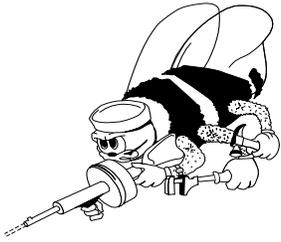


MCB 2 Reunion Association



Seabees

A newsletter for former MCB 2 Personnel

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

Volume 3, Issue 1

November 8, 1999

Charleston was Great!

A Good Time Was Had By All

The hotel, tours, food, and meeting our friends again is what these reunions are all about. If you couldn't be in Charleston for this reunion, plan to come to San Antonio, Texas, in 2001.

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Ben Painter

2/10/34 - 8/30/99

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Ben Painter. Ben underwent surgery on his birthday this year and was

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diagnosed with cancer. Ben and Pat have been traveling to the best doctors for treatment and Ben was feeling better but it was just too much for him and he passed away in his sleep early in the morning of August 30. Our reunion and the Memorial Service was dedicated to the memory of Ben as he had chosen Charleston over other locations and had insisted on certain things being included in the contract. Ben had worked hard to have a successful reunion in Charleston and was looking forward to coming. May he rest in peace. Please remember Pat in your prayers.

From Our Chairman:

1991 – Springfield, MO
1993 – Nashville, TN
1995 – Las Vegas, NV
1997 – Denver, CO
1999 – Charleston, SC
2001 – San Antonio, TX

The list of reunion sites is growing, as is our membership!! I would like to thank the Committee and the membership for appointing me as National Chairman for the San Antonio reunion. With your help, participation and suggestions, San Antonio will be the best reunion yet!

I learned the "CAN DO" spirit fast in the 4 years I was in the Seabees and the year I spent with MCB 2. It is a spirit I learned from YOU. That spirit has guided and carried me through many very tough situations in the 30 years I spent in law enforcement. Many thanks.

In 53 days, we will celebrate a New Year and the last year of the Twentieth Century. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

(signed) Pete Elliott

p.s. I would like to share a poem with you. [This poem will be found on page 12—SW]

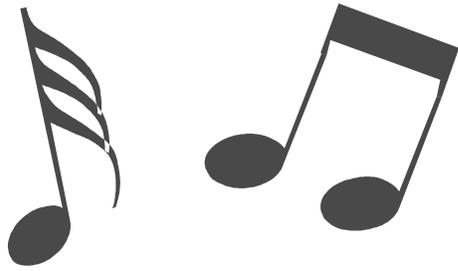
Seabees

October - December Dates to Remember

Oct. 13, 1775	Navy Birthday
Oct. 16, 1942	Eight men of 6th NCB killed at Guadalcanal, first Seabees killed in action.
Nov. 8, 1942	Seabees land in North Africa with American assault forces.
Nov. 10, 1775	U.S. Marine Birthday
Nov. 11	VETERAN'S DAY
Dec. 7, 1941	Pearl Harbor attacked.
Dec. 31, 1947	Seabee Reserve established.

BUILDERS OF CUBI POINT NAVAL AIR STATION

Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr., Ret., is trying to contact anyone that had a hand in building the Subic Bay/Cubi Point installation. He knows that MCB 2, 3, 5, 9, and 11 all had a good deal to do with this so, he is asking anyone who would like to attend a reunion in San Diego in May of 2000 if they would contact him. There was one reunion in 1998 for NAS Plank Owners in Colorado Springs and not too many Seabees attended. Louis wants more Seabees there to tell it the way it was and to show their pictures of the construction. For more information, contact Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr. CEC Ret., 10832 W. 28th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 238-2726.



Notes from our

From **Stoney**: Just a few lines to say hello and to pass on some information. We [**Gladys & Stoney**] just returned from Great Falls where we had some medical appointments. All is well and we are in reasonably good health. I received a letter from **Rick Shafer** saying he was with CBD 1802 and MCB 2 as a Draftsman Striker. Rick said he later received a commission in the Navy CEC and retired as Lt. Cdr. in 1975. [see Rick's address in the New Members list.] I also received a letter from **Pat Morris** and he was bringing me up-to-date on his progress locating members of CBMU 1/101 and CBD 1804..... From **Ernest Owens**: [I sent him one each of the Seabee and Korea Vet pins - SW] I received your letter and I wish to extend my profound thanks for the Bee and Korea pins. They are beautiful. I pinned one on each side of my Texas State Rifle Association cap..... From **Robert Jandreau "Frenchy"**: Please put me back on the good boys list for this year and next. Keep up the good work. I enjoy the Newsletters. [Thanks] Received dues from **Jasper Fudge, Edwin Ballerstein, and Ron Howatson**. [Thanks, as that's what keeps us going]..... From **Ben Barton**: Thanks for remembering me on your reunion mailing list. Because of age and health I can no longer travel to the reunions, so please drop me from the mailing list. [Sorry, **Ben**, but I'm not going to take you off the mail list yet. You need to be able to keep up with your old buddies even tho' you can't attend the reunions. - SW] from **Don Gelroth**: Enclosed are my dues for '99 and '00 [thanks]. Please put me on the Good Guy List [you're on!] Hope the few people I know will see that I am still a part of MCB 2! As of



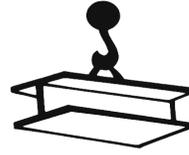
now, I don't think we will make it to Charleston, too many conflicts and other obligations at the same time. [we'll miss seeing you there] Thanks for the Newsletter and the update on

Ben..... From **Art Hees**: Please send me one of your "up-to-date" membership rosters. Thanks. [on its way.]..... from **Harold Wardenburg**: I am a former member of CBMU 1/101 from January 1953 to December 1953. I had a varied and rewarding career in the Navy from my enlistment in November 1950 until my retirement in August 1975. I really appreciate being able to join this reunion in Charleston [we're glad to provide the venue]. I was stationed at the Marine Corps air station in Beaufort in the early sixties, so this will give me an opportunity to look up old friends. I hope to see some of my buddies from Korea and maybe some other duty stations. I was never a member of MCB 2 but I would appreciate receiving your Newsletter. [you are on the mailing list] Enclosed is my check for my 1999 dues and a little extra for expenses. [thank you very much] Looking forward to Charleston..... From **Bob Hart**: Enclosed are my dues. [thanks] I served with CBMU 1 Korea '52-'53. Have you heard if there might be a reunion of MCB 10 - Guam - '52-'55 or MCB 11 - Kodiak - '55? [no, but some interest has been shown for an MCB 3 reunion. See elsewhere in this Newsletter. SW] received dues from **Stanley Lore, Clem Gregurek, Ralph Burnley, and Warren Culbertson**. [thanks, guys] from **Ben Hollar**: Enclosed are my dues for 1999. [thanks] Thanks for all your efforts to bring about the MCB 2 reunion. [you're welcome, from all of the Committee.] I was a member of CBD 1804 from November 1951 at K-3 and served there until July 1952 when I was transferred to MCB 2 at Cubi Point. I served there until November 1952 when my year in the area was over. My wife and I plan to attend the reunion in Charleston. [great! See you there.]..... from **Phil Wagenschnur**: Enclosed are my dues. [thanks]



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..... from **Mrs. Marvin L. Christensen**: I wanted to let you know that **Marvin** died on July 10, 1999. [see Our Fallen Comrades]..... from **George Dorge**: Here are my dues for 1999 and 2000. [thanks] I was in MCB 3, CBD 1804 and CBMU 1 & 101 in Korea. We enjoy your Newsletter very much. [thank you] from **Joe Sobczak**: Enclosed is my check for dues. [thanks] I think this will carry me through the year 2000. If not, let me know. [it does] Hope to see everyone in Charleston but will be arriving late..... Received dues from **D.C. Cockerham, Conrad Lawlor, Lester Harvey, and William Ganske**. Thanks to all..... From **Art Hees** [again]: Thanks for the member list. [you're welcome] I'm enclosing a business card in case you update your e-mail list. We love to receive e-mail and our area code has changed. [see Address Corrections] You do a great job! This is not a "bitch" note. [thanks for that!] [see **Art's** web page at <http://www.rfci.org/members/hees>. **Art** and his wife **Kathy** make rag dolls.] from **Matt Graham**: Sure would like a copy of that roster. [done!] Do enjoy reading the Newsletter when it arrives. [thank you] Also think you all do a great job. Can't make the reunions now. Am hoping one will be in California then for sure I will be there. I am a half hour drive from Port Hueneme..... From **Bobby McMillan**: Received the July 6th issue of the Newsletter. Was really disappointed to not find ONE name on the Good Guy List that I recognized from CBMU 1, K-6 detachment at P'yongt'aek. Of course, that was 1953-'54 and forty-five years can do things to a person's memory. I do believe I would have remembered some names, though. I am enclosing \$5 for a roster. Hope I will have better luck there. If I see any names that I remember, well, old buddies - I will contact them about attending the Charleston reunion. I have made my reservations and, hopefully, nothing will happen to keep my wife and me from being there. This is the first time I've been aware of a Seabee reunion. I was a deep-



water sailor aboard a tanker operating out of Pearl Harbor. A chance came up where I could request a transfer. I asked for and got in the Seabees (my first choice in boot camp but didn't get it.). While I'm writing a check I'll just go ahead and pay next year's dues. [thanks] I have quite a few black and white photos and several hundred slides from K-6. If you think I should take them to the reunion, write me a note with the roster and let me know. [Did. Done. Do it] Seeing as how this is mainly an MCB 2 reunion, I don't want to seem pushy. [this is a fun reunion for all Seabees associated with MCB 2.]..... from **Carl Aiello**: I notice my address has been corrected but my last name has been spelled wrong. [that's this cheap help] Do we have membership cards and do you send out reminders? Please let me know. [If your name is not on the Good Guy List, you are behind in your dues. And no membership cards. I have enough to do without adding that. - SW]..... from **Vince Ryan**: Looking forward to meeting you in September. Enclosed is my dues check and extra for a roster. [thanks]..... from **Walt Cloonan**: I just received the MCB 2 Newsletter after being called by **Pat Morris**. What a pleasant surprise after so many years. I'll not be able to attend the reunion but will be there in spirit. I was in CBMU 101 from May 1954 until June 1955. First 10 months at K-3 then to Iwakuni, Japan, the last two months. Then on to MCB 3 in Kodiak, Alaska, then to Kwajalein as ship's company, then to MCB 9 at Subic Bay. Discharged as CM 2. I live north of Port Hueneme about 50 miles and have visited the museum there. They have a cigarette lighter display. Since they were missing CBMU 101 and I had a new one, it's now on display there. Sending dues so put me on the Good Guy List. [Done, and thanks.].. ... Received dues from **Walter Smith** and **Thomas Hendershott**. Thanks..... [Received the AFR reservation form for the reunion from **Sam Holsomback** and sent it on. You're welcome, **Sam**. Glad you are coming to Charleston.].....

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Received dues from **Art Leable**, **R.S. Hardeman**, and **Robert Winkler**. Thanks..... From **Lloyd Kallsen**: This letter is to request a copy of the current

membership roster. I would like to receive it as soon as possible before the reunion in Charleston. [done] Enclosed find my check covering same. [thanks] I am paid up through 1999 and will pay two more years in Charleston. [great!] We always look forward to the next Newsletter. They are very interesting reading. My wife and I are looking forward to Charleston and have made all the necessary reservations..... From **Ted Speros**: [Ted sent a check without my street address and it was returned to him. He then called me and told me what had happened and sent it on addressed correctly. Ted blamed it on Oldtimer's Disease as he was a Yeoman and should have known how to address an envelope! Thanks, Ted.] **Don Anderson** sent dues. [thanks] From **Harry Nelson**: I won't be able to attend the reunion but enclosed is a check for 1999 dues. [thanks]..... Received dues from **Gerald Grubb** and **Paul Kunschman** [thanks]..... From **Ray Hooter**: It was a surprise to receive a call from **Pat Morris** about the reunion and to hear about the association. Can't make the reunion this year but hope to be at the next one. I was stationed in Korea at K-3 with 1804 and 1/101 from May 1952 to May 1953 as a paver operator. Sorry to hear that **Pappy Schoenrock** has passed away. Enclosed is a copy of a Christmas card he designed and made for Christmas 1953. Also a few pictures of work at K-3. [all of the pictures are too dark to reproduce here. If anyone has pictures they would like to share, send the pictures and I will send them back after I publish them. SW] Sending a check for dues and a roster [thank you] and hope to be at the next reunion. Also, I'm sending two names of buddies if you don't have them. [one name was that of **Richard V. Hillyer**. I called him and his wife said he passed away May 27. SW] **Wilford House** and **Yung Ketels** sent



dues. [thanks] From **Dan Svendsen**: Tired of being a bad guy! Hope this catches me up – [it does...thanks] if not, let me know and I'll send whatever is necessary to bring

me current [thanks for that but you are OK for now-SW]..... From **Riley McDaniel**: Please send an up-to-date membership roster. I am enclosing a check to cover the expense. [thanks] I will send my 2000 dues later. I especially want to get **Richard Nelson's** address. The best I remember, he was in Plumbers School or as a Draftsman. [no, sorry. Richard was a Builder and worked on the concrete crew at Haversack-SW] He was mentioned at bottom of page 5 of the last Newsletter. I have a medical problem and will not make it to Charleston in September. [we'll miss you.]..... from **Albert "Rube" Rubinich**: I think this catches me up on dues. [thanks, it does] If not, I'll take care of the difference in Charleston..... From **Ernest W. Owens**: This ol' rajun Cajun Acadian Seabee war hoss here in Costa Rica salutes you all. We are well, thanks to God. We pray that all of you are blessed likewise. The house is not yet rented. I was hoping to be in Houston before the end of August and now we may not even be there in November. **Swisher**. Is that the young fellow who was a test operator for Westinghouse Pneumatic Dozers? As I recall, he was from Texas. At Atsugi, after recovering from an operation on my right knee, at quarters we were asked for 3 volunteers to go to K-3 to join CBD 1804. 2 EOs & 1 UT. **Swisher**, CD 2, and I, CD 3, and a UT 2 all volunteered. If it is the same comrade, please extend my best. At full throttle with a D-8 he could give you a smooth cut on a washboard area. He was GOOD! I always wished I could have been half as good. A situation has come up in my wife's family. Lots of money is needed and we don't have it. Rosalina may need to mortgage this house. If so, our departure will be delayed. US Immigration will give us one year or more to get everything done and turn in the final documents for an Immigration Visa. We have asked God to bless us

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and we know He will. Rosalina is now trying to rent a room (room & board) to someone who will come to Costa Rica for a couple of weeks or so. Some

people come from the US and Canada to study Spanish. We would give them a room, food, and wash and iron their clothes for about \$20 per day. Well, comrades, may God bless you all. Our love from both of us to all of you. p.s.: I made EO 1 in 1968 with MCB 58 after two tours in Vietnam..... **Ernest Abston** sent dues [thanks] From **Al Bryant**: Enclosed are dues for next two years. [thank you] Really enjoy the Newsletter [and thanks for that, too.]. Keep up the good work... From **Dick Patty**: I wasn't in MCB 2 but was at Subic Bay for several years beginning in 1955. Last week while visiting **Maurice Goff**, he showed me his copy of your Newsletter. I had many friends in MCB 2 but am only in contact with a few now. Could you send me a copy of your membership roster? I would really appreciate an opportunity to try to reconnect with some of those guys. [on its way!]..... From **Bud Wheless**: Enclosed is my check for three years dues for CBMU 1 and CBD 1804 [thanks]. I really enjoyed the July newsletter and I'm looking forward to the one following the Charleston reunion. Sorry that I won't be able to be there, but I'm sure that you know that the "best made plans of mice and men sometimes don't materialize." Thanks for all you do for the Reunion Association [thanks, and we will miss you]..... from **Melvin Olson**: I'm finally getting around to getting these letters off. Both to **Casoli** and you. Thanks for the call the other day. [you're welcome - it was a pleasure.] And I am sure I got the last Newsletter. Thought I would send my address and phone number to make sure you have them correct [thanks - I did]. By the way, do you know who is handling the Retired Seabee Directory now? [yes - it's Capt. **Bill Hilderbrand** in Gulfport] Can't make Charleston. Maybe the next one will be a little closer. [thanks for the dues, **Ole**]..... from **Dale**



Rogers: [Dale called me with news that he had found his old buddy **Charles Paul Brenner** now living in Bremen, Alabama. That's great and thanks for the call.].....**Tom Crowder** called. He

wanted to tell me that **Louie Patton** had a stroke that left him paralyzed on his left side and will not be at the reunion. Then **Tom** said he won't be able to make it either as he will be undergoing kidney surgery and will be recovering about that time. Said he was really looking forward to coming to Charleston with his son who is a Civil War buff and they would have really enjoyed it. [we'll miss you both and will keep your recovery in our prayers.]..... **Frank Messer** called to give me a new address [thanks] and that he can't make Charleston as his wife had a stroke recently..... From **Gino Grasz**: Can't make the reunion this year. My kid is getting married in Houston, Texas, then. It sounds like it will be a good one with all the fun trips to boot. Thanks to all of you who work so hard for this. [you're welcome, and thank you.] Hope we can be there next year. My best to everyone. Enclosed are two years worth of dues [thanks again]..... from **Ed Dechant**: Nice talking to you, Scott. Well done! [thanks] Am enclosing some documents that will let you see what kind of problems the veterans are having. [Ed also sent some pictures, one of which is published inside and a check for dues... Thanks]..... **Wayne Haaglund** sent a check for dues [thanks]..... From **George C.F. Chang**: Enclosed is a check which I hope will cover my dues. [sure does and thanks - back on the Good Guy list!] I won't be able to make the convention this time. I hope I can in the future. Please keep me posted with the Seabee bulletin [will do]. As for me, am just able to get around. Give my regards to the boys from Atsugi.... **Ervin Lampe** sent dues and **Frank Jacus** sent his dues and a quiz I'm trying to figure out [thanks]..... Received Door Prize Certificates from **John Cure**, **Pete Elliott** and **Luther Hall**.... **Steve Yunger** sent his dues [thanks]..... **Pat**



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Morris sent dues from **Harry Robinson** [thanks, and welcome aboard, Harry].....

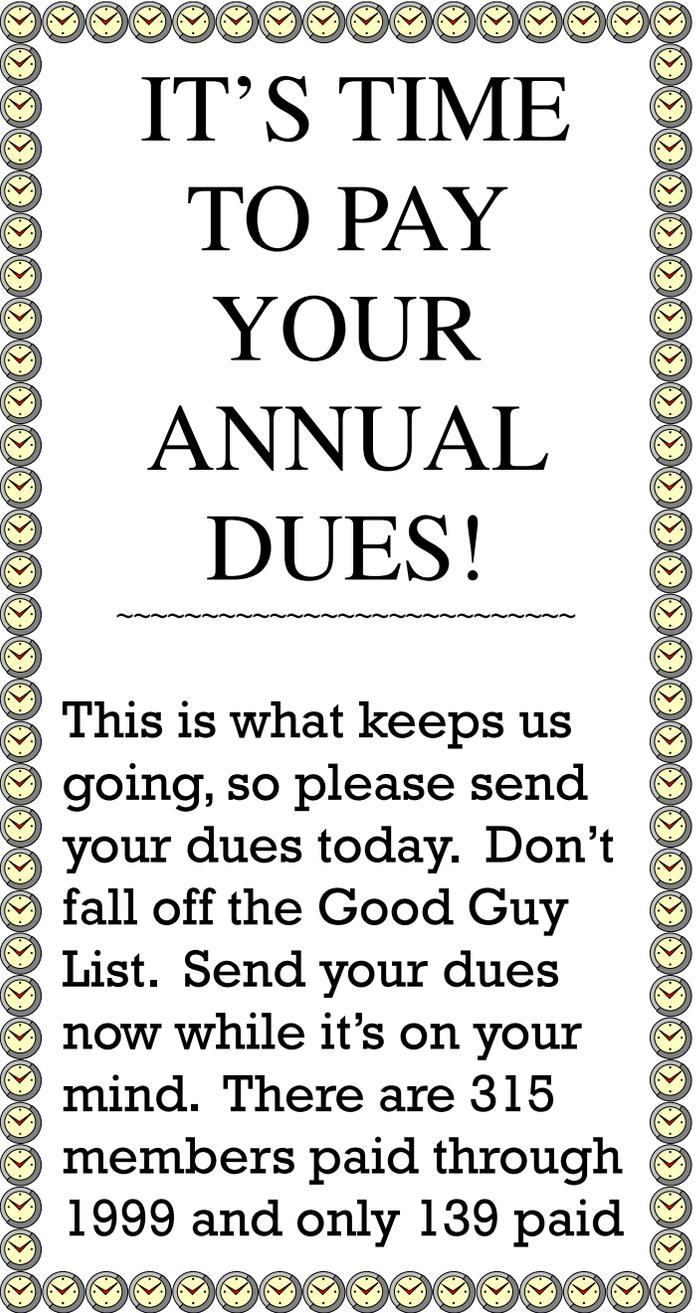
MCB 2 Cruise Book

A printer has been contacted to reproduce the original MCB 2 Cruise Book that was published in 1954. The cost for this book is estimated to be about \$35 each, but that is not firm as of this printing. As soon as a firm cost plus shipping is determined, it will be announced in our Newsletter. If you have any interest in purchasing an MCB 2 Cruise Book Reprint, please call, write or e-mail Scott Williams so he can have an approximate number of subscribers which would affect the publishing cost. The more that are published, the lower the cost per book. Let Scott know as soon as possible so he can negotiate with the publisher for the best price.

An Apology

The Charleston Hilton has apologized for the prime rib beef dinners that were served at our banquet. I had asked for a refund of part of the price of these dinners and was successful in getting an \$8 refund for all beef dinners served. We had 169 beef entrees which refunded \$1,352 to our treasury. After a discussion with the Leadership Committee, those that would like an \$8 refund for their beef dinner, please write to me and I will send you a check for that amount. Otherwise, that money refunded will be added to our treasury and applied to the cost of publishing this Newsletter.

Thank you, Scott Williams



IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES!

This is what keeps us going, so please send your dues today. Don't fall off the Good Guy List. Send your dues now while it's on your mind. There are 315 members paid through 1999 and only 139 paid

Experience is something you don't get until after you need it.

Our Fallen Comrades

Marvin L. Christensen

Richard V. Hillyer

Robert McBride

Ben Painter

Loren Westphal

The Commodore's Barge

Our leadership consists of:

Chairman:

Pete Elliott

Committeemen:

David Haines

Rich Nelson

Roy Peak, co-chairman

Malcolm Pearson

Stoney Serrett

Ted Speros

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

Happy Anniversary!

Lee & Lucy Stevens celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on October 4th. Congratulations!

(I know there are more of you out there, but Lee gave me this note at the reunion and I didn't mention it at our banquet. I can put in more notices like this, or birth announcements, if you want. SW)

There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.

Who to contact about your MCB 2 dues -

Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.

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Group Picture

If you would like color copies of the group picture as shown on page 15 that was made while we enjoyed our reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, you may obtain a copy from:

Sandy Krickhahn Photography
2304 Falcon Rd.

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(843) 764-4665

Be sure to refer to the
MCB 2 Reunion of Sept. 11.
Closing date for requesting
copies is Nov. 30, 1999.

NOTICE!

A decision was reached by the Leadership Committee and presented to the membership at the regular meeting held Saturday, September 11, 1999, in Charleston, South Carolina. It was unanimously agreed that those that have not paid their dues by June 2000 will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you like this Newsletter and wish to continue receiving it, you must be a paid-up member. It costs approximately \$1.15 per issue to publish and mail each Newsletter. Please don't be dropped from the mailing list.

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Never test the
depth of water with
both feet.

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 745 names and addresses of former MCB 2, CBD 577, CBD 1802, CBD 1804, and CBMU 1/101 personnel, so this is a pretty thick directory (21 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters - especially the ones with checks!

Scott Williams

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All men listed above have their dues paid at least through 1999, 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. This list is as of October 29, 1999.

Middle age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

Seabees!

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Navy Seabees are a special lot;
Combat tried and true.
But I'm not sure we appreciate
Everything they've done or do!

They build and fix and make repairs,
And make the special things we need
To implement the battle plan
Or just rest our sore and weary feet.

Without the Seabees and their work
We'd have lost many battles, indeed.
We owe a lot to each one of them,
For their thoroughness and their speed.

Be it a base camp or a landing strip,
Navy Seabees have done it all.
So when you see these men pass by,
Show them honor and stand tall.

Unfortunately, we don't see or read a lot
About the heroic exploits of these men.
So, it's time to tell their special story,
And sing them praise, amen.

Written for Commander Pete Elliott and the Island X-9,
Cleveland, Ohio, Seabees, October 15, 1996.

City Tour – Bus #1 – at “The Citadel”
Charleston, SC

In the Hospitality Room of the Hilton Hotel, Charleston, SC. Note the Seabee Afghan on the wall.

Charleston, South Carolina Reunion
September 11, 1999

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Your Friendly Auctioneer, Scott Williams
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