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Framework

So we don't end up at the business meeting like we did in Virginia Beach with no documented proposals for the reunion after Seattle; may I suggest if someone is interested in hosting the 2012 Reunion; they will need to bring hotel, trip and show prices, etc. for review by the members, discussion and a vote. I hope this will help. Stay well all, and keep in touch. Thanks, Ralph J. Storti

Surf & Sand

Hawaii is only three months away. Even though you may have missed the deadline to send in your forms, if you are now ready to join the "Fun in the Sun 53 Reunion" or have any questions contact Don or Chyrl Butler. Git Er Done.

About the Cover

During the WW I years, Arthur S. Mole and John D. Thomas made some incredible human pictures by using thousands of sailors or soldiers in uniform to create photographic images. The human Liberty Bell took 25,000 Officers and men. Mole and Thomas

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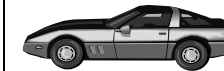
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prepared over a week for this immense work. This photo was taken from a 70 or 80 foot tower with an 11 by 14 inch view camera at Camp Dix, New Jersey.



Operation Enduring Freedom: Soldiers are treated to food from Outback Steakhouse on June 13 at Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan.

"Atomic Veterans Memorial Highway"

On March 19, 2008 the Kansas State Senate finished their work on House Bill 2659 introduced by Rep Ed Trimmer (Winfield, KS) and Rep Crum of (Augusta, KS) in early January 2008. The bill designates a portion of United States Highway 400 (where it runs together with US 54) from the junction of US 77 in Augusta, KS east to the Butler County line as the "Atomic Veterans Memorial Highway." Rep Trimmer was an original sponsor of HB 5018 in January 2007 that encouraged the United States Congress and our President to honor our nations Atomic Veterans (including the 53 Bees at Bikini) with a service medal. **The highway bill was Rep Trimmer's idea,** he did the background work, visited with the community and business leaders along the proposed route and sought out the early support of his colleagues in the house and senate late last year. We wish to thank Representatives Trimmer and Crum, their colleagues in the KS House and Senate and Governor Sebelius for taking yet another opportunity to HONOR our nations Atomic Veterans. If you would like to pass on your regards, please do at Trimmer@house.state.ks.us

An Elegant Addition

The team of architects and exhibit designers who are creating the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center were chosen in a nationwide design contest in 2004. The winners of that contest were Polshek Partnership Architects and Ralph Appelbaum Associates. [Polshek Partnership Architects](#) is known for architectural excellence and for its longstanding commitment to cultural, educational, governmental and scientific institutions. The principals proceed from the shared belief that the most elegant architectural responses are both technically and socially relevant to their time and place. The firm has experience with underground centers: in 2003, it completed Zankel Hall, an underground addition to Carnegie Hall in New York. [Ralph Appelbaum Associates](#) is the largest interpretative museum design firm in the world. The firm is best known for large-scale, permanent museum projects requiring a marriage of complex educational content with physical environments that are at once compelling and smoothly operational. The artful and poignant U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibits were designed by Appelbaum. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center will not be the first collaboration of these two highly regarded firms. Polshek and Appelbaum have worked together on a number of high-profile projects, the most recent being the [Newseum](#) in Washington, D.C. and the [William J. Clinton Presidential Center](#) in Little Rock, Ark.

Following are a variety of renderings of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center. If you would like to read about the planned design, [click here](#).



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center, while situated

underground to preserve historic vistas, will be a simple and elegant facility that uses natural hues and elements to welcome visitors. (Rendering courtesy of Polshek Partnership Architects)



The Wall of Faces will show pictures of every person whose name is on The Wall. Images will be shown on their birthdays. (Rendering courtesy of Ralph Appelbaum Associates)



The Wall of Faces will also showcase some of the universal values of service members, through quotes from letters and journals. (Rendering courtesy of Ralph Appelbaum Associates)

Blue Angels 2008

JULY 2008

5-6 Traverse City, Michigan
12 Pensacola Beach, Florida
19-20 Duluth, Minnesota
26-27 Twin Falls, Idaho

AUGUST 2008

2-3 Seattle, Washington
8-10 Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Washington
16-17 Chicago, Illinois
30 Cleveland, Ohio

SEPTEMBER 2008

1 Cleveland, Ohio
6-7 NAS Brunswick, Maine
13-14 Eau Claire, Wisconsin
20-21 NAS Oceana, Virginia
27-28 Grand Junction, Colorado

OCTOBER 2008

4-5 MCAS Miramar, San Diego, California
11-12 San Francisco, California
18-19 Little Rock, AFB, Arkansas
25-26 NAS Jacksonville, Florida

NOVEMBER 2008

1-2 Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas
8-9 Kennedy Space Center, Florida
15 NAS Pensacola, Florida





Taken in a place with no name

DJIBOUTI, (May 9, 2008) Navy Seabee Jean Joseph, assigned to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa cooks goat meat for dinner during a 10-day French tactical desert survival training course. Forty U.S. Military members stationed at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti volunteered for the 10-day course taught by French Marines of the 5th Regiment Overseas Infantry.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock (Released)



The Center will be the only permanent showcase for some of the more than 100,000 items that have been left in tribute at The Wall since 1982. *(Rendering courtesy of Ralph Appelbaum Associates)*



Those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War often come from families whose service to their country spans generations. This last exhibit of the Center, called The Legacy of Service, will show images of those who fought in all of America's wars, from the Revolutionary War to Iraq. *(Rendering courtesy of Ralph Appelbaum Associates)*

Our web page is an ever improving work in progress due in large measure to the contributions of former Seabees like you, their sons, and their daughters.
<http://www.angelfire.com/pa/mcb53aa/index.html>
Your MCB 53 home in cyberspace awaits.



July Alumni Birthdays

Michael T.	Fennema	Viet era
Christopher	Heidgerken	Viet era
Larry A.	Weber	Viet era
Joseph J.	Deren, Jr.	Viet era
Paul	Glasser, Sr.	Viet era
Kevin	Kelly	Viet era
A. George	Milton	Viet era
Leslie R.	Wiener	Viet era
Michael J.	Craparo	Viet era
Edward P.	Lemons	Viet era
John L.	Spencer	W W II
Ronald H.	Fuerstnau	Viet era
Jack E.	Burgess	Viet era
William H.	Schuster	Viet era
Glenn	Ruffner	Viet era
David R.	Bush	Viet era
Charles A.	Fiorello	Viet era
Edmond M.	Thompson	Viet era
Edward J.	Madson	Viet era
V G (Jerry)	Wright	W W II
Robert S.	Meyer	Viet era
Philip N.	Saverino	Viet era

August Alumni Birthdays

Thomas L.	Noggle	Viet era
Gary L.	Allison	Viet era
Conrad H.	Berg	Viet era
Ronald W.	Finks	Viet era
Richard J.	Gheller	Viet era
Arnold C.	Hayes	Viet era
Theodore P.	Irwin	Viet era
Martin L.	Oliver	Viet era
Allan E.	Neuenfeldt	Viet era
Richard B.	Scott	Viet era
Robert L.	Peadon	Viet era

Jerry E.	Roark	Viet era
Arthur K.	Rumph, Sr.	Viet era
Thomas W.	Shannon	Viet era
John A.	Wanchisn	Viet era
Gary T.	Welles	Viet era
Harry A.	Kerr	Viet era
Bert D.	Cupp	Viet era
Benjamin	Glynn	Viet era
J. Dale	Willard	Viet era
Richard A.	Backlund	Viet era
John G.	Everitt	Viet era
Dominic J.	Moauro	Viet era
Robert E.	Nunley	Viet era
Robert W.	Drake	Viet era
Joseph E.	Goodballet,Sr	Viet era
Ernest T.	Bass, Jr.	W W II
James R.	Bancroft, Jr.	Viet era
Michael S.	Earnest	Viet era
Forrest C.	Klingman	W W II
Norman L.	Feldman	Viet era
Gary D.	Ontko	Viet era
Charles D.	Mac Lean	W W II
William K.	Justice, Jr.	Viet era
Gary G.	Elken	Viet era
Paul R.	Risell	Viet era
James A.	Van Dyke	Viet era
Lester R.	Headley	Viet era
Anthony J.	Testa, Sr.	Viet era
Kenneth A.	O'Keefe	Viet era
John M.	Welch	Viet era

September Alumni Birthdays

William L.	Adams	Viet era
Robert N.	Erbeck	Viet era
William D.	Leppert	Viet era
James H.	Schmidt	Viet era
Karl L.	Schilling	Viet era
Charles W.	Gohmert	Viet era
Cdr James R	Smythe Ret	Viet era
Edward A.	Swiski, Jr.	Viet era
Robert C.	Jennings	Viet era
Lyle F.	Stark	Viet era
Chuck M.	Reynolds Jr	Viet era
Lawrence L.	Lamb	Viet era
H. Bert	Noles	Viet era
John A.	Sanborn	Viet era
Glenn A.	Aagard	Viet era
Gale V.	Pinkston	Viet era
Frederick L	Bouchard	Viet era
Peter C.	Remsen	Viet era
George R.	Kern	Viet era

Robert E.	Neal	Viet era
Marvin E.	Adams	W W II
Robert T.	De Phillip	Viet era
James H.	Barber	Viet era
Terry L.	Shaffer	Viet era
James A.	Pszenny	Viet era
Gregory B.	Bernard	Viet era
Marlin D.	Brinkley	Viet era
Marcus D.	Case	Viet era
Allan G.	Anderson	W W II
Kenneth A.	Bernier	Viet era
Dennis D.	Meixsell	Viet era
John E.	Boyer, Jr.	Viet era
Glenn A.	Weidner	W W II
Raymond L.	Clemmons	Viet era
Rick S.	Hurt	Viet era
Gordon J.	Tyler	Viet era
Carl N.	Adler	Viet era
Richard A.	Gray, II	Viet era
Edward C.	Florian	Viet era
William L.	Thompssen	Viet era
Donald L.	Wolfgang	Viet era
Clement A.	Michaud	Viet era
Vincent	Bavaro	Viet era
Roger A.	Johnson	Viet era
William C.	Schmid, Jr.	Viet era

October Alumni Birthdays

Thomas J.	Welch	Viet era
William T.	Maurer	Viet era
Stanley A.	Walker	Viet era
Jeffery A.	Jasukonis	Viet era
Frederick	Greb, Jr.	Viet era
Robert A.	Graziano	Viet era
Michael E.	Krug	Viet era
John R.	Gibson	Viet era
Bradford A.	Elg	Viet era
W. Patrick	Trevas	Viet era
Eric V.	Dost	Viet era
George	Bergenstock	Viet era
Kenneth J.	Vogel	Viet era
Whitney C.	Blauvelt	Viet era
Terry D.	Flood	Viet era
Harley H.	Cluney	W W II
J. Wayne	Soles	Viet era
Brian J.	Copeland	Viet era
Robert R.	Teague	Viet era
James W.	Caraway	Viet era
Rufus L.	Adams	W W II
Elmer G.	Thuringer	Viet era
Reynold A.	Sefton, Jr.	Viet era

Robert P.	Hamm	Viet era
Michael D.	Westberg	Viet era
Robert J.	Boulet	Viet era
Fred J.	Carlson	Viet era
Terrance L.	Baker	Viet era
William E.	Manley	Viet era

November Alumni Birthdays

Robert E.	Barnhart	Viet era
Gary L.	Eberle	Viet era
Keith J.	Kusch	Viet era
David L.	White	Viet era
Paul A.	Sprayburry	Viet era
Phillip D.	Bottenfield	Viet era
Barry L.	Wren	Viet era
Roney J.	Steele	Viet era
Nelson L.	Stants	Viet era
Edward J.	Gaillard	Viet era
Stephen C.	Wilson	Viet era
Dale M.	Berg	Viet era
Donald E.	Butler	Viet era
Clarence E.	Harris, Jr.	Viet era
Francis P.	Pappas	Viet era
John J.	Koza	Viet era
Leonard W.	Pettitt, Jr.	Viet era
William E.	Johnson	Viet era
Gilbert S.	Harrington	Viet era
Ralph J.	Storti	Viet era
Neil L.	Jensen	Viet era
Orin D.	Nelson	Viet era
Keith	Harley	Viet era
Thomas N.	Earp, Jr.	W W II
John A.	Haynie	Viet era



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