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Dec - Mar. 2012/13



# NCB 103rd GUAM,MI - Newsletter

Dennis Payton - Short Story - attached

**March 2, 1965**  
Vietnam War begins  
**March 19 2003**  
Iraq war begins  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Armed Forces Day  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Memorial Day

### Salute:

Edward Meckola  
Edward Lowney



Story & Picture from **Bob Righetti**

### Heroes Wall - Faces of Freedom

Located in Atascadero, CA (about 3 hrs. north of Port Hueneme, CA) A curved eight foot by 70 foot black granite wall dedicated to those who sacrificed so much. An impressive tribute to all Veterans. It is located at Atascadero Lake (Moro & Portal Rd.) Association member **Bob Righetti** is on the Foundations board of Directors. You can go on line: [www.facesoffreedmemorial.org](http://www.facesoffreedmemorial.org) to read more about faces of Freedom.

### Do you Remember When.....

- 3/2/1867 CEC established
- 3/22/1945 Seabees ferry Gen. **Patton'** armored units across Rhine River into Germany
- 4/1/1945 Seabees land on Okinawa
- 4/8/1942 Doolittle to Tokyo
- 4/9/1942 Bataan falls
- 5/8/1945 V-E day declared

**5/27 Memorial Day Flag is flown at half-staff until noon.**

### NMCB 74 Det. Guam

From Seabee Courier  
Front page story 12/1/2012

Naval Base Guam: **EO/3c Justin Miller** operates a bulldozer to place material brought in by a seven ton medium tactical vehicle replacement (MTRV) dump truck at the bases firing range. The Seabees are constructing three 250' long berms at the firing range to be used by Special Forces deployed to the island. NMCB 74 is operating forward deployed through-out the US Pacific Command (PACOM) area of operations supporting Navy and Joint Forces.

### NMCB 74 Det Guam



This equipment is a little more upgraded over the equipment we used in the 40's but we did some amazing work with what we had. Go Seabees.....CAN DO

**FREE GUIDES!**

**Make a Big Difference With Just a Little Effort**

Learn about three easy ways to help ensure the Foundation's future without jeopardizing yours in our free guide **The 3 Easiest Ways to Preserve the Seabees History.** We'll also send you **The Top 6 Questions to Ask Your Estate Planning Attorney,** where you'll learn what it takes to have a comprehensive estate plan in place for you and your loved ones.

For more information on "How to", call our CEC/CB Foundation – it's Free. It is about us - Your Legacy "Can Do"

### Finance Report – 2012

Your secretary

**Thank you.** We mail to 64 members in our association, & 15 perspective members, 2 are life members. 3 are our guests. (They include **MCB 2, NSVA & your CEC/CB Foundation**). We receive great support from all three. A team we have worked with - since 2007. Thank you all.

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### Income 2012:

Dues, Donations, GIK, plus \$ 761.40

### Expenses 2012:

Printing, postage, paper/ office supplies, computer inks, etc. \$ 674.37

Net: +\$ 87.03

\*In the bank: \$ 238.13

\*(Includes advanced dues, designated donations). We are afloat. Thanks to you & your continued support.

### Navy Seabee Veterans of America

# CAN DO

Great magazine with your membership - Quarterly



Free to those with computers. Ask me for details



This is the official publication from your CEC/CB Foundation. Most reunions listed. Ask me for details.

On Line "CB Magazine" is available to those with computers. Google "**Seabee Magazine on line**" this is an award winning magazine. Enjoy.

**EO's in our Association**

Madison, Lloyd      Presson, Ralph  
Alwine, Bill        Daniels, Jim  
Edsall, Wayne     Anton, Fabrygel  
Fairbairn, Larry   Righetti, Bob  
Lindbloom, Glen   Wilcoxen, Bill  
Whitaker, Roger   Husby, Erling  
Lautxenheiser, Gurney  
Woodward, Don



**1950 – Our Football Team**  
**From Ed Barrinton**

L/R – Duane Beard, Bill Toups ,Carl Chitty. **Jerry George, Emmet Smith, Ed Barrington,\*Jim Prinslow, Vic Mentz, Stan Bundalo, Wayne Kroeger, &\* Lynn Abbott.** Highlighted are members in our association. \* indicates they have passed on. If you know where the others live or have a phone number let us know.

**CE's in our Association**

Payton, Dennis      Serrett, Stoney  
Reinhardt, Joe     Scott, Norman  
Smith , Ed            Serrett, Stoney  
Teaman, Bob

**UT's**

Hart, Vincent        Erling Husby

**EA (SV & DM)**

Howard, Rod        Heple, Wayne  
Immermann, Fred   Kroeger, Wayne

**Welcome**

**James & Elma Heiring**  
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**For Your Queen Bee**

**Nancy Heple** #1

**Nancy** has enclosed a Recipe card for your pleasure. The first one is a soup from a renowned Chef (he was a CB)

If you need to do something nice for your bride, make a wood base holder for her, OR fold the card as shown to form a small pup tent.

IF you have a favorite recipe please send to **Nancy**. She hopes to have one in each newsletter

Your next card will be a casserole which is well liked here on our Central Coast.

We are looking for Snacks and deserts. ENJOY

**Reunion update...**

**Sept. 26-29**

Based on your responses it appears the association will not have its own reunion. As of this date we plan to meet with **Ed Kloster** & attend a joint reunion & Air show at Port Hueneme. Registration will begin in June. The June News letter (N.L.) will have the details. If you are planning to go to Washington DC with **MCB 2** you will need to fill out their registration form which was in their most recent newsletter.

If you have a question, or need more details please contact us.

**.....another quote from our Court Reporter**

**Attorney:** "Now doctor isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep. He doesn't know about it until the next morning?"

**Witness:** "Did you actually pass the bar exam?"



This LST was completely restored and is on tour. The Seabees used these to transport personnel, equipment & supplies during WW II , Korean & Vietnam war. In a future Newsletter we will feature one from **Dennis Payton's** showing much more details. During WW II they were used to evacuate troops off islands or take injured to hospitals. You saw this story in our American Legion magazine.

A Short Story from **Lloyd Madison**



will appear in the June Issue with a story of CB's on Mt. Lam Lam.



**Way Back when**

By Whitaker  
**Roger** is a member of our association & brought humor to us on our favorite Island, Guam.

Thanks **Roger**

**Senior moments**

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter ..I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

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Oop's!- I'm unable to remember whether I've sent you this before.....Oh well ..... Smile daily & Nancy & I wish you all a prosperous & Healthy 2013.

God bless

**A famous Quote:**

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president"  
**Theodore Roosevelt**

"My **HealthVet**" is now available at your Local VA Clinic - go to [www.my health.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov). - call your Local VA Office and ask for details. No cost to you.

Vet.Admin.



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