

# THE SEABEE NEWSCASTER

This issue complements of **Wayne Edsall, Bob Urban & Jim Daniels**  
September, 2015  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1949 - LST 1136 beaches on Moen Isl. to build the  
Trust territory Headquarters



- Edward Carter 3/23**
- Bill Alwine 5/11**
- Betty Alwine 5/7**
- Wayne Kroeger 5/9**
- Jeanne Caldwell 7/21**

### Flags Up.....

- Sept.** - Labor Day 7<sup>th</sup>  
Patriot day 11<sup>th</sup>  
Constitution 17<sup>th</sup>  
US AF 18<sup>th</sup> (1947)
- Oct:** -12<sup>TH</sup> Columbus Day  
27<sup>th</sup> Navy Day
- Nov.** - 11<sup>th</sup> WW Armistice  
26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving



**The Sky line of Guam.** Photo taken in 2013 by Bob Urban on his trip to your favorite Island. No evidence of Quonset huts, USN grey busses, beer halls, cats, or CE's hanging from poles anywhere on the Island. Paved 4 lanes highways takes you around the island. It has become a popular vacation spot for all nations. The **Chicago** of the Pacific is alive and doing very well.

### Remember when.

- 1775 Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Navy Birthday**
- 1892- Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Adm. **Ben Moreel's**  
The King Bee-his Birthday
- 1942- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> NCB 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Arrive at Guadalcanal 8  
Seabees killed. First to be  
killed in action.
- 1950 - Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> MCB 2**  
Commissioned
- 2011- New CB Museum at**  
Port Hueneme, CA opens



### Your E mail Address

If you are **NOT** receiving our Email news it may be due to an incorrect Email address or we don't have one for you.

**Next year 2016** we are going to mail the Newsletter a week earlier to those with Email on file. The Email News-letters will be in color. We are going to try this for one year. If you like it we may continue. You will still get a hard copy-mailed to you. If you do not want it please tell us.

### Goleta CA bombed on Feb, 23, 1942 (73 yrs ago)

Goleta was a small community north of Santa Barbara. Now they are side by side. (Just north of Ventura & Oxnard). It was 7pm DLST that evening in the Wheelers Inn & Service Station (built in 1929) where several locals met over coffee & to listen to **President Roosevelt's** fireside chat. As he finished; from a Japanese I-17 submarine, a 5 inch deck guns fired on the Ellwood petroleum Pier and the adjacent **Barnsdall-Rio Grande** Oil installation. The Japanese gunners were missing their targets. The small gathering in the Inn went outside to see the gunners on deck. Not doing well they submerged. Very little damage & no one was hurt. All this in about 20 minutes.

This was a landmark facility on the Central Coast appearing in the movie "**The postman always rings twice**".

Today the Station tower is located in the City court. This small station was the flagship station for the **Barnsdall & Rio Grande Oil CO.** It reflected the sophisticated architectural tastes of Heiress **Aline Barnsdall** and Santa Barbara's Mission Revival theme. In the 40's Goleta was a road side stop on the coast highway on your way south to Port Hueneme, CA.

### Thought for this Day

*"Take good care of your future because that's where you're going to spend the rest of your life".*

### Guam News

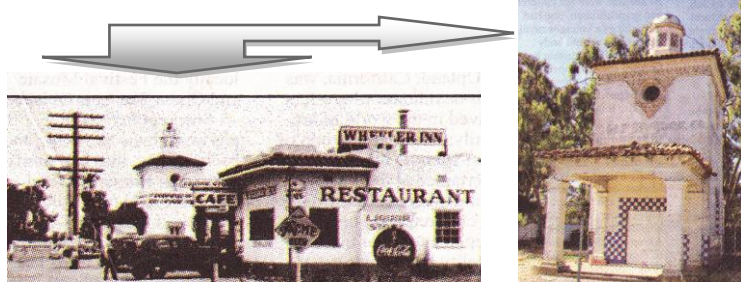
Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1949 Typhoon issue  
No deaths, Camp Witek hardest hit, Bowling Alley collapsed. All made the headline of the Guam News. The weather station reported winds up to 110 knots.

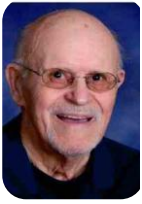


Buildings collapsed, trees uprooted, debris all over the island made for a major cleanup effort by all units on the Island.

### Short Stories Needed

We are always looking for a short Story, **Frank Hayes (Truk) & Dennis Payton (NAST)** have sent us one & you will see them in future issues. Thank you **Frank and Dennis.** **PLEASE SEND US YOURS**





**Wayne V. Kroeger**

4/11/1928-5/9/2015

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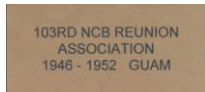
oldest of 3 brothers  
and 3 sisters.

After HS graduation he joined the Navy Seabees serving 27 months on Guam; also assignments on Ulithi, Japan, Okinawa & Korea (MAG-3.) He also played service football for 2 years. Discharged in 1952. **Wayne** was a Surveyor with the 103<sup>rd</sup> NCB, CBD 1802 & 1804 (A Korean War veteran)

**Wayne** attended Simpson College playing 4 years of football and baseball.

**Wayne** united in marriage with **Marjorie Emerson** on Aug 2, 1953.

**Wayne** was employed with the Nokomis School Dist. as a Teacher, Coach, Jr. High Principal.



**Your Museum at Port Hueneme, CA 1-805-382-2585**

[www.seabeemuseumstore.org](http://www.seabeemuseumstore.org)

Do you have a **Catalog?** They are free. Do you have a Brick on the **“Pathway to Victory”** If not & need an application please ask and we will mail one to you. A **BRICK LOCATER** IS AVAILABLE at the Museum entry (if you have one). EASY TO FIND. They are also on the internet. It is a great way to help support the museum and to be recognized as one of those early SEABEES. The Museum tells our story well. New exhibits, a Runway, the Archives, Movie Theater, the Barbara shop, and much more. Now open to the public. NO ID or security check required. A **“Must SEE” – IT IS OUR PROUD** Heritage. Ask your family to please visit when in the area. They will be impressed

**Spouses**, a Brick on this walkway is a great gift for your favorite Seabee. **To see your Brick –Type: Seabee Brick**

**Location on the web.** Follow instructions. You will also see on that menu the Seabee Museum site. Having problems? ask your grandchildren to help you. Now over 7000+ bricks on the “Walkway to Victory”. A great Gift.

The **Museum store** features all kinds of gifts for young & old, Caps, T shirts, Company Logs on CD’s, CB books & pamphlets about us & more.



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**Please Share with us**

When a member of your family is ill or passes away please let us know. **WE CARE** & want to offer support to the family,

**ALSO** members of our crew may wish to send a card or offer a prayer. We are family and have been, for many of us, over 70 years. Our newsletter is a means for us to stay in touch with each other. If you do not want it posted in the Newsletter, just tell us. This year **Nancy** has been sending out birthday cards to your Spouses and three had passed away. This is your Newsletter. It needs your support and participation. Thanks. God Bless. **Nancy & Wayne**

Entrance to Gift Store



**Edward E. Carter**

7/1929 - 3/2015

Full Military honors at Victor Valley Memorial

**Ed** had fallen and broken his leg. Spent 30-days in Rehab, then sent home under the care of **Mary** & one week later he passed away in bed. His four loving children were near- by to assist **Mary** as needed. **Ed** was a long time member of the 103<sup>rd</sup> NCB reunion association and enjoyed the fun and fellowship at all of our past reunions. **Ed & Mary** both have bricks on the walkway to Victory at the New CB Museum - Port Hueneme, CA You have their address in your directory. **Ed** was a CM Construction Mechanic

*An Old Seabee was at confession when the Priest asked him what he had done. He said I kissed a Nun. The priest said that’s Ok but don’t not get in the habit. Thanks Dennis P.*

This was the corner service station on Main St. USA. The attendant pumped your gas, washed your windows, brushed your floor mat and checked your oil & tires. All that for .22 cents a gal., plus green stamps. WOW



Your VA has made many changes. If you are not registered with your Local VA Office please do so ASP. You may have some benefits. If in doubt ask the Veterans Organization you belong to for help. Each has a person trained in helping you with **any concerns** related to your Service. Both are Friendly.

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