



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Those of you who did not attend our annual Reunion in Orange Park really missed a very successful and outstanding weekend of fun and business. The accommodations, food, and activities were just outstanding. Among the events immensely enjoyed were the tour to Amelia Island, golfing at NAS Jax, visit of the Historical Center at the RSS, and the Saturday night banquet which featured CAPT Joe Hinson, CO, NMCB14, as speaker and the performance by the Vintage Players. The silent auction was also a success. I would like to thank all who provided items for the Silent Auction. I personally would like to thank the Reunion Committee for all the hard work that was put forth to make the Reunion a success. Mark your calendars for the 2010 Reunion in Savannah, Georgia at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown on 4 to 7 November 2010. A reunion package will be out in early summer.

During the Board of Directors meeting, three new board members were elected to replace the three rolling off. They were Don Bridges, Randy Felton, and Al Robertson. The 2009 Officers were unanimously re-elected to serve another year. I would like to thank those directors who rolled off (Ken Erickson, Neil Orange, and Tom Williams) for their outstanding contribution during the organizing years of the association. I'm sure they will continue to aid us in the future. The Board established a Ways and Means Committee to be headed up by Bob Rehkopf. This committee will come up with ways to increase our funds and membership.

The Board also approved making Associate Members able to have life memberships. As a year has now gone by since taking office, we have made great strides in improving communication within and outside our organization by introducing and publishing newsletters, mailings by both e-mail and snail mail, having several conference calls, and having three Board of Directors meetings. Through this communication effort we have not only been able to improve our day to day operations, but also better convey information to you, the members and potential members. This year we will place our emphasis on increasing membership and aiding the families of the KIAs and WIAs. We authorized a gift card to be sent to these families during the holiday season along with a letter introducing our organization and our mission. This was our first official act of aid to the families and hope it will open the door to future needs. We need all of your support and ask that you become members of your alumni group.

Ron Helton, President

Association Officers:

Ronald L. Helton, President

Tel: 770-554-2748

E-Mail: r.l.helton@att.net

Randy Bushey, Vice President

Tel: 561-281-1389

E-Mail: randy.bushey@CH2M.com

Fred S. Bossard, Secretary

Tel: 570-992-2030

E-Mail: bossarf@mac.com

George Manning, Treasurer

Tel: 850-209-0911

E-Mail: yeoman61@wfeca.net

THE KEYS TO
SUCCESS IS
PARTICIPATION.
PLEASE DO YOUR
PART TO MAKE
THE ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
SUCCESSFUL.

THANKS!!



<http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Glenn Smith

Mike Wood

Bill Purkis

Mike Grace

Calvin Riley

Charles Sheppard

Ed Clark

Don Bridges

Al Robertson

Randy Felton



Guest Speaker, Capt Hinson
CO NMCB 14



Joe Kolodziej



Mike Grace, Bob Rehkopf,
Russ Doe, Ed Crenshaw



NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WINTER 2009

FROM THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Alumni Gatherings for 2010

At the reunion the Board of Directors created a Ways and Means Committee for the purpose of raising funds to support our mission: **of aiding the families of those NMCB FOURTEEN personnel who were either killed or wounded during Iraqi Freedom and/or any future conflict casualties.** As you know, seven Seabees were killed and thirty-four wounded.

I have agreed to head up this committee and as an initial effort I am creating an Alumni organization based on the State and City you live in. These City organizations are in need of volunteers to help sponsor Alumni Gatherings. A Gathering is simply a means of bringing Alumni together for the purpose of furthering our mission. A Gathering can be as simple as a happy hour, home event or something else; complex or simple it doesn't matter. I will supply you with the names and contact information of the Alumni we have listed in your area and help you contact them. These Gatherings are also open to non-Alumni who have an interest in helping the Association.

If you can volunteer just a few hours of your time it will make a difference.

Thank you.

Robert Rehkopf,

Chairman (CaptRehkopf@gmail.com)

[Editor's Note: Normand Dupuis, Mike Wood, and Neil Orange are the other W&M members whl will be assisting Robert with this initiative. Thank you all. fsb]



Robert Rehkopf explains a "Gathering"? or was the fish really that BIG??

2009 MEMBERS (TO DATE)

LIFE MEMBERS

Russell Doe	Kenneth Erickson	George A. Manning
Robert Rehkopf	Mike Wood	William P. Shiver
Fred S. Bossard	Michael Grace	Richard Mayo
Peter R. Brown	Mark Monaghan	Richard Hoibraten
John Dux	William C. Charvat	Harvey Warren
Ronald L. Helton	Charles Sheppard	Kenneth Morgan
Terry B. Jamison	William "Bill" Memory	James Caulder
John R. Johnson	Vernon Morris	Chris O. Snell, Jr.
Randall Bushey	Richard Biggs	Charles Hickey
George Milian	Randall McGhee	William "Gabby" McCallum
Edward N. Orange	U. J. C. Tom Williams	Tommie Tyler
William Purkis	James Mack	Joseph Kolodziej
Glenn A. Smith	Donald N. Bridges	William Travis
John T. Larsen	Ernest Burzumato	Alton F. Robertson

ANNUAL MEMBERS

James Kautz
Dwight Hamborsky
Wilson Hunter
Anthony Matthews
Gary Chitwood
James Healy
Kenneth Kastor
Normand Dupuis
Willis Maher
Jerry Kautz
Edgar MaGee
Ronald Dollar
David Tilki
Charles Hayman
Charles L. Meyer
William J. Smith
Jim Graham
Peter J. Araneo
Herbert Talmud
Orlando Chase
Thomas E. Clark
James Gold
Gregg E. Harkness
David A. Katz
Randall Felton
James F. (Jim) George
Frederick Ainsburg
Raleigh Ward
Don Irvine

FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION NEWS

Planning for the 2010 reunion is in full swing. We have signed a contract with the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown in Savannah, GA. The reunion is set for 04 - 07 November 2010. Your Board of Directors are meeting there on 27 February 2010 to outline final plans. All information for this grand event will be posted on the Alumni Association's Website as soon as all details are finalized. Be sure to keep checking the Website for more news. The link to the our Website is: <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>



<<Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 5711 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia, USA 3140



NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WINTER 2009

Odds 'n Ends

SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE

2009 DONORS TO NMCB 14 AA

John Dux	Peter R. Brown
Edward N. Orange	Mark Monaghan
Thomas Ed Clark	Gregg Harkness
Fred Bossard	Bill Memory
U. J. C. Tom Williams	Kenneth Kastor
Dee Brockway	Robin Brockway
Robin Brockway (2nd Donation)	Harvey Warren
Charles Sheppard	
Kenneth Kastor	



U. J. C. "Tom" Williams

IN MEMORY OF

2008-2009 Deceased

Robert "Bob" Brockway
Wayne McLaughlin
Ralph K. Girton
Jack Zoller
Jerry Dickerson
Ray Barnes
Steve King
Nick San Marco

Also of Note:

Jack Rickels
Bob Phenix

Bravo Zulu to ALL

May God Bless Our Troops!

Calendar

27 February 2010

Board Meeting
Savannah, GA
0800 - 1700

04-07 November 2010

5th Annual Re-Union
Hilton Garden Inn Midtown
5711 Abercorn St
Savannah, GA
Tel: 912-652-9300
Fax: 912-652-9301

Fall 2011

6th Annual Re-Union
Site and Dates TBD

NMCB 14 Alumni Association
4005 Crest View Drive
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Addressee Name
4321 First Street
Anytown, State 54321