



THE 103RD NCB NEWSCASTER

YOUR MARCH 2018 ISSUE: COMPLIMENTS OF
BOB. MAGIC, ERLING HUSBY & JOE REINHARDT

Flags UP



May 19th
May 28th

March 5, 2018
SEABEES 76 YEARS OLD



TAPS

Stiles, Stevens - Capt. CEC
Bill Knight -1/20/18

Thought for the Quarter
"To be able to lead others, a man must be willing to go forward alone."

Are you interested in Seabee History - the Seabee Museum? Go on-line at: <https://www.history.navy.mil/visit-our-museum.html>

The 103rd NCB is 73 yrs Old

Dennis Payton, CE sent a letter to the USN Archives requesting the History of the 103rd NCB. He received a copy of that history and he is making it available to you upon request. The typed and handwritten history was from good to bad in quality. (poor handwriting/old typewriters - pre computers) It is a 5 page back to back document; No pictures or drawings in these documents. You are receiving a computerized edition. (So you can read it) We added to this document additional data obtained from research. For a copy Please send two (2) stamps to cover the postage. Dennis covered the cost of printing. We added a personal page for you to fill out so you can show your family where you fit into the proud History of the **103 NCB**; one of the longest tenured NCB to serve in the South Pacific. Some history of **MCB 10** is included.

THANK YOU DENNIS

Remember when?

March: 2nd 1867 Civil Engineer corps Established

5th 1942 Seabee Birthday #76



22nd 1945 Seabees ferry Patton across the Rhine River into Germany ("The Rhino")

April: 1st Seabees land on Okinawa

April 9th Bataan falls

May 8th 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea

May 8th 1945 V-E day Germany Surrenders . WW II

BE A PROUD SEABEE

Reunions CAN DO

REUNIONS are being held annually. Due to travel, health issues, cost, etc, many of you are not able to attend. Check with your Veterans Organization, or on line, some are in your back yard. Call or write to the **Historical Foundation or Seabee Veterans of America** - All list reunion & details. Many Units have combined and they are called "All Hands reunions". If you are interested, call us and we may be able to locate one near you, can't promise. Don't miss out in the fellowship and comradeship we all have shared in the past. Stay active. Port Hueneme hold an annual "ALL HALLHANDS" reunion.

CEC/CB Historical Foundation

Many of us receive the "Seabee Quarterly" the CEC/CB Foundations Newsletter. This one keeps you up to date on all Seabee activities, reunions, Museum updates, lots names and more. If you need help in locating a fellow Seabee they too may be able to help. **Be sure to ask for your Free Seabee Store catalog.**

SVA (Seabee Veterans of America) their magazine "CAN DO" is full of pictures, reunion Info, Seabee activities. You can find contact information on the back of your member directory. **If you need help please ask. We can send you samples of both publications. Just send me a couple of stamps.**



Can you ID these photos? **Clue** Port Hueneme, Guam, Truk

Assoc. Finance report: 2017 The 75th Anniversary year. We are in the black. Thank You for your donations & stamps, every bit helps. Your March Issue, (our 75th Anniversary) was costly due to printing, no. of pages, & postage. A special thanks to **Wayne Edsall and Bob Urban** they made that issue plus others possible. **NO Dues increase projected.**

We request YOUR HELP please send us a short story or Picture/s. Thank you.



Fred Immermann DM 2

The attractive lady on his arm is his daughter **Greta**. They are attending a fundraiser for their local Soup Kitchen.

Fred (Joined the Navy (1948-1952) served on Guam (103rd) & (MCB 2) during the Korean War. On Guam he was the lead Draftsman for **Chief Draftsman John Cooper**. **Fred** has been a strong supporter of your Reunion Association over the past 10 years. At 89 he is active, (somewhat) & at his side, a large loving family. He still has that....

CAN DO spirit



The Thomas Fire

(Santa Barbara/Ventura Counties)

Your editors are about 60 miles north on Hwy 101 from the beautiful city of Santa Barbara, & Ventura. Smoke from this fire is in our backyard. Our cars were coated with ash. Santa Maria, had more smoke and people were

wearing masks. Your favorite base, **Port Hueneme & Oxnard** had lots of smoke too. (No Power in that area during the fire). The coastal range is very dry & was experiencing very high winds. Not sure if the Seabees helped. The terrain is steep and rugged. *(In the 40s this area was sparse of industry, homes & the 101 was a two lane road. Today it is densely populated, huge industrial complexes and a massive freeway system leading into the Los Angeles basin - no small towns anymore).* Over 9 thousand fire fighters were on the line along with an unbelievable number of support teams. Over the years we have, seen such fires, we have firefighters in our family but we have never seen anything like this one. The winds (50 TO 80 MPH)) were unbelievable. Many evacuees have moved into nearby community to stay with family and friends. It was amazing to see the support that was being offered daily. No Christmas/New Year Holidays festivities for thousands. Then the heavy rains came creating some real issues. Homes floated away, Hwy 101 closed lives taken, etc. Now, it is helping get families back into their homes (if one) & back to their daily routines. Believe me it is a big mess +.

Can you Name the **Airstrip built by the Seabees that is a World Record &** as of this date that record has not been beaten. An amazing CB story. It will be a **Short Story** in your **June Newscaster**. *Tip: in the Pacific Theater.*



Memories

We all need to look back to our Seabee experience, The fellowship, the role we played, the life long friends we have made. Our memories are among the many during our lives but those moments in the 103rd NCB were unique. Times at the Club, on the job, our detachments, beach parties, the night we stood on the compound to be told we were back at war this time with North Korea. We had fun on the beach, laughed at Bob Hope Show and much more. All are memories

We hope you have shared some of these experiences with you grandchildren. As a proud Seabee it is our duty to pass on the heritage, spirit, the pride of service to our great country. Stand tall you are a Hero in the History of the fighting Seabees. Salute'. & **"Thank you for your service"**



THANK YOU

Please use your VA, you earned it; they offer a lot. To find out if you qualify for any of its services you need to visit your regional Veterans Center. ASK (FREE) Your secretary did & did not qualify for full care, but did for hearing aids, blood tests, Audio, and a annual physical. (\$15.00 co-pay). My new hearing aids enable me to attend meetings and enjoy social events +. The average Hearing Aids can cost up to \$6000. We also get free batteries and service for life.

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