



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Members, Families and Friends of the NMCB 14 Alumni Association,

As most of you know, in past years, three or maybe four editions of this newsletter have been published annually. The intentions were there to do so, but as in so much of life, stuff happens - some good - some bad. I could give you thousands of reason why you haven't seen a newsletter in over two years, but none of them would be any good and most would most likely be "lies" anyways.

In any event, after twelve years of being your Secretary and/ or a Board of Director, for this Association, I have "retired" for the third time. (My first time from the Navy in 1997 and secondly from "work" - depending on what your definition of work is.)

Life takes us down many paths and there now are several paths that I must take. Some people call them priorities. As such, this will be the last Newsletter that I will be formatting and publishing; with the goal of reasonably covering events of the last two years.

Your newly elected Officers and Board of Directors are on the look out for someone that is willing to help them in this regard. First of all they will most likely develop a "new" format and publishing platform (most likely Outlook) and get away from the Mac OSX. And they wouldn't expect 36 page like this one - more like 6 pages.

So I urge anyone, member or non-member, that has an interest in writing and reporting, to contact your "favorite" Officer or Director for further information, etc.

I want to let all know that it has been my honor and privilege to produce this and all past Newsletters on your behalf. Your support in providing interesting stories, news articles and such have been enlightening and interesting. The whole experience has introduced me to new friends and maintained former acquaintances.

I have truly been blessed to have been able to walk down this path of life. From the bottom of my heart I THANK YOU!!

Fred Bossard, Editor

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THANKS!!



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### ANNUALS (2017 -18)

Tom McLaughlin  
Angus Husky  
Robert A Dodd  
Dave Cherry  
Charles Hayman - '18

### Legend (Life & Annuals)

\* WW II  
\*\* Iraq WIA  
★ Family of Seabee  
❖ Associate  
◆ Active Reserve

### MEMORIALS

John J. Hillyer Jr.  
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Jim Knox  
Ron Patterson  
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Lindon Haworth  
Robert Depew  
Russ Doe  
Ron Helton  
Laurie Milligan

### Legend (Memorials)

\* WW II  
\*\*\* Iraq KIA

### WELCOME 2017 - 18 NEW MEMBERS

We heartily welcome new members added since the Spring 2016 Newsletter:

#### Life Members

Normand Dupuis	Frank DeVito	William Lamb
David Anderson	Jack Ward	Dwight Hamborsky
Mark Blue	Russell Damewood	<b>Richard Brinkman</b>
Daryl Lichti	David Katz	Julio Soto
James McKinney	Joseph Mayol	Joseph McClung
Stephen Minton	Tammy Minton	Eugene Christensen
Alan Watt	Moises Zaragoza	Robert Massey
Kevin Wishnacht	Steven Christian	Thomas Williams, Jr
Marc Williams	Roberta McLaughlin	Debbie Croxton
Fernando Labdrada	John P Walker**	

\*\*John "Loves the NMCB 14 AA so much that he signed up for a 2nd Life Membership. We treated it as a Donation. Thanks John

#### Current Annual Members

Thomas McLaughlin	Angus Huskey	Robert Dowd
Dave Cherry	Charles Hayman	

### MEMBERSHIPS 2012 to DATE

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Life	06	05	24	23	33	07	00
Annual	10	14	16	23	09	05	00
Totals★	16	19	40	46	42	12	00

◆ Not Including Memorial Memberships

★ Note that some previous Annuals converted to Life, and some members have passed away. Thus the "grand total" from "2012 to Date" will not match the "169" subtotal shown below.

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

WWII Life	03
Life Members	161
Annual Members	05
Subtotal	169
Memorial Members	38
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>207</b>

Thank you all for your support and sacrifices.



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### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

As you can see, there has been a sharp drop off from 2016 to date in both life and annual memberships. Is it possible that we have reached our saturation point? We hope not. So once again, we are reaching out to the Membership or ANYBODY that has a talent for “roping in” new members and is willing to assist, to contact President Landrau and get on board as soon as possible. Any and all help will be appreciated.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well I suppose many of you have been wondering what happened to the Newsletter. (It has been two years since our last one.) Well I could offer up a half a hundred excuses or more, but alas none of them would be any good, valid or stories that you would want your kids (or grandkids as the case may be) relaying to their friends. All that I can say is that “stuff happens” and just too much “stuff happened” in the recent past for me to put together the newsletters. For that I apologize. Hopefully, this edition will bring you up to date with the happenings of your Alumni Association. So let’s try to get you to date. Here goes.....

### OFFICER AND BOD ACTIVITIES

#### I. Conference Calls

A. From 24 April thru the balance of **2016**, nine Conference Calls in all were held. The number of scheduled Conference Calls in 2017 was ten each. A summary of the topics discussed in each of those calls follows:

► **18 June ‘16** - 1) Assistance Committee: Discussed and tabled an “action request” for the family of a deceased prior NMCB-14 member, Wesley Arp, due to insufficient information.

- 2) Financial Report: Treasurer, Glenn Smith was absent - advised by e-mail that he will send the Financial Status report out within a week.

- 3) PAYPAL Account: The Alumni PayPal account will be activated upon opening of the account by the treasurer.

- 4) Reunion Committee: Chairman, Randy McGhee reviewed the list of sub committees and asked for updates on each item. Multiple topics were brought to a vote concerning different aspects of the upcoming NMCB-14 Alumni Reunion including but not limited to: Memorial Service, Registration Details, Spouses “Meet and Greet”, Hospitality Room, Silent Auction, POW/Missing Man Tribute, Flowers and Decorations, Excursions and Transportation for same, 50-50 Raffle, Special Prizes (sources and donors), Entertainment, Speaker and Guest Invitations, Registration Packet/Fees (registration, meals, challenge coins, etc.).

- 5) New Business: Issues were limited to discussion on the upcoming BOD elections and potential nominees for same, as well as potential new officers for upcoming vacancies.

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► **09 July ‘16** - 1) Assistance Committee: Resolved an “Assistance Request” from the “Dodge family” for funeral expenses. Reaffirmed the proper protocols by the Assistance Committee and/or BOD for assistance requests. Assistance Committee procedures are to be discussed at the this year’s reunion in Orlando.

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- 2 Reunion Item Update(s): A) Reunion Info and Registration Packages were sent to approximately 350 people; B) NMCB 14 CO or Command Master Chief will be our guest speaker; C) Mark Blue will initiate a "Marketing Campaign" on Facebook.

- 3) Future Conference Calls: To be scheduled for August and possibly September.

► **22 July '16** - Emergency Conference Call to discuss an internet "phishing scam" that we fell prey to earlier in July. Mark Blue and Glenn Smith provided the details of the scam and a rundown of the bank, local police and FBI reports that had been submitted and their respective responses. Action items on development of an SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) for approval of future payments were tasked to Mark Blue and Glenn Smith. **Life Members** and **Paid up Annual Members** may request further information concerning this event by contacting either Frank Landrau, Mark Blue and/or Glenn Smith.

► **13 August '16** - *Lacking a Quorum - This Conference Call was re-scheduled for 25 August 2016*

► **25 August '16** -1 Assistance Committee: Reported that Chief Robert Massey (NMCB-14, has had extensive damage to his home and property in Louisiana due to flooding caused by un-named storm(s). As more details come forward with specific needs, decisions as to what kind of assistance we may be able to provide will be enacted upon.

- 2 Treasure's Report and PayPal: Glenn Smith reported that the total of all funds on hand is \$39,548.93. He also reported that the FBI has not yet responded to his "phishing scheme" report. Glenn (and Frank Landrau) also reported on the status of the PAYPAL initiative. Currently everything has been done from Glenn's end in setting up the account. However, Frank indicated he is unable to do anymore from his end until such time as we obtain a secure server.

- 3 Reunion Committee Reported/Discussed the Following: A) We still need a DJ. Mark Blue will contact someone he knows; B) Costumes for the dinner theater on Friday evening are acceptable; C) The possible need to rent a 15 passenger van for transportation during Friday and Saturday of the reunion; D) The Orlando area has many golf courses available to golfing attendees; E) A request to purchase a POW/MIA chair cover was approved; F) Registrations to date are - 1) Nine members and eight spouses, 2) Seven signed up for the Friday evening dinner theater; G) Mrs. Emily Helton had a complete set of SMSA calendars she will to donate to the Alumni Association; H) Fred Bossard requested that during the "General Membership Meeting" a Birthday Greeting call be made to WWII Seabee and Plank Holder of MCB-14, Jim Rothermel who will be 98 years old; I) All BOD/Officers to contact sponsors to donate to the raffle at the reunion and each is responsible for bringing at least one craft or other type donation for the silent auction; J) Need to get the "word out". All BOD/Officers need to contact friends and members of NMCB-14 to encourage them to attend the reunion.

- 4) Other Discussions: A) Former Alumni treasurer, George Manning, sent info concerning the potential of a crash of the US dollar. A discussion was had concerning the potential of a crash of the US dollar.

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(Continued from Page 5) A discussion was had concerning what, if any, actions we should take to protect the (Gold/Silver) and other assets that the Alumni currently possesses. Numerous of ideas were discussed - Mark Blue to discuss with an attorney as to what direction the Alumni should take. The discussion was tabled until such time as President Blue can review details with an attorney. B) Mark Blue indicated that he felt we need a SOP

drawn up and that this should be a topic of discussion at Directors meeting at the reunion. C) We need three or four new members for the Board of Directors as well as the Officers. Current BOD members and Officers were encouraged to seek volunteers from the membership. D) Randy McGhee motioned that Doreen Doe, past wife of Russ Doe (deceased) be invited to the reunion with her Hotel and Meals expenses paid by the Alumni. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative. E) Ed Crenshaw, Fred Bossard and Loren Emery discussed the "Brockway Award" and asked for suggestions as to who should be nominated.

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► **08 September '16** - 1) Membership: A motion was made by Randy McGhee to extend the reduced Life Membership of \$100.00 until December 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mike Grace, a vote taken with all voting in affirmative. Motion carried. The Life Membership fee will be a flat \$100.00 until 31 December 2016.

2) Assistance Committee: A) Frank Landrau commented on the situation with Chief Massey and the recent flooding of his home. He has been in touch with Chief Massey and that currently there is nothing we can to assist him. Chief Massey is to keep us posted as to any assistance that may be needed in the future. (See 25 August Minutes.) B) Other possible assistance had to do with the recent passing of the son of former NMCB-14 member Tammy Rothstein. Frank Landrau indicated that there had been no further communication. Mark Blue to inquire and respond if needed.

3) Financial Report: Glenn Smith acknowledged an error in the 07 September report, noted by Randy McGhee, which concerned the value of our stock holdings. The report will be corrected and reissued.

4) PayPal Report: Frank Landrau gave a detailed report concerning what he had done in reference to the ability to use Pay Pal for various financial transactions on the Alumni webpage. Frank Landrau indicated that the codes were written and everything appears ready to be implemented as soon as webmaster Keith Stevens is able to input.

5) Reunion Committee: Detailed discussions, assignments, and more related to the 2016 Reunion included the following: **Hospitality Room** - Discussions centered around management of and "stocking" of the Hospitality Room, access to it and security of same, etc. Also discussed were tickets for 50/50 and door prizes. BOD members and Officers were "encouraged" to bring snacks, etc.; **Registration** process, name tags, Meal Tickets, Tote Bags etc.; **Spouse Meet and Greet** options to be fathomed out by Mark Blue; **Excursions** and Transportation for same; **Door Prizes** and sources for same; After Dinner **Entertainment** options including a DJ or recorded music; **Cost of Meals for Drilling Reservists and/or their guests** will be free as nine meals have been paid for by others; **Hotel Issues** including number of rooms left and the total number that the Alumni is responsible for and the number of rooms that may be comped; **Meals** - the meal list is to be confirmed by 21 September 2016 and provisions need to be made for those who may come in late, Tickets will be made available at registration for the two meals, Dinner and Breakfast, that have been paid for by the registrants; **Raffle - 50/50 Draw - Silent Auction - Primary Auction -**

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

To those that we know of that had recent Birthday's - **Happy Birthday:**

Joseph Austin	01 January 1940 // 78 Years Young
William Bersson	21 February 1957 // 61 Years Young
Gary Carver	22 February 1951 // 67 Years Young
Bruce Campbell	04 March 1943 // 75 Years Young



Ditto to those that we do not know that had recent birthdays.

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Ed Crenshaw indicated that there is a need for another 'Primary Prize'. Glenn Smith to inquire with a past donor, Silent Auction bid sheets will be available on Thursday, Tickets for the 50/50 should be made available at all times during the reunion and volunteers are needed to help sell tickets; **Audio Visual Equipment** -Ed Crenshaw to contact Loren Emery to see if he was will bring the required audio visual equipment; **Speakers** - Mark Blue indicated that Command Master Chief of NMCB-14, McKenny will be the keynote speaker on Saturday evening. Other dignitaries or speakers are unknown at this time. There is a possibility of a representative from the SMSA speaking on Friday at the General Membership Meeting; **SMSA Donation** - Discussion was held and decided to wait until the first BOD meeting at the reunion to determine the financial feasibility of donating the \$1000.00 or possibly a lesser amount; **Saturday Memorial Service**- Janna Weideman, Mike Grace and Fred Bossard to manage/officiate this; **Sunday Memorial Service** - Richard Mayo to conduct this service and coordinate the 'Missing Man' table. Glenn Smith to read the names of those departed in 2016; **News Media** - Frank Landrau and Mark Blue will try to secure news coverage for the reunion; **Critique Sheets** - Ed Crenshaw will compose and print them; **Registration "Goody" Handouts** - Mike Grace will attempt to get some items from an upcoming function he is attending. All BOD/Officers were encouraged to contact businesses for any promotional items to be placed in the "Yellow Bags."; **Brockway Award** - Discussed the lead time needed to have the award plaque completed. Ed Crenshaw to contact Committee Member Emery to inquire the lead time he needs; **Flags/Banners** - Fred Bossard to contact Randy Bushey as to the whereabouts of the flags and banners; **Reunion Location for Next Year (2017)** - To be determined at the first BOD Meeting at the reunion.

6) **Wrap Up Items:** The following wrapped up this **two hour 10 minute** Conference Call - **WHEW!**

A) Set Friday 07 Oct 2016 for the **General Membership Meeting**; B) **BOD/Officer Selections** - Need Bio's for those seeking office ASAP and discussed potential candidates; C) **Recognition of Primary Sponsors** - Proposal put forth to link our Primary Sponsors to our Web Site - Proposal approved; D) **Audit** - The need for an Audit of the Financials of the Alumni was discussed. Mark Blue to contact an outside source to review the Financial records of the Alumni; E) **E-Mail Phishing Scam** - All avenues should be explored to recover the money lost in this attack - need fourth discussion; F) **More Detailed Financial Reports** - A request was made for this and Glenn Smith said he would comply.

➤ **05 October '16** - Shakespeare's Hamlet famously said "To be, or not to be, that is the question". Well in the case of Hurricane Matthew - the question was "To have or not to have?" the Reunion. Thus, here is a case where the "have not's" with the aid Matthew's fierce winds and rain, won out forced an unplanned Conference Call.

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Mark Blue started the call with two primary items: 1) The cancellation of the 2016 reunion due to Hurricane Matthew expecting to hit the Central Florida area, and 2) possible alternative dates available for a 2016 reschedule.

After a 'Pro's and Con's discussion on various options, a motion made to effectively cancel the 2016 Reunion and hold an extensive tele-conference meeting to take care of any business items that would have taken place at the reunion. A second was made and all voted in the affirmative. A follow up conference call was scheduled for 18 October 2016.

Other items of business conducted during this call included the following: A) A discussion concerning what to do with the collected registration funds. There were three options discussed: 1. Keep monies as a donation to the Alumni, 2. Keep it on the books until next year's reunion and 3. Refund all monies collected. Option 3 was chosen as the most prudent action. B) Glenn Smith indicated the Pirates Dinner Theater and that their manager had assured him that all monies paid in for the dinner would be refunded. C) Location of the 2107 NMCB-14 was chosen to be in Blairsville, Georgia on 12 -15 October 2017; D) Current BOD members whose terms were to expire (during 2016 reunion) remain on board until after the tele-conference on 18 October 2016; E) Announced names of the newly elected BOD members (Randy McGhee, Richard Hoibraten and Gregg Harkness). They will be requested to be on the 18 October conference call; F) Discussed the potential new slate of officers for FY-2017. A motion to elect the following President - Mark Blue, Vice-President - Mike Grace, Secretary - Beverly Mayo and Treasurer - Glenn Smith was made. After discussion, the "current" 2016 officers will remain in place until after the 18 October 2016 Conference Call so that the newly elected Board Members can participate in the election process.

► **18 October '16 - 1) Membership Summary:** 152 Life Members, 5 WWII, 19 annual, 38 Memorial, total of all members is 214. New Life Members this year to date is 27. Since PayPal went in to effect we have had 3 members pay by use of PayPal In October.

2) **New BOD Results:** FY-2017 BOD balloting results were: Of 162 eligible voters 28 voted, or only 17%. This was lowest the Alumni has ever had in ballots cast for Board Members. There were 5 write in candidates with only one meeting the requirements, that being Greg Harkness. The results of the voting for FY-2017 Board Members were, R. Hoibraten, R. McGhee, and G. Harkness. The BOD is still currently one short to fill needed BOD positions for FY-2017.

3) **Treasurer's Report:** Glenn Smith vocally gave the current financial report. He will be send out a printed report in the near future. Glenn gave an update on the Registration Reimbursements necessitated by the canceling of the 2016 Reunion. He has acquired enough checks to start the reimbursement process.

4) **Treasurer's SOP Status:** Glenn and Mark Blue reported on the SOP draft status. A draft has been developed and will be forwarded after several additions and/or corrections are incorporated. It will be discussed and voted on during the next Conference Call.

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### ELEVENTH REUNION NEWS

Hurricane Matthew - Better known as **The Orlando Disaster** - as you know, forced for the first time in our Alumni History - a complete cancellation. However, it did produce some interesting stories of the attempts to not only get to Orlando - but also to get out of there once the cancellation went into effect. The next time you see folks like Jim Kautz, Joe Leahy and other out-of-town folks; ask them about the 'exciting travels' they encountered.

(Continued from Page 8) 4) Discussion Topics: **A)** New treasurer for FY-2018 - which morphed into discussions concerning all positions within the organization; the need to recruit younger members; establishment of a priority list of needs and a Committee for securing people to fill specific positions. Committee members appointed were M. Blue, F. Landrau and J. Wiedeman. Mark Blue will attempt to set up a Skype meeting of committee members in the near future; **B)** Existing Alumni Logo as to whether or not it could be retained as is. (No resolution at this time.); **C)** A motion for a donation to the **SMSA** college fund. of \$1,000.00 in the name of deceased President and Board Member, Captain Ron Helton passed. Glenn Smith to cut a check and forward; **D)** Discussion concerning the election of **Alumni officers for FY-2017**, including a question and answer session with new Secretary candidate, Beverly Mayo. The slate of 2017 officers were presented to the BOD and voted on. The victors were: President- Mark Blue, Vice-President- Mike Grace, Secretary – Beverly Mayo and Treasurer – Glenn Smith; **D1)** Outgoing Secretary Ed Crenshaw inquired about the official Corporate Records. VP Mike Grace indicated he has the Corporate Records and will forward to Beverly. Ed will close out the FY-2016 records/minutes and forward them to Beverly.

5) Assistance Committee: **A)** Chief Robert Massey of NMCB-14, who lost a large portion of all household goods to flooding. Chief Massey is soon to deploy and is in need of a computer(s). A motion and vote approved the purchase of two laptop computers. Mark Blue will purchase the computers, send them to Chief Massey and forward an invoice to Glenn Smith; **B)** There is a potential request for assistance for EO1 Casey Simmons of NMCB-14 who was recently in a vehicle accident and was currently having severe financial difficulty. Frank Landrau is to follow up and report as to what extent, if any, the Alumni may be able to offer assistance.

6) Other Business: **A)** A Letter of Appreciation to be sent to Damian, the manager of the Holiday Inn – Universal for all the help he provided in the planning of the reunion; **B)** The Memorial Pamphlet that was to be distributed at the 2016 reunion will be mailed out to all registrants. **C)** Supporters of the Alumni that over the years have made numerous contributions; will be sent Letters of Appreciation, a Lapel Pin and a Challenge Coin. They will also possibly be listed on the Alumni web page; **D)** A request that Doreen Doe, widow of Past Alumni BOD/Officer, Russ Doe, be invited to attend the 2017 reunion in Blairsville, GA. It was felt by those present that since the 2016 reunion was canceled, this would be the appropriate thing to do.; **E)** Confirmed the 2017 reunion is scheduled for 12-15 October 2017 in Blairsville, GA. **F)** What is the timetable to notify the Alumni membership of the loss of funds perpetrated by an email “phishing scheme” was asked. Mark Blue to draft a note for a future newsletter to apprise all members of the loss of funds and what was being done to avoid this type circumstance in the future.

► **15 November '16** - 1) Membership Report: 152 life members, 20 annual, 38 memorial with a total of 215 members. Number of Life Members added this year are 24; Annual Members are 6. Since Pay Pal was instituted, we have gained 4 members and we've added 5 members using the paper form.

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### Inspiring Quote From the Past

"The clock is running. Make the most of today. Time waits for no man. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it is called the present."

— Alice Morse Earle

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1) Treasurer Report: **A)** The current financial report which was emailed to the Board. **B)** Reunion Refund Checks have been sent to Registrants. Two Registrants donated them back to the Association. **C)** A refund from the dinner theatre has been received. The Hotel refund has not yet been received. A Thank You letter to Damien Garcia (Hotel Manager) is pending return of deposit. Mark Blue to follow up with hotel next week. **D)** There has been no progress with the FBI in the "phishing scheme" investigation.

2) Odds 'N Ends: **A)** Mark Blue formed a membership committee to recruit more members and potential future Board Members/Officers. **B)** Dwayne Polston's health is improving (from heart issues). **C)** Richard Mayo will assume the task of verifying association contact information list for more accurate communication. **D)** Entertainment arrangements for the 2017 Reunion were approved. **E)** Mike Grace to contact Jim Gold to get current mailing address so Director Mayo can send him 2016 Reunion Program. **F)** Changes to the Treasurer SOP were approved. **G)** The computers for Chief R. Massey were purchased and sent to him, **H)** Arrangements for a "Blue Ridge Train Excursion" during 2017 reunion will be confirmed. **I)** Consideration of combining Missing Man Table and honoring KIAs/MIAs into one ceremony was discussed and tabled for resolution at a later date. **J)** Bev Mayo will draft and send Thank You letters to donors and sign "by direction". Mike Grace will send Bev the corporate seal, records, coins and pins. Mark Blue to send her examples of letters that were sent last year.

3) Other and/or New Business: **A)** Allen Boatman reported on the financial assistance request for Graeme MacDonald; for 3 months car insurance @ \$200/month and possibly a \$100 Publix or Walmart gift card. This request has already been approved by the Assistance Committee. Request was approved. **B)** Need replacements for Loren Emory and Ed Crenshaw for the Brockway Award Committee. **C)** Ed Crenshaw to send photos of Comfort Inn Blairsville to Fred Bossard for display on the website and marketing.

➤ **24 January '17 - 1) Assistance Committee:** **A)** BU2 Bristol, whom the committee had agreed by email to assist was not responding to emails after several attempts. The offer for assistance was put on hold until contact information could be verified; **B)** Assistance previously approved for Graeme MacDonald was received by him.

2) Reunion Committee: **A)** The Hotel room rates have been reduced to \$80 plus tax. Blocked rooms will be increased from 20 to 25 for Friday and Saturday. All other arrangements have been set. Mark Blue will contact the new S3 and Master Chief McKinney for speakers. **B)** Allan Boatman and Grace will be added to Brockway Committee. **C)** Richard Mayo to bring items for Missing Man Table. **D)** Mark Blue and Fred Bossard to staff registration table. **D)** Mike Grace to bring plaque for memorial service, yellow bags and give away items not used for Orlando reunion.

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E) Loren Emery to be contacted regarding the bell. F) Officers and Board members are encouraged to bring auction items. G) 2018 reunion location needs to be decided so it can be announced at the 2017 reunion. H) Three individuals have been contacted about serving on the BOD or as an Officer.

2) Treasurer's Report: A) The current financial report was reviewed. Several large contributions were received by various individuals. Glenn indicated that there has been no progress in the "phishing scheme" investigation.

3) Odds 'N Ends: A) A funding request from Ernie Nelson and John Hillyer to support an advertisement during the 71st National Seabee Veterans Convention in Tampa in September. \$75.00 was approved.

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► **14 March '17 - 1) New Ombudsman:** NMCB 14's new Ombudsman, Debbie Croxton was introduced. Ms. Croxton will interface with the battalion and let the Alumni Association know when any of the members are in need of assistance. Officers and Board Members contact information will be sent to Ms. Croxton.

2) New Question: Secretary Mayo asked for clarification of meeting attendance rules. The decision is that latitude will be given and at some point the rules in the bylaws will be revisited.

3) Assistance Committee: The assistance request for Darryl Rose has been completed by paying 3 months of his electric bill and water and sewer charges.

4) Care Packages: Ombudsman Croxton asked about sending care packages to deployed members. Mark Blue asked her to find out what specific items would be helpful to send to the various locations.

5) Reunion Committee: A) Ed Crenshaw re-stated that room rates have been reduced to \$80 per night. A flyer will be sent out to advise and include scenic rail information. Mark Blue will contact individuals for speakers. The Agenda is to be promulgated this weekend.

6) Treasurer Report: The previously emailed Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

7) Membership: The number of people joining through PayPal versus paper applications has been equal. Julio Soto will attempt to recruit members in the Orlando Detachment.

8) NSVA Advertisement: We are awaiting input from Ernie Nelson and John Hillyer on our ad to be published for 71st National Seabee Veterans Convention in Tampa in September

9) Potential Board Member: Jeff Baloga has been identified as a possible BOD Candidate.

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► **09 May '17 - 1) Treasurer's Report:** A) The only changes to the financial report were that several checks have cleared. B) The State of Florida has regulated new 501 (c) verbiage that must be posted to our Website and standard Letterhead. This info to be sent to Keith Stephens and Fred Bossard for action to meet this new State Regulation.

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### Another Inspiring Quote From the Past

“The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift is yours - it is an amazing journey - and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. This is the day your life really begins.

— **Bob Moawad**

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2) Membership: Responses of people joining through PayPal and with paper applications has been equal. The entire Board to be requested to vote by email to raise the Annual Membership fee to \$30.00 and permanently reduce the Life Membership fee to \$100. Add to the website, a note that new Life Members will receive a pin and challenge coin.

3) Reunion Items: **A)** Hotel room rates confirmed to be \$80 per night (plus tax). **B)** Mark Blue (absent) to be requested to send out email confirmation on speaker status. **C)** Al Robertson to be contacted to ask if condo is still available as a prize. **D)** Bossard, Crenshaw and Mayo to draft the Agenda. **E)** The Saturday Memorial Service to be combined with the Sunday Memorial Service. **F)** Ed Crenshaw to verify the number of hotel reservations have been made to date; plus reserve a room for hospitality. **G)** Fred Bossard will order wreath for Memorial Services.

4) Ombudsman Request: Ombudsman Croxton made a motion to purchase a battalion flag for Seabee Peter Herrick. Motion was carried. Member Mayo to contact Richard Prentiss for more specific information regarding purchase of a battalion flag type.

Other/New Business: **A)** Contact Richard Mayo for information on Honor Flights. **B)** Bev Mayo will be making Snoopy military ties to sell at the reunion. Proceeds will go to the NMCB Alumni Association. **C)** R. Mayo will order Seabee 75th Anniversary coins. Contact him if you want to buy one. He will bring them to the reunion. **D)** Recommendation made to review Assistance Committee procedures for required changes. **E)** Glenn Smith to forward information regarding the fraud case to Randy McGhee; who offered to help with follow up.

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► **13 June'17** - We lacked a quorum for this call - so only “unofficial” business was discussed between the few that were present. The Call was re-scheduled for 20 June 2017.

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► **20 June'17** - 1) Treasurer's Report: **A)** Changes to the emailed financial report are: 1) Several checks have not cleared; 2) A check was written for Teleconference charges.

2) Membership: **A)** The ratio of people joining through PayPal versus paper applications has remained at 50% each.

3) Reunion Items: **A)** The number of rooms blocked for the reunion has been increased from 25 to 40. **B)** Mike Grace to follow up with Al Robertson to verify if his condo is still available as a major prize.

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C) Mark Blue is to 1) Contact Joe Leahy (SMSA) - is he is attending the reunion, and 2) reserve a room for CDR Wilhite, CO NMCB 14. D) The Reunion Agenda was approved. E) ED Crenshaw to 1) obtain a list of attendees to date and 2) contact local speakers as noted in the Agenda. F) Set the dinner/breakfast fee at \$85 and the registration at \$100.

2) Follow Up Items: A) The flag for Seabee Peter Herrick will be ready in 2 weeks. Richard Mayo and others will present it to him. B) Care packages are needed by deployed members at SOCAF and AFGAN. Debbie Croxton to contact Frank Landrau for a more specific list of needs. Debbie Croxton, Richard Hoibraten and Richard Mayo will on the 27 June teleconference to discuss details of sending packages. C) Mark Blue still working on recruiting potential officer and BOD candidates. Julio Soto to also contact a couple of candidates.

3) Other/New Business: A) Richard Mayo suggestion to have a new type of name tag for reunions was deferred for future discussion. Richard to determine cost for Mark Blue to explore the possibility of his company sponsoring the expense. B) Randy McGhee has not had success following up on the fraud case but will work with Glenn Smith for resolution.

- **27 June'17-** This Call was centric specific for **NMCB 14 Deployed Seabee Packages** and was not an "Official BOD" Call. As such, there was no "Quorum" requirements. Those that participated confirmed overseas mailing addresses and exchanged lists of specific items needed/wanted/desired by both Military and Civilian personnel. Debbie Croxton reported the following: *"That is wonderful! Just our group sent over 20 care packages. Trying to nail down the exact quantity for Skipper Wilhite. He has requested NMCB 14 to submit a packet for an award. Our AA efforts help that support. Wow!"* The following photos are a small sampling of the items we sent.







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- **27 July '17 - 1) Reunion Items:** A) Joe Leahy (SMSA) will bring his own equipment to reunion. B) Mark Blue to publish hospitality room schedule so people sign up to man it. C) A list of new members is to be sent to current BOD/Officers for potential identification of replacements for positions to be vacated in October.

D) Ed Crenshaw will investigate prices for a cake and tickets for dinner. E) Richard Mayo will coordinate the Missing Man Table. F) Mike Grace to try to contact Al Robertson again concerning his condo as a major prize. He suggested to create an online bidding process for those who cannot attend the reunion. G) Joe Leahy (SMSA) will be given the \$1,000 check that he was to be given at last year's reunion. The amount to be given this year, if any, will be determined later. H) CDR Willhite will be presented with a NMCB 14 command flag.

2) Ombudsman Items: A) Debbie Croxton asked Richard Mayo to send her information about two Seabee packages that were returned to him. B) She will compile information received from all BOD/Officers as to how many packages were sent.

3) Other/New Business: A) Richard Mayo inquired as to who are going to Nani's for dinner. They should advise him via email if they prefer to eat early or late.

4) Assistance Committee: A) Allen Boatman made a recommendation to give \$500 to help with funeral expenses for the brother of CM1 Nelson Ramon-Olivieri. Julio Soto's wife will call to get more details for transaction and then a vote will be taken.

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- **24 August '17 - 1) "Clean Up & Turnover Items:** A) Mark Blue to call Ed Crenshaw this weekend to finalize the Hospitality Room watch list. B) 2017 BOD Ballots will go out for voting by Monday or Tuesday. C) Glenn Smith has committed to staying on as Treasurer for one more year if another candidate does not come forward. Mark Blue committed to make himself available for the Treasurer position in 2019. D) Glenn Smith will call Fred Bossard regarding a candidate for the Brockway Award. E) Fred Bossard will order the flower wreath for the reunion. F) The Auction Bid Sheet was approved. F) Mike Grace to continue to contact Al Robertson for more information regarding the condo donation. G) A Link to sponsoring vendor's businesses will be put on Alumni website. H) Fred Bossard motioned to give our Apple laptop counter and associated equipment (that was in the Heritage Center) to the Battalion with a MOU for that action. We will relinquish any and all claims to ownership. I) Suggestions were made to have the 2018 reunion in Orlando and to vote on either Asheville, NC or Charleston, SC for 2019. Orlando was selected for 2018 and a decision for 2019 was deferred. J) Rickard Mayo to make reservations at Sawmill Place for the early Saturday BOD meeting in lieu of a hotel room. K) Ed Crenshaw to advise the hotel that a full ballroom is needed for the Sunday morning breakfast. He will also request 6 tables for silent auction items. L) Ed will ask the DJ requests to take requests from the floor. M) Neither snacks nor or hors d'oeuvres will be served at the Friday cocktail reception.

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- **19 September '17 - 1) Reunion 2017 Final Charge:** A) Mark Blue to send out Hospitality Room watch list for more members to sign up. B) Fred Bossard has received 20% of 2017 BOD voting and encouraged those who had not voted to do so ASAP. C) Mark Blue will take custody of Fred Bossard's Macbook laptop (previously offered to the AA) including 12 years worth of copies of Alumni associated files. If the AA decides to transition to Microsoft he will undertake that task over the next year.

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(Continued from Page 14) **D)** Ed Crenshaw will purchase supplies for the Hospitality Room. Fred Bossard, Mike Grace and Glenn Smith to provide Ed with a list of items needed. **E)** Glenn Smith will do a P/L projection for the reunion. **F)** Discussed reunion dinner/breakfast registrations to date. There will be three rooms complimentary of the Alumni Association for a total of six nights. **G)** Ed Crenshaw to email Ernie Nelson and

John Walker to determine which one has our stock of AA hats, shirts and jackets. They will be used as doors prizes in an effort to rid ourselves of these items. **H)** Ed Crenshaw would like to give a challenge coin, per his email of 9/19/17, to several people that have been a great help to him. Richard Mayo also suggested a certificate of appreciation be given with the coins. Fred will prepare the certificates. **I)** Randy McGhee suggested a Treasurer's Report be presented at every meeting. Fred Bossard said this item should be brought up at a reunion BOD meeting.

► **12 October '17 - 1) Scheduled BOD Meeting - Combination On-Site + Teleconference Call:** A combination of an "BOD On Site and Conference Call" was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. Several BOD members and/or Officers encountered travel difficulties getting to the Blairsville on this date. Those that were to be on the "Conference Call" portion had problems making phone connections while en-route. All business was deferred to the to the next scheduled on site BOD meeting.

## 2. On Site BOD Meetings:

A. There were not any on site BOD meetings in 2016 due to Hurricane Matthew.

B. There were three on site BOD meeting scheduled in 2017, all at the Reunion in Blairsville, GA. A summary of the topics discussed in each of those meetings follows:

► **12 October '17 - 1** See Notes above on this page.

► **14 October '17 - 1 Election of New Officers:** **A)** The meeting was held offsite at the Sawmill Restaurant in Blairsville, GA, which provided a "private room" to conduct business. **B)** Introduced the new Board Members. All Officers (current & prospective) were provided an article entitled "Boardmanship - What is It?" which discussed the duties and functions of a corporation's Board of Directors versus Officers. An updated Officer/BOD contact list was distributed. **C)** Discussed techniques and good "practices and habits" to prevent email hacking and security breaches. **D)** Confirmed names of all persons and/or organizations that were to receive Letters of Appreciation. **E)** Distributed copies of "updated" Association Letterhead" **F)** Fred Bossard turned over his donated Apple Laptop computer to Mark Blue. **G)** Elected new officers as follows: a) President, Frank Landrau; Beverly Mayo, Secretary; Glenn Smith, Treasurer. [Note: The VP nominee declined at this time. After the BOD meeting concluded, Mark Blue "recruited" Joe Leahy for the VP position.] Refer to Page 1 for names and contact info of 2018 Officers and BOD members.

► **15 October '17 - 1 CY 2018 New Officer/BOD Organization:** **A)** Set Committees and Goals for 2018.

**2018 Conference Calls and Meetings to Date:** 1) Conference Call was held on 17 February 2018. The call focused on left over issues from 2017 and new issues as follows: **A)** Website design revisions and corrections; **B)** By-Laws revisions, **C)** Lessons Learned from 2017 Reunion; **D)** Status of Thank you Notes and Letters;

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(Continued from Page 15) E) NMCB 14 AA Logo changes; F) 2018 Reunion Action Items including Hotel Selection and Costs; F) Set date for “Face to Face” BOD Meeting on 06- 07 April 2018. Those that couldn’t attend could conference in by telecon for at least a portion of the meeting, **NOTE:** Any Life Member or Paid Up Annual Member may request copies of Meeting Minutes for more information on BOD Conference Calls or Meetings from any Board of Director or Officer.

## “LOST MEMBERS”

The members listed below have been “removed” from the Membership List due to lengthy periods of no contact from the said member either by snail mail and/or email. If anyone has information on the whereabouts of these individuals, please contact President Frank Landrau. THANKS in advance.

### WWII

Ted Harwood  
Jack Soliday

### LIFE MEMBERS

John R Johnson	Ronald Philpott	Gary Sturm
Hilrie Kemp, Jr	Ronald Russell	

## THE “BOOK on SAMUEL” By Richard Mayo (Edited)

Chapter 1. Today (12 August 2016) at 3:46pm we officially welcomed Samuel Carby Mayo into the world. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 4.5 oz., with a 20 “ beam and a lot of dark wavy hair. Color of eyes is still to be determined. Be praying for the young Mayo family as they begin their journey together.

Chapter 2. Our 3 week old grandson Samuel went to see a neurosurgeon today. The skeletal structure in his head is growing back faster than it should. He has to have a CAT scan in a few weeks and possible non-invasive brain surgery in 10-12 weeks. His parents are requesting prayers for them all.

Chapter 3. Samuel’s surgery was a complete success. Praise the Lord. His hemoglobin count was a little off but all is well. They didn’t have to shave his head as we all thought, just where they made the incision which was a lot smaller than we all thought too. We got to see him last night. He is a little swollen from the ordeal and the Tylenol and morphine running through an IV in his ankle. If all goes well they will move out of ICU today and into a regular room. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers and concerns. God bless.

Chapter 4. I have sent pictures of Samuel over the past year but they usually had him with his helmet on. However we were able to capture him recently in full Southern gentlemen’s attire, complete with suspenders and bowtie.





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## ON THE MOVE

And what a move it was!! On 02 February of this year, George Manning and his wife Cindy have made a permanent move from North Florida to Belize in Central America. When Glenn Smith was advised of this he replied with this: *"I talked (and talked and talked) with George Manning this morning. He really is moving to Belize permanently. He accepted a professorship with a Brit*

*university there. He and Cindy plan to stay even after he retires from the university. He seems enamored with the life there."*

Unfortunately, we do not have any contact information for George and Cindy, but we do wish them happiness and success in their new home and endeavors.

**ALSO:** Life Member and NMCB 14 Plank Holder, A.J. "Jack" Dempsey has relocated to 103 Carson Ave., Interlachen, FL 32148. Old friends and shipmates can reach him at [dempsey2421@outlook.com](mailto:dempsey2421@outlook.com).

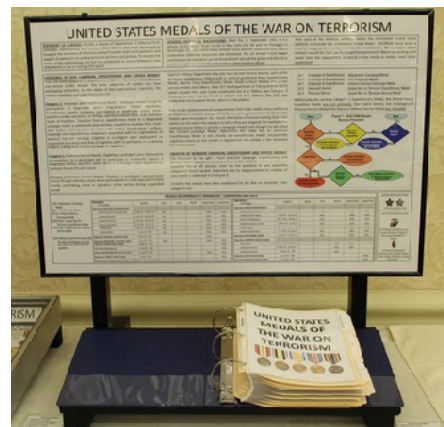
## HONORS & MORE

Life Member Loren Emery is a "quiet" guy, but has some wonderful hidden talents, as evidenced by his design and production of the Brockway Award Plaque and Certificate. In August of 2016, those talents were again on display when he received a very prestigious award. While in Pennsylvania for the McCanna Family Reunion, he also attended the **Orders And Medals Society of America Convention**. During the OMSA awards banquet, he received a Silver Medal and the Vice President's Medal for his display - "US Medals of the War on Terrorism".



Congratulations and a BIG Bravo Zulu to Loren for a job well done.

We hope that you had a great family reunion as well.



## New NSVA President

The mail box brought more great news on 16 September '16 when we learned that our own Life Member, **John J. Hillyer III** had been elected as the National Commander of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA). **Congratulations John!!**

All of your shipmates and fellow Alumni members are proud of you and your leadership. 🇺🇸🐝👍

## Celebrations

We received the following note from Jim George as to why he couldn't attend the 2017 reunion: Patti and I will be in NYC celebrating our 40th anniversary on the weekend of the reunion. I am so sorry we won't be able to attend the reunion. Blairsville is a great place for the reunion. Hope you all have a great time. Jim. // Jim & Patti - Congrats - A great Milestone!!

## Jim & Dorothy Ann Rothermel vs Father Time

Jim turned 98 years old on 20 August 2016 and received his driver license renewal. With great spirit in his voice, he reported that the **bad news** is he will **re-new** it again when he turns 100.

Dorothy Ann turned 87 on 24 August 2016. They are doing well and exercise daily by walking about 40 minutes per day.

As of August 2016 they had been married for 69 years.

**Congratulations to the Rothermels on all fronts!!**



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### Promotions

Congratulations to the following who were selected for promotion: 1) Former NMCB 14 XO, Mike Streckert - selected for CDR in November 2016 (See his Farewell below); 2) Janna Wiedeman, Life Member was selected for E-9/EQCM in April Of 2017 (See her Facebook Post Below); 3) In May 2017, former NMCB 14 XO, Patrick Upshaw was selected to Captain; 4) also in May 2017, former S-1, Michael Clay Brown was selected for CDR. Bravo Zulu to all.

### Farewell from CDR Streckert:

Seabees of NMCB 14: This POM will be my last opportunity to address you as your XO. Over the past three years I've had the distinct honor of being both your S3 and XO. We have been through many changes and challenges and you have never failed to demonstrate those qualities that truly represent the Can Do spirit of our Force and Battalion. I thank each and every one of you for your dedicated service and your support. I leave you in the capable hands of LCDR Wes Bridges and ask that you continue to support him as you have supported me. The conclusion of this tour brings to a close over five years, across two tours, with NMCB 14. Although I have served in three separate Battalions, NMCB 14 has been and will always be my Battalion. Semper Fortis & Stay Classy 14!!! v/r LCDR Mike Streckert

### Janna Comments on her Selection:

First of all, I want to thank God who has blessed me with such an honor...*although I do think that HELL has officially frozen over.*

I want to thank everyone for all the messages, texts, and phone calls. I am still in shock and I'm pretty sure the people at Lowe's, where I was when I got the call, think I am a complete Lunatic. WOW! I still can hardly fathom it. This is crazy!!

I definitely could not have achieved this goal without the outstanding troops who have made me look good and have made me proud serving with them; the leaders who have shown me the way, and my peers who have always been supportive...all of which I have had the honor and privilege to serve with.

I want to also thank my family and friends, who have supported me and always had my back for the last 27 years... WOW, that's just crazy!! 27 years...and to think I doubted I would make it through the first 4. That's just a testament to the love and support I've received throughout my career.

Thank you ALL!!

### SEABEE BUDDY MEETINGS

From Richard Mayo: Thought you would appreciate this photo (to the right). That's Doug Snead sitting with Mike Wood and me standing behind him. We meet monthly at the local Bono's Barbeque to support Parkwood Baptist Church's Operation Christmas Child gift boxes.

### A BIT OF HISTORY

Also from Richard Mayo: On this day, November 10, 1775, 241 years ago in a little tavern called Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, the **United States Marine** Corps started recruiting to form 2 battalions of infantry. If you know a Marine, see a Marine, have a Marine as a friend, neighbor or relative make sure you tell them Happy Birthday! And give them a firm proud handshake, no fist bumps, no chest thumps or the like. Just look them in the eye and say Semper Fi.

**Happy Birthday Marines. God Bless our Military.**



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *If you would like to contribute an article or story - feel free to contact your favorite Director or Officer. See Page One for Contact Information.*





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## DID YOU KNOW?

That the first US “Medal of Honor” awardee was from Chattanooga? RADM Noah Long recently provided some information on this fact. (Thank You). He also provided a link to the “Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Heritage Center” which contains a fascinating story and details on each and every Medal of Honor awardee. Take a look at: <http://mohm.org>

It's **GUARANTEED** you will not be disappointed.

## ACCIDENTS

1) Bradley Mayo (Son of Richard & Bev Mayo): Bradley works for the Jacksonville Electric Company and on 07 October 2016 he was shocked by 15,000 volts. His crew did everything by the book and saved his life. They got him out of harm's way and administered CPR. The EMT's had to bring him back twice. Both arms are burned very badly and his eyes are blood shot. He was not very coherent and did not remember anything that happened. The doctors were puzzled in that they could not find an exit wound for the high voltage current; which is usually one or both feet. Apparently he absorbed all 15,000 volts. They are calling him the “miracle man”. We are happy to report that Bradley has made a full recovery and is the father of Samuel Mayo. (See Page 16)

## SICK BAY

A few of our members and/or others have not been feeling that great. Here they are:

1) Clarence Dukart was having lymphoma problems in late 2016 and his wife Diane back and leg problems. They both were at the reunion last October and looked pretty good. We hope that they have fully recovered.

2) Dwayne Polston underwent a heart catheterization prior to having open heart surgery valve replacement on 01 November 2016. He returned home on 06 November and appears to have made a full recovery. He looked really well at the last reunion.

3) Joe Reynolds and Spouse (as reported by Richard Mayo on 14 Nov 16): *Just talked with BUC Joe Reynolds out of the Miami Unit. His reunion package came back undeliverable so I called. He was my Sea Daddy. His wife Mary's dementia got so bad during the summer they had to put her in a home. He is doing well considering but she gets lost on the elevator. His address is Joe Reynolds c/o The Brinnity at Tradition, 10859 SW Stony Creek Way, Port St Lucie FL 34987. Send him an encouragement card.*

4) Mark Blue self reported on his 30 Nov 16 surgery as follows: *Well, it's done. All went according to plan and we did not find any of the potential issues there might have been. The Spurs are gone, the bone reshaped and my Achilles is reattached. On some serious pain meds for a couple days but should be mentally functional by the weekend (I know, some would question that before the surgery). Hoping to read, watch movies and generally lounge for a few days.*

5) Ed Crenshaw's father in late 2017/early 2018 had some serious problems with sugar diabetes. Ed spent many days and/weeks taking him back and forth to doctors and hospitals in Atlanta. Ed reported in February 2018 that his dad had successful surgery on his feet and toes. He now is resting and healing well in a nursing home in Hayesville, NC.

We hope and pray that everyone stays healthy and fit in 2018 and beyond.



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### OBITUARIES

o **BUC Paul Summers** - In our last edition, we had limited information on Paul and subsequently have learned that Paul was interred at Bay Pines Cemetery, St Petersburg, FL. EQCM Ernie Nelson reported that Seabees and CEC Officers came from far and wide to pay their respects. Ernie read his eulogy and said "Some may say the eulogy was too long, for those who knew Paul - too short. Paul's eulogy is included as an attachment.

o **Frances Douge** - As reported by John J Hillyer III on 02 July 2016 (Edited). All, it is with deepest regrets that I announce the passing of Francis Douge, son of past DoFL Treasurer Karl "Chuck" Douge. Francis had been suffering with Leukemia and recently succumbed to it. Funeral services were held in Nashville, TN. The family asked for help paying for the funeral expenses, via a GO FUND ME account, \$3000 was the amount they are seeking. The funeral was handled by West Harpeth. The online guestbook is at [www.westharpethFH.com](http://www.westharpethFH.com). A service was held on 7/2/16. A Celebration of life was held at 3 PM at St. Johns Methodist Church, 6300 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN.

o **Colin Roberts**- As reported by Ed Clark on 11 August 2016 (Edited). Colin was a member of NMCB-14 for many years and will be missed. I don't remember his rating, but he was not in ALPHA Co. I spoke with Mrs Roberts earlier today. Colin had been having serious problems for quite some time, he passed away sat 06 Aug. He was cremated and buried in Georgia Veterans Cemetery, in Glennville, GA. Memorial service was private. He was a true Patriot and a very good man. He will be missed and thoughts and prayers to his wife and all his family.

o **Tommie Tyler** - As reported by Jim Caulder on 29 August 2016 (Edited). Fred, I was reviewing your info (BOD eligible members) and saw Tommy Tyler's name listed. He died Oct, 14, 2016. "We are saddened to learn of the death today of Tommie Tyler a past president of the Georgia Association of Agricultural Fairs. Tommie apparently died today, October 14, 2016, of a sudden heart attack. He was President of the Georgia Association 2011-2012. Additionally he was a former manager of the Coastal Empire Fair in Savannah, Georgia. He was also very active with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. Our condolences go out to wife Claudette and Grand Daughter Chelsea." Additionally, Ed Clark provided the following: Hi Fred, Tommie Tyler passed away yesterday afternoon. Tommie was a builder and rose up through the ranks and became an officer. The strange thing is I saw him at the Exchange Club lunch meeting yesterday and he seemed okay. Claudette will be making arrangements with the Baker/McCullough/Fairhaven Funeral Home.

o **Rick Morris** - As reported by Jim Gold on 15 November 2016 (Edited). I am very sorry to report the passing of Rick Morris on Sunday, November 13th, at age 64. I spoke with Rick's wife, Kathy, who reported that Rick seemed well but passed away through the night, most unexpectedly. He had an established heart condition for several years. Rick is survived by Kathy, one daughter and twin sons. Viewing was at the Aycock-Riverside Funeral Home, Jupiter, on Thursday, 11/17/2016. Internment was at Riverside Memorial Park, Jupiter, FL on Friday, 11/18/2016. Rick was a great Seabee, Senior Chief, leader and friend. I will truly miss him. At Kathy's suggestion, Karen and I will defer our trip for the funeral and will instead drive down to see her in the near future when we can share more private and personal time together. Kathy suggested donations to NMCB 14 Alumni Association in lieu of flowers.

o **Pat Statpleton** - As reported by John J Hillyer III on 26 May 2017 (Edited). All, it is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of Pat Stapleton, wife of Danny Stapleton. I don't have the date of death as yet. Pat served with the Regiment and the Brigade. She and Danny have been involved with the VFW for many years. There is no info about a service at this time. Everyone please keep Danny and their family in your prayers

o **Bertha M. Kemp** - As reported by John J Hillyer III on 15 September 2017 (Edited). All, please be aware of the passing of Bertha M. Kemp, the beloved wife of our Brother, CE1 Hilrie Kemp for 58 years. They were together 62 years. She had been ill for several years and passed at 9:30 pm 14 September 2017. She was a teacher for 40 years in Hillsborough County School System. Please keep Hilrie and family in your prayers.

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### A Short Story

By now, you are probably wondering when is the best time to read all of this newsletter. Well, it's most likely best when the Phillies are beating up on the "Marlins" or maybe even the "Braves" and you have lost all hope of the Phillies letting up on the gas!! What a story!!

### OBITUARIES - (CONTINUED)

o **CDR Doug Snead** - As reported by Richard Mayo on 29 October 2017 (Edited). Many of you knew him from the Bees. I knew him as a local architect who designed many local buildings particularly churches and I processed his plans for a building permit when I was with the City. He was also an active member of Parkwood Baptist Church. I would see him and his lovely wife Dot at many of the local eateries. I have been over to his house several times during his illnesses to visit and keep him informed of the Alumni's activities. I presented his son with one of the NMCB 14 hats and will give his two sons a coin and a red Seabee vehicle sticker. The Mayo's are going to donate \$25 to the church as the family has requested. Fair Winds and Following Seas. God bless all. (Editor's Note: Doug was, if my memory serves me correctly, a Plank Holder in NMCB 14. I recall him as C Company CDR. He also served in several staff positions.)

His obituary read as follows: James Douglas Snead, Jr. passed away October 25, 2017 in Jacksonville, FL. He was born in Jacksonville, FL on December 6, 1928 to the late James Douglas Snead Sr. and Flora Sikes Snead. Doug is predeceased by his parents and survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Dorothy Knight Snead; sons, James Douglas James Snead III (Jennifer) and David G. Snead (Marilu); 6 dearly loved grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Doug was a practicing architect until the age of 88 whose building designs are found everywhere in North Florida. He proudly served his nation in the Korean War and retired from the US Naval Reserves as a Commander. A Celebration of Life will be held on October 31, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Parkwood Baptist Church, 7900 Lone Star Rd in Jacksonville. The interment will take place at a later date at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Rd. in Jacksonville with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations to Doug's church of many years, Parkwood Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

o **CDR Randy Felton** - As reported by Fred Bossard on 18 January 2018. In an email to several NMCB 14 Alumni, he wrote: Gentlemen: I hadn't heard from Randy in a long time and got curious if he had died. I did a search for his obit and unfortunately, that is the case. // His obituary follows:

Dr. Randall Garrett Felton, PhD, aged 69, died April 9, 2016 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was born September 21, 1946 at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital in New York to Katherine Strack and Edward Felton.

As a child in a military family, he was raised in naval stations all over the east coast and Puerto Rico, finally settling in Jacksonville, Florida. A product of Catholic education, he graduated from Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, FL in 1964. He earned his Bachelor of Science and PhD in Social Studies Education from Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL; and his Master of Arts in Teaching at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. While at FSU for his PhD, he was the recipient of a Hays-Fulbright Scholarship to study in Egypt.

Dr. Felton was the author of textbooks, articles, and other publications. He was an accomplished teacher of middle and high school, both in Jacksonville and Tallahassee. He was Social Studies Supervisor for Florida and Director of Social Studies in Leon County. While director in Leon County, he was responsible for initiating the International Baccalaureate Program at Rickards High School. His highest achievement was becoming the founding principal of John Paul II Catholic High School in Tallahassee, FL. As a product of twelve years of Catholic education, he truly believed in its efficacy for today's youth and worked tirelessly towards this end. He served on several state and local education committees.

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### Inspiring quote from the Past

*"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for the country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards."*

— Theodore Roosevelt

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In addition to his educational facet, Dr. Felton was also a naval officer. Entering the Navy as a seaman recruit in 1970, he served in Vietnam and was discharged in 1974. He re-enlisted in the Reserve and rose through the ranks eventually achieving the rank of commander in the United States Naval Reserve. As a supply officer, he "kept the fleet in goods".

He was also a 4th degree Knight of Columbus in the Father Ronn J. Barton Council. And lest we forget, as a hardnosed FSU football fan he successfully ran The Football Pool for nearly 50 years, entertaining hundreds of friends. As a 'Nole lover he traveled to many out of town games and had great fun. He really loved football season.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Renee; his daughters, Julie and Beth (Ben); and his son, Ryan; his grandsons: Nicholas, Logan and Liam. Other survivors include his mother Katherine; his brother Jeff; his nieces, Danielle and Jennifer (Mike); his nephew Douglas; and his great niece, Aubrey.

**o RADM Charles "Dick" Smith** - As reported by LCDR Kristin Whitehouse, NAVFAC HQ via RADM Noah Long on 10 January 2018.

On behalf of the Chief of Civil Engineers, it's with a heavy heart that I must share the sad news of the passing of Rear Admiral Charles Richard "Dick" Smith, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve (Retired) on 27 December, 2017. In his over 40 year career in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve, Rear Admiral Smith rose from apprentice seaman to Rear Admiral, enlisting in 1945. His last flag tour was Commander, Reserve Naval Construction Force, retiring in 1987 with a Legion of Merit.

Rear Admiral Smith enlisted in the Navy V6 Program in 1945 and was commissioned as an ensign in the Naval Civil Engineer Corps from OCS in 1954, serving in CEC and Seabee assignments. Upon release from active duty in 1957 he joined the drilling Naval Reserve, serving in numerous billets and establishing a reputation for excellence. He served as Commanding Officer of Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 24 and Commander, THIRD Reserve Naval Construction Regiment where his battalions RNMCB-24 and RNMBC-14 were "Best of Type" and "First Runner Up" among units of the Reserve Naval Construction Force. After selection to flag, he served as Commander, Reserve Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, before becoming Commander, Reserve Naval Construction Force. In his last assignment, Rear Admiral Smith led changes in the organizational structure of the reserve Seabees to mirror active duty structure, helping to ensure optimum readiness for reserve Seabee units. Dick is remembered by those who served with him as not only a great leader, but a great mentor to many.

Rear Admiral Smith remained active in numerous professional organizations throughout his life, including serving as president and member of the Board of Directors of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association. In his civilian life, he served on the faculty at Virginia Polytechnic Institute before working at Carolina Steel Corporation in Greensboro, North Carolina for 40 years, retiring from there in 1990 to work as Senior Project Manager for Rosser FABRAP International. Rear Admiral Smith was extensively involved in community activities and is certainly an example of a life well-lived.





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### AN OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU!!

The new Officers and Board of Directors have some great ideas about how our website should be updated. The problem is that they don't have the expertise to execute the "modernizing" part. They are looking for you - *"the kid that could do this in his sleep."* Well, even if you can't do it in your sleep, they still will gratefully accept any help that you could offer. ***So call them now before this opportunity disappears.*** Please & Thank you in advance!!

o **Mrs Jane Charvat** - Bill Charvat advised us on 05 February 2018, that Jane had passed away on 02 February 2018. Following is her obituary: Charvat, Marguerite , 77, of Winter Park passed away on the evening of February 2, 2018 after a short hospital stay. She was the beloved wife of William Charvat, AIA; mother of Julie Charvat and Kathryn Roberts; and grandmother of Joseph and Piper Difrancesco. Daughter of the late Everett and Marguerite Northup, Jane is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Bill; Winter Park daughter Katie Roberts and husband Dean Roberts, grandchildren Joseph William Difrancesco, Piper Kathryn Difrancesco and Dean's son Liam Roberts; former Son-in-Law Joseph Difrancesco; and daughter Julie Charvat and husband Byron Mouton of New Orleans. Jane was born March 13, 1940 in Cleveland, Ohio. She went to school in Macedonia, Ohio and got her teaching degree from Kent State University. She taught in Ohio, on the Island of Guam and in Florida. Jane's many loves included antiques, the Orlando Garden Club, and making the family home an enriching and memorable place to learn and live. Jane's devote love of the family home in Boyne City, Michigan transcends years and generations through summers with family and friends, but most importantly and most recently with her grandchildren, instilling the love of 'up north'. Jane supported and loved her husband's Architect and Naval Officer careers which involved travel throughout the US and Europe, as well as events too numerous to count. Many special lifelong friends were made. Throughout her life she kept in touch with many Northfield Macedonia High School "Class of '58" friends through reunions and visits. Jane was a Lutheran and Presbyterian. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Orlando Garden Club and mailed to 710 E. Rollins Street, Orlando, Florida 32803. Jane's name will be placed on their memorial garden wall. Arrangements are under the care of Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, 7520 Aloma Avenue, Winter Park, Florida 32792, 407.677.5091 There will be a viewing from 5pm to 8pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at the Funeral Home. On Thursday, February 8, 2018, there will be a short memorial service at the Funeral Home starting at 10:30am followed by graveside services at Glen Haven Memorial Park, 2300 Temple Drive, Winter Park, Florida 32789.

o **EQCM William "Bill" Purkis** - As reported by Ed Crenshaw and Fred Bossard on 28 February 2018 via email (Edited) exchanges as follows: "Ed, I tracked down your "rumor" that Bill passed away. I knew that he had been very ill, but had not heard about his passing. Attached is a link to his obit.I will put out a wider circulation tomorrow. " His obituary follows (Edited):

William Walter Purkis, Master Chief USN Retired; Age 91 passed away on Tuesday February 13 2018 at Tidewell Hospice in Arcadia, FL. William was born on October 12, 1926 in Beverly, Massachusetts and has been a resident of Arcadia, Florida for the last 47 years. He was a retired Master Chief serving with the Sea Bees in the U.S. Navy both active duty and reserves for 41 years. He is also a retired Corrections Officer with Florida Department of Corrections. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Masonic Lodge in Arcadia. He enjoyed woodworking, animals (especially his Sandhill Cranes) and spending time with his wife and family.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, daughter; Ruth Purkis and Suzanne Alexander (partner and family friend) of Murphy, North Carolina a grandson; Dean Schaf of Indianapolis, Indiana and a granddaughter; Deborah (Steve) Walker of Seminole, Florida. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by a sister Nancy Arnold.

A viewing was held on Thursday February 15th from 5-7 pm at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home 50 North Hillsborough Avenue Arcadia, FL. A graveside service with military honors was be held on Friday February 16th at 2:00pm at Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Petersburg, FL. Online condolences maybe made at [pongerkaysgrady.com](http://pongerkaysgrady.com)





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### A SHORT STORY ON BILL PURKIS (By Tony Matthews)

Sad news. But thanks for letting me know. I have fond memories of Bill from the days when we traveled together around the panhandle starting up Delta Company detachments for the Battalion. On a trip from Tallahassee to Pensacola I told Bill about our family dog who took heart worm pills each month. When I complained about the price, Bill said folks in Acadia didn't give pills to dogs. I thought about it for a minute, and said won't they get sick and die? Bill said "yeah. Still got plenty of dogs."

o **RADM Thomas S. Maddock** - As reported by LCDR Kristin Whitehouse, NAVFAC HQ via RADM Noah Long on 07 February 2018.

On behalf of the Chief of Civil Engineers, it's with a heavy heart that I must share the sad news of the passing of Rear Admiral (Ret) Thomas S. Maddock, CEC, USNR on February 3, 2018. RADM Maddock graduated with honors from Virginia Tech with a BS degree in Civil Engineering, and from MIT with an MS degree in Civil Engineering. He attended Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI and was commissioned Ensign, Civil Engineer Corps, USNR.

RADM Maddock's tours included MCB9 and the 30th Naval Construction Regiment for the construction of NAS Cubi Point, Subic Bay, Philippines. He was assigned to the Public Works Department in El Toro, CA followed by graduate school at Stanford University where he earned his MBA. His next assignment was with RNMCB17 where he served as the Commanding Officer in Port Hueneme, CA. He then commanded the First Reserve Naval Construction Regiment in Las Alamitos, CA. His first Flag Office assignment was on the Staff of Commander, US Naval Forces Europe in London UK. He then became Commander of the First Reserve Naval Construction Brigade and the 16,000-man Reserve Naval Construction Force where he retired.

RADM Maddock served for 15 years as a Board Member of the CEC/Seabee Historic Foundation. In his civilian career he was the Chairman/CEO of Boyle Engineering Corp headquartered in Newport Beach, CA. He was appointed by the Governor to represent CA on the Western States Water Council and was also appointed to the Bay Delta Advisory Council. He was a national Vice President of the Society of American Military Engineers and was awarded the Moreell Medal. As President of the Los Angeles section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), RADM Maddock was awarded the Parcel-Sverdrup National Award for Engineering Management. He was elected as an Honorary Member of ASCE and as a member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE).

RADM Maddock is survived by his wife Caroline Maddock of Newport Beach, CA, daughters Victoria Maddock and Kimberly Clark, granddaughter Lillian Clark, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. He was an avid tennis player and enjoyed hiking in Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada mountains. RADM Maddock was a true patriot who loved serving his country, and he was a kind, intelligent, and honorable man. He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike. In honor of his wishes, no service will be held, and any donations may be made online or by phone to Hoag Hospital Foundation.

### Inspiring Quote On Leadership

*"Let me define a leader. He must have vision and passion and not be afraid of any problem. Instead, he should know how to defeat it. Most importantly, he must work with integrity."*

— A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



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### Inspiring Quote For the Present

*"Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it's always your choice."*

— Wayne Dyer

### Peter Herrick Update

1) On 06 July 2017 Richard Mayo reported - This morning we visited Peter Herrick and wife Diana at their home just west of Ft. White, Florida. John Hillyer, Richard Prentiss and myself along with a local retired pastor and a Social Worker from the VA had a wonderful visit. We presented him with a 2' x 3' NMCB 14 Battalion Command Flag (JAX version), an NMCB 14 Command Challenge Coin for his collection and a lovely bouquet of flowers for his wife Diana.

We have all been invited out to their beautiful home for a very special annual celebration of Peter's Life on the Saturday closest to May 2 which is when Peter was severely wounded. I have also commissioned Peter to do a special painting to be auctioned off at our reunion in October. Thanks for all your support in this endeavor. Enjoy the photographs and send them on to all concerned.

2) On 22 February 2018 Richard Mayo reported -that The Herrick Celebrate Life Barbeque will be held on Saturday May 5 from 1 to 5pm at his residence in Ft White. Bev and I will be going. I am trying to locate a Seabee that was staying at the 5 Star Vet center who was with them on that fateful day in 2004. If I find him I will try to bring him.



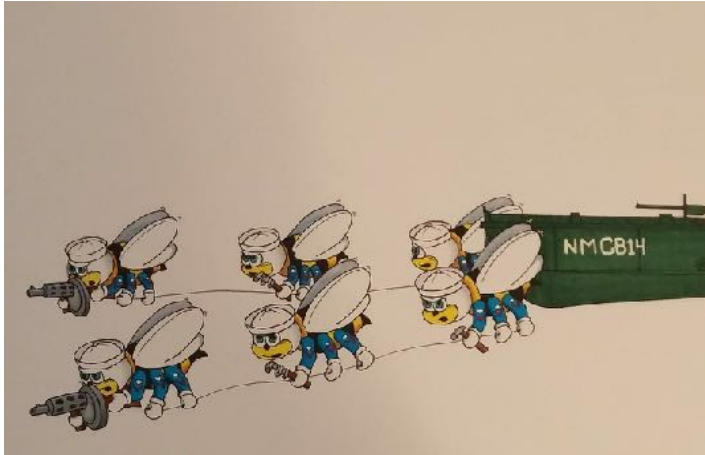


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## DID YOU KNOW?

NMCB 14's "New Logo" has been added to the entrance sign at Gulfport. It is in the top row, third from the right.



## REALLY "COOL CHRISTMAS GREETING

Ed Crenshaw sent this Seabee pictogram out with his Christmas Greetings in 2017. It's a "Keeper".



### **From Normand Dupuis**

I'm an Army veteran with prior service from 1971 to 75 on active duty and 75-77 in the National Guard, long before I affiliated with RNMCB-23 in Newport News, VA in Jan of 1980 to start my 16-year SEABEE reserve career, so thanks for the Army birthday greetings too. [We are happy to have had Norm in NMCB 14 and now the Alumni Association]



A member of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 traverses a mud-filled pit while participating in the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center in Okinawa, Japan, on 17 February 2017

One of 50 best military photos taken in 2017

(Info Source provided Richard Mayo)