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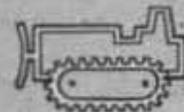
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SEABEE ISLAND DIRECTORY

To assist our members who will soon join the ranks of the summer traveler and who may like to visit other Seabee Veterans of America Islands, it is requested that all Islands send in their meeting places and dates for publication. It is planned to run a continuous directory of Seabee Islands with their meeting locations and dates. Please notify THE SEABEE of any change in regular meetings or of any special meeting your Island may be conducting. P. O. Box 3116, San Diego 3, California. The 20th of the month is the deadline date for the next month's edition.

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RESPONSIBILITY

An Editorial

Responsibility is the sincere assumption of certain obligations, duties or privileges, voluntarily assumed. It is an undertaking, or an agreement to perform certain duties that cannot be avoided except by a direct refusal to undertake the performance. Where the responsibility is a moral one that should be undertaken by us, we cannot avoid this responsibility even by our refusal to accept it.

It can be said that responsibility is divided, among other lines, into three classifications: Obligation to duty, Obligations of privileges, and Obligations of necessity.

No person is perfect, and none of us can every hope to be. However, all of us should strive to attain certain high standards that will enable each of us to carry out our responsibilities to the highest degree possible.

Obligation to duty in the sense as used in the S.V.A. is the recognition of our Constitution and By-Laws, the oath of office that each of us has taken and the consideration of our fellow members.

Obligation of privilege can be considered to refer to our membership in the S.V.A., pride in belonging to an organization composed of men whose know-how and awareness of responsibility to duty during time of war became a legend.

Obligations of necessity which require that we become interested in our fellow members, and that we recognize that each one is a distinct individual who requires recognition as such.

All Officers in the S.V.A. are urged to take proper hold of the responsibility that is theirs; to show that they know the real meaning of responsibility, to create solid unity among each of the Islands of the S.V.A.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Convention City

Phoenix, Arizona, the site of the 16th annual National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America, was settled in 1870 and incorporated in 1881.

Rich in historical background, this interesting city is the Capitol of Arizona and easily the largest city in the State. There are many very interesting places to visit and things to see. The Capitol Building is a typical capitol building that is fast disappearing from the scene. Its ornate trim and beautiful hand-worked masonry is of a style that can never be duplicated.

Arizona State College is located at Tempe, just 8 miles to the East. Just a short distance from Phoenix is the West's most Western town, Scottsdale. Camelback Mountains form an interesting background when viewed from certain portions of Phoenix. The fabulous Mountain Shadows Inn and the famous Camelback Inn are places to be enjoyed by every visitor.

Phoenix is the center of thousands of irrigated acres of land, and is the hub of industrial and agricultural growth in the State. Reynolds Aluminum has a modern plant in operation in what is fast becoming the industrial section of Phoenix.

Many modern hotels and motels provide ample housing facilities, all conveniently located and priced in a range to satisfy every visitor.

The city is named after the Phoenix bird, a mythical bird of ancient Egypt with red and golden plumage, plover like in appearance and often described as having human arms.

The Phoenix bird, it is said, at the age of 500 years, was transformed into a new being by kindling a fire of aromatic gums and wood, then burning its old body, after which the new bird arose from the ashes. The Phoenix was used as a symbol of immortality by the Egyptians.

'LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT' will be a regular feature in forthcoming issues of THE SEABEE. It is requested that all letters addressed to the President state that permission is granted to reprint same. The Editor reserves the right to determine which letters will be printed.

State Department Convention

Elects New Officers

The California State Department of The Seabee Veterans of America Convention was held May 1962 in the Gold Room of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

President George Hubbard presiding, called the meeting to order at 1020. Old business was very brief as all members were anxious to get to the business at hand. Namely, the election of new officers for the coming year and the adoption of resolutions for submission to the up-coming National Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, 16-19 August 1962.

A motion made by Art Nystrom that the Las Vegas Island be accepted in the California Department was seconded by Burt Stewart and subsequently carried. Another motion was made by Wes Young that the Phoenix Island X-1 also be accepted in the California Department, was seconded by Art Nystrom, and carried.

Resolutions considered included:

That the National dues collection or due date by the 1st of the anniversary month for each member and that present members have 1 June established as their anniversary date. That a delinquent period of sixty (60) days be established. Currently, there is none, as the Constitution states that dues are payable on 1 July. Considerable discussion was had on this point. The wording of the payable date would make the date of 2 July the delinquent date, and it seemed that practically the entire membership would be delinquent on this basis.

That the National Island dues be established at \$2.00 to conform to the \$2.00 sent the National Treasury by the local Islands; That National Island members receive the same support from the National Headquarters that the Islands receive; namely, the national Publication.

That CAN-DO be retired with honor or combined with the San Diego Island publication THE SEABEE.

The following officers were

elected to serve for the coming year:

President, W. H. Mitchell, Long Beach; Vice President, Tom Maddock, Bakersfield; Secretary, Elmer Goodwin, Bellflower; Treasurer, Buck Johnson, Lynwood; Vice President North District, Al Eske, San Francisco; Vice President Central District, George Johnson, Oxnard; Vice President South District, Burt Stewart, Rolling Hills; National Delegate, Frank Jansen, Boulder City; Chaplain, Father Kulwicki, Hemet; Trustee (3 yr.), Tony DeBlasio, Fontana; Trustee (2 yr.), Ben Hill, San Francisco; Trustee (1 yr.), Steve Karnowski, San Diego; State Counselor, Celsus Falconer, Los Angeles; and Membership Committeeman, C. B. Dennis, Rolling Hills.

President Hubbard read a telegram from Bakersfield, extending an invitation for the 1962 Convention.

President Hubbard donated a very handsome gavel to the State Department and will have it appropriately engraved for presentation to the new President, W. H. Mitchell.

After a very enjoyable time between business sessions in the casinos, all hands had a very enjoyable evening in the Candlelight Room of the Flamingo, where a

very fine dinner was served. Members also enjoyed the excellent floor show starring Pearl Bailey.

The Department was very well represented from San Francisco to San Diego. Frank Jansen, President of Las Vegas Island X7-11, and Sam Wenger, President of Phoenix Island X-1, were also present.

National Trustee John Vanek and his wife Mary Ethel attended as representatives of the Illinois and Missouri Islands.

National President Tom W. Reside, National Vice President for the Southwest District Art Nystrom, National Secretary Jack Brill, National Treasurer Wes Young, National Trustee Ben W. Morris, and National Delegate Art Nystrom were also in attendance.

The Department Convention was held in conjunction with the National Executive Committee meeting held in the same hotel later on in the day.

The new California State Department President Willis H. Mitchell of Long Beach wound up his term of office as President of the Los Angeles Island X-4. Recently retired from his civilian position, we look for "Mitch" to keep California rolling to bigger and even better things.

Elmer Goodwin, the hardworking Los Angeles Island X-4 Secretary, also moved up the ladder to Department Secretary. With the excellent guiding hand of past State Secretary and now National Secretary Jack Brill to keep him on the right path, Elmer should have very little difficulty in keeping up the

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Which Flag Will It Be?

Yes sir, which flag will it be? This is not a question to ask members of the S.V.A., but it is a question that all of us must ask ourselves as citizens of the United States of America.

Many people still believe that Communism simply represents a political system that defies modern economic and social concepts. The progress they have made in social and economic fields cannot be denied. You may well ask, "Why be afraid of them?"

The difference of opinion between Democracy and Communism is not a matter of economic doctrine or social structure. Communism has a completely different opinion of the conception of man and of his rights and duties. Communism cannot begin to tolerate democratic liberty, impartial justice, and the respect of the individual, which form the foundations of our Western civilization.

All of us have read countless books and articles dealing with the Communist beliefs, their aims

and objectives. We recognize that they will never renounce the teachings of Marx, Engels or Lenin. We have seen definite proof of their complete disregard for human life, we have heard their dictator's glowing speeches about "peaceful co-existence" and have recognized the fact that Stalin and his successor Chrushev do not mean what they say regarding "peaceful co-existence" in any form.

It must be very plain that they did not mean what they said about "peace" in any form, when in the past eight years the U.S.S.R. has succeeded in extending its control over an area of 575,950 miles with a total of more than 115,730,000 inhabitants. Is this "peaceful co-existence" in any form?

Ruined cities, demolished industries, bankrupt economies as well as thousands of lives lost is the direct result of "peaceful co-existence." None of the above is news to any of us. But, what are you doing about it? Which flag do you want to live under?

in jail.

The bank that held the original mortgage foreclosed. Before the ex-Seabee could find another place, the furnace broke down and he had to toss more good money after bad. While the furnace was being fixed, the Woods had to tote their water from a gas station.

When the furnace was repaired, the water company shut off its service; the owner had not paid his bills before he was jailed.

The Woods moved.

Give up the fight? Never. George found another "handyman's special," this time he was sure. After a couple of visits to finance companies for the down payment, the deal was done.

Of course, there were a couple of problems. All the pipes were clogged and had to be replaced. The lights continued to blow and Wood found the wiring was a wreck. A foul odor in the yard led to the discovery that there was no septic tank, no cesspool, no sewer, no nothing. Just an open pipe under the rear steps.

George thought it could be worse, and it soon was. The rains came and Wood found his home

landscaped by a lake. The water lapped into his cellar and only the quick removal of part of the furnace saved all from being lost.

Of course, there was no heat or hot water until the tide turned.

His cellar fit only for a rice paddy, his sidewalk buckled, his front yard and roadway a home for ducks, George screamed for help.

He wrote letter after letter to the borough presidents. Wood submitted petition after petition. But there were no results.

Things got so bad that a Fire Department pumper sank as it passed his house. Seemed the gas company had opened a ditch across from the Wood house. The "tide" rose and it formed part of the lake.

Later on, the fire truck came through without its navigation charts. Fire Department records indicate it took a wrecker to lift the truck free.

Finally, Borough Hall gave the battling Woods a glimmer of hope. A spokesman said it is studying plans to extend a sewer to his corner. Now, he said, if Mr. Wood would submit a petition....

Unsinkable Seabee

During World War II, George Wood of South Jamaica fought and built his way across the Pacific as a member of the Navy's Seabees. Now he is struggling to build himself a livable home, come Borough Hall or high water, and it looks as if he again may need the backing of the Navy.

George claims that he will be lucky if he and his family aren't washed from their home by street floods. And, although George has often flirted with luck, to him she is no lady.

It all started six and a half years ago when George decided to buy a home. Instead of a home, he got a long series of headaches.

He gave a man a \$600 down payment on a "handyman's special," a house that needs a lot of fixing before it is a home. The owner, who was nice enough to let George move in before the deal was firm, was arrested on a narcotics charge and rapped with eight years

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Navy Recruiting???

In the beginning he goeth down to the City Fathers and he wrang-leth a four by seven foot closet in the basement of the City Hall.

And he bringeth forth his warriors, twenty-four they are. And the high brass cometh and looketh over and findeth them good, and they confer upon him their official blessing — for is it not written in the scroll? And they say unto him, "Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!" And they go away, leaving him.

And in his heart he rejoiceth of the things that have happened. And he sayeth unto himself, "We shall go down in the by-ways and the highways, me and my warriors, and seek them that would be amongst us, and our number shall be many times."

But he knoweth not the half of it.

For verily they goeth forth and find many. But when he hath conferred upon them the official oath, and they do seemingly be sincere, he sendeth them out; and lo, half of them never show up again.

So he consulteth with himself, knowing he must be more diligent in his choice. But he worketh like the devil, and talketh off his head. The net result of his trouble is two high school boys and a dozen promises.

And he is sorely tired and be-troubled. And in the midst of it all, the high brass sendeth him a train-load of tent pins, and he hath no place to put them under the sun. But of rifle and cannon and helmets, which he needeth, those they send him not.

And the Director of the Reserve sendeth him an epistle, saying, "Recruit!" And when he can re-cruit not, they sorely rebuke him.

And the Director of Reserve cometh and in addition to finding his tent pins not in order, says unto him, "Do this, and this."

And so he writeth, praying relief from his trainload of tent pins, and they rebuke him by send-ing another.

And yea, though he endeavoreth with all his heart to please them that are higher, in the end he aban-

doneth hope — for what is to the pleasure of one, is to the pain of the other; and what is to the pleasure of others, driveth the one to fury. And in seeking a middle course, he doth infuriate them all, till they threaten his sacred honor.

And a party of high brass cometh to consult of his grievous faults. And they find his warriors lax and slovenly and of poor heart. So they command him to do something about it. And they go forth, leaving him.

So he consulteth his treasuries, and they be \$11.92. And his men getteth wind that he planneth entertain-ment, and they come before him and they say, "Chief, throw us a barbecue."

And in his despair he agreeth; and his warrior go forth and invite their neighbors, they and their kinsmen. And when the festivities are done, he oweth the butcher, the baker, and the beverage distribu-tor \$48.46 more than he hath in his treasuries; and this he shelleth out of his jeans.

His business suffereth for the need of his time, and when he stayeth late at the Training Cen-ter, his wife heapeth venom upon him; and in his secret heart verily, he is ready to give up the ghost.

Over-age Discharges

The latest available news from Washington on those discharges for men over 42 is bad: Don't look for many of them to go through.

The Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks has issued a statement reportedly prompted by a flood of applications from officers seeking discharges, and from officers seeking to resign or be placed on inactive duty.

This sentence gets at the core of the difficulty, from BuDocks' viewpoint:

"At the present time, dut to the recently authorized increase in enlisted forces of the Construction Battalions, as well as the shortage of officers and further expansion

of the Civil Engineer Corps acti-vities, it is necessary to retain enlisted men for the Construction Battalions and officers of the Civil Engineer Corps on active duty."

You'll notice the implication that the officers aren't making out so well with their attempts to get out of the service either.

To put the BuDocks Chief's statement in a very few words: The Seabees ain't firin' — they're hirin'.

(From SEABEE February 1945)

Seabee Reunions

5th Special — The Fifth Special NCB fifth reunion was held at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., on 6, 7, and 8 July.

43rd Seabees — A "20th anniver-sary reunion" is scheduled for 11 & 12 August at the Manger Hamil-ton Hotel, Washington, D.C. Write to Thomas A. Gifford, 100 Ives St., Waterbury 4, Connecticut.

80th Seabees — A reunion is sched-uled for 1 September in Cleveland, Ohio. For information, write to Harold L. Fowler, 3086 Ashwood Rd., Cleveland 20, Ohio.

93rd Seabees — The 13th annual reunion will be held at the Hotel Leland, Detroit, Michigan, on 30-31 August and 1 September. For in-formation, write to Harry Schaefer, 4684 McKinley, Dearborn 9, Michi-gan.

103rd Seabees & MCB 10 (formerly the 103rd) reunion is scheduled for 16-10 August in conjunction with the National Convention and Re-union of the S.V.A., Hotel West-ward Ho, Phoenix, Arizona. For information, write to Tom W. Reside, P.O. Box 3116, San Diego 3, California.

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Convention time is that time of the year when members get together, renew friendships, carry out the business of the organization to ensure continued success of the aims and ideals of the Seabee Veterans of America.

It is a time when all ex-Seabees who are not members and happen to be in the area of the convention site stop in and look around to see if there is anyone present with whom they might have served during the various campaigns of the Seabees.

The Host Island goes all out to see that visitors enjoy themselves, see the local sites and leave the convention with a pleasant feeling and a strong desire to return. A

National Executive

Committee Meeting

The National Executive Committee meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 1962 was declared to be an informal meeting due to lack of quorum. However, much discussion was covered on the events of the past few months and what the future has in store.

A continued lack of quorum, although disappointing, brought to light one very interesting fact. Shortly, the number of Past Presidents would outnumber the National Officers, thus creating additional handicaps toward ever holding a National Executive Committee meeting between conventions.

Much thought should be given to the suggestion of a Resolution that only the two immediate Past Presidents be on the N.E.C. It was recognized that too large a number of members on any committee does more harm than good and only succeeds in bogging down good constructive action.

A suggestion was presented providing for a mail vote or a

lot of work goes into the preparation and staging of a convention. Lots of hands are required to make certain that the convention is a success.

The most important factor of success in any convention is YOU. YOU are very important to the organization to which you belong; without YOU there is no organization; there is no need for an organization.

Therefore, we are looking forward with considerable interest to see YOU at the 16th National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America in Phoenix, Arizona, 16 through 19 August 1962. Will YOU be there?

proxy vote, but here again, a lot of important discussion would be missing and could not bring about any satisfactory solution to the problem.

Our thanks to Frank G. Jansen, President of the Las Vegas Island X7-11, who served as Host for the meeting; to Sam Wenger, President of Phoenix Island X-1; to John and Mary Vanek who came to Las Vegas from Denver; and our good members from San Francisco, George Hubbard, Bob Van Steen, and Al Eske. Of course our thanks to all of the California members for their attendance and interest.

Membership Drive

Future Goal

A Past National President who has been devoting a considerable amount of time corresponding with us is Martin Richards of Toledo, Ohio. Martin, as many of you know, worked quite hard for Congressional recognition of the Seabee Veterans of America. It was a tough battle and was lost only because we lacked the required membership in the required number of States. Martin has been advising the National Headquarters, passing along some excellent suggestions

and comments.

Another Past President much in the mails is Clay Fralick. The S.V.A. is certainly alive in Wisconsin and we are looking forward to these hard working members giving the rest of our Departments something to shoot for in the way of membership goals.

We were happy to hear from Bill Corbin in Denver, Colorado, telling of the pot-luck dinner they had, and the increased interest in the Mile-High City.

Phoenix Auxiliary Sends Greetings

Having just become established and being informed we are to be host for the approaching National Convention at Phoenix in August, we are no little agitated.

We took stock and decided on an immediate rummage sale. Everybody has rummage, and with much ado we got busy and sold all our old junk and came up with \$103.38.

The past two meetings included potluck dinners, which brought a nice addition to our treasury.

We extend to all the Auxiliary members the nation over a cordial invitation to join with us at the 16th National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America.

Martha M. Hawkins
President

The Ball Was On His Eye

National President Tom Reside found out at this late date that he is no contender for handball honors in any form. While performing his two weeks active duty for training at the Naval Air Station, Los Alamitos, California, he got involved in a game with three other handball players.

The unpardonable sin in handball is turning around after a serve to see what happens to the ball. Tom did this and got the ball in his right eye, which broke his glasses and resulted in his having thirteen stitches taken in the eyelid. Fortunately, no damage to his sight was incurred and three days later he was back on the court. Some people just never do learn.

Rear Admiral James R. Davis, CEC-USN

Honored Guest At S.V.A. Reunion



REAR ADMIRAL JAMES R. DAVIS, CEC-USN, DIRECTOR SOUTHWEST DIVISION, BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS, 11TH NAVAL DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WILL BE THE HONORED GUEST AND SPEAKER AT THE 16TH NATIONAL CONVENTION AND REUNION OF THE SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA.

THE S.V.A. REUNION WILL BE HELD 16 THROUGH 19 AUGUST AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA. ADMIRAL DAVIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BOOSTER FOR THE SEABEES AND HIS SPEECH WILL BE LISTENED TO WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND INTEREST BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

George Hubbard, California Department out-going President, donated a beautiful gavel to the incoming and future Presidents. It will be presented to Willis H. Mitchell, the incoming President, at the installation meeting, by National President Tom W. Reside.

Haste seldom makes more waste than a group of happy picnickers. So, safely dispose of the trash when you are finished urges the Institute for Safer Living. Camping spots, picnic areas, and beaches are the scene of many serious injuries each year.

Fighting Seabees

We work like hell, we fight like hell
And always come back for more;
The Navy's advance base engineers
On many a foreign shore.

On half the lousy islands
From here to Timbuctu,
You'll find a hive of Seabees,
One hell of a fighting crew.

The Admiral just dropped around
To chat the other night,
He said, "Now boys, I know you work,
But you've also been trained to fight."

"So, if there's any trouble, don't stop
To put on your jeans;
Just drop your tools, grab up your guns
And protect those poor Marines."
(author unknown)

WAVES 20th BIRTHDAY

The "Twentieth Year" to a Naval person means a milestone. For the WAVES, 1962 is indeed a stellar year. For the first time, some of them will have transferred to the Fleet Reserve. **THEY HAVE ARRIVED!**

Our congratulations to the gals who contributed so much to the war effort, on their attainment of their twentieth birthday.

They celebrated in Washington, D.C., 26-29 July 1962 with Convention Headquarters at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

An interesting program had been arranged and all ex-WAVES and WAVES were encouraged to attend this gala anniversary.

Marine's comment regarding Seabees: "Never hit a Seabee. He may be another Marine's father."

"The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer."

When you argue with a fool, be sure that he isn't similarly engaged.

How Much Will That Loan Cost? It Pays To Find Out.

Do you know what it costs you to borrow money?

If you do, you are unusual. Most borrowers haven't the haziest idea of what they are paying for credit. All they know is that they are using somebody else's money and are paying for the privilege.

The fact of the matter is that most people don't shop for credit. Many times the loan is for emergency use and there's no time to survey the lending market. Other times people make spur-of-the-moment purchases which they can't pay for in cash, thus having to finance the balance of the cost through installment payments. In such situations they are not likely to shop around for the most favorable credit terms, being content to let the salesman write up the order with financing included. This is especially true of car buying, where it is so convenient for the buyer to let the dealer handle the entire arrangement rather than to make a special trip to his own bank to take out a loan.

It is also true, though, that rates of interest and other details of financing loans are generally shrouded in mathematical mumbo-jumbo. Some institutions give interest rates on monthly terms, others on an annual basis. This can lead to great confusion in the mind of the consumer. What may sound like a reasonable charge in terms of interest can become unreasonable when exact details are worked out.

For example if you borrow \$100 for a full year at six per cent and pay back \$106 at the end of the year, you have paid a simple six per cent on the loan. You have had the full use of the \$100 for a year and pay the \$6 at the termination of the year. But, if you borrow the same amount, pay the \$6 in advance and repay the loan in 12 months, you have just about doubled the interest rate. You have paid half the loan back in six months, therefore, have not had the use of the \$100 for the full year. Since you paid the \$6 in advance, the true interest rate is a little more than 11 per cent. If you add an investigation charge of \$2 to the example above, plus pay-

ing your \$6 in advance, you would get \$92, paying back \$8.33 in 12 monthly installments. The interest rate goes up to 15 per cent on a yearly basis.

Some loan institutions prefer to deal in monthly installment figures, using charts which show what your monthly payment will be on a stipulated amount borrowed. If you ask for its interest rates, the firm will give you a schedule which is very hard to compute in terms of interest rates. For example, one loan company said it charges two and a half per cent monthly for the first \$100 loaned, two per cent for the next \$100 to \$300, and three-quarters of a per cent for amounts from \$300 to \$800. To translate this into an annual interest rate would be difficult indeed for the average borrower.

A spokesman for one lending institution said the best advice for the borrower is to check the total amount charged for a loan. "Find out exactly what you are being charged for the use of the money," he said. "That's the important amount for the consumer. It's a figure that can be understood, not a percentage that must be analyzed

and computed."

One of the popular ways of giving rates today is the rate of "one and a half per cent per month," which, when multiplied by 12, becomes a whopping 18 per cent per year.

A recent national survey showed that interest rates for secured and unsecured loans varied quite a bit between various banks and loan institutions. The average annual interest rate for auto loans, for example, varied from as high as 13 per cent to 9 per cent. The rate for cash loans varied from 9 to 16 per cent on an average annual basis. Average loan company rates on cash loans, which are regulated by state small loan laws, range from 23.7 per cent in New York to 34.8 per cent in Denver.

Small loan companies are permitted to charge a higher rate because, on the average, their loans are smaller than those of the banks and their expenses per loan are higher.

Financial experts advise shopping around for credit, even among banks. Not every bank will make the loan you want, and some will give you more favorable terms.

(Submitted by Lester Szatal)

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Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy
1881

Officers of the Civil Engineer Corps United States Navy

1881

Although civil engineers had been employed by the Navy since early in the 19th century, it was not until 1881 that they were authorized to wear the Naval uniform and given relative rank with officers of the Line.

The Bureau of Yards and Docks (originally Navy Yards and Docks) was created in 1842. However, the year 1867 is considered as the beginning of the Civil Engineer Corps for an Act of Congress, dated 2 March 1867, provided that Civil Engineers would be commissioned by the President, by and with consent of the Senate. Prior to that time, they had been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy.

By the Act of 3 March 1871, Civil Engineers of the Navy, whose numbers were limited to 10, were given relative rank with officers of the Line, at the discretion of the President. It was not until 10 years later that Civil Engineers were given relative rank and permitted to wear the Naval uniform. General Order 263 of 24 February 1881 conferred relative rank on Civil Engineers, one with the relative rank of Captain, two of Commander, three of Lieutenant Commander and four of Lieutenant.

A Uniform Circular, issued 24 August 1881, prescribed a device and a distinctive color for the Civil Engineer Corps. This followed the established pattern of providing devices and colors for the Staff corps as a means of identification. The order was as follows:

"The uniform of Civil Engineers of the Navy will be the same as that of Officers of the Line with whom they have relative rank—omitting the star, which is the distinguishing mark of the Line—with the following described marks and devices, instead of those worn by other officers:

The sleeve lace will be light blue velvet.

Shoulder straps: border embroidered in gold, body light blue cloth, and the letters C.E. (Old English) embroidered in silver in the center. The same letters will be similarly embroidered on the frogs of the epaulets."

The uniforms shown on the plate are in accordance with the uniform appendix of the 1876 Navy Regulations and modifications thereto. The vignette of the collar of the service coat shows the location of the Corps device as prescribed by the 1883 Uniform Regulations.

The Commander is wearing the undress uniform for official visits, and is identified as a Civil Engineer by the light blue velvet between the gold rank stripes on his sleeve and by the Corps device in lieu of the fouled anchor of the Line on his epaulets. The frock coat was also worn with plain blue trousers, shoulder straps and cap as the service dress uniform. The vignette shows the shoulder strap of a Captain of the Civil Engineer Corps. Captains of the Navy wore a single rank device in the center of the shoulder strap and a corps device at either end. Officers of lesser rank wore two rank devices, one at either end of the strap with a corps device in the center, arranged as shown on the vignette of the Commander's epaulet.

The Lieutenant is wearing the "working" uniform of 1881. The blue service coat was first authorized by a Uniform Circular dated 16 January 1877 and survived until after World War I. As originally prescribed, only rank was shown on the service coat by means of black braid stripes on the sleeves and by an embroidered device on either side of the collar. There was no means of identifying members of the Staff corps since the colored cloth was omitted from between the black braid sleeve stripes. The 1883 Uniform Regulations however, specified that the Corps devices should be worn on the collars, behind the rank devices. Line officers wore a fouled anchor as an identifying mark on their collars. The collar of a Lieutenant, CEC, 1883 is shown in the vignette.

SEABEES WORKED, FOUG

34TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Norfolk on Oct. 23, 1942, the 34th NCB made stops at Gulfport and Hueneme before shipping out Jan. 7, 1943. The Battalion reached Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, on Feb. 6 via Noumea, New Caledonia, and went on to Halavo, Florida Islands, Feb. 12. The 34th transferred 250 men and officers to Guadalcanal March 26, and sent 180 officers and men to the Russell Islands April 20. The Battalion regrouped at Tulagi in November, and moved to Guadalcanal again in March 1944. In September, the 34th left the Canal for the States, reaching Camp Parks Oct. 1. Starting its second overseas jaunt in April 1945, the 34th went to Okinawa where it was at the war's ending.

35TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Davisville, R.I., Oct. 22, 1942, the 35th Battalion was transferred to Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 14. The next day the outfit embarked for overseas duty and arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia, Jan. 18, 1943. Four days later it sailed on a five day trip to Espiritu Santo. The outfit was moved from there to the Russell Islands in three echelons, arriving in the Russells Feb. 27, June 17 and Aug. 21, 1943. On Jan. 9, 1944, the Battalion left the Russells for rehabilitation at Auckland, New Zealand, returning to the Russells on Feb. 23. A month later the unit was moved to Lorengau on Manus Island, arriving there April 14. Turning homeward, the 35th embarked at Manus Nov. 5, 1944, and arrived at Camp Parks Nov. 22. On Feb. 1, 1945 the outfit was assigned its second overseas tour, and in May it sailed for Manila, serving there until the war's end.

36TH BATTALION

Formed at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., the 36th Battalion was transferred to Camp Peary Nov. 17, 1942, the first Battalion to have the misfortune to enter this "hallowed misfortune to enter this 'hallowed' ground. On Dec. 15 they were happy to be transferred to Port Heuneme. Embarking in three echelons, the last of the outfit arrived at Espiritu Santo on Feb. 10, 1943. On Sept. 12, 1943, the

outfit was moved to Banika in the Russells, and on Nov. 26, shipped via LSTs to Bougainville. Ordered to Noumea, New Caledonia, Aug. 14, 1944, the Battalion arrived Aug. 19, and on Sept. 5 embarked for home. The group reported at Camp Parks on Sept. 18, 1944. After leave and refitting, the Battalion embarked for its second overseas tour on Jan. 31, 1945, bound for Saipan. After the Okinawa invasion the outfit was moved to that island to serve for the remainder of the war.

37TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I., on Oct. 28, 1942, the 37th Battalion was transferred to the Army Base, Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14, and two days later embarked for Noumea, New Caledonia, where they arrived Jan. 18, 1943. The outfit moved in two echelons to Guadalcanal, arriving Sept. 1 and Sept. 3, 1943. Leaving Guadalcanal in three echelons, the first echelon arrived at Ondonga, New Georgia, Sept. 12. The second and third echelons got there Sept. 13 and 15. Moving again in February 1944 in three echelons, the outfit arrived on Green Island, Feb. 15, 19 and 24, 1944. Bound for home, the Battalion embarked on Oct. 4, 1944, and arrived at San Francisco on Oct. 26. In July 1945 the 37th began its second overseas tour of duty by sailing for Okinawa and were there at the war's end.

38TH BATTALION

Forming at Norfolk, Va., in November 1942, the 38th went to Seattle by way of Heuneme. They shipped out Jan. 9, 1943, arriving at Kodiak, Alaska, five days later. After six months of duty at Kodiak, the Battalion divided into three sections, one going to Kiska, the other two to Adak. The Battalion regrouped at Adak Dec. 5, 1943, and the next April left for the States, arriving at Camp Parks May 11. During July and August of that Summer, the 38th sent out two detachments to the Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 1 in California. The second tour of duty for the Battalion began Nov. 25, 1944. Arriving in Pearl Harbor a week later, the 38th spent 13 days at Pearl, then shipped out to Tinian in two main sections, the last

group arriving there Jan. 7, 1945. When the Japs surrendered, the 38th was still on duty at its Marianas base. After the surrender, the Battalion was sent to Japan as a truck operating unit, and split into four sections for duty at Hiroshima, Kabayana, Yokosuka and Omura.

39TH BATTALION

One of the longest continuous duty Battalions, the 39th had been overseas since Feb. 8, 1943. After being commissioned in Norfolk, Va., Nov. 23, 1942, the outfit was sent to Hueneme from where they shipped out to Maui, arriving there Feb. 17, 1943. After 19 months at Maui, the 39th sailed for Saipan, landing there Sept. 30, 1944. The Battalion was on Saipan at war's end.

40TH BATTALION

The 40th was activated at Davisville, R.I., in November 1942, and sailed on Christmas Day of that year for overseas duty. The Battalion arrived at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, Feb. 3, 1943, and was stationed there until Nov. 25, when they sailed for Finschaven, New Guinea, by way of Noumea and Milne Bay. The entire Battalion arrived at Finschaven by Dec. 22, 1943. The 40th moved again the next February when the first echelon shipped out for Los Negros, in the Admiralties. The second and third echelons moved on in March 1943 and joined the rest of the Battalion at Los Negros. The 40th remained there until July 21, 1944, when they returned to Moumea, New Caledonia. On Sept. 5, the outfit embarked at Noumea and headed for the States, arriving at Camp Parks Sept. 18. The second tour of duty for the 40th began Feb. 1, 1945, when the Battalion left Parks and sailed for Saipan. After a short stay in the Marianas base, the Battalion moved on to Okinawa, where it was still on duty at the war's end.

41ST BATTALION

Formed at Camp Allen, Norfolk, on Nov. 30, 1942, the 41st NCB transferred to Camp Peary to Gulfport to Hueneme, before sailing overseas from Seattle Jan. 24, 1943. After operating at Kodiak for slightly more than a year, the

HT ON GLOBAL FRONT

In these thumbnail sketches, there is assembled a record of Seabee units, where they worked and fought in all theatres of World War II. Construction Battalions had the singular distinction of participating in every amphibious operation of the Pacific Campaign. They served with every branch of the U. S. armed forces. Beginning at Bora Bora and Guadalcanal, they kept pace with the Army and the Marines and splashed ashore with the first occupation troops on atomized Japanese home islands. Each month, The Seabee, will print additional battalion histories.

Battalion returned to Camp Parks in March 1944. For its second tour of duty, the 41st was divided into two sections of 542 men each. Leaving Camp Parks, the two groups reached Hueneme June 6, 1944. The first section departed Oct. 11, also for Guam. The two sections consolidated at Guam Nov. 10, with the Battalion remaining on duty there through the war's end.

42ND BATTALION

Transferred from Norfolk to Davisville in Oct. 1942, the 42nd NCB moved to Hueneme in December and sailed from Seattle Dec. 30, reaching Dutch Harbor Jan. 5, 1943. Detachments were assigned to Adak by November. In April, 1945, the 42nd left Adak and returned to Camp Parks, Calif. The unit's second trip overseas started Oct. 21, 1944. Arriving at Pearl Harbor Oct. 27, the 42nd sent its first echelon to Leyte Gulf Jan. 26, 1945, with second and third groups following in March. All debarked at Samar, remaining on duty there through the close of the war in August.

43RD BATTALION

Organized at Davisville, R.I., in Nov. 1942 the 43rd NCB reached Hueneme Dec. 17 and sailed Jan. 2, 1943. The Battalion arrived at Kodiak, Alaska, Jan. 10. Co. D transferred to Sand Point until July, when it returned to Kodiak. Another detachment of four officers and 96 men were assigned to Sand Point during August for 30 days duty. In January and February of 1944, the unit returned to Camp Parks in five echelons. Starting its second tour of overseas duty July 5, the 43rd landed at Oahu July 11

and operated there through April 1945. Moving later to Maui, the 43rd was scheduled to leave for Japan shortly after the close of the war in August.

44TH BATTALION

The 44th NCB, formed at Norfolk Dec. 1, 1942, went from there to Camp Peary, to Gulfport to Hueneme, reaching the latter camp Jan. 13, 1943. Preceded by two small groups, the main body of the Battalion sailed Feb. 27 for Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, arriving March 18. In early April, the Battalion transferred to Manus Island and joined the Fifth Regiment. Dec. 2 it was detached from the Regiment and assigned to Commander Naval Base at Manus. After six weeks duty, the 44th was ordered to Noumea, New Caledonia, and from there to the States, arriving at Camp Parks Feb. 10, 1945. War's end found the 44th on Okinawa on its second tour of duty.

45TH BATTALION

Activated in the Fall of 1942, the 45th NCB moved from Norfolk to Hueneme Dec. 28 and sailed for Alaska Jan. 21, 1943. The Battalion reached Kodiak Feb. 12, stayed seven months and then divided into three parts before moving to Sitka, Adak and Tanaga in September. They left Alaska May 1, 1944, reaching Camp Parks May 22, and on June 15, 1944, were disbanded.

46TH BATTALION

The 46th NCB was commissioned at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I., Nov. 18, 1942, and was moved to Hueneme Dec. 23. The outfit embarked in five echelons between Feb. 1 and Feb. 27, 1943, arriving at Guadalcanal between March 21

and April 30, 1943. Leaving the Canal in two echelons for Finschaven, New Guinea, the first echelon arrived Dec. 29, 1943, and the second echelon, which stopped enroute at Milne Bay, arrived at Finschaven on Jan. 5, 1944. Transferring from Finschaven to Los Negros Island in five echelons, beginning Feb. 29, 1944, the units arrived at Los Negros Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 13, Mar. 30 and April 19, 1944. The entire Battalion embarked from Los Negros for the States Feb. 1, 1945, and arrived at Camp Parks Feb. 18.

47TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., on the first anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the 47th Battalion was transferred to Camp Peary Dec. 10, 1942.

Meanwhile, the outfit was attached to Acorn Seven Feb. 1, 1943. Shipping overseas on April 23, 1943, the outfit arrived in the Russell Islands June 13, 1943, disembarking enroute at Noumea, New Caledonia, and at Guadalcanal. Leaving in echelons, starting on June 29, the last echelon of men arrived at Segi Point, New Georgia, Aug. 2. On Aug. 8 a detachment of men and equipment were sent to Enogi Island for duty with the First and Fourth Marine Raiders, returning to the outfit Sept. 12. Aug. 31 the first echelon departed for Munda, New Georgia, and as transportation became available, the remainder of the Battalion was moved to Munda, the last echelon reporting Jan. 15, 1944.

The Battalion served at Noumea until it was inactivated at that base June 23, 1945.

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How About Signing On Again Chief?



The Aurelio Tassone Story

During the landings on the Treasury Islands, a new technique in jungle warfare was introduced. When a Japanese pill-box threatened to delay construction the Seabees were working on, and also pinned down the Marines who were protecting the Seabees, 28 year old Aurelio Tassone, machinist mate first class, jumped on his bulldozer, drove it right up to the pill-box with the blade raised as protection, dropped the blade in front of the pill-box, and dumped a ton of earth over it, smothering the 12 men inside. Out of his action was devel-

oped the armored bulldozers, which were used to great advantage in later campaigns throughout the South Pacific. Tassone was awarded the Silver Star for his heroic action.

The use of bulldozers as protective measures became quite familiar in other situations. A Japanese sniper, who had made his hideout in the base of a coconut tree, came to an end when a bulldozer operator drove his machine up to the tree, hiding behind his blade. As he neared the tree, the blade was dropped, and the sniper was no more.

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48TH BATTALION

The 48th NCB was formed at Norfolk, Va., in November 1942. Transferred to Camp Peary Dec. 13, the outfit was officially commiss' med at Peary Dec. 15, 1942. Leaving Peary Jan. 4, 1943, the outfit spent a month at Gulfport, Miss., and then moved to Hueneme, arriving on Feb. 10. Embarking Feb. 19, 1943, the Battalion arrived at Pearl Harbor March 3. On March 4 and 6 the outfit was moved in two groups to Maui, where it was stationed at NAS Puunene until May 12, 1944, when it was relieved by the 217th Battalion. From May 12 to June 15 the 48th was engaged in military training at the Fourth Marine Division camp, Maui. Leaving Maui on June 15 the Battalion arrived at Iroquois Point, Oahu, on the 16th and sailed for Guam on June 24. The outfit arrived at Guam Aug. 4. On Aug. 9 and 10, 126 men were assigned to the Fifth Brigade Motor Pool on Guam. The 48th completed a number of large construction jobs there and stayed until the end of the war.

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South Central VP
Urges Action Now

VICE-PRESIDENT SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT, which covers Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, has requested the following message be sent to all ex-Seabees in his District.

Freedom is the opportunity every American has to make the most of himself, and his life. It does us no good unless we think for ourselves; act for ourselves.

The man who lets others do his thinking for him, who drifts through life with no special goals and no special effort, might as well be living behind the Iron Curtain. If too many of us follow this path, then eventually WE MAY ALL BE LIVING BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.

We need YOUR PARTICIPATION in our Seabee Veterans of America. Participation helps to accomplish the purposes and objectives of the S.V.A., which are to:

Preserve and encourage constant interest in National defense and the maintenance of a strong Navy and Naval Reserve.

Promote and strengthen comradeship among the members of the Seabee Veterans of America, and nurture service created friendships.

Foster and maintain fraternal, patriotic, historical, and educational interest in Seabee activity, and assist worthy comrades in distress, their widows and orphans, and to perform charitable work within the limitation of available funds.

Promote and impel interest in and respect for the professions, trades, crafts, and occupations of the members of this organization, namely the Seabee Veterans of America.

Assist in the rehabilitation and welfare of the veterans who have served in the military forces of the United States in time of war.

A positive approach to the above challenging tasks characterizes the TRUE "CAN-DO" spirit!

Take advantage of ALL opportunities to PARTICIPATE!

JOIN THE SEABEE VETERANS

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WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

These are a series of expressions that are of Naval origin. If you have any pet expressions and the origin, please send them in for the edification of our members.

To continue this series, we present a few more expressions of Naval origin.

BUCCANEERS: The term was first given to early Frenchmen in Haiti, who were the original cowboys of that island. The word "boucan" was of Caribbean origin, meaning a dealer in smoked dried meats.

In the Caribbean area, the hunters placed meat to dry on a wooden lattice known as "boucans." "The boucaniers" eventually took to privateering and general lawlessness. After the Treaty of Ryswick, buccaneer became the common word for pirate.

CAUCK, TO TAKE A: To take a sleep or nap, came from the days when it was taken on deck, and one's back became marked by the pitch of the seams.

SKY PILOT: The chaplain aboard ship is called the "padre" or "sky pilot" by sailormen. The older sailormen had a religious vein that was mingled with superstition. The bluejackets of sail seldom showed fear for the hereafter. Their philosophy, as expressed by an old sky pilot, was that since they lived hard, worked hard, and died hard, they thought it would be hard indeed to have to go to hell.

DEAD MARINE: An empty bottle, "a marine," "a dead marine." In the old days of hard drinking at sea, the expression was generally accepted as synonymous with an empty bottle. The story is told that William IV, when Duke of Clarence and Lord High Admiral, at an official dinner said, "Take away those Marines." A dignified and elderly Major of Marines present arose from the table and said, "May I respectfully ask why your Royal Highness applied the name of the corps of which I have the honor to belong to an empty bottle?" The

Duke, with the tact and characteristic grace that was his, retorted, "I call them Marines because they are good fellows who have done their duty and are ready to do it again."

IT IS AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NO MAN GOOD: This very old expression came directly from the fact that every wind is a fair wind for some ship under sail.

"War Orphan" Education Aid

One of five major misunderstandings, or a combination of them, seems to keep eligible children of deceased servicemen from applying for the educational privileges granted them by Congress, according to the Veteran's Administration Southern California Regional Office.

1. The fact that one parent still lives make some children believe they do not qualify as "orphans."

For this benefit, an "orphan" is a child whose veteran-parent is dead as the result of a wound, accident or illness, related to his or her service in the Armed Forces.

2. The fact that the dead parent had no wartime service makes others believe they are ineligible.

If the veteran-parent's death resulted from the performance of duty or from extra-hazardous service during peacetime, the child is eligible.

3. The fact that they are married makes some believe they are no longer "children."

Marriage does not affect eligibility. Any son or daughter of a serviceman, whose death is related to his service, is eligible for the educational benefits provided he or she is between 18 and 23 years of age. (There are even exceptions to these age limits and full details may be obtained at any VA office.)

4. The fact that their living parent, usually their mother, has

remarried and their stepfather has legally adopted them, makes some children believe they are ineligible.

The marriage of the living parent and the subsequent adoption does not affect the eligibility of the children.

5. The fact that many children do not wish, nor are prepared, for education at the college level makes some believe they cannot take advantage of this benefit.

Although training for a high school diploma is not permitted, eligible children may take vocational courses and other non-college training that will help them earn a living, it was reported.

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... the kind that makes you want to return again and again... and, of course, all facilities are completely air-conditioned for your comfort. Free parking, too, adjacent to the Hotel for our registered guests.

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the room its name. The spacious Lobby is luxuriously furnished in white and gold leather, with alabaster and marble tables... tropical planters and antique mirrors reflect diffused lighting from modern chandeliers. Gifts, sundries, tobaccos, packaged beverages and connoisseur food items may be purchased, without leaving the ground floor. Valet and laundry services, as well as a beauty shop and barber shop, are added conveniences.

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Now, Moe, It Can't Be That Bad!



THE SQUARE NEEDLE is very much in evidence as Oscar "Moe" Levitt, philanthropic sergeant of the Regimental Guard, gets a shot in the S-25 dispensary. Moe broke his arm in three places and was told to stay away from those places. Manipulating the weapon at hand is Nurse V. E. Flood; restraining the long-suffering boss of the camp gendarmarie are G. C. Hoagland, CSF, and I. E. Orth, CBM.

INDIVIDUALISM

Today's living is less heroic than of the storied pioneer, but it is equally demanding of a high sense of duty.

The frontiersman sought security with the skillful use of his axe and his rifle.

Most of his decisions he made by himself, and he often laid his life, or the health and safety of his family, on the line whenever he did so.

These days are gone forever, and even the most rugged individualist would hardly wish them back.

But, even in today's complex society, every man ought to challenge his own industriousness, initiative and sense of obligation.

We should draw upon our best individual ability to fulfill personal ambitions, to provide for the well-being of our family, and to contribute to the welfare of the community we call home.

This type of initiative and responsibility provides the satisfaction a man knows when, through his own

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acts and decisions, he makes his own way.

To do less is to weaken the pattern of our nation's strong social fabric — freemen who prefer to paddle their own canoe without the interference of welfare government.

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Traffic Laws

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The Department of Motor Vehicles often issues an out of state a 60 day license until he gets his permanent one.

If an out of state motorist gets into an accident, he must put up cash or bonds to cover the damage, or show that he is well covered by insurance.

Otherwise, the state may lift his driving license. An out of state who has had many accidents before coming here may have his license suspended and his driving privileges taken away. California may store his car at his expense until he can show financial responsibility.

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We are very much interested in doing everything possible to increase attendance at our Island meetings. To ensure the maximum attendance, the following information is provided, purely as a guide and a possible program for some of the Seabee Veterans of America to promote to non-members, since the Seabees, of course, are the world's best automobile drivers as well as equipment operators.

We are not concerned with the usual accident causes, since these are so obvious. We are concerned with the unconscious driving habits that may or may not be habit as such, but may be caused by circumstances in our daily lives that contribute to accidents.

These circumstances are considered to be due to any number of reasons. Perhaps we had a bad night before taking the car out of the garage in the morning, perhaps the breakfast did not agree with our delicate system, or perhaps it is just one of those days when we feel that everything is going wrong. BEWARE — that is the time to be most alert. One of the most important driving needs is the realization that driving an automobile is a full time job and is never to be taken lightly.

We understand that the war on speed that has been declared in many parts of the United States by law enforcement officers, safety groups and others has apparently brought gratifying results for the second year in a row.

The annual report on highway deaths and injuries, compiled each year since 1931 except for the war years by the Travelers Insurance Company, shows that during 1961 there were 710 less deaths attributed to speed than a year ago.

Still tagged as the number one cause of fatal highway accidents, speed was blamed for 10,260 deaths last year as compared with 10,970 the year before. This comes on the heels of a drop from 12,980 caused by speed in 1959. Traced to this same violation were 946,600 personal injuries — down more than

50,000 from a year ago.

From all causes, automobile accidents were blamed for 37,600 deaths and 3,057,000 injuries, about one per cent less than a year ago — the first decrease in total casualties since 1954.

Showing increases in fatalities this past year were accidents resulting from non-collision (up 200 deaths); collision with fix objects (up 250 deaths); and car-bicycle accidents (up 20 deaths).

Decreases were reported in collision with another auto (down 500 deaths); collision with train (down 70 deaths); and collision with other vehicles (down 40 deaths).

If you are an average driver, you do not like:

1. Accidents;
2. Tickets.

When you violate a traffic law, you become susceptible to both. On the other hand, drivers can effectively "kill two birds with one stone" when they comply with the law. They not only have reduced the chances of having an accident, they have eliminated the possibility of receiving a ticket.

Let's review the various causes of accidents as observed in a day's driving on a busy freeway and various highways. Pay attention first to your driving, but notice what the other drivers do that in your mind are what could be termed as an accident driving down the freeway.

First, it is important to remember that driving on our freeways and roads is a privilege and not a right. We who do not wear the uniform of a law enforcement officer are not to be considered as such. It is not our right to determine by our actions who is driving correctly and who is not.

If we are driving at the maximum posted speed limit, we must remember that the left lane is a passing lane, and that if it is safe to bear to the right, we should do so. Let the fast driver go by. Courtesy is always the rule of the highway. Let the car pass. After all, it could be your funeral as well as his if you do not let him pass.

We do want you to continue attending our meetings.

The Irish, well known for whiskey consumption, consumed the equivalent of 1,401 pounds of milk in 1961, much in the form of butter, to claim the world championship for milk consumption.

AUTO DRIVER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I shall not exceed safety speed limits or violate speed laws.
2. I shall not drive after drinking.
3. I shall not pass on curves, hills, or where the view is obstructed.
4. I shall not drive if drowsy or fatigued.
5. I shall dim my lights when other cars approach at night.
6. I shall observe and obey highway signs — the signs of life.
7. I shall slow down at schools, playgrounds, hospitals and other danger zones.
8. I shall be cautious at all intersections.
9. I shall slow down at sundown and, whenever road conditions are unsafe.
10. I shall be courteous and respect the rights of every driver and pedestrian.

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STANDING ORDERS

Major Robert Rogers (1731-1795), an American frontier soldier, devised the following common-sense rules to keep his Rangers from getting shot in the back during the irregular fighting of the French and Indian War. These orders — though a bit ungrammatical — could still apply to American soldiers trained to fight in the unconventional warfare so prevalent today.

STANDING ORDERS, ROGERS' RANGERS

1. Don't forget nothing.
2. Have your musket clean as a whistle, hatchet scoured, sixty rounds powder and ball, and be ready to march at a minute's warning.
3. When you're on the march, act the way you would if you was sneaking up on a deer. See the enemy first.
4. Tell the truth about what you see and what you do. There is an army depending on us for correct information. You can lie all you please when you tell other folks about the Rangers, but don't never lie to a Ranger or officer.
5. Don't never take a chance you don't have to.
6. When we're on the march we march single file, far enough apart so one shot can't go through two men.
7. If we strike swamps, or soft ground, we spread out abreast, so it's hard to track us.
8. When we march, we keep moving till dark, so as to give the enemy the least possible chance at us.
9. When we camp, half the party stays awake while the other half sleeps.
10. If we take prisoners, we keep 'em seaprate till we have had time to examine them, so they can't cook up a story between 'em.
11. Don't ever march home the same way. Take a different route so you won't be ambushed.
12. No matter whether we travel in big parties or lit'le ones, each party has to keep a scout 20 yards ahead, 20 yards on each flank and 20 yards in the rear, so the main body can't be surprised

and wiped out.

13. Every night you'll be told where to meet if surrounded by a superior force.

14. Don't sit down to eat without posting sentries.

15. Don't sleep beyond dawn. Dawn's when the French and Indians attack.

16. Don't cross a river by a regular ford.

17. If somebody's trailing you, make a circle, come back onto your own tracks, and ambush the folks that aim to ambush you.

18. Don't stand up when the enemy's coming against you. Kneel down, lie down, hide behind a tree.

19. Let the enemy come till he's almost enough to touch. Then let him have it and jump out and finish him up with your hatchet.

Major Robert Rogers, 1759

Honolulu Island Officers Elected

Happy to hear from Honolulu Island Secretary Bill Barnette, who informs us the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Merwyn Lyons; 1st Vice President, Allen Kim; 2nd Vice President, Earle Daniels; 3rd Vice President, John McAuliffe; 4th Vice President, Theodore Botelho; Treasurer, Andrew Ahn; Secretary, Bill Barnette; Chaplain, John DeMello; and M.A.A., Victor Saggang.

Bill also reports that the Reserve members of Honolulu Island X-1 have just returned from their two weeks training duty in Samoa, where they were involved in a construction project. This was a project that all Seabees can look back on with great pride of accomplishment. May we add our congratulations also.

An Internal Revenue man is writing a book titled: "How We Made \$1,800,000 Off The Fellow Who Wrote a Book About Making \$2,000,000 in the Stock Market."

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Las Vegas 7-11 Lucky Officers

Our lucky Las Vegas Island 7-11 reports their new officers for the year as follows:

Albert M. Landsman, President; Wally E. Tollin, Vice President; Marion Nance, Treasurer; Ted Volness, Secretary; Ortin C. Lewis, Chaplain; Edwin Wagley, Historian; and Donald L. Cuthrell, M.A.A.

Many comments have been received from those who saw the photograph herein, before it was printed, concerning the pleasant expressions on the faces photographed. It is, or rather was, a well-kept secret until some sleuth learned that "cheese" is not always used to create a smile when photographing a group.

We are looking forward to what we hear is going to be a superlative "Las Vegas Hospitality Room" at the convention. Pay them a visit and learn the reason why.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW...

Davy Jones' Locker, a familiar name among sailors and seafaring men for the final resting place after death.

In the olden days it was the name Death, the evil spirit who was supposed to preside over the demons of the sea. He was thought to be in all storms, and was sometimes seen of gigantic height, showing three rows of sharp teeth in his enormous mouth, opening great frightful eyes, and nostrils which emitted blue flames. The ocean is still termed Davy Jones' Locker by seamen throughout the world.

This is the season when we need to emphasize the try in industry.

ISLAND NEWS

Here, There, and Everywhere

Island hopping for our New York members should be fairly easy, that is, in the vicinity of Long Island. Speaking from personal experience, the area in which the Seabee Veterans meet is one of the most beautiful I have seen. Long Island X-1, New York, meets in the Salisbury Park Lake House, which is just across the street from the Roosevelt Raceway, on the third Friday of each month, commencing at 2000 (8 p.m. to those who have forgotten Navy time).

The mailing address of this hot-to-go group is L.I. X-1, New York, Seabee Veterans of America, P.O. Box 37, East Meadow, New York. The President, or rather Commander, is Bertram Howland, and Bob Golden holds the job of Secretary. Lester Szatal, National Vice President At Large, is the 1st Trustee in the Island X-1 of New York.

If you are too tired to make the meeting and want to know if any of your old buddies are there, just give them a call at ED 4-9804 during the meeting and they will be glad to give you a run down on the membership. Better yet, why not drop a line to Bob Golden, 3970 Kelly Drive, Seaford, Long Island, New York, for information. And to save yourself time, enclose a check for \$5.00 and become a member of this fast-growing organization of Seabee Veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

Los Angeles Island X-4 held their annual election of officers. The beautiful Silver Saddle Restaurant in Downey, California, was the meeting place for this special occasion. New officers for the coming year are: President, Celsus Falconer; Vice President, Billy W. Riley; Secretary, Creighton B. Dennis; Treasurer, Joe Cooper.

Harold Hurd, San Diego Island X-2, is in the Palomar Hospital in Escondido with a mild heart attack.

COME ALL

WE OF PHOENIX ISLAND X-1 INVITE ALL CB VETERANS TO THE 17TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PHOENIX AUGUST 17, 18 and 19, 1962.

IT IS THE ONE TIME OF THE YEAR THAT ALL CB VETERANS CAN GET TOGETHER TO RENEW OLD ACQUAINTANCES AND TALK OVER OLD TIMES WITH BUDDIES.

WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO MAKE YOUR STAY HERE ENJOYABLE. COME OUT TO SEE US AND ENJOY A VISIT TO PHOENIX AND THE VALLEY OF THE SUN.
S. N. WENGER, PRES.

Willis H. Mitchell, California Department President, our hard-working National Secretary Jack Brill, and National President Tom W. Reside drove over the Phoenix for the National Executive Committee meeting in July.

It was a real pleasure to meet our National Auxiliary President Marie Fish there also.

Members of the Phoenix Island and the Auxiliary were perfect hosts and hostesses at a wonderful pot luck dinner held in the American Legion Post 75 Building.

President Marie Fish presented the Charter to the Ladies of Phoenix Island X-1 during a joint meeting session.

The California group thoroughly enjoyed the evening as guests of the Phoenix Island.

Past President Don Laubenz has completed a revised copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the S.V.A. which will be submitted to the membership during the 16th National Convention and Reunion.

Don has worked hard and long on this project and is to be congratulated for the time and effort required for this extensive chore. Many thanks Don.

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good work.

Buck Johnson, who has been re-elected to the Treasurer's job, has recently been ordered to take things easy. He has the books set up in good order, so his job will also not be too difficult.

I believe that all of the members will agree that George Hubbard has performed an outstanding job as President for the past year and we certainly appreciate his interest. We have seen quite a bit of George, who is really a dedicated member of the S.V.A., despite the fact that he wears the "wrong" kind of patch (or perhaps he is not wrong) on his S.V.A. cap. All members of the S.V.A., nationally, know George, for he has been a member for quite a few years. If all members participated as hard as he does, we would have no problems. Thanks, George, for a very fine job.

To the Officers of the California State Department who have completed your year of service, I express my sincere appreciation for your very loyal support in the programs we had underway. Without your suggestions and advice, the year would have been very difficult for all National Officers concerned.

Your participation in meetings, replies to correspondence, and general interest in the S.V.A. is assurance that we do have an outstanding group, and that we shall attain our goal.

To the new Officers of the California State Department, I trust that you will display the interest of those that you succeeded. Only by unity of operation can the S.V.A. continue to function with any degree of success. The success of the National Officers depends on you to a large degree.

I wish you the best of the coming year and hope that you, too, will be able to look back on a year of progress and that you can say, "I'm glad I had a part in the growth of the Seabee Veterans of America."

Tom W. Reside
National President

Definition of a Seabee: A Seabee is a soldier in a sailor's uniform, with Marine training, doing civilian work at WPA wages.

CAN WE COEXIST?

The question of can we co-exist with the Communists is best answered in a talk by General Mark Clark in speaking of the Korean War, when he said, "We obtained solid evidence that the Communists slaughtered 11,622 members of my U.N. Command while they were defenseless prisoners of war. These men were tied to their fellow prisoners and transported to previously selected sites. They were dumped ALIVE into trenches dug for the purpose and summarily shot."

Call these defenseless lads to witness. Let the dead speak. Ask them to tell you what they think of co-existence with the Communists. Ask the millions in Communistic slave labor camps to tell you what they think of co-existence.

Co-existence to the Communist is to use all means to avoid global

warfare, but at the same time allowing the Communists to conquer by infiltration and pocket wars, to continue until the balance of power is theirs, and the subjugation of the entire world is assured. Communism neither believes in nor allows for co-existence. It tolerates no loyalty except that to the Communist Party. Not for a moment have they relinquished their purpose of world domination. It crusades with the sweet-sounding motto of co-existence while it crushes the nations with whom it makes a "pretense" to co-exist.

The fact that one third of the world already suffers the slavery of Communism, while millions more await their doom as it sweeps relentlessly on, is proof that co-existence is a myth.

Keep informed! An informed America is a free America!

Words Of Wisdom

Presidents of the Seabee Veterans of America are reluctant to say anything bad about their officers, so they use words which have two meanings. In order to educate future Presidents in their choice of words when speaking about the people in their administration, we pass some of these along:

- Bright - Agrees with me
- Independent thinker - Disagrees with me
- Forceful - Shouts
- Quiet - Sleeps most of the time
- Good Manager - Gets others to do his work
- Outstanding Manager - Gets me to do his work
- Neat - Never does any work
- Well Liked - Poor poker player
- Admired - Good poker player
- Good Committeeman - Sleeps most of the time
- Outstanding Committeeman - Sleeps all the time
- Well Informed - Knows latest stories
- Reflective - Seldom says anything
- Congenial - Spends all his time in bar
- Good Politician - Unable to do paperwork

Outstanding Politician - Hates paperwork

Quickly Adapts - First to find bar

Alert - Drinks lots of coffee
Reflective - Sleeps during meetings

Excellent Leader - Always first at the bar

Outstanding Leader - Brings a bottle

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Past Presidents Express Views

Letters to the President brought forth two very interesting letters from Past Presidents Martin P. Richards of Ohio and Clay Fralick of Wisconsin.

We sometimes believe that those who have served in the past may have very little to contribute to the current day problems. This is certainly the worst kind of thinking. We have learned from experience all of our lives, and history has proven to be one of the best of teachers. Officers who have served out their terms of office can invariably contribute suggestions and advice of considerable value. They can point out what has been attempted in the past and why, at that

time a proposal or resolution did not appear feasible.

Mr. Richards, for example, informed us that he was one of two men who originated and named our national publication CAN-DO. He was proud of this accomplishment, yet commented on the lack of success of that publication. He was of the opinion that CAN-DO was not serving the purpose for which it was intended. He liked THE SEABEE and wished it success.

Mr. Fralick commented also on CAN-DO and that he favored more communication. He too, liked THE SEABEE. Mr. Fralick also pointed out some very interesting facts about the Life Membership Program, which apparently is out the window as far as individuals purchasing such a membership are concerned. He recognized that our limited membership requirements need to be modernized.

A very important factor Mr. Fralick brought out was that the S.V.A. is the alumni of the Civil Engineer Corps and that we should not deviate from the military idea too far. After all, it took the military to make us eligible for membership in the S.V.A., and we should not detract from this fact. He proposed that consideration be given to changing the title of National President to National Commander. It is interesting to note as a sideline, that our New York Island has adopted this means of identifying their officers. I, for one, certainly see no stigma in utilizing military designations for our officers. It reminds them of their past association with the Seabees or their components, and this is certainly not bad. This is a good idea for consideration.

Letters from Past Presidents Don Engle and Don Laubenz have furnished valuable information and good advice.

It would be interesting for our members' information and possible good use to be informed of the duties of the Service Officer and the Historian. We intend to print in future issues information that will be of value to our members, covering items of Social Security, Wills, Insurance Plan, Legal Tips, Medical Advice, Travel Information, as well as general information of interest and importance to our members.

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