



# NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

This year has started at a record pace. First of all our Ways and Means Committee is off and running to gain membership and increase our funds. State chairmen have been set up to have "Gathering" meetings to present our case. You may be contacted soon.

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Bob Rehkopf has stepped down as chairman. Thus we are in need of a chairman to keep this committee active. Volunteers would be welcome. As a result of some of our efforts, we have received a monetary gift of \$25,000 from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of which our George Manning is a member. A big thank you should go to George for his efforts. Maybe some of you can do the same to help us increase our funds.

The Board of Directors and officers met for a meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn-Midtown in Savannah, GA on February 27. Our meeting was long and fruitful. Some of the highlights were 1) changed the by-laws allowing the Alumni Membership, in lieu of the Board, to elect 3 board members annually by mail-in ballots, 2) approved giving special life membership to NMCB 14 WIAs and WWII NMCB 14 Seabees, 3) initiated method of personal contact with the WIAs who reside in close proximity to the NMCB14 detachments, 4) approved reworking of NMCB 14 Alumni Association web site, and 5) discussed plans for the 2010 reunion.

Our next Board of Directors meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the NMCB 14 RSS in Jacksonville, FL. This is the day that the annual "Memorial Service" will be held for those NMCB 14 men who lost their lives in 2004 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. You are welcome to attend and the Heritage Center will be open for your visit.

It will not be long before we have our Reunion package ready for distribution. There will be a lot to do in Savannah and we have made plans for you to attend many of them. We have entered into a contract with the Hilton Garden Inn to "block" a certain number of rooms for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. If we do not fill these rooms, we are subject to penalties of paying for some of the rooms not used. We are leaving it up to you to make your hotel reservations. In order to reduce the risk of the penalty for not using the rooms we blocked, we will be asking you to make your reservation and send in your registration two months in advance of the reunion. If we do not reserve the rooms in advance, the hotel will drop the unreserved rooms from our block on the cutoff date. Thus, there would be a possibility that a room may not be available for you. By registering early it will also give us an opportunity to know the number of meals we will need to plan for. It would be greatly appreciated if you would help us in this matter.

A lot of you who have been annual members in the past have not renewed your membership as of this time. Please support your Alumni Association by renewing your membership now.

Ron Helton, President

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SUCCESS IS  
PARTICIPATION.  
PLEASE DO YOUR  
PART TO MAKE  
THE ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION  
SUCCESSFUL.

THANKS!!



<http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>

### 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Glenn Smith

Mike Wood

Bill Purkis

Mike Grace

Calvin Riley

Charles Sheppard

Ed Clark

Don Bridges

Al Robertson

Randy Felton



Your Board Hard at Work or  
Hardly Working??



# NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPRING 2010

## NEWS ON THE "NEW AND IMPROVED" WEBSITE

Past Board Member Ken Erickson and his daughter Patty, have announced that our new website is up and running. Ken and Patty have transformed our 20th century Website into a thing of beauty! Screen to screen interaction and downloads (like our Membership Application Form) move at exceptional speeds. Several new features are being planned to be added in the coming months. So Ken and Patty - THANK YOU both for your hard work and dedication. We also owe Robert Rehkopf a great big thanks for his wisdom and vision of the benefits of a major update. One of the new features will be a "counter" to see how many "hits" we get. So be sure to check it out. We will be "counting on you" at <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>.



Ken Erickson  
Our Website Master

## GEORGE MANNING AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

George Manning (our Treasurer) made a MAJOR announcement at the 27 February Board of Directors meeting. The International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), at George's behest, has granted us \$25,000. As a member of the IOOF, George was instrumental in getting this very generous donation granted to us. So a very special public THANK YOU to George and the IOOF. Obviously this donation will go a LONG way to assist us in meeting many of our main objectives, one of which is aiding KIA families, WIA, and their families that were killed/wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Note: A formal letter was issued to George and the IOOF.)

## WWII SEABEES LIVE ON

Two MCB 14 WWII Seabees have recently been in touch with our Editor. Both contacts were a result of our Reunion Notice in the SEABEE QUARTERLY. Jim Rothermel (Brenham, TX), age 91 1/2, emailed me and Andy Parretti (Fox Point, WI) called me. Jim will be attending the Seabee Ball in Jacksonville as a guest of NMCB 14. Andy, a young 86 years old, is planning on attending our reunion in November. I hope we all can get to meet these two great Americans at our next reunion. They will be our first two WWII Life Members.

## 2010 MEMBERS (TO DATE)

### WWII LIFE MEMBERS

James D. Rothermel	William Purkis	Donald N. Bridges	Alton F. Robertson	Orlando Chase
Andrew Parretti	Glenn A. Smith	Ernest Burzumato	Calvin Riley	John Clanton
	John T. Larsen	George A. Manning	Gregg Harkness	William J. Smith

### LIFE MEMBERS

Russell Doe	Kenneth Erickson	William P. Shiver	Ronald I. Russell
Robert Rehkopf	Mike Wood	Richard Mayo	Johnnie Nash
Fred S. Bossard	Michael Grace	Richard Hoibraten	Hilrie Kemp, Jr
Peter R. Brown	Mark Monaghan	Harvey Warren	William Pye
John Dux	William C. Charvat	Kenneth Morgan	Loren Emery
Ronald L. Helton	Charles Sheppard	James Caulder	Randall Felton
Terry B. Jamison	William Memory	Chris O. Snell, Jr.	
John R. Johnson	Vernon Morris	Charles Hickey	<u>ANNUALS</u>
Randall Bushey	Richard Biggs	William McCallum	David A. Katz
George Milian	Randall McGhee	Tommie Tyler	Sidney Nehrboss
Edward N. Orange	U.J.C. Tom Williams	Joseph Kolodziej	Freddy Drectrah
	James Mack	William Travis	George Dore

## SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION NEWS

Planning for the 2010 reunion is in full swing. We have signed a contract with the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown in Savannah, GA. The reunion is set for 04 - 07 November 2010. Information for this event will be posted on the Alumni Association's Website as soon as all details are finalized. Be sure to keep checking the Website for more news. The link to the our Website is:

<http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/> **All Officers and Board Members are requested to furnish five items for the Silent Auction. All attendees are requested to bring one item.**

<<Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 5711 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia, USA 3140





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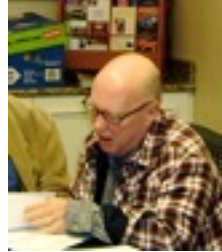
## Odds 'n Ends

### SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE

#### 2010 DONORS TO NMCB 14 AA

We have started 2010 by being blessed with some very generous donors as noted below.

George Manning (IOOF)	\$25,000
Dee Brockway	\$ 1,000
Robin Brockway	\$250



George Manning

### IN MEMORY OF

#### 2010 Deceased

Bravo Zulu to ALL

May God Bless Our Troops!

## Calendar

### **08 May 2010**

Board Meeting  
RSS, NAS, JAX  
0800 - 1700

### **04-07 November 2010**

5th Annual Re-Union  
Hilton Garden Inn Midtown  
5711 Abercorn St  
Savannah, GA  
Tel: 912-652-9300  
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### **Fall 2011**

6th Annual Re-Union  
Florida - Exact Site and  
Dates TBD

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