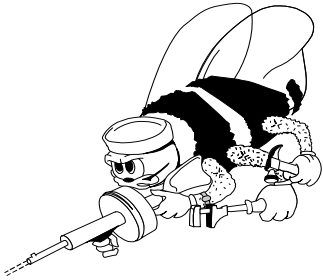


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SEABEES

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

Myrtle Beach: A Great Place! Next: Port Hueneme!

From Pete Elliott

I was elated to see the turnout for the reunion in Myrtle Beach. We missed many who were not there, either by choice or whatever.

We lost 36 members since St. Louis that were remembered in our memorial service. I sincerely hope those numbers go way down before our next reunion in Port Hueneme in 2011.

Hats off to the many volunteers who helped make this reunion a success. Mary Ragusa,

who came Sam-less; Scott "The Auctioneer" Williams and his wife, Rachel; my wife, Clorinda, grandmother of 10; the Petronka's, Vic Jaccino, Mal Pearson and so many others who helped out. Thanks to all who worked to make this reunion great!

I have had the honor of being your Commander since 1995 and hope to continue to serve you well. YOUR SUPPORT IS WHAT KEEPS US GOING! Again, thanks.

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA! [And God Bless John Wayne!]

Who to contact about your dues

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Scott Williams/MCB 2

Dues are \$20/year
January - December

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

The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

**Commander
Pete Elliott**

Staff:

Joe DeFranco
David Haines
Vic Jaccino
Bill Knight
Rich Nelson
Roy Peak, Vice Commander
Malcolm Pearson
John Petronka
Stoney Serrett, Commander Emeritus
Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas./Publisher

SEABEES

October - March

Dates to Remember

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|---------------|---|
| Oct. 13, 1775 | Navy Birthday |
| Oct. 16, 1942 | Eight men of 6th NCB killed at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to be killed in action. Seaman second Lawrence C. 'Bucky' Meyer awarded the Silver Star posthumously, first medal awarded to a Seabee. Awarded by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox. (p 169, <i>The King Bee</i> by Al 'Ole' Olsen). |
| Nov. 8, 1942 | Seabees land in North Africa with American assault forces. |
| Nov. 10, 1775 | U.S. Marine Corps Birthday. |
| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day |
| Dec. 7, 1941 | Pearl Harbor attacked. |
| Dec. 10, 1941 | Guam falls to Japanese. |
| Dec. 23, 1941 | Wake Island falls to Japanese. |
| Dec. 31, 1947 | Seabee Reserve established. |
| Jan. 5, 1942 | Bureau of Naval Personnel authorizes formation of Construction Battalions. |
| Jan. 27, 1942 | Bobcat detachment sent to Bora Bora, Society Islands, first Navy construction unit sent to overseas duty. |
| 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 | SEABEE BIRTHDAY! |



Notes from our members:

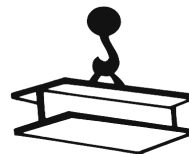
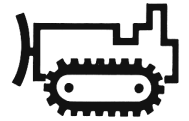
From **Marilyn (Bill) Knight**: Sorry to be so late in sending this information [about Myrtle Beach] to you, but you can spread it around after you get to Myrtle Beach [thank you!]. We go there frequently and have found the places I will mention to be excellent. We stay in a timeshare/vacation club place on the beach which is called Seaglass Tower and is just down the road from the reunion hotel. Also, I have enclosed a menu from Sam's Corner that I wanted you to see. This place is only a short walk from the hotel where you will be staying and it is extremely casual but the food is great. For Calabash seafood, the Seafood Hut in Calabash, NC can't be beat. It is only a short distance up the highway from the hotel and about a mile or so inside the NC state line. They don't take reservations and sometimes there is quite a wait, but it is worth it. An upscale place to eat is The Captain's House at 3002 N. Ocean Blvd., which is just down the road from the hotel, a fairly short drive. The food is excellent. We checked out the Plantation River Tours, which is a little south of Myrtle Beach proper, and they have a nice-looking boat and reasonable prices to tour down the river. I would recommend it to those who are interested in such. I have included some maps and other brochures for other things. You can look them over and see what people might be interested in doing. Also including our reservation form and check [thank you!]..... from **Ron Landrum**: It must be the date on my driver's license. Sorry about being so late with my dues [thanks]. Hope all is well with you and yours..... from **Cecil Price**: I may bring a guest but



really don't think so. If I do bring a guest, I'll let you know when to be sure. See you there..... from **Mel (Ole) Olson**: Sorry for being late again. I hope this will catch me up [it does and thanks].....



from **Betty (Emil) Krygier**: I express my thanks and appreciation to all the Seabees for their cards of condolence and for the contributions to the museum. It meant so much to me. **Emil** and I always enjoyed the reunions and **Emil** loved all his Seabee friends. Please continue to send me the Newsletter and I will continue to send his dues [thank you]. **Emil** wanted me to keep up with the news. I hope everybody enjoys Myrtle Beach..... from **Rodney White**: Here's a check for dues and put the rest in the kitty [thank you!]. I hope to see all the 1st of October in Myrtle Beach..... from **Bill Wisnowski**: Thanks for the info on the ball caps and sending them to me. Now I can remain a proud Seabee!..... from **Roy Peak**: [sent me an address correction as I had sent the Newsletter to the wrong address. Thanks, **Roy**.]..... from **Norm Pratt**: [**Norm** is a WW II Seabee (NCB 124) friend from Las Vegas and sent a check for flags and dues] Now you can put me on your Good Guys List [thanks, **Norm**. You really are a Good Guy!]..... from **Ben Hollar**: My phone number is 540-459-3986 and I am now living in an assisted living home. I have turned 80 and am having some problems. Hope all is well with you and thanks for all your work..... received reunion reservations from **Paul (Pat) Schell, Willis Struecker, 'Doc' Ward, Ambros Johnson, Sam Holsomback, Joe Sitkowski, Ralph Burnley, Roger Germundson, Al & Inger Olsen, George (Kay) Gustin, Arlin Hardwick, John Bloem, Tom Stapleton, Don Bradley, Walter Ahern, Don Jones, Frank Betonte, John Klamut, Carl Bock, Frank Jessop, Clyde Stenholm, Richard Muns, Mal Pearson and Dan Millett** [thanks all]..... received dues from **Bill Frazier, James Krause, Mary Ragusa and John Grasz** [thanks] from **Ed Dechant**: [**Ed** had sent an email asking for a flag pole and some flags, which I sent] Enclosed is my check for the flagpole. Thanks **Dave Budworth** sent an email asking about some T shirts, which I sent. **Darla** sent a check and thanks..... received an email from **Mal Jaeger** asking about the Association and requested a couple caps, which I sent. Welcome to a New Member!..... from **Bill Sigmund**: Sorry about the delay on getting paid up. Memory just not what it used to be [tell me about it!]. Enclosed is



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a check so I will be a good guy once again [thanks, and you are a good guy!]..... from **Vic Jaccino**: Enclosed are my reservations and a check and if you need any help, I'll be glad to assist in any way needed [thanks, we can use the help!]. I don't know if **Linda** will be out of the hospital to come with me as she has a bad spine. I'll let you know..... from **Pauline Hagemann**: My flag pole got attacked by the wind here in Texas while I was in Portland, Maine and I need to replace it. Are we still selling the flag pole? This one is the one **Charlie** and I got way back in 2000-something [2005]. I need a new one and, if you are still selling them, I would like to purchase one [just happen to have one left!]. I'll send you a check for the amount, just let me know [on the way and thanks for the support]..... from **Judy (Dick) Todd**: After monumental decision-making, I have made it in the positive to do one more MCB 2 reunion. This one is for **Dick** and, of course, he will be included in the Memorial Service. There are a few people who still attend that I remember - **Rich & Carol Nelson, Mal & Marge Pearson**, etc. **Dick's** cousin will accompany me, so we are planning extra days and taking our time to travel. It will be nice to have company [and it will be nice to see you again after a long break]. See you in a month [see both ladies on page 14]..... from **Claude Garcenot**: Enclosed you will find the necessary paperwork as well as a check to cover the Banquet and registration. See you at the reunion..... from **Wayne Heple**: [I received the Newsletter from NCB 103, of which **Wayne** is the editor and publisher following the death of **Lynn Abbott**. Thanks, **Wayne**] Have a Great Reunion!..... from **Walter (Windy) Whitney** (CBMU 553): Thank you for the book [**Walter** contacted me to learn more about our reunion and possibly attend Myrtle Beach. I sent him some past issues of our Newsletter and he sent a check to add his name to our roster.]..... from **Mike Kazarian**: Please send me a membership roster and also enclosed is a check for my dues. Use the rest for what you need [thanks and sent]. Thank you, **Scott!** Great job!! I was with the 10th Special Battalion in Exeter, England in 1942, then CBMU 1/101 in 1950..... from **Bill Wilcoxon**: Sorry I can't make the reunion, but at least I'll pay my dues. The extra is for



whatever [many thanks!]. Hope you guys have a great time and hope we can make it to the next one..... received a check for dues from **Dan Stewart** [thanks].....



from **Bob Bowdler**: Enclosed is a check for dues and a little extra for the slush fund [thank you!]. On 9/28, CBMU 1/101 lost one of our "Good Guys" - **Ed "Red" Bergin**. After leaving K-3 for Atsugi, I gave **Red** the hardest jobs to come into the garage. One exception — after an all-nite battle in the bars of Yamota, I had **Red** crawl under a truck for some recovery time. **Red**, your "buds" will miss you!!..... from **Ron Glasser**: Thank you for keeping the Newsletter and reunion still going and enclosed is a check for my dues [thank you]. I enjoy seeing names of old buddies from Cubi Point and Sangley Point in the Newsletter..... Folks, that looks like all the letters for this issue. I have just returned from Myrtle Beach and **Rachel** and I really enjoyed it. The surprise for **Jack Schrader** was a big hit and we all had fun! I hope to see everyone in Port Hueneme in 2011! Have some great holidays with family and the next Newsletter will be out around January/February 2010. Take care until then... and send those cards and letters! Especially the ones with a check! DUES TIME! Call me to check your status. Scott



Jack Schrader with his hula instructor! What fun! See page 11 for more pictures of Jack.



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

Sometimes I look at all the crap stacked in my garage, close my eyes and smile, remembering a time when everything I owned could be crammed into a canvas bag.

MAKE A NOTE! ADDRESS CORRECTION

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CBMU 1/101

Benjamin C. Hollar
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Woodstock, VA 22664-2347
CBD 1804

Richard V. Shafer
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Auburn, WA 98092-2569
MCB 2



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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CBMU 1/101

Walter Whitney
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Mayflower, AR 72106-9688
501-470-0425
CBMU 553 (WW II)

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

Our Fallen Comrades

Joseph A Barbree (MCB 2)	11/22/03
Edward P. Bergin, Jr. (CBMU 1)	9/28/09
Gordon A. Bonk (CBMU 101)	3/8/08
Walter G. Cloonan (CBMU 101)	7/17/09
Jimmie E. Dillman (MCB 2)	2/07
William A Ganske (CBMU 101)	3/07
Harry Ladley (MCB 2)	7/4/09

May they live on in our memories.

ALL-SEABEE REUNION!

The Third Annual East Coast ALL-SEABEE Reunion will be held at the
Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel
Hampton, VA
February 26-28, 2010

For more information and a registration form,
visit their website at
www.vietnam-era-seabees.org
or write
Vietnam Era Seabees, Inc.
P.O. Box 5177
Midlothian, VA 23112-0020



Above, at our banquet dinner: Frank Betonte and Shirley Sobansky



Above Right: Beulah Elder and Gerri Petronka practicing the hula for Jack Schrader.



Right: Mary Ragusa with her sister and brother-in law, Tom & Jean Dutchess.

The Good Guy List

For 2009

Vance Adams, Harold Agles, Allan Alberg, Bill Alwine, Vern Ammentorp, David Anderson, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Richard Baker, Ed Ballerstein, Mike Barron, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentsen, 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, Marvin Dalby, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Ed Dechant, Joe DeFranco, Jim De Keyser, Tony deLeon, Don Dellit, Ted DeVit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Robert Doezie, George Dorge, Tom Dowd, Howard Doyle, Marshall Dunne, Harrell Edmondson, Pete Elliott, Doug Emond, Ralph Evans, Norm Eveleth, Richard Fairbanks, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Frank Fibich, Jim Firebaugh, Warren Flading, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Claude Garcenot, Robert Gardner, Kenn Gaskell, Roger Germundson, Ron Glasser, Robert Graf, Russ Granby, John Grasz, Jim Green, Clem Gregurek, Frank Gresser, Roy Grisham, Don Grobbel, Gerald Grubb, Marvin Guetling, 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, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Althea (Jerry) Herr, Bob Hoare, Tom Hoffman, Don Hofstetter, Ben Hollar, Milford 'Holly' Hollingsworth, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Art Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Charles Ingalls, Vic Jaccino, Frank Jacus, Robert Jandreau, Bob Janson, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Don Jones, John Jur-

kash, Robert Kaempfe, Lloyd Kallsen, Charles Kangas, Mike Kazarian, Les Keller, Yung Ketels, Denise King (for her Dad, Don Truskey), William Knight, John Kolasz, James Krause, Emil Krygier, Ervin Lampe, Ron Landrum, Sherwin Larsen, Harold Lind, Herbert Liverman, Gordon Love, Dale Lundstrom, Tom Maere, Ivan Majetic, Anthony Marcella, Philip Matalucci, Jack Mayo, Charles McCabe, 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, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Eugene (Wes) Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Opal (for Paul) Neusetzer, Don Nitsche, John Noetzel, Joseph O'Brien, Mel Olson, Ernest Owens, Billy Partridge, Don Pastell, Roy Peak, Mal Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, John Petronka, Norm Pratt, Ralph Presson, Cecil Price, David Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Gary Rawlings, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Vinny Ryan, Harold Saucier, Paul Schell, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Don Seethaler, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Bill Sharp, William Sigmund, Dick Sim, Fred Simon, Jack Sims, Art Siple, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Walter Smith, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sorrentino, Gene Staples, Tom Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, Norman Stentz, Lee Stevens, Larry Stevenson, Dan Stewart, George Stewart, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, Victor Swanson, William Taylor, Doug Thorp, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Wayne Turley, Jerry Vasquez, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, Walter Waddell, Richard Walters, John Waltrip, Harold Wardenburg, John Weires, Karl Weisenbacher, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, Walter Whitney, John Wilborn, William Wilcoxon, Jerry Wilkening, Marshall Williams, R. G. 'Pete' Williams, Scott Williams, Fred Wilmarth, Jack Wilson, Preston Wilson, Jim Wommack, 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 June 14, 2009. There are currently 268 paid up members from a mailing list of 463. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 742 names on the full member roster (23 pages). (SW)

A SOLDIER DIED TODAY

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast.
He sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past,

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer,
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many;
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho' a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of entertainer's life stories,
From the time that they were young.
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times
That our Bob's and Jim's and Johnny's,
Went to battle, but we know,

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

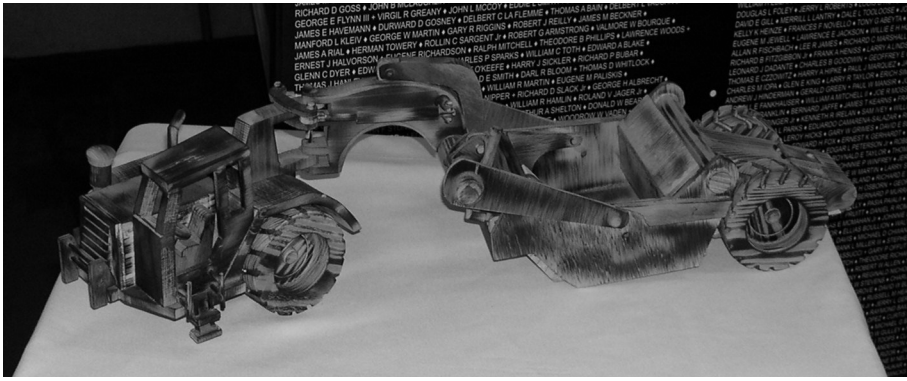
Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.

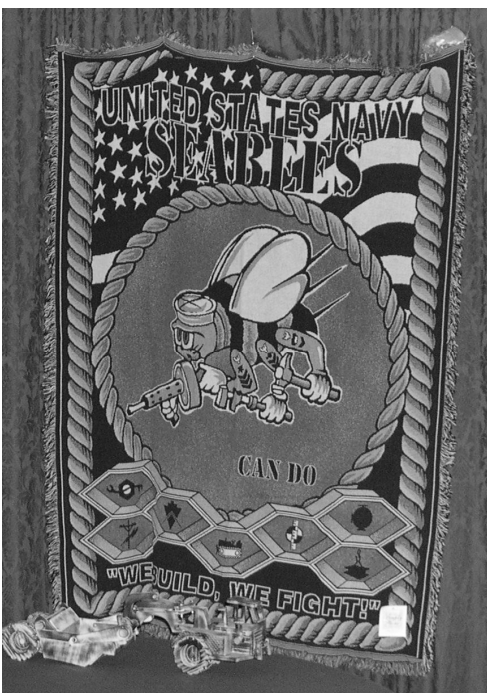
For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."



The scraper above was built by Fred Cozad and sent to Scott Williams to be used as a raffle or auction item. Shortly after Fred sent the scraper he died. Fred had made the tractor and the bowl we raffled last year, but this is the last of the hand-made wooden crafts from Fred. RIP, Fred. Bob Hart, below, outbid one or two others to get this scraper for his office (and memories). Thanks, Bob for the generosity of \$175 for the MCB 2 treasury. [Bob told Scott later he was prepared to bid to \$500 if necessary! Bob really wanted that Super-C scraper!]



And this beautiful Seabee Afghan in full, glorious color was won in another auction by Ruth Muns (Richard & Ruth, above). Thank you for your generosity of \$130 for this treasure! You made Richard happy, too, Ruth! [And thanks to Jack Schrader for donating this gorgeous Afghan.]

Minutes
of the
General Membership Meeting

October 3, 2009
Sands Resorts
Myrtle Beach, SC

Meeting brought to order by Cdr. Pete Elliott at 9:13 a.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Cdr. Elliott

Cdr. Elliott welcomed all members and guests.

Cdr. Elliott recognized all Staff members present. Rich Nelson and Roy Peak were not present.

Cdr. Elliott suspended the reading of the previous minutes from St. Louis. Secretary Scott Williams noted that the motion that was made, seconded and voted unanimously in favor in St. Louis 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 has been done.

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, including for this reunion. We will close the books after the reunion in the black.

Cdr. Elliott announced that the Executive Committee has no recommendation for our next reunion but did state that it should be on the west coast. Cdr. Elliott noted that Bill Hilderbrand presented the latest news on the museum in Port Hueneme two days earlier. Rex Roark made a motion to hold our 2011 reunion in Port Hueneme, seconded by Richard Muns. Discussion on the motion: John Petronka asked what other sights are to be seen near Port Hueneme and Bob Elder said he has been to the Reagan Library, which is just a few minutes away. Cat Borys noted that a tour of the Port Hueneme base would be interesting to see the changes since we were there in the '50s. Rex Roark made a motion to also consider Portland, seconded by Joe DeFranco. Richard Muns suggested a vote be made to select two choices. John Petronka made a motion to select Seattle, seconded by Ralph Heitt. Bill Knight called the question and to select a primary city with a secondary as backup. The recommendation as primary is Port Hueneme and secondary city is Seattle. Vote taken on the question was unanimous in favor of Port Hueneme, with Seattle as standby. Scott will check on museum progress 12 to 14 months out to determine if there has been satisfactory progress to continue our reunion in Port Hueneme.

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 Richard Muns. The vote was unanimous in favor. Motion carried. The officers for 2010/2011 are Pete Elliott, Commander; Roy Peak, Vice-Commander; Scott Williams, Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor and Publisher.

As noted by Bill Hilderbrand, 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. Bill also noted that brick pavers are available and they will be placed in the walkway into the museum if anyone wants to purchase one. (See page 11 for a contribution form. Cut out or copy.)

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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. It was noted that veterans are allowed to salute the flag if in civilian clothes and uncovered. It was also noted that Marine tradition and Naval custom do not allow saluting when uncovered or indoors. This question of saluting the flag is a personal choice and many will want to only place their right hand over their heart.

No additional comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Williams, Secretary

For MCB 2 Account

US Navy CEC/Seabee Museum Project
Donor Pledge Card

(Name/s) _____, hereby pledge (full amount) \$ _____ in direct support of the US Navy CEC/Seabee Museum project at Port Hueneme, CA. This pledge will be retired in (circle one) 1 2 3 4 5 years. The first payment ___ is enclosed, or ___ will be forwarded on or about (month/day) ____/____/2009. In the case of multiple-year pledges, this date becomes the anniversary for future payments. Request for future payment will be sent at least 30 days ahead of each anniversary date.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____ Phone: (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*Make checks payable to: CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation.
Mail pledge cards and all payment checks to: CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 657, Gulfport, MS 39502*



Jack Schrader celebrated his birthday with a surprise! A Hawaiian dancer arrived as a gift from his daughter and Jack made a gorgeous hula dancer, don't you think? Clyde Stenholm celebrated his birthday also, but he didn't have to get all dressed up! Happy Birthday, Jack and Clyde! But I think Jack had more fun! Or maybe Clyde had more fun watching!





Two wonderful banquets!

The top picture was at the Giant Crab. Wow! What a grand array of superb hot and cold seafood, plus ham, prime rib and roast beef and all the accompanying side dishes. Talk about sumptuous! This is where Webster would send you to explain the definition. This was really a great choice!



And our dinner in the Hall of Heros! What a perfect setting. The menu was wonderful and everything was cooked to perfection. The beef tenderloin was tender and had the best flavor; the braised chicken and the blackened Mahi-Mahi were outstanding! And then there were the desserts! Yummy! All in all, Myrtle Beach was a tremendous success.



Back Row: Al 'Ole' Olsen, Bob Elder, Joe Sitkowski, Ambros Johnson, Larry Stevenson, Don McLain, Carl Bock, Ralph Heitt, Rodney White, Mal Pearson, John Bloem, Stoney Serrett, Arlin Hardwick, Larry Jessop, Richard Muns, Rex Roark.
Middle Row: Scott Williams, Frank Betonte, Alex 'Cat' Borys, John Petronka, Tom Stapleton, Lee Stevens, Joe DeFranco, Tony DeLeon, Pete Elliott.
Front Row: Bill Morin, Bill Knight, Paul D'Angelo, Jack Schrader, Willis Struecker, Bob Hart, Paul Schell, Clyde Stenholm.



Bill & Ruth Morin



Bob & Evoline Gardner



Joe & Elaine DeFranco



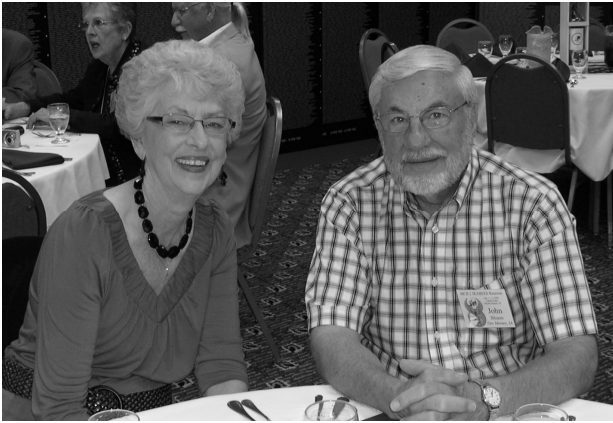
Lee & Lucy Stevens



Judy Todd attending in honor of Dick, with Carole Sullivan, Dick's cousin.



Stoney Serrett mugging with Sonja Johnson. Stoney's two daughters, Karen and Laurie, brought him and enjoyed all the festivities.



Left: John & Marcy Bloem



Right: Ralph & Pat Burnley



Left: Al 'Ole' & Inger Olsen (that's Olsen with an 'e'!



Above: Sam & Nancy Holsomback



Above: Clyde & Marion Stenholm



Above: David & Marjorie Haines w/daughter Hallie



Above: Willis & Laberta Struecker

15 Left: Arlin & Betty Jo Hardwick

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