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VOL 2 NO 1

CAM TAYLOR, COMMANDER

THE BULLSHEET

JACK GATES, EDITOR

THANKS DICK SUPER JOB WELCOME ABOARD CAM

FROM DICK LINDNER:

THIS BEING MY LAST MESSAGE TO YOU AS COMMANDER, I WISH THE NEW OFFICERS THE BEST OF LUCK IN THE COMING YEAR. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON ME FOR ANY HELP I AM ABLE TO DO. TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED ME THIS PAST YEAR AND A HALF, IT IS REMARKABLE. WHEN I THOUGHT OF FORMING AN ISLAND, MY HOPE WAS FOR 50 TO 100 MEMBERS, BUT THROUGH EVERYONES EFFORT THE ISLAND X-5 IS NOW AT 125 MEMBERS. ISLAND X-5 IS NOW THE LARGEST ISLAND IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND WITH ALL THE MEMBERS LOOKING FOR OTHER SEABEES THAT WOULD HELP THE ISLAND GROW, THE OUTLOOK IS GOOD. KEEP ON RECRUITING!!!!

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO NAME ALL WHO WORKED HARD TO GET ISLAND X-5 UP AND GOING, SO TO ALL I SAY...THANK YOU...

HERE ARE SOME OF MY THOUGHTS THAT I THINK WOULD HELP THE ISLAND TO GROW, IT SHOWS THE OUTSIDERS THAT WE ARE CONCERNED AND ACTIVE.

1. ADOPT A MILE OF AN EXPRESSWAY AND KEEP IT CLEAN.
2. HAVE A COMMITTEE TO HELP ANY MEMBER THAT IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AROUND HIS/HER HOME IF THEY ARE INJURED OR SICK.
3. HAVE A FAMILY PICNIC FOR ONE OF OUR SUMMER MEETINGS.
4. A COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE "LIFE MEMBERSHIP" IN THE NSVA.
5. SECURE OUR OWN BUILDING OR BUY INTO AN EXISTING CLUB.
6. SET UP A SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN HONOR OF THOSE COMRADES FROM OUR ISLAND WHO PASS AWAY.

WITH THESE CHALLENGES I LEAVE MY OFFICE KNOWING THAT OUR ISLAND IS IN GOOD HANDS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING ME PROUD TO BE A SEABEE.

DICK LINDNER
COMMANDER, 1990/91/92

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MORE.....MORE.....MORE.....MORE.....MORE.....

CAM TAYLOR

PAUL KISHEL

THE BULLSHEET

COLIN POWELL

ONCE A SEABEE...ALWAYS A SEABEE

FROM CAM TAYLOR:

I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE WHO ACCEPTED ME TO BE ISLAND X-5 COMMANDER FOR THE 1992/93 TERM OF OFFICE. I'LL DO MY BEST TO JUSTIFY YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

I HAVE SEVERAL PROJECTS IN MIND AND WILL PRESENT THEM TO YOU AT THE PROPER TIME, HOPING IF THEY ARE APPROVED BOTH BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ACCEPTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP THAT I CAN DEPEND ON HELP TO SEE THEM THROUGH.

I'M SURE THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH THE TRADITIONAL GUIDANCE OF THE WW II AND KOREAN VETS COUPLED WITH THE MODERN VIEWS AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE YOUNGER VIETNAM VETS AND THE PEACE TIME RESERVES, THAT OUR ISLAND X-5 WILL NOT ONLY CONTINUE TO GROW IN NUMBER BUT WILL MATURE AND BECOME A WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF OUR COMMITTEES.

DICK LINDNER IS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW, BUT WITH YOUR SUPPORT, YOUR ENTHUSIASM TOGETHER WE CAN MEET THAT CHALLENGE AND GO BEYOND. WORK WITH ME AND MY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WE WILL STAY NO. 1 ISLAND IN NEW YORK. I KNOW THAT BEING A SEABEE, THE MOTTOT "CAN DO" BECOMES OUR WAY OF LIFE.

YOUR FELLOW SEABEE.....CAM TAYLOR, COMMANDER 1992/93

1992/93 OFFICERS & BOARD ELECTED

COMMANDER	CAM TAYLOR	26TH NCB
1ST VICE COMMANDER	SAM COCCA	NMCB 13
2ND VICE COMMANDER	MARK CASSIDY	
TREASURER	OTTO HOEBEL	35TH NCB
RECORDING SECRETARY	GERRY KACZOR	NMCB 19
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	JACK GATES	36TH NCB

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

DICK LINDNER	36TH NCB
VERN ANDERSON	
MEL YETTER	11TH SPEC.
BILL BOLGER	NMCB 13
PETE KUCZKOWSKI	NMCB 13

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD FROM THE "BULLSHEET".

THE NATIONAL ISLAND AT LARGE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE RECEIPT OF OUR ISLAND'S DONATION IN MEMORY OF ED GIESS 26TH NCB FOR THE NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP FUND. WE ALSO RECEIVED A THANK YOU NOTE FROM MRS. GIESS FOR THINKING OF ED AND MAKING THE DONATION IN HIS MEMORY. SEABEES ARE LIKE THAT...WE REALLY ARE A NICE BUNCH OF PEOPLE.....

DUES ARE DUE...DUES ARE DUE...DUES ARE DUE...DUES ARE DUE...DUE ARE DUE...

SEND IN THAT 10 BUCKS FOR THE 92/93 DUES NOW. FORGET ABOUT THE APPLICATION JUST SEND US YOUR 10 DOLLAR DUES AND WE'LL GET THE INFO FROM YOU LATER ON. WE HAVE TO PAY OUR SHARE TO THE "NATIONAL AND THE STATE". WE ALSO NEED BUCKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU LIKE THIS "BULLSHEET" WE HAVE TO HAVE DOLLARS FOR POSTAGE AND PRINTING. THANKS GUYS.

"TAKE HER OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

FRIDAY AUGUST 21 WILL BE SEABEE NIGHT AT THE OLE BALL PARK (PILOT FIELD). COME AND SEE OUR ISLAND'S NAME IN LIGHTS (ON THE SCOREBOARD THAT IS). WE WILL BE SALUTED THAT NIGHT SO COME TO THE GAME AND STAND UP FOR THE SEABEES ONLY \$5.00 PER PERSON FOR A CHOICE SEAT.

ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S QUIZ:

PUT THREE BALLS ON ONE SIDE, THREE ON THE OTHER WITH THE REMAINING TWO IN FRONT OF YOU. IF BOTH SIDES BALANCE YOU KNOW ONE OF THE TWO BALLS IN FRONT OF YOU IS HEAVIER THAN THE REST. IF THE SCALE IS UNBALANCED YOU KNOW IT'S ONE OF THE THREE BALLS ON THE HEAVIER SIDE. WEIGH TWO OF THE THREE BALLS TO DETERMINE WHICH IS THE HEAVIEST.

THIS ISSUE'S QUIZ:

YOU HAVE TWO BUCKETS, ONE BUCKET HOLDS 7 GALLONS AND THE OTHER 5 GALLONS. YOU HAVE A WATER FAUCET AND AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF WATER. YOU CAN FILL EITHER BUCKET OR BOTH WITH WATER AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE. YOU CAN ALSO EMPTY THEM ON THE GROUND OR INTO THE OTHER BUCKET AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE. YOUR MISSION: HAVE 4 GALLONS OF WATER IN ONE BUCKET.

FAMILY PICNIC: PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR AN ISLAND FAMILY PICNIC. KINDA HOLD AUGUST 29 OPEN FOR THIS EVENT. WE HAVE A RESERVATION AT A PAVILION AT VETERANS PARK IN THE CITY OF TONAWANDA. (THAT'S THE PARK WHERE THE HYDROPLANES RACE ON THE NIAGARA RIVER.) THIS EVENT IS NOT SET IN CONCRETE BUT PLANS ARE DEVELOPING AND WE WILL HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE NEXT MEETING. HOT DOGS...HAMBURGERS...COLD BEER (DRAFT) ALL SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD TO ME. COMMANDER TAYLOR WILL HAVE A QUICK MEETING FOR AUGUST AT THE START OF THE PICNIC SO WE WILL BE ON DISPLAY TO OUR HONEYBEES...GOTTA BE NICE TO ONE ANOTHER.

COMMANDER CAM TAYLOR (26TH) AND PAST COMMANDER DICK LINDER (36TH) ARE NOW CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE. THIS CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP OF OUR ISLAND AND THE INCREASED FREQUENCY OF OUR EVENTS. AFTER THE ROARING SUCCESS OF THE "CHARTER" AND THE "50TH" DINNER DANCES WE FEEL CAM HAS IT RIGHT SO HE STAYS ON THE COMMITTEE. WAY TO GO CAM! DICK IS CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CONVENTION HERE IN TOWN AND HAVING ATTENDED ONE OF HIS SHINDIGS BEFORE, BE ASSURED THAT IT WILL BE A GALA AFFAIR AS WELL AS FUN.



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SIX SEABEE BATTALIONS WON THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION IN WW II.

THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD BATTALIONS WERE ORIGINALLY CALLED "BOBCATS" AND NOT SEABEES, NOT UNTIL THE 4TH NCB WAS FORMED WERE THEY KNOWN AS SEABEES.

ON JUNE 6TH, 1944, 28 MEN OF THE 111TH BATTALION WERE WOUNDED IN THE INVASION OF FRANCE. FOUR OF THEM LATER DIED OF THEIR WOUNDS.

FIRST SEABEES TO LAND IN CHINA IN WW II WERE THE 128TH NCB OF THE 3RD BRIGADE AT SHANGHAI.

THE DIFFICULT WE DO IMMEDIATELY --

THE IMPOSSIBLE TAKES A LITTLE LONGER

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Colin Powell Salutes the CB's

To Seabees everywhere. I join Seabee friends from all the services in extending my sincerest greetings and congratulations on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary. The other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and I are extremely proud of all the active and reserve Seabees who served so ardently for freedom and democracy since World War II. Your can-do spirit is inscribed forever in the record book of American arms.

The Seabees in World War II constructed 400 advance bases and paved the road to victory for all our forces in the European and Pacific theaters. During the Korean War, you ingeniously assembled and op-

Eagle's Nest

By General Colin Powell
Chairman of the
Joint Chiefs of Staff



erated pontoon causeways at the successful Inchon and Wonsan amphibious landings by Army and Marine assault groups. In the mid-1950s, you literally moved a mountain while constructing Cubi Point Naval Air Station. During the Vietnam War, Seabees built and defended the essential I Corps bases at Da Nang, Chu Lai, and Phu Bai. In the 1970's, you built the strategic base on Diego Garcia so crucial to

all the services' operations. Seabees continued their standard of excellence in the recent post-cold war era. In the Persian Gulf, Seabees constructed 5,000 buildings, 10 camps, four runaways, and 200 miles of roads for United States and Allied Forces which directly contributed to our Desert Storm victory. Your many humanitarian efforts supporting Iraqi Kurds during Provide Comfort, providing relief for Bangla-

des in Sea Angel, and assisting the recovery from Philippines volcanic eruptions are sterling examples for all to follow when responding to international disasters.

I also extend my appreciation to your families. They have overcome the hardships of separation and provided you the all-important support and love to sustain you during your long deployments to all points of the globe.

I commend each of you for your professionalism and dedication as you continue the important work of defending our great nation. You are America's winners. Happy 50th Anniversary, can-do Seabees.

New Members



News Briefs

SAM SOZIO
TERRY OLGIATI
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NMCB 19, 20, 13
13TH NCB

WELCOME ABOARD, MATES

Bill - send \$10 to Jack Gates at 58th NCB address above your address on front.

ROLAND AND DORIS SWANSON (78TH NCB) RECENTLY GAVE THE ISLAND A BEAUTIFUL 5 FOOT BY 5 FOOT FLAG FROM PORT HUENEME. THANK YOU AND WE WILL BE USING IT AT EVERY MEETING AND PARADE. THE BULLSHEET ALSO THANKS ROLAND FOR HIS CASH GIFT TO HELP WITH POSTAGE. WE CAN'T MISS WITH SEABEES LIKE HIM. IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMANDER WITH A PRAYER FROM CHAPLAIN SWANSON.

OTTO HOEBEL (35TH NCB) HAS A WW II BOOK THAT HE IS TAKING ORDERS FOR REPRINTS. IT IS A GREAT COLLECTOR'S ITEM AS WELL AS VERY INTERESTING.

SEE LARRY HOISINSKI, NMCB 13, ABOUT ISLAND X-5 BASEBALL CAPS.

SEE DICK LINDNER 36TH NCB, ABOUT 11 X 14 INCH POSTERS OF "ORIGIN OF SEABEE LOGO".

WE ARE ALMOST READY TO FRAME OUR CHARTER AND THE NAMES OF OUR CHARTER MEMBERS. WE NEED THE SIGNATURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK COMMANDER AND SECRETARY AND THEN RED KREMER'S SISTER IN LAW WILL DO THE CALLIGRAPHY OF OUR NAMES.
MCB 1

WE STILL HAVE NOT AFFIXED THE "CHARTERMEMBER" TAG TO ALL OF THE BADGES OF CHARTER MEMBERS. PLEASE GET THEM TO JACK GATES 36TH NCB OR CALL HIM AT 692-5199 AND ORDER A NEW BADGE. (NO COST TO YOU)

DO NOT JOIN THE NATIONAL SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA IF THEY SEND YOU AN APPLICATION!. YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ISLAND ENTITLES YOU TO NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND IF WE HAVE YOUR NINE NUMBER ZIP-CODE YOU WILL RECEIVE THEIR NEWSLETTER "CAN-DO". (YOUR TELEPHONE OR FUEL BILL WILL HAVE YOUR VERY OWN NINE DIGIT ZIP NUMBER ON YOUR ADDRESS.. GET IT TO JACK GATES TOOT SWEET.

WE WILL START AGAIN THE SECTION ON "WHO ARE THESE GUYS ANYWAYS" WITH THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE "BULLSHEET".

CONGRATULATIONS TO DUANE NIZIOL, NMCB 13. HE WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE "NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL". WE OF ISLAND X-5, WNY ARE VERY PROUD OF HIM.

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BLAKE BUTLER 90th NCB. HAS BEEN DOING SOME RECRUITING FOR OUR ISLAND ON CABLE TV. BLAKE HAS AN ADD WITH HIS PHONE NUMBER ASKING FOR SEABEE VETERANS TO CONTACT HIM. AND WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT OF BLAKE (AND HE'LL SHOOT ME FOR THIS) HE WAS DOWN FOR A WHILE AT SISTERS' HOSPITAL, ROOM 327. HE HAS BOUNCED BACK BY THIS TIME AND IS LOOKING GOOD. TOLD HIM TO STAY OUT OF GEORGIA. (THAT'S WHERE HE TOOK ILL) WELCOME BACK BLAKE AND KEEP ON A RECRUITING. A FEW MORE DERBY NY AD WILL HELP ALSO.

THIS JUST IN: DICK LINDNER HAS THE TICKETS FOR "SEABEE NITE AT BASEBALL" WE (ISLAND X-5) ARE IN SECTION 106...ROWS J,K,L,M WHICH IS 10 ROWS FROM THE BOTTOM. RESERVED SEATS...\$5.50 PER DUCAT..GET EM WHILE THERE'RE HOT!

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