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Winter 2007-2008

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January Alumni Birthdays

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February Alumni Birthdays

John M. Scheer VIET Era
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Terry L. Drobny VIET Era
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Alfred F. Garrison, Jr. VIET Era
Edward E. Fitzgerald VIET Era
Gary W. Burch VIET Era
Willard J. Cheirrett VIET Era
Jack H. Baldwin WW II era
John D. Mc Curdy WW II era
John D. Behan VIET Era
Dana L. Littlefield VIET Era
John P. Haller WW II era

March Alumni Birthdays

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



Amber Alert



This Cat has Nine Lives

Well, now that I have received the last rites for the 4th time, it's time to get on with the living! For those who aren't aware of it, I was seriously ill for three months (tic bite, leading to coma, given 48 hours to live, etc. etc.) but only the good die young. Now Emily and I are SERIOUSLY looking forward to Hawaii!! We have already booked our hotel and are searching out airline reservations! Don Butler has done a great job of setting the reunion up and says that the responses are flowing in. Look out Honolulu!! Remember to get your dues in to Ralph in a timely fashion. I want to thank all our members who sent me get well wishes while I was ill. Paul Smiley and Ralph Storti, Skip and Gail O'Keefe, Mitch Dunbar, Greg Bernard and all the others who share the bond of being MCB53 Alumni (Glory Days). I wish everyone great holidays and a spectacular 2008!

Ed the ED

UPDATED - Our web site has been updated, check it out - UPDATED

<http://www.angelfire.com/pa/mcb53aa/index.html>



Aloha fellow Seabees,

It is with extreme pleasure that we would like to announce the site of the 2008 reunion. It will be held at the Hale Koa hotel in Honolulu Hawaii. It is a military hotel in the center of Waikiki. The dates are from the 22nd to the 26th of October 2008. For those interested in arriving sooner and staying longer the hotel has set aside a block of rooms from the 20th to the 27th of October. Anyone wishing in arriving sooner or staying later then these dates the rooms will be subject to the availability of the hotel. The hotel is for Qualified people and their Family members only. Any question as to whether you qualify, either check the website (www.halekoa.com) or call them directly. The number is 1-800-367-6027(this is also the number to call for reservations). Their office hours are from 8 AM to 4 PM Hawaiian standard time. Please remember, when you are making your reservations that you mention that you are from MCB 53 Alumni Association. That way they will be able to keep track of our allotted rooms. There will also be forms provided that if you wish to you can either mail them or fax them to the hotel. My feeling is that it is better to call them directly. That way there won't be any confusion. Please *don't* make any reservation on the *Hale Koa website* because there isn't any way to put on there that you are from MCB 53. If anyone wants a brochure of the Hale Koa please email me at d2butler@aol.com and I would be happy to send you a copy.

For those who don't qualify for the Hale Koa there will be three other hotels available. These are The Ilikai Marina Hotel, The Aqua Palms, and the Double Tree Hotel. They are all on Ala Moana Blvd. They are all within easy walking distance to the Hale Koa. Chyrl and I just spent a week each at the Ilikai and the Aqua Palms and they are both very good. I think the Ilikai is a little bit better of a hotel than the Palms but the Palms offers a free continental breakfast from 7:30 - 9:30 AM. Again for these hotels *Please* make all reservations by calling the *Hale Koa Hotel* directly (1-800-367-6027) and be sure to mention that you are from *MCB 53 Alumni Association*. That way they will be able to give us *military rates* and keep track of the members that are attending the reunion. Again, *Please* don't make your reservations on the *Hale Koa website* because there isn't any way to put that you are from MCB 53. Because Hawaii is such a popular year round destination, I urge you to make your reservations early. Also Time Share exchanges are sometimes extremely difficult to get in Hawaii.

If anyone is interested we will be having a small submarine ride available on the Atlantis (The sub is the one that the National Geographic Society uses) on the afternoon of the 21st. The boat that takes you to the sub is at the pier next to the Hale Koa so it isn't too far to walk from the hotels. We will be providing more info about tours and events that will be going on during the reunion after the first of the year.

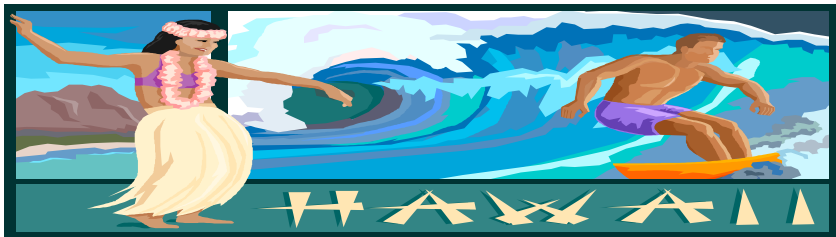
As far as airfare to and from Honolulu, one of our members, Bob Graziano, has a cousin who owns a travel agency in New York. She is willing to help us try to get group rates for the people who will be flying out of New York. She is also willing to help us with bookings from anywhere else in the country. Please give her the opportunity to see what she can do for us. Her name is Becky and her company is called *ALL ABOARD TRAVEL* and her number is 1-800-531-4488. As in the hotels, *Please* when you are talking to Becky let her know that you are from **MCB 53 Alumni Association**.

There are several modes of transportation to and from the airport in Honolulu if you choose not to rent a car. There is the taxi which will run you \$ 25-30. There are also Tahiti Trans @ 808-455-7300, Hawaii Super Transit @ 808-841-2928, and Roberts Hawaii @ 808-539-9400. While on Oahu you really don't need a car because the tours we will be providing will be taking us all around the island and the busses run all the time and only cost \$2.00 to go around the island. There are also free shuttles going to Hilo Hattie's clothing and gift store.

Because of the distance and popularity of the reunion site we will need numbers earlier than usual for the tours once the information is on the web site. Please keep this in mind.

You will notice on the request form from the Hale Koa that the request due date is August 20, 2008. However, I feel that you need to do the requests as soon as possible because the rooms may go quickly for all the hotels and there may not be enough availability at the military rates for everyone attending the reunion.

See you in Hawaii,
Don Butler
2008 reunion chairman



40th Anniversary
2008 will be the 40th anniversary of our first tour in Vietnam. If you ever thought about going to Hawaii now might be your perfect opportunity to go and enjoy the warmth of the sun and the company of your fellow Seabees. MCB 53 Alumni Association will be holding our 2008 reunion in Honolulu Hawaii from October 22nd until the 26th. It will be held at the Hale Koa hotel in Waikiki which is a military hotel. For those who aren't eligible to stay at the military hotel there will be three other hotels in the vicinity that we will be able to use and still get the military rates. For further information please go to the web site:

www.angelfire.com/pa/mcb53aa/

Come share with us the memories both sad and happy of this time of our lives. What better place to do this than in beautiful Hawaii !

Mahalo and hope to see everyone in Hawaii.
Don Butler
2008 reunion chairman

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Memoriam

Lloyd Gary Millhorn – Former UT2 of B Company passed away May 2, 2006. He had battled cancer over 5 years.

Tony Feola - Lived in Staten Island NY. Four months after retiring (2002) from the NYC

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Environmental Protection Agency he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma stage 4. Stem cell transplants gave him two more good years. In 2006 he started feeling very bad again. He was admitted to the hospital Jan 2007 and never came home. Expired Feb 2007.

GROUP RESERVATION REQUEST FORM
MCB 53 HAWAII REUNION
OCTOBER 20 – 27, 2008

Please fill out the following and mail/fax to: Hale Koa Hotel, 2055 Kalia Rd., Honolulu, HI 96815,
FAX-1- 800-425 3329 (from CONUS) or Email:Reservations@halekoa.com. Requests due: **August 20, 2008**
Requests received after the due date will be based on availability.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Rank: _____ PAY GRADE: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Retired:___ 100% DAV ID:___Widow_____

(Note: Valid military ID required for check-in)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

BUS AREA CODE/PH: _____ HOME AREA CODE/PH: _____

CELL AREA CODE/PH: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ARRIVAL: _____ DEPARTURE: _____ #of ADULTS: _____ CHILD AGES: _____

Name of Spouse or guest sharing room: _____

TYPE OF ROOM: PARTIAL OCEAN VIEW

*Rates:

E1-E5 –Single/Double Occupancy: \$102

E6-E9, O1-O3, Widows, WO1-WO3-100%DAV-Single/Double Occupancy: \$122

O4-O10, CW4-CW5-Single/Double Occupancy: \$133

*RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OCTOBER 1, 2008

Additional Person 12 yrs & above: \$15 per person. Maximum 4 persons in a room sharing two beds.

Rollaways or cots are not allowed.

If second room is required for immediate family*

Provide Name: _____ Relationship: _____

*Immediate Family: Parents, Siblings, In-Laws, Non-Dependent children, Grandparents, Grandchildren

EARLY DEPARTURE FEE: After check-in, if departure date changes, a one night's room rate will be incurred.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Reservations must be cancelled 30 days prior to arrival date to avoid a late cancel charge of one night's room rate.

A one night's deposit via check or credit card will be required to guarantee reservations. Credit card will be charged a one night's room rate.

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Name : _____ (Guest must be residing in the hotel)

Confirmation of reservations outside the block dates will be based on room availability. If requesting other than a Partial Ocean View, please indicate your preference: _____ and will be based on availability.

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK ON-LINE TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF RESERVATIONS.

**RESERVATION REQUEST FOR: Non-Eligible Members
MCB 53 HAWAII REUNION-OCTOBER 20-27, 2008**

If you are interested in one of the following referral hotel, please provide information required and indicate your choice of hotel & mail to: Hale Koa Hotel, 2055 Kalia Rd., Honolulu, HI 96815 or Fax to: 1-800 425-3329 (from Conus Only) OR EMAIL TO:Reservations@halekoa.com

(Reservations will be confirmed based on availability)-Tax: 11.962%

1. AQUA PALMS-1850 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96815

Studio Moderate – Single/Double: \$129 + tax

Studio Superior – Single/Double: \$149 + tax

Studio Deluxe – Single/Double: \$169 + tax

Maximum: 3 Persons-Addtl Person:\$18 yrs & above-\$25 w/existing bedding-Rollaway -\$25.

2. THE ILIKAI – 1777 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96815

City View – Single/Double: \$149 + tax

City View w/kitchen – Single/Double: \$169 + tax

Ocean Lagoon – Single/Double: \$179 + tax

Ocean Lagoon w/kitchen – Single/Double: \$189 + tax

Max: 4 Persons – Addtl Person: \$65– w/existing bedding-Rollaway required: \$30

3. DOUBLETREE ALANA – 1956 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96815

City Mountain – Single/Double - \$140 + tax

Ocean View – Single/Double - \$150 + tax

Addtl Person: 18 yrs or older- \$40 + tax

Maximum: 3 adults/1 child under 18 yrs. 4 Adults are not allowed.

Cancellation & Date Change Policy: 72 hours prior to arrival or a one night's room & tax will be incurred. Reservations must be booked through us in order to qualify for the special rate indicated. Credit card required to guarantee reservation. Hotels are located in the Waikiki area within walking distance to the Hale Koa Hotel.

Please provide the following information to process your request;

1.Full Name:_____

2.No. of Adults:_____

3.Mailing Address:_____

4.Area Code & Telephone No._____

5.Arrival & Departure Date:_____

6.Email address:_____

7.Credit card number, expiration date & name of cardholder:

Choice of Hotel:_____