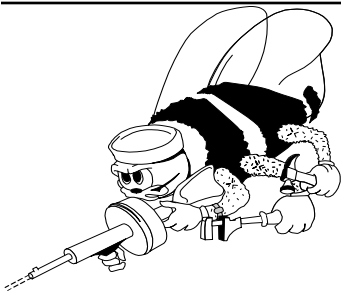


MCB 2 Reunion Association

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SEABEES

*A Newsletter for Former US Naval
Mobile Construction Battalion 2 Personnel*

and host to CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1, CBMU 101 and CBMU 577

GET READY FOR FUN!

Start Making Plans Now for

REUNION 2005!

October 10—12, 2005, at the

Palace Station Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Use the form on page 15 to prepare yourself making reservations to stay at the Palace Station Hotel for the reunion. Fill out the form and have it ready when you call the hotel to make your reservations. All the information necessary to tell the hotel is on the form, so have it at hand when calling and be sure to get a confirmation number and write that in the appropriate space. Cut that page off and keep it with your reunion file, then bring it when you come to the reunion. See you next October!

Start Stockpiling Door Prizes!

Don't forget to bring door prizes for the Banquet. These really add a lot of fun to the festivities, so bring that white elephant or the really nice Seabee souvenir or some homemade jam or candy or whatever. Remember that homemade peanut brittle Sam Holsomback brought to Cleveland? So, put a special box together and bring it or ship it to Scott in Las Vegas! Think Door Prizes!

From our Commander, Pete Elliott

Just a few words to you from Clorinda and me. We sincerely hope you all had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year and that this note finds you all well and happy.

For those who live in the SNOW area, as we do, we hope it has not been too bad for you. Cleveland has been hit pretty hard this season with the snow and cold. This morning it was flat zero, but it felt colder with the wind chill. And when it warms up, we will get flooding. But, I don't feel bad about it because I heard from Scott that Las Vegas got SNOW a few weeks ago. So much for global warming!!!

We are looking forward to seeing you ALL in Vegas in October. If you plan nothing else, plan on having lots of fun. If things go right, we are planning on driving out and seeing the country.

Don't forget to support and say a prayer for our Seabees and all our troops everywhere.

God Bless America!
Pete & Clorinda Elliott

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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November – March Dates to Remember

Nov. 8, 1942	Seabees land in North Africa with American assault force.
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Dec. 7, 1941	Pearl Harbor attacked.
Dec. 10, 1941	Guam falls.
Dec. 23, 1941	Wake Island falls.
Dec. 31, 1947	Seabee Reserve established.
Jan. 5, 1942	Bureau of Naval Personnel authorizes formation of Construction Battalions.
Jan. 27, 1942	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.
March 2, 1867	Civil Engineer Corps established.
March 5, 1942	Seabee Birthday!
March 19, 1942	Civil Engineer Corps officers given military authority over construction units.
March 22, 1945	Seabees ferry Gen. Patton's armored units across Rhine River into Germany.



Notes from our members:

From **Charlie (Pauline) Hagemann**: Here is a check for dues and the extra is for whatever you feel could use some extra [thanks]. Thanks for all your work! We do appreciate you and **Rachel**'s support. Those of us who have a supporting wife are so blessed [AMEN!]..... from **Fred Simon**: Hello from sunny Vermont. I need more 3'X5' stars and stripes for my neighbors up here. I am quite proud to see the flags I got for the town flying over the Town hall and the cemetery. The snow here is being blown on Killington ski trails. They expect a banner year for skiers, snowboarders, snowmobiles, and the like. I'm getting the snow plow attached on the pickup and dusting off the snow blower in preparation for the oncoming season. We stockpiled lots of wood for the woodstove and raised and had processed 125 chickens for the freezer. We will process 18 turkeys and ready the barn for lambing come spring. All-in-all, I'd say we are ready for what comes. Hope all is well with you and yours [it is, and thanks]..... from **Larry Stevenson**: Here is a picture to follow up the story from **David Anderson** about the boys walking nude to the shower [see page 10]. The picture is of **William "Pete" Taylor** from Elberton, Georgia, going to the shower at Camayan Point. Also enclosed is a check for the Museum fund, two Seabee caps, and dues [thanks]. Again, thank you for all your hard work keeping up the newsletter and keeping us together....
..... received dues from **Steve Yunger, Duane Weltlich, Walter Smith, Howard Cornwell, John Ginther, John Ruby, Dave (Darla) Budworth, and Ivan Majetic** [thanks, guys]..... from **Richard Todd**: I don't know if we will make it to the MCB 2 reunion in Las Vegas. It depends on a lot of things that are going on at that time. We will try to make it if we can [hope you do make it!]. I'm enclosing a check for dues and extra for a white Seabee flag, plus some extra for whatever [thanks]. We appreciate everything you and the MCB 2 staff is

doing [thank you, but I am the whole staff right now. The rest will get to work at the reunion!].....

from **Elwin "Shorty" Campbell**:

Please include me on your Good

Guys List. As you can see I paid

my dues for 2004 [**Shorty** included a cancelled

check]. [You are on. My mistake. But I had it right

in the roster. I had just left you off the Good Guy

List.... Sorry, **Shorty**. You really are a Good

Guy!]..... from **Lionel Vidrine**: Thanks for the

Newsletter and enclosed is a check for dues

[thanks]..... from **Joe Butchko** (ACB 1): Thanks for

all your efforts. Enclosed is a check for the decals

[thanks]..... from **Vern Blakeslee**: [sent a pocket

diary... thanks] Don't burn the book [nope, I'll use it

and thanks]. The check is for my dues and two US

flags. Happy Holidays..... from **Paul (Wandalee)**

D'Angelo: I'm sending a check for my dues and one

decals. Hope the amount is correct [it is and

thanks]..... from **Frank Jacus**: Greetings from New

Jersey. I'd like to pay my dues and I know that I'm

late [that's OK. Better late than never! And thanks.]

I would also like two US flags [on the way] and use

the extra for whatever..... from **Stan Dauer**: My

Newsletter got here today and I thought it would be

a good time to send my dues [thanks]. I am pretty

sure I'll make the Las Vegas reunion... that is if the

creek don't rise and the Good Lord is willing. Keep

up the great work on the Newsletter..... from **Bob**

Bowdler: I'm paying my dues to stay on the Good

Guy List [thanks]. In the last Newsletter, **Don**

Truskey's daughter, **Denise King**, paid her Dad's

dues in honor of her father. Enclosed is a picture I

took of **Don** and three of our buddies at Yamoto

outside Atsugi, Japan (see page 14). The five of us

were mechanics that served together in Korea then

Atsugi from 1953-1954. **Don** was foreman of the

gas garage and I was moved into his spot when he

rotated out in late '53. Maybe **Denise** would enjoy a

picture of her Dad and buddies. The other picture

was taken from the roof of the transportation

building at K-3. We watched a shot-up Panther jet

come in for a crash landing and he did A-OK!!

There is more info on the back of the pictures. I sure

hope to get to Vegas [we do too, **Bob**. And thanks

for these pictures]..... from **Mal Pearson**: Merry

Christmas from cool, crisp New England. Nice clear

day at 25° F but snow is on the way for tonight! I

got the Newsletter and thought I would return the





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address portion so you could see what happened as it is probably better than me trying to explain over the phone [yep, sure is. I had better talk to the mailing service about their addressing machine]. **Marge** and I are ready for Las Vegas. I have already planned when I take my boat out next year and next year hasn't arrived yet! We'll probably be on the road no later than the 6th of October. We're pretty much settled in our new hut by now and things are going well. It sounds like **Stoney** might have been looking for the hats that **Dave Haines** brought to Cleveland but he didn't say anything when I talked to him on the phone. That's it for now... tell **Rachel** hi for us..... from **Clark Alexander**: Here is a check for my dues and I would like to join the MCB 2 Association [thanks, **Clark**, but you joined about ten years ago and you have been on the roster]. I am going to try to make it to Las Vegas next year..... from **Dan (Mary) Millett**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]. I don't know how far ahead we are paid, so please let us know [done]. We will see you in Las Vegas in October [great!]..... from **Bob Colquhoun**: [enclosed a check] Keep me on the Good Guy List! Thanks for the emails and a great Newsletter. Hope to attend the reunion in Vegas in October '05. Have a great holiday [thanks]..... from **Ken Stoutland**: I'm enclosing a check for my dues [thanks]. I served in Korea with CBMU 1 in 1952 and 1953. I noticed in the Newsletter that there isn't any mention of my outfit. We were attached to the First Marine Air Wing — Marine Air Group 33 at Pohang, which was called K-3. Our major project at that time was extending the runway for the Panther and Cougar jets flown by the Marines. **Ted Williams** and **Jerry Coleman** served with this group. I'm still in touch with several Seabees I served with at K-3. I appreciate your Newsletter. Keep up the good work..... from **Jack Coulter**: [sent a Christmas card and a check for dues. Thanks] And thanks for a great job!..... from **Gary Rawlings**: Enclosed is my check for dues and postage [thank you!]. You are really doing a service to many who served. I need to locate **Robert Conroe** from the Good Guy List [sent **Bob's** address]. We were together at Midway with MCB 2 Det. 1 from 1952-1953. I'm trying to find some pictures he just might have. **Robert Long** also served, however can't find his



copies. Hope you can help [I'll try]..... from "**Old Salty**" **Lane Freitag**: Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I had 30 days leave before shipping out [hope you had fun! Not too much tap dancing!]..... from

Richard Swallow: A check for my dues is enclosed [thanks]. I became a member of the MCB 2 Association a number of years ago because of my association with **Stoney Serrett** who was briefly my CPO in Vietnam in 1965 with MCB 8. I wish that my battalion reunion group (and others) were as well organized, coordinated and responsive as the MCB 2 group [wow! Thank you!]. Oh, well..... from **Juanita Hershberger**: I'm doing well... keeping busy with church activities, bowl every week, volunteering, etc. I went up in a balloon for the first time last July 4th. Not bad for a 75 year-old widow. I do miss **Hersh** and our traveling around this beautiful country of ours (excuse). On Veteran's Day an energetic stray dog tore my flag down from my porch, so am enclosing a check for a new one and extra to help with postage [on the way]. I read the Newsletter from cover to cover. [Thanks, **Juanita**. You will continue receiving the Newsletter as long as you want it.]..... from **Roy Peak**: [sent a Christmas letter and a newspaper clipping about Las Vegas.] Next year I also plan a special trip to Las Vegas for a reunion with other Navy Seabee veterans of the 1950s in Japan and the Philippine Islands. [great! See you then!]..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I am enclosing a check for my dues and extra for the Museum pledge [thanks]. It sure was good seeing you two in Cleveland. We are looking forward to seeing you again in Las Vegas. I have just received word that one of my best MCB 2 friends has passed away. He is **Charles Neugent**. I hope you will list him in your next "Our Fallen Comrades" list [done]..... from **Dale Rogers**: Guess it's time to feed the kitty again. Enclosed is a check for dues, an up-to-date roster, a US flag, a Seabee flag, and use the rest for the Museum or whatever [thanks]. If you send the flags and roster before the 20th of December, send it to my South Dakota address. If not, wait until after the first of the year and send it to my Texas address [it's going to Texas, **Dale**]. I still enjoy hearing about my old friends from MCB 2 and CBMU 101, even though the years are making the memories a little fuzzy and the lies a little bigger [NEVER! Ha!]. South Dakota

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held an outstanding Korean War Memorial celebration this fall at the state capitol in Pierre that brought back many memories of Cubi Point and K-6 in Korea.

God has been good to my wife, **Phyllis**, and me as we have good health and stay active. We will celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2006..... from **Pat Linch**: I received the MCB 2 Newsletter today and thought I should inform you that one of your fellow Seabees passed away September 17, 2004. **Mick** served two years in the Philippines and one year in Japan from '51 to '55. He loved to talk about the good and bad times..... from **Jim & Shirley Green**: I was hoping to bring some tapes and CDs to play some music in the hospitality room at the next reunion. I have a boom box which will accommodate them, but it's pretty big. I don't know if the airline will let me bring it [no, don't bring it. We can find one around here.]. I also wondered if we usually have a raffle for items donated by members [see the Page 1 article]. If so, I have a number of things I can bring. Plus, I have a lot of interesting pages of info I copied from the Internet. Mostly from the Cubi-Olongapo area. See you there.....from **Ann Flading (Warren's secretary!)**: Enclosed find a check for **Warren's** dues [thanks]. It has been a rough year for him with a heart attack last December 2003, internal bleeding requiring 7 pints of blood and then stent surgery. He came home Christmas morning, Then, April 1st he had open heart surgery to replace his aortic valve, which was in critical condition. We are happy to report that **Warren** is all well again. Can't keep a good Seabee down! Our best to you and **Rachel**..... from **Conrad Lawlor**: Here is a check for dues [thanks]. I am considering joining you in Las Vegas in October if it works into my schedule [sure hope so!]. I'm a member of Seabee Island X-20 here in Melbourne, Florida. We meet again January 15, 2005. If you have any Las Vegas invitations by then, I will distribute them to the Seabees attending. We usually have 10+ at each meeting. You can send mail to my Florida address until March when we return to Iowa to plant corn. I have a lot of photos that I took in Korea in 1953 and would consider delivering them to the Port Hueneme Seabee Museum but do not want to go through the stress of a military hassle there. Thank you for the



information about that. I also have photos and information from my fathers estate of the Seabee's operations in Guam and Tinian in 1943-1945 and also from the making of the film "The Fighting Seabees" with **John Wayne** that was filmed at

Camp Pendleton in 1943. They would be good historical material for a book. All I need is a historical engineer to help me write it. Keep up the good work..... from **Doug & Shirley Emond**: We are looking forward to seeing you both. We are having some cold weather and very little snow but I'm sure it's coming. [they live in Wisconsin] Our new puppy is keeping us busy. He is now 6 months old..... from **Mary Dick & Chip**: Have a wonderful Christmas [thanks]..... from **Cecil "Arky" Price**: Well, here I am down here in this nice, warm South Texas. Would you believe it is hanging right around freezing? My old arthritis is sure telling me about it. I guess I'll be stuck down here in Texas for some time to come, so any mail I have please send it down here. **Wilma** is doing so-so. She was in the hospital but back home now [get well, **Wilma**, so you can bring **Arky** to Las Vegas!] Enclosed are a few bucks for whatever. It's not much, but I don't have much [you are very generous, **Arky**. And thanks.] Maybe you had best spend it quick before inflation eats it up and you end up owing to spend it!..... from **Ernest W. Owens**: We are blessed with good health, happiness and a little prosperity. I am sorry for being a bad guy in the Newsletter for such a long time but I pray that in a few weeks I will be able to be a Good Guy [hey! You are always a Good Guy!] I am 50% disabled and will not qualify to receive my full retired military pay after 22 years service in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam, and with 7½ years in combat zones as a non-combatant. I was super-qualified for combat with three months of commando training during the summer of 1944, plus military combat training with the Marines with MCB 58 before shipping out to Vietnam in 1966. We were awarded the Combat Action medal for the 14 months and two tours in Vietnam with the great 58th under **Ward W. DeGroot III** as our commander..... from **Leonard Fowler**: My wife and I have been traveling quite a bit during the last two years, so have been pretty lax on getting in my dues. I enjoy the Newsletter, so many thanks for leaving tardy members on the

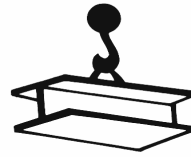
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mailing list. Enclosed is a check for my dues plus a fine for being late, hoping it will help with the costs [it sure does and thanks].

Thinking of pictures, here are

some that may bring back some memories [one is on page 14 and others will be in another issue. Thanks]..... received dues from **Gene Robinson, Ed (Wilma) Dechant, Roger Hamilton, Darl Schmidt, Don Henderson, Willis Struecker, Joe (Audrey) Sitkowski, Don Barry, John Jurkash, Herbert Meade, and Ben Pedrotti** [thanks, all]..... from **Bob Hoare**: From Canada's south where the temperature is -18° and the wind chill makes it -38° [Brrrrr!] and a car fanny warmer is a necessity. Any Korea-issue thermo boots left? Put me on the Good Guy List [thanks for the check, **Bob**]..... from **Riley McDaniel**: Thanks so much for the Newsletter of November 15. I appreciate so much what you and all the other officers and helpers do in making the Newsletter a success [I'm it, **Riley**. Our Commander, **Pete Elliott**, sends me a letter to put in, but I am the reporter, copywriter, proofreader, printer and publisher!]. I enjoy keeping up with some of the guys I met and worked with in 1953-1954 at Cubi Point in the Philippines. Enclosed is a check for my dues and I am enclosing some extra for a new roster. [thanks]. The one I have is dated 1991 [wow! That was when **Roy Cone** published the Newsletter! It is up to 23 pages now.] There was a very interesting article in our Gideon Magazine about the Philippines..... from **Wayne (Nancy) Heple**: The T shirts, etc., arrived earlier this year and I appreciate the promptness of the delivery. I love the T shirt that changes colors in the sun. However, the roster never showed up. [oh, oh.... I'll get one in the mail tomorrow.] Do I need to send another couple of bucks for it? [nope] Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Email me if I made an error the first time. At my age anything can happen [easy, now! Be careful!]. We sent our pledge to the museum foundation last January and will again in January 2005, and will for the next three years [that's great! Super support!]. We are also sending to Kim at Port Hueneme some stuff she has asked for from my collection. [OK, but DO NOT send it to the Museum as it may get lost! See the address list on



page 11.] She will eventually get all of my collection. I'm in the process of making copies for my book which I have written for our 17 grandchildren. Hope all is well with you [it is, and thanks].....

from **Warren Smith**: As per our phone conversation, enclosed find my dues [**Stoney** had sent **Warren** a Newsletter and **Warren** called me. Check our New Members column.] Hope to see some of the CBs one day soon..... from **Ron Howatson**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks], flags and a T shirt [on the way!] plus a bit extra for postage. It's great to hear that your Christmas was merry and your New Year happy..... from **Jim Green**: Here's a check for my dues [thanks]. I have a question about where to get a set of Seabee greens (shirt and trousers). Are they available in the aftermarket? I saw someplace that the color was woodland green. Maybe someone knows..... from **Karl Weisenbacher**: After receiving the November issue of Seabees and reading that you would like some pictures of Korea Seabees, I went to my scrapbook and had some duplicate pictures made of my "stint" at K-3 [wonderful! I will use them in future editions]. I can't remember names as it has been 51 years since these pictures were taken. Maybe some of the other fellows who were there will know some of the people in the pictures. I met some great fellows during my Seabee service and the experience I had plus the Navy Class "A" Surveyor's School helped me greatly in getting my New York State Professional Land Surveyor's license, which I received in 1959. Best regards and once a Seabee, always a Seabee..... from **Duane Henrichson**: I am sending a copy of the list of guys who went to the Cubi Point All Seabee Reunion in Salt Lake [thanks!]. We had a real good time and went on some interesting tours, especially the Olympic Village. Today, here in Nebraska, it is snowing and we have about 6" right now and are expecting 6"-8" more. I don't know how I am standing with my dues so am sending a check along [thanks. You're OK now.]..... from **Doug Emond**: I'm glad to hear you guys got 2" of snow [we did!]. Back here in Wisconsin we call that a dusting. Here's a check for my dues [thanks]. I had better be paid up seeing as I'm coming to Vegas in October. **Shirley** and I are all set. Plane tickets are bought and room reservations are in the tower. Say 'Hi' to



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Rachel and we'll see you in October... .. from **Gene (Jo Ann) Antoine**: Hope to make it to the reunion. Dues enclosed [thanks].....

from **Les Hall**: Enclosed is a check for my dues plus extra for a white

Seabee flag and extra for the museum or whatever..... from **Verle Williams**: First of all, enclosed is a check for my dues and a check for the Port Hueneme dues [thanks]. In your last Newsletter you asked for some pictures. I'm enclosing five originals from my CBMU 577 album. When you finish using what you want of them please return them to me [absolutely! And thanks!]. As **Hance Morton** wrote you in your last newsletter, we served together in CBMU 577 at Tarawa and Eniwetok. This unit was formed back in 1943 at Camp Peary, Virginia. We then shipped out to Port Hueneme for advanced training. In February 1944, we left for Tarawa via Pearl Harbor to form a convoy of three Liberty ships and two destroyer escorts. Now, about the pictures: The heavy equipment group of CBMU 577 reclaimed the D-8 Caterpillar 'dozer from the lagoon where it was abandoned during the landing, either by the Seabees or Marines at our island of Buota "Ella", which was twenty miles down the atoll from Betio where the main battle was fought. This equipment went with us to Eniwetok. I was in the picture on the D-8 Cat and in front of the dump truck. **Scott**, you are doing a great job and it is appreciated by everyone more than you realize. My thanks again goes out to you [thank you very much, **Verle**].
.....from **Ben Pedrotti**: [**Ben** ordered three more caps] Maybe I should be your west coast rep for Seabee hats! Ha! Thanks [enclosed a check].....
from **Bob McMillan**: Enclosed are some photos from CBMU 101 at K-6 Korea (see page 9). I have written info on the back of most of the pictures except the ones with all the water. I can't remember what happened, but I think it was a break in the main water line from our water tank to the rest of the base, which was manned by Marines. Of course, it was the Seabees' job to supply the water as well as the electricity and build and maintain the roads, airstrip, etc. I'm at the age now that I'm clearing out stuff instead of collecting it. So, I don't want the pictures back. If you publish any of them and anyone recognizes anyone

and wants the pictures, you can let them have them. I'm enclosing a check for my dues and will you email me and let me know if I'm paid up? [done.... And you are. Thanks]..... from **Fred Simon**: I thought I would follow up on my email and send you my check for dues plus flags [thanks]. It's 5° outside today [Vermont] and, after getting some unfrozen water for my animals, I thought I'd spend some time here on my computer. Hope all is well with you and yours [it is, thanks]. I just finished a medical exam and biopsy and I'll get the results by the end of the week. So far, two doctors have said if they tested all 90-year-old men they would find cancer in all of them. My primary doctor said if I can keep up like I have been doing, I have another 10 or 15 years. WOW! Thanks for keeping me in the loop with the wonderful Seabee info and all. Keep up the good work with the Newsletter. I miss doing mine but I am very busy with the horses, sheep, chickens, turkeys, & guineas. We raised a 45½ pound turkey and had to cut it in half to get it in the oven for Thanksgiving..... from **Allan Alberg**: Thanks for all your hard work printing the Seabee Newsletter and all the work involved with the upcoming reunion. You are doing a wonderful job. Here in Minnesota we just endured a frigid cold spell. It was -40° in our home town [Chisholm] and the little town of Embarrass, MN, that held the record of -54°, is only 30 miles from us. We now have a snow storm and are expecting 10 inches. We hope to see you in Las Vegas in October..... from **Roger (Barbara) Mohs**: Our check is enclosed for dues [thanks]. We'll see you in Vegas!..... from **Rod Howard**: Enclosed is a check for my dues plus extra for whatever [thanks]..... from **Les Hall**: As per your email, enclosed is a check for two US flags [thanks]..... from **Bob Jones**: Enclosed is a check for dues and the rest for museum fund or whatever [thank you!]..... from **Opal Neusetzer**: I am so sorry to have to inform you that I lost my sweetheart of 47 years on January 18. God was merciful because he had been so sick since October. **Paul** was a proud first generation American. He loved his country, the military, and especially the US Navy and the Seabees. He was so proud to have served. Keep up the good work..... That's about it, folks. More in the next issue..... Keep those cards and letters coming. Send your pictures and I will send them right back. This issue has quite a few photo treasures. Until the next issue..... SW

Some Truths.....

- *No one can ruin your day without your permission.*
 - *Most people will be about as happy as they decide to be.*
 - *Success stops when you do.*
 - *You will never 'have it all together'.*
 - *The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.*
 - *If you don't start, it's certain you won't arrive.*
 - *Life is a journey, not a destination. Enjoy the trip!*
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Important Notice for RV Parking at Palace Station:

The Palace Station has given permission to park in their open parking lot at no charge for those attending the reunion that drive RVs. The lot is patrolled by the hotel security and also kept under video surveillance. They do not have any service connections such as power, water or sanitation, but there are dump stations available at Circus Circus if needed. Another nice amenity from an outstanding hotel.

For those driving, valet parking service is available and, if you prefer to park yourself, a covered parking garage is also available.

Truisms....

- Do not eat natural foods. I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

*The world's record for a one-day
rainfall is 46" on July 14-15,
1911, at Baguio, P.I.*

MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

Name/Source

Les Hall
Robert Jones
Dale Rogers
Stoney Serrett
Larry Stevenson
Verle Williams

Contributed This Period (Nov.-Feb.)

\$165.00

Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$9,150.41

Total Pledged to Date

\$7,775.41

Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$10,675.41

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

MAKE A NOTE!
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**Who to contact
 about your dues**

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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.



Pics from Bob McMillan: Don't know any names, so if anybody knows who these men are, let me know. All from CBMU 101 K-6 Korea.



The Good Guy List

Allan Alberg, Clark Alexander, Vern Ammentorp, David Anderson, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Lowell Baldwin, Ed Ballerstein, Don Barry, Benjamin Balog, Dale Baugh, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Bill Body, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, Al Burkhardt, Ralph Burnley, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, Edwin Carlson, Mike Castelveccchi, Ken Catchpole, Mylo Cayou, George Chang, Walter Cloonan, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Howard Cornwell, Jack Coulter, Pat Cunningham, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Jim De Keyser, Ed Dechant, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Howard Doyle, Pete Elliott, Doug Emond, Al Erb, Ralph Evans, Dick Farbo, Warren Flading, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Leonard Fowler, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Lane Freitag, Al Fritz, William Ganske, Ken Gaskell, Roger Germundson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Russ Granby, Jim Green, Frank Gresser, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Ralph Heitt, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Gerald Herr, Juanita Hershberger, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Frank Jacus, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Don Jones, Robert Jones, John Jurkash, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Duane Keech, Richard Keyes, Capers Kinard, William Knight, John Kolasz, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Conrad Lawlor, Art Leable, Max Leavell, Herbert (Red) Liverman, Robert Lohrentz, Stan 'Pete' Lore, Dale Lundstrom, Tom 'Moose' Maere, Ivan Majetic, Philip Matalucci, William (Jack) Mayo, Don McDaniel, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Herbert Meade, Dick Merit, Bob Michael, Bobby McMillan, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Hance Morton, Paul Muma,

Richard Muns, Eugene Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Don Nitsche, Joseph O'Brien, Mel Olson, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, Amos Phillips, Cecil Price, David "Ernie" Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Stoney Serrett, Rik Shafer, Don Shoff, Lew Shugar, Jim Sichel, William Sigmund, Fred Simon, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Walter Smith, Warren Smith, Ray Sonnen, Ted Speros, Ken Stancombe, Gene Staples, Tom Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Kenneth Stoutland, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, George Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Donald (Denise King) Truskey, Al Ulman, Lionel Vidrine, Walter Waddell, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Marshall Williams, Pete Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, Jim Wommack, and Stephen Yunger.

Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2005, 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 January 31, 2005. There are currently 201 paid up members from a mailing list of 536. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 774 names on the full member roster. (SW)

From Frank Jacus:

List ten parts of the body which are spelled with three letters (no slang such as gut, etc.).

(answers on page 18—no peeking!)

For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.

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 775 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

The NAVFAC Historical Program and the Seabee Museum Gift Shop and Mail Order have the same building address in Port Hueneme, which leads to some confusion.

Any donations of material things should be sent to:
NAVFAC Historical Program
Attn: Kim Crowell
1000 23rd Ave., Bldg. 99, Code HO
Port Hueneme, CA 93043

Gift Shop and mail orders should be sent to:
Seabee Museum Gift Shop
1000 23rd Ave., Bldg. 99
Port Hueneme, CA 93043

Monetary donations should be sent to:
CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation
P.O. Box 657
Gulfport, MS 39502-0657

Our Fallen Comrades

William B. Carter	10/23/04
Michael A. Linch	9/17/04
Charles L. Neugent	12/07/04
Paul C. Neusetzer	1/18/05

May they live on in our memories.

The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

**Commander
Pete Elliott**

Staff:

Joe DeFranco
David Haines
Rich Nelson
Roy Peak, Vice Commander
Malcolm Pearson
Stoney Serrett, Commander Emeritus
Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

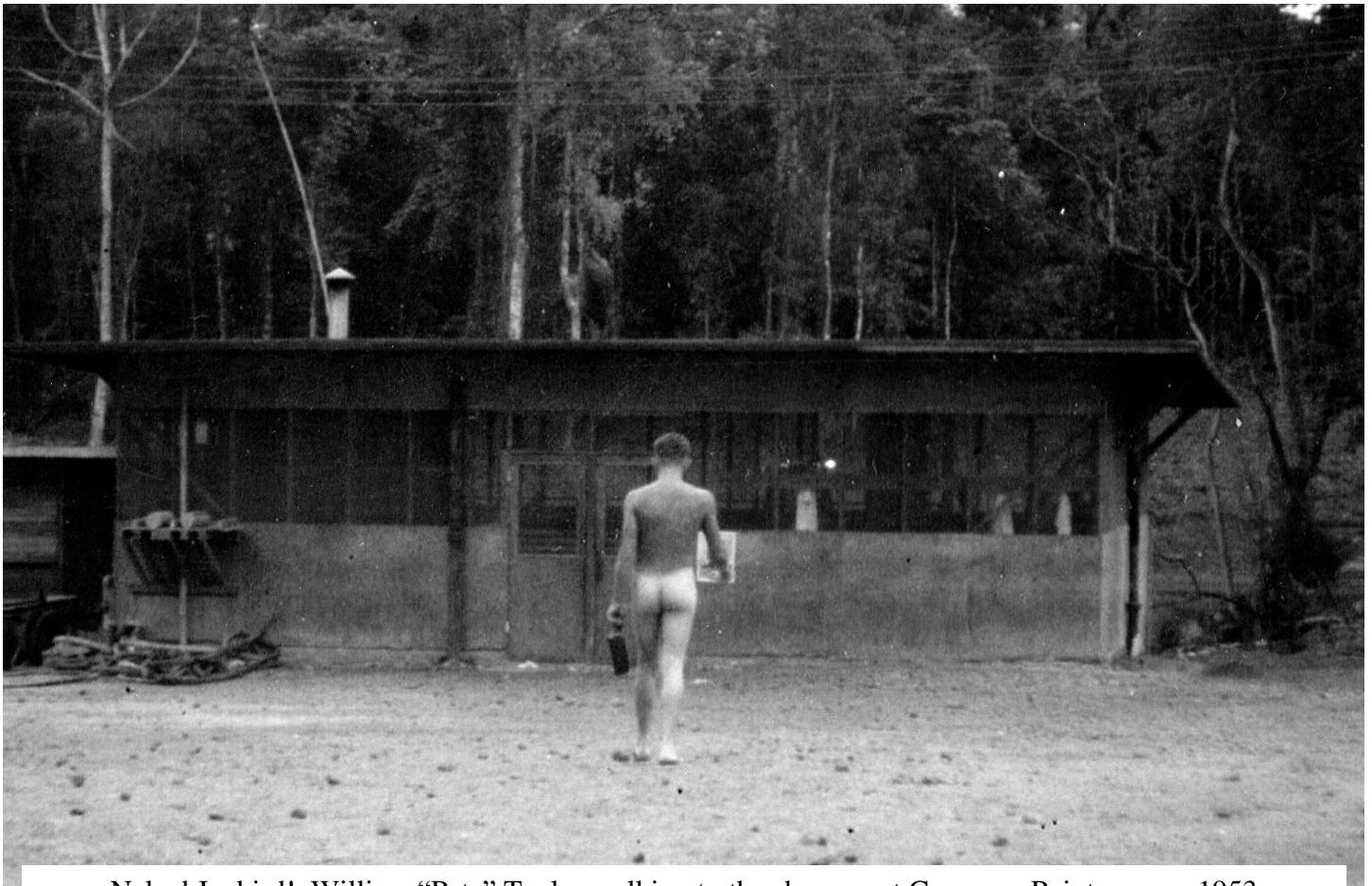
*Every day I beat my own
previous record
for number of consecutive days
I have stayed alive.*



**WELCOME,
NEW MEMBERS!**

Robert L. Jones
831 Jackson St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368-4505
(360) 385-3808
MCB 2

Warren A. Smith
11916 Laver Court
Bakersfield, CA 93306
(661) 872-5950
CBD 1502



Naked Jaybird! William "Pete" Taylor walking to the showers at Camayan Point — ca. 1953
From Larry Stevenson



These great-looking jackets will be available at the reunion in October.

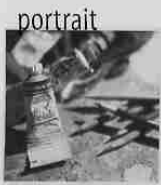
The top jacket is a light navy blue color nylon with polyester lining for \$55 with the lettering in yellow gold and a 10½" Seabee patch. There is a US flag patch on the upper left sleeve.



The bottom jacket is a black patchwork leather jacket with polyester lining for \$75. Same insignia on back, no patch on sleeve.

If you want one of these great jackets, let me know and I will order them and have them on hand at the reunion. If you want it now, there will be a \$5 shipping charge. All sizes from M to XXL.

John Wilborn, UTC, one of our members, was recently interviewed by Phoenix Home & Garden Magazine. The interview article was published in the December 2004 issue (below).



john's angels

Text by Kim Blum • Photography by Art Holeman

While many crumble under the weight of a tragic loss, some use their pain to help others. Since the death of his son, John Jr., in 1996 to AIDS, John Wilborn has been giving away wooden carvings he calls John's Angels, as encouragement to others.

"It's my way to maintain sanity—just telling people about my son," says the 71-year-old retired Navy Seabee and plumber.

John's Angels began as a humble sketch drawn by Wilborn's wife while the couple's son stayed at Hospice of the Valley. Her simple design was etched into stone by a family friend and hung in John's memory at the care facility. "The hospice had angels that were made of wood, glass and paper hanging everywhere," Wilborn explains. "I wanted to leave an angel there for John."

The first were rustic wall-hangings, but since have evolved into sculptures made of stained wal-

nut, maple and cherry wood standing 12 inches high. Wilborn mounts each angel on a panel in the shape of a cross, the Star of David or two hearts. The pieces are never sold; however, donations can be made to Hospice of the Valley in John Jr.'s name.

Almost 10 years later, Wilborn estimates he has sent a couple of thousand angels all over the world to people he may never hear from or meet. "There isn't a week that goes by that I don't send one out to a distant location," he notes. His creations also have been sent to celebrities Bette Midler, Elton John and Oprah Winfrey. Recently, newscaster Tom Brokaw was sent an angel and responded with a personal note of thanks.

Wilborn explains, "They're just pieces of wood when they leave my hand, but there are so many different reactions from people. They tell stories that would astound you. I have been uplifted by other people's stories." 🌻

Two pictures from Pat Badgett, Japan & Korea.



L-R: Pat Badgett, Red Beagin, Don Truskey, William Carter;
Yamoto, Japan



Watching the crash landing of a crippled Panther
jet from the top of the Transportation Building at
K-3, Korea.

L-R: Transportation yeoman, Ray Kepley CM,
unknown.

From Leonard Fowler



Short Circuit Power & Light Co.
Camayan Point, P.I.
1953



Pictures on this page are from Frank Jacus.

Remember the sign on the Guard Shack at the entrance to the Cubi Point construction area? The jungle-covered hill in the background is where the POL tank farm was built.



Above: Electricians taking a break from running the telephone cable from Subic Bay Naval Station to Cubi Point, 1953.

L-R: Glen Sisco, Jan D. Wright, ?, ?, Klug, Jerry Wilkening, Frank Jacus, Whitaker, Robert Graf, ?, Chief.

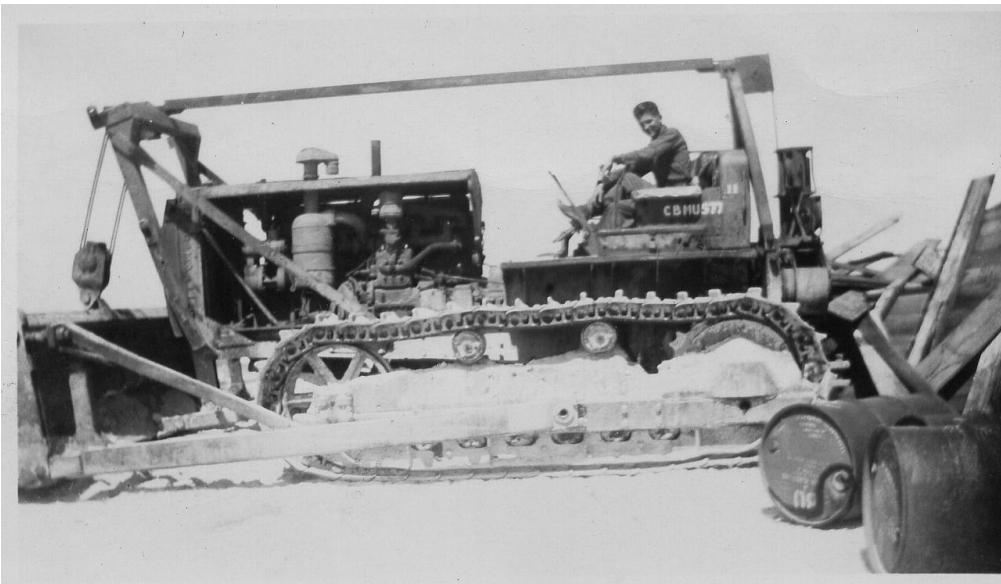


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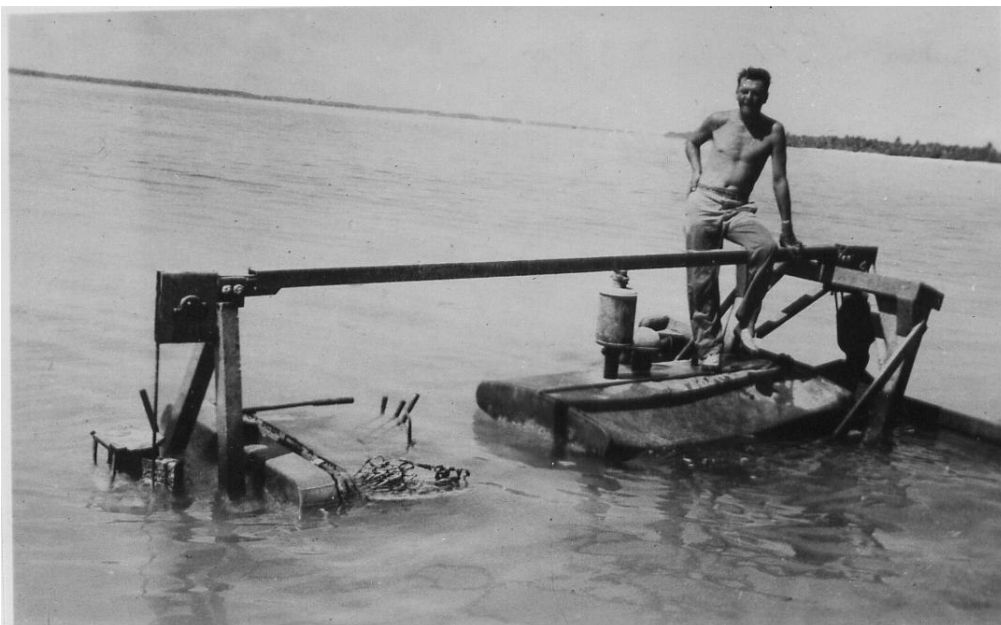
MCB 2 Recreation vehicle in Baguio City, P.I., 1954



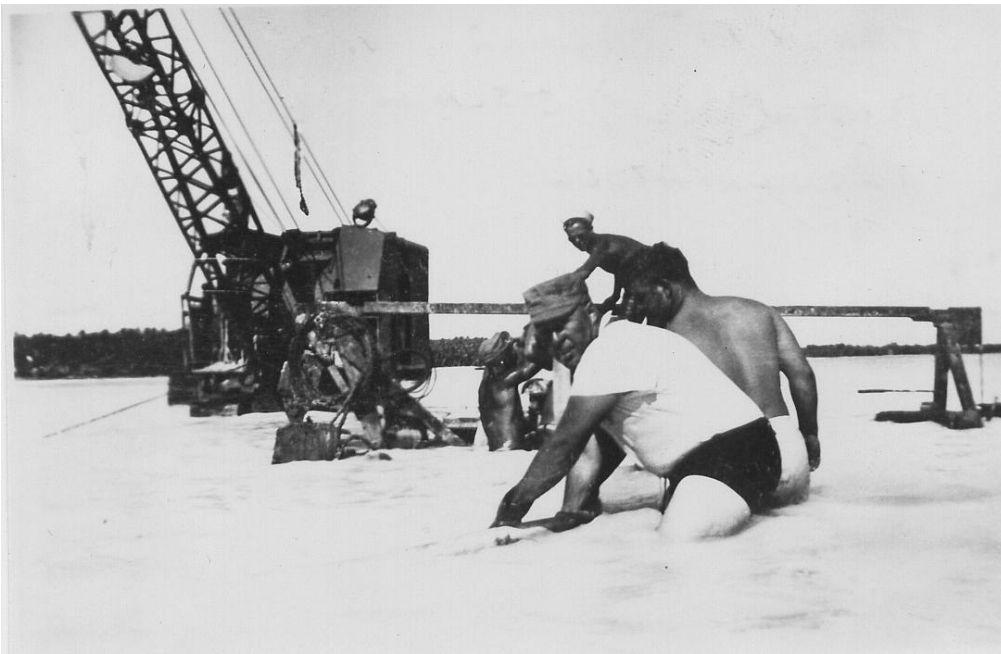
Verle Williams on Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, 1945, with CBMU 577.



Verle on his D-8 'dozer on Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, 1945, that had been recovered from Tarawa Lagoon (below and next page).



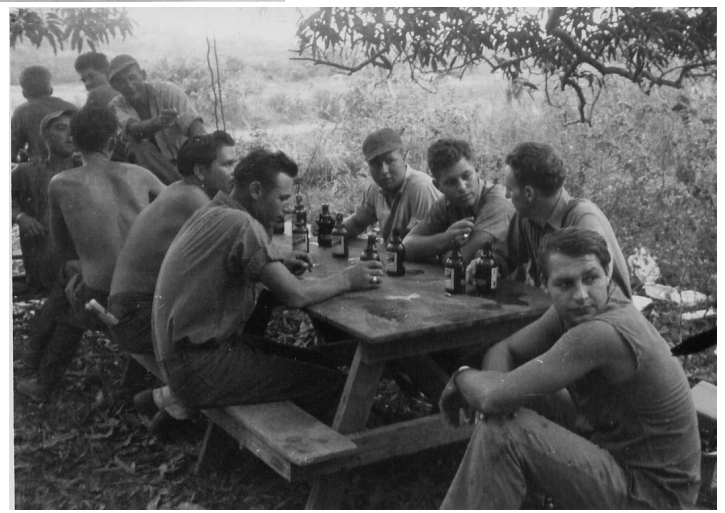
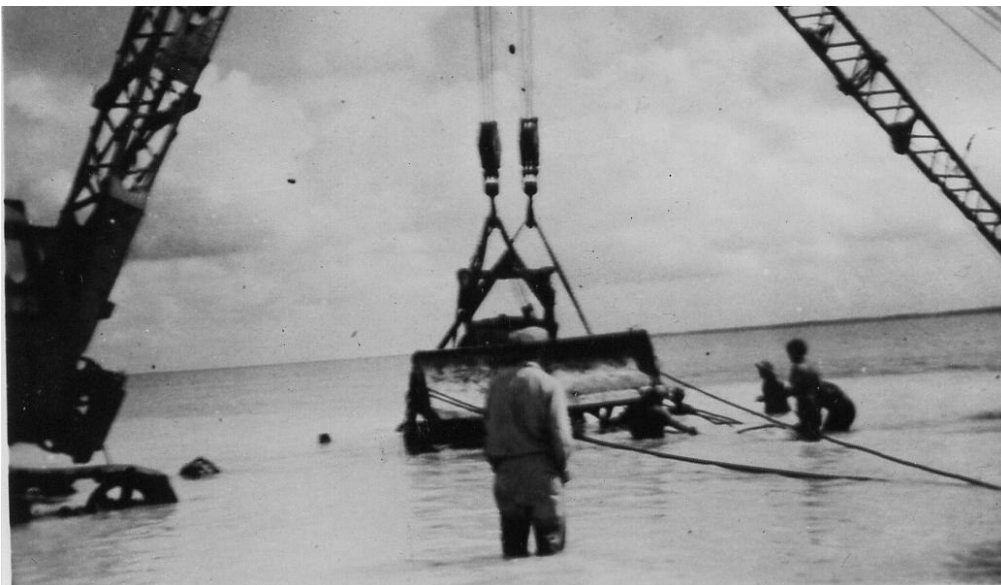
D-8 in the Tarawa Lagoon, abandoned by Seabees during the battle for the island in November 1943. On the island of Buota "Ella", which is 20 miles down the atoll from Betio where the main battle was fought.



These two pictures and the three on the previous page are from Verle Williams on Tarawa and Eniwetok.

This picture, taken on Tarawa Atoll, Buota "Ella" Island.

They are recovering the D-8 that was abandoned in the lagoon (bottom picture on previous page).



Tent mates, Cubi Point: L-R: Williams, Odom, Moose, Ostroski, T. S. Campbell.

From Duane Keech

Relaxing time at Cubi Point with San Miguel. Do you recognize anyone?

MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Biannual Reunion
Schedule of Events
PALACE STATION HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

October 10-12, 2005

Monday, October 10

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning Committee meeting
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Early Bird Registration**
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Tuesday, October 11

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Reunion Registration open**
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Wednesday, October 12

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Reunion Registration open**
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Late Reunion Registration open**
2:45 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Memorial Service
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cash Bar in Banquet Room
7:00 p.m. - Banquet
8:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker at Banquet
9:00 p.m. - Door Prize drawings

Thursday, October 13

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
Farewells and departures

Every time I walk into a singles bar I can hear Mom's wise words: "Don't pick that up. You don't know where it's been."

Fill this form out and have it ready when you call the hotel for your reservations.
Bring this completed form to the reunion with the Confirmation Number.

HOTEL RESERVATION WORKSHEET

CALL 1-800-634-3101 & Identify Yourself: Group Code PCI MCB 2

Group Name: MCB 2 Reunion Association

Dates: Monday - Wednesday, October 10 - 12, 2005

Rates: Value Tower
\$49 **\$69** **Single or Double Occupancy**

Covered Parking: FREE **Parking available for RVs also. No hook-ups.**

Check-in Time: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out Time: 12:00 Noon

Confirmation Number:

Guest & Companion's Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date

Departure Date

Credit Card Number for Guarantee

Type of Card & Expiration Date

Cardholder's Name: _____

Guest Room Location (Circle one)

Value: Two-Story Bldg.: \$49/night

Tower: 22-Story Bldg.: \$69/night

Bed type you are requesting (Circle one)

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King

Triple (add \$15 or \$30)

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Deposits: Please allow one night's deposit plus 9% (current rate) room tax plus \$4.95 Hotel Service Fee. Deposits must be received prior to the reservation cut-off date. A credit card or a deposit in the amount of one night's room plus tax charge must be received no later than 14 days from the date the reservation was made.

Reservation Cut-Off Date: All reservations must be received by the hotel no later than September 9, 2005.

Cancellations: Individual room reservations may be cancelled up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to arrival with no penalty.

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