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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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Our next reunion, April 15, 2018 will be our cruise

date leaving from Port Canaveral, Fl.
[Royal Caribbean's "Oasis of the Seas"](http://www.royalcaribbean.com) Joe Bilak (386)586-1128
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William "Bill" McKinney (obit)

January 31, 1925 - October 18, 2016



Bill (a/k/a Wild Bill, Skinny McKinney, Skin, Willie, and to his mother, Precious) proudly served with the Seabees of the 111th Naval Construction Battalion along with the 128th & 53rd CB Battalions ("there are no rules in War, son"). He

survived: landing on Omaha Beach during the Invasion of Normandy on D-Day plus one; the brig (first trip); the Battle of Balikpapan on Borneo in the Pacific; jumping ship in Yokohama Japan to celebrate the end of the war; the brig (second trip); and riding out a typhoon on the final trip home. Please see "Bill's War" on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gnij1NA18G4>

Cap L. Jeannerett, age 71, passed away July 23, 2016.

He was born on December 4, 1944 in Cochran, PA. In 1964, he joined the U.S. navy where he later went on to serve 2 tours in Vietnam.

Upon leaving the Navy, Cap and his family stayed in Gulfport where he worked in construction industry and at Lowe's and Wal-Mart before finally retiring for good. Cap

was a loving husband, father, grandfather, proud veteran, and an avid supporter and participant in several gatherings of all Seabee Reunions.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sunherald/obituary.aspx?n=Cap-L-Jeannerett&pid=180778465>





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Gary (Hutch) Hutchison [died](#) at 10:05 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at his residence. He was a hotline foreman at Kenergy Corp., retiring in 2002 after 31 years. He was a Kentucky Colonel and a retired member of the Riverview School board. B Company, both tours.



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The Duluth reunion proved to be an earth shaking event. When we arrived Wednesday evening, Duluth was hit with a tree snapping, power line dropping storm to announce 53 was now deployed. Some of the B Company boys volunteered to go out and start repairing the power lines, but then declined when told there would be no cold beer on job sites. Speaking of, Dale and Marlene Berg made certain we all stayed hydrated and well fed. They supported the effort by making sure the Party room was well stocked with the best. That freed up Tom and Pat Shannon to focus on coordinating a top notch event. How top notch? A [morning TV news segment](#) was devoted to our group and the reunion, I know what you are thinking, and no, none of the boys had been arrested, yet.

Wednesday night we kicked it off at Tycoons with beef and mead, and they remembered we were there. Thursday after early morning hydration at the Party room (rather than constant repeating, you may assume we were all ways and always hydrated at all times) it was via bus ride that took in Rose Garden, Split Rock Lighthouse, and Gooseberry Falls. Interposed, at Valentini's Vicino Lago restaurant, was one of the best Italian lunches I have ever had, deliziosissima.



Thursday was a real train ride with open box cars available, up and back, destination Two Harbors. One lucky Seabee even got the surprise prize on the return trip.

Saturday's banquet served great walleye and pork tenderloin and featured a speaker that walked the walk (WTW). That would be Tim Murphy, President and CEO of NORTRAX, who placed us on his demanding schedule.

Tim Murphy, on his way to our hotel, by chance, met Ruffner and Gene (Ruff's brother). After Tim rented a car he saw the brothers standing in the hot sun, "Get in boys." Took them to lunch and treated them to a tour –WTW. Speaking at the reunion Tim gave a heartfelt presentation on leadership and the respect he has for Veterans. Tim personally acknowledged and thanked each Seabee present by name –WTW. Then Tim gave each attending Seabee a challenge coin, personalized MCB53 Vietnam ball cap, personalized and autographed book written by POW Charlie Plumb -WTW. In talking with the bartender I discovered- without fanfare Tim was picking up the entire tab for the open bar –WTW. Due to the baggage we Vietnam Vets carry, this all really hit home to the heart. A reunion to remember; God Bless and keep you shipmates.

