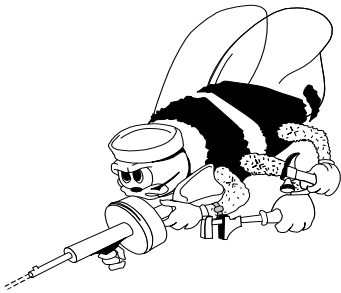


# ***MCB 2 Reunion Association***

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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

**Happy New Year!**  
**May 2003 Bring You**  
**Joy and Happiness!**

## **Our Reunion Dates are Getting Closer!**

It's time to start making reservations with the hotel and with MCB 2. See page 17 for the form needed for all of the events, tours, and dinners scheduled in Cleveland. Be sure to make a copy of that form for your own record and bring it with you when you come to Cleveland. Fill out the form on page 16 before you call the hotel so you will be sure you have all of the information necessary at hand before you call them for your reservations. The telephone number for the hotel in the last Newsletter was incorrect. Make your own reservations with the hotel and separate reservations with Scott/MCB 2 for all of the tours and events planned.

## **Al 'Ski' Ostroski Reunion Dedication**

This reunion is dedicated to the memory of Al 'Ski' Ostroski who was a member of the reunion association and attended all of our reunions until his death in February 2001. See page 2 for a picture of our old buddy and great supporter. This dedication was suggested by our Chairman Emeritus, Stoney Serrett, as Ski was a big supporter of the MCB 2 Reunion Association. A copy of this Newsletter will be sent to Ski's widow, Mary Ostroski, and we wish her all good memories.



Al 'Ski' Ostroski  
At his retirement party December 29, 1998

## 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

## February — May Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1, 1944 Seabees land with Fourth Marine Division on Kwajalein.
- Feb. 19, 1945 Seabees land with 5th Marine Division, Iwo Jima.
- Mar. 2, 1867 Civil Engineer Corps established.
- Mar. 5, 1942 **Seabee Birthday!**
- Mar. 19, 1942 Civil Engineer Corps officers given military authority over construction units.
- Mar. 22, 1945 Seabees ferry Gen. 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, 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea
- May 8, 1945 V-E Day. Germany surrenders.

## 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 789 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 (24 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters — especially the ones with checks!

2 Scott Williams



## Notes from our members:

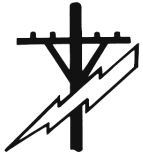
From **Lane Freitag**: Please mail a flag to my son, **Ray Freitag**. I went to the Sepulveda Nursing Home, CA, to check on **Bud Duncan** but he had passed away two months ago, the nurse told me. I took a trip to see the redwoods up Highway 101, the coast route, last August. I have a girl friend now. **Jette Skaggs**, a blue-eyed blonde. I'm teaching her to dance. She weighs about 110 pounds soaking wet. I had to buy her some dancing shoes. She is a very good cook but bossy as hell. Ha, ha, ha! I did not like to be by myself. Your old salty friend..... from **Richard Swallow**: I recently attended the Seabee reunion at Gulfport, including a hurricane for added excitement. I spent several hours in the CEC/Seabee museum admiring the exhibits and photographing most of the Battalion plaques and other displays. I thought that you would like a photo of the MCB 2 plaque that is on display [thanks, and it really looks nice]. Did you know that NMCB 24 had a detachment deployed in 'the pit' at the World Trade Center? There is a nice exhibit documenting their clean-up efforts including the Seabee flag that they flew directly over the pit. Too bad that we don't hear of these things in the news [amen, **Richard**]..... received a check from **Erv Lampe** for two US flags and a donation to the museum [thanks, **Erv**] .... received a Response Form from **Frank Fibich** .... from **Mal (Marge) Pearson**: It has been a busy summer! Weather was great—hot and humid but it was fun being at the lake on the hot days. **Mal** was also busy helping our kids—**Judy** put a family room addition on her house and **Jeff** has a new house and barn and Dad helps getting the barn in order. We finally got our home painted on days off. Enclosed find **Mal's** second



payment for the Seabee Museum. We had our first snow on October 23rd. 2½", but didn't last long. The sun came out in the afternoon. That's it. Looking forward to the reunion in Cleve-

land..... from **Joe O'Brien**: I do not see my name on the Good Guy list so I must be in arrears. Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]. Use the balance as you see fit. .... from **Charles Johnson**: [sent his Response Form] Please find enclosed a check for my dues, a museum contribution and a little something for the petty cash fund [thank you]. I'm an ex-CBMU 101-er, '54-'55, K-3, Korea. I was disappointed not to meet anyone from K-3 at San Antonio due to 9/11. Possibly at Cleveland I will find a few guys who will swear to my lies, tall tales and sea stories. I know it sure felt good at San Antonio to have my tales verified. My wife no longer arches her eyebrows and looks at me thru the tops of her eyes. Could you drop me a roster of CBMU 101 members? I remain an American by birth, a protestant by religion, and a Seabee by an act of God!..... received dues from **Dave Budworth** and **Gerald Seger** [thanks] .... from **Ben Pedrotti**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks] as well as my order for three flags [in the mail]. When the committee for the next reunion meets, consider the West Coast! Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, and Seattle [or Portland] ..... from **Finley Morrison**: Enclosed herewith please find my check for dues and an up-to-date roster [on the way]..... from **Ray Sorrentino**: Enclosed is a check for a couple of US flags. Everyone got a laugh out of those pictures **Vic Jaccino** sent in. I must have been telling one heck of a story in one of them. See you all in Cleveland ..... from **Art Hees**: Enclosed funds for two US flags and thanks much [**Art** and **Ray** are neighbors in Venice, Florida. Hope you guys get together from time to time.] ..... from **Vern Blakeslee**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks] and extra for a US flag. [**Vern** also sent a pocket memo for 2003—thanks] If you don't want the book, don't burn it



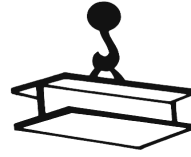
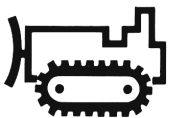


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[never!]. Give it to someone else [thanks, but I'll use it]. Hope you have some good holidays..... from **Lewie Baker**: Enclosed is a money order for two US flags [on the way]

..... from **Roy Peak**: [Roy sent the first Reunion Reservation form in with a check for tours, etc. Thanks, Roy.] ..... received dues from **Richard Fairbanks** with some additional for the museum [thanks] ..... received dues from **Bob Colquhoun** and **Gene Staples** [thanks] ..... received Reunion Reservations from **Charley Johnson**..... from **Jim (Gladys) Wommack**: (received by email 11/21/02) **Jim** had several ultrasounds on Thursday and an MRI and two biopsies of the kidney on Friday. Finally late Monday afternoon we got a call to be at the hospital at 7:30 Tuesday for blood work and an angiogram. They had determined that **Jim** did not have any blood clots in his legs but did have a narrowing in the artery to the kidney and had a piece of a stint that they had left in the urinary tract. His numbers were very elevated which means that the kidney is not functioning as well as it should. They did an angiogram and ballooned one narrowing in the artery out and placed a stint in there. Also determined that there is another narrowing which they could not get to from the left side. They will have to go back in at a later date from the right side and put a stint in that narrow place. They still have not determined what to do about the piece of debris left in his urinary tract. In the process of all this they told us that the kidney **Jim** received is not a very good one and will cause some problems. At this point I came partially unhinged and asked why on earth they would give him a defective kidney when I was already approved for the donation of a perfectly healthy kidney. They have no answers for us on that question. We are not sure if the restricted blood flow or

the debris in the urinary tract has caused the extreme swelling of the feet and legs that we have been battling with for the last six weeks. But that problem has been



set aside trying to get everything else back on track. After the angiogram Tuesday they decided that **Jim** should remain in the hospital over night. Today they decided that he should remain another night and now will not give us any idea when he will be released. They are doing blood work three times a day and everything is so out of whack that they will re-evaluate on a daily basis regarding a release date. **Jim** feels fairly well and they are trying to reassure us that there is no attempted rejection. I have no idea what to do at this point other than pray a whole lot!!! At the very least it is looking like we have at least two more invasive procedures to endure at some later date. I will update you as we know more. Much love to all and keep on praying!!! ..... from **Warren (Ann) Flading**: (**Warren's** secretary – ha!) Enclosed are dues for **Warren** to keep him on the Good Guy list. Wanted to get them off now as we will be going to Florida after Christmas and would probably forget it then. Also, we have telephone and email corrections (see Corrections, page 13). Looking forward to the reunion in Cleveland. See you then..... from **Dick (Betty) Keyes**: Glad to say we are hanging in there! The years are flying by much faster than they used to (wonder why?). Best wishes to all. Dues are enclosed [thanks]. Thanks for the Newsletters..... from **Gene (Jo) McDonagh**: Enclosed is a quiz for you. I am stumped by some and know that you would know them all [see page 8]. Enclosed is a check for dues, a couple of flags (US & POW/MIA), and some extra for whatever [thanks]. The Newsletter is outstanding [thanks for that]. It's interesting to read and shows all your hard work. Love those e-mails..... from **Arnold Daisy**: Thanks for all the work you do with the MCB 2 Newsletters [thanks, **Arnold**]. Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks again] ..... from **Les Keller**: I wanted to beat **Holly Hollingsworth** with my dues this year and my Old Glory is getting faded. Please find enclosed a check for dues, a flag, and a roster,







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plus a little extra for good measure [thanks]. It's been quite cold in Tennessee and it feels a lot like Christmas. Marge had to have back surgery this past summer so

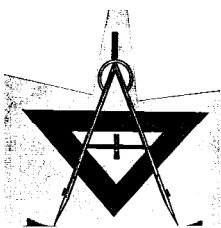
we haven't done much Christmas shopping as yet. Best wishes for the holidays ..... from **Vic Jaccino**: Thank you for putting the picture of CBMU 1 and of **Ray Sorrentino** and me in the Newsletter. Please send me two US flags and keep the rest for postage or whatever [thanks] ..... from **Ed (Sharon) Ballerstein**: [sent dues... thanks] A little extra at this time. Hopefully later, more to come..... received dues from **Henry Benguerel, John Ginther, Duane Weltlich, Bob Hoare, Roger Mohs, Roger Tvede, Willis Struecker, and C. R. 'Lefty' Williamson** [thanks, fellows] ..... from **Mike Barron**: Thank you for sending me the back issues of the *Seabees*. Even though I was in a Detachment of only 150 men, I found the name of someone I served with and we have begun an e-mail correspondence. Enclosed please find my check for dues [thanks]. I have added some extra in order to obtain a copy of the roster as well as to help defray the cost of your mailing to me [and thanks for that, too]. My wife and I are planning to attend the reunion in Cleveland. I will mail the registration shortly. Hoping to meet you in Cleveland. Have a very happy and healthy Christmas..... from **Jack Coulter**: [sent a check for dues. Thanks] Thanks for a great job on the MCB 2 Newsletter..... from **Howard Cornwell**: Here's a check for the Good Guy list and some extra for whatever [thanks]..... from **Ron Howatson**: Thanks for all you do. The Newsletter is great [thank you]. I've enclosed a check for my dues and some extra for whatever. We spent some time in Ventura this past Fall and went to Port Hueneme. You need military ID to get

past the main gate or write ahead and go with a group. I had a nice time talking with the young gate guard, who incidentally was a Seabee (MC2). We'll



see you in Cleveland. [Howard enclosed a copy of an old Christmas card] This is a Christmas card from 1953 at K-6. I don't remember who had these made up, but it shows

that no matter where or when, an enterprising Seabee will come up with an answer to any kind of situation..... from **Billy Partridge**: This is wishing you and everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks] and two US flags [on the way]. I didn't find a mention of postage so, if any more is needed just let me know [no, postage is included in the price]. We always look forward to the Newsletter whether we make the reunions or not. We love hearing news about friends. Thank you for a good job..... from **Lane "Old Salty" Freitag**: I sure would like to thank **Ken Gaskell** for **Harry Knopp's** address and phone number. We had a long phone talk. I also had a long letter from old friend **Ted R. Hill**. **Ted** and I were Boy Scout leaders for VFW Troup 584 out of Albany, Oregon. **Ted** has a pacemaker and I have a stent implant. Both of us are doing OK. I have an old friend named **John Hernberger**. He was with ABCD out of Hawaii. He drove a 1939 Sterling dump truck, 20 cu. yd. job and gasoline powered. The last I heard, he lived in Santa Barbara, California. We took boot camp at Camp Peary, Virginia, near Williamsburg, and into NCB 131. Then we went to Camp Parks, California, and on to Hawaii. I'm sending a few bucks for the kitty. .... from **Verle (Jenna) Williams**: Here it is Christmas season again. I received a card and nice letter from Stoney Serrett. Through your Newsletter I was able to make contact with **William C. Pemberton** from old CBMU 577. You know our unit was formed just about one year after the Seabees came into being in 1942. No wonder there aren't too many of us fellows around to attend the reunions. There were six of us at the Las Vegas reunion: **Bob Kresky** (deceased), **Bruce Kitts** (deceased), **Ed Scholts** (deceased this past year, **Hance Morton, Ray Levasseur**, and myself. **Bill** and I are now in contact again. He lives near Chicago. Wish I



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knew more of the guys from 577. Seems that you lose all contact over the years. Enclosed you will find my check for dues [thank you] and another for the museum project. Maybe it will help a little. We are both doing well and hope you folks are the same. You are doing a terrific job as secretary and you'll probably never know how far reaching it means to many people, so keep up the good work [thank you very much, **Verle**].... .... from **Don Eminhizer**: A check for my dues is enclosed plus some extra for a new directory [on the way]. Keep up the good work. It is really appreciated..... from **Robert Kaempfe**: Sorry I am late with my dues and enclosed is my check [thanks]. I would like a new roster. Anything left over from the check you may use for whatever [thanks for that]. I'm looking forward to Cleveland and seeing **Dave Anderson, Grodel Rogers**, and many more. I missed San Antone as my flight was cancelled 9/12. Cleveland, here we come!..... from **Walter Smith**: Check enclosed for my dues and one US flag [thanks. On the way!]..... from **R. W. 'Dick' Sim**: Here's a check for my dues – on time for a change. Also some extra for an up-to-date roster and thanks [on the way]. The Newsletter is always great. Thanks for that, too..... from **Roy Harris**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks] and a membership roster [on the way]. Whatever is left give it to the Museum Project [Can Do! Thanks]..... from **Bob Hoare**: Enclosed is a group picture taken at Pohang in 1952 of CBMU 1 members of the VFW Ichibon #1 Field Unit Post [see page 9]. You'll recognize **Zimmerman** along with some others, I'm sure. I did contact **Bob Markey** and we did work at BBDO advertising about the same time, but we didn't meet. Also enclosed is a Canadian money order in US funds for my dues to get me on the Good Guy List [thanks]. Thanks for being patient..... from **Sam Holsomback**: Hoping all is well with you and yours [it is, thanks]. Here is a check for my dues and we plan to attend the reunion in Cleveland. **Howard Doyle** and I did not get together in September 2001 but we did in May 2002 [see page 13]. Just 50 years

from the last time. Thanks for what you are doing..... from **Joe Sobczak**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and apply any surplus to the Museum Fund [thanks and will do!] I enjoy your e-mails, keep them coming. Wherever do you find the cartoon types like the singing horses, bugging you and Beetle Bailey? [some from people send them to me, some from checking other sites.] We especially enjoyed the Christmas in Dixie and the other sites it led to. [great! Try [www.webshots.com](http://www.webshots.com) for some great download pictures for the desktop and screensaver. Just follow the directions when the screen comes up. Open an account in your name and you can download 5 pictures a day from the registered site and an unlimited number of pictures from the community site. I have downloaded a number of great Seabee pictures.] ..... from **Bert Helms**: Here's a check for my dues and, if you have any flags left, send me one [thanks, and your flag is on the way] ..... from **Paul (Pat) Schell**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. You can put me on the Good Guy List [done!]. Happy New Year! ..... That's all the notes for now.... See you in the next Newsletter.....

## *The Commander and Staff*

*Our leadership consists of:*

**Commander**

**Pete Elliott**

**Commander Emeritus**

**Stoney Serrett**

### **Staff:**

Joe DeFranco

David Haines

Rich Nelson

Roy Peak, Vice Commander

Malcolm Pearson

Ted Speros

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

## Bar Joke.....

At the bar one night, a man approached one of the ladies standing near the edge of the dance floor.

“Would you like to dance?” he asked.

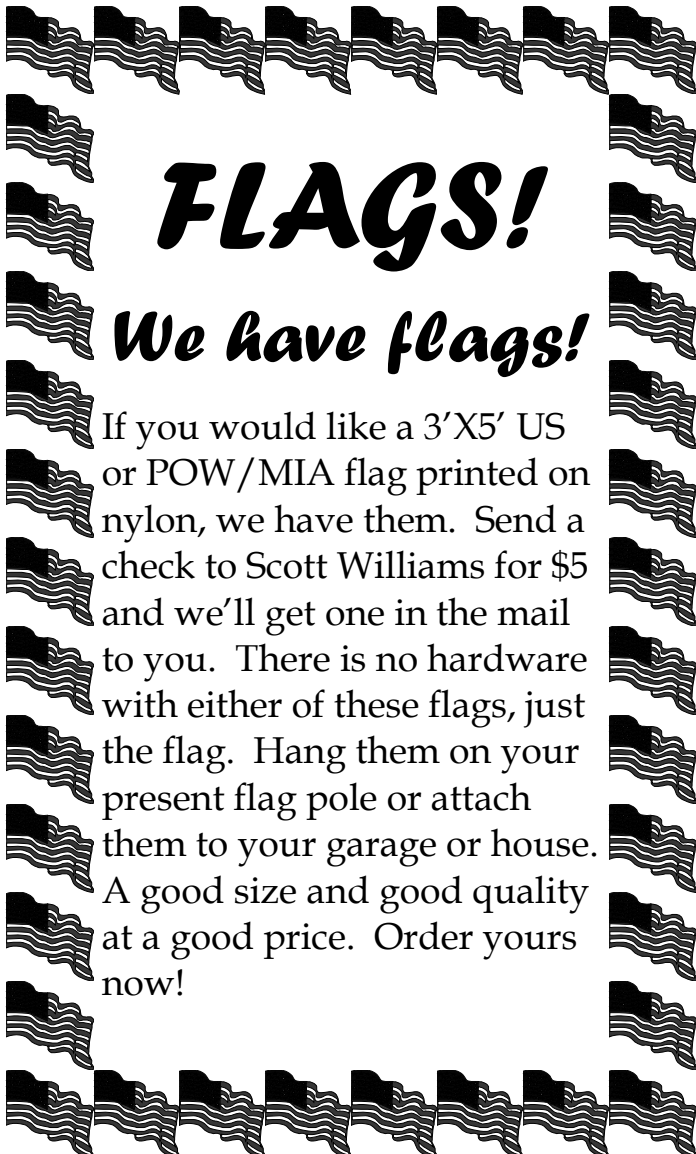
The girl didn't even look at him when she replied, “I don't like this song. And, even if I did, I wouldn't dance with you.”

The man immediately said, “I'm sorry, but you must have misunderstood me. I said, ‘You look fat in those pants.’”

## WORD MEANINGS

Add these definitions  
to your dictionary  
(thanks to Sharon Ballerstein)

- Arbitrator \ar'-bi-tray-ter\  
A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.
- Avoidable \uh-voy'-duh-buhl\  
What a bullfighter tries to do.
- Baloney \buh-lo'-nee\  
Where some hemlines fall
- Bernadette \burn'-a-det\  
The act of torching a mortgage.
- Burglarize \bur'-gler-ize\  
What a crook sees with.
- Control \kon-trol\  
A short, ugly inmate.
- Counterfeiters \kown-ter-fit-ers\  
Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
- Eclipse \e-klips\  
What an English barber does for a living.
- Eyedropper \i'-drop-ur\  
A clumsy ophthalmologist.
- Heroes \hee'-rhos\  
What a guy in a boat does.
- Left Bank \left' bangk\  
What the robber did when his bag was full of loot.
- Misty \mis'-tee\  
How golfers create divots.
- Paradox \par'-u-doks\  
Two physicians.
- Parasites \par'-uh-sites\  
What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
- Pharmacist \farm'-uh-sist\  
A helper on the farm.
- Polarize \po'-lur-ize\  
What penguins see with.
- Primate \pri'-mat\  
Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.
- Relief \ree-leef\  
What trees do in the spring.
- Rubberneck \rub'-er-nek\  
What you do to relax your wife.
- Seamstress \seem'-stres\  
Describes 200 pounds in a size two.
- Selfish \sel'-fish\  
What the owner of a seafood store does.
- Subdued \sub-dood\  
A guy that works on one of those submarines.
- Sudafed \sood'-a-fed\  
Bringing litigation against a government official.



# 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 Williams 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!

So you think you're smart. Well, you are challenged to a game of wits. Below is a list of phrases with some of the key words removed. Your challenge, if you accept this mission, is to see if you can figure out what each sentence means.

Example: 365 D in a Y

The answer is "365 **Days** in a **Year**." Get it? Only a genius can get them all.

1. 26 L in the A
2. 7 D of the W
3. 1001 AN
4. 12 S of the Z
5. 54 C in a D (with J)
6. 9 P in the SS
7. 88 PK
8. 13 S on the AF
9. 32 DF at which WF
10. 18 H on a GC
11. 90 D in a RA
12. 8 S on a SS
13. 3 BM (SHTR)
14. 4 Q in a G
15. 24 H in a D
16. 1 W on a U
17. 5 D in a ZC
18. 57 HV
19. 11 P on a FT
20. 1000 W that a P is W
21. 29 D in F in a LY
22. 40 D and N of the GF
23. 50 W to LYL
24. 99 B of B on the W
25. 60 S in a M
26. 1 H on a U
27. 9 J on the SC
28. 7 B for SB
29. 7 W of the AW
30. 15 M on a DMC

*Answers in the next Newsletter. Work it out!*

## Questions, questions.....

A man took his son fishing one day. After a few hours in the boat with not much to do, the son started asking his father some questions. "How does the boat float?" he asked. The man thought about the question for a moment, then said, "I don't really know, son."

"Well, how do fish breathe underwater?" The man scratched his head. "I guess I don't know the answer to that one either."

"Why is the sky blue?" the boy persisted. The father replied, "I really don't know, son."

The boy started to worry that his father was getting upset at all the questions. "Do you mind me asking questions, Dad?"

His father immediately reassured him. "No, of course not, son! If you don't ask questions, you'll never learn anything!"

## Obituary

Alfred J. 'Zeke' or 'Ski' Ostroski

On February 16, 2001, Alfred J. Ostroski, age 71, of Doylestown, PA, passed away. Husband of Mary A. (nee Maxwell). Also survived by a son, Thomas A.; a step-son, Michael P. Killian; 2 daughters, Charlene M. Ostroski and Beth A. Clair; 2 step-daughters, Maryann M. Vitolo and Catherine A. Cain; 8 grandchildren; a brother, Walter F.; 3 sisters, Josephine A. Carney, Margaret O. Gillespie, and Helen M. Roberto; and many nieces and nephews. The Funeral Mass was held at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Warrentine, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.



CBMU 1 members of the VFW Ichibon No. 1 Field Unit Post, Pohang, Korea, 1952

# THE GOOD GUY LIST

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Harry Agles, Basil Arnold, Lewie Baker, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Joe Barbree, Michael Barron, Dale Baugh, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentson, Ken Bingham, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Donald Bradley, Philip Brunelle, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, James Cain, Lex Camden, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, William B. Carter, Mike Castelvechi, Ken Catchpole, George Chang, C.L. Chapman, Walter Cloonan, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Howard Cornwell, Jack Coulter, Pat Cunningham, Arnold Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Harold Davis, Joseph DeFranco, Howard Doyle, Pete Elliott, Don 'Ike' Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Norman Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Bruno Fanucchi, Frank Fibich, Warren Flading, Bill Frazier, Lane Freitag, William Ganske, Ken Gaskell, Roger Germundson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, Russ Granby, Gerald Grubb, Marvin Guetling, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Arthur Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Duane Henrichson, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Arthur Hoskinds, Ron Howatson, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Victor Jaccino, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Robert Kaempfe, Chuck Kangas, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Mike Kazarian, Gordon Keen, Les Keller, Charles 'Mick' Kelly, Richard Keyes, Allen Kim, Capers Kinard, Denise King, William Knight, John Kolasz, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Art Leable, Dean Lewis, Herbert 'Red' Liverman, Jr., Stanley Lore, Dale Lundstrom, Tom Maere, William (Jack) Mayo, Chuck McCabe, Willie McCarley, Norris McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Gary (Mitch) Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Finley Morrison, Richard Muns, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Don Nitsche, Joseph O'Brien, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro,

Earl Presson, Cecil Price, David "Ernie" Pyle, Gary Rawlings, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Thomas Roy, C. Edner Rudolph, Paul Schell, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Lew Shugar, Jim Sichel, R.W. 'Dick' Sim, Bill Simpson, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Walter Smith, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sonnen, Ted Speros, Gene Staples, Thomas Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, Willis Struecker, Robert Swanson, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Paul Trotter, James Tvede, Al Ulman, Lionel Vidrine, Walter Waddell, Richard Walters, Harold Wardenburg, Karl Weisenbacher, Duane Weltlich, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Bill Wilcoxon, Pete Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, C. R. 'Lefty' Williamson, Jack Wilson, Jim Wommack, 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 January 20, 2003. There are currently 179 paid up members from a mailing list of 530. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 789 names on the full member roster. (SW)

## Who to Contact About Your Dues -

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

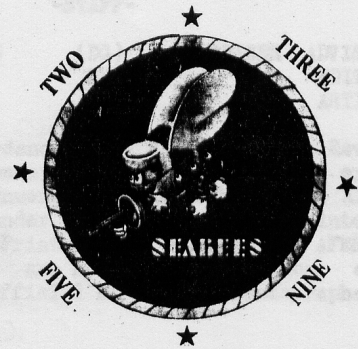
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30th NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT

# Q-BEE POINTER

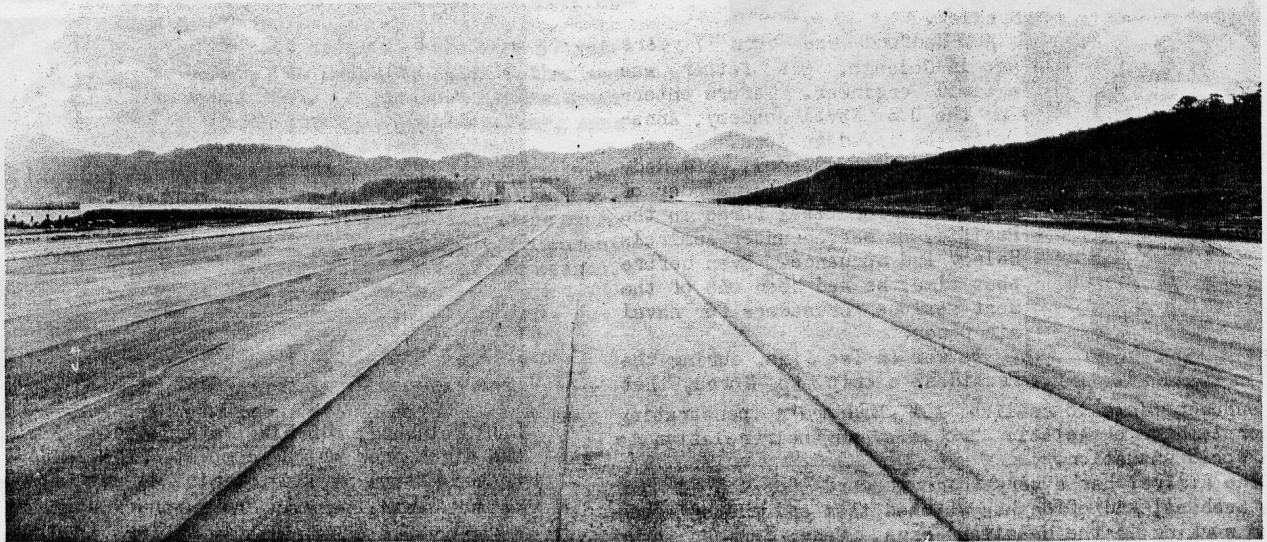
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Thirtieth Naval Construction Regiment

June 1953



The upper photograph shows what the Seabees had to contend with when they began, in October, 1951, to lay out the center line of the new Cubi Point Airstrip. The lower photo shows the strip as it is today.

# MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

Name/Source

Richard Fairbanks  
Roy Harris  
Charles E. Johnson  
Ervin Lampe  
Malcolm Pearson  
Joe Sobczak  
Verle Williams  
Member Dues

Contributed This Period (July-Sept.)  
\$435.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date  
\$5,122.41

Total Pledged to Date  
\$4,585.00

Total Pledged plus Dues increase  
\$6,345.00

**Your contributions to this project  
are tax deductible.**

## NOW HEAR THIS!

As you can see from the accounting above, 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!

Following up on the e-mail list published in the last Newsletter, the following are the corrections/additions of which I have been notified:

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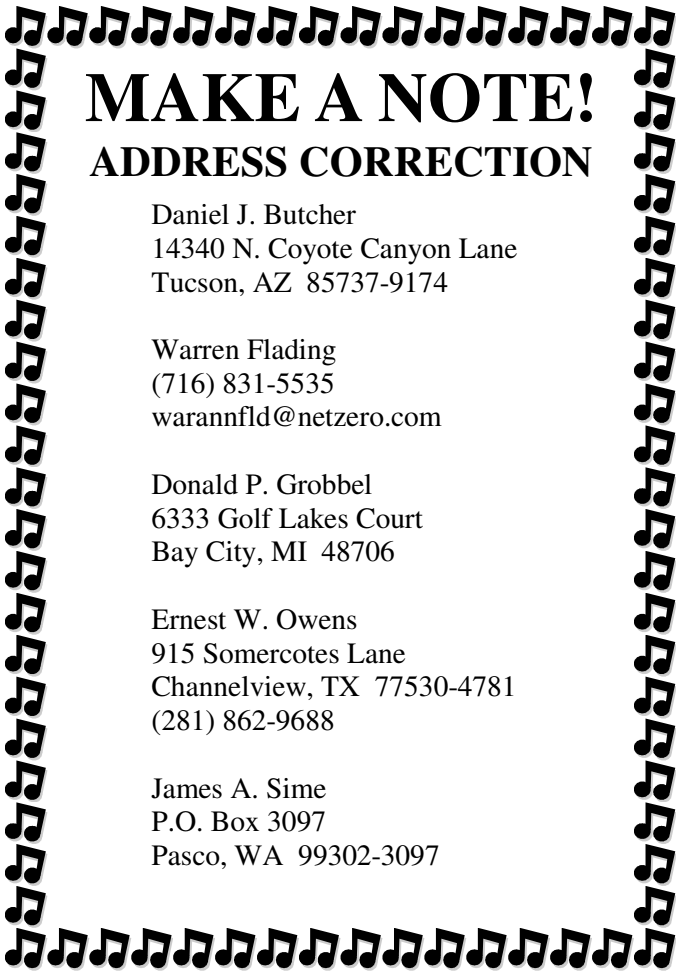
If your name and e-mail address are not here or on the list in the last issue and you would like it listed, please e-mail Scott Williams at williash@aol.com.

## *Our Fallen Comrades*

James F. Gray	11/1/02
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*May they live on in our memories.*





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Howard Doyle (L) and Sam Holsomback (R) at Howard's home in NC, May 2002  
Fifty years after they last met.



Seabee Monument, Washington, D.C.

# Amenities, Services and Attractions Available at the Radisson

**Location:** Located in North Olmsted, Ohio, a western suburb of Cleveland, at the intersection of I-480 and Great Northern Boulevard. The hotel is easily accessible to all major interstates and only minutes away from Cleveland Hopkins Airport and downtown Cleveland.

## Radisson

### Inn Cleveland Airport

25070 Country Club Blvd.

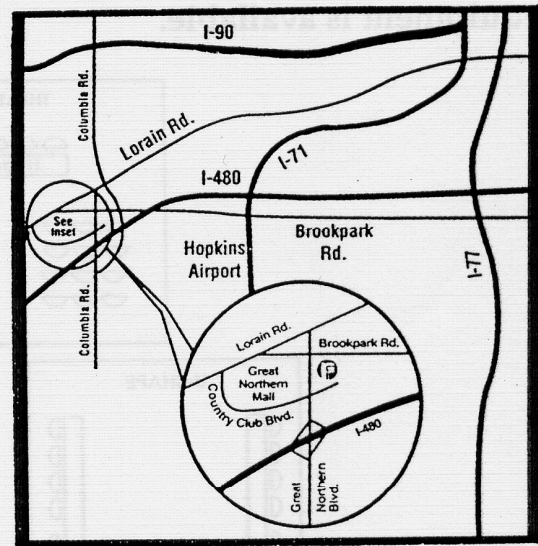
North Olmsted, OH 44070

Phone: (440) 734-5060

Fax: (440) 734-5471

#### Guest Amenities and Services:

- ❖ Guest rooms are 20-30% larger than standard hotel rooms, with sofas and coffee tables.
- ❖ 139 sleeping rooms, six suites and one jacuzzi suite
- ❖ Large working desk with upgraded lighting and accessible outlets.
- ❖ Two (2) Data Port telephones in each guest room.
- ❖ In room coffee makers with complimentary coffee, irons and ironing boards and hair dryers
- ❖ 25" Remote control color televisions with free cable, pay-per-view movies and Nintendo.
- ❖ Full service restaurant featuring American style fare at a moderate price.
- ❖ Sunken lounge with window side seating and fireplace.
- ❖ Meeting and banquet facilities that may accommodate up to 150 people, including two (2) board rooms that accommodate 10-15 people comfortably.
- ❖ Fitness center featuring sauna and exercise equipment.
- ❖ Indoor swimming pool and whirlpool.
- ❖ Complimentary airport transportation, two (2) courtesy phones located at the baggage claim level.
- ❖ Room service.
- ❖ Non smoking rooms available.
- ❖ Complimentary newspaper available at the front desk, Monday through Friday.



#### Area Attractions:

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| • Great Northern Mall             | Directly across the street from the hotel |
| • Cleveland Hopkins Airport       | 7 minutes                                 |
| • Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame        | 20 minutes                                |
| • Great Lakes Science Center      | 20 minutes                                |
| • Jacobs Field                    | 20 minutes                                |
| • Gund Arena                      | 20 minutes                                |
| • Cleveland Zoo                   | 15 minutes                                |
| • International Exposition Center | 7 minutes                                 |
| • Public Golf Courses available   | 5 minutes                                 |
| • Area Restaurants                | Within walking distance.                  |

**Directions:** Take I-480 West to Exit 6B (Great Northern Blvd.). Turn right off of the exit ramp. At the first light, turn right onto Country Club Blvd. The hotel entrance will be the first driveway on the left.

From downtown, take 71 South to I-480 West, Exit 6B (Great Northern Blvd.). Turn right off of the exit ramp. At the first light, turn right onto Country Club Blvd. The Hotel entrance will be the first driveway on the left.

# Radisson®



# HOTEL RESERVATION CARD

1-440-734-5060 Code: MCB 2

GROUP NAME: MCB-2 Association Reunion  
 DATES: September 10 through September 14, 2003  
 RATE: Single \$82.00 Double \$82.00  
 PARKING: Free



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

*Each individual must fill in arrival and departure dates (below):*  
 Check In Time: 3:00 pm / Check Out Time: 12:00 pm (noon)

Guest Arrival Date:	Guest Departure Date:
Credit Card Number for Guarantee:	Type of Card and Expiration Date:
Card Holder's Name:	

*Please circle bed type you are requesting (subject to availability):*

Single	Double	Triple	Quad

*Please circle special requests (subject to availability):*

Smoking	Non-Smoking
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**Advance Deposit:** Please allow one night's deposit plus 14.5% tax. Deposits must be received prior to the reservation cut-off date.

**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 cancelled 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 22, 2003. Group rates cannot be guaranteed after cut-off date.

**Radisson Inn, Cleveland Airport**  
 25070 Country Club Blvd.  
 North Olmstead, OH 44070

Telephone: (440) 734-5060 / Fax: (440) 734-5471 Reservations: Use Code: MCB 2

# REUNION REGISTRATION - CLEVELAND

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 **MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION** in the form of a 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 9, 2003. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

**We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.**

MAIL TO:  
**Scott Williams**  
**MCB 2 Reunion Association**  
**7221 Trading Post Lane**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89128**

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OFFICE USE ONLY  
Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 9, 2003**

	PRICE PER	X	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	\$ AMOUNT
Thursday Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Science Center, W.J. Mather Ore Boat, USS Cod WWII Sub tour.	\$45	X	_____	=	_____
Thursday tour & dinner cruise	\$51	X	_____	=	_____
Friday Football Hall of Fame tour	\$38	X	_____	=	_____
Friday tour & dinner cruise	\$61	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday night Banquet (mark your choices)					
Prime rib	\$30	X	_____	=	_____
Stuffed chicken Florentine	\$25	X	_____	=	_____
Registration Fee per person (required)	\$5	X	_____	=	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, INC.</b>				=	_____

*Please do not staple or tape payment*

PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR NAME TAG \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT \_\_\_\_\_  
(MCB 2. CBMU 1/101, etc.)

SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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 August 30 (less a \$3 processing fee). However, after that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies.

**CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am - 5pm Pacific time (excluding holidays).  
CALL (702) 254-1929 to obtain your cancellation code.**

MCB 2 Reunion Association  
**Cleveland, Ohio, 2003**

## **TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

### ***ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME***

**Thursday, September 11**

Board bus for the tour of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame; then to the Cleveland Science Center; then to the William J. Mather Ore Boat that once plied the Great Lakes hauling iron ore; then on to the USS Cod, a WW II submarine. Then taken to the Cleveland Flats waterfront area for lunch on your own.

**10:00 a.m. board bus, 5:00 p.m. back at hotel**

**\$45/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch is on your own.**

### ***NAUTICA QUEEN RIVER/LAKE CRUISE***

**Thursday, September 11**

Board bus for the Nautica Queen cruise of the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie with dinner and dancing aboard the tour boat. The tour will commence and return on the river and a cruise along the shore of Lake Erie.

**7:00 p.m. board bus, 10:00 p.m. return to hotel.**

**\$51/Person includes bus, escort, cruise and dinner.**

### ***FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME***

**Friday, September 12**

Board bus for the tour of the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio (approximately 60 miles from hotel). Enjoy lunch at The Bomb Squad. Reboard bus for return to hotel.

**9:00 a.m. board bus, 4:00 p.m. back at hotel**

**\$38/Person includes bus, escort and lunch.**

### ***NAUTICA QUEEN RIVER/LAKE CRUISE***

**Friday, September 12**

Board bus for the Nautica Queen cruise of the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie with dinner and dancing aboard the tour boat. The tour will commence and return on the river and a cruise along the shore of Lake Erie.

**7:00 p.m. board bus, 10:00 p.m. return to hotel.**

**\$61/Person (weekend rate) includes bus, escort, cruise and dinner.**

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

MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION  
**Schedule of Events**  
RADDISON AIRPORT HOTEL, CLEVELAND, OHIO  
SEPTEMBER 10 – 13, 2003

*Wednesday, September 10*

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Planning Committee meeting
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Early Bird Registration</b>
10:30 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed

*Thursday, September 11*

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame tour
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Nautica Queen dinner cruise
10:30 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed

*Friday, September 12*

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Football Hall of Fame tour
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Nautica Queen dinner cruise
10:30 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed

*Saturday, September 13*

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Late Reunion Registration open</b>
10:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Free time
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Memorial Service
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Cash Bar at Country Club
7:00 p.m. -	Banquet at Country Club
8:00 p.m. -	Guest Speaker at Banquet
9:00 p.m. -	Door Prize drawings

*Sunday, September 14*

Farewells and departures

# MCB 2 Reunion Association, Inc.

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