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January

David N.	Mc Cord	Vietnam
John H.	Mc Intosh	Vietnam
Ronald P.	Bieri	Vietnam
Ross E.	Likens	Vietnam
Fred L.	Allen	Vietnam
Frank J.	Lavin, Jr.	Vietnam
Thomas J.	Van Eynde	Vietnam
Thomas M.	Smith	Vietnam
Paul L.	Wertz, Sr.	Vietnam
Robert D.	Simpson	Vietnam
Dennis R.	Kiebach	Vietnam
Albert J.	Lanoie	Vietnam
Donald C.	Jentsch	Vietnam
Charles W.	Guenzel	Vietnam
Ronald D.	Quinn	Vietnam
Charles C.	Iliff, III	Vietnam
Lyle J.	Forsythe	Vietnam
Stephen M	Cutting	Vietnam
William	Shehab	Vietnam
David C.	Hanos	Vietnam
LCDR R.H.	Knauf, Ret'd	Vietnam
Robert W.	Kilber	Vietnam
Joseph M.	Bridgers	Vietnam
Nathan P.	Laborde	Vietnam
Randall L.	Schneider	Vietnam
Donald D.	Hicks	Vietnam
Theodore B	Glover	Vietnam
Manley M.	South, Jr.	Vietnam
Jeffrey M.	Musburger	Vietnam
Robert J.	Dupalo	Vietnam
Richard A.	Reda	Vietnam
John M.	Kearns	Vietnam

February

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

MARCH

Gordon F	Ballard	Vietnam
William L	Bradley	Vietnam
Arlan J.	Marks	Vietnam
Fred S.	Kuznia	Vietnam
James P.	Casino	Vietnam
Raymond	Mc Collum	Vietnam
Robert E.	LaCasse	Vietnam
Jesse W.	Willett	WW II
Callis E.	Bridgers, III	Vietnam
Richard E	Jackson	Vietnam
John C.	Corwin	Vietnam
Charles M	Jorgenson	Vietnam
Michael	Micklos, Jr.	Vietnam
Donald J.	Strandell	Vietnam
James V.	Bartlett, Jr.	Vietnam
Leslie E.	Green	Vietnam
William C	Atkinson	Vietnam
Lane L.	Plauche, Sr.	Vietnam

Joseph Roland Hayden, 89 of Loveville, MD was born on December 7, 1926 and passed away on December 21, 2015 at the St. Mary's Hospice House in Callaway, MD. Joseph was a WWII Veteran (MCB53) and a member of the D.C. Fraternal Order of Police, the National Police Officers Memorial in D.C. and the Navy Seabee Veterans of America. Over the years, Joseph and his late wife cared for 27 foster children. He loved bluegrass music and antique cars. <https://www.arehartchols.com/notices/Joseph-Hayden>



John L Spencer 1926-2013 Santa Maria Valley
In 1944 John joined the United States Navy and the 53rd Seabees attached to the 3rd Marine Division. During World War II Johns battalion was sent to Guam where he served for two years. John and Bonnie (wife) raised registered Angus cattle for many years on their ranch and he belonged to the American Angus Association and the American Breeders Association. https://santamariatimes.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/john-l-spencer/article_0a9cab4e-26d9-5074-ae2-d7bd75ab0419.html



Keith John Kusch, age 70, a life-long Foxborough resident, passed away at Norwood Hospital on December 2, 2017. Keith was a graduate of Foxborough High School, Class of 1966. Keith proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in MCB 53. He was employed as a cook for Harvard University for seventeen years and was a custodian for Foxborough High School. Keith was the Past Commander of the Foxborough American Legion and enjoyed collecting model airplanes. <https://www.robertsandsonsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=2845069#/obituaryInfo>



LAWRENCE C. HALLER Friday, November 17, 2017. Beloved father of Nancy (Thomas) Feth, Robert (Susan) Haller and James (Beverly) Haller; survived also by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Haller was a WWII veteran who served in the Fighting Seabees MCB 53. Services and interment were held privately. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=lawrence-c-haller&pid=187295216>



William "Bill" T. Frost II, 71, of Grattan Township, Belding, passed away September 4, 2018 at Metro Health Hospital in Wyoming. He proudly served his country with the United States Navy for 27 years from 1966-1993 fighting in Vietnam (A/F 68/69) and Desert Storm. He was a member of the Belding American Legion Post No. 203, Belding VFW Post No. 4406, the Eagles and the NRA. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working in his garden and spending time on Beaver Island. He will be greatly missed by all. <https://www.iffh.com/notices/William-FrostII>



Paul F. Smiley, 70, of Wareham, died Nov. 24, 2018. He was one of the founders of our MCB53 alumni assoc. Smiley also hosted one of our early reunions in Boston. Additionally, if you are wearing an MCB 53 golf shirt, sweat shirt, or hat it was probably Smiley that got it made and distributed. He was a regular at our reunions greeting everyone with a smile. After 'Nam Smiley worked as an auto appraiser and eventually rediscovered his childhood girlfriend, Cynthia. They were a perfect match and were happily engaged. In fact, Smiley was with Cynthia when he expired. They were on the way to meet Skip and Gail O'Keefe for one of their regular, congenial, weekend get togethers. Smiley could fit in anywhere and made sure those around him fit in also. His warm and charismatic nature helped bind us together. A man whose warmth lingers in our memories. <https://www.ccgfuneralhome.com/obit/paul-f.-smiley>



Thomas L. Noggle, 71, of Middletown, died Thursday, August 16, 2018 in his home. Tom was retired from the former Bethlehem Steel/Arcelor Mittal Steel; a graduate of Steelton-Highspire High School, Class of 1965 and was with MCB 53 during the Vietnam War (68/69 C/H). He was a member of the Middletown Moose Lodge 410, Middletown American Legion Post 594, Lower Allen VFW Post 7530, Verhovay Home Association-Harrisburg and the New Cumberland Fishing & Boat Club. He was the Head Coach for the Steelton Raiders Pony Football Team for 12 years. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/192343872/thomas-l-noggle>



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PHONE (____) _____ email _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ACTIVITY	COST P/P	NO. PEOPLE	AMOUNT
29 Oct. – check in (Tuesday) REUNION REGISTRATION FEE	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
30 Oct. - Reagan Library/Seabee Museum in Port Hueneme (Wed)	\$60.00	_____	\$ _____
31 Oct. - USS Midway Museum	\$80.00	_____	\$ _____
1 Nov. - Free Day (Friday)	\$priceless	_____	\$ _____
2 Nov. - Buisness Meeting/Banquit	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
	Amount Sent	_____	_____

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7am to 11pm, EST.

Hi fellow MCB-53 Seabees,

Hope all of you are well and planning for our next reunion in San Diego. The following is a brief description of events keyed to the daily schedule.

29 Oct. – Check-in;

The welcome Tote Bag will include the normal stuff plus Points of Interest info, Trolley Schedules and what the Hotel can offer for Shuttle services.

30 Oct. – Reagan Library and Seabee Museum;

Depart the hotel at 7:30, arrive at Reagan Library around 10:00. Admission fee includes all exhibits and galleries at the Museum. Including the main Reagan Museum and Air Force One Pavilion. Food and drinks will be on your own and are available at the Reagan’s Country Café. After lunch depart for Port Hueneme Seabee Museum. The Museum admission is free, but they have a lot of stuff for sale. It will be a long day by the time we get back to SD but should be fun.

31 Oct. – Midway Museum and lunch at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse;

Depart hotel at 9:30, arrive at Midway for Docent Tour. The Docent staff is 100% comprised of Midway volunteers. The Docent assigned will select the areas that will be toured based on the size of the group and space availability. Following the Docent tour (about one hour), guests are free to stay onboard and continue their visit on their own. The bus will pick us up at 12:30 and take to Tom Ham’s for a Buffet style lunch with seating overlooking San Diego Bay. Depart back to the hotel at 2:00.

1 Nov. – Free Day to Discover San Diego;

Up to date Day Trip info, Shuttle schedules, Trolley schedules, Points of Interest will be provided to you through the week upon request.

2 Nov. – Business Meeting and Banquet;

For the Guys between 10:00 and Noon, Shopping for the women and guests. Banquet info will be supplied by separate cover.

3 Nov. – Check out and Good byes.

Sincerely,
Frank Henthorn

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