyed the Cruise Book. Glad it got done..... from **Roy Peak**: I'm back in Kennewick, Washington, after 2½ months in



Berkeley, California, visiting my daughter, son-in-law and grandson. I'm an AARP Tax Counselor for the Elderly (a TCE) and do Federal and Cali-



fornia tax returns at senior centers and libraries in Berkeley and Oakland. I "helped" 293 people and that keeps me busy while visiting. I've sent my hotel reservation using the form provided in the April 1st Newsletter. I also have reservations to fly south on Tuesday, September 11th and leaving Sunday, September 16. I'll contact the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and bring what ever they provide to promote the 2003 reunion..... from **Gordon Keen**: My check is enclosed for dues [thanks] and if I could get a copy of the roster [on the way]. Some familiar names keep coming up in your swell newsletter. Some of them must be getting pretty mature by now since the last contact I had with any was in 1952! I doubt that we can make San Antonio in September. But the good news is that I'll have an MCB 2 Newsletter to read all about it. Scott, you and your helpers are doing a great service for me and a big bunch of ustabe Seabees. Thanks very much. [thank you and you are most welcome.] I promised Stoney that I would look in on Bill Harbeck who is laid up at Marines Health Center, Room 415, Bethany, OK 73008. I haven't been able to fulfil that promise since last year. I'm sure he would appreciate anyone or even a card. He was at Subic Bay..... from **Cecil (Arky) Price**: Hope life is being good to you. Me, I never complain. I had to change my mailing address and thought I would let you know. I may bring a friend to the reunion with me. She is a widow lady that I have known for years and I told her that at our age I didn't think us traveling together would cause a scandal. I'm sending a few bucks to maybe help pay some expenses [thanks]..... from **Raymond Sorrentino**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Hope to meet you in San Antonio..... See you in San Antonio!

No matter which way you go,
it's uphill and against the wind.



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**Our Fallen
Comrades**

Orin J. Randall 11/29/99

May they live on in our memories.

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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 April 18, 2001. There are currently 388 paid up members from a mailing list of 432. There are 775 names on the roster. (SW)

Rome did not create a great empire by having meetings. They did it by killing all those who opposed them.

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 755 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 (21 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters - especially the ones with checks!
Scott Williams

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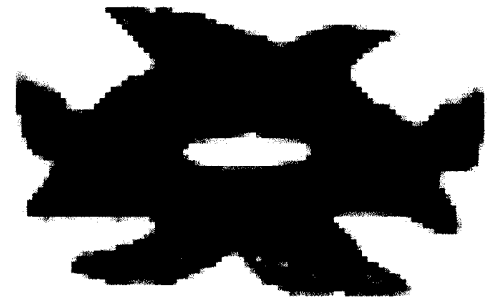
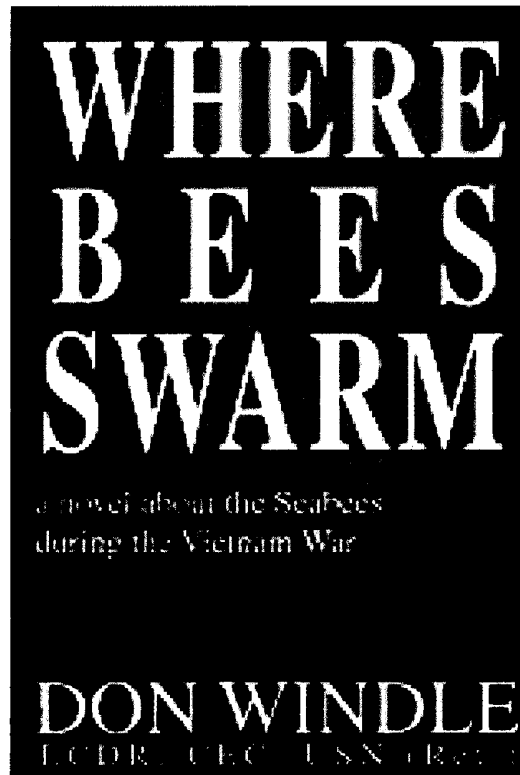


Top photo: Tent City, Subic Bay. From Rex Roark

Bottom photo: Orin Randall, top right, Korea, CBMU 1/101



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## HOTEL RESERVATION CARD

(1-800-AT-TEXAS) - (210) 223-9461

**GROUP NAME:** MCB-2 Association Reunion

**DATES:** September 13 through September 16, 2001

**RATE:** Single \$92.00 Double \$92.00

**PARKING:** \$5.00 Self / \$10.00 Valet



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| Guest Name:            |  |
| Address:               |  |
| City, State, Zip Code: |  |
| Phone:                 |  |

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| Credit Card Number for Guarantee: | Type of Card and Expiration Date: |
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| Smoking | Non-Smoking |
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**Guaranteed by Credit Card:** Please provide your credit card number, expiration date in space provided. We will bill this credit card upon departure unless you indicate otherwise at check in.

**Cancellation:** All reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card and are subject to a 24 hour cancellation policy.

**Refund:** Deposits are refundable if canceled prior to 24 hours of the arrival date.

**Cut-Off Date for Reservations:** All Reservation Cards Must be Received by the Hotel no Later than **4:00 pm on Friday, August 10, 2001**. Group rates cannot be guaranteed after cut off date.

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**MCB-2 ASSOCIATION  
SHERATON FOUR POINTS, SAN ANTONIO, TX  
SEPTEMBER 12 – 16, 2001**

**Wednesday, September 12**

8:00am Hospitality Room open  
9:00am - 12:00pm Planning Committee meeting  
12:00pm - 5:00pm **Early Bird Registration**  
5:15pm - 9:00pm Casa Rio River Barge Cruise (see description on reverse)

**Thursday, September 13**

Hospitality Room open  
7:30am - 8:30am **Reunion Registration open**  
9:00am - 3:00pm City Tour (see description on reverse)  
1:00pm - 4:30pm **Reunion Registration open.** Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.  
5:15pm - 9:00pm Casa Rio River Barge Cruise (see description on reverse)

**Friday, September 14**

8:00am - 1:45pm Lackland Air Force Base (see description on reverse)  
8:00am - 4:30pm Fredericksburg (see description on reverse)  
5:45pm - 10:00pm Diamond W Ranch (see description on reverse)

**Saturday, September 15**

8:30am - 9:30am Business Meeting  
Free day to explore the River Walk on your own  
2:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Service  
6:00pm - Cash Bar  
7:00pm - Banquet begins

**Sunday, September 16**

Farewells and departures.

**NOT GOOD NEWS....**

Doctor to patient after physical: "Well, I'm sorry to tell you, but you are dying."  
Patient: "Dying! Tell me, how long do I have?"  
Doctor: "Ten."  
Patient: "Ten! Ten what?! Years? Months? What?!"  
Doctor: "Nine..... eight....."

**MCB-2 ASSOCIATION  
TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

**CASA RIO RIVER BARGE CRUISE**

**Wednesday, September 12 OR Thursday, September 13**

Board bus for the Casa Rio Restaurant where barges will be waiting to take you on a one-hour narrated cruise of the beautiful San Antonio River. Each barge holds forty people, so please remind your friends to board the bus and barges together. Once you arrive back at the restaurant you will enjoy an authentic Mexican Feast prepared by the Casa Rio, the first Mexican Restaurant on the river and a local favorite. Dinner includes guacamole salad, chips and salsa, taco, tamale, dessert, and a beverage.

***This outing is limited to 120 people. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.***

**5:15pm board bus, 9:00pm back at the hotel**

**\$40/Person includes bus, escort, barge cruise, and dinner.**

**CITY TOUR**

**Thursday, September 13**

Board bus for a fully narrated tour of San Antonio. Visit the San Jose Mission, and continue on a driving tour past the Alamo, the Riverwalk, HemisFair (the site of the 1968 World's Fair), Brackenridge Park and Zoo, Fort Sam Houston, and more. Enjoy lunch on your own and shopping at El Mercado, a unique Mexican Market. After lunch reboard bus for a tour of the San Fernando Cathedral made famous by Santa Ana as he directed the Mexican troops in the battle of the Alamo.

**9:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at the hotel**

**\$23/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch is on your own.**

**LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE**

**Friday, September 14**

Board bus for Lackland Air Force Base. Enjoy the Training Graduation Parade. Afterwards, take a stroll along the parade grounds and view Lackland's static display of vintage and modern aircraft. Included in the display is the B-17, P-38, F-82, C-47 and many others. Reboard bus and begin a guided windshield tour of the facility. Afterward, tour the History and Traditions Museum, which houses a collection of rare aeronautical objects. The museum's aircraft, engines, instruments, and air weapons span the years of aviation development from its origin to the aerospace age. Reboard bus and head to the Gateway NCO Club for lunch. Lunch will include grilled chicken breast, California mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, coffee or tea, and apple pie.

**8:00am board bus, 1:45pm back at the hotel**

**\$35/Person includes bus, guide, and lunch.**

**OR**

**FREDERICKSBURG**

**Friday, September 14**

Board bus for Fredericksburg and the Lyndon B. Johnson State and National Historic Park. After browsing through the Visitors Center, board the Park Service bus for a guided tour of the ranch. The tour includes the Old Junction School, the Texas White House, and LBJ Ranchlands, with stops at the Birthplace and the Johnson Family cemetery. Reboard bus for the short ride to Fredericksburg. Enjoy lunch and shopping on your own at one of several restaurants and shops located on Fredericksburg's downtown Main Street, or for a nominal fee, tour the Admiral Nimitz Museum dedicated to everyone who served in the Pacific under Admiral Nimitz.

***This outing is limited to 90 people. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.***

**8:00am board bus, 4:30pm back at the hotel**

**\$34/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch is on your own.**

**DIAMOND W RANCH**

**Friday, September 14**

Board bus for Diamond W Ranch, site of San Antonio's best chuck wagon supper and cowboy show. Your dinner includes Bar-B-Que brisket and your choice of smoked turkey or sausage, beans, salads, biscuits, dessert, and a beverage (beer and wine are available at the cash bar). After dinner, sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Cowboy humor, poetry, and songs are all part of the show, including the band.

**5:45pm board bus, 10:00pm back at the hotel**

**\$46/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner show.**

***Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.***

**REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM**

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to **ARMED FORCES REUNIONS** in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **AUGUST 10, 2001**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

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**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 11327**  
**Norfolk, VA 23517**  
**ATTN: MCB-2 REUNION**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CUT- OFF DATE IS AUGUST 10, 2001**

|                                                                                                            | <b>Price<br/>Per</b> | <b>No. of<br/>People</b> | <b>Total</b> |
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| <b>Tours</b>                                                                                               |                      |                          |              |
| Wednesday: Casa Rio River Barge Cruise (includes dinner)<br>(maximum capacity is 120 people)               | \$40                 |                          | \$           |
| Thursday: City Tour                                                                                        | \$23                 |                          | \$           |
| Thursday: Casa Rio River Barge Cruise (includes dinner)<br>(maximum capacity is 120 people)                | \$40                 |                          | \$           |
| Friday: Lackland AFB (includes lunch) <b>OR</b>                                                            | \$35                 |                          | \$           |
| Fredericksburg (maximum capacity is 90 people)                                                             | \$34                 |                          | \$           |
| Friday: Diamond W Ranch (includes dinner)                                                                  | \$46                 |                          | \$           |
| <b>Meals</b>                                                                                               |                      |                          |              |
| Saturday Banquet (please select your entrée)<br>Roast Prime Rib of Beef                                    | \$30                 |                          | \$           |
| Chicken Sesame                                                                                             | \$30                 |                          | \$           |
| <b>REGISTRATION FEE</b>                                                                                    |                      |                          |              |
| Includes administrative, hospitality room expenses, and entertainment.                                     | \$5                  |                          | \$           |
| <b>Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b><br>(Please do not staple or tape your payment.) |                      |                          | \$           |

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EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES  NO  ARE YOU FLYING?  DRIVING?  RV?

Full refunds will be sent for the above-mentioned activities if cancellation is received by **SEPTEMBER 7, 2001**, **(BARGE CRUISE MUST BE CANCELLED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10, 2001)** less a \$3 processing fee. After that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies and/or the resale of tickets. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am-5pm eastern time (excluding holidays)**. CALL (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.

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