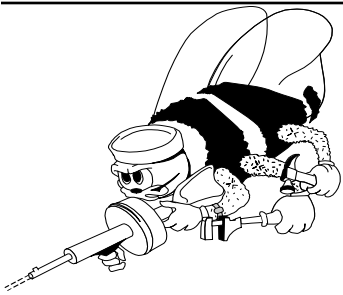


MCB 2 Reunion Association

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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

All Is Ready For Our Reunion!

Embassy Suites Airport

St. Louis, MO

October 18 - 20, 2007

Great Tours and A Super Banquet Planned

WOW!

What A Reunion It Will Be!

Great tours are planned Thursday and Friday! Thursday will be a guided tour through the historic district then on to Gateway Arch for a ride to the top or see the movie how it was built, lunch at Union Station, then on to the Anheuser-Busch brewery for a tour and taste. Friday evening will get us together for a ride and dinner on a paddlewheel steamboat on the Mississippi River. What a great time it will be!

See you there!

Make Your Plans Now!

See pages 14 and 15 for a full description of the tours, then go to page 17 and fill out that form to make plans for your tours and how you will enjoy spending time with your friends. Now, send Scott Williams a check to cover the cost for the tours and the banquet on Saturday. And don't forget to complete the form on page 19 before you call the hotel so all of the information you need will

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be handy when you make your hotel reservations. But do all of this NOW! This Newsletter is coming out early to give all our Seabees time to make your reservations before the deadline. You can always cancel if circumstances change and you cannot attend, but space is limited for the tours so don't get left out. You can cancel your hotel reservations, tours or banquet up to two days prior to our reunion, so don't put off making your reservations and send Scott a check and call the hotel – NOW!

*Experience is something
you don't get until just
after you need it.*

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.

SEABEES

May - August Dates to Remember

May 8, 1942	Battle of the Coral Sea.
May 8, 1945	V-E Day; Germany surrenders
June 6, 1944	Seabees land at Normandy as Naval Combat Demolition Units.
June 15, 1944	Seabees land on Saipan.
June 30, 1943	Seabee 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, 1945	Bombing of Nagasaki
Aug. 11, 1942	USNCTC Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned 'Original home of the Seabees.'
Aug. 20, 1942	OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal, first CEC/Seabee officer to enter a combat zone.

*Timing has an awful lot
to do with the outcome
of a rain dance.*



Notes from our members:

From **Don Shoff**: I just read the Newsletter [Internet edition] and saw my name was missing from the Good Guy List. Enclosed is a check for my dues and a bit extra for whatever [thank you!]. You can tell **Alan Alberg** that I remember leaving K-18 at Chumanjin for Inchon and K-6. We had a weapons carrier load of crabs we bought and steamed them aboard the LST. We ate steamed crab and played pinocle the whole trip..... received dues from **John Ruby, Jim Green, Ed Kazarian, Arnold Daisy, Paul (Wandalee) D'Angelo, Leonard Fowler, and Dan Mills** [thanks all]..... from **John Wilborn**: [sent a check just to help offset expenses... Thanks, **John**]..... from **Gene McDonagh**: The Good Guy List is a great help - I consulted it and much to my surprise - my name was missing! Sorry about that. Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. Your Newsletter (as usual) is top-notch. I can just imagine all the time and effort you put into it. Looking forward to the reunion..... from **Dick Sim**: I regret to pass this on, but **Richard A. Merit**, Spring Valley, CA, passed away yesterday, Feb. 24, 2007, from lung cancer in both lungs. It went fast. They just found the tumor three weeks ago. We were in MOB 2 together at Subic from '52-'54. **Dick** was a steelworker 3rd class. I am sending along a picture [see page 6]..... from **Walt Hagen**: [**Walt** called me after he located us on the Internet through **Rex Roark**] It was really a pleasure getting to talk to you the other day. I am enclosing a check to cover my dues and a little extra to help with mailing the back issues of the Newsletter [thanks]. I'm really looking forward to getting them and really excited about the reunion. I have never attended any reunion from any of my other MCB units, but I sure am excited about this one. I want to get this note in the mail, so I'll close for now. Before I forget, someone mentioned the Seabee song. I don't have a copy of it, but I do know all the words to it and the Seabee version of the Marine Hymn and would be

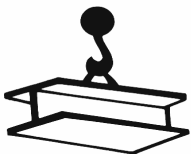
glad to send them to anyone interested. That's all for now and thanks again for your time the other day. I am looking forward to meeting you and **Rex [Roark]** at the reunion, plus 'old man **Wagenschnur**.'.....



from **Lewie Baker**: [enclosed a check for dues] Sorry I'm late [thanks]..... from **Bert Helms**: Guess I'd better get back on the Good Guy List, so here's my check for dues. I was with MCB 2 at Subic from 1953-1954 and went to CBMU 101 in late 1954. It's always good to read about old friends but I didn't see **Lionel Vidrine**'s name on the List. He was my buddy in tent 52..... from **Gary Mitchell**: I'm sending a check for my dues [thanks]..... from **Ralph (Patricia) Presson**: Sorry about being late with the dues, so I am sending a check to cover it [thanks]. Could you please send me some information on flag poles that you have [sure will]..... from **Phil Brunelle**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. Great Newsletter. Thanks for everything..... from **Duane Henrichson**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and some extra for whatever [thanks]. **Mary** and I celebrated our golden wedding anniversary February 14 (no excuse to forget—Valentine's Day). I don't know where the time went.... It goes fast when you're having fun. Glad to see you got moved and settled in and in good shape. Hope to see you all in St. Louis in October. Like the new dates better. **Walt & Joan Waddell** celebrated their 50th on March 3 with a card shower..... from **Don Seethaler**: Enclosed are my dues and just a little extra. We are putting the reunion on our calendar and hope to attend. It will depend on how it fits into our schedule, with our trip to Arizona to visit family for the first time since we moved to Ohio in April 2005. We also have a 1-year old great-grandson in the Seattle area that we haven't seen yet, so 2007 will be busy for us..... from **Don Hofstetter**: How time flies. I have always prided myself to never having been late on a payment and now I have been. Please put me back on the Good Guy List as **Jeanne** and I are planning to come to St. Louis in October [you are back on and thanks]. Life has treated us both very well. We just came back from our 52nd honeymoon trip. Our son and his family live in San Mateo, CA, and we get down there about four times a year but this time we drove on down to Scottsdale, AZ, to visit **Jeanne**'s brother for a week. While in AZ, we visited **Al Fritz** and

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his wife, **Barbara**. I met **Al** at Port Hueneme in 1950 and we have been good friends ever since. Coming back home to Oregon, we drove I-10 all the way to Santa Monica and then followed Hiway 1 all the way to San Francisco. Revived a lot of old memories. Port Hueneme has sure expanded and even has a golf course now. Keep up the good work..... from **Art Siple**: My forgetter is still working overtime [thanks for the check]. We had a late winter and three six-inch snows [WV]. I had to put my jousting horse down July 31, 2006, and now I am in the process of training another one. It's quite a job for an 80-year old man..... from **Ron Howatson**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List, so enclosed is a check for some dues and some extra for mail, etc. [thanks]. We're looking forward to St. Louis in October. It sounds like you made your move to Georgia OK [we did... and all the moving boxes have been emptied!]..... from **Walt Cloonan**: I couldn't find my name on the Good Guy List so here's some money and send a roster list, please [on the way and thanks]. I went back to Hueneme as it is only 50 miles away and visited the old museum again. They have broken ground on the new museum [hooray!]. Enclosed is a cover from a military supply catalog with LOTS of good stuff. They have a free phone number and order one; you will enjoy it and maybe put their number in the Newsletter [they do have lots of 'stuff' and plenty of Seabee plunder. But, it is all the same things that we have in our ship's store and ours is half the cost of what they are asking]. I made a shadow box for my service time..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I have just received my march 15 edition of the MCB 2 Newsletter and my face is really red, I am so embarrassed. How I could forget one of the most important things I know of is beyond me [hey! That's what the GGL is for!]. I am enclosing a check hoping you can get me back on the Good Guy List [your name might have been missing, but you are a good guy, **Stoney**]. We hope that this note will find you and **Rachel** enjoying your home in Georgia [we are, thanks]. We are still enjoying our home in Abilene. **Gladys** and I are still doing OK and we are looking forward to coming to St. Louis in October. Take care and many thanks for all of the things you do. Also,

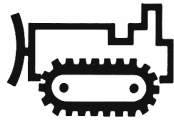


thanks for another great Newsletter..... from **Billy Partridge**: We received the latest Newsletter and thanks so much. I see we are late with our dues, so am sending them right away [thanks]. We do appreciate the news so much. We would also like a US flag and a white Seabee flag if possible, but blue will be fine. I'm not sure of the cost so, if I am short, please let me know..... from **Gerald Seger**: One more for the Good Guy List [thanks]..... from **Chuck Chapman**: You could have knocked me over with a feather to learn that I was no longer a "Good Guy." We can take care of that right now - enclosed is my check [thanks]. Let's see if I can outlive that [I hope so!]. Might as well send me a membership list, an MCB 2 ball cap [sorry, out of those. It will have to be a Seabee cap] and use some for postage. Whatever you have left over, apply it to my dues or some shipmate's account that needs help paying his dues [thanks...] I am finishing my year as Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons in Washington. It has been a fun year traveling the State visiting our Companions in 31 Chapters. Put over 126,000 miles on the '03 Subaru Outback and my butt is sore. The big problem is the great home-cooked meals served. I swear I have gained 50 pounds in the last four years. I can't complain, though. The health is good as well as my teeth. Last Wednesday, I visited the Vancouver, Washington, Chapter. Each March meeting, the ladies cook GOOD corned beef and cabbage, but that's not the real story I want to tell. The High Priest of that Chapter is over ninety (90) years old. He has been in office since January. Next month, that Chapter will be initiating eleven new members. I asked him how he had pumped that much energy into the Chapter in such a short time. His reply was, "I have high hopes." Many times during the meeting that evening he mentioned that without "high hopes" you couldn't get anything done. I was somewhat doubtful that "high hopes" could ever have that much effect on anything, that is until I learned that he was getting married next week. Now, that takes HIGH HOPES! Take care and don't let the BGYD..... received dues from **Roger Hamilton, Jack Mayo, Bobby McMillan, John Recklitis, Jim Wommack, Warren (Barbara) Culberson, Robert Doezie, George (Kay) Gustin, Marvin (Nancy)**



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Guetling, and **Roy Grisham** [thanks all]..... from **Ken Gaskell**: Sorry to be late with the dues [and thanks]. I see I wasn't on the Good Guy List so please put me back on!



[you are now]. Looking forward to St. Louis..... from **Earl (Pat) Presson**: [Earl ordered a flag pole, which I sent] Thank you very much for all your trouble [no trouble. That's why we have this stuff]..... from **Ralph Binney**: Hey, **Scott**! Thanks for all your hard work! [Ralph enclosed a check for dues... thanks]..... from **Bob Janson**: When I received the latest Newsletter, I was again reminded that I slipped off the Good Guys List once more. Enclosed is my check to reinstate me [you are back on!]. The story that **Pat Morris** sent in about the change of command inspection gave me a good laugh. I do remember that one and only inspection. I think the new CO went into hiding at the O Club after that, since I don't recall ever seeing him again from that day on. **Pat's** story also reminded me of the only other inspection I stood at K-3. As part of the duty assignments, most all of us had to spend a month's time at "Guard Company." It was a mix of Seabees and Marines posted to perimeter guard around the airfield. The first afternoon there, we were called out to stand for Inspection Arms by the Marine Sergeant of the Guard and the Marine OOD. The OOD went to the first Marine in line and did his thing, checking the M1 out, looking up the barrel to see how clean it was and all. He then went to the next Marine, same story. Then, he came to a Seabee next, grabbed his carbine (we didn't have M1s), looked rather startled when (I guess) he couldn't even see out the barrel, shoved the piece back at him and said, "Clean out that thing, if at all possible." Then, he came to another Seabee and it was a repeat of the first. From that point on, as he came up to what was obviously a Seabee, he just skipped right by him, muttering something like, "Damned Seabees." From that day on, he never bothered to try an inspection arms bit on a Seabee. He just shook his head and walked on..... from **Howard Doyle**: Recognizing

that all good times must come to an end, I was not surprised to find myself no longer on the Good Guy List. I guess I was too lazy to check the record and determine when that would happen [ah, but that is what



the GGL is for!]. Anyway, enclosed is my check so that I can depend on being a "good guy" for a while longer [you are back on, and thanks]. The extra is for your use as you see the need [thanks again]. The reunion will be on my birthday, October 19th. I arrived on Okinawa on October 19, 1951, and they were having an all-hands party that day. It is sorta like history repeating itself [déjà vu all over again, huh?]. Looking forward to seeing you in October..... from **Tom Dowd**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks]. I also need to update my address [see page 7]. I appreciate your efforts in support of the reunion association..... from **Don (Denise King) Truskey**: Enclosed is a check in memory of my father, **Donald L. Truskey** [thank you very much]..... from **Ben Pedrotti**: I thought the last time I checked with you I was paid up through '07. Guess I'm getting old [aren't we all!]. Forgive my error..... from **Chuck (Helen) McCabe**: Here's a check for our dues [thanks]. We just returned home from Yuma on March 23. We left our home in Amboy, WA, on September 29, 2006, so have been gone for nearly six months. We had a wonderful time but are always happy to get back home..... from **Don Bradley**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List for the first time ever. I hope the enclosed check takes care of it [it does and thanks]. Hope to see you in St. Louis..... from **Mel (Gloria) Olson**: Sorry I'm late again. Old age catching up [no!]. Use the extra for whatever [thanks]..... Guess that's about it again, folks. I'm getting this Newsletter out early so you can get your reservations in and make plans on attending our next great reunion. St. Louis is shaping up to be really memorable, so come and support the reunion. The Thursday tour of the Gateway Arch and Anheuser-Busch brewery will be some good memories to take home, so be at the hotel on Wednesday so you can register and attend this tour. Then, the dinner cruise on the Mississippi River Friday evening will be a fun evening. Don't miss out! Join us in the fun and comradeship of old friends. See you there! And, make those reservations NOW!. Scott.....



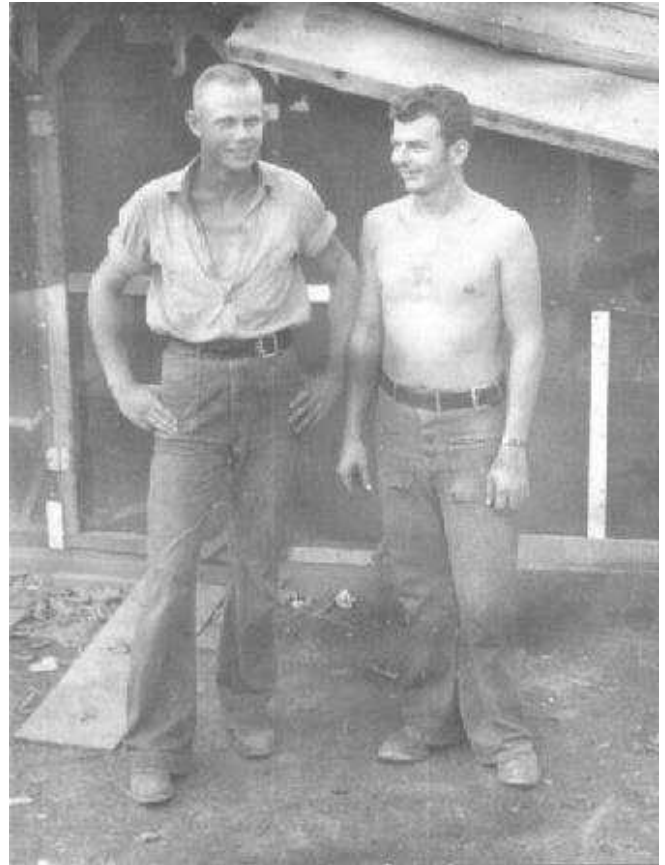
*Never miss a good chance
to shut up.*

Our Fallen Comrades

Richard A. Merit

2/24/07

May he live on in our memories.



Dick Sim (L) and Dick Merit (R), Nov. 1953

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.

*There are two theories to
arguing with women.
Neither one works.*

Frank & Ernest by Thaves

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MAKE A NOTE!

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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Below Left: From Charlie Hogan. Cubi Green Huts, about 1953/1954

Below Right: Cecil Price and Gooney Bird on Midway. That's Cecil on the right.



CBD 1804
 Spring 1952
 K-3, Pohang-dong, Korea

Construction Battalion Detachment 1804 was organized in 1951 at Atsugi, Japan, where MCB-2 was at the time. This Detachment was deployed to K-3, Pohang, South Korea, in 1951, and was re-designated CBMU 1 while at K-3.

Source:
<http://www.history.navy.mil>

Spring 1952

CBD-1804 K3 Korea

Godshall

The Good Guy List

Allan Alberg, Vern Ammentorp, David Anderson, Eugene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Lewie Baker, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, Ed Ballerstein, Benjamin Balog, Mike Barron, Glen Bates, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, James Bolton, Alexander (Cat) Borys, Robert Bowdler, Don Bradley, Philip Brunelle, Al Bryant, Silas Bucher, Robert Buckley, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, William Burns, Elwin "Shorty" Campbell, Pat Carey, Bennie Carlson, Mike Castlevicchi, Ken Catchpole, Frank Chambers, George Chang, Chuck Chapman, Ken Chew, Walter Cloonan, Robert Coley, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Howard Cornwell, Richard Coulson, Jack Coulter, Fred Cozad, Warren Culberson, Pat Cunningham, Arnold Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Joe DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, Ted DeVit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Robert Doezie, George Dorge, Tom Dowd, Howard Doyle, William Duensing, Don Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Richard Fairbanks, Dick Farbo, Jim Firebaugh, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Leonard Fowler, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Lane Freitag, Al Fritz, William Ganske, Claude Garcenot, Ken Gaskell, Roger Germundson, John Ginther, Ron Glasser, Russ Granby, John Grasz, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Frank Gresser, Roy Grisham, Gerald Grubb, Marvin Guetling, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Charles (Pauline) Hagemann, Walt Hagen, Les Hall, Luther Hall, Roger Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Art Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Charlie 'Don' Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Hugh Ireland, Vic Jaccino, Frank Jacus, Robert Janson, Lawrence Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Don Jones, Robert Kaempfe, Lloyd Kallsen, Chuck Kangas, Ed Kazarian, Duane Keech, Denise King (for her Dad, Don Truskey), William Knight, John Kolasz, James Krause, Emil Krygier, Harry Ladley, Ervin Lampe, Sherwin Larsen, Har-

old Lind, Herbert Liverman, Dale Lundstrom, Tom Maere, Ivan Majetic, Anthony Marcella, Bob Markey, Bob Marshall, Jack Mayo, Chuck McCabe, Gene McDonagh, Norris McDaniel, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Grant Millard, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Chuck Minert, Frank Mingo, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, C. Finley Morrison, Richard Muns, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Paul Neusetzer, Joseph O'Brien, Mel Olson, Ernest Owens, Billy Partridge, Roy Peak, Mal Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro, Ralph Presson, Cecil Price, David Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Charles Rebb, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Richard Rose, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Vinny Ryan, Harold Saucier, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Don Seethaler, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Rik Shafer, Don Shoff, William Sigmund, Dick Sim, Fred Simon, Art Siple, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Joe Sobczak, 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, James Taylor, George Terry, Doug Thorp, Richard Tittle, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Don Truskey, Jerry Vasquez, Larry Vibber, Walter Waddell, Phil Wagenschnur, Dick Walters, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Duane Weltlich, Cecil Westwood, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, William Wilcoxon, R. G. 'Pete' Williams, Marshall Williams, Scott Williams, Fred Wilmarth, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson, Jim Wommack, Bill Wisnowski, and Stephen Yunger.

Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2007, 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 February 23, 2007. There are currently 224 paid up members from a mailing list of 532. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 756 names on the full member roster.

**It may be that your sole
purpose in life is simply to
serve as a warning to others.**

My Forgetter....

Just a line to say I'm living,
that I'm not among the dead.
Tho' I'm getting more forgetful
and more mixed up in my head.

For sometimes I can't remember
when I stand at the bottom of the stairs,
if I was going up for something
or if I just came down from there.

And in front of the fridge I stand
my poor mind befuddled with doubt.
Have I come to put food in
or come to take food out?

And there's times when it's dark out,
with my night cap on my head.
I don't know if I'm retiring
or just getting out of bed.

So, if it's my time to write you,
there's no need you getting sore.
I may think that I have written
and I don't want to be a bore.

So, remember I do love you
and wish that you were here,
but it is nearly mail-time
so I must say good-by my dear.

Now, here I stand beside the mailbox
with my face so very red;
instead of mailing you the letter
I opened it instead.

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

From Bob Michael:

Two old retired navy chiefs were traveling across country to attend a Navy Reunion and they pull up to a gas station.

Attendant: "How may I help you?"

Old Chief: "Please fill it up."

The other Old Chief: "What did he say?"

Old Chief [yelling]: "He asked what we wanted and I told him to fill it up."

Attendant: "So, where are you heading?"

Old Chief: "To St. Louis to attend a Navy Reunion."

The other Old Chief: "What did he say?"

Old Chief [yelling]: "He asked where we're going and I told him we're going to a Navy Reunion."

Attendant: "It sure is a nice day for a drive."

Old Chief: "Yes, it's been quite pleasant."

The other Old Chief: "What did he say?"

Old Chief [yelling]: "He said it's good weather."

Attendant: "Where are you coming from?"

Old Chief: "We started our trip from Banderera, Texas."

Again the other Old Chief: "What did he say?"

Old Chief {yelling}: "He asked where we're from and I said Texas."

Attendant: "I spent two years in the Navy. The Chief that I worked for was a complete jerk. He sure screwed me over, so I didn't make the Navy a career."

Again the other Old Chief: "What did he say?"

Old Chief [yelling]: "He says he thinks he knows you."

Gateway Arch & Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour

Thursday, October 18, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

7-hour tour

St. Louis is an historic city dating back to 1764. From that time on, St. Louis has grown and made its place in history. Today, you will visit some of the places for which St. Louis has become known.

Begin your day with a narrated ride through **Laclede's Landing**, a nine-block historic area named for the founder of the city. This area showcases century-old warehouses filled with nightspots and restaurants. Bumping along the original cobblestone streets will bring you to the riverfront where it all began in 1764.

We will stop at the 630-foot **Gateway Arch** to see the Museum of Westward Expansion and take a tram ride to the top (if you desire) or see a movie on how our nation's tallest manmade monument was built. Either option allows you time to visit the Museum where a glimpse of the gritty reality behind Western legends can be seen. The Indian Peace Medals made by Thomas Jefferson for Lewis and Clark is a "can't miss"! Before leaving this part of downtown, you'll see the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi, the Old Courthouse where the Dred Scott case began its way through the legal system, and Busch Stadium, home to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Lunch will be at **St. Louis Union Station**, which was the largest train station in the country when it opened in 1894 with 32 tracks beneath 11 acres of train sheds. Reopened in 1985 as an urban marketplace, it is now home to restaurants and stores and a perfect place for lunch on your own after a brief tour by your guide of the complex.

Next stop, you're off to **Anheuser-Busch Brewery** to see where what was to become the world's largest brewery, where it began and where it continues! The tour includes a visit to the century-old Clydesdale stable, the elegant Brew House and the Bevo Packaging Plant. At the end, relax over complimentary tasting of the world-famous products or shop in Bud World.

No trip to St. Louis is complete without a drive through **Forest Park**, site of the 1904 World's Fair and one of the largest public parks in the United States. Filled with some of the city's major attractions: the Zoo, Art Museum, History Museum, Muny opera and Science Center, your guide will share information about the Fair and changes the Park has undergone since that time.

The price per person is \$40.00 based on a minimum of 35 people per coach and includes a 54-passenger motorcoach, a professional Discover St. Louis guide, Arch admission with tram or movie ticket, all reservations and arrangements. Gratuity for the guide and driver is always appreciated but left to the discretion of our guests.

Dixieland Dinner Cruise

Friday, October 19, 2007

6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

4-hour tour

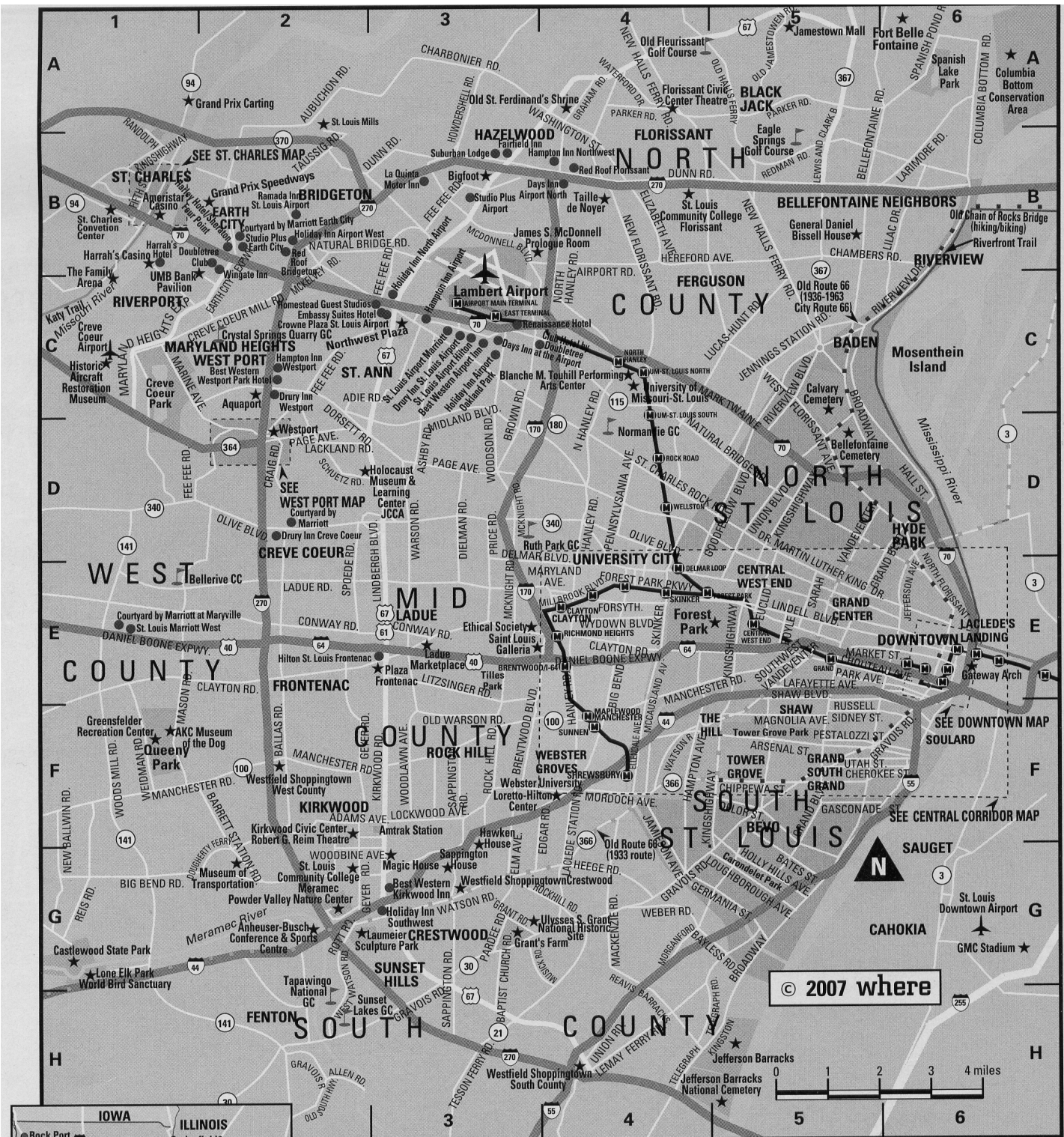
A moonlight cruise on the Mississippi River aboard a replica of a 19th-century paddlewheeler provides an enjoyable evening for everyone! There's Dixieland music for dancing and listening pleasure, a dramatic view of the St. Louis skyline, and your choice of a dinner entrée.

Champagne Chicken with rice pilaf is the selected dinner for our cruise. Alcoholic beverages are available on the paddlewheeler.

Price per person is \$60.00 based on a minimum of 35 people. Price includes a 54-passenger motorcoach, a Discover St. Louis escort, riverboat cruise, sit-down dinner, all reservations and arrangements.

Note to our members

As we were completing our negotiations with the hotel and just about to sign the contract, we received an email that they were going to completely close until November 1, 2007. Our contract that we had negotiated had a clause in it that they were going to be remodeling but would work around our reunion and it would not have too much impact on us. This was not known when we first selected this hotel but came to light during negotiations. When they announced to us they were going to close, it was early January 2007 and too late to begin negotiations with another hotel. We asked if they could recommend another hotel and they recommended the Embassy Suites Airport, which really turned out better for our reunion as the original hotel was the Embassy Suites Downtown (near the Gateway Arch) and transportation to the hotel would cost about \$18 one way by shuttle or take MARTA when you arrived at the airport. That would be difficult, as each person would have to handle their bags on and off the train, plus figure out how to get to the correct destination. Embassy Suites Airport hotel has a free shuttle that will take you to and from the airport and to any location within a three-mile radius of the hotel. And, if you want to tour on your own, they will take you to the airport so you can catch MARTA and go wherever MARTA goes. Also, the original room rates are government rates and were honored at the Airport hotel even though their rates were higher. The Embassy Suites provides all guests a complimentary full breakfast, not a Continental breakfast, and a complimentary Happy Hour (2 hours) every evening from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. So, Pete and Scott had to make a quick trip to St. Louis mid-February to inspect the new hotel, confirm meeting room accommodations, and check the menu and tours, all of which proved to be satisfactory. Other hotels that we checked that could accommodate our needs had room rates beginning at \$130 per night or more. The Embassy Suites is a very good hotel for us and this will be a great reunion. See you there.



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MetroLink light rail system travels from Lambert Airport to Scott Air Force Base, and from Shrewsbury to Emerson Park, from approximately 5:30 am to mid-night, M-Sa; Su 6 am-11 pm.

MetroLink 2-Hour Pass from Lambert Airport	\$3.50	adults	\$3.50
MetroLink One-Ride Ticket	\$2.00	seniors, children, disabled	\$1.75
MetroBus Fare	\$1.75		\$1.00
MetroBus Fare with Multi-use Transfer	\$2.25		\$0.85
Metro One-Day Pass (MetroLink & MetroBus)	\$4.50		\$1.10
Metro Weekly Pass (MetroLink & MetroBus)	\$19.00		\$4.50
			\$19.00

- ★ **ATTRACTIONS**
- ★ **SHOPPING CENTERS**
- ★ **CONCERT, THEATER & SPORTS VENUES,**
- **HOTELS**

MetroLink tickets and One-Day Passes available at Ticket Vending Machines (TVM) at all stations. Tickets and Passes available at the MetroRide Transit Store, 7th & Washington, in America's Center. Passengers must have exact change. Multi-ride tickets and tickets purchased elsewhere must be time-and-date stamped at the station in the red validator before boarding. Bicycles are allowed on MetroLink. Call 314-231-2345 in Missouri; 618-271-2345 in Illinois. www.metrostlouis.org

Embassy Suites Airport is located at C-3 above, west of the airport.

REUNION REGISTRATION - ST. LOUIS

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to **MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION** in the form of a check or money order. No credit cards or phone reservations accepted. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 17, 2007. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

MAIL TO:
Scott Williams
MCB 2 Reunion Association
725 Summer Ridge Drive
Villa Rica, GA 30180

 OFFICE USE ONLY
 Check Number _____
 Inputted _____
 Received _____
 Nametag _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

	PRICE	X	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	\$ AMOUNT
Thursday tour Gateway Arch & Anheuser-Busch	\$40	X	_____	=	_____
Friday dinner cruise (Chicken champagne w/rice pilaf)	\$60	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday night Banquet Buffet Dinner	\$40	X	_____	=	_____
Registration Fee per person (required)	\$5	X	_____	=	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, INC.				=	_____
<i>Please do not staple or tape payment</i>					

PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR NAME TAG _____ UNIT _____
(MCB 2, CBMU 1/101, etc.)

SPOUSE NAME _____

GUEST NAME(S) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PHONE NO. _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE NO. _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES NO

ARE YOU FLYING? _____ DRIVING? _____ RV? _____

Full refunds will be sent for the above mentioned activities if cancellation is received by October 20 (less a \$3 processing fee). However, after that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies.

CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am - 5pm Eastern time (excluding holidays).
CALL (770) 456-4246 to obtain your cancellation code.

MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, Inc.
 Biannual Reunion
 Schedule of Events
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL - AIRPORT
ST. LOUIS, MO
October 17-20, 2007

Wednesday, October 17

8:00 a.m.	-		Hospitality Room open
12:00 p.m.	-	5:00 p.m.	Early Bird Registration
4:00 p.m.	-	5:00 p.m.	Planning Committee meeting
10:30 p.m.	-		Hospitality Room closed

Thursday, October 18

8:00 a.m.	-		Hospitality Room open
9:00 a.m.	-	5:00 p.m.	Bus tour to Gateway Arch and Anheuser-Busch Brewery
8:00 a.m.	-	5:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration open
10:30 p.m.	-		Hospitality Room closed

Friday, October 19

8:00 a.m.	-		Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m.	-	5:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration open
6:30 p.m.	-	10:30 p.m.	Dinner cruise on the Mississippi River
10:30 p.m.	-		Hospitality Room closed

Saturday, October 20

8:00 a.m.	-		Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m.	-	8:30 a.m.	Reunion Registration open
9:00 a.m.	-	10:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
10:30 a.m.	-	11:30 a.m.	Memorial Service
12:00 a.m.	-	4:00 p.m.	Late Reunion Registration open
4:00 p.m.	-		Hospitality Room closed
6:00 p.m.	-	11:00 p.m.	Cash Bar in Banquet Room
7:00 p.m.	-		Banquet
9:00 p.m.	-		Door Prize drawings

Sunday, October 21

8:00 a.m.	-		Hospitality Room open
			Farewells and departures

Fill this form out and have it ready when you call the hotel for your reservations.
Bring this completed form to the reunion with the Confirmation Number.

Embassy Suites Hotel - St. Louis Airport

11237 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044-2739

HOTEL RESERVATION WORKSHEET

CALL 1-800-362-2779 & Identify Yourself: MCB 2 Seabees

Group Name: MCB 2 Reunion Association

Dates: Wednesday - Saturday, October 17 - 20, 2007

Rate: \$103 plus 14.9% tax Single or Double Occupancy

Bed type requested: (Circle one) King Double

Parking: **FREE**

Check-in Time: 4:00 p.m.

Check-out Time: 12:00 Noon

Confirmation Number: _____

Guest & Companion's Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date

Departure Date

Credit Card Number for Guarantee

Type of Card & Expiration Date

Cardholder's Name:

Special needs

(subject to availability): Smoking/non-smoking; Handicap.

Deposits:

Please allow one night's deposit plus 14.9% (current rate) room tax.

Deposits must be received prior to the reservation cut-off date.

A credit card or a deposit in the amount of one night's room plus tax charge must be received no later than 14 days from the date the reservation was made.

Reservation Cut-Off Date:

All reservations must be received by the hotel no later than September 16, 2007.

Cancellations:

Individual room reservations may be cancelled up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to arrival with no penalty.

Early Departure Fee:

Guests wishing to avoid an early checkout fee of \$50 should advise the hotel at or before check-in of any change in planned length of stay.

MCB 2 Reunion Association, Inc.

c/o Scott H. Williams
725 Summer Ridge Dr.
Villa Rica, GA 30180

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