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My latest hot girlfriend keeps saying I act like I own her, but hey, that's how eBay works.



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## UPCOMING REUNIONS

We are a bit less than one year out from our next reunion. Tom and Pat Shannon are lining things up in Duluth Minnesota. At this time we are looking at our reunion taking place in July 2016. Headquarters will probably be at the Holiday Inn and Suites. [www.hiduluth.com](http://www.hiduluth.com)



As things firm up information will be available by newsletter, our web page, or by contacting Tom and Pat ([pshannon@paulbunyan.net](mailto:pshannon@paulbunyan.net) 218-999-7692).

### IRONS IN THE FIRE

A year or two after the Duluth reunion a cruise out of Port Canaveral, Florida is in the offing. That reunion is being shepherded by Joe Bilak. Looking even further out a reunion in the San Diego area is under active investigation.

These items and more will be discussed and considered at our Duluth business meeting. Keep the faith and enjoy the good life.

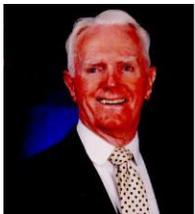
Thomas N. Earp, Jr. (1923-2015) recently passed away after residing in Pa. Thomas was a member of WW II MCB 53 and was often reassigned and integrated with Marine units. He left behind an interview with the National Museum of the Pacific War. I will be including that interview on our Potpourri page.



Hilton John Arcement, age 88 passed away May 11, 2015. Mr. Arcement was a native of Gretna, LA. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Gail B. Lorio Arcement, and his brothers, Johnny Arcement (Rosemary), and Alton Arcement (Rose). He is survived by his daughter Barbara Arcement. Arcement was

a [World War II](#) veteran who served with the 37th Special Naval Construction Battalion and the 20th Naval Construction Battalion as a Seabee Machinist Mate 3rd Class. He also served in the 53rd Naval Construction Battalion that did much of the construction in Operation Crossroads at the Bikini Atolls in the Marshall Islands. He is also a veteran of the [Korean War](#) during which he served aboard the USS Gloucester (PF-22). Arcement worked on tug boats and worked as an auto mechanic at Pasatina's and then at Himel's Auto repair, he also worked for the Jefferson Parish Streets Department as a bridge tender and maintenance man on the Lapalco Bridge from 1976 until his retirement in 1989. - See more at: [Hilton John Arcement's Obituary on The New Orleans Advocate](#)

Philip DeValera Egan 93, of Valhalla, N.Y. died on Dec. 23, 2014. He was born on Jan. 3, 1921 in Bronx, N.Y. Phil proudly served in the [U.S. Navy](#) with the Sea Bee's NCB 53rd Battalion during [WWII](#). He worked as a systems manager for New York Telephone Co. in White Plains, N.Y. Phil was a past president of the Valhalla Lions Club and the Highclere Lane Association, a



member of the Valhalla American Legion; he was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Board and the Holy Name Society. In 1976 he lead the Valhalla bicentennial and was a member of the pioneer club of N.Y. Telephone Co. Phil was one of the bingo boys and was involved with the pancake breakfasts at Holy Name of Jesus Church. He

was also an usher and a commentator. Phil was predeceased by his devoted wife Virginia Egan in 2011. He is survived by his loving son Philip Daniel (Margaret) Egan of Gainesville, GA., his loving daughter Christina (David Rudolph) Egan of Pound Ridge, NY.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?pid=173598117#sthash.ar45Tu6O.dpuf>



Edward J. (Fast Eddie) Madson, born in Queens, New York on Jul. 2, 1946, resided in the Town of Newburgh, NY, entered into rest on Jun. 1, 2015. Fast Eddie made every reunion except when he was in the hospital. When he was in the hospital he was usually so ill that he would receive the Last Rights. To my knowledge

he received them four times. I always told him it was because it wouldn't stick. He loved Emily and as he said only got a few years off for bad behavior. At reunions, the host room was always readily available compliments of Fast Eddie, who always managed to get a key. Do you get the picture, he was colorful. The only thing he loved after his Emily and his son were the boys of MCB53. He even hosted the Niagara Falls reunion despite being in diminished health. A volunteer detachment consisting of: Skip and Gail O'keefe, Don and Chyrl Butler, Ralph and Linda Storti, and Cindy Adams and Paul Smiley deployed to the memorial service for Eddie in Newburgh, New York on June 27, 2015. Skip, Gail, Cindy and Smiley purchased a bronze Seabee grave marker which was placed at the grave site with an American flag.

Why did all the women love him, he would reply "because I'm charming" adding "my road to heaven is paved, plowed, with a speed pass to go right through the gate." Rest Easy Brother.



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