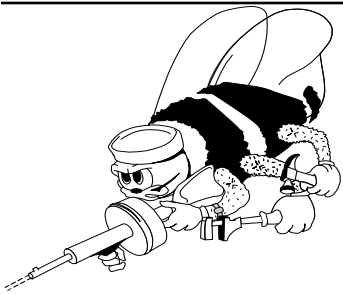


# MCB 2 Reunion Association

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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

# NEXT STOP: LAS VEGAS!

**This Is The Last Newsletter Before Our Reunion!  
Make Your Reservations NOW!**

**DON'T MISS THIS REUNION!  
IT WILL BE ONE OF THE  
BEST YET!**

Send in your reservation form to Scott Williams for the Registration and Banquet and call the Palace Station Hotel for your room reservation. Absolutely the best rates in town for quality rooms and service are provided by our host hotel, so don't miss out on the special rates. Reservations **MUST BE** made by September 9, so make them now before you miss the cut-off date! See page 19 for the Hotel Reservation form and page 16 for the Banquet and Registration form.

**Palace Station Is  
A Great Host Hotel!**

We have a terrific Hospitality Room that will accommodate 75 or more at once! In the room will be all of the Ship's Store merchandise (see pages 14 & 15), all of the Door Prizes that are brought, Raffle prizes to benefit your Association, plus all of the drinks and snacks that makes a Hospitality Room hospitable. Be sure to send in your reservations now for the wonderful banquet (see page 17) and call the

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hotel to make your reservations. Plan to come for the full three days, as you will meet old buddies and make new friends that will seem as though you have known them forever. Don't miss the good times and regret later not making it to Las Vegas. The weather will have cooled quite a bit and will be enjoyable day and evening. Average temperatures during the day for October 10-12 are about 80° and for overnight they are around 60°, so bring a sweater or light jacket (or better yet, buy one of the Seabee jackets from the Ship's Store!). The daytime temperatures are comfortable since the humidity is so low, but you should have sunglasses and comfortable walking shoes. You will probably want to return to the Palace Station Hotel in the afternoon to change into something a bit warmer for your evening wear. Show information will be in your registration bag so you can make some reservations after arrival, but if you want a show like Danny Gans (impersonator - very good), you should call now to make reservations (dark Mondays) as many of the A-list shows are booked weeks earlier. All the toll-free numbers were listed in the last issue of this Newsletter. Don't delay in making all your reservations as this will be one of our best reunions ever. See you in Las Vegas!

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

- **A midget fortuneteller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.**
- **Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.**
- **Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.**
- **Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.**
- **Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.**
- **Acupuncture is a jab well done.**

# SEABEES

## June–September Dates to Remember

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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 9, 1945	Bombing of Nagasaki.
August 7, 1942	1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal
August 20, 1942	OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal; first CEC/Seabee officer to enter as combat zone.
Sept. 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland. WWII begins.
Sept. 1, 1942	6th NCB Seabees arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone.
Sept. 2, 1945	Formal surrender of Japan. WWII ends.
Sept. 14, 1892	Admiral Ben Moreell's birthday.
Sept. 15, 1950	Seabees land at Inchon, Korea.
Sept. 15, 1950	MCB 2 Commissioned



## Notes from our members:

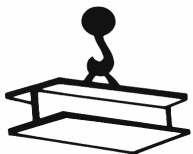
From **John Weires**: [I sent him a Seabee jacket] Thanks for the jacket. The size seems OK and I don't believe that I need any heavier one, like the leather jacket you mentioned. Enclosed please find my check for your expenses. Thanks again [thank you!]. I will contact Pat Morris as you had suggested to see if he knows where I can get a CBMU 1/101 patch..... from **Ray Nethercott**: It was swell talking to you. The shot of the shark is no fish story [see page 11]. We hooked it in our small boat basin on Midway. That's **Charley Trimarchi** and me with the white hat against the pallets..... from **Jerry Vasquez**: [enclosed a check for dues] Thanks, **Scott**..... from **Jim Stephens**: Enclosed is my 'oops' check. Thank goodness for the "Good Guy List" — it's the best way to let us know. Thanks..... from **Lee Stevens**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List so I guess I owe for my dues [thanks]. I'm not flying, so if you all don't get the reunion within driving distance, **Lucy** and I will not be at any reunions..... received reservation form from **Erv Lampe** [thanks, **Erv**! You are the first!]..... from **Lew Shugar**: I'm looking for some info about a Reserve Chief that came aboard MCB 2 at Atsugi. If I remember right, his first name was 'Bill' and he was out of the Honolulu Naval Yard. He was the sort of guy that bragged a lot about what he did in the past. I was reading a book once, I can't remember the name of it, but it had to do with some extraordinary repair work that was done in the Naval shipyard in Honolulu. It told the story of an aircraft carrier that got shot up in battle and barely made it back to Pearl to be repaired. The book stated that it would have normally taken three weeks to repair the ship, but under the heroic direction of this 'Bill' what's his name, the repairs were completed in three days and the carrier was returned to sea. My question is this: Does anyone remember this guy? He was short and stocky and red-faced. He invited us to see him when we came back through Hawaii again

and we did. It was true that he was in charge of the shipfitters in the yard. Maybe you can throw this out to the shipmates of MCB 2 that were there at Atsugi and someone may remember him. It would probably be someone with a Steelworkers rating. Thanks..... from **Clyde (Marian) Stenholm**: Enclosed is our reservation for the reunion and banquet, a separate check for one blue Seabee two US flags and another check for the museum project [thank you!]. We haven't made up our mind yet if we are driving or flying to Vegas. Again, we have a lot of things to bring and **Marian** can't resist a bargain. See you and **Rachel** in the Fall..... from **Clark Alexander**: I just received the latest Newsletter and I read in it that **Richard Fairbanks** was in MCB 3 when it went to the Aleutians before going to CBD 1804 in Korea. I was in MCB 3 in the Aleutians, then we came back to Hueneme where I was transferred to CBD 1804 at K-3 in Korea. I was there around the first of November 1950 to November 1951. I did not go to K-6. I was a dispatcher in the transportation department while I was there. I was wondering if he was there about the same time. [**Ike Eminhizer**: do you know these men? They may be here in Las Vegas for the reunion and you can all have a good visit!]..... from **Bob Janson**: My humble apologies for the lateness of this, but enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. I won't be able to get to the reunion again, so please send my best to all of the guys from CBMU 101 and MCB 2. Keep up the good work..... from **William (Twyla) Duensing**: [sent a check for dues in an envelope that had been returned with a bad address but was the same address as the one enclosing the original envelope. Sometimes I just don't understand the US Post Office.]..... from **Mal (Marge) Pearson**: [enclosed their reservation form] We are looking forward to Las Vegas!! Yes, I have some quarters I am bringing! [**Marge** won a pretty good jackpot when here ten years ago.] We are going to our lake home for the summer. Say hi to **Rachel** and see you soon..... from **Karl Weisenbacher**: After receiving the latest copy of *MCB 2 Seabee* Newsletter dated May 15, 2005, I felt I should give an explanation of my picture sitting in a tub reading a newspaper. No, I wasn't studying for the surveyor's exam. What happened was this: We were surveying for landing lights at K-3 up in the hills around the base so that,



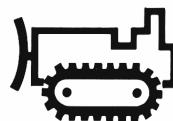
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when the jets took off on a mission, they wouldn't crash into the hills. Well, the weapons carrier we were using went over a ditch embankment, I went flying in the air and landed on my tailbone aggravating a cyst I had there. It just wouldn't heal. The Navy doctor at K-3 then sent me to the hospital ship USS Haven docked at Inchon Harbor. They operated on my cyst and sent me back to K-3 with instructions by the Navy doctor to sit in a tub of hot water with Epsom Salts until the cyst healed. [That's a long time! It's a wonder you didn't turn into a prune!] Well, where was I going to get a tub? I went to the equipment garage at the Seabee compound and my fellow Seabees said, "Don't worry, **Karl**. We will fix something up for you." They cut a 55-gallon metal drum in half, rounded out the jagged edge with a torch and said, "There you are, **Karl**. Now have your bath." Well, you can imagine what happened when I got back to my hut with my tub. My hut-mates were roaring with laughter and took turns jumping into the tub [**Karl** sent a copy of a picture of another Seabee sitting in the tub with all his clothes on.]. Well, everything turned out all right after a few weeks with the hot water and Epsom Salts. My cyst healed completely and hasn't bothered me since, 52 years later. What great camaraderie we Seabees have! It's something you just can't buy. [I guess your story is true, **Karl**, but I like what **Bill Ganske** said... you were studying for the surveyor's exam!] Enclosed is a check for my dues. I don't want to get on the "Bad Guys List!" [No chance.... You are too great a good guy for that!]..... from **Ambros (Sonja) Johnson**: Thanks so much for all you do! See you in Vegas! [and they sent their reservation form]..... from **Doug Emond**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Ray Sorrentino**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Question: Do you have any T shirts with the Seabee emblem on them? If you have any, let us know in the Newsletter [yep! We sure do! We have three or four different Seabee T shirts.] ..... from **Earl Ralph Presson**: Enclosed is my check for dues and one Seabee flag with white back-



ground. If there is any money left over, use it for whatever. Thanks..... from **Arnold Daisy**: Enclosed is my check for dues. I also need a current membership

roster. Any money left over, use it for the Newsletter [thanks]..... from **Pat Badgett**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Robert 'Frenchie' Jandreau**: I forget how far back I owe for dues. I guess I'll have to watch when I get off the Good Guys List. I enjoy the Newsletter very much. Keep up the good work. I won't make it to the reunion again this year, so hope you guys have a good time..... From **Sam Holsomback**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Art Hoskinds**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Bill Wisnowski**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Cecil Price**: Hope this finds you and your family doing well [it does, thanks]. I'm sending my registration form for the October Reunion but our attendance is going to depend on our health. Wilma just got home from the hospital yesterday (06/02) and surgery may be necessary. As for me, I am packing around a broken arm and wrist. Offhand, I can't think of any more bad news to give you except that VA medical help down here in south Texas is hard to come by and nothing to write home about when you do get it. I haven't heard what my CBMU 1 K-6 buddies plan this year but they be big boys and over 21, I think. Guess I had best quit for now. If I see I can't make Vegas, I'll give you a call..... from **Rodney White**: I'm sending a check for my dues and I'd like to have a new membership roster [thanks, and on the way]. Also enclosed is my registration for the reunion [thanks again]. Use whatever is left for whatever and hope to see all in October at the reunion..... from **Amos Phillips**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Bill Wilcoxon**: Sorry I'm so late with my dues. I hope you get this in time to get me on the Good Guy List before the next Newsletter. I would also like to put some of that check toward the museum project and the rest for postage or whatever [thank you very much]. I'm sending an old news clipping I found. If you can use it in the Newsletter, I can get you a picture of the fishing pier. Let me know. Otherwise, just toss it [no way! See page 12]. We're looking forward to seeing you in Vegas!..... from **George Dorge**: Sorry I am so late with my dues [and thanks]. No excuse, maybe lazy. May not make it to the reunion. Everything is fine with us here. Hope the same with you [it is, thanks]..... from **Rex Roark**: [sent



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their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Rich "Nellie" Nelson**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Alex Hamilton**: Enclosed is a check for reservations for two [thanks]. See you in October..... from **Ken Gaskell**: [sent his reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Don Henderson**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Charles Johnson**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **John Wilborn**: [sent a check for caps ordered for friends and pictures of the computer desk and cabinets he built this year. Really nice work!] ..... from **Danny Terry**: Please find the enclosed check for my dues and please send me a membership roster [on the way]. Please keep the change for stamps, etc. I really enjoy the Newsletter. I am sorry that I am so late with my dues. Thank you for a great job..... from **Ken Willard**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks! Ken recently found us and was with CBD 1804 and CBMU 1/101] ..... from **Roger Mohs**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] ..... from **Charlie (Pauline) Hagemann**: [sent their reservation form. Thanks!] Thank you, **Scott**, for the many hours you work to keep this ship going. And **Rachel**, thank you for being the woman [I couldn't read the rest] ..... from **Mike Castlevectchi**: [sent his reservation form. Thanks! Later, sent me an email that his brother, **Frank**, will be coming also.] ..... from **Bob Hoare**: [someone liked his Seabee cap and it walked away. **Bob** asked me to send another.] Enclosed is a check for the Seabee cap. Thanks, and use the change for postage or whatever..... from **Harold Saucier**: Thanks for sending the previous issues of the Newsletter [you are most welcome]. I have enjoyed reading them, especially about CBMU 101. Please apply the enclosed check to previous issues sent to me (sorry I am late on my dues), plus future issues, and a membership roster, as you see fit [thanks, and the roster is on the way]. In the last Newsletter, **Bill Alwine** mentioned the Papasan that swept out the Transportation Shack at K-3. By coincidence, I took a picture of Papasan in front of the Shack during my tenure there in 1954-1955. I will contact **Bill** after I get the roster to see if he wants a copy of the picture. Sorry, but I won't be making it to the reunion this year. Maybe later..... from



**Bill Sharp**: Sorry to be among the missing on the Good Guy List. I served with MCB 2 from 1952-1955 at Subic Bay, tent #46. Enclosed are a couple of photos of the guys [see page 12]. I was also with Det. Able to Sangley Point for housing construction and was on Grande Island for a while with **Bolton** and others counting weapons. Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks] plus some extra for a donation to the museum. We hope to make the October reunion as we missed the last one..... received reservations for the reunion from **Stan Dauer, John Bloem, Mike Piro, Stan Lore, Howard Doyle, Emil Krygier, Arlin Hardwick, Warren Culberston, and Charles McCabe** [thanks, all]..... **Charles Hogan** sent a check for Seabee decals ordered [thanks]..... received dues from **Don Grobbel** [thanks]..... received dues from **Dick Sim**..... from **Phil Brunelle**: Sorry to see that I've ended up on the Bad Guy List. Now, my excuse is as follows: When I attend the Seabee reunion, I pay for two years, which I figured kept me in good graces until the next reunion. Wrong, and I apologize [hmmmm... it should, but the next sentence might clear that up]. **Pat** and I will not be making the reunion, with regrets. You, the Commander and all the staff have done a great job and I feel this reunion will be super. Thanks for everything and my dues are enclosed with a little extra for healing [thanks] ..... from **Phil Wagenschnur**: Enclosed is a check for dues and extra for a roster [thanks, and it is on the way]..... [a phone call from **Sam Holsomback** saying he has a conflict with the reunion and will not be able to attend. We'll miss you and your peanut brittle, **Sam**]..... from **Harold Don Leasure**: I am sending a check to you for the CEC/Seabee Museum to ensure MCB 2 gets the credit for it. I am also enclosing a check for my dues with a little extra to have you send me a current membership roster [thanks, and on the way] . My first hitch in the Navy was aboard the USS Valley Forge CV 45, but Pres. Truman extended us a year and I shipped over for six in the Seabees. It was the best thing I ever did. I really enjoyed those six years. After Drivers School in Port Hueneme, I spent 14 months with the 124th NCB in Adak. From there, I put in for Korea and was sent to CBMU 1 at K-3. It was later changed to CBMU 101 while I was there. After Korea, I was sent to Cubi Point in the Philippines serving with



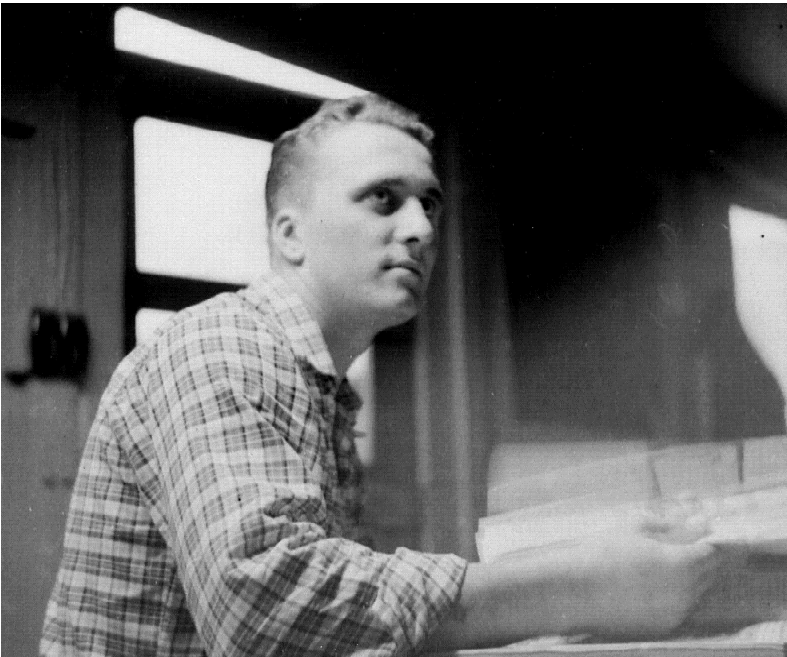
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MCB 2 but was transferred after 4 months to North Island San Diego for Shore Duty. I am hoping to get to the reunion in October if my son can get home from England to take me. I'm getting a little feeble and can't get around too well by myself. Although my memory is hazy, I would sure like to run into some of the guys from Korea or the Philippines that I knew.. That is the reason for my request for the membership roster. Thanks for your help and keep up the good work..... from **Gene (Jo) McDonagh**: Unhappily, **Gene** is facing more major surgery (a very serious problem with his eye and is not a cataract). We are taking it one day at a time and will hope for Las Vegas. At this time, it looks like 'maybe' and 'depends.' ..... That's about it for this issue, folks. In fact, that's it for this volume. Volume 6 Issue 1 will be published in November/December, as soon as I can get it ready after the reunion. This issue marks my 10th year as your editor/publisher of this Newsletter since I took over from Roy Cone. If all is well, let me know. If you would like a new editor/publisher, bring it up at the reunion business meeting. And I hope to see you there. Have a safe trip to Las Vegas!..... Scott

## 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 .

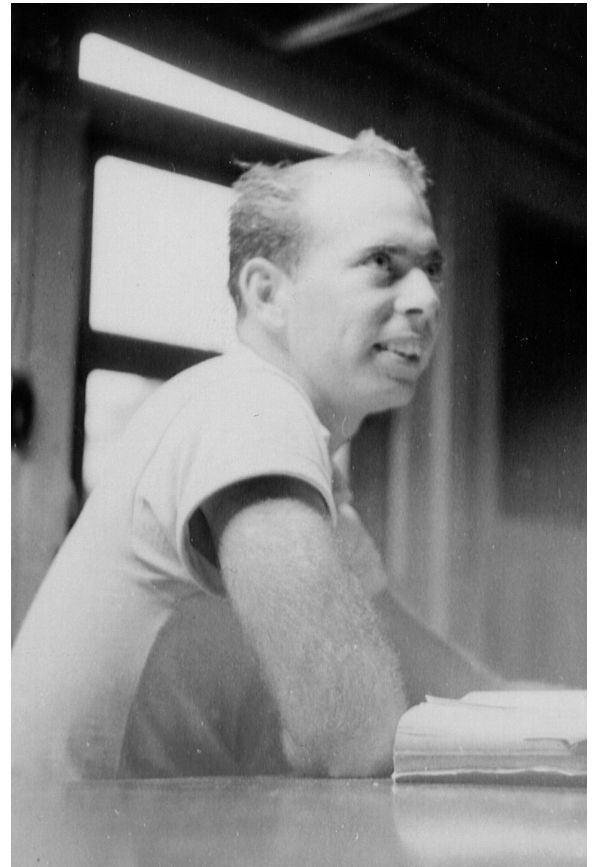


Above: Doug Emond;

Right: Scott Williams

These pictures at Sangley Point, P.I. 1956.

From Bill Wisnowski



**MAKE A NOTE!**  
**ADDRESS CORRECTION**

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P.O. Box 317  
Los Molinos, CA 96055-0317  
CBMU 1

Benjamin P. Balog  
% Garcia  
53 Texas Rd.  
Monroe, NJ 08831-9655  
(732) 521-0052  
MCB 2

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Surprise, AZ 85374-1952  
(623) 594-5040  
MCB 2

Richard W. Danzl  
9730 84th Street Circle S.  
Cottage Grove, MN 55016-4931  
(651) 459-1030  
CBD 1804

Theodore M. Devit  
1025 N. Main St. Ext.  
Wallingford, CT 06492-1850  
(203) 269-1535  
CBMU 1/101

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6879 Harbor Woods Overlook  
Noblesville, IN 46062-6655  
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MCB 2

Roy H. Gag  
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(608) 643-8345  
CBMU 101 Det. Able

**MAKE A NOTE!**  
**ADDRESS CORRECTION**  
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Springfield, MO 65807-5026  
(314) 364-2417  
MCB 2

- I had amnesia once -- maybe twice.
- I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart.
- Photons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
- All I ask is a chance to prove money can't make me happy.
- I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.

**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.

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The pictures on these two pages were sent to me by Leonard (Hershberger?).



Above: Tent City, Subic Bay, P.I., February 1953.



Above: The powerplant for Tent City, which had two generators that had to be synchronized each morning as they were rotated in service.





Above: The “Country Club” immediately above Tent City where some of the Electrician Mates resided, late 1952. Herb Meade is upper right. Can anyone identify the others?



Above: The completed Clubhouse, with awnings and cured bamboo, September 1953.

# 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, Philip Brunelle, 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, Arnold Daisy, Stan Dauer, Joe De Franco, Jim De Keyser, Ed Dechant, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Melvin Dixon, George Dorge, 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, Donald Grobbel, 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, Robert 'Frenchie' Jandreau, Bob Janson, 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, Earl Presson, 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, Harold Saucier, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Don Seethaler, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Rik Shafer, Bill Sharp, Don Shoff, Lew Shugar, Jim Sichel, Dick Sim, William Sigmund, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Walter Smith, Warren Smith, Joseph Sobczak, Ray Sonnen, Raymond Sorrentino, Ted Speros, Ken Stancombe, Gene Staples, Tom Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Jim Stephens, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Kenneth Stoutland, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, William 'Pete' Taylor, Danny Terry, George Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Donald (Denise King) Truskey, Al Ulman, Jerry Vasquez, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Philip Wagenschnur, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Karl Weisenbacher, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, John Wilborn, William Wilcoxon, Marshall Williams, R. G. 'Pete' Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Clarence 'Lefty' Williamson, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, William Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, Dwight Yetter, and Stephen Yunger.

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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 June 4, 2005. There are currently 273 paid up members from a mailing list of 539. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 777 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.



From Ray Nethercott. Ray and Charley Trimarchi on right against pallets.



OYEGONIAR  
**GASTON OR.**  
 MON. Aug. 18, 1957  
**Seabees land ashore to build pier with disabled access**

The Seabees have hit the beach at Henry Hagg Lake, but there's no enemy cross fire or emergency airfield under construction.

The U.S. Navy's famed construction battalion will spend the next six weeks working on a very un-military project along the lake's west shore: the new fishing pier with access for the disabled.

The county gets the 231-foot fishing pier, saving perhaps \$300,000 in labor and in donated materials, lured by the presence of the Seabees. And the Seabees get a training project.

Two Seabee reserve units will spend parts of the next six weeks along the lake south of Forest Grove. They are Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17, with home port in Fort Carson, Colo., and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, based at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The first wave arrived July 28, doing the preliminary work. Only a handful will remain for the entire 61-day project, the rest operating in shifts of two weeks.

They come from all over the west, from Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming and Oregon. And they all bring experience in the building trades, as surveyors, equipment operators, mechanics, construction electricians and steelworkers.

Above article from Bill Wilcoxen

*What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?*



Above, from Bill Sharp: MCB 2 Tent 46, Subic Bay, 1953. Two of those seated: Herstrom & Heard.



Above, from Bill Sharp: MCB 2 Tent 46, Subic Bay, 1953. L-R: Stapleton, Bolton, Herstrom, Schreiner, ?.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

**MCB 2**  
**Reunion Association**  
**CEC/Seabee**  
**Museum Pledges**

Name/Source

Harold Don Leasure  
 William F. Sharp  
 Clyde Stenholm  
 William Wilcoxon

Contributed This Period (June-Aug.)

\$260.00

Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$9,750.41

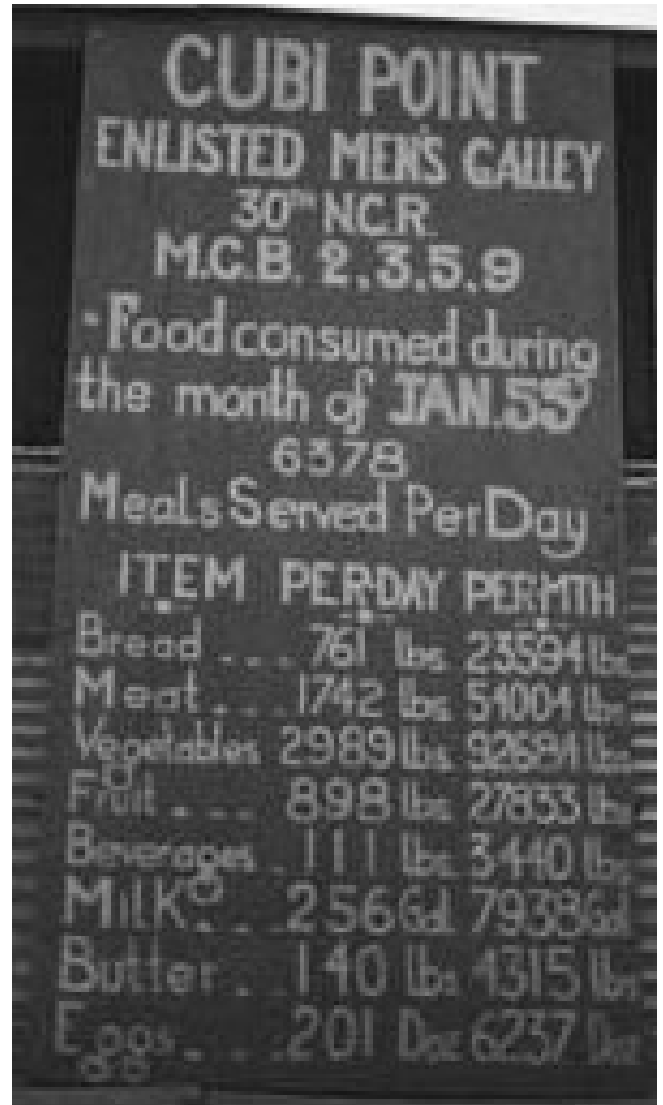
Total Pledged to Date

\$8,175.41

Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$11,075.41

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



How many remember this sign posted on the Cubi Point Mess Hall in February 1955?  
 From Charlie Hogan.

*Our Fallen Comrades*

Robert M. Swanson

7/8/05

*May he live on in our memories.*

# SHIP'S STORE INVENTORY

for 2005 REUNION

ITEM	RETAIL
Cubi Point book .....	\$ 30.00
Atsugi book .....	\$ 30.00
Galen Farnsworth music CDs .....	\$ 4.00
Hat - white, flag bill, Seabee emblem, MCB 2 .....	\$ 10.00
Hat - white, flag bill, Seabee emblem .....	\$ 10.00
Hat - blue, flag bill, Seabee emblem, MCB 2 .....	\$ 10.00
Hat - blue, blue bill, Seabee emblem .....	\$ 10.00
Hat - blue, blue bill, Seabee emblem, MCB 2 .....	\$ 10.00
Hat - khaki, blue bill, Seabee emblem (Mitchell-Proffitt) .....	\$ 10.00
Blue Seabee cap (Ruffin) .....	\$ 10.00
Korean vet pin .....	\$ 2.50
Seabee cutout pin .....	\$ 2.00
4½" X 5½" blue MCB 2 patch .....	\$ 5.00
Seabee money clip w/knife & file .....	\$ 5.00
Seabee belt buckle with leather belt .....	\$ 25.00
Seabee decals - 3/sheet .....	\$ 5.00
MCB 2 patch w/3" wings .....	\$ 5.00
Construimus Batuimus Seabee pin .....	\$ 3.00
3" Seabee patch .....	\$ 3.00
3" Seabee decal - outside application .....	\$ 2.00
4" Seabee decal - outside application .....	\$ 3.00
1¼" Seabee sticker - 5/strip .....	\$ 1.50
We Build - We Fight - Can Do Seabee decal - inside application .....	\$ 2.00
Seabee 1" pin .....	\$ 2.00
Seabee knife/scissors key ring .....	\$ 3.00
CEC Navy 1¼" decal .....	\$ 1.50
USN 3" decal .....	\$ 1.50
Korea Veteran 1950-1953 decal - outside application .....	\$ 2.00
3½" X 2¼" American flag patch .....	\$ 1.00
3rd Class PO decal - outside .....	\$ 1.25
2nd Class PO decal - outside .....	\$ 1.25
1st Class PO decal - outside .....	\$ 1.25
1st Class PO decal gold - outside .....	\$ 1.25
Chief PO decal gold - outside .....	\$ 1.25
USN 13 stars - eagle and anchor - gold .....	\$ 1.50
Seabee leather key ring .....	\$ 5.00
Seabee Can Do magnet .....	\$ 1.50
13" X 2" Navy Seabees decal - outside .....	\$ 2.00
10" diameter Seabees patch .....	\$ 10.00
12" diameter Seabees magnet .....	\$ 15.00
12" diameter Seabees decal .....	\$ 10.00
Seabee T shirts (Mad Bee) M, L, XL .....	\$ 15.00
Seabee T shirts (Combat) M, L, XL .....	\$ 10.00

## OK, Guys!

On these two pages is a fairly complete list of our ship's store. Be prepared to take this stuff home! Great prices on some really great Seabee merchandise.

We plan to have a raffle on some very nice gifts that we will sell tickets for at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We will have a minimum of 5 buckets for your tickets so you can choose which prize you would prefer or spread your tickets over all the buckets and try to win them all! The more tickets you buy, the better chance to win! And all of the money will go directly into your MCB 2 treasury for operating expenses.

# SHIP'S STORE INVENTORY

for 2005 REUNION

ITEM	RETAIL
Seabee T shirts (Blue) M, L, XL .....	\$ 10.00
Seabee T shirts (Color in sun) M, L, XL .....	\$ 10.00
Seabee Leather Jackets - M, L, XL, XXL .....	\$ 75.00
Seabee Nylon Jackets - L .....	\$ 55.00
Seabee pint glasses (\$2.50 each or 6 for \$12).....	\$ 2.50
US flags, 3'X5' .....	\$ 5.00
Triangular Flag Cases (Oak or Cherry) .....	\$ 25.00
Seabee flags, light blue background .....	\$ 8.00
Seabee flags, dark blue background .....	\$ 8.00
Seabee flags, white background .....	\$ 8.00
POW/MIA Flags .....	\$ 5.00
20' flag pole, slip-joint .....	\$ 50.00
16' flag pole, telescoping .....	\$ 30.00
Seabee car window flags (white) .....	\$ 10.00
Yellow Seabee magnetic ribbon .....	\$ 2.00
Red, White, Blue Support Our Troops magnetic ribbon .....	\$ 2.00
Red, White, Blue United We Stand magnetic ribbon .....	\$ 2.00
Seabee Logo Belt (1-36", 1-42") .....	\$ 8.00



These pictures are from Bob McMillan taken when he was with CBMU 101 at K-6. Bob does not remember any of the men shown except the picture above. Bob is on the right, next is Ward and next is Gray. He does not remember the other three. It appears that the last two men on the left are lieutenants.

# Las Vegas Reunion Registration Form

(Please print all information)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, as desired on badge (William or Bill, Thomas or Tom, James or Jim, etc) Unit (MCB 2, CBMU 101, etc.)

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

Additional 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 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
number total

Banquet per Person..... \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
number total

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Checks should be **\$40 per person** attending the banquet

**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	



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  
7221 Trading Post Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89128

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