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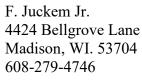
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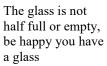


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Hotel- Home2 Suites by Hilton, 250 Delaware Street, Leavenworth. You may call **913-651-8600** or access their website to complete your reservation. Please be sure to mention our group "**SEABEE NAVY GROUP**" to get the preferred room rate of \$126.00 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 (photo identification is required)

9:00 am depart by tour bus for Fort Leavenworth. View the oldest active military post west of the Mississippi River.

Lunch on your the Solarium Stiffel 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.



Garland Max Waite, 93, of Poplar Bluff, passed away Saturday, April 24, 2021. He worked in construction as a heavy equipment operator. Max's favorite past times were visiting the local coffee shop, playing

cards, watching westerns and listening to country music from the Grand Ole Opry.

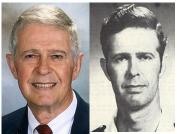


Ronald Jay Bush Sr., 77, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022. He was born on December 20, 1944 in El Campo, Texas to Elta Mae and John Bush. He was a very proud Veteran, having served 4

years of active duty, including 2 deployments to Vietnam with the MCB53 Seabees. He then served with the NMCB 28 Seabee Reserves for 22 years before retiring from his military career. He also retired from Sears & Roebuck where he worked for over 20 years and retired from the Texas Highway Department after several years of service. Ronald Jay Bush Sr. Obituary - Houston, TX (dignitymemorial.com)

**BUC Gayle Ford** passed away 2024. Member D Company '69 tour.

William Alfred Simmons Jr. William Alfred Simmons Jr. Obituary | The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette - Arkansas' Best News Source (arkansasonline.com)



William A. Simmons Jr, age 87, passed away on December 11, 2023, in Conway, Arkansas. After losing both his parents at a

very young age, Bill was raised by his Aunt Annie Scott in Greenville, N.C. Bill received an appointment to the Naval Academy in Annapolis and was commissioned into the Navy Civil Engineer Corps upon his graduation in 1958. Bill then earned a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Master of Civil Engineering from Stanford University. Bill served 23 years in the Navy as a 'Seabee' he served with MCB-71 and MCB-53. Bill was later the commanding officer for MCB-1, serving Guam and Cuba,

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

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