

## Seabees – Members of the NMCB14 Alumni Association

The Association – founded in 2005 – is a young and growing organization focused on our mission to support the NMCB14 Seabees and their families who were directly impacted by the 2004/2005 tragedies in Iraq and those that are in need due to events affecting Seabee family welfare and ability to help themselves.

I have had the opportunity to serve the Association for another year as President for 2019 and look forward with your help to reviving our mission focus.

Renewing our focus can take many forms – but always starts with your personal commitment of time and energy – not full time – but in heart felt moments as Association members.

Our focus will be on:

- Reaching out to the 2004/2005 Seabee families
- Being open to new needs
- Encouraging new membership

Financially supporting the Association relates to the volunteer spirit of the members, the involvement of the community (in this case military – Navy), and the willingness of the members to provide their own personal time and energy to the cause.

“Time is Money” as the adage goes, and your commitment of time is truly worth more than money. Join a committee, become a Director, serve as an officer, and many other ways to be an Association Ambassador to our NMCB14 Seabees.

The 2019 Reunion was voted to be in Asheville, North Carolina on 28-31 October 2019. The Reunion Committee is currently negotiating the details with a hotel and food providers. The Association had to change the venue dates due to the room rates available at that time of the year – on a weekend. – The reunion in Asheville will be great – with your attendance and participation.

Next year’s Reunion dates and location should be identified prior to the 2019 Reunion so that we can lock down the room rates and hotel – to avoid what happened this year and to get early attendance commitments from the membership – so very important for our hotel contract. Please email any Board member or officer with your recommended 2020 Reunion location prior to May 2019.

The Board is meeting in Asheville on 25 May 2019 to finalize the 2019 Reunion agenda and hotel contract. You are invited if you are available for the Board Meeting. We will discuss 2020 Reunion locations at that time and start planning with preliminary hotel options and room rates.

Your Officers for 2019 are: President – Randy Bushey, Vice President – Joe Leahy, Secretary – Ed Crenshaw, and Treasurer – Frank Landrau. The 2019 Directors are: Ernie Nelson, Keith Hunter, Julio Soto, Randy McGhee, Gregg Harkness, and Richard Hoibraten. Richard is also the Association Chaplain.

We have 4 standing committees: Assistance – Chair Randy McGhee, Reunion 2019 – Chair Al Robertson, Fund Raising – Chair Joe Leahy, and Brockway Award – Chair Loren Emery. I encourage you to contact me or one of the Chairs to join a committee and provide your needed energy, time, and ambassadorship.



Randy Bushey

President, NMCB Fourteen Alumni Association