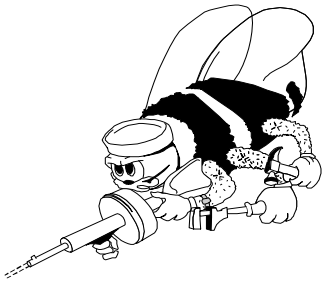


MCB 2 Reunion Association

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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, CBMU 553 and CBMU 577

**This Is Your Last Newsletter Before
We Meet In Washington, D.C.**

**Send Your Reservations
NOW!**

(See page 4)

DOOR PRIZES!

We always enjoy the banquet dinner with the drawing of names for the door prizes, so be sure to bring at least one for each in your party. Of course, more is always better as they will be given away.

We will have a nice Hospitality Room with plenty of tables to sit and visit, so bring your pictures and memorabilia to share. Some have asked if there will be many attending from Det. Able who were on Midway, so we may put some signs on tables to identify groups that would like to meet together. But come and see new and old friends.

A good time is planned and plenty to do. If you only wish to do a couple things, that's fine, but come and spend time with friends in our Hospitality Room.

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From our Chairman, Pete Elliott

We are fast approaching our reunion in Washington, D.C. in October 2013. Please make arrangements as soon as possible to get the ball rolling!!!

My wife Clorinda and I are both planning to come and attend some of the tours. (We both have been to D.C. and have already seen most of the area.)

Again we, the Board, have taken into consideration the costs, travel expenses, etc., but be assured we are trying to make this as enjoyable a reunion as in the past.

My son Pete is still the U.S. Marshal in North-

See *From Pete* (Continued on page 2)

Take a Virtual Tour of the White House

A virtual tour of the White House is available to those that have access to a computer. The tour is self-explanatory with most of the White House shown. Take the time to tour this building as we will not take this tour as a group. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/inside-white-house/interactive-tour>

If you want to take a personal tour, contact your senator or representative to make your own arrangements.

The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

**Commander
Pete Elliott**

Staff:

Paul D'Angelo
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Vic Jaccino
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Don McLain
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Malcolm Pearson
John Petronka
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See our web page:

<http://mcb2seabeereunion.com/>

(Continued from page 1) From Pete

ern Ohio (over 10 years) and is being honored as being the longest serving Marshal since 1855.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE REUNION.
GOD BLESS YOU AND AMERICA.

Pete Elliott

Your Commander since 1999, after the death of Ben Painter, Charleston, SC.

SEABEES

July - October

Dates to Remember

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- | | |
|----------------|---|
| July 25, 1956 | Cubi Point commissioned. |
| July 26, 1944 | Seabees land on Tinian. |
| Aug. 6, 1945 | Bombing of Hiroshima |
| Aug. 7, 1942 | 1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal. |
| Aug. 9, 1945 | Bombing of Nagasaki. |
| Aug. 9, 1956 | MCB 2 decommissioned |
| Aug. 11, 1942 | Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI commissioned. "Original home of the Seabees." |
| Aug. 14, 1945 | Japan accepts terms of the Potsdam Declaration.
V-J Day. |
| Aug. 20, 1942 | OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal, first CEC/Seabee Officer to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 1, 1942 | 6th NCB Seabees arrive at Guadalcanal, first Seabees to enter a combat zone. |
| Sept. 2, 1945 | Formal surrender of Japan.
WWII ends |
| Sept. 14, 1892 | Admiral Ben Moreell's Birthday. |
| Sept. 16, 1951 | MCB 2 arrives first time at Cubi Point. |
| Oct. 2, 1951 | MCB 3 arrives at Cubi Point. |
| Oct. 12, 1950 | MCB 2 began arriving in Atsugi, Japan. |
| Oct. 16, 1942 | Eight men of the 6th NCB killed at Guadalcanal, first Seabees killed in action. |
| Oct. 16, 1942 | Seaman Bucky Meyer awarded the Silver Star posthumously. First medal awarded to a Seabee; awarded by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox |

Fill this form out and have it ready when you call the hotel for your reservations.
Bring this completed form with you to the reunion with your Confirmation Number.

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Herndon, VA 20171

HOTEL RESERVATION WORKSHEET

CALL 1-703-478-2900 & Identify Yourself: MCB 2 Seabees Reunion

Group ID: MCB

Reunion Dates: Monday - Friday, October 14-18, 2013

Rate: \$99 plus 12.0% tax Single or Double Occupancy

Includes breakfast coupon per person for each day of stay

Breakfast is served from 6:00 am - 10:00 am

Parking: **FREE**

Check-in Time: 4:00 p.m.

Check-out Time: 12:00 Noon

Confirmation Number: _____

Guest & Companion's Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Arrival Date

Departure Date

Credit Card Number for Guarantee

Type of Card & Expiration Date

Cardholder's Name: _____

Take a photo tour: www.washingtondulles.hilton.com

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

Deposits: Please allow one night's deposit plus 9.0% (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 September 13, 2013.

Cancellations: Individual room reservations may be cancelled up to 96 hours prior to arrival with no penalty.

REUNION REGISTRATION - WASHINGTON, D.C.

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to MCB 2 Reunion Association in the form of a check or money order. No credit cards or phone reservations accepted. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 13, 2013. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

Keep this original for your records.

Make a copy of this completed form and mail that copy to Scott.

MAIL TO:
 Scott Williams
 MCB 2 Reunion Association
 725 Summer Ridge Drive
 Villa Rica, GA 30180

 OFFICE USE ONLY
 Check Number Received
 Inputted Nametag

CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 - except for Tours, which is August 10, 2013

	PRICE	NO. OF	=	\$ AMOUNT
	PER	X PEOPLE	=	
Tuesday, 10/15 Day Opt. - Capital Tour & Navy memorial	\$65	X _____	=	_____
Tuesday, 10/15 Night Opt. - Evening Dinner & Tour	\$70	X _____	=	_____
Wednesday, 10/16 - Seabee Memorial/Arlington	\$80	X _____	=	_____
Thursday, 10/17 - Day Opt. - Navy Yard/Smithsonian	\$60	X _____	=	_____
Thursday, 10/17 - Night Opt.- Evening Dinner & Show	\$139	X _____	=	_____
Friday, 10/18 - Banquet	\$40	X _____	=	_____
Registration Fee per person (required)	\$10	X _____	=	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO MCB 2 Reunion Association			=	_____

Please do not staple or tape payment

Please print your name for name tag _____ Unit _____
(MCB 2, CBMU 1/101, MCB 3 etc.)

Spouse/Guest name _____

Guest(s) _____

Street address _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Phone No. _____

Disability/Dietary restrictions _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone No. _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure date _____

Are you staying at the hotel? YES _____ NO _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Are you flying? _____ Driving? _____ RV? _____

Full refunds will be sent for the above mentioned activities if cancellation is received by September 13 (less a \$5 processing fee). However, after that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies.

**CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am - 5pm Eastern time (excluding holidays).
 CALL (770) 456-4246 to obtain your cancellation code.**

MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Schedule of Events
DULLES HILTON, WASHINGTON, D.C.
October 14 - 18, 2013

Sunday, October 13

Early arrival - Setup and Familiarization
Prepare Registration Packages

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reunion Registration open
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Leave by bus for Capital Tour and Navy Memorial
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Leave by bus for Evening Dinner & Tour
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Wednesday, October 16

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Reunion Registration open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Seabee Memorial and Arlington Tour
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Thursday, October 17

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reunion Registration open
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Leave by bus for Navy Yard & Smithsonian Museums
5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Leave by bus for Evening Dinner & Show
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Friday, October 18

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Reunion Registration open
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service
12:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Late Reunion Registration open
4:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cash Bar in Banquet Room
7:00 p.m. - Banquet
9:00 p.m. - Door Prize drawings

Saturday, October 19

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

TOURS!!

Here are the tours for three days in Washington, DC. Tuesday and Thursday are also evenings with dinner and driving tour (Tuesday) or dinner and show (Thursday). We have tried to put as much in as possible for your pleasure while visiting our Capitol. What we can't or don't cover, come a day or two early or stay a couple extra days later. The hotel extends our same rate for those extra days.

Day One, Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Day Option: Capitol Tour and Navy Memorial/Naval Heritage Center

DAY OPTION

8:00am Meet our **GUIDE** at the hotel and board the **motorcoach**.

8:30am Depart.

9:30am Arrive at the **NEW Capitol Visitor Center Mon Capitol Hill**.

Security check points are located at the front of the building and groups will be subject to high security procedures.

- The **Capitol Visitor Center** welcomes visitors to the seat of American government. At nearly 580,000 square feet, the CVC is the largest project in the Capitol's 215-year history and is approximately three quarters the size of the Capitol itself. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the Capitol so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol. Features include an exhibition gallery highlighting the House & Senate while in-session, orientation theaters, a 550-seat cafeteria, gift shops, and restrooms all within a secure public environment that will provide visitors shelter from the unpredictable D.C. weather.
- **The United States Capitol (confirmation # TBA)**. The most recognized symbol of democratic government in the world, the U.S. Capitol has housed Congress since 1800 and is one of the most imposing public buildings in the world. The Capitol is where Congress meets to write the laws of our nation, and where presidents are inaugurated. Its ceilings are decorated with historic images, and its halls are lined with statuary and paintings representing great events and people in the nation's history. **Note: Stop for a photo opportunity and narrative tour of the outside only. Unless group has timed entry tickets.**

Noon - Enjoy **lunch on your own** at the **Capitol Visitor Center Cafeteria**.

1:00pm Depart.

1:30pm Visit the **U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center**. Located off Pennsylvania Ave., the towering masts, waving flags, tiered waterfalls and Lone Sailor statue overlook the world's seas in this striking memorial honoring the U.S. sea services.

See the film *At Sea* (35 minutes). **Showing at 2:00pm.**

Visitors will get a chance to see how Naval operations function around the world, from carriers to hospital ships, and get a chance to see newer vessels and how technology affects the global fight.

NOTE: Film times may be canceled at the discretion of the Navy Memorial due to events being held in the theater and/or the Heritage Center.

2:45pm Depart.

3:00pm Stop for a **photo opportunity** of **The White House**.

3:30pm Depart.

4:15pm Arrive at the hotel. **GUIDE DROPS. Motorcoach service ends.**

Day Option—Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - \$65.00 Per Person

Tour includes: Admissions, motorcoach, and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity,

Note: Gratuity for Guide Service and Driver is included.

Evening Option: Dinner - Phillips Restaurant and Evening Driving Tour

EVENING OPTION

5:30pm Meet our **GUIDE** and begin boarding the **motorcoach**.

5:45pm Depart.

6:30pm Enjoy the over 85-item **buffet dinner** at **Phillips Flagship Restaurant**, overlooking the waters of the *Potomac River*.

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This virtually endless buffet includes a Steamed Seafood Station with Snowcrab clusters, steamed spiced shrimp, mussels, and more. Traditional Seafood Stations with Seafood Newburg, fresh fish and shrimp, baked and blackened fish, and more. An Iron Skillet Station with seafood jambalaya and more. The buffet also has a Home Style Cooking Station with fried chicken, pepper steak, seafood Creole, fresh turkey with stuffing, and more. A Pasta and International Station. Soups, Salads, and Appetizer Buffet including clam chowder and Maryland crab soup, a Carving Station with baked ham and chicken, and a Dessert Station that features pies, cakes, brownies, fresh fruit, and more!

8:00pm After dinner, continue with an **Illuminated Monument Driving Tour**. Washington's grand buildings, memorials, and monuments sparkle and are impressive during the day but in the evenings they are illuminated, soft focusing the solid stones and bronzes, fountains and water features shimmer in reflection, shadows darken highlighting the floodlit detail. Impressive during the day—stunning at night!

Drive by the Jefferson Memorial

Drive by The Washington Monument

Drive by The White House

Drive by the U.S. Capitol Building

Drive by other memorials and monuments as time permits

9:00pm Depart for the hotel.

Arrive at the hotel. **GUIDE DROPS. Motorcoach service ends.**

Evening Option—Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - \$70.00 Per Person

Tour includes: Dinner, admissions, motorcoach, and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity,

Note: Gratuity for Guide Service and Driver is included.

Day Two, Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Seabee Memorial/Arlington/War Memorials

8:00am Meet our **GUIDE** at the hotel and board the **motorcoach**.

8:30am Depart.

9:30am Stop at the **Seabee Memorial**. **Client arranged Memorial Service at the Seabee Memorial**. “*With compassion for others, We Build, We Fight for Peace with Freedom!*” Seabees Can Do! A larger-than-life figure dominates the monument depicting the momentous contributions made by the Construction Battalions. The image is that of a Seabee, who in the midst of a construction project, stops to make friends with a young child.

10:00am Tour **Arlington National Cemetery** by **narrated tram**. No land in America is more sacred than this square mile. It is America's shrine to valor and sacrifice. This is the final resting place for President John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Robert F. Kennedy, Edward Moore (Ted) Kennedy, Audie Murphy, prizefighter Joe Louis, and thousands of soldiers from every major U.S. war. The Cemetery is the former plantation and home of Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Arlington House, Space Shuttle Challenger Astronauts' Memorial, and Monuments to nearly every major sacrifice that affected our country are located within these 612 acres. The Tomb of the Unknowns speaks of a nation's debt to the many whose ultimate sacrifice helped make a nation free. Arlington averages 27 funerals a day. The crews, service members, and groundskeepers follow an elaborate choreography to ensure that each funeral feels like it is the only one taking place.

12:30pm Depart.

1:00pm Visit **Pentagon City Shopping Mall** and enjoy **lunch on your own**. The sky lit Food Court features international specialties from the familiar to the exotic. **Free time** to browse and shop through the mall. A scenic glass elevator ride to the Third Level reveals more than 170 fascinating stores and restaurants.

2:00pm After lunch continue with a **tour** of the following:

Drive by the Pentagon

Drive by the Air Force Memorial

Drive by the Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima Statue)

Drive by the Kennedy Center

Stop at the **National World War II Memorial**. This *newest memorial* honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during World War II, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.

Stop at **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial**. This privately funded memorial has drawn millions who have come to touch the over 50,000 names, make pencil rubbings and leave flowers, letters, flags and personal mementos.

Stop at **The Lincoln Memorial**, overlooking the Reflecting Pool, was patterned on a classic Greek temple. Inside, inscriptions from his Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address flank the 19-foot marble statue of our 16th President.

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Stop at **The Korean War Veterans Memorial**. The triangular field contains nineteen ground troopers, clad in foul weather ponchos, fully equipped for battle. Representing those who supported the ground troops are hundreds of faces etched on a polished granite wall.

4:00pm Depart.

5:00pm Arrive at the hotel. **GUIDE DROPS. Motorcoach service ends.**

Day Option—Wednesday, October 16, 2013 - \$80.00 Per Person

Tour includes: Chartered Tram tickets for ANC, Admissions, motorcoach, and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity, Note: **Gratuity for Guide Service and Driver is included.**

Day Three, Thursday, October 17, 2013

Navy Yard and Smithsonian Museums - \$60.00 Per Person

8:00am Meet our **GUIDE** at the hotel and board the **motorcoach**.

8:30am Depart.

9:30am Visit **The Washington Navy Yard**. Authorized in 1799 as the Navy's first shore facility, the Navy Yard manufactured ships and ordnance until 1961 and now serves primarily as an administrative center and historic area. Tour the **Naval Historic Center**:

NOTE: Please have valid photo identification ready (driver's license, passport, or DOD ID) to show the guards at the gate.

Visit the **U.S. Navy Museum, building #76**.

Visit the **Marine Corps Museum, building #58**.

11:30am Depart.

Noon Tour the **Bureau of Engraving and Printing (pending reservation acceptance)**. Here in the "nation's money factory," paper currency, postage stamps and many of the official documents issued by the U.S. government are produced.

1:00pm Visit your choice of the **Smithsonian Institution's** museums on the **National Mall**. Enjoy **lunch on your own** in any of the museums with cafeterias* while visiting. *Please note seasonal hours of operation posted at each museum entrance.*

The Smithsonian Institution's security policy is: All bags, purses, attaches, shopping bags satchels, suitcases, etc. will be hand searched. To expedite this please bring only a small purse or fanny pack. DO NOT bring daypacks, backpacks, or luggage in to the museums. Most locker rooms have been closed. DO NOT bring sharp items into the museums, such as knives (including pocket), screwdrivers, corkscrews, scissors, nail files, etc.

*Visit the **National Museum of American History**. View the Museum of American History's complete make-over and renovation! Browse through the new state-of-the-art gallery that offers a spectacular view of the Star Spangled Banner, and view the exhibits that top the list of must-sees for any visitor with a taste for true Americana. See the First Ladies' inaugural gowns, quilts, cars, locomotives and much, much more.

*Visit the **National Museum of Natural History**. The Hope Diamond and dinosaur fossils and the world's largest African bush elephant top the amazing natural treasures on display along with a live insect zoo.

*The **National Gallery of Art** houses an outstanding collection of masterpieces that trace the development of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present. The original West Building concentrates primarily on European works from the 13th century, while its contemporary counterpart, the East Building, highlights works of modern artists.

*Visit the **National Air & Space Museum**. Experience the history of flight at one of the world's most visited museum, from the plane flown by the Wright brothers to the Apollo 11 command module. Features an incredible collection of aviation and space technology treasures.

*Experience something of the unique nature and welcoming spirit of the **National Museum of the American Indian**. From the American Southwest, Hawaii, Canada, South and Central America you will feel the spirit of these native people. See items from the great American pyramid builders to the beautiful craftsmanship of North, Central, and South America's indigenous people.

Freer Gallery of Art. The Freer Gallery boast one of the finest museum collections of Chinese art outside of China, with over ten thousand objects dating from Neolithic times (ca. 700-ca.2000 B.C.E.) to the present. While the sheer number of items is impressive, it is their variety and quality that is truly remarkable, with nearly every medium and category of Chinese art represented. James McNeil Whistler's "Peacock Room" highlights the Freer Gallery's, world-renown collection of 19th and early 20th century American art.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, an international collection features masterpieces of Asian and Near Eastern art from the beginning of civilization to the present.

Visit the **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden**. This donut-shaped building boasts a collection of 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures.

The **National Museum of African Art** is the only museum in the United States dedicated exclusively to the collection, exhibition and study of the traditional arts of sub-Saharan Africa.

3:00pm Meet our **GUIDE** and the motorcoach at the **National Mall entrance** of the **National Museum of Natural History** and depart for the hotel.

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4:00pm Arrive at the hotel. **GUIDE DROPS. Motorcoach service ends.**

Day Option—Thursday, October 17, 2013 - \$60.00 Per Person

Tour includes: Admissions, motorcoach, and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity,

Gratuity for Guide Service and Driver is included.

Dinner and Show - \$139.00 Per Person

EVENING OPTION

5:00pm Meet our **GUIDE** and begin boarding the **motorcoach**.

5:15pm Depart.

6:00pm Enjoy **dinner** this evening at a **local fine dining restaurant**.

7:30pm Depart.

8:00pm Enjoy **An American Musical Landscape** at the **George Washington Masonic Memorial Theater**. A fun-filled show that takes you on a memorable musical "tour" of America presented by the area's best singers and musicians with multi-media effects and costumed historical greeters.

Evening Return to the hotel for the night. **GUIDE DROPS. Motorcoach service ends.**

Evening Option—Thursday, October 17, 2013 - \$139.00 Per Person

if two motorcoaches (minimum 60 total passengers)

Tour includes: Dinner, show, admissions, motorcoach, and guide service as stated in the itinerary, taxes and gratuity,

Gratuity for Guide Service and Driver is included.



Check out the hotel and accommodations at their web site:

www.washingtondulles.hilton.com

• Guest Rooms

Tastefully appointed accommodations are contemporary, comfortable, and designed for one purpose, your comfort! The Hilton Serenity Collection™ is featured throughout each 400 square foot guestroom, allowing you to rejuvenate yourself with our Serenity Bed featuring the internationally-acclaimed Suite Dreams™ mattresses, Down Duvet and Down Pillows & luxurious bath amenities. Additional first class amenities include 37" flat screen TV, Hilton's Alarm Clock Radio with an MP3 connection, comfortable chair, large work desk, dual-line telephones with voicemail, iron, ironing board and hair dryer. Experience the new standard of guestrooms only at the Hilton!

Exercise Program

A manager has to take on some sport by his doctor's orders, so he decides to play tennis. After a couple of weeks his secretary asks him how he's doing. "It's going fine," the manager says. "When I'm on the court and I see the ball speeding towards me, my brain immediately says: 'To the corner! Back hand! To the net! Smash! Go back!'"

"Really? What happens then?" the girl asks enthusiastically.

"Then my body says: 'Who? Me? Don't talk nonsense!'"

Retirement

For over 40 years my grandfather put in long hours at his job so I was more than a little curious about the way he filled his days since his retirement. "How has life changed?" I asked.

A man of few words, he replied, "Well, I get up in the morning with nothing to do and I go to bed at night with it half-done."

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THE FACTS

Hilton Washington Dulles Airport is ideally located just three miles from Dulles International Airport and 30 minutes from Washington, DC. Guests receive complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport, as well as local attractions such as the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. Our stylish hotel features well-appointed guest rooms and amenities including a 24-hour connectivity Station, state-of-the-art work-out facility and heated indoor and outdoor pools.

For photos, you can go to our webpage, www.washingtondulles.hilton.com

AT A GLANCE

- 449 guest rooms, including 155 business class rooms and 63 suites
- Over 40,000ft² of flexible meeting space
- 29 meeting rooms
- Both wired and wireless high speed internet access in all guest rooms and public space
- Hilton Signature Club Level Service
- Complimentary self-parking and underground garage
- Contemporary dining venues

OUR ROOMS

Accommodations

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- Both wired and wireless high speed internet access in all guest rooms and suites
- Hilton Connectivity Station

EAT & DRINK

Cardinal Lounge

Cardinal Lounge offers a cool yet sophisticated ambience and is the ideal place to start or end your evening. Specialty drinks are accompanied by tasty creative appetizers.

Old Ox Grille

Old Ox Grille features delicious local fare with a creative twist. Guests are greeted by friendly, professional staff in a laid-back setting. Start your day with the breakfast buffet or order from our menu, which features a wide array of satisfying selections. Also be sure to ask your server about daily specials and creations from our chef.

Room Service

Order from our In-Room Dining menu to enjoy restaurant meals in the comfort of your room.

TRANSPORTATION

For your convenience, complimentary shuttle service is provided to and from Dulles International Airport, as well as local area attractions within a 3-mile radius.



Notes from our members:

From **Don 'Ike' Eminhizer**: Thank you so much for the Korean DVD's. I haven't had a chance to view them yet but will shortly. Enclosed is a check to put me back on the Good Guys List plus a little extra for Seabee needs [thanks]. We can't make the trip to Washington but I'm putting my vote in for Phoenix for the next reunion. Think about it. All my best for all the Good Guy Seabees and a special blessing for **Rachel** for putting up with you. And thanks, **Scott**. You do a tremendous job. God bless you [thanks again]..... from **Roy Harris**: I didn't see my name on the Good Guys List for 2013. Enclosed is a copy of my check paying my dues plus a check for the Seabee Foundation [yep, I remember your checks and the dues check was entered but was left off the Good Guy List. It's that cheap help again!]..... from **Jim Cain**: I want to compliment you on your endeavors with the organization and the Newsletter [thank you]. In answer to your question about my address, I will be at the Florida address from October to June, then back to the Pennsylvania address. If you have a Good Guys List, I would appreciate a copy [sent!]. Enclosed is a Newsletter from the local Seabee organization here in Florida..... from **Ed Carlson**: Enclosed is a story about four Seabee Battalions on Okinawa in 1945. To my knowledge, this story has never been published, but it sure was a big event then and I'm proud to have been a part of the huge project. Today with all the EPA regulations on land development, the Yonabaru Airport would have taken years to build. Maybe that explains why our country is struggling. [Ed also enclosed a check for dues and thanks. Check page 13 for the story.]..... from **Gary Mitchell**: I would like to thank you for the Seabee Newsletter. I was a member of MCB 2 on Midway, then Adak and Philippines from 1952-'56. Enclosed is a check to help out [thank you!]..... received dues and reunion reservations from **Stoney Serrett, Ralph Heitt, John Recklitis, Richard Tittle, Mary Henrichson, Marvin Guetling, C.E. (Bonnie) Rudolph, Delmona Ruby, Jim Green, Herb (Bud) Wheless, Richard Forster, Charles (Helen) McCabe, Stiles Stevens, Rich Nelson and Bennie Carlson** [thanks all!]..... from **Margie Haines**: Thanks for sending **David** a hat. I hid it so he will still



have it in October. Our best to you and **Rachel**..... from **Les (Marge) Keller**: Sorry for the delay in sending this check for dues. I honestly thought I had sent them earlier. Have a wonderful reunion in D.C. I wish we could join you but we are just not able to. Give our best to



all..... from **B.R. Simpson**: I am writing to inform you of the passing of **Bill R. Simpson**. My dad crossed over on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2012. Please discontinue his subscription to your publication. Thank you for your service..... from **Bill Morin**: [sent a page of cartoons from the Q-Bee Pointer] This will bring back some memories of times long ago when we didn't have any worries and never thought of getting old..... from **Hank Bentson**: Sorry this is late! Guess my age and memory are catching up with me [thanks!]..... from **John (Geri) Petronka**: We are so looking forward to being with you in D.C.! It has been a long cold winter in Pennsylvania... can't wait for spring. We are well and hope you are also. Take care and God bless..... from **James L. Marshall**: Sign me up! **Gene Staples** has told me a great deal about the association. I was Chief Carpenter's Mate of Company X attached to the 79th NCB. We shipped over to Scotland after we trained in Rhode Island for the invasion of France. The Captain pulled 150 of us out to maintain the Rose-neth base #2 in Scotland stating he would come back to get us for the invasion, but not one word. We maintained the base moving lots of troops thru as well as outfitting ships for the invasion. We closed the base after the German surrender and moved south to Heathfield base in England. I would like very much to have a Seabee cap and shoulder patch and what else [I sent **Jim** a bunch of plunder: cap, decals, patches]. Enclosed is my check to get started [thank you!]. Thank you ever so much. After the war, I served in the Texas National Guard, 36th Division, Headquarters Company, 72nd Infantry in Marshall, Texas then Headquarters Troop, 56th Cavalry at Camp Mabery in Austin, Texas. Now, I'm like most others... 94 years old, born September 16, 1918. from **Charles Loefler**: Here is the article about the "Seabee gun". Have you ever heard of it? Interesting. [thanks! See page 13]..... from **L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh**: I hope everything is good and that you and your family are well and happy [it doesn't get much better than this, **Pop!**]. I wish that I could make the next reunion but that probably won't happen. Health problems with **Estelle** and me would make it very difficult to be away from some of our breathing treatments and medications. Please tell all my old buddies hello for me. I really would love to see them. I hope to see Stoney soon. Enclosed is my check for dues [thanks]. God bless you and all of my buddies and their families out there..... from **Stoney Serrett**: Sure hope all is well in Villa Rica [yes, it is wonderful!]. Everything here is normal and

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it helps. My son Darrell is out of town this week, so I hope next week we can get our air tickets. Thanks for all of the things you do to make our reunions very special..... from **Bob Janson**: Enclosed are my better late than never dues [I agree!]. Sorry about that. Best regards and keep up the good work..... from **Tony DeLeon**: Enclosed find my check for dues [thanks]. My timeshare contract has arrived and I will not be attending the DC reunion. I'll be in Cancun for three weeks. I wish all success for the reunion..... That's all for now. See you in Washington, DC! Don't forget your Door Prizes! Scott



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Dues are \$25/year
(more, if you can)
January - December

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

Q: My father was an officer in a naval construction battalion. This strange piece of hand gear turned up among his possessions. What is it? —Nelson Sweeney, Beavercreek, Ore.

A: You have a Sedgley .38 Glove Gun, one of the war's oddest weapons. Manufactured in Philadelphia, the Sedgley was a single-shot pistol riveted to a leather work glove. When a wearer punched his target with his gloved fist, a plunger extending in front of the barrel depressed, firing the pistol at point-blank range. Although frequently identified as an OSS assassination weapon, the Sedgley was designed by the Office of Naval Intelligence for Seabees, who frequently came under attack by Japanese holdouts while building airfields and bases throughout the Pacific Theater. The only recorded instance of a glove gun being used was by a Seabee. — Eric Rivet, Curator



I've reached the age
where 'happy hour' is
a nap.

Our Fallen Comrades

Joe Caruso	MCB 3	4/1/13
Gerald O. Durbin	CBMU 1	3/28/13
Richard D. Fairbanks	1804	10/20/11
Cecil L. Price	CBMU 1	6/11/13
Billy R. Simpson	MCB 2	11/11/12
Joseph M. Sobczak	MCB 2	2013
Ted Speros	MCB 2	1/24/10

May they live on in our memories

From a newspaper article sent to me by **Ed Carlson - NCB 74 & MCB 2.**

Some of the best advice **Edwin W. Carlson** came from his father in 1943 as the two drove to Chicago, where **Carlson** was going to enlist in the Navy.

“Now I imagine you’ll have a choice of how to serve,” **Carlson** recalls his dad saying. “You might want to consider the Seabees, a construction outfit. You could pick up some skills.”

Carlson, who had put in a semester at Augustana College, listened. Dad was wise on two counts. **Carlson** learned lots about heavy equipment and, two years later, he came home without having to shoot his rifle during World War II.

That doesn’t mean he was never in harm’s way. **Carlson** was right behind the infantry guys who cleared the Pacific islands of Japanese so the Seabees could go in and build runways and housing.

Carlson’s company floated in a flat bottom boat, filled with bulldozers and other heavy equipment, for three days while the Marines took Tarawa in November 1943. When the Seabees arrived, they quickly dug foxholes because there were still snipers around. They prayed and kept their rifles handy while they filled holes in the air strips that had been bombed and then buried the 1,500 Americans and nearly 5,000 Japanese who had died in the fighting. The Americans got individual graves; the Japanese, and the Korean laborers they had forced into the war, were buried in mass. **Carlson** remembers wearing a mask as the Seabees attended to their grim duty.

The Seabees were a mixed group of older and younger guys, **Carlson** recalls. Many of the experienced older troops helped the young recruits get through the war.

After three months on Tarawa, **Carlson**’s unit left all its heavy equipment and went to the Marshall Islands, where they enlarged an airfield, then back to Honolulu to build housing for troops that kept pouring in for the war in the Pacific.

“At least in Hawaii, we had eight-hour days. We had basketball and baseball teams and we could go into Honolulu on the weekends,” **Carlson** recalls.

That duty lasted about a year, and then they were back in a boat for a month’s long journey to Okinawa. The island was considered part of Japan’s home islands and the Americans knew they couldn’t take Japan without taking Okinawa first.

The Japanese knew it, too. They had 100,000 sol-

diers on Okinawa, with a battleship and 2,000 kamikaze planes standing by. The Allies had learned a few things about island warfare by this time and, although the battle was costly and one of the bloodiest of the war, the Americans and British succeeded. The toll was high. More than 11,000 Americans died on the islands or in the nearby seas; more than 110,000 Japanese died.

When the Seabees got ashore after most of the fighting, their job was to build roads and more housing. At the time, Americans expected Okinawa to be a major staging area for an invasion of Japan.

Carlson was one of 50,000 Seabees working on the Island. The lucky ones had cots to sleep on; some slept on boards on the ground. **Carlson** remembers powdered milk with every meal; it was terrible, he says. The head cook was called “King Spam” by the men because he could cook Spam so many different ways. Once, he surprised the troops by talking a nearby supply ship into handing over enough chicken and steak for a week.

One day, **Carlson** recalls, he was among men summoned to build a makeshift platform, basically a floor and table, on the top of a hill where four commanders soon gathered for a meeting. They were planning how to build a new airport in the rice paddies below in 30 days. Stone had to be brought in, the hills scraped and the paddies filled before the runways could be laid.

“The whole island was mud,” **Carlson** says. “We worked around the clock. The runways had to be 6,500 feet long because they planned to bring in those big B-29 bombers. They were mass producing them in the United States and figured we’d need them to invade Japan.”

When they finished the airfield, the Seabees again left all their equipment on the island. **Carlson**’s unit eventually ended up back in the States in Seattle, where he was when he learned that the war had ended.

And that runway he helped build on Okinawa? Although it wasn’t needed for a full-scale invasion of Japan, it played a part in history. The second plane to drop an A-bomb, the Bockscar, was running low on fuel after its mission and landed on the nice new runway in Okinawa “on fumes.”

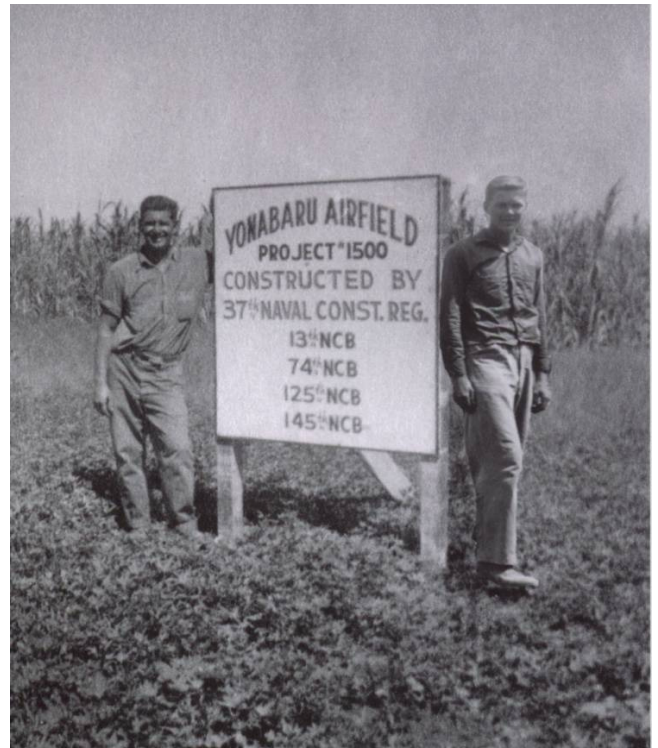
Waiting at home during the war was **Carlson**’s high school sweetheart, **Violet Nelles**, who once spotted **Edwin** on a war newsreel at the Midway Theater. They married in 1945, and both attended Bradley University in Peoria until 1948. The couple raised six

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children and now enjoy 37 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **Carlson**, along with his brother, took over their dad's roofing business.

The **Carlsons** have made a difference in Rockford. **Ed** was on the Park Commission for 19 years, including service as president. He bought land and built several ball fields for youth, including the **Carlson-Nelles** Bicentennial Park on South Pierpoint, which the couple donated to the Park District, and he was instrumental in opening the **Roy Gayle** youth baseball complex.

Since his retirement in 1980, **Carlson** also has kept busy developing property. At age 86, he spends most of his days on a 24-year-old tractor leveling land in the Alpine-Windsor Road area for future construction. It is true, he says, that "you can't keep a Seabee away from his bulldozer."



Above right: Ed Dettka (left) and Ed Carlson at the sign designating the new airfield on Okinawa.

Bottom: Ed Carlson (third from left, standing) and the crew that built a fuel depot on Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands with NCB 74 in 1943..



Continuing the pictures from Morris Capen that were sent to me from Bruce Risley (Coast Guard) through Harley Fender (MCB 9). The descriptions will be with each picture and all taken in 1953-1954.



Upper left: Ilanin River; this section is wired off to prevent animals from bathing. View shows suction pipe for water pump located nearby. All drinking water comes from here. Upper right: Fresh water pump house, Camayan Point, June 1953. Pump is centrifugal type powered by a 4-cylinder Chrysler gasoline engine. It pumps water a distance of approximately ¼ mile uphill to a height of 260 feet into two tanks, each holding approximately 1,000 barrels. Left: Road from water pump after a heavy rain. This road is unusable for vehicles when wet. Pump man must walk through jungle 4 or 5 times daily to pump water for the camp. Below: Some of “the boys” working at Camayan Point, June 1953. Below left: Northwest crane lifting Cat D-8 out of water where it submerged, July 1953.





Above, left: MCB 2 Det. Able personnel loading onto a barracks barge to board the USNS Ge. Barrett bound for Midway. Above, right: L-R: Chiefs Daniels, Scharnhorst, Holcomb, Conradis and Carter prior to boarding Barrett. Below, left: UTCN F.G. Davis tightening a flange on Pier #1, Midway. Below, right: Builders lashing a dolphin with cable.



Left: Midway Atoll, 12 Dec., 1953. View of work on sea wall.

Right: CD 1 A. Hinkle staying squared away.





Above: Unloading structural steel, Camayan Point, June 1953.



Above: Unloading lumber, Camayan Point, June 1953.



Above: Washing machine



Above: Living quarters for electricians, The Bamboo Hut. June 1953



Above: Camayan Point Outdoor theater.



Above: Camayan Point camp area, June 1953

Thanks to John Wilborn for this story, sent around by email on 6 June, 2013:

6 JUNE 1967

Khe Sanh Combat Base underwent heavy rocket attacks. During the fighting, Senior Chief (EOCS) Donald Barnes, USN, was killed in action. A few months later NMCB-11's main camp at Dong Ha was named Camp Barnes in recognition of his contributions to the Seabees. I would serve at Camp Barnes my first tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. Donnie and I served during the Korean War down in the Philippines building the Cubi Point Naval Air Base. Donnie used to call me a 'Dumb Farmer'...I called him 'Ding-a-Ling..the Bell Ringer'... Donnie was from Philadelphia, PA.

Barnes, 35, was in the first day of his second tour of Vietnam when he was killed on June 6, 1967 in Khe Sanh. The Navy equipment operator had written his family that he was looking forward to getting "into the field" with his unit, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven. The 15-year Navy veteran had been tagged as a future teacher in the 1949 John Bartram High School yearbook, and indeed he worked as an instructor in Mobile Construction Battalion 6, a successor unit to the old Navy Seabees of World War II. He was survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters, parents, two brothers and two sisters.

(Note from Scott): Don was with MCB 2 at Subic Bay and our Denver Reunion was dedicated to him, September 11, 1997. After I sent the above story around by email, I received the following note from Harold Freeland:

Thanks for sharing this about Donald Barnes. Don was a very good friend of mine during one of my four deployments with MCB 2 (1952-1956) in the Philippines. I remember when Don and I were partners in a card game, Spades, we played against another couple almost daily during the deployment when we were assigned to Camayan Point. I remember one of our opponents named "Monk" Holmes. Don and I would attempt to 'shoot the moon' practically every hand that was dealt. If I remember correctly, we were successful very often.

Don was my Best Friend. I heard about the bat-

tle at Khe Sanh where he was involved and Don lost his life in June 1967. It was very hard for me, remembering our time together in MCB 2. Johnny McCully, another great Seabee, was in MCB 2 at the same time as Don and I and Johnny was in the battle at Dong Xoai June 9, 1965 when Marvin Shields was killed. I am very proud to have known both of these great men. I have found Don's name on the Monument Wall in Washington, D. C. and also on a replica of "The Wall" in Branson Missouri, very sad moments for me.

I am very proud to have known both men.

Respectfully,
Harold Freeland.

This should make you feel better about your computer skills!

Tech support: 'Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the Program Manager.'

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: 'P'.....on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

PLEASE NOTE!

The room tax rate for our rooms in Washington, D.C. at the Dulles Hilton has changed as of July 1, 2013. The new rate is 12%. The previous rate was 9%, so make note that this amount will be added to your daily occupancy rate.

The Good Guy List

For 2013

Vance Adams, Allan Alberg, Vern Ammentorp, Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett*, Daniel Beran, Frank Betonte, Ed Bissen, John Bloem, Ralph Bokern, Alexander (Cat) Borys, Robert Bowdler, Don Bradley, David Bridges, Philip Brunelle, David Budworth, L.P. 'Pop' Burleigh, Ralph Burnley, James Cain, Shorty Campbell, Pat Carey, Ed Carlson, Kenneth Catchpole, John Chadwick, Frank Chambers, Chuck Chapman, Ken Chew, Bob Colquhoun, Howard Cornwell, Charles Coughlin, Pat Cunningham, Arnold Daisy, Paul D'Angelo, Joe DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, Tony DeLeon, Ted Devit, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Bob Doezie, George Dorge, Tom Dowd, Howard Doyle, Harrell Edmondson, Bob Elder, Pete Elliott, Don 'Ike' Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Norm Eveleth, Richard Farbo, Richard Fairbanks, Forrest Foland, Richard Forster, Jack Foster, Al Fritz, Claude Garcenot, Robert Gardner, Roger Germundson, Ron Glasser, Bob Graf, John Grasz, Jim Green, Marvin Guetling, George Gustin, Gordon Gwathney, Pauline (for Charlie) Hagemann, David Haines, Roger Hamilton, Ruth (for Alex) Hamilton, Roy Harris, Bob Hart*, Frank Hayes, Ralph Heitt*, Bert Helms, Mary (for Duane) Henrichson*, Wayne Heple, Althea (for Gerald) Herr, Bob Hoare, Tom Hoffman, Don Hofstetter, Sam Holsomback, Ray Hooter, Ron Howatson, Vic Jaccino, Mal Jaeger, Frenchie Jandreau, Bob Janson, Sharon (for Larry) Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Charles Johnson, Don Jones, John Jurkash, Chuck Kangas, Duane Keech, Les Keller, Yung Hark Ketels, Denise King (for her Dad, Don Truskey), John Kolasz, Jim Krause, Betty (for Emil) Krygier, Erv Lampe, Ron Landrum, Conrad Lawlor, Thomas Lightbody, Herbert Liverman, Charlie Loeffler, Dale Lundstrom, Ivan Majetic, David Manley, Tony Marcella, J. L. Marshall, Charles McCabe, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Dan

Millett, Dan Mills, Charles Minert, Gary 'Mitch' Mitchell, William Morin, Pat Morris, Paul Muma, Rich Nelson*, Opal (for Paul) Neusetzer, Don Nitsche, Joe O'Brien, Billy Partridge, Don Pastell, Mal Pearson*, John Petronka*, Ralph Presson, Bob Rasmussen, Gary Rawlings, Gerry Rice, Bruce Risley, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, George Rosenvold, Tom Roy, John Ruby, C. Edner Rudolph, Vincent Ryan, Paul Schell, Jack Schrader, Stoney Serrett, William Sharp, Dick Sim, Fred Simon, Jack Sims, Art Siple, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Richard Skillicorn, Ray Sonnen, Ray Sorrentino*, Gene Staples, Tom Stapleton, Lucy (for Lee) Stevens, Stiles Stevens*, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Willis Struecker, Dan Svendsen, Richard Swallow, James Taylor, William Taylor, Judy (for Richard) Todd, Wayne Turley, Dick Walters, John Waltrip, John Weires, Bud Wheless, Rodney White, Walter Whitney, John Wilborn, Bill Wilcoxon, Marshall Williams, R.G. 'Pete' Williams, Scott Williams*, Jack Wilson, Bill Wisnowski, Gladys (for Jim) Wommack, and Dwight Yetter.

Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2013, some much longer. If you don't find your name on this list, then maybe you have forgotten to send in your dues recently. All dues are paid through the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 (no dues card sent out). This list is as of June 7, 2013. There are currently 179 paid up members through 2013 from a mailing list of 429. If dues have not been sent for at least five years, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 713 names on the full member roster (22 pages). (SW)

Names with an asterisk (*) have sent reservations

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 713 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

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