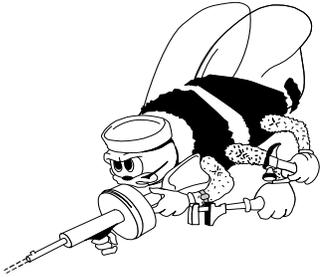


# MCB 2 Reunion Association

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# SEABEES

*A Newsletter for Former US Naval*

*Mobile Construction Battalion 2 Personnel*

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# MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

## Don't Forget Your Door Prize!

Let's make our banquet our most memorable ever with the Door Prize event. We always have more fun at the banquet with the excellent Door Prizes everyone donates. Remember the handcrafted bulldozer that Fred Cozad made for the raffle in St. Louis? Fred has sent a handcrafted self-loading scraper for the raffle at Myrtle Beach! WOW! You will want this on your Seabee shelf, so don't miss out! Complete the form on page 14 and mail it now! Also, complete the hotel worksheet and call them to make your hotel reservations right away. You can cancel the hotel if you notify them more than 96 hours out, so make your reservations now!

## HOTEL & REUNION RESERVATIONS

Now is the time to make your reservations for your hotel room and for all the events that you want to participate in while at the reunion. If you like to golf, make sure you notify Scott as the more we have sign up, the lower the individual cost. And our dinner and show event is going to be an exciting time for all that would like to get together for this. Mark your reservation form and mail it along with a check to Scott as soon as possible! Do it now and see you there!

## Who to contact about your dues

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**Dues are \$20/year**  
January - December

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

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Pete Elliott**

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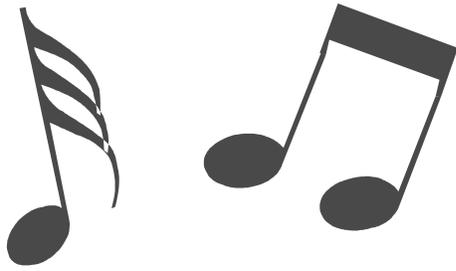
# Seabees

*February - May*

## *Dates to Remember*

- Feb. 1, 1944 Seabees land with Fourth Marine Division on Kwajalein.
- Feb. 19, 1945 Seabees land with 5th Marine Division on Iwo Jima.
- Mar. 2, 1867 Civil Engineer Corps established.
- Mar. 5, 1942 67th Seabee Birthday!
- Mar. 19, 1942 Civil Engineer Corps officers given military authority over construction units.
- Mar. 22, 1945 Seabees ferry General Patton's armored units across Rhine River into Germany.
- April 1, 1945 Seabees land on Okinawa.
- April 8, 1942 Doolittle Tokyo raid.
- April 9, 1942 Bataan falls.
- May 8, 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea.
- May 8, 1945 V-E Day. Germany surrenders.

**My mind works like  
lightning. One brilliant  
flash and it's gone.**



## Notes from our members:

From **Bob Colquhoun**: Here's a check for dues plus a little [thanks]..... from **Duane Henrichson**: I just received the November 15 issue of the Newsletter. I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List... time flies, or maybe it's just old age. I'm sending a check for my dues and some extra to help with the mailings. Keep up the good work. I hope this finds you and your bride in good health [it does, thanks]. I expect to make it to Myrtle Beach, but no pasture pool [?]..... **Walt Hagen** (walgen@cox.net): Sorry it took so long to get this to you. Much has gone on here but at last, here it is [thanks much]. Use the extra as you see fit..... from **Chris Coley**: This is to let you know that my husband, **Robert F. Coley**, died October 12 from a heart attack. He always enjoyed the Newsletter and I really miss him..... from **John Weires**: I received the November Newsletter this week and, according to the new policy, I haven't paid for 2009. My check is enclosed with some extra for the Christmas fund, to be used for any necessary purposes [thank you!]. I enjoy the Newsletter very much. I am a veteran of CBMU 1/101 (1953) and MCB 9 ('53-'56) as BU 1. I would like a ZIP Code roster [on the way] and will reimburse ASAP. SEABEES ARE THE BEST!..... from **Jack Mayo**: [enclosed a check & thanks] The excess is for whatever use you desire except for the wild and wooly girls in the P.I. It's a great Newsletter and I hope you have a great day..... from **Howard Cornwell**: Here is a check for my dues and I need a roster [thanks, and on the way]. If you can find a use for the rest, use it [thanks again]..... from **Fred Cozad** (fscozad@att.net): Please put me back on the Good Guy List! Enclosed is a check for my dues and use the extra as you see fit [thank you]. It has not been a good year for us. Our daughter and family live in Bridge City, Texas and IKE wiped out their house with 4½ feet of water. They lost everything but what they evacuated with. I'm presently fighting prostate cancer, have had two operations on my

brain for cancer and lower spine. If the bulldozer I sent to be raffled off at the last reunion was worthwhile, I could send another craft I make. It's a scraper [wonderful! The bulldozer was a big hit]. I don't want to miss any of your fine Newsletters or e-mails..... from **Dwight Yetter**: Sorry about the dues. I kept seeing my name on the Good Guy List and assumed that I had paid for 2008 [you had, so I applied your dues for the next years]. Enclosed is my check [and thanks]..... from **Mike Kazarian**: Sorry to be late again. Use the extra for what you think is needed [thank you very much]. I was in Southern California last week and I stopped by the Port Hueneme base and museum. It was a thrill to see the 10th Special Stevedore Battalion banner and all the literature from 1942 to 1945 on our Seabee base in Exeter, England. Have a great one and thanks for all you do..... from **Dan (Mary) Millett**: Enclosed is a check for dues plus a little extra and use wherever needed [thank you]. I thought I had already sent them. **Mary** and I will be seeing you in Myrtle Beach in 2009!..... received dues from **Clem Gre-gurek, Ken Booth, Stan Dauer, Allan Alberg, Bob Doezie, Bob Bowdler, Preston Wilson, Harold Agles, Robert Rasmussen, Alex (Ruth) Hamilton, Jim Green, Shorty (Phyllis) Campbell, Dan Mills, Larry Jessop, Roger (Barbara) Mohs, Sherwin Larsen, Richard (Jackie) Walters, Arnold Daisy, Frank Gresser and Don Grobbel** [thanks all!]..... from **Ben Pedrotti**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. I'm still hanging on but I have to admit that the future doesn't look too rosy. My best to all in the Association and Happy Holidays. It would be nice if the stock market would go UP!..... from **Rod Howard**: Here is a check for dues plus a little extra [thanks!]. Thanks much for your good work..... from **Vernon Blakeslee**: Hope you have a good Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas [thank you!] I have bounced back to good health. Enclosed is my check for dues and some extra to keep me on the Good Guy List [thanks]..... from **Jack Sims**: Here's a check for my dues and something for the pot [thanks much]. Keep up the good work. I really enjoy the Newsletter. I will be 75 on the 24th of November, so the turkey and I will have a good time..... from **Larry Stevenson**: I see I got off the Good Guy List. Sorry about that. I'm sending some back dues plus some for extended dues [thank you].



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Thank you for all the good work you are doing - helping to keep us together..... from **Richard Fairbanks**: (Enclosed a check for dues [thanks])..... from **Bob Hart**: I'll write this note and enclose a check with it for my dues [thanks]. Use any extra where needed. I am one of the guys out of CBMU 1 that was in Korea. The reunion at Myrtle Beach sounds like fun and I plan on being there [super!]..... from **Ralph Binney**: I don't know if I'll ever be a "Good Guy", but I'd like to be on the list [**Ralph** enclosed a check - thanks]. Thanks for all your good work and keep the change. See you in Myrtle Beach..... from **Jim De Keyser**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. I hope to make it to the reunion in Myrtle Beach next year. Time will tell. I really enjoy the Newsletter. Thanks..... from **Bob Conroe**: I am still having heart problems but I hope to be able to come to our next reunion in Myrtle Beach. Enclosed is a check for dues to get me back on the Good Guy's List. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year [thank you]..... from **Les Hall**: Enclosed is my check for dues and extra for whatever [thank you]. My name was not on the latest GGL and it should be [I agree! And thanks!]. Best regards, the Bowl Maker..... from **Kenn Gaskell**: Here's a check for my dues and a little extra for the cause [thanks]. Thanks for all of your work and have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas [thanks; T-day was great and I expect Christmas will be, also]..... from **Dale Rogers**: Greetings from the sunny Rio Grande Valley. My wife and I have spent our winters down here [from South Dakota] for the past 23 years and love every minute of it. Thank God for the Good Guy List [and **Roy Cone** for starting it] as I certainly wouldn't remember if I paid my dues without it [that's why we have it!]. I'm sending a check for my dues and also a few bucks for a new membership roster as I haven't had one for a long time [thanks and on the way]. Keep up the good work as it is greatly appreciated..... from **Don Nitsche**: [**Don** had called me asking for some US flags and I sent them to him in Hawaii] Enclosed is my check for dues and the flags [thanks]..... from **Opal Neusetzer**: I have enjoyed your emails and Newsletters very much and want to thank you for the wonder-

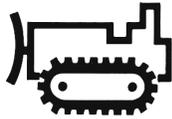


ful job you have done. However, since **Paul** is gone (1-18-05) and the cost of living is what it is, I am having to cut back, so please remove his name from your mailing list..... from **Anthony Marcella**: We enjoy receiving the Newsletter. It keeps us informed on what is going on. Enclosed is my check plus a bit extra for expenses [thank you]..... from **Bill & Shari Wisnowski**: [sent a Christmas card] Another busy year. No one told us that we'd be busier in retirement than when we were working. Guess you know what that's like. You stay up later on the Internet than we do. Thanks for the emails and hope you have a wonderful Christmas [thanks]..... from **Bob Hoare**: Greetings from the Great White North [**Bob** lives in Ontario, Canada]. Enclosed is a money order to get me back on the Good Guy List [you're baaack!]. We can't make it to the '09 reunion as we will be in Europe. Maybe the next one. The best for you and the family for the holidays and have a Happy New Year [thank you!]..... from **Pauline Hagemann**: It seems that each year I wait for this season. I enjoy Christmas so much and want the world to stay joyous all year long, but it just doesn't happen. **Vern Zuick** and I have had a wonderful year filled with good times. Our wedding day is planned for December 26, 2008, at my house in Cibolo, Texas. We hope that your Holiday Season will be joyous and the New Year will bring God's blessing to you and your family [Congratulations and thank you. May you enjoy a long and happy marriage.]..... from **Stoney & Gladys Serrett**: [sent a Christmas card] Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We are both doing okay and looking forward to Myrtle Beach..... from **John Waltrip**: [**John** contacted me about our group and I sent him some past Newsletter issues.] There was no form in the Newsletter as what was needed to become a member, so here is a short rundown: WWII, on the carrier FDR for the commissioning and shakedown cruise [christened *USS Coral Sea* 29 April 1945, renamed *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt* 27 October 1945]; CBMU 101 Korea; MCB 5 Okinawa; MCB 6, MCB 7; Recruit Training, San Diego; Naval Advisory Group, Korea; MCB 3 with two tours in Vietnam; Great Lakes RTC. Retired June 1972. There are a few others, but can't remember them. I was



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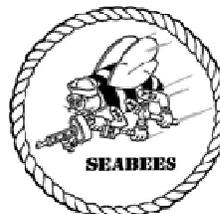
married 62 years to the same great lady. Messy letter. My hands do not work too good. Am 50% disabled and the other half doesn't work very good. Anyway, enclosed is my check for membership [thank you very much]..... from **Wayne (Nancy) Heple**: [Wayne took over as editor of the NCB 103 Newsletter after **Lynn Abbott** died.] Happy Holidays! Enclosed is our check for dues [thanks]. We also sent \$100 for the Museum under MCB 2 as you had instructed. We hope that project is going well and MCB 2 is on target [we have met and exceeded our goal, and thanks!]. I can't believe it but we still find Seabees who are not aware of the brick program, so keep telling the story. Enjoy the Holidays and we all appreciate the quality Newsletter, etc. God Bless..... from **Stoney (Gladys) Serrett**: Sure hope that this note finds you and **Rachel** well and enjoying your new home. Both **Gladys** and I are doing okay and looking forward to being in Myrtle Beach. I am enclosing a check for a copy of the membership roster [on the way]. Thanks again for all the many things you do for MCB 2 and its reunions..... from **Joe & Elaine DeFranco**: Special thanks for all your hard work for a great Seabee unit [great? It is THE greatest! ☺] See you in South Carolina..... from **Ben Carlson**: I received the roster and extra Newsletters a couple of weeks ago. Sorry I'm so slow [**Ben** also enclosed a check; thanks]..... from **Stan Dauer**: Notice my new address [listed on page 11]. Also, I found this obituary of **David E. Shoop** in our local newspaper. His name rings a bell with me. We were at Subic Bay at the same time. I don't know if he was listed in the membership roster [no, he sure wasn't and thanks for sending the notice]. I'll leave it up to you to make use of the notice..... from **Fred Cozad**: [sent a 24" wood working model he made of a scraper] For the reunion. Auction this off as you see fit. I hope the reunion is a big success. I can't make it as I am still fighting cancer [you are in our prayers, **Fred**]..... from **Ron Howatson**: I am enclosing a check for dues and use the extra for what is needed.



Looking forward to seeing you at Myrtle Beach in November [whoa!! You will be a month late and the reunion will be over!] We are doing well, however **Mal** is facing hip surgery in 2009. God willing, so far we plan to be at the reunion..... from **Frank Jacus**: Enclosed are some bits of information that you will enjoy reading [I did! Thanks]. I would like 2 flags, please. I give them as gifts [enclosed some bills & thanks]. Have a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year [thank you... hope so]..... from **Marshall (Rosemary) Dunne**: God bless and keep up the good job [enclosed a check - thanks]..... from **Doug (Shirley) Emond**: Just a short note [and a Christmas card] to let you know we will have a white Christmas [no doubt, in Mishicot, WI!]. Within the month of December, we had about two feet of snow fall. We have all our decorations out but it is hard to see them with all the snow. Enclosed is my check for dues and the extra is for whatever [many thanks]. Enjoy the holidays and have a wonderful New Year ..... [received Christmas cards from many and thank you! - **Bill & Shari Wisnowski, Emil & Betty Krygier, Harold Wardenburg, John & Anita Weires, Doug & Shirley Emond, Marge & Mal Pearson, Pete & Clorinda Elliott, Jim & Shirley Green, Roy Peak, Pauline Hagemann & Vernon, Stoney & Gladys Serrett, Ruth & Richard Muns, Richard Coulson, Rich & Carol Nelson, Joe & Elaine DeFranco, Marshall & Rosemary Dunne, Frank Jacus, David & Edith Anderson, Jo & Gene McDonagh**, and I apologize to anyone that I left off this list. I have received many Christmas and New Year wishes on the Internet and thanks to all.... and may everyone have the best that 2009 can bring! **Scott**]..... from **Dick Sim**: Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. All your work you do for all of us is much appreciated. Thanks [thank you!]. Hope you and yours have had a Merry Christmas and hope 2009 is a great year for you..... from **Jack Schrader**: Enclosed is a check for reunion dues plus some extra for whatever [thanks]..... received dues from **Wes Nelson, David [Marjorie] Haines, Ralph Bokern, and Richard Swallow** [thanks all]..... from **Basil Arnold**: [**Basil** had called me asking for some US and Seabee flags, which I had sent] Enclosed is a check for the flags [thanks]..... e-mail from



It's cold here today [Washington state]. Can't help but think of spring and longer, warmer days. We are looking forward to the reunion at Myrtle Beach..... from **Marge & Mal Pearson**: [sent a Christmas card]



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**Marilyn (Bill) Knight:** [Marilyn & Bill drove to Myrtle Beach from their home in north Georgia. Marilyn sent the following note]: We drove by the hotel and it is quite nice. Looks like it will be a good place. There is also a wonderful coffee shop/restaurant just a couple of blocks from the hotel and people could walk there. It is not fancy, but the food is good and you won't believe it, but coffee is five cents a cup. Bill is sending you a menu from there (Sam's Corner)..... from **David (Edith) Anderson:** Well, since David and I both enjoy reading the *SEA-BEES* Newsletter, we had better keep David on the Good Guy List! On the day it arrives, it is completely read by both of us before nightfall! Obviously, we find it an interesting Newsletter [thank you!]. We thank you for all your hours of effort to write, format, publish, and mail it. Enclosed is a check for David's dues, keeping him on the Good Guy List for a while [thank you again]. We hope you and Rachel enjoyed the Christmas and New Year's holidays and that you will have a great 2009! We have been freezing cold (that is colder than cold) here in southeastern Michigan. In addition, we have had record amounts of snowfall for December. We hope your weather in Georgia has been better [it has, thanks]..... from **Ted Devit:** My check is enclosed for dues [thanks]..... from **Mike Barron:** Enclosed find a check for dues [thanks]. Sorry it took so long but I have had some problems. I hope to attend the reunion but at this time I can't say yes or no. I hope you and Rachel are well and want to wish you both a healthy and happy New Year [thanks again]..... from **Ken Chew:** I noticed that my name was missing from the Good Guy List. Here is my check for dues [thanks] and you can put my name back on the list [it's back!]. I hope to make it to the reunion in Myrtle Beach [great!]..... from **John Ruby:** Here is a check for dues, a hat and whatever [thanks]. Our email is down for now. My son is supposed to fix it and I will let you know when he does..... That's about all for this time. Send me your reservation form and call the hotel for your room. See you in Myrtle Beach! Scott

### Mary Gladys Serrett

Gladys, as we knew her, passed away January 22, 2009, after complications from pneumonia. Our prayers and sympathy are with Stoney and his family.

## Albert Rhoades Marschall

### *Navy Rear Admiral*

Albert Rhoades Marschall, 87, a retired rear admiral who was chief of the civil engineers in the Navy, died of pancreatic cancer Nov. 18 at his home in Alexandria.

Adm. Marschall, a native of New Orleans and a U.S. Naval Academy graduate in the accelerated Class of 1945, began his service aboard the destroyer USS Ross and participated in the invasion of Leyte during World War II and the subsequent occupation of Japan. By 1948, he joined the civil engineering corps known as the Seabees, where he rose through the ranks.

He served two tours in Vietnam and one in the office of the chief of naval operations. Ultimately, he became commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and chief of civil engineers, which made him responsible for construction operations in support of U.S. Navy operations worldwide.

Adm. Marschall retired from the Navy in 1977 and worked briefly for the George Hyman Construction Co. in Washington as vice president. He then served two years with the General Services Administration as commissioner of the Public Buildings Service. He retired a second time in 1981.

He served on the boards of Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc. and the National Press Building Corp. He was national president of the Society of American Military Engineers and a member of the Moles, a fraternal organization of the heavy construction industry.

His military awards include two awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Marie Gamard Marschall of Alexandria; five children, Thomas Rhoades Marschall of Atlanta, David Gamard Marschall and Laurel Marie Patterson, both of Baton Rouge, Pamela Joan Lemoine of Midland, Mich., and Albert Louis Marschall of Richmond; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

# *The Good Guy List*

## **For 2009**

Harold Agles, Allan Alberg, Vern Ammentorp, David Anderson, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Richard Baker, Mike Barron, Henry Benguerel, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, William Body, Ralph Bokern, Ken Booth, Alexander (Cat) Borys, Bob Bowdler, Don Bradley, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, Bill Burns, Pat Carey, Shorty Campbell, Bennie Carlson, Ken Catchpole, Frank Chambers, George Chang, Chuck Chapman, Ken Chew, Walter Cloonan, Bob Colquhoun, Roy Cone, Bob Conroe, Howard Cornwell, Richard Coulson, Fred Cozad, Warren Culberson, Pat Cunningham, Arnold Daisy, Stan Dauer, Ed Dechant, Joe DeFranco, Jim De Keyser, Tony deLeon, Don Dellit, Ted DeVit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Robert Doezie, Tom Dowd, Howard Doyle, Marshall Dunne, Pete Elliott, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Richard Fairbanks, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, Warren Flading, Jack Foster, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Claude Garcenot, Robert Gardner, Kenn Gaskell, Roger Germundson, Ron Glasser, Robert Graf, Russ Granby, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Frank Gresser, Don Grobbel, Gerald Grubb, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Pauline (for Charlie) Hagemann, Walt Hagen, David Haines, Les Hall, Alex Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Leonard Hardoin, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Bob Hart, Ralph Heitt, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Althea (Jerry) Herr, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Ben Hollar, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Art Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Vic Jaccino, Frank Jacus, Robert Jandreau, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Robert Kaempfe, Mike Kazarian, Denise King (for her Dad, Don Truskey), William Knight, John Kolasz, James Krause, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Sherwin Larsen, Harold Lind, Herbert Liverman, Dale

Lundstrom, Tom Maere, Ivan Majetic, Anthony Marcella, Philip Matalucci, Jack Mayo, Don McDaniel, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Grant Millard, Dan Millett, Dan Mills, Chuck Minert, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Pat Morris, Hance Morton, Richard Muns, Eugene (Wes) Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Don Nitsche, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Ernest Owens, Billy Partridge, Don Pastell, Roy Peak, Mal Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, John Petronka, Ralph Presson, Cecil Price, David Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Gary Rawlings, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, Vinny Ryan, Harold Saucier, Paul Schell, Jack Schrader, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Bill Sharp, Dick Sim, Fred Simon, Jack Sims, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sorrentino, Gene Staples, Norman Stentz, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, George Stewart, Willis Struecker, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, Victor Swanson, William Taylor, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Wayne Turley, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, Walter Waddell, Richard Walters, John Waltrip, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Karl Weisenbacher, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Marshall Williams, R. G. 'Pete' Williams, Scott Williams, Fred Wilmarth, Preston Wilson, Bill Wisnowski, Dwight Yetter, and Stephen Yunger.

Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2009, some much longer. If you don't find your name on this list, then maybe you have forgotten to send in your dues recently. All dues are paid through the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 (no dues card sent out). This list is as of January 26, 2009. There are currently 215 paid up members from a mailing list of 476. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 743 names on the full member roster. (SW)

## **Teachers**

While my third-grade class was completing a writing exercise, one of the students asked me how to spell "piranha." I told him I was unsure. To my delight, he went to the dictionary to solve his problem. That's when I overheard another pupil say to him, "Why bother to look it up? She doesn't know how to spell it anyway."

# The Old Man

(From the Internet)

As I came out of the supermarket that sunny day, pushing my cart of groceries towards my car, I saw an old man with the hood of his car up and a lady sitting inside the car with the door open.

The old man was looking at the engine. I put my groceries away in my car and continued to watch the old gentleman from about twenty five feet away.

I saw a young man in his early twenties with a grocery bag in his arm, walking towards the old man. The old gentleman saw him coming too and took a few steps towards him. I saw the old gentleman point to his open hood and say something.

The young man put his grocery bag into what looked like a brand new Cadillac Escalade and then turn back to the old man and I heard him yell at the old gentleman saying, 'You shouldn't even be allowed to drive a car at your age.' And then, with a wave of his hand, he got in his car and peeled rubber out of the parking lot.

I saw the old gentleman pull out his handkerchief and mop his brow as he went back to his car and again looked at the engine. He then went to his wife and spoke with her and appeared to tell her it would be okay. I had seen enough and I approached the old man. He saw me coming and stood straight and as I got near him I said, 'Looks like you're having a problem.'

He smiled sheepishly and quietly nodded his head. I looked under the hood myself and knew that whatever the problem was, it was beyond me. Looking around I saw a gas

station up the road and told the old man that I would be right back. I drove to the station and went inside and saw three attendants working on cars. I approached one of them and related the problem the old man had with his car and offered to pay them if they could follow me back down and help him.

The old man had pushed the heavy car under the shade of a tree and appeared to be comforting his wife. When he saw us he straightened up and thanked me for my help. As the mechanics diagnosed the problem (overheated engine) I spoke with the old gentleman.

When I shook hands with him earlier he had noticed my Marine Corps ring and had commented about it, telling me that he had been a Marine too. I nodded and asked the usual question, 'What outfit did you serve with?'

He had mentioned that he served with the first Marine Division at Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal. He had hit all the big ones and retired from the Corps after the war was over. As we talked we heard the car engine come on and saw the mechanics lower the hood. They came over to us as the old man reached for his wallet, but was stopped by me and I told him I would just put the bill on my AAA card.

He still reached for the wallet and handed me a card that I assumed had his name and address on it and I stuck it in my pocket. We all shook hands all around again and I said my goodbye's to his wife.

I then told the two mechanics that I would follow them back up to the station. Once at the station I told them that they had inter-

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rupted their own jobs to come along with me and help the old man. I said I wanted to pay for the help, but they refused to charge me. One of them pulled out a card from his pocket looking exactly like the card the old man had given to me. Both of the men told me then that they were Marine Corps Reserves. Once again we shook hands all around and, as I was leaving, one of them told me I should look at the card the old man had given to me. I said I would and drove off.

For some reason I had gone about two blocks when I pulled over and took the card out of my pocket and looked at it for a long, long time. The name of the old gentleman was on the card in golden leaf and under his name..... 'Congressional Medal of Honor Society.'

I sat there motionless looking at the card and reading it over and over. I looked up from the card and smiled to no one but myself and marveled that on this day, four Marines had all come together because one of us needed help. He was an old man all right, but it felt good to have stood next to greatness and courage and an honor to have been in his presence.

## Language Barrier

The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, take the simple phrase, "secure the building".

The Army will post guards around the place.

The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.

The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters.

The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy.



## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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## Add Two Letters

In this puzzle you are given two four-letter words. Put the same pair of letters after each of them to complete two familiar six-letter words. The past-tense suffix -ED is not allowed.

Ex. Tale/Flue \_\_\_NT-----\_(talent, fluent)

1. Band/Pulp\_\_\_\_\_
2. Best/Fell\_\_\_\_\_
3. Ding/Mars\_\_\_\_\_
4. Stat/Tong\_\_\_\_\_
5. Flee/Pier\_\_\_\_\_
6. Bran/Come\_\_\_\_\_
7. Clot/Soot\_\_\_\_\_
8. Mode/Unto\_\_\_\_\_
9. Cave/Comb\_\_\_\_\_
10. Bull/Rock\_\_\_\_\_
11. Bush/Dies\_\_\_\_\_

9 Answers are on page 11. No peeking!

# Two Interesting Stories

## STORY NUMBER ONE

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed 'Easy Eddie.' He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but also Eddie got special dividends. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al 'Scarface' Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great.

So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from

a magazine.

The poem read:

'The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power to tell  
Just when the hands will stop  
At late or early hour...  
Now is the only time you own  
Live, love, toil with a will.  
Place no faith in time.  
For the clock may soon be still.'

## STORY NUMBER TWO

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship he saw something that turned his blood cold: a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 calibers blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent.

Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier.

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Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of WW II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor.

A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was 'Easy Eddie's' son.

Answers to puzzle on Page 9:

1. IT, 2. OW, 3. HY, 4. UE, 5. CE, 6. DY, 7. HE,
8. RN, 9. AT, 10. ET, 11. EL

When did my wild oats turn  
to prunes and bran?

## 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 753 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, if you would like a directory sorted by ZIP numbers, let me know. You can see who lives close to you or use it when you travel. And keep sending those cards and letters – especially the ones with checks!

Scott Williams

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## *Our Fallen Comrades*

Robert F. Coley	10/12/2008
David E. Shoop	12/3/2008

*May they live on in our memories.*

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Keep this completed form and bring it to the reunion with the Confirmation Number.

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## HOTEL RESERVATION WORKSHEET

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**Group Name: MCB 2 Reunion Association**

**Dates: Wednesday - Saturday, September 30 - October 3, 2009**

**Rate: \$79 plus 19.5% tax Single or Double Occupancy**

**One Bedroom Jr. Suite available: \$89 plus 19.5% tax**

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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.

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**Reservation Cut-Off Date:** All reservations must be received by the hotel no later than August 30, 2009.

**Cancellations:** Individual room reservations may be cancelled up to ninety-six (96) hours (4 days) prior to arrival with no penalty.



## GOLFERS!!

A golf outing is planned for Friday, October 2, starting at 7:00 a.m., BUT! I need to know about how many are planning to attend this outing. Clubs can be rented at the clubhouse, which takes a bit of pressure off about bringing your clubs. Please call or write me (Scott) and let me know if you would like to take part in this. The hotel has quite a few courses available, but the price per golfer varies according to the number of participants. If we only have four or five golfers, the price per golfer is \$85 per round, including a cart. If there are 20 golfers, the price per is \$70, including a cart. So call me (or write) as soon as possible so I can get the cost nailed down at as reasonable a rate as possible. Thanks,  
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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 1, 2009. 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

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**CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

	PRICE PER	X	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	\$ AMOUNT
Friday Golf Outing	\$85	X	_____	=	_____
Friday Dinner & Show (Seafood buffet & Opry)	\$65	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday night Banquet Buffet Dinner	\$40	X	_____	=	_____
Registration Fee per person (required)	\$5	X	_____	=	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, INC.</b>					= _____
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PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR NAME TAG \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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 September 1 (less a \$5 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.

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Schedule of Events

SANDS RESORTS HOTEL

201 75th Ave. North

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

October 1-3, 2009

***Wednesday, September 30***

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 1***

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration open
10:30 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed

***Friday, October 2***

7:00 a.m. -	Golf Outing - bus ride to course
8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration open
6:00 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed
6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Dinner & Show at Carolina Opry

***Saturday, October 3***

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 4***

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

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