



Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello to all and I hope and pray you are all well and making do with this COVID-19 crisis. It is affecting all of us in one way or another, but we need to push through. I am your President for 2020 and I hope I will not be remembered as the COVID-19 President!!

By way of introduction, I was assigned to NMCB-14 from 1984 to 1995—man that was a long time ago. I started off as DET OIC in Miami, became the S-1A (I guess someone had to do it), then served as the Charlie and Delta Company Commanders (but not simultaneously). After living in Key West, I moved to Brooksville (and got assigned to the Tampa DET) then four years later, moved to Orlando (and assigned to that DET.) I remember great times and shipmates in 14 and particularly the construction DETs for AT and the military training in 29 Palms and Fort Jackson. In 1995, I got assigned out of 14 and never got a chance to move back, though I did serve with 3rd NCR and 2nd NCB which helped keep me in contact with 14. I finally retired in 2009 and so grateful I stayed in the Reserves as I enjoy Tricare 4 Life!!

I want you all to remember that the Alumni Association is for you and particularly in times of crisis. We are able to financially assist you, so if you have a need, do not hesitate to contact us. We will publish the contacts on our web site, but you can also contact me directly as the need arises at g.harkness@earthlink.net.

And finally, as I noted, this Association is for YOU. So please let u know how we can better serve you and what you would like the association to do.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Hello All!

My name is Brandi Anderson, daughter of Michael Anderson. I am your newest secretary.

We are currently in the process of updating our master email list. Please fill out the [form](#) so you can stay up to date on the happenings of this Alumni Organization. (if the hyperlink does not work, the address is (<https://forms.gle/1bwYUE4Lat3rbYDQ6>))

Also, keep an eye on our web page! We are in the process of updating the web site! Expect to see a new and improved page very soon! (<http://nmcb14alumni.com>)

Feel free to message me anytime on Facebook or at my e-mail address: secretary.nmcb14@gmail.com.

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**WHAT'S YOUR
SUPER POWER?**

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Announcements

2020 ANNUAL REUNION

Mark your calendars!! The NMCB-14 Alumni Association 2020 Reunion will be held October 08-11 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Orange Park, FL. Registration details will be posted on the website and on our Facebook site within the next couple months. Plan to attend to catch up with your old shipmates!



MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

WWII Life	03
Life Members	161
Annual Members	05
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Subtotal	169
Memorial Members	38
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TOTAL	207

BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCIES



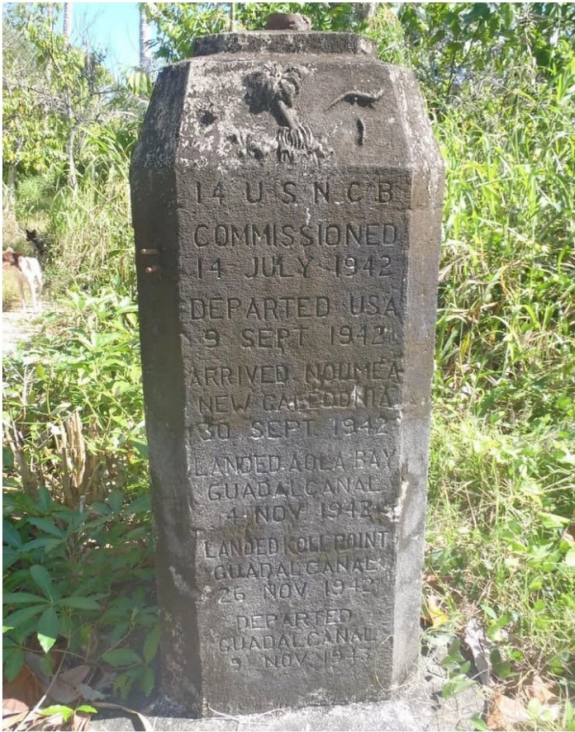
We need to fill two Board of Director positions for a Three-Year term beginning in 2021. If you are interested, please contact President Gregg Harkness at g.harkness@earthlink.net

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

We need members to join our Financial Assistance Committee. The Alumni Association also needs an Ombudsman. These are key positions in reviewing requests for Financial Assistance. If you are able to help, please contact President Gregg Harkness at g.harkness@earthlink.net.



BATTALION HISTORY



This is a monument to the 14th NCB for their work and sacrifices on Guadalcanal in 1942. This was a base for a flag pole. The steel pole long since eroded away, leaving but a small nub left on top of the monument.



NCB 14 In Guadalcanal, 1942

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Hello and welcome to another issue of the Alumni Newsletter!

As you all are well aware, it's been a while since you've seen one of these. Hopefully, I can help rectify that as we move forward.

My name is Patrick Allfrey. I don't expect many will remember me from my days in NMCB-14. Back in the 1990s, I served as a CM in Alfa Company in Det 0314.

It is an honor to step up as editor of the Alumni Newsletter. Knowing I've got some pretty big shoes to fill, it is my hope to do justice to this fine publication.

After serving with NMCB 14 and completing my education, I started earning a living as a technical writer for various industries and agencies. As a writer/trainer, this work has taken me from Florida all the way up to East Tennessee, where I'm currently employed with a manufacturing facility. One of my many job duties here involves the creation and editing of the semi-annual plant newsletter/magazine.

That publication recently caught the attention of our division's CEO who congratulated our plant manager for having the best one in the entire division. I hope to take what I've learned producing that newsletter and apply it here.

If you'd like to see something included in this publication, please let me know. I'm starting out with a fresh slate here and extremely interested in hearing what you'd like. My email address is p.allfrey@gmail.com.

I look forward to serving you!



Seabee: (see-bee) n. A fully Automatic, Overworked, Under Paid, MRE Fed, Beer Cooled, Amphibious Animal that thrives on Military Intelligence.





NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

During the 2003-2004 Iraqi Freedom deployment of NMCB 14, seven of its Seabees were killed and 34 wounded. In 2004, a Purple Heart Ceremony was held at NAS Jacksonville, Florida where NMCB 14 has its headquarters. It was well-attended by the military community, as well as retired and former members of NMCB 14. As a result of this gathering, **Capt. Bob Brockway** organized a small group of key retired officers and enlisted personnel to form an alumni association with a primary mission of aiding the families of those NMCB 14 personnel who were killed or wounded during Iraqi Freedom and any future conflict casualties.

On March 12, 2005, a meeting of the organizing committee was held at the Best Western Hotel & Suites in Orange Park, Florida. Those in attendance were **Jack Araneo, Bob Brockway, Randy Bushey, Ron Helton, Al Kenny, Bill Purkis, Joe Schweigart, Bill Tydings, and Mike Wood. Neil Orange**, who also was part of the organizing committee, was not able to attend. An organization was set up and interim appointments were made to the Executive Committee (Board of Directors and Officers). The initial purpose of the Association was in keeping with the following goals:



1. Camaraderie within the Seabee community, inclusive of all Navy rates, ranks, and designators.
2. Support of the inclusive Seabee community.
3. Communications with members.
4. Historical restoration and preservation.

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NMCB-14 Alumni Association

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