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Beeline MCB 53 Spring 2017

When the Seabee Comes Home

Some day he will be back...full of experiences to make your hair stand on end and rarin' to go to work in a peacetime world. He may have run a tractor, a bulldozer, a shovel or crane. Probably he has helped to build bridges, ditches, airfields and roads.

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I tried to be nice by holding the door open for a pretty girl. Apparently chivalry doesn't apply to bathroom stalls.




Jack H.	Baldwin	WW II
John D.	Behan	VIETNAM
Gary W.	Burch	VIETNAM
Willard J.	Cheirrett	VIETNAM
Robert W.	Conley, Sr.	VIETNAM
Terry L.	Drobny	VIETNAM
Alfred F.	Garrison, Jr.	VIETNAM
Louis S.	Langford	VIETNAM
Dana L.	Littlefield	VIETNAM
Arthur D.	Mc Collum	VIETNAM
John D.	Mc Curdy	WW II
John M.	Scheer	VIETNAM
Walter	Shkapich	VIETNAM
Steven M.	Stover	VIETNAM



William C.	Atkinson	VIETNAM
Gordon F.	Ballard	VIETNAM
James V.	Bartlett, Jr.	VIETNAM
William L.	Bradley	VIETNAM
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Leslie E.	Green	VIETNAM
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Charles M.	Jorgenson	VIETNAM
Fred S.	Kuznia	VIETNAM
Robert E.	LaCasse	VIETNAM
Arlan J.	Marks	VIETNAM
Raymond P.	Mc Collum	VIETNAM
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Ken Selesky Kens' daughter contacted us to let us know Ken (life member) passed away on October 19 2016. Ken was with H Comp on the '68 tour. He had made the Las Vegas reunion and was looking forward to making our upcoming reunion following retirement. His daughter now proudly wears his Seabee hat and asked that we toast a beer to him at our next reunion.



Ken Selesky and daughter Michelle (Selesky) Guida

 April

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

 May

Jason A.	Abell	VIETNAM
Burke R.	Anderson	VIETNAM
Curtis W.	Anderson	VIETNAM
Thomas J.	Bourke	VIETNAM
John K.	Brostuen	WW II
James W.	Buehler	VIETNAM
J. Oscar	Chappell, Jr.	VIETNAM
Joseph M.	Chiaravalloti	VIETNAM
Ralph I.	Coleman	VIETNAM
James E.	Dance	VIETNAM
William P.	Davis	VIETNAM
William Ken	Derrett	VIETNAM
Mitchell L.	Dunbar	VIETNAM
Craig T.	Estes	VIETNAM
Gayle K.	Ford	VIETNAM
Gerald C.	Groon, Jr.	VIETNAM
Arnold L.	Jensen	VIETNAM
Francis A.	Juckem, Jr.	VIETNAM
Arnold B.	Krane	VIETNAM
William R.	Line	VIETNAM
Charles W.	Manstream	VIETNAM
David R.	Marks	VIETNAM
Robert D.	Mattlin	VIETNAM
Alan R.	Shark	VIETNAM
William S.	Sparkman	VIETNAM
Frederick H	Steffens, III	VIETNAM
Homer J.	Stephens	VIETNAM
Joseph L.	Zimmerman	VIETNAM

 June

Robert F.	Bardecki	VIETNAM
Larry L.	Beckett	VIETNAM
William L.	Bosemer	VIETNAM
Richard A.	Bowers	VIETNAM
Paul S.	Church	VIETNAM
Gilbert B.	Dale	VIETNAM
Ronald L.	De Ronde	VIETNAM
Larry M.	Dennis	VIETNAM
Edward B.	Durand	VIETNAM
Richard F.	Feminella	VIETNAM
Ramon E.	Hastings	VIETNAM
John P.	Heinstadt	VIETNAM
Frank C.	Hosinski	VIETNAM
Randy R.	Humphrey	VIETNAM
William S.	Humphreys, Jr	VIETNAM
John S.	Krewsky	VIETNAM
Thomas C.	Leonards, III	VIETNAM
James W.	Mason	VIETNAM
Thomas L.	Mc Giness	VIETNAM
Thomas M.	Mills	VIETNAM
Carl W.	Minnozzi	WW II
Bruce S.	Patterson	VIETNAM
Donald Gary	Peel	VIETNAM
Raymond A.	Reed	WW II
Scott D.	Ross	VIETNAM
Charles A.	Rowland	VIETNAM
William A.	Simmons	VIETNAM
Paul F.	Smiley	VIETNAM
William P.	Smith	VIETNAM
James H.	Strom	VIETNAM
M. Eugene	Swaim	VIETNAM
Billy N.	Van Kirk	VIETNAM
Ronald E.	Wentworth	VIETNAM

CRUISE

The next reunion is 13 months away. So far 29 cabins have been booked with deposits and full payment. Do not miss this opportunity to go on what may be our last chance to deploy on a ship with MCB53 and your shipmates.....Call Lucy Mennie at Odyssey Travel to book. Her number is 1-800-333-8113. Direct is 386-672-8113. Email is lucy@odysseytravel.com Happy New Year....Joe Bilak
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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. 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.



Fayetteville, NC-- On Sunday, March 5, 2017, at 2pm, a unit monument will be dedicated for the United States Navy Seabees at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in downtown Fayetteville.

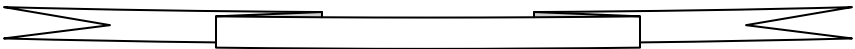
The monument will honor the support the Navy Seabees have been providing the United States Army Special Operations units. Since 1942, the Seabees have supported all services with construction capabilities. During the Vietnam War the Seabees constructed all the Special Forces base camps and they continue to build the Forward Operating Bases for the Special Operations Community in Afghanistan today.

The ceremony will highlight two Medal of Honor recipients, 1LT Charles Williams, Army Special Forces, and Construction Mechanic 3rd Class Marvin Shields, the only Seabee Medal of Honor recipient. This monument will be the first one on the grounds of the Airborne and Special Operations Museum identified for a Navy unit. The monument is being dedicated by The Seabee Veterans of America Island X-6, Fayetteville. The guest speaker at the event will be Capt Craig Hamer, United States Naval Expeditionary Combat Command. A color guard is being provided by the United States Navy Sea Cadets, Sandhill's Squadron.

Paul Galloway, Executive Director of the ASOM Foundation said "Although they are not a Special Operations Unit the support they have provided the community has been tremendous. I do not think people understand that these are the builders of the infrastructure of the military in all areas of Operations from the base camps to the airfields".

The monument dedication is open to the public.

For more information please contact Jim Ryder, at 910-643-2774.



Seabee commands worldwide will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Navy's construction force on March 5, 2017. For 75 years, the Seabees have repeatedly demonstrated their skills as fighters and builders and while doing so they have built and fought for freedom both in peace and in war time. The men and women of the Seabees have been engaged globally in support of every combatant command worldwide constructing bases, building airfields, roads, bridges and other support facilities, as well as below the world's oceans and waterways conducting underwater construction.



Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-5 of Cape Girardeau attended the dedication of the Seabee Memorial at Mound City National Cemetery on March 19, 2016. CAN DO!

Worth noting: Veterans discounts are available year round at Home Depot, Loes, Pottery Barn, Williams-Sonoma, and Sears. There can be variations store by store on the amount of the discount and the qualifications a Veteran must meet to be eligible. Discounts can range from 10% to 20%. In general, available to those currently serving, retired veterans, VA recipients and dependents. Valid military ID, VA ID, or other identification is required. There are other businesses that also offer a discount for Veterans so always ask.



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