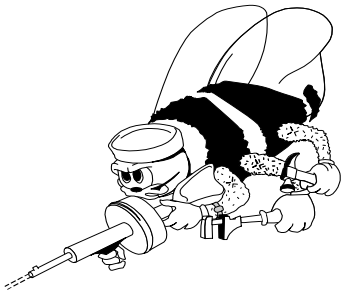


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Seabees

*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

Get Ready, Las Vegas! Seabees Are Coming!

Details Are Being Arranged

Hotels are being selected to accommodate our needs and there are three or four that are promising. Our best rates are Sunday through Thursday, so we will work with those days, probably having our banquet on Wednesday in late September to take advantage of rates and maybe cooler weather. There are hotels on and off the Strip that are nice and willing to work with us. As progress is made, we will keep you informed so you can begin making plans to attend. When we were here in 1995, we had about 360 at dinner, so let's do that again! Let's have our biggest and best reunion ever! See you in Las Vegas in 2005! 1

Feedback Is Needed!

There are many things to do in Las Vegas, sights to see and places to go. A list of some activities is on the next page at the end of this column, so look at that and let me know what you might like to do while in Las Vegas. The tour companies are always available to go to Hoover Dam and sightseeing around the valley and do you want to book these after you arrive so you can pick your friends and go when and where you want? The list of things to do is really much longer than what I can publish here, but this is an idea of the variety of things available.

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Things to Do & Points of Interest Las Vegas, Nevada

Driving/Bus Tours

- Red Rock
- Hoover Dam
- Valley of Fire

Local Shopping

- Boulevard Mall – Maryland Parkway between Flamingo and Desert Inn (Retail shops: Sears, Penny's, May Co, etc.)
- Meadows Mall – South side of Highway 95 between Valley View and Decatur (Retail shops: Sears, Penny's, May Co, etc.)
- Fashion Show Mall – on the Strip at Spring Mountain (Neiman Marcus, Sax Fifth Ave., Bloomingdale's, Robinson/May, Nordstrom's, Dillard's)
- Caesar's Forum – Many shops of all types (clothing, antiques, sports, etc.)
- Antique Mall – East Charleston & Maryland Parkway
- Antique & Craft Mall – Tropicana & Jones

Local Sights & Museums

- Elvis Museum
- Liberace Museum
- Imperial Palace Auto Collection
- Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum
- Guinness World Record Museum
- Hot air balloon tours
- Ethel M Chocolate Factory tour
- Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art
- Guggenheim Hermitage Museum at Venetian Hotel
- Mt. Charleston – 11,918' – hotel, chalet.
- Freemont Street Experience

Seabees

January — May Dates to Remember

Jan. 27, 1945	Bobcat detachment sent to Bora Bora, Society Islands; first Navy construction unit sent to overseas duty.
Feb. 1, 1944	Seabees land with Fourth Marine Division on Kwajalein.
Feb. 19, 1945	Seabees land with 5th Marine Division on Iwo Jima.
Mar. 2, 1867	CEC established.
Mar. 5, 1942	Seabee Birthday.
Mar. 19, 1942	CEC officers given military authority over construction units.
Mar. 22, 1945	Seabees ferry Gen. Patton's armored units across Rhine River into Germany.
April 1, 1945	Seabees land on Okinawa.
April 8, 1942	Doolittle Tokyo raid.
April 9, 1942	Bataan falls.
May 8, 1942	Battle of the Coral Sea.
May 8, 1945	V-E Day. Germany surrenders.



Notes from our members:

From **Duane Weltlich**: Enclosed is my check for dues and I want to thank you for the refund check for the Cleveland reunion. I wrote VOID on the check and want it to go to help pay for the MCB 2 Newsletters and postage [thank you, **Duane**]. It was my problem that I couldn't come to the reunion. Thank you and have a nice, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope I can make the 2005 reunion in Las Vegas..... from **Carolyn Wright**: **Scott**, I have enclosed a check in memory of **William** to be used for dues or whatever you want to use it for [thank you very much. Also enclosed was a copy of the memorial service for **William Wright**]...... from **Glen Grimes**: Please send me two US flags. I enjoyed your e-mails but I got worse and couldn't use my computer so I sold it. With this ALS I can't do anything for myself but I enjoy hearing from the guys. Have a good holiday and may God bless you. [Glen's address is 1830 N. Knoxville, Tulsa, OK 74115 if anyone would like to drop him a card.] received dues from **Bob Michael**, **Ed (Sharon) Ballerstein**, **Warren Flading**, **Bob Colquhoun**, **Joseph O'Brien**, **Gene Staples**, and **Ivan Majetic** [thanks, all]..... from **Don Hofstetter**: Thanks for the Newsletter that arrived today. Our schedule was just too busy to get away to Cleveland but we will start planning for Las Vegas in '05 right away. Enclosed is a check for dues and a US flag. I have a 20 foot stainless illuminated flag pole and 'Old Glory' flies full time at the **Hofstetter** house. I have been privileged to be on two color guard teams this year wearing my dress whites. All of you fat guys can eat your hearts out but us poor, skinny folks have a lot going for us, too. Thanks so very much for all of your hard work. **Stoney** started this great event but you are the one that keeps it all going [thank you, and I took over from **Roy Cone** who really got us organized.] One more thing — **Jeanne** and I sing in a mixed chorus and on Veterans Day I got to sing the Seabee song. Now you can see why

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"Happy **Don**" stays so happy. [wonderful!]..... from **Bill Tracy**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks] and two US flags [on the way]..... from **Howard Cornwell**: It's dues time! Send the



extra to the museum. Was there a Newsletter between April and November? If so, I didn't get it. [sure was. I'll send a replacement] Keep up the good work..... from **Verle Williams**: Thank you for the Newsletter dated November 15, 2003, telling about the great reunion in Cleveland. I'm sorry to say that, due to circumstances, **Jenna** and I didn't get to attend. I know that we missed a good one. However, we do have hopes of attending the next one in Las Vegas in 2005. At that time I will be at the 80 mark, but we are looking forward to being there. Six of us fellows from CBMU 577 attended our first reunion at Las Vegas in 1995 and we had a great time. I am enclosing a check for dues and another for the Seabee museum and another for a Seabee flag [thanks. All are appreciated.] I am also enclosing four photos that I took of the museum and entrance to Camp Rousseau at Port Hueneme back in 1967 while on a trip to California. I thought you may want to put a couple of them in the Newsletter if there is space enough [check page 10]. It will show the museum as it existed on the base. [Note that the Seabee and the pole it is sitting on is the Seabee and pole that was at Subic Bay when we were working there.] Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season.....[A note from **Scott**: **Bill & Shari Wisnowski** and **Doug & Shirley Emond** came to Las Vegas after **Doug & Shirley** had spent a few says at **Bill & Shari**'s home in Cypress, California. We had a great visit at my home and out for a terrific Mexican dinner, then back home for some good dessert. I hadn't seen **Doug & Shirley** since their honeymoon 45 years earlier. See page 13 for the old buddies]..... from **Glen Bates**: Better late than never but this year has not been one of my best, so am sending a dues check for last year and next year together [thank you]. I really appreciate the mailings and, though I spent most of my tour with MCB 10, I still see a few names of the membership I know. The reunion sounds like it went well and all had a great time. Maybe one of these days I will make it to one..... from **Ernest W. (Bill) Owens**: This ol' cotton-pickin' ragin' Cajun Acadian Seabee war-hoss salutes you all from Houston, Texas.

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Please accept my most profound thanks for the words in the Newsletter on my behalf. And, thank you very much for the phone call to tell me that comrade **Cecil Price** had contacted you and stated that he was with us at K-6. Enclosed is a check for dues, a US flag and a Seabee flag [on the way]. God bless you all and may the holiday season be full of warmth and peace [thank you]..... from **Frank Jacus**: Enclosed is a check for dues and 3 US flags [thanks] from **Richard (Betty) Keyes**: **Richard** and I are doing okay (for a couple of 77-year-old kids!!) Just the usual aches and pains as everyone has. Best Wishes for a New Year 2004 to all of our friends..... from **Fred Simon**: Please send me 3 US flags, 1 MIA flag, 1 Seabee flag and take out my dues from the enclosed check. I wanna be a GOOD guy! [you are, **Fred!**] I received my Newsletter and, as usual, was pleased to read about the members and their activities. The Newsletter is the heartbeat of any organization and is so vital in maintaining its' existence. It keeps the membership informed of their accomplishments and activities, other members' activities and lives. It makes those members who may or may not or can not attend meetings, reunions, outings, etc., still be an interested part of the more active group. I'm sorry I goofed on the name of the guy in the article in the SEABEE Magazine. My CPA is **Paul Sweeney** and my buddy in 1802 pictured with **Rod Howard** is **Donald Sweezy**, as pointed out by **Rod**. It was an old memory mixed with present activities. As **Rod** said, "We're getting long in the tooth" and the memories just get all blended together. Did you get your copy yet? [Sure did, and the articles are great!] e-mail me. Can Do!..... from **Fred Cozad**: Thanks for such a super Newsletter! It looks like the Cleveland reunion was a great success. Enclosed is a check for my dues and a US flag. Mine is getting pretty shop-worn. Just a reminder that most VFW Posts [and American Legion Posts] take in the old flags for proper disposal. Most work with the local Boy Scouts to burn them properly. Always look forward to the Newsletter. Have a great Christmas and New Year for you and yours [thanks] from **Earl (Patricia) Presson**: Enclosed is a check for dues and one US flag, please [thanks and on the way!] from **Stan Dauer**: I wasn't able to make it to Cleveland. Just too many things happening in this area. It



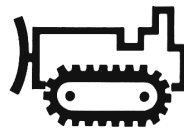
seems anymore when I try to sit back and enjoy life, something or someone has to throw a monkey wrench in the works. Enclosed is a check for dues and extra for a membership roster [thanks and it's on the way].....

from **Preston Wilson**: Here's a check for my dues and please send me a Seabee flag. I am sending an obituary notice about **Roger Stiles** as some of the people that did 20 years might know him. He was an EOC in Mob 3. I served with him when they did away with MCB 2 and put some of us in MCB 3..... from **Glen (Rudiene) Grimes**: Thanks for sending the flags. I enjoy hearing from everyone. Since I have had ALS [Lou Gherig's disease], I can't do anything for myself. My wife has a lot to do taking care of me. I wanted to attend one of the reunions but that will be impossible..... from **Darl Schmidt**: I am sending a check for dues plus I would like a US flag [thanks, and the flag is on the way]. I enjoy the Newsletter.... from **Dwight Yetter**: Enclosed is a check for dues. Please change my address and, if possible, could you send me the last issue of the Newsletter that did not catch up with me due to the change of address [done...]..... from **Jim Bolton**: Enclosed is my check for dues for MCB 2 [thanks]. We were just talking to **Jim & Gladys Wommack** about our Laughlin trip in January and they mentioned that you might join us for a visit [I hope to make it]. That would be great. The plans are that we will be staying at the Flamingo Hilton Jan. 12-15. Hope to see you there..... received dues from **John Weires, Larry Jessop, Harold Agles, John Ruby, John Ginther, C.R. "Lefty" Williamson, Don Barry, Ken (Bea) Catchpole, John Noetzel, Willis Struecker, Gene Baldwin, and William Ganske** [thanks, all] from **Lionel Vidrine**: Here is my check for dues. I want to stay on the Good Guy List. **Scott**, you are doing a beautiful job with the Newsletter [thank you]..... from **Dick Merit**: I think I am running a year late so I guess I had better get with it. Here's my check for dues and I hope this squares me for a month or two [you're in good shape, **Dick**. Thanks]..... from **Henry Benguerel**: here is a check for my dues [thanks]..... from **Don Henderson**: It was good to have seen you and your wife in Cleveland. If everything goes all right, I will be in Las Vegas in March. [great! Hope to see you.]..... from **Melvin Dixon**: Here's a check for dues and some extra for stamps

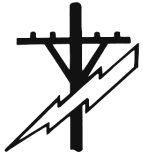
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[thanks!]. Thanks again for all the time you donate to MCB 2 [if you only knew...]..... from **Walter Smith**: Enclosed is my check for dues and please send a Seabee flag with the extra. [done and thanks]..... from **Vernon Blakeslee**: Enclosed a check for dues and another for a US and a Seabee flag [thanks and the flags are on the way]..... from **Paul (Wanda) D'Angelo**: [enclosed a check for dues.... Thanks] I understand we are going to have a visit with you in Laughlin in January — Great!.... from **Ron (Elaine) Glasser**: We hope that everyone enjoyed the Holidays and have a healthy and Happy New Year. Unfortunately, we couldn't make it to the reunion in Cleveland. We could have driven but **Elaine** had a medical problem. It sounds like it was a good time [it sure was]. We hope to make it to the next one in 2005. Enclosed please find a check for my dues. We enjoy the Newsletter so keep it coming. God bless all of you..... from **Bob Lohrentz**: I got a call from **Ann Flading** that **Warren** is in the hospital. He has internal bleeding and has had to have 6 pints of blood. He will have a colonoscopy tomorrow to try to find out what the problem is. She said he has had this condition for two weeks. In the process of all this, he had a heart attack. Once they get the bleeding stopped he will be transferred to another hospital for open heart surgery. He needs to have a valve replaced. Right now he is in Sister's Hospital in Buffalo but will be transferred to some other hospital for the surgery. We will let you know more as we know more. [thanks. For all that would like to write **Warren** a card, his home address is 294 Cleveland Drive, Buffalo, NY 14215 (716) 683-1799.] from **Ken Chew**: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here's a check for my dues and some extra for the museum project [thanks]..... from **Riley McDaniel**: I am enclosing a check for my dues [thanks]. It has been cold and windy here in Baton Rouge for a couple of weeks so I have been inside most of the time. I take coumadin to keep my blood thin and this causes me to get cold easy. Please send me a US flag with the extra enclosed [on the way]. I wish you well for 2004 [thank you!] from **Jack Coulter**: [sent a check for dues.... Thanks] Warmest thoughts and Best Wishes for a wonderful Holiday and a very Happy New Year! And, as Cdr. Elliott so patriotically put it, God Bless

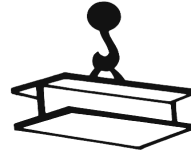


America and their families..... from **Ron Howatson**: We had a great time in Cleveland. Thanks to all who put the reunion together. My dues payment is enclosed [thanks]. I would also like a couple US flags. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year [thanks... I hope so] We'll see you in Las Vegas in 2005. I have also included a museum pledge card [wonderful!]..... from **Stoney Serrett**: Just a few lines to say hello and to let you know that I think your Newsletter of November 15 was great. I appreciate very much your hard work in getting out a Newsletter that soon after Cleveland [thanks]. I am enclosing my check for membership dues [thanks again]. I hope this will keep me on the Good Guy List. I sure hope that Santa was good to you and **Rachel** [he was too good!] As I may have told you, **Gladys** and I spent Christmas and New Year at our daughter's home in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Another 'white Christmas.'..... from **Doug Emond**: Just a short note to let you know that you are a TV star [that's true!]. A few weeks ago **Shirley** was watching a TV program called *Love Story*, which is about weddings. She called me over and there you were, performing the ceremony! You looked pretty darn good. [you bet! That was a fun wedding] Last night we were watching the news on TV and I really had to laugh when I saw the snow coming down in Las Vegas. You guys had more snow that we have had this year! Better there than here. [yes, we had 3" in my yard! But no, it's better in Wisconsin than Las Vegas!] I'm sending my dues [thanks] and extra for a flag and a 3" Seabee patch. If I owe more, let me know..... from **Dick Sim**: [sent a check for dues... thanks] Thanks for the excellent Newsletter. And the emails are great.... from **Robert Coley**: enclosed is my check for dues plus a little extra for your expenses [thanks]. I was with CBMU 1/101 and MCB 9 and I sure would like to hear from anyone that was in my old outfits. [3412 Springfield Ave., Northport, AL 35473, (205) 339-3644]..... from **Hark Ketels**: Just a few lines to say that my tour with MCB 2 was one of the best. I learned more about construction during that tour than any other tour with a battalion. Living in those tents wasn't too bad except for the monkeys trying to get into our tent, but it sure was nice to move into the green huts. As Sgt. Of the Guard for Security for a few months, I en-



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joyed going into the jungle and hunting wild boar and other animals. I was in Security when the catskinner brought in the 12 foot python. I stayed on active duty and became an LDO officer and then retired in June of 1972. After I retired, I became Director of the CEC/Seabee Museum for 19 years. I would like to make it to a reunion some day [try for '05, **Hark!**]..... from **Bob Jones**: Thank you for the back issues of the MCB 2 Newsletter. I enjoyed them and compliment you on an exceptional job. I enjoyed them so much I have enclosed a check to cover my dues plus a roster and use the remainder for the museum or whatever [thank you!] I am also including a clipping from my local newspaper regarding the November 11 observance which honored **Marvin Shields** here. I do see and recall a few familiar names of men I served with at Atsugi. I guess time and old age has dimmed my memory. I was an original member of the 51st NCB formed at Davisville, RI, and served with them during WWII. I was called back as a reservist in November 1951 and assigned to MCB 2. I was discharged upon return to the US in February 1952. Again, I thank you and wish you the best for the New Year..... from **Millard (Trudie) Schneider**: Hi! Happy New Year! **Millard** would like to pay his dues [thanks]. I think it's time to renew. Also, he would like one Seabee and two US flags [on the way!]..... [a note from **Scott: George Kraeer** had a heart attack and a stroke December 19 and is not doing very well. I went to the hospital to visit him and he is in ICU and may not survive. Please keep **George** in your prayers. If you would like to send him a get-well card, his address is 705 N 23rd, Las Vegas, NV 89101]..... from **Ron Howatson**: We had a great time in Cleveland and thanks to all who put the reunion together. My dues payment is enclosed [thanks]. I would also like a couple US flags [on the way]. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll see you in Las Vegas in 2005. [**Ron** also sent a pledge to the museum]..... from **Mike Kazarian**: Thank you, **Scott**, for the excellent job you do with the Newsletter. I would enjoy hearing from anyone that was with the 10th Special Battalion that was stationed in Exeter, England, prior to 'D' Day, 1942-1945. Have a great year. [P.O. Box 655, So. Lake Tahoe, CA 96156]..... from **Richard Swallow**: A check for my dues is enclosed



[thanks]. My Seabee 'stuff' collection continues to grow [wow! One whole room full!]..... from **Lane "Old Salty" Freitag**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. Also enclosed is a bit extra for some

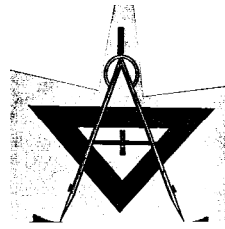
Seabee bumper sticker decals to put on a 1980 Ford van. I had surgery December 12, 2003. The stitches from last year did not dissolve so I had to take 4 or 5 antibiotics to get over an infection, but I came through. I am back up to 158 pounds now. I will try to make it to the 2005 reunion in Las Vegas. I was 84 years old last October 28. I'm no Spring chicken! Ha, ha! I was in WWII and stationed in the Territory of Hawaii in the Advanced Base Construction Depot (ABCD). I would like to hear from some that were in the same outfit as we would have been friends. I hope your health is good [sure is, thanks]. I still tap dance now and again for the seniors and old people [WOW!] from **Jim Sichel**: Enclosed is a check for membership dues and a US flag [thanks and the flag is on the way]. I enjoy your email jokes and stories. Keep them coming [thanks. & OK] from **Charles Johnson**: Hooray for Cleveland!! For years my family listened to my sea stories with a jaundiced eye and disbelieving looks. At Cleveland, not only were my sea stories verified by eye witnesses to the events, but by some of the actual participants themselves. With no coaching on my part, all I had to do was mention a name or event and some Seabee provided the exact details of what I had been relating for years. [the truth is always stranger than fiction!] Needless to say, my family now looks at me and the Seabees in disbelief. I guess that if I wasn't there and saw it and lived it, that I too would find it hard to believe. Do I hear an 'Amen'? See you all in Las Vegas..... [A short note from **Scott: Rachel** and I went to Laughlin and had lunch with **Jim & Gladys Wommack, Paul & Wanda D'Angelo, Jim & Faun Bolton, and Norris & Ann McDaniel**. We had a great visit and will see all in Las Vegas in 2005]..... from **Don Anderson**: Thanks for sending the Newsletter. I was planning to drop my membership but decided to hang on until after Las Vegas. We went to the reunion in Charleston but there wasn't anyone we knew there. While there, I wondered if we should have gone as everyone there had their old buddies that they associated with, which was fine for them but not us. So, we felt like real outsiders. Sorry to say that. [not at all!



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That is one thing we must change! Thanks] I liked the line in the September 13, 2003, General Membership Meeting Minutes where Stoney said that when a new attendee is met, they should be made to feel welcome.

I hope this will happen if we come to Las Vegas. I was called to active duty in '52 and was at Port Hue-neme and then to K-3 in Korea. Then, I was sent to Atsugi until '54, so I didn't make the other duty stations as many of the rest did. We really did enjoy the tours and cruise while at Charleston. Thanks..... received dues from **Roger Mohs, William Moore, & Lewie Baker** [thanks guys] from **Joe Sobczak**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Use the balance for your printing funds [thank you very much]..... from **Jack Wilson**: Here is a check for my dues. I don't want to get on the Bad Boy List [no way! You are a Good Guy! Thanks]. Hope to see you all in Las Vegas at the next reunion. I was glad to see our old friend **Jim Modglin** from Anna, Illinois, joined up from **Ernie Pyle**: I moved to Effingham, Illinois. I had to get out of Indiana as the cops were after me! No, just to change. I now live next to a lake. I like it much better. I don't know if my dues are up yet but this check will take care of me for a couple of years and a few dollars to send me an up-to-date roster [on the way!]..... from **DeVon Jensen**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Please put me on the Good Guy List [you're on!]. I really enjoy the Newsletter, keep up the good work..... from **Don "Ike" Eminhizer**: I hope there is enough enclosed to cover the dues and the cost of an up-to-date membership roster [there is and thanks]. It sounds like a good time was had by all in Cleveland and sorry I missed it. I keep looking for news from the group of Seabees from CBD 1804 Detachment Able, but news is scarce. I remember quite a few but obviously not all. Some I remember and would like to hear from are: **Gordon Keen, Ken Behrens, Johnny Doyle, Danny Murphy, Pat Pappano, Nick Grillo, Bill Seesman, Lew Shugar, and Holly Hollingsworth**. I know I have missed some but this list is not bad for off the top of my head. I do enjoy seeing **Les Hall** once in a while and swapping memories [lies, all lies! Ha!]. [**George Kraeer**, one of your buddies from 1804, died February 2, 2004, here in Las Vegas. Nice guy and a good friend to many here.] Keep



up the good work, it's appreciated [contact **Ike** at 924 Lee Trevino Drive, Belen, New Mexico 87002 (505) 864-2300] from **Capers (Cynthia) Kinard**: Here are my dues and I'm not sure what years I owe [this will cover you until you get to Las Vegas!]. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on December 31st, 2003 [congratulations!!]..... from **Roger (Lorraine) Hamilton**: Enclosed is a check for **Roger's** 1904 dues [thanks, but I'll apply them to his 2004 dues. Ha!]...... from **Paul D'Angelo**: Enclosed please find a check for 3 Seabee flags to be sent to **Harry Moore** in Phoenix. **Harry** is a friend of mine and a WWII Seabee veteran. Appreciate your help in this and thank you for all you do. [glad to be a part of it all.]..... [Looks like that's it for now. Keep those letters coming..... **Scott**]

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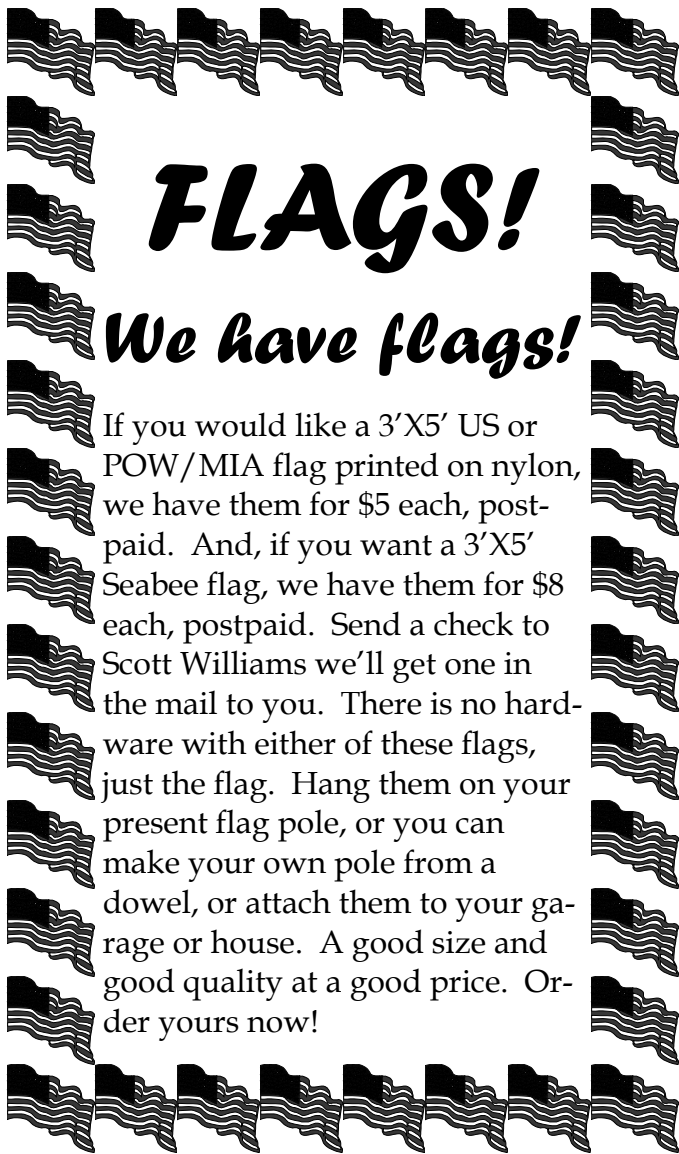
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Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

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Las Vegas, NV 89128
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Scott Williams/MCB 2

Dues are \$20/year
January - December

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

MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

Name/Source

Ken Chew
Howard Cornwell
Glen Grimes
Ron Howatson
Robert L. Jones
Verle Williams

Contributed This Period (Oct.-Dec.)

\$245.00

Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$8,700.41

Total Pledged to Date

\$7,425.41

Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$10,325.41

Our Fallen Comrades

Carson D. Allen	4/17/97
George E. Kraeer	2/2/04
William R. Wright	10/15/03

May they live on in our memories.

Cleveland Reunion Pictures — September 2003



Frank Betonte and Sam Ragusa



Above: Sam and Nancy Holsomback

Left: Pipers Dan Millett and Pete Elliott at the Memorial Service.

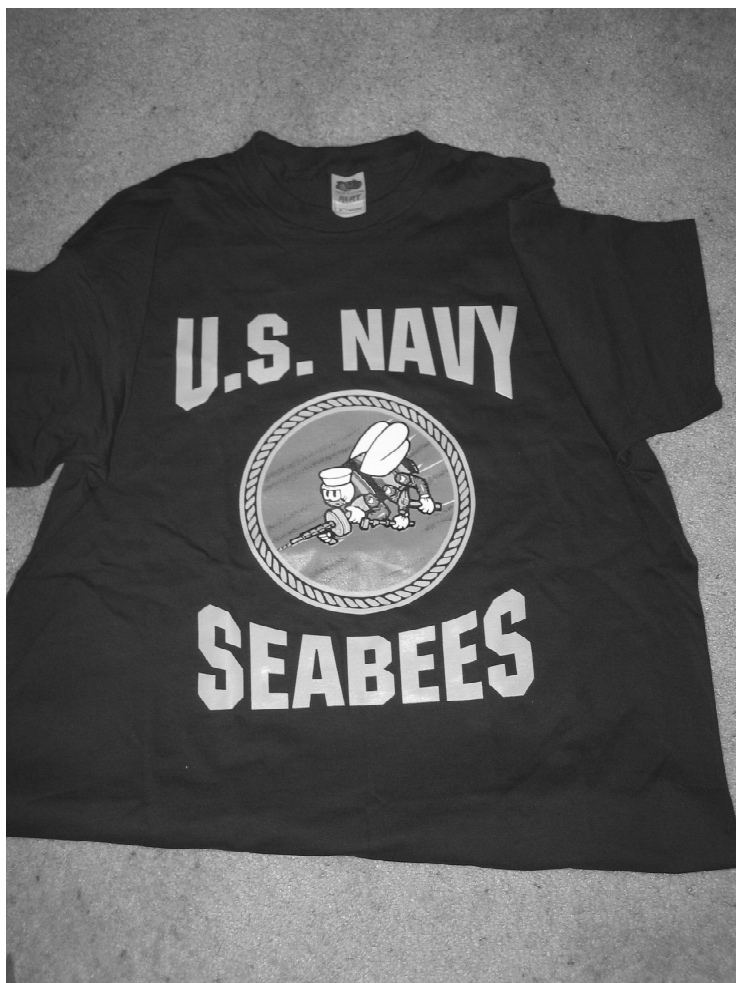
These pictures are from Verle Williams.



The Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme — 1967
The Seabee on the pole is the Seabee that was erected at Cubi Point/Subic Bay.



Main entrance to the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California — 1967



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Scott Williams

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All Seabee Reunion - Port Hueneme

The date for the Sixth Annual All Seabee Reunion at Port Hueneme is set for May 20-23, 2004.

The reunion headquarters will be at the Casa Sirena Hotel, 3605 Peninsula Rd., Oxnard, CA. For reservations call 800-447-3529.

Rates start at \$79.00 a night, don't forget to mention the Reunion to get the discount price. Make your reservation as soon as possible.

We are adding base and outside events. We are having a Special All Hands Picnic, hosted by The Chief's Association

For more details check out our website:
www.allseabees.com.

You can also down load our reunion package.

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THE GOOD GUY LIST

Harry Agles, Don Anderson, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Joe Ates, Lewie Baker, Jack Balding, Lowell Baldwin, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Don Barry, Glen Bates, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, Frank Betonte, Ken Bingham, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Bill Body, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, Al Burkhardt, Ralph Burnley, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, William B. Carter, Mike Castelvechi, Ken Catchpole, George Chang, C.L. Chapman, Ken Chew, Ron Claypool, Walter Cloonan, Bob Coley, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Howard Cornwell, Jack Coulter, Fred Cozad, Kim Crowell, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Harold Davis, Joseph DeFranco, Jim De Keyser, Jimmie Dillman, Mel Dixon, George Dorge, Pete Elliott, Don 'Ike' Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Norman Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Dick Farbo, Frank Fibich, Warren Flading, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Lane Freitag, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, Fred Granata, Russ Granby, John Grasz, Glen Grimes, Marvin Guetling, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Bob Hart, Ralph Heitt, Don Henderson, Wayne Heple, Gerald Herr, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Arthur Hoskinds, Ron Howatson, Charles Ingalls, Victor Jaccino, Frank Jacus, DeVon Jensen, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Henry Jones, Robert Jones, Robert Kaempfe, Chuck Kangas, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Mike Kazarian, Gordon Keen, Hark Ketels, Richard Keyes, Capers Kinard, William Knight, John Kolasz, Stephen Korke, Ervin Lampe, Dale Lundstrom, Ivan Majetic, William (Jack) Mayo, Don McDaniel, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Dick Merit, Bob Michael, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, James Modglin, Roger Mohs, William Moore, Finley Morrison, Paul Muma, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Donald O'Connell, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben

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All men listed here have their dues paid at least through 2004, 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 February 18, 2004. There are currently 205 paid up members from a mailing list of 531. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 791 names on the full member roster. (SW)

Need a Membership Roster?

If you have a need for an up-to-date membership roster, drop me a line with a couple of bucks and I'll send you one. We currently have 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

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 205 members paid through 2004. We have 531 names on our mailing list, so you see we really need your dues.

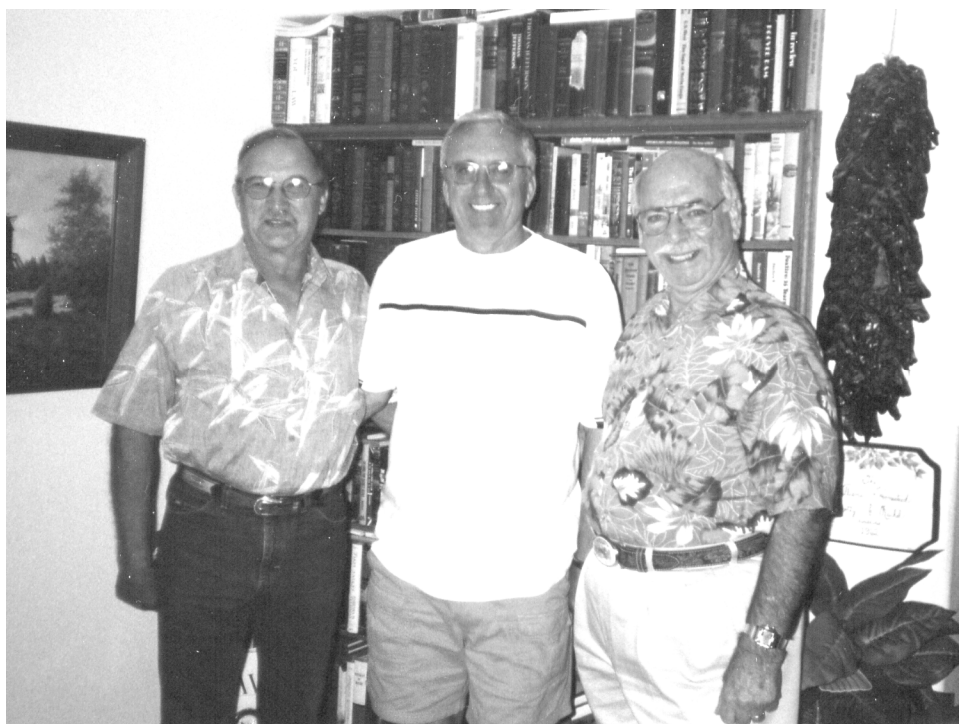
The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

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Pete Elliott**

Staff:

Joe DeFranco
David Haines
Rich Nelson
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Malcolm Pearson
Stoney Serrett, Commander Emeritus
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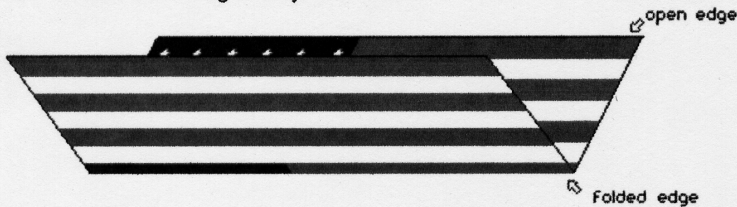
L-R: Bill Wisnowski, Doug Emond, Scott Williams
First reunion since 1959 — at Scott's home in Las Vegas.

The Meaning of the Flag Folding Ceremony

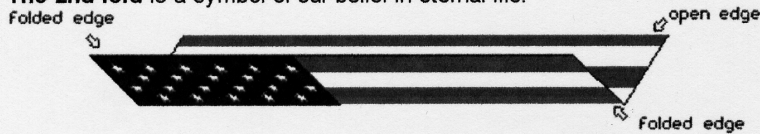


Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

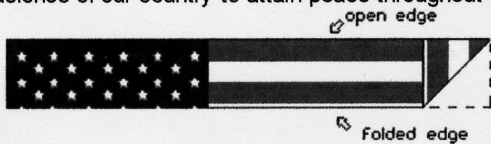
The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.



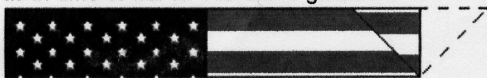
The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."



The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The Meaning of the Flag Folding Ceremony, cont.



The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.



The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nations motto, "In God We Trust."



After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have important, deep meanings. In the future, when you see flags folded, you will know why.

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