"The only trouble with your Seabees is that you don't have enough of them!"
GEN. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR to ADM. BEN MOREELL, Feb., 1944

"The Navy will remember this war by its Seabees."
VICE ADM. W. L. CALHOUN, USN

"It had been a constant source of wonder to me how one unit—the Seabees—could possess so many skills and accomplish such a huge amount and variety of work."
MAJOR GEN. A. M. PATCH, USA
Commanding Gen. Seventh Army

"NO obstacle was ever too great for the Seabees."
BRIG. GEN. HENRY L. LARSEN, USMC

"I do not know how we could have gotten along without the Seabees."
GEN. A. A. VANDEGRIFT, USMC
An Editorial

Old 1962 is out the window, and looking back it was, in my opinion, a very hectic as well as a good year for the Seabee Veterans of America. The entire membership was aware of the action generated; there was plenty of it in evidence, plain enough for all to see and to participate in, had they so desired.

Programming for the future is the immediate concern of each and every member. We know where we are and where we have been; our accomplishments are a matter of record. Now it is time to work harder than ever before to develop the Seabee Veterans of America into the organization the founders planned for us. Perhaps as has been suggested by our National President, Ed Kipple, the aims and objectives of the S.V.A. should be re-examined to determine their adequacy to fulfill the desire of prospective members to participate in the program of the Seabee Veterans of America.

Once every two seconds a new life is given to the world and is cast into the moving stream which is the force of all history. Every human being, since the beginning of time, has searched for a faith by which to live. In this search, he also seeks out some method by which he can contribute in some way, large or small, to the welfare of his community, State and Nation. This is all part of the quest for that faith. It is a fact that each person turns to something higher than himself in that search; mainly a group of ideals which will give meaning to his being.

The aims and objectives of the Seabee Veterans of America provide a means, to a limited degree, for ex-Seabees to test out their ideas of that faith to be achieved. However, to really determine if he is beginning to reach his goal, he must put into practical application those aims and objectives, at least on a trial basis, to determine their true effectiveness.

It is obvious that the successful Islands are those whose programs are interesting, timely and objective. We cannot depend on the utilization of programs that were successful during the organizational period of the S.V.A. to keep up the interest of new members, let alone the long time members. Each member must take an active part in helping to carry out the aims and objectives, if he is in some manner, to find the faith by which to live.

How is your search progressing? It is never too late to stop the quest for a faith by which to live.

MAY 62 — LAS VEGAS 64

YOU CAN HELP COMBAT COMMUNISM

To beat Communism, follow this simple 6-point Program:
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2. Encourage religion in your community. Attend and support the Church of your choice. The Word of God is the weapon most feared by the communists.
3. Take an active interest in public affairs. ALWAYS vote in elections—get others out to vote.
4. Support the election to public office of candidates who understand the scope and seriousness of the communist problem and agree to work for its elimination.
5. Be fair with your Government. In the interests of late blue and sound economy, vote on the basis of what you feel is best for the country and not on the basis of what's good for me.” Our Government will be only as strong as we make it.
6. Take a vital interest in the education of your children. Get to know their teachers. Know how school books are selected and what they contain. Be sure that communist poison is not being administered right under your very eyes.
7. Don't join groups—don't sign petitions. UNLESS YOU FIRST INVESTIGATE THEM! Communists have so perverted such appealing words as “peace,” “freedom,” “youth” and “mother” that any organization or document using these or similar words should be questioned until you know who is behind it.
8. If any evidence of communism at work should come to your attention, get in touch with your nearest FBI office. Give them all the facts and then forget about it, unless asked by the FBI to do otherwise.
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SEABEES TO THE RESCUE

Geared to a vital new role in the nuclear age, the Navy's Seabees are being trained as disaster recovery forces in the event of nuclear attack. Here, a group of Seabees demonstrate techniques to be used in rescue work where victims are trapped underground or in rubble from falling structures.
State of Florida
Executive Department
Tallahassee

WHEREAS, early in 1942—at a time when the future security and
life of our Republic were in critical danger—the United States Navy
formed its now world famous Construction Battalions, officially and popularly
designated as the Seabees, and

WHEREAS, throughout the long months of World War II, nearly a quarter of a million Seabees worked night and day to provide roadways,
airstrips and shore installations which enabled the armed might of our
nation and its allies to prevail over the tremendous force of our enemies, and

WHEREAS, in the Korean action as well, Seabees were actively engaged in amphibious landings and important in stemming the rising
tide of communist aggression in that part of the world, and

WHEREAS, today, wherever the interests of our nation require them,
the knowledge and ability of the Seabees are being used for the protection
of the American people, and

WHEREAS, back of those on full-time, active duty is a strong and
vitaly energetic Seabee Reserve of construction men trained and ready
for further service to the country at any time the need arises, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to the gallantry and
accomplishment of the Seabees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Farris Bryant, by virtue of the authority
vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim
March 3 - 9, 1963, as

SEABEE WEEK
in Florida and call the attention of our citizens to the proud record of the
Seabees in supporting our Armed Forces.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Great Seal
of the State of Florida to be affixed at
Tallahassee, the Capital, this 10th day

FARRIS BRYANT
Governor

ATTEST:
J. W. ADAMS
Secretary of State

FIGHTING FORTIETH
TO HOLD REUNION

THE SEABEE received the December 1 issue of MUD & THUNDER,
the official publication of the 40th C.B. Association.

It was noted that the next General Reunion of the Fighting Fortieth will be held in San Francisco during October 1963. Further details will be provided as received.

Roy Hansen, P.O. Box 601, Danville, California, was elected President, James E. Haynes, 1729 Pine Street, Santa Monica, California, was elected Vice-President and Lyle A. Bramson remains in the Secretary & Treasurer spot. Lyle lives at 15 Crane Drive, San Anselmo, California.

Former members of the 40th NCB are encouraged to contact the above if you have not previously done so.

A distraught Mother took her 10 year old problem child to a Psychiatrist. He gave her some advice on how to handle the boy, then noticing how wrought up she was, gave her some tranquilizers, saying: "Take one of these three times a day for the next 90 days. Bring back your son in three months."

At the end of 90 days, she returned to the doctor's office with her little monster.

"How's Johnny coming along?" he asked.

"Who cares!" she replied.
Cdr. Walter E. Jenkins, CEC-USNR

Typifies "Can-Do" Spirit

always ate better, lived better and worked harder than any other branch of the military services. Today those same Seabees associated with private and government agencies continue to carry on in the same traditional manner. While serving as Public Works Officer and Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction on stations in various parts of our country Commander Jenkins noticed that the experts in the construction industries are in many cases, former Seabees.

The trend in Navy construction in peace time differs from that of the World War II Seabee days in that aesthetics, striking appearance and red tape seem to have taken precedence over the "can do" methods of the World War II Seabees. However, without intending to derogate the methods and accomplishments of other branches of our military services to to make unpleasant comparisons, it appears to Commander Jenkins that the Naval Civil Engineer Corps still excels in all phases of construction. Says Commander Jenkins, "As former Seabees, true to the reputation we acquired during World War II, let us continue to work at our respective trades and strive to retain the regard and respect of civilians as well as service personnel and maintain our reputation of being the grandest and most effective organization ever established."

BE PROUD TO SAY "I AM A SEABEE"

NEWS FROM ISLAND X-18 AND AUXILIARY

Danville, Island X-18 and Auxiliary hold a dinner meeting the last Sunday of every month. Following dinner, members gather for their respective meetings. Our Island and Auxiliary draws its members from a 30 mile area with some as far away as LaFayette, Ind. and Seattle, Wash. President of Island X-18 is Everett (Bob) Williams, 1026 N. Walnut St., Danville, Secretary, Mr. Leonard Cousins, 1209 Tenth St., Covington, Ind. Auxiliary President is Mrs. Flo Kincaid, 308 E. Maple, Hoopesonton, Ill., and Secretary Mrs. Mildred (Don L) Engel, 3830 N. Lake Blvd., Danville, Ill.

Projects of Island X-18 and Auxiliary are serving Sunday Fellowship Hours at the VA Hospital. A Christmas gift of one-thousand 4-cent stamps was given to VA patients and cases of cigarettes are purchased for distribution from time to time. Articles of men's clothing are also taken to the patients and magazines are also collected. Members also assist with the Carnival given the 4th of July for VA patients.

We also participate with the Joint Veterans Council of Danville in Memorial Day Services and placing flags on graves of Veterans.

Various social activities are held throughout the year with the highlight being the Annual Christmas Party of Seabee Veterans and their families.

Island X-18 is a Veterans organization, serving Veterans.

Mrs. D. L. Engel, Sec'y

JOE COOPER
NEW E-9

Joe J. Cooper, member of Los Angeles Island X-4 was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Reserve to be effective 16 December. Joe is a member of Naval Reserve CB Division 11-4 in Los Angeles, serving as Instructor for the rating of Engineering Aide. This is the newest of the ratings added to the Seabees, replacing the old SV (Surveyor) rating.

Our sincerest congratulations to Joe and to every other Seabee who has been advanced to the new Senior and Master Chief Petty Officer ratings.

BE PROUD TO SAY "I AM A SEABEE"
CITATIONS AWARDED

E.G. Brumwell, CMC/USNR
L.R. Scott, BULC/USNR
Lt. Lee Plants, USNR

Lt. Lee Plants, USNR, Commanding Officer of Eugene CB Division 13-8 reads Citation to E.G. Brumwell, CMC, USNR and L.R. Scott, BULC, USNR. The Citation was awarded during ceremonies last month when the Eugene CB Unit was honored as being the top CB Unit in the 13th Naval District and third in National competition.

Chief Scott and Chief Brumwell are the only two plank owners now serving with the Unit which was formed in 1947. Both Chiefs have enviable World War II records. Chief Brumwell served with the 9th Construction Battalion and is an instructor in the local Unit. Chief Scott served in the Pacific Ocean Area with the 103rd and is training officer for 13-8.

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Island X-1, Denver, Colorado

Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-1, Denver, Colorado, held their annual Pot Luck Christmas Party on 22 December at the Ed Henson residence 4040 S. Pennsylvania St. in Englewood, Colorado.

After the excellent dinner, members exchanged gifts, enjoyed a program of movies and singing Christmas carols. Ed Henson, with his usual versatility, entertained the group with his guitar and harmonica numbers. An evening of good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Those who attended included: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Latimer and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Lager; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Corbin and family.

The seven members of Island X-1 are a real gung-ho outfit. Among their fine accomplishments during 1962, they gave two scrap books, one each to Swedish Hospital in Englewood, and Porter's Hospital in Denver. The Queenbees, as usual in these cases, are the driving force behind these projects and are well deserving of the publicity afforded them.

Bill Corbin, Island X-1 Secretary, does a fine job of keeping things going and extends a cordial invitation to all ex-Seabees in the Denver area to join this “going” Island. Bill may be contacted at 3120 W. Bear Creek Drive, Englewood, Colorado.

The SEABEE is grateful to Bill Corbin for pointing out that we boo-booed in omitting the 49th NCB and the 50th NCB from our histories. This certainly proves that somebody reads THE SEABEE. Thanks!

Members of Hawaii Island X-1 were included in the group of Seabee Reservists who performed two weeks of active duty for training in American Samoa last June.

Captain John A. Mcauliff Jr., CEC, USNR, served as Regimental Commander. CDR Oscar Mayer, Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve CB Div 14-1 and CDR Raymond K. Hoeferer, Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve CB Div. 14-2, in charge of their respective Reserve CB Divisions.

Included in the tasks accomplished were:
- Construction of a five unit one bedroom apartment building.
- Construction of a power plant building and installation of two 1000 K.W. Diesel driven electrical generators and auxiliary equipment;
- Excavate approximately 800,000 cu. yd. of hard cinders at Logatola Hill to attain a 30:1 slope for the airport runway;
- Overhaul and repair, as required, construction equipment used on the job;
- Survey and designing of storm drain systems for various road projects;
- Miscellaneous repair and improvements to government buildings as time permitted.

It is interesting to note that these CB reservists as members of CB Divisions 14-1 and 14-2, were the only units of the U. S. Armed Services represented in American Samoa during that period of duty.

San Diego Island X-2 held their annual Christmas Party Tuesday 18th of December at the Veterans War Memorial Building in Balboa Park. Larry Lyle served as Chairman, and successfully, although not in costume, as Santa Claus to the delight of those present.

Leo Kerl, in absentia, won the $50 prize. Too bad he wasn’t there; we would have liked to watch the expression on his face when he learned of his good fortune.

SEABEE BIRTHDAY
INFORMATION NEEDED

Another reminder to make your plans to celebrate the 96th birthday of the Civil Engineer Corps and the 21st birthday of the Seabees. March 5th is the date, and THE SEABEE would appreciate any information relative to advance information on parties scheduled.

This is the year the SEABEES become of age. Let’s make it a memorable one!
ACDUTRA IN ACTION

CB Divisions 14-1 and 14-2 at completion of ACDUTRA in American Samoa, June 1962

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THE SEABEE
SUBSURFACE CORROSION CONTROL AIDS

Corrosion control of subsurface metal structures through cathodic protection was the subject of a seminar recently conducted at Port Hueneme, California by Captain Harold O. Bishop, USNR, of Southwest Division, Bureau of Yards and Docks.

It covered types of corrosion, corrosion control, survey methods, installation of protective anodes and graphite rods, and maintaining cathodic protection installations. "The dollars lost at naval shore establishments through corrosion of underground metal structures (pipes, tanks, etc.) are the same kind of dollars used to build missiles and ships," Captain Bishop told the group. "There is nothing imaginary about them. They are the same dollars that would build more weapons or give more support to the Fleet if they are not needlessly lost. As such, they are the vital concern of every Public Works Officer."

Captain Bishop explained that corrosion which occurs when metals are buried in moist soil or placed in water is caused by electric current flowing away from the metal into the adjacent soil or water. The current may be produced at the surface of the metal due to chemical action between the metal and chemicals in the soil or water contacting it, in which case it is referred to as galvanic corrosion. When the current is from an electric railway system or a d.c. current-generating source, it is called electrolysis.

Galvanic corrosion of underground metal structures can be controlled by the use of cathodic protection. This is a method of protecting metal surfaces by use of direct current voltage. The voltage is used in such

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The following remarks were contained in the results of a questionnaire sent to his constituents by Congressman Craig Hosmer of California. It is believed that the topics covered are of interest to every American, particularly in view of the past events which affected quite a number of people throughout the world.

Approximately 24,000 questionnaires were mailed out and over 8,000 returned, a response rate of approximately one-third. These results were made a part of the Congressional Record during the last session.

Due to lack of space, the problem and results are brief, but are considered sufficient to make our point.

Four of every 5 Americans polled, believe the United States should resume nuclear testing underground; only 1 in 10 opposed it; and about the same number expressed no opinion.

On the proposition of admitting Red China to the United Nations, the poll showed: For, 10 percent; against 85 percent; don't know, 5 percent.

Over two-thirds of American letter-writers polled were willing to pay 5 cents instead of 4 cents to send their mail to help end the postal deficit. In the poll 68 percent of the people responded "Yes"; only 27 percent "no"; and 5 percent "don't know."

About 50 percent favored Federal aid for school construction and just less than half wanted no Federal aid at all. Only 28 percent favored Federal aid for teachers' salaries; 58 percent were opposed on the salary issue; while 14 percent expressed no opinion.

On sending U. S. Armed Forces right now to Cuba, 57 percent gave a firm "Yes"; 34 percent said "No," and 9 percent were undecided.

Concerning the question, "Do you feel there are enough laws restraining labor unions?" Results: yes, 13 percent; no, 83 percent; do not know, 5 percent.

Subsurface Corrosion Control Aids

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a manner that the current tends to flow from the direct current source through soil or water to the metal surface to be protected. This flow of current applies electrical energy that reverses the natural process of corrosion.

In his presentation, Captain Bishop utilized films, classroom problems dealing with the selection of proper cathodic protection equipment, and field exercises using equipment to measure soil resistivity. He was assisted by Commander Tom M. Stone, 11th Naval District Reserve CB Program Officer, and Tom W. Reside, Administrative Assistant to the Reserve CB Program Officer.

Attending the seminar were twenty-three reserve officers from Los Angeles, San Pedro, Pasadena and Port Hueneme; also ten officers and civilians from NCEL, Civil Engineer Corps School, Naval Schools Construction and the Construction Battalion Center Public Works Department.

BE PROUD TO SAY "I AM A SEABEE"
SEABEES WORKED, FOR

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.

80TH BATTALION
Formed at Norfolk, Va., Jan. 26, 1943, the 80th Battalion moved to Gulfport, Miss., March 14. Sailing from Gulfport July 19, 1943, the returning to the States, they left Trinidad May 6, 1944, and reported at Camp Endicott May 13. A month later the unit departed for Port Hueneme and arrived there on June 18. After 11 months at Hueneme, the outfit sailed on its second overseas tour May 18, 1945, bound for Subic Bay in the Philippines. The men arrived at Subic Bay June 18 and were stationed there at war's end.

81ST BATTALION
Commissioned at Camp Peary on Feb. 13, 1943, the 81st Battalion was moved to Camp Endicott April 10. On July 5, the outfit was split into two sections. The first section embarked Aug. 20, 1943, and arrived at Rosneath, Scotland Aug. 26. Landing at Rosneath on Sept. 23. The second section sailed Sept. 5. The first and second sections were reunited Oct. 5. Between October 1943 and May 1944 the outfit had detachments operating at Rosneath, Milford Haven, Fowey, Penorth, Bicester, Falmouth, Salcombe, St. Mawes, Dartmouth, Newton Abbot, Plymouth and London. In May 1944 all outside detachments were secured and personnel transferred to headquarters at Falmouth. On June 6 (D-Day) the Battalion began operations at Utah Beach in Normandy. On Sept. 6, a detachment left for Paris. Returning to England in two echelons, the first unit arrived at Plymouth Oct. 10. The second echelon, plus the Paris detachment, arrived at Teignmouth, Devon, England Oct. 18. Sailing for home, the first echelon arrived at Davisville, R.I., Oct. 29, 1944, and the second echelon reported Nov. 10. Starting its second tour, the outfit sailed from Davisville Jan. 22, 1945, passed through the Panama Canal Jan. 30, and arrived at Pearl Harbor Feb. 15. In March the Battalion sailed from Pearl and after brief stops at Eniwetok and Ulithi, arrived at Hagushi Beach, Okinawa May 2. The following day the unit set up headquarters on Awase Peninsula and had detachments operating at Hagushi, Kuba Saki and Nakagusuku. On May 17, a detachment was sent to l e Shima. At war's end the outfit was still operating at Okinawa.

82ND BATTALION
Commissioned at Camp Endicott Jan. 28, 1943, the 82nd Battalion spent two months at Endicott and three weeks at Gulfport before arriving at Port Hueneme April 28, 1943. Sailing from Hueneme on July 10, 1943, the outfit arrived at Guadalcanal, via Noumea, New Caledonia, on Aug. 19, 1943. On Aug. 29, a detachment was sent to Vella Lavella, and on Sept. 5 a small detachment was moved to Munda, New Georgia. Moving in five echelons, the outfit transferred to Ontonga, New Georgia, between Sept. 10 and 14. Moving in three echelons, the outfit arrived at Sterling in the Treasury Islands on Dec. 10, 11, 21, 1943. Meanwhile the group detached to Vella Lavella rejoined the outfit at Sterling Dec. 23. The outfit was transferred to New Caledonia August 1944, with two echelons arriving at New Caledonia Sept. 1 and Sept. 30, 1944. During the winter several small detachments were detailed to the Russell Islands on temporary duty. On May 2, 1945, the outfit sailed from New Caledonia and arrived at Eniwetok on May 11. The next stop was Ulithi, where the Battalion arrived on May 25. Sailing again on June 12, the outfit landed on Okinawa June 18. War's end found them still there.

83RD BATTALION
Formed at Norfolk, Va., on Feb. 2, 1943, the 83rd Battalion moved to Gulfport, Miss., March 16. Leaving for Trinidad in two echelons, the first section embarked April 29, 1943, and arrived May 21. The second section followed a month later. On May 23, 1944, 25 men were detached for duty with CBMU 559 and on May 30 the outfit sailed for home, arriving at Davisville June 5. On Oct. 14, 1944, the Battalion moved to Camp Parks and after two weeks transferred to Hueneme. Embarking on its second overseas tour, the Battalion sailed from San Pedro Dec. 27, 1944, and landed at Pearl Harbor Jan. 3, 1945. On March 29 the unit sailed from Pearl Harbor and arrived at Samar April 22. At war's end the outfit was on duty at the Guianan naval base on Samar. In September 1945, the outfit was
scheduled for shipment to Tientsin, China.

84TH BATTALION
Commissioned at Davisville, R.I., Feb. 3, 1943, the 84th Battalion arrived at Camp Parks April 27. Transferred to Hueneme on May 15, the outfit sailed overseas May 31, 1943 and arrived at Brisbane June 19. On June 30, twenty officers and 569 men sailed for Milne Bay, arriving on July 7. On Aug. 1, a small detachment moved from Brisbane to Darwin Australia. On Sept. 4, Company D sailed from Brisbane, arriving at Milne Bay Sept. 12. From September 1943 to February 1944 the outfit had men stationed at Milne Bay, Brisbane and Darwin. In February two officers and 127 men of Company B were sent to Thursday Island. On March 24 the main body of the battalion left Milne Bay and arrived at Brisbane on March 31. On April 22 a detachment was ordered to Sydney. Early in July the men of Company B returned to Brisbane from Thursday Island. On July 12 a detachment moved from Brisbane to Townsville. On Aug. 16 the Battalion left Brisbane and picking up the detachment at Townsville, arrived at Biak Aug. 30. Leaving Biak Sept. 23, the unit arrived at Morotai Sept. 27 and left a month later. On March 14, 1945 the Battalion arrived at Puerto Princesa, Palawan Island, in the Philippines where it was stationed at war's end.

85TH BATTALION
The 85th Battalion was commissioned at Camp Allen on Feb. 6, 1943, moved to Davisville, R.I. Feb. 9, to Gulfport, Miss. April 16, and to Port Hueneme May 6. On May 16, 1943, Company B was detached to form CBMU 509. Sailing from Seattle on May 25, 1943, the Battalion arrived at Dutch Harbor May 30. On Nov. 1, 1943, the personnel of CBMU 509 were attached to the Battalion as Company B. From March 7 to Aug. 31, 1944, a detachment of the Battalion was on duty at Attu, and on the day it re-

86TH BATTALION
Formed at Camp Allen in February 1943 the 86th Battalion moved through Camp Endicott and Camp Parks, before sailing overseas from Port Hueneme May 20, 1943, bound for Adak via Dutch Harbor. It arrived on Adak June 3, 1943. A detachment of 80 men was sent to Great Sitkin Island in September and returned in December. Another detachment was sent to Great Sitkin Island April 30, 1944, and returned to the Battalion Nov. 6. In July 1944 small detachments were sent to Amchitka, Tanaga and Andrews Lagoon, assembling with the Battalion at Adak again Nov. 14, 1944. Next day the outfit sailed for home, arriving at Camp Parks Nov. 30. In May 1945 the Battalion again sailed from the States bound for Okinawa where war's end found it stationed.

87TH BATTALION
Formed at Camp Peary Feb. 23, 1943, the 87th Battalion was transferred to Camp Endicott and then to Port Hueneme June 19. Sailing Aug. 28, 1943, the outfit arrived at Banika in the Russell Islands, via Noumea, New Caledonia Sept. 30. The first echelon left Banika Oct. 18, and arrived with assault forces at Mona and Sterling in the Treasury Islands. The second and third echelons arrived at Sterling Nov. 28 and Dec. 11, 1943. The outfit transferred to Noumea, New Caledonia in two echelons, landing Sept. 10 and 30, 1944. Sailing for Saipan in January 1945, the groups landed Jan. 27, Feb. 17, March 3, 1945. Moving again to Okinawa, the two echelons arrived April 27 and May 14, 1945. War's end found them still there.

88TH BATTALION
Formed at Camp Endicott Feb. 8, 1943, the 88th Battalion was stationed at Camp Parks a month before shipping overseas from Port Hueneme July 3, 1943. The outfit arrived at Mt. Dore, New Caledonia on July 19. Transferred to Guadalcanal in two sections, the first section landed Nov. 16, 1943, and the second section on Dec. 28. In January the outfit left Guadalcanal in three echelons, arriving on Treasury Island Jan. 5, 15 and 20, 1944. The last of March the Battalion moved again, this time to Emirou Island. Early in October 1944 the outfit was divided into two sections. Detachment B arrived at Ulithi on Oct. 9 and Detachment A landed on Leyte Oct. 29, moving to Samar three days later. On Nov. 9. Detachment A moved to Jinamoc, another island in the Philippines. Detachment B left Ulithi Feb. 7, 1945, and arrived on Samar Feb. 10. At the war's end Detachment A was still at Jinamoc and Detachment B at the Guiuan naval base on Samar.

89TH BATTALION
Formed at Camp Allen in February 1943, the 89th Battalion was transferred to Camp Peary later that month. On April 21 it was moved to Camp Parks. After serving more than a year as a replacement pool, the 89th was decommissioned at Camp Parks July 15, 1944.

MIAMI '63 - LAS VEGAS '64
The "LITTLE NAVSCON" Project

The arrival of Santa Claus in a modern, reindeerless helicopter-sleigh, at the Navy Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California, began a Christmas party for 105 boys from a Van Nuys orphanage will not forget.

The orphans, ages 6 to 14, were treated to a show by the Air Force Olympic team and received Christmas gifts donated by the men attending the Navy Schools Construction at the center. The day also featured a tour of the base and a Navy-style meal.

Buses transported the youngsters to Port Hueneme in time to see Santa Claus arrive in his helicopter at the base drill field. His visit with the orphans and the rest of the day's activities are only a part of a year-long program set up by the center's construction schools.

"Many orphans are treated with a Christmas party but no one thinks about them during the rest of the year," Master Chief Petty Officer Warren E. Morgan, school training director and chairman of the orphan committee, said.

The Navy schools have a $5,000 program established for the orphans called "Little Navscon," Morgan said. It is set up on a big and little brother basis.

The program was begun after a highly successful Christmas party in 1959. It has developed into such activities as an annual basketball game between "Little Navscon" and the schools' staff, a Major League baseball game on Father's Day and an annual picnic, according to Chief Morgan.

Many of the sailor-students at the schools have taken their "little brothers" to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Marineland and Pacific Ocean Park on weekends, Morgan said.

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Have you been "taken" lately? Have you fallen victim to an unscrupulous businessman, a phony contractor or a high pressure salesman? Thousands of Americans can probably answer these questions in the affirmative. Yet many do not know there is one place for them to turn for help, a place where trained specialists will go to bat for them. Its name is the Better Business Bureau in your City.

Like all the Better Business Bureau offices scattered across the country, the aim of your BBB is to protect not only the consumer, but also legitimate businessmen who themselves suffer from the unethical practices of competitors.

It is a reputation that goes back half a century to 1912 when the National Vigilance Committee was formed by the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World to combat misleading, deceptive or fraudulent business practices on a national level. Two years later the first local BBB opened in Minneapolis.

Last year the more than 100 BBB offices processed a record 2,600,000 complaints. This year that figure is sure to be higher, partly because of the record volume currently being handled by the local offices.

The largest number of complaints and inquiries involves the field of home improvements. The complaints cover a wide range, from bait advertising to lure an unsuspecting customer into spending more than he wants, to poor workmanship or simply the failure to complete the job.

Home appliances provide the next biggest headache, mainly about the reluctance of the seller to make good on guarantees and warranties. The other major areas of complaint were floor coverings, home furnishings and storm windows or screens.

The best advice for the consumer to guard against being taken is to investigate before investing. If more consumers got as much information as possible about the people they intend to deal with ahead of time, they could save themselves a lot of headaches.

But suppose it is too late? Suppose you have already been taken and can't get any satisfaction from the businessman? Your next move should be a detailed letter to the BBB outlining your complaint. If the bureau believes you are in the right, it will contact the offending businessman and ask that he make an adjustment. It is reported that in 80% of the cases handled, a satisfactory adjustment is worked out.

But not every businessman is cooperative. Some steadfastly refuse to change their tactics. In this case, the BBB has two weapons. Though it has no legal power, it can turn cases that it believes demand prosecution over to the district attorney's office. If the offending practice is unethical but not illegal, the bureau frequently threatens the businessman with public disclosure of his methods.

BBB investigations are not always based on consumer complaints. Frequently on the basis of suspicious ads or commercials, the bureau will send out its own shopper to pose as a consumer interested in anything from an automobile to a diamond ring.

The Better Business Bureau, it is understood, can make many investigations but the consumer's best protection is to conduct his own investigation before he buys.

- L. S.

The Bureau of Yards and Docks has been designated as the Construction Agency for the rebuilding of Air Force facilities on Guam that were destroyed by Typhoon Karen. The Air Force has indicated they will require the construction of 400,000 square feet of facilities to replace the 1,000,000 square feet lost, at an estimated cost of $10 million.

Since some of the facilities will be required within six months after obtaining authorization and funding approval, Bu-Docks is working with the Air Force to develop the necessary criteria, scope and other information at the earliest possible time.
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT HOLDS
MEETING IN DOWNNEY, CALIFORNIA

ADMIRAL JAMES R. DAVIS, CEC/USN
HONORED GUEST AND SPEAKER

California Department members got together on 26 January at The Silver Saddle In Downey, for a very successful business and social meeting. President Willis H. Mitchell of Long Beach did an excellent job of presiding, ably assisted by Elmer Goodwin, Department Secretary and Buck Johnson, Department Treasurer.

Business consisted of approval of resolutions to submit to the National Convention Body at their meeting next August in Miami Beach, Florida, and amending the Department Constitution with a change affecting the assumption of office by newly elected officers. Newly elected officers will take office to coincide with the National Officers, that is after the National Convention and Reunion in August.

National officers in attendance included, Tom W. Reside, National Vice-President at Large; Joe E. Perkins, National Vice-President Southwest District; Willis H. Mitchell and James Smithart, Trustees; Dick Lugo, Historian; C. A. Falconer, Counselor; Jack Brill, Past National Secretary; and Wes Young, Past National Treasurer. Department officers in addition to Mitchell, were, Elmer Goodwin, Secretary, Buck Johnson, Joe Perkins, Acting Chaplain, and C. A. Falconer, Counselor.

An excellent dinner was served to some sixty-plus members and their ladies. Rear Admiral James R. Davis, CEC/USN, Director Southwest Division, Bureau Yards and Docks was the featured speaker and honored guest. His talk covered the Seabees of Today and Tomorrow, a topic of more than passing interest to our members.

Following Admiral Davis’ speech, the guests enjoyed dancing for the balance of the evening.

Members were in attendance from Phoenix, Arizona, Fontana and San Diego in California.

The Auxiliary held a separate meeting as well as election of officers. Names were received too late for publication in this issue, but will be in the next one.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

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organization does not have the right purpose and aim to excite these men to join. Maybe we are looking something to be able to lure them away from the old homestead. I would be very happy to hear some of the excuses you men, who have worked on membership, have encountered. From this we could form a committee to study and correct our mistakes, if such exists.

What are the active Islands doing to attract new members, to get them to attend meetings and social functions, to help needy Veterans, Seabee widows and families, to help at the Veterans hospitals, to help the Retarded Children's Program. This could be of great help and value to the S.V.A. when these projects are in the making or completed and advertised properly. Use this medium for such or your local papers for this type of advertising.

Your Naval District Reserve CB Program Officers are interested in the S.V.A. They will visit with you if their schedule allows them to. This could be a new member for you and he would probably sway others to join also. Write to them now.

Our membership is gradually increasing again, let us keep the ball rolling, each present member bring a new one in this year.

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FIVE CENT POSTAGE NOT NEW

We note with considerable interest that the new nickel letter rate recently enacted into law is the same postage rate Americans paid for letters when the United States issued its first postage stamps 115 years ago.

Research shows that, in 1847, the Post Office Department issued its first stamps, including a nickel stamp for the basic prepaid letter rate.

A nickel was a lot harder to come by in those days; by golly.

The new 5 cent stamp will bear the picture of George Washington and will be printed in blue. In all, more than 70 different George Washington stamps have been issued and the number of such Washington stamps sold totals more than 405 billion.

We understand that since 1932, while living costs for the American family have skyrocketed by 118 percent, the cost of mailing a first-class letter has only increased by one cent, or 33 percent.

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National Executive Committee Meeting Special

The National Executive Board meeting of the S.V.A. was held in St. Louis, Missouri on November 17, 1962 at the Elk's Club in Clayton. The meeting was well represented by members from near and far. We had folks come by all means of transportation, from Arizona, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan.

A buffet luncheon preceded the meeting. It was a real pleasure to my wife Louise and I to see the friends we had made in Phoenix this past summer, and all our old friends from the other States. I was not able to sit through the entire meeting that day. Don Laubenz, Past National President from Ohio had to catch a bus, so I took him to the station. Just before we left, I was informed by telephone that there was a fire in my apartment building, and that there were firemen and policemen all over the place. I first dropped Don off at the Depot, then went home to see what had happened. All was well, one of my tenants washer-dryer motor had caught fire, and the only thing that suffered any damage was the motor. We thank the Lord for that.

That evening Island X-1, St. Louis, Missouri held its annual Ball. We had a very good time. Attendance prizes of bacon, turkey, ham and other items were awarded. We stayed so late that the manager of the Club was concerned that the police would be after him because it was well after the legal closing hour.

Louise and I entertained the group from Phoenix, Arizona. We took them to three dances and then had an early Thanksgiving dinner at our home on Sunday, because most of them would be on the road on Thanksgiving Day. We really lived it up. It was a real joy and a pleasure to have them here with us and we certainly hated to see them leave, but we know that our friendship will always remain. In the letters received from the folks in the fine State of Arizona, Louise and I know that they feel the same.

Al M. Greco, V.P.
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St. Louis, Missouri

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Here is a set of rules that actually existed in an office back in 1859, according to the current issue of the Municipal Employee, official publication of the Long Beach City Employees Association, Inc.

1. Office employees will daily sweep the floors, dust the furniture, shelves, and showcases.
2. Each day fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash windows once a week.
3. Each clerk will bring in a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business.
4. Make your pens carefully, you may whittle nibs to your individual taste.
5. This office will be open at 7 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. daily, except on the Sabbath, on which day it will remain closed. Each employee is expected to spend the Sabbath by attending Church and contributing liberally to the cause of the Lord.
6. Men employees will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they regularly go to Church.
7. After an employee has spent 13 hours of labor in the office, he should spend the time reading the Bible and other good books while contemplating the Glories and the building up of the Kingdom.
8. Every employee should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden upon the charity of his betters.
9. Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, gets shaved at a barber shop or frequents pool and public halls, will give me good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity, and honesty.
10. The employee who has performed his labors faithfully and without fault for a period of five years in my service, and who has been thrifty and attentive to his religious duties, and is looked upon by his fellowmen as a substantial and law-abiding citizen, will be given an increase of 5 cents per day in his pay, providing a just return in profits from the business permits it.

Are you approaching age 65 and retirement? If so, it's best to contact the regional Social Security office two or three months before the date of retirement. The idea is to file your claim for benefits and get all the paperwork cleared up to avoid any hitches and delays in your monthly payment.

Take along your latest income tax return and a copy of your latest W-2 wage withholding statement. You will also need proof of your age. If you cannot dig up a birth certificate, use the oldest record of age you have, such as a family Bible, marriage record, or service record.

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NEW MEMBER RENEWING REINSTATEMENT

THE SEABEE PAGE NINETEEN
CHECK YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Everyone who works usually gets a nip taken out of his pay check for Social Security, yet the majority of people come up to retirement knowing little about some of their most important rights. People seem to forget that Social Security is the cornerstone of most retirement programs, can often mean as much as $30,000 in tax free payments to husband and wife.

One area, for example, where there is a lot of confusion pertains to just how much you can earn after age 65 and still collect Social Security checks. Basically the law provides that if you work every month of the year after age 65, you lose one month's Social Security for every $80 (or fraction) above $1,200 you earn during the year.

However, if you do not work every month of the year you don't have to worry too much about the $1,200 limitation. For example, if you work two months of the year and make $700 a month, you won't receive checks for those two months, but you will for the other 10 months. The general rule is that in those months you do not work you will continue to receive Social Security checks no matter how much money you make in the two or three months you do work.

The second point to keep in mind is that this $1,200 rule applies to money earned by wages or salary. You can receive other income—dividends, interest, rentals, annuities, pensions—without this counting as earnings.

After age 72, you can work as many months as you choose, earn any amount and still get full benefits.

On the other hand, if you work after having retired and do not report your earnings you could lose your Social Security payments.

Actually it makes good sense to check in with the Social Security Administration about once every three years to see if their records jibe with yours in terms of money credited to your account, and the number of years for which you are covered. You can do this by mailing a postcard to the Social Security Administration, Candler Building, Baltimore 2, Maryland. Give your social security number, name, and present address.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

A bumboot is any small boat which carries items for sale to men on board ships in port or offshore. It is not necessarily the hobo's answer to a yacht, as the name implies.

During the 19th century bumboot salesmen in foreign ports supplied many U. S. Navymen with such items as pastry, milk, fruit, tobacco, towels and soap.
Peacetime veterans with a service-connected disability—but who are not eligible for compensation because their disability is rated at less than 10 percent—are now entitled to VA outpatient medical and dental treatment and to VA hospitalization.

Veterans with service-connected dental conditions must apply for treatment within one year from discharge. They are eligible for a one-time dental treatment.

Those needing hospitalization for service-connected conditions will have a high priority for VA hospital care.

The new benefits are provided by Public Law 87-583.

Peacetime veterans who have no service-connected disability do not become eligible for VA medical, dental, hospital care under the new law. Those who have been receiving compensation for service-connected disabilities were already eligible.

For more information about benefits under the new law, or to apply for VA medical, dental, or hospital care, get in touch with your nearest Veterans Administration regional office or VA hospital.

Sad will be the day for every man,
When he becomes absolutely contented
With the life he is living,
With the thoughts that he is thinking,
With the deeds that he is doing.
When there is not forever beating
at the doors of his soul
Some great desire to do something larger,
Which he knows that he was meant
and made to do
Because he is still, in spite of all,
The child of God.

—Phillip Brooks.

An immediate call to attention to all Islands. When the S.V.A. was originated and the Constitution was drawn up, it was passed upon proper vote that all officers were to be classed as the President and Vice-Presidents.

So as not to confuse new members as to how our leaders are to be called let us please use these means until a time when a proper change can be made if it is so desired.

E. F. Kipple,
Nat’l President

Be proud to say "I am a Seabee"
WE CAN DEFEAT COMMUNISM

The Communists say their victory is certain because the average American is intellectually lazy, intoxicated with entertainment, limited in his horizon, and inherently selfish, that he won’t have the conviction or dedication to do what is necessary to stop them.

We have passed the stage where one could possibly have sat on the fence. One need only take a hard look at what has happened very recently in Cuba, or even more dramatic, the wall that divides Berlin, to realize the results of Communism. If this is what you want to look forward to, then the above does apply.

Become educated on the real aim of the Communists; notice the number of times the “five year plan” has been put into effect; do not be ashamed to fly the American flag on our national holidays, and in the words of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, “We can defeat Communist ideology and, at the same time, reinforce the structure of our own democracy by the combined process of exposure and education.”

Battalion Associations

Rosters Requested

Battalion Associations are requested to send in the name and address of their Secretaries to Bureau of Yards and Docks Code 213. LCDR. R. D. KEEGAN, CEC, USN Director, Office of Professional and Technical Information in the Bureau is requesting this information to enable the Bureau to assist former members of the Seabee Units in seeking whereabouts of their mates, and for clearing house type information.

Secretaries are also requested to send their names and address to THE SEABEE, so that we can have you on our mailing list. Keep up with what the Seabee Veterans of America and the Seabees of today are doing.

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Planning for the Present

Lester Szotai, National Vice-President Northeast area has prepared an excellent booklet entitled “Planning for the Present.” The contents cover topics on Social Security, Veterans’ Benefits, Life Insurance, Estate Planning, Legal Documents, Cemeteries, Monuments, Wills, The Modern Funeral Director, Document Record and a Date Record.

As Chairman of the Insurance Committee, Lester has performed an outstanding service to the membership of the S.V.A. He has devoted a lot of time in the preparation of information sheets and booklets to clarify many points about life insurance and related subjects.

Members interested in obtaining information about life insurance and assistance in obtaining the proper type and amount, should contact Lester at 807 Bethlynn Court, East Meadow, Long Island, New York.

CONVENTION PLANS

TOLD BY TUCHMAN

Harry Tuchman, National Vice-President S. E. District, serving as Chairman for the approaching 17th National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America, reports that plans are progressing in good shape. Dates are 8 thru 11 August 1963 in Miami Beach, Florida. Headquarters will be maintained in the Deauville Hotel, located on the ocean at 67th Street.

Deauville Hotel rates will be $6-$10 per person double occupancy, European Plan and $9-$13 per person on the modified American Plan (Breakfast, Brunch and Dinner included).

The suggestion was made that persons planning to attend attempt to provide group transportation, rather than to drive individual cars. In any case, let’s have our plans made to attend this National Convention and Reunion. Be sure to pass the word to your ex-Seabee buddies so they can participate in the once-a-year opportunity to meet with former mates.

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