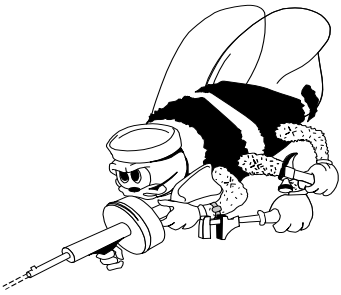


# **MCB 2 Reunion Association**

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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

# NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!

## We're Set for Sept. 10-14 Cleveland, Ohio!

### **Attention All Bees and Honeybees!**

Set your alarm clocks for the week of September 10 through 14 for the year 2003! Everything as outlined in the last Newsletter is set! We are staying at the Raddison Inn and will have the banquet at the Springvale Country Club. The tours are being set up as you read this. I have suggested the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio; The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; the William J. Mather, which is an ore freighter; and the USS Cobb, which is a US Navy

WWII submarine. I am also looking into having a dinner cruise aboard the Nautica Queen on Thursday night which will go out on Lake Erie and tour the Cuyahoga River. If we get enough interest, we will book it for Friday night also. In order to accomplish our goal, we need to know if you are planning to attend, how many in your party, and if you are driving or not. We have received notice from about 55 of our group, but PLEASE complete and

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send the form on page 6 to Scott Williams if you have not already done so. WE NEED TO HAVE A CLOSE IDEA OF HOW MANY ARE COMING. The form is non-committal but we need to have some idea of how many rooms to reserve and we don't want to come up short. The next Newsletter will have a list of tours and prices and the Hotel Registration and Banquet form. The room rate is set at \$82 for single, double, triple or quad occupancy, plus tax. FREE PARKING! The banquet buffet price will be \$27 per person, including tax. Cash bar only. And FREE PARKING at the country club. The country club is one mile from the hotel. We will get you there and back if you are not driving. Also, if you do not intend to stay at the Raddison, we would like to know.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Pete Elliott

## DOOR PRIZES!

Our banquet at the San Antonio reunion was made the most enjoyable of all our reunions because of the door prizes. Bring a gift that you would like to donate for our door prizes. In San Antonio, we had caps, jackets, wines, crystal decanters, blankets, and the list goes on and on. Bring any gift to share as this is what makes the banquet fun. If you need to send something ahead rather than bring it, send it to Pete Elliott at 1655 Larchmont, Lakewood, OH 44107. But start thinking about what you can bring to the reunion for a door prize as we want everyone to take a prize home. If you can get a gift from a business in your home town that would make a good door prize, bring or send that. But think door prize!

# Seabees

## June - September Dates to Remember

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| 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 4         | Independence Day  |
| July 26, 1944  | Seabees land on Tinian.   |
| 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  | Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned.                                  |
| Aug. 14, 1945  | Japan Surrenders  |
| Aug. 20, 1942  | OIC 6th NCB arrives at Guadalcanal, first CEC officer to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 1, 1942  | 6th NCB lands at Guadalcanal with Marines, first Seabee Battalion in combat.  |
| Sept. 2, 1945  | Formal surrender of Japan.  |
| Sept. 14, 1892 | Adm. Ben Moreell's birthday.  |
| Sept. 15, 1950 | MCB 2 commissioned.   |



## Notes from our members:

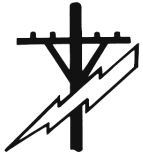
From **Don Shoff**: Please forgive me for being so late with my dues. Time just seems to slip by fast these days. I enjoy the Newsletter very much so keep it coming. I am enclosing a check for dues [thanks]. I went to K-3 in '51, then to K-18, then to Inchon in the garage, the quarry and rock crusher..... from **Tem Tyler**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Thanks for the Newsletter. My wife and I thought it was really well done and spent an enjoyable hour sharing it..... from **Frank Betonte**: You guys do a great job. Keep it up. Here are some dues. Do what you want with the rest [thanks]. I hope to see you in Cleveland..... from **Lane Freitag**: I got the Newsletter. I was in NCB 131 at Williamsburg, VA, and shipped out to Camp Parks, CA. I was put into the Advanced Base Construction Depot, NCB 128 in Hawaii called A.B.C.D. We finished building a hospital out of Quonset huts. I had friends **Harry K. Knopp**, from Powell, Wyoming, and **Lloyd Dow**, from Wiscasit, Maine, both of A.B.C.D. I don't know if they are still alive or not. Any info would be appreciated. I talked with **Margaret Duncan**, **Bud Duncan's** wife. He had surgery and is in a nursing home in Sepulveda, CA, run by the VA. The address is 1611 Plummer St., Sepulveda, CA 91343. He has lost a lot of weight as he was real heavy. I don't think I can make it to Cleveland. My sister is not too well. She has cancer of the lungs. Too many cigarettes years ago..... from **Gene (Jo) McDonagh**: I came across this article and perhaps you would like to add it to the next Newsletter (see page 12). We intend to be in Cleveland, God willing. Also, **Gene's** name wasn't on the Good Guy List. He sent his dues but were they short? [no, I had his dues correct,



just forgot to add his name to the list. Cheap help...] ..... from **William F. Carter**: Enclosed are dues. Sorry they are late [no problem and thanks]. Hope to get to Cleveland..... from **Ge-**

**rald Powell**: Another Bad Guy with late dues. Your efficient Newsletter worked this time on me. We tried to make contact with Mr. **Charlie Kipp** this winter in Palm Springs but he was in total lockdown and no one knows of his travels. I'll try again, **Charlie**. Thanks for your time and efforts to the Commander and Staff..... from **Dwight Yetter**: Here are my dues [thanks]. Sorry for being late..... from **Richard Fairbanks**: I was checking the Good Guy List and saw my name but I am a charter member of the Some Timers Club so thought it would be an ideal time to get ahead on them. The way things are going in my life, I don't think I will be attending any reunions. I don't recognize any of the names in the Newsletter. I know for a fact and think it's probably true that most people I was well-acquainted with have passed on. I was one of the WW II vets called back..... from **Al Bryant**: Here's my dues and a little extra [thanks]. Keep up the good work. Anybody know what happened to 'Hose Hose' **Martin** [is that **Hose** or **Jose**?]..... received Response Forms from **Erv & Bernice Lampe**, **Clyde & Marion Stenholm**, **Paul & Patricia Schell**, **William Sigmund**, **Norm Eveleth**, **Ron Howatson**, **Richard Todd**, **Doug Thorp**, **Warren Flading**, **Roy Peak**, and **Big Al Erb** [thanks all. This really helps.] ..... from **Alex & Ruth Hamilton**: [sent their Response Form] We sure hope nothing happens this time. We really missed not being at the last reunion..... from **John & Geri Petronka**: [sent their Response Form] I couldn't put this small strip of paper in the long envelope **Geri** gave me as it seemed a waste of mailing! So, I thought we'd say 'Hi' and hope all is going well with you and your family. [it is, **John**. And thanks for asking.] Looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland. Take care and God bless..... from **Mal Pearson**: [sent



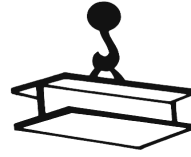
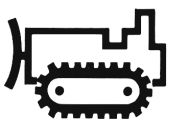


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their Response Form] Got the Newsletter. Good job as always. Got **Pete's** info package today. Looks like things are coming along well with the reunion plans. **Wom-**

**mack** called me and I put his hats in the mail the next day. We're back to winter weather now. It's just about 40°, raining, and at times some sleet and snow showers. Typical N.E weather! One day last week we set a record at 93°! Other than that, all is well here ..... from **Pat Carey**: Please send 10 USA flags [done]..... from **Phil Brunelle**: [sent their Response Form] We didn't make the last reunion so I sent my dues early and, since there has been an increase, I want to make up the difference and the balance is for the museum project [thanks, **Phil**]. Thank you and keep up the good work. See you in Cleveland..... from **Claude Garcenot**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. I really thought that I had paid this at the beginning of the year but realized that I did not. I am enclosing a check for a flag. Thanks... ..... from **Richard Swallow**: I noticed in the current Newsletter that you are searching for some unit logos. I have a rather large collection of Seabee memorabilia [that is putting it mildly! **Richard** has a room full of Seabee items] but I do not have any of your needs. I have enclosed recent photos of part of my collection and you may print them in the Newsletter if you desire [I'll try to get them in. What a collection!] I noticed that you have the unit logos for CBMU 1/101 and CBD 1802. I don't have these in my collection and would you send me color copies of them? I will have a large Seabee exhibit at a Moving Wall in Tulsa, OK, May 2-5. If I ever have anything useful to you, I will be happy to share [thank you very much]..... from **Gene Urmey**: [sent their Response Form] I would like a flag [on the way] ..... from **Lester Harvey**: Please send a flag

[done]..... from **David Cona-**  
**hey**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks] plus an additional amount for the Seabee Museum Project in memory of my father,



**George R. Conahey**, Cdr., USNR CEC. He also taught at the Civil Engineer Officer's School at Port Hueneme..... from **Stoney Serrett**: [sent their Response Form] Just a few lines

to let you know that I enjoyed your last Newsletter [thanks, **Stoney**] Also, I want to express my appreciation for all of your hard work. [if you only knew!] As far as we know right now, we plan to drive to Cleveland. I am enclosing my dues and some extra for the Museum Project. [thanks] Thanks for including our 60th wedding anniversary announcement. We really appreciate letting all of our MCB 2 friends know..... from **John Weires**: Hey! The April Newsletter arrived and I see that I am not on the Good Guy List. Find my check enclosed that should put me back on the list. I would also like a roster [on the way] especially of CBMU 1/101 Detachment Able (K-6) during the '53-'54 years. I know the list does not separate the units or the personnel. [yes, it does, **John**. It is a list of MCB 2 personnel, so they aren't noted as MCB 2 but all other personnel are noted as to their unit] I enjoy the Newsletter very much. Keep up the good work..... from **Bill Tracy**: Please send two flags and a roster [on the way]..... from **Cecil Price**: [sent his Response Form] Sending a few bucks as I need a new roster. Use the rest for whatever but don't let my dues run out [OK and thanks]. I will probably be going back to a warm, dry climate in June. I'll try and drop by if I get to Las Vegas. They say I am allergic to the poplar and cottonwood pollen. I think it's the cold, wet weather. I slept in a cold, wet tent at K-6, but then I didn't have any choice. I'll send a change of address when and if I move..... from **Ben Lally**: Enclosed find my check for dues [thanks]. Also, please send a roster [on the way]. Thanks..... from **John (Barbara) Vidusic**: [sent their Response Form] Enclosed are checks for three flags and dues. Thanks..... from **Har-**

**old Freeland**: Here is my check I said I would send [thanks]. Sorry to be so behind [no problem. You are caught up now]. We discussed





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you covering my dues out of this and donating the remainder to the museum fund [thanks for that]... .. received dues from **Marshall Dunne, George Terry,**

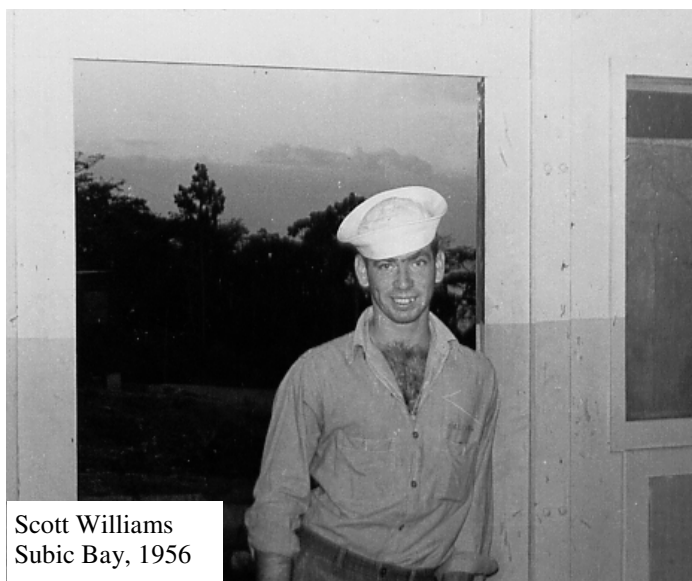
**Gerald Herr, John Brown, Roy Grisham, Myron Strausheim, Frank Chambers, and Joe Ates** [thanks, all]..... from **Bill Knight:** [sent their Response Form] My wife and I enjoyed seeing everyone in Texas and are looking forward to Cleveland. While reading the last issue of the Newsletter, I realized I had not sent my pledge card for the museum, so I am sending it now with last year's and this year's pledge and will pay the total off later. I think I am paid ahead for dues but will send some more anyway. Also enclosed is an extra amount for two flags [thanks, **Bill**]..... from **Ron Glasser:** [sent their Response Form] We were glad to see that the reunion is going to be held in Cleveland so we can drive. We are looking forward to this one. We hope to see you then. God bless you in all your work for this reunion to be another memorable one [thanks]. I think **Ron's** dues are paid up but, if you need more, put it in the Newsletter and we will send what is needed [no, you are good for a while yet but thanks]. We would like to stay at the Radisson, so we will make our reservations when you let us know. Have a good summer..... from **Ray Hooter:** Just a line to let you know how much **Winnie** and I enjoyed the reunion in San Antonio. You and the staff do a great job [thanks]. I am enclosing a letter I received from **Michael Reidel** [see page 7]. I did not know his father and thought someone in the Association might remember him. Also sending a clipping from today's paper about the Seabees. They're back in the P.I. I think my dues are paid up but enclosed is a check to extend them and use the extra for whatever the need [thanks. It all

helps]. We hope to make the Cleveland reunion and, if so, we will probably drive. Hope to see you there and thanks for all you guys do..... from **Ben**

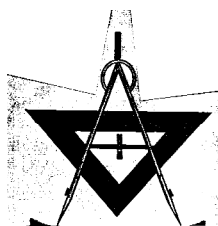


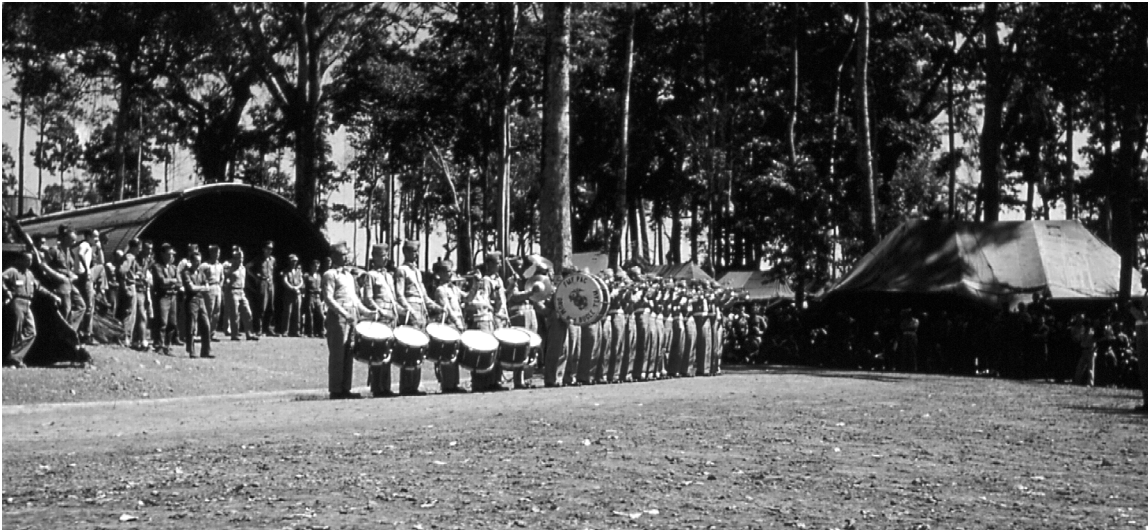
**Hollar:** Please put me back on the "Good Guy List" and I would like a current roster, please [on the way]. I served in CBD 1804 at Pohang, Korea, from November '51 to July '52

as a YN2 and was ordered to Cubi Point with MCB 2 until November '52. I have a lot of fond memories of service with the Seabees. I would like to know any information regarding **C.W. Lee**, Cdr. USNR, our OIC at Pohang. Thanks for all your efforts in keeping us informed..... from **Ann (Pat) Carey:** Thanks! [I sent 10 POW/MIA flags]..... from **Cecil Price:** Just a note to give you a change of address and a few bucks for whatever [thanks very much]. Allergies are about to do me in here and can't seem to find out what's causing it or anything to help it. I plan on leaving here the 17th of June and may or may not drop by. Depends on my hacking cough. Anyways, I'm going to spend a few days with my brother in Westmoreland, California, then on to Texas around the first of July before the 4th of July traffic. If I don't get by your place, I plan on seeing you in Cleveland. Say hello to your family and may God bless you all [thanks]..... That's it for this time. Send me some cards and letters..... More in the next



Scott Williams  
Subic Bay, 1956





MCB 2  
Drill Team



Both photos  
courtesy of Don  
Seethaler

Good buddies: L-R: Don Seethaler, 'Hop' Fruito, B. Long, J. Koller

**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

## Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.  
MCB 2 Reunion Association  
7221 Trading Post Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89128  
(702) 254-1929  
e-mail: williash@aol.com

make checks payable to:  
Scott Williams/MCB 2  
Dues are \$20/year  
(\$5 of which goes to the Museum Project)  
January - December

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

# The Commander and Staff

*Our leadership consists of:*

**Commander  
Pete Elliott**

**Staff:**

Joe DeFranco  
David Haines  
Rich Nelson  
Roy Peak, Vice Commander  
Malcolm Pearson  
Stoney Serrett, Commander Emeritus  
Ted Speros  
Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.



## **FLAGS!**

### ***We have flags!***

If you would like a 3'X5' US  
or POW/MIA flag printed  
on nylon, we have them.

Send a check to Scott Wil-  
liams for \$5 and we'll get  
one in the mail to you.

There is no hardware with  
either of these flags, just the  
flag. Hang them on your  
present flag pole or attach  
them to your garage or  
house. A good size and  
good quality at a good price.

Order yours now!

### A Letter From Michael L. Reidel

I received your name from Capt. William C. Hilderbrand of the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation in Gulfport, Mississippi. My father, Laurence Duane "Bud" Reidel (died May 26, 1973) of Lake Villa, Illinois, was a Driver Third Class with Mobile Construction Battalion 5. His dates of active service were from January 29, 1951, through November 29, 1952. His most significant duty assignment was at Subic Bay in the Philippine Islands.

As my father has been dead over twenty-eight years, he never met his granddaughters, now ages seven and nine, nor was he able to tell them of his Seabee experiences. It is for this reason that I have contacted you. Should you, or any of your friends, have known my father and are willing to share any reminiscences you may have, a short letter would be greatly appreciated. You may contact me at 970-356-5774 or toll free at 888-682-2375.

Thank you,  
Michael L. Reidel, Attorney  
801 8th Street, Suite 220-B  
Greely, CO 80361

## Three pictures from Karl Weisenbacher

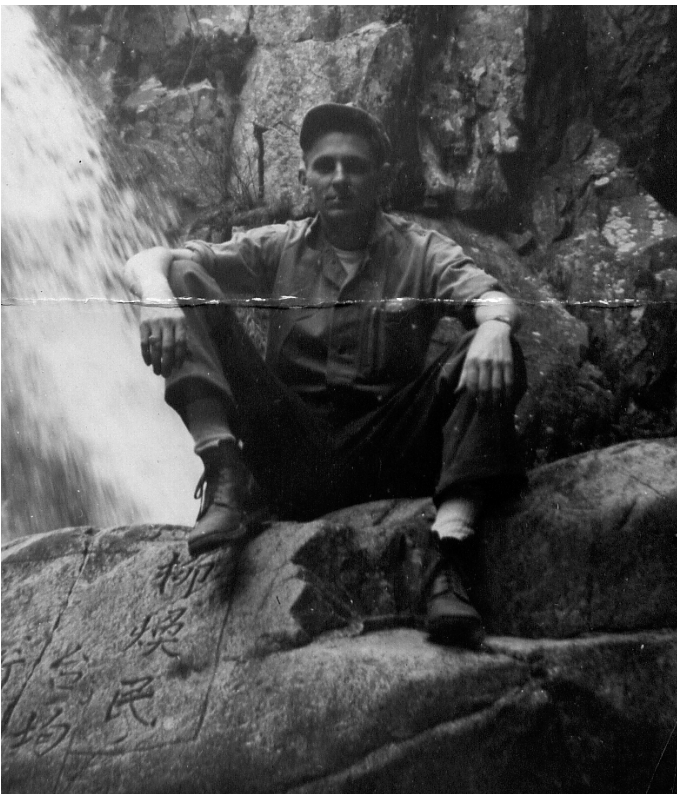


Above: A couple of 'good ol' Armenian plumbers!' Vic Vartanian & Mike Kazarian



Above: 1st Marine Air Wing, Air Group 33, Pohang, Korea, 1951. Tent City.

L-R: John Mobley, Mike Kazarian, Larry Matthews



Erv Lampe, Draftsman, deep in thought.



From Don Seethaler, above.



All pictures on this page are from Don Seethaler. Do you recognize these scenes?



A big one! Who is this?



A USO Show!



Building the offices



# THE GOOD-GUY LIST

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Vance Adams, William Alwine, Vernon Ammentorp, David Anderson, Lionel Antley, Eugene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Joe Ates, 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, Ken Bingham, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Williams Body, Ralph Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, Philip Brunelle, Al Bryant, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, A. N. Burkhart, L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, Lex Camden, Shorty Campbell, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, William B. Carter, William F. Carter, James Casteel, Mike Castelvechi, Mylo Cayou, Frank Chambers, George Chang, C.L. Chapman, Ken Chew, Ronald Claypool, Walter Cloonan, Robert Coley, Bob Colquhoun, David Conahey, Sr., 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, Marshall Dunne, Ike Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Norman Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Bruno Fanucchi, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, Warren Flading, John Fletcher, Carl Fogelsong, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Bill Frazier, Willie Free, Lane Freitag, Willis Gallagher, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, Ken Gaskell, Don Gelroth, Roger Germondson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, Matt Graham, Russ Granby, Jim Gray, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Roy Grisham, 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, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Ge-

rald Herr, Len Hershberger, Don Hofstetter, Chuck Holinka, Ben Hollar, 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, John Jurkash, 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 Korkes, George Kraeer, Emil Krygier, Walter Kumpf, Ken Kuper, Harry Ladley, Benjamin Lalley, 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, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Richard Merit, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary (Mitch) Mitchell, Roger Mohs, William Moore, Pat Morris, Finley Morrison, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Eugene Nelson, Harry Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Paul Neusetzer, 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, Gerald Powell, Earl Presson, 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, Don Shoff, 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, Myron Strausheim, Willis Struecker, Bob Sutton, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, Robert Swanson, James Taylor, George Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, William Tracy, Charles Trimarchi, Paul Trotter, Tem Tyler, Al Ulman, Gene Urmey, Gerald Vasquez, Don 'Nick' Vejvoda, Larry Vibber,

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Lionel Vidrine, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Richard Walters, Harold Wardenburg, Wilburn Watts, John Weires, Karl Weisenbacher, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, 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, Jim Wommack, Dwight Yetter, James Young, and Stephen Yunger.

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 (no dues card sent out). This list is as of June 24, 2002. There are currently 342 paid up members from a mailing list of 530. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 793 names on the full member roster. (SW)

## I Need Some Help

In early April, my computer decided it had worked too hard and just quit. In so doing, I lost all of my E-mail addresses. On page 16 you will see my list of all E-mail addresses that I have, which you can use in your correspondence with your buddies. But, if your name is not on this list or the address is incorrect and you have an E-mail address, please send me your name by E-mail and I will add you to my address book.

Thanks, Scott Williams  
williash@aol.com

## 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 793 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

## T- Shirt Sayings

1. I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.
2. Some people are alive only because it is illegal to kill them.
3. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
4. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
5. Quoting one is plagiarism; quoting many is research.
6. NyQuil—The stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
7. God must love stupid people; He made so many.
8. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
9. It IS as bad as you think and they ARE out to get you.
10. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
11. Ever stop to think and forget to start again?
12. Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
13. My dog can lick anyone.
14. West Virginia: One million people and 15 last names.
15. My wild oats have turned to shredded wheat.
16. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
17. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.
18. The meek shall inherit the earth after we're through with it.
19. Ham and eggs.... A day's work for the chicken, a lifetime commitment for the pig.
20. If God wanted me to touch my toes He would have put them on my knees.

# MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

## Name/Source

Philip Brunelle  
David Conahey Sr.  
Harold Freeland  
William Knight  
Roy Peak  
Cecil Price  
Stoney Serrett  
Member Dues

Contributed This Period (Apr.-June)  
\$786.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date  
\$3,007.41

Total Pledged to Date  
\$4,255.00

Total Pledged plus Dues increase  
\$5,530.00

Track the CEC/Seabee funding at:  
[www.seabeehf.org](http://www.seabeehf.org)

## NOW HEAR THIS!

As you can see from the above accounting, we are a little over halfway to our commitment of \$10,000 in support to the CEC/Seabee Museum but we still need those pledges. Let's have our pledge met by the time we meet in Cleveland. CAN DO!

## We've Always Done It That Way!

The US Standard Railroad Gauge, i.e. the distance between the rails, is 4' 8½". That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe and England for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. The US Standard Railroad Gauge of 4' 8½" is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. And bureaucracies live forever. So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's behind came up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now, the twist to the story.....

When you see a space shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major space shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's behind.

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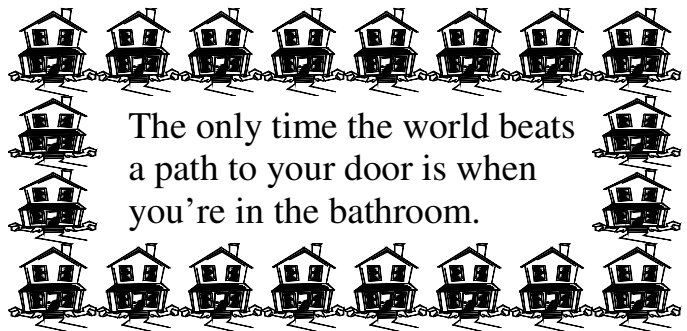
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*Our Fallen  
Comrades*

Orlo 'Jack' Brooks 2000

*May he live on in our memories.*

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This looks like the heavy truck shop under construction at Subic Bay, about 1952. Photo courtesy of Don Seethaler.

The following is my complete list of MCB 2; CBD 1802/1804; CBMU 1/101/577 Seabees as of May 30, 2002. I think all of these addresses are current and good. If anyone has other addresses that I can add to this list, please forward them to me. As I get additions/revisions I will forward those to all.  
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# All Seabee Reunion 2002 3-6 October 2002 Gulfport/Biloxi, Mississippi

A full line up of events has been planned to act as a background for the fellowship and storytelling which happens when old friends get together.

## EVENTS

1. Reception – Imperial Palace Hotel – Thursday evening
2. Golf Tournament – at CB Base Course – Friday morning
3. Deep Sea Fishing Trip – Friday morning
4. Barbecue Picnic – at Jones Park – Friday afternoon/evening (4:00 – 9:00 pm)
5. Tour of the CB Base – Thursday (12:00 – 3:30 pm)  
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6. New Orleans Tour – Friday (8:00 am – 3:00 pm)  
Saturday (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)
7. Swamp Tour – Friday (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)  
Saturday (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)
8. Banquet on Saturday evening (Reception, Meal, Dancing) 6:00 pm – till

Enclosed in this mailout is a registration form. Please fill out the form denoting the events you want to attend and number in your party attending. Send the form along with your check for the total amount to the address listed at the bottom of the registration form. If you later are unable to attend, your money will be refunded except for the registration charge. The registration cost is to be used to offset our expenses for this mailout and other costs of the Reunion.

Points of Contact – Mel Girard 228-328-9224 or Ron Harvey 228-396-3167

To make your reservation at the Imperial Palace Hotel dial 1-800-436-3000 or 1-888-946-2847 and ask for Agent Red. Tell the reservationist that you are a part of the All Seabee Reunion and want the \$49.00 rate for Thursday night and \$69.00 rate for Friday night and Saturday night. You must get your reservation in before 1 September 2002.

### Directions:

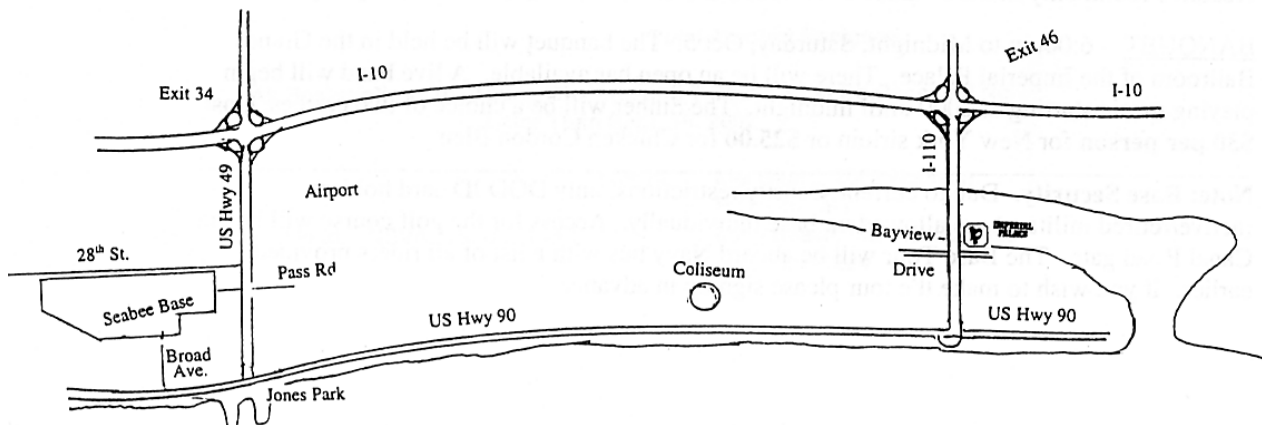
From Airport – Go north (turn right) on US 49 to I-10. Take I-10 east to Exit 46 and turn south onto I-110. Follow it 2.5 miles, cross over the Back Bay and take Bayview exit. At the bottom of the ramp turn left onto Bayview, go under I-110 to stoplight and turn left to Imperial Palace garage.

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From US 90 – Take Caillavet Street (1<sup>st</sup> stoplight east of where I-110 meets US 90) north. Follow it to the end. Imperial Palace is on the right.



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