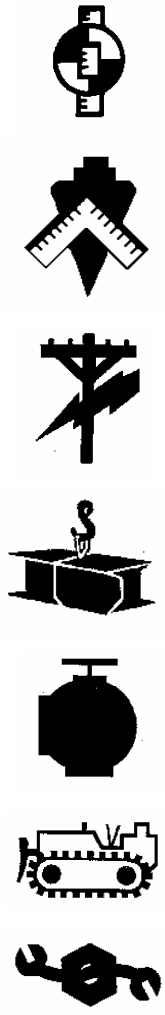




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WE ARE OVER HALF WAY TO \$10,000!

IN JULY OF LAST YEAR, WHEN CHALLENGED BY ADMIRAL MONTOYA AT THE 2000 ALL SEABEES WEST COAST REUNION, NMCB-8 PLEDGED \$10,000 TOWARD THE SEABEE MUSEUM RENOVATION AND UPGRADE PROJECT AT PORT HUENEME

When Admiral Montoya challenged the Seabees of NMCB-8 to pledge \$10,000 to support the renovation and expansion of the Seabee Museum at Port Hueneme, never in my wildest dreams did I think that in less than a year, over half of the pledge would be met. As of this publication date, you, the men of EIGHT have pledged over \$6000. Let's keep up the good work and continue to support this effort. Hopefully, I'll be able to report that we've made our goal at the printing of the next edition of the newsletter.

I recall last year when we visited the museum how crowded everything looked. There are numerous artifacts both old and new that can't be displayed inside the museum due to lack of space. When we were being shown around the museum by that master "MC" Bob Quinn, Chuck "CB" Hall pulled me aside and said there was an outdoor court yard in the middle of the museum where many mementoes of the Vietnam era were deteriorating at the mercy of the elements. In particular, Chuck pointed out the large NMCB-8 logo that many of you remember as being the centerpiece of the Camp Miller, Chu Lai

arch dedicated to UT1 James Miller who lost his life at Tam Ky on July 7, 1967. Much to our dismay the logo, hanging on the wall under partial cover, was faded and partially discolored. Unless the museum is expanded it will remain there indefinitely. The logo is one of many other historical items that do not have adequate protection from the elements. This proud symbol of an important period of our Battalion's history will be preserved in a better and more dignified way when the museum is rebuilt. As indicated in the Pledge Card contained in the last newsletter, and which is also included in this issue, we have five years in which to complete our pledge.



Camp Miller, 1967



Museum courtyard

Harry Davis, Editor

“THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART”

From Walt “Gil” Gilbertson

I received the MCB-8 newsletter and read the story about you guys coming up here. You sure have proven the Seabee motto to be true "the difficult we do immediately the impossible takes a little longer."

As I was picking you guys up from the airport I still couldn't believe that this was really happening, but I never should have doubted the word of a Seabee. Seeing you guys again brought back so many good memories of good times, men, and friends.

You guys are the best friends a guy could ever have in the world. I salute, and thank you guys from the bottom of my heart, you really gave me an uplift of life, thank you.

The world is full of good people, there are great people then there are the Seabees, the greatest damn group of men in the world. Good bye for now my friends, I will see you in July 2001 at the reunion in Hueneme. Thanks to all of you.

EDITORS NOTE: *This short note is Gil's thanks to all of those SEABEES who took time to attend this mini-reunion of the Chu Lai Tam Ky Detachment held in Sumner, WA last fall.*

From Your President**Ken Kerr**

I hope the new year is going well for all of you. Our paid membership has now reached 217. Among our most recent new members are: **John Brubacher, William Buracee, Robert Celeen, Robert Conrad, Carl Corbett, Dan Crippen, James Dotson, Keith Hetzel, Robert Hunt, Cap Jeanerett, Clarence Lintz (WWII), Don Malin, John Markham, Eldon McWilliams, Frederick Pierce, Don Seitz, James Sullivan, Henry Schwallenburg (WWII), John Wahl and Crafton Wolfson (WWII)**. We are extremely honored that members from NCB-8 are joining with us. Welcome aboard mates!

The CD cruise book project has been a huge success. Ninety-nine copies have been made and distributed to interested members. The long lost 1962-64 cruise book has turned up complements of **John Malmos** and is available on CD. I must thank Ken Bingham and Harry Davis for putting all these cruise books on CDs.

The CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation is involved in a multi-million dollar project to completely overhaul the Port Hueneme museum facility. Work will include major improvements to provide climate control, a totally new electrical system, new exterior and entryway, and complete renovation of the interior of the museum. NMCB-8 was challenged by **ADM Ben Montoya CEC, USN (Ret)**, President of the Foundation, to pledge \$10,000 toward preserving our history. In response, many of you have already made very generous contributions and pledges and we are well on our way to meeting our goal. If you still have your last newsletter, enclosed was an information/pledge sheet that you can use to make a contribution or a pledge which can be spread over five years. A pledge form is also included in this issue. Ken Bingham is the coordinator for this worthwhile project.

Many thanks to **Ron Dougal** and **Rick Reese** for their fine efforts in rounding up new prospects for the Association and also for promoting the 2001 reunion which will benefit substantially by increased participation this year.

You should have already received information on our 2001 Seabee reunion in Port Hueneme. It runs from July 19-22 this year. We have word that a few NCB-8 Seabees will try to join us as well as a nest of BEES from the 1950's. **Ken**

THE EIGHTH BATTALION FROM WW II

After activation on May 23, 1942, the Eighth Battalion (NCB-8) left Norfolk June 19th for Seattle, then embarked for Dutch Harbor July 19th. The Eighth worked on 79 separately listed projects in the Amaknak, Dutch Harbor vicinity and on projects on eight outposts extending from Cold Bay on the east to Adak on the west. On all the outpost jobs except one, the Eighth landed on undeveloped beachheads under extreme conditions where no shelter or housing existed. Major projects included South Amaknak housing, submarine base construction, P.T. base facilities and a Joint Command Post. After being deployed for 13 months, the Battalion returned to Seattle and then to Camp Parks in August, 1943.

On its second tour the Eighth left Port Hueneme for Pearl Harbor in June 1944. While at Pearl, the unit worked on 13 projects in the vicinity of Iroquois Point.

In February, 1945, the Battalion left Pearl for Iwo Jima, landing on March 3rd. The Eighth remained at Iwo through the war's end and then transferred to Hiroshima to aid Naval forces. In January, 1946, after almost four years of service, the Eighth was decommissioned.

EDITORS NOTE: This article, reprinted from the NCB-8 cruise book "The Pieces of Eight", was published in 1946 and is available on CD. See Page 4 for details on purchasing cruise-book CD's.

"THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER"

EDITORS NOTE: The following letter was received from *Mary Alice Kelly, widow of the Commanding Officer of NCB-8 during the Battalion's Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands deployment. CDR Earl. M. Kelly (CEC), USNR is shown here as he appeared in this 1943 photograph.*

Dear Mr. Davis,

Thank you for your letter. I am so glad that you think you might be able to use some of the pictures I wrote you about. I'm enclosing quite a few, use whatever you want and you don't need to return them to me. I have tried to send only the ones that are identified and you will see that some are quite faded and may not reprint very well. When you see some of the conditions they



worked under, you wonder that they could construct anything.

I appreciate your invitation to join your NCB Association - I have kept my membership in the original group since my husband's death but have not been able to get to any more reunions. But maybe I might make the one at Port Hueneme in July. I was sorry to hear that the original Battalion is disbanding after their 50th reunion this year, but I can understand it. It is getting smaller each year and it is difficult to get other officers to keep it going.

Sincerely, *Mary Alice Kelly*



*"The difficult we can do at once.....
The impossible takes a little longer."*
Seabee Slogan



REMEMBER WHEN



It was Gordon Gilmore and Harry Davis's wetting down party March 4, 1967 in Chu Lai. Present at this gala event were: *Front Row L to R: Hal Schoolcraft, Tim Holmes, Gerry Goodman, Harry Davis, Gordon Gilmore, and Father Jim Harris. Back Row, L to R: Gene Steffans, "Pap" Phelps, Mike Pero, Tom Burton, Frank Seminoski, Ralph Vatalero, Ken Kerr, John Clark, Jerry Hazouri, and Gene Reilly.*



PHU BAI IN 1968 ALONG COL CO ROAD

Alpha Company hauled rock, laterite, sand, cement and asphalt. Working a 24-hour schedule, soil cement crews broke bags of cement, mixed the soil cement with water to the exact density and spread it along the seven miles of sandy road. Over 200,000 cubic feet of dredged sand was required for the roadway embankment through the rice paddies.

CAN YOU TOP THIS?



"I began collecting Seabee memorabilia several years ago and have accumulated quite a collection of items. These photos show about 70 percent of the collection."

Richard Swallow, Kansas, OK

SICKBAY REPORT

For those of us who are Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries, it is going to be easier and cheaper to get prescriptions filled for free after April 1st this year. If you live near a military hospital, this may not mean much to you because you can get in line at the pharmacy and have your prescriptions filled. For me, I have to drive two hours to NAS Lemoore to get the pills they stock. A friend of mine picks up a prescription at the Naval Hospital in San Diego because it is not stocked at Lemoore. Now when you get pneumonia and the doctor prescribes \$200 worth of pills, you end up paying the full bill at the local drugstore out of your pocket.

After April 1, you can still go to the military pharmacy and get pills at no cost but in addition, you will be able to get them through the DoD mail order system with a small copay for each 90 day supply, or you can get them at your local drugstore at slightly higher cost. The full details of this program are being flushed out, but if it will help you, stay on top of the news releases or contact me or the Editor of this newsletter and we will get you answers.

Gordon Gilmore: CECCB27@aol.com

ANYBODY OUT THERE?

Dear Harry,

I'm **Tom Gade**. I recently sent in my \$10 for a newsletter subscription. I am trying to get a group of MCB-8 members from the '51-'55 era to come to the Reunion at Port Hueneme this July. Some are already on your mail list--**Ed Bigbie, Art Hegeman, Matt Pastell, Rich Berry** and me. I would appreciate it if you could run a little blurb about the effort and give my name and address as a contact point. I have let some others know about your efforts. I hope they will subscribe.

Tom Gade (858) 272-2133 3415 Buena Vista St. San Diego, CA 92109-6609; tag@gade.net

Thanks for any help or announcement you can put in your great newsletter.
Tom and Susan Gade

Chaplain's Corner

Where's the Chaplain?

The Chaplain went to chaplain.

How does a Chaplain chaplain?

The Chaplain listens to the roar in empty seashells,
and sings prayer-songs for millions of voiceless children.

How long will the Chaplain be gone?

The Chaplain will be gone as long as it takes to find Sunday!

My blessings and prayers to all of you and your families.

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Fr. Har-

THE CRUISE BOOK CD EFFORT (UPDATE)

Contributed by Ken Bingham, Treasurer

Thanks to Harry Davis, our Newsletter Editor, 99 CD's containing copies, of EIGHT's cruise books have been made and distributed to interested members. Thanks Harry.

Seven members have ordered the complete set i.e. 6 CD's. A total of twenty three members have received the cruise book CD's so far. Comments from recipients have been enthusiastic. When polled with a follow-up questionnaire on the quality, price etc., everyone responded unanimously with high marks for the project.

Income from sales of the CD's so far has reached \$574. The cost of producing the first set of master CD's was \$467. This work was accomplished through KINKOS. Costs going forward will be minimal since all cruise books, as far as I know, have been scanned (unless someone out there has one we don't know about).

The last cruise book we scanned was the long lost **1962-64 Operation Deepfreeze** book, provided by **John Malmos**. Thanks John! This latest cruise book is fascinating, especially the Antarctic deployment section in which MCB-8 played a significant role. Smoke is coming out of Harry's CD burner so order fast.

EDITORS NOTE: *The following is a reprint from last winter's newsletter on how to order CD's. One additional CD on Operation Deepfreeze-1962-64 has been included in the series.*

- CD-A NCB-8 WW II (1942-45)
- CD-B MCB-8 GTMO (1960-62)
- CD-C NMCB-8 Danang (1965-66)
- CD-D NMCB-8 Chu Lai (1966-67)
- CD-E NMCB-8 Phu Bai (1968)
- CD-F NMCB-8 Danang (1969)
- CD-G Operation Deepfreeze (1962-64) - NEW!

To order digital copies of the cruise books, send a check or money order to the NMCB-8 Association for \$10 each or \$50 for the whole set. Make checks out to **Ken Bingham** and mail them to him at: **1773 Tamarin Ave. Ventura, CA 93003**. Please order individual CD's by name i.e. CD-A, CD-B, etc. or ask for the entire set. Allow six to eight weeks for delivery. Proceeds from sales will be used to offset the cost of producing the master CD's. Future profits will be donated to the Seabee Historical Society to help fund the planned Seabee Museum renovation and expansion project at Port Hueneme.



Operation Deepfreeze 1962-64

Skipper's Corner

Those of you who received the inaugural edition of the Newsletter in September of '99, will recall that Pap Phelps authored the first "Skipper's Corner". A year has passed and he has volunteered to contribute another article. Pap was Eight's Skipper from 1965 to 1967. He deployed with the battalion from Davisville to Danang and back to Port Hueneme. He then accompanied it to Chu Lai where he was relieved by Jack O'Leary in April of 1967. He and his wife Lois are retired. They live in Moraga, CA.



Hello again to all NMCB-8 veterans and friends and families. It was a great reunion in Hueneme last year and with guys like Ken Kerr, Ken Bingham, Gordon Gilmore, and Harry Davis leading the way, the next reunion in July will be an over-the-top event. Hope to see a bunch of you there.

As I write this the political debris of the last administration fills the newspapers each day and the TV screen nightly. Who can ignore this spectacle? We can, of course, but only at our peril and peril for our democracy. My clear-headed wife tells me to stay away from politics in this short column, but this won't be the first time I've ignored good advice.

We Seabees are among the many in our armed forces who have sacrificed personally for our great country. This experience base, as the popular term goes, gives us special insight and special cachet to guard and influence our political system, yet most of us join the great apathy which is typical of our electorate. What percent is it of our population that even bothers to vote? I recall that it is less than half. We have every right to relapse into cynicism, to make jokes (many of which are pretty good) and to play "ain't it awful" in conversation with friends about political shenanigans, but this won't improve the system nor even preserve it for our children and grandchildren. So what to do? Well, we have assets beyond those of the average citizen of other countries. We have access. We can write, phone, or email our political leaders, newspapers, newsletters, and leaders at all levels. Particularly those of us who are retired can take the time necessary to put together thoughtful communications and to get them into the hands of elected and appointed representatives. About what? Take your choice. For starters try taxes, foreign policy, libraries, urban growth, pets, airline cattle cars, traffic, pardon abuse, welfare, HMO's, child care, ABM defenses, charities, etc., etc. Just pick your favorite subject, write your thoughts and inject them into the system. Yeah, I know most of us avoid and don't like politics, but it's our country and our future we are talking about here. Who better than you to do this. When better than now. OK, 'nuff said.

It is a great pleasure to join the welcome to our new members to the NMCB-8 Association, and especially to hear from you pre-Vietnam old timers. Which brings me around to our Association's \$10,000 pledge toward the Seabee Museum modernization. If you haven't already, spare a few bucks and send it to the Seabee Museum Historical Foundation for preservation of this worthwhile treasure house of our past. The museum communicates to a large population and sends a message that needs to be passed on. See you in July. **Pap**

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The NMCB-8 Association was formed in 1999 as an organization for all former NMCB-8 Seabees, their spouses, children, and others interested in supporting it or learning about its noteworthy achievements. The first two reunions have been held at Port Hueneme, California, home of the Pacific Seabees and the third reunion is scheduled for that location. This has worked well for members in the Western US but places somewhat of a burden on those back East and in the Central US. While serving as President of the Association, I made a computer run of the addresses of NMCB-8 personnel and found that they were fairly evenly distributed across the US.

If we truly are going to be a national association, I believe we should have a more equitable travel burden for our members. This means having reunions in other parts of the US. Let me suggest one way this can be done. Rotate the main-body NMCB-8 reunion between Port Hueneme, CA, CBC Gulfport, MS, and some location on the East Coast, let's say Washington, DC. We know that there is an organization at Port Hueneme to plan reunions and they plan to continue that effort on an annual basis. I have been told that CBC Gulfport and the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation would help support a reunion at that location. However, I am sure NMCB-8 personnel would have a significant role. In Washington, DC, we have NAVFAC headquarters, the Command Master Chief, and other battalions to help. I suggest that when we have our main-body reunion in the Central US, we set up mini-reunions with others on the West and East Coasts. The same applies for an East Coast reunion. These are my general thoughts on reunion planning. Let Ken Kerr, Harry Davis, Ken Bingham or myself know how you feel. **Gordon Gilmore**

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Gordon is Past President of the NMCB-8 Association and is currently active in the recruiting effort for the Association. If you have any ideas or strong feelings about where or how we should hold future reunions, please respond to Gordon's appeal. What you say about this subject does matter. The more input we can get the better the future reunions will be for all concerned.*

NOW HEAR THIS!

Fellow Seabees,

NMCB-8 Association dues are \$10.00 per year. If I receive your dues on or after the 1st of the year you are considered paid up from July 1st of the same year through June 30th of the next year. If this thoroughly confuses you, Rick Reese and I will be mailing out post card reminders this June to members that are in arrears. (This is in-lieu of the Master-At-Arms.) The last page of this newsletter includes a renewal form for your convenience. Please renew now so you'll be sure to receive the next newsletter which will be the second annual reunion issue. **Ken Bingham, Treasurer**

That is all . . . "AT EASE."

WHAT OUR FLAG MEANS TO ME AS A CITIZEN AND VETERAN

EDITORS NOTE: Occasionally I get letters from Seabees wanting to tell a story or recall something that happened to them while serving on active duty. When Don Frohm sent me this essay, it wasn't about an incident that occurred in-country, or a dramatic moment on deployment. It was a simple but strong statement demonstrating Don's love of country and respect for it's flag. He didn't ask me to publish it. He just wanted to share it with me. He just thought I would like to read it since he wrote it after he left the Seabees. When I finished reading it, I knew this was a writing that should be shared with all hands. I asked Don if I could publish it and he said yes.

Take time, as I did, when you read it and realize how lucky we are to have such a symbol of our national heritage to look upon and draw strength from knowing we live in the greatest country on the face of the earth.

When I look at Old Glory waving in the breeze, a warm feeling comes over me. I see more than a multi-colored piece of fabric. I'm reminded of our great heritage. The hope for a future filled with peace and freedom.

The "White and Red Stripes" mean more than the original Colonies. The "White Stripes" remind me that our forefathers were religious with strong beliefs in God who were seeking individual rights of worship as well as the right to work and earn a living to provide for their children and grandchildren.

The "Red Stripes" remind me that with freedom comes responsibility. I'm reminded of those brave Colonists who risked their lives in the early days of our young nation. The hardships endured during the Revolutionary War. The gut-wrenching struggle brought on in the War Between the States. The bitter feeling between the Northern and Southern States. I think of the bloody battles that pitted brother against brother and father against son.

The Spanish American War, World Wars One and Two again showed that we Americans were willing to stand and fight for freedom's rights. That to protect our own freedom meant that we must be ready and willing to fight for others freedom. The "Red Stripes" symbolizes the blood shed by Americans of all nationalities, Colors and Creeds to foster and preserve Freedom.

Korea and Vietnam were tests of a differing nature, but again saw young Americans come forward to help those whose liberty was in peril. Again the "Red and White Stripes" of our Flag stand as symbols to those brave Americans who fought and died! The "White Stripes" symbolize beliefs in freedom under a just God. With individual rights to live and work in peace without fear of unjust persecution. The "Red Stripes" symbolizing sacrifice, and YES death to help preserve freedoms rights!

The "Stars on the field of blue remind me of more than the 50 states. I am reminded of the many people who make up this Great Nation. I think of the first Americans the Sioux, Chippewa and other Indian Nations whose heritage lives on today. I am reminded of the many nationalities, whose strengths have helped from the heart of our great nation. We continue to accept those who have fled their land of birth to this nation in search of Freedom.

With all of the different nationalities and freedoms we enjoy, it's not surprising to have descent and protest! This is the right of all Americans and what our Veterans fought and died to protect. To have our flag shown as part of a group protesting is in keeping with our right of free speech. But, to have our Flag used as the example of protest by burning or trampling upon is unforgiving!

As a Veteran, I cannot help but cry when I see people treat our Flag, the symbol of this great Nation with disrespect. I am disappointed that any person who calls himself or herself "American" would bring disrespect on our Flag!

*Donald C. Frohm
Date: July, 1990*

REUNION 2001 UPDATE

The 2001 All Seabees West Coast Reunion will be held in Port Hueneme from 19 July to 22 July 2001. This year's reunion is being scheduled one week earlier than last year's in order to have it coincide with "Seabee Days", a week long celebration of SEABEE Heritage. Ed Kloster, the reunion committee workhorse, expects an overflow crowd and anticipates the need for a second motel. By now you should have received your reunion package in the mail. Please read it carefully and if you have any questions call Ed. **If you have not received it and are planning to attend, let ED know and he will get you one.**

Contact Ed Kloster: 3815 Rio Hondo, Rosemead, CA 91770; mccb@earthlink.com.

If you plan to stay at the Channel Islands Inn & Suites, please make your own reservations by calling the 800 number listed below. Make sure you respond ASAP in order to get your choice of available hooches.

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Seabee Memorial, Washington, D.C.



IN MEMORIAM

In remembrance of those who served with us

Dave Sharp passed away in late November of last year in Ventura, CA. Our condolences go out to his wife Pat and family. Shirley Sweeney wrote to tell us that her husband **Master Chief William F. Sweeney** passed away at the age of 71 on December 20, 2000 in Gulfport, MS. The Master Chief served with EIGHT at Danang in 1965. He was laid to rest in the Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS. Shirley said her husband enjoyed the Newsletter and wanted to go to the reunion but couldn't because of health problems. Tom Navin advised of the passing of three shipmates; **Bud Dunning** in a car accident on January 6, 1967; **G. F. Tillett** EIGHT's Chaplain during the 1965 Danang deployment and **Ed Downer**. Word was also received of the recent passing of **Harry Robinson** on February 17, 2001. **Timothy Collins** who served in D Company on the Chu Lai deployment passed away on July 10, 1994 of a heart attack. He is buried at Riverside National Cemetery. If additional information is available concerning the passing of friends who served in NMCB-8 that someone would like to post, please provide the information and we will publish it here. Tributes are also welcome.

VOICES FROM THE PAST

I don't think that you were with the battalion in Da Nang, there were many memories there that **Gordon Gilmore** can attest to. The one that I most remember was the day I had procured some lobster tails from FLSG Bravo and served them in the mess. The officer's had their own mess but (**Pappy**) **Phelps** had to come out and make sure that the troops were eating the same food that the officers' were. Then when the USO show was heading for the camp the poor young ladies had no toilet seats so we had to use some of the lobster tails to procure (I guess that procure is a good word as any to use) the seats. Times were good and times were bad but I guess the motto "CAN DO" always came into play. I really enjoyed my tenure with the Bee's and came to respect a lot of the work that they did in-country. Be good and take care

Chief Ski

I will try to fill in some of the history of NMCB-8. In the early part of February 1954, I reported as the relief for the XO of the Battalion at GTMO. The CO at that time was **CDR Witherell**. We were building enlisted quarters on the base. The Battalion had been enlarged to approximately 900 men to expedite the project.

We left by AP (USS *Duel*) for Davisville late August, 1954. The day after we arrived in port, a hurricane hit Rhode Island. The *Duel* was grounded about fifty yards off the dock. Our CO was detached and I became acting CO. On the day before Thanksgiving that same year we embarked

for Port Lyautey. It was a very rough ten days at sea. We relieved MCB-6 and spent the next 6 months there. In January 1955, MCB-8 was de-commissioned. **O. F. Nicholson**

I was both surprised and pleased to receive the Winter issue of the NMCB-8 Newsletter. I was even more surprised to see the many Iwo Jima photos from our NCB-8 Cruise book.

The open letter from **Ken Kerr** to the surviving members of the "Eight Ball" Battalion was also appreciated. It was appropriate and considerate since a decision was made at our October 2000 meeting to deactivate the Unit following the next reunion in October 2001, after nearly 50 years of service.

A majority of the members of the original 8th NCB were from the East coast so it was natural that the "Eight Ball" Battalion was conceived and organized in that area with their first reunion in 1952 in New York City. Word traveled slowly here to the West so I didn't join until 1956.

I was in Hdq. Co. of the 8th as a Surveyor from October 1942 until October 1945 when the Navy came out with its "points" system for discharges. I was in the second draft to leave Iwo for a separation center.

I would like to accept Ken's invitation and submit my application for transfer and membership in the NMCB-8 Association. Enclosed is my check for \$10. **Clarence Lintz**

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SEABEES "CAN DO"



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NMCB-8 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Name: _____

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In order to continue to receive the **NMCB-8 Association** newsletter I understand I must renew my membership in the Association. Enclosed are my dues of **\$10** which will continue my membership from **7/1/2001 to 6/30/2002**.

Detach at dotted line and return, along with **\$10** in dues to: **c/o Ken Bingham
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ATTENTION: Anyone interested in submitting articles to the newsletter should send them to directly to Harry Davis at his e-mail nmcb8@home.com; or home address **4720 NW Terrace View Drive, Bremerton, WA 98312**.