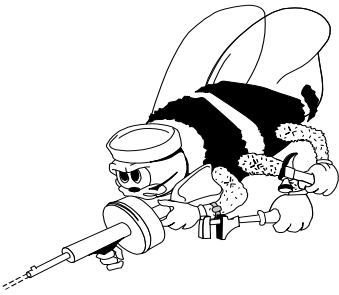


# **MCB 2 Reunion Association**

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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

# WOW!

## It Can't Get

## Much Better Than This!

# Cleveland Was Great!

### Thanks to all!

Everyone that came to the reunion in Cleveland helped to make it a huge success and thank you, one and all. The door prizes were fantastic and I just cannot single out any one person for providing the best door prize as everyone brought some wonderful gifts. Thanks especially to Donna Lampe, Erv and Bernice's daughter, who provided our name tags. Outstanding! The entertainment at our banquet was rousing and so very patriotic, it still gives me a thrill to think back and remember. The police sergeant that sang for us was marvelous. Truly a reunion to remember. Thanks to all. Scott Williams

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### Thanks to All!

From Pete Elliott

I sincerely hope that all the members who attended the 2003 Cleveland Reunion had an excellent time and arrived back home safely.

I have to thank Scott Williams, our Secretary/Treasurer, who also writes, edits and publishes our great Newsletter, and who is always ready with an idea and the check book, for the outstanding job he did at the reunion with the registrations, etc., etc.

Rounds of applause for Joe DeFranco, David Haines, Rich Nelson, Mal Pearson, Roy Peak and

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their beautiful spouses and every member of MOB 2 for your support and help in making this the GREATEST reunion yet. If I neglected to include anyone, I apologize.

Thanks always to STONEY SERRETT, Commander Emeritus, for starting this great group.

Many thanks to Clyde and Marian Stenholm and the many others who supplied our fantastic door prizes.

The Banquet was tops. My sincere thanks to Detective Randy Snider of the Whitehall, Ohio, Police Department for his inspirational and patriotic songs. Randy recently sang at Carnegie Hall in New York and has sung on several occasions at Police Memorials and Concerts throughout the U.S. and Canada. You can contact Detective Snider and purchase his CD "Stand Tall, America" by sending a check or money order to Randy Snider, 365 South Yearling Road, Whitehall, Ohio 43213.

Many thanks to my fellow Law Enforcement Officers of The Cleveland Pipes and Drums for putting on a splendid performance. The Cleveland Pipes and Drums is made up of about 50 members of present and retired law enforcement officers from local and state agencies and one federal agency (guess who) from the greater Cleveland area. We have performed throughout the U.S. and Canada. Many of our band members are military veterans and, in May of this year, our band laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. Four band members represented each branch of service, one of which represented the Navy Seabees (again, guess who). We also played a musical tribute to all military personnel who paid the supreme sacrifice. Our band fully supports our military and has several members presently serving in the Middle East.

Our band is led by our Pipe Major, Commander Pat Sullivan of the Beachwood Police Department, whose father, William Sullivan, was a Seabee veteran of WW II. At the Banquet, we presented Pat Sullivan with Seabee and MCB 2 patches and a hat to give to his Dad. Sadly, Bill Sullivan, who was terminally ill with cancer at the time, passed away October 21 at the age of 72.

Many thanks to my wife and family for their attendance and support.

In closing, THIS IS ONE GROUP THAT SAYS TO THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID AND WILL CON-

TINUE TO SAY, "GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Even as you read this, Scott is laying the groundwork for Las Vegas.

WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2005!

Thanks to each and every one of you for your support and dedication.

Pete Elliott

## *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.

## *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 791 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

# Seabees

## August — January Dates to Remember

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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.
Sept. 1, 1942	6th NCB arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone.
Sept. 2, 1945	Formal surrender of Japan. WW II ends.
Sept. 14, 1892	Admiral Ben Moreell's birthday.
Sept. 15, 1950	Seabees land at Inchon, Korea.
Oct. 13, 1775	Navy Birthday
Oct. 16, 1942	Eight men of the 6th NCB killed at Guadalcanal; first Seabees killed in action.
Nov. 8, 1942	Seabees land in North Africa with American assault forces.
Nov. 10, 1775	Marine Corps Birthday.
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day.
Dec. 7, 1941	Pearl Harbor attacked by Japanese.
Dec. 10, 1941	Guam falls.
Dec. 23, 1941	Wake Island falls.
Dec. 31, 1947	Seabee Reserve established.
Jan. 5, 1942	Bureau of Naval Personnel authorizes formation of Construction Battalions.



### *Notes from our members:*

From Cecil Price "Arky": On the urging of **Ralph Burnley** and **George Gustin**, I will see you in Cleveland. I just returned from a disastrous trip to Alaska. Maybe Cleveland will cheer me up..... received dues from **Ron Claypool**, **Eugene (Phyllis) Antoine**, **George Gustin**, **Dan Svendsen**, **Joseph (Audrey) Sitkowski**, **Ed 'Bud' Smith**, **James Modglin**, and **Jimmie Dillman** [thanks, all] ..... from **Gene (Jo) Mc Donagh**: We made our reservations. Enclosed is a check to cover the tours, etc. I have collected some nice door prizes which I'm sure you can use [great!]. We are driving and hope to arrive the morning of Sept. 10th. Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion..... from **John Wilborn**: [reminiscing]: I have never coveted another car the way I did the Ford Thunderbird — the mid-fifties model with the porthole on the side. A very close second, however, was the early edition Corvette. I have related this story many times over the years and more than a few times recently with the Corvette's 50th anniversary. In 1954, Owen Keon Chevrolet on the corner of Lincoln and Washington Blvds. in Culver City, California, was presenting the 1954 Corvette at a sparkling gala event. It was one of those Hollywood shin-digs that only California can present with all of the hoopla. **John Wayne** and a lot of his drinking buddies were there that day. They were making a personal appearance there with the release of his new movie "The High and the Mighty." I was decked out in Navy whites that day getting ready to go stand shore patrol duty down at the amusement park called The Pike in Long Beach. **Tina** and I had gone to lunch right across the street from Keon's dealership and we decided to go over and gawk at what all the excitement was all about. Oh, but my! It was a



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noisy and boisterous event! I met **John Wayne** that day and he hugged my scrawny 20-year old neck when he found out I was a Navy Seabee. He wanted to take **Tina** and me over to the Kopper Kork and do some real drinking. He kept reminding everyone within shouting distance that he had starred in the movie "The Fighting Seabees" back a decade earlier. What a big, robust man he was! I'm short – about 5'9" – and I swear the **Duke's** big Texas-looking belt buckle was just about eye-ball level. **Tina** and I escaped and she drove me down to Long Beach and I snarled at boot-looking swabbies all evening long in my best **John Wayne**-sounding voice, "Sailor, square that damn hat or I'll shove it up your skinny ass!!" ..... from **Bob Michael**: [**Bob** found me on the Internet and sent me a few notes, which I will compress] I was in MCB 2 in early 1951 then went to MCB 6 when it was formed. I remember Chief **Dosey** from Nevada; Chief **Wiggins** from NC; **Ballentine** from NC; **Lee Goolesby** from Rotan, Texas. After San Diego, I was sent to Port Hueneme and put in MCB 2 Det. A. I was on the grinder a while and worked in the legal office, too. Chief **Dosey** was over it. He was career and from Nevada and thought you might remember him. He was a steel worker. **Lee Goolesby** was a welder and went to welding school at Hueneme, according to him. He and I worked together in Odessa, Texas, and, as far as I know, he still lives there but should be retired by now. I am 72. I never went overseas with MCB 2. Most of the people that I knew in MCB 2 were sent to MCB 6 when it was commissioned. I was asked by Chief **Dosey** if I wanted to be pulled off the draft, but I didn't. **Dean Pettingill**, **Joe Gritter**, and I were in the same tent along with a drunk from West Virginia. **Joe** and I were sent to MCB 6. I don't remember the drunk's name. He was first class, busted to second class, then to third and I don't know after that. **Ernest B. Bayless** from Tennessee was MCB 2 Det. A. This is about all I remember about MCB 2. Chief **Dosey** was tall with red hair and a really nice guy. One of the Waves there was after him but never did



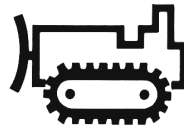
catch him while I was there, anyway. There was a boy there from Nebraska by the name of **Joe Schmitz**. He and I went on liberty in Ventura. A girl rolled him and he asked me for a dollar and I gave it to him. I knew he couldn't do anything with a dollar, so I gave him ten dollars more. When I caught the draft to MCB 6, he came to me and said he could get \$7 on his pea coat at a pawn shop and he didn't know about the other \$4. I told him to forget the \$11 and keep his pea coat. About him getting rolled, we were talking to some girls when drinks were served and both of us pulled out our billfolds. He had pictures in flaps, you know the kind I am talking about. The girl he was with asked to see his pictures and he handed her his billfold. I paid for the drinks, she robbed him and they cut out. Next drink, he went to pay and didn't have a cent. I don't remember when I got to Hueneme but I do remember it was cold. We lived in tents and had kerosene heaters in the tents. It was early 1951, I suppose. Deserters from the First Marine Division were in the brig there. We had a bagpipe player that would come in drunk about 3:00 AM and wake everyone playing his bagpipe..... from **Ralph Burnley**: I think I should still be on the Good Guy List through this year or next, but I am enclosing enough to extend my membership with the remainder to the museum project [thank you]..... from **Dan (Mary) Millett**: **Dan** had a small (?) heart attack June 20th and they did a heart procedure called a 'cardioseal' which covered a small hole he had in his heart. Hopefully, we will be at the reunion in September as that is 2½ months away. We will let you know in plenty of time if the doctor says something else.... from "**Old Salty**" **Lane Freitag**: I'm sending some money for my dues [thanks]. My veteran's papers are all in Washington DC. It sure is a slow process. I hope to get an increase in my pension..... from **Fred Granata**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. It feels good to be one of the "Good Guys" again [hey! You are always a good guy!]. Recently, I drove through the southeastern United States where I visited two CBD 1804/CBMU 1 shipmates, **Ben Hollar**, in Wood-

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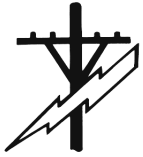


stock, Virginia, and **Bud Wheelless** in Greenville, North Carolina. I hadn't seen either of them in 50 years, but it was just like yesterday. They each showed me the real meaning of Southern Hospitality. We all had one thing in common: no hair on top of our respective heads. We concluded that this must have been caused by the water at K-3 airfield in Korea. On the trip, I stopped at the Seabee Museum in Gulfport, Mississippi, but was disappointed that they had nothing about CBMU 1 or its predecessor, CBD 1804. I guess this will have to wait until I get to the museum at Port Hueneme. At Gulfport, I did purchase and read two books on the history of the Seabees written by William Bradford Huie in 1944 and 1945, "Can Do" and "From Omaha to Okinawa." These books have been reissued and can be obtained through the museum. What a glorious and proud tradition! [those are great books. I have a first edition from 1944 signed by Admiral **Ben Moreell**.] ..... from **Bill Simpson**: Here is a check for my dues [thanks] and extra for a Seabee flag. I wish I could make the reunion but health prevents it. Enjoy the Newsletter anyway. .... from **Bob Michael**: [sent dues. Thanks] When I left the Training Center for the Receiving Station in San Diego, I went on my first liberty. I stayed out until about 10:30 p.m. The next morning at muster I was told I had 10 days to do in the brig. I knew it was a mistake but to argue would make it worse. After 9 days in the brig I was called to the brig office and told I had been marked AWOL for 9 days, the 9 days I had spent in the brig. They asked why I didn't tell them it was a mistake, that I didn't belong in the brig. I told the SP to go down in the brig compound and everyone there would tell you it is a mistake, that we don't belong here and who would have believed me? The other SP said, "He is right," and then told me I was caught on draft and had 1½ hours to get my sea bag ready. Next thing I knew I was on my way to Port Hueneme. The San Diego brig wasn't all that bad. No more BS than the rest of it. We cleaned the BOQ, the CPO Club, and dive-bombed cigarette butts. But the



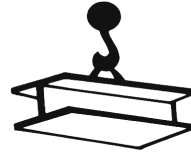
highlight of the day was swabbing the deck and shining the brass in the WAVES barracks. They would come in and change clothes in front of us like we weren't even there. Hell, there was a marine guard with a 12-gauge shotgun and 00 buckshot. On the inside of the barracks and above the big double doors was a sign that read, "If You Must Have Intercourse, Have It With A Serviceman." I must have read that sign a million times during those nine days. Some of them in the brig would put on the Corporal Klinger act, then they had a place on the second story of a building we had to march by on the way to the WAVES barracks where the real Coo-Coo's were kept. One would come to the window and yell if he saw a WAVE walk by. I'm 72 years old now and still think about that sign in the WAVES barracks. If I had hung a sign around my neck saying, "I'm a Serviceman," it might have helped. The Port Hueneme brig didn't look too friendly, either, and I don't know why. There was an exercise pen with a high chain link fence around it, maybe 10 feet high. There was a punching bag and striker gloves in the exercise pen and a Jarhead prisoner that could make that bag talk. If it wasn't the bag-pipe man keeping everyone awake it was the Jarhead on the punching bag, and for some reason he liked 2:00 a.m. for his exercise. It wasn't all as bad as it sounds but if I made it sound too good, everyone would want to go back in..... from **Wayne Turley**: Enclosed is my registration form and a check for the reunion plus a check for dues, a roster and a Seabee flag [on the way, and thanks]. I was in CBMU 101 at K-6 in Korea from 1954-1955, CBMU 101 Det. A at Iwakuni, Japan, in 1955. Then I was sent to MCB 3 at Cubi Point in September 1955 thru 1957. See you at the reunion..... from **George Dorge**: Sorry about being late with the dues. We sent a check before but it was sent back [thanks]. We are fine and hope you are, too. Keep up the good work..... from **Joe Ates**: [sent a check for dues and requesting a roster. Thanks] ..... from **Lowell (Naomi) Baldwin**: I am sending a check for my husband's dues and I would like a POW/

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MIA flag and a Seabee flag. These are a surprise for him. [great! They will make a nice gift. Thanks.] He was in the Philippines from 1952-1955 and also spent nine months on Guam and a year in Alaska. He is 70 years old now and working part time (10-12 hours a day) [wow! That's a full-time schedule!] He enjoys the magazine..... from **John Stock**: Put me back on the Good Guy List! [**John** sent a check for dues. Thanks]..... from **Rod Howard**: Thanks much for the interesting story on Korea. **Fred Simon's** memory is a little different than mine, but we are all getting 'longer in the tooth.' [I had sent a story to **Rod** that **Fred** had sent me on the Internet that I'll try and put in the next issue.] The man in the picture with me in the long johns is **Don Sweezy** who now lives in Cambria, CA. **Don** was a reservist who was called in for 22 months and was not happy a bit about it. We see each other every couple of years and trade stories each Christmas. My wife, **Patti**, and I won't be able to join everyone in Cleveland as we will be on an Alaskan cruise celebrating our 50th anniversary with our kids and their families. I'm sure the reunion will be a ball, so maybe next time. As for e-mail, when I retired from Shell Chemical, I left my computer in their office and remain happy in the 'old world' of the US Post Office and telephones, but I have no desire to 'log on.' You have my address and my phone number is 360-457-5512..... from **William Pemberton**: I've moved [see the Address Change on page 13]. [also enclosed a check for dues. Thanks.]..... from **Richard Swallow**: [**Richard** sent me copies of patches from CBMU 1/101] A person sent me these patch copies. They were copied on a copier like at Kinko's, so the resolution could be better, but this is better than nothing. [This was in response to my request for copies of patches for our reunion badges.] ..... from **Bill Body**: Here's a check for my dues (thanks!) ..... from **Roy Peak**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks] ..... from **Ernest W. Owens**: [sent a six-page letter asking for help] I would be most grateful to any shipmate who was with CBD 1804 at Pyong Tek (K-6) attached to the 1st Ma-



rine Air Wing and a member of A Company. Anyone who might have known and worked with me at the quarry. I was assigned to operate the wagon drill, which is a unit on tracks with a trailer hitch where the air compressor was hitched. The unit was propelled by air from the compressor.....[**Ernest** described the operation] ..... We were never provided with any protective gear. No goggles, no ear protection, and no respirators. I was tested at the Audio clinic of the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio in 1994. I was denied any VA compensation for hearing loss and there is no indication in my military records stating that I was a member of a rock crushing crew. VA states, "Not considered as service connected," and that is why I pray that one or more shipmates will be kind enough to make a statement on paper that they know me and were with me on the job. VA Feather Merchants do not have any idea what kind of work Seabees do and I am being denied my rightful claim..... another missal from **Bob Michael**: Chief **Wiggins**, **Ballentine** (both from Charleston), **Henry Harris** (from Phoenix City, Alabama), and I left Port Hueneme for the east coast and MCB 6 in a '39 Chevrolet. I don't know who it belonged to. I got off in Abilene, Texas. **Harris** got off somewhere in Alabama, and the other two went on to Charleston. We kept the hot water 6-cylinder going day and night but couldn't drive over 45 or 50 mph. Late April is already hot in the Arizona desert. Our trip wasn't all that bad and I was glad to see Texas. **Joe Gritter** and I were in the chow line in Hueneme. **Joe** may have accidentally bumped the guy in front of him. The other man told **Joe** to meet him out where the 6by trucks were parked and to bring one man with him. **Joe** asked me if I would go with him and I told him I would. At 6:00 p.m., the guy came walking up and he had a gorilla with him, one that was in the San Diego brig the same time I was. I shook hands with him and said, "Ya'll go ahead and fight. We are going to talk about our brig time in San Diego." When the other guy saw he was going to have to fight **Joe** by himself, he didn't want to fight. I have

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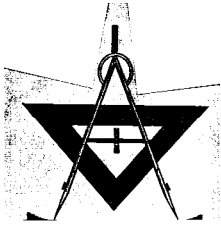
found out the quickest way to break up a fight is to tell them to go ahead and fight. The quickest way to break up a riot is to pass the collection plate. They will run like scared rats every time. **Ernest B. Bayless** from Memphis was Commander of MCB 2 Det. A. He was tall and thin, but not too thin, dark hair and heavy beard. There was a Dusty Butte Indian from Oregon there. Everyone called him a **Dusty Butt**. He went home AWOL [from Port Hueneme] and when he got back he told **Bayless** he was back. **Bayless** asked where he had been and he said, "Home." **Bayless** asked if he enjoyed being home and he said he did. **Bayless** said, "After your 30 days are up, you can tell me about it," and gave him 30 days in the brig. **Bayless** had a thing about tailor-made blues. Anyone that got caught in tailor-made dress blues, he would come down on pretty heavy. He always started off Captain's mast by saying, "You will be tried by Rocks and Shoals. Navy law is called Rocks and Shoals because when a ship runs up on rocks and shoals it is in trouble and you are in trouble." He wanted every man that came before him know they were in trouble to start with. This was before the days of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I never criticized any punishment handed out by **Bayless** to anyone or myself. I figured he knew what he was doing. The outside of the Port Hueneme brig looked worse than the inside of the San Diego brig. Some of the men wrote Mob 2 Det A for a return address. We got the word that no mail would be sent out that had Mob 2 on its return address and all mail sent to Mob 2 would be returned. **Bayless** didn't like the Mob 2 Det A thing..... from **Gene (Naomi) Baldwin**: Thanks for the flags. We like them. Forgive me for not sending money for postage. I wasn't thinking, I guess [maybe you were. The flags are sent postage paid. Too late to get your money back! It went in the kitty... and thanks]. Anyway, here is enough for that and extra for whatever. .... from **Vincent Ryan**: Please send me two US flags and one Seabee flag. Enclosed is my check. [thanks]..... from **Wayne Bulgerin**: 7



Enclosed is my check for dues and one US flag, along with a bit extra [thanks]. .... from **Vern Ammentorp**: Would you please send me two Seabee flags [thanks]. Enclosed is my check. Thanks..... from **Jim (Gladys) Wommack**: It

is with great regret that we have to cancel our reservations for the Cleveland reunion. We were so looking forward to the trip back and seeing everyone at the reunion. **Jim** is fine!! It is me this time. A bout of viral meningitis, followed by emergency gall bladder surgery, followed by my system shutting down and several weeks of trying to get my body to accept food again, We are 7 weeks into this program with not much improvement and no light at the end of the tunnel. So, we feel the appropriate thing at this point is to cancel the reunion. I have cancelled the hotel reservations and left a message on your cancellation line but did not get a cancellation code, so will follow up with this letter. Thank you for your attention to this matter and also for all you do for the Association..... received dues from **Bob Rasmussen, Stephen (Mary Ann) Yunger, Don O'Connell** and **Wayne Heple** [thanks, guys]..... from **James Modglin**: Enclosed you will find my check for a Seabee flag and extra to help build the museum [thank you very much!]. Even though I wasn't in MCB 2 until 1956 in Subic Bay. [but I see you were MCB 2 in 1956 and transferred to MCB 3 and then returned to Subic Bay in '56-'57. You were an SV2]..... from **John Stock**: The Cleveland reunion was great! I thought the program on Saturday was the best ever. The Committee, and especially Pete, are to be commended for a job well done. I am enclosing a check for dues and for the first installment of a five-year pledge for the museum [Great! Thanks!] We are already looking forward to Las Vegas in '05..... from **Mal (Marge) Pearson**: We both enjoyed the Seabee reunion, being with you and **Rachel**, having fun and laughs. We are looking forward to Las Vegas in 2005! **Scott**, you and **Pete** did a wonderful job putting the reunion together. You deserve a big round of applause [thank you]. It really was wonderful to see all the Seabees and spouses

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again. We had a great time..... from **Mary Ostroski**: I am simply delighted to have been invited! Thank you. I had a wonderful time..... from **Mal Pearson**: **Marge** and I arrived home safely with no problems and hope you and **Rachel** did the same. You guys gave that Caddy a good workout! The check is for some money clips I sent to **John Stock**. He had called me about them [great! Let's sell this plunder!] Enclosed you will find an up-to-date inventory of the Ship's Store merchandise. [Wow! That was a lot of work and thanks.] Some things we have plenty of and others are running low. We can talk about ordering more when the time comes. We'll be off to Florida the end of October and be home after Thanksgiving. We thought the reunion went well and a good job was done by **Pete**. Our door prizes and raffle were super and I think you set a record! [I do too. We had about 160+ door prizes and it took about 30 minutes to give them all away!] ..... from **Rodney White**: While I am thinking about it and have the time, I am sending in my dues [thanks]. Hope all had a good time at the reunion this year. I was unable

to attend but hope I can make the next one. Keep up the good work..... from **Gene (Jo) McDonagh**: Just a few words to thank and compliment you on the wonderful job you did on the reunion. It was certainly evident that much hard, behind-the-scenes work went into the smooth results. [thank you from all the Committee. It was truly a team effort.] The door prizes were terrific. Enclosed are two items of interest. They brought us a smile [a senior alphabet and a word play note. Thanks]. You may want to use them in the future in the Newsletter [I may]. Say hello to **Rachel** and hope all is well with you [it is and thanks]..... from **Vic Jaccino**: [sent in an address change] You did a great job in Cleveland..... from **Clyde (Marian) Stenholm**: Just a short note to say how much we enjoyed the Seabee Reunion this year in Ohio. We had a wonderful time and the committee once again did a great job putting it together [and your contribution of many beautiful door prizes helped put us over the top]. We can't thank you fellas enough. Say hello to **Rachel** and give her our best..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I received your letter and was happy to hear from you again. Thank you for the list of deceased members' ad-

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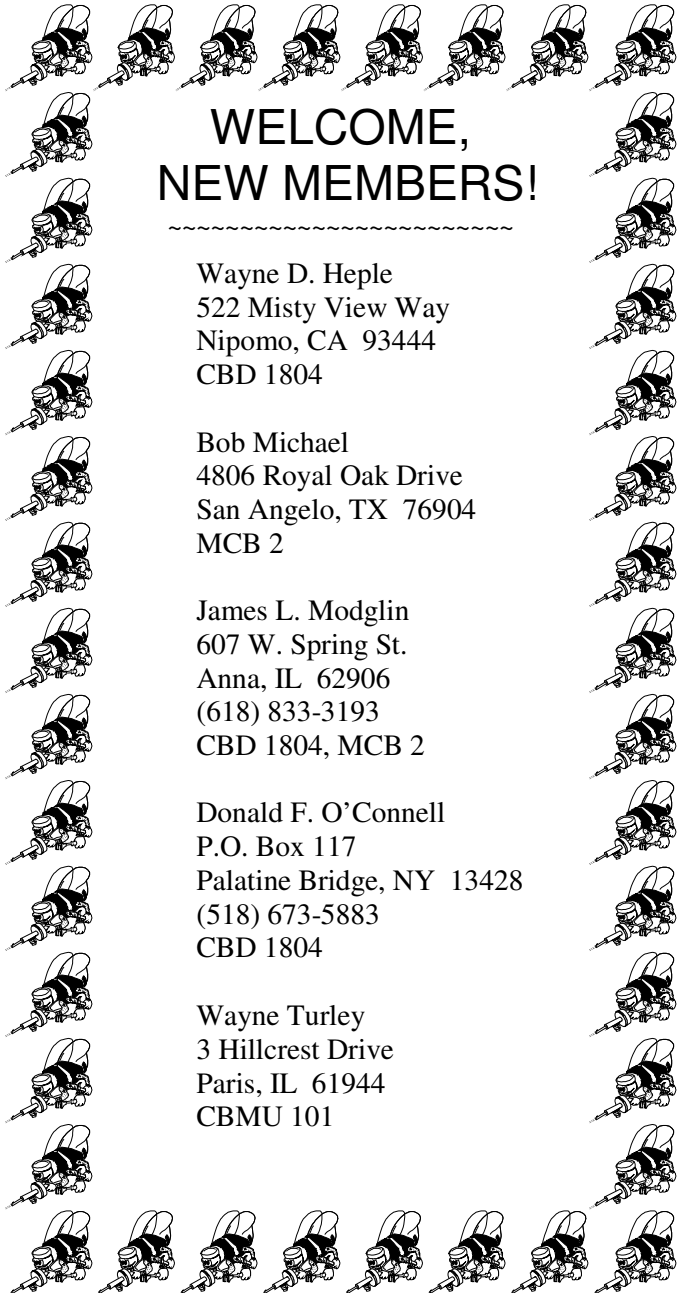


From Frank Betonte: L-R: John Petronka, Scott Williams, Frank Betonte, Sam Ragusa, Vic Jaccino



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dresses. I will be getting the programs to them soon. I was extremely sad to hear about the passing of **Cliff Schorr**. He was with us at Atsugi and the detachment that went to Korea. We lost another "Good Guy" as he was a true Seabee.... received a check for some Seabee license plates and frames from **Robert Swanson** [thanks]..... from **Ray Sorrentino**: [sent pictures of my wife, **Rachel**, and his wife, **Jean**, sitting together in Cleveland] I know that you know one of these ladies. The other is my wife, **Jean**. They take a good picture [they sure do! Thanks]. We both enjoyed the reunion and look forward to Las Vegas..... That's about it for this issue..... Send me your letters and notes, especially the ones with checks! Think dues..... Scott



## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

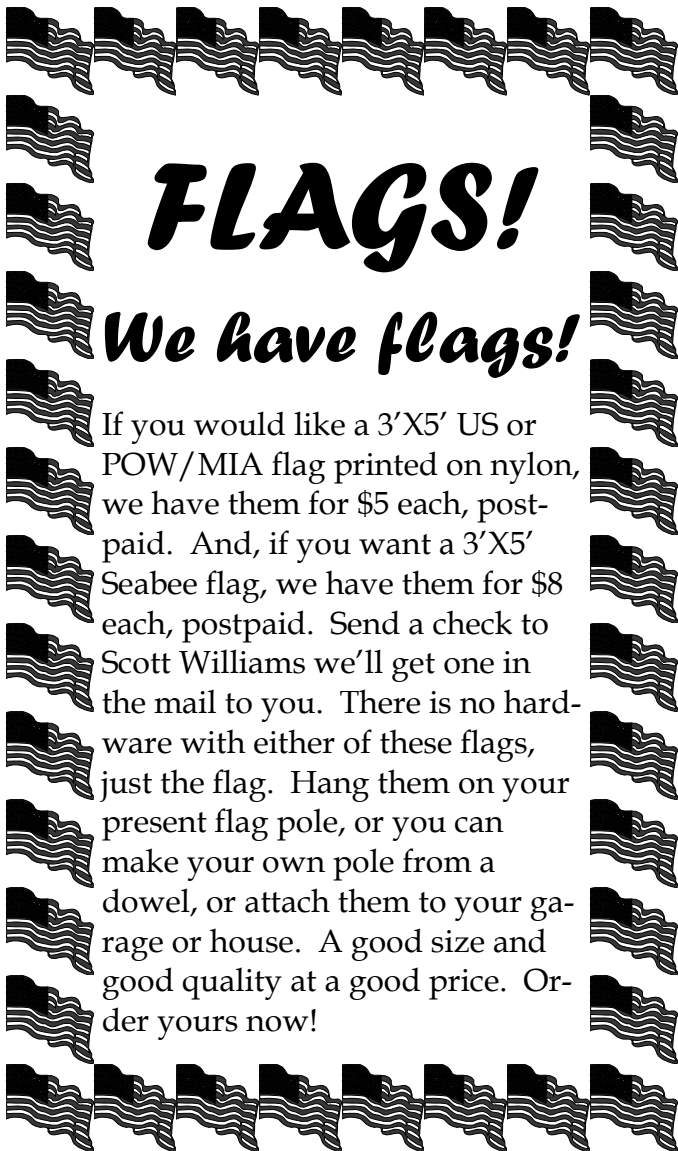
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# FLAGS!

## We have flags!

If you would like a 3'X5' US or POW/MIA flag printed on nylon, we have them for \$5 each, postpaid. And, if you want a 3'X5' Seabee flag, we have them for \$8 each, postpaid. Send a check to Scott Williams 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 you can make your own pole from a dowel, or attach them to your garage or house. A good size and good quality at a good price. Order yours now!

## *Our Fallen Comrade*

Clifford M. Schorr

11/02

*May he live on in our memories.*

Minutes  
of the  
**General Membership Meeting**

September 13, 2003  
**Radisson Hotel**  
Cleveland, Ohio

Meeting brought to order by Cdr. Pete Elliott at 9:00 a.m.  
Opening prayer led by Chaplain Scott Williams  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Cdr. Elliott

Cdr. Elliott welcomed all members and guests.

Cdr. Elliott recognized all Staff members present. Ted Speros was not present.

Cdr. Elliott asked for a financial report from the treasurer, Scott Williams.

Scott Williams told all that we are solvent and all bills have been paid. We are within \$2,000 of meeting our museum pledge of \$10,000. Scott asked if there were any questions regarding the current financial affairs of the MCB 2 Reunion Association and there were none.

Cdr. Elliott announced that the Executive Committee recommends Las Vegas, Nevada, as our next meeting in 2005 and asked if there were any motions from the floor. A motion was made to consider Port Hueneme but access is currently a problem. The new museum is scheduled to begin construction in late 2005, so a reunion after the opening of the new museum could be considered, but not for 2005. A motion was made to consider San Diego and three members live in the San Diego area, which would help in our planning activities. A motion was made to consider Reno. A motion was made to make Las Vegas our next reunion, seconded by Rex Roark. There were no additional motions from the floor. The vote to hold our next reunion in Las Vegas was unanimous in favor. Motion carried. Scott Williams has volunteered to plan and schedule this reunion under the oversight of Commander Elliott and the Staff.

Cdr. Elliott announced that all present officers are willing to continue serving in office and asked for nominations from the floor or a motion. A motion was made by Rich Nelson to continue with the present officers, seconded by John Petronka. The vote was unanimous in favor. Motion carried. The officers for 2003/2005 are Pete Elliott, Commander; Roy Peak, Vice-Commander; Scott Williams, Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor and Publisher.

Cdr. Elliott apologized for the cancellation of the Thursday dinner cruise, but that was a last-minute decision by the captain of the cruise ship in respect of 9/11.

John Petronka noted that our dues are currently set at \$20 per year but that, when the pledge to the museum has been met, all of the dues will stay within the MCB 2 Association. This is correct as that was the original motion in San Antonio, TX. John also made a motion that the Reunion Association should cover any expenses necessary for the committee to hold our next meeting in Las Vegas. All members agreed but there was no second to the motion.

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Stoney Serrett noted that we would need to provide transportation to the banquet facilities. Scott announced that a map and directions would be posted in the registration area. Pete announced that all those that drove need to connect with those that need a ride. Scott asked all those that drove to raise their hand and then told those that need a ride to contact anyone with their hand raised. Meet in the lobby at 5:15 p.m. and someone will make sure you get to the banquet. Stoney also noted that we will need to transport all of the door prizes to the country club.

Amos Phillips announced that there is a phone card available from Sam's Club that charges 2.9 cents per minute with no additional charges.

Stoney suggested that when a new member or new attendee is met, they should be introduced around and made to feel welcome.

Stoney asked about membership status. Scott reported we have about 800 members on the roster, a mailing list of about 600 and about 300 members with dues paid.

Cdr. Elliott introduced Bill Hilderbrand, Capt. (ret.), Director of the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation, who gave a slide presentation of the new museum project at Port Hueneme.

Cdr. Elliott asked if there were any additional comments or suggestions from the membership. No additional comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Williams, Secretary



L-R: Pete Elliott, Scott Williams & Dan Millett after the General Business Meeting.



# IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!

This is what keeps us going, so please send your dues today. Don't fall off the Good Guy List. Send your dues now while it's on your mind. There are 310 members paid through 2003. We have 529 names on our mailing list, so you see we really need your dues.

## Who to contact about your MCB 2 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

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

# MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

### Name/Source

Vern Ammentorp  
John Bloem  
Mike Castelvechi  
David Haines  
Larry Jessop  
Roy Peak  
Thomas Roy  
John Stock  
MCB 2 Banquet  
Member Dues

### Contributed This Period (July-Sept.)

\$1,723.00

### Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

### Total Amount Collected at the Reunion 'Auction' and 50/50

\$1,238.00

### Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$8,480.41

### Total Pledged to Date

\$7,180.41

### Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$10,080.41

*Anyone who thinks old age is golden must not have had a very exciting youth.*

# MAKE A NOTE!

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# THE GOOD GUY LIST

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Vance Adams, Harry Agles, Allan Alberg, Vern Ammentorp, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Joe Ates, Pat Badgett, Lewie Baker, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Lowell Baldwin, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Joe Barbree, Michael Barron, Don Barry, Dale Baugh, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, Frank Betonte, Ken Bingham, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Bill Body, Ralph Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, Philip Brunelle, Al Bryant, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, Al Burkhardt, L. P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, Daniel Butcher, James Cain, Lex Camden, Elwin 'Shorty' Campbell, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, Edwin Carlson, William B. Carter, Mike Castelvecchi, Ken Catchpole, Frank Chambers, George Chang, C.L. Chapman, Ken Chew, Ron Claypool, 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, Jimmie Dillman, Mel Dixon, Bob Doezie, George Dorge, 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, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Lane Freitag, Roy Gag, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, Ken Gaskell, Lawrence Gehrke, Roger Germundson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, Fred Granata, Russ Granby, John Grasz, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Roy Grisham, Don Grobbel, Gerald Grubb, Marvin Guetling, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Bob Hart, Arthur Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Gerald Herr, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Charles Ingalls, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Victor Jaccino, Robert Jandreau, DeVon Jensen, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Don Jones, Henry Jones, John Jurkash, Robert Kaempfe, Lloyd Kallsen, Chuck Kangas, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Mike Kazarian, Gordon Keen, Les Keller, Charles 'Mick' Kelly, Hark Ketels, Richard Keyes, Allen Kim, Ca-

pers Kinard, Denise King, William Knight, John Kolasz, Stephen Korkes, Emil Krygier, Harry Ladley, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Art Leable, Dean Lewis, Herbert 'Red' Liverman, Jr., Robert Lohrentz, Bob Long, Stanley Lore, Kenneth Ludwig, Dale Lundstrom, Tom Maere, Ivan Majetic, William (Jack) Mayo, Chuck McCabe, Willie McCarley, Don McDaniel, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Bob Michael, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Chuck Minert, Frank Mingo, Gary (Mitch) Mitchell, James Modglin, 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, Donald O'Connell, Melvin Olson, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Jack Phillips, Mike Piro, Gerald Powell, Earl Presson, Cecil Price, David "Ernie" Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Gary Rawlings, Charles Rebb, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Thomas Roy, Albert Rubinich, C. Edner Rudolph, Vincent Ryan, Paul Schell, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Don Seethaler, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Richard Shafer, William Sharp, Don Shoff, Lew Shugar, Jim Sichel, William Sigmund, R.W. 'Dick' Sim, Fred Simon, Bill Simpson, Art Siple, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Ed 'Bud' Smith, Walter Smith, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sonnen, Ray Sorrentino, Ted Speros, Gene Staples, Thomas Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, James Stephens, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, George Stewart, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, Robert Swanson, Vic Swanson, Danny Terry, George Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Paul Trotter, Wayne Turley, James Tvede, Tem Tyler, Al Ulman, Gene Urme, Gerald Vasquez, Lionel Vidrine, John W. 'Jack' Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Phil Wagenschnur, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Karl Weisenbacher, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Bill Wilcoxon, Jerry Wilkening, Marshall Williams, Pete Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, C. R. 'Lefty' Williamson, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, Bill Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, Dwight Yetter, James Young, and Stephen Yunger.

All men listed here 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 November 3, 2003. There are currently 310 paid up members from a mailing list of 529. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 791 names on the full member roster.

All of the pictures in this issue (except pages 8 & 13) are from Pat Morris.  
Thanks, Pat. You really caught the spirit of the reunion.

# Memories!



"Sam we didn't mean to eat the peanut brittle door prize that you brought, but it dropped on the floor and broke open so we had to eat it!" Sue Ann Roark and Sam Holsomback



The Honeybees gather....

Ladies around the table:  
Rachel Williams is against the wall with a white top with red sleeves, left of her in blue shirt with glasses is Marian Stenholm. To the right of Rachel is Jean Sorrentino, Marge Pearson and Lucy Stevens. Next, in the white T shirt is Gladys Serrett, then Iona Morrison. Who is wearing the white shirt with back to camera? Marjorie Haines? Look at the Door Prizes on the table!



Welcome to Cleveland! Elaine DeFranco, Geri Petronka and Scott Williams at the registration desk.



Joe DeFranco and Lee Stevens.





Frank Fibich and Duane Henrichson.



Norm Eveleth, Richard Walters and Jesse Wilson.



Betty and Emil Krygier reading; Amos Phillips behind Emil, Robert Swanson talking to Pete Elliott, Elaine DeFranco reading paper. Great Ship's Store and Door Prizes!



Rich Nelson, Willis Struecker, Stoney Serrett and Rex Roark. John Bloem with back to camera on right.



**Pete Elliott, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Ostroski, Clorinda Elliott, Rich Nelson and Scott Williams.**



**Wilma Parsons, Cecil Price, Willis & Labertha Struecker, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**

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