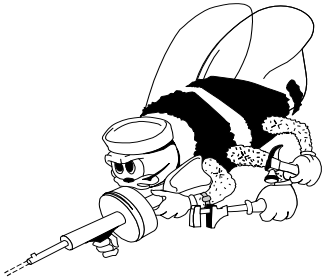


# MCB 2 Reunion Association

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# SEABEES

*A Newsletter for Former US Naval*

***Mobile Construction Battalion 2 Personnel***

and host to CBD 1802, CBD 1804, CBMU 1, CBMU 101, CBMU 553 and CBMU 577

## Make Your Reservations Now!

**See page 3 for hotel information  
and page 5 for room rates available**

### **Door Prize!**

#### **Don't Forget yours!**

Remember to bring your door prize as this is our fun time at the banquet. Everyone gets to select a gift during the dinner and the door prizes brought have been very nice, all the way from golf clubs and crystal vases to ball caps. Bring something you would like to share, maybe something you have made. One of the fun items brought that was used in an auction to raise money for the association was a wood Tournapull someone made and the auction was very successful! I think Bob Hart that won the bidding still takes it outside and plays in the dirt with it! But don't forget your door prize!

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### **Happy Birthday, Seabees!**

March 5 will be the 75th birthday of the Seabees! Adm. Ben Moreell had the foresight to organize the construction services plan before WWII and, as soon as Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, he reorganized the Navy by getting permission for CEC officers to have command status over the men in construction battalions. Also in place was a plan to militarize the construction men so their specialties could be used in these battalions. Six weeks after congress declared war, Seabees began construction of Camp Allen, the first Seabee training camp. Six weeks! Can you imagine trying to do the same thing today?

As we all prepare our schedule for 2017, plan to come to Las Vegas for our reunion September 12-14 and meet old friends and make new ones. No

*See Reunion! (Continued on page 2)*

# The Commander and Staff

Our leadership consists of:

**Commander  
Pete Elliott**

**Staff:**

Paul D'Angelo  
Vic Jaccino  
Don McLain  
Rich Nelson, Vice Commander  
Malcolm Pearson  
Stoney Serrett, Commander Emeritus  
Scott Williams, Sec'y/Treas./Publisher

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planned events as a group have been scheduled, so individuals can determine if they would like to attend any shows together and the shuttle can be arranged for transportation. Shows and schedules that far out have not been scheduled by the hotels, so we have to be closer to our reunion dates before any shows available will be known. The Palace Station will assist those that would like to attend a show as a group and get special group rates. Those arrangements can usually be made on the day of the show, but if you want to sit in our hospitality room and visit with friends, there will be ample room for that with refreshments and snacks also. But make your plans now to attend. Send in your reservation form to Scott so that is not left until the last minute as a head count has to be made and plans made accordingly. Don't put off sending in your reservations! Do that NOW!! And I hope to see you there!

My sex life is like a Ferrari.....

I don't have a Ferrari.

# SEABEES

*December - June  
Dates to Remember*

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- |                |                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 1, 1937   | RAdm. Ben Moreell becomes Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks.                                                                                           |
| Dec. 7, 1941   | Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.                                                                                                                           |
| Dec. 8, 1941   | U.S. declares war on Japan.                                                                                                                             |
| Dec. 23, 1942  | Wake Island falls to Japanese.                                                                                                                          |
| Dec. 25, 1972  | Bob Hope Christmas show on Diego Garcia; first jet to land on airstrip constructed by NMCB 62.                                                          |
| Dec. 31, 1947  | Seabee Reserve established.                                                                                                                             |
| Jan. 1         | Happy New Year!                                                                                                                                         |
| Jan. 5, 1942   | Bureau of Naval Personnel authorizes formation of Construction Battalions.                                                                              |
| Jan. 17, 1942  | Ground broken for construction of Camp Allen, VA, first Seabee training facility.                                                                       |
| Feb. 8, 1945   | NCB 115, the first troops ashore at Subic Bay, P.I.                                                                                                     |
| Feb. 13, 1945  | Fleet Admiral E.J. King authorized retention of the Seabees as a permanent part of the postwar Navy.                                                    |
| Feb. 19, 1966  | Salt water distillation unit installed by Seabees in Antarctica became operational.                                                                     |
| Mar. 1, 1942   | RADM Ben Moreell requested the Navy construction units be authorized to use a distinctive designation and insignia; The Seabee insignia was authorized. |
| Mar. 2, 1867   | Civil Engineer Corps established.                                                                                                                       |
| Mar. 5, 1942   | Seabee Birthday - Happy 75th!                                                                                                                           |
| Mar. 19, 1942  | Secretary of the Navy authorizes CEC Officers to assume full command of Seabee Units.                                                                   |
| Mar. 22, 1945  | Seabees ferry Patton's 3rd Army armored units across the Rhine.                                                                                         |
| April 6, 1909  | CDR. Robert E. Perry, CEC, USN, accompanied by Matthew Henson, reaches the North Pole.                                                                  |
| April 18, 1942 | Doolittle raid on Tokyo.                                                                                                                                |
| May 8, 1945    | VE Day, Germany surrenders.                                                                                                                             |
| June 1, 1950   | MCB 2 Commissioned.                                                                                                                                     |

Fill this form out and have it ready when you call the hotel for your reservations.

**Bring this completed form with you to the reunion with your Confirmation Number.**

# PALACE STATION

2411 West Sahara Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89102

## HOTEL RESERVATION WORKSHEET

**CALL 1-800-634-3101**

**& Identify Yourself: (PCISEAB) Seabee Reunion**

**Reunion Dates: Tuesday - Thursday, September 11 - 13, 2017**

**Rate: \$47 per night - plus tax (12%) and fees (\$12.99) = \$65.63/night  
Single or Double Occupancy (Triple: add \$15; Quad: add \$30)**

[The \$12.99 service fee includes all rooms equipped with high speed internet access,  
unlimited local and long distance calls, and admission to the exercise facility.]

Parking: **FREE**

Check-in Time: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out Time: 12:00 Noon **Confirmation Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Guest & Companion's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date

Departure Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number for Guarantee

Type of Card & Expiration Date

\_\_\_\_\_

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Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special needs** (Subject to availability): Smoking/non-smoking; Handicap. Notify at time reservations are made.

**Deposits:** Deposits must be received prior to the reservation cut-off date. A credit card or a deposit in the amount of one night's room charge must be received no later than 5 days from the date the reservation was made.

**Reservation Cut-Off Date:** All reservations must be received by the hotel no later than August 12, 2017.

**Early Departure Fee:** Any attendee that checks out early will be charged an early departure fee equal to one night's stay.

**Cancellations:** Individual room reservations may be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival with no penalty.

# REUNION REGISTRATION - Las Vegas, NV

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to MCB 2 Reunion Association in the form of a check or money order. No credit cards or phone reservations accepted. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before September 1, 2017. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

**Keep this original for your records.**

**Make a copy of this completed form and mail that copy to Scott.**

MAIL TO:  
 Scott Williams  
 MCB 2 Reunion Association  
 725 Summer Ridge Drive  
 Villa Rica, GA 30180

\*\*\*\*\*  
 OFFICE USE ONLY  
 Check Number                      Received  
 Inputted                              Nametag  
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**CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2017**

	PRICE PER	X	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	\$ AMOUNT
Tuesday, 9/12 - - Wine & cheese reception - Hospitality Room - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.					
Wednesday evening - 9/13 - No group plans - individual plans					
Thursday, 9/14 - Banquet	\$50	X	_____	=	_____
Registration Fee per person (required)	\$10	X	_____	=	_____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO MCB 2 Reunion Association</b>				=	_____

*Please do not staple or tape payment*

Please print all names for name tags \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
(MCB 2, CBMU 1/101, MCB 3 etc.)

Spouse/Guest name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Disability/Dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying at the hotel? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you flying? \_\_\_\_\_ Driving? \_\_\_\_\_ RV? \_\_\_\_\_

Full refunds will be sent for the above mentioned activities if cancellation is received by September 12  
 (less a \$5 processing fee). However, after that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies.

**CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am - 5pm Eastern time (excluding holidays).  
 CALL (770) 456-4246 to obtain your cancellation code.**

MCB 2 REUNION ASSOCIATION, Inc.  
**Schedule of Events**  
**PALACE STATION—WEST SAHARA**  
**September 12 - 14, 2017**

***Monday, September 11***

Early arrival - Setup and Familiarization  
 Prepare Registration Packages

***Tuesday, September 12***

8:00 a.m. - Setup and Familiarization  
 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Bird Registration  
 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Planning Committee meeting  
 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wine & cheese reception - Hospitality Room  
 10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

***Wednesday, September 13***

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration  
 10:30 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed

***Thursday, September 14***

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open  
 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Reunion Registration open  
 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service  
 12:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Late Reunion Registration open  
 4:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room closed  
 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cash Bar in Banquet Room  
 7:00 p.m. - Banquet  
 9:00 p.m. - Door Prize drawings

***Friday, September 15***

8:00 a.m. - Hospitality Room open  
 Farewells and departures

**Room Rates – Palace Station**

	Sun 9/10/17	Mon 9/11/17	Tue 9/12/17	Wed 9/13/17	Thu 9/14/17	Fri 9/15/17	Sat 9/16/17
<b>Tower Rooms</b>	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$89.00	\$89.99
<b>Petite Suites</b>	\$67.00	\$67.00	\$67.00	\$67.00	\$67.00	\$109.00	\$109.00
<b>Courtyard Rooms</b>	\$31.99	\$31.99	\$31.99	\$31.99	\$31.99	\$69.99	\$69.99

## Korean War History on PBS Battle of Chosin

A new documentary on the legendary Korean War battle features the personal perspectives of more than 20 veterans of the deadly, frigid, two-week ordeal. It is available for online viewing at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org). The two-hour film chronicles the men of 1st Marine Division, and attached soldiers, who for two weeks fought their way to the Korean coast through a larger Chinese force.

### Veterans By The Numbers (as of Jan 1, 2016) – source ABC News

Following is the U.S. veteran population using 2015 data from the U.S. Census Bureau:

**18.8 million** - The number of military veterans. Of those 18.8 million, 1.6 million are women.

**9.3 million** - The number of military veterans age 65 or older. About 1.6 million are younger than 35.

**930,000** - The number of living veterans who served in World War II. There are **1.8 million** who served in the Korean War, **6.8 million** who served in Vietnam and **5.6 million** who served during the Gulf War (counted as 1990 to the present). About **4.3 million** served only in peacetime.

**11.6%** - The percentage who are black. About **6.4%** are Hispanic, while **78.3%** are white.

**3** - The number of states with a million or more veterans: California, Texas, and Florida.

**27.7%** - The percentage of military veterans 25 and older with a bachelor's degree. Nearly **31%** of non-veterans have one.

**\$32,446** - The annual median income of female veterans. Compare that number to **\$22,505** for female non-veterans.

The annual median income for male veterans is higher at **\$38,978**, also higher than the number for male non-veterans at **\$34,168**.

**7.2 million** - The number of military veterans 18 to 64 years old in the labor force. 6.8 million are employed.

**11.5 million** - The number who voted in the 2014 congressional election. That means **54%** of the veteran population cast a ballot, compared with **41%** of non-veterans.

**3.9 million** - The number with a service-connected disability rating.

**405,235** - The number of all U.S. businesses that are majority owned by veterans. Veteran-owned firms comprised **7.5%** of the nation's **5.4 million** employer businesses.

## 3D Scanning Preserves Seabee Monument for US Navy

In 1970, the Seabee Memorial began construction to build a monument in Washington, D.C. to honor the memory of those who served in Naval Construction Battalions. The famous Felix de Weldon – a former Seabee – designed the Monument of dark brown marble with bronze figures and bronze back wall.

Automated Precision volunteered their services to 3D scan the entire monument using the latest 3D scanning equipment. This will allow the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation to render any size monument, from table-top size up to original full scale size using the 3D data modeled in DesignX. A local university will 3D print a model of the monument for the Seabee Historical Foundation <http://advancedmanufacturing.org/3d-scanning-preserved-seabee-memorial/>



The old marquee at the movie theater on the Port Hueneme base has been restored by the Oxnard Island X-7 of NSVA. Congratulations to these Seabees! Bravo Zulu, X-7!

**As a test pilot climbs out of an experimental plane having crashed tearing off the wings and tail, crash trucks arrive. A rescuer asks the bloodied pilot, 'What happened?' The pilot replies, 'I don't know, I just got here myself!'**

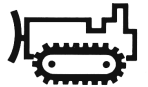


## Notes from our members:

From **Mary Henrichson**: Maybe you know this but I thought I'd make sure. **Joan Arnold** sent me a note that **Basil** had passed away on September 4th. He had many health problems and his kidneys just failed and dialysis was too much for him..... from **Yvonne Fowler Meredith**: I do believe I owe **Robert (Bob) Fowler's** dues, please find them enclosed [thank you!]. I am still hoping someone will recognize his name and contact me at pstar@ctaz.com. He was with MCB 2 from February 1955 - August 1956 and MCB 3 from August 1956 - July 1957, Cubi Point, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands out of Port Hueneme. Thank you for all you do..... from **Frank Castelvechi**: Thanks for the flag. I'm sending a check **Mike's** dues and the flag [thank you]. Hope everybody is well..... from **Pete (Clorinda) Elliott**: A check enclosed for dues for **Pete** and some extra where it is needed [thank you!] ..... dues (and some with extra) received from **Frank Hayes, Dave Budworth, Ivan Majetic, Gordon Gwathney, Howard Cornwell, Stiles Stevens, Bill Wisnowski, Stoney Serrett, Joseph O'Brien, Ken Chew, Earl Presson, Erling Husby, Roger Hamilton, Dan Svendsen, Robert Colquhoun, Allan Alberg, Joseph (Frenchie) Jandreau, Richard Farbo, Jim Green, Bennie Carlson and Al Erb** [thanks, all!]..... from **Wayne Heple**: [Wayne sent a synopsis of the Battle of Midway... thanks, Wayne] A check is enclosed for dues plus some extra [thanks]..... from **Marjorie Haines**: Please enclose a thank you note in the next Newsletter from our family to all those who sent cards as they were much appreciated by the entire family.....from **Stoney Serrett**: thanks for all that you do for MCB 2. I hope this check will help us get to



Vegas [thanks, and I hope so, too!] ..... from **John Wilborn**: [John had sent an email asking for some Seabee cutout pins to give to friends, which I sent.] Enclosed is my check for the pins and thanks [thank you, John]..... from **Juanita Hershberger**: You do a great job! [thank you] I read the Newsletter from cover to cover. Enclosed is a check in memory of **Leonard (Hersh) Hershberger** whose birthday was October 24th. I can't write but I read well! Hope you can read this [easily, Juanita and thanks]..... from **Duane Keech**: I need to get back on the Good Guy List. This enclosed check should take care of me for a while [it does and thanks]. I enjoy the Newsletter and would hate to miss it. Keep up the good work..... from **Claude Garcenot**: Thank you so much for the Newsletter. It also reminded me that my dues would be up at the end of this year. Enclosed is my check for dues plus some extra for whatever is needed [thank you!]. I enjoy the Newsletter very much and appreciate all the wonderful work you do to keep us all informed. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family [thank you and to you and all the Seabees!]..... from **Howard Doyle**: Enclosed is a check for my dues and a little bit more for whatever you find appropriate [thank you!]. I have enjoyed the emails you have sent through the years..... from **Doug Emond**: Just a note wishing both of you a very Merry Christmas. At this time, it's very doubtful if I will be at the reunion. My health has deteriorated a lot and I'm lucky to be above ground. A check is enclosed for dues and a little extra [thanks] ..... I received Christmas cards from many and thanks. Here are some of those that sent them, some with a check for dues: **Bill Wisnowski, Stiles Ste-**



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**vens, Vic Jaccino, Pat Badgett, Mal Pearson, Gene (Jo) McDonagh,** and this from **Doug Thorp:** A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family and also to all those on the Good Guy List. May 2017 be more peaceful than years past. Thank you for connecting with me (difficult, I know). It was very surprising (and gratifying). Also, many thanks for the back issues of the MCB 2 Reunion Newsletter. I appreciated them very much. I have enclosed a money order for my dues to get back on the Good Guy List [thanks]. I shall send another check for the back years in January. In January after receiving the additional payment, send me an updated copy of the membership roster. Once again, I want to thank you for all your trouble in digging me up. I am currently (very slowly) trying to find names of some of those I knew at MCB 2 / CBMU 101 to send to you. I expect many have already passed away. PS: Although I reside with my son and daughter-in-law in Granite Falls, Washington. I continue to receive mail at my PO box address..... from **Don McLain:** I hope things are going well with you and your family [they are, and thanks!]. I talked to **Larry Stevenson** last week and he informed me that I was no longer on the Good Guy List. I'm enclosing a check and I hope it brings me up to date [it does and thanks]. If it doesn't, email me an amount due. I hope ya'll have a great Christmas..... **Stiles Stevens** also sent the notice on page 7 about the Korea Revisit Program. Thank, **Stiles.** Great program!..... from **Jack Schrader:** Time for dues so I had better send them in [thanks!]. Hope you and Rachel had a good year and hope you have a great holiday season. We didn't have as good a year as normal but we are still doing most of the things we normally do, but we have slowed down. I'm not sure about the reunion this year. I had some problems, so I'll have to play it as time goes by. Have a great holiday season..... from **Tom Dowd:** Hope you had a great holiday season enjoying time with family and friends. Stay well! Thanks for another year of support for the MCB 2 Reunion Association. Enclosed is my check for dues plus a bit extra [thanks!]...... from **Bob Hoare** [Canada]: From the "Great White North" the enclosed check for my

dues to keep me on the Good Guy List [thanks]. Thanks for passing on the information for the Korean Revisit Program [see page 10] but this is not going to work for us. We have been to Seoul and the DMZ, so we are going to stay with our original plan for Pusan and the East Coast. It's surprising the gratitude shown by the younger Korean generation to the vets! Thanks again for all your emails. To you and your family, all the best for 2017!..... another from **Doug Thorp:** Please find enclosed a money order to pay for the Newsletters [thanks]. I really appreciated that you tracked me down. I had forgotten to send a change of address back in 2012 when I entered the "Old Folks Home" here in Granite Falls, Washington. I am now living with my oldest living son and his wife in Granite Falls, which is where you found the phone number. PS: Howyah! It's a new year and I'm one year older - Wow! Made it through the year once again... I thank you for getting me back on the mailing list once again. My only hurt is the reduction in names of those I knew. God bless 'em and keep their souls alive. PPS: I want to wish you and your family the happiest New Year and those now old Seabees who also made it thru the previous year..... from **John Stock:** Here's a check for my dues plus a little bit extra [thanks!]. Hope to make the reunion this year but traveling is not as easy as it used to be. Will have to see if I can make it as it will just be me since Mary passed away a year ago this month. So, I am traveling solo now. My best to you and all the rest of the MCB 2-ers..... from **Ginny Aulik:** My mother [**Marian (Clyde) Stenholm**] passed away Sunday night, January 22. Earlier, the doctors were talking dialysis as her kidneys were not making urine but did not have to do that. She had been going downhill for some time..... from **James Taylor:** Yesterday I received an email from Master Chief **John Hughes** indicating that he was doing some research on the Seabees in Korea during the Korean War, but had been unable to uncover much except for the landing at Inchon. He had learned that I spent a tour there with CBMU 1/101 and asked if I could provide him with background. I sent him the email which I am enclosing [see page 9] which comes from my



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memory, so it may contain some hiccups - that was a long time ago! You will note that I gave him your web site and suggested that he make contact with you. He replied with thanks and indicated he would be in touch with you in a few days. In the process, I took a good look at your last newsletter and realized you must be covering me since I seem to be absent from the Good Guy List. Enclosed is a check for dues [thank you!]. Keep up the good work..... from **Stoney Serrett**: Just a few lines to say hello and to let you know I am doing OK and I hope you and Rachel are doing well also. Thanks for all you do to keep MCB 2 Reunion doing well. I am not sure yet if I can make the next reunion. I do have a great grandson getting married in August in Calgary, Canada. I hope I can make that trip..... from **Darrell Serrett**: I am writing to let you know my Dad has moved to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport. I call it the Armed Forces Retirement "RESORT". Anyone who has seen the home knows what I mean. Calling it a retirement home doesn't do it justice. He really seems to be getting along well there. Please publish his address in your newsletter. I'm sure he would like to hear from any and all of his friends. [see **Stoney's** new address below]. Anyone can visit him there, but he has to let AFRH Administration & Security know who & when they wish to visit [228-897-4429]..... That's all the letters that have been received, so this issue is ready to go to print. Make your plans to attend the reunion and don't forget to bring a door prize for each person attending! See you there! Scott



**MAKE A NOTE!**  
**ADDRESS CORRECTION**

E-mail address for Pat Badgett:  
 pandjbadgett@gmail.com

Stoney Serrett  
 1800 Beach Drive, Unit 424  
 Gulfport, Mississippi 39507  
 228-209-0310

## CBMU 1/101 Seabees in Korea During the Korean War A perspective from RADM James T. Taylor, CEC, USN, Ret.

From John Hughes that started this: Hey, Admiral! My name is John Hughes, Retired Master Chief of the Seabee. I served as Force Master Chief for ADMs Zobel, Jones and Montoya for a short period. Dan Urish gave me your email contact as a possible fount of wisdom about Seabees in Korea. I am researching our involvement in the Korean War. Most of what I have found is about the Inchon landings. If possible, can you tell me about Seabees working on other projects?

Response from RADM James Taylor: Hello, Master Chief. I will give you a little info, but I am 'up to my ears in alligators' as the saying goes and had better not take on another project but I will pass along what I can remember. I was assigned to CBMU 1, which was later changed to CBMU 101, and was all the same outfit. I arrived there in November 1952, Ensign Taylor. Skipper was LCDR Harry C. Wills. Battalion was attached to the First Marine Air Wing, General Clayton Jerome, at Pohang on the east coast, but split with the main body of us at Pohang, K3 airfield, and a large detachment under LCDR Baer at Pyongtaek, K6 airfield on the west coast. VMF 311 and VMF 115, flying F9F Panther jet fighter-bombers, and a composite squadron of mainly F2H Banshee photo recon planes, F80 dual seat trainers, F3D night fighters and some helicopters, all made up MAG 33 (Marine Air Group 33). The Panthers usually made two trips up to the bomb line daily. Over at K5 were MAG 16 and their prop-driven planes: a squadron of F4U Corsairs and a squadron of AD3, the latter carried an enormous load of ordnance. Our work was building and extending the runways, taxiways, parking aprons, roads, bridges, utilities, etc. I was "A" Co. Cdr, my Chief was CDC Ed Bissen. We had a small "A" Co. detachment at Yodo Island in Wonsan Harbor with a primitive landing strip to offer a crash site to aircraft shot up over the bomb line that weren't going to make it back to their carrier, and it got considerable use. Initially, CDC Fred Grossman carved out the place with a small crew. North Koreans could use it for target practice, and did. Our crew lived in a bunker and kept the strip available by filling the artillery craters and towing wrecked aircraft out of the way. Pilots were picked up by a destroyer from the fleet quickly. The biggest project of mine was a large runway extension on the south

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# The Good Guy List

## For 2017

Allan Alberg, Pat Badgett, V.H. Barnes, John Bloem, Bill Body, Dave Budworth, Elwin 'Shorty' Campbell, Pat Carey, Benny Carlson, Edwin Carlson, Frank (for Mike) Castelvechi, Chuck Chapman, Ken Chew, Bob Colquhoun, Howard 'Corny' Cornwell, Ballard Credeur, James DeKeyser, Tony DeLeon, Mary Dick (for all the Good Guys), Tom Dowd, Howard Doyle, Pete Elliott, Doug Emond, Al Erb, Richard Farbo, Frank Fibich, Jack Foster, Yvonne Fowler (in memory of Bob Fowler) Meredith, Claude Garcenot, Robert Graf, John Grasz, Jim Green, Gordon Gwathney, Pauline (in memory of Charlie) Hagemann, David Haines, Roger Hamilton, Ruth (in memory of Alex) Hamilton, Bob Hart, Frank Hayes, Ralph Heitt, Mary (in memory of Duane) Henrichson, Wayne Heple, Althea (in memory of Jerry) Herr, Juanita (in memory of Leonard [Hersh]) Hershberger, Bob Hoare, Sam Holsomback, Erling Husby, Vic Jaccino, Joe (Frenchie) Jandreau, Sharon (in memory of Larry) Jessop, Sharon (in memory of Ambrose) Johnson, Don Kaegebein, Duane Keech, Les Keller, Denise King (in memory of her Dad, Don Truskey), John Kolasz, Betty (in memory of Emil) Krygier, Thomas Lightbody, H.A. 'Herb' Liverman, Ivan Majetic, James L. Marshall, Gene McDonagh, Don McLain, Bobby McMillan, Dan Millett, Chuck Minert, Frank Mingo, Rich 'Nellie' Nelson, Opal (in memory of Paul) Neusetzer, Joe O'Brien, Mal Pearson, John Petronka, Earl Presson, Sam Ragusa, Gary Rawlings, Rex Roark, John Robertson, Gene Robinson, George Rosenvold, C. Edner Rudolph, Vince Ryan, Merle Schnepf, Jack Schrader, Stoney Serrrett, Bill Sharp, Glenn Sisco, Joe Sitkowski, Dick Skillicorn, Alice (in memory of Ray) Sonnen, Gene Staples, Marian (in memory of Clyde) Stenholm, Lucy (in memory of Lee) Stevens, Stiles Stevens, Larry Stevenson, John Stock, Willie Struecker, Dan Svendsen, James Taylor, Doug Thorp, Judy (in memory of Richard) Todd, Dick Walters, Rodney White, John Wilborn, Scott Williams, Jack Wilson and Bill Wisnowski.

Everyone listed here has their dues paid at least through 2017, some much longer. If you don't find your name on this list, then maybe you have forgotten to send in your dues recently. All dues are paid through the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 (no dues card sent out). This list is as of January 22, 2017. There are currently 98 paid up members through 2017 from a mailing list of 212 and over 250 by email. If dues have not been sent for at least three years, they do not receive the Newsletter by mail. There are 674 names on the full member roster (21 pages). The Newsletter is sent primarily by email. If you or a son or daughter have an email address and you wish to receive the Newsletter by email, please send an email to Scott at [williash@aol.com](mailto:williash@aol.com). You will get the Newsletter with color pictures, which I cannot print in the U.S. Post Office-mailed version (SW)

In WWII, more airmen  
were KIA than Marines  
in the Pacific.

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Dues are \$25/year  
(more, if you can)  
January - December

This is what keeps us going  
and enables us to send this Newsletter.

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