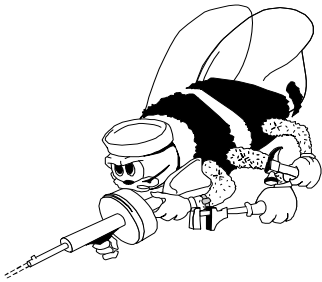


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SEABEES

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

Start Making Your Reservations for BRANSON!

August 25 - 28, 2015

You don't want to miss the great time we will have in Branson! Renew old friendships in the hospitality room and take in the shows that are on the schedule. One morning show and two evening shows round out our plans, but there are so many more that you will want to see that you need to come a few days earlier and stay a few days later. You can have the same great room rate, which makes it all that much more enjoyable. Plus, for every day that you are booked into the Ramada, you will have a buffet breakfast included with the

See Excitement! (Continued on page 2)

Check Page 4 and send in your reservations!

The time to get ready for Branson is upon us! August 25 will be here before you know it and, as Snuffy Smith would say, time's a-wastin'! Don't wait too long as we need to make arrangements for our banquet and notify each show how many they need to plan for us to be there. Our reunion is a earlier that we have been having it, so don't let the time creep up on you and suddenly it is here! August will be warm and we have asked for no storms, so let's see how perfect the weather

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room. That's hard to beat, so call the Ramada now and make those reservations. See the reservation form on page 3, fill it out and call with all the information they need. But plan to stay a few extra days as you won't regret it. There are so many shows to entertain you and our schedule is so short that you will regret having the opportunity and missing the extra few days if you don't take advantage! So plan now for the extra stay time and call the hotel while it is fresh on your mind... and I'll see you there!

The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

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is for us. Shopping is close by if you need groceries or something special in your room but all the shows are driving distances away. A car is almost a necessity. If you do fly in, there is an airport in Branson and taxis are available, or the airport in Springfield but then a car rental would be necessary. But, however you get to Branson, the shows are wonderful! And remember, for every day at the Ramada, your breakfast buffet is included! See you in August!

SEABEES

December - March Dates to Remember

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| Nov. 10, 1775 | Birthday of the United States Marine Corps. |
| Nov. 11 | Veteran's Day |
| Nov. 27, 2014 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Dec. 1, 1937 | RADM Ben Morrell becomes Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks. |
| Dec. 7, 1941 | Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, T.H. United States declares war Dec. 8. |
| Dec. 25, 1972 | Merry Christmas! The Bob Hope Christmas show was held on Diego Garcia and was the first jet to land on the NMCB 62-constructed runway. |
| Jan. 1 | Happy New Year! |
| Jan. 5, 1942 | Bureau of Naval Personnel authorizes formation of Construction Battalions. |
| Jan. 17, 1942 | Ground broken for construction of Camp Allen, VA; first Seabee training facility. |
| Jan. 27, 1942 | First Seabee Detachment, "Bobcat", departed Charleston, VA for Borabora, South Pacific. |
| Jan. 31, 1968 | Tet '68 - Initial North Vietnamese attacks occurred to major U.S. bases. |
| Feb. 13, 1945 | Fleet Admiral E.J. King authorized retention of the Seabees as a permanent part of the U.S. Navy. |
| March 1942 | NCB 1 formed. Assigned to construct a base on Efate and Tongatabu, S. Pacific. |

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.

RAMADA - BRANSON ON THE STRIP

1700 West Highway 76

Branson, MO 65616

HOTEL RESERVATION WORKSHEET

CALL 1-417-334-1000 or 1-800-641-4106

& Identify Yourself: MCB 2 Reunion

Group ID: MCB 2 Reunion Association

Reunion Dates: Wednesday - Friday, August 26-28, 2015

Rate: \$65 per night - including tax Single or Double Occupancy

Includes breakfast coupon per person for each day of stay

Breakfast is served from 6:30 am - 10:00 am at American Bandstand Grill

Parking: **FREE**

Check-in Time: 3:00 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: _____

Special needs (subject to availability): Smoking/non-smoking; Handicap. Notify at time reservations are made.

Deposits: 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 charge must be received no later than 5 days from the date the reservation was made.

Reservation Cut-Off Date: All reservations must be received by the hotel no later than July 25, 2015.

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

REUNION REGISTRATION - Branson, MO

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to MCB 2 Reunion Association in the form of a check or money order. No credit cards or phone reservations accepted. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before July 25, 2015. 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 JULY 25, 2015

	PRICE	PER	X	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	\$ AMOUNT
Wednesday, 8/26 - Dixie Stampede	\$50		X	_____	=	_____
Thursday morning, 8/27 - The Brett's CANCELLED	\$25		X	_____	=	_____
Thursday evening - 8/27 - Dinner & Legends in Concert	\$50		X	_____	=	_____
Friday, 8/12 - Banquet	\$35		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 August 22 (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
RAMADA - BRANSON ON THE STRIP
August 26 - 28, 2015

Monday, August 24

Early arrival - Setup and Familiarization
Prepare Registration Packages

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 a.m. - Setup and Familiarization
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Bird Registration
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wine & cheese reception - Hospitality Room
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Planning Committee meeting
3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dixie Stampede dinner, show and pre-show
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Thursday, August 27

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Reunion Registration open
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon The Brett's morning show
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Legends in Concert dinner & show
10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

Friday, August 28

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, August 29

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



8th Annual East Coast ALL SEABEE Reunion

Feb. 27 - March 1, 2015

Crowne Plaza
Hampton Marina Hotel
Hampton, VA

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POC: Tom Marone

Americans Close Subic Bay Naval Base

SUBIC BAY NAVAL BASE, Philippines (AP) - Sailors and Marines wept and embraced girlfriends yesterday before sailing for Okinawa, ending nearly a century of U.S. military presence in this former colony.

The departure of the last U.S. forces from the Philippines followed an emotional ceremony closing Subic Bay naval base, the Navy's largest installation in the western Pacific.

Officials of both countries spoke of a desire to maintain close relations despite the acrimony generated by last year's debate on the future of the military bases, America's oldest overseas installations.

In September 1991, the Philippine Senate refused a new lease for Subic after lengthy negotiations.

"As we bid bon voyage to the American serviceman, we ask the U.S. government and the American people for the strengthening of our partnership on the basis of economic cooperation, social concern, mutual support and democratic commitment," President Fidel Ramos said during the 90-minute ceremony.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Solomon said cooperation would continue under the nations' Mutual Defense Treaty.

As the Stars and Stripes was lowered for the last time, many in the crowd of 3,000 people wept. The crowd then cheered as a giant Philippine banner was raised.

One of those in attendance, concessionaire Cesar Mascardo, 51, said the Philippine Pledge of Alle-

giance, as he placed his hand over his heart. "My family has benefitted much from them and this is my way of thanking them."

It marked the first time in more than 100 years that the Philippines was free of foreign troops. Spain conquered the islands in the 16th century but lost them to the United States in 1898 after the Spanish-American War.

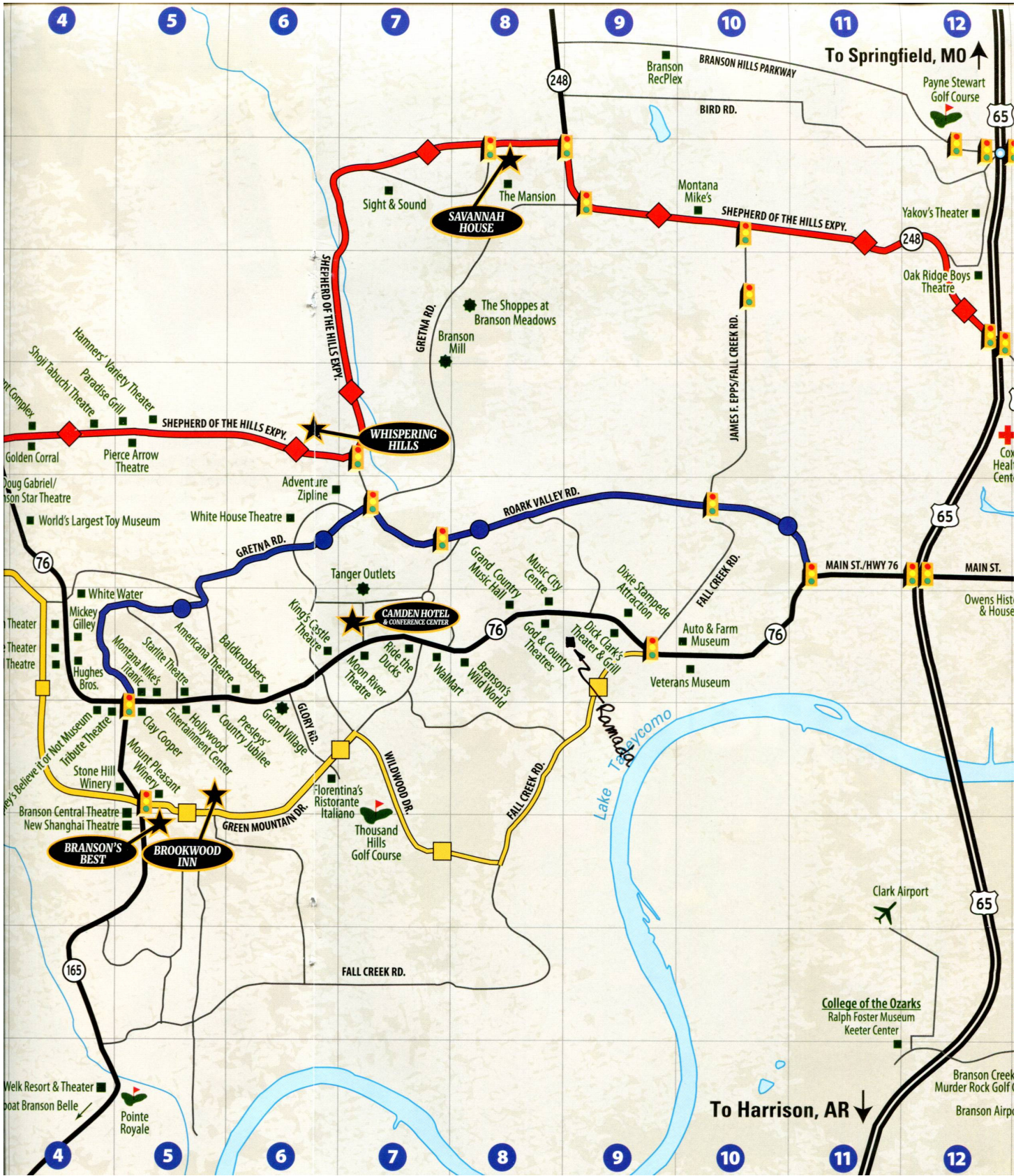
Hours after the ceremony, more than 1,000 sailors and Marines marched to the docks and boarded the USS Belleau Wood after an emotional farewell to wives and girlfriends.

The ship's loudspeaker blared: "I'm Proud To Be An American" as the helicopter carrier steered into the South China Sea.

As the Belleau Wood glided across the placid blue waters, a Filipino woman, Gertrude Guerrero, shouted "Goodbye, Joe" "Joe," after "GI Joe" of World War II, is the universal greeting of foreigners.

Earlier, Adm. Robert Kelly. The U.S. naval commander in the Pacific, boarded a P-3 plane as a "symbolic last man" to depart. Kelly recalled that his father was among 17,000 Americans killed in World War II and buried in the Philippines.

His plane circled above the hills surrounding the bay, then dipped its wings in farewell. A few troops, mostly officers, were to leave by commercial flights later.



The Ramada on the Strip is located in the middle of this map at 8.5. The Dick Clark Theater & Grill is just to the right at 9 and the Dixie Stampede Attraction is across the street.

Korean-era Seabee History

In June 1950, following the invasion of South Korea by the armies of communist North Korea, the Seabees found themselves at war again. As part of the United States contingent of the United Nations force, they rose to the challenge in the tradition of their "Can Do" predecessors. By calling-up the reservists, their active-duty force was expanded to more than 14,000.

NCB-104 was formed by reactivation of a World War II unit in 1947. It arrived at Camp McGill, Japan, at the outbreak of the Korean Conflict. It was shortly converted into ACB-1. General MacArthur landed with the United Nations forces at Inchon, South Korea successfully on September 15, 1950 and drove north. The Seabees of ACB-1 were attached to the 1st Marine Division and were part of the landing force under RADM James H. Doyle, USN, Commander, Amphibious Force at Inchon.

ACB-1, Amphibious Construction Battalion-1, was organized in 1950 from NCB-104. It served at Inchon, Wolmi-Do, Red and Blue Beaches, and Yo Do Island in the Bay of Wonsan. Assigned to the 1st Marine Division. Part of Task Force 90, and Operation Chromite, U. S. Army X Corps, during the Inchon landing (September 1950) and was part of landing of The Wonsan Campaign (October 1950). The ACB-1 Seabees were landed on 15 September 1950 as part of the landing force, Task Force 90. Their effort was directed at providing the pontoon causeways necessary to unload LSTs. In May 1952, the ACB-1 Seabees managed to build an emergency airstrip on the small island of Yo Do while under heavy enemy fire. They built the 2,400-foot airstrip in 16 days. During the work, they were forced to repair the new shell holes made daily by the enemy batteries across the bay. During the year it was used, it saved more than 60 fliers and at least \$10 million in aircraft.

Other than NCB-104 in Japan at the outbreak, later converted into ACB-1 which deployed with MacArthur during the Inchon landing, only smaller-than-battalion size units were deployed and those were Detachments. During the Korean War, the U.N. Far East Air Force (FEAF) used some 15 air bases in Japan to support combat operations in Korea. In addition, the Air Force either improved or

constructed some 55 airfields. These air bases were all numbered and some became better known by their number than by their name. The more important of these airfields included:

- K-1 Pusan West
- K-2 Taegu
- K-3 Pohang-dong
- K-5 Taejon
- K-6 Pyongtaek
- K-8 Kunsan
- K-9 Pusan East
- K-10 Chinhae
- K-13 Suwon
- K-14 Kimpo
- K-16 Seoul
- K-40 Cheju-do Island
- K-46 Hoengsong
- K-47 Chunchon
- K-55 Osan

The "K" stood for Korea in the designation. The US Army also had "A" (Army) airfields and "AE" (Army Expedition) airfields. The USMC had designated their fields by "X" early in the conflict. (Source: <http://www.korea50.mil>; definitions)

The Seabees took on many projects during the Korean Conflict, including building airstrips, clearing mined tunnels, and repairing ships.

CBD-1804, Construction Battalion Detachment-1804, as organized in 1951 at Atsugi, Japan where MCB-2 was at the time. This Detachment was deployed to K-3, Pohang, South Korea, in 1951. Later, CBD-1804 was re-designated CBMU-1 while in Korea. The CBMU-1 unit, Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit-1, was later re-designated CBMU-101 while at K-3. CBD-1802, Construction Battalion Detachment-1802, as organized in 1951 at Atsugi, Japan was deployed to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands to begin survey work for the construction of the Naval Air Station there.

The Seabees grew from their strength of 3,300 just prior to Korea (in 1949) up to 14,000 at the peak strength during the Korean Conflict. The authorized strength of a Mobile Construction Battalion was five hundred and fifty men but actual strength varied. The

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standard issue rifle was the M-1 .30-caliber Garand rifle, but some Seabees were reportedly issued M-1903 .30-'06 Springfield rifles in training, a carry-over from WW II. The .45 cal. pistol was a standard sidearm. The Seabee's uniform was a mixed assortment. Seabees on active duty in-theater Korea wore Marine Corps issue uniforms while some of those in training in the States including Reservists wore the white cap with blue work dungarees and a Navy work jacket. The Seabee detachments in Korea varied in size, equipment and capability depending on the jobs assigned.

Rear Admiral Joseph F. Jelley, CEC, USN, had been Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, and the Seabees, since 12-1-1949. He continued to serve in that position until 11-3-1953. The worldwide United States network of wartime bases and stations remained after the war, and the Navy's bases were still in existence in the late 1940's. BUDOCKS, therefore, had responsibilities and missions in many places around the globe. Seabee units deployed in the Atlantic, Caribbean, European and Mediterranean areas came through Davisville, Rhode Island. For the Pacific sites, units were staged out of Advance Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California.

The 30th Naval Construction Regiment, originally based in Port Hueneme, then deployed to Subic Bay, Philippines and was the Seabee Regiment in Charge

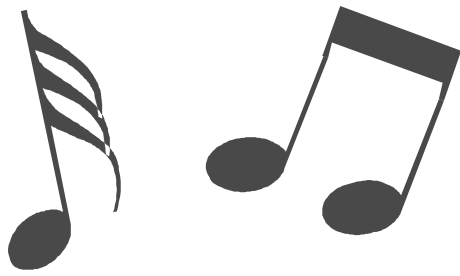
for the Far East. Seabee battalions of the Korean era: MCB-1 was activated at Davisville, RI in August, 1949 and did not serve in Korea. MCB-2 was activated at Port Hueneme, CA in June 1950 and did not serve in Korea.

Formed and staged from Advanced Base Depot, Port Hueneme, California: MCB-3 was activated in July, 1950. MCB-4 was activated in 1950. MCB-5, MCB-6, MCB-7, MCB-8 and MCB-9 were activated later during the Conflict but did not serve in Korea. MCB-10 was formed in October, 1952. MCB-11 was formed in July, 1953. Both Ten and Eleven did not serve in Korea. CBMU-1 was activated in July, 1952, and served in Korea. CBMU-2 was activated in October, 1953, and served in Japan only. (Reference: "U. S. Navy Seabees Since Pearl Harbor", Jay Kimmel, 1995).

A Korean era project that occupied many Seabees was begun in the Philippines in 1951. It was at this time that the Seabees began building the naval base there at Cubi Point. Three thousand Seabees from MCB-2, 3, 5, 9, and 11 spent the next five years expending over 20 million man-hours building the installation for the United States Seventh Fleet. Cubi Point was commissioned in July 1956. MCB-3 returned to Cubi Point in September 1956 to complete unfinished construction projects, returning to Port Hueneme in July 1957.



A best friend is like a four leaf clover; hard to find and lucky to have.

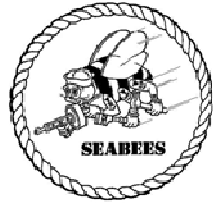


Notes from our members:

My apologies to **Ralph Binney**. I had attributed his letter requesting a group picture of the MCB 2 group that went to Camp Pendleton in 1952 to **Ralph Burnley**. Sorry, **Ralph's**. Mea culpa..... from **Don McDaniel** email: I don't know if any of this is to you, but I thought I'd send it along: 1 - I recently was awarded 110% disability because of hearing loss after being turned down several times, I sent away for my entire service records and received them after the Phoenix VA told me they were unavailable, I just went through the VA website, then made an appointment with the American Legion Rep at The VA hospital, they copied what information needed and submitted it to the VA, within 8 months I had my 110% disability retroactive to the date of my latest app. The advisors at the Legion informed me that the VA was a lot less strict on hearing loss now. My claim was that I was a heavy equipment operator working alongside an airstrip without any ear protection and after a hearing test from the VA I was pronounced "Profoundly Deaf." 2 -- There is a book called *Korea Reborn*, put out by the government of South Korea available to all Korean Vets and their families, it's free to all Korean Vets and I got mine through my county VA rep. Really informative and well done. 3 -- All Vets registered with the VA are eligible for mileage pay when going for an appointment at ANY VA hospital or clinic, just ask at the VA hospital or clinic for mileage reimbursement. They send my mileage check direct deposit to my bank account. 4 -- There is a nice Certificate of Appreciation for Korean Vets from the Defense Department available also -- free. 5 -- During the time waiting for my disability decision I received all my Korean service medals from the Navy Department, some 61 years after my discharge. I thought some or all of this "Scoop" might be of interest to members of the group, particularly the disability info, my check for 110% is over \$3000.00/month -- Plus no co-pay meds, no co-pay VA doctors and hospital, and here



in Pennsylvania, no property tax, and free car license and registration -- Well worth the effort..... from **Rex Roark**: Pass to Don and all Korean Vets that do not have that book: it is available through the County Vet reps in most states and from the State Department of Veterans Affairs in all states..... received dues from **John Wilborn**, **Ed Carlson**, **Bob Colquhoun**, **Arnold Daisy**, and **Richard Sim** [thanks!]..... from **Ed 'Shorty' Campbell**: We had always hoped to make a reunion but, generally, the health of one of us got in the way. Anyway, the finest person I have ever known passed away April 3rd after several months of being ill. I hope to make the next reunion but will just have to wait and see. Thank you so much for what you are doing. You deserve a double shot of ? [can't decipher it] and I really hope to meet all you people some day. Thank you and God bless you. We have lived in a wonderful time [thanks for the dues check, **Shorty** and sad to hear about your wife]..... from **Billy and Zelda Partridge**: I kept thinking I had sent dues and looking back, I realized I didn't. We so enjoy the Newsletter. You do a fine job with it [thank you]. We're doing fine but we don't travel much. I am sending a check for dues and a little extra for what you might need [thank you]..... from **Bill Morin**: [sent a copy of a newspaper article of the closing of the Subic Bay Naval Base - see page 6.] Maybe some of the guys don't know what happened to Subic after we left. [Thanks, **Bill**, for the dues.] from **Ed Carlson**: Where can I buy some of those Seabee Magnetic ribbons? [I had some and sent them to **Ed**]. Enclosed is a good article about walking for health. I am 91 and try to walk 30 minutes every day..... from **Stiles Stevens**: Sorry, but we went to Atlanta and north Alabama for two weeks and didn't send this to you [well, now I am upset with you, **Stiles**! If you drove to Alabama, you drove less than ten miles from my home. You could have had a comfortable place to stay, coming or going, and break up your trip. Oh, well... maybe next time you are close, give me a call.] I found on your email (before my computer crashed for the n-teenth time) the info for the 2015 reunion. We do plan to make it there, God willing. After getting the basic info, I went to AAA for their latest guide to Branson. Guess what - the Ramada-on-the-strip is not even listed as a two-star hotel/motel/inn!! There are no references to other locations (possibly renamed from earlier printing dates) with that address. Interesting! Do you suggest flying into Branson Airport (about 10 miles south) or



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Springfield (about 35 miles north) [see page 12 for some words on flying in to Branson]. AAA could not find any airlines into the former. Enclosed is a clipping from a recent issue of *Military Officer* magazine with an interesting item on the Marines at Pohang-dong, Korea. For those NOT with CBMU 101, it was our home port (K-3) with other Detachments throughout Korea and then Japan. Google the Pohang International Airport and you can see the remnants of our work in '52/'53, etc. By the last count listed, 250,000 flew out a year or so ago. I would like to find out how many (if any) of the Good Guys served with CBMU 101. And also were either in Korea or with Det. Able in Japan. Could you put an insert into your next issue for a response to me? [That is part of the roster that is given away at the reunions, **Stiles**. You should have a copy.]. By the way, we recently returned from a trip to the West Coast. The Seabee Museum is still a work-in-progress, but I thought it was well worth seeing for a day, certainly no longer as neither Port Hueneme nor Oxnard are significant draws. Enclosed is my check for dues plus a bit extra [thanks!]. A Post Script note: It may not apply to any members but I thought I'd pass it on: **Donald V. "Donny" Baker** EO1 (then CD1) obituary notice in the Boston Herald. When I became Active in the Naval Reserve after my 4+ years on Active Duty, I joined CB Division 1-7 in Boston. One of the younger (but up and coming) drivers was a comedian in the ranks of the 75+ members. He had some marital problems in the early '70s and decided to go Active with an in-country CB unit in 'Nam, then as a CD2. He moonlighted as a bartender at the O' Club, which was under a shabby tent roof. Unfortunately, a Gook mortar round came in and he became paralyzed from the waist down. He recuperated at Chelsea Naval Hospital (Boston) from more than a year and was promoted to CD1 in the meantime. I don't know which CB unit he ended up with in 'Nam, but he was a hilarious patient while at Chelsea. Maybe someone in 'Nam may have known him..... from **Mary** and **Dan Millett**: Enclosed are **Dan's** dues with a little extra [thanks]. Please put it wherever it is needed the most. **Dan** is still in Maplewood Rehab Center here in Amesbury, Massachusetts with a very slow recovery. Hope all is going well with you and have a great day..... from **Pat [Ann] Carey**: [Ann] had sent me an email asking for some US and POW flags for **Pat**. I sent them and received a check in payment, including shipping. Thank you!..... from **Opal (Paul)**

Neusetzer: Read this in The Advocate and thought you would like to read it and pass it on. I did not know Mr. Summers. [This was an obituary that was in the Baton Rouge newspaper, *The Advocate*. It was for Francis Pierce Summers, a WWII Seabee known locally as "Pops"] Andrea is secretary at my church and she pulled it out of the obits so that I could forward it to you. I hope that all is well with you and your family. I am doing okay, staying busy. Three of my friends and I meet here at my house on Tuesdays for cutting, piecing and quilting. Sometimes we take a Tuesday off and take a "field trip" by going to a new quilt shop, book store or some attraction we want to see, then have lunch and see a movie. This is my third year as president of the Women in the Church. We have something going on all of the time. First Saturday in October we had a women's retreat at our church. Our state representative, Mrs. Valerie Hodges was our guest speaker. Then we had invited several ladies and men who head up service organizations to speak and inform us about their groups in a way that we could help and offer support. It was great! Our favorite was the Blue Star Moms here in Central. We have been involved with them for a few years. We help with the care packages for our service people. Next year we will add the War Veterans Home in Jackson, LA. The congregation is bringing coffee (They want Community.), sugar and creamer for them. One of our ladies circles will "adopt" the 3 ladies who are there. I have been sending them my Southern Living and Good Housekeeping thru Blue Star Moms. They really enjoy the magazines. Thirty minutes before our regular Bible Study and Prayer on Wednesday morning we meet in the sanctuary to pray just for the nation. We start with the President and come all the way down to local politicians. Individually, we are speaking up more to friends, neighbors and the people in line at the grocery store. Of course, right now we are concentrating our prayers for the upcoming election next week. Thank you for the great job you do keeping Seabees in touch with each other..... from **Bob** and **Elaine Hart**: Here is some money to get me on the Good Guy List and, if there is any left, use it towards the organization [thanks!] Hope this finds you well. I have been in the hospital but am doing much better now. We are enjoying the wonderful fall weather [Nebraska] and looking forward to the next reunion, however we have not received a Newsletter in months. [yeah... I am trying to save money and have cut back one issue. I hope to get enough dues money to publish two or three more issues.].....

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from **Stuart Hood** (MCB3): I can't believe it, but it has been over a year since I joined with you great MCB 2 people in DC. WOW! That was a lot of fun and thanks for letting me join in. I appreciate it. I stayed around in DC a few more days, going to some of the places we went and some we didn't. I had a great time. I drove out to some of the Civil War battle fields. It's very sobering to be out there and hear TAPS played. I would like to join up with you again in Branson [wonderful!]. It sounds like a lot of fun. Looking at my map, Branson isn't easy to get there. Other than going to St. Louis back in 1980 with a bunch from MCB 3, I've never spent any time in Missouri. I'm thinking of getting a direct flight from Seattle to Kansas City and driving down. It is only 230 miles from the KC airport, or do you know if there is a Branson pickup at the Kansas City airport? Any other info you can give me will be helpful. Looking forward to seeing you in Branson..... from **Don "Ike" Eminhizer**: I hope this will get me back on the Good Guy List [it does and thanks]. Thanks to you for spreading the word, I have received the *Korea Reborn* book from **Mike Hinman** in Madison, Wisconsin. I am reliving and enjoying the memories of my time in Korea. I would really like to hear from and Seabees that served with me at MAG-12 Advanced Fighter Group. We were CBD 1804 Detachment Able. Also, anybody from MCB 2 that was in Atsugi, Japan. Keep up the good work and thanks for keeping in touch..... from **Bob Bowdler**: I just realized I haven't paid my dues, but I have an explanation. While on our annual trip to Oregon in September, **Vi** fell and broke her hip. Given who operated on her - an ex-Seabee - she is making a good recovery. So, I've been quite busy helping her recover. She is up to a cane now and progressing better every day. Before she fell, we did spend a few days with the **Wilcoxens** drinking their booze and playing Mexican Train. Put me back on the Good Guy List [you're on, and thanks!]...... from **Ben Lally**: A great Newsletter and keep up the good work (CBMU 101, MAG 12) [thanks, and thanks for the check.]...... That's about all the letters for this issue. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and are gearing up for a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Don't drink too much of that eggnog but enjoy Hanukkah and the Christmas holidays. I hope you review the reunion itinerary and call the hotel for your reservations. Send me a copy of your reunion registration form with all the shows selected that you want to see... and I'll see you there! Scott

NOTES FOR YOUR BRANSON TRIP

With questions from Stiles Sevens, Stuart Hood and many others about how to get to Branson, etc., here are some pointers:

Flying to Branson from anywhere in the United States has gotten a lot easier with several nearby airports offering expanded commercial service. The newest is the **Branson Airport** (airport code: BKG), which opened in 2009 and provides low-cost flights to Branson on several airlines, and is 10 miles south of Branson.

GRAY LINE AIRPORT SHUTTLE

1+ (800) 237-4466

After you land, board the Gray Line hotel shuttle that services all hotels in Branson. The shuttle is available for large and small groups or individuals needing transportation to the Branson area. The shuttle is available for 30 minutes after each flight unless advance reservations have been made. Rates are \$14.00 per person with a two-person minimum.

TAXIS

1+ (417) 332-CABS (2227)

Branson Yellow Cab, Checker Cab and City Cab offer convenient transportation service to Branson and surrounding areas. Rates are \$25 for 1-2 people from the airport into Branson.

FROM SPRINGFIELD

Additionally, low-cost fares are available on several airlines flying into the new Springfield-Branson National Airport (airport code: SGF) terminal, just 50 miles north of Branson. One way taxi rate is about \$110.00

RAMADA ON-THE-STRIP

Our hotel is convenient to the shows we will attend as a group and the hotel will provide shuttle service to and from the shows. Additionally, the hotel provides a free buffet breakfast that is located in the Legends in Concert building adjacent to the Ramada property and a free shuttle is provided to get to and from this.

The Hospitality Room is a large, separate building that is large enough for our ship's store and door prize tables, plus room for eight or ten round tables. A good location and an excellent rate!

If God wanted me to touch
my toes, He would have put
them on my knees.

From Donna Wommack, Gladys' daughter-in-law,
9/23/14, re: Gladys Wommack:

~~~~~  
Gladys has been diagnosed with an aggressive  
form of breast cancer and is facing some great  
challenges. Please keep her in your prayers for  
strength and comfort. She has been released from  
the hospital and will begin treatments later this  
week.

For cards:

Gladys Wommack  
PO Box 721  
Clarkston, WA 99403

From Donna on 11/22, re: Gladys:

Gladys has had a rough few days. All the things  
she is battling seem to have taken an upper hand.  
She is in bed and has not gotten up, and is strug-  
gling to stay away and eat or drink anything. The  
change has been drastic and sudden. We have all  
been shocked at how she was up and visiting one  
day, and is struggling so mightily now.

Please say a prayer for your good best friend -  
we are hoping she can rally one more time, but are  
not sure she will have the strength to do it - we are  
all lifting her up in prayer!

~~~~~  
Prayers, please!
Scott

Promo Videos of Branson shows

Watch this promo is a clip of the Legends in Con-
cert show that we will see Wednesday evening, Au-
gust 26. Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erQj0-EfIrc>

And this promo video of the Brett Family Show
that we are scheduled to see on Thursday morning,
August 27th.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LOjWriUFfs&feature=youtu.be>

A Few Truths...

1. No one can ruin your day without YOUR per-
mission.
2. Our eyes are placed in front because it is more
important to look ahead, rather than to look back.
3. Others can stop you temporarily. But, only you
can do it permanently.
4. Whatever you are willing to put up with is ex-
actly what you will have.
5. When your ship comes in, make sure you are
willing to unload it.
6. You will never 'have it all together'.
7. Life is a journey, not a destination. Enjoy the
trip!
8. The biggest lie on the planet: "When I get what I
want, I will be happy."
9. The best way to escape your problem is to solve
it.
10. I've learned that, ultimately, 'takers' lose and
'givers' win.
11. Life's precious moments don't have value,
unless they are shared.
12. If you don't start, it's certain you won't arrive.
13. We often fear the thing we want the most.
14. Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.
15. Look for opportunities, not guarantees.
16. Life is what's coming, not what was.
17. Success is getting up, one more time.
18. Now is the most interesting time of all.
19. Sometimes, the majority only means that all the
fools are on the same side.
20. I don't have to attend every argument I'm in-
vited to.
21. A friend is someone who reaches for your
hand, but touches your heart.



Left photo: The building for our Hospitality Room and Banquet, which is just to the left of the picture on the right, only 50 or so feet away from our rooms. I have requested all of our rooms to be on the ground floor.



Typical rooms at the Ramada. Left: king size bed; Right: two queen size beds.

Most people will be about as happy as they decide to be.

Our Fallen Comrades

Clement J. Gregurek CBMU 101 11/19/14

Walter Whitney, CBMU 553 2015

May they live on in our memories

Lost Members

I have lost track of so many members! Some of their Newsletters have been returned as “NFA” or No Forwarding Address. If anyone has information on the following, please let me know:

- Jack Balding - CBD 1804
- Dan Beran - CBMU 1/101
- Roy Cone - MCB 2
- John Grasz - MCB 2
- Herbert Meade - MCB 2
- Rik Shafer - MCB 2
- Lew Shugar - MCB 2
- Harold Wardenburg - CBMU 1/101

There are others that I have a mailing address for but no email address. If you have an email address and are not receiving this Newsletter online, please send me your email address.

Thanks,
Scott Williams
williash@aol.com

The Good Guy List

For 2015

Basil Arnold, Pat Badgett, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, Alexander (Cat) Borys, Bob Bowdler, Wayne Bulgerin, Elwin 'Shorty' Campbell, Pat Carey, Bob Colquhoun, Ballard Credeur, Joe DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, Tony DeLeon, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Howard Doyle, Don "Ike" Eminhizer, Doug Emond, Richard Farbo, Jack Foster, Claude Garcenot, Robert Gardner, Bob Graf, Gordon Gwathney, Pauline (for Charlie) Hagemann, David Haines, Roger Hamilton, Ruth (for Alex) Hamilton, Bob Hart, Mary (for Duane) Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Althea (for Gerald) Herr, Charles Ingalls, Vic Jacchino, Mal Jaeger, Sharon (for Larry) Jessop, Duane Keech, Denise King (for her Dad, Don Truskey), Bill Knight, Betty (for Emil) Krygier, Ben Lally, Thomas Lightbody, Herb Liverman, Dale Lundstrom, Tony Marcella, James L. Marshall, Bob Marshall, Bobby McMillan, Yvonne Fowler (for Bob Fowler) Meredith, Gary 'Mitch' Mitchell, Bill Morin, Pat Morris, Paul Muma, Rich Nelson, Opal (for Paul) Neusetzer, Mal Pearson, John Petronka, Gary Rawlings, Gerry Rice, Dale Rogers, Tom Roy, Vince Ryan, Paul Schell, Merle Schnepf, Jack Schrader, Stoney Serrett, Bill Sharp, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Gene Staples, Marian (for Clyde) Stenholm, Lucy (for Lee) Stevens, Stiles Stevens, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Willis Struecker, James Taylor, Judy (for Richard) Todd, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Scott Williams, and Gladys (for Jim) Wommack.

Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2015, 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 November 19, 2014. There are currently 71 paid up members through 2015 from a mailing list of 215 and over 250 by email. If dues

have not been sent for at least five years, they do not receive the Newsletter. There are 704 names on the full member roster (21 pages).

The Newsletter is sent primarily by email. If you have an email address and are not receiving the Newsletter by email, please send an email to Scott at williash@aol.com (SW)

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

Who to contact about your dues

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.
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725 Summer Ridge Dr.
Villa Rica, GA 30180
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make checks payable to:

Scott Williams/MCB 2 (or CBMU 1, etc.)

Dues are \$25/year

(more, if you can)

January - December

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and enables us to send this Newsletter.

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