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When a girl changes her clothes in front of you, you are level 99 friend-zoned, or she hasn't spotted you in the tree yet.




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Business Meeting Highlights 2016
--Our next reunion will be a seven day ship cruise, mid April 2018, out of Port Canaveral Fl. In 2019 San Diego will be the reunion site.
--Periodically the association will purchase MCB53 memorial bricks to be placed at Port Hueneme Seabee Museum and the Gulfport Seabee Heritage Center.
--Upon dissolution of our organization remaining funds will be evenly divided between the above two organizations and the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association.



September

Glenn A.	Aagard	VIETNAM
William L.	Adams	VIETNAM
Carl N.	Adler	VIETNAM
James H.	Barber	VIETNAM
Vincent	Bavaro	VIETNAM
Gregory B.	Bernard	VIETNAM
Kenneth A.	Bernier	VIETNAM
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John E.	Boyer, Jr.	VIETNAM
Marlin D.	Brinkley	VIETNAM
Marcus D.	Case	VIETNAM
Raymond L.	Clemmons	VIETNAM
Robert T.	De Phillip	VIETNAM
Robert N.	Erbeck	VIETNAM
Edward C.	Florian	VIETNAM
Charles W.	Gohmert	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Gray, II	VIETNAM
Francis N.	Guyette	WWII
Sigmund J.	Horvath	VIETNAM
Norman	Johnson	WWII
Roger A.	Johnson	VIETNAM
George R.	Kern	VIETNAM
Lawrence L.	Lamb	VIETNAM
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James A.	Pszenny	VIETNAM
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Terry L.	Shaffer	VIETNAM
Cdr James R	Smythe, Ret'd	VIETNAM
Lyle F.	Stark	VIETNAM
Edward A.	Swiski, Jr.	VIETNAM
William L.	Thompsen	VIETNAM
Peter A.	Turner	VIETNAM
Gordon J.	Tyler	VIETNAM
William R.	Ward	VIETNAM
Donald L.	Wolfgang	VIETNAM



October

Terrance L.	Baker	VIETNAM
George	Bergenstock	VIETNAM
Whitney C.	Blauvelt	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Boulet	VIETNAM
James W.	Caraway	VIETNAM
Fred J.	Carlson	VIETNAM
Brian J.	Copeland	VIETNAM
John R.	Curtis	VIETNAM
Eric V.	Dost	VIETNAM
Bradford A.	Elg	VIETNAM
Terry D.	Flood	VIETNAM
John R.	Gibson	VIETNAM
Robert A.	Graziano	VIETNAM
Frederick	Greb, Jr.	VIETNAM
Robert P.	Hamm	VIETNAM
Lawrence R.	Jackson	VIETNAM
Jeffery A.	Jasukonis	VIETNAM
Michael E.	Krug	VIETNAM
William E.	Manley	VIETNAM

William T.	Maurer	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Oppelt	VIETNAM
Reynold A.	Sefton, Jr.	VIETNAM
James W.	Soles	VIETNAM
Robert R.	Teague	VIETNAM
Elmer G.	Thuringer	VIETNAM
W. Patrick	Trevas	VIETNAM
Kenneth J.	Vogel	VIETNAM
Stanley A.	Walker	VIETNAM
Thomas J.	Welch	VIETNAM
Michael D.	Westberg	VIETNAM

2018 Reunion

Easter in 2018 is April 1st. 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. Even with the size of the ship, everything flows. It offers adult and work out pools as well as events accommodating teens, tweens and nursery kids.

The current Broadway Show is "Cats". Do not know what it will be in 2018. I have seen the "Chicago" production. It was better than the show on Broadway with BB Neworth. 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. There is standard or optional dining for a reasonable upcharge.

You can dine at a steakhouse grill, gourmet Italian, Chinese or Japanese Hibachi, which would be extra. There is Johnny Rockets, Pizza Places, Mexicali, and Crab house, which is included.

Inside cabins start at \$685.00, Outside is \$675.00, Balcony is \$753.00, \$1499.00 for Deluxe. Balconies can overlook Central Park or the ocean. Taxes and port charges are additional. Cabins vary in size, most are about 172 sq. ft.

Ports of call are Labadee, Haiti, Falmouth, Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico. You can pre-stay or extend your vacation to include NASA at Canaveral, new NASCAR exhibit and tour of the Speedway or do a couple of laps. Orlando attractions are about an hour and a half away.

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

Even though it is in 2018, we still need to know how many people plan to attend in order to get the best rates and perks, for our group. Pricing depends on guest numbers, age, past or new cruiser, state of residency and military status.

Hope to start hearing from you soon to get the ball rolling. You can see the ship and amenities at the [RCCL website](#). We "Can Do" this. It seems right that our Seabee group will be going to sea.

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MILLER, ROBERT KEITH, P.E.

MILLER, Robert Keith, P.E., 82, of Glen Allen, died surrounded by family on July 4, 2016, at Henrico Doctors' Hospital of complications from COPD. His beloved wife of 52 years, Margaret, predeceased him in 2010. Bob was born on June 27, 1934, in Ossining, N.Y., and grew up there and in Brighton, N.Y. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1956 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and later earned an M.S.

in Management. Bob was a licensed Professional Engineer. He was devoted to his family, his church, our country and Notre Dame. He was commissioned into the Civil Engineer Corps of the United States Navy in 1957 and retired 26 years later with the rank of Captain. Among other places, Bob served with the SEABEES in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Antarctica and Vietnam, where he commanded Mobile Construction Battalion FIFTY-THREE in combat. Among his personal decorations is the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device. Later in life, he worked as an engineer at Sprint Telecommunications, where he assisted as an engineer in the construction of the fiber optic cable network throughout the United States. Throughout he was a good son, a devoted husband, an active and engaged father, a doting grandfather, a volunteer servant of the church from childhood to old age, and a leader in the community in and out of uniform. He loved Notre Dame Football and Tom Clancy novels, and for decades rented vacation homes on the Outer Banks so his children and grandchildren could laugh and play with one another as he and Margaret smiled at them. He is survived by a brother, James W. Miller of Madison, Wis. (wife, Linda); five children, CAPT. Kevin P. Miller USN (Ret.) of Pensacola, Fla. (wife, Terry), Kathryn A. Dove of Valencia, Calif. (husband, John), Marnie P. Battistini of Santa Clarita, Calif. (husband, Pat), Dr. Michael R. Miller of Thurmont, Md. (wife, Sara), Joanna E. Wylie of Glen Allen, Va. (husband, Alex); and 17 grandchildren. They are: Lieutenant David USN, Lieutenant Joseph USN (wife, Alexandra); and Jack Miller; Jackie, John (wife, Kelly) and Matt Dove, Margaret and Burke Battistini; Isabel, Dan, Sean, Nick, Erin and Carrie Miller; and Payton, Ella and Rocksken Wylie. Saint Michael's Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Rd., Glen Allen, Va. 23060, celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, 10 a.m. Interment 2 p.m., Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

http://www.richmond.com/obituaries/article_0af6bb0a-3872-56f7-8817-096685d41047.html

Lyle W. Beckman

Lyle W. Beckman Sr., age 70, of Cherokee, Iowa, formerly of Sheldon, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at his home in Cherokee. Memorial Services were held May 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Andringa Funeral Home Sheldon Funeral Service in Sheldon.



Burial at St. Pauls Lutheran Church Cemetery in rural Hull, Iowa.

At the Las Vegas reunion he related having applied to the VA for benefits but was denied because he could not prove that he was up on the DMZ working with the rock crusher crew. In part he was applying for Agent Orange and PTSS.

Lyle Wilfred Beckman, Sr. was born on December 22, 1945 in Joplin, Missouri. He lived his youth in Hull, Iowa where he attended Boyden Hull Community

School, graduating from high school.

He was united in marriage to Harriet "Happy" Harnack of Sheldon, Iowa on July 15, 1967 in Sheldon. Shortly thereafter, Lyle enlisted in the United States Navy where he was assigned to MCB53 and was deployed to Vietnam. He returned home in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1969. They came back to Sheldon and Lyle was employed by Well's Blue Bunny delivering milk for many years. They moved to Sioux City where Lyle was a car salesman until they moved back to Sheldon where they owned and operated Beckman Gas and Grocery for eight years. Lyle then worked for Drenkow Motors and later was a parts salesman for Lawson Products until retirement. During retirement Lyle spent a lot of time serving as the Commander of Sheldon American Legion Post # 145. Lyle and Happy enjoyed traveling to Apache Junction, Arizona. Happy passed away on April 3, 2013. After Happy's death Lyle spent the winters in Arizona.

Lyle W. Beckman, Sr.

Born: December 22, 1945

Passed Away: May 15, 2016

Age: 70 years, 4 months and 23 days

<http://kiwaradio.com/obits/lyle-w-beckman/>

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