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## MCB 53 Beeline



## Summer 2016

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### Beeline Publisher "Bernie"

No problem finding my new girlfriend when we play hide and seek. I mean, the restraining order said nothing about drones.



## Information for ordering Reunion Book

Alan Johnson will photograph the MCB 53 Reunion, on July 23, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Event Center in Duluth, MN from 4:30PM to 9:30PM. A portrait background and lighting will be set up to photograph the couples in attendance. Event photos will also be taken at said location. On that evening, prints of the couples will be offered at the purchase prices of \$12.00 an 8x10, \$9.00 a 5x7, and \$6.00 a 4x5. The orders will be taken at that time, and photos will be processed at our studio and sent to each person at the cost of \$8.50 per order for shipping and handling. All orders for photos, books and shipping must be paid on the evening of said event. Cash, checks or Credit Cards will be accepted at that time. I will design an 8.5x 11 book with 6 pages printed on both sides, with my photos from this event and other photos supplied by the Reunion participants, at the price of \$20.00 per book plus shipping. When the design is approved by the Reunion MCB 53 representative, then the books will be printed and the orders will be processed. Minnesota state and local sales tax will be added to each order as required by law.

Those not attending the reunion can still order a reunion book online or by filling out this sheet and attaching a check. The photographers' website <http://www.alanjohnsonphotography.com/> phone # 218-384-8100

To order online go to [www.viewajphoto.com](http://www.viewajphoto.com) the passcode is mcb53 all lowercase. A mock cover is displayed since final reunion book approval will not take place until after the reunion, hopefully everyone can figure out the ordering system.

To order by mail, fill out and mail this sheet and a check that includes shipping (\$25 dollars made out to Alan Johnson Photography). Mail to

Alan Johnson Photography  
160 Vermillion Street  
Carlton MN 56308

Your address:

Your phone number



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



Robert S.	Meyer	VIETNAM
Victor M.	Colon-Ortiz	VIETNAM
Robert	Kanar	VIETNAM
Edward P.	Lemons	VIETNAM
A. George	Milton	VIETNAM
Ronald H.	Fuerstnau	VIETNAM
Charles A.	Fiorello	VIETNAM
John L.	Spencer	WW II
V G (Jerry)	Wright	WW II
Michael J.	Craparo	VIETNAM
Leslie R.	Wiener	VIETNAM
William H.	Schuster	VIETNAM
Philip N.	Saverino	VIETNAM
Paul	Glasser, Sr.	VIETNAM
Christopher	Heidgerken	VIETNAM
Larry A.	Weber	VIETNAM
Joseph J.	Deren, Jr.	VIETNAM
Michael T.	Fennema	VIETNAM
Edmond M.	Thompson	VIETNAM
David R.	Bush	VIETNAM
Kevin	Kelly	VIETNAM
Daniel J.	Merklin	VIETNAM
David R.	Gallop	VIETNAM
Glenn	Ruffner	VIETNAM



**James Moody Sr.**

March 11, 1944 ~ February 16, 2016  
 James Thomas Moody, Sr., Jim to family, JT to Seabee family, 71, passed away after a long battle with heart disease on February 16th at the Biloxi VA Medical Center. He graduated from West Seattle High School in 1962, and then started his life and career in the Navy. He served with pride for twenty years, including



service in Vietnam, before retiring EA1 with an honorable discharge in Gulfport, MS. He was Volunteer Fire Department

Chief/EMT in Rhode Island and member of the Orange Grove Volunteer Fire Department in Gulfport, MS. He earned a Business degree from Phillips College and Master's Degree from William Carey College.

**Fitzgerald, Edward Eugene**

Edward Eugene Fitzgerald, 75, of Huntingtown, MD passed away from lung cancer on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

He was born in Washington, DC February 5, 1940 to the late Edward and Mildred Fitzgerald. Gene was a US Marine from August 4, 1965 until June 26, 1969 and served in the Vietnam War with MCB 53.

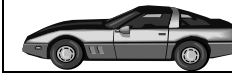


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**A Few Notes**

The 2016 reunion is fast approaching. Make your reservations and get your form and money into Ralph. You snooze you lose.

Joe Bilak at (386) 586-1128 [JBilak@cfl.rr.com](mailto:JBilak@cfl.rr.com) will be hosting a reunion down the line. Joe is planning a cruise reunion out of Port Canaveral. Those ships sail to the Eastern and Western Caribbean. They offer four and five day cruises. The space center is fifteen minutes from Pt. Canaveral and is really worth seeing. NASCAR has just spent \$40,000,000.00 renovating the track and offers great tours as well as a virtual experience. Joe would like to get some response as to how many are interested, including any family and friends they may want to bring along, how long a cruise, other thoughts. Please give Joe some feedback.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Prices listed below for the activities are current prices.

ACTIVITY	COST P/P	NO. PEOPLE	AMOUNT
REUNION REGISTRATION FEE	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Jul 21, Thur., Bus & Tour	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Jul 22, Fri., Train & Tour	\$40.00	_____	\$ _____
Jul 23, Sat., 9 AM Biz Meeting	\$priceless	_____	\$ _____
Jul 23, Sat., Banquet	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
	Amount Sent	_____	_____

Make check payable to MCB-53 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Print/Fill Out & Return (before June 1, 2016) This Form with Check to:  
Ralph Storti  
800 Bartram Rd.  
Willow Grove Pa. 19090



## THE 2016 DULUTH MN. REUNION

Dear Seabee,

We are now at the point of firming up (20-24 July) your reservation for the reunion activities and the MCB 53 Banquet. If you haven't done so, now is definitely the time to make your hotel and travel arrangements. You can call the hotel at 218-722-1202; tell them you're with Mobile Construction Battalion. Please send your check for the reunion activities to Ralph Storti no later than **June 1st**. We need to get a firm count on the number of people that will be attending each event. The bus company and the event managers both want to make sure that they can handle our group and will plan accordingly.

The [Holiday Inn](#) has complimentary covered parking, three restaurants on site, and two pools. The room rates are \$159, plus tax making them \$181.07 which is a super price considering next week they will start out at \$300 while the tall ships are in town. Hotel shuttle service between (about 20 min.) the airport ([Duluth International](#)) and hotel runs 8 to 8. Be sure to bring a warm jacket. Hospitality room will be open every day.

Wed. optional, will be supper at [Tycoons](#), the old city hall with the jail (bar) in basement, or on your own.

Thursday; city tour and bus trip up the North Shore with several stops, like [Rose Garden](#), [Split Rock Lighthouse](#), [Enger Tower](#) and other things, like [Gooseberry Falls](#). Will leave hotel at 10:00 and return at 5:00.

Friday; we will be going to Train Depot, 4 blocks, walk or take hotel shuttle. We can tour the old train depot and then will take a train ride up the north shore. A 2 hour lay over in [Two Harbors](#) to get your own lunch and shop, then back to depot. We will be leaving at 10:00 returning at 4:00.

Sat. early meeting then evening Banquet at the Holiday Inn. Banquet will be walleye and pork tenderloin. Parking is complimentary for all events in their Holiday Center Ramp, just need to inform attendant of event.

Sun. optional, [National Tequila Day](#), good luck with that.

Let's Do It. Tom & Pat Shannon [pshannon@paulbunyan.net](mailto:pshannon@paulbunyan.net)  
218-999-7692

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-DUES \$ 200 195 185 175 170 160 150 145 135 125 115 110 100 90 80 70 70 70 etc.

GOOD TIMES  
SMALL FEE

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Circle Tour: 1942-1945      1968      1969      \$15/annual or use Life Member Chart

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