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Kennith “Skip” O’Keefe has left to join Ralph, Smiley, Fast Eddie (probably still trying to get in), and our other departed Brothers at God’s Kingdom. Skip was in Bravo Company and parlayed his UT training into the civilian world.

Skip was a member local 638 steam fitters for over 50 years working on some of the biggest jobs in NYC. In fact he became a foreman and superintendent who continued to insist on getting his hands dirty. His hands were also kept busy at the roulette tables where he was a consistent winner with the East Coast Four. Skip cashed out on 11 Oct. 2022 after a long chemo bout with acute myeloid leukemia.

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/ny/far-rockaway/kenneth-okeefe-15356077>

US veterans are being healed through ‘Meat Therapy BBQ’

<https://nypost.com/2022/08/06/veterans-are-being-healed-through-meat-therapy/>

<https://meattherapybbq.com/>

Jason Wilson, a US Army veteran, “healing in the form of barbecue,” given that many veterans return home with issues that need addressing in one way or another.

Wilson started a Meat Therapy platform to help vets. His company, Meat Therapy BBQ, is based in Texas.

“Barbeque has always been a big part of my life,” said Wilson.

And “when I was transitioned out of the Army back in 2009, it was not an easy transition for me at all,” he said, adding that he “struggled with a lot of different things.”

He found that “serving others” always helped him — and for him, that meant literally serving others with good barbecued food.

“It helped me reconnect with others,” he said.



MCB 53 2023 Reunion Update
Lockport, New York
week of Sept. 19- 23
Art and Irene Mc Collum

Greetings Brothers. We are putting together a terrific list of activities for our Sept. gathering. September this area will be harvesting apples and grapes. Grapes you say, why yes, there are several wineries, with tours available, in our area (to compliment the beer that will be available in our host room).

There is a boat tour for traveling the Erie Canal. Another tour of the massive locks that control traffic on the canal. A tour of several caves and we will ensure that you see the light at the end of the tunnel. Trolleys are available for pain free exploring the sights of Lockport and shopping.

Bonus- we will be hosting at least one BBQ in our spacious back yard. Any food requests?

Our hotel is the Best Western Plus in Lockport.

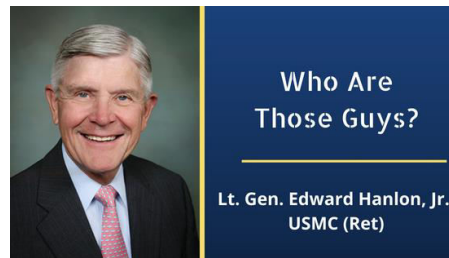
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-lockport/best-western-plus-lockport-hotel/propertyCode.33155.html featuring an exercise facility, heated indoor pool, wifi, coin laundramat, and for you chow hounds a complimentary daily breakfast buffet.

Specific prices and activity reservation forms will be forthcoming.

Art is currently in a two month physical rehab from the surgery he just had done but is putting in extra effort to be on his game for the reunion. Any questions, suggestions you may contact Art and Irene at 716-433-7307, maeday225@yahoo.com Art and Irene will be making a working vacation to Florida around January to March during which (and always) Irene will have her cell phone 716-628-7909 available to receive your questions or suggestions.

Looking forward to good times with good friends.

<https://www.discoverlockport.com/>



For almost 40 years, I was fortunate to serve in the United States Marine Corps, and along the way I met many remarkable people who did extraordinary things. Some of my most vivid memories involve the Seabees, and not one, not two,

but *three* different times I was wowed as I watched them in action. Each encounter left me deeply impressed with what the Seabees do, and how they do it, and my respect for them endures to this day.

50 years ago, I was assigned to an artillery battery just outside Da Nang, in Vietnam. One day, we were given orders to move our artillery position a few miles, to get closer to other units and be able to give them support. Just as we were ready to move out, a vehicle pulled up. Inside was a young Seabee Lieutenant, who came up and said, "Hey, I understand you guys are moving. Well, I've got some equipment here, and you guys probably need some help." The Seabees helped us every inch of the way. When we arrived at our new battery position, we were prepared to dig ourselves in and set ourselves up. But the Seabees weren't done helping us out. They had bulldozers and other equipment, and worked to get our gun positions and powder pits and bunkers and barbed wire all in place. Their assistance made everything faster and easier. But they still weren't done, coming back the next day to see if there was anything else we needed. When we were done, off they went. Looking back, it seemed like something out of *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, riding off into the sunset, leaving us asking, "Who are those guys?" <https://seabeehf.org/hanlon/>

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