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## MCB 53

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"Bernie"



I have never understood the phrase "I don't have to drink to have fun." I mean, why try to start a fire with flint and sticks when you have a lighter.

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-AGE 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 etc.  
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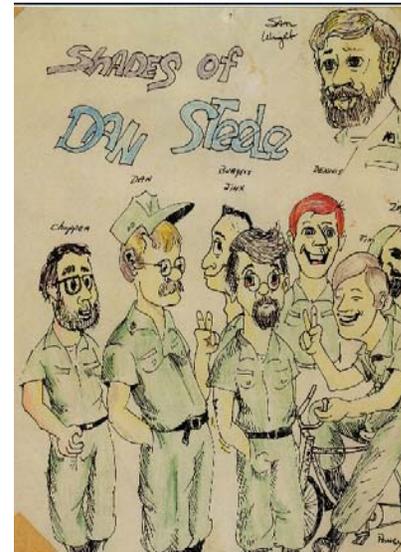
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Ralph Storti, Treasurer  
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Willow Grove, Pa. 19090-2430

We are working to find the unlisted Seabees who were part of MCB 53. Presently we have the "probable" addresses of about two dozen Bees that we will soon try to verify by mail. You can help by forwarding any information you can recall about the Bees still not located. Spouse's names are very useful as is the general location of where the Bee was from. A very high percentage, 80/90 percent of people never move more than 400 miles away from where they were born. If the project works we should have some new faces at the reunions and new stories to swap. If you have any information, please forward it to Karl Schilling, 3120 E. Titus Ave., Des Moines, IA 50320, [k.schilling@mchsi.com](mailto:k.schilling@mchsi.com), or call 515-256-3866. Along those lines, **Shane Steele** is the son of Charles Daniel (Danny) Steele. Danny (Alpha Company) died some years ago when his son was very young. Shane would like to learn more about his father and is hoping that he could communicate with Bees who knew him. If anyone could tell Shane about his Dad, he would very much appreciate it. If you knew Danny, you could contact Karl Schilling or contact Danny's son at Michael Shane Steele, 826 Fairpark Ln, Sugar Land, TX 77479-5289 (281) 491-4708 [HOUSTEEL@aol.com](mailto:HOUSTEEL@aol.com)



**M.C.B. 53 Alumni Association Reunion 2010 Seattle, WA August 4,5,6,7**

Dear Seabee,  
 We are pleased to update our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion. Our Hotel headquarters will be the newly remodeled Everett Holiday Inn Hotel, 3105 Pine Street, Everett, WA. 98201, Phone 1-866-700-1188, located 20 miles North of Seattle or 40 Miles North of the SeaTac Airport. It is 4 blocks from the main transit station that services all of Snohomish County and has a number of express runs to and from Seattle. It also has a rail system that runs both North to Vancouver BC and South to Seattle, Portland OR., and San Francisco.

SeaTac (Seattle Tacoma) airport is the closest airport to the hotel. You will be able to easily travel to the hotel by the following methods:

Airport transportation is provided by Shuttle Express that offers door to door service to our hotel 24 hours a day \$29.75/person. For group reservations, call (425)981-7000 or visit them online at [www.shuttleexpress.com](http://www.shuttleexpress.com). An advance reservation for your return to SeaTac

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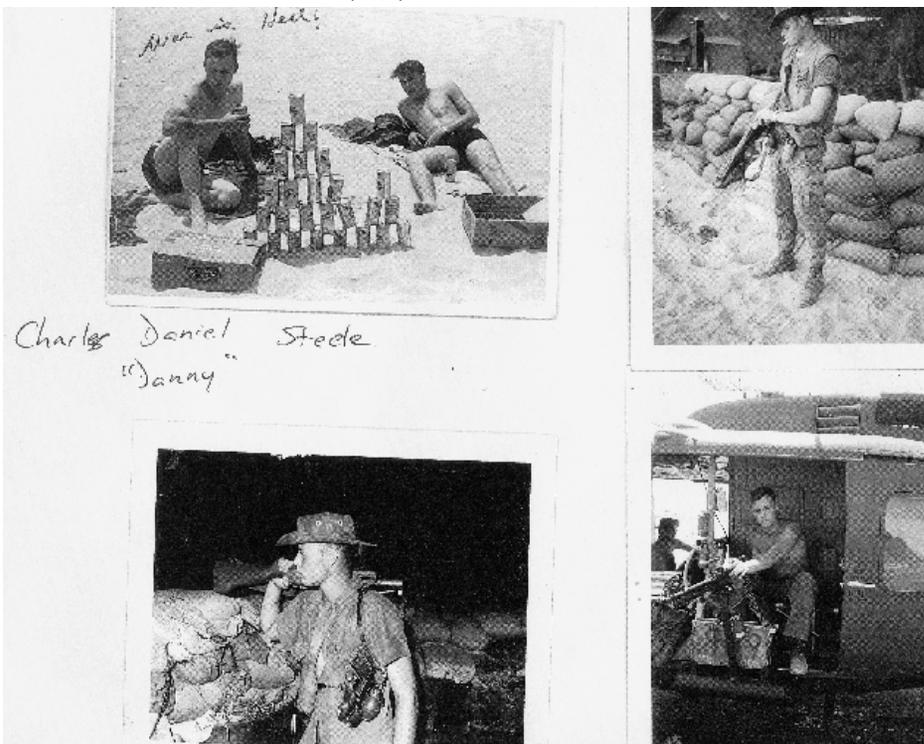
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Charles Daniel Steele  
 "Danny"

These are photos and a drawing memento that Shane received from his Dad that may help jog your memory.

Airport is required. Limousine service is also available to and from the hotel from the following companies. Advance reservations are recommended:

**Stewart Transportation Solutions, Inc.** (425) 392-0266;

[www.stewarttransportation.com](http://www.stewarttransportation.com)

**Signature Carriage** (800) 386-4844; [www.signaturecarriage.com](http://www.signaturecarriage.com)

**Seattle Boss Limousine** (206) 605-0496; [www.seattlebosslimousine.com](http://www.seattlebosslimousine.com)

**Shuttle Express** (425) 981-7000; [www.shuttleexpress.com](http://www.shuttleexpress.com)

For attendees wishing to make car rental reservations, you may contact the car rental agency at their Seattle offices: **Budget** (206) 431-8800, **Alamo** (206) 433-0182, **Enterprise** (206) 246-1953, **Thrifty** (206) 246-7565, **Avis** (206) 433-5231\*\*\*taxi service is available at the airport, be sure to check the cost before you use them.

Hotel rates are 99.00 per night (Single/Double) with a sales tax of 10.6% making it a total of 109.50 per room per night. These rates may not be available after July 5<sup>th</sup> 2010. Be sure to mention "US Navy Construction Battalion 53 Reunion" to insure you get the special room rates. If you wish to come early or stay later, the hotel will continue to honor these rates. The Hotel web site is [www.hieverett.com](http://www.hieverett.com)

Check in is anytime after 4 p.m. Guests arriving before 4 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms become available. Check out is 12 p.m. We can and will get together on August 3<sup>rd</sup> (for those checking in early) and each night after to discuss old times over snacks and drinks in our hospitality suite.

The Hotel has a restaurant where the food is great and reasonably priced.

Our business meeting will be held on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 until noon. We will elect Officers for the coming year, pick the site for future reunions, and discuss other issues of mutual benefit.

While we tend to business, your spouse/guest can enjoy a shopping spree at the 110 Seattle Premium Outlet Stores that offer upscale, fashion conscious shoppers with impressive savings on designer names. If shopping is not their thing, they can enjoy the indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room, or ride elsewhere in the free local shuttle to one of the many local attractions that are all within 8 miles of the hotel.

Our banquet will be held on Saturday night in the main banquet room at the Holiday Inn. The cost will be approximately \$50.00 per person and will include dinner, music, tip and door prizes. A cash bar will also be available. We will have a photographer at the banquet to take individual pictures as well as pictures for a reunion booklet.

***An accurate count is essential in order to minimize expenses and finalize these arrangements. It is requested that you complete the survey and return it to me no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Do not send any reunion 2010 money at this time. We hope to see you in Seattle (Everett) to enjoy a good time and see old friends.***

*Sincerely,*

**Roger & Pat Johnson**

**Reunion 2010**

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## MCB 53 Coins

Skip & Rebekah Stants, Paul Smiley and I, have worked on our battalion coin; the initial offering was by email. This quality MCB 53 coin has been very well received. We fronted the money for the dies and initial run (several hundred dollars) to produce the coins at no expense to our alumni funds (eventual profits go to our alumni association). These coins look good and have a solid feel to them (approximately one and one half inches across). Perfect mementos or gifts to yourself, your children, grandchildren, significant others and friends. A unique admiration piece or holiday gift prized through the coming years. To order:

Your Name

Your Phone Number

Your email address if available

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One Coin	\$ 6.50	Postage/handling \$ 1.50	Total \$ 8.00
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Five Coins	\$31.50	Postage/handling \$ 5.50	Total \$37.00
Six Coins	\$38.00	Postage/handling \$ 6.00	Total \$44.00
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Nine Coins	\$56.50	Postage/handling \$ 7.50	Total \$64.00
Ten Coins	\$63.00	Postage/handling \$ 8.00	Total \$71.00
Eleven Coins	\$69.50	Postage/handling \$ 8.50	Total \$78.00
Twelve Coins	\$75.00	Postage/handling \$ 9.00	Total \$84.00
Sixteen Coins	\$100.00	Postage/handling \$ 9.00	Total \$109.00

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My Cell Phone Number 559-309-9121

**Reunion 2010 Survey Form** (Survey deadline is February 1, 2010)

*A survey with additional detail is available on our web page.*

Yes! I/we would like you to put our name down for MCB 53 Alumni Association Reunion, August 4-7, 2010. I/we would like to receive future mailings and information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ *Prices below are 2009 prices for all activities and may be subject to change.*

1. **Tillicum Indian village & Salmon bake (\$95/person)** [www.tillicumvillage.com](http://www.tillicumvillage.com)  
I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ Prefer Lunch (11AM) \_\_\_\_\_ Prefer Dinner(4PM) \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Museum of Flight (\$40/person)** [www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org) I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour (\$40/person)** [www.futureofflight.org](http://www.futureofflight.org)  
I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Space Needle (\$34/person)** [www.spaceneedle.com](http://www.spaceneedle.com) I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Bill Speidel's Underground Tour (\$32/person)** [www.undergroundtour.com](http://www.undergroundtour.com)  
I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Pike Place Market (\$20/person)** [www.pikeplacemarket.org](http://www.pikeplacemarket.org) I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Ride the Ducks (\$43/person)** [www.ridetheducksofseattle.com](http://www.ridetheducksofseattle.com) I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Paul Allen's Flying Heritage Collection (\$30/person)** [www.flyingheritage.com](http://www.flyingheritage.com)  
I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Island Adventures - Whale Watching (\$109/person)** [www.IslandAdventureCruises.com](http://www.IslandAdventureCruises.com)  
I would like to go on this trip, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Alaska Cruise - before the reunion, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ after the reunion, # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_**

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# January

Gary D.	Hutcheison	VIETNAM
Dennis R.	Kiebach	VIETNAM
William	Shehab	VIETNAM
Randall L.	Schneider	VIETNAM
Frank J.	Lavin, Jr.	VIETNAM
Dale W.	Musolf	VIETNAM
Manley M.	South, Jr.	VIETNAM
Thomas M.	Smith	VIETNAM
Jerry D.	Loughridge	VIETNAM
William T.	Frost, II	VIETNAM
Ronald D.	Quinn	VIETNAM
LCDR R.H.	Knauf, Ret'd	VIETNAM
Paul L.	Wertz, Sr.	VIETNAM
Ross E.	Likens	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Reda	VIETNAM
Charles W.	Guenzel	VIETNAM
Theodore B.	Glover	VIETNAM
Lyle	Forsythe	VIETNAM
Thomas J.	Van Eynde	VIETNAM
Donald C.	Jentsch	VIETNAM
David N.	Mc Cord	VIETNAM
Fred L.	Allen	VIETNAM
Robert D.	Simpson	VIETNAM
Lyle J.	Forsythe	VIETNAM
George J.	Furtado	VIETNAM
George F.	Malo	VIETNAM
Ronald P.	Bieri	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Dupalo	VIETNAM
Donald D.	Hicks	VIETNAM
Lawrence C	Haller	WW II
Charles C.	Iliff, III	VIETNAM
David C.	Hanos	VIETNAM
Jeffrey M.	Musburger	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Kilber	VIETNAM
Nathan P.	Laborde	VIETNAM

# February

Terry L.	Drobny	VIETNAM
Louis S.	Langford	VIETNAM
Edward E.	Fitzgerald	VIETNAM
John D.	Mc Curdy	WW II
James	Huff	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Conley, Sr.	VIETNAM
Jack H.	Baldwin	WW II
Willard J.	Cheirrett	VIETNAM
Alfred F.	Garrison, Jr.	VIETNAM
Thomas L.	Dutton	VIETNAM
Arthur D.	Mc Collum	VIETNAM
James L.	Huff	VIETNAM
Gary W.	Burch	VIETNAM
John M.	Scheer	VIETNAM
Dana L.	Littlefield	VIETNAM
John D.	Behan	VIETNAM



# March

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



# April

Walter B.	Kropf	WW II
Ronald D.	Eckert	VIETNAM
Donald E.	Mull	VIETNAM
Sidney T.	Spencer	VIETNAM
John W.	Saale	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Kervin	VIETNAM
Noel G.	Pelletier	VIETNAM
Charles G.	Reiner, III	VIETNAM
John E.	Kellogg, Jr.	VIETNAM
Claude E.	Starr	VIETNAM
Joseph B.	Green, Jr.	VIETNAM
Richard J.	Beresford	VIETNAM
George E.	Tallman	VIETNAM
Wayne	Prather	VIETNAM
James J.	Donohue	VIETNAM
William T.	Garside	VIETNAM
Joseph J.	Cerminaro	VIETNAM
Larry E.	Lousig-Nont	VIETNAM
Dick R.	Slayton	VIETNAM
Robert J.	Young	VIETNAM
Robert B.	Kyle, Sr.	VIETNAM
Kenneth G.	Selesky	VIETNAM
Franklin D.	Henthorn	VIETNAM
Clarence J.	Le Blanc, Jr.	WW II
Emmett W.	Sullivan, III	VIETNAM

