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### Beeline Publisher "Bernie"

If I had a dollar for every time a girl didn't like me, eventually they would like me.



We are now under a year until our next reunion. So far 33 cabins have been booked. Do not miss the opportunity to "Deploy" one more time with your buddies and families.

The more we book the more we can expect from the cruise line. So far, they are providing a free soda package and meal for two at Johnnie Rockets for booking a Boardwalk balcony cabin. Central Park balconies will be given a bottle of wine, a free gaming lesson and dinner for two at a specialty restaurant. This is in addition to a free dinner for two at a specialty restaurant provided by Odyssey Travel.

Please feel free to contact Jacky or Julie of Odyssey Travel at 386-672-8113 or 1-800-333-8113. Lucy, our original contact, is on a temporary personal leave due to a family misfortune. Everyone at the travel agency is up to date on the MCB53 Reunion and are doing everything to insure that we have the best time ever.....Joe Bilak  
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April 15, 2018 will be our cruise date leaving from Port Canaveral, Fl. **Royal Caribbean's "Oasis of the Seas"** is a 5,000 to 6,000 passenger ship with 2,150 crew to serve you.. There is an ice rink and a Show on Ice. There is an Aqua Theater, zip line, golf, two rock climbing walls, many bars and lounges as well as comedy clubs, offering family and adult entertainment. A 3D theater is also included. DreamWorks offers daily character shows and parades on Main Street.

You can fly in to Orlando, Daytona Beach or Jacksonville airports. Transportation, tours and flights can be handled through the cruise line.

Herschel T. Harris, age 93 of Clarksville, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2016 at Tennessee Veterans Home in Murfreesboro.

Herschel was born on March 17, 1923 in Southside, TN, and was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Emmett and Elizabeth Pearl Trotter Harris; wife, Martha Elizabeth Frech Harris. He was an electrician who retired from TVA as a crane operator; a [U.S. Navy](#) Seabee's Veteran and served during [WWII](#) in the South Pacific with MCB 53; he was an extra in the movie "The Fighting Seabee's" with John Wayne; a lifelong member with IBEW; was known for his quail hunting expertise, storytelling and his love for horses; and a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church.



He is survived by his son, Robert Emmett (Dorothy) Harris; daughter, Faye Harris (Raymond) Ward; grandsons, Keith (Pat) Ward, Kevin Ward, and Kurt Ward; granddaughters, Amy Ward (Mitchell) Strange, and Megan Harris; one great-grandchild, Taylor Strange.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Comfort Keepers and Tennessee Veterans Home in Murfreesboro.

DALE W. MUSOLF CUCM Dale W. Musolf USNR Ret., age 72, passed away May 22, 2017 from brain cancer in Santa Fe, NM. He was born on January 30, 1945 in Warren, OH to Helen Mae Musolf and Howard W. Musolf. He is survived by his wife Carol Elaine Davis, they were married on October 9, 1965, his Daughter Janet M. Musolf, Son David W. (Nicole) Musolf, Granddaughters Helen Emma and Bryce Ann Musolf, Sister Donna Mae (Ronald) Price and many Nieces and Nephews. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1963, joined the US Navy Seabees in 1965, served in Vietnam 1968 with MCB 53, receiving the Purple Heart. Dale served active duty from 1965-1968



and continued in the US Navy Reserves until his retirement in 1996 as a Master Chief Constructionman. Dale graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1978. Dale worked at WCI Steel in Warren for 43 years, retiring as Chief Engineer in 2008. Dale also was a certified Professional Engineer. Dale was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc. and the Naval Academy Athletic Association. Services were held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 11:00am at the Kiva Chapel of Light (Rivera Family Funeral Home). Burial is to take place at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC, with full military honors at a later date. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project ([woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org))

JOHN E. "SCRAP" O'DANIEL –

John E. "Scrap" O'Daniel, 70, of Carmi, Illinois, passed away Sunday, June 4, 2017, at Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville, Indiana.

Scrap was a Navy Seabee veteran and served two tours in Vietnam with MCB 53. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and VFW. For many years, he was a member of the Military Color Guard, performing graveside rites for deceased veterans. He was also an active member of First Christian Church in Carmi. He was an avid Bulldogs sports fan, but his



passion was watching his grandsons play baseball, basketball and golf.

His work career started with farming with his family near Wayne City, Illinois, before relocating in Carmi as part owner of O'Daniel Trucking Company. Later, he went into business with his sons at O'Daniel, Inc. Survivors include his father William L. O'Daniel and step mother Norma L. O'Daniel of Carmi; wife Barbara O'Daniel of Carmi; sons Ryan (Lora) O'Daniel of Carmi, Aaron (Jennifer) O'Daniel, of Crossville, Illinois; brother Monty (Dell) Pearson of

Atlanta, Georgia; sisters JoAnne O'Daniel of Wayne City, Linda Sue (Ed) Fisher of Chester, Illinois, Mary Jane Giles of Boise, Idaho; inlaws Carolyn McCulley of Carmi and Phyllis (Kipp) Proefrock of Jacksonville, Illinois; grandchildren Alex, Maxon, Camas, Bryant and Adler O'Daniel.

For Lou Schipper, walking to school uphill both ways would have been an improvement. In the 1940s, he walked about a mile from his Aurora, Indiana home to catch a train to Cincinnati every day to attend St. Xavier High School. On Friday, St. Xavier High School honored the 90-year-old Schipper with his high school diploma, more than 70 years after he would have graduated.



It wasn't the long commute that cut his education short, it was World War II. He set his mind to enlisting. He was only 17, and said on Friday that he couldn't remember how he convinced his mother to

let him leave. <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2017/01/14/wwii-vet-receives-his-diploma-st-xavier/96558736/>

"I had my mind made up I was going," Schipper said.

Schipper joined the Navy "Seabees," the United States Naval Construction Forces, where he served until his discharge in October 1946.

"I can still see the log I got behind when I got off the troop carrier," he said. "I can still see that thing. I think I could draw it. It saved my life."

"He was the only freshman in the class who was interviewed with callouses on his hands because that farm boy knew how to do a day's work,"



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