

NMCB 62 "MINUTEMEN" NEWSLETTER NO. 2

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1. This is the second newsletter. The first Newsletter was sent 6 January 2008. If you would like a copy send me an email.
2. The First Annual East Coast All Seabee Reunion was held in February 2008 at Hampton, VA and was a huge success. Our hosts, the Vietnam Era Seabees, www.vietnam-era-seabees.org put the attendance number at over 375. See their website for reunion pictures. The main program was held Saturday morning and featured outstanding guest speakers. After a buffet lunch it was time for Battalion Annual Meetings. We had 15 NMCB 62 Alumni attend our meeting. We also had as an invited guest, Bill Hilderbrand, President of the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation, Gulfport. He gave a short talk on the newly reactivated battalions at Gulfport. He also told the alumni that our Minuteman Battalion is the only Battalion working to preserve each Seabee's individual biography and that the Historical Foundation will preserve that legacy in their archives forever. If you haven't sent in your bio, what are you waiting for?
3. The Navy Seabee Veterans of America, www.nsva.org, also have excellent pictures of the reunion. Check out their website.
4. The next All Seabee Reunion will be hosted by our friends at Island X-1, Gulfport. NMCB 62 will also hold a mini reunion with them. See the attached rough draft of the schedule. See also Ed Kloster's All Seabee Reunion Website at www.allseabees.com.
5. As of this date, there are 1142 names on the Alumni List and growing slowly but surely. The email lists stands at 273 and growing, but slower. I've sent out over 100 letters to alumni and have well over 320 more alumni names to check addresses and phone numbers in order to get a current mailing address. I use the internet "white pages" to research each address and phone number I have to make sure I get the correct mailing address. I'm a one man show on this project with funds coming from your dues and contributions used for stamps, envelopes, ink, etc. Thanks for the dues and contributions.
6. Seabee Organizations you should join: Three organizations are very supportive of the NMCB 62 Alumni Group and I suggest that you consider joining all three, as I have. The first is the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation, www.seabeehf.org. These folks are preserving our NMCB 62 Alumni Group Biographies, general information about us, and these newsletters. Two more excellent organizations are the Vietnam Era Seabees and the Navy Seabees of America. Both of their websites are listed above. A free source of Seabee info is the "Seabee Grapevine" co-founded by Stormin Normand Dupris. Email him at NORMANDchf@aol.com to sign up. Don't forget the FRA, VFW, Legion, or TREA.
7. Rick Linafelter has shared information on the Agent Orange drums stored at CBC Gulfport for anyone who is interested. He would also like to hear from anyone who has

health problems as a result. See his bio. Also, I would like to thank Rick for sending 3 books of forever stamps to help defray the postage costs.

8. The NMCB 62 Alumni Group is for all Seabees and support folks who were ever a member of the "Minuteman Battalion". Even if a Shipmate was temporarily attached to, or TAD to 62 they can be on the alumni list. From the first day the Battalion was formed in WWII to the day the Battalion was decommissioned in 1989 we are all "Minutemen".

9. Questions and Answers:

Q. What should I do with all these attachments you send me?

A. Make a new folder in your "My Documents" titled "NMCB 62" and save all the attachments to that folder.

Q. What should I do with these emails you send me?

A. Make a new EMAIL folder titled "NMCB 62 Mail" and save the emails to that folder.

Q. What operating system do you use?

A. Microsoft word processor, Microsoft works, and Microsoft office word 2003

Q. How can I print out my own bio or someone else's?

A. 1. Click (highlight) the name you want to print 2. Click the "Print" icon 3. In the "Page Range" choose "Selection" 4. In the "Print Style" choose either "Memo", "Business Card" or "Phone List". Each of the three prints different information.

Q. I just looked at my biography page. I put some stuff down that I shouldn't have and I forgot to put down lots of things I should have. How can I fix this?

A. Not a problem. Any shipmate can completely rewrite *his own* bio whenever he chooses and email it to me. At your request, I will delete the old bio and copy and paste in the new bio. You can also say some kind words about a shipmate who has been KIA or who is deceased.

Q. My bio is really long and detailed. It will take more than one page. How many pages can I have for my bio?

A. As many as it takes for you to tell your Seabee experiences and history. Remember, the bio you record is for now and for your future generations.

10. Minuteman Patches. Alumni Malcolm Smith has the patches. Email him at malsmith48@hotmail.com for information.

11. This concludes the 2nd newsletter. If anyone has any comments or suggestions for the next newsletter let me know. Also, please send me any new names of NMCB 62 shipmates. You can forward the letter seeking 62 shipmates, the alumni letter, the CO/XO letter, and the website list to those who may be interested. However, I would ask that you do not forward the NMCB 62 Alumni List to others.

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This is the second E-newsletter by now elected alumni secretary Norm Hahn.