



# NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

The Alumni Association was well represented at the 2012 May NMCB 14 Memorial Ceremony. The Association purchased, with the annual assistance of Mike Wood, a wreath for the ceremony. It was a great honor to accompany the Battalion's Executive Office and Mike in placing the wreath at the memorial during the ceremony. We have a great organization and with your active participation can continue to support the active Battalion members and their families. This summer about two-thirds of the Battalion will be in final training for deployment overseas. Those deployed and the families they leave behind will need our support, both in prayers for the Seabees safe return, and other help to meet unexpected circumstances that come into all our lives. One area that the XO specifically requested was "care packages" to those deployed, of which he is going to be the senior member. He specifically mentioned the holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, but throughout their deployment. They will be in-country from about September 2012 through March 2013. This means that you cannot wait until our reunion in November to become involved.

The Spouses Luncheon last November was a successful exchange of ideas to grow the Association, and we discussed this very opportunity to serve, and you had some great ideas. I ask you now to send me and Anna your willingness to support. Send us your email with ideas and how you want to become involved. We will need a chairperson, items to send (I will be checking with the XO who was deployed before with the Battalion for specifics), assembling of the packages and mailing. Small groups or individual Alumni families may be the best way to organize – what are your ideas? We need to start planning now for how we are going to accomplish assembling and shipping our "care packages".

The other area of support is the families that may need a little extra financial support for a crisis, or someone to talk to and advise on the latest home repair, or just someone to talk with during the holiday. We have a broad geographic base – which is ideal to help the Battalion Ombudsman program where we are requested and can assist. Last November we initiated the Alumni Ombudsman program and I am in the process of appointing two ombudsmen to begin the program. They will be the first line of contact for those needing our assistance. We are all "ombudsman" – but they will provide the formal link to the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association.

The Board has voted on a great location and hotel for the upcoming reunion in Asheville, NC. It is a beautiful time of the year to be in the mountains and in historic Asheville. We look forward to seeing you and your families there to continue the mission that we started over six years ago – supporting those who go in harm's way to protect us. We will be there on Veteran's Day weekend 08 – 11 November 2012 – and what a better way to celebrate Veteran's Day than in our annual Memorial Breakfast – with your fellow Seabees. See you in Asheville at the Crowne Plaza.

*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/>

### 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Don Bridges

Mark Monaghan

Ed Crenshaw

Glenn Smith

Randy Felton

Keith Stephens

Ron Helton

Fred Bossard

John J. Hillyer



Ed Clark & Raleigh Ward at  
Reunion Dinner

# NMCB 14 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPRING - SUMMER 2012



## NMCB 14 RECOGNIZES MAXINE LAWRENCE

On 3 April 2012, Richard Mayo and Mike Wood, on behalf of the Alumni Association, presented to Maxine Lawrence the Certificate of Appreciation shown to the right. Maxine retired on 31 March 2012 and the certificate was given to her in appreciation of her many past

presentations on the Tri-Care program at our reunions. Maxine's in depth knowledge and presentations were always found to be beneficial to all. In addition to the certificate, Richard and Mike treated Maxine to lunch at Trent's Restaurant in Jacksonville.

The Alumni Association wishes Ms Lawrence a wonderful and fruitful retirement. And thanks to Richard and Mike for your time and efforts in forwarding our appreciation to her.



**Maxine Lawrence's  
Certificate of Appreciation**

## SEVENTH REUNION NEWS

On 11 February 2012, Ed Crenshaw and Fred Bossard, accompanied by their spouses, checked out potential Asheville, NC hotels for our seventh reunion. The Crowne Plaza Golf & Tennis Resort won out hands down. Although the weather outside was brutally cold, windy and snowy, the atmosphere inside was warm and inviting. Donna Cantrell (hotel manager) was very hospitable and accommodating. Thank you Donna!

The Hospitality Room is especially nice and clinched the deal. It has plenty of room (for a change) and a kitchen with a sink and refrigerator. All rooms are doubles at \$95.00/night plus tax.

The hotel has a nine hole golf course and a very large indoor tennis and exercise facility within walking distance. For the ladies there is a very nice spa. More information on the hotel can be found at:

<http://ashevillescp.com/home/>.

Ed and Mark Monaghan have selected "Ric Ledford and The Reems Creek Incident", an Asheville Blue Grass band for our entertainment. You can get a "sneak" preview of the band at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zb\\_JLw5p6mI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zb_JLw5p6mI).

NMCB 14's CO, CAPT Sean McDonnell will be one of our guest dinner speakers.

A Board of Directors meeting will be held on 30 June 2012 at the hotel to iron final details for meals, tours, a second dinner speaker and other incidentals. Following the Board Meeting, the registration package will be finalized and forwarded to all. It will also be posted on our Website at:

<http://www.nmcb14alumni.com>



Ed Crenshaw checks out the proposed Crowne Plaza Hospitality Room for our seventh reunion

CROWNE PLAZA  
GOLF & TENNIS  
RESORT



## SEVENTH REUNION CALENDAR

**08 - 11 NOVEMBER 2012**

**ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**



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## WWII LIFE MEMBERS

James D. Rothermel  
Andrew Parretti  
Marshall Henry

## 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  
Mark Monaghan  
William C. Charvat  
Charles Sheppard  
William Memory  
Vernon Morris  
Richard Biggs  
Randall McGhee  
U.J.C. Tom Williams  
Donald N. Bridges  
Ernest Burzumato  
George A. Manning  
Richard Mayo  
Richard Hoibraten  
Kenneth Morgan  
James Caulder

Chris O. Snell, Jr.  
Charles Hickey  
William McCallum  
Tommie Tyler  
William Travis  
Joseph Kolodziej  
Grey Duncan  
Charles Miller  
Alton F. Robertson  
Calvin Riley  
Gregg Harkness  
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  
Ronald Philpott  
Raleigh Ward  
Ed Crenshaw  
James R. Kautz  
Wilson K. Hunter  
John Walker  
Paul Mitchell  
Garry L. Chitwood  
William Smith  
Mark Monaghan  
Keith Stephens  
David Tilki  
Thomas Kleschka

Stan Bartholomew  
Herman Polston  
Samantha Wood  
Mrs. Dee Brockway  
Fred W. Ainsburg  
Ronald L. Dollar

## ANNUALS (2012)

Normand Dupuis  
David Katz

## MEMORIALS

John J. Hillyer Jr.  
Fred Huntley  
Donald L. Billstone  
Jim Knox  
Ron Patterson  
James V Carney \*  
Elmer Finch \*  
Boaz Blosser \*  
Jason Dwelley \*\*  
Chris Dickerson \*\*  
Ronald Ginther \*\*  
Robert Jenkins \*\*  
Trace Dossett \*\*  
Scott McHugh \*\*  
Michael Anderson \*\*  
David Ludovici  
Al Cardenelli  
Marlin Cochran  
John Finley  
Bill Kramer  
Ed Ripoli  
Bill Schram  
Harvey Warren  
John Witzman  
Bob Brockway  
William P. Shiver

\* WW II

\*\* Iraq



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## ALUMNI and BATTALION NEWS

On 05 May 2012, a BOD meeting was held at NMCB 14's RSS in conjunction with 14's annual Memorial Service honoring the fallen NMCB 14 Seabees killed and wounded in Iraq in 2004.

The Memorial Service was poignant and a powerful reminder of the sacrifices these brave Seabees made on behalf of their country. The Alumni Association

provided a flower wreath for the service. Afterwards, the Battalion XO gave the Alumni members in attendance, a briefing on 14's activities leading up to their fall deployment to Afghanistan. They were busy with projects, military training and planning for their Afghan assignments. Upon arrival in Afghanistan, they will be working with Afghan Special Forces.

Please pray for their SAFE RETURN.

## BOD AND OTHER NEWS

At the May 2012 BOD meeting, a motion was approved to make a \$1,000 donation to the SMSA with specifics to be in the NMCB 14 Scholarship Fund. Thus, the donation will only be available to NMCB 14 families.

Mike Grace and Don Bridges are compiling lists of potential nominees for new Board of Directors for the service years 2013 - 2015. If any one is interested, please submit your name and a short bio

to one of them. Elections for the new directors will take place early this fall in a similar manner as was done last year. Ballots will be mailed early September and voting will close on 15 October. All candidates must be members in good standing. The newly elected will be announced at the reunion in November.

The newly constituted BOD will then elect their choice of officers for 2013. If you are a member in good standing and would like to be considered for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer,

please submit a short bio to Randy Bushey or Al Robertson advising them of your desire to lead your Alumni Association.

*To those that are not yet members, you are reminded that we have waived the initial \$20.00 membership fee. So save \$20 and join NOW! Strong membership participation is the only way we can meet our mission to support KIA families and WIA's and their families.*

## ADVERTISING

Get your business booming. Send in your business card and \$25.00 to Fred Bossard (made payable to NMCB 14 Alumni Association) for inclusion to our advertising section, good for three issues.

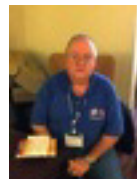
All advertising proceeds contribute to our primary goal of aiding and assisting KIA families and WIA and their families.



## ALUMNI FACES

Left to Right:

1) Jim Gold, 2) Loren Emery, 3) Dave Cherry, 4) Keith Stephens/Mark Monaghan





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## OBITUARIES

William P. Shiver passed away on 18 February 2012 at age 78. He joined the Marine Corps in 1953 and the Seabees in 1956 in Savannah, GA. He retired as a CWO4 after 38 years of service to the Marine Corp, Seabees and CEC. He is survived by his wife Laura and two daughters. Bill's complete obituary can be found at: <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=William-Shiver&lc=7133&pid=155940578&mid=5001130&ocale=en-US>

Former Commander RNCF, RADM James Edward Mantel, 84 of Kansas City, MO passed away Friday April 6, 2012 at St. Joseph Medical Center.

RADM Mantel was unique in that he went from Seaman to Rear Admiral without serving one day of active duty (other than ACDUTRA training, etc).

RADM Mantel was born July 17, 1927 in St. Joseph, MO to Edward J. Mantel and Bernice Jessie Baker.

He is survived by his wife Alyce Marie Baker Mantel and four children, three grandchildren and a sister. His full obituary can be found at:

<http://obitsforlife.com/obituary/500836/Mantel-RADM-James.php>

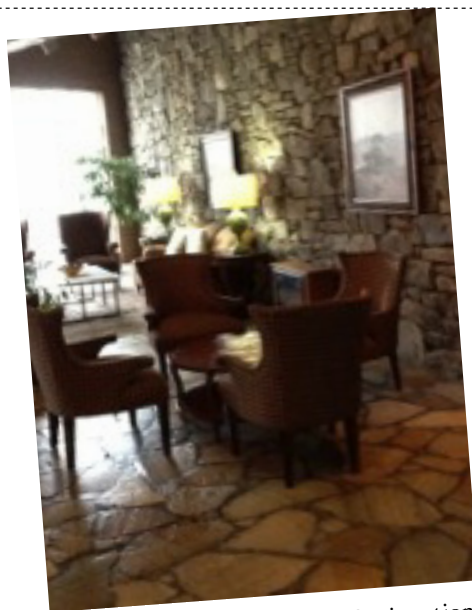
## CORRECTIONS

In the Winter 2011 edition. Ed Ripoll was mis-spelled as Ed Repoli in the Obituaries Section.

## Odds 'n Ends



Crowne Plaza Hotel outdoor pool and tennis courts



This will be the 7th Reunion Registration Site in the Main Lobby

## SICK CALL

We are passing on "get well" wishes to the following:

Paul Margulio - Miami, FL - is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant. He is currently waiting for his blood counts to get to proper levels before the transplant can be done.

Chaplain John Dux - Summerville, SC - was under the weather with back problems.

Neil Orange - Black Mountain, NC - is still receiving chemo treatments for various cancer ailments.

Richard Mayo - Jacksonville, FL - recently has some testing done at Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, for possible aneurisms.

RADM Brown - St. Petersburg, FL - is back home in St Pete after treatment in Rochester, NY for an infection.

## MISSING PERSONS

Contact with Jim Rothermel, our WWII Seabee has been lost. We have not been able to reach him by any means. If anyone has any knowledge of Jim (and/or his wife's) status, please make any of the officers or board members aware of it.

Does anyone know what has happened to Jack Ward or Edgar MaGee?? Haven't heard from them in ages.



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## SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE

Thank you again to the following for their 2012 Memorial Memberships:

U. J. C. Tom Williams \$200.00

## ONE LAST THING

Ed Crenshaw has advised that the Navy Seabees of America (NSVA) has published in their June 2012 issue of "Can Do", a very nice article on BU2 Michael Anderson, one of NMCB 14's fallen Seabees and his family.

It is a heartwarming story and everyone is encouraged to read it. The link to the "Can Do" is: [www.NSVA.org](http://www.NSVA.org) which will bring you to NSVA home page. Once there, click on "Can Do" and check out the story on pages 1, 4 and 5.

## IN MEMORY OF

### 2012 Deceased

William P. Shiver - 18 February

### Special Seabee Friends

RADM Jim Mantel - 06 April

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN NOVEMBER**

Bravo Zulu to ALL

May God Bless Our Troops!

## Calendar

### **30 June 2012**

Board Meeting  
Asheville, NC  
1100 - 1600 EDST

### **15 September 2012**

Board Conference Call  
0900 - 1000 EDT

### **15 October 2012**

2013 - 2015 BOD Ballots &  
Voting Deadline

### **08-11 November 2012**

7th Annual Re-Union  
Crowne Plaza Golf & Tennis  
Resort, Asheville, NC

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