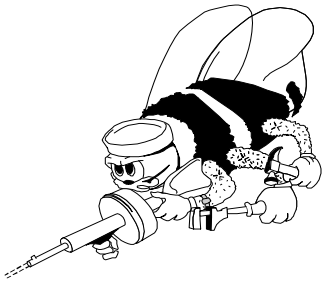


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Washington, D.C. Will Be Our Best Reunion Ever!

Dulles Airport Hotel Will Be Headquarters

We are completing the arrangements to hold our reunion in a great hotel just three miles from the Dulles International Airport. Free shuttle service to the hotel from the airport and all of the guest rooms are very nice. The Hospitality Room has ample room for our Ship's Store merchandise plus room for the Door Prize tables. More details will be in the next Newsletter, but start planning for a wonderful reunion in Washington, DC. One more day of tours has been added as there is just so much

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Tours, Tours, Tours!

There are just too many places to go in Washington, DC to select four or five, so the reunion has been extended one extra day to get it all in. The bonus is that our hotel has agreed to a fabulous rate of \$99 per night, single or double occupancy, plus tax! We are trying to fit in as many wonderful venues as possible, including the War Memorials and the Capital. Unfortunately, we cannot have a White House tour as that requires personal, sensitive information and the tour cannot be scheduled until just a few weeks before, yet it must be applied for months in advance. So,

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to see and do. So plan on three days touring with exciting evening activities also. The schedule of events and activities is still in the planning stage, but the overall scheme is planned out and this reunion will be our best reunion ever and the tours will surpass anything we have done before. Don't miss this reunion! Make plans for 2013. The final dates are being considered, but somewhere between the last week of September to mid-October. More details in the next Newsletter!

The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

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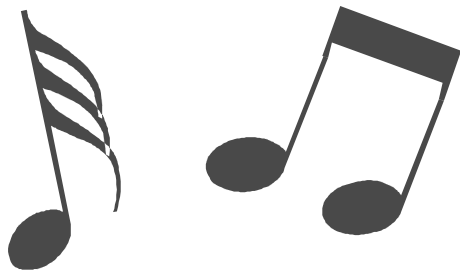
if you would like to schedule the White House tour on your own, contact your senator or representative and let them know when you would be available, hopefully before or after our reunion so you can go with us on all of our reunion tours. The hotel rate is available three days prior and three days after our reunion, so you can make your reservations for the White House tour and still be with all your friends for all of the reunion activities. I don't know about you, but I am excited!
Scott

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May - August

Dates to Remember

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| May 4, 1967 | NMCB11, first Naval Mobile Construction Battalion to deploy to Dong Ha, RVN. |
| May 7, 1965 | NMCB 10, first Naval Mobile Construction Battalion to deploy to Chu Lai, RVN. |
| May 8, 1945 | V-E Day. Germany surrenders. |
| May 28, 1965 | NMCB 3, first Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 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 Isl. |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| July 26, 1944 | Seabees land on Tinian. |
| Aug. 7, 1942 | 1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal. |
| Aug. 9, 1945 | Bombing of Nagasaki. |
| Aug. 11, 1942 | USNCTC Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI commissioned 'Original Home of the Seabees'. |
| Aug. 14, 1945 | Japan accepts terms of Potsdam Declaration. VJ Day. |
| Aug. 20, 1942 | 6th NCB arrives at Guadalcanal, first to enter combat. |



Notes from our members:

From **Doug & Shirley Emond**: Well, things are back to normal. We really had a good time at the reunion. The girls from New York really made our day. You know we visited **Shirley's** sister while we were there. She has dementia and is in the last stages. Two months after we got home, **Shirley** went back for her funeral. [sad... but aren't you glad that you were able to be there earlier!?] I'm sending a check for my dues and a little extra for whatever [thank you! We will need it when we check out the hotels in DC.] Hope you two are excited getting ready for the holidays. I know **Shirley** is. And hope this note finds you in good health [it does and thanks!]..... from **Vic Jaccino**: [Vic sent me a birthday card! Thanks, **Vic**] Thanks again for the wonderful time in Seattle. I want to thank personally as you do a great job [thank you, but it isn't all me. I had a lot of help: **Roy Peak, Pete Elliott, Rich Nelson, Sam Ragusa** and many others]. Hope you had a great birthday [thanks and it was!]..... from **Dick Sim**: Thanks for all you do. It's much appreciated [**Dick** sent his dues check and thanks]. I wish you and **Rachel** a Merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous 2012..... from **Pat & Joyce Badgett**: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We enjoyed the Seattle reunion [and enclosed a check for dues... thanks]..... from **David & Marjorie Haines**: [sent a Christmas card with a check for dues. Thanks]..... from **Gladys Wommack**: [**Gladys** sent a nice newsy letter that I will include only parts of here] Another year has sped by and we wonder where the days all went so rapidly. It has surely been a year of adjustment for me. **Jim's** passing last July left a huge hole in my life and I am trying hard to adjust to a single lifestyle. It has been a year of wonderful adventures and memorable events that I wouldn't trade or miss for anything. [recounting her trip from Washington to Arizona] Granddaughter **Andie** and I went down the old highway from Las Vegas to Hoover Dam to show her the awesome new bridge over the canyon, a construction marvel which can not be fully appreciated just traveling over the bridge. Then, on to the Skywalk at the Grand Canyon. If you ever get the chance, do that!! Awesome to walk on the glass floor looking directly down to the bottom of the canyon. [After the trip with her granddaugh-



ter and in Apache Junction, AZ:] In January, about 5 pm, I was sitting at a red light in my brand new Chevy Traverse that I had just gotten days before heading south and had 3089 miles on it, when some texting fool climbed the off ramp abutment, slid partly off that,



hit my car with his front tire behind my rear wheel and proceeded at a 45-degree angle the entire length of my car with pieces of it flying off into oblivion and managed to continue far enough to hit the pickup sitting in front of me. 39 days and \$14,163 later, I finally got my vehicle back. The Good Lord had his arm firmly around me as I didn't have a scratch, but it sure made a mess of the side of my beautiful new car [that's all I'll put in from **Gladys's** newsy letter]. A note included: Since I can't be a "Good Guy" but you are so kind to keep me on your mail list and in the loop, I will be a "Good Gal" and send some operating money [thank you very much, **Gladys**, and we all hope that you will join us in Washington, DC! Plan on it!]..... from **Jack Mayo**: We are back in Florida but not in good health. I have two, if not three, terminal illnesses and none are curable. Thanks for the memories..... from **John Wilborn**: [sent a check for dues and thanks.] Check out the Smug Mug web site [<http://www.smugmug.com/search/?searchWords=john+wilborn&searchType=global>]..... from **Frank Jacus**: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It seems like yesterday we were celebrating the 2010 holidays. The years are flying by! Thank you for the Newsletter. I know it is a lot of work. Enclosed is a check for dues and two US flags. The rest is for Santa's cookies and hot chocolate [thank you!]. God bless you both and God Bless **John Wayne**..... from **Mal Pearson**: Things are different this season. In early fall, **Marge** started to have mobility issues. The first week of October, an MRI showed a second tumor growing on her brain. The outcome of more surgery was unpredictable. For what time was left, we chose quality of life and a comfortable death. **Marge** passed away on October 21, 2011 peacefully and comfortably..... received Christmas cards from **Marshall Dunne & Don Marino**..... received dues [and some extra] from **Pat Morris, Dan Beran, Larry (Sharon) Jessop, Don (Martie) Nitsche, Howard Cornwell, Chuck Kangas, John Kolasz, Shorty (Phyllis) Campbell, Mel Olson, Tom Dowd, Phil (Pat) Brunelle, George Gustin, Bob Doezie, Ken (Bea) Catchpole, Ivan Majetic, Richard Tittle, Ralph Borkern, Roger Hamilton, Gordon Gwathney, Mary (for Duane) Henrichson, Jim Green, Dan (Peggy) Mills, Don (Winifred) Grobbel, Frank (Jane) Mingo, Jerry Wilkening, Erv Lampe, Carroll (Michael) Dowell, Al (Mary Alice Butler) Fritz, Hank Bentsen, Arnold Daisy, Robert Marshall, Tom (Phyllis) Hoffman, Dan Svendsen, Milford (Rennie) Hollingsworth and Rich-**

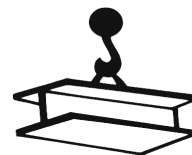
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ard Swallow..... from **LeRoy Weisberg**: I appreciate you keeping the Seabees Newsletter coming my way even though I've been negligent in getting my dues in. I enjoy reading it [LeRoy sent a check for dues and thank you!]. I joined MCB 2 in January 1951 in Atsugi, Japan. Lt. **Tom Padden** found out I could type and he drafted me from the air strip to his office, where I typed up many invoices for gravel and sand delivered on the Sagami Otska Rail Road. **Roy Peak** was in the office at the time. I'm still trying to become a 3rd class builder. I spent the whole year working in the office. I don't know if **Tom Padden** is still living as he has to be around 90 years old [yes, he is! Write him at 700 Mease Plz, Apt. 830, Duneden, FL 34698, or call him at 727-733-6776]. I will not be able to make it to Washington, DC as my wife has a hard time walking..... from **Don "Ike" Eminhizer**: [I loaned a book to **Ike** about the beginnings of the Seabee and he sent me the following:] "Builders For Battle" ... Incredible reading! A must for all Seabees. Thank you for that opportunity. I have a book that I found in an antique shop years ago. It is also incredible reading, "Battle Stations, Your Navy in Action" with pictures and commentary that really holds your interest. It was published in 1946 by Wise & Co. I would be happy to send it to you if you are interested. [Wow! Yes, I am interested. I would love to read it and thank you.] Enclosed find a check to help with your trip to Washington. [thank you!] Good luck with that. Keep up the good work and thanks for all you do..... from **Ben Pedrotti**: It's been a tough year on health and medical, but at 85 years old, who should complain. I think of the time in the Seabees as a high spot to look back on..... from **Bill Morin**: This check is to put us back on the Good Guys List [done! And thanks] In the last Newsletter you asked about pictures of Cubi Point. Here are some loose ones I had in my book [thanks again. I'll try to get them in soon.] Happy New Year and the best of health..... from **Jack Schrader**: I hope you and **Rachel** had a good Holiday Season and the start of a good year. Enclosed is a check for my dues and a bit extra for where you need. [thanks] from **Fred Simon**: Put me on the Good Guy List [thank you]. I wish it could be more. I really look forward to the Newsletter which, by the way, is really fantastic..... from **John Bloem**: I usually pay my dues at the reunion but **Marcy** wasn't up to the trip to Seattle, so we didn't make to the last one. I am sending my check now to stay on or get back on the Good Guy List. Hope to make it to D.C..... from **William "Pete" Taylor**: [enclosed a check for dues... thanks] You are doing a great job!..... from **Ed "Mike" Kazarian**: Your write-up and pictures of D-Day was great, but I didn't read anything about the 10th (Special) NCB in Exeter, England



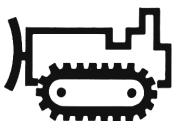
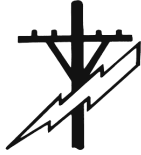
and also in Plymouth, England. I was in boot camp at Camp Perry, VA, just near Williamsburg, VA. I finished boot in March 1943 and the 10th Special was just being put together. Just before leaving for Camp Davisville, RI, the 10th was split in half. We arrived in Davisville a half battalion. We left New York in a convoy of many ships aboard the HMS O'Brien, a luxury liner converted to a troop ship. We landed in Scotland then on to Roseneath-Helensboro, a small British Naval station. From there, we left for Exeter, England, about May 1943, and started to build the largest Amphibious Naval Base in the European Theater of Operations. I worked in the main galley as a Baker 2c Seabees. I went to the officer's mess after it was built. We had 14 Bakers on the base. Back then, you were classed as Bakers, Butchers and Cooks. The 10th Special Battalion was classed as a stevedore battalion. Before D-Day, many Seabees were in Plymouth from the 10th, loading ships day and night until after D-Day. The Exeter base was open to any serviceman from any country for clothes, food and shelter and open 24 hours until they could fill their units. After Germany quit, we were sent back to Davisville and a 30-day leave, then to report to Port Hueneeme and get ready for the Pacific but Japan surrendered. Then I was discharged until Korea. Thanks for all the work you guys are doing. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year..... from **Joe Sitkowski**: As I was reading the email Newsletter today, I noticed that I wasn't on the Good Guy List any more. I reviewed my files and discovered that I hadn't sent you the door prize certificates for 2011 and 2012. I'm also enclosing a check to cover dues and for the Washington research [thank you]..... from **Bill Morin**: I just sent you a check for dues and didn't remember the dues had gone up. Here is another check for what I owe and extra for my mistake [great! Thanks]..... from **Allan Alberg**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thank you]. You do a wonderful job and thanks. We hope to make it to the next reunion. I recognize the picture of the man in front of the fireplace. His nickname was "Pappy" and was from Gadsden, Alabama. When the beer hall burned down, the fireplace was left standing. Best wishes for 2012..... from **Warren (Barbara) Culberson**: Enclosed is a check for dues [thanks you]..... from **Rod Howard**: Enclosed is a little help [thank you]..... from **Ken Chew**: I had a good time at the Seattle Reunion. It was nice to meet **Doug Thorp** and especially you at the reunion. Now I know the faces that go with the names in the MCB 2 Newsletter. Here is a check for my dues and a little extra to keep the organization running [thank you]. You guys are doing a wonderful job.



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Happy New Year..... from **David Bridges**: I'm sure I am in arrears at least this much [enclosed a check and thanks]. Keep up the good work [**David** also sent a business card; see page 11]..... from **Art Siple**: I cut this article out of the Keyser (WVa) paper [see page 10]. We don't have a newspaper in Fort Ashby. The weather is fine here. We have only had one 6" snow and that is good because I have .4-mile of road to keep open. It is quite a job when we have a 3' snow! Happy New Year to you..... from **Joe O'Brien**: Enclosed is a check for my dues [thanks]. The extra is for a membership list and for wherever you need it..... from **Paul D'Angelo**: [**Paul's** daughter **Pam** had sent me an email for decals, which I sent.] Enclosed find a check for the decals [thank you]..... from **Pauline Hagemann-Zinck**: **Vern** and I had a wonderful Christmas in California with my children and grandchildren. We drove rather than fly, with my dog **Scruffie**. We were gone for two weeks and had fun, but always good to get home. Hope this leap year brings us all God's Blessings, which we need so badly. God Bless America—and us all [enclosed a check to keep **Charlie** on the Good Guy List with some extra—thank you!..... from **Ed Carlson**: [sent a check for dues plus extra—thanks. And a picture of himself on an 853 Cat loader with a note] At 88 and still pushing dirt around. Please send a membership roster [done]..... e-mail from **Dave Budworth**: I had a nice surprise on Christmas eve. I answered the doorbell and there was **Ralph Binney**. He was in town visiting his son who lives only a block away from us. We were going out to dinner so did not have time to visit, but it was good seeing him and meeting his son. I have been limping around the house for the last few days. I had surgery on my left foot... it's hell to get old!!..... from **V. H. Barnes**: [enclosed a check for dues and requested a roster]..... from **Willie Struecker**: This should put me on the Good Guy List for a few years, I hope [it does and thanks]..... from **Stoney Serrett**: Hope this finds you and **Rachel** well and enjoying life in Atlanta [it does, but we are west of Atlanta about 35-40 miles and we are more rural here. Country, you might call it.] As for myself, I am doing well, but I will be having cataract surgery on both eyes this month. My left eye is scheduled for January 16th and my right eye for Jan 26th. I am hoping that this will go well and my eyesight will continue to be good [we do too, **Stoney**, and you are in our prayers. And thank you for the support.]..... from **Gerry Rice**: [**Gerry** ordered



US and Seabee flags to sell to the NSVA Seabees in Pahrump, NV. **Dee** sent an email and **Gerry** followed that with a check for the plunder plus his dues . Thanks!]..... from **Pete Williams**: It was good hearing from you

all just before Christmas, then I received your well-written Newsletter a week later. You sure do a good job on the Newsletter [thanks]. The story about the Japanese and Oregon is near where my oldest son, **R.G. Williams**, lives. **Sylvia** is in Hindersonville, NC to visit her side of the family for about three weeks. I hope to have her visit them a year from now. We will then be a short distance from you all..... from **Walter Hagen**: Here's a check for my dues and use the extra for your trip to check out our next reunion site [thank you!]..... from **Marshall Williams**: I'm sorry I haven't been heard from in such a long time. I have been so ill, so much wrong. I have cancer of the lungs, right one mostly. A spot the size of your hand. You know when you are in mid-80s and have cancer plus acute pancreatitis, weak heart ventricles, leg swelling, etc. Well, you can see there's not much you can do. The Army hospital in Fort Polk, LA told me back in 1990 that I had two years at best. That's 21 years ago. God has been my Savior. I don't know what I would have done without Him. He has come to my aid every time. Everyone tells me that I still have something He wants me to do. I do give Him all the credit. I take none. I go back in my mind over all the places I have been with the Seabees. 20 years of different countries, meeting and making friends with some wonderful people. Saipan, Marianas Islands was about the best it could get. Those people took me in to their homes as their own. Luau's and all. But I loved every place I was sent to for duty. It would cost a million dollars or more now to repeat it on my own. I had responsibilities but I loved all of it. I won't tell you all of it, but it was great. I'm going to tell a little joke and you can print it if you want. I liked it. I am told it will work every time you need it. This man told me one day, if you are in the company of a stranger and he has an arrogant, mean personality and you feel ill at ease when you are around him, tell this to him: I was born on a farm, raised on a farm with all the farm animals and I get home-sick as hell every time I get near a jackass like you. That reminded me of the one I think you printed about Rosemary and Don. They went for a ride out by the farmlands. As they passed all the farms and different animals and cats and dogs fighting, Don asked her if they were her kin folks and she said yes, they are my in-laws. That was a real great one. I love those about Rosemary and Don. So real. I'll let you go now. I know you're tired. PS: I don't know if I told you that I lost my wife last year, May 19, 2010. [**Marshall** sent a check for dues - paid thru 2015, plus extra. Thanks]..... from **Bob Hoare**: Hope all is well with you and yours and wishing all a belated Happy New Year. How fast 2011 went and I'm late again. Please put me in with the "Good Guys" [enclosed a check plus a bit extra, thanks]..... from **Vern & Nancy Ammentorp**: Sorry to be late with



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this [and thanks]. That time of the year when it seems things are so busy it's easy to miss them. Hope you and **Rachel** had a good Christmas and a Merry New Year [we did and thanks]. Glad to hear you are feeling good again. Stay well..... from



Ron Howatson: Enclosed is my check for dues and a bit extra for the Newsletter, etc. [thank you]. **Norma** and I really enjoyed the reunion in Seattle. We got to do stuff we've never done before, and in our home town! Thanks again for the good time..... from **Paul (Opal) Neusetzer:** Thank you for all that you do that shows your love for our country and especially all of our Seabees. It is the way many of our memories live on. **Paul** and I are on the Good Guy List, so here is a little extra for the "wherever" list [thank you! The trip to DC will take a bit and this helps!]...... from **Joe Sobczak:** Sorry for the delay in paying my dues. I lost my wife, **Jolly Ann**, December 4 and am running behind schedule [that is so sad]. Enclosed is my check for dues which should get me back on the Good Guy List [it does and thanks]. Keep up the good work on the Newsletter..... from **Wayne Turley:** You are doing a good job [thank you]. While I was stationed at K-6 in Korea with CBMU 101, we had a basketball team. In January and February of 1955, we represented CBMU 101 in the Far East Armed Forces Basketball Tournament in Japan. We thought we would be in Japan for a week on R&R. The more games we won, the longer we stayed in Japan. We wound up winning the tournament! I can't remember all of the guys names that were on the team. We had four brothers from Tennessee named **Pierce (Ed & Frank)** and me (**Wayne Turley**). Maybe someone out there can come up with the rest of the team's names. R&R lasted 20-21 days. [If you still have the past issue dated July 31, 2000, Volume 3 Issue 4, on page 18 is a photo of the team.] Enclosed find a check for dues [thanks]. Keep up the good work..... from **Dwight Yetter:** I am trying to find a 3X5 white Seabee flag with grommets. Would you know where I could get one and the price? Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks, and I sent a white Seabee flag]..... from **Jack Wilson:** Well, here it is another new year. I hope it will be better than the last two. In 2010, I had my wife in a nursing home for almost eight months and then back to another nursing home for eight more months in 2011. She is home now and doing better, by the grace of God. I also see that I am not on the Good Guy List, so am taking care of that now with a little extra [thank you]. Also, I want to wish all the Seabees a Happy New Year..... from **Howard Doyle:** Enclosed is my check for dues and a bit extra to be applied wherever needed [thank you!]. I definitely want to remain on the GGL. You are doing a great job on the Newsletter and I appreciate the emails very much. Hope to see you at the reunion in DC.....

from **Lucy Stevens:** From your last Newsletter, it reads like you could use more "Good Guys." **Lee** may no longer be here with us in body but I'm sure he is still with you all in spirit, so I believe he should also pay yearly dues [**Lucy** enclosed a check and thank you very much!]. Your last reunion must have been as great as ever and I would have loved to be there. I am hoping, since the next one is on the east coast and my oil spill cleanup is almost finished, Lord willing I'll be there! [wonderful! I hope we have a great turnout of the Honeybees that have lost their Seabee.]..... from **Ralph Binney:** Thanks for the good work! [**Ralph** enclosed a check for dues & thanks!] See you in D.C. Any word on Don Gould?..... from **Dwight Yetter:** Thank you for the white Seabee flag. I really appreciate you sending me one, and so fast. You stated the price is only \$7, but one of the flag stores here sells them for \$20, but they were out of stock. So, that is the amount I am enclosing [thank you! I keep telling everyone that the MCB 2 Ship's Store has the best prices!]...... from **Gene Staples:** I want to tell you that you are doing a very wonderful job in the publication of the SEABEE Newsletter. I wish to take this time to tell you of the expert way you interpret the news of all MCB units and Veterans [thank you]. I am very sorry to be late with my dues and wish to be included on the Good Guy List. My check is enclosed with a small sum for the kitty [you're on! And thanks for the check]. I have had the pleasure of entertaining my two nephews from England on their visit here in Texas. My nephews, father and son, are from a marriage of my brother who was stationed in England with the 8th Air Force from 1943 to 1945. They love Texas and all of the US. I only wish that they would become citizens. I wish to thank you for all you do for all of us who know you and what you do for us..... from **William (Betty Bennett) Alwine:** You do a wonderful job [enclosed a check and thanks]..... from **Mary Henrichson:** Enclosed find a check for **Duane's** dues [thank you very much]. I like to keep up with all the news. I hope to get some of my family to the next reunion in Washington, DC. Wishing you a Happy New Year!..... from **Charles Loeffler:** Here is a check for my dues and a little bit extra for whatever pops up [thank you]. Thanks for your diligent and committed service..... from **Edith Anderson:** **David** is recovering from a stroke on December 25 and is progressing with rehab quite well. His right arm and hand need a lot more work, however he can touch his index finger to his thumb. That is a small start. His speech is much improved unless he gets excited and tries to tell his story or event too fast. He even is getting a "decent" shave with his left hand and a straight razor [YIKES!]. His stay at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, (Room 415, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0995, Phone: 734-712-4612) is extended weekly by the medical insurance company and depends upon David's efforts and progress toward recovery. [Home: 2991 Brassow Rd., Saline,

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MI 48176]..... from **John Wilborn**: [John contacted me about a young boy in the United Kingdom who is fascinated with the Vietnam War and has patches and decals from many units that served there. John asked if I could help him with some. I sent some decals, patches and a Seabee cap.] Thanks for helping that young man. Enclosed is a check to cover expenses [thanks, John, but not necessary.]..... from **L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh**: Enclosed is a check for my dues plus some extra for the cost of information you sent me earlier [thank you]. I hope it covers the expenses. Thank you so very much for the quick response to mt concern about not being able to locate our members by phone or find their addresses because most people have cell phones and are not able to be located on Internet search engines. I recently was able to call my good friends **Eugene** and **Jo McDonagh** from New York. We really enjoyed talking with each other. I tried to call **Ruth Hamilton** and **Juanita Hershberger** and a few others, but was not successful in reaching them. In my conversation with **Eugene McDonagh**, he inquired about how or where could we find a copy of the MCB 2 year book published in 1951 while we were still in Atsugi, Japan. When we left Atsugi, some were sent to different locations rather than being sent back to the states for re-assignments and a few others and I were snt to Cubi Point, PI. I inherited a book from an old deceased member in readable condition. If anyone knows where a copy can be purchased or donated, please let **Eugene** or me know. It would be cherished with memories of our unit [I have one that was donated back when we were in Seattle. I'll call you or **Gene**.] **Stoney** just completed laser eye surgery and I hope his surgery is as successful as mine. **Scott**, I thank you for all these years that have kept us informed about the reunions and I thank all who got us all together and keep us in contact with each other. I will cherish these memories forever. Call when you can at 337-662-3626 or cell at 337-945-6921..... from **Betty Krygier**: Enclosed is my check for **Emil's** dues and a little extra for the Newsletters, which is greatly appreciated as I enjoy the news [Thank you and please plan to attend the reunion in Washington, DC as we would like to see you again!]..... from **Walter Whitney**: Hello there. Here are my dues [thanks]. I was CBMU 553 in WWII..... from **Evelyn Morton**: **Hance** was in CBMU 577 and always looked forward to the Newsletter. There are not too many left from 577 because he was one of the youngest [see page 12, Our Fallen Comrades. **Evelyn** sent a nice obituary from her local newspaper.]..... from **Dave Budworth**: [sent copies from the Cubi Pointer of Cubi Point history that I had asked him about. Thanks, **Dave**]..... from **Ann (Pat) Carey**: **Pat** needs 10 US and 10 Seabee flags [on the way!]. Also, he wants to know how far he is paid up on his dues. En-

closed is a check for the flags and use whatever is left for what is needed [thank you]..... from **Wanda Mayo**: **Jack** wanted me to notify you of his passing which happened early this morning. He was enormously proud to be a Seabee and a veteran of the United States Navy. He really cherished those years. I only wish the news could have been much better as he was so much more to me than a husband of 53 years..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I sure hope this note will find you and **Rachel** well and enjoying life [we are! And thanks]. As for myself, I continue to enjoy each day and look forward to making contact with friends here in Baton Rouge that I grew up with. Most of them have left this earth, so my list is short and getting shorter.... I lost two more friends last year and one last week..... from **John Reidy**: [I sent **John** a refund check for the reunion] Thank you for the check! You made my day [good]. I'm sorry I missed Seattle. Best wishes for a successful year [OK, and maybe we will see you in Washington, DC!]..... from **Billy Partridge**: Enclosed are my dues and extra for a US and blue Seabee flags. The rest you can use wherever [thanks much!]. Thank you for such a good job and the Newsletter..... from **William Burns**: Sorry I'm late with my dues and enclosed is my check with some extra to help [thanks]. You are a great guy and a Seabee buddy/ I was with the 103rd Seabees, Det. Able; CBMU 101 Atsugi, 1950-1954..... from **Gene (Jo) McDonagh**: [**Gene** and **Pop Burleigh** were talking on the phone to each other and **Pop** was telling **Gene** about the pictures in the Atsugi cruise book. **Gene** or **Jo** emailed me asking if I had any available. I did, thanks to **Doug Thorp**, and sent it to him.] Thank you so much for the book you sent. It brings back many memories. Enclosed is a check that I hope covers the cost [it does and thanks]. If any is left over, please apply it to other expenses..... from **Glenn Sisco**: I would rather be on the 'Good Guy List', so here's my check for dues and some extra for the Good of the Cause! [thanks!]..... from **Don Pastell** [**Don** sent his dues to my old Las Vegas address and it was returned. Thank goodness he found the correct address!] I don't know when my dues are paid through, but please put this toward them and any extra put toward any expenses [thank you]. You guys are doing a great job. I appreciate your efforts..... from **Tony Marcella**: Sorry for being late with the dues. I had a case of CRS!..... From **Opal Neusetzer**: "**Dick**" **Riedel** volunteers where my taxes are done, as well as many other places in the area. His late wife was also an acquaintance. This year at tax time, I mentioned waiting for your Newsletter with info on the reunion in Washington, DC. He said he would be interested in reading the Newsletter, so I am enclosing a check to cover the cost for him to receive it [thank you. He is on the mail list.] from **Hark Ketels**: [enclosed a check for dues and thanks] really appreciate your dedication and efforts in

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keeping MCB 2 alive. While with MCB 2, I learned more about construction and what it takes to work with and to lead men. I was fortunate to be involved with a crew that was some of the nicest guys in the world. Oh yes, they swore and drank, but they were bonded together as a team and looked out for each other. I am sorry that I did not take the time to continue that friendship after I left Two. I had other assignments that took me away from Battalion duty for some time. However, whenever any of my grandchildren ask me about my time in the Navy, all my sea stories go back to MCB 2 in the Philippines. It was a grand time and one that I will always remember. Keep up the good work and my regards to all my former shipmates. There is an old saying, "Once a Marine, always a Marine." Well, that quote also fits having been a SEABEE. No better unit within the Naval Establishment..... from **Bill Wisnowski**: [I had sent **Bill** a check for his refund for the Seattle reunion as he was unable to make it.] Thanks for the refund. I'm sending a check for dues and a little extra [thanks!]. Hope everything is going well with you and **Rachel** [it is]. I think I'll take the earthquakes over the tornadoes. Stay safe [the last tornado came about 10 miles from us and did quite a bit of damage.]..... from **Vic Jaccino**: [**Vic** called saying he was headed to Florida and I invited him to stop overnight here. He also wanted some Seabee flags.] Enclosed a check for Seabee flags plus some extra [thanks]..... from **Richard Forster**: Enclosed is my check for dues plus a bit extra [thank you] from **Al Olsen**: Sorry to be so late getting a check to you. I put it in one of my folders and forgot about it until I dug out the Newsletter today. Got a question: Was MCB 2 involved in the Great Train Robbery in Korea in the early part of the war? I have heard bits and pieces of it and the crew that crossed the Marine perimeter to take over an engine and several cars, as well as to load up a good supply of Kirin beer and make it back to the US lines. Would you or any members of TWO have any more specific info or names associated with that caper? I'd appreciate any leads, no matter how vague they might be. And, by the way, keep up the good work with the Newsletter. I enjoy every one. [thank you. Re: the Great Train Robbery, that was pulled off by the Seabees of ACB 1, as I recall. None of our MCB 2 bunch were part of that Korean work, but the Seabees of CBMU 1/101 may have some knowledge of the escape. Conrad Lawlor or Pat Morris might be a good start. I'll call you with their contact info.]..... from **Bruce Chadwick**: Please send the Newsletters to my Dad, **John Chadwick**. Keep me posted about the Washington, DC reunion. It might be fun to get my Dad there for it..... from **Stoney Serrett**: I sure hope that this finds you both well. As for myself, I continue to enjoy life, such as it is without **Gladys**. I sure hope that

our reunion plans are on schedule. [they are!]..... I received checks from **Les Hall** and **Norm Pratt** for flags. [thanks!]..... **Chuck (Helen) McCabe**: Just a note to let you know we made it to Yuma again this year. We spent 5 months there, October to March. The weather was great as usual. We left 80+ degrees to come home to 36° this morning. It is nice to be home, but lots of winter damage to clean up. We had a lot of broken limbs and tons of moles that just plowed our yard. We are both well and getting ready for fishing. Hope this finds all of you healthy also..... received a note with a check for ships stores merchandise from **Gerry Rice** [thanks]..... Well, folks, that's about all the mail in my mailbox. I just returned from the scouting trip to Washington, DC and can say that the planning is going great! The schedule of events and tours is being developed right now and the hotel is drawing up the contract for us. All should be completed by the end of April and the hotel and schedules will be in the next Newsletter. The dates between September 29 through October 19 are being considered by the hotel as what fits them best to give us the best rates. Keep those dates available for your next reunion vacation. The days will still be warm and not too hot plus the evenings will also be comfortable. And I hope the widows will join us again to enjoy all the festivities. It will be good to see them again and this will be a great opportunity for them to see their old friends plus have a great vacation in the nation's capital. I hope to see you all there! Scott



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WHAT IS A SEABEE?

Between the awkwardness of a soldier and the dignity of a Marine there is a questionable character called a SEABEE.

SEABEES come in assorted sizes, shapes, and weights, but all have the same code: to enjoy every second of every hour of every day, whether at work or at play, and to protest by griping (their most beloved privilege) when issued an order.

SEABEES are found everywhere: on top of, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or more likely than not, turning to.

Mothers and sweethearts love them, Fathers are proud of them, Brothers look up to them, Sisters admire them, Airdales hate them, Company Commanders tolerate them, and Chief Petty Officers drive them.

A SEABEE is a composite; he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket-sized atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyon, the slyness of a violin, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and the spirit of a fighting cock. He likes: liberty, leave, holidays, weekends, girls, chow, beer, movies, gedonks, swimming, pin-ups, sleep, and comic books.

He isn't too hot for: duty nights, watches, taps, reveille, routine discipline, officers, drills, or secured heads.

Nobody else is so early to rise without actually wanting to get up. No other person gets so much fun out of liberty or Shore Patrol. No one can have so much fun on so little money.

A SEABEE is a magical creature; you can chew him out, but you can't get the work done without him; he is dirty, unpolished, unkempt, often overbearing, and sometimes reluctant.

A SEABEE is a man of magical abilities; he can weld, build, drive, repair and fight, he can wreck or he can beautify, he can make something out of nothing, work never tires him nor does he seem to tire of it.

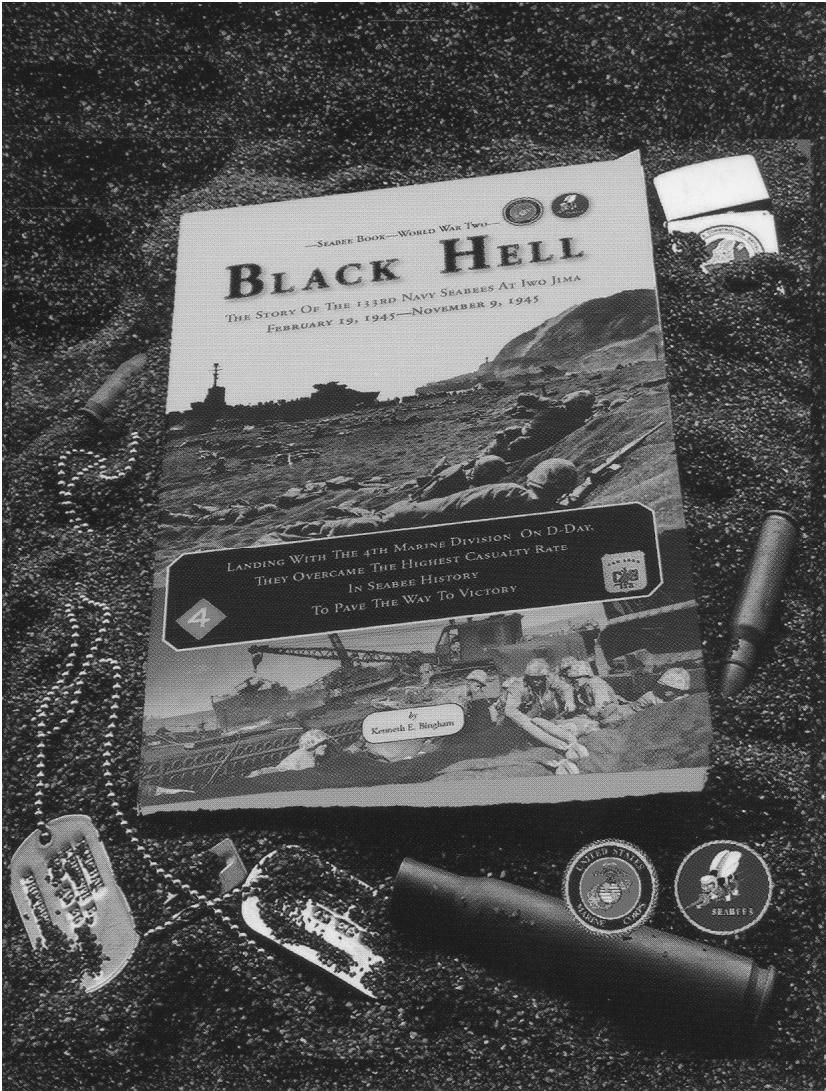
His motto is "CAN DO", to which has added "HAS DONE" and "DID": this frequently miraculous occurrence is recognized in the form of a "WELL DONE" by everyone from the Commanding Officer on down.

The average SEABEE is a thick-headed individual of a variety of nationalities. He won't admit it to anyone or anywhere except in the defense of his Corps that his is the best job in the Navy. Without him, the Fleet would have nothing to gripe about; Marines would have nothing to talk about, and history would have nothing to write about.

An excellent book to add to your Seabee library. It tells the story of the Seabees supporting the Marines on Iwo Jima, primarily the story of the 133rd NCB. The Marines received the Presidential Unit Citation but the 133rd that was embedded in the 133rd did not receive the award. This book recounts the heroism of all men that fought on Iwo Jima and maybe will help the 133rd to finally receive the recognition they so well earned.

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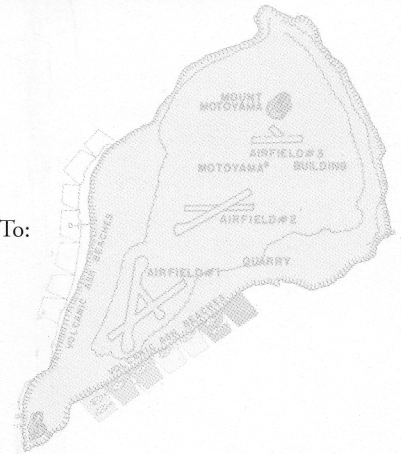
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From CBMU 507 Newsletter, December 1943

Conversation between two Seabees:

First Seabee: "So you think you know as much about it as the chief. How do you figure that?"

Second Seabee: "Well, he just said it was impossible to teach me anything."

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A man has reached old age when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.

Excerpted from *The Seabees in War and Peace* Volume 2 by Kimon Skordiles, pages 91-92:

Observing Naval Courtesy

While the Cubi Point project was underway, many dignitaries visited the jobsite to inspect the work of the Seabees. Among the visitors were President of the Philippines Ramon Magsaysay, Secretary of the U.S. Navy Robert B. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Defense Charles S. Thomas, and many U.S. Navy Admirals.

Though the Seabees wished to extend the usual Naval courtesies to all the distinguished visitors, they lacked some of the necessary means. In particular, they had no Naval guns to fire the traditional salute. As the Seabees did not wish to seem inhospitable, Seabee ingenuity was called upon to remedy this "problem."

When Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited Cubi Point, enough of the air strip had been completed so that his airplane was able to land. As the Admiral stepped down from the plane and looked around, the expression on his face revealed that he was greatly impressed with the work the Seabees were doing. However, there were more surprises in store for the Admiral. The men of MCB 5 had placed dynamite under seventeen of the tree stumps which were to be cleared and, as the Admiral was ready to depart, a "seventeen stump salute" shook the earth, thus rendering not only the proper military courtesy but also clearing the field. Only the Seabees could have thought of such a combination!

The Helpful Lizards

The swamp at Cubi Point was infested by all kinds of unpleasant insects and reptiles. The most bothersome to the Seabees working in the area were the mosquitoes. Of all the ways the Navy men tried to rid themselves of the mosquitoes, the most effective was the use of lizards, who liked to eat the mosquitoes. Thus, every Seabee had a lizard in his tent as a pet, as well as protection against the bugs. Everything was going fine until a very embarrassing incident took place.

The story was related to me by Lt. Commander Hark Ketels who served with MCB 2 in Cubi Point during the construction of the landing strip.

"It was during the appearance of a stage show from the States," Ketels recalled. "The show girls were on the stage of the outdoor theater and the men who attended the performance were delighted. Sporadic noises were heard and no one paid much attention. As the show went on, however, the noises intensified and sounded like a lot of swear words all running together. It was suspected that some ill-mannered Seabees or drunks were the cause. The performers were annoyed and it seemed for a moment that the show would end right there. The Skipper decided

to do something about it and went up on the stage, interrupting the show to demand silence. To everyone's surprise, the sound of what seemed like four letter words was heard again, repeated in chorus. It was discovered that the guilty parties were not Seabees, but lizards! The Skipper apologized to the performers on behalf of the lizards and the show went on," Ketels said.

60th Anniversary of the Korean War Certificates Available

My name is Charles Koppelman from New Jersey and I have been recently recognized by the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War (KW60) Commemoration Committee as your local KW60 Ambassador.

The Committee, a three-year program initiated in 2010, seeks to honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans about the Korean War's significance.

The Korean War is often referred to as "The Forgotten War." As a KW60 Ambassador, I hope to propel Korean War Veterans and their contribution to greater public awareness. I will focus on establishing a local voice of sincere appreciation for the selfless service and sacrifices that Korean War Veterans made on behalf of all Americans.

As part of the program, I plan to thank and honor as many of our treasured Korean War Veterans (June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953) as possible in a heartfelt and meaningful way.

If you are a Korean War Veteran (June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953) interested in being recognized with an official Certificate of Appreciation sent to you by the Department of Defense and signed by Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, you may Email me at:

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Chuck Minert

Inducted into AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame 1999

BSA Off-Road and Motocross Racer

Pat Morris sent me the following email:
I don't know if I have mentioned this before so I thought I would point it out to you. The Chuck Minert that is on our good guy list is THE Chuck Minert of the Motor Cycle Racing Hall of Fame.

He was in our group that went to Atsugi in late 1953. BSA had been his sponsor and they shipped his motor cycle to Japan for him to use. When he offered you a ride with him, if you were smart you would say "no thank you"----- He didn't mind doing a wheelie with someone on behind him.... ;o)

<http://www.motorcyclemuseum.org/halloffame/detail.aspx?racerid=234>

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Charles "Feets" Minert was one of the best off-road racers in America during the 1950s. He won the popular Catalina Grand Prix in 1956 and was a leading rider before the days of specialization. Minert excelled in all types of motorcycle racing from speedway to trials, from desert racing to scrambles, and later, in motocross. Minert rode a factory-backed BSA for much of his racing career and was loyal to the British brand long after the bikes were past their competitive prime.

Minert was born in Los Angeles on July 17, 1931. His



mother worked building P51 fighter planes during World War II. Like many boys of his era, Minert first learned to ride on a Whizzer motorbike. An older friend in his neighborhood had a Harley-Davidson and in exchange for

washing the bike every Saturday morning Minert was given the chance to ride the bike around the block to dry it after the wash. He started hanging around the LeBard & Underwood motorcycle shop.

"Aub LeBard was the ace off-road rider of the time," Minert remembers. "He won the Big Bear three years straight and was a bit of a local legend. He took me under his wing and really taught me how to ride."

It was LeBard's partner, Jim Underwood, who gave Minert the nickname "Feets."

"I was a skinny little kid who wore these big size 12 logger boots," Minert explained. "I guess it just didn't look right. Jim said, 'My god, look at that boy's feet!' And everyone started calling me feet. Later on an 's' got added to it. I don't know how. I really don't use the nickname, but that's what a lot of people know me by."

In 1946, Minert bought his first true motorcycle, a 1946 AJS (350cc). He lied about his age and at 16 got a job as a shagger delivering blueprints all around Los Angeles on his new bike. He saved his money and bought his first race bike, a war surplus Indian Scout. Riding the Scout, he entered his first race, a hare and hound held near Newhall, California.

"Those were the days when you rode your motorcycle to the meet, raced and then rode it home," says Minert. "The off-road races were a lot different than they are today. The courses were mainly made up of fire roads. It was fast and a lot of fun."

By 1948, Minert started winning races. His first victory came at an English Trials event riding an AJS. Minert became a leading desert and scrambles racer as well. When he turned 18, he started racing flat track and TT events at the numerous racetracks in Southern California. "We raced two nights a week and all weekend back then," Minert remembers.

By 1950, Minert was gaining a solid reputation and began getting his first sponsored rides. Louie Thomas BSA offered him a ride for the amateur event at Daytona in 1950. Minert had never ridden anything like the old beach course and was pretty slow early on in practice as he took his time learning the techniques of riding the sand. But Minert proved to be a quick study and turned in a solid performance in the race.

"I got a little lucky, I guess, and ended up finishing fourth," Minert said. "It was my first and last race at Daytona."

In 1951, Minert finished second at Catalina. He started getting help from BSA distributor Hap Alzina, and was well on his way to breaking out on the AMA national circuit, when he joined the Navy during the Korean Conflict.

12 Minert spent four years in the Navy as part of the Seabees,

the construction battalion. He was stationed all across Asia during his stint. While stationed in Japan, he had his BSA Goldstar shipped over to race in Japanese flat track events.

"This was the early 1950s and the Japanese riders had never seen a bike like the BSA," Minert remembers with a smile. "They wouldn't let me race it. Too big I guess. But they loaned me a little pressed-steel-framed Honda. It was a lot of fun."

Returning from the service in 1954, Minert started back into racing, but by now he was married and later took a job as a Los Angeles County firefighter. Racing became more of a serious hobby rather than a professional pursuit.

Nevertheless, Minert continued to win a lot of Southern California races on his beloved BSAs. He rode all of the famous races of the time, such as the Big Bear and Greenhorn Enduros, the Cactus Derby, the Elsinore Grand Prix, Hopetown and of course Catalina.

It was at Catalina in 1956 where Minert earned the biggest win of his career. The Catalina Grand Prix was one of the biggest races in the country at the time. It was a 100-mile event held on Santa Catalina Island off the coast of Los Angeles. The 10-mile course was a mixture of road, dirt fire trails, singletrack, and even went through a golf course. Cycle Magazine noted that many of the big AMA national riders skipped Catalina so as not to suffer embarrassment at the hands of Southern California scrambles riders who dominated the event.

"I raced Catalina that year with a big five-gallon tank so I could go the entire race without a pit stop," Minert remembers. "I stepped off early on and bent my handlebar down pretty bad. I remember coming into the pits and Louie Thomas coming over and with all his might pulling on the handlebar and getting it almost completely straight."

With the bar straightened, Minert continued on to win the race. It was one of the closest races in the history of Catalina with the top three finishing within 50 seconds of one another. Walt Axthelm and C.H. Wheat finished second and third on BSAs, making it a clean sweep for the British maker.

"That was pretty big stuff back then," Minert said. "There were big ads in the magazines. I suppose that race really made my name a lot more recognizable among racing fans."

By the late 1960s, scrambles racing was giving way to motocross and the BSAs were losing ground to the lightweight two-strokes built by Greeves and Husqvarna, but Minert kept right on racing BSAs. Minert met BSA motocross legend Jeff Smith when he came to race in Amer-

ica. In 1969, Smith invited Minert to England to race in British and European motocross events. The European tour proved to be a highlight of Minert's career.

"I got to race on the courses over there, which were a lot tougher than the tracks we were used to racing on in America," Minert recalls. "One day, Smith left the BSA factory early and tossed me the keys and told me to lock up when I left. Can you imagine? After all BSA meant to me, I was standing there holding the keys to the factory!"

In the early 1970s, Minert was now over 40 and was still a leading American rider in West Coast Trans-AMA races. He was one of the few riders to score national points in both Trans-AMA Motocross and AMA Grand National races. While he eventually quit racing nationals, Minert never totally retired from racing and doesn't plan to. When inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999, he continued to race and especially enjoys riding with his grandson, who tests bikes for Motocross Action Magazine.

Minert and his wife Gloria live southeast of Los Angeles in a scenic airport community. Minert is a pilot and can walk from his house directly into his garage, an airplane hanger, which houses his planes.

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Don McDaniel sent me an email picture of himself riding a BMW motorcycle in Africa. Since Don and Chuck were both in CBMU 1/101, I asked Don if he knew Chuck this is his response:

I raced against Chuck 'Feets' Minert on Guam in 1950, we had a boondock TT race track that we built. I was in CBD 1507, he was in 103rd NCB. I was riding an old military Indian that we found out in the boondocks and built up and winning most races when Minert showed up on a stock, yellow, Indian Scout in his whites and lapped me 10 times in a 10 lap race. He had won the Isle of Man and a lot of other pro races. One of the greats



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

*I am more afraid of
politicians than
terrorists.*

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

Article sent by Art Siple

Fort Ashby Seabee aids in accident victims' rescue

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT ASHBY, W.Va. — Seabees from the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Forty, including Dereck Bonner of Fort Ashby, pulled two accident victims from a wrecked vehicle in Okinawa, Japan, Tuesday. Bonner is the son of Larry and Dawn Bonner, Fort Ashby.

An article about the accident was published in Stars and Stripes, the U.S. military newspaper.

The Seabees were working on a project site when they heard the nearby crash. A mother and her young daughter were injured when their four-door sport utility vehicle ran out of control and slammed into a tree on Highway 75.

Bonner was able to pull the mother to safety.

"A few of us ran to the car," Bonner told Stars and Stripes.

"When I got there I went straight for the driver, and noticed she was in shock and having difficulty breathing so I got her out, laid her down and began first aid," Bonner said.



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Steel Worker 2nd Class Daniel Strompolis helped the daughter to safety.

"When I got to the car, Bonner was already pulling the driver out," Strompolis said.

"The car was filled with smoke, I heard a little girl screaming so I jumped in to unlock the door so (Utilitiesman Constructionman Travis) Newstrom could pull her out of the car," Strompolis said.

The accident victims were taken to a hospital. The mother sustained some bruising in her chest from the air bag deployment and the daughter reportedly had a broken arm.

Bonner is a builder constructionman for Battalion Forty. He also is lead man on a 21-man SWAT team for the unit.

A 2009 graduate of Frankfort High School, he has been in the Navy for two years. He also has served 6 1/2 months in Afghanistan.

Our Fallen Comrades

Donald G. Dellit MCB 10 10/21/2008

Donald P. Grobbel MCB 2 3/28/2012

Hance H. Morton CBMU 577 1/23/2012

William J. 'Jack' Mayo MCB 2 2/8/2012

May they live on in our memories

The Good Guy List

For 2012

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Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2012, 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 April 18, 2012. There are currently 199 paid up members through 2012 from a mailing list of 429. If dues have never been sent, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 717 names on the full member roster (22 pages). (SW)

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