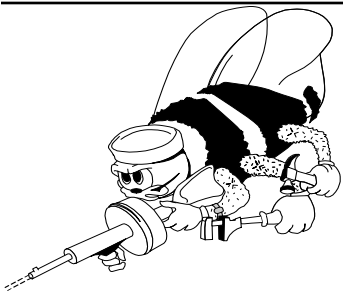


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Wild and Crazy Seabees to Descend on St. Louis, MO! Dates Have Not Been Determined, But Expect Late September or Early October 2007!

Embassy Suites in St. Louis!

From Pete Elliott

On April 18th, I met with a representative of the downtown St. Louis Embassy Suites and spoke to them about the room rates, taxes, etc. As of now, the rate MAY BE \$ 101.00 plus a total of 14 % tax, if they will give us a government rate. We are trying to get a tax exemption in Missouri, but that does not look promising. HOWEVER, the room rate includes a full FREE breakfast, and a FREE cocktail hour from 5pm to 7pm.

A brand new casino is going up right next to the Embassy Suites and is within walking distance to riverboat casinos, the arch, restaurants, shopping, etc.

All details are being worked on and I should know them by the next newsletter.

Lots of Excitement in St. Louis

Tours and beer-tasting at Anheuser-Busch brewery and gift shop, take in a baseball game, ride to the top of the Gateway Arch, riverboat gambling, and so much more! Museums, the world-famous St. Louis Zoo, Lewis & Clark Memorial, and the list just goes on. Plan to come and stay a few extra days to see the sights.

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NOTICE!!

My incoming mail was stolen from my mail box on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. If you sent a check to me around that time, please check to see if it has my imprint stamp on the endorsement end of your check. That stamp reads:

SCOTT WILLIAMS
MCB#2 REUNION ASSOC.
FOR DEPOSIT ONLY
5*****47

With the account numbers in place of the asterisks (*). Let your bank know if your account has been compromised and please notify me as well. I have since changed my mail box to a very secure box.

Scott Williams

SEABEES

June - August Dates to Remember

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 30, 1943	Seabees land with 9th Marine Division, Solomon Islands.
July 26, 1944	Seabees land on Tinian.
Aug. 6, 1945	Bombing of Hiroshima.
Aug. 7, 1942	1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal.
Aug. 9, 1942	Battle of Savo Island
Aug. 9, 1945	Bombing of Nagasaki.
Aug. 11, 1942	USNCTC Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned. "Original Home of the Seabees."
Aug. 14, 1945	Japan accepts terms of Potsdam Declaration.
Aug. 20, 1942	OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal, first CEC/Seabee Officer to enter a combat zone.

Travel is very educational. I can now say "Kaopectate" in seven different languages.



Notes from our members:

From **Jack Wilson**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. I want to stay on the Good Guy List. I want to tell you what a good time my wife and I had at the Las Vegas reunion. It was the best ever. The people at our table were great and the food was the best I had in Vegas. You and the reunion staff did a wonderful job. The black leather Seabee jacket I bought has really caught the eye of a lot of people. I got the two western cook books as a door prize that **Dave Anderson** brought. I will surely use them as I am a deer and squirrel hunter. Thanks again for a great reunion and we hope to see you in St. Louis for the next one..... from **Chuck Kangas**: Las Vegas was great! It was my first reunion. **Carol** and I enjoyed visiting with my old Camayan Point buddies: **Don McLain, Ambros Johnson**, and their spouses. We hope to be able to attend the next one in St. Louis [enclosed a check for dues and thanks]..... from **Roger (Barbara) Mohs**: We sure enjoyed Las Vegas. Had a good time, but it was a long old trip from Oregon. Have a good one. Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]..... from **Bob Hoare**: Enclosed is a check for one mad bee Seabee T shirt. Thanks again..... from **Richard Swallow**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and extra for two 3X5 white Seabee flags and four 3X5 US flags [on the way and thanks]. Also enclosed are some photos of an awesome “over-the-road” truck that I saw in northeast Oklahoma in mid-January 2006 [see page 12]..... from **Jim Stephens**: What happened to 2005? It seems like time passes much quicker than when we were at Subic and Cubi Point. In those days, we had time for ping pong, horse shoes, San Miguel, Cinderella liberty, and lots of work. Now, all we have is short days to do all the volunteer things that keep us busy. Ahhhh! The youthful days! Put me back on the Good Guy List [enclosed a check—thanks]..... from **Ron Landrum**: I am enclosing a check for my dues and a little extra for an updated roster when you have time [thanks and on the way]. I really appreci-

ate your emails that keep me informed on Seabee/Navy information and give me a smile now and then, too. Keep up the good work..... from **Harold Agles**: Put me back on the Good Guy List [done!]. I don't think we will make Vegas this year [I don't either as it was four months ago!]..... from **Charlie Hogan**: The decals arrived today and I learned that we hadn't mailed the check [thanks]..... from **Lewie Baker**: Well, I'm late again. I have good intentions of paying my dues in December but somehow it gets away with me. I sure appreciate all the things you do for our group. Those pictures you made available of Cubi Point in the 50's is just like the time I was there. I really enjoyed them. [great, but those were from **Dave Budworth**. I just emailed them around.] I have some of my own, very similar and I even have some 8mm movies of Cat & Pans and those old LP Tournapulls. Also, I have a friend who lives here in Tulelake who was a Marine pilot that flew off Cubi Point during the Vietnam War. I left Cubi in 1954. I was discharged at Treasure Island. A check for my dues is enclosed [thanks]. Thanks again for all your help. If you ever travel north on highway 139, stop by and see me as you go right through Tulelake, which is 3 miles from the Oregon/California state line..... from **Ray Hooter**: I think I am behind in my dues, so this check should cover them with a few bucks left for whatever. If not, let me know [thanks, and you are covered!] Note that I have a new address..... from **Vern Ammentorp**: Sorry I missed sending my dues [enclosed a check—thanks]. We now have -19° below and 10” of snow [brrrrr!]. When it gets this cold, the mind gets a little frozen. I guess winter is here. We have had very mild weather until now. We are looking forward to St. Louis..... from **Ray Sorrentino**: It looks like everyone had a good time at the Las Vegas reunion. The pictures were great. Sorry we missed it but are planning on the St. Louis reunion. Enclosed is a check for membership dues to stay on the Good Guy List [thanks]. Also, I would like a couple Seabee flags, if you have them [on the way]. I enjoyed reading the story about leaving Atsugi, Japan, and going over to K-3, Korea, with them now as CBD 1804. Brings back a few memories..... from **Sam (Mary) Ragusa**: All I can say is, “Ooops!” I think we ought to have a “dues needed” list when we register people at St. Louis [OK, I'll get one out]. If theirs are coming due, we



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can tell them and maybe also collect some dues. We are well. **Sam** has been topping trees and I am helping with the Arizona Tax Revolt. Our property taxes went up 80%! [Wow!! That is a huge increase!] Keep warm..... from **Arnold Daisy**: [sent dues—thanks] A little extra for postage or whatever..... received dues from **Pat Morris, Paul D'Angelo, Duane Weltlich, Ken Catchpole, Al (Barbara Sue) Fritz, Elwin 'Shorty' (Phyllis) Campbell, Pat (Joyce) Badgett, Clem Gregurek, John Grasz, Hank Bentsen, Jerry Wilkening, Richard Baker, Roy Grisham, Robert Doezie, Richard Coulson, Dan (Mrs.) Mills, George (Kay) Gustin, Harlen (Hermenia) Puck, Ralph (Mary) Bokern, Gordon Gwathney, Frank (Jane) Mingo, Herb Liverman, Don Seethaler, Cecil (Marjorie) Westwood, Joe DeFranco, Jim Green, Clark Alexander, Tom Dowd, Ken Gaskell, Don (Winifred) Grobbel, Paul (Opal) Neusetzer, Gordon Love, and Tony Marcella** [thanks all!]..... from **Marshall Williams**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. At 78, I'm afraid of getting 'forgetful.' You know how it is with Oldtimer's Disease—ha! I really enjoyed the Newsletter, especially all the information from the Philippines and Guam up to Japan and Korea. Lt. **Roudebush** was OIC, taking us from Japan to Korea. Ch. **Grossman** was #2 (Exec.), then after a little time, LCdr. **Cameron Lee** relieved Lt. **Roudebush**. We had a great crew over there. I served until May Day 1952 at K-3, then two chiefs, CE1 **Stentz**, his shotgun rider, myself and my shotgun rider, drove three vehicles up to K-6 to finish our tour. I have great memories of my opportunity to be in Korea. I joined in 1946 at 17 years of age. My dad wouldn't sign any earlier. I tried to go at 15, but he wouldn't have it. I retired in 1968 and Korea was a highlight for me. So long for now..... from **Bob Janson**: Before it gets any later in the year, enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks] and a few bucks for an updated roster. I hope it's enough [it is and on the way]. I see my next town neighbor, **Bob Marshall**, joined up. It was a real surprise to find him after all these years and living right in the next town to me! We have been enjoying meeting for an occasional breakfast and 'shooting the breeze' about the good old days. Old days, yes. Good? Well, they say you only remember the good times and forget the bad.

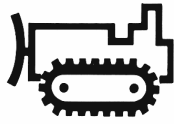


Pass along my regards to all the other guys..... from **Mal (Marge) Pearson**: [**Marge** called me to tell me to shape up or ship out! I had received **Mal's** dues check in November but have not put his name on the Good Guy List. I tried to explain that it is this cheap help around here, but she just laughed. OK, OK! I'll put **Mal's** name on the GG List, just don't say anything bad about the help!]...... from **Bill Wisnowski**: Sorry I'm late with the dues but you know how **Shari** is (ha ha!) [thanks, **Shari!** Keep **Bill** tuned up!]. We went out to the old El Toro Marine base and drove the new Corvette on a race track with a pro driver along giving instructions. Fun, fun! You ought to get one of those, **Scott** [ooooeee! I don't know if I could handle that anymore. My racing days have slowed way down. Between the Las Vegas traffic and **Rachel**, I'm a putt-putter.] Hope to see you if you get in the neighborhood [me, too] from **Hugh (Norma) Ireland**: Enclosed please find a check to pay **Hugh's** dues [thanks] from **John Ruby**: [enclosed a check for dues... thanks] Better late than never. Sorry about that. I just got out of the hospital and now am catching up..... from **Allan Alberg**: Here is a check for my dues [thanks]. I enjoyed the Seabee pictures of Korea in the last Newsletter. I was attached to Det. A in Korea during 1951-1953. We hope to make it to the next reunion..... from **Glen Bates**: Here is my check for dues [thanks]. Time goes by so fast now-a-days I didn't realize I was one of the "bad guys". [you're not..... You just fell off the Good Guy List] from **Jim De Keyser**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Hope to make the next reunion in St. Louis..... from **Bennie Carlson**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Sorry I dropped off the Good Guy List. I've added a little extra for a new roster and hopefully you can send me the Seabee verse to the Navy Hymn. I misplaced/lost my copy. I really got a charge reading the February issue of the Newsletter (Vol.6 No. 2) and the reports of the Seabees in Korea. I got to K-3 (Po Hang) in '51 and we had only tents for barracks and chow halls. The Seabees got busy in their short off-duty hours pouring concrete slabs and putting up 'barracks kits' that you see in the picture on pages 18 and 23. Everyone could find something to do if you were not doing official duty (we had a 7-day work week the first 5 months I was there). The carpenter crews were



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really innovative at modifying those barracks kits also, and we were soon eating chow in hard-sided buildings which included facilities for the Marines stationed on base.



The rock crusher on page 29 is the one I operated for a couple of months. I worked as a bus driver in the Seabees and we were moving earth, leveling, packing and surfacing alongside the active strip and repairing taxi strips. Page 19 mentions Panther jets didn't have 'hung' bombs, which I have to say is really not correct. The flares would go off and we'd get in the foxholes until the 250 lb. or 500 lb. bombs went by on the strip after it came loose and bounced down the strip like a volley ball and they didn't explode! Like they say, after a while you get used to it. Also, when we arrived there, there was no water on base and drinking water was hauled in. Showers were evenings about 2 miles off base in a tent near the well. The 'Bees soon ran a pipeline up to the base and had a barrack kit made into a shower room. I think everyone appreciated that! Anyway, it was good to think back on that time—and be thankful it's in the past. Thanks again for a great Newsletter.....

from **Victor Swanson**: I guess it's just me but it seems like I just paid my dues a few months ago ['a few months' has stretched a bit. Your last dues expired 12/31/04]. I have not been able to travel due to my wife being house-bound, so I do enjoy the Newsletter. My own health is not good, but I still get around, although not very well. I send my love to all my MCB 2 buddies..... from **Eugene (Phyllis) Antoine**: Sorry we are late with these dues from **Bert Helms**: Here's a check for my dues [thanks]. I guess it's still \$20 per year [yep! It's still a good deal!]. I enjoy reading the Newsletter. I was in MCB 2 and CBMU 101 and I see lots of names I know. I hope I make it to St. Louis [hope so, **Bert**! You will meet all your old buddies again.]..... from **Billy Partridge**: Sorry I didn't send dues sooner [but thanks now]. We enjoy the Newsletter so much. I lost the price list on flags but I would like one blue Seabee and two USA flags. If my check isn't enough, please let me know [it's fine and thanks]. If it's more than enough, use the extra where needed [thanks again]..... from **Bob Conroe**: Had a good time in Vegas. Sorry we are so late with paying the dues [and thanks!]..... from **William Alwine**: I would like to compliment you on the

recent *Seabees* Newsletter. You did a wonderful job on the articles. This brought back a lot of memories for me. I was in the 124th NCB in Adak when I got orders to go to CBD 1804. This was the latter part of 1950. I actually got to 1804 in 1951. I left Korea in 1954. I went to Iwakuni with CBMU 101. I distinctly remember Chief **Grossman** who I worked for in Korea and Japan. I left Iwakuni the latter part of 1955. I must say that Chief **Grossman** was the best Chief I ever worked for in my Naval career. I learned a lot from this Chief. He knew how to work with men and get the job done. It certainly brought back a lot of memories when I read the article about Korea, especially about the officers and men I worked with. Enclosed are my dues [thanks]. I thank you and keep up the good work..... from **Lloyd Kallsen**: Please place my name back on the Good Guy List [done. Thanks]. I overlooked paying the yearly dues. Enclosed find my check..... from **John Weires**: Late again, but here are my dues [thanks]. No excuses this year. Have a great one. Thanks for the article on Korea and the Seabees. Have read and will reread several more times..... from **Loretta Middleton**: Just a note to let you know that **Neil** died January 17, 2006. Enclosed is an order of service along with his picture and a memorial card. We had planned to be in Las Vegas and regret we were not able to attend the reunion in October. Life, illness and death are never convenient [our sincere condolences]..... from **Bill Sigmund**: Sorry I fell behind in my dues. Enclosed is a check [thanks]. I never hear mentioned about the MCB 2 basketball team from 1952! We won the championship in the P.I. by defeating the Air Force at Clark field and went on to Guam and unfortunately lost there. Our next stop would have been Hawaii. Hope to see you in St. Louis in '07..... from **Harold (Don) Leasure**: I was surprised to see my old boss, Ensign **Taylor**'s notes in the February issue. I haven't seen or heard of him since 1953, but I've not forgotten him. He was a real neat guy, and now I see that he rose to the rank of RADM. I am proud to have known him. I was the dispatcher for the motor pool and the unit phone operator when he was there. The unit's phone switchboard was in the Transportation office because that was the command post in the event of an emergency so the dispatchers ended up being the phone operators. I remember Chief **Grossman**, too. We



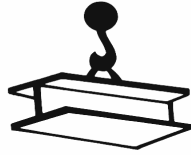
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worked together until he was sent to Yo Do island to do a job. The last three months of my tour in CBMU 1/101, I was sent to Atsugi, Japan, to help extend the air strip there with a crew of equipment operators. I was a CD2 and was in charge of the operators there. When I went back to K-3 to check out, almost everyone I knew was already gone, including Ensign **Taylor**. I had to write to thank you for sending the information on Ensign **Taylor**. I called him at his home yesterday evening and I wasn't sure he would remember me, but he did and we had a good conversation talking about things that happened at K-3 Korea 53 years ago. He was a neat guy then and he still is now. He told me of some of his tours of duty in his thirty years of service and he ought to write a book about it. I invited him to attend our next reunion in St. Louis and he said he has wanted to attend in the past but something always came up to prevent it. I hope he can make it to the next one as I would love to see him again. I was particularly impressed that a Rear Admiral (retired) would remember things that happened and the people that he met 53 years ago after all the duties he has had since then. He is a real gentleman and I am proud to have known him.....

from **John Wilborn**: [**John** had called me asking for a lightweight jacket and a cap for a 95-year old friend] Thanks, **Scott**. Enclosed is my check and the extra is in case of merchandise change in price. If not, have a Big Mac on me. [thanks and yes, the jacket price did go up \$5].....

from **Millard (Trudie) Schneider**: Hi! **Millard's** "better half" here (ha). He is still on the Good Guy List and I'm quite sure he is paid up through this year and enclosed is a check to extend his dues [thanks]. Would you please send us 3 US flags? Are they still \$5 each? [yep, still a bargain] Thanks and have a great summer. We are enjoying our winter in south Texas and will be heading back home to Michigan April 13.....

from **Riley McDaniel**: I am sorry I am late with my dues but I thought I had sent them last December and apparently I had not. I checked back and could not find where I had mailed you a check. Being almost 75 years of age, there are lots of things I forget [OK, you're entitled to forget]. So, I apologize once again [no problem and thanks]. Thanks again so much for



the Newsletter. It keeps me informed from **Walter Smith**: A check for my dues is enclosed [thanks].....

from **Larry Jessop**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. I look forward to seeing my name on the Good Guy List once again. Sorry for the slip-up.....

from **Ralph Binney**: Thanks for all the good work you, **Pete**, and all the other worker bees do! Enclosed are pictures of **Roger Mohs**, "King of the Jungle" in his natural habitat and **Cecil Westwood** playing with dynamite [see page 15]. [enclosed a check for dues and thanks] Please send me a roster [on the way].....

from **Walter Waddell**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. My apologies for being late. I do enjoy reading the Newsletters and your email messages. We are looking forward to the St. Louis reunion.....

from **John Weires**: [**John** had called me asking for a nylon Seabee jacket] I received the jacket today and thanks for ordering and having it shipped. Do I owe any more? Let me know by email [nope... you're OK and thanks].....

from **Richard Muns**: Please find enclosed my check for dues. Sorry I missed the reunion but hope to be at the 2007 one. Have a great year.....

from **Charles (Helen) McCabe**: We just got back home from Yuma on the 21st of March. When we left Las Vegas in October, we went to Yuma and spent almost six months away from home. It's nice to be home but see work that needs to be done everywhere we turn. It was good to see everyone again at the reunion and it was very enjoyable. Not sure yet whether we'll get to the next one but, if I start pushing now maybe we'll make it. Take care and hello to everyone.....

from **Robert Coley**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks] and please send me a membership roster. Thanks for everything you do.....

from **Dale Lundstrom**: [enclosed a check for dues. Thanks] Please send me a membership roster [on the way].....

from **George Rosenvold**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and would you please send me an up-to-date roster of the CBMU 101? Thank you. I'm still looking for my good buddy **Billy Strickland**. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please let me know. He was at K-3 Korea 1953-1954. I really appreciate reading the Seabee paper.....

from **Mike Piro**: Sorry I am late with my dues. Just a loss of memory., I guess [and thanks]. **MaryAnn** and I had a blast in Vegas and hope to make it to St. Louis from **William**



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'Pete' Taylor: [enclosed a check for dues... thanks] Sorry I am late with my dues but will try to be on time next year. Also adding a little extra to help with office supplies [thanks for that]..... from **Sam Holsomback:** Hope you are having 'fun'. Here is a check for my dues and I would like to have two bumper stickers and some monogrammed stationery [thanks, Sam. I'll send what I have.]..... from **Darl Schmidt:** Here is a check for my dues and sorry I am late [that's OK and thanks]. A couple of years ago I got a US flag and it is now worn out. I'm wondering if you have any more? I would also like a membership roster [all on the way!]..... from **David (Edith) Anderson:** Well, it happened again and I am errant in getting my dues paid, so enclosed is my check and some extra for the museum or whatever [thanks]. Spring has arrived in Michigan. The daffodils and tulips are hurrying to bloom and the trees are budding. The temperatures during the day are in the upper 70s and at night in the mid-50s. Life is good. I really appreciate your emails. They are timely and have good information. Thank you for keeping me informed. I especially liked the ones about the Seabees efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina and over in the battle zone in Iraq. Pictures are wonderful telling the story many times better than just words how well those who followed us are doing. Are you planning to attend the Cubi Point Seabee Reunion? [no, I can't make it. Sure wish I could.] I am trying to find a Construction Mechanic I knew in Cubi Point by the name of **Charles Hamrick**. **Charley** and I were in MCB 2, MCB 5 and MCB 11 together. We were both discharged at Seattle and then I lost contact. Is there anyone in the scope of this vast organization who knows anything about **Charley**? Thank you for all you do to keep this organization together [thanks]. You are the best..... from **Jocelyn Barry:** Sadly, I am writing to let you know of the death of **Donald Barry**. He died April 8th. He always enjoyed reading the Newsletters and was sorry he couldn't make it to any of the conventions from **Danny Terry:** Please find my enclosed check for my dues and please send me a roster [thanks and one is on the way]. If anything is left over, please keep it for expenses [thank you!]. I especially enjoyed the last newsletter on "Seabees



Remember Korea." I was with CBD 1804 in 1952 at K-3. I worked at Seabee Supply with Chief **Pugh**, Chief **Vanderpool**, **Bud Wheless**, **Carter** and **Billy Strickland**. I noticed there were pictures of Seabee Supply and CBD 1804 Administration Building and the huts we lived in. It brought back a lot of memories. I have really enjoyed the Seabee Newsletter and thank you for the great job you are doing..... That looks like all the mail this time. Send me some letters and include your dues if needed. Get ready for St. Louis as that should be a terrific reunion location. More on that as it develops, but it will be after Labor Day 2007 (Sept-Oct).

Who to contact about your dues

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Top four pictures from Russ Granby:



Sam Ragusa welding a motor grader,
about 1952



Building Camayan Road, Cubi Point, P.I.,
about 1952



Clearing Camayan Road, Cubi Point, P.I.,
about 1952



Building Camayan Road, Cubi Point, P.I.,
about 1952



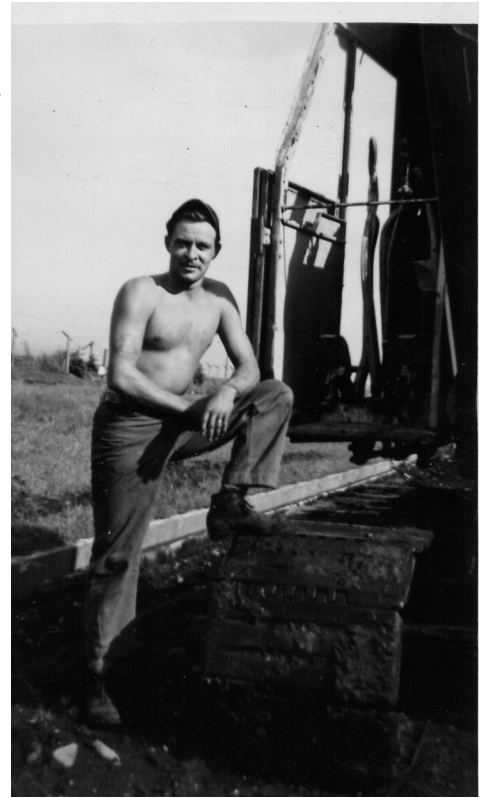
Single family home, Haversack Housing,
Subic Bay, P.I., about 1955



Oh, no! Inspection!



Left:
Bob Baird and
Don Black-
stock on the
rock crusher
hopper, At-
sugi, Japan,
summer 1951.



Right:
Charles
Stubblebine,
Atsugi, Japan,
summer 1951



Left: Don Hofstetter &
Model 12 grader, early
1951, Atsugi, Japan.

Lower right: Jerry Watts,
D-8 & pan, Atsugi, Japan



Left:
Luther Hall, D-8 &
Pan,
early 1951, Atsugi,
Japan



Left: Al Fritz,
Yokohama
liberty, 1951

Right: Chiefs
on week-end
pass, Atsugi.
Chiefs
Bennett,
DeMeers,
Hagan, &
Woods



Pictures on this page from Don Hofstetter,
MCB 2, Atsugi, Japan, 1951.

The Good Guy List

Allan Alberg, Clark Alexander, William Alwine, Vern Ammentorp, David Anderson, Eugene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Benjamin Balog, Don Barry, Glen Bates, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentzen, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Ralph Bokern, James Bolton, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, David Bridges, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, Al Burkhardt, Ralph Burnley, William Burns, Pat Carey, Mike Castlevicchi, Elwin 'Shorty' Campbell, Bennie Carlson, Ken Catchpole, George Chang, C.L. 'Chuck' Chapman, Ken Chew, Walter Cloonan, Robert Coley, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Robert Conroe, Howard Cornwell, Richard Coulson, Willard Cousins, Fred Cozad, Warren Culberson, Arnold Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Ed Dechant, Joe DeFranco, Ted DeVit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Melvin Dixon, Robert Doezie, Tom Dowd, 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, Al Fritz, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, Ken Gaskell, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Robert Graf, Russ Granby, John Grasz, Clem Gregurek, Frank Gresser, Roy Grisham, Don Grobbel, Marvin Guetling, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Robert Hart, Art Hees, 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, Vic Jaccino, Robert 'Frenchie' Jandreau, Robert Janson, Lawrence Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Lloyd Kallsen, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Edward 'Mike' Kazarian, Duane Keech, Richard Keyes, Denise King, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Conrad Lawlor, Har-

old Leasure, Harold Lind, Herbert Liverman, Robert Long, Stan 'Pete' Lore, Gordon Love, Dale Lundstrom, Ivan Majetic, Anthony Marcella, Bob Markey, Bob Marshall, Philip Matalucci, William (Jack) Mayo, Charles McCabe, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Bob Michael, Neil Middleton, 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, Paul Neusetzer, Don Nitsche, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Mel Olson, Ernest Owens, Dwight Padgett, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Mal Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Daniel Pelaez, John Petronka, Mike Piro, Earl Presson, Cecil Price, Harlen Puck, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Richard Rose, George Rosenvold, Thomas Roy, Al Rubinich, John Ruby, Vinny Ryan, Harold Saucier, Darl Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Don Seethaler, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Bill Sharp, Don Shoff, William Sigmund, Dick Sim, Fred Simon, Arthur Siple, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Ray Sonnen, Ray Sorrentino, Ted Speros, Gene Staples, Tom Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Jim Stephens, Larry Stevenson, George Stewart, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, Victor Swanson, James Taylor, William 'Pete' Taylor, Danny Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Donald (Denise King) Truskey, Jerry Vasquez, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Jerry Wilkening, Marshall Williams, R.G. 'Pete' Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Clarence 'Lefty' Williamson, Fred Wilmarth, Jack Wilson, Preston Wilson, Bill Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, and Stephen Yunger.

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 May 2, 2006. There are currently 251 paid up members from a mailing list of 530. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 772 names on the full member roster. (SW)

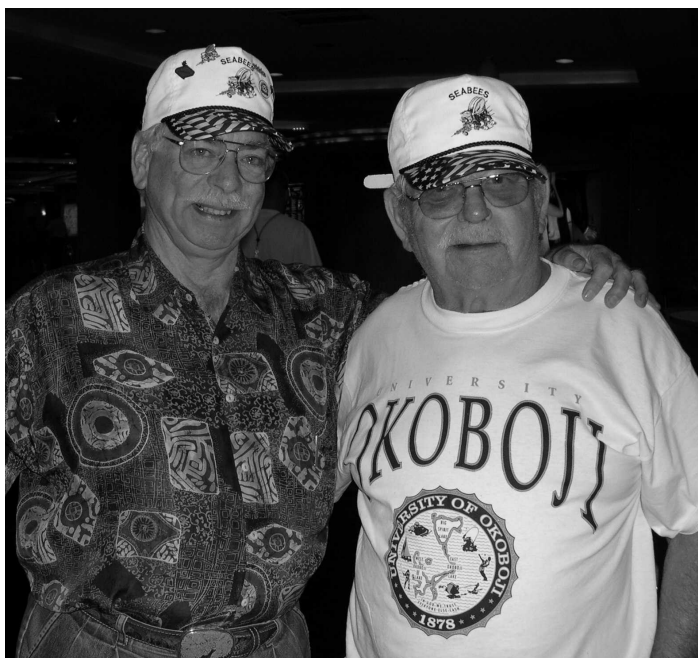
From Fred Cozad



Left to right: Larry Lipkin and Fred Cozad, 1953/1954, Camayan Point, Subic Bay, P.I.

Good Ol' Boys!

Scott Williams and George Stewart at Bally's Hotel. George came to Las Vegas for his 55th high school reunion and had some time to spare. We had a good visit and a pastrami sandwich that wasn't too bad. George was accompanied by two good-looking ladies, which made our visit more fun and his stay great! Go get 'em, tiger! By the way, George is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Okoboji in Iowa. George's email address is grandpageorge@iowaone.net. Check out his webpage: <http://www.grampageorge.com>



MCB 2 Window Decals!

We have outside application window decals for MCB 2 and are working on decals for CBMU 1/101. The above decal is actual size (3½" X 5½") and has five colors: black, gray, yellow, blue, white. The rope, wings, tool handles and some stripes on the bee are yellow, the background in the rope and the arms of the bee are blue, the tire, tools and gun are gray. The decals will not damage windows nor interfere with window tinting. Get yours now for only \$2.50 each, postpaid. I will announce the availability of the CBMU 1/101 decals in the Newsletter as soon as they become available, but get an MCB 2 decal while they last. Contact Scott Williams.



From Richard Swallow

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Here is a photo of an awesome over-the-road truck that was in northwest Oklahoma in mid-January 2006.

All trailer axels—wet sump.

Total length 174'

Load well 49'6"

This load gross weight 165 tons

18 axles - 70 wheels

Swivels in six places

Second operator controls rear steering

Fuel mileage 1.7 to 2.2 mpg

With a different rear dolly, the length increases to 208' with 19 axles - 72 wheels with a total gross weight of 275 tons.

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From Scott: All I can say is, WOW!



## 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

Pictures from Joe O'Brien



**Shopping Tip:**  
You can get shoes for  
85¢ at bowling alleys.

## MAKE A NOTE!

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Broadway, VA 22815-3218  
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575 Lantana St.  
La Verne, CA 91750-5724  
(909) 595-3569  
CBD 1804

### All CMs with CBMU 1/101:

Left: top row— L-R: Kim, Do, Ray Kepley, Joe Gagnan, Joe O'Brien, Glen Schray; bottom row: L-R: Jenkins, Elissogue, Smook, Hordwin, Maher, Wallace.

Bottom photo: on motor grader: Clem 'Greg' Gregurek, CBMU 1/101.

## *Our Fallen Comrades*

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Donald Barry        | 4/8/06  |
| Charles E. Hagemann | 4/3/06  |
| Robert L. Jones     | 1/9/06  |
| Neil C. Middleton   | 1/17/06 |

*May they live on in our memories.*

The following was sent to me via the Internet email by John Wilborn. I have received stories like this in the past and this is typical. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Go get your Kleenex now.....



## 'HOME IS THE WARRIOR.....'

Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2006

Provided below is a message from CW4(R) James V. Torney, who escorted the remains of CW2 Kyle E. Jackson home from Iraq. CW2 Jackson and CW3 Mitchell K. Carver, Jr., were killed in action near Al Sukar, Iraq, on Jan. 13, when their OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. They were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. I was escorting our brother Kyle home the other day. A duty I don't ever want to do again but will not refuse. Besides all of the attention you get walking around in your A's, I was thanked for my service from civilians, prior service, and active duty personnel in the various airports, some with a passing thank you, some stopped me to shake my hand. This I want to extend and share with all of you.

Delta Airlines was very accommodating. They put me in first class and moved me to the very first seat in each plane. A woman gave me her aisle seat so that I could leave without having to climb over her when the flight was over. After conversing with this woman for a while, I found out her husband was an F4E pilot during the Vietnam era. I was invited to dinner with them when I was finished with my duty. The restaurant manager paid for my rather pricey meal much to the dismay of my new friends who planned to pay for it themselves. I was then invited to stay at their home for as long as I was going to be in Florida.

Back to Delta Airlines and the real reason of this post.

Prior to backing out of the terminal in Philadelphia the pilot came over the intercom. With a

choked up voice he thanked the military for their service and explained that we were carrying the remains of a soldier who gave his life for his country and then asked for a moment of silence. We sat in silence for a few minutes and then backed out for Atlanta. Upon reaching Atlanta, I was met on the tarmac by a man who walked me around the front of the plane where there were more men standing in a row with every branch flag and the US flag. These men had assembled their own honor guard complete with a retired Army chaplain. There was someone from each branch holding a flag. They pulled the crate out of the plane and stopped it on the belt giving the chaplain time to say a prayer. They started the belt and came to attention rendering honors as it passed. They thanked me and sent me with a card they made on the computer and signed with their deepest regrets to the family and shuttled us to the next terminal. They had their reflective vests embroidered with Honor Guard and a US flag across the back. They also told me that they have a dark blue trolley that they use for this but it was missing (we found out it was sent to pick up Mitch at another terminal). They had explained that this was the least they could do to give back to those who had given their lives for them. This was the third toughest thing on my trip (seeing how much some really do care). The second: inspecting Kyle's uniform for the last time. And the hardest thing: seeing his family.

I wanted to share this experience with all of you because none of this was done for me. It was done for all of us. It was something nice out of something so terrible.

Thank You Kyle.

Thank You Mitch.

See you on the Green Fellahs!!!!!!!

James V. Torney



Thanks to Ralph Binney for the two pictures on this page: Subic Bay warriors.

To the left is Roger Mohs "Nature Boy, King of the Jungle" in his natural setting, according to Ralph.



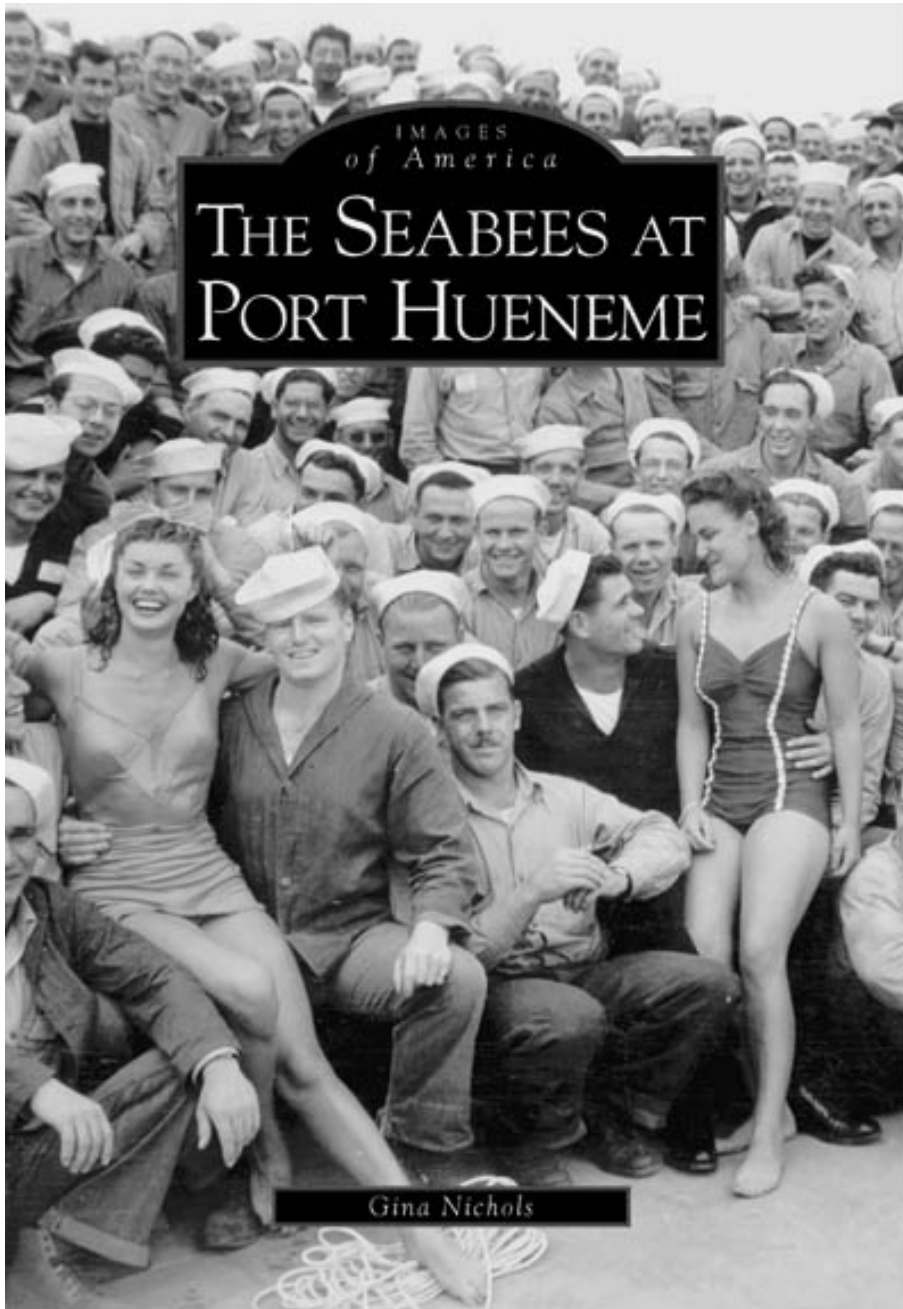
On top of the world!  
That's Cecil Westwood on top of Mt. Maritan preparing and setting the dynamite charges to bring Maritan down.



Thanks to Joe O'Brien for this picture of Gerry Durbin (L) and Ken Durkee. Korea, CBMU 1/101.

# New Book Available

*The Seabees at Port Hueneme* by Gina Nichols



## About the author:

Gina Nichols, U.S. Navy Archivist for the CEC/Seabee Archives in Port Hueneme, has assembled the most striking images from a voluminous 250,000-plus collection for this pictorial treasure trove, highlighting a force of many specialties that has prided itself on being able to lay down tarmac or erect a bridge, hospital, or base practically overnight.

## Book Details:

Binding: Paperback  
Dimensions: 6½" X 9¼"  
Pages: 128  
Price: \$20 postpaid

Order yours from  
**Scott Williams**

**About the book:** In 1942, the navy sought a location for an advanced base on the West Coast to ship construction materiel, equipment and men into World War II's Pacific theater. Port Hueneme's deepwater harbor, rail system, and rural setting made it the ideal site from which to send 20 million measurement tons of war materiel and a quarter of a million men onto island specks that later became headlines: Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Philippines. Seabees later deployed from Port Hueneme to serve in the Korean, Vietnam, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and Iraqi conflicts, as well as in peacetime, for more than 60 years. Charged with building air bases, ports, combat camps, hospitals, and other support facilities as part of military and humanitarian efforts around the world, the Seabees remain at home in Port Hueneme.



# CBMU 1 Patch



Just as we were about to go to press, the company making the decal sent this patch for approval. I emailed Pat Morris and after thinking about it, said this would be just fine. So, all of the CBMU 1 men can get a couple of these window decals. They are 3.75" in diameter and outside application so they will not damage window tinting and are very visible. Order yours now at \$2.50 each, postpaid. Order from Scott Williams.

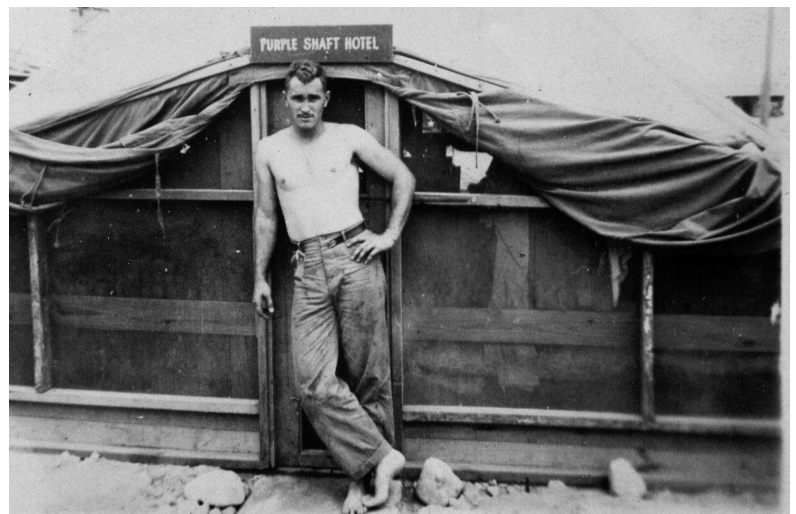
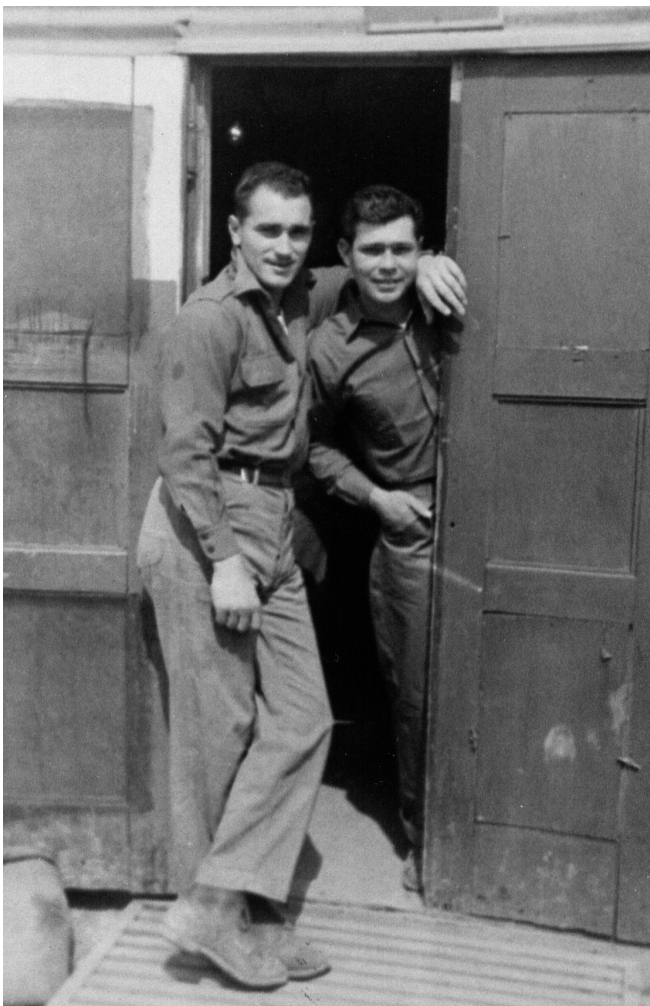


Photo above: Dick Hillyer

Left photo: Dick Hillyer and Ray Hooter

Thanks to Ray Hooter. These pictures are from K-3, Pohang-dong, Korea, 1951.



R & R Kyoto, Japan, 1951

L-R: Ray Hooter, George Dorge, Dick Hillyer

Runway paving crew, CBMU 1, K-3, Korea

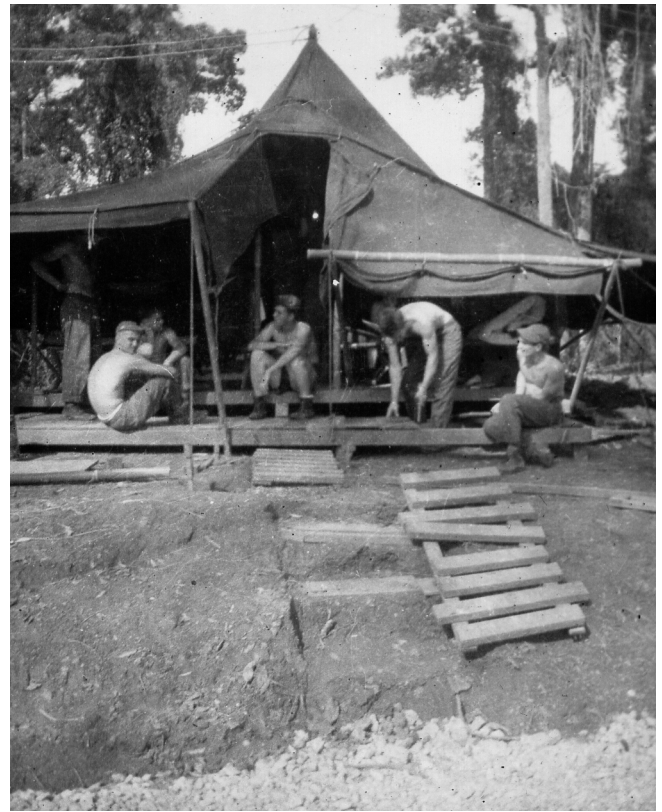


Ray Hooter operating the concrete paving machine, CBMU 1, K-3, Korea.

All pictures on this page courtesy of Ray Hooter.



Above: Bill Limpus on right with another huge snake he captured at Cubi Point, 1952



Right: Erecting hut 2-14 at Cubi Point, P.I., July 1952

Above pictures from Russ Granby



Left: MCB 2 home, Cubi Point, P.I.

Back row, L-R: ?, Linn, Gilbert, Bob LeFever;  
Front row, L-R: Sam Mears, Dick Sim, Bob Molseed. Subic Bay, 1952

Thanks to Dick Sim for these two pictures.



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