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Beeline Publisher "Bernie"

Incredible number of covid cases in men and women, while other 87 genders have 0.



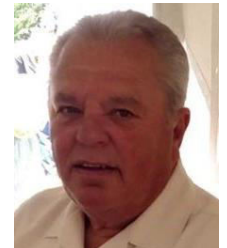
Note - reunion date change to 21Sept.

Terry C. Ditzler, 74, of Oak Grove Rd., Pine Grove, passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at the Hershey Medical Center. Terry was a Superintendent for Keener, Inc. in



Mechanicsburg, which constructed many malls, schools and businesses in the area. He won an award for the building of the Schuylkill Mall in Frackville and was honored as a 50 year member of the Local #5 Bricklayer and Allied Craftsman Union.

Jack Beaston, 75, of Chesapeake City, MD passed away October 22, while vacationing in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Born in Elkton, MD, he was a retired tavern owner in Elkton, where he shared lots of good times with many friends and townspeople. Jack was always the life of the party! He loved spending time with his family and going to lunch with his friends and always looked forward to vacationing in New Smyrna Beach, FL. [Jack Beaston Obituary - Death Notice and Service Information \(legacy.com\)](#)



September 29, 2020, **Richard H. Knauf, Jr.**, passed away in Hockessin, Delaware at the age of 86. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission as an ensign from United States Naval Academy in June 1957. His active duty military service included earning a Civil Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, sea duty in the Pacific aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Black (DD-666), service in the Civil Engineer Corps at several naval installations around the country, and a tour of duty as the executive officer of MCB 53, Vietnam, arriving there a week before the start of the Tet Offensive.

<https://www.dohertyfh.com/obituary/Richard-KnaufJr.>

web site: www.mcb53.com



Gary W.	Burch	VIETNAM
Dana L.	Littlefield	VIETNAM
Arthur D.	Mc Collum	VIETNAM
Steven M.	Stover	VIETNAM
Walter	Shkapich	VIETNAM
Terry L.	Drobny	VIETNAM
Louis S.	Langford	VIETNAM
Willard J.	Cheirrett	VIETNAM
John M.	Scheer	VIETNAM
James L.	Huff	VIETNAM
John D.	Behan	VIETNAM
Alfred F.	Garrison, Jr.	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Conley, Sr.	VIETNAM



Leslie E.	Green	VIETNAM
Charles M.	Jorgenson	VIETNAM
Arlan J.	Marks	VIETNAM
Michael M.	Micklos, Jr.	VIETNAM
Lane L.	Plauche, Sr.	VIETNAM
Robert E.	LaCasse	VIETNAM
Callis E.	Bridgers, III	VIETNAM
Gordon F.	Ballard	VIETNAM
James P.	Casino	VIETNAM
Fred S.	Kuznia	VIETNAM
Richard E.	Jackson	VIETNAM

Donald J.	Strandell	VIETNAM
James V.	Bartlett, Jr.	VIETNAM
Jesse W.	Willett	WWII
John C.	Corwin	VIETNAM
William L.	Bradley	VIETNAM
Raymond	Mc Collum	VIETNAM
William C.	Atkinson	VIETNAM



Richard J.	Beresford	VIETNAM
Ronald D.	Eckert	VIETNAM
William T.	Garside	VIETNAM
Joseph B.	Green, Jr.	VIETNAM
Donald E.	Mull	VIETNAM
Charles G.	Reiner, III	VIETNAM
Dick R.	Slayton	VIETNAM
Joseph J.	Cerminaro	VIETNAM
Sidney T.	Spencer	VIETNAM
Noel G.	Pelletier	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Kervin	VIETNAM
George E.	Tallman	VIETNAM
Wayne	Prather	VIETNAM
Franklin D.	Henthorn	VIETNAM
Robert B.	Kyle, Sr.	VIETNAM
John E.	Kellogg, Jr.	VIETNAM
Ronald R.	Smith	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Young	VIETNAM
John W.	Saale	VIETNAM

Claude E.	Starr	VIETNAM
James J.	Donohue	VIETNAM
Larry E.	Lousig-Nont	VIETNAM
Emmett w.	Sullivan, III	VIETNAM
Walter B.	Kropf	WWII
Jay	Green	Vietnam



Jason A.	Abell	VIETNAM
Burke R.	Anderson	VIETNAM
Thomas J.	Bourke	VIETNAM
Ralph I.	Coleman	VIETNAM
Mitchell L.	Dunbar	VIETNAM
William P.	Davis	VIETNAM
James E.	Dance	VIETNAM
David R.	Marks	VIETNAM
Charles J.	Maitland	VIETNAM
Charles W.	Manstream	VIETNAM
Joseph L.	Zimmerman	VIETNAM
Robert D.	Mattlin	VIETNAM
Steven R.	Palmer	VIETNAM
J. Oscar	Chappell, Jr.	VIETNAM
James E.	Hardigree	VIETNAM
Arnold L.	Jensen	VIETNAM
William R.	Line	VIETNAM
William S.	Sparkman	VIETNAM
Gayle K.	Ford	VIETNAM
John K.	Brostuen	WWII

Curtis W.	Anderson	VIETNAM
Ronald T.	Flockton	VIETNAM
Arnold B.	Krane	VIETNAM
James W.	Buehler	VIETNAM
Gerald C.	Groon, Jr.	VIETNAM
Alan R.	Shark	VIETNAM
Frederick	Steffens, III	VIETNAM
Homer J.	Stephens	VIETNAM
Francis A.	Juckem, Jr.	VIETNAM
Joseph M.	Chiaravalloti	VIETNAM
Thomas E.	Trent	WWII
Craig T.	Estes	VIETNAM
William K.	Derrett	VIETNAM

Fellow Seabees of MCB 53
 After much thought and discussion, we have decided to postpone the reunion. We feel that with the current situation, travel and getting together might not be in our best interest. We have decided that September 21-26 time frame will hopefully be better for our members and guests. I hope that those of you that had made your plans understand and will be able to make the necessary changes. Please understand that we did not want to make this change but feel this will address numerous concerns. "The Difficult We Do at Once, the Impossible Takes a Bit Longer"
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NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ email _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ACTIVITY	COST P/P	NO. PEOPLE	AMOUNT
21 Sept – check in (Tuesday) REUNION REGISTRATION FEE	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____

22 Sept - Tour of Mount Vernon/Arlington National Cemetery (\$55 with veterans ID)	\$59.00	_____	\$ _____
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23 Sept - Monuments by Moonlight Tour	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
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24 Sept - Free Day (Friday)	\$priceless	_____	\$ _____
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25 - Business Meeting/Banquet	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
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Amount Sent _____

Make check payable to MCB-53 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Print/Fill Out & Return (before **Aug 1, 2021**) This Form and menu selection with Check to:

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Make your room reservations at the **Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston**

Hotel Phone: 703-310-3326 Fax: 703-243-0103

Web: www.hiarlington.com

For ADA compliant room, contact: Breden.giroux@hiava.com to book.
Please make your reservation by August 23, 2021 and identify yourself as a member of the US Naval MCB-53 Veterans Alumni Association, in order to be eligible for the group rate.

MCB-53 REUNION 2021

Dinner Menu Selection

Spring Mixed Salad
Choice of Ranch or Vinaigrette Dressing will be served on table.

Entrée (Select One):

Herbed Chicken Paillard

Citrus Glazed Salmon with Capers and Lemon Sauce

Penne Puttanesca

6 oz. Sirloin Steak

All Entrée's include a side of fingerling potatoes, vegetable medley, and roasted carrots

Dessert (Select One): Slice of New York Style Cheese Cake
Slice of Carrot Cake

Price: \$50.00 per person. Inclusive of gratuity and tax.

All meals include water and iced tea served at table.

All meals include rolls and butter.

All meals include the choice of regular coffee, decaffeinated coffee, or hot tea during dessert.

Name: _____

Guest: _____

MCB-53 REUNION AGENDA 2021

Sept 21 (Tues): Hotel and Seabee Check In.

Welcome tote bag which includes Maps, Points of Interest, Metro Schedule, and lists of restaurants within walking distance of the Holiday Inn.

Sept 22 (Wed): Tour of Mount Vernon, former President George Washington's homestead, and Tour of Arlington National Cemetery.

Sept 23 (Thurs): Monuments by Moonlight

Sept 24 (Fri): Free day to explore the Arlington/Washington, DC area and the attractions it has to offer, many of which are free

Sept 25 (Sat): 2021 MCB-53 Business Meeting and Banquet.

10:00 AM – Noon: Seabees will gather in the Hospitality Room for the business meeting. Ladies and guests are free to further explore the area, perhaps shopping or another activity of their choice.

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Pictures, Cash Bar, Dinner, Guest Speaker and Raffles.

Sept 26 (Sun): Hotel check out and Good Byes until we meet again.

LIFE MEMBER

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-DUES \$ 200 195 185 175 170 160 150 145 135 125 115 110 100 90 80 70 70 70 70 etc.

GOOD TIMES
SMALL FEE

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(email) : _____ Dues amount enclosed: _____

Circle Tour: 1942-1945 1968 1969 \$15/annual or use Life Member Chart

Circle Company: A B C D E F G H S Team 5301

Signature: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

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