

103RD NCB-RA JUNE NEWSLETTER

Lloyd Madison - Short Story is attached

Taps..... 5/2/2013
**Kenneth
 Rowland Jones**



Our Flag & Country
 SALUTE"

2 REUNIONS -PORT HUENEME, & WASHINGTON DC**Reunion MCB-2**

Secretary Scott Williams

For those on or near the East Coast here's your chance to see Washington DC. & take part in an exciting & well planned reunion. For those of us who went to Korea (K-3/6) from the 103rd or in 1802-04 you were in MCB-2. Several 103rd members are active in MCB-2. For more information write to Scott Williams OR refer to your MCB-2 newsletter OR e-mail him: swilliams@aol.com OR contact me for forms and program information. Don't miss this very special Reunion.

All info. is in the latest issue of the MCB 2 Seabee NL please read.

**Do you Have these?**

They are free for the asking. Your secretary has these forms and will mail them to you upon request, including the address where to send them:

- Cold War Certificate-DOD
- Korean War Certificate
- 214 DOD
- Your USN Personnel folder
- Your USN Medical records
- All medals you earned.

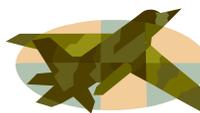
Check the ones you need and mail your request to us. Nancy & I will do the rest. If in doubt please ask us. We have great support from the VA. Please share this with your family.

Museum & Air Show are Highlights

Ed Kloster, Chairman Sept. 26 to 29th

For those planning to attend the West Coast "All Seabee Reunion" we hope you have called the hotel 1-805-986-5353. Or Call Ed at 1-626-280-9495 if questions. Hotel (old Country Inn) remodeled now **Holiday Express**. Please call or E mail me that you have Hotel reservations. A registration package will be mailed to you. The reunion will provide Dinner on Thursday, Lunch & Dinner on Friday Dinner on Saturday. Our Hotel provides a comp. Breakfast. Transportation to the Air Show at Pt. Mugu is included with your registration. 36 are registered as of this date.

NAS Point Mugu, new Museum & the CB Base are now part of the Ventura County Naval Base. See on Line for more Info.

**Over 4 million Brown Tree Snakes on Guam**

From Wall Street Journal 1991 & AP2013
 Condensed version from the 2 sources.

Snakes are a major problem on Guam. The Brown Snake is believed to have hitched hiked on ships from the Solomon Islands during WW II. No other place known except Guam is this a major problem. The snakes climb power lines and short out the system. They come up in toilets & enter homes. They have caused over 650 Military power outages from 1978 to 1990. A war the Military did not win. 12 Island bird species are now extinct due to this Snake. The Guam Memorial Hospital has treated many snake bite cases. Most cases were not fatal. **Fish & Game, USD&WS** plus several others Agencies have been frustrated trying to discover a safe way to solve the problem. Now 60 year later.....

**2013 may be the Year.**

Dead Mice laced with Painkillers are about to rain down from Helicopters on Guam's jungle canopy. This strategy takes advantage of the snake's two weaknesses. The snake is happy to eat prey it didn't kill & are highly vulnerable to acetaminophen witch is harmless to humans.

Do you Remember when?.....

June

- 4th -1942 Battle of Midway
- 15th 1943 CB Land on Saipan
- 25th 1950 Korean War begins
- 30th -1943 CB's Solomon Islands

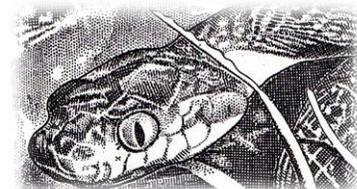
- July 4th Independence Day
- 26th 1944 CB's land on Tinian

Aug.

- 6th 1945 Hiroshima Bombed
- 11th 1942 Camp Endicott #1
Home of the Seabees

**Flags UP**

June 14th & 16th July 4th & 27th
 Sept. 2nd, 11th, 17th, 20th,



This is a **Boiga irregularis** or "Brown Tree snake". In the forest at night they look like strands of cooked spaghetti, hanging off trees & vines, by day they seem to disappear. They are mildly poisonous. It is estimated there are over 2 million plus snakes on the island of Guam. (NOTE: Story on line or request a copy).

From the Court Reporter.....

Attorney: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

Witness: autopsy started at 8:30 pm

Attorney: & Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

Witness: If not, he was by the time I finished.

Korean War Begins June 25th, 1950

By Editor

It was around 9:30pm on this day a call to muster was heard. We all scrambled into formation. Our CO came marching onto the compound with 4 well armed Marines trailing close by. **Chief Cooper** called "attention" and our CO said "Gentlemen we are at War" North Korea has attacked South Korea. The Island is on full Alert. As a major Supply Center in the Pacific it is believed the Enemy may try to attack us. **Chief Cooper** will give each of you your assignments. He left and **Chief Cooper** read off names and assigned us to various parts of the island. Water reservoirs, Electrical facilities etc. The first two names called out were **Heple & Immermann**. We were sent to a Water Reservoir with a watch from 11pm to 6 am. No moon. It was blacker than the ace of spades. Every noise got our attention. We could not see anything. The good news, the Island was not bombed. We had no challenges. Very quiet on the Island.

The next several weeks we experienced War games &/or drills. Then on March 15th, 1951 our CO called 14 of us into his office & said "Gentlemen you are returning to Port Hueneme to form a detachment headed for Korea" MCB2 & MAG 33.

Rod Howard will have his short story on K-3 - MAG 33, MCB2, CBD 1802 & 1804 In the December issue of your newsletter.

The Walk Way to Victory tops 6000

From The Seabee Quarterly

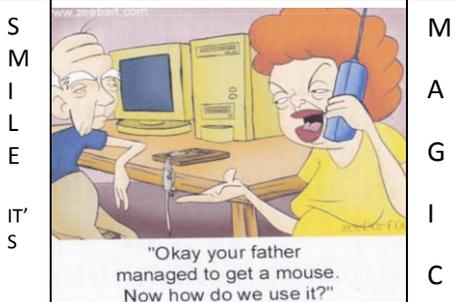
6000+ bricks and expanding daily. We show the following in the 103rd NCB-RA with a brick on the entry walkway. Thank you for your support.

Bob Magic	Jim Daniels
Lynn Abbott	Mickey Donley
Vincent Hart	Otto Hediger
Wayne Heple	Rod Howard
Erling Husby	Leo Kelly
Gerry George	Glenn Lindbloom
Gerald Love	Wayne Kroeger
Wayne Edsall	Lloyd Madison
Dennis Payton	Joe Reinhardt
Floyd Ruggles	Stoney Serrett
Norman Scott	Bob Teaman
Bill Wilcoxon	Donald Woodward
Bob Urban	103rd NCB-RA
Ralph Presson	PM Kurry

Ed Carter
(Several have 2 or more bricks on the pathway).



If your name is missing it is because we didn't know. Applications for a brick are available upon request - free. This is our Museum. Be part of the CB History. Now open to the public, no pass or ID required. If you already have a brick tell us and we will take a picture of it and mail it to you after the reunion at Port Hueneme. Or Come to the reunion & see it yourself.



If you don't have a computer try one. Help is available at Schools, Sr. Centers & Libraries, often free. Amazing what it can do.....

The Military Salute

From the VA

Approved 2009

"As a Veteran you may now give the military Salute' to our Flag in review during a Parade, special events, raising or lowering of our flag also during our National Anthem". SALUTE'



PLEASE CALL YOUR HOTEL CHOICE AND REGISTER TODAY. (LAST CALL)

Reunion Itinerary @ PH

Sept 26th Thursday –ALL DAY

Check in & chat

Dinner 6pm

Sept 27th Friday Breakfast at Hotel

Lunch noon

Dinner 6pm

Sept 28th Saturday Breakfast at Hotel

Air Show at Pt. Mugu

Transportation provided

Dinner 6pm

Sept 29th Sunday Breakfast at Hotel

Reunion ends

Tell me your attending the reunion and a **kit will be mailed to you with all the reunion details.** OR call **Ed Kloster at 1-626-280-9495**
*The Reagan Library - 30 min drive from the Hotel this is not a reunion event. New CB Museum will be open Base tour/shopping - optional Chat sessions at your pleasure, A short walk to beach- & near-by shopping centers. Larger one within 5 miles.



Vehicle maintenance Shop

**Tent City
Guam
1947**

From
**Al
Caldwell**



Main Gate to Tent City

ALERT
May 18th
Typhoon
passed about
200 miles
north of
Guam we had
no damage.

103rd Movie "Sleeping City" with



Dick Conte & Colleen Gray 2/9/51

Q: Will my benefits stop if I don't file an annual report? **A:** The VA no longer requires you to complete an annual eligibility verification report (EVR). However you are required to notify the VA of any family & income changes. Be sure to KEEP records of all medical expenses (including mileage). If in doubt call your local VA for more details.



**Know
your VA**

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