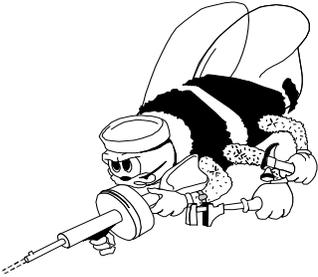


# MCB 2 Reunion Association

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# SEABEES

*A Newsletter for Former US Naval*

*Mobile Construction Battalion 2 Personnel*

and host to CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1, CBMU 101 and CBMU 577

**ALL ABOARD!  
ALL SEABEES!  
ON TO SEATTLE!**

## SEND YOUR RESERVATION FORM NOW!

Everything is ready for a great time in Seattle! We have two wonderful tours planned and a photographer will take pictures of all at the banquet. Many have booked the Alaskan cruise and will enjoy this wonderful opportunity to see more of our great country. So, be one of the first to send in your reunion reservation for the tours and banquet and do it now while you are thinking about it. Don't be left

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

## DOOR PRIZES!

Bring them! Big ones, small ones, and everything in between. We have more fun with this giveaway than anyone can imagine! This is the climax of a really great reunion. All the tours we have been on, the places we have been and the things we have seen all come together on this night where we share with all our friends the things we have brought. We have had some wonderful prizes and some great auctions so let's make this reunion our best ever! Bring your goodies! And make all your reservations now while you are thinking about it.

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

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

out! And call the hotel to reserve your room. See page 15 and complete that form before you call the hotel as everything you need is on that form, plus where you can record your confirmation number.

And don't forget to bring your door prize! This is what really brightens our reunion and gets the energy level up. We hope to have some good items to auction and for door prize drawings, so bring that extra-special something to donate. Jack Schrader said he is donating another Seabee Afghan, so you bring something as special.... And we'll see you there! - Scott

## 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

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

Don't be left out on any of the fun. You still have time to make reservations for the Alaskan cruise for the week before our reunion, then you can book your hotel room for our exciting and fun time together.

Seattle is a beautiful city and there are so many more things to do here, you may want to stay a little longer to see everything we didn't have time for in the few days we are here. The hotel has agreed to the same room rate for the remaining days in the week that we will be there. Use this opportunity to stay and see the sights. Vancouver Island, Whidbey Island, the Navy yard, Mt. Rainier, and the list goes on. So much to see and do! Come early and stay late! More information will be in your Welcome bag - Scott

# SEABEES

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

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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 8, 1942	Battle of the Coral Sea.
May 8, 1945	V-E Day, Germany Surrenders.
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.
June 3, 1968	NMCB 4 first NMCB to deploy to Camp Evans, RVN.
June 4, 1942	Battle of Midway.
June 6, 1944	Seabees land at Normandy as Naval Combat Demolition Units..
June 10, 1965	CM3 Marvin Shields earns Medal of Honor, Dong Xoai, Vietnam.
June 15, 1944	Seabees land on Saipan.
June 24, 1970	NMCB 5, first NMCB to deploy to Bien Hoa, RVN.
June 25, 1950	Korean War begins.
June 30, 1943	Seabees land with 9th Marine Division, Solomon Islands.
July 4	Independence Day.
July 26, 1944	Seabees land on Tinian.
Aug. 6, 1945	Bombing of Hiroshima.
Aug. 7, 1942	1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal.
Aug. 9, 1942	Battle of Savo Island
Aug. 9, 1945	Bombing of Nagasaki.



## Notes from our members:

From **John Stock**: Here's a check for my dues to keep me on the Good Guy List. The extra you can use for whatever the need [thanks]. I'm disappointed about Port Hueneme but looking forward to Seattle. Hope to see you there [me, too!].



..... from **Dick Sim**: Late but not forgotten [**Dick** sent a check for dues and thanks]. Thanks for a great job..... from **Bob Gardner**: Here's a check for my dues [thank you]. Sorry for being late. You do a good job and was good talking with you..... from **Bill Wilcoxon**: Sorry to be late with my dues. Here's a check for dues plus two Seabee flags and a roster [thanks and all on the way]. Use the rest wherever it fits. Looking forward to seeing you in Seattle. Hope all is well with you and yours..... from **Allan Alberg**: Here is a check for my dues. We hope to make it to the reunion. We had such a good time in St. Louis but could not make the one in Myrtle Beach. We have had over 40" of snow already [Minnesota]. It seems like every day we are shoveling. We were hoping for a January thaw..... from **David Manley**: I read about the MCB 2 reunion in the Seabee Quarterly. I was SV3 in the first outfit that went to Atsugi, Japan in the '50s. I found the name of a Seabee I served with, **James R. Carr**, SV2, in the Quarterly also, but back in 2007. Would you by chance know of him and have his address? I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know. [I responded to **James'** request for information and also asked if he was in any of our outfits.]..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I attended the religious services of a good friend, **Riley McDaniel**. I don't recall if he ever attended any of our reunions but he did help me very much in the early days when we started sending out Newsletters. He was a tremendous help and proud to have served with MCB 2. He went to college after his service and had an outstanding career as a teacher. This community has lost an outstanding individual who will be sorely missed by all of his many friends and

family..... from **Fred Simon**: Here is a check for my dues along with an order for two 4X6 US flags. [thanks] They are really super and will last longer than the others in our Vermont winds. We are in the



middle of two huge storms covering 49 of the 50 states (not Florida but Hawaii). We have 18" from the first one and God knows what the next one will bring. This one had light, fluffy snow here and it blows off the barn and house roofs (Thank God!). It's hard to shovel off. The skiers and snowboarders are having a ball at the Killington Mountain ski resort. We are warm and well. Check out my web page at: [www.tweedvalleyfarm.biz](http://www.tweedvalleyfarm.biz) ..... from **Gene (Jo) McDonagh**: Enclosed is a check for **Gene's** dues and a little extra to be put where needed [thank you]. Unfortunately, health problems prevent us from going to Seattle but we will be there in spirit. We are overwhelmed with all this snow and with more on the way. [**Gene & Jo** live on Long Island, NY] I hear it's not that warm in Florida, either! You do an excellent job with the Newsletter. It is so interesting [thanks]..... from **David Manley**: I just received your letter and thank you very much! I will contact the party you mentioned [**Bill Hilderbrand**]. A little of my history: 1945-1946, USNR and boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. Then to Hawaii and Guam with NCB 8. 1947 - University of Illinois. I rejoined the Navy for four years, 1948-1952. Port Hueneme and Surveyor School then to NCB 104 in Coronado, California and next with NCB 124 in Adak, Alaska. I joined MCB 2, which was formed beginning of the Korean War. In the fall of 1950 I was in Atsugi, Japan. 1951-1952, there were 350 Seabees in MCB 2 to begin with. Our skipper was a LtCdr. Our outfit was about 75% reserves, mostly petty officers. Of course, we also had officers. So I guess that I am part of the MCB 2 Reunion Association. PS: I was born in 1927 and am almost 84 years old. God has been good to me!..... Received dues from **John Recklitis, Don Henderson, Don (Winifred) Grobbel, Charlie Kangas, Dan (Peggy) Mills, Larry (Sharon) Jessop, John Wilborn, Ralph (Mary) Bokern, Phillip (Pat) Brunelle, Rod Howard, Arnold Daisy, Robert (Gail) Marshall, Les (Marge) Keller, Roger (Lorraine) Hamilton, Hank Bentsen, Frank Gresser, Dwight Yetter, Basil Arnold, Roger Mohs, C. Edner Rudolph, Ken (Bea) Catchpole, Clem Gregurek, Dan Svendsen** and

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**Pat Badgett** [thanks all. for your support!]. . . . . [The Newsletter for **Phillip Wagenschnur** was returned so I called **Stoney** to ask if he knew where **Phil** might be and he did not. But he did say that he was the first Chief Petty Officer for MCB 2 and organized the battalion (there were about 100 men), helped the officers get organized (they were all recalled from the reserves), helped the officers learn how to display their swords for parades, and all the 'little' things to get a bunch of rag-tag Seabees get organized. I spent some time searching public records for **Phillip** and the best I could find was that he passed away at age 91 in 2008. **Stoney** had all good memories of the Chief] . . . . . from **Ruth (Alex) Hamilton**: I had a letter from **Stoney** and he said the reunion this year would be held in Seattle in August. Would you please send me information on the reunion as I would like to attend and my son might come with me. I have been going to WWII reunions ever since **Alex** passed. Another widow and I get together. [thank you for your donation!]. . . . . from **Mike Kazarian**: [Mike had written me about his Seabee service with a Special (Stevedore) unit.] Thank you for the rosters and the info of "Special Stevedore Battalions." I had graduated high school in January 1943 and joined the Seabees January 30 1943. My boot training was at Camp Perry, Virginia. After graduation, I was in ship's company until the 10th Special Battalion was formed. We were in Davisville, R.I. and left New York with a convoy on the troop ship HMS O'Ryan. We landed in Scotland and went to an abandoned English base in Rosneath, Scotland. We were there about three months then moved down to Exeter, England. That was our base, along with Plymouth, England until Germany said "I Quit". We were relieved by another battalion, but I can't remember the number. But it was 1945 and we came back to Davisville, R.I. on the hospital ship USS Washington. I got a 30-day leave, got married, reported to Port Hueneme to ship out for the Pacific when Japan surrendered. I was discharged in November 1945 and joined the Naval Reserve. I became a Construction Plumber under the GI Bill—until September 1, 1950, when the Korean War had started. I was in the second draft from Los Angeles to report to San Diego with a Ships Cook Second Class rating. I was to report to the USS Cunningham (DD 752). In the meantime, I took the test for UT2 (Construction



Plumber, Seabees).

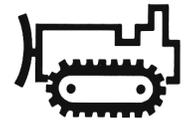
This was September 1, 1950. We left San Diego and joined the fleet in the Sea of Japan. I received word that I had passed the UT test and was now a UT2. I was to report to NCB 103 in Guam. This was February 26, 1951. There was a 60-man draft for CBD 1804 on September 8, 1951 and I was on the list. I was there until December 21, 1951 when the Captain called me in to say I had to be back in San Diego for discharge because my time was up. I hope you can read all my mistakes. I can't understand why there isn't more information on the 10th Special Battalion. Thank you for all your great work. All the best. . . . . from **Tom Dowd**: Thanks for your continuing efforts on behalf of MCB 2 [thank you, and thanks for the check]. . . . . from **Chuck Ingalls**: Here's a check for my dues [thanks]. Sorry I'm late [nope, you're not late. You don't know until the first issue of the year is delivered]. . . . . from **Clark Alexander**: Enclosed is my check for dues. I would like to rejoin, if I could [you were always with us, **Clark**. But the dues put you back on the GGL. Thanks]. . . . . from **Bob Hoare**: Late again! Here are my dues and please put me back on the Good Guys List [done! And thanks]. Hope you received my email regarding **Gerald Vasquez** passing [I did and I really don't like to receive those kind of notes. It is happening too often. But thanks for the notice. I really appreciate it.]. . . . . from **Bill Morin**: Sorry we are late with our dues [you're not and thanks]. Enjoy the Newsletter very much [thank you]. We can not make the Seattle reunion - but will be thinking of everyone there [we will miss you, **Bill** and **Ruth!**]. . . . . from **Larry Stevenson**: Here's some dues money [thank you]. Thank you for all your good work! Hope to see you in Seattle [**Larry** sent his reservation for Seattle - #1]. . . . . from **Harold Freeland**: I just read the current edition of the MCB 2 Newsletter, as usual a great edition. You do a fabulous job and I really appreciate and enjoy every copy [thank you]. I always check the Good Guy List and, sure enough, my dues have expired. I am enclosing a check for dues [thanks]. That will carry me through my 78th birthday. I hope those dues expire before I do! I look forward to many more years yet, but one never knows. Give a "Shout Out" to all on the roster. God bless them and ALL

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OUR TROOPS, past and present..... from **Bob Doezie**: Enclosed please find my check for dues and my many, many thanks to all who have sent those wonderful "Get Well Wishes" in my effort to beat this big "C Battle"..... from **Ralph (Pat) Presson**: I can't believe I forgot to send you dues. So, here's my check plus some extra for help with 'stuff' [thanks]. Hope you have a great year..... from **Ken Chew**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guy List. I have to pay my dues and put my name back on the list. Also, I am planning on going to the reunion in Seattle [great!]. Enclosed is a check to cover dues and a little extra to cover expenses [thanks]..... from **Don McLain**: Thank you for all the work you do for us. You will be blessed. [enclosed a check for reunion reservations and thanks] Hope you are going on the cruise. We are and see you in August [I wish I could but gotta get it all set up]..... from **Walt Ahern**: Hope you and **Rachel** are well. Don't know about Seattle yet. Sorry I'm late with dues [thanks and you aren't late either]..... from **Bob Janson**: Enclosed is a check for my dues. I actually got them in to you during January!! Chalk that one up. (from the snow-bound frozen north [thanks]..... from **Jack Sims**: Here's my check for dues and some extra for stamps, etc. I spent 10 days in Korea last October visiting the sister city of Riverside, California. Our sister city is Gangnam Gu, just outside of Seoul on the Han River. Got to tour the DMZ & Panmunjom City with the 8th Army. It sure brought back memories! Seoul was pretty much leveled in 1951 when I was there at K-6. You just can't believe how much it has changed..... from **Mal (Marge) Pearson**: Enclosed are dues for **Mal** and keep the extra [thank you]. Sorry it is late [ditto not late]. **Mal** will be talking to you soon. Hi to **Rachel** too..... email from **Dave Budworth**: We got back yesterday from Port Hueneme where we met up with **Edner** and **Bonnie Rudolph, Jim** and **Betty Young**, and **Bob** and **Sandy Doezie**. **Rudy** and **Bonnie** went on a cruise through the Panama Canal and their ship docked in L.A. They took some extra time before their flight back to Missouri. They booked four rooms at the Country Inn in Port Hueneme before they left on their cruise, hoping that we could all get together. We all made an extra effort to get there because of **Bob's** health. The **Young's** had to



drive over 500 miles (they live in Tucson, AZ now) and we over 400. **Bob** and **Sandy** live only an hour or so away. **Bob** had a week off from chemo, but he is starting again on Monday, 2/7, with chemo and radiation. He is quite weak and tires easily, but seemed to have a good time visiting with all of us. We all felt that it would be the last chance we would get to see **Bob**. We stayed there for three and a half days. The Country Inn was a great place. I know that is where we were going to have our reunion. They have a full breakfast every day that is very good. We did do a short trip to the Reagan Library [see page 16]. **Rudy, Jim** and their wives had not seen it before but **Bob, Sandy, Darla** and I had been there. **Rudy, Bob** and I went over to the new Seabee museum to see what was there. They have a long way to go. They had one old WWII 'dozer, one Humvee, a small gift shop and that was it. I hope they can get it together in the next two years [me, too]..... from **William (Pete) Taylor**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and a little extra for expenses of the Newsletter, which I thoroughly enjoy.. I appreciate all you do [thank you]. You do a good job! Also, please send me a Navy blue Seabee cap [done!]..... from **Mel Olson**: Please put me back on the Good Guy List [done and thanks]..... from **Gene (JoAnn) Antoine**: Here's a check for dues [thanks]. **Gene** has been diagnosed with lung cancer, so not sure of future plans. Right now, he is able to get up and go some. He is weak and no appetite. May do one more bout of chemo if we see the first one helped at all. Wishing you all good health and enjoyment..... from **Bob Hart**: I am sending a check for the reunion and one for dues [thanks]. [sent a picture post card] This is a picture of the Veterans Home I worked on for two years. It was an old college and we made it into a Vets Home in 1975. Hiram Scott College in Scott's Bluff, Nebraska..... from **Claude Garcenot**: Sorry that I am late with my dues [ditto not late]. Enclosed you will find my check for dues and the rest is for whatever is needed [thank you!]. I would still like to receive the Newsletter by regular mail [done!]..... from **Charles Loeffler**: This check is for my dues and I would like a membership roster. If more money is needed for the roster please email me [all ok and thank you]..... from **Jim DeKeyser**: I noticed that I have been deleted from the Good Guy List, so here's a check for dues plus a bit extra [thank you]. We probably will not be at the re-



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union in Seattle since my wife is no longer able to make long trips. It sounds great and I wish you and all the very best..... from **Ray Sorrentino**: I see I'm not on the



Good Guy List. Enclosed is my check [thanks]. I also would like to buy a blue Seabee flag [on the way]. Ours is worn out and the neighbors kid me about it. So, I need a new one to fly. We're still debating about going to the reunion and Alaskan cruise. Thank you and thanks for all you do..... from **George Dorge**: Here is a check for my dues [thanks]. I may be late for this year and I don't remember about last year. Maybe this will catch me up [it does and thanks! Back on the Good Guy List]..... from **Ralph Heitt**: Here is a check for my dues, plus a little more [thank you]. I'm looking forward to having the reunion in my back yard. The hotel is not far from my house. Everyone should sign up for the Tillicum Island show and dinner. They put on a good show and the food is great [thanks for the endorsement!]. If you need help setting up on Friday, I will gladly help [thanks! We will need you.]..... from **Mary Henrichson**: I'm sending a check for **Duane's** dues [thank you]. I wish he was here! We always talked about going to Seattle and now it's too late. I enjoy reading about all the friends we made over the past 20 years. Hello to all of them. **Duane** was a 'Good Guy' so keep him on the list. Have a great reunion [you should join us, **Mary**. See your old friends and enjoy Seattle.]..... from **Ron Howatson**: Thanks for all you do to keep this outfit running. Enclosed is a check for my dues [thank you]. I think we'll attend the reunion even tho' it will entail seven miles of travel..... from **Ralph Binney**: Thanks for all your good work! [enclosed a check for dues & thanks]..... from **Doug Emond**: Just a short note to let you know **Shirley** and I will be at the reunion. Enclosed is our check for the events we will attend [thanks]. We will arrive Sunday around noon. Wednesday, after the reunion, we hope to be picked up by relatives to make a week of this. Until August, stay healthy and say hi to **Rachel** [I can do that!]..... from **Bert Helms**: I didn't find my name on the Good Guy List, so thought it must be time [enclosed a check and thanks]..... from **Paul (Pam Bennett) Schell**: Here is a check for Dad's dues with a wee bit extra [thank you]. I can't wait to meet you in August. At least 2 of Dad's girls, and possibly all 4 of us, will be with

him to explore Seattle and see where our folks spent the first months of their married life before Dad shipped out for Korea and Mom returned to New York. We know you have a great reunion planned and we are really looking forward to it..... [all: I received the following



email from **Darla Budworth**. I wrote **Sandy** asking if I could print it and she said OK. If you would like to send **Bob** a card, his address is 606 S. Bayfront, Balboa Island, CA 92662]: from **Sandy Doezie**: **Bob** is completing his fourth week of combination Chemo and Radiation. He has been losing a little more weight, but this should reverse itself in another three weeks or so. The nausea and pain come and go, but **Bob** is a real trooper, and never complains. If I weren't his care giver, I wouldn't even know what he is experiencing. We still go everyday to the hospital, and 3 days a week to the oncologist His chemo is 24 hour drip system. Thank you for all of your prayers and well wishes.....please continue them, they are working. We have given the control up to God, and we are just walking his path. Life is truly an adventure. [**Sandy** fell and broke her left wrist, so is also struggling.] Hopefully, **Bob** and I will be done with all of this by summer..... that's about it for this issue. I want to get another Newsletter out before our reunion, and I hope to see everyone there! Gonna have a great time! - Scott

## Andy Rooneyisms

- If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: Take two and keep away from children.
- Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.
- When you go into court you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people that weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
- It's a very strange name they picked for "Social Security." For what they actually send you, you can't afford to be "social" nor can you really feel "secure."
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

# *The Good Guy List*

## **For 2011**

Walter Ahern, Allan Alberg, Clark Alexander, Vern Ammentorp, Gene Antoine, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Richard Baker, Hank Bentsen, Dan Beran, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, Vernon Blakeslee, John Bloem, Bill Body, Ralph Bokern, Alexander (Cat) Borys, Robert Bowdler, Don Bradley, Philip Brunelle, Alfred Bryant, David Budworth, Wayne Bulgerin, Ralph Burnley, William Burns, Elwin (Shorty) Campbell, Pat Carey, Ken Catchpole, Frank Chambers, George Chang, Chuck Chapman, Ken Chew, Bob Colquhoun, Howard Cornwell, Pat Cunningham, Arnold Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Stan Dauer, Joe DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, Tony DeLeon, Ted Devit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Bob Doezie, George Dorge, Tom Dowd, Howard Doyle, Marshall Dunne, Harrell Edmondson, Pete Elliott, Doug Emond, Al Erb, Richard Fairbanks, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Forrest Foland, Bill Frazier, Harold Freeland, Claude Garcenot, Robert Gardner, Roger Germundson, Ron Glasser, Robert Graf, John Grasz, Frank Gresser, Clem Gregurek, Don Grobbel, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Pauline (for Charlie) Hagemann, Walt Hagen, David Haines, Les Hall, Roger Hamilton, Ruth (for Alex) Hamilton, Roger Hamilton, Bob Hart, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Charlie Henderson, Wayne Heple, Althea (for Gerald) Herr, Mary (for Duane) Henrichson, Bob Hoare, Don Hofstetter, Ben Hollar, M. P. 'Holly' Hollingsworth, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Rod Howard, Ron Howatson, Fred Immermann, Charles Ingalls, Vic Jaccino, Bob Janson, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Don Jones, John Jurkash, Charles Kangas, Ed Kazarian, Duane Keech, Les Keller, 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, Charles Loeffler, Clive Lorenz, Dale Lundstrom,

Ivan Majetic, Robert Marshall, Phil Matalucci, William Mayo, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Dan Millett, Dan Mills, Chuck Minert, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, Bill Morin, Finley Morrison, Hance Morton, Rich Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Opal (for Paul) Neusetzer, Joseph O'Brien, Mel Olson, Don Pastell, Roy Peak, Mal Pearson, 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, C. Edner (Rudy) Rudolph, Vincent Ryan, Pam (for Dad Paul Schell) Bennett, Millard Schneider, Jack Schrader, Gerald Seger, Stoney Serrett, Don Shoff, William Sigmund, Dick Sim, Fred Simon, Jack Sims, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Joe Sobczak, Ray Sorrentino, Gene Staples, Clyde Stenholm, Stiles Stevens, Larry Stevenson, Dan Stewart, George Stewart, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, James Taylor, William 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, Dwight Yetter 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 March 5, 2011. There are currently 200 paid up members from a mailing list of 438. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 725 names on the full member roster (22 pages). (SW)

**What was the greatest  
thing before sliced  
bread?**

Rachel and I spent a few days in Savannah, Georgia last September and picked up this bit of history. I hope you enjoy it...

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**Chatham Artillery Punch**

The Chatham Artillery is the oldest military organization of record in Georgia. Organized May 1, 1786, their first official duty was to pay tribute at the funeral of General Nathaniel Greene.

When George Washington visited Savannah May 12, 1791, the Chatham Artillery saluted him with twenty-six discharges from their field pieces. The company found such favor in the President's eyes that shortly the company received the gift of the "Washington Guns" captured at Yorktown October 19, 1781.

The Washington Guns were fired to salute President James Monroe when he visited Savannah in May 1819 for the launching of the S.S. Savannah, the first steamship to cross the Atlantic.

These occasions were undoubtedly celebrated with Chatham Artillery Punch. No one is sure how the heady concoction originated but Chatham Artillery members believe that gentle ladies made up the first beverage. Then, one by one, officers of the Artillery sneaked in and added this and that, thus creating Savannah's most noted drink in two centuries.

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**Chatham Artillery Punch**

- 1½ gallons Catawba wine
- ½ gallon rum
- 1 quart gin
- 1 quart brandy
- ½ pint Benedictine
- 2 quarts Maraschino cherries
- 1½ quarts rye whiskey
- 1½ gallons strong tea
- 2½ pounds brown sugar
- 1½ quarts orange juice
- 1½ quarts lemon juice

Mix from thirty-six to forty-eight hours before serving. Add one case of champagne when ready to serve.

(Whew! This would knock your socks off! ...Scott)

# ***The Commander and Staff***

*Our leadership consists of:*

**Commander  
Pete Elliott**

**Staff:**

David Haines  
Vic Jaccino  
Bill Knight  
Rich Nelson  
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Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas./Publisher

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make checks payable to:  
Scott Williams/MCB 2 (or CBMU 1, etc.)

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

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

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## *Our Fallen Comrades*

Lloyd R. Burgess	11/15/2007
Arlin R. Hardwick	2/16/2011
Arthur G. Hees	12/12/2010
Riley E. McDaniel	1/13/2011
Lewis S. Shugar	8/9/2010
William G. Sigmund	8/10/2010
Gerald A. Vasquez	1/11/2011
Phillip A. Wagenschur	2008

*May they live on in our memories*

### *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.

I had a rose named after me  
and I was very flattered. But  
I was not pleased to read the  
description in the catalogue:  
'No good in a bed, but fine  
against a wall.'

- Eleanor Roosevelt

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Some days you are the dog;  
some days you are the hydrant.

## Seabee History: Southeast Asia

Beginning in 1964 the United States military buildup in South Vietnam interrupted the normal peacetime deployment pattern of the Naval Construction Force. The Seabees were slated to play an important and historic role in the growing Southeast Asian conflict. By autumn of 1968, when Vietnamese requirements reached their peak, world-wide Seabee strength had grown to more than 26,000 men, serving in 21 full-strength Naval Mobile Construction Battalions, 2 Construction Battalion Maintenance Units, and 2 Amphibious Construction Battalions. U.S. Navy and Seabee activity in Southeast Asia, however, long predated the Vietnam War. In fact, the first U.S. Navy involvement in Vietnam took place as early as May 1845. In that year, the USS *Constitution*, while on a world cruise, anchored in DaNang Bay to take on water and foodstuffs. While there, Captain John Percival, USN, the *Constitution's* skipper, received a request for assistance from Bishop Dominique Lefevre who had been imprisoned and condemned to death by Thieu Tri, Emperor of Cochin China.

In response to the bishop's plea for help, Captain Percival led a rescue party of 80 sailors and marines ashore. After seizing three Mandarins as hostages, he quickly dispatched a letter to the Emperor demanding the release of Lefevre. The message either went unheeded or undelivered, because a reply was never received. Deciding on an alternative course of action, Percival released the three Mandarins when they steadfastly promised that they would personally seek Lefevre's release. Still later, after hearing no more from the Mandarins and fearing that he had been tricked, Captain Percival set sail for Macao, where, nine days later, he apprised the French authorities of Lefevre's plight. A warship was promptly dispatched and, as a result, Bishop Lefevre was finally rescued. Thus, the story of the first United States intervention in Vietnam ended happily.

The second instance of significant of U.S. Naval activity in Vietnam took place 108 years later and, this time, the Seabees were prominent participants. The 1954 Geneva agreements, which recognized the North Vietnamese communist government of Ho Chi Minh, also contained a provision which gave the Vietnamese populace an opportunity to choose whether they would live in the north or the south of a country newly divided roughly at the 17th parallel. Prior to 18 May 1955, the expiration date of this provision, nearly 800,000 Vietnamese emigrated from north to south. Their exodus, in which four nations partici-

pated, has since come to be known as the "Passage to Freedom." During the mass migration, the South Vietnamese government built reception centers and provided basic amenities, the French supplied ships and planes, and the British provided an aircraft carrier. For its part, the United States organized Navy Task Force 90, comprising more than 50 ships. Through the concerted effort of these four governments, 310,000 refugees were evacuated from North Vietnam. In addition, 68,857 tons of military equipment and 8,135 military vehicles which, furnished to France under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program, were kept from North Vietnamese hands.

As members of Task Force 90, Amphibious Construction Battalions One and Two took part in the "Passage to Freedom." In DaNang, where the USS *Constitution* had stopped more than a century before, a detachment from Amphibious Construction Battalion One built and operated a recreation facility for U.S. personnel involved in the ferrying operation. Another detachment from the same battalion constructed a refugee tent camp and accompanying water and power supply facilities at the mouth of the Saigon River. This Seabee-built camp served as a reserve living area for the overflow of refugees from Saigon. Since the Geneva accord specifically prohibited the landing of foreign military units or the establishment of foreign military installations in French Indo-China, the Seabees of this detachment were required to wear civilian clothes and to remove all U.S. markings from their equipment. Nevertheless, as a result of their humanitarian efforts, the Seabees of Amphibious Construction Battalion One were awarded the Vietnamese Presidential Unit Citation. Detachments from Amphibious Construction Battalion Two were originally scheduled to build a causeway across the beaches adjacent to the North Vietnamese city of Haiphong. Over this causeway military equipment and refugees were to be transferred to the many ships lying offshore. The plan, however, was soon abandoned because of French opposition and the later discovery that the previously selected beaches were unsuitable for such a causeway. Instead, all loading operations were carried out from the Haiphong waterfront, and the Seabees were diverted to the south to help their comrades with the construction of the massive refugee camp. The Seabees labored for about one month in Vietnam and, before being relieved, made an important contribution to the success of this historic "Passage to Freedom."

Two years later, Seabees were to visit Vietnam one more time before the conflagration of the 1960s. Dur-

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ing the summer of 1956, a team from a Seabee construction battalion was sent to the newly-established Republic of Vietnam to conduct a survey of some 1,800 miles of existing and proposed roads. Two solid months of seven-day-a-week labor in extremely rough territory yielded valuable results.

When the Seabees returned almost ten years later, these results helped them build many of the roads that were then crucial to the conduct of the war.

As tension continued to mount in Southeast Asia during the 1960s, the Seabees first returned in the form of thirteen-man Seabee Teams, capable of performing a great variety of tasks. Although small in size, these units possessed unique capabilities never before assembled in such compact but highly effective and versatile packages.

In 1963 Seabee Teams were sent to Thailand to assist in the Royal Thai Government's Accelerated Rural Development Program. In the northern provinces these diversified units taught and advised local Thais in an effort to help them form the cadre of essential rural public works organizations. Three years of diligent work in this region was finally concluded in May 1966.

In early November 1966, the Seabee Team program in Thailand shifted from rural development to the Thai Border Patrol Police Program for the development of remote area security. The program's underlying aim was to win village support for the government in regions continually plagued by communist insurgency. Before the termination of all Seabee Team efforts in Thailand in 1969, these skilled units had made significant progress toward the attainment of this national aim.

Also in 1963, two years before the first full Seabee battalion arrived, Seabee Teams were laboring in South Vietnam. They constructed small support points throughout the interior of South Vietnam to counter Viet Cong political influence in the villages. The teams built U.S. Army Special Forces camps, performed civic action tasks, and conducted military engineering projects under the Civil Irregular Defense Group Program.

Seabee Team activity in South Vietnam continued to grow. Generally working in remote rural areas, away from large population centers, the Seabees served throughout twenty-two provinces scattered from the Mekong Delta, along the Cambodian border and the Central highlands, to the North Vietnamese border.

In the early years, only two teams at a time were

employed in these regions, but by 1969 the number of teams in-country had grown to 17.

Seabee Team accomplishments were many and varied. The U.S. Army Special Forces, who were engaged in training and advising Vietnamese Strike Forces and the Civilian Irregular Defense Group in anti-guerilla fighting and defense tactics, required fortified camps in advance areas able to withstand recurring ground and mortar attacks. Besides constructing these special camps, Seabee Teams were called upon to build access roads and nearby tactical airstrips. Further, in South Vietnamese hamlets and villages, teams carried out numerous civic action projects. From training local inhabitants in basic construction skills to providing desperately needed medical assistance, the Seabees made a significant impact on the Vietnamese populace.

While they were primarily builders and instructors, Seabee Team members were sometimes directly involved in battle. Perhaps the most famous such battle occurred in June 1965 at Dong Xoai, 55 miles northeast of Saigon. When Viet Cong troops overran a Special Forces Camp containing 400 South Vietnamese and allied Asian troops, 11 men of a U.S. Army Special Forces team and nine men of Seabee Team 1104, seven of the Seabees were wounded and two killed. One of the dead was Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Marvin G. Shields, USN, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry in carrying a critically wounded man to safety and in destroying a Viet Cong machine gun emplacement at the cost of his life. Not only was Marvin Shields the first Seabee to win the nation's highest award, but he was also the first Navy man to be so decorated for action in Vietnam.

Beginning in 1970 Seabee Teams departed from South Vietnam without relief. This initiated a phase-down program which corresponded to United States troop withdrawals. Finally, on 18 April 1972, the last Seabee Team site located in Ham Tan, Binh Tuy Province, was closed. Although these unique units were physically gone, the common people of Vietnam continued to reap the benefits of their many civic action projects.

In 1965 the steadily increasing insurgency of the National Liberation Army (Viet Cong), made the large scale commitment of U.S. troops a necessity. Although Seabee Teams had been active in the Republic of Vietnam since 1963, it was not until 1965 that larger Seabee units were deployed to aid in the Vietnamese struggle. Not since the Second World War had the need for the Seabees been so great and

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not since Korea had Seabees worked under enemy fire. The first full Seabee battalion arrived in Vietnam on 7 May 1965 to build an expeditionary airfield for the Marines at Chu Lai. Others soon followed. From 1965 until 1969 the Seabee commitment in Southeast Asia rapidly increased, necessitating first the transfer of Atlantic Fleet battalions to the Pacific through a change of home port, then the deployment to Vietnam of Atlantic Fleet battalions, and later, the reestablishment of nine additional battalions. This effort culminated in the recall to active duty of two reserve battalions in May 1968, bringing to 21 the number of battalions rotating to Vietnam at one time or another. In addition, there were two Amphibious Construction Battalions lending support to the Vietnam effort. During the same time period, to meet a requirement for Seabees to support such installations as the Naval Support Activities at DaNang and Saigon, the two Construction Battalion Maintenance Units, the two deployed Naval Construction Regiments, and the deployed Third Naval Construction Brigade rapidly increased their size.

During the war the total Seabee community grew from 9,400 in mid-1965 to 14,000 in mid-1966, to 20,000 in mid-1967 and, finally, to more than 26,000 in 1968 and 1969. To help meet the great need for personnel, the Navy recruited skilled construction workers at advanced pay grades. The Direct Procurement Petty Officer Program, reminiscent of early World War II recruiting efforts, proved highly effective both in terms of total numbers recruited (more than 13,000) and quality of input.

Seabee accomplishments in Vietnam were impressive. They built roads, airfields, cantonments, warehouses, hospitals, storage facilities, bunkers and other facilities which were critically needed to support the combatant forces. The mobile "search and destroy" strategy adopted by the United States during the first years of the war shaped the two-fold mission of the Seabees in Vietnam. In addition to the many Seabee Team activities in remote locations, construction battalions built large coastal strongholds in the I Corps Tactical Zone which embraced the northernmost provinces of Quang Tri, Thua Thien, Quang Nam, Quang In, and Quang Ngai.

In 1965 the Seabee portion of the Vietnam Construction Program was concentrated at three northern coastal points, the ports of DaNang, Chu Lai, and Phu Bai. The first six construction battalions sent to Vietnam were deployed to these three points and, by 1966, as the construction program gathered momentum,

eight battalions were at work simultaneously in the I Corps Area.

At DaNang the Seabees built three badly needed cantonments. Temporary facilities which included strongback tents, mess halls, shops, sheds, bathroom facilities, and a water distribution system were the first to be completed. In addition, Seabees repaired the important DaNang River Bridge, rendered technical aid to South Vietnamese troops who were building ramps for tank landing ships and small boats, and constructed warehouses and petroleum storage tanks. Fortification of the cantonments was also essential because of frequent enemy attacks. Despite Seabee-built machine gun positions and bunkers for perimeter defense, one such attack succeeded in destroying the newly built advance base hospital, killing two Seabees and wounding over ninety. In true Seabee tradition, the men rapidly rebuilt the entire hospital complex.

At Phu Bai, near the ancient imperial capital of Hue, the Seabees developed yet another coastal point into an advance base. There, the construction men built a fleet logistic support unit cantonment. Besides camp construction, the project entailed raising, widening, and surfacing a low peninsula which jutted 1,500 feet out into the South China Sea. The causeway served as an unloading ramp for cargo-laden landing ships. In addition, the Seabees built a large antenna field which substantially modernized communication systems in the war-torn northern provinces. Two smaller cantonments, one for a medical battalion, were also constructed.

As U.S. Marines based at DaNang pushed search and destroy operations into the interior of the I Corps Area, the need arose for increased air cover and, thus, an additional air strike facility. It was decided that the Seabees would build a 3,500-foot expeditionary airfield at Chu Lai, 50 miles south of DaNang. Since the Viet Cong controlled the surrounding mountains and there were no nearby port facilities, the Seabees landed on the beaches of Chu Lai in the first major U.S. Navy amphibious operation since the Lebanon crisis of 1958. Matching the feats of their fabled Second World War predecessors, the Vietnam-era Seabees laid the last aluminum plank on the airfield only 23 days after coming ashore. The very next day planes began operations against the Viet Cong from the newly-built airstrip. The Seabees continued their work at Chu Lai by adding a parallel taxiway, four cross taxiways, and parking aprons. Before their task was completed, the Seabees had rapidly erected two cantonments, warehouses, hangars, and a host of other vital facilities.

12 By the end of 1965, Seabees had pioneered and laid

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the ground- work for three major advance bases in the northern provinces of the Republic of Vietnam. From these bases, combatant forces received the critical support necessary for increasing attacks into the interior. In the words of Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze, the Seabees had "contributed mightily to constructing the vast infrastructure necessary for a major war in a primitive, remote area." The bastions built on the upper coast of South Vietnam demonstrated their worth in 1966 and 1967 when Allied forces, supplied from these points, crushed major North Vietnamese offensives through the Demilitarized Zone and Laos.

During 1966 the Seabees continued to build at DaNang, Phu Bai and Chu Lai, expanding these bases and erecting more permanent structures for the men and equipment assigned to them. At the same time, Seabees entered the troubled, northern-most province of Quang Tri to build a hill-top fort of concrete bunkers at Lang Vei. This vital outpost overlooked a feeder line of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. They also built facilities at the Marine base at Dong Ha and the Army artillery post at Comm To.

Among the numerous construction projects completed in 1967 was an alternate airfield at Dong Ha and the famed Liberty Bridge, 80 miles southwest of DaNang. Even though the northeast monsoon season had already begun, the airstrip was completed in only 38 days. The Liberty Bridge, which spanned the Thu Bon River, was one of the most impressive undertakings of the war. Built to withstand the incredible expansion of the river during the monsoon season, the completed bridge was 2,040 feet long and towered 32 feet above the low water level. While construction of such a bridge would have been difficult under normal circumstances, the Seabees were required to work in a remote area of Vietnam known to contain large concentrations of enemy forces. Despite tremendous difficulties, the bridge was finished in only five months.

During the bitter struggle of the Tet offensive in February of 1968, Seabees built and fought in direct support of the Marine Corps and Army. While the battle for Hue raged at fever pitch, Seabees from Phu Bai were summoned to rebuild and repair two vitally needed concrete bridges. When enemy snipers drove the Seabees from their work, they organized their own combat teams which silenced the snipers and let them complete their important task. In the spring, the Seabees went to work on the DaNang to Hue railroad and put it quickly back into service. Constant enemy harassment had suspended service on this line since 1965.

Naval Construction Force strength reached its peak shortly after the beginning of the 1968 Tet Offensive. During that and the following year there were more than 11,000 Seabees serving in South Vietnam. Although the Navy's construction men continued to labor in the northern provinces, building city-like cantonments and upgrading previously constructed facilities, the priorities of the war also began to demand more and more of their skills in the south.

After responsibility for conducting the war was turned over to the South Vietnamese and American military operations in the north were significantly reduced, the Seabees labored to prepare the Vietnamese for the ultimate withdrawal of all American combatant troops. In the Mekong Delta they built a string of coastal bases and radar sites which would allow the Vietnamese Navy to completely take over coastal surveillance in this area of "brown water" warfare. As thousands of American troops were returning home, Seabees continued to build. Only now, however, they built hospitals at DaNang, Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Quang Tri and many other towns and villages throughout the country.

When in 1970, Seabee activity drew to a close and the withdrawal of the last units commenced, the Navy's builder-fighters had made a lasting contribution to the people of South Vietnam. In a war where winning the hearts of the people was an important part of the total effort, Seabee construction skills and medical assistance proved powerful weapons in the Vietnam "civic action" war. The recitation of events and the quoting of statistics fail to reveal the true nature of the Seabees' involvement during the Vietnam years. True, they supported the Marines at Chu Lai and Khe Sanh, reopened the railroad line between Hue and DaNang, struggled with the logistics problems of the Mekong Delta, constructed a new naval base on a sand pad floating on paddy mud, and built staggering quantities of warehouses, aircraft support facilities, roads, and bridges. But they also hauled and dumped numerous tons of rock and paving on roads that provided access to farms and markets, supplied fresh water to countless numbers of Vietnamese through hundreds of Seabee-dug wells, provided medical treatment to thousands of villagers, and opened up new opportunities and hope for generations to come through Seabee-built schools, hospitals, utilities systems, roads and other community facilities. Seabees also worked with, and taught construction skills to the Vietnamese people, helping them to help themselves and proving that the Seabees really are

13 "builders for peace."



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***Saturday, August 27***

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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  
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6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cash Bar in Banquet Room  
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**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.

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