

NMCB FOURTEEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

THE 14TH ANNUAL REUNION OCTOBER 28-31, 2019 – ASHEVILLE, NC

Alumni Members, NMCB14 members and Friends. We hope to see you all at the NMCB 14 Alumni Association 14th Annual Reunion at the Crowne Plaza Golf and Tennis Resort in beautiful Asheville, NC, located at One Resort Drive, 28806. It is a wonderful time of year and a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friends.

Please take note that the reunion will take place on Monday - Thursday to take advantage of the lower Hotel Room rates during this time of year. Make your arrangements early!

Registration Form, Fees and Check-in:

Use the attached Registration form to complete your registration.

The early Registration Fee is \$85 for NMCB 14 AA Life Members and 2019 Annual Members that register before 28 September 2019. Registration after that date is \$95.

This Registration Fees includes the Wednesday Annual Alumni Dinner and Thursday Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony.

The Early Registration Fee for former NMCB 14 personnel that have NOT joined NMCB 14 Alumni Association [and past ANNUAL Members who have not renewed their 2019 Membership(s)] but wish to attend the Reunion will be \$95 per person and must be received by 28 September 2019. The Registration FEE for Non-Members is \$110 per person. Payment on line is available through PayPal: <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>

The Saturday night Dinner Fee for current NMCB 14 Officers and Seabee are as follows:

Enlisted:	E-1 to E-6	\$20.00
Enlisted:	E-7 and Above	\$25.00
Officers:	O-1 and Above	\$30.00

The registration form with payment must be received by September 28, 2019. Registration after this date will be assessed LATE Fee Rates as noted above. Mail the form and payment to Al Robertson at the address indicated on the registration form. Late Registration after 28 September 2019 can be mailed as noted above or done at the Reunion Registration Desk which will be across from the hotel's check-in/reception desk.

NOTE - Non-Members that apply and pay for membership (either Life or 2019 Annual) during the late registration period will be credited \$20 towards their respective registration fees. [You are reminded that Annual Membership now runs for one calendar year from the date on which you apply.]

Reunion Check-In. The Hotel Check-In is to the right when you come through the front entry. After checking into the hotel, you will see the Reunion Check-In desk directly ahead. This is where you will pick up your pre-registration packages.

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Special Activity. Sign up to participate in the Halloween Corn-Hole / Bocce tournament.

Three teams - Witches, Warlocks, and Goblins - will compete for a great prize. Entry fee is \$5.00.

There is also going to be a “Tin Cup” 9 -hole golf tournament – 4-some Teams – and true to the movie it will be played with only a 7-iron. So get your practice in and sign up for the 9-Hole Tin Cup Tournament. Greens fees and a \$10.00 entry fee which will be the Prize - 50/50 to the winning 4-some.

Dress for the Reunion: Optional dress choices are 1) Casual as in the past, 2) Jeans or blue grass denim, or 3) Halloween outfits.

Hotel Reservations: Crown Plaza Resort, Telephone 1-828-254-3211. (This is the hotel direct front desk number. Do not let the operator put you thru to Central Reservations. Make sure to be connected to the in-house reservations desk. This will expedite your hotel registration.) Ask for the NMCB-14 Alumni Association (Seabees) Group Rate of **\$125.00** (for 2 twin beds) or \$140 (for king bed) Plus **tax, per night**. Be sure your reservation is being credited to our organization. We have contracted for a certain number of rooms for each night. **Cutoff date for reservations is September 28, 2019.** **Our group rate will no longer be in effect after that date and rooms may not be available.** If you cannot get thru to the Hotel directly use the Crowne Plaza central toll-free number, 877-270-1393 and have them connect.

Note from the Hotel: RESERVATION DUE DATE: Our Group’s contracted rooms will be available until **2400 hrs (midnight) on 09/28/2019**. Any reservation requests made after the reservation due date of **09/28/2019** will be accepted on a space available basis at the prevailing rate. At reservation due date, all unused rooms and suites will be automatically released for general sale.

No Pets Allowed (except service animals).

Parking: There is sufficient complimentary parking at the several room entry locations.

Directions to the Hotel:

From North - I-26 East, when approaching Asheville, keep right at the fork, follow signs for West Asheville/U.S. 23/U.S. 19/Interstate I-240 W and merge onto I-240 W/Interstate 26 E/US 19 S/US 23 S. Drive 0.5 miles and take exit 3B toward Resort Drive/Westgate. Drive 230 feet and merge onto Patton Ave. Drive 0.2 miles and turn right onto Resort Drive. Drive 0.3 miles, hotel will be on your left

From East - I-40W to exit 53B for U.S. 74 W Alternate/I-240 W. Drive 0.3 miles and keep left at the fork, follow signs for UNC Asheville and merge onto I-240 W. Drive 5.6 miles and take exit 3B toward Resort Drive/Westgate. Drive 230 feet and merge onto Patton Ave. Drive 0.2 miles and turn right onto Resort Drive. Drive 0.3 miles, hotel will be on your left.

From South and Asheville Airport - I-26 West/U.S. 84 West, when approaching Asheville, sight right onto I-26 W (signs for Asheville/Interstate 240). Drive 3.4 miles and take exit 3A on the left to merge onto US-19 S/US 23 S. Drive 0.5 miles and turn right onto Regent Park Blvd and drive 0.3.

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miles and take a slight right on Expo Drive. Drive 0.2 miles and turn left on Resort Drive. Hotel will be on your left.

From West - I-40 E/U.S. 23N/U.S. 74E to exit 46B on the left for I-240/I-26 W toward Asheville. Drive 0.2 miles onto I-240E/I-26 W. Drive 3.9 miles and take exit 3A on the left to merge onto US-19S/US 23S. Drive 0.5 miles and turn right onto Regent Park Blvd and drive 0.3 miles and take a slight right on Expo Drive. Drive 0.2 miles and turn left on Resort Drive. Hotel will be on your left.

Activities and Events

Hospitality Room - The Crowne Plaza is providing us with a very nice Hospitality Room that has much more room than we have had in the past. It has a refrigerator, cupboards and a sink. Chairs and tables for snack food, cold drinks, beer, and other beverages will be available. Members are encouraged to bring snack food (cookies, candy, chips, dips, drinks, etc.). A sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers to man the hospitality room through-out the weekend.

Silent Auction and Raffle – The Silent Auction and Raffle(s) will include a major prize, craft items donated by the Officers and Board members, additional craft items donated by the general membership, a 50/50 drawing and a door prize. The proceeds from these events will benefit the fund for aiding the families of those KIAs and WIAs from NMCB 14 and/or the Operating Budget of NMCB 14 Alumni Association.

The Silent Auction will start at set up on 29 October 2019 around 1100 in the Board meeting room – and transfer to the Banquet Room on 30 October at about 1700 hours before the Dinner. The Silent Auction will close at 1930 hours during the Dinner. The items won will be collected by the winners and payment received immediately after the Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony around 1030 hours.

Tours: You can individually or as a small group arrange for a tour of the Biltmore House or any of several other interesting places in Asheville. Information and assistance will be available at the check-in desk. You may also want to check here: <https://www.exploreasheville.com/>

- 1) The Biltmore House, billed as America's largest home was built by George Vanderbilt in the 1880's at the height of America's "Gilded Age" with precision European craftsmanship. The estate has 8,000 acres left from the original 125,000. Each year the house is decorated for Christmas, which makes it truly spectacular and will be on display during our tour. If you have never seen this beautiful estate, here's your opportunity. For more information you can visit their website at: <http://www.biltmore.com>
- 2) The Asheville Trolley Tour may be for you. It will help you to discover Asheville with a fully narrated Hop On - Hop Off Tour. The tour highlights the history, homes and hot-spots of the "city of surprises". Round up a group of friends and enjoy this tour. Additional information and assistance will be available at the check in desk and you can check out their website at: <https://graylineasheville.com/>

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3) Information about other local attractions will be available at the check-in desk and a city shuttle from the hotel to downtown is available for \$5 round-trip. Requests are taken at the Hotel Registration Desk.

Golf – A nine-hole championship golf course is on the premises and golfers can play 18 holes with a cart (two persons) for our military rate.



Entertainment – Entertainment at the Wed night dinner will be provided by “Ric Ledford and Friends”, a Bluegrass Band from the Asheville area. Ric served in the Marine Corps and thus is well aware of the Seabees. There is a dance floor - so bring your clogging shoes!!

Some Other Crowne Plaza Entertainment Amenities

Tennis - Sixteen outdoor clay and hard surface courts are complimentary. Four indoor courts are available at special rates.

Swimming Pools - Both indoor and outdoor available.



Fitness Center - Maintain your fitness between meals at the 8,500 square foot complimentary fitness center.



Spa Facilities - Adelaide Spa is a full-service spa featuring wellness therapies such as Swedish and Deep Tissue Massages. The hotel is offering a 15% discount to our attendees.

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Zip-Line - For the more adventurous, grab some of your buddies and try the thrilling Zip-Line at our Group Rate. Thrills at our age are hard to come by - so give it a shot!

Shirts, Hats, & Jackets – NMCB 14 Alumni Association polo shirts, ball hats, cowboy hats, and jackets will be available on site for sale in our Hospitality Room.

Presidents Luncheon with Spouses - Spouses please join Randy and Anna Bushey for a luncheon at 11:30 am on Tuesday to discuss furthering the spouses’ roles in the Alumni Association and ways in which we can enhance our assistance to the KIA and WIA Seabees and/or their families. We need your ideas and participation. Please indicate your desire to attend on the Registration Form so we can better plan the luncheon.

SPEAKING OF FOOD - Here is a preview of this year’s menus That will be served as listed below. (The pictures are not warranted to be exact replicas of what will be served.



Wednesday Dinner

Smokey Mountain Buffet

House Salad with assorted dressings
Broccoli and Kohlrabi Slaw
Slow roasted bone-in BBQ Chicken
Petite Tenderloin with Sauteed Sweet Onions
Baked Potato Bar with Sour Cream, Chives, Bacon and Cheddar Cheese
BBQ Baked Beans
Corn on the Cob
Freshly Baked Rolls
Bourbon Pecan Pie and Bread Pudding
Freshly Brewed Rainforest Alliance Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Teas



Thursday Breakfast

The Breakfast Buffet

Scrambled Eggs
Cheese Grits
Applewood Smoked Bacon
Pastries, Danishes. Muffins and Bagels
Sweet Butter, Fruit Preserves and Cream Cheese
Assorted Cereals with Milk
Fresh Sliced Fruits and Berries
Orange Juice and Apple Juice
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Draft Agenda NMCB 14 Alumni Association 2019 Reunion

- Monday 28 October 2019 Members arrive into Asheville
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1500 to 1900 Gold and Silver Sale
- Tuesday 29 October 2019
0900 to 1100 Board of Directors Meeting
1200 to 1300 Spouses Luncheon
1400 to 1600 General Membership Meeting
1630 to 1900 Team Games on the Lawn – Fundraising
- Wednesday 30 October 2019
0800 to 1600 Open to enjoy Asheville
1600 to 1630 Reception – cash bar
1630 to 2130 Annual Dinner – Fundraising – Entertainment
- Thursday 31 October 2019
0730 to 0830 Board of Directors Meeting – Election of Officers
0830 to 1100 Breakfast and Memorial Ceremony
1100 Adjourn

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