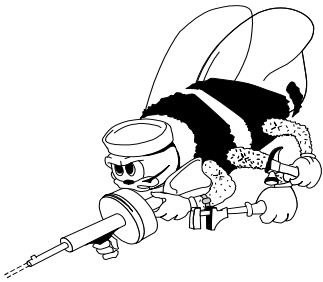


# MCB 2 Reunion Association

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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

# SEATTLE!

## Great Hotel!

## Great Tours!

### ALASKAN CRUISE!

What better way to enjoy the Northwest than to take an Alaskan cruise? Arrangements have been made with a travel agency to take the Inland Passage to Juneau, Hubbard Glacier, Sitka and Ketchikan. Others have taken this cruise and were thrilled with the beauty majesty of the Alaskan wilderness. See page 9 for all the details and call now to make your reservations. Special deposit rates are in effect for just a short period, so don't miss out on this exciting part of our Seattle reunion. The trip to Tillicum Village

See *Take A Cruise* (Continued on page 2)

### DON'T FORGET YOUR DOOR PRIZE!

This is what makes our reunions memorable, so bring a door prize (or two) and make our banquet dinner fun!

Make your reservations at the hotel and all of the exciting events that we will be doing while in Seattle. The Museum of Flight is extraordinary! Aircraft from the beginning of flight up to the president's Air Force One are all on display. Aircraft from the WWI era and WWII

See *Door Prizes!* (Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1) **Take A Cruise**

for the salmon cookout and Native American stage show is another standout part of this reunion. You really do not want to miss any of the exciting things that have been planned for this reunion. We will have a wine and cheese reception Saturday evening and all those returning from the cruise will be able to join all the festivities and tell everyone else what they missed. Why don't you be part of the group to tell of the whales you saw or the glaciers and beauty of Alaska? Make all your reservations now and let's all have a great time in Seattle! See you there!

Scott

## Signs That You Have Grown Up

- You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
- You hear your favorite song in an elevator.
- You carry an umbrella. You watch the Weather Channel.
- You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
- Your car insurance goes down and your car payments go up.
- You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's.
- Sleeping on the couch makes your back hurt.
- A \$4.00 bottle of wine is no longer 'pretty good stuff.'
- You actually eat breakfast foods at breakfast time.
- You don't drink at home to save money before going to a bar.
- You read this entire list looking for one sign that doesn't apply to you.

(Continued from page 1) **Door Prizes**

can be seen and touched. Don't miss this tour! They have a nice restraint there where the prices are reasonable and we will get there right about noon after our tour of Seattle. We will have a tour guide to point out all the sights of this wonderful town and maybe even have time to stop at the local farmer's market, Pike Place Market. We will have a full day touring and seeing these sights, so don't miss out and say later, "Gee, I wish I had gone." See page 12 and make your choices for all the events planned. For those that would like to make a really exciting tour while in the Seattle area, there is an Inside Passage Cruise that that we can take. See page 9 for the details and don't miss this cruise! So much to see and so much to do! I hope you are as excited about this reunion as I am. I'll see you there! Scott

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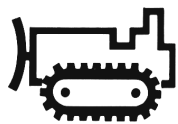
## *January - May* *Dates to Remember*

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| 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. |
| Jan. 31, 1968 | Tet '68, initial North Vietnamese attacks occurred to major US bases.                                     |
| Feb. 1, 1944  | Seabees land with Fourth Marine Division, Kwajalein.  |
| Feb. 19, 1945 | Seabees land with 5th Marine Division, Iwo Jima.  |
| Mar. 2, 1867  | Civil Engineer Corps established.   |
| Mar. 5, 1942  | 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.                             |
| Apr. 1, 1945  | Seabees land on Okinawa   |
| Apr. 9, 1942  | Bataan falls  |
| Apr. 12, 1966 | NMCB 7, first NMCB to deploy to Phu Bai, RVN.   |
| Apr. 18, 1942 | Doolittle Tokyo raid  |
| May 4, 1967   | NMCB 11, first NMCB to deploy to Dong Ha, RVN.  |
| May 11, 1965  | NMCB 10, first NMCB to deploy to RVN (Chu Lai) and lands with 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.           |
| May 28, 1965  | NMCB 3, first NMCB to deploy to DaNang RVN.   |



## Notes from our members:

From **Robert Colquhoun**: Enclosed is a check for dues two MCB 2 window decals and hopefully enough to cover mailing. If short, let me know. If over, for the kitty [thanks]. I have forgotten the cost of the decals or even if they are still available [they are and for CBMU 1 also. Two for \$5 including postage]. Thanks for all your work on behalf of the MCB 2 Association..... from **Althea Herr**: I hope you're all doing well. I am doing well, also. Please forgive me for not responding sooner. I read the last Newsletter that I received on August 2, 2010 and put it away. I just got it back out yesterday and read it again, especially the part regarding the Newsletter costs. I would still like to receive the Newsletter by mail as I have no on-line capability. Enclosed you will find my check to help with these expenses and I hope others can do the same to help with these costs [thank you very much]. Thank you..... from **Mary Dick**: Here is a check for dues for me and for someone who can't afford to pay [thank you, **Mary**. You are very generous and I'll keep the Newsletter going to a couple of our members that are having tough times]. Hope y'all had a great time with the grandkids [we did!]..... from **Frank Betonte**: I just received the Newsletter and, as always, it was GREAT!. Thank you. Sorry about Port Hueneme. Just like a CB (Can Do) Seattle. Thank you much. PS: Only you can do this job, **Scott**. Thanks. Enclosed is my check for dues plus some extra for expenses [thank you!]..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I sure hope that this note finds you and **Rachel** well and enjoying your home in Georgia [we are well and life



is good!]. All is well here in Zachary, LA. I am expecting all of my sons and daughters to be here for Christmas. **Scott**, would you send me an updated roster because I need to start working on Christmas cards [on the way]. My son told me that

if I want to go to Seattle that he is willing to take me. Also, I have an older brother who lives there, so I would like to see him and his family while we are there. Thanks for all you do to make our reunions fun..... from **Wayne Heple**: [sent a copy of his Newsletter that he publishes for the 103rd NCB. Nice Newsletter! Thanks.] Enjoyed your Newsletter. Seattle looks like nice place to have a reunion. Not sure yet if we can make it, but we are looking at our calendar. Please keep us posted on the Alaskan cruise and your program as we are interested. The 103rd will be going to Port Hueneme. Our dates will be October 10 thru 13th, 2011. The hotel (Country Inn) tells us there is another reunion about the same time. We enjoyed our visit to the museum last week and with **Jim Daniels**. We found some of our bricks. It will be an impressive museum when finished. Our dues are enclosed [thanks]..... received dues plus from **Gene Staples, Ivan Majetic, Thomas Lightbody, Steve Yunger, Richard Tittle, John Ruby, George Gustin, Fred Immermann and Art Leable** [thanks all!]..... received a Christmas card from **Doug & Shirley Emond**: Another winter is here. Our weather is cold - in the 20s [Wisconsin]. Nothing to look forward to except colder weather with lots of snow. I didn't like the reunion in Port Hueneme but like it in Seattle a lot more. This one I'll try to make. Got relations in Seattle, so we can make a week of it. As you know, I have a little dog so a lot depends on finding a place for him to go. Kennels are out. Here is a check for dues [thank you!]. You and **Rachel** enjoy the holidays and, if everything goes right, we'll see you in August..... from **Stoney Serrett**: Hope that all is well with you and **Rachel**. For myself, I am doing okay for a soon-to-be 86-years old... Nov. 25th. [congratulations!] My, how time flies when you are having fun! Hopefully by now, we have something in regards to the reunion in Seattle. I have already alerted my brother in Seattle that we may be coming next year. He has been living in Seattle since 1945 and is two years older than I am. Take care and have a great Thanksgiving



..... from **Ben Lally**: Add me back on the Good Guy List [done! Thanks].....



**John Waltrip**: Thank you, **Scott**, for all you do. Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]..... from **Mike Kazarian**: I really enjoyed



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the pictures of CBMU 1 in Po Hang, Korea [that was published in the previous Newsletter]. I was 2nd class UT



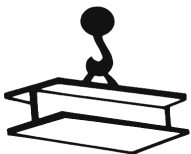
**Gardner, Stoney Serrett, Lucy Stevens, and Jim Green** [thanks all] ..... also received a Christmas card from **Mal & Marge Pearson**:



We are not sure if we will make the reunion for 2011. **Marge** had an MRI and there was more activity going on. She had a stronger dose of radiation at the end of November and will have another the end of January [you are in our prayers, **Marge**]..... and a Christmas card from **Rich & Carol Nelson**: Things are good here. We hope to be in Seattle. The cruise ship is still up in the air. Sending a check for my dues [thanks!]..... and a Christmas card from **Opal Neusetzer**: Hope you and yours have a wonderful and blessed Christmas. I am sending something for dues, etc. [thank you]..... and a Christmas card from **Joe & Elaine DeFranco**: I am not doing very good and big travel is a no-no. Sorry I cannot be of any help with this great reunion you have worked up. Please delete my name from the Island Staff.....and a Christmas card from **Bill & Shari Wisnowski**: [sent a check for dues] Looking forward to Seattle..... from **Daniel (Carolyn) Beran**: Sending my dues [thanks]..... from **Paul & Wanda D'Angelo**: Here's a check for dues plus a little extra [thank you]. Wishing you and family a happy holiday season and a very happy and prosperous new year..... from **Dave (Darla) Budworth**: Here's some extra for a new roster [on the way]..... from **Jack Schrader**: Here's a check for dues plus some extra [thanks]..... from **Judy (Dick) Todd**: I need to get this news clipping to you [of a boa constrictor that was found in New Hampshire]. The story reminds me of all the MCB 2 personnel who were in the Philippines, as every single one swore he was there when the now-famous snake of gigantic proportions, was found. Not only that, they all managed to have a photo of it! **Dick's** photo album most definitely has one or two! Also enclosed is a check for which I know you can find a use [thank you!] ..... from **Clive Lorenz**: Here's a check for dues [thank you]. Sorry that I have been behind..... That's all, folks. I want to get this out soon so you will be able to see what we have going on in Seattle and can get your reservations made. Check page 9 for the Alaskan cruise and make those reservations soon. Also complete the form on page and send to me with your check. Lots of exciting things in Seattle! See you there! Scott—PS: Send your dues!

with the first group of 65 from Guam to arrive there. At that time, we had 2-man tents and 4-seat out-houses. I left there Dec. 1951. The pictures tells it all. Great Job, Guys! Can Do! Thanks, and enclosed is a check for my dues plus a little extra [thank you] ..... from **Bill Hilderbrand: Ted Devit** sent this to me by mistake and am forwarding on to you [**Ted** paid his dues and thanks]. I hope you and **Rachel** have a great Christmas!..... from **Jack Wilson: Hi, Scott**. Here is a check for my dues and a bit extra [thanks]. I want to stay on the Good Guy List [you are!]. It has been a tough year for my wife and me. She had a brain aneurysm that was caught in time but had complications after surgery. She was in Barns Hospital in St. Louis for three weeks and on May 10th, she was transferred to the Shawnee Nursing Home in Herrin, Illinois where she is now. She is doing better and I hope we can bring her home some time next year. The reason she is doing so good now is because of all the people praying for her [Amen!]. Here is a note on the brighter side: I entered McDonald's restaurant here in Murphysboro, Illinois and had my Seabee cap on. The manager of the place noticed it and asked if I was a Seabee. I said yes, and he said his grandfather was a Seabee and he served in the Philippines. I told him I served there also and I asked him what his grandfather's name is. He told me it is **Jesse Wilson**. I said that's funny, my name is **Jack Wilson** and I was with the Builders and Surveyors at the Haversack site. I went home and checked my Seabee Newsletter and, low and behold, there was **Jesse Wilson's** name. I took the Newsletter back and showed him his grandfather's name in our Newsletter and that really excited him. He took a picture of the Newsletter and his grandfather's name. Well, I better get off the line. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year..... from **John Jurkash**: Late again! Some bad news... my wife Dorothy passed away after a two-year battle with lung cancer.

Hopefully, I'll get back to normal..... received Christmas cards [some with dues+] from **Marshall & Rosemary Dunne, Arlin & Betty Hardwick, Tony & Mary Ann DeLeon, Bob & Evoline**



## Listen Carefully

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur. Be careful.'"



## Doubletree Hotel, Seattle

Typical sitting room with television and Internet connection, looking into mirrored closet and bedroom, bathroom opposite the closet. Second television and telephone in bedroom.

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When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends.

## *Our Fallen Comrades*

Donald E. Anderson	1/5/2010
Herbert V. Lang	2000
Cameron W. Lee	3/16/2010
Richard L. Muns	11/10/2010

From *The Bivouac of the Dead*  
By Theodore O'Hara

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo;  
No more on life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.  
On Fame's eternal camping-ground  
Their silent tents are spread,  
And Glory guards, with solemn round,  
The Bivouac of the dead.

## **IT'S DUES TIME!**

It's dues time again! Check your name on the Good Guy List and, if it is not there, it's time to get back on the list. This is what keeps the Newsletter going. So, get the checkbook out and send yours now while you are thinking about it. And, while the checkbook is out, go over the list of events on page 11 that you want to do and send along a check for those also. Don't miss this reunion as the events that are planned are different from anything we have done before. Special times and fun events, so make your plans now. But be sure to send a dues check now!

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Rich Nelson  
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John Petronka  
Stoney Serrett, Commander Emeritus  
Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas./Publisher

## **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 (22 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

# *The Good Guy List*

## **For 2011**

Vern Ammentorp, Basil Arnold, Richard Baker, Dan Beran, Frank Betonte, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Bill Body, Alexander (Cat) Borys, Robert Bowdler, Don Bradley, Alfred Bryant, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, Ralph Burnley, Williams Burns, Elwin (Shorty) Campbell, Pat Carey, Ken Catchpole, Frank Chambers, George Chang, Chuck Chapman, Bob Colquhoun, Howard Cornwell, Pat Cunningham, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Joe DeFranco, Tony DeLeon, Ted Devit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Howard Doyle, Marshall Dunne, Harrell Edmondson, Pete Elliott, Doug Emond, Al Erb, Richard Fairbanks, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Forrest Foland, Bill Frazier, Robert Gardner, Roger Germundson, Ron Glasser, Robert Graf, John Grasz, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Pauline (for Charlie) Hagemann, Walt Hagen, David Haines, Les Hall, Roger Hamilton, Charlie Henderson, Wayne Heple, Althea (for Gerald) Herr, Don Hofstetter, Ben Hollar, M. P. 'Holly' Hollingsworth, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Vic Jaccino, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Don Jones, John Jurkash, Ed Kazarian, Duane Keech, Denise King (for her Dad, Don Truskey), William Knight, John Kolasz, James Krause, Betty (for Emil) Krygier, Ben Lally, Ervin Lampe, Art Leable, Thomas Lightbody, Herbert Liverman, Clive Lorenz, Dale Lundstrom, Phil Matalucci, William Mayo, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Dan Millett, Chuck Minert, Gary Mitchell, Finley Morrison, Hance Morton, Rich Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Opal (for Paul) Neusetzer, Joseph O'Brien, Don Pastell, Roy Peak, Ben Pedrotti, John Petronka, Norm Pratt, Cecil Price, David 'Ernie' Pyle, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, John Recklitis, Gerry Rice, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, John Ruby, Vincent Ryan, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Don Shoff, Wil-

liam Sigmund, Fred Simon, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Joe Sobczak, Gene Staples, Clyde Stenholm, Stiles Stevens, Larry Stevenson, Dan Stewart, George Stewart, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, James Taylor, Doug Thorp, Richard Tittle, Judy (for Richard) Todd, Wayne Turley, Gerald Vasquez, Richard Walters, John Waltrip, Harold Wardenburg, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, Walter Whitney, John Wilborn, William Wilcoxon, Jerry Wilkening, Marshall Williams, R. G. 'Pete' Williams, Scott Williams, Jack Wilson, Jesse Wilson Bill Wisnowski, and Steve Yunger.

Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2011, 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 12, 2011. There are currently 152 paid up members from a mailing list of 450. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 730 names on the full member roster (22 pages). (SW)

## **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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These six pictures from David Anderson.

Left: Cubi Point Check Point;  
 Right: Cubi Point Highway sign;  
 Below: Loading a pan with a dragline on the future runway;  
 Bottom Left: Mechanics on Dodge 4X4 Power Wagon, Subic Bay;  
 Bottom Right: Happy New Year! But this is for 1953 from MCB 2 in the Philippines!







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### MS WESTERDAM

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
0	20 Aug	Seattle, Washington		4:00 PM
1	21 Aug	At Sea		
2	22 Aug	Juneau, Alaska	Noon	9:00 PM
3	23 Aug	Hubbard Glacier		
4	24 Aug	Sitka, Alaska	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
5	25 Aug	Ketchikan, Alaska	7:00 AM	1:00 PM
6	26 Aug	Victoria, British Columbia	6:00 PM	11:59 PM
7	27 Aug	Seattle, Washington	7:00 AM	



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# *BOATSAILORS AND PEACOATS*

by Bob 'Dex' Armstrong

You remember them... Those ton and a half monsters that took the annual production of thirty-five sheep to make. Those thick black rascals with black plastic buttons the size of poker chips. The issue coats that drove shore duty chief petty officers stark raving nuts if they caught you with the collar turned up or your gahdam hands in your pockets.

"Hey, you rubber sock, get those gahdam hands outta them damn pockets! Didn't they issue you black leather gloves?"

So, you took your hands out of your pockets and risked digital frostbite rather than face whatever the Navy had in store for violators of the 'No Gahdam Hands In Peacoat Pockets' policy. There's probably a special barracks in Hell full of old E-3s caught hitchhiking in sub-zero weather with hands in peacoat pockets.

As for those leather gloves, one glove always went missing.

"Son, where in th' hell are the gloves we issued you?"

We??? I don't remember this nasty, ugly bastard being at Great Lakes when the 'jocks and socks' petty officers were throwing my initial issue seabag at me and yelling, "Move it!!"

As for the gloves, once you inadvertently leave one glove on a whorehouse night table or on the seat of a Greyhound bus, the remaining glove is only useful if a tank rolls over the hand that fit the lost glove.

In the days long ago, a navy spec. peacoat weighed about the same as a flat car load of cinder blocks. When it rained, it absorbed water until your spine warped, your shins cracked and your ankles split. Five minutes standing in the rain waiting on a bus and you felt like you were piggy-backing the statue of liberty.

When a peacoat got wet, it smelled a lot like sheep dip. It had that wet wool smell, times three. It

weighed three and a half tons and smelled like 'Mary had a little lamb's' gym shorts.

You know how damn heavy a late '40s peacoat was? Well, they had little metal chains sewn in the back of the collar to hang them up by. Like diluted navy coffee, sexual sensitivity instruction, comfortable air-conditioned topside security bungalows, patent leather plastic-looking shoes and wearing raghats configured to look like bidet bowls, the peacoat spec. has been watered down to the point you could hang them up with dental floss. In the old days, peacoat buttons and grocery cart wheels were interchangeable parts. The gear issued by the U.S. Navy was tough as hell, bluejacket-tested clothing with the durability of rhino hide and construction equipment tires.

Peacoats came with wide, heavy collars. In a cold, hard wind, you could turn that wide collar up to cover your neck and it was like poking your head in a tank turret.

The things were warm, but I never thought they were long enough. Standing out in the wind in those 'big-legged britches' (bell bottoms), the wind whistled up your cuffs and took away body warmth like a thief. But, they were perfect to pull over you for a blanket when sleeping on a bus or a bus terminal bench.

Every sailor remembers stretching out on one of those oak bus station pews with his raghat over his face, his head up against his AWOL bag and covered with his peacoat. There was always some 'SP' who had not fully evolved from apehood, who poked you with his billy bat and said,

"Hey, YOU!! Get up! Waddya think yer doin? You wanna sleep, get a gahdam room!"

Peacoats were lined with quilted satin or rayon. I never realized it at the time, but sleeping on bus seats and station benches would be the closest I would ever get to sleeping on satin sheets.

Early in my naval career, a career-hardened (lifer) first class gunner's mate told me to put my ID and liberty card in the inside pocket of my peacoat:

"Put the sonuvabitches in that gahdam inside pocket

*(Continued on page 11)*

# Banquet Dinner Menu

- Rolls, Butter
- Local Greens with Tomato, Cucumber and Assorted Dressings
- Alder Wood Smoked Flat Iron Steak with Demi-Glace and Crisp Fried Onions
- Hazelnut-Crusted Halibut Fillet
- Chicken Marsala with Cremini, Oyster and Shitake Mushrooms
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Wild Rice Pilaf
- Herb Roasted Baby Red Potatoes
- Assorted Dessert Tray
- Freshly Brewed Tully's Handcrafted Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Specialty Teas

*(Continued from page 10) BOATSAILORS AND PEACOATS*

and pin the damn thing closed with a diaper pin. Then, take your heavy folding money and put it in your sock. If you do that, learn to never take your socks off in a cathouse. Them damn dockside pick-pockets pat 'cha down for a lumpy wallet and they can relieve you of said wallet so fast you'll never know you've been snookered.

Only a dumbass idiot will clam-fold his wallet and tuck it in his thirteen button bellbottoms. Every kid above the age of six in Italy knows how to lift a wallet an idiot pokes in his pants. Those little bastards learned to pick sailor's pockets in kindergarten.

Rolling bluejackets is the national sport in Italy."

In Washington DC, they have a wonderful marble and granite plaza honoring the United States Navy. Every man or woman who served this nation in a naval uniform owes it to himself or herself to visit this memorial and take their families.

It honors all naval service and any red-blooded American bluejacket or officer will feel the gentle

warmth of pride his or her service is honored within this truly magical place.

The focal point of this memorial is a bronze statue of a lone American sailor. No crow on his sleeve tells you that he is non-rated. And, there are further indications that suggest maybe, once upon a time, the sculpturer himself may have once been an E-3 raghat.

The lad has his collar turned up and his hands in his pockets.

I'm sure the Goddess of the Main Induction nearly wets her panties laughing at the old, crusty chiefs standing there with veins popping out on their old, wrinkled necks, muttering,

"Look at that idiot sonuvabitch standing there with his collar up and his gahdam hands in his pockets. In my day, I would have ripped that jerk a new one!"

Ah, the satisfied glow of E-3 revenge.

Peacoats... One of God's better inventions.

# REUNION REGISTRATION - SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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 July 26, 2011. 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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OFFICE USE ONLY

Check Number  
 Inputted

Received  
 Nametag

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**CUT-OFF DATE IS JULY 26, 2011**

	PRICE PER	X	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	\$ AMOUNT
Sunday Tour of City & Museum of Flight	\$65	X	_____	=	_____
Monday Dinner & Show Tillicum Island	\$85	X	_____	=	_____
Tuesday night Banquet Buffet Dinner	\$50	X	_____	=	_____
Registration Fee per person (required)	\$5	X	_____	=	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, INC.</b>				=	_____

*Please do not staple or tape payment*

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 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.  
Biannual Reunion  
Schedule of Events

DOUBLETREE SUITES SEATTLE

16500 Southcenter Parkway  
SEATTLE, WA

August 27-30, 2011

***Friday, August 27***

Early arrival - Setup and Familiarization  
Prepare Registration Packages

***Saturday, August 27***

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Early Bird Registration
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Planning Committee meeting
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Wine & cheese reception - Hospitality Room
10:30 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed

***Sunday, August 28***

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration open
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Leave by bus for City Tour and Museum of Flight
10:30 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed

***Monday, August 29***

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration open
3:00 p.m. -	Hospitality Room closed
3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Leave by bus for Cruise and Dinner on Tillicum Island

***Tuesday, August 30***

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

***Wednesday, August 31***

8:00 a.m. -	Hospitality Room open Farewells and departures
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# **DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES**

SEATTLE AIRPORT SOUTHCENTER  
16500 SOUTHCENTER PARKWAY  
SEATTLE, WA 98188  
Hotel Direct: 206-575-8220

## **DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES OVERVIEW**

- The Doubletree Guest Suites is an **All-Suite hotel**
- 219 **2-Room Suites** rise eight stories around a lovely atrium lobby
- Each guest room has either one king size bed or two double beds
- With a separate living room parlor that has a pull out sofa bed
- Two telephones, a coffee maker, a refrigerator, two televisions with in-room movies
- High-speed internet access in all guest rooms and in business center

## **LOCATION - FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE - FREE PARKING**

- Centrally located at the junction of I-405 and I-5, two main highways in the Puget Sound area
- **FREE** Airport Shuttle service & **FREE** self-parking
- **FREE** shuttle to the Light Rail Station & **FREE** shuttle services within a 2 mile radius
- **Business Center** with computers, printers & Fax and High Speed Internet Access
- Located across the street from **Westfield Shopping Center**, with more than 140 stores, over 20 restaurants nearby, banks and a theatre.
- A local service offers daily shuttle service from our door to the world famous **Pike Place Market** on a convenient schedule (for an additional cost).

## **FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE INSTRUCTIONS:**

Our Sea-Tac Airport Shuttle Service runs 24-hours a day. Guests should call us when they arrive at the waiting areas at Island # 1 or Island # 3 only. This is located one floor above baggage claim, cross over the sky bridge, go down one floor to floor # 3. Then call us from the island. Return shuttles should be scheduled with our front desk.

## **INDIVIDUAL FOOD AND DINING:**

- **Cyber Café** Early morning risers can enjoy fresh brewed coffee and espresso drinks, featuring Tully's Hand-crafted Coffee. Hours of operation: 5:30am-7:00 pm.
- **Northwest Landing Restaurant:** Without leaving the hotel, your guests can enjoy our latest culinary endeavor, for breakfast, lunch and dinner!
- **Atrium Lounge/Bar:** In the evenings, your guests can relax and enjoy an inviting atmosphere.
- **In Room Dining:** Additionally, we do offer in-room dining services (room service).

## **POOL AND HEALTHCLUB:**

Our complimentary health club facilities offer your guests the opportunity to exercise, relax and unwind. We have added to our inventory of new exercise equipment so that we are considered one of the finest and largest hotel health clubs in the city. Our health club offers:

- **Indoor Swimming Pool**
- **Exercise Equipment** (Including Precor, Nautilus and TV screens), free weights and more
- **Two Racquetball Courts**
- **Sauna**
- **Spa Tub**

## **SENSIBLE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Never leave valuables and personal items such as purses, cameras and computers unattended or in your car. Never leave anything of value in plain sight. Always lock your car. Safeguard your room key. Remove any after market navigation/GPS systems from the dashboard or in vehicle

**TAKE A PHOTO TOUR:** [www.emarketing360.com/DoubleTree/WA/DGSSS/list.html](http://www.emarketing360.com/DoubleTree/WA/DGSSS/list.html)

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.

# Doubletree Guest Suites Seattle

16500 Southcenter Parkway

Seattle, WA 98188

## HOTEL RESERVATION WORKSHEET

**CALL 1-206-575-8220 & Identify Yourself: MCB 2 Seabees Reunion**

**Group ID: MCB 2 Seabees**

**Reunion Dates: Saturday - Wednesday, August 27-30, 2011**

**Rate: \$109 plus 12.4% tax      Single or Double Occupancy**  
Includes \$8 breakfast discount coupon per person for each day

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:

**Take a photo tour:** [www.emarketing360.com/DoubleTree/WA/DGSSS/list.html](http://www.emarketing360.com/DoubleTree/WA/DGSSS/list.html)

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

**Deposits:** Please allow one night's deposit plus 12.4% (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 5 days from the date the reservation was made.

**Reservation Cut-Off Date:** All reservations must be received by the hotel no later than July 26, 2011.

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

# MCB 2 Reunion Association, Inc.

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

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