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—Reunion Again—

February 2012

—FROM YOUR PRESIDENT—

WELL HERE IT IS. WE ARE GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT REUNION, I just got off the phone with Ron Sabbatis, he is going full speed ahead. Ron and Leslie Sabbatis, Billy and Sally Boggs, Rick and Annie Reese went to Las Vegas to scout out the facility. Everything went really well. I was unable to go to Vegas with the crew but was fortunate to get together with Rick, Annie, Sally and Billy when Billy and Sally arrived in LA. We had a great couple of nights prior to their voyage to Las Vegas.

Ron has been setting up all of the reunion festivities and arranging some of the events. Please get a jump on the airlines and hotel reservations as time seems to fly by and before you know it we will be in Vegas. Also, remember to bring your pillowcases so you can fill them up with all the money you plan to win! Note: make sure you have a paid round-trip ticket just in case we have to drive you to the airport!

I want to thank Ken Bingham again. I hope everyone realizes the work he has accomplished with our newsletter and the Seabee history. Ken has a new book. This is a good book for each of our libraries. I just ordered one myself.

**Seabee Book, World War Two, BLACK HELL
The Story Of The 133rd Navy Seabees On Iwo
Jima February 19,1945**

**Authored by Kenneth E. Bingham
List Price \$19.95**

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Ron and Carol Dougal, have been busy tracking down members along with helping me try to keep the list on line. I have made more corrections and put the Reunion applications on line. Please take a look and send the reunion information to all our Seabee friends that may

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Ron and Leslie (Left), Rick and Annie, Sally and Billy.

WE HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM LAS VEGAS and a tour/stay at the Palace Station Casino. Joining us were Billy and Sally Boggs all the way from North Carolina. Annie and Rick Reese from Southern California completed the group. Our goal was to plan a great reunion and have some fun in the process. We accomplished all!

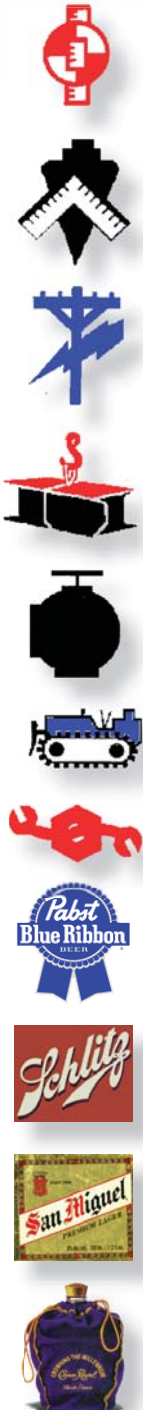
The banquet manager gave us a tour of the casino and helped us plan our Saturday Night Banquet, Hospitality room and, our new addition, the Ladies Luncheon. The entire staff of the Casino were easy to work with and enthusiastic about our plans.

Our buffet breakfast was great. The buffet included everything from a custom ordered omelette to chocolate éclairs with plenty of bacon, hash browns and biscuits and gravy in between. There are so many types of restaurants within the Casino that I am not going to list them. We had great Italian food, a libation at Jack's Irish Pub as well as burgers and fries at midnight! We also spent some time at the slots. Annie was the winner, betting on the horses, of all things.

We took the shuttle over to the Fashion Show Mall. Mr. Boggs just dangled his gift of gab over the temporary vendors. It was very funny to watch as they each took his bait. I don't think they realized what was happening to them until he walked away!

This is going to be a great event. Make sure that you register early and order your T-shirts and hats. We sold out last year and don't want any disappointed attendees.

See you in Vegas, Ron Sabbatis



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—FROM YOUR PRESIDENT—

not have access to the Internet or may not be current members. I would appreciate if you make a phone call to a lost member. Remember it would be terrific to bring a new member, or any veteran is always welcome.

We only have a few years left to track down some of our lost members. At our age, we will be forgetting who we are—never mind trying to find someone from forty five years ago. Let each of us try to track down some of our old friends especially from H Company and some of our officers.

Can Do, *Arnie*

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—Latin For You—

“Cum Catapultae Proscriptae Erunt Tum Soli Proscript Catapultas Habebunt.”

When catapults are outlawed, only outlaws will have catapults.



MCB 8 CUBA 1954/55



“I’ll call a few guys and see if they remember the name of the point we were on when we did the construction project. I know we had a quota to fill. The Captain told us if we finished it before Christmas he would have us out and back to the states for Christmas. Well he didn’t but we got Bob Hope instead. We were there for about 7 months from 54 to 55.” —Bob.

—Pat Corbett—

Pat Corbett from MCB-8 (1968-69 Viet.) made contact. He and his family are doing well. He’s retired now after many years with CON-EDISON of New York City. I tell him that he’s now part of the “idle rich.”

However, he has a good routine and keeps in shape and says he’s not “idle”—and “not rich.”

He sent me a CD full of pictures of the disaster on 9/11. He was one of the CON-ED responders when the twin towers came down.

I would post some of the pictures but they seem to be locked into a slide-show-format. —kb

—OUT OF THE BOX—
I CORPS SNUFFIES

Father Harris From his book

CLOUDS BILLOW BEFORE A RAIN, AND MY EYES BEGIN TO SCAN dark horizons in search of you. "Hey, you out there, tell me where ya going." I'm looking for a leader in my parade.

It all started in a swamp, right after the Offensive in 1968. Twenty thousand refugees descended en masse upon the village of Phu Luong—a little ville nine miles south of the city of Hue.

Suddenly, I began to realize the tremendous needs of people. War really is a disrupting influence, which so frequently leads down a blind alley of despair for many thousands. The thousands in I Corps, right now, are one out of five Vietnamese who are refugees.



Following a very foolhardy philosophy of "it's better to do than not to do," one begins to understand that there are certain risks. Like how do you get things done in a war? Who will listen with real compassion and not get hung up about what others might think, do, or say as a result?

There is but one magic formula. Find the lowest "Snuffie" on the totem pole of military life. Tell him your dream. Suddenly, you've got a bloomin' general on your side; and there isn't a barbed wire fence or armed guard in existence who can bring this military mite up short.

It is to men of this calibre that I now pay tribute, and the first Civilian Hospital in the village of Phu Luong is a tribute to them.

—FROM BILLY BOGGS—

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RECENTLY, SALLY AND I WHO LIVE IN SOUTH CAROLINA were invited to come to L.A. to visit with Rick and Annie Reese for a couple of days. What a wonderful time we had. We drove to Vegas and met with Ron and Leslie to plan for the reunion. What a place. I don't have words to describe it. You will just have to see it for yourself. But I know we will have a great time.

Flying over this vast USA, looking down on city after city, rivers, highways, farms, ranches, mountains, deserts and I don't know what all, I saw tiny towns and roads that seemed to go on and on. All this made me think that in all these places are stories of people's lives that have made and are making this great country what it is. I thought that, in all I saw, most likely I saw a place where you live, work, love your family, and make a difference in the lives of those you connect with. God gives us the capacity and the choice to be a blessing or a curse to those with which we come in contact. What an opportunity we have each day to show God's love in the way we treat others.

I would like to ask that we all pray for peace, for our protectors and for our leaders. I look forward to September and hope to visit with each of you.

—God bless...Billy

—OUR WEBSITE—

Are you aware that your Association has a web site? Posted on the web site are all of the newsletters that have ever been published (21 in number). Deployment completion reports, and pictures are also included. In addition, there is a list of all Association members and their states of residence. So navigate the site and see what you can find. The web address is: <http://www.nmcb8.com>. See you on line!

Time To Get
Famous

Please e-mail me your story—typed if possible.

It doesn't have to be 100% true; just close. Include pictures too. We like pictures!

If possible, use your real name.

e-mail to:
jorden2323@msn.com

— ABOUT MCB-8 DUES—

Please note the mailing address space of your newsletter. Next to your name, you will see a date (month & year) denoting when your membership should have been renewed. The word "LIFE" next to your name denotes a life member and no renewal of membership is necessary. If your membership has expired but you would like to renew it in order to continue receiving the newsletter and keep up on the latest reunion information and other news, please submit payment by check to NMCB-8 ASSOCIATION. Send checks to Ken Bingham 1773 Tamarin Ave, Ventura, CA 93003.

—FROM YOUR EDITOR—

We have a few members that have chosen to receive their Newsletter by e-mail. If you rather receive it by e-mail, rather than by postal, let me know by e-mail. The benefits would be: earlier delivery, color copy, and postage savings for MCB-8. Also, if you are missing back copies of the MCB-8 newsletter, you can find them on our website; <http://www.nmcb8.com>

Captain Harry Davis
Recomends This Vietnam Related Web-Site
<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>



—IN MEMORIAM—

—In Remembrance Of Those Who Served With Us—

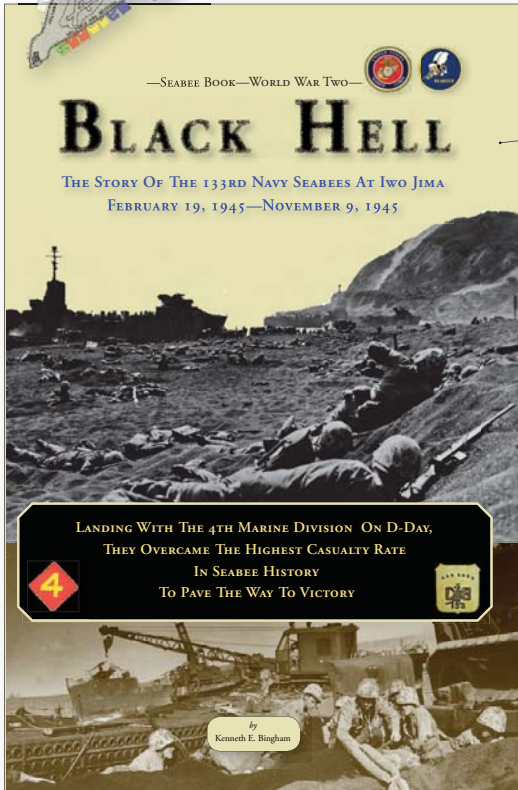


- TIMOTHY M. LYDON PASSED AWAY FEB. 13, 2012. HE WAS A EO2 IN A-CO 67 TO 69
- GLENN A WILSON, (NCB-16) DIED THIS PAST WEEK. HE LIVED IN LAKEWOOD, COLORADO.
- WILLIAM STERLING KENNEY SR., 94, DIED PEACEFULLY THURSDAY, JAN. 19, 2012, FOLLOWING A BRIEF ILLNESS. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY PROUDLY WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN THE 8TH N.C.B. AS A FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER DURING WORLD WAR II IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, ALASKA, THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND THE INVASION OF OKINAWA.

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NOTE:

Total Proceeds From Sale Of All Seabee Books—That Will Be Donated To The CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation—Will Exceed \$1700. As Of March 10, 2012.
 Thanks For Your Support. —Ken B.



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—BLACK HELL—

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The NMCB8 Assoc.

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(All Proceeds go to the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation)

For Ventura County News Article On The Book Go To:

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/feb/18/port-hueneme-played-important-role-in-iwo-jima/>

Hi Ken: I received Black Hell today. Thanks for sending it to me. I started reading it and it is great. Thanks for writing such a great book about the “Bees”. Hopefully this will focus attention on the 133rd getting the PUC. —Regards, Bob Wheeler

Dear Ken: Please find enclosed a check for \$ 25.00 for one copy of the book “Black Hell”. From the description, it sounds like you have done an outstanding job. Thank you for making the book available. Hopefully those still with us from the 133rd SEABEES will be properly recognized before they are all gone. ---Can Do! —CUCM (SCW) Bob Williams,



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Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-634-3101

Use Group Code PCIMCB8 MCB 8 Reunion Association* *(See Note on bottom of Page)*

	9/24	9/27	9/28	9/29	
Dates:	Monday – Thursday		Friday – Saturday		Single or
Rates:	\$39.00		\$79.00		Double Occupancy
	(\$15.00 room charge for Triple)		(\$30.00 room charge for Quad)		

A \$4.99 hotel service fee per night will be applied to each guest room, which includes high speed internet in guest room, unlimited local calls, unlimited access to the fitness and pool facilities, line pass to Feast Buffet (front of the line), scheduled airport shuttle service and scheduled shuttle service to/from the Las Vegas Strip. Prevailing room tax is currently 12% per night.

Covered Parking:	FREE	RV and Trailer parking is available.
Check-in Time:	3:00 p.m.	NO HOOK-UPS
Check-out Time:	12:00 Noon	

Deposits:

Allow one night's deposit plus 12% (current rate) room tax plus \$4.99 Hotel Service Fee. Deposits must be received prior to the reservations cut-off date.

Reservation Cut-Off Date:

All reservations must be received by the hotel no later September 4, 2012

Cancellations:

Individual room reservations may be cancelled up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to arrival with no penalty

Special needs:

(Subject to availability): Smoking/non-smoking, Handicap, In room refrigerator.

***Note: Use the following Customized NMCB-8 Link for ease of Registering. Use Group Code PCIMCB8**
[https://rooms.stationcasinos.com/cgi-bin/LANSAWEB?
procfun+rn+Resnet+PAL+funcparms+UP\(A2560\);;PCIMCB8;?/](https://rooms.stationcasinos.com/cgi-bin/LANSAWEB?procfun+rn+Resnet+PAL+funcparms+UP(A2560);;PCIMCB8;?/)



—NMCB-8 Reunion—



Schedule of Events

September 26 – 29, 2012

Wednesday September 26

08:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens (Room #3025)
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Early Bird Registration
10:30 p.m. Hospitality Room Closed

Thursday September 27

08:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens (Room #3025)
08:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reunion Registration open
10:30 p.m. Hospitality Room closed

Friday September 28

08:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens (Room #3025)
08:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Late Registration open
12:00 p.m. – 1:30p.m. Ladies Luncheon
10:30 p.m. Hospitality Room closed

Saturday September 29

08:00 a.m. Hospitality Room Opens (Room #3025)
1:00 p.m. - ? Association meeting in Hospitality Room - Business, old/new
3:00 p.m. Hospitality Room closed
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. No Host Bar in Banquet Room
7:00 p.m. Banquet
8:00 p.m. Magic Show

Illusions by Jamie

Sunday September 30

08:00 a.m. Hospitality Room open
Clean-up and Farewells



DINNER BUFFET MENU

NO HOST BAR

Salads

Tossed Green Salad with Three dressing & Condiments

Caesar Salad

Vegetable Tray

Fresh Seasonal Sliced Fruit

Imported & Domestic Cheeses

Pasta Salad

Entrees

Orange Roughy with Lemon Pepper

California Chicken

London broil with Madeira Sauce

Sides

Chef's Choice of Pasta, Potato or Rice

Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Hot rolls with Butter

Chef's Assortment of Desserts

Coffee/Tea/Water

\$45.00 per Dinner

(Includes 8.1% Sales Tax & 20% Gratuity)

Let us know of any special dietary needs you may have

RV and Trailers

Palace Station has no hook-ups for campers. However, they do have an oversized parking lot at the rear of the building for large trucks and trailers no charge.

OPTION 1 KOA has a facility at **circus circus** less than a mile away. The rate for a 30 amp service full hook-up pull thru site \$47.42 per night (this site rate includes tax of 12%). You can make reservations at **Las Vegas KOA @ Circus Circus. Tell them you're with MCB-8.**

OPTION 2 **The Hitchin Post RV Park** is about 9 mi away from Palace Station. There is no group rate at this park. Rate with tax is around \$36.40 per night. For reservations and information check out their website or call toll free **1-888-433-8402**

AIRPORT

Shuttle Schedule

The Shuttle is a service for Palace Station Guests only. It runs between Palace Station to Fashion Show Mall and Palace Station to the airport. You will get a complete time schedule at check-in. Times listed below are scheduled times the shuttle leaves the airport

Airport pick up is on **level zero** between stalls 21 – 23. **The shuttle runs at specific times. 24 HOUR NOTICE RECOMMENDED FOR ADA TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE BELL DESK. 1-702-367-2411**

Departing Airport to Palace Station

6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-----7:30 p.m. 9:00p.m. 10:30 p.m. 12:00 a.m.



**NMCB 8 REUNION 2012
REGISTRATION FORM
September 26 thru September 29
(Please print all information)**

Member Name _____
Guest Name _____
Home Address _____
Email Address _____
Emergency Contact _____
Planned Arrival _____ Planned Departure _____

Please read and sign the following:

I understand that the 2012 reunion is a non-alcohol sponsored event. Any alcoholic drinks that I purchase during the four-day event from the hotel, caterers or other sources will be at my own discretion. I agree to hold harmless the NMCB-8 2012 Reunion: its directors, officers, reunion planners, and membership for any and all acts, or consequences from my conduct or the conduct of my quests. I also authorize the release of all photos of the event for future publications by the association. I further understand that all meals are at my expense.

Signature _____ Date _____

Deadline for registration is August 1, 2012

Make checks payable to: (NMCB-8 2012 Reunion)

Mail completed forms and payment to:

Ronald Sabbatis

606 Capitola ave

Capitola, California 95010 Ph 831-359-0073 email sabagus@charter.net



NMCB-8 REUNION 2012 REGISTRATION FORM (CONT)



September 26 - September 29, 2012

(Please print all information including name)

NAME:			
	Cost per Person	# of Persons	Total
Registration Fee	\$25.00		

Ladies luncheon	\$25.00		
NMCB-8 Banquet	\$45.00		

T-Shirts	Small	\$20.00		
	Medium	\$20.00		
	Large	\$20.00		
	X-Large	\$20.00		
	XX-Large	\$20.00		
	XXX-Large	\$20.00		

Hats	Fidel	\$18.00		
	Ball cap	\$18.00		
			Total Due	

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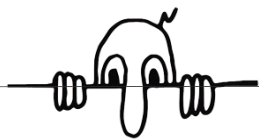


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To:

Note: The above numbers denotes your membership dues status (Month-Year). (Due date)



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-NMCB-8 Association Roster Update-

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone & E-mail: _____



The mailing list and roster for the NMCB-8 Association needs to be continually updated. Only through a current roster can we ensure your receipt of the newsletter and information of current and future reunions. If you have had a change of address within the past year, you can update this information by filling out the above form. Please include your e-mail address, if you have one. Detach the form at the dotted line and return to:

Ken Bingham, 1773 Tamarin Ave., Ventura Ca. 93003. If you have e-mail and want to make your update electronically, please do so.

Send updates by e-mail to; jorden2323@msn.com.

Thanks for your support!