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liamson, Fred Wilmarth, 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 paid through the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 (no dues card sent out). This list is as of November 4, 2005. There are currently 291 paid up members from a mailing list of 539. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter.

## 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 777 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.

## Who to contact about your dues

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

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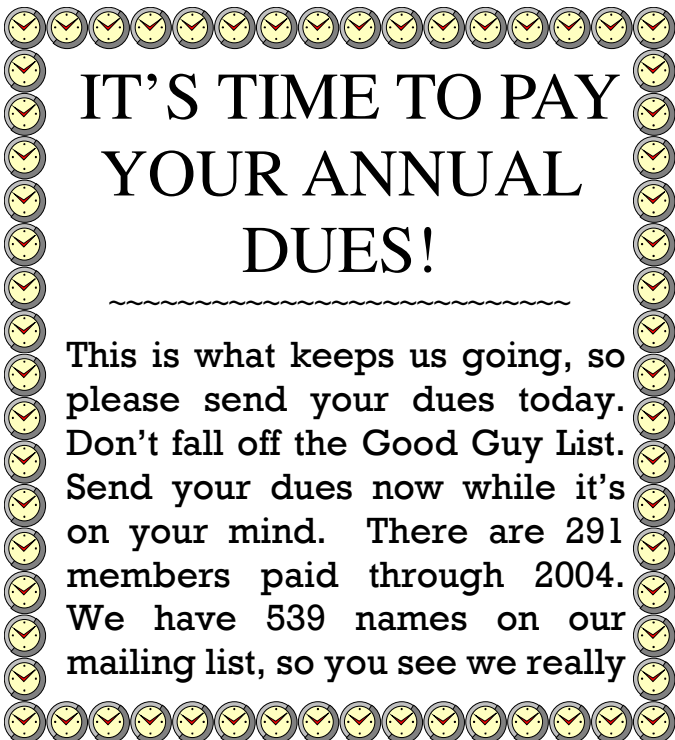
Scott Williams/MCB 2

**Dues are \$20/year**

**January - December**

This is what keeps us going  
and enables us to send this Newsletter.

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Sonja & Ambros Johnson



Doug & Shirley Emond, Shari & Bill Wisnowski  
Ready to head home



Jeanne & Don Hofstetter



Chuck & Helen McCabe, Clyde & Marian Stenholm,  
Marolyn Piacenza & Frank Betonte: heading home



Virgie & Don McLain



R.G. 'Pete' & Sylvia Williams

# MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

## Name/Source

John Bloem  
Robert Graf  
Claude Garcenot  
Roy Harris

## Contributed This Period (Sept.-Nov.)

\$70.00

## Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

## Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$10,595.41

## Total Pledged to Date

\$8,220.41

## Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$11,120.41

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

## In a week, Seabees construct temporary houses for 74 families

**By the Knight Ridder news service**

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. — With a pneumatic hammer that can spit a nail into plywood in a microsecond, Seabee Builder Jason Speck and a couple of his buddies can install a floor in a 32-foot-long cabin in no time at all.

"That one took 10 minutes," Speck, of Chamberlain, S.D., said one afternoon this week. "We can go a lot faster if they keep enough material coming to us."

The cabin will house one of 74 families that will become part of a village that 26 U.S. Navy Seabees are building in a former public park in Pass Christian.

Leaders of this storm-wrecked Gulf Coast community were searching for ways to help about 300 families from their city that have been living in shelters since Hurricane Katrina struck. The families needed some semblance of privacy and dignity, not a communal "circus tent," said Pass Christian attorney Don Rafferty, a housing volunteer.

The answer: the Seabees, the Navy's military construction arm, formed during World War II. Its motto: "We Build, We Fight."

Construction began Sept. 23, and families are expected to move in by Monday.

Construction on two similar areas, one in Pass Christian and the other in nearby D'Iberville, will begin soon. The temporary housing is being built at no cost to the cities.

The Seabees also built Pass Christian a new police department headquarters to replace the

one demolished by the hurricane.

In the village taking shape, each family will live in a 32-by-16-foot cabinlike unit raised about three feet off the ground on wood pilings. The cabins have wooden floors and walls and insulated plastic roofs supported by a lumber framework. They can be heated or air-conditioned. Each has a front and back door and stairs leading to hastily constructed streets.

A bank has set up an office in a recreational vehicle across the street. A school bus is expected to show up Monday to take children to three area schools that have reopened. Another team of Seabees is finishing two large storage buildings for showers and laundry services.

The three communities, when completed, will house about 200 families that will be encouraged to stay as long as it takes to arrange for permanent homes.

No such units are scheduled for construction in Louisiana, said Navy Master Chief Matthew Cabral. "We haven't been asked," he said.

Navy Chief Troy Emery of Norfolk, Va., said the crew can build quickly because the sections of each housing unit are prefabricated at a nearby Seabee base in Long Beach and need only be fastened in place.

"The motivation for these guys is all around," said Emery, 39, whose wife grew up in Long Beach. "Just look at these wrecked homes. They want to work hard. They're happy to do it."

## *Our Fallen Comrades*

Jon H. Ericson

8/18/05

*May he live on in our memories.*



Clark Alexander, Stoney, Charlie & Pauline Hagemann, Carol Nelson, Amos Phillips



Pauline Hagemann & Carol Nelson



Vern & Nancy Ammentorp and Marian & Clyde Stenholm



Clyde Stenholm (back to camera), Luther Hall, Pete Elliott, Charlie Hagemann, Rich Nelson, Pauline Hagemann, Mary Ragusa, Carol Nelson, Cecil Westwood (under hat).



Arlin Hardwick (back to camera), Betty hardwick, Rachel Williams, Geri Petronka, Carol Nelson, Jackie Phillips, Cecil Westwood.



Helen McCabe (back to camera), Charles McCabe, Geri Petronka, Pete & Clorinda Elliott, Carol Nelson, Marian Stenholm.



Doug Thorp, Harold Wardenburg, Bob Bowdler



Harold Wardenburg, Bill & Darlene Wilcoxon, Vi Bowdler, Joyce & Pat Badgett, Bob Bowdler.



Scott Williams, John Petronka, Vic Jaccino, Frank Betonte, Sam Ragusa, Emil Krygier



Auction Winner! Scott Williams presenting the beautiful crystal vase and palm candlesticks to Barbara and Clark Alexander. Thank you, Marian Stenholm, for the donation!



Don Henderson, Anne Byrne, Barbara & Clark Alexander

Picture on right:  
 Jimmi & Ken Willard, winner of a one week stay for two in Hawaii at the Bougainvillea Bed & Breakfast owned by Don & Marti Nitsche (see their ad on pages 6 & 7). Thank you very much Don & Marti for making this an exciting reunion, one that Ken and Jimmi will never forget!



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