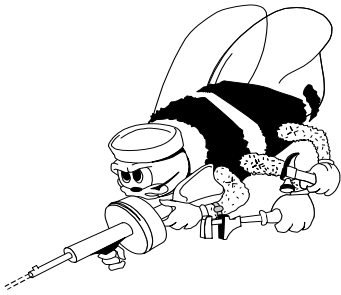


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## **SEABEES**

*A Newsletter for Former US Naval  
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# **Palace Station! Las Vegas, Nevada October 10 - 12, 2005**

### **The location and dates are set!**

Mark your calendars! The second week in October, when it has cooled down a bit here in Las Vegas, will be our next reunion hosted at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino located west of the Strip. The contract was signed just before this Newsletter went to press so more information will be in upcoming Newsletters.

The hotel has two room facilities available, one that is only two stories high and the tower that is 21 stories high. Room rates will vary between \$49 to \$69 per night, plus taxes, depending in which facility you want to stay. They are both nice and have been

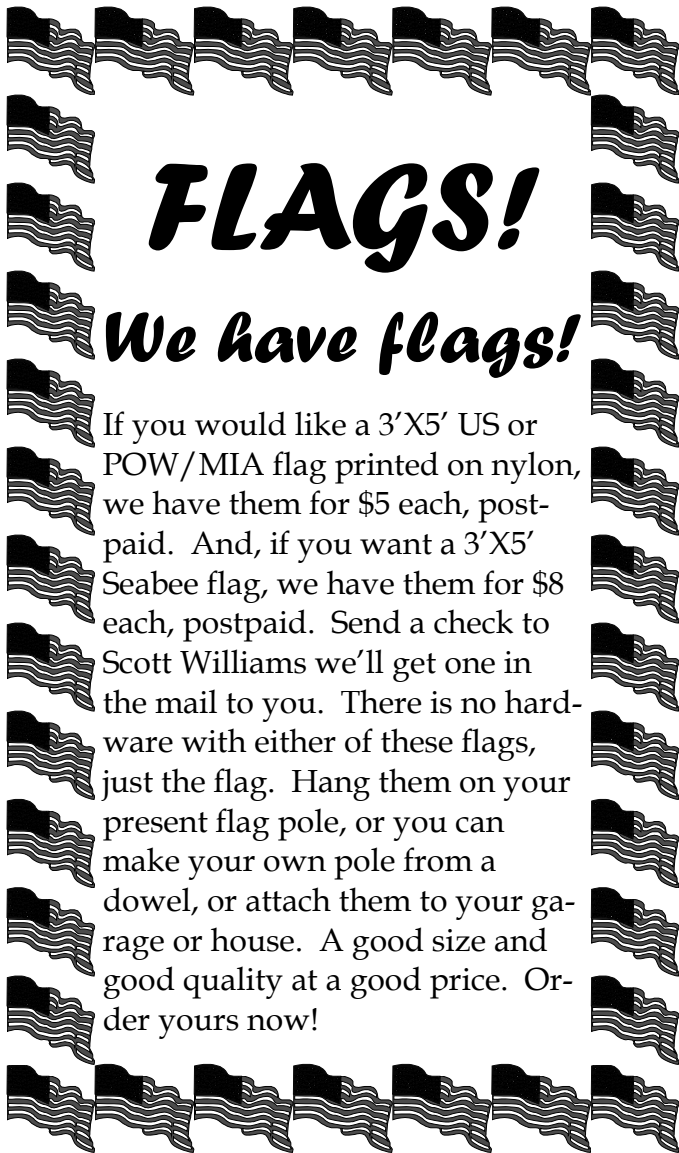
recently remodeled, including furnishings and carpet.

So, Monday, October 10 through Wednesday, October 12 will be our reunion with the business meeting, Memorial Service, and banquet on Wednesday. So mark those dates on your calendar to make the trek to Las Vegas to see the sights and visit with old friends. The same rates will apply for those that would like to arrive on Sunday or leave on Friday. However, rates double on Fridays and Saturdays but an extra day on each end of our reunion is a big plus for those that would like to take advantage of a good rate.

And, we need everyone that comes to the reunion to stay at the Palace Station as that is how we are able to get a hospitality room and meeting room free.

# HEY! CHECK THIS OUT!

Everyone has seen the car window US flags, but we have car window **SEABEE** flags! These are high quality, double-sided Seabee flags so the Seabee can be correctly viewed from either side. Get yours now and be the talk of the town! Only \$10 each, shipping included. And, while you are ordering, get your 3'X5' Seabee and US flags in the same package. Send a note to Scott Williams to order this flag or any of the Seabee plunder shown on page 14.



# FLAGS!

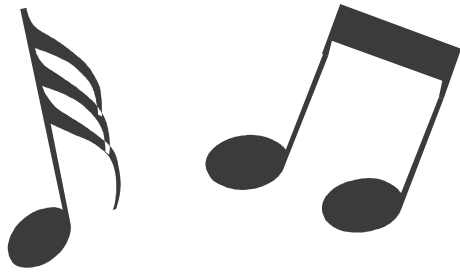
## *We have flags!*

If you would like a 3'X5' US or POW/MIA flag printed on nylon, we have them for \$5 each, post-paid. 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!

# SEABEES

## May – September Dates to Remember

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| May 8, 1942   | Battle of the Coral Sea.   |
| May 8, 1945   | V-E Day. Germany surrenders.   |
| 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 25, 1950 | Korean War begins.   |
| June 30, 1943 | Seabees land with 9th Marine Division, Solomon Islands.                                |
| July 26, 1944 | Seabees land on Tinian.  |
| Aug. 6, 1945  | Bombing of Hiroshima   |
| Aug. 7, 1942  | 1st marine Division lands on Guadalcanal.  |
| Aug. 9, 1942  | Battle of Savo Island  |
| Aug. 9, 1945  | Bombing of Nagasaki  |
| Aug. 11, 1945 | USNCTC Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned "Original Home of the Seabees."     |
| Aug. 14, 1945 | Japan accepts terms of Potsdam Declaration.  |
| Aug. 20, 1945 | OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal; first CEC/Seabee Officer to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 1, 1939 | WW II begins.  |
| Sept. 1, 1942 | 6th NCB Seabees arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone.           |



## *Notes from our members:*

From **Doug Thorp**: Sorry I am so late with my annual dues but I was away up in Washington State marrying off yet another son. So, anyway, enclosed are my dues plus a bit extra for postage to Mexico and a check for this year's pledge toward the upgrading of the Seabee Museum, which I understand you will forward to the Foundation [yes, and thanks for all the support]. I swear it's colder than Adak here in southern Baja California this winter. I've actually had to put long trousers and sweatshirts on. Sorry I missed the reunion in Cleveland. I was really looking forward to it after the 9/11/01 debacle. Well, now I am really determined (if still alive) to make the 2005 meeting [sure hope so!]. So, anyway, the best to you and all the others who work so hard to put these shindigs on, and especially for your energy in publishing the Newsletter [thank you...]. With that, I say I hope to meet you one of these days..... from **William Tracy**: In July 2003, I eagerly signed up for a Visa credit card through the CEC/Seabees Historical Foundation in which MBNA America Bank would send a percentage of purchases from all card-holders toward the new Port Hueneme Seabee Museum. I wrote to **Bill Hilderbrand** asking if they receive any benefit from the use of this card and **Bill** replied, "We receive a payment from MBNA each quarter based on all the Seabee credit card transactions. There are over 1100 cards presently issued and most are being used. Our quarterly receipts from MBNA are currently about \$2,500 and steadily moving upward. It has been a real benefit to us." [WOW! That is super! Check this out with **Bill Hilderbrand** at (228) 865-0480] ..... from **Cecil (Marjorie) Westwood**: [Marjorie sent a notice about the Seabee reunion in Salt Lake] I received this information from **Warren Culberson** and was wondering if you knew anything about it. I don't see **Bob Gardner** on the roster so please enlighten me on this if you can. Email is OK. [See page 9 for the info re: Salt Lake reunion and we have never had **Bob Gardner** on our roster. I checked back on the lists all the way to when **Roy** 3

**Cone** was secretary. Sorry.] ..... from **Judy (Richard) Todd**: I had figured out time zones so I wouldn't wake you or **Rachel** too early and that's when I drove to Concord this afternoon that I could use the cell phone and **Dick** wouldn't catch me. However, he has conveniently left to distribute flyers and tickets for the Legion's St. Pat's Day supper on the 13th. When I read this week's Newsletter, I knew that I had found a birthday gift for **Dick**. Please send a large size Seabee Tee shirt. If it can make it for March 24, that would be a real plus, depending how your orders go. You may address it to him as after this envelope hits the post office I'll no longer need to be sneaky! I know that he has planned to write you with news and orders. If he orders a Tee, ignore him! I have been working to mark photos and need some help. It has dawned on me that this is the opportune time to ask your help in marking names and then returning the photos in his Tee shirt package. In the photos, the man with white hair in the back row is a friend of **Tom Roy's** and, frustratingly, I cannot recall his name [possibly ask **Tom?**]. Any help will be most appreciated. In between all of this I'm slowly organizing the photos from our summer travels. As you may recall, we took the long route to Cleveland. By the time we had reached dear old Epson [NH], we had traveled 10,000 miles. I was going to mail the article on the reverse side of this letter back in October. You see how fast that happened! I had wanted it timed for possible mention in the first Newsletter after the reunion so that all could see how soon there was snow after our hot days in Cleveland. We have not had a lot of snow but we sure have been freezing cold! As one of those "Honeybees" who buzz around with the fellows at reunions, I want to let you know how much I enjoy the fellowship and being made welcome. This was our second, Charleston being the first. I enjoy the tours and I read every word of the Newsletter, so I saw your list of Las Vegas sites. My two cents worth: out of that list I would like to see the Valley of Fire and the Liberace Museum as they would appeal to me. Warm regards to all. May you be guided by kindness and rewarded with love ..... from **Fred Simon**: I need three 4X6 US poly flags and two embroidered 4X6 US flags. Do you have other offerings? [you betcha! What do you want? I can probably get it for you] ..... from **Al Erb**: Enclosed is a check for two T shirts [thanks]. Hope to see you in Las Vegas ..... from **Emil Krygier**: En-



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closed is a check for dues and some extra to offset the cost of the Newsletter [thanks]. Say hi to **Sam Ragusa** ..... from **John Brown**: Enclosed is my check for dues, two US flags and one Seabee flag [thanks] ..... from **John Petronka**: [John sent an article from his paper about a bugle that plays Taps from a recording] I thought you might find this article interesting which has some relevancy to our reunions. Don't get me wrong as I'm not trying to do any one of our group from playing Taps during our Memorial service, only offering this method described in the article as a possible alternative if needed. A possibility might be to rent or borrow this instrument from a local American Legion or VFW post. Anyway, I thought it was an idea worth considering for our reunion in Las Vegas [personally, I would rather hear **John Petronka** play taps on the harmonica]. Hope things are going well with you and yours [they are, thanks]. Things are going well with our clan here in Pennsylvania. **Geri** and I are planning a visit to spend some time with our grandchildren in California the end of this month. Then, in July, we're going to tour the country of Slovenia where **Geri's** ancestors are from. This will probably be my last trip outside the continental limits of the good old USofA. Well, **Scott**, the best of everything to you and yours. Thanks again for doing the fine job you have done and continue to do on our Newsletter and reunions. You have to know it is very much appreciated. [thanks, **John**] ..... dues checks from the following: **Pat Cunningham, Dan Mills, Roy Grisham, Ralph Bokern, Clem Gregurek, Robert Long, Mylo Cayou, Cecil Westwood, Paul (Pat) Schell, Dan Pelaez, Elwin 'Shorty' (Phyllis) Campbell, Ralph Evans, Jack (June) Phillips, Hank Bentsen, Michael Barron, William Irvine, Herbert Meade, Rod Howard, Warren Culberson, Don (Linda) Jones, Rich Baker, Ed (Wilma) Dechant, Pat Morris, Roy Harris** (twice, and thanks), and **Ben Balog** [thanks, all] ..... from **David (Gail) Pyle**: [Sent a check for one Seabee T shirt] ..... from **Sam (Mary) Ragusa**: Enclosed is a check for one US flag, one Seabee flag, one T shirt, with the remaining to the museum [thanks... done]. Oops! Take out for postage, then the museum [nope! All of our plunder is priced postage paid! Now, that's a deal!] ..... from **Vince Ryan**: I'm sending my dues and late fee and extra for a T shirt [thank you]. Thanks and good luck! ..... from **Vance (Nellie) Adams**: Thank you

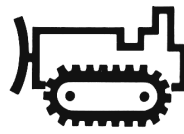


for doing such a great job. Enclosed is a check for dues and extra for a roster [thanks] ..... from **Bill Sigmund**: Sorry about being late. I had some health problems and dues completely slipped my mind. I just forgot [you're entitled, and thanks]. Enclosed find my check for dues..... from **Vern (Nancy) Ammentorp**: I thought I was paid up but the year flew by... so I'll pay up. Guess it was the museum dues I paid in September at the reunion in Ohio [oh, well. You had too much money anyway and you needed to spread it around. :-)]..... from **Roger (Lorraine) Hamilton**: Roger would like a Seabee flag [on the way, and thanks] ..... from **Mary Ragusa**: I think if tours can just be listed with prices and a phone number to arrange, I would give that to everyone and they are on their own! We will be available to help wherever needed. Hope to see the **Petronkas** when they come to California later this month [March]. They are "on board" for volunteering, too..... from **Cameron W. Lee**: Enclosed is a check for dues and a membership roster ..... from **C. Edner Rudolph**: Here is a check for my dues and thanks for all of your work. I enjoy the Newsletter..... from **Larry Stevenson**: Thanks for the good job you and your staff are doing [thanks... but I'm it. Chief Bottle-washer and all] Here is a check for dues and please send me an address list [done]. Sorry to read about our old friend **Willie Wright**. We will miss him and **Caroline** at the reunions..... from **Don Seethaler**: Enclosed is a check for my dues, a Seabee flag and a Seabee T shirt, plus a little extra for postage, etc. [thanks, **Don**]. In the event I do not see you on the 14th or 15th, just send them on to me. **Carolyn** and I hope to see you in Vegas for the reunion in 2005..... from **Duane Henrichson**: I just received the March Newsletter and I see that I am not on the Good Guy List. I am enclosing a check for dues and some extra for whatever is needed [thanks]. **Mary** and I are looking forward to Vegas in 2005. We had a good time in Cleveland. We just about had all of the snow gone but today we have had enough to make the ground white. Spring is getting closer in Nebraska..... from **Wes Loveall**: I know I am way past on my dues and I thank you for still sending the Newsletter. Enclosed please find a check for dues, a Seabee flag, and some extra for a roster. [thanks] It seems my last request for a roster got lost somewhere [it's this cheap help]. Anyway, I will probably come to Las Vegas in 2005 if I'm still around. In the past, Vegas

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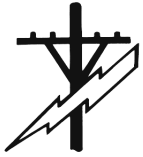


has not been friendly to my Keno numbers but maybe seeing some old Seabees will change my luck [bound to... for the better, I hope] ..... from **Gary Mitchell**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]. All is well in North Dakota. I'm still working ... retirement sucks. Say hi to **Mal Pearson** for me. Keep up the good work ..... from **Ray Sorrentino**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List so enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Also, please send two US flags and one Seabee flag. Everyone who was in the Marines in this neighborhood flies their flag, so I will fly our flag and that should give them something to talk about. We enjoyed the Cleveland reunion. You guys did a great job and hope to see everyone in Las Vegas. The emails are great. Keep it up..... from **Hance Morton**: Just a line to let you know I'm still alive [hey! Keep on keeping on!]. The last Seabee Newsletter I got didn't have my name for paid up dues in it. I remember I paid for a few years but I guess they ran out. **Scott**, you are certainly doing a fine job with the Newsletter you send out. Bless you, my friend. [thanks] ..... from **Preston Wilson**: Here is a check for my dues [thanks]. Sorry, but we won't be able to join you in Las Vegas due to health problems [we're sorry, too. We'll miss seeing you.] ..... from **Donald Shoff**: (Mar49Don@aol.com) Here is a check for my dues and a bit extra for whatever [thanks]..... from **Pat Badgett**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and please note the address change..... from **Les Hall**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Thanks for all the emails about **John Kerry**. Somehow I knew this about him. Keep 'em coming..... from **Randy Judd**: Thanks for your help and assistance. It's always appreciated. The MCB 2 patches arrived today and sorry for the delay in getting this check to you. The weather here in PA has been very bad for getting out to get a money order ..... from **Sam Holsomback**: Here is a check for my dues and some for the museum [thanks]. We are looking forward to Las Vegas and wondering if anyone made the peanut brittle [**Rachel** did, but did any of you other ladies make any?] ..... from **Bert Helms**: Seeing my name is missing means I must owe you. Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks] ..... from **Jack Balding**: It sure was nice to get the Newsletter and emails. Sure hope Bush leaves my retirement alone. He is trying to get all the Mexicans up here so we can feed them and they aren't even fir-



ing a shot. I'm going to buy an old 20' U-Haul truck, put a sign on the side that says, "Vote for **Kerry**—Down with **Bush**." To get him out, I'll dig up \$4,000 for the truck and put the sign on in red paint. They are wanting to get rid of the VA hospital in Walla Walla, WA. The SOB has a war on—no brains. I plan to drive to Las Vegas. I have two blockages in my heart; one right and one left. But I hope to live to be 96. I was shot in the back by some woman's man. See you on email..... from **Allan Alberg**: I enjoy reading the Seabees Newsletter. We are making plans to attend the reunion in Las Vegas in '05. It will be our first. Enclosed is a check for my membership dues [thanks]. ..... from **Ken Stancombe**: Sorry I forgot about the dues [that's OK. That's what the Good Guy List is for.] Here is a check so maybe that will get me off the hook [it does. Thanks]. Also, I would like one US and one Seabee flag..... from **Millard (Trudie) Schneider**: **Millard** would like to order a Seabee T shirt and two US flags. I am sending a check with a little extra for whatever you wish [thanks]. Thanks again and we sure enjoy the Newsletter. Hope we can get to Vegas..... from **Jo McDonagh**: The AARP is holding a convention in Las Vegas and enclosed is a list of their proposed side trips. Perhaps you could look into them - some of them are very pricey. Hope all is well with you and **Rachel**. We are doing OK. Regards from Long Island..... from **Jim (Gladys) Wommack**: I believe it is past time for me to send some dues money. Good thing you remind us! [thanks] We had a great time in Laughlin. So glad you and **Rachel** could join us for our little mini-reunion of special Seabee friends. Thanks for all you do..... from **Bill Burns**: This is a great Newsletter! My buddy, **Ken Catchpole**, from Tacoma, Washington, sent me a copy and I have really, really enjoyed it. We were in the 103rd Det. A together from 1950 to 1954. I have just retired from 52 years in the building trades and pouring concrete. Enclosed is a check for dues and extra for a Seabee flag..... from **Bobby McMillan**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List so I must be in arrears in my dues. Find them enclosed [I did! Thanks]. Also, send a T shirt, a POW/MIA flag, a Seabee flag and a roster. The enclosed check should cover everything [it does and thanks]..... from **Erv Lampe**: Per my email, check enclosed for two T shirts [and **Erv** got the first one of the new design. See page 14.] ..... from **Bob**

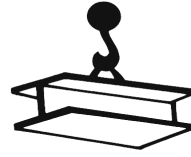
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**Bowdler:** I see I must be on the Good Guy List again. Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Next is to stay alive 'til Vegas in oh-five. In between, several of us are going to the All-

Seabee Reunion in Port Hueneme May 20-23. .... from **Lee Stevens:** Enclosed is a check for dues and we will not be attending the reunion [we will miss seeing you!]. Probably none in the future unless they are all within driving distance of Maryland. I'm not flying unless it's an extreme emergency. I put 22+ years in the Seabees and I'm not going to be treated like a criminal at the airport. They just about strip-search you before you get on the airplane. Say 'hello' to everyone for us and wish all well..... from **Ron Landrum:** Looks like I got behind and got off the Good Guy List. I'm enclosing a check for my dues and extra for a Seabee flag and a T shirt. I'm also sending a few photos that were taken while we were extending the runway at K-3 in Korea in 1954 - 1955 for your photo stack [see page 11 and thanks]. They are identified on the back. Thanks for all you do..... from **Lloyd Kallsen:** Hello from Le Mars, Iowa, known as the ice cream capital of the world, home of Wells Blue Bunny Ice Cream. The company has become the largest family owned and operated ice cream maker in the world with sales throughout the United States and internationally. I received the Newsletter dated March 1, 2004, and find that my name wasn't on the Good Guy List, which reminds me that I haven't paid my 2004 dues. I always enjoy reading the Newsletters and don't want to miss any. Enclosed find my check covering current dues plus a little extra for the Seabee museum [thanks]..... from "Old Salty" **Lane Freitag:** I'm sending my dues and extra for some Seabee decals. I filed for PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) for 1942-1943. I was in Advanced Base Construction Depot at Pearl Harbor and **K.A. Breerwood** was the Warrant Officer in Charge at the Diamond Lumber Yard that was between Honolulu and Pearl Harbor. My friends were **Lloyd Dow**, **L.A. Day**, and **Harry K. Knopp**. I would like to hear from **Lloyd Dow** of Wiscasset, Maine, and **L.A. Day** from the Midwest. I got in touch with **Harry K. Knopp** of Powell, Wyoming. We got on the phone and now write to each other. I have a friend that wants to go to the reunion in Oxnard. He and I would like to ride with someone from the Antelope Valley and would pay expenses, but we don't want to stay overnight..... from **Bob Hoare:**



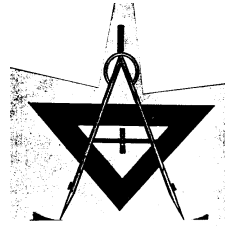
Please put me back on the Good Guy List and I hope there is enough for a membership roster. Since I contacted **Gerry Vasquez** last year, we have been catching up on what's happened over the

last fifty years. It was **Gerry** who put me in contact with you. Living up here [Canada], I lost contact even though I am only five minutes from the US border. Your Newsletter and the Internet bring home some very happy memories. Thanks.... from **Arnold Daisy:** Thanks for the Newsletter. Keep up the good work. Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks].... from **Trudie (Millard) Schneider (Millard's better half):** Yesterday we received the package from you with one US flag in it with a note that the T shirt was on order. I sent you a check for two flags and a T shirt and extra for whatever needed. I know it's just an oversight and don't know how you keep everything straight, you are so busy [obviously, I don't keep everything straight! Cheap help, what else can I say? Use that extra you sent to hire a good secretary, maybe? Ha!] You can send it when convenient, and thanks. [on its way and sorry about the mix up.]..... from **Bill (Shari) Wisnowski:** [sent a dues check with no note. I called **Bill** and he said they didn't want to include a note because I print everything.... Well, yeah... that's what this is all about.. .... to hear from everyone. But, OK.... If you really don't want to have your note here, I understand. But see what I did anyway, **Bill?** Ha! Gotcha!]..... from **Kenn Gaskell:** Enclosed is a check for dues plus a little extra to help with the great job you do on the Newsletter [thanks]. I plan to be in Las Vegas April 4-8 and, if our itineraries agree, maybe we could meet for a cup of coffee [great! I'll look forward to it]. Sorry I'm late with the dues and keep up the good work..... from **Don Nitsche:** Enclosed is my check for dues and extra for two Navy Seabees T shirts and a Seabee flag [on the way! Thanks] Our Bed & Breakfast [in Hawaii] is going great! We have had a couple Seabees visit and we give a 10% discount to all Seabees. I am still an active private pilot and was just up flying this morning. A couple of other old geezers and I rebuilt an old Piper Colt and I can still pass the physical at 74. We plan to be at the reunion at Las Vegas next year [great!]..... from **Gene Urmey:** Sorry I'm late with my dues [no problem and thanks for the check]. I would also like a Seabee flag and a T shirt [on the way]. Hope to be in Vegas in 2005.... .... from **Richard Muns:** Sorry I am not up to date with my



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dues. Find enclosed my check for dues, one POW/MIA flag, two Seabee flags, and one roster. Apply the rest to whatever. [Muns, we have a problem. You forgot to include the check..... Hmmmm. A bit distracted with your 45th anniversary?] I regret that **Ruth** and I have not been able to get to the last two reunions. We are planning to be in Las Vegas. Our oldest granddaughter, **Heather Muns**, graduates May 1, 2004, from Emory-Riddle Aeronautical Engineering School. We now have three of our eight grandchildren in college with a fourth starting college this Fall. **Ruth** and I have truly been blessed. We are celebrating our 45th anniversary today and looking forward to many more. [congratulations to you both and sympathies to **Ruth**] I certainly appreciate the work you do for the MCB 2 Reunion Association..... from **John Jurkash**: I hope this check puts me back with the Good Guys again [sure does and thanks]. That's with **John Petronka, Sam Ragusa, Rube Rubinich, Paul D'Angelo, and Dave Budworth** to name a few old friends. Hope to make the next reunion in Las Vegas. God willing, we'll see you all! Keep up the good work!... from **Sandra Claypool**: I am writing to inform you that **Ronald Claypool** passed away on March 10, 2004. He really enjoyed reading the Newsletter..... from **Phil Wagenschur**: Enclosed is a check to cover dues plus some extra for postage [thanks]. I am 87 this year and get around in an electric scooter..... from **Richard Muns**: [received his check... thanks, **Richard**.] ..... from **Don (Winifred) Grobbel**: Enclosed is a check for dues and extra for a roster [thanks, and on the way] ..... from **Ray Nethercott**: Here's a check for my dues to get me back on the Good Guy List [thanks]. I was with Detachment A on Midway the last six months of 1952 and before that I was with CBD 1503 for eighteen months on Midway, so I don't recognize too many names in the Newsletter. I still enjoy the Newsletter very much, though. Give my best to **Roy Cone** and **Stoney Serrett** who were very friendly to me and my party when we were at the reunion in Las Vegas in 1995. Hope to see you again. [how about Las Vegas in 2005? Hope to see you there.]..... from **Glenn Sisco**: Dues time! I almost forgot — Thanks for the newsletter reminder. My check is enclosed and extra for a Seabee flag [thanks, and one is on the way!] ..... from **Bill Burns**: It was great talking to you. **Nick** [Bill's dog] needs a new Seabee flag to carry. Here is a little



article about Nick and me that you might enjoy [**Bill** sent a newspaper clipping]. Here is a check for **Nick's** new Seabee flag [on the way]..... from **Kenn Gaskell**: Just a short note to tell you that I'm sorry we didn't have a chance to meet over coffee and get acquainted when I was in Las Vegas. We stayed at the Orleans and enjoyed our short stay. We had stayed on the strip in previous years but I enjoy staying at the Orleans much more. Hopefully, we will see you next year at the reunion. [sure hope so!] ..... from **Howard Doyle**: It is past time that I sent my dues but I hope the "Better Late Than Never" doctrine is still in effect for procrastinators like me [it is, and you're a Good Guy!]. My check is enclosed for dues and an updated membership roster, plus a bit extra to use as you see fit [thank you]. In the last issue of the MCB 2 Association Newsletter you had a picture of **Sam Holsomback** and his wife. I have located a picture of him and other MCB 2 members that you may want to place in the next Newsletter [see pages 16-19]. I almost wonder if any of us were really that young. While looking through the old pictures, I found several of the wonderful tropical resort of Camayan Point during its metamorphosis from jungle to ammo depot (or whatever was placed there). [I'll run these pictures over the next few Newsletters as they are really great! Thanks, **Howard**.]..... from **Judy (Dick) Todd**: In another month maybe our New Hampshire state flower, the lilac, will be in fragrant bloom. We have had our first 70° day and Monday is promised to be an 87° day, which will be far too hot for the runners in the Boston Marathon. I want to thank you for making sure that **Dick** received the T shirt in time for his birthday. I wasn't at home when he brought the mail in, so I guess he was quite surprised as he couldn't imagine why you would be sending him a package. I have been waiting to finish a roll of film so that you could see the proud model [see page 16]. We have had access to a computer recently and finally saw the Cleveland photos. On page 8, the fourth photo down, the man on the left in the gray suit is **Dick**. I finished marking my reunion photos and will send some to **Tom Roy**..... from **Eleanor (Joseph) Barbree**: This is to inform you that my husband, **Joseph**, died last November. I sent a contribution to the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation in **Joe's** memory..... That's it, folks..... More next issue. SW

## Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

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Scott Williams/MCB 2

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## Redneck story...

A redneck is out checking fences in the company truck when he radios his boss and says, "Boss, I've got a problem. I hit a pig on the road and he's stuck under my truck. He's still movin' so what should I do?"

His boss radioed back, "In the back of your truck there's a shotgun. Shoot the pig in the head and when it stops movin' you can pull it out and throw it in the brush."

The redneck agrees and signs off. About 10 minutes later he radios back, "Boss, I did what you said. I shot the pig and dragged it out and threw it in the brush."

"So, what's the problem now?" the boss snapped.

The redneck replied, "Well, the blue light on his motorcycle is still flashin'."

## MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

### Name/Source

Sam Holsomback  
Lloyd Kallsen  
Doug Thorp

Contributed This Period (Oct.-Dec.)  
\$120.00

Total Dues Increase Sent to Date  
\$2,900.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date  
\$8,850.41

Total Pledged to Date  
\$7,475.41

Total Pledged plus Dues Increase  
\$10,375.41

## *Our Fallen Comrades*

Joseph A. Barbree	11/22/03
Floyd H. Rogers	12/31/03
Ronald D. Claypool	3/10/04

*May they live on in our memories.*



# CUBI POINT SEABEES REUNION 1951-1955

## September 2 - 6, 2004

Little America Hotel  
500 South Main Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101  
800-453-9450

Room Rates: Regular \$75.00 per night plus 11.2% room tax  
Tower Rooms \$85.00 per night plus 11.2% room tax

**Hotel reservations must be made by August 1, 2004**

**Registration will be at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2  
in the Hospitality Room**

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

Spouse or Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I was a Cubi Seabee from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Attached to \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit

### FAREWELL BANQUET

\$37.00 per person, tax and tip included.

MENU CHOICES — Please make your preference selection below (majority rules):

Dinner Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ Mexican Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ Italian Buffet \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact Bob Gardner  
6095 Sierra Grande Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84118  
801-969-8551

Embroidered jackets and caps will be available at a reasonable cost, depending on orders. \$38-\$48 for jackets, \$6.25-\$7.00 for caps. Jackets embroidered on back with "Cubi Point CBs" and on front with your MOB number. Ladies will have "Honeybee." Caps will be navy blue with "Cubi Point CBs" in white lettering.

# The New US Navy Seabee Museum scheduled to begin construction in 2005

## The Museum

The new U.S. Navy Seabee Museum will be a world-class center, from its concept and design to its construction, exhibits and programming. Each year, over 100,000 visitors of all ages and backgrounds will discover what makes Seabees and CEC officers so special at their own pace; they will find adventure in the Seabee story; and they will gain appreciation for the contributions, commitment and capabilities of the Seabees and the Civil Engineer Corps.

Upon entering the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, visitors stroll past the Donor Recognition Wall, where major supporters are graciously recognized. Guests then come into the breathtaking Grand Hall, the hub of the museum, offering information, battalion plaques & flags, equipment displays and more. It also leads guests to five dynamic exhibition galleries, each providing information in an educational, engaging way.



### Spread The Word!

Please share with us contact information about former Seabees, CEC Officers, corporate sponsors or anyone else you think would like to know about and/or support the new U.S. Navy Seabee Museum.

**The WWII Experience**  
– an introduction to the Seabees/CEC and involvement about their role in World War II.

**We Lead/ We Deliver**  
– a dynamic set of multimedia and hands-on experiences that share the origin and leadership roles of the CEC as they plan, design, build, operate and maintain the Navy's bases around the world.

**Changing Exhibit Gallery**  
– timely exhibits including historic anniversaries and reunions, special exhibits from other museums and other features.

**Memorial Garden**  
– an elegant abstract fountain, the Seabee memorial sculpture and superb landscaping are ideal for receptions and programs.

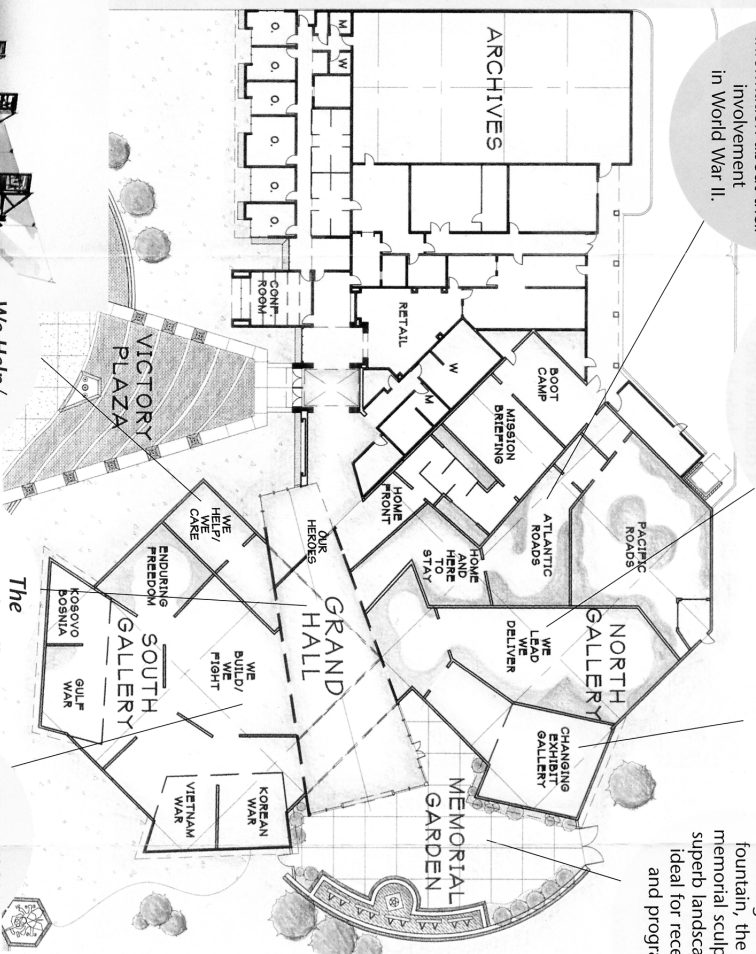
**Building Education**  
While the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum is fun and entertaining, it also offers many educational opportunities for families, children, educators, classes and adults. Children will be involved in projects that convey the importance and value of construction as a resource and a career. It will also be an inspiration to Seabee/CEC recruits.

### The Right Site

The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum will be ideally situated adjacent to the entrance to the Construction Battalion Center portion of the Naval Base Ventura County at Port Huemene, California. It will be on Navy property, but outside of the base perimeter fence, making access, visibility and parking easy. This unique center will draw both impulse guests and destination visitors, bringing many thousands of people to the area.

### Enlisting Your Help

Since initiating the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum project, significant funds have been raised from a variety of sources. But the job is far from done, and we need your help. The CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization and your gift is most likely tax-exempt; however, you should consult with your tax professional to determine your eligibility. While any level of support is deeply appreciated, we offer an array of incentives for leadership gifts and recognition opportunities based on your level of giving and preferences. Complete the contribution form and return it with your gift. We thank you.



**We Help/ We Care**  
– featuring the many humanitarian efforts that have saved and improved thousands of lives around the globe.

**The Grand Hall**  
– the hub of the museum, offering information, equipment displays, battalion plaques & flags and more.

**We Build/ We Fight**  
– Seabees' contributions to maintaining freedom and achieving security since WWII.



Pictures from  
Ron Landrum  
CBMU 101  
K-3, Korea

- 1: Ron Landrum with his 6X6.
- 2: Chuck Baker in his Weapons Carrier.
- 3: Bill Twomey & McKinney on Cat pushing a pan.

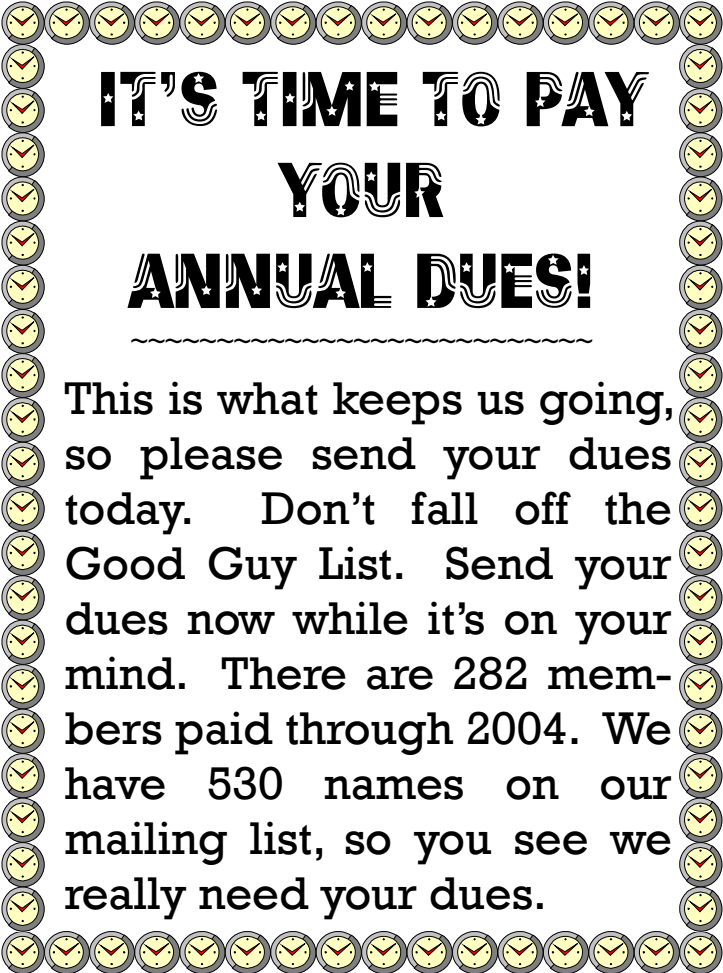
# THE GOOD GUY LIST

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Vance Adams, Harry Agles, Allan Alberg, Vern Ammentorp, Don Anderson, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Joe Ates, Pat Badgett, Lewie Baker, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Lowell Baldwin, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Michael Barron, Don Barry, Glen Bates, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, Frank Betonte, Ken Bingham, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Bill Body, Ralph Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, John Brown, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, Al Burkhart, L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, Bill Burns, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, William B. Carter, Mike Castelvechi, Ken Catchpole, Mylo Cayou, 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, Warren Culberson, Pat Cunningham, Robert Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Harold Davis, Ed Dechant, Joseph DeFranco, Jim De Keyser, Jimmie Dillman, Mel Dixon, George Dorge, Howard Doyle, 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, Ken Gaskell, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, Fred Granata, Russ Granby, John Grasz, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Glen Grimes, Roy Grisham, Don Grobbel, Marvin Guetling, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Bob Hart, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Gerald Herr, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Charles Ingalls, Victor Jaccino, Frank Jacus, DeVon Jensen, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Henry Jones, Don Jones, Robert Jones, John Jurkash, Robert Kaempfe, Lloyd Kallsen, Chuck Kangas, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Mike Kazarian, Gordon Keen, Hark Ketels, Richard Keyes, Capers Kinard, William Knight, 12

John Kolasz, Stephen Korkes, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Cameron Lee, Robert Long, Wes Loveall, Dale Lundstrom, Ivan Majetic, William (Jack) Mayo, Don McDaniel, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Dick Merit, Bob Michael, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Gary Mitchell, James Modglin, Roger Mohs, William Moore, Pat Morris, Finley Morrison, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Don Nitsche, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Donald O'Connell, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Jack Phillips, Mike Piro, Earl Presson, Cecil Price, David "Ernie" Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Gary Rawlings, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Vincent Ryan, Paul Schell, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Stoney Serrett, Don Seethaler, William Sharp, Don Shoff, Jim Sichel, William Sigmund, R. W. 'Dick' Sim, Fred Simon, Bill Simpson, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Ed 'Bud' Smith, Walter Smith, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sonnen, Ray Sorrentino, Ted Speros, Ken Stancombe, Gene Staples, Clyde Stenholm, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, George Stewart, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, Robert Swanson, Vic Swanson, George Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, William Tracy, Wayne Turley, Al Ulman, Gene Urmev, Gerald Vasquez, Lionel Vidrine, John W. 'Jack' Vidusic, Philip Wagenschnur, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Duane Weltlich, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Bill Wilcoxon, Jerry Wilkening, Pete Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, C. R. 'Lefty' Williamson, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, Bill Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, William (Carolyn) Wright, Dwight Yetter, and Stephen Yunger.

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 May 4, 2004. There are currently 282 paid up members from a mailing list of 530. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 789 names on the full member roster. (SW)



# 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 282 members paid through 2004. We have 530 names on our mailing list, so you see we really need your dues.

## *The Commander and Staff*

*Our leadership consists of:*

**Commander  
Pete Elliott**

**Staff:**

Joe DeFranco  
David Haines  
Rich Nelson  
Roy Peak, Vice Commander  
Malcolm Pearson  
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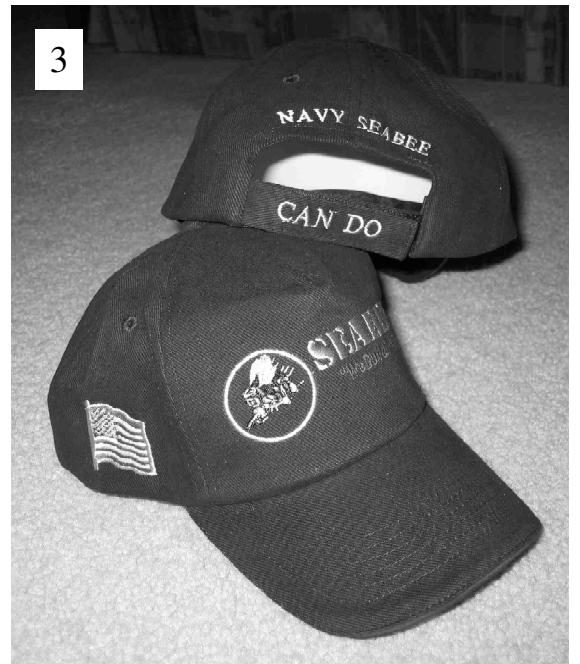
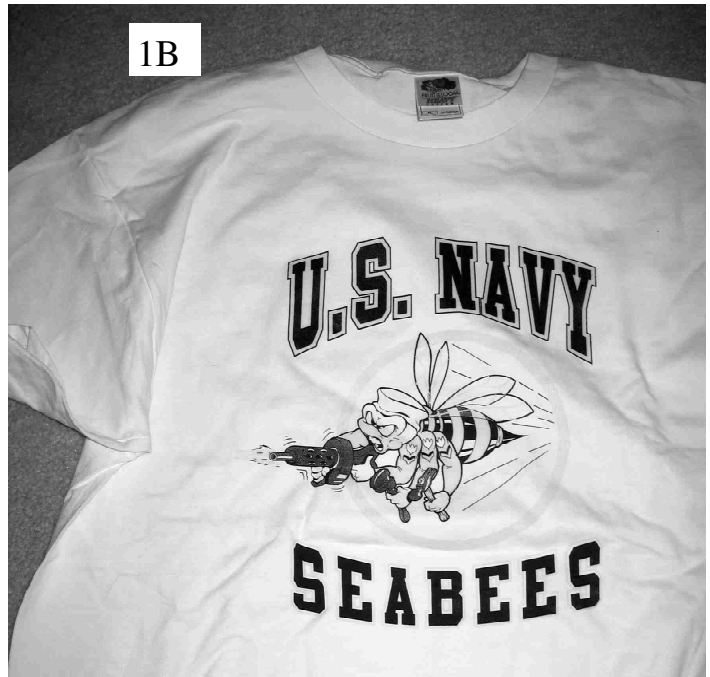
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# Ship's Store Sale!

**T Shirts - \$15; Cap - \$10**

Shipping included

T shirts: M, L, XL, XXL

### T SHIRT #1

1A: T shirt that gets BRIGHT in the sun! The letters are bright blue, the rope around the bee is bright yellow/red, and the bee has blue arms and yellow stripes with red/yellow fire from his gun. Instant change to color when in the sun.

1B: Same T shirt inside, out of the sun. Black lines and no/very little color. Instant change.

### T SHIRT #2

2A: Back of T shirt. Mad bee! Bright colors! The bee is vivid blue with red eyes, bright red/yellow explosion behind, & blue lettering.

2B: Front of T shirt. "SEABEES" on left breast.

### CAP

3: Dark navy brushed poplin cap, all embroidered on the cap, no patches: flag, Seabee, "SEABEES/We Build We Fight" on front, "NAVY SEABEE" in back above and "CAN DO" below on Velcro adjustment strap.



## Recognizing a Stroke

This might be a lifesaver if we can remember the three questions!

### Is It a Stroke?

This was published in a monthly newsletter where a friend of mine lives and he sent it on. I had never heard this advice before and hadn't a clue. Perhaps you hadn't either and would like to file it away in the back of your head. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say any bystander can recognize a stroke asking three simple questions:

- \* ask the individual to smile.
- \* ask him or her to raise both arms.
- \* ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage."

## ***Korea veterans recognized with medal***

A new defense medal will be issued to service members who served in South Korea, or adjacent waters, after July 28, 1954.

This includes those serving there today, and those serving up to a not-yet-determined future date.

The Korea Defense Service Medal will be awarded to those assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating or serving on all the land area of South Korea, and the continuous waters to 12 nautical miles from shore and all airspace above these areas. Recipients may include active duty, Reserve, Guard, veterans and retirees. This medal is not to be confused with the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Individuals will only be awarded one KDSM re-

gardless of amount of time spent in Korea. The medal does not have any associated promotion points. It is directly above the Armed Forces Service Medal in precedence.

Veterans, retirees or their next of kin may claim entitlement by writing to: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Requests should include documents clearly proving service and dates in Korea such as orders, performance reports, DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, flight records, a decoration citation or other official documents. Veterans and retirees should address questions to the NPRC customer service center at (314) 801-0800.

## I'm Lost!

A small boy was lost, so he went up to a policeman and said, "I've lost my dad!"  
The cop asked, "What's he like?"  
The little boy replied, "Beer and women!"

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## Two-by-Fours.....

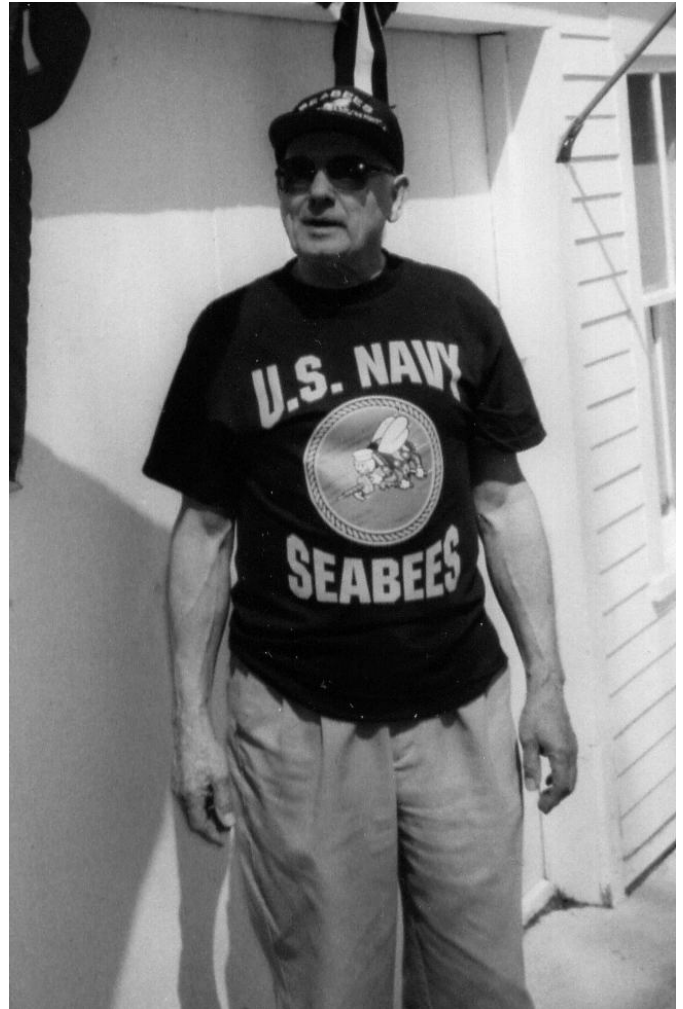
Two men in a pickup truck drove into a lumberyard. One of the men walked in the office and said, "We need some four-by-twos. The clerk said, "You mean two-by-fours, don't you?" The man said, "I'll go check," and went back to the truck. He returned in a minute and said, "Yeah, I meant two-by-fours."

"Alright. How long do you need them?"  
The customer paused for a minute and said, "I'd better go check." After a while, the customer returned to the office and said, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."

## 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 790 names and addresses of former CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1/101, CBMU 577, and MCB 2 personnel, so this is a pretty thick directory (24 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters — especially the ones with checks!

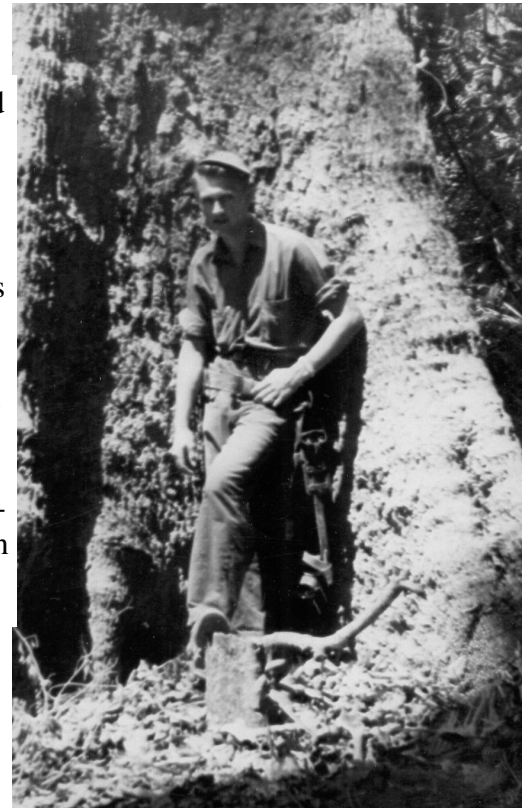
Scott Williams



Dick Todd shows off his birthday present!

From Howard Doyle:

The base of one of the beautiful trees that adorned our jungle paradise with Herman J. Nugent of Alapha, Georgia standing in front of it.



**WELCOME,  
NEW MEMBERS!**

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Bill Burns  
10621 Garden Hwy.  
Sacramento, CA 95837  
(916) 929-0875  
NCB 103 Det. A



From Howard Doyle: Do you remember this lovely view of the expanded living quarters?



Another from Doyle: The new head and behind it the mess hall and galley.





From Howard Doyle:  
MCB 2 boarding the MSTS luxury  
liner to return to California.

After boarding, pictures of MCB 2  
relaxing and enjoying the  
accommodations provided.

Facing the camera is Sam Holsomback  
from Georgia and James E. Ezell from  
Bumpas Mills, Tennessee.



More pictures of MCB 2  
relaxing and enjoying the  
accommodations provided.

In the center is Glazner  
(bareheaded and hands in his  
pockets).



Herman Nugent wrapped in his blanket. Nobody warned the Seabees that they would be traveling into the North Pacific en route home and most men had packed all of their jackets in hold baggage. It was cold after being in 120° tropics!

More from Howard Doyle:

The crew building the concrete pilings at the POL field at Cubi Point. Doyle is the one standing behind the man who is sitting on the third pipe from the left. Doyle was a CE2 and all of the others in the picture are Builders. Anybody recognize any faces?



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