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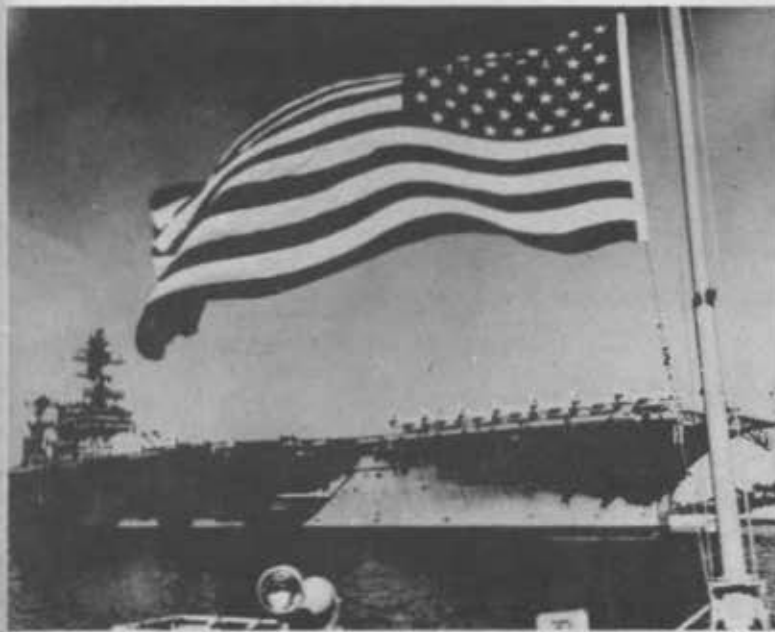


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When submitting articles for THE SEABEE, please include your Battalion or Unit designation. Too many fellows had the same names, and we are certain you will want to identify yourself correctly.

YOU CAN HELP COMBAT COMMUNISM

To beat Communism, follow this simple 8-point Program:

1. See that other Americans are fully and correctly informed about the true objectives and methods of communism and its danger to all we hold dear.
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 interest of fair play 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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"On The Go"

A very important fact that cannot be overlooked is the increasing interest in the Seabee Veterans of America by the various States and cities. It should be recognized that as a growing veterans organization, we have certain interesting features that are of value to a large part of the Country. Convention business is big business, whether there are five or fifty thousand members attending meetings and conventions. It should also be recognized that every piece of literature received by the Headquarters is indicative of interest in the Seabee Veterans of America. Let us not downgrade ourselves; let us realize that we are important to the future of the United States. In other words, let's sell Seabee Veterans of America everywhere. Put the decals and bumper strips on your cars, in the windows of your places of business. The Seabee Veterans of America are men "on the go."

Wear Your Cap

The caps our various officers wear inform the membership as to what office they hold or the office they have held.

National officers wear white caps, Department officers wear maroon caps with white crowns, while the Island officers' caps are dark blue with white crowns. Each officer should, as soon as possible after being elected, equip himself with the proper cap

DEMOCRACY OR ?

Many people still seem to think that Communism simply represents a political system with daring economic and social concepts. Nobody can deny that the Soviets have made remarkable progress in the economic and scientific fields. So, why be afraid of them?

The antagonism between Communism and Democracy is not a matter of economic doctrine or social structure. It lies in a different conception of man, and of his rights and duties. Communism, like any dictatorship, cannot tolerate democratic liberty, impartial justice, and the respect of the individual, which are the foundations of our Western Civilization.

From the very beginning, the Communist leaders believed in the ultimate world-wide victory of their doctrine. Lenin considered

it "unthinkable" that the Soviet Republic should endure side by side with the democracies. By 1919 he was saying, "One or the other must triumph in the end. And before that end supervenes, a series of frightful collisions between the Soviet Republic and the bourgeois states will be inevitable."

Today's dictator, Mr. Khrushchev, while speaking about "peaceful co-existence," does not forget to add, "Whoever imagines that our smiles announce a reversal of the teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin is sadly mistaken. Those who count on this can wait until shrimps have learned to whistle." And in July 1960 he stated, "I want to see with my own eyes within my own lifetime, the Red flag flying over the whole planet."

**IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE
FIRST NATIONAL ISSUE OF
THE SEABEE IS LATE. THE
LACK OF NEWS AND OTHER
INFORMATION FROM MOST OF
OUR OLDEST ISLANDS HAS
CONTRIBUTED LARGELY TO
THIS SITUATION!**

NATIONAL ISLAND

Its Function

The National Island was formed to enable those ex-Seabees who do not live in an area where an Island X exists, or, who do not desire to attend meetings. These members are interested in the affairs of the Seabee Veterans of America, want to know what their former buddies are doing, or are genuinely interested in supporting the S.V.A.

The national publication, THE SEABEE, will provide the information they desire and at the same time keep these National Island members informed of Island meetings throughout the country, in the event they desire to attend a meeting. One never knows just who will be in attendance at an Island meeting, and watching the greetings exchanged between ex-Seabees who haven't seen each

NAVY NEEDS MEN

The Navy wants more men for the growing Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) program. Each month two completely trained crews are ordered to Polaris missile submarines as they near completion in the shipyards. Men enlisting in the Navy will have opportunities to train for the SSBN program while serving in submarines. On-the-job training and experience is especially important in ratings for which there is no Class "A" School.

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"Doing for people what they can and ought to do for themselves is a dangerous experiment. In the last analysis, the welfare of the workers depends upon their own initiative. Whatever is done under the guise of philanthropy for social morality which in any way lessens initiative is the greatest crime that can be committed against the toilers. Let social busybodies and professional 'public morals experts' in their fads reflect upon the perils they rashly invite under the pretense of social welfare."

— Samuel Gompers

other since the war years is indeed rewarding.

The National Island also provides an excellent opportunity for those Seabees still on active duty to keep in touch with former buddies. The Seabee Veterans of America, being an exclusively Seabee group, provides an excellent connecting link between those on active duty and those who have left the service. Once a Seabee, always a Seabee, is an excellent motto, and one which should be uppermost in each of our minds.

As President of the National Island, I extend a personal invitation to all those ex-Seabees in the above categories to become a member of this very fine organization.

TEENAGE DRIVING

There comes a time in the life of almost every parent when he is faced with making the decision to turn over or not to turn over the keys of the family car to that teenage son or daughter.

That teenager, points out the National Automobile Club, has grown to the emotional and mental

maturity necessary for safe driving if he has proved himself to be careful and conscientious in all that he does, has a well-rounded knowledge of the traffic laws and obeys them, has a sympathetic awareness of the problems with which traffic officers have to contend and tries to cooperate with these officers, and has demonstrated an alert sense of safety while driving, an alert consideration for the other person's rights, The car he is going to drive, of course, should be mechanically sound.

The parent who has a teenager who lacks any of these qualities should withhold the keys of the car until his son or daughter has acquired all of these qualities.

To do otherwise is to court disaster.

GOOD MEETINGS

Too many meetings are held each month for the simple reason that it has been a month since the last meeting. Sound familiar? Meetings planned with a purpose attract members who like to attend in order that they may get some good out of the meeting.

The approaching holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years, offer excellent opportunities to indulge in charitable affairs and provide other opportunities for holiday relaxation and get-togethers.

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THANKS !

One of our most frequent contributors of interesting items and bits of news is the National Vice President for the North East District, Lester Szatai. A very busy man for the Seabee Veterans of America, Lester has worked long and hard for the success of Long Island X-1 in New York. It was extremely gratifying to learn that 122 members and guests attended a recent picnic put on by that enthusiastic group.

Many of the National Officers have concrete evidence of this hardworking member, who as Chairman of the Insurance Plan, developed an interesting and informative set of booklets outlining his thoughts and ideas on insurance.

Unable to attend the National Convention in Phoenix to present a firm outline of the developed plan and to answer all the questions that arose, the insurance plan previously developed was decided unacceptable in its present form.

Lester is convinced that the members and the organization can benefit from a good insurance program and is now engaged in taking a good hard look at just what the needs of the membership may be.

Watch out for future word on Lester and his insurance plan, and also, be on the alert for his articles.

We are in receipt of "The Old Breed News" from Lester Szatai, which is published in the interests of the First Marine Division Asso-

ciation Incorporated.

The publication announced the 1962 reunion of the 19th Seabees, also known as 3rd Battalion, 17th Marines, to be held in New York City 12-14 October.

Herbert McCallen, 655 East 14th St., New York 9, New York, is the Association Executive Secretary, and would like to hear from former members of the above outfits.

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Imagine, if you can, the establishment of a beach-head... the landing of Seabees armed with hammers and buzz-saws. The Japs are in front of us, the ocean behind us. There is an attack. The supply of hammers is running low. The buzz-saws need sharpening. We cannot stop the battle to rout out a chit for the urgently needed replacements. We must, therefore, fall back on the basic implements of war — our fists. Recent reports would seem to indicate that we have a generous supply of those.

Imagine, again, the complete consternation of the enemy. To us he attributes either the virtues of extreme cunning and cleverness, or the foolhardiness of the complete loon.

Taking advantage of this confusion we wade in to do battle. Lefts and rights! Rights and lefts! One, two, three, four! There is enough blood around to float a destroyer. Space behind trees is at a premium. Who is hitting whom? Now whom retaliates by blasting who into a fox hole.

One of the Chiefs is up a tree yelling, "Come on, men. We are not afraid of them. Let's you and him fight."

Then a storekeeper comes running up, "Where are those replacements?" roars the Skipper.

"Sorry, Sir," courteously replies the storekeeper, "I couldn't get them. They took away my chits and gave me a stretcher instead.

At that moment the bugler chooses to exercise his keenly gruesome brand of humor. We have to get up. It is 0515.

(From the Seabreeze, publication of the 37th U.S.N.C.B.)

DATE CHANGE

The Seventeenth National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America will be held in Miami Beach, Florida, 8 through 11 August 1963. Headquarters will be located in the beautiful Deauville Hotel located on the ocean at 67th Street. The change in date was requested and approved by National Headquarters due to their being several other conventions in Miami Beach at the usual dates, and it is believed that better attendance and better service will be provided on these dates.

Miami Beach has long been famous for its beautiful atmosphere and friendliness, and the Seabee Veterans who attend will have an experience long remembered.

Make your plans now to attend, and also remember, Las Vegas, Nevada, for 1964. With this type of advance information, increased planning for attending is offered our members.



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Convention Highlights

The Sixteenth National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America will long be remembered for the lively activity that prevailed. From the time of arrival of our members to the time of departure, there was something going on at all times.

Members of Phoenix Island X-1, Arizona, can be proud of their part in the Convention and Western hospitality was demonstrated at every turn. Chairman Dick Lugo and his committee merit the thanks of the entire organization for the fine task performed.

The "get acquainted" party held Thursday evening got things underway in good shape and acquaintances of long standing were renewed.

Informal meetings held Friday morning by both the ladies and the men prepared the way for the main part of the Convention.

President Tom W. Reside called the Convention to order at 1:00 p.m., Friday. The Color Guard furnished by Reserve CB Divisions 11-5 and 19 of Phoenix, posted the colors.

Acting Chaplain Joe Perkins gave the Invocation in the absence of National Chaplain, Father Kulwicki, who had been transferred to New Orleans and was unable to attend.

Richard Lugo, Convention Chairman, was introduced to the members and in turn Dick introduced Mr. Milt Atkinson, President of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, who welcomed the members to Phoenix and expressed the wishes of the City Fathers for a successful Convention.

President Reside introduced Marie Fish, National Auxiliary President, then called for a recess to permit the ladies to reconvene in another room for their business activities.

The Convention reconvened and the Chairmen of the various Committees announced and requested if they were ready for reporting.

President Reside presented his report to the membership with the information that the policies that had been generated by his admin-

istration had been submitted in ballot form to the members of the National Executive Committee for consideration and comment.

He announced the results, that ranged from 18 to 0, or 17 to 1, or 16 to 2 in favor of (1) extending the term of office of the National Executive Committee members to two years, (2) the retirement of CAN-DO, (3) approval of THE SEABEE as the National Publication of the S. V. A., (4) lowering National Island dues to \$2.00 per year, (5) National Island to come directly under the wing of National Headquarters, (6) the establishment of a new National membership card, (7) establish an anniversary month for members, and (8) opening the membership to include all Seabees who have served a minimum period of ninety (90) days or more of active duty. This information was to provide the Convention Body with the opinions and feeling of the general Committee members toward Progress in the S. V. A.

Rules Committee, Willis H. Mitchell, Chairman, presented the report in good form, which was accepted.

Past President Clay Fralick, Wisconsin, presented a discussion and explanation on how the votes were distributed.

No other reports were ready, therefore, the convention was recessed until Saturday morning.

Friday night, the Las Vegas Island X 7-11 provided a hospitality house that was "out of this world," to put it lightly. Everyone had a wonderful time, so much so that very few people were aware of the thunderstorm and rain that came up for a short while.

The Convention reconvened Saturday morning and a telegram was read from Rear Admiral James R. Davis, CEC, USN, who was to represent the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Admiral Corradi. Admiral Davis had been fogged in at the San Diego airport and was unable to attend the business session.

Letters and telegrams were read from Father Kulwicki, Past

President Don Laubens, Past President Max Sherman, Past President Bill McKnight, Ralph Taylor and Harold Clayton.

Continuing the reports, Past President Clay Fralick and Past President J. Bert Knille presented their reports. Vice President Szatai, excused, submitted a brief report, commenting on the increased action in the New York area. Vice President Reagan reported on progress in the Southeast District and submitted a request for Chartering Island X-1 in greater Miami Beach, Florida. This action was completed.

Art Nystrom, Vice President, Southwest District, presented his report, followed by Stu Gastfield reporting on CAN-DO. Considerable discussion on what caused the suspension of CAN-DO and the readiness of the members of San Diego Island X-3 to turn over THE SEABEE to the National Organization followed. Further discussion on remaining commitments of CAN-DO and the retirement of CAN-DO followed. President Reside called on the Convention Body to give Stu Gastfield a rising vote of thanks for his outstanding efforts on behalf of CAN-DO.

Secretary Jack Brill presented his report, followed by the various Committee Chairmen.

Treasurer Wesley Young made his very favorable report, and was then followed by the Nominating Committee Chairman, Past President J. Bert Knille.

Legislation approved included the adoption of a light blue short sleeve shirt with the S. V. A. patch on the left sleeve, restoration of Life Memberships, the 1963 and 1964 Convention and Reunion sites, Miami Beach in 1963 and Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1964. The President and Vice President are now eligible to succeed themselves, but in no case to more than two successive one year terms. THE SEABEE was approved as the national publication.

Past President J. Bert Knille gave the oath of office to the new

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Silver, the stuff that dreams are made of, forms a \$1,000 barrier in front of Wally Tolin, a member of the Las Vegas Island X 7-11, As Comptroller of the MINT Casino, Wally sees quite a bit of this "dream stuff" in his daily work.

You, too, will have a chance to pick up some of these "lunkers" or cartwheels" as they are called when you visit Las Vegas, Nevada, for the 1964 National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America. Start planning now!

SEABEE MUSEUM ELECTS NEW BOARD

Members of the newly-created Seabee Museum Board of Governors met at the Construction Battalion Center for the first time 24 August to discuss current and long range plans for the Museum's operation and development.

The board was established as the result of a directive from the Bureau of Yards and Docks dated 6 June 1962, which assigned to CBC the specific mission of managing and operating the Seabee Museum. Members include: CAPT E. R. Bennett, CBC Commanding Officer Chairman; CAPT Robert S. Thomas, Jr., Deputy Director, Southwest Division BuDocks; Commodore H. P. Needham, (Ret.); CAPT F. G. Jansen, (Ret.); and CDR C. F. Krickenberger of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, who was not present.

The Museum was founded in 1946, and has been in existence since that time. It was moved to its present building in 1956 and designated the Fink Building, but there is no record of any action specifically authorizing or recognizing its existence before the BuDocks directive of 6 June.

Prior to the establishment of the new board, an ad hoc committee of three senior officers—

CAPT M. H. Jordan, Officer in Charge Civil Engineer Officers' School; CAPT E. J. Ralph, Officer in Charge CBBU; and CDR Lavern Pyle, Jr., former NAVSCON Commanding Officer—served in an advisory capacity to the CBC Commanding Officer in matters of the operation of the Seabee Museum. It was upon the recommendation of this advisory board that the Bureau action was taken.

Among the matters discussed by the new Seabee Museum Board of Governors was the future addition of two 40x100 foot buildings to the present Museum facilities. This would provide space for a chronological display of historical material of the Seabees and the Civil Engineer Corps, beginning with the first use of engineers by the Navy in 1800 up to and including the space age.

The Seabee Museum is under the direction of Audrey Hanes, curator. Seabees and ex-Seabees who have items of historical interest that they desire to make available to the Museum are requested to send them to the curator for display. World War II and the Korean War souvenirs are also requested.

CONVENTION

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members of the 1962-63 administrative team, and the President's gavel was turned over to the new President, Ed Kipple.

The banquet Saturday night was an excellent affair. The main course of roast chicken on ham was delicious, and each course was outstanding.

Mr. John N. Christianson, Assistant Vice President in the Business Development Department of the Valley National Bank of Arizona, kept the guests and members laughing with his very witty and brilliant commentary.

Past President Reside introduced the guests at the head table and presented the Battalion Trophy to George Hubbard of San Francisco, who represented the 40th Battalion, best representation present at the Convention.

The evening came to a successful finish as those present danced the evening away to an excellent orchestra.

All in attendance had a marvelous time and are now looking forward to next year's meeting in Miami Beach, Florida.

I saw her swimming in the brook,
A moment swift and fleeting;
And from the shock of that brief look
My heart almost stopped beating.

I worked my way around the trees
To where the view was clearer,
And then on trembling hands and
knees
I edged a little nearer.

I never saw such perfect lines
As she was there displaying
Beneath the shade of spreading
pines,
In languid splendor playing.

Her twists and turns were full of
grace;
Her body smoothly molded,
I know that joy showed on my face
As each charm unfolded.

And when she floated with the
stream
The sight was most entrancing,
Her wondrous body seemed to gleam
From sunbeams, softly glancing.

I yearned for her with heart and soul
And then I fell to wishing,
For I had neither hook nor pole—
And bass are caught by fishing,
From "CAN DO" of the 64th NCB

What Is Term Insurance?

If you are at the stage of re-viewing or reevaluating your life insurance coverage, you would do well to consider term insurance, a much misunderstood type of policy that offers protection at the lowest possible price.

The three basic types of life insurance are endowment, ordinary life, and term insurance. Endowment insurance provides payment of the policy at the end of a fixed period or at time of death. Premiums for such policies are higher than for the other two types. Ordinary life, at the time of the insured person's death, pays the amount of the policy to the beneficiary. But term insurance is purchased for a stated period of time, 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. It provides only for benefits if the death occurs within the stated period. Otherwise it has no value after the life of the policy ends.

As an example of costs for term insurance at various ages, the Institute of Life Insurance gives the following typical charges:

At age 30, a man wishing a \$5,000 term policy for five years would pay about \$25 annually. At age 35 the cost would be about \$30, at age 40 about \$40, at age 45 about \$50, at age 50 about \$75, at age 55 about \$105, and at age 60 about \$170 annually. The total cost for such coverage at age 65 would amount to approximately \$875. Straight life insurance over the same period, starting at about \$80 annually, would amount to about \$2,800. The difference would be

that the straight life policy would have a cash value of about \$2,800, while the term policy carried over the equivalent period of time would have provided coverage but would have no cash value at the termination period.

An Institute spokesman said purchasers of term policies should make sure such insurance is "renewable and convertible" with the right to renew without physical examinations. "Leave them (term policies) an open end affair," he said. Most insurance firms will write 5 year, convertible and renewable policies up to the age of at least 60 and even to age 65.

Although term insurance fits the needs of many young families who just want protection without investment, it is not pushed by insurance firms the way other types of policies are sold. Agents insist this is so because they look upon term insurance as a short-sighted buy. They argue that it has no loan value or cash value while in force and no accrued value at its termination date. But for the young husband worrying about leaving his family without support the problem becomes one of providing the most immediate relief or benefit. For him, term insurance seems to be the answer.

It is for this reason that insurance firms now write comprehensive, family plan policies that have a base of term insurance combined with permanent plans. Such family income plans are very flexible as far as the amount of

term insurance is concerned, and are adjustable.

For example, a \$10,000 ordinary life policy would carry a diminishing, 20 year term policy on its back. The whole package for a man aged 35 would run about \$270 in annual premiums and would provide two things. It would pay \$100 a month to his widow if he dies anytime within the first 20 years. The monthly payments begin at the date of death and run until the 20 years are up. Also, at the end of the 20th year (if the man has died before), there will be a payment to his widow of \$10,000.

Term insurance also figures in the mortgage redemption plans being offered today. This is reducing term insurance in which the coverage shrinks as the mortgage payments are made.

Lester Szatai

Don't Be An ONLY

A young war-winning sailor, new to the Navy, was introduced to a crusty old admiral in Washington last summer. Feeling somewhat abashed, the neophyte remarked apologetically, "I'm only a reserve, sir."

The old salt gave him a martinet stare, wagged a finger at him and said, "Never use the word 'only' when you describe your status. The U.S. Navy, as such, never won a war, nor has the regular Army won one, except with the aid of the Reserves pressed into service from civilian life. Always remember this: You win our wars. We simply keep the guns clean during peacetime."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE MARINE CORPS

The Marine Corps of the United States is celebrating 187 years of distinguished service on 10 November. All Seabees and Seabee Veterans of America recall with pride, their close association with the heroic men, both in combat and during the lulls between battles, of the Corps.

DID YOU VOTE?

At this late date, we can only hope that our members exercised their privilege of voting for the many important offices and legislation that was involved in the 1962 elections.

THE "CAN-DO" SPIRIT STILL LIVES

On Adak the old adage that "actions speak louder than words" has again been applied to the "CAN-DO" spirit of the Seabees. Mobile Construction Battalion 9 personnel have added new accomplishments to the past great achievements.

The Seabees are well known for their skilled work in the construction of roads, buildings, airfields and other projects. Not to be over-looked, however, is their sacrificial spirit of helpfulness and their readiness to aid in a worthy cause. They have responded to the needs of others by their contributions to the Red Cross and Navy relief Society, and other community welfare drives, often by collections and other kindnesses to fellow Seabees leaving on emergency furloughs.

While MCB-9 was on Adak, the Naval Station Chaplain asked for volunteers to work on their day off in painting the Sanctuary of the Adak Chapel. He had such an enthusiastic response that the task was completed in one day. Also, when the need for men to teach in the Church School and to sing in the choir was announced, many Seabees indicated an interest and devoted their time and talent to enrich the religious program on Adak.



ISLAND NEWS

Here, There, and Everywhere

LOS ANGELES ISLAND X-4 C. B. DENNIS, SECRETARY

Los Angeles Island X-4 members and their ladies enjoyed a Pizza party at the Pizza Palace in Torrance, California, during the September meeting. A report on the National Convention and Reunion of the S. V. A., which was held in Phoenix, Arizona, last month, was presented by California Department President Willis H. Mitchell.

Members were reminded that the 1963 National Convention and Reunion will be held in Miami Beach, Florida, next August, and the 1964 National meeting will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Headquarters for the 1963 Convention will be in the Deauville Hotel and very special convention rates have been set as low as \$6.00 per person daily on the European Plan. If the Modified American Plan is desired, which includes breakfast-brunch and complete seven course dinner nightly, it will be available at the nominal additional cost of \$3.00 per person daily..

1962-1963 dues are due, and all are encouraged to take care of this important matter as soon as possible. Also, why not bring as a guest a potential member. Pass the word! Seabees CAN DO.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newest Island X-1, located in greater Miami Beach, Florida. Harry Tuchman, temporary President was elected Vice President for the Southeast District. Their request for a Charter was approved at the Convention and Reunion in Phoenix, Arizona, and as Host for the 1963 Convention and Reunion of the S. V. A., the members have a very important occasion to look forward to. Pass on names of Florida Seabees to Harry Tuchman, Morton Towers North, Apartment 1479, Miami Beach, Florida. A list of members and their Seabee Unit affiliation will be published as soon as available. Remember, Miami Beach in 1963.

Phoenix Arizona Island X-1 who were Host and Hostess for the 16th

National Convention and Reunion of the S. V. A., are certainly proud of the excellent job they did on such short notice to insure a successful Convention. General Chairman Richard Lugo and his Committee Chairmen and Chairladies listed below can be rightfully proud. Those who did not attend have missed one of the best Conventions attended. The people who worked so hard are, in addition to Dick Lugo, Ronald Lee, Co-Chairmen; J. J. Perkins, Secretary; Arthur Decima, Treasurer and Finance; K. E. Shaffer, Reservations; William Davis, Entertainment; and Publicity was the charge of Bill Damme; William Davis, Food and Bar; Allen Metz, Photographer; Ree Berry, Program Editor. The Auxiliary, in charge of the Decorations, came in for their share of praise. General Chairman Martha Hawkinson, Reception; Fonda Sweener, Registration; Dorothy Decima, Publicity; Edith Smithbart, Reservations; Dencil Stout, Decorations. Then there were the other members of Island X-1 and their wives who did so much in helping out who are also due for their share of congratulations. Many thanks for a job "well done."

California won permanent possession of the National Headquarters Trophy for having the largest percent increase in membership for the third straight year. Past National President Tom W. Reside accepted the trophy from Past National President J. Bert Knille.

The 40th NCB had the largest number of members in attendance at the convention and was awarded the President's Trophy. George Hubbard, 40th NCB, of San Francisco, California, accepted the Trophy.

This year there were nine bids on hand from cities interested in serving as host for the National Convention and Reunion of the Seabee Veterans of America. The Time and Place Committee

awarded the 1963 Convention and Reunion to Miami Beach, Florida, and the 1964 Convention and Reunion to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Miami Beach Island X-1 was granted their Charter during the Convention. Acting President Harry Tuchman, 88th NCB, submitted the list of names of the members and the proper fees for the Charter. Good luck, Miami Beach Island X-1, and we look forward to hearing big things from you in the near future.

CINCINNATI ISLAND X-1, OHIO JOHN E. CURRAN, SECRETARY

Cincinnati Island X-1 meets on the third Wednesday of the month at Grant and Elms Streets in Cincinnati, Ohio. Meetings commence at 2000 (8:00 p.m.) and all Seabees and ex-Seabees are cordially invited to attend.

The September meeting was highlighted by a report on the National Convention presented by Past President J. Bert Knille.

Today, Seabees and gentlemen, people are not impressed any more by your service record. As a veterans organization you make your mark by the work you do for the hospitalized veterans, and the good you do to the community in which you are located.

As you read this, think back over the past two years. How many times have you assisted at a treat at the Veterans Hospital at Fort Thomas, or how many times have you worked at either Girls Town or the General Protestant Orphanage? How many times have you visited your members who have been hospitalized or sick at home? How many times have you received tickets to buy or sell and just simply ignored them, figuring to let someone else get out and dig? How many meetings have you attended and helped to shape the course of the Seabee Veterans of America? Our small monthly raffle is the only way we have to finance the operation of this Island.

Please remember, the yard stick by which you are measured as a veterans group is not your service record, but the record of your service to humanity.

National, Department and Island officers are urged to supply themselves with the official caps of their respective offices in accordance with the provisions of the S.V.A. ritual.

SEABEES WORKED, FOUR

51ST BATTALION

After formation at Davisville, R.I., Dec. 2, 1942, the 51st NCB trekked across country to Heuneme and then to Seattle, sailing for Alaska early in February and arriving on the 17th at Dutch Harbor. Remaining slightly over a year, the unit left Dutch Harbor March 6, 1944, and reached Camp Parks March 15. The 51st began its second tour of duty Sept. 9, 1944, when it sailed for Ulithi in the Western Carolines, arriving Oct. 8. A forward detachment of 28 officers and 797 men moved to Saipan Dec. 30, and was joined by the rear echelon of four officers and 197 men April 26, 1945. The 51st finished out the war on Saipan, and after the surrender was sent to Marcus Island.

52ND BATTALION

The 52nd NCB started its first tour of duty Feb. 12, 1943, when it sailed from Seattle for Alaska, arriving at Dutch Harbor Feb. 17. The Battalion had been commissioned Dec. 6, 1942, at Davisville, R.I., and then moved to Gulfport and Hueneme. In April 1943, most of the Battalion transferred operations to Sand Bay on Great Stikin Island. From May 31 to Oct. 31, the entire unit was at San Bay except for a small, varying group at Adak expediting Battalion business. By Feb. 9, 1944, the 52nd, except for Co. A, moved to Adak, and was joined by Co. A in April. The Battalion left Adak April 28 and returned to Hueneme May 12, 1944, via Seattle. A second tour of duty started Oct. 18, 1944, when the 52nd sailed from San Francisco, arriving at Pearl Harbor Oct. 24. The unit moved on to Guam April 30, 1945, and was operating there at the war's close. In September 1945 the Battalion was in the process of being inactivated.

53RD BATTALION

After activation at Norfolk Dec. 22, 1942, the 53rd NCB moved to Davisville, R.I., Dec. 28, and was divided into two sections Jan. 16, 1943. The second section left Davisville Feb. 7 with orders to join a section of the 17th NCB to form the 120th NCB. Exact movements of section section are unreported

following departure from Davisville. On Feb. 12, one company and one fourth of Headquarters Company of the First Section moved to Hadnot Point, New River, N.C., for duty with the Fleet Marine Force. Another company, with Headquarters group, went to San Diego for duty with FMF. The Hadnot Point detachment was transferred into Naval Construction Replacement Group, Camp Lejeune, New River, J.C., Feb. 15. The 53rd was assigned 13 officer and 541 men from the replacement group at Lejeune, and seven officers and 268 men from replacement groups at Camps Elliott and Pendleton, San Diego. The contingents joined at San Diego Feb. 26, and sailed for Noumea, New Caledonia, March 11, arriving March 25. The 53rd was designated as Naval Construction Battalion, First Marine Amphibious Corps, April 14. The Battalion switched operations to Guadalcanal Oct. 12, 1943, and from there sent one detachment to Vella Lavella, and several groups to Bougainville in November and December. The Battalion regrouped at Guadalcanal in January 1944, and on May 12 was redesignated the 53rd NCB. In six echelons, the unit moved to Guam, participating in the invasion, and was on duty there when the war ended.

54TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Camp Bradford near Norfolk, Dec. 24, 1942, the 54th NCB took military training at Camp Peary, Camp Thomas, and Davisville in January and February 1943. The first echelon left Davisville Feb. 22 for Bayonne, N.J., for transfer to Algeria, North Africa, via Bermuda and Gibraltar, and arrived at Arzew, Algeria, March 27. The second echelon jumped from Davisville to Staten Island, N.Y., with destination Algeria, sailing March 5, reaching Oran, March 19 and Arzew March 21. In April the Battalion was operating at Arzew, Mostaganem, Cherchel, Port-Aux-Poules, Tenes, Beni-Saf, and Nemours, Algeria. In May and June, the 54th went to Bizerte and from July to November 1943 operated at Bizerte, Ferry-

ville, Tunis, Karouba, LaGoulette and LaPerchie in Tunisia. The first echelon on Nov. 23 sailed for U.S., the first reaching Norfolk Dec. 17, and the second landing at Bayonne, N.J., the same date. The two sections joined at Davisville Dec. 18. In July 1944 the Battalion entrained for Hueneme and remained until December. Starting its second tour, the 54th sailed Jan. 10, 1945, for the Philippines, via Pearl Harbor and Eniwetok. The unit reached its destination, Guuan, on southern Samar, March 7 and disembarked at Guuan and Tubabao, Samar. In May and June, the 54th transferred to Mactan Island at Cebu and was operating there when the war closed.

55TH BATTALION

The 55th headed overseas March 5, 1943, and landed at Brisbane during the May 1943-April 1944 period, the Battalion sent detachments to Merauke, Kanakopa, New Guinea, and Port Moresby, Palm Island, near Townsville and Cairns, Australia. On April 28, 1944, the 55th left Brisbane and arrived at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, June 1. From Hollandia, the Battalion switched to Mios Woendi Island and operated there for the rest of 1944. Co. C, from Sept. 25 to Dec. 31, was located at Hollandia. On New Year's Day 1945 the 55th sailed from Mios Woendi for the U.S., arriving at Camp Parks Jan. 21. The unit was inactivated in March.

56TH BATTALION

Formed at Norfolk Dec. 24, 1942, the 56th transferred to Camp Parks Feb. 27, 1943, and to Hueneme March 15. The Battalion shipped to Pearl Harbor April 2 and was assigned to duty at the Naval Air Station Kaneohe, Oahu. After 14 months Hawaiian duty, the 56th went to Guam in August 1944 and remained there through the war's end.

57TH BATTALION

The 56th Battalion was commissioned at Davisville, R.I., on Dec. 18, 1942, and was moved to Gulfport, Miss., on Jan. 29, 1943. On Feb. 14 the outfit left Gulfport

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.

and arrived at Port Hueneme Feb. 19. The main echelon embarked March 9 and a rear echelon March 20. The first echelon arrived on Espiritu Santo March 25 and the rear echelon April 11. On March 29, 1944, the Battalion was transferred to SoWesPac, attached to the Fourth Brigade, and sailed for Manus, arriving April 15 and 18, 1944. On Feb. 1, 1945, the Battalion embarked at Manus bound for the States, and arrived at Camp Parks Feb. 18. The following month the Battalion was inactivated at Camp Parks.

58TH BATTALION

The 58th NCB first shipped overseas from Hueneme April 13, 1943, arriving at Vunda Point, Fiji Islands, May 4. Leaving Vunda Point July 23, the outfit reported at Guadalcanal July 30. During August 1943, the Battalion moved to Vella La Vella in the Solomons in echelons departing Aug. 11, 13, 14, 17 and 23. On Jan. 2, 1944, the entire Battalion sailed for Auckland, New Zealand, arriving Jan. 9. On Feb. 11, 1944, the Battalion again moved, reaching Banika in the Russell Islands on Feb. 17. On March 28 it moved to the Admiralties, debarking at Los Negros on April 20. On Dec. 12, 1944, it returned to Guadalcanal. On March 11, 1945, the first echelon, comprised of 26 officers and 851 men, left for Okinawa and on April 1 (L-Day) this group landed on that island in the assault echelon of the Sixth Marine Division. The outfit was still stationed on Okinawa at war's end.

59TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 29, 1942, the 59th Battalion left Norfolk Feb. 26, 1943 and

arrived at Hueneme on March 4. Leaving there March 21, the outfit sailed from San Francisco March 24 and arrived at Hilo, Hawaii, March 30. The Battalion operated at Kanuela, Hawaii, until April 20, 1944. Returning to Pearl Harbor the next day, the Battalion sailed for Guam in three echelons, leaving June 1, June 6 and June 18. The first echelon landed on Guam on July 27, with the remaining units landing on July 30, Aug. 2, 3, 10, 14 and 18. War's end found them still stationed on Guam.

60TH BATTALION

Formed at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24, 1942, the 60th Battalion transferred to Camp Endicott on Feb. 11, 1943, thence to Camp Parks on Feb. 17, and to Hueneme March 7. Embarking for overseas duty on March 25, the Battalion arrived in Brisbane, Australia, April 25. Leaving Brisbane for Townsville, Australia, in five echelons, the last unit embarked June 15, 1943. The five echelons sailed from Townsville on June 27, July 7, 9, 20 and 29, and arrived at Woodlark Island on July 1, 11, 13, 24 and Aug. 2, 1943. On Nov. 1 most of the outfit left Woodlark for Finschaven, New Guinea, with some 309 men remaining at Woodlark as a maintenance unit. On May 13, 1944, the Battalion left for Brisbane for recuperation leave, returning to Finschaven June 17. On June 26, the outfit left Finschaven bound for Owi Island, arriving on July 8. During the summer and fall, detachments were sent to Neomfoor Island, Amsterdam Island and Leyte, all returning after a few weeks' temporary duty. On Dec. 18, 1944, the Battalion sailed for the States, arriving at San Fran-

cisco Jan. 10, 1945. The outfit was moved to Camp Parks and decommissioned April 6, 1945.

61ST BATTALION

The 61st NCB was formed at Camp Peary in January, 1943 and trained there until Feb. 27, when it departed for Gulfport, Miss. After two weeks at Gulfport the Battalion left for Hueneme for additional training. The entire outfit shipped out April 14, arriving in Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, on May 2. Ten days later the 61st boarded ship again and landed at Guadalcanal where they were on duty until February 1944. On Feb. 19 the outfit sailed for Auckland, N.Z., leaving there in the middle of March for Emirau in the Bismarck Archipelago. The 61st arrived at Emirau March 30 and remained until July 21, 1944, when it left for the Russell Islands, arriving there three days later. After a little more than two months in the Russells, the Battalion shipped out again, this time to the Philippines by way of Manus and Hollandia. The 61st entered Leyte Gulf on Oct. 23 (D-Day plus three) and began unloading off Dulag, Leyte. In November and December of 1944 the outfit moved to Guiuan, Samar, the last echelon arriving on Dec. 30. It was still on duty there at war's end.

62ND BATTALION

After forming at Davisville in December 1942, the 62nd was sent to Hueneme for advanced training. The Battalion spent three weeks at Camp Rousseau, then went to San Francisco, whence it shipped out on March 24 for Pearl Harbor. The 62nd was on duty in Oahu for 19 months, then went to Maui on Nov.

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WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

SHOOTING CHARLEY NOBLE

They don't shoot poor Charley Noble anymore, but in the past they shot him hundreds of times.

Who is Charley Noble? Charley is a stovepipe.

In the old days of coal it was used for cooking and the galley stovepipe or smoke stack often became filled with soot. To clear it, a gun was fired into the stack. To the sailor the stack was known as Charley Noble, hence, the shooting of Charley Noble.

A British merchant marine captain, Charles Noble, is said to be responsible for the origin, about 1850, of this nickname for the galley smoke stack. Captain Noble, discovering that the stack of his ship's galley was made of copper, ordered that it be kept bright. The ship's crew referred to the stack as "Charley Noble." This practice spread rapidly throughout the merchant fleet and later was taken up by the United States Navy.

Now, with the passing of coal and soot from our Navy, old Charley does not get shot anymore, but instead he has become involved in initiating the recruit into the mysteries of the deep.

MEDALS AND DECORATIONS

Medals and decorations, for the most part, are worn on the left breast. This custom may be traced from the practice of the Crusaders in wearing the Badge of Honor of their order near the heart.

Also, the left side was the shield side of the Crusader, for the large shield carried by the left arm protected both the heart and the Badge of Honor. So, the wearing of medals, badges of honor over the heart was adopted by the U.S. Navy and is still in effect today.

CHRISTENING BOTTLE

As much as five hours work goes into the making of a ship's christening bottle, such as the ones used by the United States Navy for the christening of our newly built ships. The container is fitted with a 1/16th inch flexible metal mesh jacket to prevent the glass from

flying into the faces of the sponsor and the spectators when the container is smashed across the bow of the ship being christened.

Until the 19th century, the christening of a ship was a male prerogative. This stemmed from the ancient rites at which high priests officiated.

Usually, the sponsor of a Navy vessel is someone closely connected with the Navy, or with a person for whom the ship is named, or with the construction of the vessel.

Ever get to wondering what happened to those steam cars that used to do such startling things?

For the steam car, points out the National Automobile Club, hill climbing was just nothing at all. And in 1906 one of those stream-

lined racers made more than 127 miles an hour over the sands at Ormond Beach in Florida to become the fastest car in the world for that day.

They had, however, their disadvantages. Pilot lights had a way of puffing out at the most inconvenient times and open-flame burners constituted a serious fire hazard in all too many places. Boilers corroded, burned out, and sometimes even exploded. There was often trouble in getting water for the tanks, and once the tanks were filled with water, it readily froze in the cooler climate.

All this, apparently, was just too much for "Whistling Billy" and he peacefully passed away.

No one really knows where the word "Yankee" comes from, but it was popularized in the 1700's by a Massachusetts farmer named Jonathan Hastings, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Hastings used the word to express the idea of excellence, speaking of a "Yankee good horse," or "Yankee cider."

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LEADERSHIP

The purpose of this article is to point out the many facts of an all-round leader who may occupy any position of authority with the complete confidence that he will do an outstanding job. This article is not describing an ideal which is never achieved, or a goal toward which everyone should strive with no hope of reaching. This article describes men who exist.

The outstanding official produces results. Many are industrious. The measure is the effectiveness of the work.

Ability to make decisions is closely allied with achievement. The man must learn to evaluate information, analyze the problem and integrate the two into a sound and incisive decision.

Mental alertness is a requirement for continual attention to detail, coupled with an awareness of the big picture. He must be able to avoid the little, meaningless items that do nothing but take up important time. He must have the ability to express himself. The greatest thinker or the smartest man will find himself by-passed if he is unable to communicate his ideas and decisions orally or in writing.

The man must not lose sight of his relationships with others. You cannot go it alone. Imagination and its companion virtue, initiative, are vital.

There are four approaches to getting a job done. The man can do it himself, drive others to do it, inspire others to do it, or combine those three in the optimum

manner. The outstanding leader knows himself, his job, his men, and the immediate situation, and knows how to combine these approaches to solve best the problem at hand.

Individual accomplishment is important, but teamwork, cooperation, and a willingness to contribute more than one's share is vital. A good sense of humor is a matter of keeping everything in the proper perspective, of being able to distinguish between the important and the trivial.

There is not a single personal quality listed here which cannot be developed by an earnest personal improvement campaign. We can hide from this uncovering process, or we can welcome it as another opportunity to display what we can do. Whatever the result, however, it is one of our own making.

Expense Ruling

Revenue Ruling 55-4CB 1955-1, 291, holds that a taxpayer who gives his services gratuitously to an association and who incurs unreimbursed traveling expenses, including cost of meal and lodging while away from home in connection with the affairs of the association and at its direction, may deduct the amount of such unreimbursed expenses in the computing of his net income subject to the provisions provided by Section 23 (c) of the 1939 Code.

Unreimbursed expenses,

incurred in connection with the attendance at the National Conference, are deductible as a contribution to the Seabee Veterans of America and should be listed as such rather than as business deductions. These expenses should be supported in detail in the same manner as a regular travel voucher for all of the cash items. For those who travel by automobile, deductions can be claimed only for the cash disbursements for gasoline, oil, parking, toll fares, etc.

However, there is now pending by the Bureau of Internal Revenue a case that may allow mileage deduction in the same manner as a regular travel voucher. Mileage travel records should be maintained separately for possible use in preparing 1962 returns if the case is adjudicated by 15 April 1963. You will be advised in this matter through THE SEABEE. The data in support of any contribution to the S.V.A. should be retained by you as part of your regular tax files and not forwarded with any of your returns.

As contributions are allowable as a tax deduction only on the basis of cash expended for such, per diem and mileage allowances are not acceptable.

LOSSES AT CARDS: May be prevented by tying the heart of a bat to the right arm with a red string.

TO WIN A CASE IN COURT: Say to the judge, "I went before the house of the judge; there appeared three dead men at the window: one had no tongue, one had no lungs, the third was sick, blind, and dumb." When you go before the judge after having said this, he will have no power against you.

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HUNTING VISION

What if a million U.S. hunters wore blinders when they take to the field this fall? Ridiculous? Yes, but there is no assurance that any of them can tell a cow from a jack-rabbit at 200 paces. A blind man can get a hunting license.

It is left up to each hunter to be his own judge, to decide if his vision is good enough for safe hunting. With his "as is" eyesight he can take to the woods full of fellow hunters and try to figure out what to shoot at.

The average hunter has the finest equipment he can get, keeps it in tip top condition. But he neglects the most vital hunting tools of all — his eyes. Someone's life, and probably not his own, may depend upon them.

Statistics prove it. The Minnesota Safety Commission found nearly twice as many hunters with poor vision had accidents as did those with vision not up to optometric standards, though they could see perfectly.

Seeing perfectly for hunting calls for the finest vision. Judging a moving target in a split second against a myriad of backgrounds under all sorts of conditions, rain and shine, in a bright field or the keep forest shade trees, taxes eyesight to the utmost.

Most important of all is sharp visual acuity. 20-20 vision is desirable, that is equivalent to reading letters 2/8 of an inch high and 20 feet away. The slightest blurriness should be corrected if you want to bring home the limit of birds, or that prize pair of horns. Eyesight can blur without realizing it, especially past the age of forty.

Ask yourself some questions before you start that hunting trip: Can you see as well as you used to? Compare your eyes, are they usually strong? Can you spot game as well as the other fellows in your crowd?

It takes much more than sharp eyesight for good hunting. You must have wide fields of vision, good depth perception, and you should know all about your color vision.

TO SECURE ONE'S SELF AGAINST ILL LUCK: If one uses the right eye of a wolf bound to the right sleeve, no ill luck will happen to him.



The super carrier USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) tied up at the quay-wall, Naval Air Station North Island, on 11 September.

Commander Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet, Vice Admiral Ekstrom; Commander Carrier Division 5, Rear Admiral Kirn; Commandant Eleventh Naval District, Rear Admiral Arnold; and Commander Fleet Air San Diego, Rear Admiral White, were among the military and civilian dignitaries who attended the dock-side ceremonies for the new ship.

The 75,000 ton guided missile aircraft carrier will be homeported in San Diego, taking the place of the West Coast veteran USS LEXINGTON, which has been transferred to the East Coast.

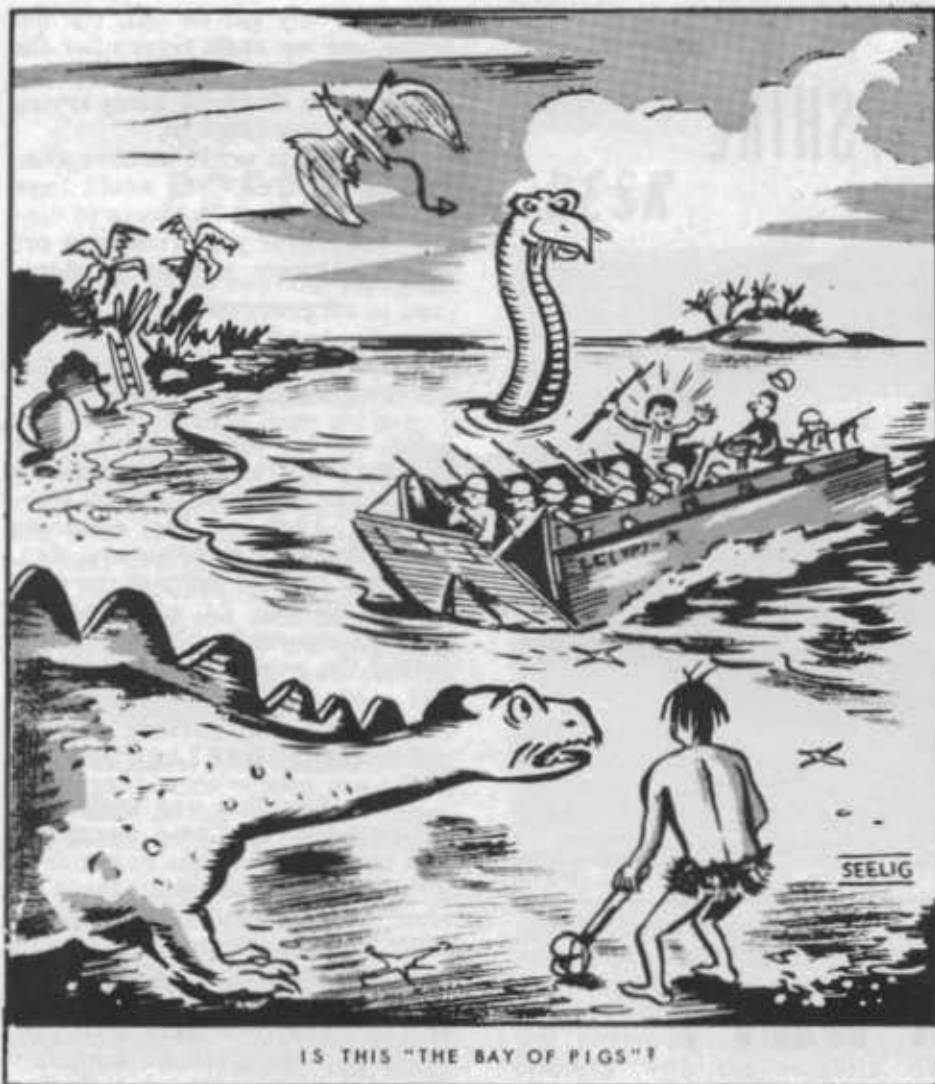
Commissioned 7 October 1961 in New York City, the CONSTELLATION is the sixth and largest conventionally powered aircraft carrier to join the fleet. She is of the same class as the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63), also based in San Diego.

The CONSTELLATION arrived in San Diego after completing a trip around Cape Horn from New York City. During this trip she was instrumental in saving the life of an injured Israeli seaman off of Cape Horn. The seaman was injured in a fall aboard his ship. The CONSTELLATION rendered medical aid after her helicopter flew to the freighter to pick up the injured seaman.

Although the CONSTELLATION is a new carrier, she has a rich history in her name. She is the second ship of the line to carry the name. The first CONSTELLATION's last commissioned duty was during the ship shortage in World War II when President Roosevelt revived her as flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, still afloat if not underway. This marked 160 years of service for the ship.

The CONSTELLATION carries a crew of 4,500 men. She is over 1,068 feet long and has a flight deck area of about 4 acres. If the vessel were turned on end, it would reach the 86th floor of the Empire State Building. The propulsion plant will give the ship a speed of over 30 knots.

The USS CONSTELLATION is under the command of Captain Thomas Jackson Walker III. Captain Walker has been in command since the ship was commissioned in 1961.



IS THIS "THE BAY OF PIGS"?

VFW HEAD SPEAKS OUT

Byron Gentry, the new National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, stated recently that a blockade of Cuba is a must to protect the United States from a nuclear attack.

Speaking on behalf of the more than one million members of the VFW, who gave him a mandate to work for the blockade, he stated it is the obligation of the United States to stop the Soviet military buildup in Cuba.

He stated, "I don't have the slightest doubt that Cuba will become an offensive advance missile base for Russia, with capability of launching a surprise attack on the United States."

Commander Gentry also stressed his organization's opposition to Red China's entry into the United Nations.

San Diego Island X-2 meets the third Tuesday of each month, Mark the November 20 and December 18 dates on your calendar as important dates for the Seabee Veterans of America meetings. Ladies are also cordially invited to participate in the Auxiliary meetings. The Veterans War Memorial Building on Park Avenue in beautiful Balboa Park, Room 5, is the permanent home of San Diego Island X-2, and all Seabees and ex-Seabees are welcome and cordially invited to attend.

From Our President's Desk

It is with great honor and pride that I accept the Presidency of the Seabee Veterans of America. I will endeavor to do the best any one person can do within his means. Cooperation from all Departments and Island will be a great asset to this office. This is one request I would like to make to all con-

cerned.

Once again, I thank all who made our visit to Phoenix a pleasant one.

From time to time you will hear from the office of the President to keep you informed of the progress of this organization.

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Controversy but WHY?

It has been suggested at meetings in the past of the National Executive Committee of the S.V.A. that we take on a controversial project for publicity purposes and to attract new members who would be interested in taking up a cudgel on behalf of their favorite subject — that is, if we could pick the right topic.

There are many subjects that would provide interesting debate or discussion to be considered. We could take up the subject of "mushy" advertising that is handed out on television and radio, the disgusting characters that are used to advertise the produce the announcer takes time for an "important" message out of our favorite program.

The sudden rage about "mental health" that is being crammed down our throats by people who have their hands out for the almighty dollar that is required to stamp out the "vicious" disease, is a dandy topic for discussion; or the big mouthed actors?? hamming

up the television screens. How about the type of people that drive sports cars on our freeways and highways as if they owned these avenues of speed, but who don't know how these toys run? How about the people who are smart enough to make money with which to purchase an automobile but haven't the intelligence to operate it.

Another doozey topic would be the merits of the new type of bread that looks and tastes like a damp rag when used to make a sandwich, or we could discuss the value of which cigarette we will "eat" today because they "taste" so good that it isn't at all necessary to smoke them.

It is certain that our boy-girls and girl-boys of today would come in for a lot of interesting comments, such as are the boys winning out in trying to look like the girls, or are the girls winning out trying to look like boys.

We could really go hog-wild on the subject of anti-communism, but

it would only get us into the nut house, so we shall remember the real purpose of why we are against communism and plug along trying to get our two cents in.

But — what would we have when we got finished? We would have exactly the same subjects to discuss year after year from now on, so let's forget the whole thing.

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2 for the Iwo Jima staging. Embarkation for the invasion began on Christmas Day 1944, and by February 1, 1945, the last elements of the Battalion were aboard ship. The first landing party of the 62nd hit Iwo on Feb. 24, with the main body of the outfit coming ashore during the next three days. On VJ Day, the 62nd was still on Iwo Jima.

63RD BATTALION

This Battalion was formed in January 1943 at Camp Peary and was commissioned the next month. It arrived at Hueneme March 23 after a brief training period at Gulfport, leaving the California base on April 30, 1943. On June 11, the outfit landed on Guadalcanal and was stationed there until Jan. 25, 1944, when it left for a month's tour of duty at Auckland, N.Z. The 63rd left New Zealand Feb. 29 and after a short stay at Guadalcanal, sent the first echelon to Emirau on March 20, 1944. The last echelon arrived at Emirau from Guadalcanal in June. On Sept. 16, 1944, the main body of the 63rd departed Emirau for Manus, arriving there two days later. On March 25, 1945, the Battalion shipped out once more and landed at Manila April 8. When the Japs announced surrender, the 63rd was still on duty in the Philippines capital.

64TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Norfolk, Va., on Jan. 8, 1943, the 64th NCB was transferred to Davisville, R.I., March 5. Embarking for Argentia, Newfoundland, in two echelons on March 24 and 31, the groups arrived March 27 and April 3, 1943. Returning to the States, the Battalion left Argentia on New Year's Day 1944 and reported at Davisville on Jan. 5. Between May 30 and Sept. 18, 1944, a detachment

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FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT'S DESK

Needless to say, the past year has reflected the energies of Seabees on the go, men who contributed time and money to assist in the growth of the Seabee Veterans of America. Space does not permit listing each individual by name, therefore I extend my sincerest thanks to all who assisted in making the year 1961-62 one of the best we have ever had.

The officers of the National, Departments and Islands, as well as members, were the contributors of suggestions and recommendations that were turned over to the general membership for consideration. It was apparent that the organization needed some kind of a shot in the arm. The influx of new members who are interested

ALEUTIAN STARE

A disease familiar to many of us who served in the Alaskan area was called the "Aleutian Stare" — caused by missing too many ships. Some called it lockjaw of the eyes. Your eyes became focused on two points, one for each eye, directly in front of you. In this position your mind was free to wander willy nilly anywhere it chose. It had varying stages. You began by staring at one of your feet, later you extended this to include both feet. After a year you

in the future of the Seabee Veterans of America, wakened some of the oldtimers and made them aware that this was not a "country club" type of organization. There are too many things to do to waste time hassling and philosophizing over new ideas. It is time to be bold and awake to the tempo of the world today. Anyone can sit back and present sage advice, but by doing so, this individual is doing a great job of making the organization advance — to the rear.

I have had my tour; it is time to let the new administration take the reins. There is a lot of fine talent available to ensure the success of the Seabee Veterans of America during the coming years.

began to have lapses between the start and finish of a forkful of spam. If you were lucky, the mate next to you would bring you around with a nudge, so you wouldn't starve to death. At eighteen months you began discussing personal matters with the seagulls. The climax came when the seagulls replied to your discussions and you answered back.

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at NAS Melbourne, Fla. On Sept. 25, 1944, the outfit moved from Davisville, arriving at Camp Parks Sept. 30. Sailing from San Francisco on Oct. 25, the Battalion reported at Pearl Harbor Oct. 30. Stationed at Pearl until the following March, the outfit sailed for Samar in ten echelons between March 20 and 30, 1945, arriving in the Philippines at various dates between April 8 and May 3. At war's end the outfit was still at the Guluan naval base on Samar but had been tentatively alerted for China.

65TH BATTALION

The 65th NCB was born in the field at Freetown, Africa, as a result of the wedding of CBD 1001 and 1002 on March 31, 1943. In June the outfit sailed for home, landing at Boston June 23, and reporting at Camp Endicott on June 26. On Dec. 23, 1943, the outfit was officially inactivated and the personnel transferred to other units.

66TH BATTALION

Formed at Davisville, R.I., in January 1943 the 66th NCB was moved to Camp Parks June 25, arriving there July 1. Twelve days later the outfit moved to Hueneme and sailed Aug. 16. The unit arrived at Adak in the Aleutians Aug. 31. From April 26, 1944, a detachment was sent to San Bay for duty until Oct. 4, 1944. Beginning on July 1, 1944, detachments of varying size were sent from Adak to Attu. The largest of these groups left for Attu July 1 and July 28. All units were back with the Battalion at Adak on Nov. 14, 1944. On Dec. 12, the outfit sailed for the States and arrived at Camp Parks, Christmas 1944. Starting its second overseas tour, the Battalion sailed for Okinawa in July 1945 and was stationed at Nakagusuku at the war's end.

67TH BATTALION

Commissioned at Camp Peary May 18, 1943, the 67th Battalion was designated as a replacement outfit. On July 29 the Battalion was transferred to Camp Endicott and in August its designation was changed from that of Replacement Battalion to Battalion in training, and it was given an overseas assign-

ment. On Oct. 16 the unit arrived at Camp Parks and on Dec. 22 it was transferred to Hueneme. Sailing from Hueneme on Feb. 24, 1944, it reported to the 2nd Brigade at Pearl Harbor on March 1. Leaving Pearl on June 18, the outfit landed on Tinian Aug. 2. In June 1945 the outfit was transferred to Eniwetok in the Marshalls, where it was stationed at war's end.

68TH BATTALION

Formed at Norfolk, Va., Jan. 10, 1943, the 68th NCB was moved to Camp Peary Jan. 12. The outfit was transferred to Camp Endicott on March 19 and then to Camp Parks on May 12. On May 23, 1943, half of the 67th Battalion was designated as the second echelon of the 68th, and on June 8 the new second echelon was transferred from Camp Peary to join the outfit at Camp Parks. Meanwhile, on May 27, one half of the original 68th Battalion had been detached and formed into CBD 1008. On June 19, the outfit was transferred to Hueneme. Sailing from Hueneme on July 7, the Battalion arrived at Adak in the Aleutians on July 23. Proceeding to Attu, the outfit landed there on July 29, 1943. After a year and three months' duty at Attu, the Battalion sailed for the States on Oct. 31, 1944, and arrived at Camp Parks Nov. 17. For its second tour of duty the 68th sailed for Okinawa in May 1945 and was still stationed there at the end of hostilities.

WELL DONE!!!

Joe J. Perkins, Phoenix Island X-1, performed an outstanding relief job at the Convention as acting Chaplain. The prayers used and the Invocation were an inspiration to the members in attendance, reflecting considerable thought and preparation. Joe was elected Vice President for the Southwest District and we look forward to an increase in the membership under his guiding hand.

From JACK BRILL

To ALL S.V.A. Members:

It has been a pleasure to have worked with you during this past year as your National Secretary, and I want to thank you for being so cooperative and helpful. I enjoyed meeting so many of you at the National Convention and Reunion in Phoenix and making the personal contacts.

My wife, Marion, and I send greetings to Island X-1, Phoenix, Arizona, and the Auxiliary for the warm friendship and hospitality. After the convention we toured the northern part of Arizona, on to northern New Mexico and Colorado where we visited by brother (ex-Navy) at Montrose. We headed home via Salt Lake City, Utah, and then visited with Frank Jensen and his wife, Ruth, in Boulder City, Nevada. (No slot machines there.)

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LOS ANGELES X-4 MEETING

Island X-4, Los Angeles, California had one of the most interesting meetings in a long time. A very timely subject, the Cuban affair, was presented by Congressman Clyde Doyle of the 23rd District of California, an expert on these matters. Congressman Doyle, a member of the Armed Services Committee and a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee talked on the work of both committees and answered questions posed by members. President Falconer, also the National Counselor for the S V A, presided over the meeting.

ISLAND X-2 SAN DIEGO TO HOLD TURKEY RAFFLE

Island X-2 San Diego, will hold a turkey raffle December 18. The proceeds from the raffle will be used to buy a S V A Island Flag. Donations will be 50 cents.



MCB-10 COMES HOME

MCB-10 returned home after a six month tour of duty as the "Alert Seabee Battalion in the Pacific."

Under the command of CDR R. L. Divoll, the battalion did rehabilitation and new construction work at the Seabee camp at Kinser, Okinawa.

The Seabees constructed five elephant huts, constructed a new security building, and a new armory. They also tore down old buildings at their former quarters, Camp Kubasaki, so the material could be used at Camp Kinser.

In this same period, the battalion was given an extensive military training program. This included leadership, combat tactics, offensive and defensive combat, the use and maintenance of various weapons, and jungle warfare at the Marine Corps Camp Hansen.

In June 1962, Detachment Zulu mounted out to Udorn, Thailand, in support of United States Marines

who had landed there earlier.

In addition to their assigned construction projects and intensive military training, the battalion found time to meet the Okinawan people and extend a hand of friendship through its people-to-people program.

Projects completed in this program included the rehabilitation of the playground equipment at the Kawasaki Primary School, the Misato Junior High School, and building a Boy Scout hut in Naha. Also, two men of MCB-10 taught English at the Chuo High School, and the battalion sponsored the Ishikawa Little League baseball team.

In addition, a commanding officer's press conference which explained the battalion's mission on Okinawa was held at Camp Kinser in June 1962, with 15 representatives of 14 different news media attending.

Atlantic in thirty days.

In the event of an all-out emergency, the Government and the airlines join hands in the CRAF (Civil Reserve Air Fleet) program. It is made up of more than two hundred first-line aircraft which have been modified to allow a quick switch from civil to military needs.

They get their assignment from the Military Air Transport Service (MATS). And MATS gets its flying orders from the Department of Defense. For all intents and purposes, the civilian airliners will perform as though they were military aircraft assigned to actual transport duty.

The WASP (War Air Service Pattern) takes in all the air transport planes that are not in CRAF. It is the domestic partner to CRAF and includes all the domestic airlines within the United States.

The airlines will continue to operate their planes, but if the Civil Aeronautics Board — which sets up and directs the WASP program — sees the need for reassigning the aircraft from one location to another location not served by that carrier, planes and crews would be moved.

Key to the success of the WASP program will be the priority system geared to the tempo of defense production and the rush of essential cargo and personnel.

They, too, serve if needed.

AIRLINES AID DEFENSE

It is heartening to note that in the event of an emergency the United States scheduled airlines would play a very important role in the nation's defense.

During the Berlin Blockade of 1948 and the Korean War of the early 1950's, when it was imperative that areas thousands of miles from this country be supplied quickly and dependably with the necessities of life, and the material for the prosecution of modern war, the air transport industry was available for duty. The industry provided first line planes and trained crews to supplement the military airlift that did so much in Korea and in Berlin.

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HARRY TUCHMAN, Vice President for the Southeast District, signs agreement for the Seabee Veterans of America, designating the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, as the convention headquarters for 1963. Bill Burke, Deauville Hotel Convention Executive, looks on.

NAVY LEAGUE

Many of us have heard about the Navy League but are not acquainted with its functions.

The Navy League is a civilian organization dedicated to the support of all elements of a strong national defense. Its objective is to develop and maintain public interest in the Navy and its missions; and to offer cooperation and assistance in all matters tending to enhance the Navy's efficiency. It maintains that for the prosperity and security of our country, and for the prolongation of peace, the Navy should be a sea power second to none. The Navy League is non-partisan politically and retains its right to express its opinion or take such action it deems advisable, regardless of any established Navy Department policy.

To accomplish its major objectives, the Navy League has

seven main programs:

a. Sea Cadet Program. Its principle objectives are to encourage the Navy League Cadet Corps (open to boys 12 through 13 years of age) and the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (open to boys 14 through 17 years of age) to develop the skills of basic seamanship and to develop in them the traits of self-reliance, courage and patriotism. The Sea Cadets training program is held on a weekly basis and accomplished by utilization of Navy training manuals and training aids available at Naval Reserve Training Centers. The Cadet Corps are committed to Navy training, including the teachings of sea power and naval customs, traditions, and usages.

b. Shipmate Program. This program is for high school students 12 to 18 years of age. Its

purpose is to acquaint young men with the traditions, purposes and roles of the Navy as part of the national defense organization. The program is promoted through school counselors, and visits to naval shore establishments and ships, thereby imparting first hand knowledge and information on opportunities awaiting young men in a naval career.

c. Advisory Council on Naval Affairs (ACONA). ACONA is a nationally organized group of patriotic citizens acting as civilian advisors on naval affairs at both the local and national level, as requested. ACONA members are appointed by the Naval District commandants and are not necessarily members of the Navy League, even though ACONA is sponsored by the Navy League.

d. Marine Corps Affairs Committee. This committee was established in 1958 to provide a nationally organized group of patriotic citizens who act as civilian advisors on Marine Corps affairs at both the local and national level as requested.

e. Publication Program. The Navy League disseminates, through bulletins, pamphlets, notices, and the monthly publication of "NAVY — The Magazine Of Sea Power," information to Councils and the general public. The program stresses the continuing need for public awareness and understanding of strong naval sea and air power. Recruiting-type information concerning Navy career opportunities is also issued periodically.

f. Membership Program. By increasing its membership, the Navy League seeks to increase civilian support of the Armed Forces in general, and the Navy in particular. The Navy League now has about 30,000 members in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, Mexico, and throughout Europe.

g. Navy Day. Since 1922 the Navy League has sponsored Navy Day on 27 October as a civilian tribute to the officers and men of the Naval Establishment and, being civilian in nature, is undertaken without the expenditure of Government funds.

If you are interested in participating in the Navy League, additional information may be had by contacting the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center or the U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve.

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