

Minutes
of the
General Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 20, 2007
Embassy Suites - Airport
St. Louis, MO

Meeting brought to order by Cdr. Pete Elliott at 9:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Cdr. Elliott

Opening prayer led by Chaplain Scott Williams

Cdr. Elliott welcomed all members and guests.

Cdr. Elliott recognized all Staff members present. Stoney Serrett and Rich Nelson were not present.

- Cdr. Elliott asked Sam Ragusa to come to the front for an award.
- Cdr. Elliott walked to the back of the room to present an award to David Haines.
- Cdr. Elliott asked Scott Williams to come to the front for an award. All in attendance gave a round of applause to all recipients for their work and support of the MCB 2 Reunion Association.
- Cdr. Elliott asked Scott Williams, secretary, for a presentation of the tabled item from our meeting in 2005. The item tabled was to change our Articles of Incorporation requirement of dissolution of assets that was put in place when we incorporated in 1999. That statement of dissolution of assets required any remaining assets to be given to the Navy Seabees of America Scholarship Fund. A motion was made at our last meeting by Roy Peak, seconded by Amos Phillips, to change our distribution of assets to the Navy Historical Foundation Museum Fund. This motion was tabled at that meeting.

Bill Hilderbrand presented a report on the status of the Museum Fund; Joe DeFranco presented a report about the Fallen Seabee Veteran's Scholarship Fund. This fund was created expressly to assist the children of those Seabee veterans that have been killed in action with an enemy and who are qualified and need assistance for continued education, whether college or trade school. Rex Roark made a motion, seconded by Bill Knight, to accept the new proposal to change our Articles of Incorporation dissolution clause to indicate that our remaining cash assets will be distributed to the Fallen Seabee Scholarship Fund of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Scott will amend the Articles of Incorporation to reflect this vote.
- Cdr. Elliott asked for a financial report from the treasurer, Scott Williams.

Scott Williams told all that we are solvent and all bills have been paid except for this reunion. We will close the books after the reunion with over \$4,000 in the black. We have met and exceeded our museum pledge of \$10,000 by almost \$2,000. As of September 30, our total payment accounted to the Museum is \$11,481.98 and total pledge amount is \$11,981.98. Scott asked if there were any questions regarding the current financial affairs of the MCB 2 Reunion Association and there were none.

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- The report from Bill Hilderbrand about the status of the museum project was that the ground has been broken but the construction has not yet begun. It is expected that an RFP will be published by the end of 2007 and construction will begin shortly thereafter. The contract will be awarded as a design/build contract and the project expected to be complete by Spring 2010.
- Cdr. Elliott announced that the Executive Committee has no recommendation for our next reunion. Minneapolis/St. Paul to Oklahoma City would be a central location that might allow many to attend that otherwise would not. Roy Peak had researched hotels in Portland and Seattle and had rates and dates available. There was some discussion about a reunion in the Port Hueneme area, possibly Los Angeles area, but since the museum will not be complete until 2010, it was decided that the 2011 reunion might be there then. Since we will probably go to the West Coast in 2011, it was suggested that our next reunion should be held toward the East Coast. Rex Roark made a motion to hold our next reunion in Gulfport, MS, seconded by Bill Knight. Sam Ragusa made a motion that our next reunion be held in Myrtle Beach, SC, seconded by John Petronka. A vote was taken by a show of hands. All in favor of Gulfport were 18; all in favor of Myrtle Beach were 19. Myrtle Beach it is. A question was asked if we could have a golf tournament while at Myrtle Beach. Scott will check on this.
- Cdr. Elliott announced that all present officers are willing to continue serving in office and asked for nominations from the floor or a motion. A motion was made by Bill Knight to continue with the present officers, seconded by Clyde Stenholm. The vote was unanimous in favor. Motion carried. The officers for 2007/2009 are Pete Elliott, Commander; Roy Peak, Vice-Commander; Scott Williams, Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor and Publisher.
- As noted earlier, our museum pledge has been met and exceeded but anyone that would like to make future contributions to the museum, please do so and note the contribution is through the MCB 2 Reunion Association. Scott noted that the Association has purchased a brick paver that recognizes MCB 2, CBMU 1/101, CBD 1802, CBD 1804, and CBMU 577 and will be in the walkway into the museum.
- It was suggested that Sam Ragusa be appointed to the leadership committee, but Sam declined the position. Don McLain said that Larry Stevenson lives close to Myrtle Beach and may be able to help with hotel selection or whatever may be needed. Scott will contact Larry. Sam Ragusa nominated John Petronka to be on the leadership committee, seconded by Rex Roark. The vote was unanimous in favor for John to be on the committee.

Scott Williams announced that there will be a professional photographer set up at the banquet.

Cdr. Elliott asked if there were any additional comments or suggestions from the membership. No additional comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Williams, Secretary

**Put live chickens by the roads in South Georgia and they'll show
the 'possums and armadillos how to cross.**



Mal Pearson, Kenn & Connie Gaskell



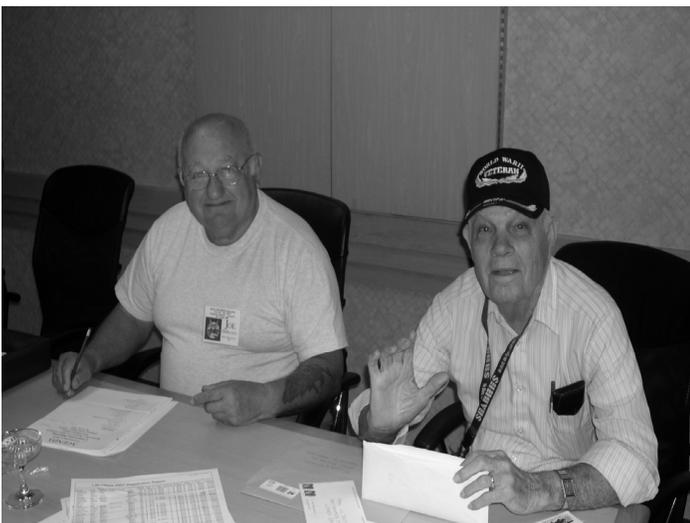
Scott Williams, Pete & Clorinda Elliott, Mal & Marge Pearson



Ready to register!
Marge Pearson, Elaine DeFranco, Clorinda Elliott.



Starting to come in and register! Tony & Mary Ann DeLeon, Bob & Evoline Gardner, Rik & Gigi Shafer.



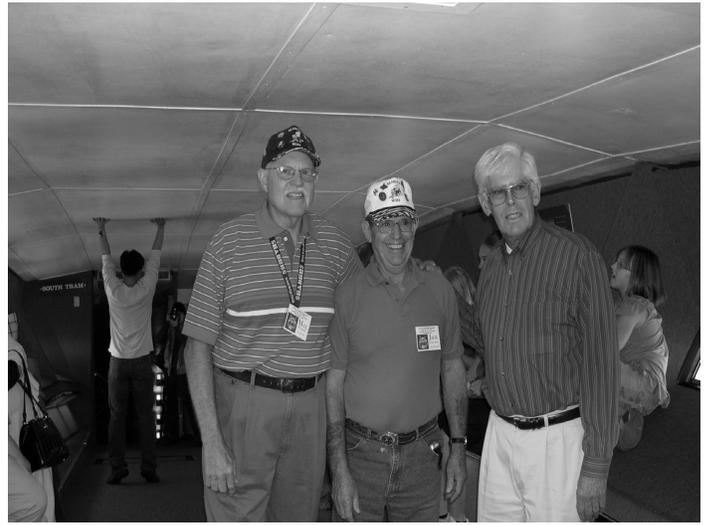
Joe DeFranco & Stoney Serrett



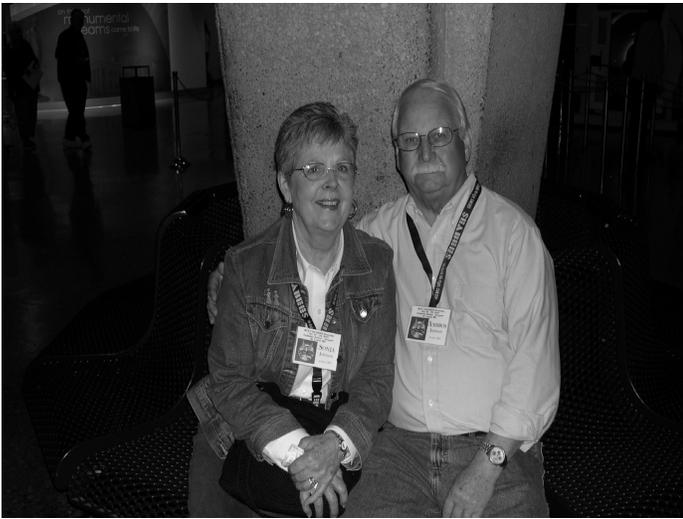
David & Marjorie Haines
(David is recovering from a recent stroke).



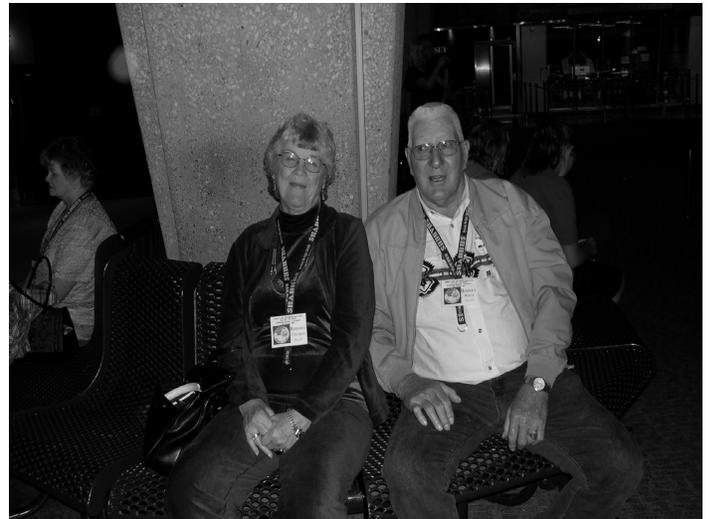
A view of St. Louis from the top of the Arch.



Mal Pearson, Jack Schrader & Ken Colburn at the top of the Arch



Sonja & Ambros Johnson taking a break in the Arch museum



Barbara Childress & Rodney White taking a break in the Arch museum



Jody & Arlin Hardwick taking a break in the Arch museum



Connie Gaskell, Erv Lampe, Kenn Gaskell taking a break in the Arch museum