



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS CORNER

We are almost to the halfway point of 2014. The Officers and Board of Directors have been busy attending to the many items that go into making the Alumni a success and with the help of all the members we will accomplish our primary function of assisting those of "14" who may be in need.

In April the Alumni was again privileged to supply the Wreath for the annual NMCB-14 Memorial Service. As President of the Alumni I was again afforded the opportunity, along with CDR Williams, NMCB-14 Commanding Officer, to place the Wreath at the monument for those of "14" who gave the ultimate sacrifice. This was especially significant this year as it marked the 10th year anniversary of the tragedy that occurred in Iraq, May 2004. We had a good turn out to help us remember the fallen and their families as well as those WIA. We shall never forget that "All Gave Some, But Some Gave All".

In 2005 the Alumni was founded with the main emphasis of helping the members and families of the KIA/WIA. The Alumni stands at the ready to help in any way we can to assist in the needs of those of "14" past or present.

The Officers and Board of Directors have been gearing up for the annual NMCB-14 Alumni Reunion which will be held on 23-26 October 2014. The location for this year's Reunion will be on the beach at the "Post Card Inn", St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. This is a beautiful location right on the beach with many things to see and do while in the Tampa/Clearwater/St Petersburg area. We do hope you are making plans to attend.

We have been fortunate to increase our membership this year due in part to the new Tri-Fold flyer that Board Member Loren Emery designed and created. I would like to ask that if you are not currently an Alumni member that you go to the Web Page at: nmcbr14alumni.com and get all the information on the Alumni as well as the membership form. The Alumni would also like to offer a Life Membership, at no charge, to those who were WIA during the 2004 Deployment. If you would like to take advantage of this offer just contact me with your name and address. Also to the family members of the KIA, we would like to offer you an associate membership in the NMCB-14 Alumni Association.

We are currently in the process of putting together a list of members who would like to serve in either an Alumni Officers Position or on the Board of Directors. We ask that you please consider volunteering for any of these positions as we need members to step up to help us as we move forward to grow YOUR organization. Please contact me or any of the Officers/BOD if you have an interest in serving.

It is with some sadness we see an era come to an end. As of 01 October 2014 the NMCB-14 Battalion Flag will be moved from NAS Jacksonville, Florida to Gulf Port, Mississippi. Many of us have spent much time at the PDS (RSS) at NAS JAX and it will be with some sorrow that we see it moved. However, as someone told me many years ago "The only thing constant is CHANGE". So even though we who have served many years in "14" hate to see it go, we will I am sure, embrace the change and move forward with the CAN DO spirit.

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ANNUALS (2013-14)

Pauline Crenshaw ***
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Lloyd Hawthorne
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Dwight Hamborsky
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Mark Blue

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Rafel Arizmendi
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Kevin Wishnacht
Robert "Marty" Fisher
Michael Stokes

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Elmer Finch *
Boaz Blosser *
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Robert Jenkins **
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Scott McHugh **
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PRESIDENTS CORNER (Continued)

Again let me say that I personally ask that you make plans to attend the Reunion in October. Please help us to get the word out. We would like to see many of the active drilling members of the Battalion, especially from the Tampa/St. Pete area in attendance, as well as those who are current members of the Alumni. If you know of someone who is currently not an Alumni member, please ask them to go to the web page and join up. Let's plan on having another fun reunion on the beach in St Petersburg. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Ed Crenshaw, President

NMCB FOURTEEN KIA/WIA TENTH MEMORIAL SERVICE

NMCB 14's tenth annual Memorial Service, in honor of the KIA's, WIA's and their families, was held on 12 April 2014 at the Readiness Support Site (RSS), Naval Air Station (NAS, Jacksonville, FL. This annual memorial service is held in honor of those KIA's and WIA's that proudly and bravely fought in "Operation Iraqi Freedom" in 2004.

The wreath, provided by NMCB 14 Alumni Association and shown to the right, was placed adjacent to the Memorial Monument by CDR Marc Williams, NMCB 14's CO and Ed Crenshaw, President of the NMCB 14 Alumni Association. CDR Williams honored all with his poignant and stirring comments.

In addition to comments from CDR Williams, CM1 Peter Reid, one of the WIA's, spoke and gave tribute to the KIA's and his fellow WIA's. BU3 Peter Herrick, another WIA was also in attendance. Both of these gentlemen were severely wounded in their service to our nation.

Future memorial services will most likely be conducted in Gulfport, MS at the new Battalion Headquarters. (See accompanying story on Page 7.)





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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership has grown to historic highs, due very much in part to the the efforts of Ed Crenshaw, Loren Emery and Ben Slaughter. Ed continues to find "recruits" on Facebook, which he reports, that over 330 former battalion members are linked to "Southern Pride"/ NMCB-14 Alumni Association". Loren developed a "Tri-Fold" Alumni brochure (Page 5) for distribution to NMCB 14 detachments and/or other outlets which has been effective in attracting some new members. Ben has worked hard in identifying prospects and encouraging them to join. Thank you all for you efforts and impressive results.

WELCOME 2014 NEW MEMBERS

We heartily welcome this year's new members to date:

Life Members

Bob Suggs

Anita Hansen

Jim George

Bob Litten

Jerry Kautz
(Renewal)

Charles Meyer

Orland Chase

David Veranza *

Kyle Croce *

Michael Rambo *

James Nappier, Jr *

Janna Robinson

William Wiedmann

James Boglarsky

Ralph Capito

Chris Ritchie *

Pete Reid *

* Iraq WIA's

Annual Members

Rafael Arizmendi

Julio Soto

Kevin Wishnacht

Marty Fisher (Renewal)

Michael Stokes

Memorial Members

Tom Williams

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

WWII Life	4
Life Members	104
Annual Members	<u>15</u>
Subtotal	123
Memorial Members	<u>30</u>
TOTALS	153

Thank you all for your support and sacrifices.

2015 OFFICER & BOD ELECTIONS

We are looking for a few good men and/or women. The 2015 Officer and Board of Director(s) election cycle will soon be upon us. Ballots will be mailed out on 15 September 2014 and will *due back by 15 October 2014*. Two current BOD members, Keith Stephens and Fred Bossard, are due to roll off the board this year. Any member who desires to have their name(s) put on the ballot, should advise Ed Crenshaw and Fred Bossard no later than 01 September 2014. A concise biography of your military and civilian careers and qualifications must be mailed to Fred Bossard no later than 01 September 2014 for inclusion on the ballots. This will help all members to "get to know you" and make informed voting decisions. **BOD** positions are three year terms.

All **Officer** positions (one year terms) are open to any current member in good standing and can submit his/her name and a concise biography to any current officer or BOD member. The BOD will select the most qualified candidate(s) for each position during their BOD meeting on Friday, 24 October 2014.

If you are interested in any officer or BOD position and have questions as to the duties, they are outlined in the by-laws which you can find on our website. You can also contact any current officer or BOD member for further information and/or officer/BOD duties and responsibilities.

WEBMASTER NEEDED

Hey - All you young techies!! We are also looking for a new Webmaster. Keith Stephens, who has served us admirably for the past several years, is looking for relief. Anyone interested in maintaining our website can contact Keith at webmaster@nmcbl4alumni.com.

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ALUMNI TRI-FOLD

As noted on Page 4, Loren Emery has developed and published the Alumni Tri-Fold brochure shown to the right. The purpose of this brochure is to help disseminate info about the history of NMCB 14 to current members of each of the Battalion Detachments plus info about the

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What does the Alumni Association do? The Association is a corporation that was organized for charitable, educational, spiritual support and help provide for some of the basic necessities (*) of life for widows, children and other family members on inactive duty and former members of NMCB 14, especially for the members that were wounded or killed in conflict while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States of America, i.e., personnel who were killed or wounded during Iraqi Freedom and any future conflict casualties.

Additionally we foster camaraderie within the Seabee community, inclusive of all Navy rates, ranks and designators, support the inclusive Seabee community and keep the story of NMCB 14 alive thru:

1. Assistance in the restoration and preservation of battalion's historical artifacts and memorabilia.
2. Fellowship between Seabees of 14 of the past, today and tomorrow with annual reunions at various locations within 14's geographic area, every other year our reunions will be in Jacksonville, FL.
3. Assistance and support NMCB 14 personnel and families during times of mobilization and deployment.

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4. Proactively support the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association's mission to educate the children and grandchildren (+) of Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps Officers.

(*) As outlined in the NMCB 14 Alumni Assistance Policy.
(+) See SMSA website for details:



Our history is rich, here are a few of the highlights:

- ◆ Commissioned in July 1942 at Norfolk, VA as the 14th NCB, moved to Davisville, RI, then Oakland and Port Hueneme, CA, deployed to Saipan, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal and Okinawa during WWII.
- ◆ Disestablished in April 1946.
- ◆ Commissioned as RNMCB 14 in July 1961. Subsequent annual training sites included Davisville RI, Gulf Port MS, Roosevelt Roads PR, Camp Pendleton CA, Panama Canal Zone, Camp Lejeune NC, Little Creek VA, Guantanamo Cuba, Rota Spain
- ◆ 2003 Mobilization for Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. Fourteen had 7 killed in action and 29 wounded in action.
- ◆ 2012 Mobilization for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

ONCE A SEABEE - ALWAYS A SEABEE

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Some of the awards and decorations of 14th NCB and NMCB 14 include:

14th NCB
Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal
Navy Occupation Service Medal

NMCB 14
National Defense Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M
Navy E Ribbon

Visit NMCB 14 Alumni Association on our website:

<http://www.nmcb14alumni.com>

or visit us on FaceBook:

NMCB 14 "Southern Pride" / NMCB 14 Alumni Association

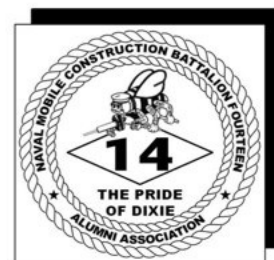
Other websites of Seabee interest:

Port Hueneme Museum:
http://www.history.navy.mil/museum/seabee_museum.htm

Navy Seabee Veterans of America:
<http://www.nsva.org>

Seabee memorial Scholarship Assoc:
<http://www.seabee.org>

Membership Application Form



Are you a member of NMCB 14 Alumni Association? If not, why not?

The NMCB 14 Alumni Association was created in 2005 to assist the Seabees of NMCB 14 and their families.

Membership is open to all who have been assigned to Fourteen from 1942 to the present. Seabees of all rates, Civil Engineer Corps Officer, and the Fleetbees (Supply, Dental, Medical, Chaplain, Admin, Cooks, etc). Our name has been the 14th NCB, RNMCB 14 and NMCB 14, but we all make up the battalion's lineage.

Associate Membership is also open to family and friends of the Seabees of 14. Whether you are a retiree, a veteran, a drilling reservist or family member, you belong in the NMCB 14 Alumni Association.

WE BUILT - WE FOUGHT

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ALUMNI TRI-FOLD

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Alumni Association, how to join and who is eligible to join.

Copies of the brochure are being distributed to each detachment and soon will be available on our website at:

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

A majority of recent memberships are a direct result of the Tri-Fold.

Bravo Zulo Loren for his zeal and tenacity in getting it designed and published.

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REUNION OF ANOTHER KIND

In our last issue, we reported that Johnny Perez, the former COMSIX Seabee Program Officer, (you really old old-timers will remember Johnny and that title) reappeared out of the depths “nowhere” when he attended CAPT Ron York’s funeral last December, as reported by Joe Schweigart. We are happy to report that a very HAPPY Reunion of another kind occurred on 10 May when Johnny, his wife Janine, Elsie and Fred Bossard, and others helped RADM Peter Brown celebrate his 86th birthday.

A wonderful gathering was had at the American Legion Club on Madeira Beach, FL as the accompanying photos will attest to. Both RADM Brown and Johnny are planning on attending our ninth reunion. They are both looking forward to seeing old shipmates and friends.



RADM “Pete” enjoys his birthday card from Johnny and Janine.



RADM “Pete” and Friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon celebrating his 86th birthday.

SEABEES IN THE MOVIES

Bet you didn’t know this. Besides “The Fighting Seabees”, the movie “With a Song in my Heart”, starring Susan Hayward, in a small way paid tribute to World War II Seabees (as well as other military units) in the opening credits of the movie. As the movie credits start, there are unit flags, symbols, logos, etc to honor our WW II military units. The Seabee logo is prominently visualized on the left hand side of the screen.

The movie is based on the real life story of Jane Froman, a singer who gained popularity in the late ‘30s thru the ‘50’s. In February 1943 she was seriously injured in a USO plane accident en-route to entertain GI’s. She needed crutches to walk the rest of her life, but made a comeback entertaining thousands of military personnel in 1944-45. It’s worth a watch some night with your sweetheart.

NMCB 28 DECOMMISSIONED

Bet you didn’t know this either. Thanks to RADM Noah Long, we now know that NMCB 28, “The Old Pros”, was decommissioned on 17 May 2014 after fifty-two years of service to our country.

NMCB 28, as many of us remember was headquartered at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, LA and one which NMCB 14’s Seabees and Officers had much interface over many years. Familiar names such as Garnett Bedenbaugh, is but one of many that will bring back memories for 14’s retired personnel, who interfaced with “The Old Pros” over the years. We congratulate the men and women of NMCB 28 for their historic service to our country.

More information can be found at Gulfport’s SunHerald’s link - <http://www.sunherald.com/2014/05/17/5581583/spitality.html>



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SEABEES ON GUADALCANAL

Thanks to Normand Dupuis and John Hillyer for forwarding the following information about Seabees on Guadalcanal in WW II."

Normand wrote - "Very long read but very interesting..... the daily life of an enlisted Marine on Guadalcanal, August through December 1942. Click on this link for info on the Marine's daily life"; <http://www.guadalcanaljournal.com/The-Journal.html>

To his source for the following, Normand wrote - "Thanks for sharing this Scott, since it gives a glimpse into the experiences of the "boots on the ground " troops which are at the heart of any military campaign. It's valuable to our grapevine because it is also part of what Navy SEABEES experienced while right there, shoulder to shoulder with the Marines on Guadalcanal. This campaign produced the first SEABEE casualties of the war. There's lots of great info here : <http://www.seabeecook.com/history/canal/cactus.htm>. (The author of the article accompanying this link is CAPT Larry G. DeVries, CEC, USNR, Retired.)

John wrote and added the following comment: "Included in this article about SEABEE's on Guadalcanal, NCB 14 is mentioned when it was attached to Acorn 1, (aka Acorn Red 1). I think it would be good to include the story in the next newsletter and our web page, completely with the part about Fourteen highlighted". So here they are. Check them out. As stated above, "very good reading". Note - click on the following link to see photos of Seabees on Guadalcanal. [Search for images of Seabees on Guadalcanal](#)

Thank you Normand and John for the above links to some very interesting Seabee and Marine history. Bravo Zulu!

NMCB 14 HQ TO MOVE AGAIN

Following the Memorial Service on 14 April, Alumni Officers and BOD members received a briefing from CDR Williams on the status of the Battalion's activities. One being that the Battalion Headquarters will be relocated from Atlanta, GA to Gulfport, MS. This latest move (they just had moved from the RSS, NAS JAX to Atlanta) will be official on 01 October 2014. The Battalion will "pack up" and officially move in September. Included in the move, will be a majority of items from the Heritage Center. CDR Williams indicated that a secure place has been identified for the Heritage Center's memorabilia and historic items. Items that are not transferred to Gulfport can be relocated to the Seabee Heritage Center in Davisville, RI. The Battalion's "Seabee" monument currently on display at the RSS will also be relocated to Gulfport.

The restructuring will leave a Seabee Detachment in Jacksonville (Detachment 06) which will have to vacate spaces (or most of the spaces) at the current RSS. A majority, if not all, of the RSS will be turned back to NAS, Jacksonville.

CDR Williams indicated that NMCB 14 could possibly gain detachments from Battalions that are being decommissioned, such as NMCB' 23. (Editor's note - some of NMCB 28's detachments could also find a new home with NMCB 14 due to their relative proximity to Gulfport.) Potential future NMCB 14 detachments include those now located in Charlotte, NC and Norfolk, VA.

The Battalion's HQ's move to Gulfport brought discussions as to where future KIA/WIA Memorial services will be held. Options include at the Battalion HQ in Gulfport, annual rotation to the various detachments, or even possibly held in conjunction with the Alumni Reunion. No definitive decisions were made on this issue and it was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

ALUMNI REMEMBRANCE PLAN TAKING SHAPE

In memory of the NMCB 14's almost forty-five years of being headquartered at NAS, JAX, the Alumni Association is developing a plan for a monument to memorialize this piece of their proud history. At the April BOD meeting, Mike Grace and Jim Gold presented sketches of the proposed monument, to be located at NAS, JAX's "Patriots Park". Ed Crenshaw will review the plan with CDR Williams and request that he get a "buy off" from the CO of NAX JAX. Mike and Jim have done a lot work on this plan. Now we need to bring it to fruition. BZ to you both.



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NMCB FOURTEEN ORLANDO MEMORIAL SERVICE and MORE

Normand Dupuis furnished the following story concerning the Memorial Ceremony and Unveiling, held Saturday April 12, 2014 at Naval Operational Support Center, Orlando Florida, attended by reservists of NMCB-14 's Orlando detachment and NOSC personnel.

The program began with the introduction of Orlando NOSC CO, CDR Dixon, by Orlando detachment OIC, ENS Washington. CDR Dixon expressed deep admiration for the SEABEES,

and he gave a brief talk on the highlights of SEABEE accomplishments around the world since being established at the beginning of World War Two.

Following the NOSC Skipper was special invited guest Mike Gentz, 1st Vice Commander of Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-4 Orlando, and a veteran of Vietnam with NMCB-11. Mike gave a short description of what the NSVA organization does and especially the Orlando groups's involvement with local military events like the Memorial Day Parade in Sanford and the Orlando Veteran's Day Parade, among many others. He lightened the mood when he revealed his prosthetic leg with a large "Fighting Seabee" emblem that gets a lot of attention when seen out in public. He also brought with him the truly outstanding "Fighting Seabee" owned by Island X-4, which is used in parades and at local events. The Orlando SEABEE reservists were invited out front of the NOSC for a photo op with the "BEE" on the back of Mike's tricked-out pickup, and the parade float trailer loaded with SEABEE markings on all sides. All present were also invited to visit the NSVA meetings held every third Saturday at the Casselberry Veterans Club, 200 Concord Drive, in Casselberry.

Next was a Memorial for our NMCB-14 Shipmates KIA in Iraq in 2004, conducted by Normand in his role as Detachment Representative, on behalf of the NMCB-14 Alumni Association. The assembled members and guests were asked to stand for a short silent prayer in honor of our lost Shipmates. It was noted that this year is the 10th Anniversary of their tragic loss while on deployment.

Following the Memorial Portion of the program, it was time to unveil a large framed SEABEE poster, which prominently displays the NMCB-14 colors, with text to highlight the combat role of SEABEES. The intention of this donation by the NMCB-14 Alumni Association is to boost the SEABEE pride of the detachment members by having something representing them and the war fighting role of all SEABEES. This will be displayed in the high-visibility location of the Armed Forces Reserve Center main lobby. It joins awards and tributes to the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy Fleet units as the only one specifically about SEABEES. It will be routinely seen by all the non-SEABEES and civilians who pass through there in great numbers. The unveiling was accomplished with help from Mike Gentz of NSVA Island X-4, Orlando. The program concluded with a group photo of the Orlando detachment reservists, Mike Gentz, CDR Dixon, ENS Washington, and Normand.

Grateful acknowledgement is due to them and other NOSC staff who were very supportive of this event. They are: Lt. CDR Van Dorn, NOSC XO, LS1 (SW) Dimayuga, LS2 (AW) Mann, BM2 Camacho, CE1 Gennette, NMCB-14 Orlando Detachment LPO. NMCB-14's Tampa, FL. detachment is next in line for a similar presentation.

The banner at left (in the first photo on Page 9) was furnished by the NMCB-14 Alumni Association. It was used to highlight each of the lost Shipmates in Iraq in 2004 individually. Normand noted that three of the seven KIA's were members of the Orlando detachment at the time of their loss.

They were :

- BU2 Michael Anderson
- EO2 Trace Dossett
- SW2 Jason Dwelley

Normand also mentioned that BU2 Robert Jenkins who was a member of the Orlando detachment in the early 1990s, but had moved to the West Palm Beach detachment before being deployed. **Bravo Zulu to Normand for a great report.**

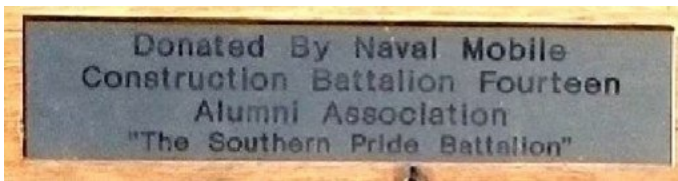


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NMCB FOURTEEN ORLANDO MEMORIAL SERVICE (Continued)

The following photos are noted in Normand Dupuis' report above. By all accounts, the Memorial Service and presentations were enjoyed by all. What a great day it must have been!

Thanks to all who made it possible.





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ALUMNI MEMBER'S NEWS

In February of 2014, we were pleased to receive Bob Litten's Life Membership. However, as good news is frequently accompanied by, or with, bad news. Bob advised that his wife died a week before last year's Thanksgiving Holiday. Our belated condolences go out to Bob and his family.

OBITUARY(Update)

In our 2013-14 Winter Newsletter, we sadly reported the death of CAPT. U.J.C. Tom Williams. His funeral was well after our publication date. We can now report that the following Alumni members, Randy Bushey, Joe Schweigart, Bill Charvat and Bill Tydings attended Tom's funeral. Joe reported the following; "Other Navy folks were the honors contingent furnished by Naval Reserve Center Orlando consisting of a Captain (a SEAL), a female Commander, and a bugler....all of whom did a marvelous job. Also, UTC Charlie Meyer was in attendance. I hadn't seen him in probably 25 years and I didn't get a chance to talk to him or thank him for coming."

On behalf of the Alumni Association, we thank all who attended and rendered service to Tom and his family.

OBITUARY

In February 2014, Charles Beauchamp forwarded the following obituary via Ed Crenshaw: Richard C. "Dick" Cobb, 76, of Clermont went home to be with the Lord on December 10, 2013. He was born in Charleston, WV, moved to Florida in 1972 and to Clermont ten years ago. Richard served in the Army and retired from the Navy (was in the Orlando Detachment) after 23 years, serving during the Korean War. He was employed by Disney for almost 30 years as a project planner. He was Baptist by faith, and a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Clermont. Richard loved crossword puzzles, was an accomplished handyman. He had a big heart and loved to help others, but most of all enjoyed spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife Loretta, 2 daughters, Angelia (Lee) Houston and Anissa (Dennis) Marrero and 5 grandchildren, Taylor, Cameron, Tabitha, Kirstin and Gavin.

VIETNAM MEMORIES

In an e-mail from RADM Long, he shared the following: "NMCB 22 was recalled to Vietnam under the command of then CDR Roy Dunlap. From a Vietnam Vet of NMCB 133 who benefited from the assignment of several of the many 22 Chiefs who were mobilized before our reserve battalions had billet control. NMCB 22 mobilized with about a hundred chiefs that were spread to the other active battalions. In my Delta Company, we had BUCS Best from west Texas assigned. He had had his own truss prefabrication company. He reorganized our prefabrication yard to produce SEA huts and MER galleys. It increased our battalion's production by about 120%. The expertise that the reservists brought to the field was incredible in increasing productivity".

Thank you RADM Long for the above story.

ALUMNI HONEYBEES CALL TO ACTION

I would like to suggest that if you have not done so that you become an associate member of the Alumni. This helps as the Alumni sets out to accomplish the primary function of helping those of "14" who are in need. All you have to do is go to the web page at : nmcbl4alumni.com and find the membership link and fill out the form for associate membership.

Also I would like for all the ladies to be thinking about ladies luncheon at the reunion. Start jotting down some suggestions that will help us to have a fun time as well as ideas to help improve the Alumni. And since we will be having a "Luau" theme on Saturday night of the reunion, be thinking of some fun decorating ideas.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October at the Beach!

Pauline Crenshaw - Alumni Queen Honeybee



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REUNION CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Last year we were fortunate to have a number of corporate sponsors to donate some outstanding gifts and products that we were able to raffle off at the reunion. If you know of someone who's business would like to donate a gift/product to the Alumni it would be appreciated. Just let one of the Officers or BOD members know and they will follow up. Along with the registration handouts we like to have 3 or 4 primary prizes to raffle off.

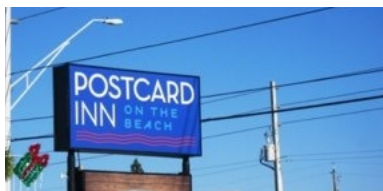
NINTH ANNUAL REUNION NEWS UPDATE

Here is some confirming and/or advanced news FYI concerning this year's reunion. Full details will be spelled out in our registration package to be published in late June 2014.

- o Dates: 23 - 26 October 2014
- o Location: Post Card Inn - 6300 Gulf Blvd. St Petersburg Beach, FL
- o Hotel Reservations: The hotel is ready to receive your reservations at \$99.00 per night PLUS TAXES. Anyone wanting to check in a few days before or stay for a few nights after or both, can get the same \$99.00 per night rate. ***Call now to reserve a room at 727-367-2711.***
- o Room Refrigerators: If you need a room with a refrigerator, please ask when you make your reservation. Most "Garden View" rooms have refrigerators. All rooms may not be updated with them by October - so ask to be sure.
- o Tours, Etc: There will NOT be any SCHEDULED TOURS this year. Thus free time activities will be "ON YOUR OWN". A list of "Things to Do" will be published in the registration package. However, all attendees are encouraged to do some research on your own. There is a large variety of museums, local sites, shopping, etc. available to suit your individual tastes.
- o Keynote Speaker: Brandi Anderson, daughter of BU2 Michael Anderson, KIA in Iraq, will be our Saturday Dinner Keynote Speaker on Saturday. Brandi is a high school junior at South Daytona's Warner Christian Academy and is a very accomplished speaker, to which Ben Slaughter can attest to. So don't miss Brandi's story - guaranteed to grab your heart!! Here is a link to a news article which recently appeared in the Daytona News Journal. Check it out.
[http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20140507/SPORTS/140509542/0/search?](http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20140507/SPORTS/140509542/0/search?p=1&tc=pg)

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- o Raffles & Prizes: Raffles and Prizes will again be a highlight of the reunion. They help us to fund support in our primary mission of supporting NMCB 14 Seabees in need.
- o Reunion DVD's: This year the Alumni Association has contracted with the SOLISTO photography studios to do a DVD of all the events from Friday through Sunday of the Reunion. This will be a professional done DVD that will be included as part of the registration packet. You will not want to miss this reunion and this memorable keepsake of all the fun and memories that you will share with shipmates, friends and family.



Post Card Inn
6300 Gulf Blvd
<http://postcardinn.com>



NINTH REUNION CALENDAR

23 - 26 OCTOBER 2014

St. Petersburg Beach, FL

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ONE MORE LAST THING FROM ED

Anyone who would like to purchase an Alumni License Plate, we have more on hand for purchase. They are \$18.00 each including S&H.

Call or Email Ed Crenshaw to order at:
706-897-2649 / cecbret@windstream.net.

IN MEMORY OF

2014 Deceased

CMCS Tommy Meeks

CAPT U.J.C. Williams

Richard "Dick" Cobb

(Dec '13)

Other Notable

Mrs. Robert Litten (wife
of Bob Litten - Nov '13)



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

Bravo Zulu to ALL

May God Bless Our Troops!

Calendar

14 June 2014

BOD Conference Call
0900 - 1000 EST

15 September 2014

BOD Ballots Mailed Out

15 October 2014

2015 - 2017 BOD Ballots &
Voting Deadline

23-26 October 2014

9th Annual Re-Union
BOD Election of Officers
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St. Petersburg Beach, FL



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