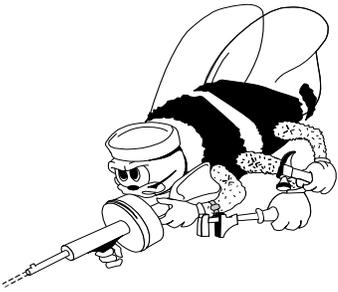


MCB 2 Reunion Association

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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

Cleveland!

September 10-14, 2003

Fellow Bees and Honey Bees

From Pete Elliott

I have set the reunion for Sept 10 to 14, 2003, and have been working with the Radisson Inn, North Olmsted, a western suburb of Cleveland. It is situated on the edge of the Great Northern Shopping Center, which is one of the largest in this area. There are many restaurants, shops, etc., within walking distance. Price-wise, we are looking at a rate of \$79.00 to \$83.00 per day, plus a 14% bed tax. Shuttle service is available to and from the airport (10 minutes) and the shopping center.

Their banquet facility can not hold more than 150 persons. No problem!! I have been in contact with The Springvale Country Club and Golf Course for the banquet, which is 1 mile from the Radisson. It can hold 375 max and our price range is about \$25.00 per person. WE WILL GET YOU THERE AND BACK.

I will be setting up the tours thru a contact I have.

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They will be announced at a later date, along with dates, times, prices etc.

I do need to know if you are planning to come to the reunion, how many you are bringing with you and if you are driving.

PLEASE complete the form at the bottom of this page for our information only. We need to know!

At the present time, the Radisson can only hold 110 to 120 rooms for us. If there is an overflow, you will be booked into a motel within walking distance. All rooms at the Radisson will be on a first come basis. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY RESERVATIONS NOW. I will let you know when to make them.

In past reunions, there have been members that have elected to stay elsewhere, other than the "principal" reunion site. I will get names and locations of nearby motels to the principal site and have them listed in a later newsletter for these members.

Pete

PS: Please respond to the survey at the bottom of this page as soon as possible.

Cruise Book Update

- The 1952 Atsugi cruise book and the 1954 Cubi Point cruise book (year books) are available.
- They were at the San Antonio reunion and will be made available in Cleveland. If you would like a copy of either one or one of each, please notify Scott Williams and one will be sent. Either book is \$35 including shipping or two books for \$65.

Seabees

March – July Dates to Remember

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| Mar. 2, 1867 | CEC established. |
| Mar. 5, 1942 | Seabee Birthday. |
| Mar. 19, 1942 | CEC officers given military authority over construction units. |
| Mar. 22, 1945 | Seabees ferry General Patton's armored units across Rhine River into Germany. |
| April 1, 1945 | Seabees land on Okinawa. |
| April 8, 1942 | Doolittle Tokyo raid. |
| April 9, 1942 | Bataan falls. |
| May 8, 1945 | V-E Day. |
| June 6, 1944 | Seabees land at Normandy. |
| June 15, 1944 | Seabees land on Saipan. |
| June 25, 1950 | Korean War begins. |
| June 30, 1943 | Seabees land with 9th Marine Division, Solomon Islands. |
| July 26, 1944 | Seabees land on Tinian. |

CLEVELAND REUNION RESPONSE FORM

I/we plan to attend. Total number expected in our party: _____

I/we will drive _____ I/we will arrive by air _____

THIS IS A NON-COMMITTAL FORM

If plans change either way, OK. But if you THINK you will attend, let us know!
Send to Scott Williams, 7221 Trading Post Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89128 or call (702) 254-1929



Notes from our



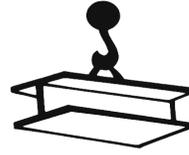
From **Roy Peak**: [sent a copy of the letter from the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation] Here is the reply by the Foundation. They seem to be well organized..... from **Richard Muns**: **Ruth** and I have built a new home and moved in on December 15, 2001. We built in a nearby city [to Augusta, GA]. We are in but still moving. Augusta was getting too busy for us. We are in a subdivision that has a country setting, woods and a creek on the rear of our property, and areas that must remain in their natural state. Sorry that we didn't get to the reunion this year, but we were in the middle of building and, being a true construction nut, I had to see every nail put in place. I understand it was one of the best [it was]. **Ruth** and I are planning to be at the 2003 reunion. Best wishes to all for a Happy New Year..... from **Doug Thorp**: I thought I had sent my dues but, looking at my checkbook, I can find no evidence of such a payment [you did and I have extended your membership. Thanks] So! Enclosed is a check for dues with extra postage for Mexico and a roster please, and another check for the Museum Project. As they say here, Feliz Navidad y Prospero Nuevo Año..... from **Vernon Ammentorp**: [I located **Vernon** on a list from **Bill Hilderbrand**.] Happy New Year! Please find my check enclosed for dues and a little extra for the rosters you sent. The back issues of the Newsletter sure bring back memories of Subic Bay. Thank you [you are welcome and thanks for the dues]. A little history as a Seabee: I attended CD school at Port Hueneme, then Little Creek, Virginia; shore duty at Great Lakes (great place for Shore Patrol duty), then Adak, Alaska; next was Subic Bay, then to Long Beach for discharge in 1955. Also, thank you for the

phone call. I really appreciate all the information and will look forward to receiving more Newsletters. I am also enclosing a check for the Port Hueneme Modernization Project [thanks for your support] from **Russ Granby**: Here's my dues [thanks]. Would you please send the last issue? [on the way] from **Gene McDonagh**: I'm unsure of my paid-up dues so here is a check to be applied for future dues [thanks]. Hope all is well with you and the family [sure is and thanks for asking] from **Bert Helms**: Here's a check for my dues [thanks]. Please send me a roster of all 792 names [on the way]. from **John Jurkash**: Here's my dues [thanks]. Sorry to have missed **Sam Ragusa, John Petronka** and all the rest of you ol' timers. We just couldn't make it three times to Texas. We had two grandsons get married down there last year [that's where they have the prettiest girls. I know. I married one, too.] Looking forward to Minnesota in 2003 [hold on, **John!** We're going to Cleveland!] from **Charlie (Don) Henderson**: Here's my dues [thanks]. I was on the computer looking at a map of Las Vegas which reminded me to send you my dues. I am in Nebraska until about January 24, depending on the weather. Then I will go back to Arizona. [**Don**, you have it upside down. You should be in Arizona now! Not Nebraska.... That's too cold!] I may be back up in Las Vegas in February again with my niece. [great! Give me a call]. C ya from **Edward 'Mike' Kazarian**: Just a few things you might enjoy. [**Mike** sent some pictures and copies of some old recruiting posters - thanks] I wonder if there is any way I could contact anyone that was with the 10th Special Battalion from Camp Perry, '43, that went to Exeter, England. We came back in June 1945. Thanks, **Scott**. You guys are really doing a great job. [thanks] from **Joe DeFranco**: [**Joe** ordered an MCB 2 plaque] Had to get Christmas paid first. Enclosed is my check for the plaque [thanks]..... from **Jim Green**: Here's my check for dues [thanks]. I found some good Subic Bay web



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sites. Lots of Marine records from the era but not much from the Seabee perspective, however. They will add any new stuff if they receive it from any of us [Dave Budworth has sent them quite a few photos of Subic under construction. Check out these sites: <http://www.vrc-50.org/runway.htm> or <http://www.subicbaypi.com/index.htm>]...... from **Roger Hamilton**: I am sending a money order for my dues [thanks]. If it isn't enough to bring me up-to-date, please let me know [it is. You're OK for another year]..... from **Don Seethaler**: Sorry **Carolyn** and I missed the reunion. We hope to make the one in Cleveland, Here are my dues and a little extra [thank you] received dues from **Roger Mohs, William Duensing, Jim Sichel, Herbert Meade, Merle Schnepf, Dan Mills, Pat Morris, Marvin Guetling, Willis Struecker, Richard Baker, Pat Cunningham, and Robert Patinka**, [thanks, guys] from **Don DeLisi**: Enclosed is my check for dues and a roster [thanks, and it is on the way]. If anybody that was in MCB 2 at Cubi Point from 1952-1954 that lives in the St. Petersburg area, I have a lot of pictures [send them to me, **Don**. I'll run them in a Newsletter and send them back.] My email address is don-sue@webtv.net from **Mike Kazarian**: Sorry to be late with my dues [OK, and thanks]. Keep up the great work..... from **Fred Simon**: Hey! It seems funny to be using pen and paper to communicate [**Fred** and I send emails to each other]. Put me on the Good Guy List [you're on, and thanks]..... from **Robert Coley**: Here is a check for my dues [thanks] and please send a roster of CBMU 1/101 [OK, but the roster is of everyone, including 1/101.]..... From **Wilborn Watts**: My wife, son & his wife and two children very much enjoyed our time other old [easy!] Seabees in San Antonio. Thank you, one and all [the two girls were fun and glad they were there to draw tickets for the door prizes]. Enclosed is my check for dues and a couple bucks extra for whatever [thanks for your support]. I would certainly appreciate any info you may come



across about Newsletters, etc., relating to Korea, CBD 1804, or CBMU 1/101 [did you see the magazine we had on the Ship's Store table. *Seabee Log*? It had nothing but Korea stories and the publisher was going to publish an article about CBD 1804, but closed because of lack of subscriptions. **Mal Pearson** has some of these magazines if you would like one. Call him at (781) 272-3357.]..... from **Mylo Cayou**: Sorry to be late in paying my dues [OK, and thanks]. Time flies. Please use the extra to send me a roster [on the way]..... from **Mal Pearson**: Enclosed you'll find a check from **Stoney** for a hat. I mailed it to some buddy of his in Charlotte, NC. By the way, have you heard anything from the reunion services company supplying the memory book? We haven't received ours yet. [sure have and I'm working with them to get it out. They sent me the proof pictures to OK names and there were a lot of corrections. I have since received the proof book with b/w pictures and some refinements still to be done. I hope everyone has their book by the time you get this Newsletter!] Other than that, all is going well with an easy winter. Milder than normal and very little snow!..... from **Jim Stephens**: Enclosed is a check for dues and extra for a roster [thanks, and it is on the way]. I understand from **Dave Budworth** that e-mail addresses are also included in the membership list. That is great. If I get any extra money, I will try to donate to the museum project [thanks for that]. Please change my address [see the address correction column] from **Conrad Lawlor**: [Sent a contribution for the Museum Project and would like it to be in memory of his father, **Joseph P. Lawlor, Sr.**, CEC USNR, the organizer and first commander of the 92nd Naval Construction Battalion which constructed the air base on Tinian where the Enola Gay and Bock's Car left to drop the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan]..... from **DeVon Jensen**: The Newsletter has many fine qualities and one is to remind you when you are not on the "Good Guy List" [thanks to **Roy Cone** for starting that list]. Enclosed are my dues [thanks] and please put



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me back on the list [you're on!] from **Lewie Baker**: Sorry I am late [you're not. But thanks] My e-mail address is Tule@cot.net from **Hugh (Norma) Ire-**

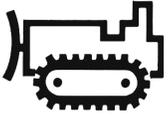
land: Enclosed find a check for my dues [thanks]. We enjoy the Newsletters. **Hugh** had a complete hip replacement done in August 2001 and is doing really good now. No more pain. Thanks for all the Newsletters. There is a little extra included in the dues to help with other things [thank you very much]..... from **Ron Howatson**: Enclosed are my dues and some extra for postage, etc. [thank you]. I hope I got that pledge card figured out right. Let me know if I goofed. [OK, but it is just right and thanks] We missed the reunion for the same reason as most everyone did. We are looking forward to Cleveland in 2003. Thank you for all you do. The Newsletter is really appreciated..... from **Art Siple**: My forgetter is still working overtime. Anyway, enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Probably will never make a reunion. I can't hear and it is too far to ride my horse. This is my retirement, jousting [**Art** sent a picture of him riding his horse in a jousting event]. It is an old sport but it is only done here in the East [**Art** lives in WV]. Have a good year..... from **Richard 'Rik' Shafer**: I see I have been dropped from the "Good Guy List." Here is a check for my dues [back on, **Rik**]. The picture on page 16 of the January 15, 2002, issue brought back some memories. The "In Memoriam" sign was written by a 'committee' but, alas, I am responsible for the lettering, including the poor spelling. CBD 1802 was responsible for various surveying and mapping chores, but mostly those associated with the ammunition area at Camayan Point. 1802 was merged with MCB 2 in 1952. The picture of the four guys sitting around the table is a bit fuzzy [on the same page] but I think the second from left may be **Joe Barbree** and the guy on the right looks like **Herb Liverman**. Thanks for your good efforts on the committee..... from **Dan Pelaez**: My check for



dues is enclosed [thanks]. Time sure gets away! Hope to see you in 2003. from **C.D. Dowell**: Enclosed are my dues and extra for the museum [thank you]. Good idea. My

wife and I enjoyed San Antonio. Keep up the good work [I'll keep trying to. Thanks]..... from **Bill Seesman**: Here's my dues and a little extra for stamps [thanks]. I just got back from the cold north and it's good to be back in the Florida sunshine..... from **Ralph Binney**: Thanks to you, **Pete Elliott** and all of the staff that keeps the MOB 2 reunions going. See you in Cleveland next year. Enclosed are my dues and extra for a roster. My e-mail address is Binneyman@aol.com from **Pat Badgett**: [enclosed dues plus some extra for the museum - thanks] Please note the address change..... from **Don Barry**: [also enclosed dues - thanks] Just a note to say I always enjoy the Newsletter. I recognize quite a few of the names as I was the mailman or postmaster at Atsugi, Japan, from March through November 1951. Keep up the good work..... from **Maggie Kitts**: In September 2001 I notified every organization, membership, and subscription that had any connection to my husband that he had died. I assume that someone should have, but did not, notify your mailing list that **Bruce Kitts** was deceased. I am not angry but please save your organization the costs of printing and mailing further issues [done] from **John Petronka**: I thought you might want to print something about another of our fallen comrades and good friend, **Emil S. Bazzoli** [**John** sent an obit clipping]. Hope all is going well with you and yours. Looking forward to our next reunion in Cleveland! See you there..... from **Darl Schmidt**: Enclosed are my dues and some extra for a roster [on the way, and thanks] from **Harry Nelson**: I just received the latest Newsletter and realized that I hadn't paid my dues, so here they are with a little extra for the Seabee Museum [thanks]. Keep up the good work. I recognize very few names since all my time was in CBMU 101 at K-6 from January '54 to May '55. When **Doug Thorp's** name showed up, I wondered if he was the one

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from our unit. When our pictures appeared together in the Newsletter, it sure brought back some memories. I really appreciate the Newsletter. Thanks

again..... from **Ken Ludwig**: Here are my dues and some extra to help with postage [thanks]. Keep up the good work..... from **Jim (Gladys) Wommack**: Whoops! I don't see **Jim's** name on the Good Guy List so guess I had better be sending some dues [thanks]. Thank you for all you do received a Door Prize Certificate from **Bill Wisnowski**, which he won at the San Antonio reunion from **Lee Stevens**: Enclosed are my dues and I don't know why, but I thought for some reason the dues were due July 1 [nope, **Lee**. Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. But if you joined in July or after, I counted you through the following year.]. Sorry **Lucy** and I couldn't get to San Antonio. We had our suit cases sitting by the back door, ready to be put in the car for the airport. That's when everything happened. If nothing happens in 1993, we will be in Cleveland..... from **Roger Mohs**: I didn't know dues went up, so here is the difference I owe [**Roger** had sent his dues earlier but at the old rate. Thanks for the check] Hope to see you in Cleveland from **Duane Henrichson**: I got busy after our phone call and didn't send my dues like I said I would. Enclosed find a check for dues and some extra for postage or whatever. **Mary** and I got home OK from San Antonio. We must have partied too much as one week later I had a heart attack and spent two days in the hospital. They put in two stents (a neighbor says two culverts) and am doing great. I'm in cardiac rehab, pedaling bicycles and walking the treadmill. There went all the good eats! I am also enclosing a handful of new snow in this letter. We have about 6" as of 2 o'clock... from **Walter Cloonan**: Put me back on the Good Guy List! [you're back and thanks]. Keep up the good work.... from **Alex Hamilton**: I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope if you need to mail out a dues card [no, **Alex**. We don't have dues cards as I have enough to do. That's why we have the



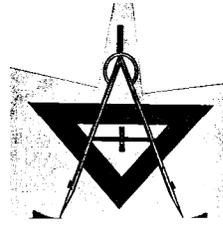
Good Guy List so you can see if you are on it or not. If not, your dues are due.... Simple enough] from **Ol' Salty, Lane Freitag**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I'm doing OK with stent implants

and still tap dancing twice a month. I'll be tap dancing Feb. 27 with the band. I have to slow down as I'm 82 now [Wow!]..... received dues from **Paul Neusetzer, George Kraeer, John Ruby, John Kolasz, Matt Graham, Ronald Claypool, Ralph Bokern, Hank Bentson, Richard Sim, Don Jones, Harvey Lester, Elwin Campbell, and Earl Presson** [thanks, all] received museum contribution from **Roy Peak** from **Eugene Antoine**: [enclosed dues - thanks] Sorry we are late..... from **Richard Swallow**: Enclosed are my dues so I can be on the Good Guy List [thanks - you're on] I noticed in the October Newsletter that **Stoney** had left Canada and was relocated in Texas. I have been in contact with him by mail. He needed some info about the MCB 8 Association..... from **Herb 'Red' Liverman**: I don't know if my dues are due this year or next, but here it is anyway. [thanks] The CBD 1802 picture on page 16 of the January 15, 2002, issue has **H. A. 'Red' Liverman** on the right and **Joe Barbree** 2nd from the left. I did not know I was so muscular in those days [we all were, Red. But now it has mostly settled in the middle!] from **Walter E. 'Gene' Kumpf**: Here's my dues for another year [thanks]. I didn't make San Antonio but hope to make Cleveland. I enjoy the Newsletter, keep up the good work and thanks for everything that you do. I don't recognize many names anymore. It's been a long time [it sure has] from **George 'Gus' Gustin**: If it wasn't for the Good Guy List you would never collect any dues [that's why we use it, **Gus**]. And thanks for the information on **Dick Walters**. I haven't taken the time to call him as we were called away from **Jack Wilson**: I'm sending my dues and a little extra [thanks]. I don't want to get on the Bad Guy List. Also, I want to thank you for the information you gave me to get hold of **P.J. Trotter**. I called him and we had a great time remembering our tour of duty at Subic Bay.



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I hope to see you all at the next reunion, if we all stay well. I forgot to get **PJ's** ZIP. Can you put it in the next Newsletter? [97537] **John Stock:** I discovered I was no longer on the Good Guy List, so here are my dues [thanks]. The excess over the dues is for the Port Hueneme Museum Project and the loose cash is for an address list. Hated to miss San Antonio reunion but the events of 9/11 kept us home. Looking forward to Cleveland in 2003. That's practically in our back yard..... from **Warren Flading:** So glad you got in touch with me [see **Warren's** new address on page 15]. Enclosed check will put me back on the Good Guy List. We plan on seeing you in Cleveland..... from **Don Hofstetter:** Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. **Jeanne** and I hope to be in Cleveland for the next reunion. It will be nice to be able to show off my dress whites one more time. All you fat guys can eat your hearts out! Ha ha. [Boy! You sure know how to rub it in, **Don**]..... from **Joe Barbree:** I have attached my dues check and a couple of bucks for a roster [thanks, and it is on the way]. I noticed in the January 15, 2002, Newsletter on page 16, a picture with three unknown characters in it and, after exhaustive research, I have been able to identify the unknowns. **M. W. Armor** is on the left, **Joe Barbree** second from left, and **Herbert Liverman, Jr.** is on the right [thanks, **Joe**]. I appreciate all you do..... from **Vinny Ryan:** [enclosed a dues check - thanks] Have a good year and good health to everyone. I was on Kwajalein, Korea, and Adak. With duty like that, I had to be a Good Guy! [you are and thanks]..... from **Bob Long:** Attached are my dues [thanks]. I want to get back on the Good Guy List. I don't know if any of the guys remember **H. L. Vailancourt**. He was with MCB 2 in Japan, Midway and the Philippines and was not a member of the association. I received a card from his wife telling of his passing in Santa Barbara in 2001. He was a Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class and operated the LCM on Midway. He also took us



on liberty from Camayan Point to Olongapo as we couldn't use the road after dark. Keep up the good work! I enjoy receiving the Newsletter..... from **Dean Lewis:** I have been behind on my dues for a long time so today I'm catching up [thanks, **Dean**.] Please send me an up to date roster if there is enough [on the way]. I'm also sending a pledge for the museum project. I have a lot of good memories of Hueneme. I'll try to be in Cleveland..... from **Robert (Ann) Conroe:** Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Sorry we didn't make the last reunion. We were on a ferry boat returning from Nova Scotia on 9/11 heading for Portland, Maine, when all hell broke loose. We were not sure that we could get back into the U.S. The US Coast Guard escorted our ship into the Portland harbor. We were grateful to get through the rigorous Customs inspections. That was enough of a scare to keep us at home for quite a while. We finally got brave enough to join our friends on a cruise to Australia and New Zealand in January. Airport security was at its peak, both in and out of our country. We got home on February 2. I see by the Newsletter that our next reunion will be in Cleveland. That is great; we live about 102 miles from there. We are definitely planning to attend. Hope to see everyone in Cleveland..... from **Bob Colquhoun:** I sent a check for an Atsugi book before they were ready and never received a copy. Please check this out [you're right, **Bob**. I didn't get you on my list so one is being sent right now. Sorry for dropping you through the crack]. Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]..... from **Al Burkhart:** Enclosed is a check for dues and some extra for a roster [thanks and it's on the way]..... from **Don 'Nick' Vejvoda:** A friend passed me the information about MCB 2 and I would like to join. Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. My name is **Donald Vejvoda** but I go by my nickname, **Nick**. Thanks..... from **Rich (Nellie) Nelson:** I have already signed a pledge card for the Seabee Museum, but I'm sending this check to help MOB 2 meet its pledge [thanks, **Rich**]

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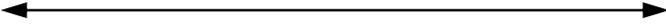
..... from **Ray Beaulieu**: I'm slowing down. Spending a few months in Florida. Keep up the good work! A retired padre [**Ray** sent a check for dues - thanks]..... from **Ken Stancombe**: Sorry I'm late with my dues [OK.... and thanks]. It just slipped my mind. Maybe this will catch me up..... received dues from **Willard Cousins, Les Keller, Cliff Schorr, and Thomas Roy** [thanks, guys]..... from **Doug Thorp**: Enclosed is a check to cover the cost of mailing a 1954 MCB 2 cruise book to me here in La Paz, Mexico. Thanks much [thank you, **Doug**].... from **Harry Ladley**: This check should get me back on the Good Guy List [sure does and thanks]. Sorry about the delay [hey! Not a problem]..... from **Glenn Sisco**: Sorry I missed the Good Guy List. Just wasn't paying attention, I guess. This check will take care of the dues and the remainder is at your discretion, museum modernization project, or?? [thanks, it will be used for good work]. Hope all is well by you [so far, so good. Thanks].
..... from **Lewie Baker**: I'm sending a Federal Reserve Note for an MCB 2 cap. I would prefer a white one but whatever you have. [got one and it's on the way] Make sure it has MCB 2 on it..... from **James W. Casteel**: Sorry I missed the MCB 2 reunion. One of my friends who went to the reunion told me about it. Now, I was in MCB 2 Det. 1 in Port Hueneme. I joined the main battalion and went to Subic Bay. I was an SH1 at the time and was sent TAD to the Navy Exchange at Subic and was put in charge of the laundry. When we came back to the states, I was sent to Treasure Island for discharge but reenlisted and was put on the *USS Manchester*, a light cruiser. What a difference! Please send me some information so I may join [on the way]..... from **Jack Schrader**: My check for dues is enclosed with some extra for whatever [thanks, **Jack**]. Glad to hear you had a good reunion. We didn't get to be there because of all the flight cancellations but we plan to be at the next one. We did get all our refunds without any problems [great!] from **L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. Happy 60th Seabee Birthday. Hope we can all make the next reun-

ion [me, too, **Pop**]..... from **Lloyd Kallsen**: Don't take me off the mailing list. I look forward to each Newsletter. Not seeing my name in the Good Guy List for January 2002 Newsletter reminded me that I haven't paid my 2002 dues [you are still on, **Lloyd**. I wouldn't take a Good Guy like you off the mailing list!]. I intended to renew membership at San Antonio but couldn't make the reunion because my flights were cancelled due to the September 11 tragedy. Find my check enclosed [thanks]..... from **Melvin Dixon**: Here's my dues and a little extra for stamps plus a small check for the museum project [thanks for your support, **Mel**]. I enjoy the Newsletter very much. I liked the picture of **Lt. Karekin** and the others. I remember them from Atsugi. Thanks for all the extra work you do for MCB 2. Perhaps your title should be Social Secretary. [OK, that might cover *some* of the extra work <ha>] Keep up the good work..... from **Mel Dixon**: Hi, me again. I wanted to enclose this picture with my dues check last week but I forgot it. My wife says I have 'sometimers' the first phase of Alzheimer's. Sometimes I remember and sometimes I don't. Thought you might want it for your Newsletter. If you can't use it, that's OK [maybe soon]..... from **Mary Cure**: I'm sorry to have to write this letter. I lost **John** February 28, 2002. He had been in the hospital since October 18, 2001, when he had cancer surgery in his mouth. He then suffered a stroke on his left side and that was followed by a heart attack. He was in the hospital 19 weeks. He put up a gallant fight but just couldn't make it. I'm not sure how long his dues are paid for [a couple of years to go] but I would like to continue to receive the Newsletter [I'll keep you on our mailing list]. Hope all is going well for you and family..... from **James Casteel** (again): One of my highlights of the 30+ years in the Navy was a tour in the Seabees. I joined the main group when it formed at Port Hueneme. I had just made Shipserviceman First Class and was put in charge of the SH's. Does anyone remember the fighting cocks smuggled aboard the *USS Menard*, AKA 201? Also, who remembers the spoiled tuna salad and where we

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put our diarrhea? [ugh! yuk!] What a day we had departing the ship, setting up our tents and getting loaded with San Miguel beer. I spent just one week with MCB 2 and was sent TAD to the Navy Exchange and was the petty officer in charge of the Naval Station laundry. I also flew to Sangley Point once a month to supervise their laundry. We left Subic aboard the *USNS Gen. Hase* and that was the first time I stood up and ate. When we arrived in the USA, I was sent to Treasure Island for discharge, but I reenlisted and was sent to the *USS Manchester, CL-83*..... More in the next Newsletter. Scott



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Ted Speros

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

We Need Unit Emblems

Our reunion in Cleveland will be our best ever, but everyone will have to help. Part of this help begins with our name tags. Erv Lampe has volunteered his daughter who has some expertise in computer graphics and will make our name tags with our unit emblems on them. We have the emblems for MCB 2, CBMU 101, and CBD 1802 but we need the emblems for CBD 1804 and CBMU 577. Do you have these emblems in your hoard of plunder that Erv can borrow until he makes a color copy? We will return it to you for your scrapbook, but we really need those two unit emblems to pull this off so everyone will have their unit emblem displayed on their name tag. Thanks, and send to Scott Williams.

Workin' for the Guv'ment

A man stopped at a local gas station and, after filling his tank, he paid the bill and bought a soft drink. He stood by his car to drink the soda and watched a couple of men working along the roadside. One man would dig a hole two or three feet deep and then move on. The other man came along behind him and filled the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was 25 feet behind filling the hole. The men worked right past the man with the soft drink and went on down the road.

"I can't stand this," the man said to himself as he tossed the can into a trash container and headed down the road toward the men. "Hold it, hold it," he said to the men. "Can you tell me what's going on here with all this digging and re-filling?"

"Well, we work for the government and we're just doing our job," one of the men said.

"But one of you is digging a hole and the other fills it up. You're not accomplishing anything. Aren't you wasting the taxpayers' money?" the man asked.

"You don't understand, mister," one of the men said, leaning on his shovel and wiping his brow. "Normally, there's three of us; me, Elmer and Leroy. I dig the hole, Elmer sticks in the tree and Leroy, here, puts the dirt back. Now, just because Elmer's sick, that don't mean that Leroy and me can't work."

What is a Sailor?

Thanks to Mel Dixon for this:

Between the security of childhood and the insecurity of a second childhood we find a fascinating group of humanity called Sailors. They come in various sizes, shapes and weights. They can be found anywhere – on ships, shore stations, in bars, on leave, in love and always in debt. Girls love them, civilians tolerate them, and the government supports them.

A sailor is laziness with a deck of cards, bravery with a tattooed arm, and protector of the world with a copy of "Playboy" in his locker. He has the energy of a turtle, the shyness of a fox, the stories of a sea captain, the sincerity of a liar, the aspirations of a Casanova, and when he wants something, it's usually connected with his liberty card.

Some of his likes are women, girls, females, dames, and the opposite sex.

He dislikes superior officers, answering letters, wearing his uniform, chow, and getting up on time.

No one but a sailor can put in one pocket a little black book, a pack of Luckies, a photo of Marilyn Monroe, a comb he doesn't use because his hair isn't long enough, a church key, and what is left of last month's pay.

He likes to spend some of his money on girls, some on poker games, and the rest foolishly.

A sailor is a magic creature you can lock out of your home but not out of your heart. You can scratch him off your list but not out of your mind. You might as well give in.... he is your long-away-from-home lover and your one-and-only good-for-nothing barrel of joy.

All your dreams become insignificant when he looks at you with those soft brown eyes and says, "Hi ya, Honey."

TO THE SEABEES

By Capt. John E. Estabrook, USMC

Up from the beach the long road winds,
Over the distant hill- - -
Born of the sweat and toil of men,
Born of a dauntless will.
Swept by the rains of tropic skies;
By the burning sun;
Bearing its burden the long road lies
'Til the work of war be done.

So we'll sing the song
Of the brave and strong- - -
Of Hunkies and Swedes and Micks - - -
Of hammers and nails
And girders and rails,
Of shovels and blades and picks
We'll sing a song
Of the brave and the strong - - -
Battalions, proud and great - - -
That paved the way
To the Glory Day
And dared the hand of fate.

Up from the beach the long road bears
The panoply of war - - -
Up from the beach where dust clouds hide
The shattered palms and shore.
That fighting men may live and fight
The road must wind away
And builders build where the long road ends
And death has had its day.

Here's to the men who builded well - - -
Sweated and bled and died - - -
Who fought the jungle, swamp and Hell,
Their fighting men beside.
Here's to the docks and camps and dumps;
Here's to the roaring strips;
Here's to the men who turn to war
The treasure trove of ships.

Down to the beach some day will wind
The road that led to war
And men will turn the long way back
As men have turned before
And ships that wait will sail away
And eyes will brim with tears
For roads of war lead back again
From out the bitter years.

So we'll sing the song
Of the brave and strong- - -
Of Hunkies and Swedes and Micks - - -
Of hammers and nails
And girders and rails,
Of shovels and blades and picks
We'll sing a song
Of the brave and the strong - - -
Battalions, proud and great - - -
That paved the way
To the Glory Day
And dared the hand of fate.

My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, a little wine, good food..... She goes Tuesdays and Thursdays, I go Mondays and Fridays.

A guy complains of a headache. Another guy says, "Do what I do. I put my head on my wife's breast and the headache goes away." The next day, the man says, "Did you do what I told you to do?" The first man says, "Yes, I sure did. By the way, you have a nice house!"

THE GOOD-GUY LIST

Vance Adams, William Alwine, David Anderson, Lionel Antley, Eugene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Lewie Baker, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Joe Barbree, Don Barry, Glen Bates, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentson, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Ralph Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, A. N. Burkhart, L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, Lex Camden, Shorty Campbell, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, William B. Carter, James Casteel, Mike Castelveccchi, Mylo Cayou, George Chang, C.L. Chapman, Ken Chew, Ronald Claypool, Walter Cloonan, Robert Coley, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Robert Conroe, Howard Cornwell, Charles Coughlin, Jack Coulter, Willard Cousins, Fred Cozad, Ballard Credeur, Warren Culberson, Pat Cunningham, John Cure, Arnold Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Stanley Dauer, Harold Davis, Joseph DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, Don DeLisi, Melvin Dixon, George Dorge, Carroll Dowell, Howard Doyle, William Duensing, Ike Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Norman Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Bruno Fanucchi, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, Warren Flading, John Fletcher, Carl Fogelson, Jack Foster, Bill Frazier, Willie Free, Lane Freitag, Willis Gallagher, William Ganske, Ken Gaskell, Don Gelroth, Roger Germundson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, Matt Graham, Russ Granby, Jim Gray, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Donald Grobbel, Gerald Grubb, Marvin Guetling, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Lester Harvey, Arthur Hees, Ralph Heitt, Len Hershberger, Don Hofstetter, Chuck Holinka, Holly Hollingsworth, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Charles Ingalls, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Victor Jaccino, Robert (Frenchie) Jandreau, Bob Janson, Devon Jensen, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles

Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Don Jones, Henry Jones, Lloyd Kallsen, Chuck Kangas, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Edward Kazarian, Gordon Keen, Les Keller, Hark Ketels, Richard Keyes, Capers Kinard, Denise King, Bruce Kitts, William Knight, John Kolasz, Stephen Korke, George Kraeer, Emil Krygier, Walter Kumpf, Ken Kuper, Harry Ladley, Ervin Lampe, Conrad Lawlor, Art Leable, Jim Legget, Dean Lewis, L. H. Lind, Herbert 'Red' Liverman, Jr., Bob Lohrentz, Bob Long, Ken Ludwig, Dale Lundstrom, Ivan Majetic, Philip Matalucci, William (Jack) Mayo, Willie McCarley, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Richard Merit, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary (Mitch) Mitchell, William Moore, Pat Morris, Finley Morrison, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Eugene Nelson, Harry Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, John Noetzel, Melvin Olson, Ernest Owens, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Robert Patinka, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, William Pemberton, John Petronka, Mike Piro, Cecil Price, David "Ernie" Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Gary Rawlings, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, Albert Rubinich, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Thomas Ryan, Vinny Ryan, Paul Schell, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Merle Schnepf, Cliff Schorr, Jack Schrader, Irwin Seesman, Don Seethaler, Stoney Serrett, Rik Shafer, Jim Sichel, Bill Sigmund, Richard Sim, Fred Simon, Bill Simpson, Art Siple, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sonnen, Ray Sorrentino, Ted Speros, Ken Stancombe, Gene Staples, Thomas Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Jim Stephens, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Bob Sutton, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, Robert Swanson, James Taylor, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, William Tracy, Charles Trimarchi, Paul Trotter, Al Ulman, Gene Urme, Gerald Vasquez, Don 'Nick' Vejvoda, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Richard Walters, Harold Wardenburg, Wilburn Watts, Karl Weisenbacher, Duane Weltlich, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Bill Wilcoxon, Jerry Wilkening, Marshall Williams, Pete Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, C. R. 'Lefty' Williamson, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, Andy Winzler, Bill Wisnowski, James Young, and Stephen Yunger.

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All men listed above have their dues paid at least through 2002, 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 3, 2002. There are currently 315 paid up members from a mailing list of 481. There are 789 names on the full member roster. (SW)

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 787 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 (23 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters — especially the ones with checks!
Scott Williams

Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

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Scott Williams/MCB 2

Dues are \$20/year
January - December

This is what keeps us going and enables us to send this Newsletter.

Dues Have Been Increased!

At our Biannual General Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, the membership voted to increase our dues to help fund the Port Hueneme Modernization Project. As of September 13, 2001, our annual dues are \$20, \$5 of which will be donated to the Modernization Project. After the project has been funded to our commitment of \$10,000, the additional \$5 will be used to offset our expenses for publishing the Newsletter, etc. If you would care to send an additional amount to help this project, please send a check to Scott Williams made out to CEC/Seabee Museum.

QUIZ

Before you sign up to be a contestant on TV quiz shows like "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" or "The Weakest Link," here is an easy quiz to check your qualifications. Passing requires 4 correct answers.

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

All done? Check your answers on page 14

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Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

Name/Source

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Ralph Binney
Melvin Dixon
Ron Howatson
Conrad Lawlor
Dean Lewis
Harry Nelson
Rich Nelson
Roy Peak
Art Siple
Glenn Sisco
John Stock
Doug Thorp
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Contributed This Period (Jan.– Mar.)
\$1,429.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date
\$2,436.41

Total Pledged to Date
\$3,610.00

Total Pledged plus Dues increase
\$4,670.00

Track the CEC/Seabee funding at:
www.seabeehf.org

Answers To The Quiz

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last? 116 years.
2. Which country makes Panama hats? Ecuador.
3. From which animal do we get catgut? Sheep and horses.
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? November.
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of? Squirrel fur.
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? Dogs.
7. What was King George VI's first name? Albert.
8. What color is a purple finch? Crimson.
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from? New Zealand.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU FAILED??

For every action, there is an
equal and opposite
government program.

Emil Bazzoli

Dec. 11, 1930 – Jan. 14, 2002

Many of our Seabees remember Emil as a good friend. From an Italian family, Emil was a first-generation American and put his heart into all he did. He was a 40-year member of the Chartiers (NJ) Township Volunteer Fire Department and lived his entire life in Meadow Lands except for the time he spent as a Seabee working in Guam and Cubi Point. He is survived by his wife, Edie, and his daughter, Debra Horvath.

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Send Me A Note

Many members have expressed that they would like to be notified when their shipmates or their shipmates' spouses become sick, hospitalized, or have a special event. Please send a card or letter to Scott Williams when you or your spouse have an illness or are hospitalized or have something special to report and I will put a notice in the Newsletter.

Our Fallen Comrades

John Cure 2/28/02

H. L. Vaillancourt 2001

May they live on in our memo-

Lee & Lucy Stevens
 Celebrate Their
 55th Wedding Anniver-
 sary
 This Coming October 4!

History of CBMU 577

From Verle Williams MM 3/C

October 1, 1943:

Arrived at Camp Peary, VA, for boot training in platoon 9318, Area D-11, Barracks No. 121. Our instructor, C. F. Wilkinson, GM 1/C was a Marine combat veteran from the South Pacific.

November 1, 1943:

Our advanced training began in the newly formed 21st Super Battalion at Camp Peary. I was in Co. D, Platoon 3.

November 30-December 9, 1943:

Our ten days leave home.

December 10, 1943:

Arrived back at Camp Peary, VA, and moved to Area B-6. This 21st Super Battalion was separated into four companies as follows:

CBMU 574, Co. A

CBMU 575, Co. B

CBMU 576, Co. C

CBMU 577, Co. D

December 20, 1943:

CBMU 574, CBMU 575, CBMU 576, and CBMU 577 departed together by troop train from Camp Peary, VA.

December 27, 1943:

CBMU 574, CBMU 575, CBMU 576, and CBMU 577 arrived at Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, CA, for further advanced training.

January 23, 1944:

CBMU 576 departed Camp Rousseau to serve at Attu, AK, and merged with NCB 138.

February 24, 1944:

CBMU 575, CBMU 577 and CBMU 549 departed Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, CA, together on a new troop transport, *USS General Brooks*, and arrived at Pearl Harbor, HI, on March 1, 1944. (Note: CBMU 549 helped in the making of the movie *The Fighting Sea-*

ees prior to leaving Camp Rousseau.)

March 1, 1944:

CBMU 575 was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Puunene, Maui, HI.

March 2, 1944:

CBMU 577 and CBMU 549 departed Pearl Harbor in a convoy of three Liberty ships along with two destroyer escorts. Our ship, the *USS Kenmore*, was the flagship.

March 11, 1944:

CBMU 577 and CBMU 549 arrived at Tarawa atoll in the Gilbert Islands. (Approximately two days before arrival, The *USS Kenmore* came close to being torpedoed by a Jap sub off our port side with one of our destroyer escorts in pursuit.) CBMU 549 was assigned to serve at *Hawkins Field* on Betio Island. CBMU 577 was assigned to serve at *Mullinnix Field* on Bota Island twenty miles distant. From here, the Seventh US Air Force B-25 Billy Mitchell bombers were making bomber raids in the Marshall Islands as well as on Truk and Ponape in the Central Pacific.

March 13, 1944:

CBMU 574 departed Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, CA. Arrived at Pearl Harbor on March 21, 1944. Assigned to the Naval Air Station at Pearl Harbor.

October 28, 1944:

The main group of CBMU 577 departed Tarawa for Enewetak in the Marshall Islands. I was one of approximately 75 under the direction of our Ensign, John H. Stewart, to remain at *Mullinnix Field* to dismantle certain facilities for shipment. We were temporarily assigned to CBMU 549 on Betio Island.

February 1, 1945:

Having finished our assignment, all remaining 75 men of CBMU 577, along with our heavy equipment, boarded the Liberty ship

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USS John H. McClintok and departed Tarawa to rejoin CBMU 577 at Enewetak, arriving there on February 8, 1945.

February 24, 1945:

The officers of CBMU 577 held an anniversary party with a large decorated cake for CBMU 577, celebrating one year of duty outside the United States. A photo was taken of our commander, Lt. Arrasmith, cutting the cake.

October 27, 1945:

Being one of the group eligible to leave CBMU 577 to return to the US, we boarded the USS Hollandia, a small aircraft carrier, and departed Enewetak for the thirteen-day trip to San Francisco, CA. CBMU 577 was still on duty at Enewetak at this date.

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 ♥ Stoney & Gladys Serrett ♥
 ♥ Celebrate Their ♥
 ♥ 60th Wedding Anniver- ♥
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 ♥ This Coming October 5! ♥
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Who would like to submit a history of your unit? We need the histories of CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1/101, and MCB 2. From your perspective as was Verle's. Send it to me and I'll publish it. Scott Williams

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.



CBMU 101 Det. Able
 Marie LaFave sent this. Ron LaFave is the 4th from the left.



From Don Henderson: L-R: Frank Inman, Mike Piro, John Ruby
Atsugi, Japan about 1952

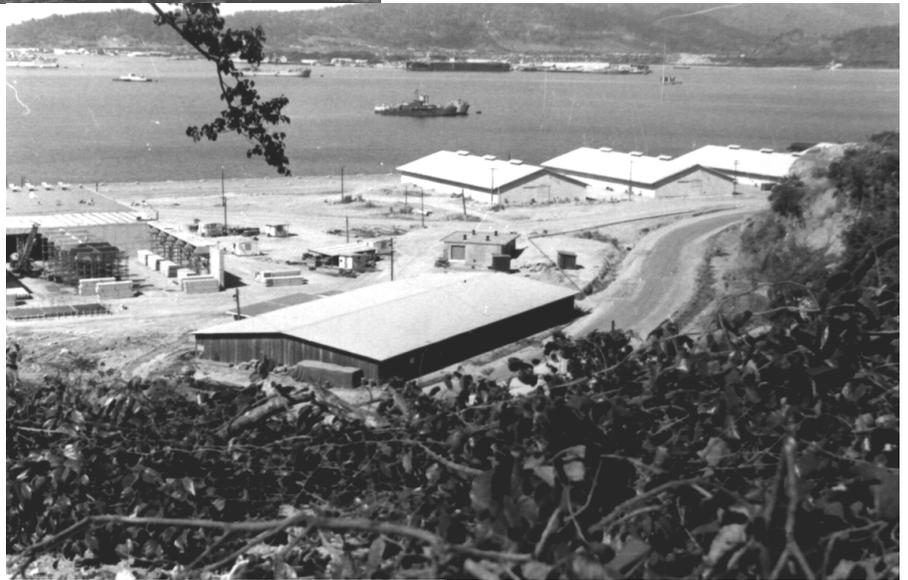


Left: 'Mort' Morton with the gas-powered airplane he built. Hut area & Navy Exchange in background, chow hall in right background, Cubi Point, Subic Bay, May, 1956.



Left: View from top of the MCB 2 area hill toward the batch plant with airstrip in middle background, Cubi Point, Subic Bay, early 1956.

Right: View from top of the MCB 2 area hill toward the warehouses. Small concrete flammable storage building in middle of picture. Naval Station in background, Cubi Point, Subic Bay, early 1956.



Left: Hangars and office building under construction at Naval Air Station, Cubi Point, Subic Bay, early 1956.



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