



# NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

The 2011 NMCB 14 Alumni Association Reunion in Jacksonville, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary honoring the Battalion Plank Owners, is five weeks away and the Board of Directors has been working hard to make it a successful event. Hopefully, one that brings our membership closer to our goals of helping the fallen and injured NMCB 14 Seabees and their families. The only way to make it successful and to accomplish our Association goals is for you and your spouse to participate. I hope you have already sent in your registration form. If not, now is the time to fill out your 2011 Reunion Registration Form and mail it to George Manning, our Treasurer. Also make your hotel reservation at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Orange Park before 13 October 2011 to take advantage of our great room rate. We need a participation count to confirm our rates and our dinner and breakfast reservations, so mail your form today.

I want to take this time to welcome our newest member of the Board of Directors, Mark Monaghan. Mark was a Petty Officer assigned to the NMCB 14 Orlando Detachment, retired in 1998, is married with 2 children, and has called Titusville, FL his home for the last 21 years. Mark is taking Al Robertson's Director position, which Al gave up when he was elected Vice President in midterm. The Board and Officers thank Al for stepping up to the challenge. I also want to acknowledge one of our new life members, Keith Stephens. Keith has joined the Alumni Association and has jumped in with both feet to manage the Association Web Site. He has updated the site and continues to make improvements that will aid the Association in attracting new members, improve communication with existing members, and provide another avenue for Seabees to seek our assistance. Keith, from the Association Officers and Directors, we send a Bravo Zulu.

Keith's example leaves each of us asking – what have I done today to support the Association's goals? Give of your time and become involved – call an Officer today. Their numbers and email addresses are listed here and on the web site.

When you fill out your registration form for the 2011 Reunion, you will see a line, President's Friday Luncheon with Spouses. Anna and I want to meet with the Alumni Spouses to get your input on what role the Spouses should and can play in the accomplishment of our goals to serve the NMCB 14 Seabees and their families. Please sign up, send in your registration, and come with your ideas and energy to help.

I look forward to seeing and working with each of you at the Reunion.

*Randy Bushey, President*

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

THANKS!!



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

### 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Bridges

John J. Hillyer

Ed Crenshaw

Kenneth Morgan

Randy Felton

Calvin Riley

Mike Grace

Glenn Smith

Ron Helton

Mark Monaghan



A Mix of 2010 and 2011  
Board Members



# NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SUMMER 2011

## NMCB 14 CPO ASSOCIATION

The NMCB 14 CPO Association recently made a significant and very meaningful addition to our Memorial Membership list. They have sponsored all NMCB 14 Seabees killed in action, including WWII as well as those in Iraq. The very first KIA Seabee was none other than

Capt. James V. Carney, CEC; Commanding Officer of MCB 14. He and QM1 Elmer Finch were killed on Guadalcanal in 1942. MM2 Boaz Blosser was killed on Okinawa in 1944.

As most of know, the Seabees noted by \*\* in the Memorial Membership listing below were killed in Iraq in 2004.

The Alumni Association sincerely THANKS not only NMCB 14 COPA, but also the Memorial Memberships sponsored by John J. Hillyer Jr (John J. Hillyer II & Fred Huntley, Fred Bossard (Don Billstone) and John Walker (Jim Knox & Ron Patterson). Thank you all for your support.



NMCB 14 Seabee Memorial Service  
April 2011

## 2011 MEMBERS (TO DATE)

### WWII LIFE MEMBERS

James D. Rothermel  
Andrew Parretti  
Marshall Henry

Mark Monaghan  
William C. Charvat  
Charles Sheppard  
William Memory

Grey Duncan  
Charles Miller  
Alton F. Robertson  
Calvin Riley  
Gregg Harkness

Ronald Philpott  
Raleigh Ward  
Ed Crenshaw  
James R. Kautz  
Wilson K. Hunter

MEMORIALS  
John J. Hillyer II  
Fred Huntley  
Donald L. Billstone  
Jim Knox

### LIFE MEMBERS

Russell Doe  
Robert Rehkopf  
Fred S. Bossard  
Peter R. Brown  
John Dux  
Ronald L. Helton  
Terry B. Jamison  
John R. Johnson  
Randall Bushey  
George Milian  
Edward N. Orange  
William Purkis  
Glenn A. Smith  
John T. Larsen  
Kenneth Erickson  
Mike Wood  
Michael Grace

Vernon Morris  
Richard Biggs  
Randall McGhee  
U.J.C. Tom Williams  
Donald N. Bridges  
Ernest Burzumato  
George A. Manning  
William P. Shiver  
Richard Mayo  
Richard Hoibraten  
Kenneth Morgan  
James Caulder  
Chris O. Snell, Jr.  
Charles Hickey  
William McCallum  
Tommie Tyler  
William Travis  
Joseph Kolodziej

Ronald I. Russell  
Johnnie Nash  
Hilrie Kemp, Jr  
William Pye  
Loren Emery  
Randall Felton  
Terry Bailey  
Charles Famshaw  
Peter J. Araneo  
Thomas "Ed" Clark  
Leo Bennett  
Harold J. Murray  
John J. Hillyer III  
James A. Gold  
Peter R. Herrick  
Robert Tuten  
Raymond C. Walker

John Walker  
Paul Mitchell  
Garry L. Chitwood  
William Smith  
Mark Monaghan  
Keith Stephens  
David Tilki  
Thomas Kleschka  
Stan Bartholomew  
Herman Polston  
Patrick Upshaw  
ANNUALS (2011)  
Normand Dupuis  
Fred Anisburg  
Ray Cochran  
David Katz  
Charles Hayman

Ron Patterson  
James V Carney \*  
Elmer Finch \*  
Boaz Blosser \*  
Jason Dwelley \*\*  
Chris Dickerson \*\*  
Ronald Ginther \*\*  
Robert Jenkins \*\*  
Trace Dossett \*\*  
Scott McHugh \*\*  
Michael Anderson \*\*  
ANNUALS (2012)  
Normand Dupuis

\* WW II  
\*\* Iraq

Don't forget to submit your 2011 Annual Dues. 2012 Annual Dues can be paid with your Reunion Registration. See the Reunion Registration Package for details. Donations from all Members and others are most welcomed. Send dues and donations to Fred Bossard.

## SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION NEWS

Planning for the 2011 reunion has been finalized. Reservations at the Holiday Inn in Orange Park, FL should be made prior to 13 October to ensure you get our low low low Reunion rate. The reunion is set for 03 - 06 November 2011. Information for this event has been posted on the Alumni Association's Website. Check the Website for more news, registration and hotel details. The link to our Website is: <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>  
**All Officers and Board Members are requested to furnish one item for the Silent Auction. All attendees are requested to bring one item as well.**

<<<< Holiday Inn, 620 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL, USA 32073





## Odds 'n Ends

### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR

If you didn't notice - we now have a new Board Member. Mark Monaghan is filling Al Robertson's spot (vacated due to his election to VP) until the November elections. Feel free to send a note of "congratulations" to Mark.

### 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTOR / OFFICER ELECTIONS

As noted in the Spring 2011 Newsletters, Board of Director elections will be held during October 2011. Director ballots will be forward to all Life and 2011 Annual members at the end of September. Ballots will be due back to Fred Bossard no later than 31 October. This will allow for validation of the election results prior to the reunion's general meeting. [Directors are elected for a three year term.]

The "new" directors will join with the continuing directors at the reunion in the selection of new officers for 2011. Directors "rolling off" this year are Mike Grace, Calvin Riley, Ken Morgan (fill-in for Charles Shepard), and Mark Monaghan (fill-in for Al Robertson).

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

In addition the the new Board of Director turn over, the **Secretary's** position will be vacated by Fred Bossard. Not only will we need a new **Secretary**, but also someone to compile and edit our **Newsletters** and someone to head up the **Membership Management**. If you think you may be interested in any (or all) of the above positions, please let Fred know and he will fill you on on the job duties and requirements, etc.

### ADVERTISING

Send in your business card and \$25.00 to Fred Bossard for inclusion to our advertising section, good for three issues.

### FALLEN SEABEE SCHOLARSHIP (FSS)

Due to the efforts of Ron Helton and Randy Bushey, we recently learned from Sheryl Chiogioji (daughter of RADM Chiogioji) and Kirsten Neff (former NMCB 14 XO), that **FIRST** two Fallen Seabee Scholarships have recently been awarded.

We were proud to pass on to you that one was awarded to Skylar Dickerson, daughter of EO3 Christopher Dickerson. EO3 Dickerson was killed in action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq in April of 2004. Skylar is from Statham, Georgia and intends on pursuing a career in physical therapy. She is attending Polk State College in Lakeland, FL.

The other recipient, Cecilia Rovinski, is the daughter of EO1 Gary Rovinski and is from Monmouth, IL. Gary was killed in action near Anah, Iraq in June 2006. Cecilia is studying Art at Grace College in Winona Lake, IN.

We send both our sincerest congratulations and best wishes for successful careers, both in college and after graduation.

### CORRECTION(S)

The Spring 2011 Newsletter inadvertently addressed John Hillyer as "John J. Hillyer II" instead of "John J. Hiller Jr.". The editor apologizes for the error.

Also overlooked in the Spring 2011 Newsletter were donations from Fred Ainsburg (\$30.00) and Mark Monaghan (\$20.00). Thank you both for your support.



### ALUMNI FACES

Left to Right:

- 1) Charlie Sheppard/Ray Walker, 2) Calvin Riley/Ed Clark, 3) Ron Helton/Mike Grace, 4) Tom Williams



## More Odds 'n Ends

### SEABEE DETACHMENT COORDINATION

One of our goals is to have an excellent rapport with all of NMCB 14's Detachments so that of 14's Seabees have an understanding of what the Alumni Association stands for, what our goals are and how we can help those in need. To this end, a Detachment Coordination Program has been initiated.

After April's Memorial Service at NMCB 14' RSS, Capt Sean McDonell, CO MCB 14 and President Randy Bushey came to agreement on starting this program. Capt McDonell will issue letter of authorization allowing us to have a direct Detachment Representative from the Alumni visit each Detachment during their drill weekends.

Normand Dupuis is leading the charge on this initiative and will be the Detachment Rep in Orlando. Garry Chitwood will do likewise in Miami. They are being assisted by John Hillyer, our Ways and Committee Chairman, in this organizational effort.

Normand has reported that he had a very "productive" visit to Orlando in August. In the photo above, Normand is holding a poster (which he will donate to each Detachment) describing "what Seabees are". Bill Purkis is making frames for the poster so



Normand Dupuis  
Lead Detachment Coordinator

they can be wall mounted. Thank you all for your exemplary efforts and help in undertaking this important initiative.

### SICK CALL

We are happy to report that John Larsen is out of rehab, at home and good making progress. Also, Neil Orange is progressing and is looking forward to coming to this years reunion. Richard Mayo has reported that Orlando "Pappa" Chase is now all clear of stomach and colon cancer. Pappa also plans on attending the reunion in November.

We look forward to seeing all of you once again and enjoying your company at the reunion!

### OBITUARIES

UT1 William M (Bill) Pierson, formally of Orlando Florida passed away on May 29, 2011. Bill was 77 years old, and retired from the City of Orlando in 1994. Bill served with NMCB-14 Det. 0314 in Orlando.

SK2 William "Bill" M. Kramer, 73, of Beverly Hills, FL, passed away on Aug 14, 2011. He proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine and as a Seabee with NMCB14 Det. 0629 in St Petersburg. He grew up in Danvers, MA and moved to Florida in 1972.

### REUNION ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE

The old saying of the best laid plans of mice and men go astray (or something like that) has happened. Our previous entertainment has come unraveled, but our backup plan has not. So we WILL HAVE after dinner entertainment which will be an "encore" to be presented by Rhonda Hambright, Ron and Emily Helton's daughter.

The show is named "Sail Away!" starring Rhonda as the "girl I left behind me girl" and Harlan Hambright as the "swarthy sea captain guy" who promises to bring old favorite songs, humor and Broadway hits; as the two meet on a dock somewhere in the United States. The pianist that will accompany them for the show is Deidre Singleton.

It sounds like a lot fun and just the thing to top off a great dinner.

### SEABEE COOKBOOK

If you haven't done so, don't forget to get your favorite Seabee Recipe to Randy Bushey for inclusion into the Seabee Cookbook.

### MEMBERSHIP

ALL members are reminded that it is their duty to advise the Alumni Association of any changes to your contact information, especially e-mail and snail mail changes. Thanks in advance for doing this.

Also, all Membership Applications should be made out to "NMCB 14 Alumni Association"; and not to whom you mail

the application. This will eliminate any confusion as to what the check is for, etc.

### LAST MINUTE ODDS 'N ENDS

Just prior to going to press, we received Patrick Upshaw's (XO NMCB 14) membership application - which puts us at exactly one hundred members including our fifteen memorials. This Newsletter goes out to over three hundred people that were former and/or current members of NMCB 14. Those that haven't joined - PLEASE JOIN NOW!! Thanks.

Thanks to Jim Kautz, copies of the 1961 Davisville Yardarm and the very first "Seabee Sam" ACDUTRA newsletter will be available at November's reunion. All you have to do to get your copy is join us at the reunion. It is not too late to sign up!

WASHINGTON  
(May 19, 2011)



### SAILOR OF THE YEAR IS A SEABEE!

Chief Construction Electrician Leonardo Calderon has his chief's anchors pinned by his wife, Jamiah, during his meritorious promotion to chief petty officer during the Sailor of the Year pinning ceremony at the Navy Memorial.

CONGRATULATIONS CHIEF CALDERON!



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## IN MEMORY OF

### 2010 / 2011 Deceased

EOI Larry Nanney

EOI James Mack

CMI Ron Patterson

EOI Harvey Warren

YNI Laurie Milligan

UTI William Pierson

William Kramer

### Special Seabee Friends

Patricia Erickson

## SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE

Thank you again to the following for their support, especially for the Memorial Memberships:

John J. Hillyer, Jr. \$ 50.00

Fred Bossard \$100.00

John P. Walker \$ 50.00

NMCB 14 CPOA \$250.00

Also, a special THANKS goes out to Garry Chitwood for obtaining a flat screen TV for our main Raffle Prize at this years reunion.

Another special THANKS to Keith Stephens for taking on the maintenance and upkeep of our website. Keith has done an outstanding job in a very short time span. Check it out at <http://www.nmcb14alumni.com/>. Take particular note of the Alumni logo to the left of <http://> when you visit the site. NICE touch Keith!

Bravo Zulu to ALL

May God Bless Our Troops!

## Calendar

### **22 October 2011**

Board Conference Call  
0900 - 1000 EDST

### **03-06 November 2011**

6th Annual Re-Union

Holiday Inn

620 Wells Road

Orange Park, FL

Tel: 904-562-7400

Fax: 904-562-7401

### **February 2012**

Board Meeting

Florida - Exact Site and  
Dates TBD

### **Fall 2012**

7th Annual Re-Union

Florida - Exact Site and  
Dates TBD

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