



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS CORNER

The ability to serve your fellow Seabees is an honor and a duty that is accepted when joining the NMCB 14 Alumni Association. We need to continue each day to search for ways to accomplish our duty. We have had successes in contributing to the Fisher House, supporting the Ortiz family, and reaching out to the Seabee Families of those Fourteen Seabees killed and injured in the line of duty. Your help in personally seeking out Seabees in need, and the ways that the Association can support, is a focus of our goals this year. We can achieve our goals only through every member's active support and outreach to other members. The reality of that sacrifice in 2004 was brought to every heart at the Memorial Ceremony on 30 April 2011 at NAS Jacksonville.

The NMCB 14 Alumni Association Reunion theme this year is "The 50th Anniversary" of the reestablishment of RNMCB Fourteen in CBC Davisville and the recognition of those that stood up that day in July 1961 – the "Plankholders" of our Battalion. Those of you that are Plankholders please send in your name and any photos or written memories of that day from the summer of 1961 that we can put together for the overall membership to share in the reestablishment pride and ceremony. If you know of other Plankholders – send in their names and call them to encourage their attendance at the November Reunion in Jacksonville.

The Association has continued to expand our relationship with the active Battalion. After the Memorial Ceremony in April we had a good meeting with the Commanding Officer, CAPT Sean McDonell, and the Executive Officer to discuss ways that we can help active duty Seabees and continue to seek ways that we can support those Seabees injured in Iraq during the 2004 deployment, and the families of the seven Seabees killed in the line of duty. The Battalion will be attending our Reunion and we are working with the XO to determine the number of Seabees that will participate in our Reunion Dinner on Saturday night. The Battalion will be deploying in 2012 and we are seeking ways that the Association may help, when needed and within our goals, the families of those NMCB14 Seabees deployed in harm's way. Every Alumni Association member is needed to meet our duty, and your active participation is the only way we can fully meet our obligations and accomplish our goals.

Fundraising is our primary means of obtaining the needed dollars to carry out our goals. Send me your recipes for our Seabee Cookbook that we will put together and have on sale at the Reunion. We are also looking for Seabee crafts – contact me or one of our Directors for more information on what you can do to support the Association. Donations can be large or small – and do not leave out your time as one of the best donations to meet our Goals. We are looking for those members that want to serve as Directors and Officers of the Association – we need you to fill these important leadership roles. Contact one of the Directors or Officers today, provide a short resume, and be one of the leaders supporting our Seabees.

I personally look forward to seeing you at the Reunion in Jacksonville on 3-6 November 2011 at the Holiday Inn, 620 Wells Road in Orange Park.

Randy Bushey, President

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

THANKS!!



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2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Bridges

John J. Hillyer

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Kenneth Morgan

Randy Felton

Calvin Riley

Mike Grace

Glenn Smith

Ron Helton



A Mix of 2010 and 2011
Board Members



NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPRING 2011

NMCB 14 MEMORIAL SERVICE 30 APRIL 2011

The weather was beautiful and so was the Memorial Service conducted by NMCB 14 on 30 April 2011. Capt Donald E. Hedrick, Commodore of the NCR 3, was the guest speaker.



NMCB 14 'Seabee'



Future NMCB 14 Seabees

Commodore Hedrick reflected on the great sacrifices made by the deceased and wounded Seabees (and their families) of Operation Desert Storm. Commodore Hedrick comments also focused on NMCB 14's upcoming deployment and the sacrifices that the men and women of the Battalion have made in the past and continue to do so each and every day. His several tours of duty to such garden spots of world like Afghanistan, has provided him with many experiences of his own on which to provide the advice and encouragement he offered to them.

CEI DANNY WYNN

Ed Clark (Savannah) reported on 24 April '11 that CEI Danny Wynn left for an extended deployment at the end of April. He first went to Gulfport for couple weeks and then to Ft Polk La, for 8 weeks before leaving for Afghanistan for almost 1 year.

For those that might not remember Danny, he is one of original members of Detachment 0714, is son of late member Wendell Wynn, of the Bloomingdale, GA area. Let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers to return home safe and sound.

SICK CALL

Our best wishes for a speedy recoveries go out to Orlando "Papa" Chase (Miami Det) and John Larsen. Orlando has been diagnosed with colon cancer and has been in the hospital for some time.

CAPT Larsen is recuperating in a rehab center in Orange Park. John had some serious heart problems, but is coming along. GET WELL SOON!!

2011 MEMBERS (TO DATE)

WWII LIFE MEMBERS

James D. Rothermel
Andrew Parretti
Marshall Henry

John T. Larsen
Kenneth Erickson
Mike Wood
Michael Grace

Kenneth Morgan
James Caulder
Chris O. Snell, Jr.
Charles Hickey

Randall Felton
Terry Bailey
Charles Famshaw
Peter J. Araneo
Thomas "Ed" Clark

ANNUALS
Normand Dupuis
Fred Anisburg
Ray Cochran

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

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
William P. Shiver
Richard Mayo
Richard Hoibraten

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

Leo Bennett
Harold J. Murray
John J. Hillyer III
James A. Gold
Peter R. Herrick
Robert Tuten
Raymond C. Walker
Ronald Philpott
Raleigh Ward
Ed Crenshaw
James R. Kautz
Wilson K. Hunter
John Walker

MEMORIALS
John J. Hillyer III
Fred Huntley

Don't forget to submit your 2011 Annual Dues. Donations from Life Members are most welcomed. Send dues and donations to Fred Bossard.

SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION NEWS

Planning for the 2011 reunion is in full swing. We have signed a contract with the Holiday Inn in Orange Park, FL. The reunion is set for 03 - 06 November 2011. Information for this 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/> **All Officers and Board Members are requested to furnish one item for the Silent Auction. All attendees are requested to bring one item as well.**



<<<<Holiday Inn, 620 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL, USA 32073



Odds 'n Ends

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

If you didn't notice - we now have a new Vice President. Al Robertson is filling this spot until the November elections. Feel free to send a note of "congratulations" to Al.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD (OR BETTER) MEN

Speaking of November elections, if you feel like you would like to serve on the Board of Directors or as an Officer, please make your wishes known to any of the current Board Members or Officers. Submit a bio of yourself and what you think you can offer to the Alumni Association. These bios will be published with the Summer 2011 edition so that members can make better decisions on their choices for Directors.

Board Members "rolling off" this year are Mike Grace, Calvin Riley and Ken Morgan. All officer positions are open to anyone who might be interested.

See the attached job descriptions to help you make your decision.

OSCAR ORTIZ UPDATE

Your Alumni Association recently was able to provide support to Oscar Ortiz and his wife Daisy. You may or may not know that Oscar was in a very serious motorcycle accident last January.

Oscar was in a coma for an extended period of time and was later moved to a rehab hospital.

After researching his situation and performing an exhaustive referendum as well, the Board of Directors approved a payment of \$1,000 to the Ortiz's electric company to assist in the payment of their electric bill. We estimated that this would be enough to cover about three months of their electric bill.

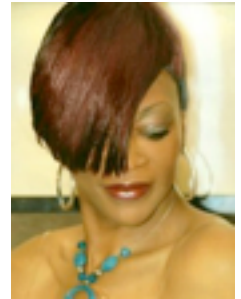
Oscar is on the mend and we hope to see both him and Daisy in November. Our continued wishes for a speedy and full recovery go out to him (and Daisy too).

WEBSITE / WEBMASTER NEEDS

Anyone who has looked at our Website recently, knows that it seriously needs updating. If you have any talent in this area and can help, please contact Fred Bossard at bossarf@mac.com.

SAD NEWS FROM ORLANDO

It is with deep regret that we report the loss of YN1 Laurie Milligan, from Detachment 0314 a beloved friend and Seabee. Laurie served in Desert Storm. She passed away in her sleep on 12 June 2011.



The Alumni Association is investigating what support we may be able to provide to her children. Her obituary can be seen at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/lakecityreporter/obituary.aspx?n=laurie-bernice-byrd-milligan&pid=151959610>

ADVERTISING

Send in your business card and \$25.00 to Fred Bossard for inclusion to our advertising section, good for three issues.



MEMORIAL PHOTOS 30 APRIL '11

Left to Right:

Peter Herrick, Mrs. Herrick, Emily Helton, Normand & Mrs Dupuis.



More Odds 'n Ends

PRESIDENT TO HOST WIVES REUNION LUNCHEON

As in our active Navy reserve years, you, our Seabee spouses - our "Honey Bees", were the key family support which allowed us to pursue a Navy career. Now, when we are formed as an Alumni Association to support the families of those Seabees killed in action and the families of Seabees wounded in action from NMCB 14, we should rightly turn to those that know how to support a family. As President of the Association I am inviting all spouses to join me as my guest at a luncheon on Friday, 4 November 2011 in our hotel to discuss ways that the Association can gain from your knowledge, passion, and "support know-how", and the role that you can and should play to carry out our Association mission of helping these Seabee families. Please indicate on the Reunion form your availability to attend this luncheon. Anna and I are looking forward to talking with you and breaking bread as the Association family.

SEABEE COOKBOOK

Fundraising can be fun - and the support that you provide to create the first Seabee Cookbook will result in a hand-me-down possession that can be treasured and used for years to come. Help Anna and me to make this

cookbook an Alumni success - send your favorite family recipe (s) so others can share your joy in creating a family meal from treasured recipes. Send them to rkbushey@aol.com. For those that have sent in their recipes - thank you - and send more. We look forward to seeing you in November in Jacksonville at the 6th Alumni Association Reunion - celebrating 50 years as a battalion and to recognize the Plankholders that were there in Davisville in July 1961.



Randy Bushey
The Guy who is taking your wife to Lunch!

REUNION ENTERTAINMENT



Plans are now coming together for the Reunion. The Board, during their last Board Conference Call, voted to have a cruise on the Victory III, a cruise boat in St. Augustine. Buses from NAS JAX will pick us up at the hotel and take us to St. Augustine. This will be a Saturday event and is scheduled from 0930 until 1600.

There is room for only 46, so register early. Full details with cost, etc. will be forwarded with Reunion Package in July.

On Saturday night we have RADM Peter R. Brown and CAPT Sean P. McDonnel (current Battalion CO) scheduled as our guest speakers. RADM Brown will focus on "how it was" during the formation years of the Battalion and CAPT McDonnel will provide us with "how it is today".

For after dinner entertainment, we are in the process of engaging a Mr. Richard "Dick" Meekin. Dick has had a very varied and interesting career. Highlights include 21 years in uniform, decades in radio broadcasting, including the Armed Forces Radio in Italy after WWII, completion of OCS and Naval

Justice School, a staffer in the US House of Representatives, and Chief of Staff in the US Senate. Dick is an accomplished pianist who has performed at the Kennedy Center and at Radio City Music Hall. He also appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show (twice) and with well known personalities including Johnny Cash, Phyllis Diller and Red Skeleton.

MEMBERSHIPS

Our 2011 Annual Memberships are down. DID YOU forget to re-new. Attached with this issue is a Membership Application. For CY 2011, we have waived the \$20 Initiation Fee.

Also, current members of NMCB 14 still drilling are now eligible to join the Alumni Association.



LCDR PATRICK UPSHAW

We were very pleased to learn of the selection of LDCR Upshaw, NMCB 14 Executive Officer, to the rank of Commander. Our sincerest congratulations to CDR (SEL) Upshaw for this honor. He has certainly earned not only the respect of his peers, but that of the members of the Alumni Association as well.

CONGRATULATIONS SIR!

NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPRING 2010



IN MEMORY OF

2010 / 2011 Deceased

EOC Larry Nanney

EOI James Mack

CMI Ron Patterson

EOI Harvey Warren

YNI Laurie Milligan

Special Seabee Friends

Patricia Erickson

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS NOW UNDER WAY

Special THANKS to John J. Hillyer for “kicking off” our memorial memberships. This is a new fund raising program to help us 1) remember our fallen brethren and 2) to raise funds for support of those in need. John was the genesis for this concept and has contributed \$50.00 in memory of his father, BUC John J. Hillyer III and CWO3 Fred Huntley.

With John’s leadership as our Ways and Means Committee, we look forward to receiving many more Memorial Memberships. The minimum amount anyone who wants to sponsor this type membership for a deceased former NMCB 14 member is \$25.00. Just fill a membership application and note the name of the deceased Seabee that you are honoring and forward to Fred S Bossard, for recording. Fred will forward all donations to our treasurer, George Manning.

Bravo Zulu to ALL

May God Bless Our Troops!

Calendar

13 August 2011

Board Conference Call
0900 - 1000 EDST

10 Sept 2011

Board Conference Call
0900 - 1000 EDST

03-06 November 2011

6th Annual Re-Union

Holiday Inn

620 Wells Road

Orange Park, FL

Tel: 904-562-7400

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Fall 2012

7th Annual Re-Union

Florida - Exact Site and
Dates TBD

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