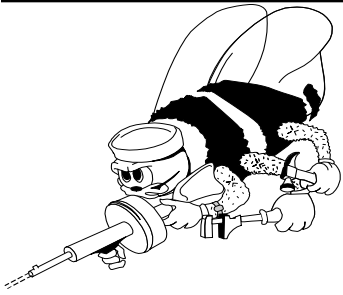


# MCB 2 Reunion Association

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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

**OK! Mark October 20 - 23, 2007  
on your calendar!**

**The hotel has been selected and final  
arrangements are being made for a  
GREAT REUNION!**

### St. Louis!

from Pete Elliott

Hope this finds you all happy and healthy. Heavy rains, massive power outages etc., in St. Louis and heavy rains and massive flooding in Greater Cleveland area have caused some delay as far as the reunion. I sent an email to the Hotel just a few minutes ago asking for a status report and draft contract for 2007.

I hope to have everything finalized by the end of August, ( this year ) HA!

Also, Scott and I are looking for any ideas to get our MCB 2 group a national tax exempt status to help our members save money at the reunions. Any Ideas ?

Whatever happens, we are going to have fun and comradeship at the reunion. There will be plenty to keep us happy!

We are looking forward to seeing you all!

# 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.

*Only Irish coffee provides all four  
essential food groups in a single  
glass:*

*Alcohol, caffeine, sugar, and fat.*

Well, here is my latest

## Notice....

Rachel and I are moving to Villa Rica, Georgia, about 35 miles west of Atlanta. We are in the process of selling our home here in Las Vegas and expect to move in September 2006. Our new address is

725 Summer Ridge Drive  
Villa Rica, GA 30180

No phone number yet.

# SEABEES

## August – October Dates to Remember

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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.
Sept. 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland. WW II begins.
Sept. 1, 1942	6th NCB Seabees arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone.
Sept. 2, 1945	Formal surrender of Japan. WW II ends.
Sept. 14, 1892	Admiral Ben Moreell's birthday.
Sept. 15, 1950	MCB 2 commissioned
Sept. 15, 1950	Seabees land at Inchon, Korea.
Oct. 13, 1775	US Navy birthday



## Notes from our members:

From **Danny Terry**: Please find enclosed my check for dues and also for a roster [thanks]. If there is anything left over please use it for expenses [thank you!]. I especially enjoyed the last Newsletter on Seabees Remember Korea. I was with CBD 1804 at K-3 and worked at the Seabee Supply with Chief **Pugh**, Chief **Vanderpool**, **Bud Wheless**, **Carter**, and **Billy Strickland**. I noticed there were pictures of the Seabee Supply and CBD 1804 Administration Buildings 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..... from **Frank Chambers**: [enclosed a check for dues] Pay up my dues and send me a roster, please [thanks]. Thank you..... received dues from **Dan Svendsen** and **Gerald Grubb**, [thanks] ..... from **Stoney Serrett**: Sure hope that all is well with you and **Rachel** [it is, thanks]. **Gladys** seems to be doing a little better each day. As for myself, I am doing okay for an 81-year-old codger. I am enclosing some information about my good friend **Charley Neugent**. As you will note in some of the info enclosed, he went from a Seaman Apprentice to Commander. His first duty station with the Seabees was as a student at the Naval Construction Center at Port Hueneme. His last duty station was as Commanding Officer at the Naval Schools Construction Center at Port Hueneme. **Charley** completed thirty years in the Navy as a Seabee in January 1978. In 1947, after **Charley** completed the Class "A" Electricians School at Port Hueneme, he was the top man in his class and was offered a school at the Army Signal Corps school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He completed that school and was ordered to NCB 103 on Guam. I first met **Charley** when he was a Construction Electrician striker at Truk in the Caroline Islands. **Charley** came down from NCB 103 to rebuild the telephone system on the island and completed that project with flying colors. He was appointed to Warrant Officer in 1956 and received his

commission as Chief Warrant Officer Two in 1959. He was promoted to Commander in 1970. **Charley** passed away in December 2004. He always enjoyed coming to the MCB 2 reunions and was very proud of his association with MCB 2. [Stoney also sent an inter-



view that **Charley** had with the *Seabee Coverall* newspaper at the Port Hueneme Naval Construction Training Center in January 1978 when he was retiring that I will reprint on pages 12 & 13 of this issue.] I would also like to inform you that I received a letter from the sister of another old MCB 2 Seabee that her brother, **Layton "Duffy" Price**, has passed away [thanks, **Stoney**. I will add his name to our Fallen Comrades]..... from **Jesse Wilson**: Sorry I'm late. I have had some problems and have been in and out of the hospital. I'm better now and enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks, and glad to hear you are better] ..... from **Emil (Betty) Krygier**: [Emil had called me and asked for some ball caps and Seabee pins. Thanks for the check]..... from **Al (Cat) Borys Scott**, you and the entire staff should be very proud and elated for your leadership for what has been achieved and for making possible buddies to keep in touch [thank you]. On a more personal side, I wonder if you can advise me where or how I may obtain rate badges for BU1 in red and gold. All my uniforms were lost and my daughter would like to have them to keep with my service records. Enclosed is a check for dues [thank you]. God willing for all of us to be able to continue the enjoyable reunions. Thanks again to the entire staff..... [I sent **Al** a red BU1 rating badge I obtained and have ordered a gold one]..... from **Al Borys**: I received the badge and I sure do appreciate it. If you are successful in getting a gold BU1 badge, please send it and I will reimburse you. With your dedicated personal interest, experience and effort, there is no wonder why our reunions are such a success [thank you... and thanks for the check]..... from **Galen Farnsworth**: You may have already seen this but a friend of mine sent it to me and I thought it was great. In fact, you might even want to put it in the next Newsletter [see page 9]. Thanks for all the good work you do. You are a real Patriot in my eyes [WOW! Thank you!] ..... from **George Dorge**: Here is a check for my dues and sorry I am late [thanks]. I'll try to do better next year. We are good here. Hope you are the same [we are, thanks]..... from **Erv Lampe**: I'm putting a

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check in the mail for dues, 2 American flags, 4 CBMU decals and 2 MCB 2 decals and use the rest for postage or whatever [thanks much!]. Also, since the next reunion is here in our home town, Bernice and I would like to volunteer our services for anything you would like us to do. Just let us know and we will be happy to concur [thanks again! We can use all the volunteer help we can get. I'll probably send the Seabee Ship's Store plunder to you for storage before the reunion.]..... from **Paul D'Angelo**: Please send me two MCB 2 decals as described in the May 2006 Newsletter. Thanks so much for all you do..... received dues from **Don Jones, Lloyd Burgess, William Irvine, Basil Arnold, Bob Markey, John Kolasz, and Harry Ladley** [thanks]..... from **Silas (Ida) Bucher**: I didn't see **Silas**' name on the Good Guy list and thought I should send a check [thanks]. Since it is the middle of 2006, thanks for sending the Newsletter. **Silas** enjoys it when I read it to him. He is still in the nursing home and is doing the best he can. Thank you and God bless you. ps: enclosed is a little extra for whatever [thank you very much]..... from **Jesse Wilson**: [**Jesse** had ordered a Seabee jacket from me] Thank you for sending the jacket. It is a beauty. Thank you so much. I'm sending a new address for **Dick Walters** [thanks]. Again, thanks ..... from **Roger Mohs**: Please send me 2 MCB 2 window decals. Thanks..... from **Jack Balding**: I'm still alive but don't know for how long, but I'm sending my dues [thanks]. I don't know how long I'm paid up for [about seven or eight years]. And please send me four MCB 2 window decals, two white Seabee flags and a membership roster. I have half a heart and one kidney and I've still got a hose in me. I thank all for sending me get well cards and praying for me. I'm going to do my best to live to owe you some more money for dues [I hope so, **Jack**]. I was a CD2 with MCB 2 and when MCB 2 went to Cubi Point, 45 of us went to CBD 1802 at K-3 with the 1st Marine Air Wing, 33rd Squadron, Pohang, Korea..... from **Charles Minert**: Please send me two CBMU 1 decals..... from **Roy Peak**: Enclosed is my check to purchase a copy of *The Seabees at Port Hueneme* by Gina Nichols. I didn't spend much time at Port Hueneme but I remember the place. I have been away from home visiting my son and his partner in Minneapolis, Minnesota. My

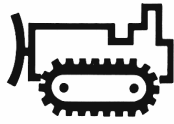


son had challenged me to scan my Kodachrome slides into my iBook computer and print those I wanted to frame on the wall and also to 'burn' some CDs with these slide pictures for distribution to my family. So, before I left home for the 1535-mile trip to Minneapolis, I searched out all my slides and took them with me. These slides begin when I reported to MCB 2 at Port Hueneme in late 1950 and continued for 16 years. I sorta enjoyed looking at these slides and remembering (when I could) the circumstances of each picture and people involved. I have to admit that many of the slides were lost in my forgetfulness. .... from **Mike Kazarian**: Enclosed is my check for dues and also a membership roster. I enjoyed the article from **Marshal Williams**. I was in that first group from Guam to K-3. He mentioned **CEI Stentz** and I would like to contact him. They were all a great bunch of guys. Thanks..... from **Richard Coulson**: I understand we can order the new CBMU 1 patch from you [well, if you mean a window decal, yes. We don't have any patches.]. Enclosed is our check for five patches. Thank you. There is no mention if there is a handling and shipping charge. If there is one, please let me know [nothing extra. The total is as advertised.]..... from **Finley (Iona) Morrison**: I missed my name on the Good Guy List!! Hope this catches me up [it does and thanks]. I enjoyed the Newsletter and all the pictures..... from **Karl Weisenbacher**: Enclosed please find my check for one book, *The Seabees at Port Hueneme*, two CBMU 1 decals, and my dues [thanks]. I went to Class 'A' Surveyors school at Port Hueneme in 1952 and wondering if there is any mention of the Surveyors School in the book [the order has not yet been delivered, so I can't answer that yet]..... from **Ben Lally**: Here's my check to get me back on the Good Guy List. I saw **Doug Thorp**'s name in a past issue and that caused me to rethink my time in Korea and CBMU 101. Your Newsletter is great..... from **Edwin Carlson**: Enclosed is a check for one copy of *The Seabees at Port Hueneme* by Gina Nichols..... from **Len Hardoin**: A check is enclosed for my dues, a membership roster and two MCB 2 window decals..... from **Dick (Judy) Todd**: **Dick** was so pleasantly surprised when a phone call was received from **Tom Roy** in Plymouth, NH, to arrange a visit on May 22. **Jack Schrader** was planning a visit from Chillicothe, OH, and was to be a part of the



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visit but his plans had to change at the last minute. Joining the group was **Ken Colburn** from Gilford, NH, a friend who has accompanied **Tom** to reunions and whom we have all met. **Dick** had been so pleased when the get-well box of items was sent from MCB 2, so to have the fellows plan to get together for a convalescent visit was an added pleasure. I don't know how well my shady photo will scan, but I thought folks might like to see the fellows [see page 8]. Hopefully, **Jack** will get another chance to visit. **Dick** finished his chemotherapy at the beginning of May. On June 1, we learned that it had done its job and that the shrinking on the CT scan will allow us to use the word 'remission' for a while. That is a blessing beyond measure. I'm sure that you've heard of New Hampshire's Mother's Day flood and the Suncook River that changed its course. We live across the road from the section that 'disappeared.' Land contours keep us from problems but we've never seen Epsom as flooded as it was this spring. Now, we have yard work to the proportions of the tropics! We always enjoy the Newsletter..... from **Al Borys**: Your Seabee 'Can Do' spirit is something you have not lost. Thanks for all your effort. Enclosed is a check for the gold BU1 rating badge. Please have a drink on me. I wish I could buy it personally [thank you!]..... from **Stanley Dauer**: Please send me two MCB 2 window decals and a copy of *The Seabees at Port Hueneme*. I am hoping my health holds out until St. Louis. After passing 70 a few years back, you never know. But my boss lady says I'm too ornery to go. So, maybe there is hope for me to see all in St. Louis. I am enclosing a few pictures I have found, but the memory just can't remember some of the names [I'll run them as space permits (see page 8) and thanks]..... from **Ken Ludwig**: Will you please send me a couple CBMU 1 window decals when they become available [also enclosed a check for dues. Thanks]..... from **Ralph Heitt**: It's about time I sent you my check for dues. I should have paid when we were in Las Vegas [oh, well... Thanks]. I'm looking forward to St. Louis. I enjoyed some of the photos of Subic Bay in the May issue. That's where I was stationed for 2½ years..... from **William (Twyla) Duensing**: Sorry we are always late with this and we checked back several months in our checkbook. We couldn't believe

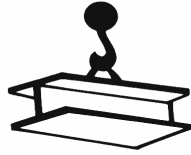


that we hadn't sent the dues in earlier. Time is flying [make that 'tempus fugit', and thanks ]. We'll try to do much better!..... from **David 'Ernie' Pyle**: I guess I am getting old like everyone else. I blame it all on the San Miguel that I drank. No, that's not it... I just forgot. Here it is [enclosed a check and thanks]. No one ever says anything about the APL that we lived on. That was lots of fun but it sure was hot. That's why I drank all that San Miguel. Put me back on the Good Guy List again [done!]..... from **Don McDaniel**: I forgot that my dues were due, so am doing the enclosed check, which is overdue. Please send me two of the CBMU 1 patches [decals]. I have the original cloth patch and also a CBMU 1 heavy equipment patch. Last Christmas I found a web site called anysoldier.com where some of our guys in Iraq and Afghanistan request things they need. I picked out two Seabees and sent them each two boxes, one full of goodies and one full of personal hygiene items then, a few weeks ago, I received a box in the mail from one of the guys. In the box was an American flag and a certificate that the enclosed flag had been flown over Al Asad, Iraq, on March 3, 2006, and signed by Capt. Steven L. Young CEC, USN Commanding Officer, NMCB 22, a reserve unit from Amarillo, Texas. Needless to say, the flag and certificate are now proudly displayed on a wall in my office. Our troops are doing one hell of a job over there and really appreciate support from home, and that includes a lot of Seabees. So, maybe some of us old guys could go to the anysoldier.com website, pick out a Seabee and send them a few things that are hard to come by over there. The website gives all the information and details [wow! Great suggestion, **Don!** OK, guys. The ball is in your court!]..... from **C. Edner Rudolph**: I received the Newsletter today which reminded me that I was no longer on the Good Guy List. This check should take care of me for a while [it does and thanks]. Keep up the good work. I'm sure we all appreciate your good work, even if we never tell you [ahhhh, but you do. And thanks for the kudos]..... from **Ernest Garner**: I am enclosing a check and would like for you to send me the book about Port Hueneme and also a window Seabee decal. I was in MCB 2 from 1953 to 1956 in Subic Bay when the air strip and Camayan Road were built..... from **John Jurkash**: Sorry I'm late! [enclosed a check for dues. Thanks]..... from **Ed**



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(**Sharon**) **Ballerstein**: Sorry about getting **Ed** on the Bad Guy List. After being in the hospital for a month and recuperating at home for a month, things got pretty far behind and I just spaced this. Use the extra wherever needed [thanks, and I hope all is OK now.]..... from **Paul (Pat) Schell**: I'm sending in a check for **Paul's** dues [thanks] and he would also like three CBMU window decals [on the way]..... from **Frank Betonte**: Sorry I'm late with my dues [thanks]. Keep up the good work and thanks. You know what to do with the rest [and thanks again!]..... from **Randy Judd**: It has been a while since I wrote, so thought it was time I got on the Good Guy List again [thanks]. I hope this letter finds you and yours in good health [it does, thanks]. I got back from the Ohio SVA convention a couple of weeks ago and saw a lot of good friends while there and also talked with **Pete Elliott**. I hope the best with your convention in St. Louis as it sounds like it will be fun and it's a great city, too! I always enjoy reading the MCB 2 Newsletter, so please keep them coming. I have a small list of some of the items I would like: MCB 2 decal, CBMU 1 decal, membership roster, and the Port Hueneme book..... from **Ray Hooter**: The May Newsletter was quite a surprise, seeing the photos of **George, Dick** and me. I think the young lady on the left in the picture on page 16 is **Esther Williams** (it is, and she is sitting on the lap of **John "Red" Purcell**, July 13, 1944). Has anyone else mentioned that? [no, you are the only one so far.] Enclosed is a check for a copy of the book by **Gina Nichols** and two CBMU 1 decals. The rest can go for whatever the need [thanks]. "Home Is The Warrior" on page 14 hit home for me. My son is a combat medic with the 10th Mit. Div. In Afghanistan. Good thing the box of Kleenex was near. Thanks, **Scott**, for all you do and thanks for a great Newsletter. And the dates on the pictures on page 17 & 18 should be 1952. ps: I have a new phone number: 909-394-9426..... from **Joe O'Brien**: Enclosed is a check for dues and two CBMU 1 decals, plus whatever is needed [thanks]. If you could find a copy of V6#2, I would appreciate it as I never received mine [on the way. The USPO loses them occasionally]..... from **Bill Wilcoxon**: Sorry to be so late. I have no excuse,



just old age I guess. Anyway, enclosed is a check for my dues and put some in the museum fund and the rest for whatever [thanks]. I hope this makes it in time for the next Newsletter as I hate to see my name missing from the Good Guy List [you made it, **Bill!**]. On page 15 of the last Newsletter, I believe that is **Jerry Durbin** on the right, not left [thanks] ..... from **Verle Williams**: It was nice talking with you by phone yesterday. Enclosed is my check for *The Seabees at Port Hueneme* book. The extra is for you for sending same. Also enclosed are some photos and a letter about the **Bob Hope** USO show on Tarawa in 1944 [see page 14]. You may keep the letter. Also, keep the drawing of our B-25 bomber base at Tarawa. I drew this while stationed there. We were 20 miles down the atoll from Betio where the battle was. I thought you might like the enclosed article about Peru, Indiana. I was born in Peru, raised in Wabash and then came to Ft. Wayne. **Ben Wallace** and **Cole Porter** were both buried in Mt. Hope cemetery in Peru. My grandparents and others on my mothers' side are also buried there. You may keep this paper. It is all in Miami Indian Territory. Thanks again, **Scott**. I always look forward to receiving the Newsletter. You continue doing an excellent job [thank you]. Hope to see you in St. Louis. I'll send you more photos later..... from **Verle Williams**: [I had sent his photos back after I scanned them into my computer] Glad that you received the Tarawa photos OK. Also, thanks for sending the *Seabees at Port Hueneme* book. It was very interesting and had lots of memories. Before long, I'll be sending you some more photos for your computer. And soon I will be working on my stretch in the service from Oct. 1, 1943 to April 1946. That will be a project..... from **Dan Svendsen**: I suppose I came close to coming off your mailing list. It wasn't intentional, just a rotten memory!..... Well, folks, that looks like all of the letters I have received so it's time to mail this issue. Check the Good Guy List and see if your name is there and send me some dues if it isn't. Have a good Labor Day and don't drink too much beer! SW



*Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.*



## MAKE A NOTE!

### ADDRESS CORRECTION

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Villa Rica, GA 30180  
MCB 2

## Who to contact about your dues

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make checks payable to:  
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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## QUIPS...

I don't feel old... I don't feel anything until noon.  
Then, it's time for my nap. (Bob Hope)

At my age, flowers scare me. (George Burns)

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat  
slowly, and lie about your age, (Lucille Ball)

Until I was thirteen I thought my name was 'shut  
up.' (Joe Namath)

## *Our Fallen Comrades*

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Thomas H. Bowen 5/26/06

Robert A. Lohrentz 2/1/06

Layton D. "Duffy" Price 3/01

*May they live on in our memories.*

## Need a Membership Roster?

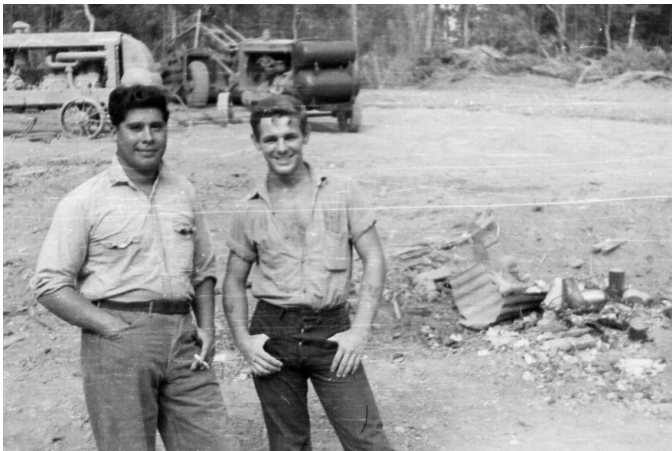
If you have a need for an up-to-date membership roster, drop me a line with a couple of bucks and I'll send you one. We currently have 777 names and addresses of former CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1/101, CBMU 577, and MCB 2 personnel, so this is a pretty thick directory (23 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters — especially the ones with checks!

Scott Williams



## Old Buddies

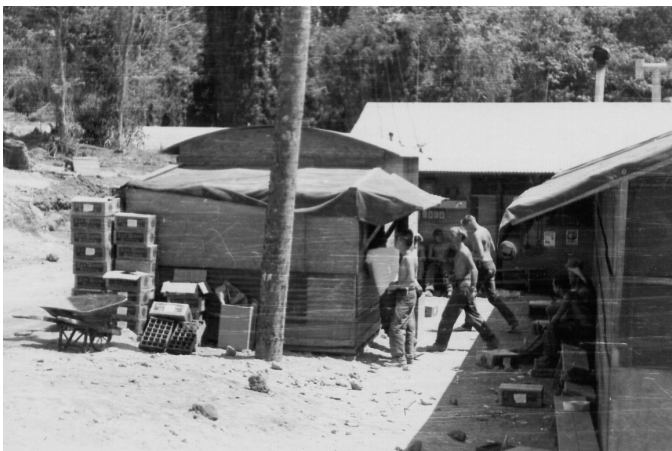
L-R: Ken Colburn, Tom Roy, Dick Todd visiting Dick in Epsom, NH, May 22, 2006.



Subic bay 1953: Stan Dauer on right, (Looks like Rudy Rios on left but may not be.)



Mel Lattain, Subic Bay, 1953. From Stan Dauer



Beer Hall, Camayan Point, 1953. From Stan Dauer

Lt. (j.g.) Plenauf and SWSC Jenkins, Subic Bay, 1953. From Stan Dauer [Not sure about the officer's name. Could not read the writing very well.]





# **U.S. Navy Releases Al Qaeda Terrorist - I can't believe it!!!!**

## **US Navy Catch & Release Program**

The US Navy today announced that it has released a senior Al Qaeda terrorist after questioning him extensively for 27 days while being held prisoner aboard a US aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea.

In a humanitarian gesture, the terrorist was given \$50 US and a white 1962 Ford Fairlane automobile upon being released from custody.

The photo below shows the terrorist on his way home just after being released by the Navy.



# The Good Guy List

Allan Alberg, Clark Alexander, William Alwine, Vern Ammentorp, David Anderson, Eugene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Don Barry, Glen Bates, Ray Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Ralph Borkern, James Bolton, Alexander (Cat) Borys, Robert Bowdler, Donald Bradley, David Bridges, Philip Brunelle, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, Lloyd Burgess, Al Burkhardt, Ralph Burnley, William Burns, Pat Carey, Mike Castlevecchi, Elwin 'Shorty' Campbell, Bennie Carlson, Ken Catchpole, Frank Chambers, 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, George Dorge, 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, Gerald Grubb, Marvin Guetling, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Leonard Hardoin, 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, Robert 'Frenchie' Jandreau, Robert Janson, Lawrence Jes-

sop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Don Jones, Randy Judd, John Jurkash, Lloyd Kallsen, Greg (Isabel) Karekin, Edward 'Mike' Kazarian, Duane Keech, Richard Keyes, Denise King, John Kolasz, Emil Krygier, Harry Ladley, Ben Lally, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Conrad Lawlor, Harold Leasure, Harold Lind, Herbert Liverman, Robert Long, Stan 'Pete' Lore, Gordon Love, Ken Ludwig, Dale Lundstrom, Ivan Majetic, Anthony Marcella, Bob Markey, Bob Marshall, Philip Matalucci, William (Jack) Mayo, Charles McCabe, Don McDaniel, 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, C. Finley Morrison, 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, C. Edner Rudolph, Vinny Ryan, Harold Saucier, Paul Schell, 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, Dan Svendsen, 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, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Karl Weisenbacher, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, John Wilborn, William Wilcoxon, Jerry Wilkening, Marshall Williams, R.G. 'Pete' Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Clarence 'Lefty' Williamson, Fred Wilmarth, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Preston Wilson, Bill Wisnowski, Jim Wommack, and Stephen Yunger.

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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 July 15, 2006. There are currently 279 paid up members from a mailing list of 530. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 770 names on the full member roster. (SW)

## From Rex Roark

The USPS has a program for military family members and friends to supply them with packaging materials to send packages to troops overseas. If you call 1-800-610-8734 and select option # 1, Ask them for the "Military pack" they will send you boxes, tape, packaging materials and labels. They will also give you an I.D. number so if your supply runs low, you just call them up and they'll send you more supplies. The materials take about four to ten days to receive. I Don't know if any of you have mailed any packages lately, but if you go to mail box etc., they will charge you for the box, tape, peanuts, labels and everything else the can think of! After a while, those charges start to add up!

I remember the time in Haversack I found a big pocket of clay in an earth cut and nearby was a 20' length of a 2" pipe. I jammed one end of the pipe into the clay, solidly plugging that end. Then, I found a saw horse and propped the pipe across it pointing it toward the unoccupied jungle. Next, I got a five-gallon bucket of gas and poured it into the pipe, took a ball of the clay and pushed it in the other, upper end of the pipe that is now full of gas. When I put the clay plug in the upper end, I also put in a string which I pulled out after the ball of clay was firmly in place, which made a tiny breathing hole. Now, I found some wood that was lying around and put it all around the lower end of the pipe and poured some of the remaining gas on it and lit the fire. The gas-soaked wood just exploded and started roaring, getting hotter and hotter. Soon, the gas inside the pipe started getting hot and fumes were coming out of the breathing hole and I lit those fumes and kept stoking the fire at the other end of the pipe getting the gas boiling inside the pipe. In just a few minutes, the gas inside the pipe was almost boiling and in an instant the pressure inside the pipe blew the clay plug out of the upper end of the pipe. The breathing hole had been spewing a flame of fumes about 12" long before the plug blew out, but when the plug blew, it lit the gas in the pipe on fire as it exited the pipe and the 2" by 20' stream of gas came blowing out like a 20' hose of fire that arced about 100 yards off into the jungle. What a sight! No explosion but the roar of gas blowing out the end of the pipe was pretty loud and made a sight to see! I don't know if anyone else saw it or knew what had happened but it was better than any flame thrower you have ever seen! John Wayne would have been proud.....

Scott Williams

## An Interview of Commander Charles L. Neugent by the staff of the Seabee Coverall newspaper, January 13, 1978, as Cdr. Neugent was retiring

Commander Charles L. Neugent, a real Seabee “mustang,” will end his naval career here on January 31, 1978. A 30-year career that virtually started and ended at the same command.

Cdr. Neugent started his career here in 1947 as an enlisted man. He advanced through the ranks and was later promoted to warrant, then to limited duty officer. He was promoted to his present rank in 1970, coming to the Naval Construction Training Center, Port Hueneme, as commanding officer in May 1976. Following is an interview with Commander Neugent:

**Q: Did you have intentions of getting into the Seabees when you enlisted in the Navy?**

A: No. I joined the Navy as an SA (Seaman Apprentice). When I received my orders from Boot Camp, I found that I was to report to NAVSCON (Naval Schools of Construction) at Port Hueneme.

**Q: Was it this same location that you reported to, that is, was it this building (the Administrative building of NCTC, better known as the White House) or was it at another location?**

A: The White House was being built at about that time. Of course, the young “A” students at that time never got to go to the White House. We had OinC’s (Officers in Charge) at the schools and the chain of command was very strong in those days.

**Q: Did you ever suspect, at that time, that you’d go as far and stay as long as you did in the Navy?**

A: I never had any idea when I was standing in ranks on the grinder looking up at the vast, inflexible, unreachable, staid hierarchy, that I’d ever be on the other side facing the men.

**Q: Did you ever think of the irony of it that 30 years ago you checked into the Administration Building and now you are the man in charge and retiring from the same place where it all started?**

A: Well, yes. I thought about it when I got orders to relieve Captain Filbry—the idea that to spend 30 years in the Navy, all of my adult life, and to come back and close the loop after being around the

world at various commands . . . I do think it’s ironic.

**Q: Could you elaborate on the differences between the Navy as you saw it then and as you feel about it now?**

A: I don’t think that going into the Navy in those days was much different than it is now; but in those days it was easier and you had only one choice, and that was to put complete trust and confidence in the Navy, its officers, its systems and so forth. In those days you didn’t question things the way people do today. And in some ways I think that’s easier because many young men really don’t know what they want to be. I know that I had a few misgivings when I was assigned to the CE rating. I wasn’t sure that’s what I wanted to do, but in looking back on it, a better choice couldn’t have been made.

**Q: Were there any times when you doubted whether you wanted to stay in the Navy or not?**

A: Yes. When I came in, it was on a three year enlistment. I left high school to come in the Navy, but my intention at that time was to come in the Navy and see some of the world and get out and start college. I finished high school during my first year in the Navy. At the end of the three years, I had every intention of getting out, but President Truman extended everybody on active duty for another year when the Korean business started. I got out of the Navy at four years and I stayed out for a couple of months. Then I began to recognize that as a second class petty officer, I had been given more responsibility and had developed more technical skills and knowledge than I had going for me in the civilian community. The Navy was a way of allowing you to progress faster in a technical field than you can on the outside, if you really apply yourself.

**Q: Do you think there are any highs and lows in your career . . . Disasters, super accomplishments?**

A: No. As I look back on it, I don’t see any lows—it’s all been highs.

**Q: What are your plans now that you are retiring?**

A: Well, I don’t have any firm plans but I know where I’m going to settle down. We bought a place near Atlanta and it will provide a new interest, security for my family and give my children the opportunity of putting down roots.

**Q: If you could establish a position outside of yourself, how would you describe yourself? What would you think of Commander Neugent?**

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A: I'd probably be a little concerned. Recalling the reaction of my secretary to the picture that came here from Rota, Spain, with my biography. I remember her describing it as "frightening."

**Q: How do you view yourself as an individual? How would you describe your personality?**

A: I would view myself as a classic Navy person. I'm not the kind of man to mash people when they make mistakes. A pound of flesh means nothing to me.

**Q: Do you have any parting statements that you would like the members of this command to have . . . any advice?**

A: Yes. I would like this command to know that this has been the most pleasant tour of my entire

life. This has been the finest concentration of people that I've ever served with, and I mean the students as well, because without their interest and enthusiasm, we wouldn't have a purpose here. I love the Seabees. I grew up in the Seabees and spent all my adult life with them, but we shouldn't forget that as Seabees, we are a part of a bigger Navy. We are an important part of the Navy, but we are not independent.

**Q: Do you have anything that you would like to say in closing?**

A: What's on my mind right now and has been for several months is an intense satisfaction blended with nostalgia and gratitude for the opportunities offered by this nation of ours.



Left:  
"Duke" John Wayne &  
Cdr. Neugent



Karl Weisenbacher and William Ganske checking the bridge that was put up in a day. CBMU 1, Korea. 13



CBMU 1 at K-3, 1952  
From Bill Ganske



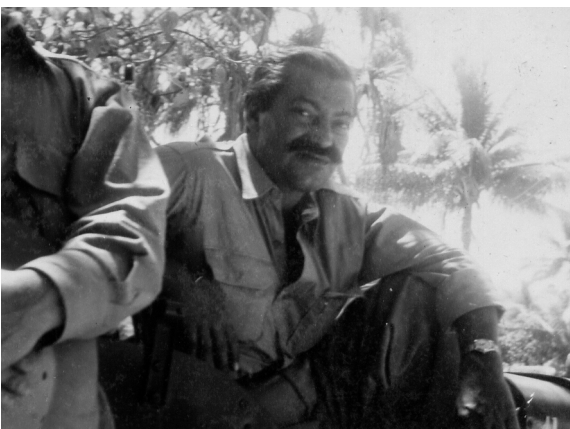
## Photos and letter on this page from Verle Williams

Left photo:  
Patty Thomas and Frances Langford  
on the way to the Bob Hope USO  
Show on Tarawa, 1944.

Article on right:  
From the Wabash Plain Dealer  
August 26, 1944  
Letter home from Verle Williams



Photo above: L-R: Larry Adler, Frances Langford, Patty Thomas, Bob Hope, Jerry Colona, unknown. From the Bob Hope USO Show, Tarawa, 1944.



Left Photo:  
Jerry Colona relaxing  
between performances  
for the men on Tarawa  
with the Bob Hope  
USO Show, 1944.

Verle Williams, S1/c, who sent a number of articles from a South Pacific island which are on display in the window of Dick's Haberdashery, sent the following letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams, 123 East Harrison avenue:

"Just mailed you a letter this morning, but thought I would write another tonight. You'll never guess who I saw today! and in person, too! Bob Hope—Jerry Colonna, Frances Langford, Patty Thomas and a couple of others, I forget their names. They stopped through here this morning and put on a show for us guys.

"We had been expecting them for a few days now and they finally came. They came in about 10:15 and the show started at 10:30. It lasted for about an hour and a quarter as they put on a pretty long show for us.

"Boy! It sure was a good show. Just as crazy as ever. Got several pictures of the troupe with my new large camera. Took the film down to get it developed today.

"When they drove up back of the stage the B. N. V. photographer and I had our cameras ready for action. We were standing there about four feet apart, just standing there looking for Bob Hope to pile out of a jeep and while we were looking for him he went right between us. He had on a khaki outfit with the legs cut off and wore a sun helmet and was unshaven.

"The program was broadcast to the rest of the fellows out in the central Pacific. He was on his way back to the U. S., I believe.

"While he was cracking some jokes a small rat took to the light wire from the projector booth and ran all the way across it to the stage. Bob looked at it, looked again and the silliest look came across his face, like he was seeing things. He brought it to the attention of the other stars and called them out to see it. He made several wisecracks before the rat got across the wire and said, "Well, maybe you're getting ready to have a Mickey Mouse show after I'm done."

"Got their autographs and will send them home for you to keep for me.

"Well, there is not much more to write about. Went to the show last night and saw "Miracle of Morgan's Creek" and "Yank at Eaton," with Mickey Rooney.

# Thanksgiving Menu—Sangley Point, 1956

## COMMISSARY PERSONNEL

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Dones, C.	CSC	Clemona, N.	CS2	Ray, G.	CS3
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Cramer, L.	CS1	Pollard, E.	CS2	Hunt, C.	CSSN
Cullado, M.	CS1	Wyninegar	CS2	Kuhlman, R.	CSSN
Icencio, J.	CS1	Linayao, C.	CS2	Middleton, A.	CSSN
Labrador, N.	CS1	Trias, T.	CS2	Tribble, G.	CSSN
Nightingale, N.	CS1	Tomcheck, C. V.	SK2	Edward, A.	AN
Velasquez, A.	CS1	Pollock, D.	S. SGT	Holman, J.	AN
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Chadwell, C.	CS2	Jackson, A.	CS3	Spruil, S.	SN
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				Bingham, W.	AA

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		REYES, C.	
		TALOB, R.	
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Garduque, E.	(Messmen Supv.)	Guzman, F. de Jr.	"
Siray, J.	"	Guzman, R.	"
Afu, B.	(Messman)	Janabajab, M.	"
Agana, A.	"	Javier, M.	"
Agcaonli, A.	"	Legaspi, A.	"
Alcantara, J.	"	Leyva, L.	"
Alim, W.	"	Mallari, O.	"
Alix, N.	"	Mangarin, M.	"
Almario, N.	"	Maxwell, R.	"
Aninon, P.	"	Moscaya, F.	"
Aquino, B.	"	Pangamban, J.	"
Arcega, E.	"	Poblete, L.	"
Atizado, A.	"	Pineda, F.	"
Ayson, A.	"	Pinzon, L.	"
Buena, L.	"	More, M.	"
Carlos, J.	"	Ramirez, E.	"
Cui, R.	"	Raposa, E.	"
Catamisan, M.	"	Reynoso, C.	"
Datiles, M.	"	San Agustin, M.	"
Demillo, F.	"	Sta. Elena, A. Jr.	"
Enquito, M.	"	Santos, J. A.	"
Fama, R.	"	Santos, J. V.	"
Filoteo, R.	"	Snarez, O.	"
Helbano, A.	"	Tiong, F.	"
Gallardo, D.	"	Tosco, R.	"
Gingco, J.	"	Tucio, S.	"
Gonzales, E.	"	Villanueva, G.	"
Virata, N.	"		



## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ Our Lord. Amen.  
(Catholic)

Bless, O Lord, This food to our use, and us to Thy Service, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others in Jesus Name. Amen.  
(Protestant)

Lift up your Hands toward Thy Sanctuary and Bless the Lord. Blessed Art Thou O Lord Our God. King of the Universe, who Bringest Forth Bread from Earth. Amen.  
(Jewish)

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## MENU

### THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

1956

#### SHRIMP COCKTAIL

CONSOMME ANGLAISE                      CROUTONS-CRACKERS

ROAST BROODBREASTED TOM TURKEY

CRANBERRY SAUCE

SOUTHERN DRESSING                      GIBLET GRAVY

VIRGINIA BAKED HAM

BUTTERED FRESH FROZEN GOLDEN CORN NIBLETS

CANDIED SWEET POTATOES              SNOWFLAKE POTATOES

BUTTERED F. F. GARDEN PEAS

ASSORTED HOT ROLLS                      BUTTER PATS

MIXED PICKLES                      OLIVES                      SALAD BAR

PUMPKIN PIE WITH WHIPPED CREAM

FRUIT CAKE                                      ICE CREAM

COFFEE                      ICED TEA                      MILK

MIXED HARD CANDIES — MIXED NUTS

CIGARS — CIGARETTES

I don't remember who gave me this at our Las Vegas reunion.

My apologies, but I just didn't write down the name.

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