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May the peace and
blessings of
Christmas be
yours and may the coming year be
filled with happiness.



2025 MCB 53 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES INVOICE

LIFE MEMBER
-AGE 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 etc.
-DUES \$ 200 195 185 175 170 160 150 145 135 125 115 110 100 90 80 70 70 70 etc.

GOOD TIMES
SMALL FEE

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(email): _____
Circle Tow: 1942-1945 1968 1969 \$15/annual or use Life Member Chart
Circle Company: A B C D E F G H S Team 5301
Signature: _____ Phone: () _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Make check payable to: **MCB-53 Alumni Association** and mail with this form to:

John Scheer, Treasurer
1917 Thornton Street
Leavenworth, KS. 66048

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ email _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ACTIVITY	COST P/P	NO. PEOPLE	AMOUNT
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Wed/ April 30 – Check In REUNION REGISTRATION FEE	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
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Thurs. May 1 – World War I Museum & Steamboat Arabia (Lunch on your own)	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
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Fri. May 2 Tour of Fort Leavenworth	\$26.00	_____	\$ _____
Lunch (on your own) at Frontier Conference Center			
6:00 pm Dinner and Special Guests at the Heritage Center	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____

Sat. May 3 – AM Business Meeting			
6:00 PM Banquet, Prime Rib Dinner	\$45.00	_____	\$ _____
OR			
Chicken Dinner	\$40.00	_____	\$ _____
Amount Sent	_____		

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Print/Fill Out & Return (before **March 28, 2025**) This Form and check

Hotel- Home2 Suites by Hilton, 250 Delaware Street, Leavenworth. You may call **913-651-8600** or access their website to complete your reservation. Please be sure to mention our group “**SEABEE NAVY GROUP**” to get the preferred room rate of \$126.00 per night plus taxes. Free breakfast daily at the Hotel or on your own. **Hotel Registration must be completed by March 29, 2025 to obtain the Group Room Rate.**

MCB53 Reunion 2025
Welcome to Leavenworth, Kansas
THE FIRST CITY OF KANSAS

How to arrive in Leavenworth

For those of you flying into Kansas City International Airport (MCI) Transportation is available by rental car, UBER, taxi. We recommend you check out 5 Guys Transportation. (phone #816-891-9999) (5GuysTransportation.com) This company meets you at your arrival gate, handles luggage, brings you to the hotel, then when you are ready to depart they will pick you up at the hotel and deliver you to the Security Area. All for one price.

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Thursday, May 1.

9:00 am load tour bus for trip to the World War I Museum
12:00 lunch on your own at the Downtown Market then to the Steamboat Arabia Museum located nearby.
Arrive in Leavenworth by 6:00 pm and dinner on your own.

Friday, May 2

9:00 am depart by tour bus for Fort Leavenworth. View the oldest active military post west of the Mississippi River.
Lunch on your own at the Solarium Buffet at the Frontier Conference Center. 1:30 depart for a tour of the Command & General Staff College.

6:00 pm Dinner and Special Guests at the Heritage Center.

Saturday, May 3

10:00 – 12:00 Association Business Meeting in the Hospitality Room
For the Ladies there is lots of shopping in downtown Leavenworth within walking distance of the Hotel.

6:00 pm Banquet at the Riverfront Community Center.

Sunday, May 4

Hotel check out and goodbyes until we meet again.

Notes:

The Heritage Center and the Riverfront Community Center are within easy walking distance of the Hotel.

A Note from Jim Donohue

At our last business meeting in Lockport, NY, the members approved the creation and installation of a plaque, to be placed at Davisville, commemorating the men having served in the 53rd NCB, 1942 - 1947, and MCB 53, 1967 - 1969.

I worked with a plaque/monument company to create one for this purpose. Joe Frigon, Pres. of the Museum and Park, met with me to determine the particulars of the monument. He was very gracious and quite helpful in offering options and lending a hand in putting the deal together.

At our business meeting in Leavenworth, Kansas, we will have to decide when we would like a dedication ceremony. I feel certain that the guys would enjoy seeing their old homeport and touring the Park, the Museum and visiting the SeaBee small stores there.

Here is the link to pictures in Google drive.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sGzg7jiTM7uVFskT0tZm0FZF-vlD8het?usp=sharing>



December

Harrison P.	Barton	H
Donald G.	Fernandez	D
Richard H.	Gallagher	B
Gerald L.	Hayward	A/F
Clifford W.	Keener	A
William G.	Rydalch	D/C
Cpt. Bruce L.	Runberg, Ret'd	D/F
Charles P.	Schmainda	A
Cary L.	Snow	H
Robert D.	Tansley	B/F
Clifford L.	Thorburn	B
Howard R.	Vanscoy	A
William P.	Kalbach	A01

Orval F.	Hoenike	A
David S.	Ramirez	A/F
Stephen W.	Garrett	D/C
Lester W.	Garden	D/C
Ronald J.	Bush, Sr.	A/F
Frederick O.	Pais	B
Charles R.	Markley	C
Larry D.	Whitely	C
Carmine M.	Serapiglia	B/F
Joseph G.	Bilak	A
Wayne G.	Schwetje	B/H
Wilson G.	Combs	H
Robert W.	Kinsman	A
Willis L.	Walker	A

Greetings,

The reunion for 2025 (April 30 to May 4) is firmed up.

John and Linda Scheer have put together a great itinerary that has the bonus of being centrally located. Maximum opportunity for maximum participation.

The number one headache, for sponsors of reunions, is getting timely commitments of attendance. Timely commitments smooth out lodging, on site transportation, dining reservations, tour reservations, on and on. Please help our Battalion practice preventative medicine (so John and Linda will not require meds), by sending in your reservation forms and checks in a timely manner.

Health and Peace to all

Enjoy the Good Life

Bernie