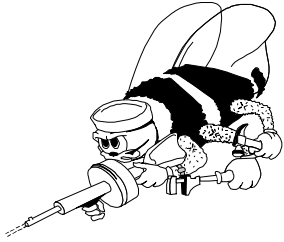


# MCB 2 Reunion Association



# Seabees

*A newsletter for former MCB 2 Personnel*

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

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# Let's Go to Charleston!

## **Register Now!!**

Send in your registration form now to the AFR. The form is on page 19 in this Newsletter. After you have completed the form, make a copy and **SEND IT IN NOW!**

**CUTOFF DATE IS AUG. 6!**

## **Banquet Door Prizes**

If you have some gifts you would like to donate for door prizes at our banquet, please bring them. Use your imagination and donate something to make this a fun

## US Government Pipe Specifications

1. All pipe is to be made of a long hole surrounded by metal or plastic centered around the hole.
2. All pipe is to be hollow throughout the entire length. Do not use holes of different length than the pipe.
3. The ID (inside diameter) of all pipe must not exceed the OD (outside diameter) otherwise the hole will be on the outside.
4. All pipe is to be supplied with nothing in the hole so that water, steam or other stuff can be put inside at a later date.
5. All pipe should be supplied without rust. This can be more readily applied at the job site.
6. All pipe over 500 ft. in length should have the words "LONG PIPE" clearly painted on each end so the contractor will know it is a long pipe.
7. All pipe over 6" in diameter must have the words "LARGE PIPE" painted on it so the contractor will not mistake it for a small pipe.
8. When ordering 90 degree, 45 degree or 30 degree elbows, be sure to specify right or left hand; otherwise you will end up going the wrong way.
9. Flanges must be used on all pipe. Flanges must have holes for bolts quite separate from the big hole in the middle.
10. Be sure to specify to your vendor whether you want level, uphill or downhill pipe. If you use downhill pipe for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way.

# Seabees

## May - September Dates to Remember

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- June 4, 1942: Battle of Midway.
- August 7, 1942: 1st Marine Division lands on Guadalcanal
- August 11, 1942: USNCTC Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI, commissioned "Original home of the Seabees."
- August 20, 1942: OIC, 6th NCB, arrives at Guadalcanal, first CEC/Seabee Officer to enter a combat zone, Lt. Cdr. J. P. Blundon.
- September 1, 1942: 6th NCB Seabees land on Guadalcanal. First Seabees to enter a combat zone, 387 men & five officers.
- June 30, 1943: Seabees land with 9th Marine Division, Solomon Islands.
- June 6, 1944: Seabees land at Normandy as naval Combat Demolition Units.
- June 15, 1944: Seabees land on Saipan.
- July 26, 1944: Seabees land on Tinian.
- May 8, 1945: V-E Day. Germany surrenders.
- August 6, 1945: Bombing of Hiroshima
- August 9, 1945: Bombing of Nagasaki
- August 14, 1945: Japan surrenders.
- September 15, 1950: Seabees land at Inchon,



From **John Wilborn**: (John likes to write of his remembrances and occasionally sends them to me. They are always interesting. - SW) Thanks for your kind comments about Mr. Solheim's story. The *Arizona Republic* did a story about him and his wife recently (Mr. Karsten Solheim is the owner of Ping Golf Co.). Enclosed is my most recent story. Working on several and is so difficult to keep them short.... from **Rod Howard**: I was totally shocked to receive **Pat Morris'** telephone call and to have been "tracked down" after all these years. (**Rod** sent a copy of a picture) This picture was taken about January '52 at K-3. Everyone in the picture was part of CBD-1802 which was started by **Lt. Cdr. Randall** in 8/51 at Hueneme. We went to Okinawa first and did Preliminary Engineering Studies at White Beach, Baton Ko and an old Navy airfield near Kobasaki. Most of us were SVs or DMs. During November '51, we headed for Atsugi and TAD to MCB 2. In December '51, it was TAD to CBD 1804 at K-3. We started in 8/51 with two officers, two CPOs and 24 enlisted. About half were reserves called during Korea and the other half teenagers who had enlisted in '48-'49. After returning to Japan from K-3 in March '52, many of the men in this picture returned to their civilian jobs and a few of us went to CBD 1803 on Guam. My enlistment ended in June '52 and I entered the University on the Korean G.I. Bill. (This picture is printed on page 15. Rod also sent a few mementos that I will try to include - see pg 14. - SW)..... from **Cliff Schorr**: sent dues and requested a roster (thanks)..... from **Jim Carey**: Sorry to be late with my dues (that's OK - at least you sent them as that's what keeps us able to send the Newsletter. Thanks.) Just got back from my winter home and noticed no checks had been sent to MCB 2..... from **John Kolasz**: sent dues -

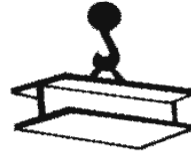
(thanks)..... from **Herman Nugent**: (sent dues - thanks) I look forward to being in Charleston with all of you. (Great! Everyone is excited about this reunion! - SW)..... **Joe**

**Zeren**: (sent dues - thanks) I enjoy the Newsletter and recognize (remember) a few names. I know we all appreciate your effort in keeping this Newsletter alive. I was a mechanic at Cubi Point from '52-'53. Also, "Hi" to old friends **John Wilborn**, **Russ Gramby**, and **Don Grobbel**.... from **Marv Dalby**: (sent dues-thanks) ..... I (SW) received a number of phone calls and some just wanted to chat or check on the status of their dues: **Luther Hall** said he works for **Bill Swisher**. Evidently **Bill** owns CMI Equipment Co. that manufactures highway road surface grinding equipment. **Luther** said he hopes to be at Charleston and will try to get **Bill** to come also. **Marshall Dunne** also called as did **John Wilborn**. **John Wilborn** asked about his old friend **Joe Zeren**..... received a nice Newsletter from **Pat Morris** (MCB 2 & CBMU 1/101) who has been working hard to locate CBMU 1/101 and CBD 1804 members and encouraging them to join us in Charleston. (Thanks, **Pat**).... **Joe Fitzgerald** writes: I was at the MCB 2 reunion in Denver. It was wonderful to meet some of my old friends from Camayan Point and Cubi Point. I went to the Philippines in early 1953 and arrived at the beginning of the rainy season. I was temporarily attached to the 30th Construction Battalion until MCB 2 came back. Would you send me addresses for **Art Hees** and **Richard Qualalsoski**? They were both aboard DEs before transferring to the Seabees. We went through Builder's School together at Port Hueneme from Jan-Feb of 1953. I'm not sure about my dues. I'll send a check and hope it covers '98 & '99 (it does - thanks). Also would like a membership roster (done). My wife, **May**, and I are planning on Charleston this fall. Made hotel reservations already. Hope to see old and new friends in good



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health..... from **Don Hofstetter**: I was an original "Charter Member" of MCB 2. I left the dairy farm in Oregon in 1948 and joined the Navy at the age of 18. It was the only way that I could escape the milk cows. They put me in the Seabees because I was good at running farm tractors. I did my boot camp at San Diego and then to Port Hueneme for Equipment Operator's school. Worked hard at school and graduated at the top of my class only to be sent to Midway Island in April of '49 and became a plumber. **Galen Teske** got the same treatment except he worked in the truck pool. We maintained NAS 1504 for one year when the Navy decided it no longer needed the base. Went home on leave only to have the Korean conflict start on June 19, 1950. Was called back to Port Hueneme. I became acquainted with the following men: **Luther Hall** (probably the best operator I will ever meet), **Bob Nickman** (too bad he passed away), **Sparky Watts**, **Tony Luciano**, **Stubblebine**, **Hix** and a bunch of others. I am not sure that all were at Hueneme or if they ended up at Atsugi about the same time I did in November of '50. The first winter we slept in unheated barracks and slept in down sleeping bags which got very ripe before spring. I remember that **Hix's** bag came apart one night and the next morning he looked like the original chicken. Oh, yes. There was also a guy named **Bush** who was a bit wierd. He stole a Greyhound bus and went joy riding to Santa Barbara before we shipped out. I ran equipment at Atsugi until February of '52 when I went to Cubi Point. I was discharged from the service in August of that year in San Francisco. After I left the service I worked in the Oregon woods for a year as a logger. I broke into the electrical trade a year later. I was a union electrician for 37 years - thirty five with the same contractor in Portland. My wife, **Jeanne**, and I retired in October 1990. It is a wonderful life. We live in Sun City, AZ, six months and Woodburn, OR, six months of every year. We enjoy good health and love to travel in any



manner. Two weeks ago, while on a motorcycle trip through Southern Cal., I visited the Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme. I have mixed emotions about it. It appeared a bit run down. I look back at my service years as an interesting and fun experience. They are irreplaceable! Thank you for your hard work on the Newsletters. I enjoy them even if I do not recognize a lot of the folks you write about. See you in Charleston and may look you up in Vegas some day. (hope so... SW)..... **Emil Krygier** sent dues (thanks).... from **Arthur Siple**: I didn't see my name on the "Good Guy" list. My forgetter is working overtime. Sorry about that, but the "Good Guy" list is a wonderful reminder. (thanks for the check. And yes, the Good Guy list helps - SW) Also would like a copy of the roster. Maybe it will help me remember some of the names. (on its way!)..... **John Wilborn** sent an angel that he had made in memory of his son, **John Jr.**, with a note about it all..... from **Cecil Price (Arkey)**: Just got the MCB 2 Newsletter and reunion info. I was never with MCB 2. I was at Hueneme, CBD 1503 Midway and CBMU 1 K-6, Korea. Don't know if I need to pay dues or not, so I'll just pay them anyway. (thanks, **Arkey**. It all helps to keep the Newsletter going and pay for the things we'll have at the reunion.) Besides, anyone who spends 19 months on Midway Island either deserves a medal or is an idiot. (or is a captive!) I think that's why they sent me to Korea for a year to see if I would regain my sanity. Looking forward to seeing you guys in September.... from **C.R. Haynes**: Hi, Scott. I just got **Pat Morris'** mailing on the reunion. Enclosed is a check for dues (thanks, **C.R.** and **Pat!**) My first response in March was that I did not plan on attending. I may change my mind (I sure hope so. You will have a great time!), but one thought I have is that Mob 2 had thousands of men and our detachment had only a few hundred. Our small number might be overwhelmed by the larger number of Mob



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2. The itinerary looks good and so are the prices. I will consider again. (You will see buddies you haven't seen in 40 years and it will be great. And, as a bonus,

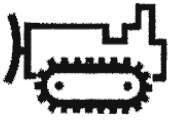
you will meet some new buddies that will last for the next 40 years! Don't miss it.)..... from **Don Nitsche**: My wife, **Martie**, and I are planning to attend the Charleston reunion. Enclosed are my '99 dues (thanks). I'm not sure if I paid before or not ('98 but not '99. Now you are up-to-date). This will be our year for reunions as we attended my 50th high school reunion in June in Seattle. We're still going strong and hanging in there..... from **Jim Cain**: Thanks for the Newsletter. I received it today. Enclosed is a check for my dues (thanks). I do intend going to the reunion in September. Would appreciate your sending a copy of the Newsletter to **Gordon Gwathney** (done). I talked to him this evening and he also would like to attend in September. I sincerely appreciate the effort you are going to for this organization (thank you). Keep up the good work..... from **J.R. Ginther**: Enclosed are my dues for 1999 (thanks) plus a little extra for a roster (thanks and it is on its way)..... from **Tom Lee**: Enclosed are my dues (thanks). I am not able to make this reunion at Charleston (we'll miss seeing you!). Will try to make the next one if the location is west of the Mississippi..... from **Ron LaFave, Carl Aiello, and Allan Alberg** sent dues (thanks, all. These men are from CBMU 1/101, CBD 1804, and CBMU 1, as are many of the others on the Good Guys list that have sent dues. Glad to have you with us and really appreciate the dues.)..... from **Warren Flading**: I am sending my dues and requesting that you make me a member in good standing (you are a Good Guy!). (and I had a misspelling in his address that needed correcting. Thanks for bringing it to my attention.) My tour of duty ran from April 1951 to April 1955. After completing basic training in Newport, RI, I was sent to Hueneme for school as a Steel Worker. My



first post overseas was a one year stay in Kwajalein where I worked as a heavy equipment operator in CBD 1509. Then I was sent to CBMU 101 where I stayed for 18 months, part of

the time I was assigned to heavy equipment and later on worked in the welding shop at the transportation compound. When I returned to the States, I spent my last 6 months in Hueneme as ship's company. After discharge, I returned to Buffalo, NY, where I married and raised a family. I retired from the Operating Engineers Local 17 and received my 40 year ring this month. I moved to Florida in 1990 and now belong to NSVA Island X-17. I have been Treasurer, Vice Commander and am currently the Island Chaplain. I want to thank you for the great job you are doing to keep all of us ex-Seabees informed on the Internet and am looking forward to meeting you in person at the reunion in September. (thank you. Me, too)..... e-mail from **George Stewart**: Regarding the picture of the crew on the pipeline project (from Newsletter #6), you asked for names. Third from the right standing is **Martin Hartman**. He is originally from Pierce, NE, and probably has a 318-XX-XX service number..... a call from **Roy Peak**: I just got back from an extended stay in Berkeley, CA, with my grandson and couldn't leave until he said "Grandpa." I'm looking forward to Charleston, and all of the tours look good..... **Anton Schmidt** and **Frederick Simon** sent dues (thanks).... from **Doug Emond**: This is to let you know that when I received your phone call I was speechless (**Doug** and I were good buddies at Cubi along with **Bill Wisnowski**. GREAT guys! -SW). I'm really glad you called. I had thought of you and **Bill** often. It's hard to believe that forty years have gone by. I read your Newsletter and go over every name in it but I don't recall any of them. I don't think I was in MCB 2 long enough (Doug, you will remember **Richard Nelson - Nellie** - when you see him. You worked on the concrete pouring crew at Haversack together).

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I'm sending my dues to help pay for the Newsletter. (thanks) Speaking of the Newsletter, I hope I don't see this letter published in it. I'm writing to

you as a friend - a very good friend. (I'm trying not to put this in, Doug, but something is just making me do it.) This past 40 years my wife and I have raised 4 kids, 39 to 32. The two boys are the oldest. Believe it or not, I became a police officer after I got out and have now retired from that. Nobody that knew me when I was younger could believe that I ended up being a cop. We have to stay in touch as I still consider you and **Bill** two of my best friends (thanks, I appreciate that. Hope to see you and your wife in Charleston.)..... from **Don Grobbel**: Haven't received a Newsletter since Sept. 15, 1998, so am enclosing a check for dues in case I was behind (Don, I can't explain why you aren't getting the Newsletter because we send it to everyone on the roster and you are on the roster, and now you are paid up through 2000. Thanks, and I will send you the back issues.)..... from **Mike Castelvechi**: Scott, here is a check for dues and a little extra for a roster. Enclosed are a few photos. Maybe you know some of these men (I'll get what I can into this issue). I copied the pictures from the computer. Hope they are OK. (Sure hope so, too. See how they came out on page 16.)..... from **Richard Shafer**: **Louis Henke** sent me your name as a contact for MCB 2 former Seabees. My first assignment in the navy was with CBD 1802 which I joined in 1952 as a striker for the Draftsman rating. (That was before we had EAs.) CBD 1802s mission at that time was to do surveying and mapping in the Subic Bay area. We were based at the Seabee camp at Cubi point. CBD 1802 was merged with MCB 2 later in 1952 or maybe 1953. My focus at the time was primarily on Camayan Point, southwest of Subic Bay. We surveyed and mapped the area during our first deployment, then built an ammunition magazine, pier, and road system during the second deployment. I did most of



the drafting related to Camayan Point. I left MCB 2 in 1954 as a DM3 (DM2 select) and headed for shore duty in Albuquerque. I later received a commission in the Civil Engineer Corps. I returned

to the Philippines as an officer during 1965-67, when I was assigned to Public Works Center Subic. For most of the period I was farmed out at NavComStaPhil at San Miguel, up the coast of Luzon from Subic Bay. I recall at that time making a visit to my old haunts at Camayan Point and being pleased to see none of the culverts we had put in had washed away! I also served at Port Hueneme, CA; Midway Islands; Pataxent River, MD; Gulfport, MS; DaNang, Viet Nam; Casper, WY; Adak, AK; and Barrow, AK. I saw several familiar names on a couple of MCB 2 listings that **Capt. Hilderbrand** sent to **Cdr. Henke**. I think some of the individuals were also in 1802. (Incidentally, **Hilderbrand** and I were shipmates with MCB 128 during 1967-68. I was his XO.) I retired from the Navy in 1975 and my son is just this week going through the process of retiring from the Navy. I have retired three times at last count, and rather enjoyed it each time. But it makes a fella feel old, though, when his son retires!..... from **Eugene McDonagh**: Sorry for the delay in paying dues (not a problem... thanks). Looking forward to being together in Charleston; we have enjoyed the past reunions..... from **Ervin Lampe**: (sent dues and a note said he was with CBMU 101 at K-3)(thanks)..... from **Preston Wilson**: Here are the membership dues for 1999 and a little extra. (thanks) I thought they had been paid but I checked back and they had not. Sorry to be so late. (we'll forgive you, this time) ..... from **Eugene Nelson**: Sorry I am late with the dues, so I added next years' to it. (thanks) It doesn't look like we will make this years' reunion. Too many things going on. Will try to make the next one. (sure hope so. We'll miss seeing you.) Say 'Hi' to everyone for me..... from **Richard Farbo**: I have a change of



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address effective June 21 (see change elsewhere)..... from

**Tom Padden:** Thanks for your e-mail telling me how much I am behind in my dues. Enclosed is

my check to bring me up-to-date (thanks). My wife, Cathy, and I are looking forward to a grand time in Charleston. See you there.....

**Andrew Winzler:** sent dues (thanks)..... from

**Ernest Owens** (the Ragin' Cajun): Our rainy season is upon us in earnest (Ernest lives in Costa Rica). Haven't been able to fertilize my lawn, banana, mango, and orange trees, rose bushes and pepper plants. It has just begun to rain with a lot of thunder. My wife, Rosalina, gave the best speech of her class before the judges at the university. A 15-minute

presentation with slides. I see my name was missing from the muster rolls of CBD 1804, but I had volunteered earlier, along with a UT2 & **Swisher** CD2 and me, a CD3. We went to K3 at Pohang Dong and shortly thereafter we left by convoy for Kang Nung then to Pyong Taek.

**D.J. Grillo** and others arrived later at K2 when the main body of MCB 2, instead of going home, were sent to the Philippines. I learned later what a superb job they did capping off a mountain to build a landing strip. One of our EOs went down the mountain with his motor grader. His remains were never found. I

accepted my second discharge in August 1953. I have shoulder patches of MCB 58 and ACB 2.

I would like three patches of MCB 2 if at all possible. (Hey! Does anyone have one they would like to send Ernest? His address is on page 10 in another letter he wrote.) I will sew them on my American Legion shirt, VFW cap, and DAV cap. I am sorry to hear of **Mrs. Faon Cone** and **Mrs. Muns** who have eye problems. May God bless them. In my daily Rosary I pray for all those who are ill and those who are

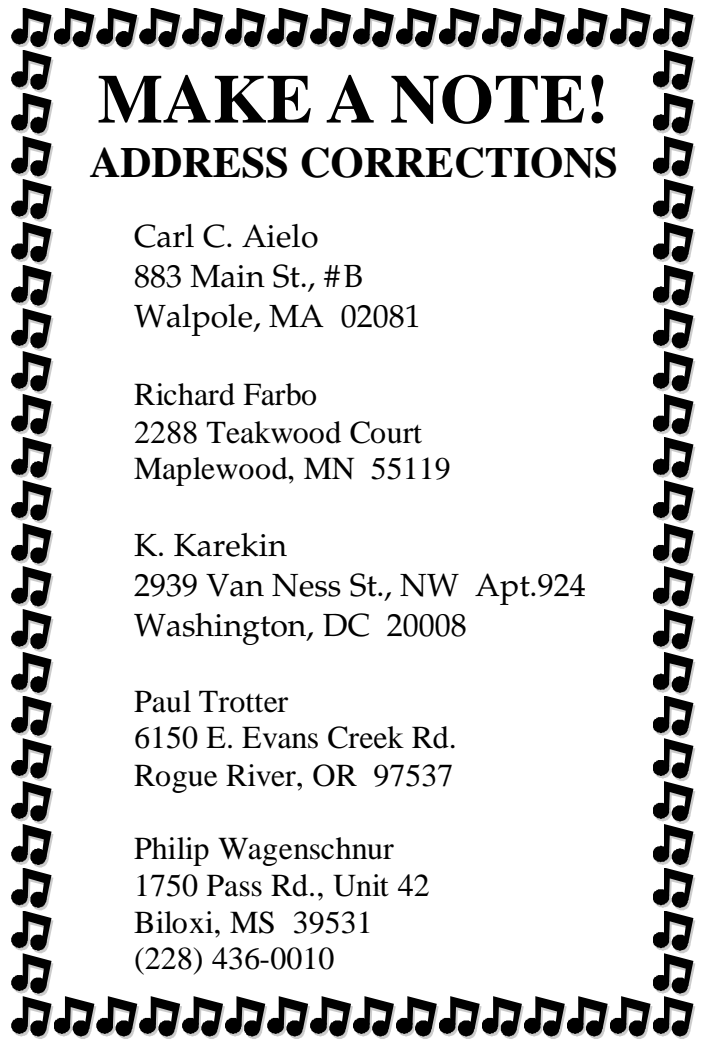
deceased. A high salute to all those comrades of MCB 2 and their loved ones. Let it be known that, along with all others, I appreciate all that all of you are doing for MCB 2. (thank you from all) God bless you all..... a nice letter from **John** 7

**Wilborn**.... dues from **Pat Badgett** (thanks).... from **Dwight Yetter:** In reference to the last Newsletter (April 15): who sent in the picture of CBD 1802, Cubi Point, 1952? I was in it, but it was the first time I have seen the picture. I recognize a lot of the names and faces that I had forgotten over the years. Only see 2 or 3 of those listed on the Good Guy list (mine also excluded due to not paying 1999 dues). Enclosed dues for 1999 (thanks) and money for a roster. Is **Paul D'Angelo** the SV2 listed as **V.R. D'Angelo** in the Cubi Point 1952 roster? (don't know. Check with **Lyle Auset** after you get your MCB 2 roster. He's the one who sent in the picture.)..... another letter from **Ernest Owens** who needs help. See this elsewhere in the Newsletter..... from **Philip Wagenschnur:** Was planning on being in Charleston this year but a bad left foot necessitated my move back to Biloxi to be near Keesler AFB medical center for care. As I've survived two wives, Charleston would be a 3rd honeymoon..... from **Rodney White** (CBMU 101): Enclosed is a dues check (thanks).... from **Tom Stapleton:** Enclosed is my check for 5 years dues (thank you!) and have also included some extra for an updated roster. I plan to attend the reunion in Charleston and will make reservations soon. I remember talking to you in Nashville and am looking forward to seeing you again (thanks. I'm anxious to see everyone, too).... from **Paul Schell:** Enclosed is my dues check for reunion costs (thanks).... from **Stoney:** I would like to acknowledge **Lawrence "Pappy" Schoenrock** for his large mural that he did for the Enlisted Men's Club at Atsugi, Japan. (I will try to enlarge a photo of this mural for this Newsletter - see pg. 17. SW) Pappy was a sign painter for MCB 2 and did many signs both at Atsugi and Korea. His sister told me in a letter that he was one of the founders of CBI Club in India and also that he passed away on November 14, 1972. That tells me that he was born in 1903. I do remember that

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he was pretty old in 1951. Also, I would like to invite **Galen Farnsworth** and his sidekick "**Moon**" **Foland** to bring their instruments and play for us as they did in Denver. (All right!! How about it, **Galen** and **Moon**?). .... from **Eula Westphal** (e-mail): Just a note to let you know that **Loren** has finished his radiation treatment and is doing well. He is still on lots of medication but feels good. They will do an MRI in July to find if the radiation did slow down this glioblastoma brain tumor, grade IV. Only the Good Man above will determine and help us with this one. (Keep Loren in your prayers - SW). Thanks for all the messages to him as he enjoys them. Maybe now we can get in the garden and do some of the things he loves when it quits raining. We have had at least 3 inches of rain in the last week, which is an awful lot for us this time of year. The farmers are wanting to cut their wheat and can't get into the fields.... **Bobby McMillan** sent dues (thanks).... from **Gordon Bonk**: It was great to hear about the Korea Seabee reunion and to find out that there is a Newsletter. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this reunion but hope to attend one in the future. I am enclosing a check for 1999 dues (thanks).... from **Stoney** (again): Just a note to let you know that we have located two more former MCB 2 members. Their names were on the last MCB 2 muster before deactivation in August of 1956. They are **Gerhard "Dutch" Klages** and **Hans Engelman** (deceased).... from **Roy Cone** - e-mail: The Dr. said he couldn't be more pleased with **Faon's** progress. 6 months ago she couldn't see the big E with her left eye and now can read that and three lines below it. (Wow! Let's all keep **Faon** in our prayers.) .... from **Mal Pearson**: Just a real nice weekend here in New England. Glad to hear Ben is doing well. Be seeing you soon. Say 'Hi' to the boss.....



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Pete Elliott

David Haines

Rich Nelson

Roy Peak

Malcolm Pearson

Stoney Serrett

Ted Speros

8 Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas.



## A Letter Asking For Help from Ernest W. Owens

I need assistance! Would you be so kind as to pass the word around to those MCB 2 shipmates who worked around the rock crusher at Pyong Taek? I was the Wagon Drill Operator as I drilled, loaded, and blasted into the mountain. We all took turns at the drill, loading the rock and at the crusher. Those CBD 1804 and CBMU 1/101 guys were the best.

I need a statement from as many as I can get. There was no safety gear issued to us. No goggles, respirators, or noise suppression equipment. The VA rejected my claim for hearing impaired. Not service connected, they claim. I presently have 15% hearing. At the Brooke Army Medical Center Audio Clinic at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, I gave a \$330 money order to the lieutenant there for him to purchase hearing aids from the firm that supplies them for the Army. He ordered a pair for me, then the VA refused to pay their portion.

I attended the Blasting and Quarry School and nothing protective was issued. If veterans can receive disability from the VA for having smoked over the years, I, as a non-smoker, should be able to receive VA compensation for a work related medical problem.

God bless you all and thanks.

Ernest W. Owens

EO1 Ret.

Unit 2513

APO AA 34020-9513

*Good judgement comes from experience.*

*And experience?...  
Well, that comes from bad judgement.*

## A Brief Note About Our New Members

Pat Morris has been searching for former CBMU 1/101 and CBD 1804 members and has given me a list of 115 names since May 8. I regret that I have not had the space to list all of these names here, but they are listed in our roster.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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**CBD 1804 & CBMU 1/101**

(except as noted)

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Merle M. Blau  
Leonell A. Cardinal  
Richard H. Dear  
Raymond R. Dore  
Chester O. Dunlap  
Hans Engelman - MCB 2  
Jame W. Enright  
Oneil B. Felker  
William G. Hapgood  
Lloyd N. "Hammer" Hon  
Edmond T. Kahawai  
Henry M. Knowles  
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Anthony J. Locicero  
Herman L. Lunsford  
Ainslee C. McDonald  
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Dues are \$15/year  
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### **From MCB 9 Newsletter: BUILDERS OF CUBI POINT NAVAL AIR STATION**

A letter was received from Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr. Ret., who is trying to contact anyone that had a hand in building this place. He knows that MCB 2, 3, 5, 9, and 11 all had a good deal to do with this so, what he is asking is that anyone who would like to attend a reunion in San Diego in May of 2000 it would be greatly appreciated 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. For more information, contact Cdr. Louis Henke, Jr. CEC Ret., 10832 W. 28th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215 (303) 238-2726.

# THE GOOD-GUY LIST

Harold Agles, Carl Aiello, Allan Alberg, David Anderson, Basil Arnold, Joe Ates, Lyle Auseth, Pat Badgett, Richard Baker, Jack Balding, David Ball, Benjamin Balog, Joseph Barbree, Donald Barry, Bruce Barton, Glen Bates, Emil Bazzoli, Raymond Beaulieu, Henry Benguerel, Hank Bentson, Frank Betonte, Ralph Binney, John Bloem, William Body, R. Bokern, James Bolton, Gordon Bonk, Alexander Borys, Donald Bradley, Art Bredefeld, Norman Britain, Marvin Brown, Philip Brunelle, Silas Bucher, David Budworth, Alfred Burkhardt, L.P. Burleigh, Jim Cain, Patrick Carey, William Carter, Chuck Chapman, Mike Castelvechi, Ken Chew, Edward Chidalek, Ronald Claypool, Bob Colquhoun, David Conahey, Bob Conroe, Jack Coulter, Fred Cozad, Tom Crowder, John Cure, Marv Dalby, Paul D'Angelo, Joseph DeFranco, Jim DeKeyser, Don DeLisi, Keith Denis, Jimmie Dillman, Melvin Dixon, Thomas Dowd, William Duensing, Marshall Dunne, Pete Elliott, Don Eminhizer, Doug Emond, George Epright, Jon Ericson, Ralph Evans, Bruno Fanucchi, Richard Farbo, Galen Farnsworth, Joe Fitzgerald, Warren Flading, John Fletcher, Forrest Foland, Jack Foster, Willie Free, Al Fritz, William Gantt, Bill Garside, Alfred Garza, John Ginther, Ronald Glasser, Allan Goller, Robert Graf, James Green, Glen Grimes, Roy Grisham, Donald Grobbel, Charles Hagemann, David Haines, Luther Hall, Alexander Hamilton, Arlin Hardwick, Roy Harris, Frank Hayes, Cleve Haynes, Arthur Hees, Ralph Heitt, Bert Helms, Don Henderson, Duane Henrichson, Gerald Herr, Len Hershberger, Ed Hofman, Don Hofstetter, Gerald Hollembeak, Holly Hollingsworth, Sam Holsomback, Frank Honeychurch, Arthur Hoskinds, Rod Howard, Maurice Hughes, Claude Hunt, Charles Ingalls, Berk Inskip, Hugh Ireland, William Irvine, Robert Jandreau, DeVon Jensen, Larry Jessop, Ambros Johnson, Don Jones, John Jurkash, Robert Kaempfe, Lloyd Kallsen, K. Karekin, Duane Keech, Gordon Keen, Leslie Keller, Richard Keyes, Allen Kim, Capers Kinard, Bruce Kitts, John Kolasz, Stephen Korkes, Emil Krygier, Walter Kumpf, Harry Ladley, Ron LaFave, Ervin Lampe, Tom Lee, L. H. Lind, Robert Long, Clive Lorenz, Gordon Love, Thomas Maere, Ivan Majetic, Philip Matalucci, Bill Mayo, Charles McCabe, Willie McCarley, Norris McDaniel, Riley McDaniel, Eugene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Herbert Meade, Richard Merit, Daniel Millett, Dan Mills, Frank Mingo, Gary Mitchell, Roger Mohs, William Moore, Pat Morris, C. Morrison, Hance Morton, Paul Muma, Richard Muns, Eugene

Nelson, Richard Nelson, Ray Nethercott, Charles Neugent, Eugene Nitsch, Don Nitsche, John Noetzel, Herman Nugent, Al Ostroski, Ernest Owens, Tom Padden, Robert Pagel, Ben Painter, Gene Parks, Bill Partridge, Louie Patton, Roy Peak, Malcolm Pearson, Ben Pedrotti, Dan Pelaez, John Petronka, Amos Phillips, Mike Piro, Gerry Powell, Cecil Price, Sam Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Gary Rawlings, John Recklitis, Rex Roark, Gene Robinson, Dale Rogers, Thomas Roy, John Ruby, Fred Saathoff, Paul Schell, Anton Schmidt, Millard Schneider, Merle Schnepf, Clifford Schorr, Jack Schrader, Richard Schreiner, Irwin Seesman, Donald Seethaler, Stoney Serrett, Richard Shafer, William Sharp, Jim Sichel, William Sigmund, Dick Sim, Frederick Simon, Billy Simpson, A.L. Siple; Joseph Sitkowski, Ray Sonnen, Ted Speros, Kenneth Stancombe, Thomas Stapleton, Clyde Stenholm, James Stephens, Larry Stevenson, George Stewart, John Stock, Myron Strausheim, Willis Struecker, Richard Swallow, Galen Teske, Richard Todd, Charles Trimarchi, Gene Urme, Larry Vibber, Lionel Vidrine, John Vidusic, Walter Waddell, Billy Ward, Loren Westphal, Cecil Westwood, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Jerry Wilkening, R.G. "Pete" Williams, Scott Williams, Verle Williams, Clarence Williamson, Jack Wilson, Preston Wilson, Andrew Winzler, James Wommack, William Wright, Dwight Yetter, James Young, Antonio Yrizarry, Stephen Yunger, and Joe Zeren.

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

## 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 716 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 (20 pages). Glad to have all aboard! And keep sending those cards and letters - especially the ones with checks!

Scott Williams

# Port Hueneme museum reveals Fighting Seabees' mission scope

By JEREMY BAGOTT  
Los Angeles Daily News

LOS ANGELES — "We build, we fight," goes the Seabee motto. In a sea of modern organizational blather, there could scarcely be a pithier, more focused mission statement for any group. Its clarity borders on the poetic.

The Seabees, otherwise known as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, don't blow whistles. They don't scrape paint off rusty hulls. They build, and if you get in the way, they blast. What's not to understand?

The fruits of the Seabees' labor, as well as a staggering array of weapons, construction equipment, uniforms, photographs and assorted stuff the fighting Seabees have commandeered from their numerous foes over the years can be viewed at the Seabee Museum at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme — home of the Pacific Seabees.

"The museum is more than the sum of its exhibits," said director John Langellier. "The real story of the Seabees is in the most mun-

dane of objects, like the Coca-Cola bottles the Seabees improvised as electrical insulators in the Pacific during World War II."

Immortalized by John Wayne in the 1944 film "The Fighting Seabees," the Seabees have seen action in every major U.S. zone of conflict since their formation after the attack on Pearl Harbor. But they've also conducted little-known operations in parts of the world so remote you'd be hard-pressed to find them in any atlas — places such as the tiny Pacific island of Yap, where 80-pound stone disks are used as legal tender.

Veterans, history buffs and civilian engineer types will be euphoric. Others less so. A case containing battle-worn surveying flags, Wye levels, protractors, alidades and other surveying equipment that only a construction worker could truly love gives way to an exhibit room containing about 50 anti-aircraft cannon, mortar tubes and

machine guns of all nations and vintage.

Ringing the weaponry are wall-size glass cases with the small arms dioramas depicting former Seabee enemies.

One life-size diorama features a North Vietnamese Regular and a cache of what was once his standard-issue field equipment. Beside him, a Viet Cong in black pajama-like attire stands beside numerous weapons of choice: assorted booby traps and homemade mines (long ago disarmed) and several punji sticks — sharpened bamboo shoots designed to pierce the standard-issue U.S. combat boot and infect the foot. Most chilling is a bear trap once rigged to ensnare the ankle of some unsuspecting GI.

In another room, a wall-size glass display case contains dozens of helmets, among them a British paratrooper's, a French infantryman's, an Italian carabinieri's and

a well-preserved specimen of a Pickelhaube, the German spiked helmet worn in World War I.

A passageway leads to a large hall with dozens of cases containing hundreds of cultural artifacts acquired by the Seabees. Assembled here is an Okinawan shi-shi dog, an array of Japanese ceremonial scabbards, a Russian samovar, a Moroccan kaftan, a stuffed bald eagle and items too numerous to mention. All are contained in cases

When Saddam Hussein drove Kurdish refugees into barren regions of Northern Iraq after the Gulf War, President Bush called out the Seabees to provide comfort

and sanitation.

Across from the museum, at the base's Heritage Park, bulldozers, cranes and a huge amphibious resupply vessel stand in silent tribute to those who once operated them.

But whatever the mission, the Seabees remain unfazed. As the saying goes, the difficult is done at once, the impossible takes 1.5 working days.

## Who Says the US Military Isn't a Fun Place to Work....?

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews.

P=problem; S=solution.

- P. Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
- S. Almost replaced inside left main tire.
- P. Test flight OK, except Autoland very rough.
- S. Autoland not installed on this aircraft.
- P. Something loose in cockpit.
- S. Something tightened in cockpit.
- P. Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
- S. Evidence removed.
- P. DME volume unbelievably loud.
- S. Volume set to more believable level.
- P. IFF inoperative.
- S. IFF always inoperative in "off" mode.
- P. Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
- S. That's what they're there for.
- P. Number three engine missing.
- S. Engine found on right wing after brief search.

These two articles were sent to me by Dave Budworth. That's what makes this a fun Newsletter. Thanks, Dave.

- P. Aircraft handles funny.
- S. Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be more serious.
- P. Target radar hums.
- S. Reprogrammed target radar with the lyrics.

# Charleston turns on the charm

## Seaside city of pastels, brick

By BRUCE SMITH  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The sea-  
leas are ablaze with color and  
visitors crowd carriages playing  
Charleston's narrow streets. It's  
tourist season once again in this  
seaside city of pastel and old brick  
buildings known worldwide for its  
grace and charm.

Each year 3 million tourists are  
enchanted by Charleston, a city  
that feels like to say is where the  
Ashley and Cooper rivers meet to  
form the Atlantic Ocean.

Charlestonians can be forgiven a  
bit of pride in their 329-year-old  
town. For here the old is lovingly  
preserved while the new is built in  
keeping with the old. At times, it is  
hard to tell the difference.

Spring and fall are the busy  
tourist times — the sultry summer  
heat discourages visitors from

walking cobblestone streets. March  
brings flowers to bloom in gardens  
across the historic district and at  
Colonial-era plantations overlook-  
ing the Ashley River.

Some of Charleston's most beau-  
tiful houses and gardens are open  
to visitors during the final annual  
Spring Festival of Houses and  
Gardens from mid-March through  
mid-April.

Later the Spoleto Festival U.S.A.  
lights up stages across the city with  
jazz, ballet, opera, dance and the-  
ater. This year's edition opens May  
26 and features everything from  
Puccini's "La Traviata" to the Miami  
City Ballet.

As added attraction this May is  
the return of the yachts in the  
Around Alone single-handed sail-  
ing race. The sailors left in Septem-  
ber to circle the globe.

Charleston is a city of trials,  
claiming everything from the na-  
tion's first museum and golf course  
to its first railroad.

The Confederate submarine  
Hunley, the first submarine to sink

an enemy warship, rests in a  
watery grave off Sullivan's Island.  
The first shots of the Civil War  
were fired at Fort Sumter in  
Charleston Harbor.

Give yourself at least three days,  
more if you can, to visit, suggests  
Amy Ballinger of the Charleston  
Area Convention and Visitors Bu-  
reau. And when you arrive, park  
your car, take your time and walk  
into the past.

"What's so special about Charles-  
ton among every other American  
city is the human scale and the  
inspirational pedestrian experi-  
ence. Every vista is different," says  
Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr.

For a practical matter, it is tough  
to see the sights navigating  
Charleston's narrow streets, many  
of them one-way. Signs guide visi-  
tors to parking garages that, with  
smudges, railings and other archi-  
tectural details, blend into the  
streetscape.

Start at the Visitors Center on  
Meeting Street where you can get  
acquainted with the city and get  
acquainted with its history at the  
Charleston Museum across the  
street. Then take a green trolley  
into the historic district.

Carriage tours leave from the  
City Market and its open-air stalls  
of clothing, food and knickknacks.

Charleston has guided walking  
tours, or buy a guidebook and take  
your own past the pastel-colored  
houses of Rainbow Row, through

## If you go... SANTA ROSA - Pass Remind

July 1999

Getting there: Charleston  
is on the South Carolina coast  
about 50 miles off Interstate 96.  
It is about 100 miles northeast  
of Hilton Head Island, 95 miles  
southeast of Myrtle Beach and  
about 200 miles east-southeast  
of Atlanta. Interstate 26 ends at  
Charleston while U.S. 17 and  
U.S. 52 are the other main  
routes into the city. Several  
major airlines serve the city,  
including Continental, Delta  
and U.S. Airways. There is also  
Airtrack service.

Information: Call or write  
the Charleston Convention and  
Visitors Bureau for a visitors'  
guide: 1-800-868-8118 or Box  
875, Charleston, S.C. 29402.  
The bureau's Web site is  
www.charlestoncvb.com.

oak-shroved Whitepoint Garden  
and past the city's many churches.

Later you might visit a museum  
house such as the Nathaniel Rus-  
sell House. The neoclassical man-  
sion built in 1808 provides a  
glimpse of how Charleston's  
wealthiest merchants once lived.

In the evening, stroll through  
Waterfront Park with its pier ex-  
tending into the Cooper River and  
large beach swings popular with  
locals and tourists.

"Get to the water's edge — the  
Waterfront Park, Charleston Har-

bor — the beauty of it is so special.  
I wouldn't miss it," Riley says.

You will hear screams of children  
playing in a fountain at the park  
entrance. When it first opened,  
there was concern among proper  
Charlestonians as to whether  
playing in the fountains could be  
permitted. Riley said it could.

Soon there will be the \$89  
million South Carolina Aquarium  
that should be open next tourist  
season.

Visitors will want to shop the  
boutiques and antique shops on  
King Street, where Riley led a  
reminiscent, working to bring in  
the upscale hotel Charleston Place  
and shops such as Gucci and Laura  
Ashley.

I received this article from Darla Budworth  
the day after I had taken the previous  
Newsletter to the printer. She had asked  
me to include it in the Newsletter along  
with her letter to the ladies, but the  
Newsletter was already being printed when  
this came in the mail. So, enjoy this news  
about Charleston courtesy of Darla.

Embroidered patch of CBD 1802  
from Rod Howard  
1952





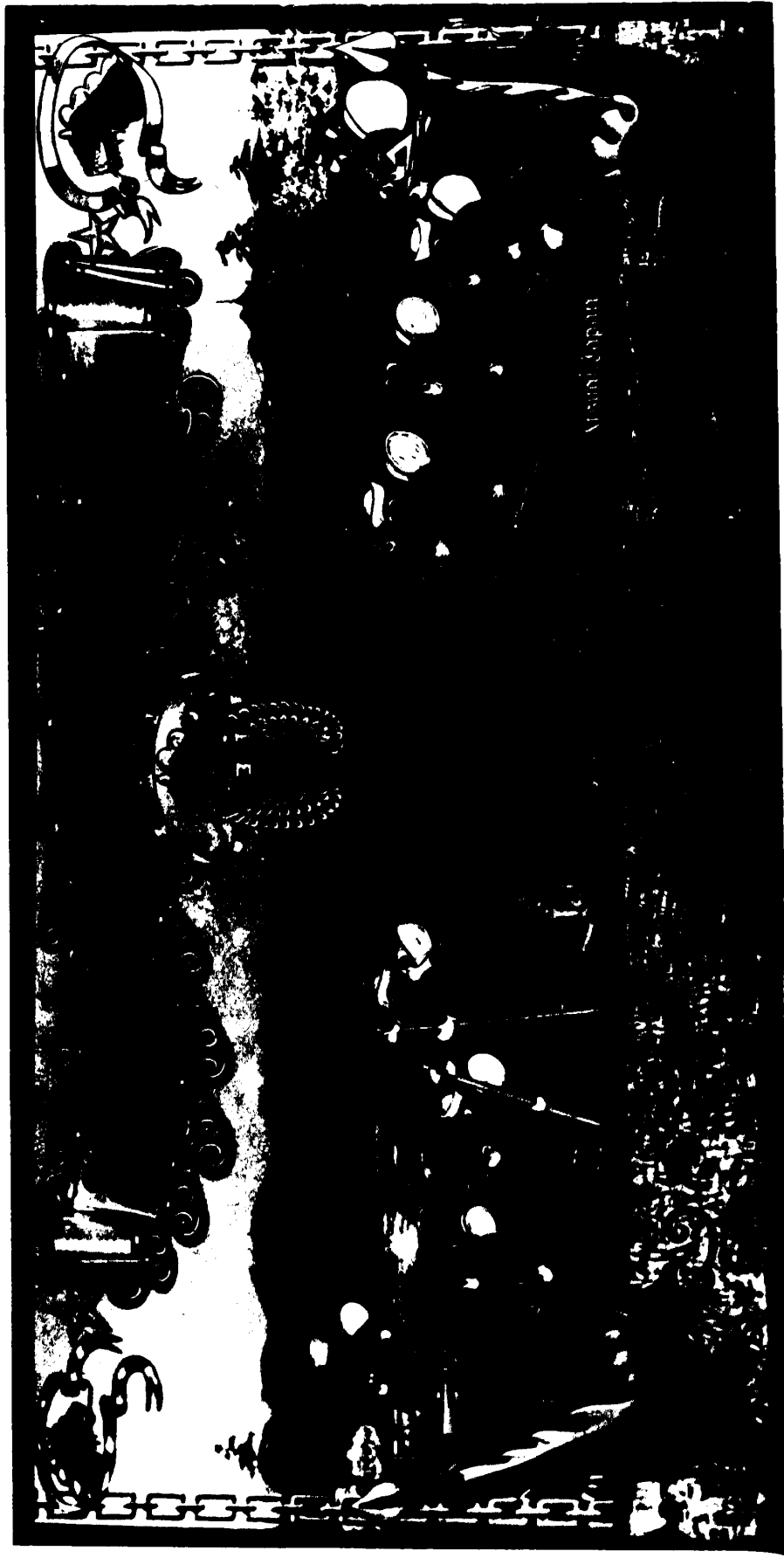
FROM  
MIKE  
CASTELVECCHI



Ike Castelvecchi..... This might be Steelworkers Class 10 & 11 at Port Huenueme, 1955  
: J.E. Way, unknown, unknown, D.L. Cows, R.T. Williams, C.W. Evans, Jim R. Baker.



MURAL PAINTED BY "PAPPY" SCHOENROCK IN THE ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB  
ATSUGI, JAPAN





FROM MIKE CASTELVECCHI - CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE MEN?

# MCB 2 REUNION

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 **ARMED FORCES REUNIONS** 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 August 6, 1999.

After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

MAIL TO:

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 11327  
 Norfolk, VA 23517  
 ATTN: MCB 2

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
 Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag \_\_\_\_\_  
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## CUT-OFF DATE IS AUGUST 6, 1999

	PRICE		NO. OF		AMOUNT
	PER	X	PEOPLE	=	
Thursday Patriots Point tour/RB's Restaurant	\$41	X	_____	=	_____
Fried shrimp .....			_____		
Shrimp salad plate .....			_____		
Chicken breast sandwich .....			_____		
 Thursday dinner cruise	 \$56	 X	 _____	 =	 _____
Friday harbor/city tour	\$37	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday Boone Hall Plantation tour	\$28	X	_____	=	_____
Saturday night Banquet (mark your choices)					
Prime rib	\$25	X	_____	=	_____
Stuffed chicken Florentine	\$22	X	_____	=	_____
Mandatory Registration Fee	\$5	X	_____	=	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.</b>					<b>= _____</b>

*Please do not staple or tape payment*

PLEASE PRINT NAME FOR NAME TAG \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME(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 \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU FLYING?      \_\_\_\_\_      DRIVING? \_\_\_\_\_      RV? \_\_\_\_\_

Full refunds will be sent for the above mentioned activities if cancellation is received by August 30 (less a \$3 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 (757) 625-6401 to obtain your cancellation code.**

# *MCB 2 REUNION*

## *HILTON CHARLESTON NORTH*

### *CHARLESTON, SC*

*843-747-1900*

#### *HOTEL LOCATION*

The Hilton Charleston North is located at 4770 Goer Drive, N. Charleston, SC 29406. It is only five miles from Charleston's International Airport and eight miles to the historic downtown area and waterfront.

#### *MAP AND DIRECTIONS*

These will be found on page 23 of this Newsletter. Directions from the International Airport, from Charleston, and from Columbia are given along with a map.

#### *HOTEL EXTRAS*

The hotel's amenities include a gift shop, two pools (indoor & outdoor), whirlpool, and a health club. Coffee makers, irons & ironing boards, and hairdryers are provided in each guest room. Microwave ovens and refrigerators are available for a fee and based on availability.

Handicapped and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. There is plenty of free outside parking available. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check out is 12 noon.

Dining facilities on site include:

*Moniker's*, open for breakfast, lunch, or dinner; Mon-Fri 6:30am-2pm; reopens 5-10 pm; Sat-Sun 7am-2pm.

*Bogie's Bar and Grill*, open Sun-Sat 12 noon-12 midnight; Happy Hour daily 5-7pm.

Room Service available from 6am-12am.

#### *AIRPORT SHUTTLE*

Courtesy transportation is provided to and from the Charleston International Airport. After receiving your luggage, call the hotel from the courtesy phone located in the luggage claim area. The hotel will send their van to pick you up.

#### *NEARBY RV PARK*

The hotel parking lot will accommodate RV's just for parking. If you need hookups, Fain's RV Park, located at 6309 Fain St. is only a mile away. Take Exit 211A off I-26. Continue west 100 feet on W. Aviation Ave. to Fain St. Go north 0.3 miles to Fain's RV Park. Please call 1-803-744-1005 for more information and reservations.

#### *WHEELCHAIRS*

The hotel has a few wheelchairs. Should you require a wheelchair during your stay, please request the hotel to reserve one for you when you make your hotel reservations.

# AGENDA

~~~~~ Wednesday, September 8 ~~~~~

- 8:00 Hospitality Room opens
- 9:00 Planning Committee meeting until 12:00 pm
- 2:00 Early Bird registration until 7:00 pm

~~~~~ Thursday, September 9 ~~~~~

- 7:30 Registration open until 8:30 am
- 9:00 Board bus for Patriots Point Tour.
- 9:45 Tour the largest naval and maritime museum in the world. Visit the carrier escort Yorktown, the destroyer Laffey, the submarine Clagmore, the Coast Guard Cutter Ingham, or the first nuclear powered merchant ship Savannah.
- 11:30 Reboard bus for lunch at RB's Restaurant, located on Shem Creek. Enjoy the scenery as seamen bring in their catch.
- 1:30 Reboard the bus to return to hotel by 2 pm.  
*\$41/person includes bus, escort, admission, and lunch*
- 2:30 Registration resumes until 5:30 pm.
- 6:00 Board bus for a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Carolina
- 6:30 Begin boarding the Spirit of Carolina for an evening of great food, entertainment, and fun under the stars as you cruise Charleston's historic harbor. Your four-course dinner will include a choice of prime rib, chicken breast, Mahi Mahi, or a vegetarian entree.
- 10:00 Reboard bus to return to hotel by 10:30 pm.  
*\$56/person includes bus, escort, and dinner cruise*

~~~~~ Friday, September 10 ~~~~~

- 8:45 Board bus for the Charleston Harbor Queen, Charleston's only paddlewheel boat.
- 9:30 Enjoy a two-hour harbor cruise that cruises by Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Patriots Point the US Naval Base, waterfront mansions, commercial docks, and more.
- 11:30 Disembark and board bus to go to Market Square, Charleston's historic marketplace which is surrounded by restaurants and eateries of all types. Lunch on your own and free time.
- 1:30 Reboard bus for a two-hour guided tour of Charleston also called the Holy City, so named for its many picturesque churches. Favorite sites include the Battery overlooking Charleston's harbor and Fort Sumter, colorful Rainbow Row, the Citadel, and White Point Gardens. Return to hotel by 3:45.  
*\$37/person includes bus, guide, and harbor cruise. Lunch is not included.*

~~~~~ Saturday, September 11 ~~~~~

- 8:30 Business Meeting until 9:30 am.
- 9:30 Board bus for Boone Hall Plantation.
- 10:00 Arrive at America's most photographed plantation. Drive down the famous 3/4-mile avenue of massive, Spanish moss-draped live oaks. Step back in time and relive the grandeur of the old South when you tour the mansion, smokehouse, gardens, original slave quarters, and cotton gin house.
- 12:00 Reboard bus to return to the hotel by 12:30 pm.  
*\$28/person includes bus, guide, and admission*
- 2:00 Memorial Service until 3:00 pm.
- 6:00 Cash bar/social hour.
- 7:00 Banquet dinner is served (Salons A-E).
- 8:00 Entertainment by the George Doren Band and dancing until 12:00 midnight.

~~~~~ Sunday, September 12 ~~~~~

- 12:00 Farewells and departures. Have a safe journey home!

*Please Note!: Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.  
Function room space and registration times are subject to change. Please refer to the hotel reader board daily.*

Make your reservations at the **Charleston Hilton** NOW!!  
Charleston Hilton, 4770 Goer Drive, North Charleston, SC 29406  
phone: 803-747-1900 or toll-free 1-888-747-1900  
Fax: 803-744-6108

## Room Rates:

Single or Double: \$79.00/night plus 12.32% room tax.

The reservation cut-off date is Sunday, August 8, 1999. Any reservations received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space or rate available basis.

The check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 noon. The Hotel will accommodate any early arrivals on a space available basis.

## Method of Paying:

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or check.

## Express Check-in Service:

In order to expedite check-in, the Hotel requests all reservations include the following information:

- ◆ Arrival and departure dates.
- ◆ Estimated time of arrival.
- ◆ Room preference (single or double occupancy/smoking or non-smoking/special needs/handicap).
- ◆ Credit card type to be used for payment including number and expiration date.



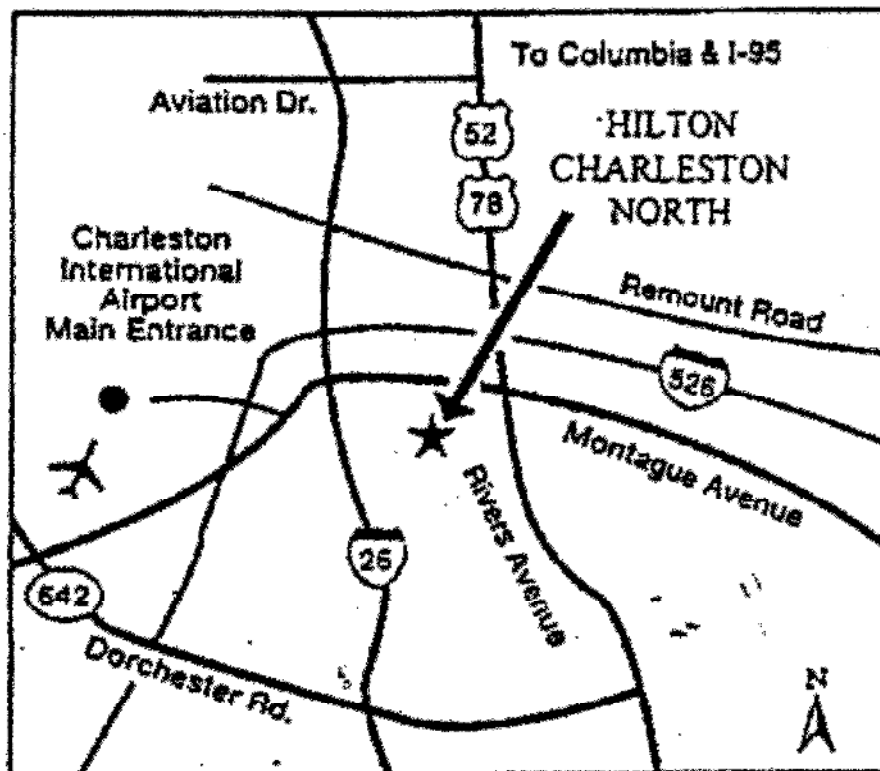
**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern time

**North Charleston Hilton**

**1-888-747-1900**

## DIRECTIONS TO THE Hilton Charleston North



### From the Charleston International Airport

Leave airport on International Blvd. & continue straight ahead about 2-3 miles. Get into left lane. At the third stop sign you will meet Montague Ave. Turn left on Montague Ave. Go 1-2 miles. Get into right lane. You will drive over the Interstate and come to a second stop light at Goer Drive. Turn right onto Goer Drive. You will see the hotel on the left. The parking lot is the third left turn.

### From Downtown Charleston

Continue from Downtown until you see signs to I-26 West (toward North Charleston/Columbia) Follow I-26 West to Montague Ave. approximately eight miles. Take Exit 213 to the stop light; Turn right onto Goer Drive. You will see the hotel on the left. The parking lot is the third left turn.

### From Columbia

Follow I-26 East towards Charleston. Take Exit 213 B which curves right putting you onto Montague Avenue. Stay in the far right lane and turn right at the second light onto Goer Drive. Turn right onto Goer Drive. You will see the hotel on the left. The parking lot is the third left turn.

# MCB 2 Reunion Association

c/o Scott H. Williams  
7221 Trading Post Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89128

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