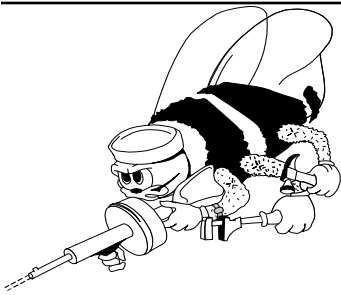


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Seabees

*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

**Happy New Year!
Happy Valentine's Day!
and Celebrate the
Seabee Birthday
on March 5!**

Dues Time!

Check the Good Guy list and see if your name is there. If not, you need to send me some dues to keep receiving this Newsletter. Don't drop off the list as you need to keep up with news of your buddies. And check out the article starting on page 16. This is a reprint of the article from the *Seabee Magazine* published by Navy Facilities Engineering (formerly Bureau of Yards and Docks) on the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. Read about some buddies.

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St. Louis, Missouri!

Arrangements are being made

Contacts have been made and requirements are being put together for another outstanding reunion. No dates have been inked in yet or any arrangements for tours, but the best tours and locations are being investigated to give us the best reunion we have ever held! Be sure to reserve September 2007 on your calendar for this great time! See you there!

The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

**Commander
Pete Elliott**

Staff:

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

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

All In the Family

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer
October 24, 2005

One more reason not to mess with the Elliotts: The family crime-fighting business gets bigger today as Pat Elliott is sworn in as a Lorain County Sheriff's Deputy. He joins sister Cathy, a Cleveland Heights cop working on the Caribbean Gang/Drug Task Force, and brother Pete, the U.S. Marshal for Northern Ohio. Dad, John 'Pete' Elliott, is a retired U.S. Marshal.

Seabees

February—May Dates to Remember

Feb. 1, 1944	Seabees land with Fourth Marine Division on Kwajalein.
Feb. 19, 1945	Seabees land with 5th Marine Division on Iwo Jima.
Mar. 2, 1867	Civil Engineer Corps established.
Mar. 5, 1942	Seabee Birthday
Mar. 19, 1942	Civil Engineer Corps officers given military authority over construction units.
Mar. 22, 1945	Seabees ferry General Patton's armored units across Rhine River into Germany.
April 1, 1945	Seabees land on Okinawa.
April 8, 1942	Doolittle Tokyo raid.
April 9, 1942	Bataan falls
May 8, 1942	Battle of the Coral Sea
May 8, 1945	V-E Day. Germany surrenders.

911 Call

Dispatcher: Nine-one-one. What is the nature of your emergency?
Caller: I'm trying to reach nine-eleven but my phone doesn't have an eleven on it.
Dispatcher: This is nine-eleven.
Caller: I thought you just said this is nine-one-one.
Dispatcher: Yes, ma'am. Nine-one-one and nine-eleven are the same thing.
2 Caller: Honey, I may be old but I'm not stupid.



Notes from our members:

From **Al Rubinich**: Here's my dues [thanks]. Sorry I'm late. Hope it didn't cause too much inconvenience [never!]. from **Art Siple**: That white stuff has started to fly [in WV]. Have a good Thanksgiving. [Art enclosed a check for dues. Thanks]. from **Richard (Dick) Todd**: Sorry **Judy** and I couldn't make it to the Las Vegas reunion. I was diagnosed with kidney cancer in August and spent the next few months in preparation for surgery in November. If things go well, maybe I'll make the next reunion [we'll keep you in our prayers, **Richard**, and see you in St. Louis]. from **Dave Budworth**: Please send a roster [and included a check for dues. Thanks]. from **John Wilborn**: [sent a check for dues. Thanks]. from **Ronald (Elaine) Glasser**: We really wanted to go to the reunion but unfortunately I have been told I have Parkinson's and I wouldn't be able to get around too well. **Ron** was told he had bladder cancer and has undergone surgery. We hope the reunion was a success and that everyone won money in the casinos. We will be looking forward to the next newsletter. I have enclosed dues and extra for a dark blue Seabee flag. Our best wishes go out to everyone for a blessed and healthy holiday season. from **John (Geri) Petronka**: We enjoyed our reunion so, so much. Your effort, and those who helped you, did an excellent job and we thank you [thank you!]. We sure loved Las Vegas. So much to do and places to go. I don't think we can top this one. We wish you and **Rach** a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at our next reunion in two years. Thanks again for a job well done. God bless and keep you both forever [thank you very much]. from **Richard Coulson**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. I'm really sorry we couldn't attend the October reunion as we had every intention of doing so. However, the semi-retirement kicked in and we had to un-retire to bid some work for one of our clients. It appears from your Newsletter that we

really missed a good one. Maybe next time [I sure hope so. Each one is better than the previous one.] The Newsletter is an outstanding publication and we look forward to reading it each time it arrives. from



Fred Simon: Please send me two 4'X6' cotton flags and one white Seabee flag. Enclosed is my check for these plus my dues [thanks]. I just celebrated my 75th birthday [Happy Birthday!]. Keep up the good work with the Newsletter and the email. I really enjoy them. from **Dick (Judy) Todd**: [**Judy** sent a Christmas letter, paraphrasing]: I was having problems through last year's holiday season and a mammogram found a couple of cysts, which turned out to be benign, and we were making plans for our summer trip which would end up in Las Vegas for the reunion. Early in August, **Dick** was diagnosed with bladder cancer and have been coping with that, and that prevented us from coming to Las Vegas. We have had quite a year and, as of today, **Dick** is looking and feeling better. We drove to Concord in a nor'easter this morning, which left us 15" of light, fluffy snow, and **Dick** had his drainage tube removed which made him feel much better. He had little warning and went from good health to this. Now, we take each day as it comes and can only hope for the small miracles that might come our way. We do hope that the reunion was its usual, enjoyable time. We can think of many to whom we would have enjoyed saying hello and chatting. from **Leonard Fowler**: Keep up the good work! [enclosed a check for dues. Thanks]. from **Bob & Vi Bowdler**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Thanks for the good party in Lost Wages. **Vi's** purse got a lot lighter. [I am sure. I didn't hear of anyone winning big like last time.] It was good to see some 1/101 guys there. **Wilcoxon's** and us shared a ride home and took a tour through Death Valley on the way. It was a 16-hour drive home from **Fred Cozad**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Thanks again for such a good Newsletter. from **Galen & Delores Farnsworth**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Sorry we didn't make it to the last reunion. My wife has Parkinson's and, at just about the time of the gathering, she had the deep brain penetration surgery where they put two wires deep inside the brain in the exact spots that affect your arm and leg movements. This took place in Portland, Oregon, and we were up

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there several days. She has done well since and is more mobile now. We visited **Dale** and **Shirley Foland** a few months ago and we talked about trying to attend the reunion in Saint Louis, Missouri, with them in two years. Of course, two years can bring some changes and, at 77 years old (in two years), I'm liable to be little more limp than now. I was actually surprised that apparently not much thought was given to my offer again of having the reunion here in Drain, Oregon. There are no chinch bugs, mites, or chiggers out here and there is an airport only fifteen minutes north. Of course, the biggest plane that can land there is a Piper Super Cub, but it is only another thirty miles north to Eugene where the big ones can land. But I can see it's probably too late for this coming reunion and most of us might be dead before the one four years from now comes so, unless you can somehow work out a deal with Saint Louis and change it to here in two years, the Drain reunion probably won't work. It sure would have helped the economy here, though. Our Tin Lizzy Restaurant got pretty excited at the prospect of having more than five or six visitors a day. And we had the bridge across the river between downtown and our place widened this year. They finished it a week ago and boy, does it look good. Now, cars going both directions can pass without having to wait. By the way, the Tin Lizzy makes the best hamburgers on the west coast and they would be happy to send anyone one of them who would like to sample their cooking before deciding on whether or not to have the reunion here. They can wrap it in tinfoil and ship it by air (for a small additional fee) so it should still be warm by the time it arrives. Adios until we hear from you or see you. Thanks for the Newsletter!..... from **Roy Peak**: [sent a check for the Museum Project. Thanks.]..... from **Robert Marshall**: Thank you so much for all the information! Enclosed is my check for membership [**Bob** is a new member]..... from **Dan (Mary) Millett**: Enclosed are dues for **Dan**. We really do not know what year we are paid to, so here is our check [thanks]. We had a great time in Las Vegas and hope to see you at the next reunion..... from **Cecil (Arky) Price & Wilma**: **Wilma** and I have both good news and bad news. The good news is we can still get out of bed. The bad news is we can't do much after we do get out of bed. I guess we are a lot

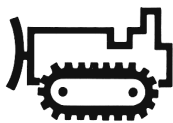


better off than a lot of people. We still do just about what we want to and I do a lot that I don't want to do but **Wilma** wants me to do. We have had a lot of medical problems, like I broke my right wrist. They pinned it together but the pins slipped and I have a wrist crookeder than a dog's hind leg, but at least it's still useable. It's a bit sore but I still use it. Poor old **Wilma** has had all kinds of problems. Been in the hospital twice and bless her heart, she is losing her memory. Such is life, I guess. I did get her up to Dodge City, Kansas, to visit her only daughter and we hope to get out to Needles, California, next summer to visit her niece. I have a sister in Fort Mojave, Arizona, and only two brothers left, both of them living in Arkansas, and I am the youngest of nine boys. I sure hated to miss the reunion in Vegas but I deemed it a bit unsafe to travel at that point in time. Three of my CBMU 1 buddies got together in Branson the middle of October and I missed that also. Here's hoping you have a good Holiday and many more to come [thanks]..... received dues from **Mel Olson, Robert Colquhoun, Roger Hamilton, Don (Jocelyn) Barry, Norm Eveleth, Joe O'Brien, Warren Culberson, Ralph Evans, David Bridges, Marvin Guetling, Willis Struecker, Ivan Majetic, Henry Benguerel, Charles Johnson, Joe Sitkowski, and Clarence 'Lefty' Williamson** [thanks all]..... from **Mary Dick**: Here's my dues plus extra to use toward dues for anyone who is having a hard time making ends meet [thank you **Mary**. You really are a good guy!]. Thanks to all who have served our country. God bless y'all!..... [I have received Christmas cards from many, and thanks]: **Art & Kathy Hees, Bobby & Pat McMillan, Cecil Price & Wilma, Pete & Clorinda Elliott, Charlie & Pauline Hagemann, Rich & Carol Nelson, Mary & Chip Dick, Mal & Marge Pearson, Lee & Lucy Stevens, Bill & Shari Wisnowski, Jo & Gene McDonagh, Emil & Betty Krygier, Art & Kathy Hees, Harold Wardenburg and Melvin & Gloria Olson**..... from **Preston Wilson**: Please send me an American flag and also a white Seabee flag. Oxnard is a very windy city and the flags ravel on the fly end. Is there any way to keep this from happening? [I'm afraid not as that is the nature of the beast] I am enclosing my check and, if this isn't enough, let me know [plenty enough and thanks]..... from **Cameron Lee**: Please send me a copy of the mem-



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bership roster [on the way, plus one by ZIP code]..... from **Art Hees**: First, Happy Holidays to you and family [thanks]. I was cleaning out some drawers and came across this group shot taken at Sangley Point Naval Air Station in 1954. Most of the people I know but can't remember their names [join the club!]. Any interest? [absolutely! Check page 9]..... from **Dan Pelaez**: I am not sure where I stand regarding my dues so am sending a check [thanks... you are good for another year] I enjoy the Newsletter from **Neil (Loretta) Middleton**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]. **Neil** has been ill all year and I hadn't realized his dues were not paid. We had hoped to attend the Las Vegas reunion, among other trips, but due to **Neil's** poor health, it was not possible [we missed you!]. Still, he enjoys the Newsletter and I did want to be sure his dues were paid. [thanks again and we will keep you both in our prayers.]..... from **Verle Williams**: Another year has gone by and so fast! Sorry we didn't make it to the Las Vegas reunion. I know that we missed a good time. **Jenna** doesn't like to fly but I don't mind it. We keep hoping that I can make it to the next one. We are fine and keep very busy as usual. I have been in touch with another one from CBMU 577 that I knew. **Harlan Puck** in Arvada, CO. I still keep in touch with Mrs. **Edwin Scholtz (Ed's widow)**, **Ray Levasseur** and **Hance Morton**. Old 577 is thinning down [That's why you guys need to come to the reunions! Try to make St. Louis.] Enclosed is a check for my dues and another for the museum [thanks]. We wish you and your wife a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year..... from **Stephen Yunger**: Sorry I am late with my dues but it seems like things are looking up for me, finally. In February 2003, I went in for a physical and had to fill out a medical history as I had transferred from the Great Lakes Naval Hospital area to a non-military clinic. The doctor saw my history of heart problems on both sides of my family and set me up for a battery of tests. Cardiologists checked over the results and urged me to stay in the hospital overnight and have surgery the next morning. I had to cancel plans to travel 'out west' to visit family. I had quadruple bypass surgery, but no heart attack. I had a brief setback from a blood transfusion reaction, but then I made it! In May 2005, I had spine surgery, a decompression



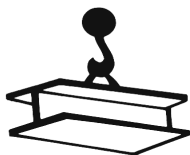
laminectomy. As of the first part of November, I was cleared to lift 40 pounds and am doing all right. Happy Holidays to all..... from **Dick Sim**: Enclosed is a check for a blue Seabee hat [on the way!]



..... from **George Stewart**: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I am sending my check for dues and some other stuff you may enjoy. The piece on my brother is because a lot of people our age know him and he is dying and may not make it to Christmas [his brother is **Don Stewart** and has quite a history of acting in movies and TV. He was Eric Appleton on "The Young and the Restless" and his credits list "The Guiding Light", "JAG", "War and Remembrance", "The X Files" "Remington Steele" and lots of appearances on "Dragnet" plus many other shows.] The piece on the PI is just an incident that happened in 1990 when I was on my way back home from Sri Lanka and is in my autobio book. Thanks for your work on the MCB 2 Newsletter and all the rest you do [thanks]..... from **Bill Burns**: Sorry I am late [enclosed a check for dues. Thanks] Put me back on the Good Guys List [done!]..... from **Vern Blakeslee**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks] and I would like a dark blue Seabee flag and a 3X5 US flag [on the way]..... from **David Haines**: Well I'll kill two birds with one stamp [**David** sent a Christmas card and his dues. Thanks] from **Howard Cornwell**: Looks like Good Guy time again. Also, I saw in the August Newsletter Ship's Store inventory the Cubi Point cruise book is available. Enclosed is a check for my dues and extra for one book plus handling [thanks and the book is on the way]. If this isn't enough let me know..... from **Wayne & Nancy Heple**: Happy New Year! Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]. We sent our usual donation to the Foundation in December and a note was made that we are members of MCB 2 Reunion Association. In October, we attended the NCB 103 reunion at Port Hueneme. Cdr. Garcia was our honored guest at the banquet. He and his wife made a great impression. The Seabees are in good hands. We toured classrooms, museum & a demonstration in the ready room (live video from Iraq). WOW! Lunch in the dining room. Most that attended were from the 103rd but there were several from CBD 1804. Since I was in both it was most enjoyable to see old friends again. Glad to hear the MCB 2 reunion was a success. Salute. I enjoyed reading the latest Newsletter. Keep up

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the good work..... from **Lionel Vidrine**: [enclosed a check for dues. Thanks] Thanks for the good work..... from **Rod Howard**: [enclosed a check for dues plus extra for the museum project. Thanks.]..... from **Bob Long**: Sorry I missed the reunion but this walker and planes don't get along too good. I hope to make it to the next one. Enclosed is a check for my dues for the new year..... from **Ken Chew**: I just want you to know that you are doing an excellent job preparing the MCB 2 Newsletter. Enclosed is a check for my dues and something extra for the museum..... from **Doug Thorp**: [I had called **Doug** down in La Paz, Mexico] Thank you for your kind telephone call last night. I know it took some doing to track me down here in this desert paradise [with cactus and trees]. Per our conversation, please find enclosed a check (hopefully not rubber) to cover my Good Guy dues. Also included is money for my small stores purchases that you will send to my son in Everett, Washington, and to cover the cost of your telephone calls [thanks]. If there is any left over, put it in the slop chest. OK? It was good to talk to you. Hope to see you again in St. Louis in 2007. Best to you and your family. Feliz Navidad Y Prospero Año Nuevo..... from **James Taylor**: [formerly ENS. J.T. Taylor, CEC USNR (A Co.) CBMU 101. Now, RADM, CEC, USN, Ret.] Enclosed find a check for my dues [thanks]. Keep up the good work! Thinking about the CBMU 101 wardroom at K-3 Pohang, 1952-53, do you ever from or about any of these? LCdr. **Harry Wills**, (CO); Lt. **Fred Winn**, (XO) "Take Me Back To Tulsa"; Lt. **John Able**, (A Co.) "Spring is here"; Carp. **Sam McCreary**, (B Co.) "You ain't pretty, daddy, but you's a good boy"; Lt. **Dick Trompeter**, (C Co) I last saw **Dick** (Capt. **Trompeter**) as Public Works Officer of Camp LeJeune, NC, when I was PWO of MCAF New River, just across the river, in 1960-61; Lt. j.g. **Earl Carlson**, (HQ Co.); CHCARP "Sol" **Brown**, (B Co.) Hung up his "Sea Lawyer" shingle on day one; Lt. j.g. **Bill Kleck**, (C Co.); CHCARP **Steve Eszenyi**, (B Co.) The ancient one. Was with Seabees' first use of pontoon causeways at Anzio invasion; Lt. **Bernie Kambeitz**, (Supply) He helped me and I helped him pack our foot lockers and gear back to CONUS at end of tour. I still



have that foot locker, made in B Co. shops. I exchange greetings with Chief **Ed Bissen** (A Co. Chief), now living in Ocala, FL. Whatever happened to CD Chief **Fred Grossman** a magician with heavy equipment. You would agree, having seen him load deadlined equipment onto an LST over that narrow stone breakwater with a kink at the end of it in Pohang harbor! He also led our detachment at Yodo Island in Wonsan Harbor for a couple of months, set up to provide crash landings for pilots and planes unable to make it back to their ship from the bomb line. Hope that mentioning these names will stir up some memories among your readers—good or bad! Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year..... from **Gary Rawlings**: You are doing a great job. Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks] from **Bob Hoare**: Keep me on the Good Guy List! [enclosed a check for dues. Thanks]. Really enjoy your emails. Hope you all have a good Christmas and new year..... from **Gene (Jo) McDonagh**: Enclosed are **Gene's** dues plus a little bit extra [thanks]. We thoroughly enjoy the Newsletter. It is so very enjoyable and so well put together [thank you again]. Happy and blessed New Year ahead..... from **Emil Krygier**: Enclosed is a check for my dues plus a little extra for any expenses needed for the Seabees [thanks]..... from **Jim (Gladys) Wommack**: Enclosed find my check for one Cubi Point cruise book, and I might as well send a check for dues along, too! [thanks]..... from **John A. Noetzel, Jr.**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. With this check, I ask that you please drop me from your membership. I joined your association some years ago [1997] because of my deceased father who served with MCB 2, and I sought others who may have known him. Thank you very much for a pleasant relationship and I wish you all the very best for 2006 and beyond..... from **Forrest D. Foland**: My wife and I intended to make the last two reunions but something always happened to prevent us from attending. We are planning on making the one in St. Louis in 2007 [sure hope so!]. We have had two MCB 2 guests this year: **Galen (Happy) Farnsworth** and his wife, **Delores**; and **Amos Phillips** and his wife, **Jackie**. **Happy** and I were members of the Roving Seabees Country Band in 1953. **Amos** was our tent Captain at that time. Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. We hope to see you in



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St. Louis..... from **Dick Todd**: [note to all: I sent **Dick** a get-well package from his buddies in MCB 2 and the following letter is his response-SW] When I got my MCB 2 Reunion Association Newsletter I was wondering why I didn't see anything about me under Notes From Our Members [I had received his first letter too late for the previous Newsletter but is one of the first ones in this Newsletter-SW] I enjoy those notes about what's happening to our members. I see you all had a great time in Las Vegas and wished I could have been a part of it. Maybe I will make the St. Louis Reunion in 2007. I was surprised to get a package a few days later from you and the MCB 2 Association. I asked my wife if she had ordered anything from the association because I knew I hadn't. After opening the box I was stunned with surprise at what was in it. I got all choked up with emotion that you would do such a nice thing. The American flag immediately replaced my worn out one. I had bought a flag pole last fall but didn't get the chance to put it in the ground. So, next spring, I'll get the post in and fly both the American and Seabee flags from it. I'll get a picture of me with my new Seabee T-shirt and hat with pins and send it to you sometime in the future. My operation went well. They took out my bladder, prostate and appendix. I feel fine now, but soon I will be taking my chemotherapy for the next six months. I don't look forward to that. I'm also sending a check for my dues to keep me on the Good Guy List [thanks, **Dick**. You are a good guy!] I've got the Seabee fighting spirit to lick this cancer problem and, with God's help and prayers, I'll make it. **Judy** and I extend our thanks and gratitude for what you have done and wish you and your wife a Happy New Year. [our prayers are with you, **Dick**]..... from **Jack Schrader**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and some extra for whatever. I would like to tell you that I enjoyed our last reunion very much. You did a wonderful job organizing it [thanks]. Thanks again and I hope to see you in St. Louis..... from **Stan Dauer**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]..... That looks like all of the letters, notes and cards. Thanks for keeping up with your dues and check the Good Guy List. If your name is not on there, please send in your dues. Thanks, SW



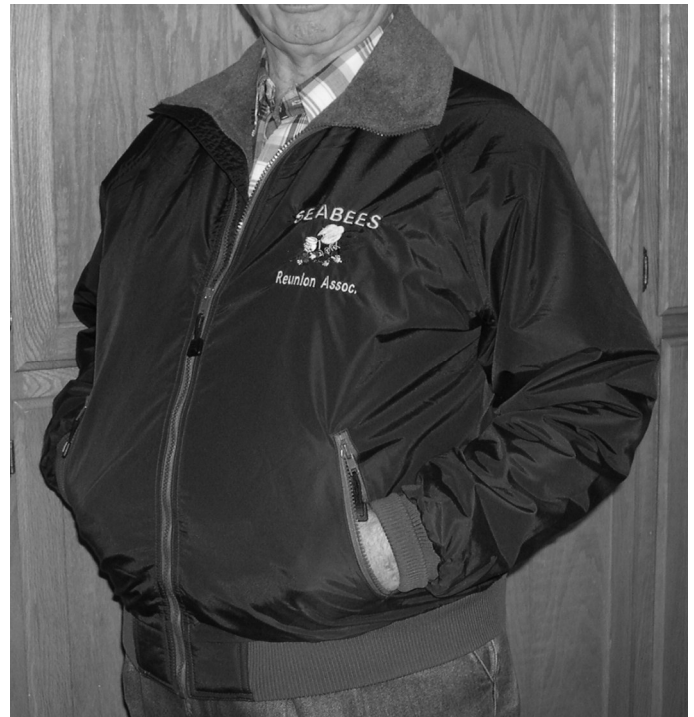
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Dues are \$20/year
January - December

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



Just in time for the remaining part of winter! A really nice Navy blue nylon, fleece-lined, zipper front and pockets with an inside pocket, just \$60 postage included. We also have a lightweight nylon windbreaker for \$30. Call Scott.

Life Explained.....

(thanks to Pete Elliott for this)

On the first day, God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of 20 years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you back the other 10." So God agreed.

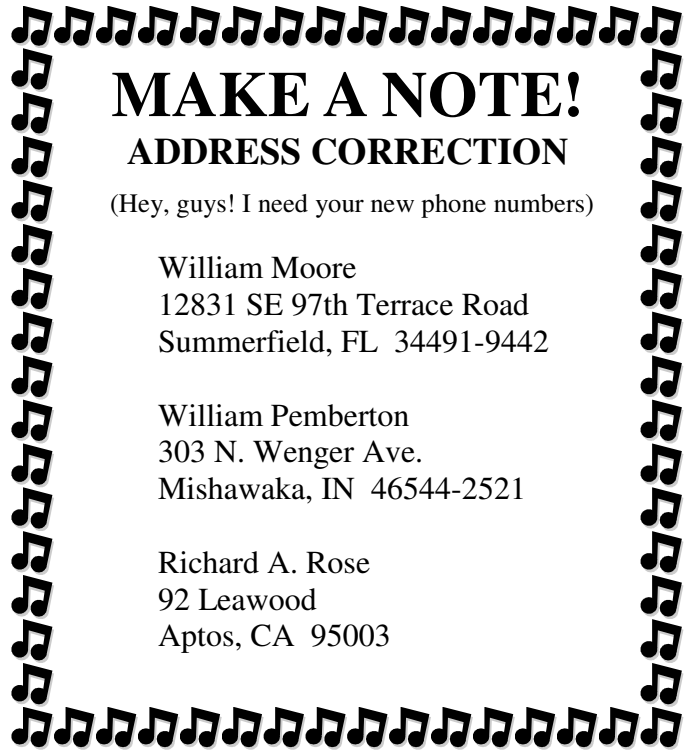
On the second day, God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a 20-year life span." The monkey said, "How boring. Monkey tricks for 20 years? I don't think so. Dog gave back 10 so that's what I want to do, too. Okay?" And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow. God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of 60 years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for 60 years. Let me have 20 and I'll give back the other 40." And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. I'll give you 20 years." Man said, "What? Only 20 years? Tell you what. I'll take my 20 and the 40 the cow gave back and the 10 the monkey gave back and the 10 the dog gave back. That makes 80, okay?" "Okay," said God. "You've got a deal."

So, that is why we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves for the first 20 years; for the next 40 years, we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next 10 years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren; and for the last 10 years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you!



MAKE A NOTE!

ADDRESS CORRECTION

(Hey, guys! I need your new phone numbers)

William Moore
12831 SE 97th Terrace Road
Summerfield, FL 34491-9442

William Pemberton
303 N. Wenger Ave.
Mishawaka, IN 46544-2521

Richard A. Rose
92 Leawood
Aptos, CA 95003

911 Call

Dispatcher: Nine-one-one. What is your emergency?
Caller: Someone broke into my house and took a bite out of my ham and cheese sandwich.
Dispatcher: Excuse me?
Caller: I made a ham and cheese sandwich and left it on the kitchen table and, when I came back from the bathroom, someone had taken a bite out of it.
Dispatcher: Was anything else taken?
Caller: No, but this has happened to me before and I'm sick and tired of it.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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This picture accompanies the story from Bill Wilcoxon on Page 12 of the August 10, 2005, issue. It did not arrive in time for publication in the last Newsletter. This is the pier that was built by two Seabee reserve units , NMCB 17 of Fort Carson, CO, and NMCB 18 of Fort Lewis, WA. The pier is 231 feet long and was built in six weeks on Henry Hagg Lake in Gaston, OR. CAN DO!



From Art Hees: MCB 2 Det. "A" Sangley Point, P.I. 1954. Dependent Housing Project
Art is in the front row, fourth man from left, next to Alexander Borys.

The Good Guy List

Basil Arnold, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Benjamin Balog, Don Barry, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, James Bolton, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, David Bridges, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, Al Burkhardt, Ralph Burnley, William Burns, Pat Carey, Mike Castlevecchi, Ken Catchpole, George Chang, C.L. 'Chuck' Chapman, Ken Chew, Walter Cloonan, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Howard Cornwell, Richard Coulson, Willard Cousins, Fred Cozad, Warren Culberson, Stan Dauer, Ed Dechant, Ted DeVit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Melvin Dixon, Howard Doyle, Gene Edmondson, Pete Elliott, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Norm Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Dick Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Leonard Fowler, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Lane Freitag, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Robert Graf, Russ Granby, Frank Gresser, Marvin Guetling, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Robert Hart, Art Hees, 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, Vic Jaccino, Robert 'Frenchie' Jandreau, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Edward 'Mike' Kazarian, Duane Keech, Richard Keyes, Denise King, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Conrad Lawlor, Harold Leasure, Harold Lind, Robert Long, Stan 'Pete' Lore, Ivan Majetic, Bob Markey, Bob Marshall, Philip Matalucci, William (Jack) Mayo, Norris McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Bob Michael, Neil Middleton, Daniel Millett, Chuck Minert, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Eugene Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Mel Olson, Ernest Owens, Dwight Padgett, Roy Peak, Ben Pedrotti,

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Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2006, some much longer. If you don't find your name on this list, then maybe you have forgotten to send in your dues recently. All dues are paid through the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 (no dues card sent out). This list is as of January 22, 2006. There are currently 180 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)



IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!

This is what keeps us going, so please send your dues today. Don't fall off the Good Guy List. Send your dues now while it's on your mind. There are 180 members paid through 2006. We have 539 names on our mailing list, so you see we really need your dues.

Navy Slang

Have you ever eaten ‘collision mats’ for breakfast? You have if you have ever eaten waffles because ‘collision mats’ is World War II navy slang for ‘waffles.’ Included in the list below are slang naval terms from WW II followed by their translation. Can you find all of the words in the puzzle? They are forward, backward, or diagonal.

ADMIRAL’S watch
A GOOD night’s sleep

COMMISSARY bullets
BEANS

GOB
SAILOR

SLUSHY
COOK

BLOW
STORM

FISH
TORPEDO

HONEY barge
GARBAGE barge

SMUKES
DOLLARS

CANARY
BEAUTIFUL woman

FOUR-O
PERFECT

MUCK UP
CLEAN UP

TWO-STRIPER
LIEUTENANT

CAULK OFF
SLEEP

FUNNELS
SMOKESTACKS

MUD hook
ANCHOR

WICKY wicky
HURRY UP

COLLISION mats
WAFFLES

O P T P F R F C A N A R Y G I
R R U I T Y E F U N N E L S M
T H U K U C W P O D C K D S B
O P S O C A O I I K P H O T B
B U R I F U S M C R L H O O N
E N A F F I M T M K T U G R C
A A L E L B O N P I Y S A M B
N E L L K R K A A U S P O C O
S L O H P Y E N O H Y S E W L
M C D E H D S E G A B R A G T
U E D S I N T T D Y T C R R Y
K O U W B E A U T I F U L U Y
E L O M Y T C E F R E P B D H
S L E E P A K I W G P B U O U
B R O L I A S L A R I M D A O



If you lived in Nevada like me, you could have a license plate like this [Of course, this picture is black and white but the actual plate is in full true color]. Our local Seabee veterans tried to get a separate Seabee license plate but we needed 250 signatures of Seabees that would purchase these special plates. Well, of course, there aren't that many Seabees in Nevada let alone that many that would buy the special plate. So, one of our members contacted a friend that was a leader in the State Legislature and got a bill passed that would allow unit designation on the right side of the plate. (The left side of the plate is the branch seal: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine.) I then contacted the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles to get the Seabee logo on the veteran plate. After much correspondence and emails, they said they would consider our logo if Nevada DMV was given permission to use it by the Secretary of the Navy. I contacted Bill Hilderbrand in Gulfport and the next day I was contacted by the Nevada DMV that they had received permission for the Seabee logo to be used on the license plate. It took another few months for the plate to go through design and approval stages and, finally, in 2001 the plate was approved. Since I had worked with the DMV to get the plate approved, they sent me the first one, number 1600. Since then, there have been over 100 Seabee license plates issued and recently I have seen an Army Airborne plate that has been issued. Way to go, Nevada! Maybe you can get a special Seabee veteran plate in your state. It's a lot of effort but the rewards are great!

Scott Williams

ps: A picture of my license plate is shown below.



MCB 2 Reunion Association CEC/Seabee Museum Pledges

Name/Source

Ken Chew
Rod Howard
Roy Peak
Verle Williams

Contributed This Period (Nov.-Feb.)

\$161.57

Total Dues Increase Sent to Date

\$2,900.00

Total Actually Contributed to Date

\$10,756.98

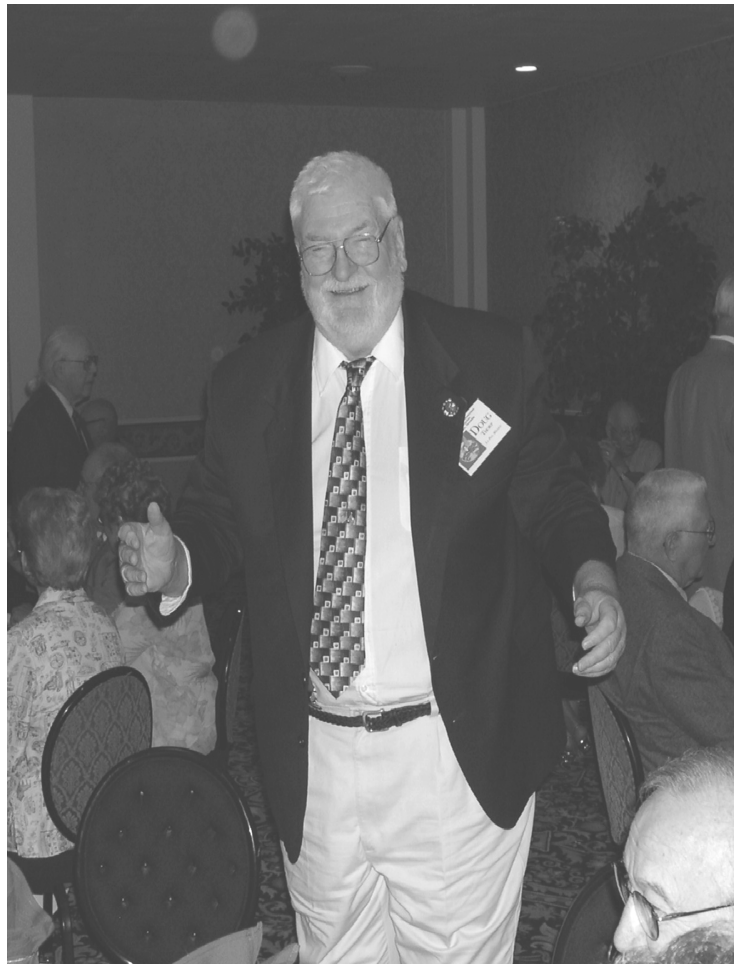
Total Pledged to Date

\$8,381.98

Total Pledged plus Dues Increase

\$11,281.98

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



Doug Thorp

Too many couples marry
for better or worse,
but not for good.

Our Fallen Comrades

Richard D. Hammel 9/05

John A. Noetzel 4/24/63

May he live on in our memories.

Many girls like to marry a military man; he can cook, sew, make beds, has good health, and he is already used to taking orders.



Mary Bloem, Mary & Duane Henrichson, John Bloem



Linda & Don Jones



Carol & Don Kangas



Mike Piro & Mary Ann Derouen



Left picture:
Shari & Bill
Wisnowski

Right picture:
Mary Ragusa &
Carol Nelson



8th Annual Port Hueneme All Seabee Reunion June 22-25, 2006

**It is time to call and make your
hotel reservations.**

The Country Inn phone is 805-986-5353.

The group number is 0622ALLS.

**The hotel has a 24 hour cancellation, so
you cannot lose making your reservation
now .**

Reunion Information

Two reunion packages are offered:

#1 \$120.00 per person early sign up

Thursday-Sunday

Check in Thursday afternoon at 3:00

Cost includes Thursday evening's reception,

All-Hands Picnic and dinners

Friday and Saturday nights

#2 \$85.00 per person early sign up

Friday-Sunday

Check in Friday afternoon at 3:00

includes dinners Friday and Saturday nights.

Reunion Hotel

**We are using The Country Inn of Port
Hueneme. They offer many amenities, in-
cluding breakfast every morning of your
stay . Cost is \$98.00 per night. The Hotel
is located two blocks from the ocean and
a half mile from CBC.**

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911 Call

Dispatcher: Nine-one-one. What's the nature of your emergency?

Caller: My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart.

Dispatcher: Is this her first child?

Caller: No, you idiot! This is her husband!

On the following eight pages are stories from our members that were published in the official magazine of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (formerly Bureau of Yards and Docks), *SEABEE* (formerly *Bee-line*). Our thanks to the editor, Raina Williams, for permission to reprint these articles. They were originally published in the Special Commemorative Double Issue 2003 in memory of the "Korean War, 50 Years Later", but you may remember some of the pictures and stories from previous issues of this Newsletter.

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