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DEAN BATTLES - THE DUCK HUNTER

Looks like Dean is quite the duck hunter. Here's some of the replies he received from his buddies. 1) He can not eat that grin, but maybe Linda can cook something he can eat. 2) Is Lynda fixing duck for Thanksgiving? Sounds like there should be plenty!

29 PALMS RE-VISTED

When dragging out his Christmas decorations in 2016, Ron Dollar (L), found the picture below of himself and Ed Crenshaw while they were at what Ed called "the Stumps". Great Memories!!



Great Shooting Dean - Congratulations!!

Hope it tasted as good as it looks.



NMCB 14 BATTALION DEPLOYMENT UPDATE By CDR David Wilhite, CO/Nov 2016

The incredible Seabees of NMCB 14 completed a fantastic year in FY16, executing more than 5,600 man-days of peacetime construction at Camp Hinds, ME and Granby, CO IRT Projects, Operations Bearing Duel 03-16 FTX, Camp Shelby, MS, NOSC Support Charlotte, NC, NSWU FOUR Support, Homestead, FL, JIATF-S Facility Support, Key West, FL, Blue Angel Crash Recovery Support, Nashville, TN and Operation Trident Spector, JEB Little Creek, VA.

Operation Bearing Duel 03-16 Field Training Exercise (FTX), covered various technical and tactical skills, demonstrating its ability to operate successfully in a tactical environment, forward deploying an Air Detachment from a Logistical Support Area to a remote Forward operating base (FOB) site.

The Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Granby afforded NMCB 14 Seabees hands-on training in six of seven OF7 construction ratings; Engineering Aide, Equipment Operator, Construction Electrician, Utilitiesman, Builder, and Steel Worker over five rotations of two weeks each in duration.

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Utilitiesman, Builder, and Steel Worker over five rotations of two weeks each in duration.



The IRT Camp Hinds Project provided training in four of seven OF7 construction ratings; Construction Electrician, Utilitiesman, Builder, and Steel Worker; while also exercising project

estimating and planning, and project management skills over the four rotations, with each interval two-weeks in duration.

NMCB 14's Commanding Officer and Command Master Chief attended the IRT Camp Hinds distinguished visitor (DV) day on 26 July 2016. They took the opportunity to thank and present command coins to their troops as well as promoting the Navy Seabees by presenting Command Coins to Brigadier General Donald Bolduc, the Commander of the Maine Air National Guard and the Governor of the State of Maine, Paul LePage. Boy Scouts of America Executive Eric Tarbox noted that the Camp Hinds dining hall would not have been possible without the military's help and the donated materials through local building suppliers and donations. "We would never have been able to afford the labor and the materials for the effort and the experience that the military brings to the table. We are not only helping them train to do their jobs around the world, but we're also enabling a facility that we'd never be able to build ourselves."

Eight Seabees from NMCB 14 DET 2214 Nashville supported the Blue Angel's crash site recovery effort from 5 June 2016 - 13 June 2016. Over the course of the site recovery, NMCB 14 members assisted the training and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in the collection of debris, loading recovered material onto trucks for transport from the F/A-18 Blue Angel crash site, which occurred approximately 1.6 miles from Grubbs/Kyle Military Airfield, Smyrna, TN.

NMCB 14 also conducted four RTP's and two AT's in FY16, equating to 22 training events, 59,316 hours of training, 91 Military/Technical Skills and 247 Individual Skills gained, with 111 of those skills in small arms and issued 66 licenses and logged 70 Driving Hours and 28 Hours of 3M Maintenance. In FY16, NMCB 14 also awarded 89 SCWS, increasing NMCB 14's SCWS attainment by 26%. 23 Seabees completed "C" School, 2 Officers completed CECOS Basic, 3 Officers Completed NCF OPs, 2 Officers enrolled in JPME, and 41 personnel attended Ombudsman led training events.

The battalion has successfully prepared for, and now we are in the midst of, mobilizing and deploying approximately half of the battalion personnel for deployment with NMCB 1 in FY17.

In early FY17, NMCB 14 will deploy from Gulfport, Mississippi to the US European Command (EUCOM) and US Africa Command (AFRICOM) Areas of Responsibility (AORs), in support of Commander, Task Force SIX-EIGHT(CTF-68) and Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAF). NMCB 14 will deploy a large DET to Camp Lemonier, Djibouti (CLDJ), with Detachments deployed over geographically dispersed locations in AFRICOM. NMCB will also deploy Detachments to Afghanistan and Kuwait and other geographically dispersed locations in CENTCOM in support of CTF 56. NMCB 14 missions will support these combatant commands to meet critical construction and engineering requirements, provide Humanitarian and Civil Assistance (HCA) construction projects and conduct training exercises with Host Nation personnel.

We have a lot to be thankful for and "You" have a lot to be proud of! We certainly have an exciting year ahead in FY17! One final note of thanks, let us be unconditionally grateful and thankful for our families for without their support we could not protect this Great Nation.

End of Update.

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JULIO SOTO ARMY TRAINING

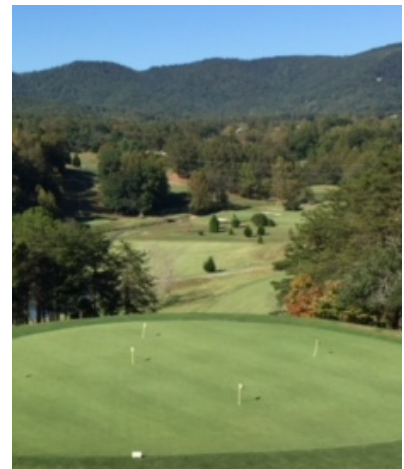
Julio is a former NMCB 14 member. After 26 years with the Seabees, including a tour in Ramadi, Iraq in 2004. Due to high tenure, he had to leave the Navy and he joined the Army Reserves. Here he is on a recent Army AT this past March. We hope he had a successful training duty.



TWELFTH REUNION NEWS

What more could one ask for? Beautiful mountains and weather, good accommodations, leisurely train rides in the Georgia mountains, tasty local food at The Sawmill, Nanni's, the Historic Hole in The Wall (serving grits and more since 1931) and a wonderful cadre of former shipmates as well as some new ones too! If you were not there, all that can be said is that we missed you at one of our best reunions to date. They say a picture is worth a thousand words - so get set for some reunion news via photos and a short captions.

Buddy says,
Blairsville or Bust Let's
get this show on the
road Dad!



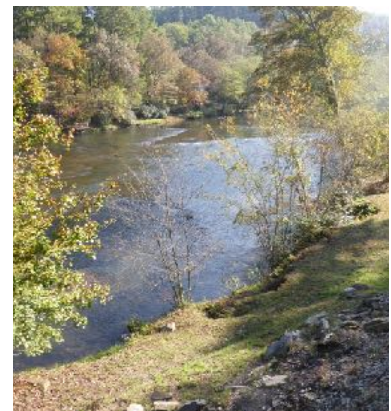
View from Convention Center
Balcony Looking North



Historic Union County Courthouse
Blairsville, GA



Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad
Excursion to McCaysville



Enroute to McCaysville

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Whooping it up
in McCaysville at
left and above.

Our *Twelfth Reunion* officially “kicked off” on Friday afternoon with. Presentations from the Mayor, Events and other Support Leaders; who all contributed significantly to the success we enjoyed.



Mark thanks Mayor Jim Conley
for his Welcome to Blairsville
remarks



Regina Allison - President of the
Blairsville Chamber of Commerce
with her Certificate of Appreciation



Mark with Julie Fortenberry -
Our point of contact at the
Comfort Inn



Good to see the Smiles on their Faces!! (Above)



Ashely Stephens - Union County
Event Co-Ordinator with her
Certificate of Appreciation



Laughter is Good for the Soul



Time for a Snooze ??



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12th Reunion Facts & Figures 1) Had eighty plus members, spouses and guests in attendance. 2) Issued thirteen Certificates of Appreciation, 3) Issued four Thank You letters to vendors and/or others that provided raffle prizes and/or auction items, 4) Gifted three NMCB 14 Command Flags (to CDR Whilhite, Mark Blue and Mike Grace), 5) The closest attendee's driving distance to the reunion was 9 miles (Ed Crenshaw); the farthest 810 miles (F Bossard)



Ed got the crowd warmed up for the Brockway Award Presentation



2016's Winner was Beverly Mayo for her contributions of superior Support & Handmade Quilts for our Auctions.



Al Robertson received the 2017 award for his five years of donating a 'one week vacation stay' at a condo on the beach in Ft. Pierce, FL - as a Major Auction Prize.

Friday Night's Paella dinner at Nanni's was a big hit and so were the servings!



Joe & Bina Leahy



Marie Williams & Richard Hoibraten
THE SMILES TELL THE STORY !



Roberta McLaughlin

The Prime Event - Saturday Night's Banquet



Andy & Emily Helton, Jack Dempsey & Gabby McCallum (Left & Apologies to Andy for "cutting him off")

Marla McGhee and Anna Bushey (Right)





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More 12th Reunion Facts & Figures **A)** Reunion income came from: 1) Registrations \$5,970, 2) Raffles \$1,320, 3) Silent Auction \$1,060, 4) Alumni Clothing Sales \$243, 5) Late Registrations \$400, 6) Hospitality Room Donations \$166. **B)** Eight Hotel Nights were donated by members and/or the Alumni for guests. **C)** Four "Thank You" letters were sent to local merchants for their support,

Saturday Night's Banquet was a hit for more good food, camaraderie and Battalion updates from Debbie Croxten (NMCB 14 Ombudsman) and CDR David Whilhite, CO NMCB 14.



Lynn and Ernie Burzumato, as usual are all smiles



NSVA Commander
John Hillyer & wife Linda look contented



Ken Erickson, one of our "long lost souls"
& the Kautz brothers, Jim & Jerry



Doreen Doe commented on much she enjoyed the reunion and was happy to be there.



Are Frank & Mrs Landrau contemplating his next move as our 2018 President??



Loren Emery dined with our faithful Webmaster Keith Stephens and his wife Lynn

Joe Leahy accepts our 2016/17 Donations to the SMSA.



Debbie updates us on the success of the "Care Packages" to 14's Deployed Bees



Mark introduces our Guest Speaker, CDR David Wilhite, CO, NMCB14





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Saturday Night Wrap Up

What ever could
this be?



Why it's a Command Flag!!



Time for Desert



Sunday Morning Doings and Farewells



Sunday morning started of early for the new Officers and BOD with their first meeting. (Left)

Prior and outgoing First Ladies of the Association, Sharyn Grace and Stacy Blue, were presented Certificates of Appreciation for there exemplary support during Mike and Mark's Presidencies. Mike and Mark received their own Command Flags (JAX Version) for their leadership and dedication. (Right)

A Sunday Night Farewell after a fine dinner.
(Below)



Friend for Life (L-R) Elsie Bossard, Pat Robertson, Pauline Crenshaw and Jackie Polston.



Shipmates for Life - (L-R) Ed Crenshaw, Dwayne Polston and Al Robertson and Fred Bossard (Behind the Camera)



A BIT OF WWII NMCB 14 "IN THE NEWS"

The article below was forwarded from Life Member and Past President, Ed Crenshaw. A copy of the article was mailed to James "Jim" Rothermel, who was a Painter 3rd Class in Fourteen during World War II. Thanks Ed for this great piece of history. (Ed. Note: We hope all can read this fascinating piece of Fourteen's history.)



CAMP PEARY NCTC WILLIAMSBURG, VA

VOLUME X ISSUE I WEEK OF 20 MARCH 1944

For "Outstanding Gallantry" In Solomons Fourteenth CB Wins Presidential Citation

Two Batts Now Hold Honor; Sixth Gets Award Earlier

For their "outstanding gallantry and determination" during the opening stages of the Solomons conquest, officers and men of the 14th CB have received the Presidential Unit Citation as a part of the First Marine Division, Reinforced.

Comdr. Thomas F. Reilly (CEC) USNR, was OinC of the 14th, second NCB to land on Guadalcanal and the second to receive the Presidential Citation.

First battalion to be so honored by the President, as well as the first on Guadalcanal, was the Sixth CB whose OinC was Comdr. J. P. Blandon (CEC) USNR.

Both Commanders are now at Camp Parks, Calif., Comdr. Reilly having left Peary only recently.

The award for the 14th entitles all officers and men who took part in actions mentioned in the citation to wear the Presidential Citation Ribbon. The Citation, signed by SecNav Frank Knox, reads:

"The officers and enlisted men of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, on August 7 to 9, 1942, demonstrated outstanding gallantry and determination in successfully executing forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese Positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida, and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing all the enemy forces and seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific Ocean. From the above period until 9 December 1942, this Reinforced Division not only held their important strategic positions despite determined and repeated Japanese naval, air and land attacks, but by a series of offensive operations against strong enemy resistance drove the Japanese from the proximity of the airfield and inflicted great losses on them by land and air attacks. The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order."

Unknown CB Leads Guests To Safety In Hotel Fire

How an unidentified Seabee risked his own life to lead others to safety during the Hotel Jefferson fire in Richmond last week was told by J. F. Frey, MM3c with Ship's Service.

Frey, who was sleeping in a room on the fourth floor when the blaze broke out, said the unknown fighting builder broke down his door and hurried him into a smoke-filled corridor. Together they went to the sixth floor to assist the firemen. They found a woman lying unconscious in her room, and carried her to safety in the lobby where soldiers gave her artificial respiration.

His companion then returned to the upper floors to continue to assist in the rescue of trapped guests.

Another Seabee, Winford John Ross, SC1c with Special Detachment 3022, who occupied a room on the sixth floor, was a victim of the holocaust. He died from burns and suffocation received when he insisted on remaining to help fight the blaze on his floor.

Richmond Police Chief E. H. Organ said that reports reaching him indicated that Ross collapsed while holding one of the hotel hose lines on the flames.

Two of the six victims of the fire had arrived in Richmond early Friday to visit Morris Gann, S2c with the commissary department. They were Gann's sister, Dorothy, 24, of Newark, N. J., and Jean Manfredi, also 24, of Irvington, N. J. Their bodies were found in the bathroom where they had sought safety from the smoke and flames.

Easter Sunrise Service Plans Near Completion

Arrangements are being completed for an Easter Sunrise service at a drill field in Area "B," according to Lt. Comdr. Charles L. Parker (ChC) USNR, senior chaplain. Capt. C. A. Neyman (ChC) USN, district chaplain, will preach the sermon.

Camp Peary's band, directed by E. J. Ippolito, CMus., will present the morning's musical theme. The Seabee

Chorus rehearsal for Easter Sunrise service, every Thursday 1900 in hut 171-Q, across from Senior Chaplain's office.

chorus, Emert Dettle, SK1c, directing, will sing an Easter anthem. Mrs. Edwin B. Skinner, Williamsburg, is listed as guest soloist.

The half-way mark has been reached in Lenten mid-week services, for which pastors from nearby cities are being brought here.

This week, four Richmond ministers will speak: Rev. Frederick Warnecke, St. Marks Episcopal church, at ShipCo theater; Rev. J. Blanton Belk, St. Giles Presbyterian church, B7-10 drill hall; Rev. C. S. Prickett, Grove Avenue Baptist, C-4 drill hall and Rev. T. Rupert Coleman, Ginter Park Baptist church at D-7 drill hall. Services are held each Wednesday at 2000.

Rear Admiral Cotter Visits Peary

Rear Admiral Carl H. Cotter (CEC) USN, director of the Pacific Division of BuDocks, was a visitor at Peary last week. The BuDocks officer was escorted on an informal inspection tour of the base by Captain J. G. Ware, USN, Peary Commanding Officer.



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A FEW LATE ADDITIONS / ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Buried in thousands of emails, the following were almost overlooked: 1) HMCS Terry Jamison reported on 19 April '17 that he recently had a fusion on L-1 to S-1 on 08 March '17; 2) Don Rimel had to cancel the Blairsville Reunion due to health reasons. He reported the following on 08 Oct 17; I've had cancer for 15 years and in stage 4. I started my first chemotherapy on Step 28th and 29th and will be doing treatment for six months. I am having a lot of fatigue and need to lay down for a nap 4-5 times a day. If you know these gents, take a moment to give them some words of encouragement.

CE 1 Ed Crenshaw apparently has cross-rated to Painter First Class. We all have known for a long time, that he is a First Class Guy! He has been my "go to guy" for help of all types - and I can't Thank him enough. Ed's performance as President and Secretary were laudable



in all respects. The success of this year's reunion is proof of his talents and leadership. With his help and input, I hope that we have succeeded in "Painting" a reasonable picture of the last two year's proceedings.



This is about it Folks.

I guess you could say that this is my Sunset Edition of the Newsletter.

I hope that you have enjoyed them and found them meaningful and useful. - It's been fun!! FSB



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2017 DONATIONS

Greg Harkness	\$ 250.00
Dee Brockway	1,500.00
Glenn Smith	1,000.00 *
Anonymous	1,500.00

*Glenn paid the \$1,000.00 pledge on behalf of the Association to the SMSA in memory of Ron Helton. This does not appear as either income or expense since it was cost avoidance to the Association, but fulfilled a financial obligation of the Association.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

We owe an immeasurable debt to all those (past & present) who have not only supported us with monetary donations, but also to those who have given their valuable time, personal sacrifices and more, to ensure the success of this Alumni Association's goals and objectives. Just as with other organizations, without your help, we would have floundered long ago. **SO - THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU**

HAVE A GREAT SPRING & SUMMER

Bravo Zulu to ALL -

May God Bless Our Troops!



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Calendar

17 February 2018

BOD Conference Call
1900 - 2030 EST

06 - 07 April 2018

BOD Meeting
Jacksonville, FL
Sat AM - Sun PM

04 - 07 October 2018

13th Annual Re-Union
BOD Election of Officers
Hotel To Be Confirmed
Orlando, FL

THIRTEENTH REUNION

04 - 07 OCTOBER 2010

ORLANDO, FL