

COMMANDERS CORNER

THE END IS NEAR!

As I reflect on the past 2 years, I am more positive about the growth and stability of our wonderful organization. Having met many difficult challenges and learned from recent situations emerged stronger and more resilient than ever. I am most confident that Eric will expand our mission to engage Seabees to join us for the fellowship of shared experiences. Hopefully we will make it less difficult to join with the help of computers to have less time between I think I want to join and actually having a Lifetime Membership card in hand. Growing the National Island at Large will give future members the flexibility to participate in Island activities or not. Receiving the Can Do both via email and hard copy has greatly benefited all our members and as printing and postage cost rise, we may in the future as the Navy Seabee Foundation does with the Beeline use all email. I hope this will not happen soon as I enjoy turning paper pages. Adding a newly created department of Advertising to solicit Companies and individuals to use our small publication will offset the additional cost. As most of us receive other Veterans related magazines, they all have numerous ads that support their mission.

A few updates on our next Convention in Orlando this August. Our "Dining Out" event will be Friday night at the Medieval Times Dinner Theater Castle just a few minutes from our Hotel. We will car pool for members not having a car thus no need to hire a Bus. As an additional asset UTENSILS WILL BE AVAILABLE on request for anyone not wishing to go native and eat with your fingers. If you have not experienced this event, you will remember it for a lifetime. We are out of necessity going to purchase tickets directly through the MWR at the Shades of Green. By doing this our group will get preferred seating which will save you at least \$ 25.00 per ticket. The minor detail is one person buys all the tickets (guess who?) I have not worked out how we will collect for the seats at the Convention but where there is a will, there is a way. The ticket price will be about \$ 60.00 and you will not go home hungry. Visit the Medieval Times website and watch the video. Chuck is working on other optional side trips as Orlando really does not have enough places to see and things to do? I will purchase 40 tickets so we will be able to sit as a group and cheer for our favorite Knight and a good time will be had by all.

It was 20 with a wind chill down to 5 when I left Washington DC on March 3rd. It was well worth it as I have enjoyed all the 4 trips to DC, If you are close enough to make either the Veterans Day events or the Seabee Birthday Ball please try as you will not be disappointed.

In the Can Do Spirit

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Your National Commander

