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Robert J.	Dupalo	Vietnam
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Jerry D.	Loughridge	Vietnam
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Dale W.	Musolf	Vietnam
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Charles G.	Reiner, III	Vietnam
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Joseph B.	Green, Jr.	Vietnam
John W.	Saale	Vietnam
John E.	Kellogg, Jr.	Vietnam
William T.	Garside	Vietnam
Donald E.	Mull	Vietnam
Claude E.	Starr	Vietnam
George E.	Tallman	Vietnam
Noel G.	Pelletier	Vietnam
Emmett W.	Sullivan, III	Vietnam
Wayne	Prather	Vietnam
Robert J.	Kervin	Vietnam





The Hawaii experience - with a bunch of your 53 shipmates, keeping the beer taps open, suffering through the hardships. That's right, hardships. Every day and evening it was "which pair of shorts should I wear." Eighty five during the day, seventy five every night, we knew we were in for it when every person that came to this reunion got laid, or is it Leied? Hey,

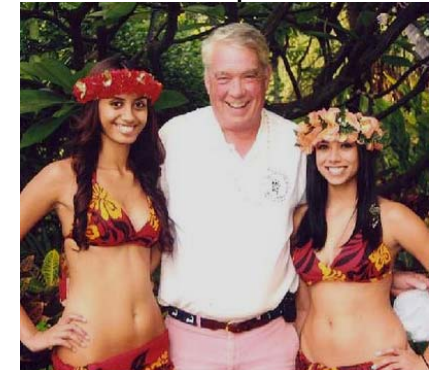


when Don went to the airport to meet some arrivals, after a few drinks, Chyrl announced he would be gone for an hour or two and left her room keycard on the 53 Bare Foot Bar table. Now that is a gracious hostess. Even the



Mini Me Bull got lucky.

But really, we were there for the fellowship and culture.



Tuesday we went looking for The Little Mermaid, after boarding the Atlantis submarine and diving 120 feet under the waves. Sunken planes, ships, plenty of fish...perhaps Ariel was back at the Bare Foot Bar - we checked, into the wee hours.



Wednesday was the Circle Island tour. We had excellent guides that explained more about Hawaii than most Hawaiians know. Over 40,000 separate entities used to be worshipped by the native islanders. Yowza, how could you not offend one of them? And when the original islanders fought, they fought for keeps. Five hundred of them leapt to their death, so they would not be defeated in battle. Now they even



have a large Buddhist temple, which we visited, rang a massive gong, and offered incense. We also



visited where the movies Jurassic Park, Tora Tora Tora, Pearl Harbor, and From Here to Eternity were filmed. No development, they keep the areas looking pristine. We visited a pineapple plantation and macadamia nut plantation (with lots of free samples). Then, the evening was spent mustering at the Bare Foot bar, just like every evening, except Saturday (the Banquet). How can you go wrong, when as you glance up from your drink, your buddies and the beach are right there?

Thursday we did the Home of The Brave tour. When the introductory movie for the Arizona memorial ended, no one said a word. There are a lot of us that still

know what sacrifice for your country means. At the memorial site there is a wall with the list of those that went down with the Arizona. Slightly in front and to the left as you face this wall there is a smaller section of names.

Those are the survivors of the attack that arranged, when they died, to be buried at sea, at the Arizona, with their former shipmates. Throughout our stay in Hawaii we veterans of 53 were recognized with expressions of gratitude. There was a former CO (and his wife) of MCB 74 who is presently on the Seabee IG team. He enjoyed talking with us and even stopped in at our Banquet to wish us the best. There was the Sergeant



Major at Richardson Hall who made a point of thanking us for our service. Also, the wife of the CO of the USS Peleliu, made a point of explaining to her daughters who we were and thanked us for our

service. Then there was the Hale Koa luau where the Master of Ceremonies expounded to the crowd about the history of MCB 53, asked us to all stand up, as we were recognized by the large group at the luau. Buddy, getting all those people, who had paid a substantial amount to enjoy the show and their dinner,

Greetings as we roll into a new year. This issue of the Beeline goes out to all former MCB 53 comrades in arms for whom we have contact information. It is time to send in your dues to Ralph if you have not already done so. The modest dues help keep the organization viable and fund newsletters. This one is being sent to all hands, irregardless of their payment status. Do the Dues.

Hawaii Meeting Highlights

The Hawaii reunion was awesome, Don & Chyrl made IT HAPPEN. All of us thank-you for the planning, long hours, attention to detail, and cordiality that made this reunion Platinum. It was also grand to see some first time reunion attendees.

Some of the meeting highlights include: starting 2009 Karl Schilling will be researching contact information for 53 veterans not in our data base. Brian Copeland would like our guys to contact him with any good Battalion stories so he can record and share them. The next reunion will be 2010 in the Seattle area hosted by Roger Johnson. The 2011 reunion will be along the Florida panhandle near Alabama. That reunion will be hosted by Brian Copeland. Our association also donated \$1,000 to the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park at Davisville, R.I.

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to turn, recognize us, and applaud - for quite a while - it was sincere and appreciated.

Friday was the Polynesian Cultural Center. An event that lasted from 10 to 10. Like I said at the beginning, us Seabees was getting cultured.

The business meeting was Saturday morning. Always THE entertainment event, unavailable at any other venue. Meanwhile, the ladies hit the big swap meet. As stated by one of the wives, they did not go shopping, they went buying.



Saturday evening was the banquet. Don and Chyrl arranged, after a three hour social meeting with the Makaha Sons Group www.makahasons.com

(this is how things are done on the Island – apparently Don and Chyrl have gone native) that the group would be honored to perform at our 53 Veterans banquet. This was the first time that I “got” what Hawaiian dancing was all about. They were



good. When checking out at three Sunday morning, the native Hawaiian front desk person asked who we had for entertainment. I showed her the Makaha business card to which she exclaimed “you got THEM!”

They were good, we were good, it was all good. We were enjoying the good life, you do the same.