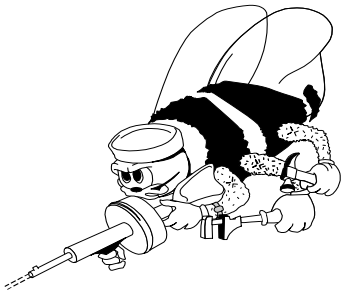


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Seabees

*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

Have You Sent Your Reservation Form? If Not, Send It Today!

Another Sad Day

from Pete Elliott, Commander MCB 2

We are all saddened to hear of the passing of John "Fletch" Fletcher in early February. John was a career Seabee, Past national Commander and Past Ohio State Commander of the NSVA. He was a member of MCB 2 and attended all of our reunions except San Antonio. He will be missed by one and all. I am going to ask that the Cleveland reunion be jointly dedicated to John and Al "Ski" Ostroski. A copy of the Newsletter will be sent to John's wife, Mary. I also ask that all members that are sick or in distress contact Scott Williams and let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you.

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Pipers Piping

from Pete Elliott

As most of you know, I am a 'piper' with the Cleveland Police Pipes & Drums Bagpipe Band. For the past several years we have participated at the National Police Memorial Services held in Washington, DC during the week of May 15 each year. A couple of years ago, while visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I got the idea that I would like to do a ceremony at the Tomb. I wrote letters, and on May 12, 2003, our band will lay a wreath at the Tomb at approximately 3:00 p.m. Along with three other band members, one from each branch of service, I have been selected to lay the wreath and will represent the Navy Seabees. Since no music can be played at the Tomb, we will be playing in the amphitheater adjacent to the Tomb around 3:30 p.m. God Bless you and God Bless America.

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The 2003 Cleveland Reunion is on its way and just around the corner. **PLEASE HELP US!** Please make your reservations as soon as possible. We are allotted 110 rooms on a first-come, first-served basis. As of this mailing, 22 reservations have been made with Scott. If there is an 'overflow', I will get a list of suitable motels within walking distance of the Radisson and we will get out a special Newsletter if necessary. If you are disabled or have special needs, call the Radisson now and let them know. Please get your reservation form completed and send it in now so we can get a count for the banquet and tours. The cutoff date to be in Scott's hand is August 9 as he will be driving so will not be home to get any mail after August 10. If you cannot make it, send a note to Scott and let us know how you are doing. We are looking forward to seeing all and having nothing but FUN!

God Bless you and God Bless America!
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

May—August Dates to Remember

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| May 8, 1942 | Battle of the Coral Sea |
| May 8, 1945 | V-E Day. Germany surrenders. |
| June 3, 1968 | NMCB 4, first battalion to deploy to Camp Evans, RVN. |
| June 4, 1942 | Battle of Midway. |
| June 6, 1944 | Seabees land at Normandy as Naval Combat Demolition Units. |
| June 15, 1944 | Seabees land on Saipan. |
| June 24, 1970 | NMCB 5, first battalion to deploy to Camp Logan, Bien Hoa, RVN. |
| 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. 9, 1942 | Battle of Savo Island. |
| Aug. 9, 1942 | 6th NCB lands at Guadalcanal with Marines, first Seabees in combat. |
| Aug. 9, 1945 | Bombing of Nagasaki. |
| Aug. 11, 1942 | USNCTC Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned. Original Home of the Seabees. |
| Aug. 14, 1945 | Japan accepts terms of Potsdam Declaration. |
| Aug. 20, 1942 | OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal. First CEC/Seabee officer to enter a combat zone. |

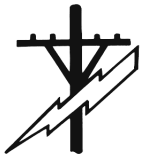


Notes from our members:

From **Les Hall**: Here are my dues and I need a roster [on the way, and thanks]..... from **Mike Kazarian**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I'm sure it's time to pay up! We are up to our eyeballs with snow here in Tahoe. Great skiing! Come on up. Keep up the great job..... from **Jim Sichel**: Enclosed are dues [thanks]. Your e-mail jokes are great [some don't think so]. Keep up the good work..... from **Jack Wilson**: Here are my dues [thanks] and some extra as I know you can use it [sure can and thanks]. I don't want to get on the Bad Guy List [not a chance!]. My old surveying buddy from Subic Bay, **Paul Trotter**, has moved and I don't know his new phone number [541-582-4070]. So, if he sees this in the Newsletter, I would appreciate it if he would send me his new phone number. And Scott, thanks for doing a great job with the Newsletter. My phone number is 618-684-2519 from **Doug Emond**: Well, here are my dues for another year [thanks]. Where did the time go? Now, about the reunion. It looks like I am going [great!]. Shirley and I will be driving as it is about 8 hours away. The Christmas card we got from **Bill** and **Shari Wisnowski** said they were going to call me. Once I talk to **Bill**, I'll know more about what tours and what day we'll get there. Looks like all we have to do is stay healthy [Amen!]. The only thing I don't like about September is summer will be over and winter will be coming again. Right now, I'm freezing my ass off [**Doug** lives near Green Bay, Wisconsin]. 'Til we meet in Cleveland..... received dues from **Ken Catchpole**, **Gordon Gwathney** and **Tom Roy**..... from **M.P. "Holly" Hollingsworth**: You guys have done a great job in preparing for the reunion over the



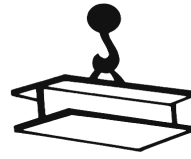
years. **Fran** and I have enjoyed the ones we were able to attend. However, due to health problems, we feel that we will be unable to attend any future reunions. In view of that, we ask that we be removed from your mailing list as we certainly don't want to end up on the Bad Guy List! [Oh, no you don't! You're not going to get off the Good Guy list that easy! You have been a Good Guy too long, so the extra from **Jack Wilson** will pay your dues. So there!] Good luck to all of you in the future..... a phone call from **Pete Williams**: [**Pete** had surgery to remove cancer from the upper lobe of his left lung. He is home and recovering quite well..... And has quit smoking.]..... from **William Ganske**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. Thank you for your work. from **Don Henderson**: Here's the money for another year [thanks]. I have kinda forgot about it since my by-pass operation. Sorry. Hope to see you this Spring in Vegas or later Cleveland. from **Juanita Hershberger**: Thanks for continuing to send the Seabee Newsletter. I enjoy reading it and keeping up with **Hersh's** Seabee buddies. I remember how proud he was to be part of such a great organization. He got to see the memorial in Washington D.C. and took a lot of pictures. **Stoney, L.P. Burleigh** and I still correspond. I'm so pleased they cared enough of **Leonard** to keep in touch with me. Enclosed find a check for a new flag. I fly mine every day [a 48-star flag] and it is wearing out. Use the balance towards the memorial in **Leonard's** name.....from **Mel Dixon**: Another year has slipped by! Here's my dues plus a little extra for the Museum Project. I enjoy the Newsletter very much. Thanks for all your effort..... from **Roger (Lorraine) Hamilton**: Hope this check brings **Roger** up to date in his dues. Thanks..... from **Richard Swallow**: I was just looking at my list of organizations that I pay dues to and noticed that I am out of date for MCB 2. This year's dues are enclosed [thanks]..... from **Mal (Marge) Pearson**: [Enclosed a check for his museum pledge] A Seabee Afghan would be a great raffle again. Enclosed find a check for a US flag



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[on the way]..... received dues from **Dan Mills, Don Jones, Roy Grisham, Paul Neusetzer, Jim Green, Charles (Anne) Trimarchi, William Moore, Bob Doezie,**

Vance (Nellie) Adams, John Noetzel, Bob (Mary) Lohrentz, Pat Badgett, Elwin 'Shorty' (Phyllis) Campbell, Frank Chambers, Don Barry, Bill (Twyla) Duensing, Tem Tyler, Dick Farbo, Henry Jones, Gene Urmev, Harry Nelson, Norm Eveleth, Frank Mingo, Gerald Powell, Richard Shafer, Dwight Yetter, Robert (Anne) Conroe, Chuck Kangas, Herbert Meade, Don Grobbel, Bill (Shari) Wisnowski, Willard (Pat) Cousins, Ralph Bokern and Stephen Korkes [thanks to all]..... from **Lew Shugar:** Here's my check for the Atsugi book and thanks from **Cecil 'Arky' Price:** Hope this finds you and your family well and in good health [it does, thank you]. I guess I be doing OK. My allergies are a lot better than when I was in Washington. Wish I had picked a better place to live than here [Zapata, TX]. Oh, well. So be it. I put quite a few miles on myself and my pickup. The last two months I have attended six funerals scattered from California to Kansas to Arkansas and here in Texas. All but one was old folks., so I guess we have to expect that. I was reading your schedule for the reunion in September and, for me, it doesn't offer too much. Being 70 years old and Rock and Roll isn't my music [you don't have to dance, **Arky!** Just be there!] And football wasn't played where I went to school, then me going in the military at barely seventeen, I never got interested in football. And a 120 mile round trip bus ride just doesn't turn me on. So, that only leaves the Saturday banquet and the evening dinner and dance on a boat. Leaving the hotel at 7:00 p.m. and back at the hotel at 10:00 p.m. doesn't sound like much of a boat ride. I will wait until I hear from my CBMU #1 buddies before I decide, but I may not attend. No hard feelings, I hope, but your pick of entertainment just doesn't fit me..... from **Pat Morris:** Enclosed find my check for dues [thanks] and the Cleveland reunion registration. I am



also forwarding a new member dues check from **Lawrence Gerhrke.** Looking forward to Cleveland and seeing a lot of my old friends from CBMU 1/101 and my new friends that

I met at the Charleston reunion. Thanks for all the work that you do for our reunion group..... from **Jack Schrader:** Enclosed is my check for dues plus some for whatever [thanks]..... from **Ed Carlson:** My wife and I are in Acapulco, Mexico, for the winter. We are helping to raise funds for the Salvation Army's Children's Home. I'm 79 now, but still doing some construction work at home in Rockford, IL. Since the winters are tough, this is a good project for some wonderful children. I was a member of the 74th Seabees from the beginning at Tarawa in the Marshall Islands, then to Okinawa. I remember working on the Yonabru Air Field. It was a huge job, combining four battalions. But in November or December 1945, we left for Seattle. I was never sure if Yonabru Field was ever completed. Since my notice in the Legion Magazine, I have received many wonderful letters detailing the Yonabru story. Did you know that the B29 that bombed Nagasaki came back and landed at Yonabru Field? Also, a Seabee sent me a map of Okinawa showing the location of over 30 Seabee Battalions [I have located 47!]. We were building supply bases all over the Island, plus constructing this huge airport. I can remember during the Spring or Summer of 1945 and going to the top of a large mountain to help build a temporary wooden platform, then listening to a group of Seabee commanders discussing the construction of Yonabru Field. They said, "We'll have to work 24 hours a day, move thousands of yards of dirt down into the valley, and get this airport ready for some new, large airplanes now being built in the US." I also remember listening to the World Series on the radio where Detroit beat the Cubs in 7 games. After that, in a month or so, we left Okinawa. Many of you have been wonderful to fill in the gaps. If President Truman had not given permission for the atomic bomb, Okinawa would



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have been the main base for bombing runs to Japan, and Yonabru Field would have been a very busy and critical airport. Several Seabees have told me that the airport is still very active. I was just 19 years old when joining the 74th NCB and worked my way up to Carpenter's Mate II, but being in the Seabees was a great experience. Most of the older men in our battalion had been construction foremen, superintendents, and engineers. They were very kind and supportive to us younger fellows. It was a great 3-year experience and I will always treasure it. After the war, I came home and married my high school sweetheart. We have six children (all married to their same mates) and 27 grandchildren. I attended Bradley University for two years and became acquainted with **R.G. LeTourneau**. His life and strong faith in God has inspired me ever since. **Wayne Heple** suggested I write to you re: Yonabru Field. I'm receiving info from many old timers and maybe some of your members can help also. Thank you..... from **John Wilborn**: [sent a check to help offset expenses. Thanks, **John**.]..... from **Ben Balog**: Please send me three US flags [on the way, **Ben**]..... from **Ivan Majetic**: Here's a check for my dues [thanks] plus extra for a current roster [on the way, **Ivan**]..... from **Robert Coley**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks] and please send me a CBMU 101 roster [on the way]. Keep the extra for postage or whatever [thanks again]..... from **Fred Cozad**: Hope I'm not too late to stay on the Good Guy List [never! You're still a Good Guy and thanks]. I enjoy the Newsletter too much to not get it, even one time. Keep up the good work [thank you]..... from **John Grasz**: Sorry I'm a little late and let me know by e-mail where I stand with my dues [thanks, **John**] from **Paul (Opal) Neusetzer**: We received and read your last Newsletter. We have also enjoyed the jokes and other things you have sent on e-mail. Please keep us on your e-mail list. Unfortunately, we will not see you in Cleveland. **Paul** had a stroke in '93 and our travel is very limited since I have to do every-



thing for both of us. **Paul** can no longer drive and is not able to walk but very short distances. You can't believe what a nightmare it is to try and find handicap accommodations.

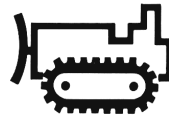
We are very involved at church and stay busy closer to home. Before the stroke, we traveled extensively and have traveled some since because we have a motor home, but I am about ready to give that up. Too much responsibility! Thanks for helping to keep America great!..... from **Doug Thorp**: Please find enclosed two checks in payment for dues plus my second annual CEC/Seabee Museum payment on my pledge. I want to thank you for all your effort in publication of the Newsletter. I wait for it with bated breath. I really enjoy reading of shipmates I knew (and hoisted a few with) in Cubi and Korea. I may even write some of them one day—but that's not a promise. Oh, yes. I checked the July and October 2002 issue to see if the Atsugi cruise book was still available [yep, it is], but no mention was made. If so, could you please notify me and I will send a check for a copy [we'll get one off to you]. Even though I wasn't there in 1951-'52, I knew a lot of those that were. I did get sent there for a weeks' TAD just before I went to CBMU 101, Iwakuni Detachment. They were still installing those slab-sided stran-steel huts then for the Marines. Well, I expect to see you all at Cleveland in September if AMTRACK doesn't go belly up. I hate flying. Thanks once again and keep up the good work. ps: Incidentally, **Ken Gaskell** was absolutely right but, man! What a memory—I was from Moscow, Idaho, but that was over 50 years ago..... from **Marshall Williams**: I'm sorry I'm late with the dues. It got right by me. I'll kick in a little extra for a penalty/museum project [hey, that works great! Thanks]. My old emphysema has flared up and I can't travel for a while. If you remember, I spent most of the San Antonio trip in the hospital—one week. My wife had to come on out and pick me up. I had a bed made in the van. That time it was my pancreas (2nd attack). In 1993 I almost died from it. If you ever have a



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reunion in Gulfport or Biloxi, maybe I can make it (God willing). Take care..... from **Vic Jaccino**: I would like to get a print of the VFW Ichihibon #1 picture that was

in the Newsletter. I am a member and some of the faces in the picture look familiar but it is not clear enough to make out. I hope you can help me [I'll try]. I plan on attending my cousin's wedding February 22nd in Vegas. I hope you don't mind if I call! [not at all! Please do.] Maybe we can have lunch or dinner, my treat. [sounds great! Call when you get in town.]..... from **L. P. 'Pop' Burleigh**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. Hope **Estelle** and I can make the next reunion but, as things stand now, I doubt that she will be able to make the trip by car as it is just too far and would be too tiring for her. She will not fly. I hope very soon we could have a reunion in a more central location before the Lord calls us home. We had the honor of having **Stoney** and **Gladys** visit with us during Christmas. We wish you and yours and all of my Seabee friends a happy, healthy and holy new year. May God bless and watch over all of you..... from **Galen Farnsworth**: I looked at the Good Guy List and I was missing. Here are my dues and sorry about the delay [thanks]. My wife and I won't be able to make it to the reunion due to her Parkinson's but we will surely remember all the wonderful folks there. If MCB 2 Association does decide to make Drain, Oregon, their next reunion site, I can guarantee some wonderful sightseeing tours. There is an ancient wigwam burner used by our local sawmill years ago. It stands about 80 feet tall and is intact. Then there are several ancient cars around. You can see them while you are touring the town. Most are up on blocks in their front yards. Then, there is a pig farm on the outskirts of town. It can be viewed easily from the road above. There are three hogs in it at present (I think), but often there are four or five. Most of the time at least three are above the level of mud in the pen. There are several other great sights such as the foundation of the old theater that burned three



years ago and was built before the 2nd World War. For dining, there is the "Tin Lizzie" restaurant and also the "Road Kill" restaurant where they serve wonderful tenderized meats of all varieties.

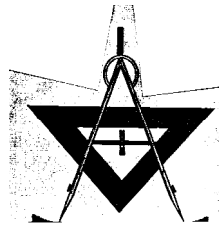
I'm not giving up on trying to get the gang out here. My wife could ride to the campsite on her motorized wheel chair, and that would be nice for us. Thanks for the reunion paper and especially the little game of wits. Here are our answers [Galen got all of the answers correct!]..... from **Don Shoff**: Enclosed is a check for dues and some extra for whatever [thanks, **Don**]..... from **Allan (Sylvia) Alberg**: We are hoping to make it to our first reunion in Cleveland in September. **Allan** was in CBD 1804 in Korea from Nov. 1951 to Feb. 1953, then to VP 931 at Whidbey Island, Washington state, and on to Guam from 1953-1954 from **Rod Howard**: Sorry to be late with my dues [thanks]. You know what goes second..... from **Vic Swanson**: I notice I am not on the Good Guy List. I do apologize for that [no problem, and thanks for the check]. I hope this will keep the Newsletters coming for a while [sure will]. Although I retired in December 1993, I have been unable to make a reunion due to sickness and deaths in my family, plus I have had my share of it. I know that it takes people like you, a lot of hard work, very little appreciation, less thanks, and even much less financial reward [Wow! You covered it all!]. But do keep up the good work for the people like myself..... from **John 'Jack' (Barbara) Vidusic**: **Jack** thought he was on the Good Guy List but I guess not! [nope... fell off the end of December] Time flies. Enclosed check will put him in good standing again [sure does and thanks]. See you in Cleveland..... from **Charlie (Pauline) 'Hage' Hagemann**: I am enclosing two checks but only using one stamp. Ha! Thanks for all your good work. We appreciate you more than words can say [thank you]. Enclosed is the paperwork for the reunion. I wasn't sure about who to make the check to for dues, but I am sure you know how to cash it! [sure do, and thanks]. God bless and



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see you in September..... from **Stan Dauer**: I had a senior moment [I have those but they are not just 'moments'!] and then I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List. Thanks for the wake-up call.

This should pay me up for a while [thanks]..... from **Paul Muma**: Just a note and my dues [thanks]. I just returned from another three months in the Mediterranean area. I left the Med in late Jan '03 and people were still swimming in the sea off Malta. Would you please send me a roster? [on the way] I see names in the Newsletter of people I remember a lot. I remember **Ski [Ostroski]** playing baseball and football at Atsugi, Japan..... from **Gary Rawlings**: [sent dues.... Thanks] Keep up the good work!..... from **Harry Ladley**: Put me on the Good Guy List! [sent a check... thanks] How time flies..... from **Ken Chew**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List. It doesn't seem like it, but another year has gone by. Here's my dues and something extra for the museum [thanks, **Ken**]..... from **John Jurkash**: Here's my dues [thanks]. I don't think we'll make the reunion. We have a big event in Victoria, Texas. Our son's 50th birthday is at the same time! It will be 50 years for me and for MCB 2, also. I'm sending a few pictures and maybe you can find room for them in the next Newsletter [I don't think so, **John**. They are so dark and are copies, which just won't print very well. I'll take them to the reunion.] All of the names are not there. I know **John Petronka** and **Sam Ragusa** will know who's who! Have a healthy, hearty and good 2003. God willing, we hope to make it to the reunion in 2005..... from **Phil Wagenschnur**: Sorry for the delay in renewing my dues, but my health hasn't been up to par. At 86, I am also a bit forgetful [Oh, no! I thought I was the only one with that problem!] So, enclosed is my dues check and a bit extra [thanks] from **Jerry Wilkening**: I just sent you an e-mail about my dues and if I had checked the Good Guy List I would have noticed that my name was absent. Having said that, I am enclos-



ing a check for my dues [thanks] from **Sam (Mary) Ragusa**: [enclosed a check for dues and asked that the extra be sent to the museum project. Thanks]..... from **Bill Sharp**: I hope to make this reunion. I missed the last one due to bad scheduling. [enclosed a check for dues. Thanks] Now, I hope to be on the Good Guy List. I was with MCB 2 from 3/52 to 7/55 in tent #46. I was also with the detachment to Sangley Point, the detachment to Grande Island, and later to a detachment at Camp Pendleton for Advanced Infantry Training. I attended Builder's School and was a BU2 at discharge..... from **Ralph Binney**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List. I hope to stop by the reunion for one day while I am on a business trip. Please send a roster and keep up the good work..... from **Don Hofstetter**: My good friend here in Phoenix, **Al Fritz**, has suffered a stroke. I visited him today (2/27) and he is having a difficult time. He can move his arms and legs but his mind seems muddled. **Al** is a master carpenter, woodworker and artist. He does wonderful paintings. Please pray for a complete recovery. [**Al's** address is 17244 N. 31st Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85053. I know he would love to get a card from his Seabee buddies]..... from **Frank Betonte**: Boy, did I mess up! My name is not on the Good Guy List! Sorry about that [no problem]. I lost my wife and she did all this for me [sorry to hear that]. Here's my check for dues and a flag and whatever else you might use it for [thanks for that]. Hope to see you in Cleveland..... from **Fred Simon**: I was reading the Newsletter on the Internet, thanks to your e-mail [and thanks to **Pat Morris**]. I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List. The enclosed check will cure that and, if you have 5 American flags, I would like you to send them to my new address here in Vermont. I am working with a new NSVA Island and the guys here are a great group of veterans. I'm looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship with them. Keep up the good work and keep the e-mail coming. Your forwards are especially good as they are cleaned up before

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sending. I get so tired of reading the long list of who sent to who before a small message, don't you? [yes, that's why I 'clean them up'.].....
from **Jim De Keyser**: Sorry I'm late. I am enclosing a check for dues [thanks]. I enjoy the Newsletter very much. Have a happy new year.....
from **Mary Ostroski**: I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending the Newsletter and enjoyed reading every page. I am sending a check to help pay for the Newsletter expenses and some for the Museum Project [thank you]. I will let you know in a future letter the number for the banquet, with a check. There will possibly be 10 or 11 at the most. I have already found a good door prize [great!].....
from **Doug Thorp**: Thank you for your prompt reply. Please find a personal check for one copy of the 1951-'52 Atsugi cruise book, plus extra for postage to Mexico [thanks]. I am looking forward to the Cleveland reunion. I will send my application later, but as of now, I am still set up to go. Also, many thanks for the effort you put forth in the publication of the Newsletter. I wait for each copy with bated breath. I may possibly be in Las Vegas in May for a reunion with MCB 9. I contacted the listing in the monthly Fleet Reserve magazine. If it is a go, I would like to meet you for a drink and lies [sounds good to me! But no lies.... The truth is wild enough.].....
from **Preston Wilson**: Sorry I am late sending in my dues. Enclosed is a check and a little extra [thanks]. I would also like to have one of the flags you mentioned, if you still have them [on the way!]. I have also enclosed a notice of the death of **Ray Winters**. Some of the guys might remember him.....
from **Hark Ketels**: Due to other commitments, I will be unable to attend the reunion. MCB 2 holds many dear memories for me, not only all of the hard work, but also the good times on liberty. Maybe next year. Being the past Director for 19 years of the CEC/Seabee Museum, I know the importance of our drive to fund a new museum. Keep up the good work, MCB 2.....
from **Claude Garcenot**: I guess I have fallen from the Good Guy List so here's a check for dues, a couple of flags and the rest to

the Museum Project [thanks]. Sorry for the delay.....
from **David Haines**: Find my check for dues [thanks]. Looking forward to the reunion in Cleveland. At this time, all systems are go.....
from **Vern (Nan) Ammentorp**: Sorry we missed this. **Vern** has joined a lot of things the past few years and I have a hard time keeping up on dues. I'll try to remember for next year [OK, and thanks for the check. But just keep an eye on the Good Guy List.] Thanks for the e-mails. We are looking forward to Cleveland.....
from **Jo (Gene) McDonagh**: [Sent a St. Patrick's Day card—thanks] Enclosed are two items I thought you might find interesting [See pages 11 and 12. Thanks] It snowed another 3" last night and the temperature is around 8° right now. How's your lawn? [Green, and I am mowing it weekly. Better than shoveling snow!]
from **Robert Bowdler**: Sorry my secretary let me slip up on my dues. Enclosed is an extra check for the Museum. This cuts into my booze ration. Last September, my wife and I went to the grand opening of the Greyhound Bus Museum in Hibbing, MN. We stopped at **Red Beryin's** fish cabin to spend three days with him and his wife in MN. No fish but plenty of stories and beer. After the new year, we dropped in on **Pat Badgett** and his wife for three days outside Houston. We took in the Johnson Space Center about three weeks before the shuttle accident. Enclosed are some pictures of K-3 and Atsugi that may jog the memories of some old farts.....
from "**Old Salty**" **Lane Freitag**: Do I-O-U any dues for this year? [no, you are square for a couple more years.] I was in the hospital for a colon exam and should have been a two-hour deal. The surgeons punched a hole in my intestine and I was in the hospital for 10 days on morphine and plasma [yeah, and how much did they bill for that?]. Then, I spent 21 days in rehab. I sure had plenty of pain and suffering. I still have pain. But, I am home now and have Meals on Wheels. Thanks for the info on my old buddy, **Harry K. Knopp** of Powell, WY. [Lane sent some copies of notes and papers about the VA, gas prices and a newsletter from the USS Saratoga of 11 September 1945. Interesting stuff

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and thanks.]..... from **Bill Sigmund**: Sorry about being delinquent with my dues [OK, and thanks]. Memory not what it used to be. Enclosed please find my check and will send more when I can. Hope to see you in Cleveland..... from **Jesse Wilson**: Sorry I am late, but here is a check for my dues [thanks]..... from **Clement Gregurek**: Here's a check for my dues [thanks] from **Russ Granby**: [e-mail] I received a call from **Glenn Grimes** today and the news is not good. He sold his computer as he no longer has the strength to work his controller [**Glenn** has ALS—Lou Gehrig's Disease]. He says thanks so much to all he has received messages from. He has a speaker phone if anyone would like to call. His number is 1-918-834-4509. Keep him in your prayers..... That's all for now.....

Life, and Other Thoughts...

- I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!
- My wife says I never listen to her. At least, I think that's what she said.
- Stress is when you wake up screaming and then you realize you haven't fallen asleep yet.
- Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school but they can in prison?

Our Fallen Comrades

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Mike Coster | 3/20/03 |
| John W. Fletcher | 2/9/03 |
| Lester E. Harvey | 12/16/02 |
| Willie R. McCarley | 9/19/02 |
| Raymond Winters | 12/14/02 |

May they live on in our memories.

Now Hear This! Now Hear This!

On the next page (page 10) is a questionnaire from the Outreach Coordinator at the CEC/Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme. This questionnaire asks for all Seabees that were at Atsugi, Japan, to provide information and pictures so that the history of the role played by MCB 2 building this air base can be used to build an exhibit . Please complete and send the questionnaire to the address provided by April 25. Don't put this off! Do it now while you are thinking of it so MCB 2 will receive recognition for its role in building this base. Here is your chance to help MCB 2 Seabees to be recognized for their work.

DO IT NOW!

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.

Oral History Questionnaire—MCB2 in Atsugi—1950 to 1953

The CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation and the CEC/Seabee Museum appreciate you taking the time to respond to the following questions. Information gathered may be used to develop an overall history and temporary exhibit on MCB2's role in Atsugi. **We greatly appreciate you responding by April 25, 2003.** Please respond in whatever way is most comfortable, as fully and completely as you possibly can, using these questions as a guideline for your writing. You can email, mail or FAX your responses to the questions to:

Kim A. Crowell / Outreach Coordinator NCBC Museum
CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation
1000 23rd Avenue
Bldg. 99 Code HO
Port Hueneme, CA 93043
(805) 982-5611
FAX (805) 982-5595
seabeeoutreach@aol.com

Your Name _____ Address/Phone _____

If your time in service was more than five years in June 1950, were you in the Seabees during WWII? If so, where or with which units(s)?

Were you reserve or active duty prior to June 1950?

Did you remember where you were when North Korea invaded South Korea?

Had you been in Japan prior to the outbreak of war in Korea? If so, where?

When & where did you arrive in Japan?

When did you arrive in Atsugi? What were your first impressions?

Rank on arrival _____ Rank on departure _____

Age on arrival _____ time in service (years/mos) _____

Unit assignment on arrival _____ Any assignment change? _____

Why did you think you were being sent to Atsugi?

Was your unit prepared for the conditions you found in Atsugi? (i.e. weather, appropriate clothing, materials, supplies and equipment)

Did you work with any Japanese Nationals to accomplish your mission?

Did you have contact with Japanese nationals on or off base?

What did you think of the Japanese living near the base, and in the surrounding area?

Were you aware any Japanese opinions of the American military, and Seabees in particular?

Did you continue to stay in contact with any of your Japanese acquaintances?

Which Navy, Marine, or Army units, if any, were you supporting?

In your experience, how did you or your fellow Seabees get along with these other units?

Who did you consider your buddies in MCB2?

What did you do in your off hours?

What is your most vivid memory of Atsugi?

In the end, what did you feel you accomplished?

Do you have photos, letters or other memorabilia you would be willing to share and/or donate to the museum collection in order to tell the story of the Seabees in Atsugi?

YOUR 2003 EXERCISE PROGRAM

Monday

Beat around the bush
Jump to conclusions
Climb the walls
Wade through paperwork

Tuesday

Drag your heels
Push your luck
Make mountains out of molehills
Hit the nail on the head

Wednesday

Bend over backwards
Jump on the bandwagon
Balance the books
Run around in circles

Thursday

Toot your own horn
Climb the ladder of success
Pull out the stops
Add fuel to the fire

Friday

Open a can of worms
Put your foot in your mouth
Start the ball rolling
Go over the edge

Saturday

Pick up the pieces

Sunday

Day of rest — whew!! At last!

IT IS ALL ABOUT HOW YOU TREAT THE PROTECTORS OF OUR LAND.

Have you seen the reports about how Sears is treating its reservist employees who are called up? By law, they are required to hold their jobs open and available, but nothing more. Usually, people take a big pay cut and lose benefits as a result of being called up.

Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all called up reservist employees for up to two years. I submit that Sears is an exemplary corporate citizen and should be recognized for its contribution.

I suggest we all shop at Sears, and be sure to find a manager to tell them why we are there so the company gets the positive reinforcement it well deserves.

Sears is one of many that has this policy, but they are the easiest for us to react to. If you would like a list, write me. I'll send the six-page list.

Scott

Observations on Life

- Food has replaced sex in my life. Now, I can't even get into my own pants.
- The closest I ever got to a 4.0 in school was my blood alcohol content.
- Marriage changes passion..... suddenly you're in bed with a relative.
- Money can't buy happiness but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
- I got a sweater for Christmas..... I really wanted a screamer or a moaner.
- Why is it that most nudists are people you don't want to see naked?
- I have my own little world. But that's OK.... They know me here.
- Never give yourself a haircut when drinking.
- You only need two tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.
- Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm.

So, You Think A Gallon Of Gas Is Expensive?

This list will make you think and put things in perspective.

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| Lipton Iced Tea 16 oz | \$1.19 | or | \$ 9.52/gallon |
| Ocean Spray 16 oz | \$1.25 | or | \$10.00/gallon |
| Gatorade 20 oz | \$1.59 | or | \$10.17/gallon |
| Diet Snapple 16 oz | \$1.29 | or | \$10.32/gallon |
| Whiteout 7 oz | \$1.39 | or | \$25.42/gallon |
| Brake fluid 12 oz | \$1.39 | or | \$25.42/gallon |
| Scope 1.5 oz | \$0.99 | or | \$84.48/gallon |
| Pepto Bismol 4 oz | \$3.85 | or | \$123.20/gallon |
| Vick's Nyquil 6 oz | \$8.35 | or | \$178.13/gallon |

And this is the REAL KICKER...

Evian water 9 oz for \$1.49 or \$21.19/gallon

\$21.19 FOR WATER!..... and the buyers don't even know the source!

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.

A FEW.....

Ken was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. "Promise to fulfill my last request, Cindy," he said. "Of course, Ken," his wife said. "Six months after I die," he said, "I want you to marry Tim." "But I thought you hated Tim," she said. With his last breath, Ken said, "I do."

A man goes to a shrink and says, "Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's Bar and picks up men. In fact, she goes to bed with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy! What do you think I should do?" "Relax," says the Doctor. "Take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's Bar?"

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a "curse" he has been living with for the last 40 years.

The Wizard says, "Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you."

The old man says without hesitation, "I now pronounce you husband and wife."

A man goes to see his Rabbi.

"Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later, the Rabbi calls the man and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. Do you want to hear my advice?"

The man anxiously says, "Yes, YES!"

"Take the poison," says the Rabbi.

Answers to last month's challenge. Hope you had fun with this and that you got them all!

1. Letters Alphabet
2. Days Week
3. Arabian Nights
4. Signs Zodiac
5. Cards Deck (with Joker)
6. Planets Solar System
7. Piano Keys
8. Stripes American Flag
9. Degrees Fahrenheit Water Freezes
10. Holes Golf Course
11. Degrees Right Angle
12. Sides Stop Sign
13. Blind Mice (See How They Run)
14. Quarts Gallon
15. Hours Day
16. Wheel Unicycle
17. Digits Zip Code
18. Heinz Varieties
19. Players Football Team
20. Words Picture ... Worth
21. Days February Leap Year
22. Days Nights Great Flood
23. Ways Leave Your Lover
24. Bottles Beer Wall
25. Seconds Minute
26. Horns Unicorn
27. Judges Supreme Court
28. Brides Seven Brothers
29. Wonders ... Ancient World
30. Men Dead Man's Chest

25 Signs You Have Grown Up

1. Your potted plants are alive. And you can't smoke any of them.
2. Having sex in a twin-sized bed is absurd.
3. You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
4. 6:00 a.m. is when you get up, not when you go to sleep.
5. You hear your favorite song in an elevator.
6. You carry an umbrella. You watch the Weather Channel.
7. Your friends marry and divorce instead of hookup and breakup.
8. You go from 130 days of vacation to 7.
9. Jeans and a sweater no longer qualify as 'dressed up.'
10. You're the one calling the police because those darn kids next door don't know how to turn down the stereo.
11. Older relatives feel comfortable telling sex jokes around you.
12. You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
13. Your car insurance goes down and your car payments go up.
14. You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's.
15. Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
16. You no longer take naps from noon to 6:00 p.m.
17. Dinner and a movie—The whole date instead of the beginning of one.
18. Eating a basket of chicken wings at 3 a.m. would severely upset, rather than settle, your stomach.
19. You go to the drugstore for Ibuprofen and antacids, not condoms and pregnancy test kits.
20. A \$4 bottle of wine is no longer 'pretty good stuff.'
21. You actually eat breakfast foods at breakfast time.
22. "I just can't drink the way I used to," replaces "I'm never going to that much again."
23. Over 90% of the time you spend in front of a computer is for real work.
24. You don't drink at home to save money before going to a bar.
25. You read this entire list looking for one sign that doesn't apply to you.



MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

Name/Source
 Robert Bowdler
 Ken Chew
 Mel Dixon
 Claude Garcenot
 Leonard Hershberger
 Mary (Al) Ostroski
 Sam Ragusa
 Ray Sorrentino
 Doug Thorp
 Harold Wardenburg
 Marshal Williams
 Member Dues

Contributed This Period (Jan.-Mar)
 \$955.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date
 \$5,642.41

Total Pledged to Date
 \$4,805.00

Total Pledged plus Dues increase
 \$6,765.00

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

CAN DO!

As you can see from the accounting at the left, 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.

MAKE A NOTE! ADDRESS CORRECTION

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 Budsmith31@aol.com

- Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?
- In the 60s people took acid to make the world look weird. Now, the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

THE GOOD GUY LIST

Vance Adams, Harry Agles, Allan Alberg, Vern Ammentorp, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Lewie Baker, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Joe Barbree, Michael Barron, Don Barry, Dale Baugh, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentson, Frank Betonte, Ken Bingham, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Ralph Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Philip Brunelle, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, L. P. 'Pop' Burleigh, James Cain, Lex Camden, Elwin 'Shorty' Campbell, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, William B. Carter, Mike Castelvechi, Ken Catchpole, Frank Chambers, George Chang, C.L. Chapman, Ken Chew, Walter Cloonan, Bob Coley, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Robert Conroe, Howard Cornwell, Jack Coulter, Willard Cousins, Fred Cozad, Kim Crowell, Pat Cunningham, Arnold Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Harold Davis, Joseph DeFranco, Jim De Keyser, Mel Dixon, Bob Doezie, Howard Doyle, William Duensing, Pete Elliott, Don 'Ike' Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Norman Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Bruno Fanucchi, Dick Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, Warren Flading, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Lane Freitag, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, Ken Gaskell, Lawrence Gehrke, Roger Germundson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, Russ Granby, John Grasz, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Roy Grisham, Don Grobbel, Gerald Grubb, Marvin Guetling, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Arthur Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Victor Jaccino, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Don Jones, Henry Jones, John Jurkash, Robert Kaempfe, Chuck Kangas, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Mike Kazarian, Gordon Keen, Les Keller, Charles 'Mick' Kelly, Hark Ketels, Richard Keyes, Allen Kim, Capers Kinard, Denise King, William Knight,

John Kolasz, Stephen Korke, Emil Krygier, Harry Ladley, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Art Leable, Dean Lewis, Herbert 'Red' Liverman, Jr., Robert Lohrentz, Stanley Lore, Dale Lundstrom, Tom Maere, Ivan Majetic, William (Jack) Mayo, Chuck McCabe, Willie McCarley, Norris McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary (Mitch) Mitchell, Roger Mohs, William Moore, Pat Morris, Finley Morrison, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Harry Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Paul Neusetzer, Don Nitsche, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro, Gerald Powell, Earl Presson, Cecil Price, David "Ernie" Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Thomas Roy, C. Edner Rudolph, Paul Schell, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Richard Shafer, William Sharp, Don Shoff, Lew Shugar, Jim Sichel, William Sigmund, R.W. 'Dick' Sim, Fred Simon, Bill Simpson, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Walter Smith, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sonnen, Ray Sorrentino, Ted Speros, Gene Staples, Thomas Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, Robert Swanson, Vic Swanson, Danny Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Paul Trotter, James Tvede, Tem Tyler, Al Ulman, Gene Urme, Lionel Vidrine, John W. 'Jack' Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Phil Wagenschnur, Richard Walters, Harold Wardenburg, 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, Bill Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, Dwight Yetter, James Young, and Stephen Yunger.

All men listed above have their dues paid at least through 2003, 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 March 31, 2003. There are currently 258 paid up members from a mailing list of 538. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 788 names on the full member roster.

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



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| 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)

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| 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):

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| Single | Double | Triple | Quad |
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Please circle special requests (subject to availability):

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| 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

 OFFICE USE ONLY
 Check Number _____ Received _____
 Inputted _____ Nametag _____

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 | _____ | = | _____ |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, INC. | | | | = | _____ |

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

| | |
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| 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. | Early Bird Registration |
| 10:30 p.m. - | Hospitality Room closed |

Thursday, September 11

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| 8:00 a.m. - | Hospitality Room open |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Reunion Registration open |
| 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

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m. - | Hospitality Room open |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Reunion Registration open |
| 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

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8:00 a.m. - | Hospitality Room open |
| 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. | Reunion Registration open |
| 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Business Meeting |
| 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Late Reunion Registration open |
| 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.

c/o Scott H. Williams
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