



# NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

The Association has completed another successful Reunion weekend and has elected new Board Directors – who will bring new ideas and increased opportunities to support our Seabees deployed and at home. Congratulations to the new Directors – Loren Emery, Richard Biggs, Richard Hoibraten, Jim Caulder and Ray Walker. I want to thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve as the Association President over the last two years and their efforts to continue to move the Association forward in achieving its goal of supporting NMCB 14 Seabees and their families.

The deployed Seabees are still our steady focus over the next four months and especially during the holiday season. Please keep them in your prayers and consider sending a care package to make their days brighter and their nights shorter – until they can return to their families safe and sound next year. The items they have asked for are included in this newsletter – or call me and I will gladly send to you the list.

Recognition is an area that Ed Crenshaw, as your new President, has set as a goal for the next year. I could not agree more in his initiative and I want to start with thanking Mike Wood for his continued liaison with the Battalion leadership every month. Mike kept me informed every drill weekend of the Battalions needs. He keeps the Association in contact with the Battalion and is our constant reminder to them that we are here to support them. Mike also annually arranges for and delivers the wreath for the annual Ceremony in May to remember the NMCB 14 Seabees Killed in Iraq and those injured. If you have not had the opportunity to attend the ceremony – please take the time to travel to Jacksonville in May in 2013. Mike and Jackie could not make the trip to Asheville – but I look forward to seeing them again at the Reunion in 2013 in Jacksonville.

Congratulations to our new Association President Ed Crenshaw. I encourage you to email or call Ed, send him a note, support him and take an active role in your Association. We look forward to assisting Ed and Pauline in serving the NMCB 14 Seabees and welcoming the deployed Seabees home next year at the Reunion.

Anna and I want to hope you and your family had a safe and holy Christmas and a wonderful Holiday Season.

## Randy Bushey, Past President



Ed Crenshaw, President, Gets last minute advice from Randy Bushey, past President.

Ed was overheard saying “you have to be kidding!!”

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PLEASE DO YOUR  
PART TO MAKE  
THE ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION  
SUCCESSFUL.

THANKS!!



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### 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard Biggs

John J. Hillyer

Fred Bossard

Richard Hoibraten

Randy Bushey

Mark Monaghan

Jim Caulder

Keith Stephens

Loren Emery

Ray Walker



Dan Miller (SMSA), RADM Smith & Ron Helton



## PRESIDENTS CORNER - Continued

As we come to the end of 2012, I think we can safely say we had a successful year. We were able to assist a number of our fellow Seabees and their families and helped in giving the deploying Seabees a nice sendoff on "Family Day". The 7<sup>th</sup> annual NMCB-14 Alumni reunion in beautiful Asheville, NC permitted us a wonderful time. We were able to renew old friendships and meet new folks. A big "Thank You" goes out to ALL who helped to make this a fun and enjoyable reunion.

As we embark on a new year, I want to take this opportunity to thank the NMCB-14 Alumni Association and Board of Directors for their confidence in selecting me to serve this next year as the President of the association. I will endeavor, with the help of the Board and Officers and the entire membership, to carry out the vision that the founders set out to accomplish over seven years ago.

2013 can be a year that we see, with the help of all, many new achievements. These will be based on the focus for which the Alumni was established; that being the support of our Seabees and their families.

I have outlined three main goals to help us in meeting these commitments:

### 1. Support and Assistance:

We should continue with our main focus, that being the supporting of NMCB-14 members and their families, both past and present. This year we need to place a special emphasis on our deployed Seabees. With our Alumni "Ombudsman", the Rev. Richard Hoibraten in place and our "Standards of Assistance Policy" so that we can continue to move expeditiously to fulfill the needs as they arise. We will seek the help of all our members in helping us to recognize these needs as they present themselves. With all of us working together we can insure that this will be accomplished.

### 2. Membership:

I would like to see a generous increase in our membership in 2013. We will rely on you, the members of the Alumni, to help us get the word out about our organization and why we were established. With the commitment of each Alumni member to recruit one new person, we could see our membership double. This shouldn't be hard to accomplish, we will look to all members and spouses, as well as the means of the internet, web page and face book, to get the word out. Lets think "out of the box" and come up with some ingenious ideas that will help us increase our membership and thereby helping the Alumni fulfill its purpose.

### 3. Recognition:

I would like to see our organization begin on a more regular basis, recognize the achievements of active members of the Battalion as well as others, both inside and outside our membership. Those who's unselfish actions are working to make this an organization that we are all proud of.

As we move into the year 2013 I hope I can depend on YOU, our most valued asset, the members of the NMCB-14 Alumni Association, to continue the support you have so willingly demonstrated in the past years. We can all pull together and develop ideas that will enable us to fulfill the mission of supporting our Seabees and their families of NMCB-14.

As the Holidays approach Pauline and I want to wish each and everyone of you the Happiest of Holidays and a wonderful New Year. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our deployed troops and their families throughout the upcoming year. Merry Christmas and may God bless.

**Ed Crenshaw, President**

Marriott Hotel



EIGHTH REUNION CALENDAR

**12 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL**

# NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WINTER 2012-2013



## WWII LIFE MEMBERS

James D. Rothermel  
Andrew Parretti

## LIFE MEMBERS

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

William Travis  
Joseph Kolodziej  
Grey Duncan  
Charles Miller  
Alton F. Robertson  
Calvin Riley  
Gregg Harkness  
Ronald I. Russell  
Johnnie Nash  
Hilrie Kemp, Jr.  
William Pye  
Loren Emery  
Randall Felton  
Terry Bailey  
Charles Famshaw  
Peter J. Araneo  
Thomas "Ed" Clark  
Leo Bennett  
Harold J. Murray  
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Peter R. Herrick  
Robert Tuten  
Raymond C. Walker  
Ronald Philpott  
Raleigh Ward  
Ed Crenshaw  
James R. Kautz  
Wilson K. Hunter  
John Walker  
Paul Mitchell  
Garry L. Chitwood  
William Smith  
Keith Stephens  
David Tilki  
Thomas Kleschka  
Stan Bartholomew  
Herman Polston  
Samantha Wood  
Stephen Clark  
Clarence Dukart  
Robert Newman  
Mrs. Dee Brockway  
Fred W. Ainsburg  
Ronald L. Dollar  
Edgar McGee

Gary Sturm  
Patrick B. Upshaw  
Shirley Williams  
Stella Langel

## ANNUALS (2013)

James F. George  
Dwight Hamborsky  
Charles Hayman  
Edmund Parada, Jr.  
Jerry Kautz  
David Cherry  
Lloyd Hawthorne  
Bob Litten  
Normand Dupuis

## MEMORIALS

John J. Hillyer Jr.  
Fred Huntley  
Donald L. Billstone  
Jim Knox  
Ron Patterson  
James V Carney \*  
Elmer Finch \*  
Boaz Blosser \*  
Jason Dwelley \*\*  
Chris Dickerson \*\*  
Ronald Ginther \*\*  
Robert Jenkins \*\*  
Trace Dossett \*\*  
Scott McHugh \*\*  
Michael Anderson \*\*  
David Ludovici  
Al Cardenelli  
Marlin Cochran  
John Finley  
Bill Kramer  
Ed Ripoli  
Bill Schram  
Harvey Warren  
John Witzman  
Bob Brockway  
William P. Shiver

\* WW II

\*\* Iraq

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## ALUMNI and BATTALION NEWS

There is an old saying "That nothing is forever". Alas, that saying will soon apply to the NMCB 14 RSS, fondly remembered by many of us as "the PDS". Along with the pending decommissioning of NMCB 24 and the Third Regiment, the Navy has decided to move NMCB 14 into the soon to be vacated (September 2013) NCR 3 spaces in Atlanta. This news will have an affect on several issues including what to do with the Historical Center and the KIA/WIA Memorial. Fortunately, we have some very capable individuals working with the Battalion Command to address these issues and more. Our thanks especially to Jim Gold and Mike Wood.

Past President, Randy Bushey, Mike Wood and Jim Gold, met with the new Battalion CO, CDR Todd Smith and Command Master Chief, Tom Thomas. Items of interest learned during this visit are: 1) Reserve Seabees are going to a 2-1-0 drill base - where they drill 4 days per quarter in Gulfport (the 3 East Coast Seabee BNs - and the 3 West Coast BNs in Port Hueneme) - 1 drill at the reserve center - and 1 month they do not drill. All the officers are to drill in Atlanta - as travel funding allows. 2) They suggested that the Memorial be moved to Patriot park near the airplane exhibit at the entrance of the Base. The Alumni Association will consider helping with moving expenses - or solicit local contractors with ties to the Seabees to contribute labor and equipment. We will also need to coordinate with the base PWO. 3) The Heritage Center will need to be relocated. This should happen sometime before the 3rd quarter of 2013. The recommended locations were: a) on NAS JAX or b) Port Hueneme, 4) The Memorial Service will be held in May 2013. Randy offered that we again provide the wreath. A Board of Directors Meeting will be scheduled at the site to bring resolution to the above items regarding the Memorial and Heritage Center, to the extent possible. 5) Furnishing of work gloves were still a problem with the deployed Seabees. The new CMC indicated that the gloves in the supply system are not heavy duty and wear out quickly. They are not like the professional mechanics gloves purchased in the public sector. (See article nearby for "Care Packages.")

## ADVERTISING

Get your business booming. Send in your business card and \$25.00 to Fred Bossard (made payable to NMCB 14 Alumni Association) for inclusion to our advertising section, good for three issues.

All advertising proceeds contribute to our primary goal of aiding and assisting KIA families and WIA and their families.



## NMCB 14 "CARE PACKAGE" SUPPORT

Our December email request to support NMCB 14's Afghan Detachment with "Care Packages" was well received. News of the Detachment's needs spread far and wide not only within the Alumni Association and past Battalion members, but also to several "civilian" organizations. There may be other persons and/or organization other than those listed below that responded to the call and we apologize to those that we may have missed. To all - we sincerely THANK YOU for your generosity and support of our Seabee troops. Following is a list (in no particular order) of those whom we are aware that sent packages. Again, there may be others.

### Alumni Members

Russ Doe, Ed Crenshaw  
Johnnie Nash, Ron Helton  
Jim (& Karen) Gold, Mark Monaghan  
EOCS Stephen Clark, Glenn Smith, Fred Bossard

### Former NMCB 14

Tim O'Keefe  
EO2 Willet (Miami Det  
Mark (& Rhonda) Emerson

### Others

Sammie Duan, LCDR Harvey Lusk, Kelli Busch, Irene Pellacore  
The Ivy Log Baptist Church of Blairsville, GA  
Sheila O'Neal & the "Nehemiah 52" Adult Sunday School Class, Mountain Park First Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, GA  
Sarasota County (FL) School Board, The Village of North Palm Beach and Support Our Troops USA  
American Legion Post 277, American Legion Post 201

Some of the items sent included are: Over 145 pair woolen socks, over 7 dozen pair gloves, 20 MP3 players, candy, beef jerky, bar soap, razors, toothpaste & brushes, dental floss, skin lotion, cocoa butter, sunscreen, hand and personal care wipes, 36 microwave popcorn, 12 lbs of pistachios and much more. You all are hero's and and GREAT Americans. THANKS AGAIN!

## ALUMNI FACES

Left to Right:

1) Charlie Shepard, 2) Dee & Robin Brockway 3) Kay & Tom Klescka, 4) Jack & Juanita Araneo



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## ALUMNI and BATTALION FAMILY DAY

On 26 August 2012, prior to deploying a 200 man Detachment (Det 4) NNCB 14, with support from the Alumni Association, held a FAMILY DAY at Kessler AFB in Biloxi, MS. The purpose for which was to provide a stress free pre-deployment day in which the families could relax and enjoy the festivities instead of having to cook, clean up and do other chores.

Our support was to provide catered meals and drinks to those families and others involved in pre-activities. From all accounts, the day was a total success as the nearby photos testify to. Additional support was provided for emergency travel for a Seabee return home and/or gas for families return trips home.

Below are email notes expressing thanks for our support.

**On behalf of NMCB-14 Forward Det and LCDR Croce. We would like to thank you for your generous donation on behalf of our Family Day being held AUG 26th. Your commitment to helping our Mobilization needs is sincerely appreciated.**

**Once again for your generous support, it will boost the moral of our Troops.**

**Very Respectfully  
SW1(SCW)Drake  
NMCB-14**



Enjoying the Water Slide



Navy Credit Union Support



Families Talking it Over



Chowing Down



BUC Driskell & Glenn Smith

**Thank you for everything to make the Family troops and their family. We had AT&T Pioneers to help with setup and meal serving. They also had activities and door prizes for the troops. I spoke with BUC Capozzi about the ticket he purchased and I will take the excess money to cover the emergency leave ticket cost. Once again thank you for all the support from NMCB 14 Alumni. Your contributions made it possible for everyone to have a fun and relaxing Sunday. V/R, BUC(SCW)Driskell.**

**Day a success for the troops. There was a good turn out. of**

(See Skippers Thanks on Page 6)

## BATTALION DETACHMENT NEWS FROM AFGHANISTAN

LCDR Croce, the Detachment OIC, in addition to his regular duties, has been kept busy by Ed Crenshaw, our new President, by furnishing pictures and other news to him via Facebook. Those of you who use Facebook (the editor doesn't) can get more NMCB 14 Det news at this link on Facebook: NMCB 14 Alumni/"Southern Pride". By all accounts, NMCB 14 Seabees as usual, are performing in an outstanding manner. The Alumni Association in conjunction with many others (see nearby article) have sent many "Care Packages" to them.

On a sad note, two Seabees (one E-6 and one E-5) were wounded in action early in the deployment by indirect fire resulting in non-life injuries. The E-6 suffered fragmentation injuries to his neck and shoulder. He was treated and sent to Germany for further testing. The E-5 suffered minor wounds to his shoulder and arm. He since has returned to full duty.

Both members were awarded Purple Hearts by Commander, CJSOTF.

Please continue to keep the members, their families and all of our deployed personnel in your thoughts and prayers. They continue to do an outstanding job in support of the mission.

*Build Team Two shown framing the walls for the new structure. From*

*Left to Right: CMCA Adam Celso, BU2 Eugene Fischbein, EO3 Eric Lammie, and BU2 Waylon Jordan.*



CS2 (SWC) Segio Gomez is awarded NMCB FOURTEEN 2012 Deployment Junior Sailor of the Year



Build Team Two's modified B-hut structure completed for the Special Operations Forces



# NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WINTER 2012-2013

## REUNION HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWS

This year's reunion, like our others before, was one where each day seemed to go by faster than the one before. The days were filled with meeting and greeting friends, Board Meetings, general meetings, tours of Asheville and the Biltmore House and much more. The Marriott Resort's staffed skillfully executed our planned events, but also, all of our last minute requests. They were great in every respect.

Even though a few folks had some issue navigating Asheville's busy interstate approach to the Hotel's entrances (especially during rush hour with a major accident on Thursday night), the reunion overall was a huge success. The Hospitality Room alone was worth booking our reunion at this location. The "Blue Grass" theme for Saturday night was a big hit as was our entertainment. (See photo at right and Odd's 'n End's nearby.) Asheville's plethora of restaurants, bars, and visitor sites left all with many memories to talk about at future reunions.

This year's President's Luncheon with Spouses again kicked off our planned events and like last year's was huge success; so much so that four members joined twenty-five or so Spouses. They obviously recognized a good deal when they saw it.

Later Friday afternoon, we had two very informative presentations. First from Carli Adams from the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. Carli's slide presentation was very informative, especially for the first time visitors to Asheville. After Carli, Dan Miller who is with the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, gave an update on the SMSA fund raising efforts and the some of the recipients of SMSA scholarships. He also spoke about the Fallen Seabee program as well as the status of the NMCB 14 Scholarship fund. Saturday, our speaker CAPT Sean McDonnell, 14's former CO, enlightened on the Navy's re-alignment and/or de-commissioning of active and reserve which will take place in 2013. NMCB 24 and RNCR3 will fall to the axe this year.. Sunday, the BOD set their goals for 2013 and at breakfast the new officers were introduced. A tribute to 14's departed along with a "Missing Man" ceremony closed out this years activities. See you all next year!

### TIDBITS FROM ED CRENSHAW

#### New Officers and Board Members

I want to welcome the NEW officers and Board members for 2013. I am honored to have been selected to serve as President for 2013. Russ Doe is our new Vice President. Mike Grace and George Manning graciously consented to continue to serve respectively, as Secretary and Treasurer, respectfully, for the upcoming year.

We are also fortunate to have the following join us as new members to the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association. We welcome the following:

Richard Biggs, Jim Caulder, Loren Emery  
Richard Hoibraten, and Ray Walker.

I look forward to working with all the new and existing members of the Board of Directors and Officers in this upcoming year.

#### Spousal Support

We are thankful for the continued support of our spouses. Your support with fresh ideas and your desire to help in the furtherance of the

commitments of the Alumni is truly appreciated. Pauline Crenshaw will act this year as the "Spouse Contact Person". She will be in contact with the spouses throughout the year to help develop and implement new ideas that will help with the continued success of the Alumni. Please feel free to contact her with your ideas. Her email address is: [cardsbypauline@windstream.net](mailto:cardsbypauline@windstream.net) and can be reached by telephone at 706-897-4240.

#### FACEBOOK-WEB PAGE

For those who may not be aware we set up a "face book" site over two years ago. The face book site was established as a means for members of NMCB-14 and the Alumni to stay in touch. This social media site now has almost 200 friends. It allows many to stay in touch with the deployed troops as well as a means to get the word out when there is a specific need. If you have a face book account just type in "NMCB 14 Southern Pride"/ "NMCB 14 Alumni Association, to gain access to the site. If you do not currently have a face book account just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to establish your account.



Ric Ledford and The Reems Creek Incident  
Entertained after 7th Reunion Dinner

### FAMILY DAY SKIPPERS THANK YOU

Master Chief Villacorta and I attended the Family Day at Keesler AFB on August 26 and it was a fantastic event. Thank you and the Alumni Association for the great support. Great food and great activities for our members and their families just before they head out the door. Our members were very appreciative of the opportunity to relax after being in the field for a week, have someone else prepare and serve them food and entertain the family. Thanks again for the outstanding support!

Sean McDonnell

The spouses of the NMCB-14 Alumni Association requested and now have their own face book site to stay in touch. If you have an account just type in "Honey Bee's" of NMCB-14 Alumni. Get in touch, start face booking.....

Keith Stephens our Alumni "Web Master" is doing a exemplary job in maintaining the NMCB-14 Alumni web page. After a "bug" some two months ago shut down the web page, Keith completely reworked the site and it is now up and running. With the web page you can stay current with all the events pertaining to the Alumni. There is a photo section also on the web page. We would like for you to send your photos to Keith. He can then published them on the web page. Again thanks to Keith for all the time and hard work he has graciously donated to make this a great web page. The web page address is:

<http://www.nmcb14alumni.com>





# NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WINTER 2012-2013

## OBITUARIES

### RADM George Reider

Former Commander RNCF, RADM George Reider, 95, passed away on 24 November 2012.

RADM Reider was instrumental in the “re-birth” of Seabee Reserve Battalions in the 60’s and 70’s.

He was a true leader with a great vision that recognized the need for restructuring of the reserve Seabees during that time. As RADM Marley stated upon learning of RADM Reider’s death, “What a champion and inspiration for thousands of Seabees, particularly those who serve as “twice citizens”.

NMCB 14 Alumni will remember him well from our pass in review at Roosevelt Roads, when we were the first reserve Battalion to be deployed overseas.

RADM Reider was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

### Marshall Henry

In early July, our Spring-Summer issue of the Newsletter to Marshall Henry, Lakeland, FL, was returned with a note on the envelop stating that Marshall had passed away. No further information was provided other than a request to remove him from our mailing list. Marshall was one of our WWII Seabee’s. It was unfortunate that many of us were not able to meet him before his passing.

### Bill Featheringill

Bill Featheringill, former NMCB 24 Ops Officer in 1973-74 time frame passed away on 09 December 2012 at his home in Birmingham, AL. Bill was instrumental in procuring the real estate for 24’s “PDS” at Redstone Arsenal, in Huntsville, AL.

### Eric Ljongquist

Jim Gold has reported that CE1 Eric P. Ljonquist, Det 0814, West Palm Beach, passed away this past December. Jim and Eric were friends (as surely many of you were) for many years.

### George Gable Wages

Mike Wood has reported that BU1 George Wages, 88, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away on 15 January 2013. Interment was at Craig Memorial Park, St. Augustine, FL on 18 January 2013.

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## Odds ‘n Ends



Tom & Kay Kleschka got into the “Bluegrass Spirit” Reunion Theme for Saturday night dinner.



Our Reunion “Saturday” was a great day to visit the “Biltmore House, the largest home in America.

### SEABEES DEDICATE NEW HEADQUARTERS

Thank you, Chris Snell for the “heads up” on the following story.

The First Naval Construction Division (1NCD) officially dedicated its new headquarters building during a ribbon-cutting ceremony aboard Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, June 29.

Click on the link below for the whole story.

[Seabees Dedicate New Headquarters Facility](#)

### SICK CALL

We are passing on “get well” wishes to the following:

Paul Marguglio, Neil Orange and Father John Dux continue to be under the weather. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Also, please add Joe Schweigart, who reported in

sick just prior to the reunion in November.

RADM Brown and Richard Mayo have recovered from their ailments (or at least are feeling better) since the last newsletter.

### Jim Rothermel Update

Our call for information in our last issue on the status of Jim (and Dorothy Ann) answered by Senior Chief Stephen Clark. He advised that Jim had been in the hospital earlier last year but now is doing well. Subsequent attempts by the editor to contact them were successful. Jim reported that he and Dorothy Ann are staying busy with civic and community activities, walking, and visiting family.