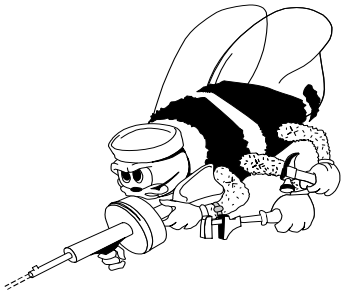


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SEABEES

*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

Start Planning Now for Las Vegas

**Monday — Wednesday,
October 10 — 12, 2005**

Palace Station is a Great Location!

Again, we have a large Hospitality Room where we can gather to visit, swap stories and share our pictures. Located about one mile west of the Strip on Sahara Blvd., it provides a great location for many activities. Shopping and restaurants are across the street, but so much is available right in Palace Station you may not want to leave! A shuttle is provided by Palace Station to take you to the Strip where you can enjoy additional shopping at the Fashion Show Mall or Caesar's Forum.

Convenient Services Available at Palace Station!

If you are flying in to Las Vegas for the reunion, be sure to make your reservations with Palace Station and tell them then you will need the free shuttle service to pick you up at the airport and take you to the Palace Station. The reservation forms will be published in the Newsletter in 2005, probably the January/February issue, as it is too soon to publish

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now. This same shuttle will take you to the Strip or pick you up to return to the hotel, all for free. The shuttle will also take you to any of the other five Station properties around the Las Vegas valley, which opens up many additional possibilities for dining, entertainment, gambling, and sight-seeing.

When you arrive and after you register, be sure to sign up for the Stations' Membership Club and get "The Boarding Pass" as that may provide additional benefits, especially if you gamble.

There are some excellent restaurants in the Palace Station, also. There is a Mexican restaurant, the Guadalajara Bar and Grill; Pasta Palace, which has an excellent Italian menu; The Broiler, which specializes in steaks and seafood; Jack's Irish Pub, a fun bar/restaurant with a wide selection of beers; the Oyster Bar which has a delicious oyster stew; and probably one of the best buffets in Las Vegas, The Feast, that will prepare omelets for you any way you like for breakfast, or grill steaks to your liking for dinner.

So bring comfortable clothes (see page 7) and expect a good time, whether you are visiting old friends, making new ones, eating in or out of the hotel, or seeing the sights of Las Vegas. It has changed quite a bit since our last reunion here in 1995, so make plans to go to the new hotels such as The Venetian, Paris, and New York New York, and also ride the new monorail that travels from behind the Sahara Hotel to the MGM Hotel on Tropicana, a distance of about 3 miles. Check the map on page 13. Get an all day monorail pass for \$10.

See you at Palace Station in 2005!

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 a good quality 3'X5' Seabee flag with white or blue background for only \$8. Send a note to Scott Williams to order these flags.

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May – September Dates to Remember

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, 1942	USNCTC Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned "Original Home of the Seabees."
Aug. 14, 1945	Japan accepts terms of Potsdam Declaration.
Aug. 20, 1942	OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal; first CEC/Seabee Officer to enter a combat zone.
Sept. 1, 1939	WW II begins.
Sept. 1, 1942	6th NCB Seabees arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone.
Sept. 2, 1945	Formal surrender of Japan. WWII ends.
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.
Oct. 31, 1941	First Headquarters Construction Company authorized by Admiral Nimitz (forerunner of battalions).
Nov. 8, 1942	Seabees land in North Africa with American assault force.
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day



Notes from our members:

From **Basil Arnold**: All is well back here in Harrisburg, PA. We survived a rather bad winter but the leaves and grass are getting green now, thanks to the Good Lord. Please send me a Seabee flag [done]. I just put in a new flag pole and I need to advertise a little. Use the extra for whatever [thanks]..... from **Bob Conroe**: You can put me back on the Good Guy List [done and thanks]. Sorry to have missed the Cleveland reunion, but my wife's 50th class reunion fell on the same weekend. We hope to see you in Las Vegas [great!]..... from **Max Leavell**: Enclosed is a check for dues to cover the next couple of years [OK, but **Basil Arnold** will have to cover the shortage, **Max**. The dues have increased to \$20 per year but you are OK now until 2005, and thanks]. Thanks for the Newsletters and all the work you do..... received dues from **Rik Shafer, George Gustin, Mel Olson, Bill Duensing, and Karl Weisenbacher** [thanks, guys]..... from **John Kolasz**: [enclosed a check for dues... thanks] Enclosed note my change of address..... from **Jim Stephens**: Thank goodness you have the Good Guy List! I thought I had sent my dues from the last Newsletter but, in checking my checkbook, I discovered my memory is not like it was 50 years ago. Enclosed is my check for dues, a membership roster and a #2 T shirt [OK, but what size?]. Thanks for all the emails and Newsletters. By the way, what years were you at Cubi Point? I couldn't make out the date on your award. I was there with the first group in '51 and left in '55. [I was with MCB 2 in Cubi from September 1955-August 1956, then was transferred to MCB 3 and went back for another year.]..... from **Richard Swallow**: Please send me one of the Mad Bee T shirts. Do you have a list of other Ship's Store items? [sure do and I'll send you one.]..... from **Michael Barron**: I would like to order one of the Navy blue Seabee T shirts. I just received the latest Seabees Newsletter and the photographs of the camp at Camayan Point sure brought back memories. Hope to see you in Las Vegas. Can Do!..... from **Phil Matalucci**: Enclosed is my check

for dues and extra for the Museum fund [thanks]..... from **Roger Mohs**: I need a color-change T shirt and a Seabee cap. I wore my old one out. I wish they would make them in white like my old one [we have white caps if you want one of those. Let me know.]... from **Chuck (Helen) McCabe**: Sorry we are late on dues but we spent another winter in Yuma and did not get home until the middle of March. [If you would send me your winter address I would send the Newsletter there.] We were home for one month and then spent a month at Neah Bay doing our fishing. We're a little worn out now so will send our dues and relax for a couple of months and then we'll be off to our salmon fishing at the coast. Life is sure busy when you are retired but we love it. Hope to see everyone in Las Vegas next year..... from **Hugh (Norma) Ireland**: Enclosed are dues and we hope to see you in Las Vegas at the reunion..... from **David Anderson**: Yes, I knew my dues were due but I kept putting off sitting down and writing a check to you. When I received Volume 5, Issue 3 of the Newsletter and saw my name missing from the Good Guy List, I decided I had to get off the dime and pay up. I do not like to see my name missing from the list. Enclosed is my check for dues and a little more for the kitty [thank you!]. Thank you for keeping me on the Newsletter subscription list. Congratulations on the honors you received May 1. The hard work you do deserves many more accolades. [thank you again] While looking at some pictures in an old photo album, I was reminded of the following story. After MCB 2 arrived at Cubi Point, many of the men got in the habit of walking from their tents to the showers sans any clothing. Oh, maybe they were carrying a shaving bag in their hand. It was usually a short stroll from the tent to the showers building and who needed clothes when you were taking a shower. This activity went on for several months until one Sunday afternoon an officer from the naval station came to visit and to show the camp to his wife and daughter. They saw a number of Seabees walking to-and-fro undressed. This was not a pretty sight for these ladies to see. It did not take long for the officer to put the Jeep in reverse and leave the scene. Orders followed the next day from the Regimental headquarters: Henceforth, all men would wear a covering when going to and from the showers. (I often wondered why women were allowed in the living quarters of the enlisted men in the first place.) As I recall, some





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Seabees were not very happy about the orders and a few disobeyed the order and continued to walk to the showers without clothing. The Marines were told to patrol the tent living area shortly after to assure the orders were followed. I hope this note finds you in your usual good health and humor [it does, thanks.]..... from **Marshall Williams**: Sorry I am late with my dues. I got the Newsletter and it jogged my memory [good and thanks]. I hope I can make it to Vegas as I know some more people there. Two that I went to high school with. One used to be a preacher but I hear he returned to us and the other was a professional model who I saw at our 50th reunion. I'm doing pretty good, no hospital lately. Right now, I am leaning to make it to Vegas, but with this advanced emphysema, I'm not allowed to fly. Guess it's the old bus ride. I'm enclosing a check and hope it's enough. If not, I'll settle later [it is and thanks] Hoping to see you all again..... from **Duane Keech**: I'm sorry that I am so late with my dues. My wife has had some very serious health problems and I just haven't stayed on top of everything. I don't see any names that I remember any more but I do enjoy getting the Newsletter. I'm sending along a couple of pictures of my tent mates from tent #1 in Cubi Point and a picture of a beer party at the base of Mt. Mauritan. I'm sending a check for my dues and, if there is enough left over, I would like a Seabee flag [on the way]. Thanks again for sending me the Newsletter even tho' I wasn't on the Good Guy List..... from **Roy Harris**: Please send me a T shirt and a Seabee cap. My check is enclosed and what is left over, please give it to the museum project. Thanks, [thank you!]..... from **Gene Robinson**: I did not realize I was not on the Good Guy List. Time flies. Enclosed is a check for dues and an American flag. Use the rest to help anybody or anything if there is a little left [thanks]..... from **Doug Emond**: Well, here in Wisconsin, we are still waiting for decent weather. It's the end of May and we're still getting snow. [Brrrr! It's 85°-90° in Las Vegas] I talked to **Bill [Wisnowski]** the other day and, if everything works out, we'll both be at the reunion in 2005 [Great!]. I told him we should rent a car while there and he said why rent when we can get a Cadillac to use. [Ha! **Rachel** said, "Not MY car! Ha!"] The main reason for writing is I would like two T shirts and one cap. Say 'hi' to **Rachel** for us. Oh, yes. About the Cadillac, just kidding. [good thing!



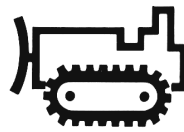
You had **Rachel** worried! Ha!]..... from **Herb (Red) Liverman**: Sorry I forgot to send my dues. My address has changed. Sorry to hear about **Joe Barbree**. He and his wife came by here about four years ago..... from **John Wilborn**: Enjoy dinner out on me [thanks, **John!** That was very generous]. I haven't been to Las Vegas since 1964 when we saw Kay Starr and Louie Armstrong. I was very impressed with the noise and glamour. I suppose that has changed immensely - noisier and even more glamorous now. [it sure has changed!]..... from **Pat Carey**: Enclosed is a check for dues and please send a couple T shirts and a cap [on the way]..... from **Bill Burns**: Thank you, **Scott**, for the Seabee decals. I am sticking them on proudly..... from **Bill Irvine**: [Ordered a T shirt and cap]..... from **Wayne Heple**: **Nancy** and I visited Port Hueneme and were given the Grand Tour! Wow! The new museum will be deluxe. We joined the Museum Foundation and will send an annual contribution. They also requested all my Seabee 'junk.' Have a great day and I appreciate all you do..... from **Debbie Shugar**: This is a little note to let you know that my dad, **Lewis Shugar**, had a stroke on May 15th and was paralyzed on his right side and his speech and sight were also affected. The stroke happened in the brain stem. Dad is in rehab and doing well! He can walk with a walker and is able to lift his right arm over his head. Also, his speech and sight are getting better. He has come a long way in two weeks but he still has a long way to go. If anyone would like to email Dad or Mom, I will print your notes out and take them to them. [lewisshugar@comcast.net] If anyone would like to send a card, his address is 16 Broadleaf Road, Levittown, PA 19057..... from **John Wilborn**: [by email] I completed UT 'A' School at Port Hueneme California, early April 1952 and was immediately transferred to the Homeport Battalion which was MCB #2. MCB (MOB) 2 had returned from Atsugi only brief weeks before, and most of their personnel were still on leave. Lord Almighty, I was scared to death---didn't know a soul in this new outfit of Old Timers who wore the much faded dungarees and talked Jap talk to each other. A fellow named **Shugar** was one of the guys living in the Quonset Hut that I was assigned to---him and Little **Smitty**, Big **John Cure**, **Lew Pividori**, also a fellow named **Nelson**---there were some others, but those I remember. **Lew Pividori** was the so-called Hut

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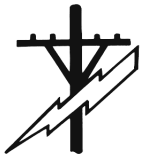
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Mother and in charge of the hut and outside surroundings. I got along well with all the guys living in there--if any of them would tell me to jump, I'd ask "how high"--- they were the 'salts'--I was the 'boot'. They called me **Willie**. One of the jobs I was assigned to was patching the chuck holes in the battalion area streets---hot asphalt sure does a job on your shoes--had to buy new shoes, but then the next 'shit detail' I was assigned to, **Joe Zeren** and I had to paint these pontoons down at Hollywood by the Sea this piss brindle yellow---zinc chromate it was, and that ruined our new dungarees----. Had to go to small stores and purchase new dungarees, just when my boot camp issue was getting a bit faded and I didn't look so much the boot. There was a lot of getting acquainted in those long days of springtime before we shipped out in June to the Philippines. At the battalion going-away party held in June, my girl friend and her mom came all the way up from Santa Monica for the shindig--had a live orchestra and all---**Shugar** got up and sang the song 'Blue Moon'-- . I think **Shugar** went on to the Midway Detachment. **Scott**, if you put this into the Reunion Paper, let's see how many of the troops remember how well **Shugar** sang that night--- come to think of it, he might have sounded so good because I was in love!!!! from **Kenneth Ludwig**: Here's a check for my dues [thanks]. Sorry to be late. Why don't we have a reunion at Branson, MO?..... from **Vern (Nancy) Ammentorp**: **Vern** would like two US flags, a car window Seabee flag, two T shirts, and another cap [wow! On the way! Thanks]..... from **Tom "Moose" Maere (Nancy)**: In every issue of the Newsletter I am asked why **Tom Maere** is not on the Good Guy List. Every time, I have to admit to a "senior moment." So, here goes - I hope I don't forget any or all of his requests. Enclosed is a check to cover his dues, all of the items and some extra for whatever [thanks]. Please send two T shirts, a Seabee cap, a Seabee car window flag, a US flag, and a Seabee flag [great! It's on the way! Thanks.] I hope this satisfies him until the next issue of the Newsletter! [ha! Then you will have to order another T shirt or something!] We both enjoy reading the booklet. You do a wonderful job [thanks]..... from **Ray Sonnen**: [sent dues and a change of address. Thanks]..... from **Dan Pelaez**: Please send two Seabees caps [on the way]. En-



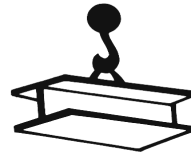
closed is my check..... from **Jack Balding**: [**Jack** sent a newspaper article about the veterans' struggle with homelessness and problems with funding the VA] The SOB [**Bush**] would rather send money to the Iraqis --- give \$2.4 trillion to his oil bunch and his VP. Now, he wants to send them \$25 million more. **Scott**, the Japs take better care of their old folks..... from **Ralph Evans**: I want to order three T shirts and six Seabee caps. My check is enclosed [thanks!]..... from **Bob Hoare**: I would like to order a T shirt and a Seabee cap. Enclosed is a money order [thanks, **Bob**]..... from **Frank Jacus**: Please send four US flags and use the extra for postage and a cup of coffee [thanks, I need a cup about now!]..... received dues from **Neil Middleton**, **Charles Neugent**, and **Gerald Seger** [thanks all]..... from **Luther Hall**: I don't know how much I'm behind in my dues but here's a check for a couple of years. We appreciate what you are doing and keep up the good work [thanks]..... from **Rich Nelson**: I ordered and have received two hats from **Mal** so I'm enclosing a check to cover their cost plus mailing [thanks, but the cost includes mailing. But no refunds! Ha!] I hear you talked to **Ed Kloster** who put on the All Seabee Reunion at Port Hueneme. He and his wife, **Harvest**, do a good job and it was a good reunion..... from **Don Henderson**: Sorry about being late with this, but better late than never [too true! And thanks.] I think I am getting 'Old Timers Disease'... Ha! Thanks for the flag, too [you are most welcome]..... from **Richard Swallow**: Enclosed are some photos of the Pittsburg State University (Kansas) Veterans memorial which was dedicated to the public May 31, 2004. I have had a small hand in this project and was present for the ground breaking and the dedication. Due to medical problems, I was unable to set up and tend my Seabee exhibit except for my large sign, which drew some attention. Please inform the Association members of this gorgeous facility in the center of our country. [done! And thanks]..... from **Vern (Nancy) Ammentorp**: We need two more 3'X5' Seabee flags, one white and one blue if you have them [I finally have a source for the white Seabee flag at \$8 each!]. Sorry I didn't get this in with the last order. If you aren't too fast at mailing them, maybe you will receive this before you send out the other order [too late. Next time, send me an email.



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Oh, well...]...... from **Al Bryant**: Here's a check for my dues plus a little extra. If there's enough, please send me a roster [on the way, and thanks]. Keep up the good work..... from

Ralph Binney: Welcome to Club Med (malaria, edema, diarrhea). Spend a glorious 12 months on an exotic island resort in the South China Sea. This all-inclusive opportunity includes meals, movies, fellowship and a daily weight reduction and exercise program. Beer is 5¢ a bottle and cigarettes are 4¢ a pack. You can't afford not to get drunk every night and smoke yourself to death. My experience at Cubi Point got me started on the path to qualifying for a life-saving 12-step program. If any of you are a friend of **Bill Wilson's**, let's get together in Vegas. (**Scott**, if you have space and are inclined to print this, it might help 12-step people in recovery to get together.) Thanks for all your hard work..... from **Tom (Nancy) Maere**: I guess my husband isn't as big as I thought. I'd like two more Seabee T shirts. One of each style, only in size XL this time! The other T shirts arrived quickly but he thought they were too large, so just to make him happy I'm sending a check for two more. Don't worry about the XXL ones as we have 5 sons and 3 sons-in-law, so they will fit one or two of the 8 (☺). from **Bob Hoare**: Thanks for sending the hat. Enclosed is a money order..... from "**Old Salty**" **Lane Freitag**: I would like to hear from friends in the outfit I was in from 1942-1945, ABCD, (Advanced Base Construction Depot). NCB 131 was rescheduled out of Hawaii, T.H. Please mail me a Seabee decal and a back window decal for my truck..... from **Jo McDonagh**: [I had asked how **Gene** was doing since his open heart surgery] Not well at all, **Scott**. He had the surgery June 2nd and has been hospitalized three times since then. He had further surgery last night (6/24). Would you believe?? The sutures holding his chest together gave way. It was very frightening to see blood pouring out of a hole in his chest. He is on every prayer list from coast to coast, but I am losing heart and he is so discouraged. Hard to keep a smile going. [**Gene's** address is 18 Hickory Lane, Levittown, NY 11756 if you would like to send a card.]..... from **Dale Baugh**: Sorry I am late with my dues. I used to keep track of 20 things at once and now I have to be reminded of one thing 20 times! Thanks. [and thank you!]..... from



Danny Terry: Please find my enclosed check for dues and a membership roster [thanks, and the roster is on the way]. Sorry I am late with my dues as I really enjoy the Seabee Newsletter..... from **Cecil**

Price 'Arky': I hated to call and bother you but, as the airplane pilot said after he crashed: I ran out of air speed, altitude, and ideas at the same time. Anyway, it was nice talking to you and I owe you one for helping me out. And yes, if possible, I will be in Vegas next year, but one never knows. Two of my brothers were buried in March. One was 90 years old and one was 77, so one never knows. If this check doesn't cover your cost plus a bit more, I'll send more later. [no, it was more than enough, **Arky**. Thanks.] **Wilma** says hello and to tell you that she and I are too ornery to die. May God go with you always and all ways..... from **C. Edner Rudolph**: Please send one of your 3'X5' Seabee flags and keep up the good work [thanks and it is on the way]..... from **William Ganske**: I am sending a check for dues and extra for a T shirt and cap. Thanks for your hard work and your help [thank you and your plunder is on the way]..... from **Tom Stapleton**: Enclosed is a check for dues plus a bit extra to cover miscellaneous [thanks!]..... from **Nancy Ammentorp**: Enclosed please find a check for two more white Seabee flags and use the extra for postage or whatever you need [OK, and thanks.... Are you guys going into the flag business?? ☺]. Thanks again for all you do and we really enjoy your emails. Especially the ones about Kerry. (Don't tell **Vern**. I enjoy them more than he does.) We don't always agree on politics (and sometimes other things ☺) Keeps life interesting..... Guess that's about all for this issue.... Send me some letters and notes! Until the next issue....Scott



- Any woman can have the body of a 21-year-old, as long as she buys him a few drinks first.
- Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat until the wrinkles fill out!
- I've still got it but nobody wants to see it.
- These days, about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."
- My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

5 Things to Pack for Las Vegas

1 Sunglasses

In no other city are they more appropriate: Las Vegas is constantly sunny, and a pair of sunglasses are the perfect expression of cool.

2 Camera

Perfect for capturing the electric scenery. Plus, you'll want to take a few pictures of your friends.

3 Walking Shoes

You'll be amazed how much territory you will cover on the Strip and Downtown. Be sure your shoes are up to the task.

4 Comfortable Clothes

October will still be warm (but it's a dry heat ☺). Shorts, lightweight shirts or tops, and maybe a broad-brimmed hat or cap.

5 Banquet Clothes

And don't forget some casual/dressy clothes for the banquet. Anything from a suit and tie to a comfortable Hawaiian shirt for the men and pant suits or party dresses for the ladies. Las Vegas is a casual-dress town.

MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

Name/Source

Roy Harris
Philip Matalucci

Contributed This Period (May-July)

\$35.00

Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$8,885.41

Total Pledged to Date

\$7,510.41

Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$10,410.41

If you send any money to the Museum, please include a note that it is to be included in the MCB 2 account total.

Our Fallen Comrade

James Curtis Ellisor

6/6/04

May he live on in our memories.

THE GOOD GUY LIST

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, Dale Baugh, 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, John Brown, Philip Brunelle, Alfred Bryant, Tom Budiselich, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, Al Burkhardt, 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, Robert Conroe, 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 DeKeyser, Jimmie Dillman, Mel Dixon, George Dorge, Howard Doyle, William Duensing, 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, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther 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, Hugh Ireland, 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, Duane Keech, Gordon Keen, Hark Ketels, Richard Keyes, Capers Kinard, William Knight, John Kolasz, Stephen Korkes, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Ron

Landrum, Max Leavell, Cameron Lee, Herbert (Red) Liverman, Robert Long, Wes Loveall, Dale Lundstrom, Tom 'Moose' Maere, Ivan Majetic, Philip Matalucci, William (Jack) Mayo, Chuck McCabe, Don McDaniel, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Dick Merit, Bob Michael, Neil Middleton, 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, Charles Neugent, Don Nitsche, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Donald O'Connell, Mel Olson, 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, Gene Robinson, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Vincent Ryan, Paul Schell, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Don Seethaler, Rik Shafer, 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, Tom Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Jim 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, William Tracy, Wayne Turley, Al Ulman, Gene Urmei, Gerald Vasquez, Lionel Vidrine, John W. 'Jack' Vidusic, Philip Wagenschnur, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Karl Weisenbacher, Duane Weltlich, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Bill Wilcoxon, Jerry Wilkening, Marshall Williams, Pete Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, C. R. 'Lefty' Williamson, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, Bill Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, 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 July 29, 2004. There are currently 300 paid up members from a mailing list of 537. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 777 names on the full member roster. (SW)

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Don Hofstetter, Memorial Day 2004.
Member of Woodburn, Oregon,
Honor Guard Rifle Team.

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

- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

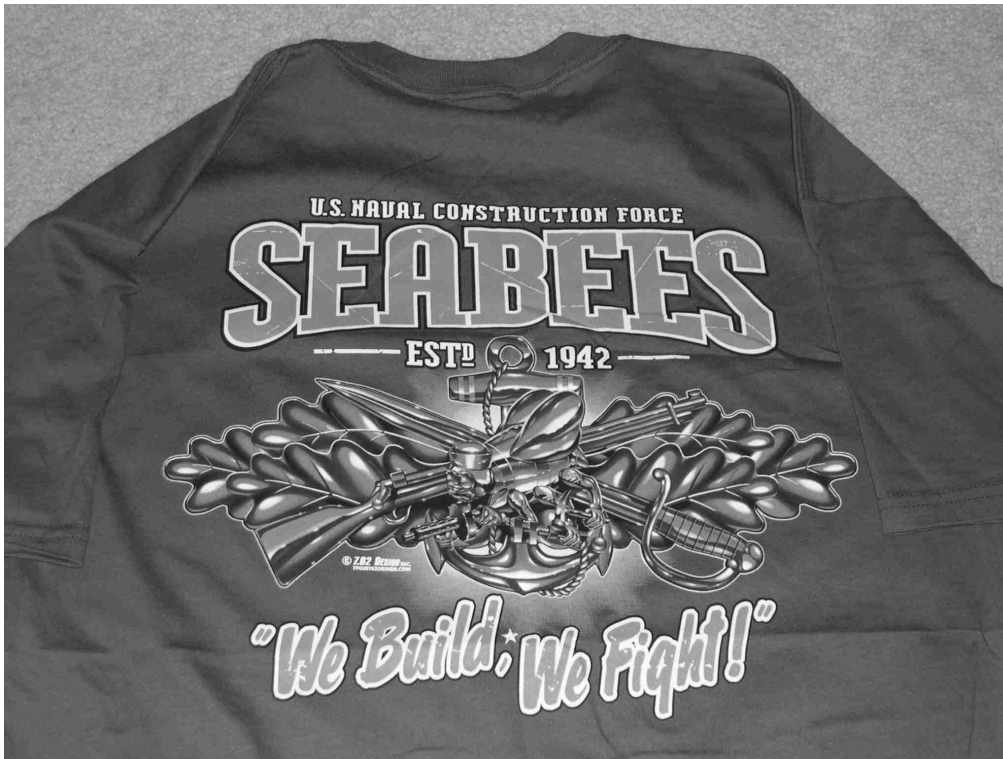
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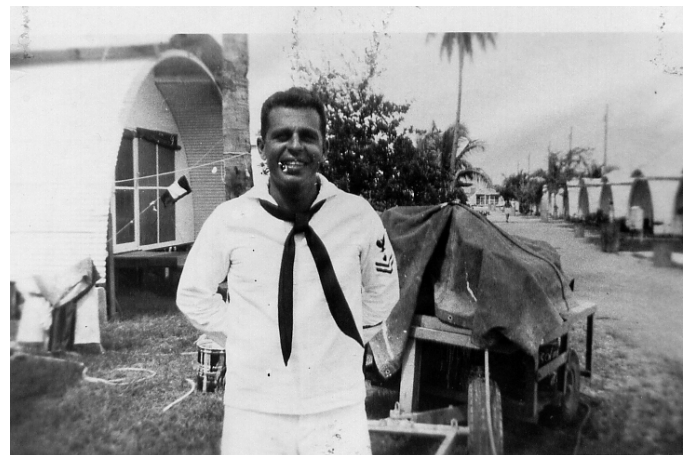
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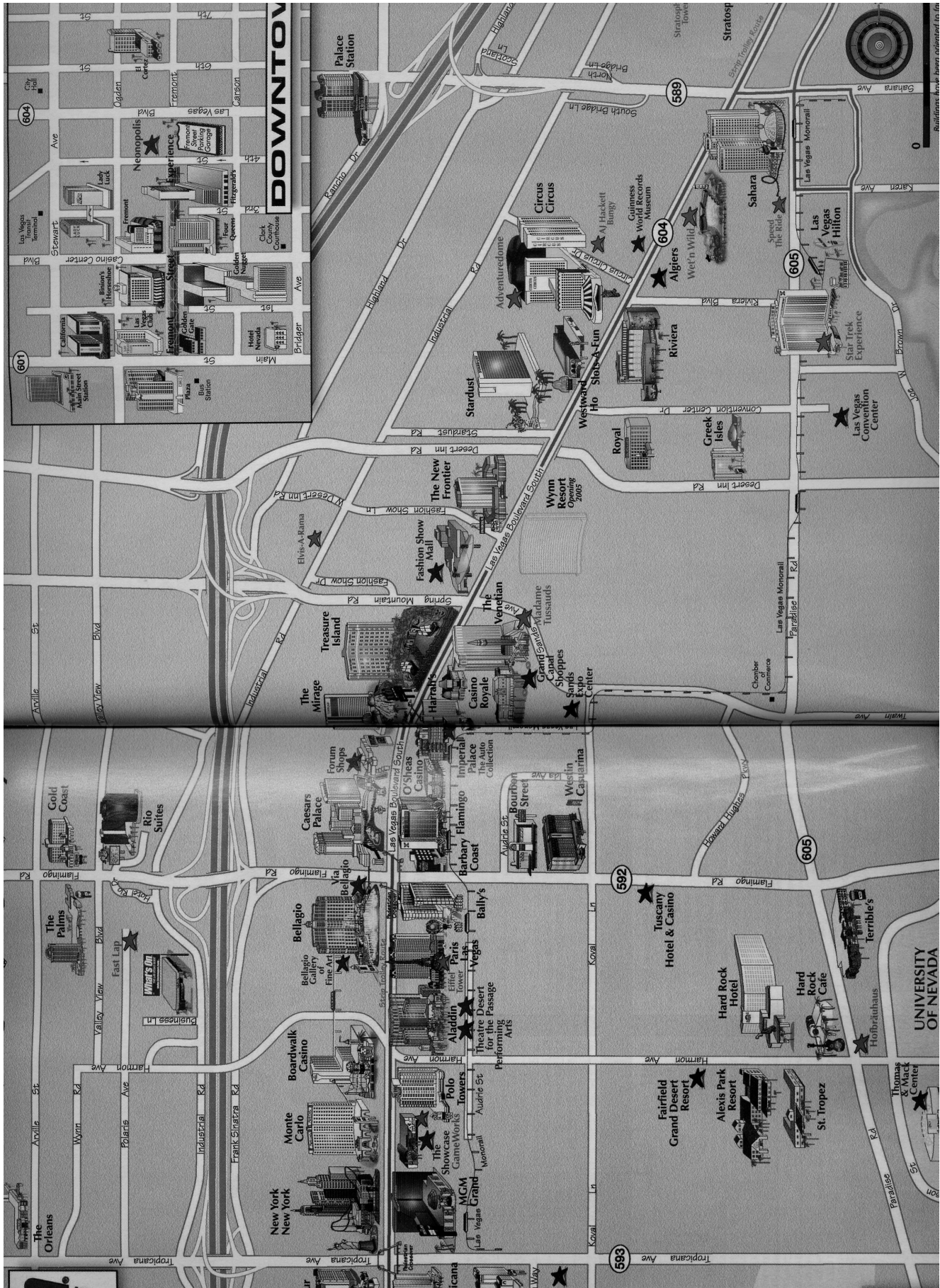
Karl Weisenbacher, SV2, ready for liberty in Tumon Bay, Guam.



Both Pictures at Left:
Atsugi, Japan, 1953.

Rebuilding taxiway for MAG 33.

From Bob Bowdler



MGM Hotel and New York New York The Strip — Las Vegas, Nevada
 located on this end of the map.
 Palace Station is located on this end of the map next to the Downtown insert.

Things to Do & Points of Interest While Visiting Las Vegas, Nevada

A short list - Many others could be added

Driving/Bus Tours

- Red Rock
- Hoover Dam
- Valley of Fire

Local Shopping

- Boulevard Mall – Maryland Parkway between Flamingo and Desert Inn
- Meadows Mall – South side of Highway 95 between Valley View and Decatur
- Fashion Show Mall – on the Strip at Spring Mountain
(Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Ave., Bloomingdale's, Robinson/May, Nordstrom's, Dillard's)
- Caesar's Forum – Many shops of all types (clothing, antiques, sports, restaurants, etc.)
- Antique Mall – East Charleston & Maryland Parkway
- Grand Canal Shops at the Venetian Hotel
- Antiques at the Market – Eastern & Sunset
- Antique & Craft Mall – Tropicana & Jones

Local Sights & Museums

- Elvis Museum (shuttle provided)
- Liberace Museum (shuttle provided)
- 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
- Mt. Charleston – 11,918' – hotel, chalet.

No Scheduled Tours Planned

There are so many things to do in Las Vegas that it is difficult to plan any one tour that would be of interest to all, or possibly even many. However, the tour companies here have tours to all of the most attractive locations and you can schedule the tours of your liking with the concierge located

in the Palace Station after your arrival.

Arrangements have been made for the same room rate from Sunday through Thursday (checkout Friday), so plan to come early and stay late. You just cannot see all Las Vegas has to offer in just one or two days!



Men, I can see it now.... long, smooth runway.... planes swooping in....

Jokes from the Q-Bee Pointer



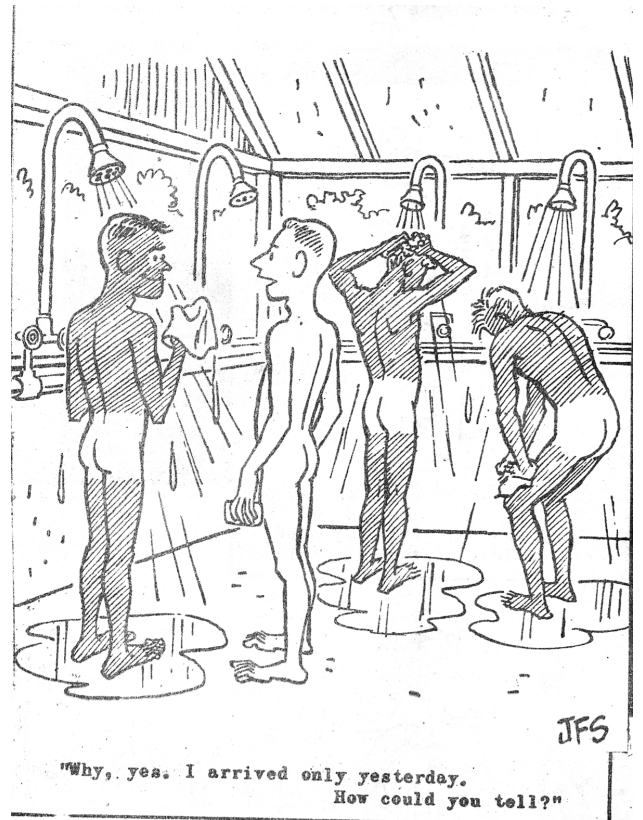
"Who said that?"

Who said that?



"Mercy! A what kind of lizard?"

Mercy! A what kind of lizard?



"Why, yes. I arrived only yesterday.
How could you tell?"

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