

# THE SEABEE NEWSCASTER

Your Dec. Issue: Compliments of: D. F. Carr,  
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Flags up:  
Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ½ mast  
until sunset  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas day  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New year day  
16<sup>th</sup> MLK day  
20<sup>th</sup> Washington's B

**NCB 103rd Naval Construction Company on Guam, Mariana Island**  
Officer in charge from Jan. 1950 to May 1951  
Was CDR Ernest S. Bathke CEC-USN



- \*Anne Bayley 11/11  
(Wife of Richard)
- \*Marlin McElheny 2016
- \*Charles White 2016
- \*Margaret Immermann  
9/2016 (Wife of Fred)
- \*Edward Barrington  
Sept, 31, 2016

### Caution

When you enter a **service station do not use your Cell phone, Turn it off & leave it in the car. Static Electricity & gas fumes do not mix & can ignite. If your cp/pad rings leave it off.**

### Especially women.

**Never reenter your car during fueling your car.**



**Port Hueneme, CA THE Port**

From the Port Hueneme Archives 1944

Two years earlier on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1944 the 7<sup>th</sup> NCB left Advance Base Depot, for San Francisco the first battalion to stage through this location.

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### Remember When DECEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> 1941 Pear Harbor
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1941 Guam fell to Japan
- 26<sup>th</sup> 1951 – 1802 Lands at  
MAG 33-K-3 Korea

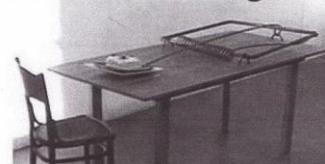
### JANUARY

1942 B.N.P. authorized  
Construction Battalions

### FEBRUARY

1944 Seabees land on  
Kwajalein

### New Diet Program



**December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941**

It was the beginning of WW II. If you visit the Islands this is a must see. Inspirational and emotional experience. Be prepared to stand in lines as it is one of the most popular sites on the Island. Try it .....you'll like it

**July 10 1943:** The Seabees introduced their secret weapon on the beaches of Sicily: the famed magic boxes, steel pontoon sections which revolutionized the strategy of amphibious warfare. The German and Italian defenders were dug in along the northern coastline of Sicily where the best beaches were located. There was only one thing wrong with the German strategy. They had not heard of the new development for joining pontoons to form invasion causeways. **Capt. John N. Laycock, CEC,** developed a method to join pontoons together by angle iron and bolting pads so that a string of these connected pontoons became a solid structure of cantilevered integrity. On July 10, 1943 the Allied armada appeared off the southern coast between Scoglitti and Licata, and sent infantry ashore across long strings of steel pontoons. Other pontoon structures constructed by the Seabees included the rhino ferry and the landing tug. Each was made by simply putting together a couple dozen pontoons and an outboard motor. These pontoons were also used in the south Pacific, used as docks. When CBD 1802 arrived on Okinawa in 1951 they appeared on the beach at Buckner bay. The 1951 Typhoon Ruth put them on the beach.

**IF a "HAPPY FACE" appears in this box** it means **we have your** picture and Brick Information. **You will appear** in the 75th Anniversary special edition of your Seabee *Newscaster* **March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**NO happy face?** , you can still mail your picture on or before Jan. 20th, 2017 to be in the March issue.

Sorry, we do NOT have yours

## Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association Inc, (SMSA)

P. O. Box 6574 Silver Springs, Maryland 20916

Since 1972, the SMSA has honored Seabees by providing over 2,700 need based scholarships valued at over \$4.7 million to children and grandchildren of Seabees. 80% of these students raised with a "CAN DO" spirit graduated in 4 years, more than twice the national average of 39%. Over half of the recipients study science, technology, engineering or math. As grandpas you can find out more about this opportunity by contacting Joe Leahy at 609-820-8723 or Dan Miller at 859-327-1830. At least get on the mailing list so you can see this great opportunity for you grand and great grand Children if none you can help by contributing to the foundation. If you need help please contact us. We will send you more information. You can go on line : [joeleahy@seabee.org](mailto:joeleahy@seabee.org) . Joe can answer all your questions.

### Reunion Sept 12-14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Palace Station - Las Vegas, NV

By Scott Williams Sect. MCB 2

Rooms \$ 60.00 plus a 12% tax; free shuttle to and from airport and strip. Much of the program is yet to be determined but get on the mailing list NOW. This Reunion continues to be a well organized and executed event with emphasis on fun and fellowship. A Day trip, (Red rock Canyon) & Mt. Charleston; the casino and nearby strip, all are on the agenda. Details in future issues of the "SEABEES" and "NEWSCASTER" The Weather can be warm to hot at this time of the year. Call Scott Williams if you want to be on the mailing list. 1-770-456-4246 or e-mail [williash@aol.com](mailto:williash@aol.com)

### Your Smoke alarms in your Home – SAFETY CHECK

Please check all batteries. If over a year old replace. Free services are available in most cities. Fire Dept, Service Clubs, Sr. Centers etc ASK. DO NOT stand on a chair or small ladder without assistance. A great project for your grandchildren over 15 yrs old. It is called a "GOOD TURN". Please Check all your fire alarms today.

### From the Archives – from the Gulf Port Courier

Invasion forces landed on Guam. July 21, 1944. The main objective was to take possession of Apra Harbor, with the surrounding development area and airfield on Crote Peninsula. Landing forces struck north and south of the harbor. Seabees participated in the assaults: the 25<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Special NCBS on the beaches north of the harbor, and the 53<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Special NCBS, and CBMU 515 on the southern beaches for three weeks, combat and construction continues until finally, on Aug.10<sup>th</sup>, Japanese resistance ended. Since considerable development had been planned for Guam, the 5<sup>th</sup>NCB was established. The Brigade assumed control of the construction and development of base facilities for both the Army and Navy. Guam became a great Army air base, as well as the principal naval base in the Western Pacific. The 103<sup>rd</sup> NCB arrived on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1945 under the Command of CDR Benjamin W. Harig CEC, USNR; under the 40<sup>th</sup> Naval Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade. The 103<sup>rd</sup> was completing construction of Northwest Field, the base from which B-29 bombers rose, and NAS West Fields No.3 and the primary building for a 25,000 man camp for the Marines.

### New CapTel Phone

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### The USS Arizona

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1941- Pearl Harbor



### Dues for 2017 are due

Please send before Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> if possible. No increase, still \$10.00 per year. Please make your check out to Wayne Heple. That is our account name. Please include your picture and tell me **if you have a brick** on the "**Pathway to Victory**" at **Port Hueneme &/or Gulfport** Thank you for your continued support.



We hope you got your flu shot. Veterans enrolled in VA health care can get a free flu shot/s at a VA health care facility. Check with your local facility to confirm. Flu & shots for influenza – is a respiratory illness that spreads easily from person to person; also Shingle Shots See more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu/index.asp#sthash.3SeZoDX3.dpuf> See your Regional VA service center for details. (It cost nothing to ask)

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