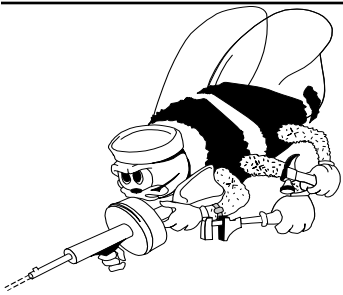


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## SEABEES

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### Register Now!

See Pages 16 & 19

# Palace Station Hotel

## A Great Reunion Is Planned!

October 10-12, 2005

### THINK DOOR PRIZES!

Bring at least one door prize per person. If you and your wife attend, bring at least two door prizes. In the past, some have brought five or more door prizes and we want to make sure everyone will go home with at least one door prize. So, help out with an extra door prize or two when you come and all will have a good time and not be left out. If you are bringing a guest in addition to your wife, bring a door prize for them also.

From our Commander,  
**Pete Elliott**

Clorinda and I are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the reunion. We promise that you are going to have a good time. There is plenty to see and do and you will be required to soak up some sun. Please make your reservations now!! (see pages 16 & 19)

Thought for every day:  
Start off the day with a smile and get it over with.

**FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY LANGUAGE  
(OR SEVERE DISTORTIONS THEREOF):**

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Practice safe eating, always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you ... well, red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give-away.)

A midget fortuneteller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

## **Arrrrrgghhhhh!**

I had put the answers to the quiz to list ten parts of the body which are spelled with three letters in the previous issue on page 18, but then took it off to put on the Schedule of Events and did not put it back on. Sorry about that. So, here are the answers to the quiz:

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|--------|---------|
| 1. Arm | 6. Jaw  |
| 2. Ear | 7. Leg  |
| 3. Eye | 8. Lip  |
| 4. Gum | 9. Rib  |
| 5. Hip | 10. Toe |

# **SEABEES**

## **November – March Dates to Remember**

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|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 5, 1942  | <b>Seabee Birthday!</b>                                                         |
| 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.      |
| April 1, 1945  | Seabees land on Okinawa.                                                        |
| April 8, 1942  | Doolittle Tokyo raid.                                                           |
| 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 4         | Independence Day.                                                               |
| July 26, 1944  | Seabees land on Tinian.                                                         |
| August 6, 1945 | Bombing of Hiroshima                                                            |
| August 7, 1942 | 1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal                                        |



## Notes from our members:

From **Mike Kazarian**: You are doing a great job. Keep up the good work [thanks]. Enclosed is my check for dues plus some extra for whatever. I had an appointment at the VA hospital in Reno yesterday and I have to say that everyone working there treats you like a king. Great, great people. Take care..... from **Bob Jones**: Enclosed is my check for dues and the rest for the museum fund or whatever is needed [thanks]. I enjoy the Newsletter..... from **Bob Long**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. I don't think I will make it to the Vegas reunion [we'll miss seeing you!]..... from **Doug Thorp**: Find enclosed a check for dues, plus extra for postage to Mexico and etc. Nothing new down here. Hope to make it to the October reunion. Looking forward to it. Boy! My granddaughter went bonkers for those Seabee hats. I'll have to order some more later [great! We have some Wannabee caps, too! We will have lots of goodies at the reunion.]..... from **Dave Budworth**: [e-mail] Here is a picture from San Antonio that was taken with Darla's camera. We could send you a colored 4X6 if you can use it. I know you probably can't use this email copy. Let us know. [Oh, yes I can! That is the best way for me to use these pictures. I have used a similar picture after the San Antonio reunion, but thanks.]..... from **Jack (Barbara) Vidusic**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]..... from **Harold (Don) Leasure**: I'm sending a check for my dues for the *SEABEES* Newsletter. **Pat Morris** had a copy of the Newsletter and sent it to me to review. It was the November 15, 2004, issue. I'm sending a little extra to help out the cause [thank you!]. I was with **Pat Morris** at CBMU-1 in 1952 and 1953. Thank you for your quick response [I sent **Don** some back issues of the Newsletter]..... from **Dick Todd**: My wife and I plan to attend the Las Vegas Reunion this October 10-12, providing our health and car are in good condition [they are coming from New Hampshire!]. I'm looking forward to meeting the gang, taking in some

shows, and doing some sight-seeing. We're not gamblers but will try our luck anyway [sure, that's all part of the Las Vegas experience. And who knows, you might drive home in that new Mercedes you just won!] I'm enclosing a check for my dues to keep me as a Good Guy. We may take the long way around to get there. [That will be a fun trip. That's what **Rachel** and I did for the Cleveland trip. 7,600 miles and gone 4 weeks!]..... from **Ray Nethercott**: I am enclosing a check for my dues [thanks]. In the last couple of Newsletters, **Art Leable** has been looking for **John Scheider**. I don't know where **John** is but I thought **Art** would be interested in this picture taken on Midway in 1951 before Mob 2 came aboard [see page 12]. **Art** is in the center front and **John** is in the rear, second from the left. Also, on the far right next to the chief is **Charley Trimarchi**, another Mob 2 member. The LST is the ship that brought Mob 2 Det. A to Midway in 1952. We were with CBD 1503 for 18 months before Mob 2 came in. Keep up the good work..... from **Ann Carey**: **Pat** wants ten US and ten POW flags. Do you still have them available? [you betcha! I'll get them out right away and thanks.] Enclosed is a check for them plus extra for his dues [thanks]..... from **Larry Stevenson**: **Capers Kinard's** wife, **Cynthia**, called me last week that **Capers** passed away in January. I asked if I could send a memorial for him and she said that he would have probably wanted me to send a donation to the Seabee Museum in his memory. So, enclosed is a check for the museum and will you see that **Cynthia** is notified of this memorial? [done! Wonderful, **Larry**. Thanks.]..... from **Pat Morris**: It's about time for me to get back on the Good Guy List. Find a check enclosed [thanks]. Also enclosed are some pictures from **Don Leasure** that were taken when he was in CBMU-1 in Korea [I'll try to get them in a future Newsletter and thanks]. They came to me by way of his son, **Charles**, who is serving with the US Navy in the UK. **Don** would like to hear from anyone that he served with in the Seabees. [Pat sent me a letter to him from **Don Leasure**: Hi, **Pat**: I really enjoyed your email to me. I tried to get back to you sooner but doctor appointments have kept me pretty busy. I'm so happy **Charles** found you. When he came home last Thanksgiving, he located my slides in the closet. They had been there for over fifty years. I knew they were there but just



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never did anything with them. I thank God that he took an interest in them. He put them on a CD so I can review them on my computer. It has given me a new lease on life and then looking you up has really added to it. Memories I thought were gone are coming back. My problem is that I can't remember the names of most of the guys in the pictures. I was sent to Atsugi for a few months at the end of my tour in Korea to help extend the strip there. When I returned to K-3, they sent me to MCB 2 at Cubi Point in the Philippines where I made CD1, but was only there 4 months when I got shore duty at North Island Air Station in San Diego. So, a lot has transpired since K-3 and my memory is a little foggy on the names. I'm anxious to see the pictures in the Newsletter. Maybe some of the guys will recognize themselves and contact you. I seem to be running off at the mouth, so I will let you go. I just want you to know how much I appreciate all your efforts.]..... from **Jack Schrader**: I was reading the latest Newsletter on the computer as I never received it by mail and I see my name was missing from the Good Guys List, so enclosed is a check for dues plus whatever you decide for the remainder [thank you]. I enjoyed the pictures and some brought back memories. I probably strolled to that shower room many times and probably dressed in the same manner. Thanks for your hard work keeping us informed. If it isn't too much trouble, would you send me the latest Newsletter? [I would be happy to but it hasn't gotten out of the printer's yet to be mailed. So, patience, **Jack**. Patience.]..... received dues from **Larry Vibber, Roy Grisham, Larry Jessop, Gerald Seger, Charles Minert, Don McLain, Tom Roy, Charles Rebb, Alexander Hamilton, Clem Gregurek, Ralph Bokern, Elwin 'Shorty' Campbell, William (Twyla) Duensing, John Recklitis, and Richard Baker** [thanks all] ..... from **Pat Badgett**: Enclosed is a check for my dues plus a donation to the museum [thanks]..... from **Doug Thorp**: Enclosed is a check for payment of my pledge to the museum. Thank you for handling the forwarding of it to the Foundation. This way, I know for sure we get the credit. It has been cold, cloudy and rainy here in La Paz, Baja California, for the last 5 days. I might as well be in Seattle! Once again, thanks. See you in October, and maybe earlier at the MCB 9 reunion..... from **Jack Wil-**



**son**: Here is a check for my dues and some extra to do with as you see fit [thanks]. I have been having knee trouble and may have to get it operated on, so if I do I want to do it soon so it will be OK for the Vegas reunion.



You are doing a great job with the Newsletter. Keep it up..... from **Robert Coley**: I was not on the Good Guy List so am sending a check for my dues [thanks]. I appreciate your Newsletter. Send me an up-to-date roster. Enclosed is a check for my dues and a little more for postage or whatever..... from **C.R. 'Lefty' Williamson**: I forgot to pay my dues in January, so here it is [thanks, and you're entitled to forget... for a while!]..... from **Chuck Chapman**: I knew that I would have to fork over some dough for dues. I had no idea how long I was paid up for and now I know. Put me back on the Good Guy List and maybe in a couple of years things will settle down and I'll know where up is. These last two years have been a BEAR. I have been traveling all over the state of Washington. I put about 45,000 miles a year on the old buggy. I had to trade in my 1988 Subaru when it topped 358,000 miles. Darn foreign products just don't last. My wife of three years and I took a trip through the Panama Canal west to east last October. It was a lot of fun with great sights and entertainment. I can't make the reunion in Las Vegas this year but will remember all the fun we had when we had our last reunion there. The last time I was in Vegas was with the Shriners over July 4, 2001. Our parade lasted until 2200 (10:00 p.m. to landlubbers). It was still around 100° in the shade—Ha! What shade? [ahhh, but it's a dry heat. And that is why we are having our reunion in October as it will be cooler then.] Take care and say 'hi' to the gang..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I sure did enjoy talking with you yesterday. I hope by now your weather is better. The weather here in Abilene is beautiful today, 70° and sunshine. I am sending you some of the photos that I spoke to you about. All of them are from Atsugi. Hopefully, you can include them in one of the future Newsletters [thanks, I will]. I am enclosing a check for the cap and a roster. We are looking forward to receiving the latest Newsletter you said that is in the mail. Thanks again for all of the work that you perform for the MCB 2 Seabees. Believe me, you are appreciated [thanks]..... from **Don "Ike" Eminhizer**: Sorry to be so late with my dues but I guess age is beginning

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to show [NO!]. I am not sure about the reunion this year since I do not see any Seabees from Atsugi, Japan, or CBD 1804 Detachment Able that I know, except



**Les Hall** and I meet with him about four times a year. If any old Seabees are interested in hooking up, let me know and I will consider Las Vegas in October. Please send an up-to-date roster with the extra. Keep up the good work. You do a terrific job [thanks, and come on to the reunion and meet all the other guys]..... from **Pat Lynch**: Just a note to let you know that **Mick** passed away September 17, 2004. We had planned to make the Vegas reunion, but now he is gone. He so enjoyed his years in the Navy with the Seabees..... from **Richard Swallow**: Please send me two US flags and two white Seabee flags. I will be doing a Seabee exhibit at the Vietnam Moving Wall in Tulsa from March 21 to 28 and a POW/MIA watchfire at the new Pittsburg, Kansas, Veterans Memorial April 29-30. I have enclosed photos of one of my previous exhibits. Perhaps you can publish them [I'll sure try. Probably a future Newsletter]..... from **Chuck Ingalls**: Sorry this is late [thanks]. Hope to see you in Vegas..... from **Bill Wisnowski**: Well, better late than never [I'll second that!]. That Ford station wagon on page 15 of the February Newsletter sure looks familiar. We took it to Baguio also, but it was in 1956. See you in October. Tell **Rachel** 'hi' and to get that Cadillac and chauffer ready (just kidding)..... from **Sam Holsomback**: Hope you and yours are having fun! We have just made our reservations for the reunion. Here is a check for my dues plus a check for the museum [thanks]. Hope to see you this year..... from **Robert Hart**: Enclosed is a check for dues and please send me a roster. We are having beautiful weather for February and March in western Nebraska. Hope all is well with you and yours. Thanks and keep up the good work [thank you!]..... from **Mel Dixon**: Here is a check for my dues plus whatever [thanks]. I noticed I was not on the Good Guy List. Sorry. I have been having too much hospital time lately..... from **Vic Jaccino**: [sent a check for dues and a bunch of pictures. Thanks.] I noticed I am not on the Good Guy List so I'm sending a check and some pictures in regards to **Bob McMillan's** pictures of the water supply. We piped water for about a half mile into camp. We also built the new

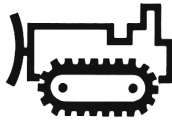
water tank as in the picture. That's **Ray Sorrentino** and me helping to build the new tank. As you can see by the mud, it was not fun and neither were the roads. [I'll try to run some of these pictures, but it looks like it will be a future edition.]..... from



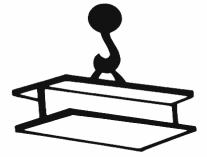
**Ken Chew**: It's always nice to read the Newsletter but this time I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List. I forgot this is a New Year and I haven't paid my dues. I am enclosing my check for dues and something extra for the museum [thanks]. Hope to see you in Las Vegas, and keep up the good work..... from **Norm Eveleth**: here is a check for dues [thanks]. Sorry to be late. I'm also send extra for a membership roster [on the way]. I enjoy reading the Newsletter, especially the photos. I'm not sure yet if I'll be able to attend the reunion this year.. .... from **Mike Barron**: First, I want to apologize for not getting my dues in on time but this has been one helluva year for us. **Barbara's** Parkinson's Disease acted up and, between the hospital and a rehab center, she has been out of the house for a month. Hopefully, she will be home sometime later this week. Right now, Las Vegas looks very "iffy" but if things work out, I would really like to be there. The pictures in the February Newsletter of Camayan Point brought back some memories. I believe I have a few shots which I will send you once we get back north to Albany some time around the end of April. Aside from my dues, please find a check for a Seabee automobile flag and a new roster [thanks, and on the way]..... from **Frank Jacus**: Thanks for printing the photos and the quiz. Enclosed are some quips you are sure to enjoy [**Frank** sent a few fillers and jokes for the Newsletter]..... from **Chuck Kangas**: We're looking forward to Las Vegas [enclosed a check for dues... thanks]..... from **Ralph Binney**: [enclosed a check... thanks] Thanks for all your good work! I'm sad to read that we lost **Bill Carter**. He will always be 18 years old..... from Father **Ray Beaulieu**: You are doing a good job [and enclosed a check for dues. Thanks]. I wish I could attend the reunion but health problems and age will keep me in Jamestown. Only a short trip to Davisville! God bless you..... from **William D. Alwine**: I was in Korea at K-3 in 1952 and 1953 and from there to Atsugi, Japan, in 1954. I have a story I wish to tell: When I was at K-3, there was a Papasam that swept out the transportation shack. In

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1956, I was in Beachmasters Unit 1 and we had an operation with the Marines at Pohang, Korea, where I was in charge of the Duck crews. We hit the beach and I was directing my men when I heard someone hollering, "Billsam, Billsam, Wild Bill!" I couldn't figure out who was calling me. I turned around and here stood the old Papasan calling me. He ran down the beach, grabbed and hugged me. I met his family there on the beach. I was so surprised that this old man remembered me from the early 50's when I was stationed there and was running a Super C scraper. I gave him a can of tobacco for his long pipe. I wonder if any of the men stationed there at that time remember that old fellow. It surely surprised me that he remembered me with all of the men on the beach that day. Just a little note if anyone remembered this good man. Enclosed is a check for my dues and I won't be able to make it to the Las Vegas reunion..... from **Frank Betonte**: Sorry I am late with my dues [thanks]. Old age, I guess. Use the extra for whatever [thanks again]. Keep those emails coming..... .. from **Mike Piro**: I feel bad that I didn't make the Good Guys List. First time since 1991. Man, do I feel BAD! Anyway, here's the check [thanks]. I won a couple of times at the reunions, but I just forgot. Thanks again. You are doing great. Hoping for Vegas.... Fingers crossed..... from **Ken Ludwig**: Here is a check for my dues and extra for postage [thanks]. Does this bring me up-to-date? [sure does] Keep up the good work..... from **Fred Cozad**: I saw where I missed sending in my dues. Please put me back on the Good Guy List [done! And thanks]. I would sure miss getting that great Newsletter you put out. Thanks again for doing such a great job. How do you like the stamp on the envelope? [Fred bought US postage stamps on line where you can put almost any image on a stamp, for a price. Fred put a picture of a Seabee on his stamp. Looks great!] ..... from **Harold Lind**: Here is a check for dues and extra for where you think you guys can use it best [thanks!]. Please let me know how I stand in my dues and whatever. [you are paid up through 2009, Harold.] I went to Japan and Korea in 1950 and returned in 1951. I won't be at Las Vegas. Why don't you try to have a reunion in Seattle



some time? Sorry about the scribbling but I'm trying to write this in my cabin about 100 miles from home [Libby, Montana] and it is cold as hell [well, that seems to be a contradiction of terms!].....



from **Mary Dick**: I read Mr. **Ernest Owens'** blurb in the Newsletter and I think it stinks that he isn't getting his full retirement pay after serving his country for so long. Please use my check to put him back on the Good Guy List. Thanks to all who have given so much to our country! [thanks, **Mary**. VA payments and sick benefits are not very high on the minds of congress.] Hope you and **Rachel** are doing well [we are, thanks]..... from **Joe Sobczak**: Enclosed are my dues to get back on the Good Guy List [done! And thanks] Use the balance for the Museum Fund . ..... from **Lloyd Kallsen**: I received the February newsletter which reminded me I haven't paid my dues. Enclosed find a check for dues and the balance for a membership roster [thanks, and it's on the way]..... from **L. P. 'Pop' Burleigh**: Enclosed is my check for dues. I received the February Newsletter and congratulations again for such a good job [thanks]. The year 2004 has been a medical year for me. I had open-heart surgery, cataract surgery, and some other problems. But, all in all, I am doing well now but am still having some breathing problems and get out of breath real easily. But I thank God for everything else being OK. We were blessed with a nice visit with **Stoney** and **Gladys Serrett** during the holidays. Keep up the good work, we appreciate it..... from **Lewie Baker**: I am late again with my dues, but I finally remembered it. [thanks] I hope this letter finds you well and doing OK [it does and I am]. In the February issue of the *SEABEES* Newsletter, on page 17 on the bottom right is a picture of some of my old buddies. That is **Bruce Barton** in the front. Sitting on the right side of the table behind **Bruce's** head is **Bartz**, but I don't remember his first name. Then, next to **Bartz** is me. The others I am sorry I can't remember their names. If **Bruce** were still alive, he would remember. The picture on the left side are familiar faces. They look like they are standing in front of MCB 2 tent #1 and we lived in tent #2. Up the hill is the EM Club. **Bruce Barton, Bartz** and I were at Adak together, too. I wish I could remember the other names but it was nice seeing that picture. I would like to know the other names but, oh well. Thanks

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for all your help and effort.....  
from **Glen Bates**: I found my name missing from the 2005 list so thought I had better get something in the mail. Though I spent most of my time with Det. 1503 out of NCB 103 and with MCB 10 on Guam. I still enjoy the bulletin and see a few names I know. I have enclosed a check for dues and maybe this will keep me out of trouble for a while [thanks]. **Joan** and I have spent several nights in Henderson and we know the Las Vegas area well. I know you will have a great time there [come on and join us, **Glen!**]..... from **Joe De Franco**: Due to bad knees, I cannot drive a long distance and **Elaine** refuses to fly. Sorry, but we cannot attend the reunion. Many thanks for all your time and effort ..... from **Harry Ladley**: Enclosed please find my check for my dues [I did! Thanks]. As I am basically homebound, I will not be able to attend the reunion in Las Vegas. I hope all goes well..... from **John Weires**: [enclosed a check for dues] Late again! I forget the annual dues almost always. I would like to have the nylon jacket sent to my home. Also, are there any available patches for CBMU 1 or 101 Det. A that could be sewn on the jacket? [I don't have any, but you might check with **Pat Morris**.]..... from **Claude Garcenot**: I received the newest *SEABEES* Newsletter and noted that I was not among the Good Guys. Sorry about that. I am enclosing a check for dues plus I would like to order a leather jacket with the insignias as shown in a large size. I would also like to order a Seabee cap, and there should be enough in my check for all this plus shipping. If not, please email me at frog8@aol.com and I will send additional funds [no, plenty in the check, **Claude**. I hope you like the jacket and cap.]..... from **Chuck (Helen) McCabe**: Enclosed find a check for our dues. Surprise!! We will be to the reunion this year. We haven't seen all the folks for several years and are really looking forward to October. We will then go on down to Yuma and stay until March of '06. We just got back home from Yuma this year, so are really busy unpacking and trying to catch up on our homework. See you all in October..... from **Bob Conroe**: Here is a check for my dues and sorry to be a bit late [thanks]. All is well with my wife and me. When snow comes to the



Lake Erie area it doesn't want to leave. Here it is the middle of March and we are still getting lake effect snow. I received a letter from **Gary Rawlings** requesting some of the photos from Midway Island. I was able to send several photos to him. **Anne** and I are planning to attend the next reunion in Las Vegas. Hope all is well with you and your family..... from **Jerry Vasquez**: I forgot again. Here is a check for my dues [thanks]..... from **Jack Mayo**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Please send me a copy of the membership roster and use the balance to be contributed to the museum. Keep up the good work. I really appreciate the Newsletter. I'll see you at the Vegas meeting..... from **Bert Helms**: Forgot again. Put me back on the Good Guy List [done, and thanks]. How much are Seabee hats? [Seabee caps are \$10 each and we have many different colors and types]..... from **Art Hees**: I'm not on the Good Guy List, so what do I owe to get back on? Enclosed is a check and hope that covers it for a while [it does, thanks]. After that, who knows..... from **Stoney Serrett**: Just a few lines to say hello and to let you know that I have made my arrangements with the hotel in Vegas. Recently, I received a letter from **C.T. Green**, treasurer for the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation. In the letter he is informing me that MCB 2, being a major donor to the museum project, will be recognized by an engraved plaque in the new museum. I wonder if the membership is aware of that fact. I think it will be very special and I look forward to the day we will be able to visit the new museum. One question: I have not noticed how we will order our dinner for the banquet night. Is that info still forthcoming? [see page 16] I may have missed something here... old age, maybe? [yours or mine, **Stoney?**] **Gladys** and I send our regards to you and **Rachel** and hope all is well..... from **Clem Gregurek**: In the latest (Feb. 15th) *SEABEES* Newsletter, there's a photo on page 9, bottom left hand corner, 3 men standing by a weapons carrier. The one standing on the right side background - his name is **Ryder**. That's all we knew him by. Foreground, right side, in front of **Ryder**, is me. I was known as "**Gregg**". I was the only PNSN in the whole Seabees unit that ran a road grader. The guy leaning out the window looks like it could be a guy named **Shaw**. That is to the best of my knowledge, I'm not 100% sure. The picture above it was our headquarters building. The fireplace you see was built in the winter and the ground was frozen solid.

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During the spring thaw, it started leaning about 20° and it cracked. I worked in that building as a Personnelman until they were shorthanded for equipment operators. They asked if any of us could run equipment. I told them that, being from a farm, I ran tractors and graders. He said, "Son, you got yourself a road grader job!" I was there - K-3 and K-6 from December '52 through October '53..... from **Marshall Williams**: I'm enclosing a check for my dues [thanks]. I don't know about the reunion yet. I hope I can make it. I would like to see a couple old high school classmates of mine that live in Vegas. I'll try to get my health up to par. You remember 2001 in San Antone. The food got to me. I ate at the Pig Pen and the next morning I went to the hospital. I'm allergic to a lot of foods and have to stick to the basics when I travel. But, we'll see later if I can make it to Las Vegas. I was with CBD 1804, MCB 2, then MCB 11 at Cubi Point in '53 & '54..... from **Dwight Yetter**: I see my name is not on the last Good Guy List, so I must not have paid my dues for 2005. Enclosed is my check and sorry to be late. [that's OK. You're paid up now. Thanks]..... from **Richard Fairbanks**: I noted that I wasn't one of the Good Guys so will rectify that [thanks]. I doubt that I will ever get to another reunion. I was one of the WW II retreads and was called up for Korea. I was in formation when MCB 2 was activated. I went to the Aleutians with MCB 3 but left them in Hueneme before the Philippines. Went with CBD 1804 just as they became CBMU 1 at K-6..... from **Hark Ketels**: I have many fond memories of MCB 2 in the P.I. Good friends, great work experience, and the opportunity to see other parts of the world. Hopefully, Some day I can attend one of your reunions [Las Vegas is close, **Hark!** Don't miss the chance!]..... from **Richard Swallow**: I have just completed an 8-day Seabee exhibit at the Moving Wall in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I met several Seabees whom I gave info to regarding their respective reunion groups. The YL-37 Group flew in two of their Sikorsky UH-34 helicopters and there were several other military exhibits. Some photos are enclosed [I'll try to include them in a future Newsletter. Thanks]..... from **Don Seethaler**: We are moving back to Ohio [see change of address]. Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]. Thanks for keeping all of us in touch..... from **Mary Cure**:

I'm sorry I have been so slow in sending **John's** pictures. I think most of them are from Cubi Point in the early days of the 50s because he got out in July 1954. I am also sending some pictures that **Donald Smith's** mother had sent **John**. I hope they will help and that you can use them [I'll get some in future Newsletters. Thanks]. I am also sending a check in **John's** name for the CEC/Seabee Museum. He was always very proud of his time in the Seabees. Thank you so much. I am also enclosing a check for postage and a newspaper clipping about the museum [thanks, **Mary**. You will continue receiving this Newsletter.]... from **Michael Barron**: We made a big decision. When we get back to our home in Albany, we plan to empty it of 37 years of accumulated "stuff", put the house on the market, and make Florida our permanent year 'round home. Since our kids are spread all over the place, there is nothing holding us up there. In the meantime, we will be at our address in Albany and I will let you know when we move permanently to Florida. When I sent in my dues, I also requested a Seabee car flag and a roster. I got the flag but am still waiting for the roster [cheap help]. I would appreciate one at your convenience [I'll get my cheap help to print one]. It appears that, due to **Barbara's** health problem, it is very unlikely that we will be able to make it to the Las Vegas reunion this year. We are both disappointed, but will possibly make the 2007 reunion..... from **Roy Peak**: I'm back in Kennewick, WA, after 2½ months in Berkeley, CA, visiting my daughter and her family. I was an AARP Tax Counselor for the Elderly and did Federal and California tax returns at libraries in Berkeley and Oakland. I managed to help 183 clients and was kept busy. I have phoned in my hotel reservation using the form provided in the February Newsletter. I asked for a value room because I don't expect to spend much time there or to entertain in my room. I have also made plane reservations, so am ready for the reunion. I leave next week to fly to Hamden, Conn., for the next seven weeks. I'll be nurse and gofer for a family member who is getting a knee replaced..... from **Jesse Wilson**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Would you please send me a price list of the Seabee memorabilia [sure will. It's on the way.] . . . . . That's about it for this issue, folks. Be sure to send me your reunion registration and call the hotel to make your room reservations. I expect to publish one more Newsletter before I'll see you in October!



## MAKE A NOTE!

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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.

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*Life's precious moments don't have  
value, unless they are shared.*

## 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 .

# The Good Guy List

Allan Alberg, Clark Alexander, William Alwine, Vern Ammentorp, David Anderson, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Lewie Baker, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Lowell Baldwin, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Mike Barron, Don Barry, Glen Bates, Dale Baugh, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Bill Body, Ralph Bokern, James Bolton, Alexander Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, Al Burkhardt, L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, 'Shorty' Campbell, Patrick Carey, Bennie Carlson, Edwin Carlson, Mike Castelvechi, Ken Catchpole, Mylo Cayou, George Chang, C..L. 'Chuck' Chapman, Ken Chew, Walter Cloonan, Robert Coley, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Robert Conroe, Howard Cornwell, Richard Coulson, Jack Coulter, Fred Cozad, Pat Cunningham, John (Mary) Cure, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Joe De Franco, Jim De Keyser, Ed Dechant, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Melvin Dixon, Howard Doyle, William Duensing, Pete Elliott, Don 'Ike' Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Al Erb, Ralph Evans, Norm Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Dick Farbo, Warren Flading, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Leonard Fowler, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Lane Freitag, Al Fritz, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, Ken Gaskell, Roger Germundson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Russ Granby, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Frank Gresser, Roy Grisham, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Robert Hart, Art Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Gerald Herr, Juanita Hershberger, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Charles Ingalls, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Vic Jaccino, Frank Jacus, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ordean Johnson, Don Jones, Robert Jones, John Jurkash, Lloyd Kallsen, Chuck

Kangas, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Edward 'Mike' Kazarian, Duane Keech, Hark Ketels, Richard Keyes, Capers Kinard, Denise King, William Knight, John Kolasz, Emil Krygier, Harry Ladley, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Conrad Lawlor, Art Leable, Harold Leasure, Max Leavell, Harold Lind, Herbert (Red) Liverman, Robert Lohrentz, Robert Long, Stan 'Pete' Lore, Ken Ludwig, 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, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Chuck Minert, Frank Mingo, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Pat Morris, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Eugene Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Don Nitsche, Joseph O'Brien, Mel Olson, Ernest Owens, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro, Cecil Price, David "Ernie" Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Charles Rebb, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Don Seethaler, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Rik Shafer, Don Shoff, Lew Shugar, Jim Sichel, William Sigmund, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Walter Smith, Warren Smith, Joseph Sobczak, Ray Sonnen, Ted Speros, Ken Stancombe, Gene Staples, Tom Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Kenneth Stoutland, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, William 'Pete' Taylor, George Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Donald (Denise King) Truskey, Al Ulman, Jerry Vasquez, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Marshall Williams, Pete Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Clarence 'Lefty' Williamson, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, William Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, Dwight Yetter, 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

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paid through the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 (no dues card sent out). This list is as of May 4, 2005. There are currently 266 paid up members from a mailing list of 538. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 776 names on the full member roster. (SW)

## Need a Membership Roster?

If you have a need for an up-to-date membership roster, drop me a line with a couple of bucks and I'll send you one. We currently have 776 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 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.

*A best friend is like a  
four leaf clover: hard to  
find and lucky to have.*



## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Richard Coulson  
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CBMU 1

William C. 'Pete' Taylor  
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Elberton, GA 30635

## Our Fallen Comrades

Capers C. Kinard

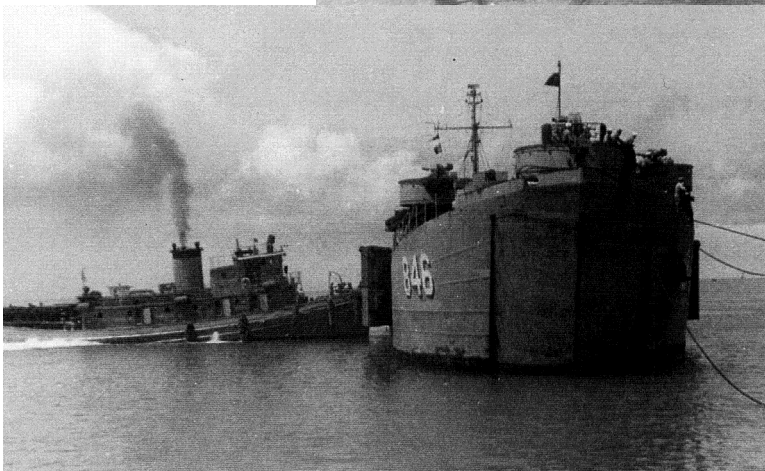
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*May he live on in our memories.*



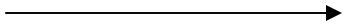
### Who Are These Guys?

Lew Shugar sent me this picture by way of Bill Seesman and Stoney Serrett. Bill Seesman is in the center next to the guy in the skivvies and Lew Shugar is on the left. The picture was taken at Atsugi, Japan. Does anybody know who the rest of these guys are?



These two pictures are from Ray Nethercott and were taken on Midway in 1951 before Mob 2 came aboard. Art Leable is in the center front and John Scheider is in the rear, second from the left. Also, on the far right next to the chief is Charley Trimarchi, another Mob 2 member. The LST is the ship that brought Mob 2 Det. A to Midway in 1952

These two pictures are from Bill Ganske.



# MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

## Name/Source

Pat Badgett  
Ken Chew  
Mary Cure in memory of  
John Cure  
Sam Holsomback  
Jack Mayo  
Joe Sobczak  
Larry Stevenson in memory of  
Capers Kinard  
Doug Thorp

## Contributed This Period (Feb.-May)

\$440.00

## Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

## Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$9,490.41

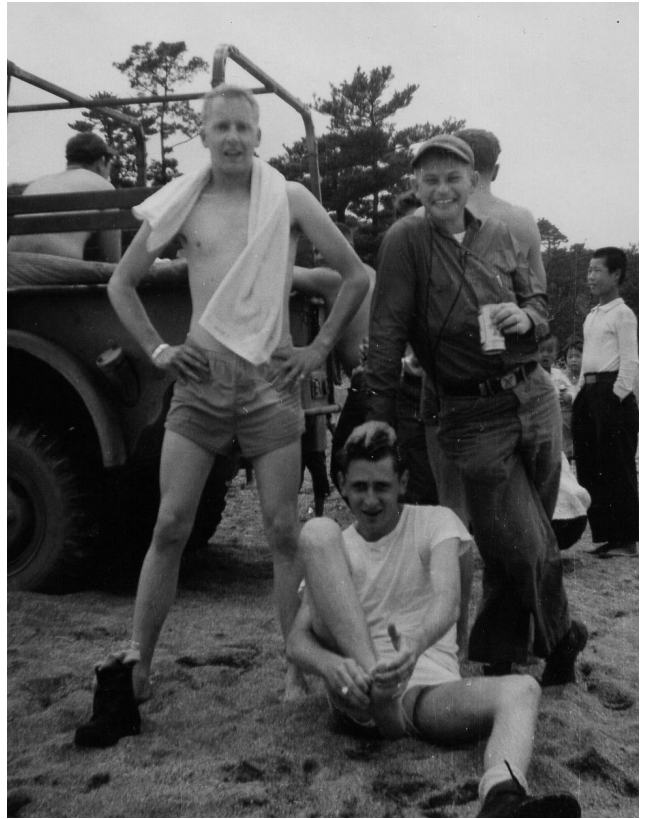
## Total Pledged to Date

\$7,915.41

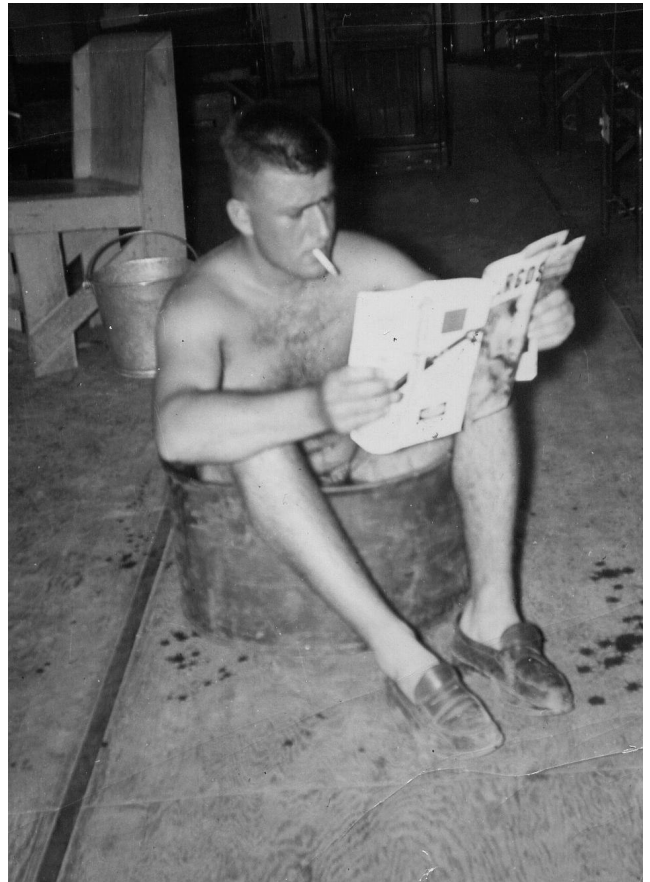
## Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$10,815.41

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



Don Mayer, Erv Lampe, Bearet.



Karl Weisenbacher –  
studying for the Surveyor's exam.



## Entertainment and Shows, continued.

**Penn & Teller** \$80  
Penn & Teller's unique mix of comedy and magic involving knives, guns, and fire.  
Rio Hotel (702) 777-7777  
(Dark on Tuesdays) (800) 784-5737

**Scintas** \$59.95  
The Scintas combine music, comedy and impressions to put on an excellent variety show that is great for families.  
Rio Hotel (702) 777-7777  
(800) 784-5737

**The Platters, Coasters & Drifters** \$40 & \$45  
The legends of yesterday come alive where they perform their top hits from the 50s & 60s.  
Sahara Hotel (702) 737-2111  
(888) 696-2121

**Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition**  
\$16.95  
Salvaged treasures from the Titanic. The story of the tragic journey is told and artifacts displayed.  
Tropicana Resort (702) 739-2222  
(800) 634-4000

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Friends listen to what you have to say.  
Best friends listen to what you don't say!

## Things to Do and Points of Interest Las Vegas, Nevada

### Driving/Bus Tours

- Red Rock
- Hoover Dam
- Valley of Fire

### Local Shopping

- Boulevard Mall – Maryland Parkway between Flamingo and Desert Inn
- 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, and many smaller shops.)
- 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

### Local Sights & Museums

- Elvis Museum
- Liberace Museum
- Imperial Palace Auto Collection
- Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum
- Madame Tussauds Wax 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.

# Las Vegas Reunion Registration Form

(Please print all information)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Unit

Guest(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home City State ZIP

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Telephone Number

Planned arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Planned departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day/Date Day/Date

**Registration Fee per Person (member or guest)..... \$ 5**

**Banquet per Person..... \$35**

**Total: \$40 per person attending**

**Make a copy of this form and send it with your check for pre-registration and the banquet to Scott Williams .**

Name tags will be made for those pre-registered as we did in Cleveland:  
MCB 2 or CBMU 1/101 emblem on the name tag.

**Please, everyone pre-register to provide us a count of attendees.  
Registration is available at the door for a limited number.**

There are no planned group activities.

A list of sights, shopping malls, museums, etc is on page 15.

The Palace Station Hotel has a tour service where tours can be scheduled  
on a one-day notice.

A list of some good shows is on pages 14 and 15.

**Everyone! Bring a Door Prize for the Banquet!**



# Palace Station

# Dinner Buffet Menu

## Salads

Tossed Green Salad with dressing choices and condiments

Seafood Salad

Pasta Salad

Ambrosia

Assorted Relishes on Ice

Fresh Seasonal Sliced Fruit

## Entrees

Sliced Roast Sirloin in Mushroom Sauce

Chicken Angelo

Filet of Salmon with Orange Tarragon Sauce

## Sides

Chef's Choice of Pasta, Potato, or Rice

Fresh Steamed Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Dessert Selection

Sugar-Free Dessert Selection

## Drinks

Freshly Brewed Coffee

Iced Tea

\$35 per dinner

includes 8% Nevada State Sales Tax and 18% Gratuity

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.	<b>Early Bird Registration</b>	<b>\$5/person</b>
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.	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>	<b>\$5/person</b>
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.	<b>Reunion Registration open</b>	<b>\$5/person</b>
8:30 a.m.	-	10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting	
10:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.	<b>Late Reunion Registration open</b>	<b>\$5/person</b>
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	

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*Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?*

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)

Queen

King

Triple (add \$15 or \$30)

Quad (add \$20 or \$40)

**Special needs** (subject to availability): Smoking/non-smoking; Handicap.

**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.

# MCB 2 Reunion Association, Inc.

c/o Scott H. Williams  
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Las Vegas, NV 89128

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