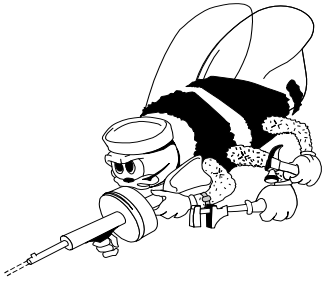


# MCB 2 Reunion Association

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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

# WOW!

# We had a really Good time in Las Vegas!

## Our Last Reunion

Sad to say but the Las Vegas reunion was the last reunion for the MCB 2 Reunion Association. We have been able to get together for 26 years, beginning with the Springfield, Missouri reunion. We were in San Antonio when the Twin Towers were destroyed by terrorists, but each reunion has had memories. Do you remember your first reunion? But the time has come to an end. The announcement brought tears to many eyes and many stories of reunions past. We had a very good time in Las Vegas and had some that attended for the first time. Thanks to all who came to make Las Vegas a memorable reunion. We will continue the Newsletter, but primarily as an on-line Newsletter. We plan to continue the web site and dues are still needed to keep it open. See the minutes on page 5.

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## MCB 2 Reunion History

- 1991 Springfield, MO - Stoney Serrett organized with help; Ben Painter elected Chairman
- 1993 Nashville, TN 9/16-18/93
- 1995 Las Vegas, NV - Imperial Palace - 9/10-13/95 - about 350 at banquet
- 1997 Denver, CO 9/11-13/97
- 1999 Charleston, SC - Ben Painter died 8/30/99; Pete Elliott elected 9/11/99
- 2001 San Antonio, TX - 9/11-13/01 - was almost a disaster with the 9/11 terrorism
- 2003 Cleveland, OH 9/11-13/03
- 2005 Las Vegas, NV - Palace Station 10/10-12/05
- 2007 St. Louis, MO 10/20-23/07
- 2009 Myrtle Beach, SC - 10/1-3/09

See **MCB 2 Reunion History** (Continued on page 2)

# The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

**Commander  
Pete Elliott**

**Staff:**

Paul D'Angelo  
Vic Jaccino  
Don McLain  
Rich Nelson, Vice Commander  
Malcolm Pearson  
Stoney Serrett, Commander Emeritus  
Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas./Publisher

See our web page:

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2011 Seattle, WA - 8/28-30/11  
2013 Washington, DC - 10/15-18/13;  
2015 Branson, MO - 8/26-28/15; 63 at banquet  
2017 Las Vegas, NV - 9/12-14/17 THE END  
- Our last reunion - 48 at banquet, 14 vets.

We have had some very good locations for our reunions and some good memories from the reunions. The friendships made and old friendships made stronger are the things made from reunions. We can continue meeting with our friends and this Newsletter will continue to keep us in touch with each other, but only as an electronic Newsletter. No more mailed Newsletters. This is the last mailed Newsletter. The Web page will stay active as long as funds are available to keep it open. All of the previous Newsletters are on the web page. This Newsletter will be the last printed version. From here on, they will only be available electronically. This reunion pretty well depleted our funds.

# SEABEES

*September - January  
Dates to Remember*

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Sept. 1, 1942	NCB 6 arrived on Guadalcanal. First Seabee combat deployment.
Sept. 2, 1945	Japan signs unconditional surrender. WW II ends. V-J Day.
Sept. 12, 1944	Seabee UDTs clear beach approaches at Peleliu.
Sept. 13, 1966	CM 3 Marvin Shields presented with Medal of Honor, posthumously.
Sept. 14, 1892	Birthday of ADM Ben Moreell, founder of the Seabees
Sept. 15, 1940	Seabees land at Inchon, Korea.
Oct. 2, 1951	MCB 3 arrives first time at Cubi Point.
Oct. 12, 1950	MCB 2 begins arriving in Atsugi, Japan.
Oct. 13, 1775	Birthday, U.S. Navy
Oct. 16, 1942	Eight men from NCB 6 killed on Guadalcanal, first Seabees KIA in WW II.
Oct. 27, 1943	MM 1 Tassone of NCB 87 attacked and buried a Japanese pillbox and 12 Japanese with his 20t 'dozer on Mono Island.
Nov. 5, 1951	MCB 5 arrives first time at Cubi Point.
Nov. 8, 1942	Seabees land in North Africa with American assault forces.
Nov. 10, 1775	Birthday, USMC.
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Dec. 1, 1937	RADM Ben Moreell
Dec. 7, 1941	Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.
Dec. 31, 1947	Seabee Reserve established.
Jan. 5, 1942	Bureau of Naval Personnel authorizes formation of Construction Battalions.

A Seabee gave his wife a mood ring. He said when she was in a good mood it turned blue and when she was in a bad mood it left a red mark on his forehead.

# Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

September 15, 2017  
Meeting Room  
Palace Station Room G  
Las Vegas, NV

Meeting brought to order by Chairman Pete Elliott at 9:03 a.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Pete Elliott.

Chairman Elliott welcomed all members and guests.

Chairman Elliott asked the treasurer, Scott Williams, for a financial report:

- We are solvent, but barely. Since we did not have adequate room nights, we have to pay for our hospitality room. The banquet and meeting room is paid for but all other expenses will have to come out of our treasury. Which bring up another point:
- This will have to be our last reunion. We cannot command any special accommodations such as a large hospitality room or the room free, we cannot sustain the association by having future reunions.
- We can continue with a printed Newsletter but we can continue with an electronic Newsletter.
- We need to continue with our dues as the web site would be lost if we do not pay the web site host, Go Daddy. All of the Seabee history, all of the MCB 2 history, all of what is left of the Korean Seabee history would be lost if the web site is deleted or not paid.
- There was much discussion regarding discontinuing reunions and continuing our annual dues. Dues will continue and the eNewsletter will continue. A final printed Newsletter needs to be mailed to notify all hands that the printed Newsletter will be discontinued.

It has been a good run. 26 years. Our first reunion was in Springfield, MO, in 1991. Thanks to all who supported the Reunion Association for all these years. We have accomplished quite a lot. Primarily, the Reunion Association contributed over \$12,000 to the new Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Williams, Secretary

## Ambassador for Peace Medal

The picture on the right is of a new South Korean-issued medal for those veterans that were in Korea during the Korean War. It is the Ambassador for Peace medal issued by the South Korean government. The application form for the medal is on page 4. Make a copy of that page and fill it out, then mail it to the Chicago Embassy

There are no legal agreements that need to be met, nor any documents to be signed. This is an appreciation in the form of the Korean Ambassador Peace Medal from the Republic of South Korea for the sacrifices, service and friendship of our veterans.



# Ambassador for Peace Medal Application Form

According to Young Ji Park, apply for this Distinguished Award through the South Korean Consulate in Chicago. To apply for the medal, wartime veterans who served in Korea during the war can fill out an application and mail it to the consulate and she will mail or email the application directly to the veteran. The award is currently out of stock, but the Consulate will send the medal to eligible veterans who apply once they receive new stock (likely May or June). The veteran should include documentation of their war-time service in Korea (DD-214) if possible. – or call her at 312-822-9878 at the South Korean Consulate in Chicago, IL.

- 1) Title: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \*First name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \*Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \*Tel. (home): \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) \*Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) \*Service date in Korea: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) \*Service Branch (Army/Navy/RAF): \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) \*Regiment during the Korean War: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) \*Rank during the Korean War: \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## \* Mandatory fields

**Note: Please provide a copy of the veteran's certificate of release or discharge from active duty for verification purposes.**

### Return Address:

Korean Consulate General in Chicago (Attn: Young Ji Park)  
NBC Tower Suite 2700  
455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.hms-ceylon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Ambassador-for-Peace-Medal-Application-Form.pdf>

## Everything I Need To Know, I Learned In The Corporate World

- Indecision is the key to flexibility.
- Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.
- There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation.
- Happiness is merely the remission of pain.
- The facts, although interesting, are irrelevant.
- Someone who thinks logically is a nice contrast to the real world.
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.



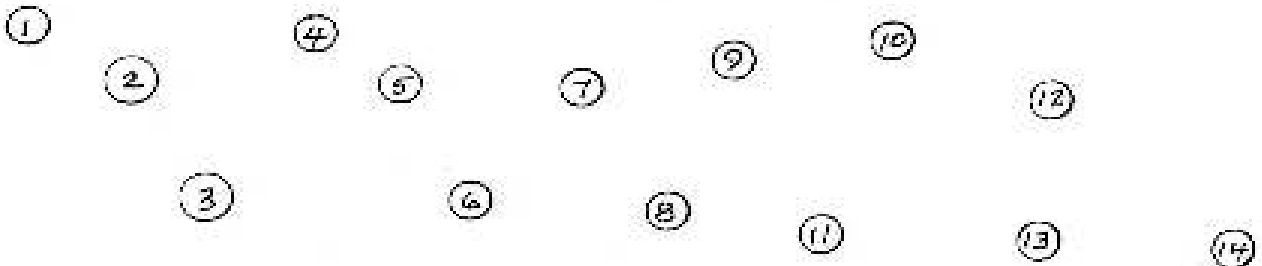
**“BECAUSE EVEN MARINES NEED HEROES”**

These T-shirts are available at \$10 each plus shipping. I can get two T-shirts in a USPS Priority Mail envelope for \$6.56. Let me know the size you want and I'll get it if I don't have it in stock, M, L, XL. It is black lettering on a desert tan T. I am checking on a red T and a sweatshirt, not a hoodie.  
Scott

**All the vets attending the 2017 reunion**

1. Wayne Heple
2. Stoney Serrett
3. Erling Husby
4. Lloyd Madison
5. Paul Schell
6. Ralph Heitt
7. Sam Ragusa

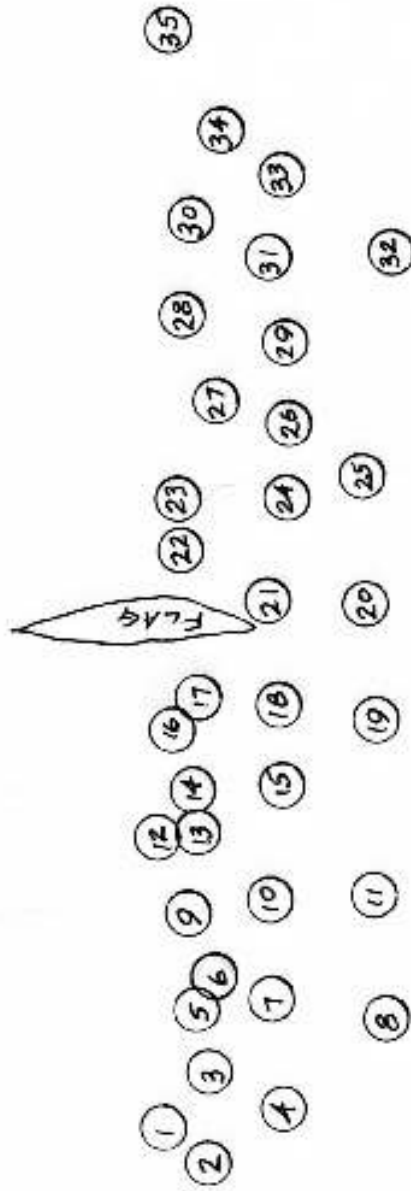
8. Bill Wisnowski
9. Richard Skillicorn
10. Mal Pearson
11. Scott Williams
12. Jack Schrader
13. Vic Jaccino
14. Pete Elliott



All the Seabees at the reunion. MCB 2, CBMU 101, NCB 103. If you would like a copy, I can email it to you.



# Everybody attending the 2017 reunion in Las Vegas



1. Dave Miller
2. Pam Schell
3. Phyllis Moynihan
4. Paul Schell
5. Darrell Serrett
6. Paula Schell
7. Julie Henrichson
8. Nancy Henrichson
9. Bill Wisnowski
10. Julie Henrichson
11. Dean Henrichson
12. Jeff Pearson

13. Sam Ragusa
14. Betty Williams
15. Mary Henrichson
16. Mal Pearson
17. Ralph Heitt
18. Stoney Serrett
19. Trish Schell Luce
20. Jack Schrader
21. Pete Elliott
22. Charlotte McCumber
23. Robert McCumber
24. Martha Husby

25. Kelly Elliott
26. Clorinda Elliott
27. Jean Skillicom
28. Richard Skillicom
29. Nancy Heple
30. George Nichol
31. Mary Ragusa
32. Erling Husby
33. Scott Williams
34. Vic Jaccino
35. Wayne Heple

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Our MCB 2 corporate agent that represents us in Nevada, Hank Balconi. He was a Marine but all I had were Navy and Seabee caps. Well, he was a fleet Navy Marine...



Sea stories.... At our wine and cheese welcoming.

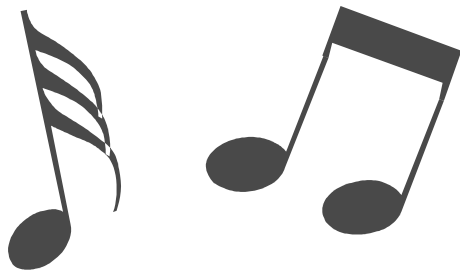








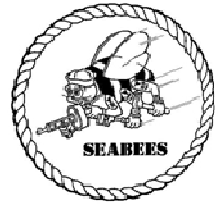




## Notes from our members:

Many reservations for the reunion were received: **Pete Elliott, Sam (Mary) Ragusa, Bill Wisnowski, Herb Liverman, Robert McCumber, Ralph Heitt** .....from **Stoney Serrett**: I sure hope this letter finds you and **Rachel** well. As for myself, I continue to do well here in the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Today is July 4th and we had special dinners for the occasion. As you may know, **Bill Knight** has left here and probably is at home in Georgia. Maybe you may know more than I know about him as you had some contact with his wife. I hope this check will help and if you need more help, I will do what I can [thank you very much!]. I would be interested if you know more about our upcoming reunion, such as who may be planning to come, other than me [I sent a list of attendees to **Stoney**]. PS: Call me when you can [done!]..... from **David Manley**: Hope all is well with you and yours! So close and yet so far!?! I broke my left hip again - using a walker and cane and learning to walk again. It's only a five hour drive to Las Vegas but will not be able to make it. It breaks my heart because I did want to meet you all! I can't believe I will be ninety this year! God has been good to me! Be well and have a great time in Las Vegas. A check for dues is enclosed [thank you!]..... from **Norm Eveleth**: [Norm sent a check for dues... Thanks, **Norm!**] ..... from **Ken [Bea] Catchpole**: **Ken** always reads your newsletter from cover to cover and enjoys the pictures, especially of Subic Bay [enclosed a check for dues, thanks!]..... from **Paul Schell**: [Sent a check for the reunion and dues... thank you!]..... from **Don 'Ike' Eminhizer**: As I promised in my email, you will find my check for dues plus a little extra [thank you!]. I appreciate you sending the Newsletter, even when I was not a 'Good Guy' [ahhh, but you ARE a Good Guy!] Thanks for

all you do..... from **Lloyd Madison**: [sent a check for the reunion and for dues... thanks.]..... from **Pete [Sylvia] Williams**: Sorry we are so late again... between medical problems and everything else, we're always short. Our best to you always and will keep in touch. [Enclosed a check for dues and extra... thanks]..... from **Jim Green**: [Jim had sent an email requesting some ball caps. I sent him pictures of what we had and he sent a check for some.]..... from **Dan [Mary] Millett**: Per our conversation this morning, enclosed is a check for dues for **Dan** [thank you!]. Put the extra where needed the most. **Dan** is still in Maplewood Rehab here in Amesbury, MA with a very slow recovery. We hope all is still going well with you and hope you have a great day [thank you]..... from **CEC Capt. J. R. MacClosky**: [Capt. **Randy** had asked me to ship him some T-shirts and he sent a check. Thank you, Cap! For a picture of the T-shirt, see page 5.]..... from **Jack Schrader**: [Jack had emailed me asking for a US flag] I received the flags Friday and I was glad they got here as my old flag was pretty bad. I thought I would send in this money for the reunion registration and for the flag postage plus some help [thank you!]. Things are OK for now so I thought I would try the trip. I get to Las Vegas in the afternoon of the 12th and plan to start home Friday. It will be nice to see some of the friends....., from **Tony DeLoeon**: Here is a check for the T shirt. Hope your trip to Vegas goes very well [thanks and thanks]..... [I received some support from **Stoney Serrett**. Thank you!]..... [When I lived in Las Vegas, I was very active with the NSVA in Las Vegas.



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We worked at the Las Vegas NASCAR speedway and raised money to erect a monument at the Boulder City, Nevada State Memorial Park. We also funded dinners for our group. After I left, there was a small balance left in the treasury, managed by **Gerry Rice**. **Gerry** and his wife **Dee** came to our reunion and **Gerry** said the local NSVA group has not met for years and would like to donate the remaining funds to the MCB 2 treasury. Thank you very much! That check arrived in the mail after I returned home and it is most welcome!]...... OK, folks. That's all the mail for this issue but I will keep the Newsletter going on-line for as long as you would like. If we can get enough financial support to mail issues, I will do that. I hope all that attended our last reunion enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship with all the friends there. We all had a good time and my grandson came to visit on his day off and my brother came from southern California to make sure I behaved myself! Other friends tried to make it but it didn't work out. At least we had the Seabees there with their traveling companions. Great to see all!

Lloyd Madison, Erling Husby, Stoney Serrett, Wayne Heple  
All were in NCB 103



My grandson and brother came for a visit.



Excellent buffet!




  
**New Member!**
  
**Welcome!**
  
 Lloyd (Mary) Madison (EQCM)
   
 PO Box 389
   
 112 Heritage Bend
   
 Johnson City, TX
   
 830-868-4666
   
 madisonl@tstar.net
   
 NCB 103, MCB 5, MCB 22

## Blood Needed

An Arab Sheik was admitted to a hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery the doctors needed to have some of his blood type stored in case the need arose. As the gentleman had an extremely rare type of blood that couldn't be found locally, the call went out around the world.

Finally, a Scotsman was located who had the same rare blood type. After some coaxing, the Scot donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery the Arab sent the Scotsman a new BMW, a diamond necklace for his wife, and \$100,000 US dollars in appreciation for the blood donation.

A few months later, the Arab had to undergo a corrective surgery procedure. Once again, his doctor telephoned the Scotsman who this time was more than happy to donate his blood. After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street chocolates.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He then phoned the Arab and asked him:

"I thought you would be more generous than that - last time you sent me a BMW, diamonds and money, but this time you only sent me a lousy thank-you card and a crappy box of chocolates!"

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in me veins."

## Gunshot Wound

Aging Mildred was a 93 year old woman who was particularly despondent over the recent death of her husband Earl. She decided that she would just kill herself and join him in death.

Thinking that it would be best to get it over with quickly, she took out Earl's old Army pistol and made the decision to shoot herself in the heart since it was so badly broken in the first place.

Not wanting to miss the vital organ and become a vegetable and a burden to someone, she called her doctor's office to inquire as to just exactly where the heart would be. "On a woman," the doctor said, "the heart would be just below the left breast."

Later that night, Mildred was admitted to the hospital with a gunshot wound to her knee.

## About the Purple Heart

George Washington established the original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, by order from his Newburgh, New York headquarters on Aug. 7, 1782. Gen. Washington himself only awarded the Badge of Military Merit to three Revolutionary War soldiers. He authorized his subordinate officers to issue the Badges as appropriate.

Although never abolished, the award of the badge was not proposed again officially until after World War I. Gen. Douglas MacArthur confidentially reopened work on a new design, and by Executive Order of the President of the United States the Purple Heart was revived on the 200th Anniversary of George Washington's birth out of respect to his memory and military achievements by War Department General Order No. 3, dated Feb. 22, 1932.

Today, the Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917. An estimated 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded in our nation's history. In addition to being awarded to those who fight overseas, the Purple Heart is also given to military personal that display bravery and valor as prisoners of war and while fighting certain types of domestic terrorism.

Source: October 2017 Bugle Blasts

## *Our Fallen Comrades*

Bob Hoare MCB 2

7/15/2017

*May he live on in our memories*

## 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

# The Good Guy List

## For 2018

John Bloem, Bill Body, Dave Budworth, William Burns, Edwin L. 'Shorty' Campbell, Pat Carey, Ed Carlson, Bennie Carlson, Ken Catchpole, Chuck Chapman, Roy Cone, Ballard Credeur, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Doug Emond, Al Erb, Richard Farbo, Frank Fibich, Richard Forster, Jack Foster, Yvonne Fowler (in memory of Bob Fowler) Meredith, Claude Garcenot, Robert Graf, John Grasz, Jim Green, Gordon Gwathney, Pauline (in memory of Charlie) Hagemann, Ruth (in memory of Alex) Hamilton, Robert Hart, Ralph Heitt, Mary (in memory of Duane) Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Althea (in memory of Jerry) Herr, Juanita (in memory of Leonard [Hersh]) Hershberger, Joe (Frenchie) Jandreau, Sharon (in memory of Larry) Jessop, Sharon (in memory of Ambrose) Johnson, Duane Keech, Denise King (in memory of her Dad, Don Truskey), John Kolasz, Betty (in memory of Emil) Krygier, H.A. 'Herb' Liverman, Lloyd Madison, Ivan Majetic, Bob Markey, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Charles Minert, Joe O'Brien, Mal Pearson, John Petronka, Earl Presson, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Rex Roark, C. Edner Rudolph, Jack Schrader, Stoney Serrett, Bill Sharp, Jack Schrader, Dick Skillicorn, Alice (in memory of Ray) Sonnen, Marian (in memory of Clyde) Stenholm, Stiles Stevens, Lucy (in memory of Lee) Stevens, John Stock, Willie Struecker, Judy (in memory of Richard) Todd, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Scott Williams, R.G. 'Pete' Williams, and Bill Wisnowski.

Everyone listed here have their dues paid at least through 2017, 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 September 25, 2017. There are currently 75 paid up members through 2017 from a mailing list of 212 and over 250 by email. If dues have not been sent for at least three years, they do not receive the Newsletter by mail. There

are 674 names on the full member roster (21 pages). The Newsletter is sent primarily by email. If you or a son or daughter have an email address and you wish to receive the Newsletter by email, please send an email to Scott at [williash@aol.com](mailto:williash@aol.com). Online, you will get the Newsletter with color pictures if they are in the original, which is cost-prohibitive to print in the Post Office-mailed version (SW)



## Who to contact about your dues

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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

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

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