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—“The next Reunion is 20 -23 October 2010 in Branson, MO—

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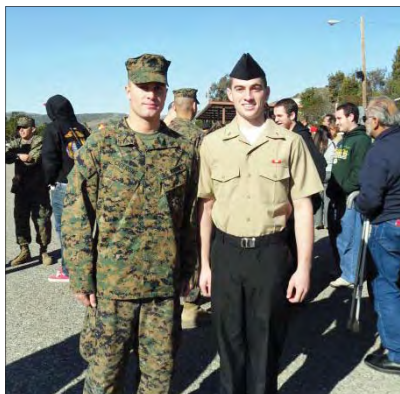
SEABEES AT OMAHA BEACH—D DAY, JUNE 6TH 1944



—“Navy Beach Battalion sir! I've gotta clear the obstacles! Make holes for the tanks!”
Miller (Actor Tom Hanks)— “All the armor is floundering in the channel!”
N.B.B. man— “Orders sir! You go somewhere else! I'm clearin this way!”—

The above actor—with the accompanying movie script—is from the movie “SAVING PRIVATE RYAN”. This scene was about the 7th Naval Beach Battalion (note the USN and #7 on helmet), charged with clearing obstacles at the beginning stages of the invasion at Normandy. Naval Combat Demolition Units (NCDU's) were attached to the 7th N.B.B. and included Seabees specially trained for this hazardous duty. Casualties were high.

—FROM YOUR PRESIDENT—



I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Here it is 2010, and it seems like just yesterday we were in Vietnam. But sometimes it seems so long ago that it's like Roman history. We are a special group, representing all parts of this great country. We are patriots, similar to the minutemen in the revolutionary war. When I see our flag in a parade, or the one at my house, it means so much to me. Non-veterans have a hard time understanding what we veterans feel. We seem to know the hardships that go along with the flag.

Speaking of flags, I have to add two more at my house. One Navy and one Marine. Both sons graduated from boot camp, infantry training, and are now in “A” schools. We are not sure where they are going, but I can't say enough about how proud I am of them both. I went to the Great Lakes for my Navy son's graduation and off to San Diego for my Marine son's graduation. We also went to his infantry training graduation at Camp Pendleton. Talk about bringing back memories! It was great to see both of them as they talked in military lingo. It brought a lot of memories back! It's a great honor to have served,

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especially with EIGHT. And now it's great to see the young men and women of today doing their part.

The passing of Captain Jack O'Leary is a big loss. We will all surely miss him. Jack was a great patriot and a warm caring commander. He was there for all of us. It's also a reminder to all of us that we need to keep in contact more. *Some day Jack, when you need a cement finisher up there, beam me up.*

Reunion News; Ron Sabatis along with Billy Boggs and Rick Reese, are getting everything ready for our next reunion in October 2010 in Branson, MO. Reunion packets will be mailed shortly and the sooner you send in your reservations the easier it will be for those folks charged with planning the events that will take place during the time we will be together in Branson. Get on the phone and call your old EIGHT shipmates and encourage them to attend the reunion. Ron Dougal has been locating and adding new members. We also need to keep in contact with Ron. The best way is by e-mail dougalsr@aol.com.

We are also looking for the company photographers. If anyone knows the names please contact Ron or me. One photographer who was in Da Nang in 1965 was PO2 Mathis. If anyone knows his whereabouts let me know.

Again I want to thank everyone involved with the Association and a very special thanks to Ken Bingham for providing so much support. Ken's dedication to the organization is the real meaning of the Seabee Can-Do spirit. Let us all try to help the organization find members, call me and see what you can do to help. Now lets get ready for the reunion in Branson. Contact everyone and you know and bring them along.

*Your President
Arnie Cicerone*



Guns pointing at each other. Sibling rivalry is alive & well!—editor



— ABOUT 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.

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— 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. Addresses and phone numbers are omitted for privacy reasons. So navigate the site and see what you can find. The web address is: <http://www.nmcb8.com>. See you on line!

My Seabee Son Bill —by Master Chief Jim Daniels.



Bill during care-free High School Years

My son Bill was born at Port Hueneme Ca. on January 9, 1948. He went to school in Arizona, Guam and Port Hueneme. Bill was also an active club member of the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts.

Bill joined the Seabees in 1967 under the “Direct Procurement Petty Officer Program” (DPPO)—or commonly known as the “Instant Petty Officer Program” (IPO)—as a Heavy Equipment Operator 3rd Class. (EOH3). On his 2nd tour to Vietnam with MCB-5 he was given a field promotion to EOH2 by the Commanding Officer. One week later he was hit with a two-stage rocket on the driver’s side of his truck. He was airlifted to the hospital ship *Repose*. I spent the next day with him aboard the hospital ship. (*Eleven days later I was also wounded*). The doctor told Bill he may never walk again. My son told him he would. He was sent to the Long Beach Naval Hospital where he eventually managed to walk with a cane—thus keeping his word that he would walk again. He returned to Port Hueneme and put on “light duty”. He was discharged from the Navy with a 60% disability. He went back to Ventura College and received his AA degree in accounting.

He worked for over three years for the Port Hueneme Postal Service carrying mail. He was married for two years.

On Feb. 23, 1973, Bill, passed away with cancer. His death was attributed to Agent Orange.



Bill at IPO School/Boot in Davisville 1967.



Bill’s deuce and a half that was hit by an RPG near Dong Ha.

In 1968—near Dong Ha— a RPG-7 blasted through the drivers side door of Bill’s truck in which he was driving, and exited through the opposite door, and continued on until it exploded on the ground nearby. Although the secondary portion of the RPG did not detonate in the cab, the results of the initial penetration took portions of soft tissue from Bill’s arms and legs, and delivered wide-spread shrapnel wounds—including to Bill’s face. He was told by the doctor that he probably wouldn’t walk again. He answered back—yes I will! And Bill did walk again.



Bill on leave stylin in front of Caddy.



*Bill receiving Purple Heart from Med. Captain on Hospital Ship *Repose*.*



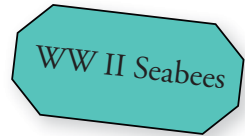
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*Hospital Ship USS *Repose* (AH-16)”.*

—The Roots Of Our Organization—*Continued from Last Newsletter*

—Third and final installment—



—ORGANIZATION—

Orders soon arrived to initiate the formation of the Battalion, On May 23, 1942, the Eighth Naval Construction Battalion officially came into existence. Under the direction of Lt. Comdr, A. W. Hefling, the tall, lean, lanky and amiable Officer-in-Charge, the outfit soon began to take shape.

A high degree of specialization and jack-of-all-trades versatility existed side by side in the membership of the Battalion. The overall complement, 1079 men and 32 officers, was broken down into a headquarters company and four construction companies. Each construction company totaled 226 men and was composed of six platoons, having the following function and size: Platoon 1, maintenance and operation, 38 men; Platoons 2 and 3, general construction, 38 men each; Platoon 4, road construction, excavation, and tunnel blasting, 38 men; Platoon 5, water-front construction, 37 men; and Platoon 6, steel erection and pipe-line work, 37 men. Headquarters company was divided into five platoons totaling 175 men, as follows: Platoon 1, engineering, 44 men; Platoons 2 and 3, general construction, 44 men each; Platoon 4, general service, 44 men; and. Platoon 5, cooking and baking, 43 men. For military training purposes, the same platoon formations were held, with three men of each platoon assigned to an automatic weapons company, and the remainder designated riflemen.

Summary Of The 8th NCB

After activation on May 23, 1942, the Eighth Battalion left Norfolk June 19 for Seattle, then embarked for Dutch Harbor July 9. The Eighth worked on 78 separately listed projects in the Amaknak, Dutch Harbor, and 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 Joint Command Post. After 13 months, the Battalion returned to Seattle and then to Camp Parks in August 1943. On its second tour, the Eighth left 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 3. The Eighth remained at Iwo through the war's end. The Battalion then transferred to Hiroshima, Japan.

Two features of the organization were largely responsible for making each Seabee battalion into a versatile, closely-knit team, capable of performing the construction feats for which they have been given credit. The first was that each company was designed to be independently capable of carrying on an entire construction project. By including sufficient specialists from each of the building trades, the tasks of dividing the battalion for simultaneous construction at several widely separated outposts was to become relatively easy. The second was that although each man was to be shifted in training to the niche for which he was best suited, and gangs of ironworkers, carpenters, electricians, and so forth, were to be formed, no man was necessarily to work only at his own trade. While each gang was to have its specific duties, the Seabee scheme ordained that all were to turn to and serve as helpers to whatever trade might be most in demand. When there were wood barracks to be built, the ironworkers, the steam fitters, and the electricians were to lend a hand to the carpenters, and similarly, if the job was to be in metals, the carpenters were to pass the tools and take orders from the metalsmiths.

After three weeks at Camp Allen, the time came at last for us to pass out of boot life into a Battalion of our own. On June 18, 1942, the Battalion held its Grand Review, an impressive ceremony with all colors flying. We became a full-fledged CB Battalion, the United States Eighth Naval Construction Battalion. But this end to our boot days did not bring the changes that most of us expected; there were still details for this and that, still plenty of musters and inspections. Half our time still seemed to be spent in one line or another, and the thought uppermost in our minds was still, "Oh, to be a civilian again!"

Many liberties were spent in the city of Norfolk and the surrounding areas. Before leaving Camp Allen we were all given a special liberty of either seventy-two or forty-eight hours; for many of the boys who lived on the East Coast, this meant a chance for a final brief visit home.

Our destination unknown, we left Camp Allen in three sections. Sections one and two headed northwest; section three followed a southern route, passed through unforgettable Texas, and then turned northward. Again we traveled in comfort. From the windows of our Pullman cars we saw much of the country, and on a few occasions when we were allowed to stretch our legs, we gave the country a chance to see us, startling the citizens of some of the small western towns with the tramp of our marching feet and the sound of a few choruses of "Ole Mamie Riley."

We reached our destination, Bremerton Navy Yard, our POE, on the 24th of June. We spent two pleasant weeks there while waiting for our ship. Liberty every other night usually meant catching the ferry to Seattle, spreading out to the bars and night-clubs of that city all the way from First Avenue to the last of the outlying hills, and then collecting again at the pier in time to catch the latest possible ferry back to Bremerton. But there at Bremerton we also got our first chance at really helping

to win the war. More than two hundred men volunteered to chip paint on the U.S.S. Nevada, one of the ships salvaged from Pearl Harbor and returned to the States for repairs.

THE EIGHTH GOES OVERSEAS

We boarded a Navy transport, the U.S.S. Chaumont, on July 9th, 1942 and sailed out of Seattle Harbor under the watchful eye of a Navy patrol plane. It so happened that the U.S.S. Charleston, a Navy gunboat, was on her way home from the



USS Chaumont (AP-5), 1921-1948.



The Chaumont became the USS Samaritan Hos. Ship in 1943

icy Aleutian waters. Just a few miles outside of continental waters, she picked up the message to join the Chaumont and convoy her to Dutch Harbor. It was a sad and disgusted crew that turned the gunboat around and headed back, for they had spent many months out and were all scheduled for a leave while their ship was being repaired. Space was cramped on the Chaumont (she was an old ship built for transporting drafts of far less than a thousand men), and to the discomfort of crowded living conditions was added the nausea of our first attack of sea-sickness. But by the third day most of us began to enjoy ourselves. Some excitement was raised by the appearance on the horizon of an unidentified ship. The Charleston gave the alarm and speeded off to investigate, only to find a friendly corvette on patrol duty.

—THE END—

—Notes—

What ever happened to Robert Conrad (MCB-8 1961-63) ?

Robert Conrad is alive and well in Avon Mass. He's retired and an accomplished artist. His artistry is vivid. After veiwing one of his works—and turning away—one has the sense that things are moving, in the picture, when your not looking.

Hi Ken,
Stanley Francis Milewski here. Former CMC, now retired since 1974. I get your newsletter and felt guilty since I have never been in NMCB-8. However, I do enjoy your paper and would like to pay to receive it. I've been in ACB-ONE [AC BONE], MCB 11, AND MCB 5. Was in the Philippines in 1954. *Note: Stanley was a volunteer at the Porhue Seabee Museum. He helped scan many cruise books to CD.*

Thanks for all the letters, emails and encouragement that you all bestowed on my behalf in my "never ending battle with the VA". I finally got a settlement from the VA concerning my claim. Your "can do" attitude helped me keep the faith and forge ahead. Once again from the bottom of my heart. Thank you. Doc Woodcock, HM3

Note: Recently the VA has included more heart conditions related to agent orange and considered "presumptive". For needed details, check with your VA rep. (MCB-8 was in areas of high usage of agent orange in RVN.

National Geographic Explorer is planning a documentary early next year on the construction of Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan—and Seabees with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 are the stars.

Elements from NMCB 4 and 133 will be deployed soon to Afghanistan as part of the 30,000 troop upsurge in "THE WAR ON TERROR."— (Or if you like—"OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATION.")

Nearly 200 Navy Seabees based out of Naval Base Ventura County Pt. Mugu are on their way to Afghanistan. The group from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 will serve 8 months in the country. Their mission is to construct and expand forward operating bases, airfields, berthing facilities and roads in preparation for the 30,000 troops ordered to Afghanistan recently by President Obama.

This is really great. It has been a long time. Jesse Droughn, Bakersfield, CA

Ken, many thanks for the great August Newsletter. You outdid yourself. As I am going into my 80th year, the memories and photos mean much more The best, Tom Burton (with EIGHT June '66 - May '68)

Army RVN Vet. J. Williamson tells us that COSTCO Pharmacy is accessible without a membership card—in Calif. anyway—and probably in other sates—per law.

— REMEMBERING BART BARTHOLOMEW. FROM DICK PLATT, OIC SEABEE TEAM 0806 —

I was saddened to read in the recent newsletter [August 2009] of Bart Bartholomew's passing. Bart served as the corpsman on Seabee Team 0806 during our deployment to Ban Nong Chok Thailand from 28 October 1966 until 9 May 1967. Not only was Doc a great Team member in all the usual respects, but he was a mentor and instructor to the Thai Border Patrol Police (BPP) corpsmen who shared our mission. Together, they treated 7,186 patients for a wide variety of ailments during the deployment. Local villagers would walk for miles to be treated by Doc.

However, not all of Doc's patients were of the human type. One Sunday morning a lady showed up at the dispensary with her logging elephant and the elephant's "operator". The elephant had an abscess on one leg. Doc gingerly examined the abscess and prescribed an ointment. He then gave the owner plenty of room and let her apply the ointment. When it was all over, Doc was rewarded with a ride on the elephant as payment for his services.



Bart

Khorb Koon Bart!*



Seabee Team 0806

Rear, L-R: LTJG R. E. Platt, W. R. Bauman, L. W. Coon, D. A. Williams, J. D. Lee, J. C. Tayler, B. Davis
Front, L-R: W. T. Waggoner, W. H. Bartholomew, J. C. Storer, W. D. Young, M. T. Eldridge, L. J. Perron Jr.

Note:

The Thai Border Patrol Police (BPP) was organized in the 1950s with assistance from the United States Central Intelligence Agency. The 1963 Seabee Teams were sent to Thailand to assist in the Royal Thai Government's Accelerated Rural Development Program (ARD). In 1966-67 CB Teams in Thailand passed from the "ACCELERATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT" (ARD) program and went under the Thai "BORDER PATROL POLICE" PROGRAM (BPP). The Border Patrol Police Program teams were modeled on the Seabee Teams and dedicated to the same proposition of civic action for villagers. The Border Patrol—Seabee combination teams were to work together in the backwoods areas, where Communist guerrillas were attempting to build a foothold, and win over locals with good works such as roads, dams, bridges, water wells and medical service. The program's underlying aim was to win village support for the government in regions continually plagued by communist insurgency.

* "Khorb Koon" Means Thank You in Thai.

—OUR NEW SEABEE MUSEUM AT PORT HUENEME—

Each year the Board, volunteers, and staff work tirelessly to preserve the history of the CEC and Seabees. To continue our work in the CEC/ Seabee community, we need your support. Please consider making an annual donation today. On behalf of the CEC/ Seabee Historical Foundation, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Captain Bill Hilderbrand, CEC, USN (Ret.)
CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation President*



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RON WUNDERLICH (EO₂) REMEMBERS

1968-69 RVN

Alpha Co.



I arrived in Danang with the main body, around noon around the first of March 1969. We were told to go eat lunch then report to our respective company headquarters.

This was my second deployment, so being eager to get to work after lunch, I went to the A-company huts and found an empty rack to wile the day away.

The following morning at quarters Master Chief McCully¹ called off a list of names and told us to report to his office following quarters. Of course, I thought, well I wasn't the only one that did not report for work after lunch. In The Master Chiefs office he again read off the names and proceeded to read that we had volunteered for a detachment to move the Marines underground at An Hoi . I said "I what", and the Master Chief said, Wunderlich, you will drive the truck. Get loaded up and rendezvous with a convoy. He gave me the time and location, which of course, I cannot recall now.

We loaded up and started to leave, but the transmission had a terrible knock in it. I reported the knock to the Master Chief and he told me to go on with the truck. We arrived at the rendezvous point and was given a spot in the convoy. Some time and distance down the road the transmission went out. The convoy continued on without us. A marine mail truck came by and we loaded our stuff into the Marines truck, as his final stop was An Hoi.

Doc Smock was one of the builders in our group. Doc had a blond wig that went below his shoulders. Doc wanted to get a reaction from Chief Niemeyer, who was already at An Hoi. Doc had the wig on under his helmet as we were leaving a Marine camp. A jeep was at the gate coming into the camp. As we were approaching we noticed there was one star on the jeep. The jeep stopped abruptly, the general jumped out and ordered the mail truck to stop. At the same time, Doc took the wig off and threw it on the floor of the truck bed. The general wanted the wig and of course no one said a word. The General asked in a commanding way, as only a general could, what outfit are you with. Someone said MCB 8. The General then yelled—"expletive Seabees"—as he jumped back into his jeep. You can imagine our laughter. By the way, in case you are interested we caught up with the convoy at a pontoon bridge to finish our trip. *Continued in next Newsletter.*

¹ Master Chief McCully received the Silver Star for his heroism during the battle of Dong Xoi—Marvin Shields receiving the Medal of Honor Posthumously.



Diana & Ken



L-R, Ken D. & Ken B.



Gov. Schwarzenegger

Ken Dalrymple met up with Ken Bingham in Dec. 2009 at the large and special opening ceremony of the new Veteran's Home in Ventura Ca. The Governor also attended after hearing that Ken & Ken would be there.

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IN MEMORIAM

In Remembrance Of Those Who Served With Us

Daniel W Crippen died. No other info

Richard A. Parker, 'Fess' EQCM USN RET. 74, of Warwick, passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 18, 2009



SEABEES TODAY IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ



by Ron Sabbatis

GREETINGS TO ALL

Here we are in the second month of 2010. Is it just me or are the months and years just flying by?

As you can see by the photo, your reunion committee has been hard at work. Rick and Annie Reese, Billy Boggs and his lovely bride Sally met up with Leslie and me in Branson, Mo. We packed a lot in to the 2 days we were together. There were many decisions to make as well as having a lot of laughs. The Lodge of the Ozarks, where the 2010 reunion will be held is a wonderful facility. The lobby area is roomy and has a number of areas to sit and catch up with folks. Complimentary coffee and tea is served. The fireplace is huge and has leather sofas around it. The hospitality room is large and not far from the lobby area. The rooms have been remodeled and are really very nice. A full breakfast is included in the room price. It is served buffet style in the attractive lodge restaurant. There were so many choices that it was hard to decide what to have first. We ate so much that we didn't need lunch!



We went out to Table Rock State Park to scout it out for the barbecue. Billy was at his best telling his stories to a captive audience. The park is a beautiful area to take a walk, take a few photographs and just enjoy the natural beauty of the place. We had dinner in the "old town" area and remarked at its' quaintness (something that the ladies will like). We browsed around the outlet shopping mall. I think that we all walked away with a package in hand! We were really impressed with the city of Branson. The reunion will be filled with activities, dinners and just plain "Hangin' out".

The Lodge of the Ozarks is a wonderful facility that we believe meets all of the criteria for a successful reunion.

The original requested dates were unavailable due to the number of rooms that we needed to reserve. The dates we have reserved are October 20th through the 23rd. I was told by the events coordinator that it is a beautiful time of the year. Fall foliage will be happening and the weather should be mild and beautiful.

A 7-page reunion package follows. You will find all of the pertinent information (rooms, RV park, activities, etc.). Please fill out the form and send your deposit in ASAP. Look for the sheet that lists the items you can purchase to wear at the reunion...and afterwards.

The committee is very excited about the area, the facilities and most importantly the plans to make this a memorable reunion .

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Phone: 831-359-0073

We Need Your Photos !!

We are asking all members to share photos of their time spent in MCB8. All eras are welcome. The plan is to transfer all photos on to one CD. We want to play it continuously at the reunion in the hospitality room. The CD will be available at the reunion for purchase (at cost). Please send your photos (preferably copies) to Rick Reese. And of course, if you can digitize the pictures for us it would even be better. However, we are willing to scan/copy—if necessary—and the original photos will be returned to the owner. We expect all of you to participate! This is a great way to share our memories and preserve them.

Please send photos to: Rick Reese

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**NMCB 8 REUNION 2010
REGISTRATION FORM
October 20 thru October 23, 2010**
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List name as you wish it to be on ID badge

Guest Name (s) _____

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____
Name Phone Number

Planned Arrival _____ **Planned Departure** _____
Day/Date Day/Date

Date (s) served in MCB8 _____ **Craft** _____

Please read and sign the following

I understand that the 2010 reunion is a non-alcoholic sponsored event. Any alcoholic drinks that I purchase during the four-day event from the hotels, caterers or other sources will be at my own discretion. I agree to hold harmless the NMCB – 8 2010 Reunion; its directors, officers, reunion planners, and membership for any and all acts, or consequences from my conduct or the conduct of my guests. I also authorize the release of all photos of the event for future publication by the association. I further understand that all meals are at my expense.

Signature

Date

Deadline for registration is August 1, 2010

Mail completed forms and payment to

Ronald Sabbatis

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NMCB 8 REUNION 2010
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October 20-October 23, 2010
(Please print all information including name)

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	Large	\$ 15.00	
	X-Large	\$ 15.00	
	XX-Large	\$ 15.00	
	XXX-Large	\$ 15.00	
Hooded Sweatshirts	Small	\$33.00	
	Medium	\$33.00	
	Large	\$33.00	
	X-Large	\$33.00	
	XX-Large	\$33.00	
Hat	Fidel	\$15.00	
	Traditional ball cap	\$15.00	
			Total

Deadline for registration is October 1, 2010.

Mail completed forms and payment to:

Ron Sabbatis
606 Capital Ave
Capitola, California 95010
Make checks payable to "NMCB 8, 2010 Reunion"

Phone 831-359-0073

NMCB 8 REUNION 2010 ITINERARY

Accommodations

Lodge of the Ozarks, 3431 West Highway 76, Branson, Missouri 65616
For reservations call; Toll free 877-327-9894 / telephone 417-334-7535
www.lodgeoftheozarks.com

When making your reservations, be sure to say you are with the “NMCB – 8 Reunion Group Reservation # 96648” to get the special rate.

The blocked rate is \$85.00 any room type, which includes an all you can eat Full breakfast Buffet. This rate will be available from 10/18 thru 10/24, so come early and stay late.

We've blocked 125 rooms at the Lodge of the Ozarks. Try and make your reservations early. If the Hotel fills up you may be housed in one of the sister hotels nearby for the same rate.

Branson and the surrounding area offer all of the activities that anyone could possibly imagine. October is a beautiful month to be in Branson. The average temperature is 71 degrees in the daytime and 41 degrees in the evening. There are well over 100 shows to be found in the area featuring some of the top names in American music. For the golfer there are about a dozen courses to choose from. The outdoorsman can enjoy trout fishing on Lake Taneycomo and nature walks along the trails at Hening State Forest. If you like to shop, you will find factory mall outlets as well as craft emporiums and flea markets. Historic downtown has unique shopping and a variety of dining choices.

There are also many major timeshare accommodations throughout the region.

Local transportation is on your own.

Local shuttle and cab service can get you around town, Local shows and airport. Your own transportation is recommended.

Airport destinations

Branson airport	approximate driving time	10 Minutes
Springfield airport	approximate driving time	50 Minutes

ITINERARY

Wednesday, October 20

Reunion check-in	lobby mezzanine	1:15 pm – 11:59 pm
Hospitality room	suite 251	3:00 pm – 11:59 pm

Thursday, October 21

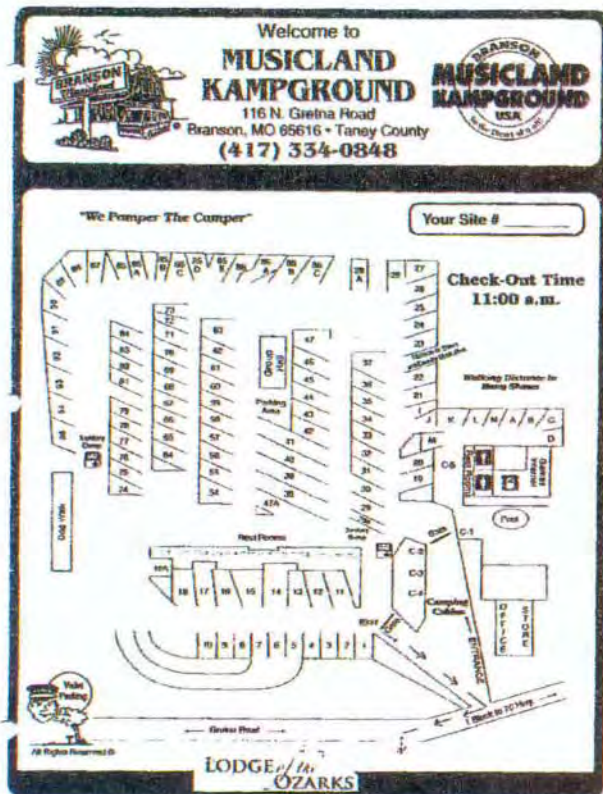
Reunion check-in	lobby mezzanine	8:00 am – 11:59 pm
Hospitality room	suite 251	8:00 am – 11:59 pm
On Your Own Evening	You can take advantage of the free time to explore the city. There are over 100 shows to choose from as well as many wonderful restaurants.	

Friday, October 22

Hospitality room	suite 251	8:00 am – 11:59 pm
Bar-B-Q	Table Rock State Park	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 23

Hospitality room	suite 251	8:00 am – 11:59 pm
NMCB - 8 Banquet	Crystal Hall	6:00 pm - Midnight



MUSICLAND KAMPGROUND BRANSON, MISSOURI

THE FOLLOWING DAILY RATES INCLUDE 2 PERSONS
OCCUPANCY, SALES TAX NOT INCLUDED

FULL HOOKUP (30A/50A)	\$32.95
WATER, ELECTRIC ONLY	\$27.95
KAMPING KABIN	\$37.95
EXTRA PERSON (AGE 10 UP)	\$3.00
VISITORS	FREE
CABLE TV	FREE
DUMP STATION	FREE

WEEKLY, MONTHLY, GROUP RATES UPON REQUEST
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

MUSICLAND KAMPGROUND

The musicland campground is located accross the street from the back parking lot entrance. A short 100 yrd wheel chair frendly walk to the hotel. Ten (10) or more RV's qualify as a Group. Full-hookup, 2 person, 30 and 50 Amp. Group rate \$27.00 per/day. If you are fully self-contained parking in the hotel parking lot is free. A public dump station is located at the Stone Hill Winery (601 State Hwy 165, Branson, Mo.) About three blocks from the Hotel.

When making your Reservation mention your with NMCB-8. Each member of the party must call, identify themselves as a member of the group, make a reservation and make a **non-refundable deposit of \$25.00** to hold the site. Reservations should be made at least 60 days prier to arrival.



Traditional Ball Cap



Fidel Style Cap



Back



Front



Front



Back

“THE GREAT SEABEE TRAIN ROBBERY.” On 15 September 1950 U.S. troops landed at Inchon in what has come to be known as one of the most brilliant amphibious assaults in history. Seabees (ACB-1) battling enormous thirty-foot tides and a swift current while under continuous enemy fire, positioned pontoon causeways within hours of the first beach assault. Following the landing, the incident known as the “GREAT SEABEE TRAIN ROBBERY” took place. The need to break the equipment bottleneck at the harbor inspired a group of Seabees to steal behind enemy lines and capture some abandoned locomotives. Despite enemy mortar fire, they brought the engines back intact and turned them over to the Army Transportation Corps.

NMCB-8 Seabees' Association

1773 Tamarin Ave. Ventura Ca. 93003

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To:



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

Example 1-10 = Due on Jan. 2010

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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:

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