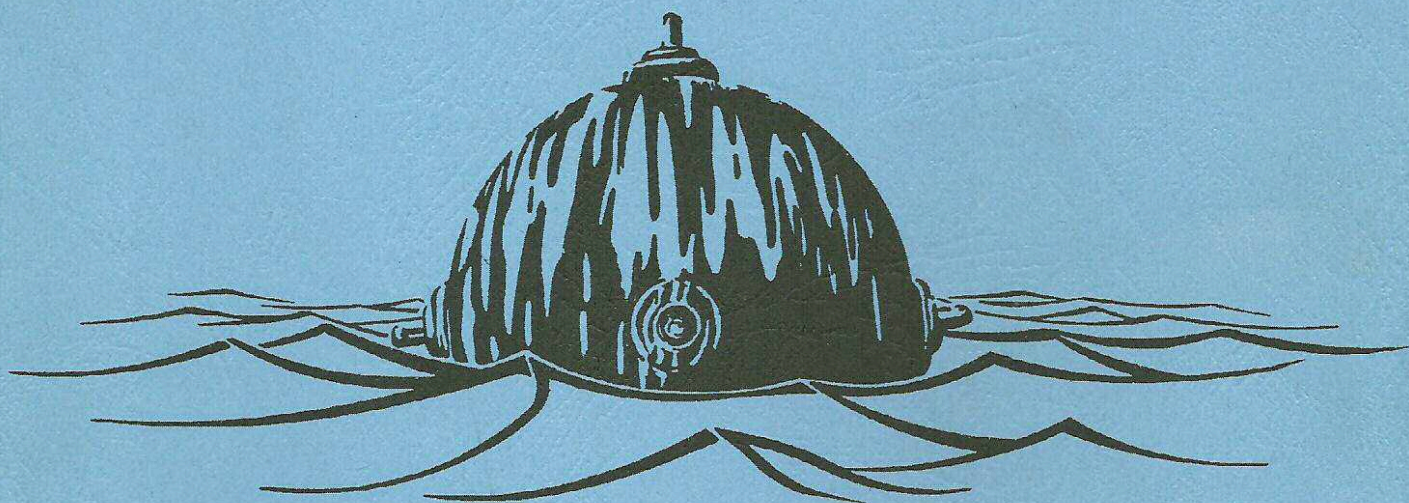


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**22ND ANNUAL REUNION
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA
AUGUST 17-19, 1996**

Greetings Shipmates and Everyone,

Welcome to our Reunion Book; the pictorial display of our reunion fun and the great times had by all in Panama City, Florida, 1996.

As we reported in our Dashpot newsletter concerning the reunion, we had lots of shipmates along with their spouses and family members attend our weekend of activities. Many members arrived in Panama City early, so there were many separate gatherings and events just as it would be with any large family. I like to think of our organization as an extended family, with us relating to the other by ties of profession, experience, dedication and involvement. Our reunions have been and will continue as a matter of family recognition, remembrance, and honor, as well as an opportunity to have a lot of fun.

I hope that, for those of you who attended our reunion, that you will find that the photos have captured the heart and spirit of all the events. With Francis X. Martin, his wife Ann, and Don Costa at the helm, things moved on very smoothly.

On Friday evening, the Early Bird Welcome reception at Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 346, afforded all an ample opportunity to network and swap stories.

Saturday morning many participated in the AOM Golf Tournament. That afternoon our general Membership Meeting was held at AMVETS. That evening the Harbour House Restaurant provided a facility and an array of food for our banquet.

Our picnic held Sunday on-board the Coastal Systems Station, worked out very well and afforded all a chance to mingle and discuss things new and old.

I congratulate all those who attended. You are the ones who help solidify our organization and make our family lots of fun. I hope to see you all again in San Diego in August 1997. Pledge to find a misplaced shipmate, an old friend, and bring them too.

Sincerely,
Warren H. Savage, Jr.
President
Association of Minemen



PRESIDENTS PAST THEIR PRIME



The backroom Board Meeting - Real Ambience.



Our VP takes charge - The food's right there folks!



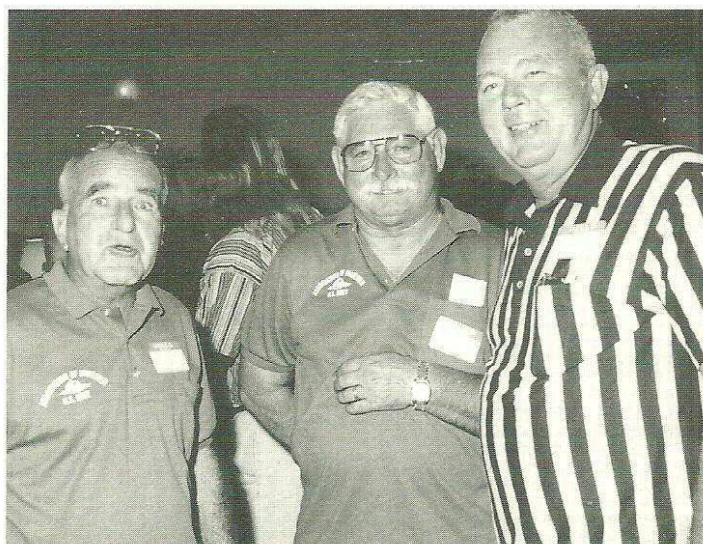
"No Frank, I didn't do it. Jani did it", says Ann.



"Now look guys, this is no ----!" Tony tells a sea story.



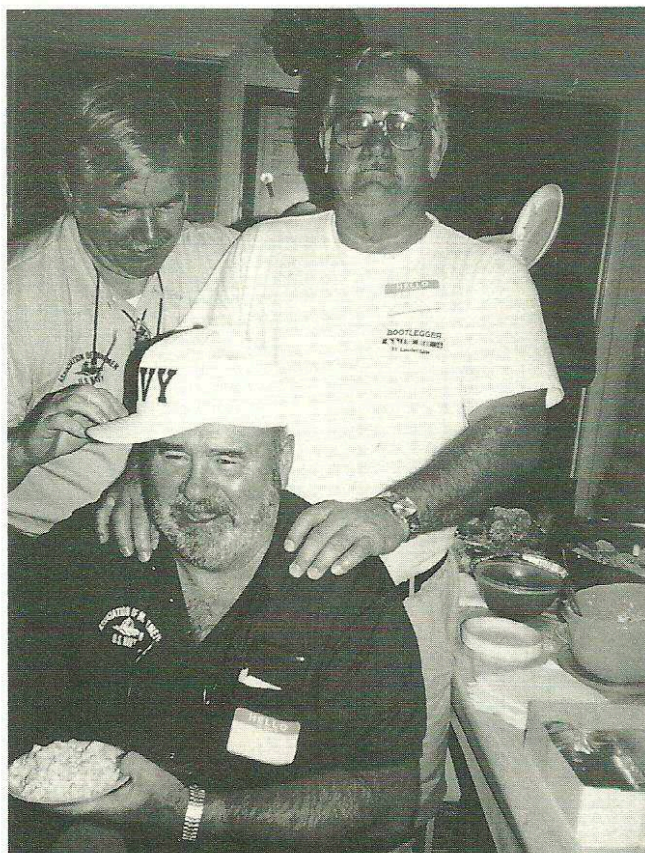
"OK guys, everybody sign up for everything."



"Man, this early bird chow gets better every year."



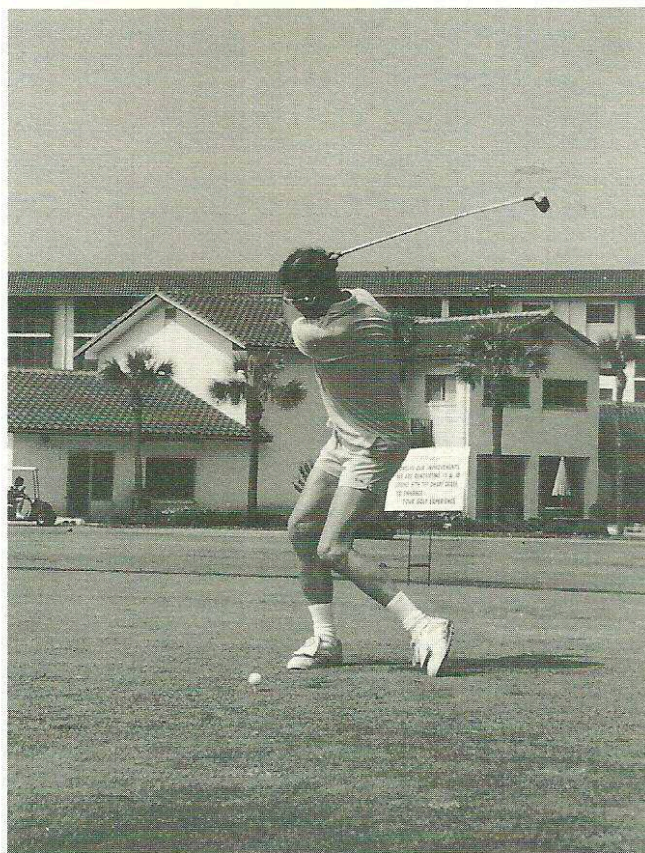
Hey! I know there's a centerfold here somewhere.



I don't care what kinda backrub you do, you're not getting my chow.



Remember now, Jackie, it's the little ball with the big stick.



Okay, my form's bad, but how do you like my pink outfit?



Now ain't that a Fearsome Foursome.



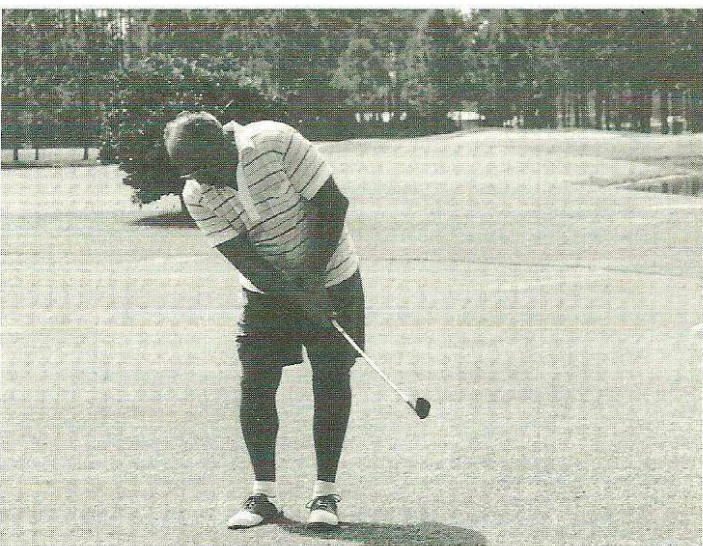
Dick, Jackie and Jim at the "Big" event.



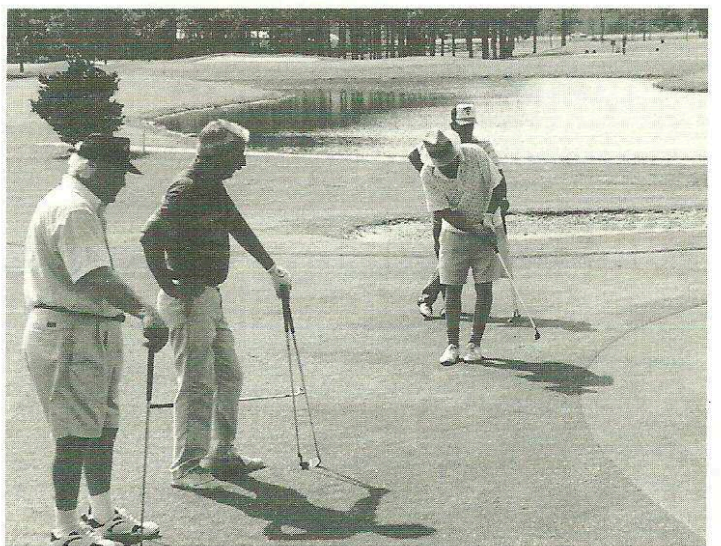
Here's a foursome ready for the 19th hole.



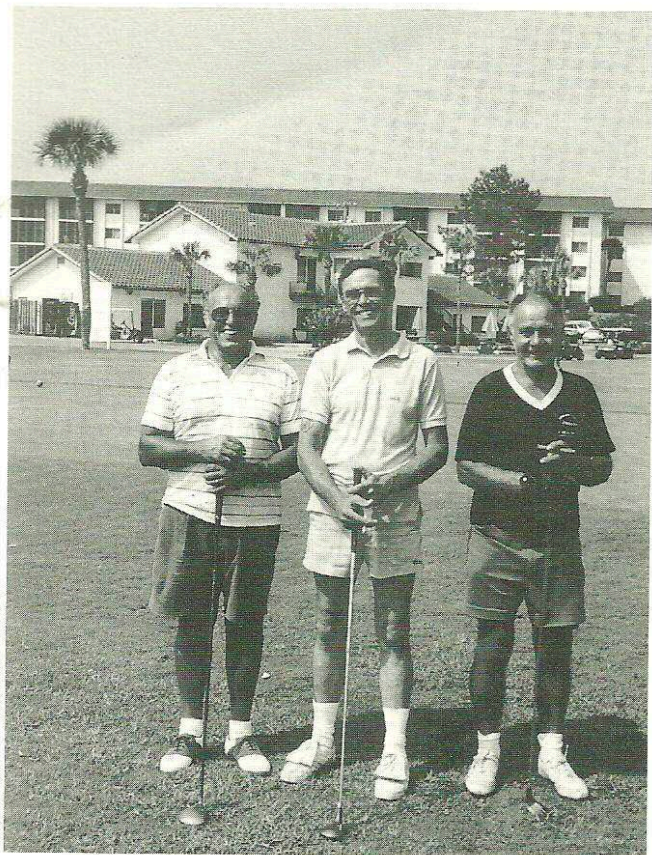
Wait a minute Jose', you can only play one ball at a time.



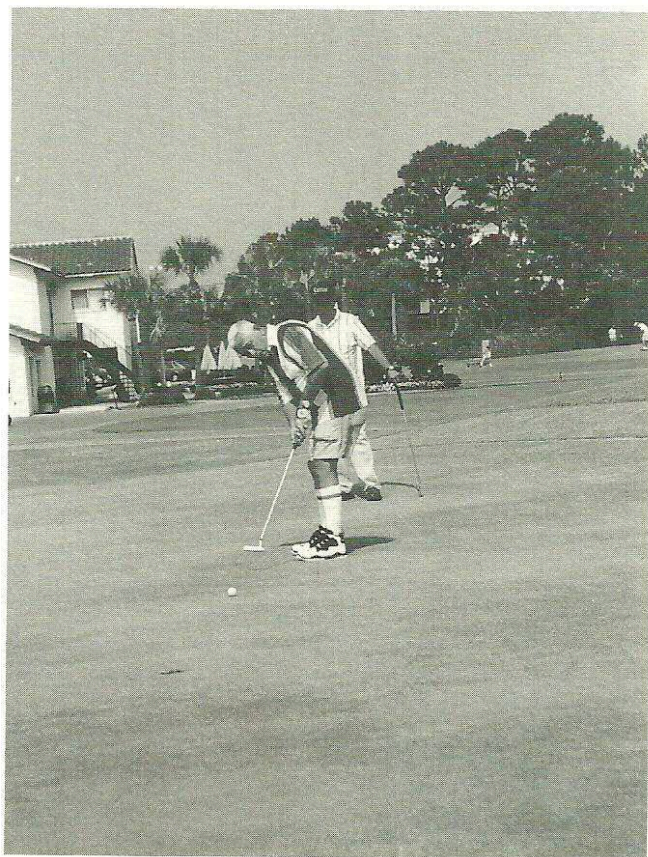
Yup, they said it would work if I kept my head down.



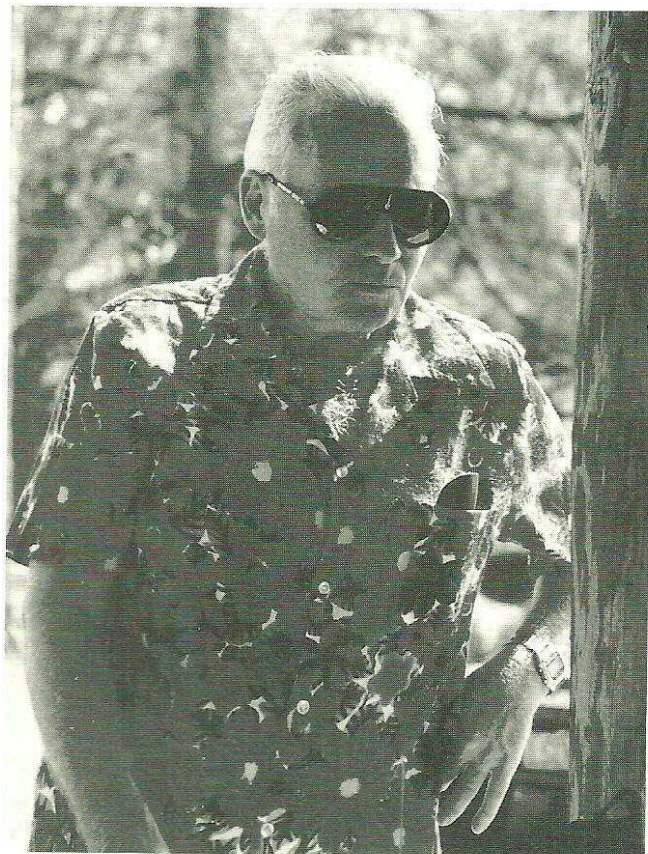
We'll just lean on these clubs 'til you're all through.



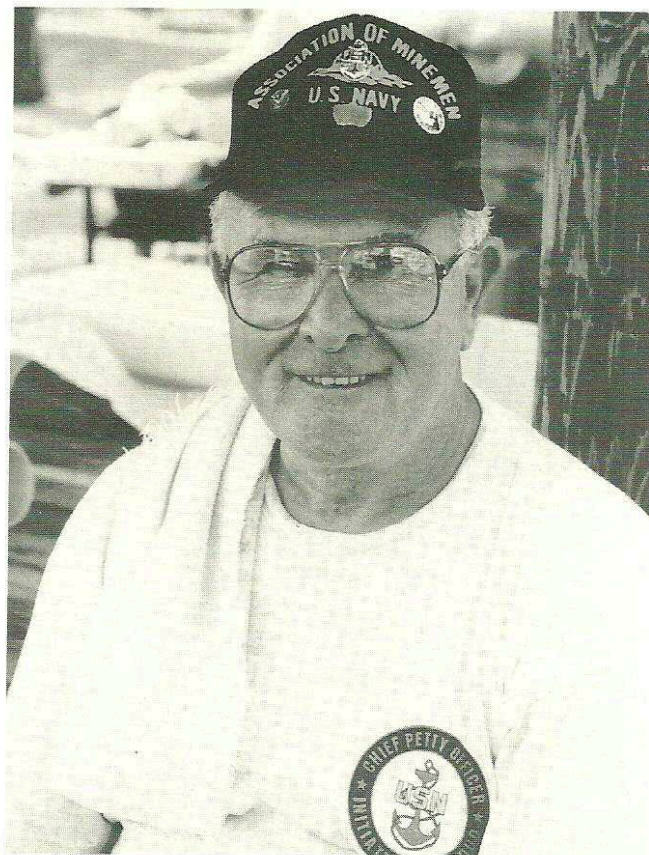
We're the three "What"???



C'mon! C'mon! In the hole! In the hole!



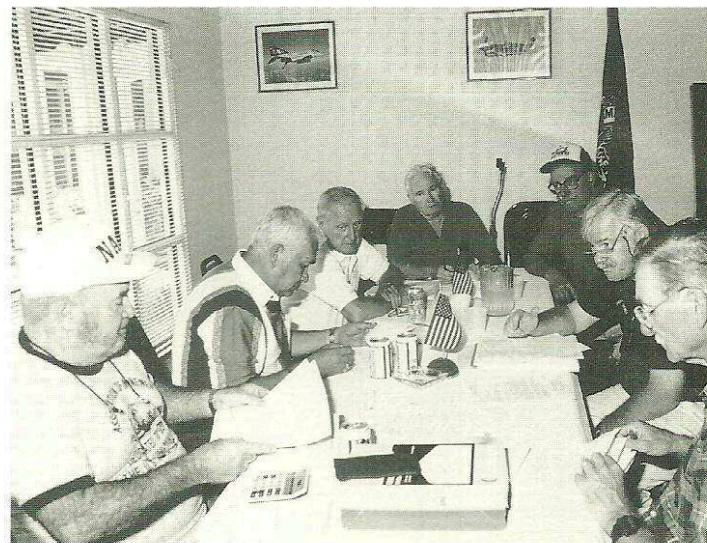
I'll just hide behind this pole and see if I can get a scoop for The Dashpot.



Bob Hart's one-man campaign.



The Right Stuff. Our illustrious Association Officers.



The meeting before the meeting.



Call to order - Let's get this show on the road.



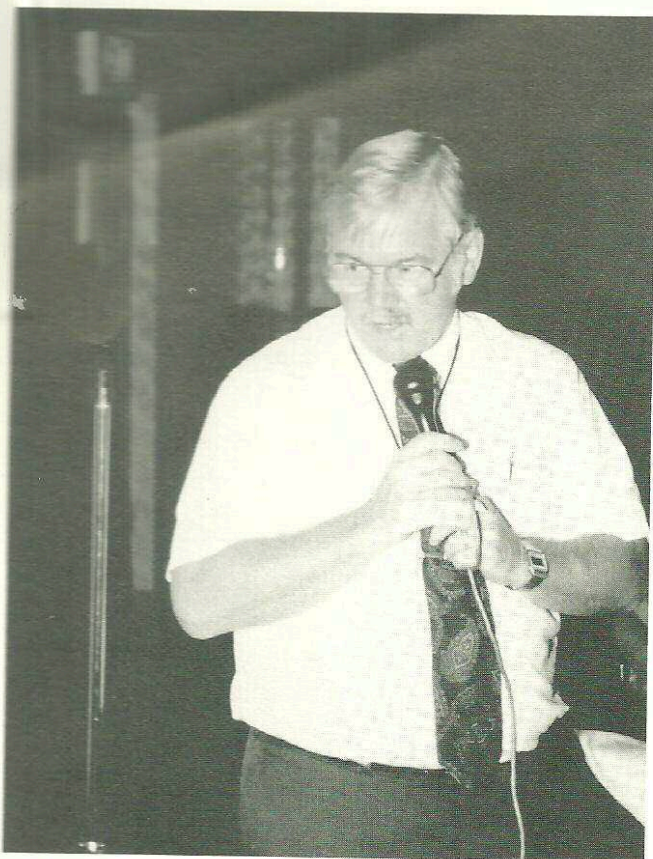
I swear to you guys ... this big. See, Homer agrees.



The question before the group is ...
"Reunion in Cairo, Egypt?"



Will somebody make a motion ... please, somebody!



Will everyone be seated so I can sing
"I left my heart in San Diego."



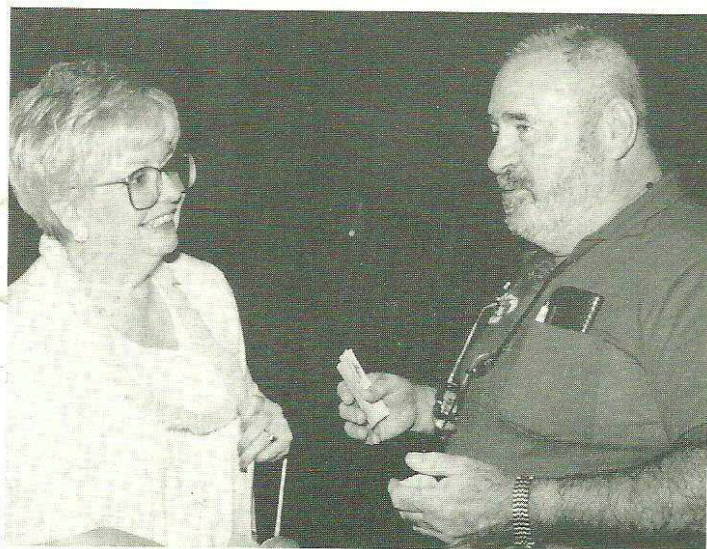
What's my ticket number. Where's
my table. This is good lemonade.



New York chowhounds "diggin' in".



Out'a the way Don, Ann is coming through.



No! You have to have a ticket to win a door prize.



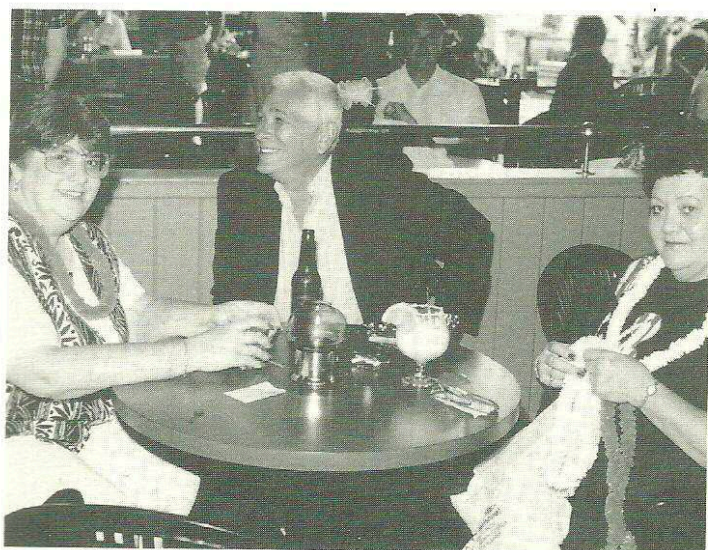
Well I heard a rumor the reunion's gonna be in Fairbanks, Alaska.



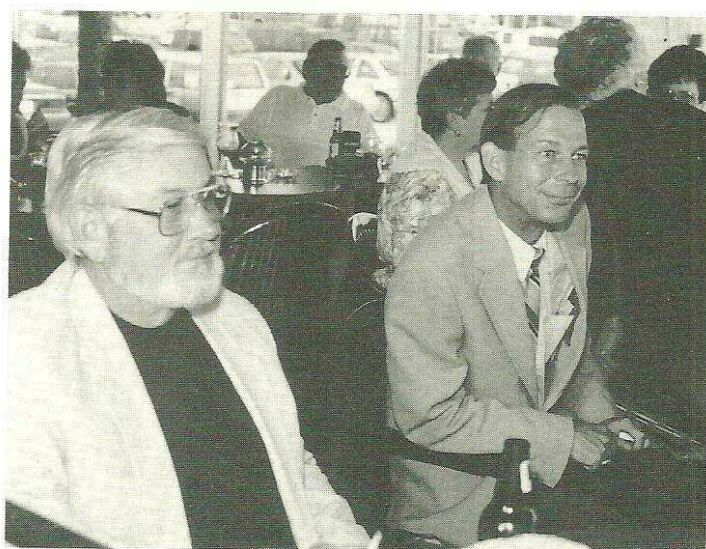
Why didn't they have Mineman of the Year when I was on active duty?



OK, when I hold up this finger ... we go!!!



Everyone smile and we'll get better service.



By golly this is OK. Yeah O.K. Let's have another round.



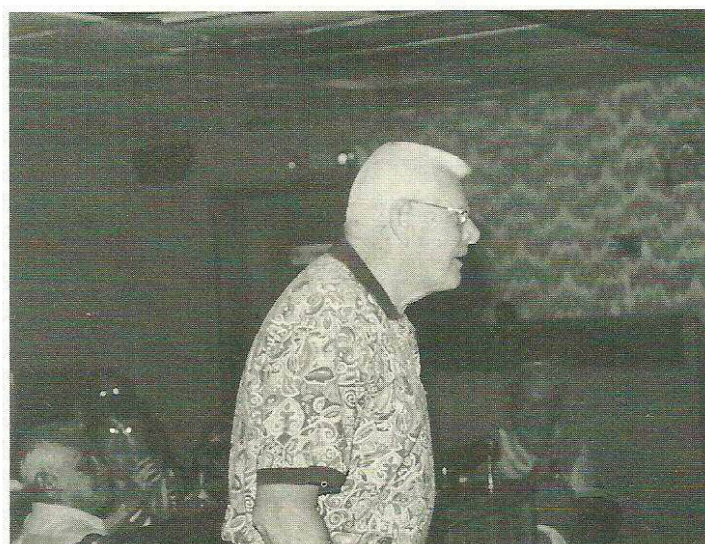
Don't look now but those gals over there
are eye-balling your blue lei.



Look at that, why couldn't you get a blue lei
for your blue outfit?



There must have been some mixup ... they said
to speak about MCM!!!



Well back in my days we just used
old rope and grappling hooks.



Ha! See, this is what mining is all about ...
making the kids cry.



Did you understand ANYTHING about that MCM stuff???



Laying out and inspecting the goodies.



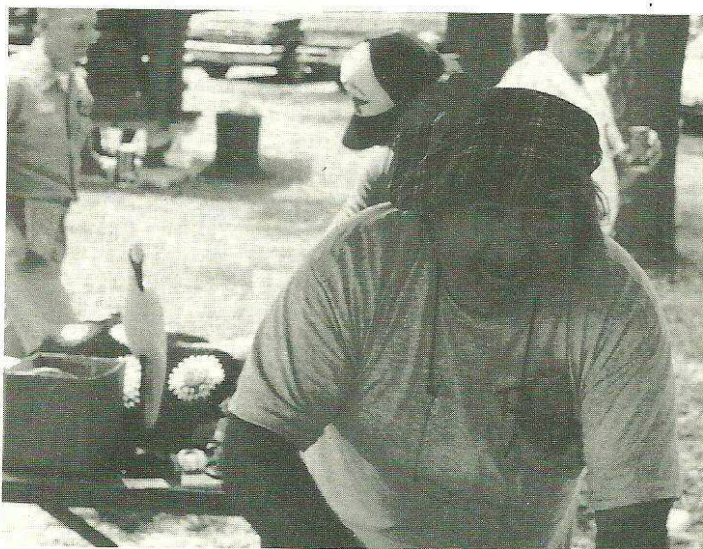
Remember these all you clock-cockers.



I just wish this beer had a little more kick to it.



Look at those old stinkers over there making fools of themselves.



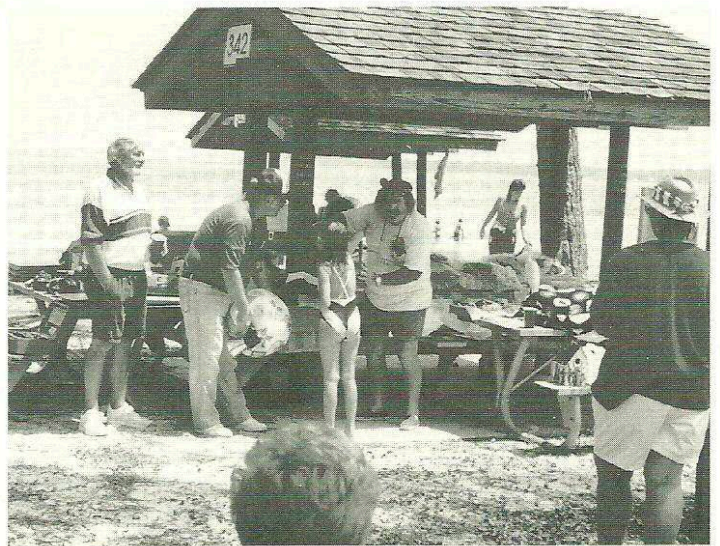
Hoot Mon Laddie, Eh Kin E No, Eve Add A dram Er Two.



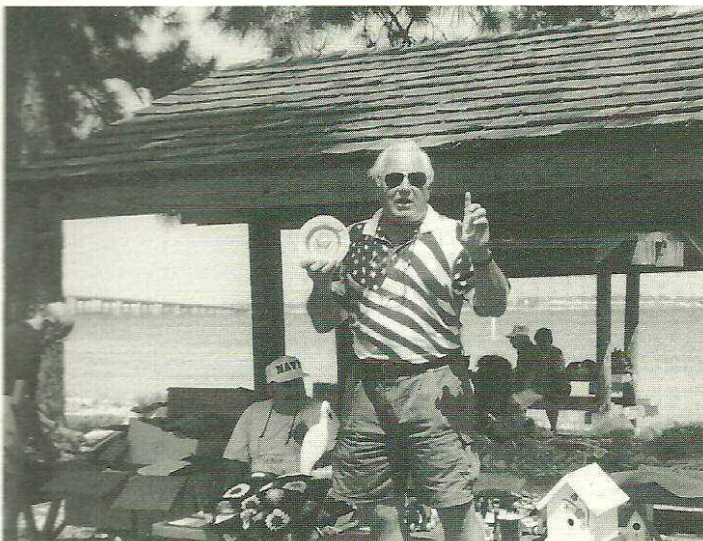
The Three Musketeers, muskateering.



Just wait 'til they see my write up about this hamburger in The Dashpot.



Little girl, I think you better stay away from a man dressed like that.



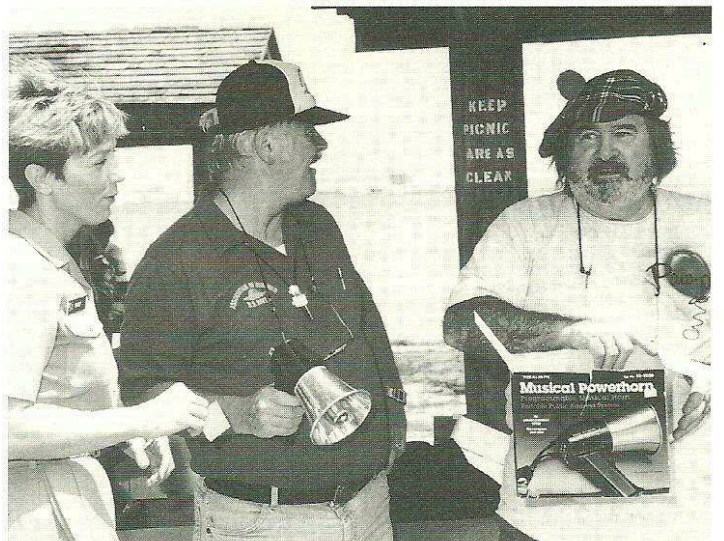
All right!!! What am I bid for this last cast Bill Mehard ashtray.



It's a bird, it's a bird! What am I bid for this bird.



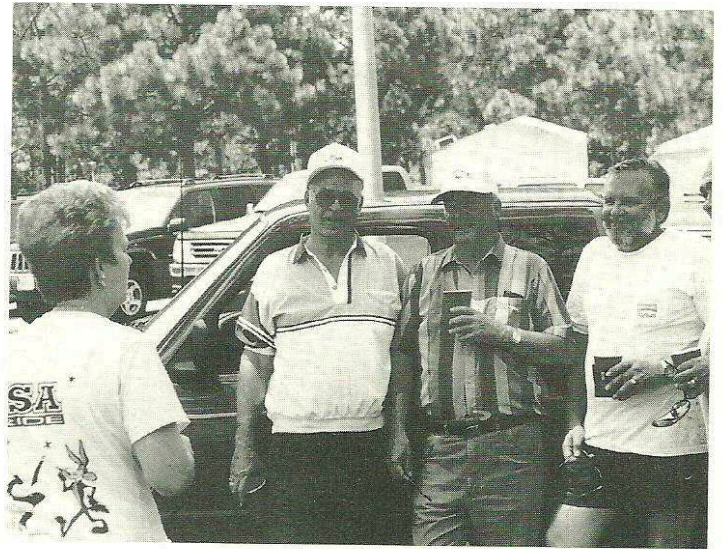
You have to see this to believe it folks.



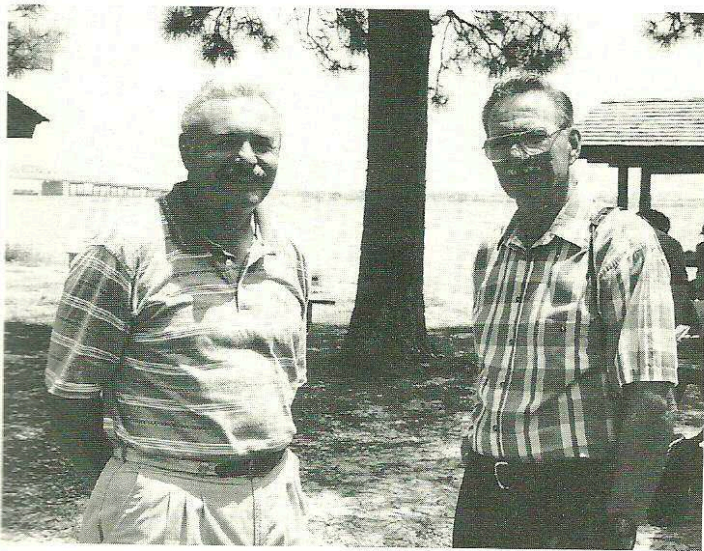
Read that sign on the post behind you laddie!



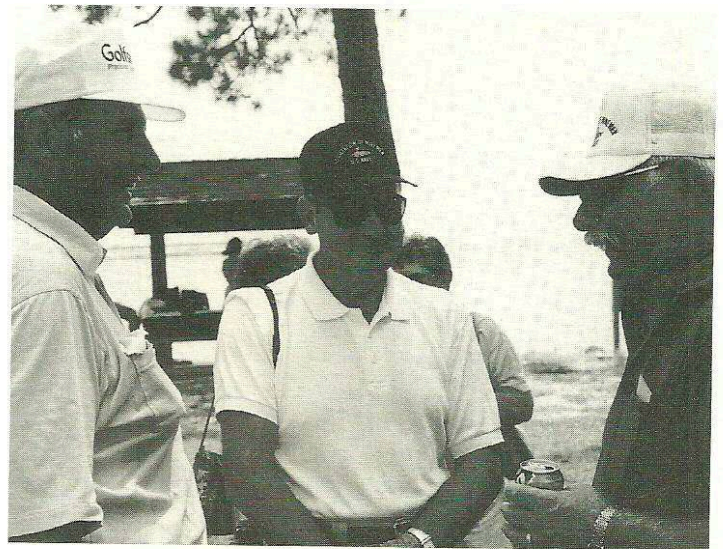
Welcome to our active duty members.



Now look guys, not one scratch on that truck, O.K.!



The ex-heads of Navminwarfarengact (NMEF).



Now in my opinion there's three kinds of Minemen.



Let's see! Do I want the crayons, the camel or the horsie?



The grand auction item - Millie's afghan.
Who's the lucky one?



Now hear this ... someone is stealing our birdhouses.



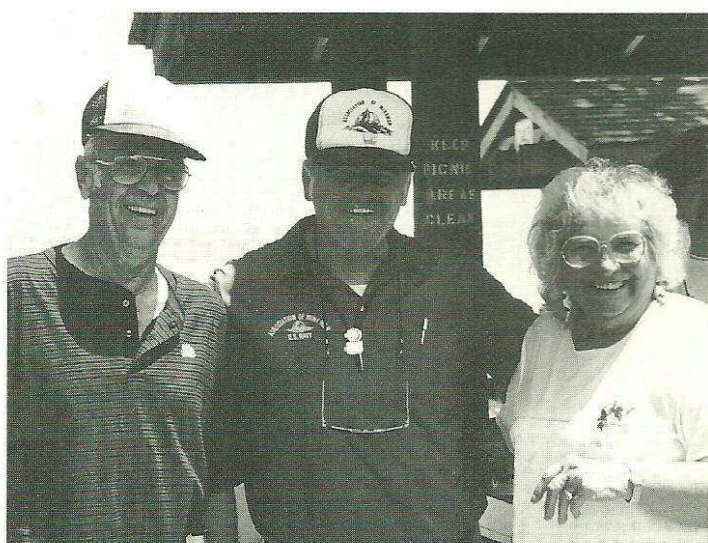
O.K., let's get on with the verdict ... how's the chow?



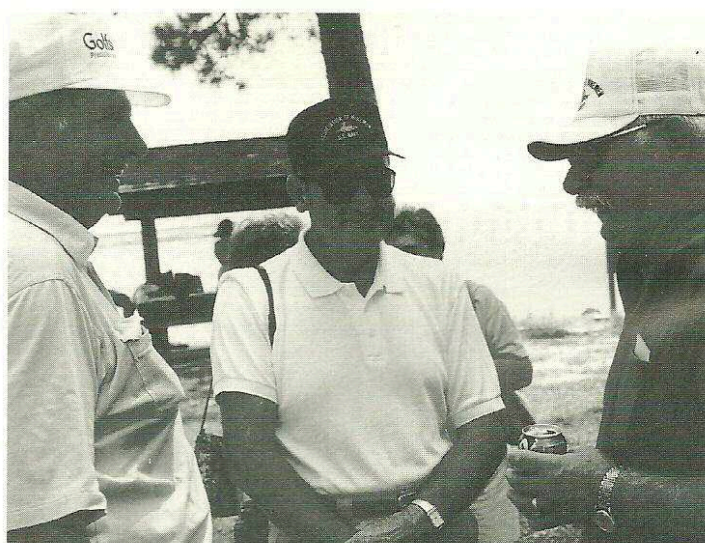
You buy a birdhouse, you get a hug!



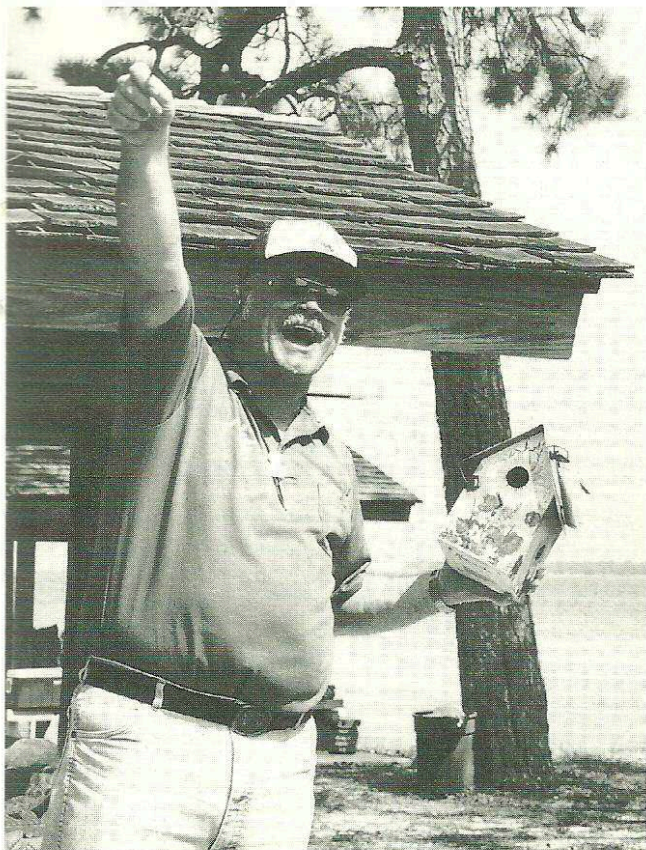
Birdhouse ... what birdhouse?



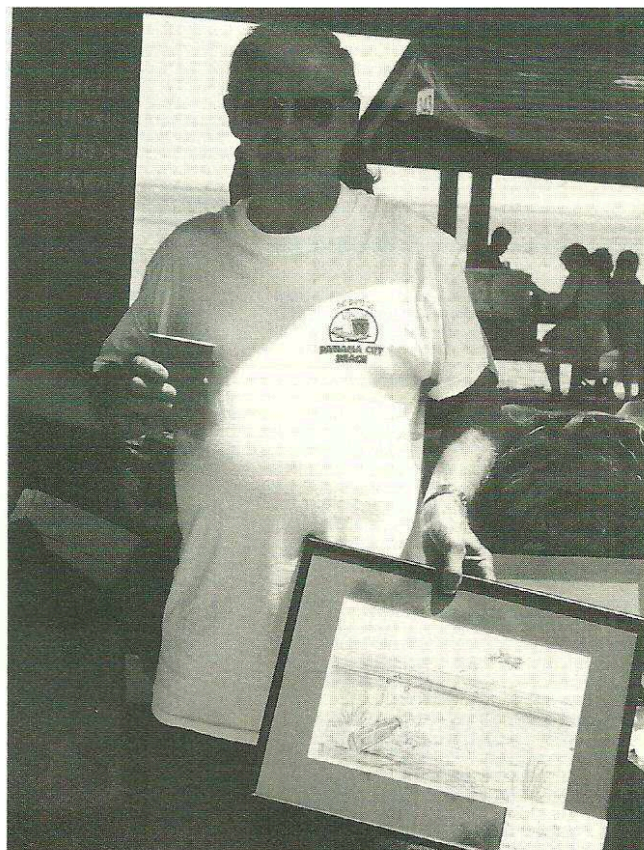
And the winner is ...!



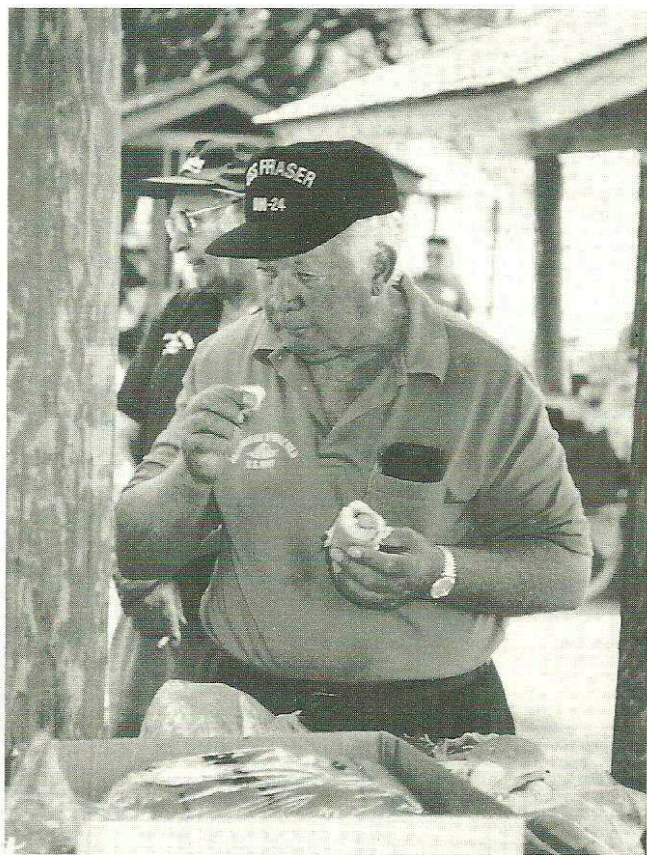
Ha! ... You think this is just soda pop???



We've got big bird houses and we've got little birdhouses!



I never knew they worked this way?



I can't decide ... hamburger or hot dog?

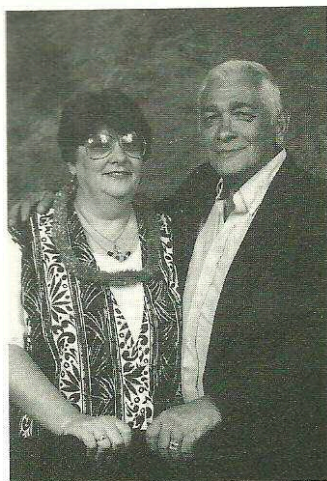


O.K., I see him now the one with the birdhouse in his hands. Let's "Zoc" it to him!

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Fred & Monica Bartram

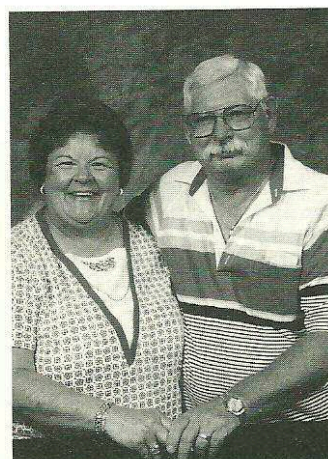
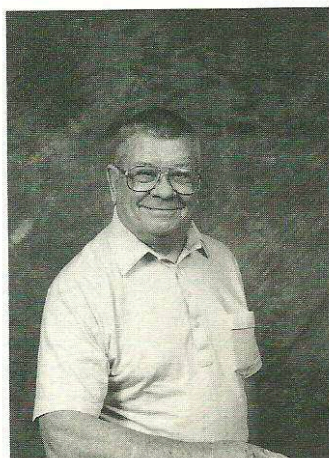
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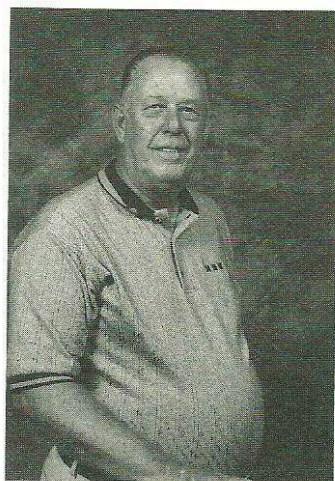
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Fred & Mary Dane





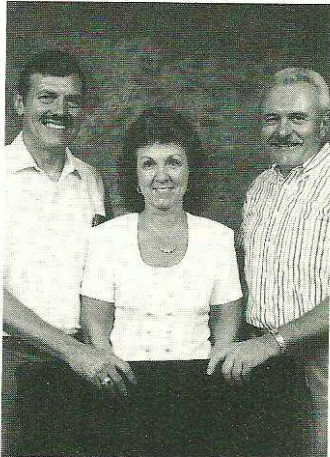
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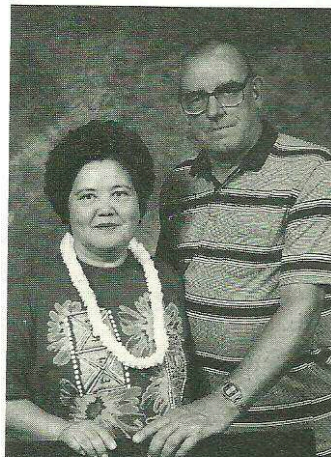
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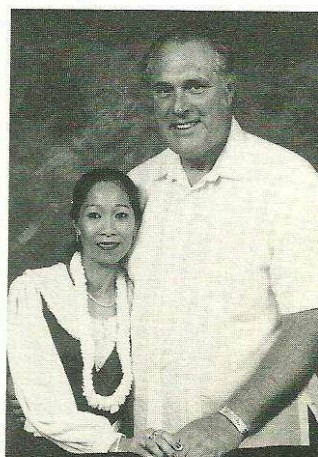
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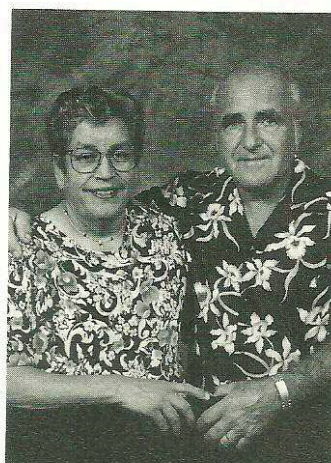
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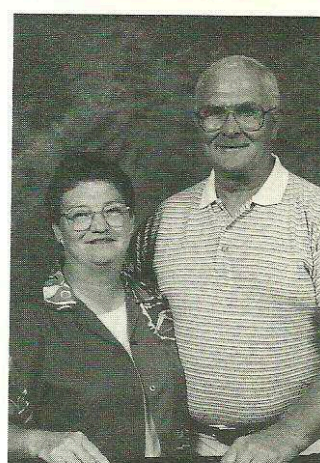
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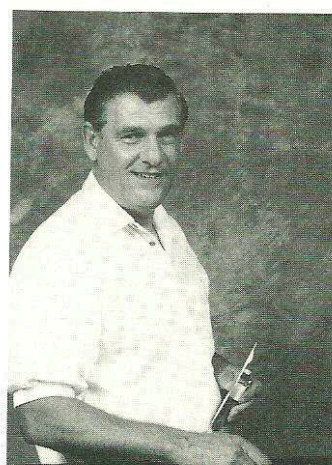
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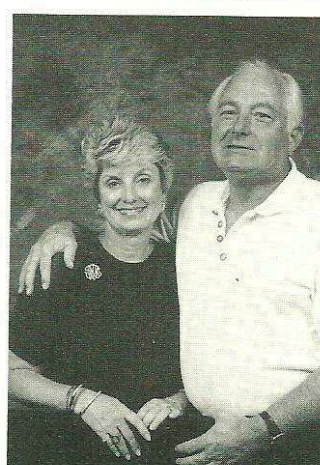
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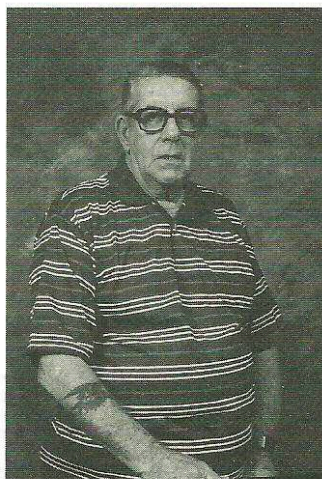


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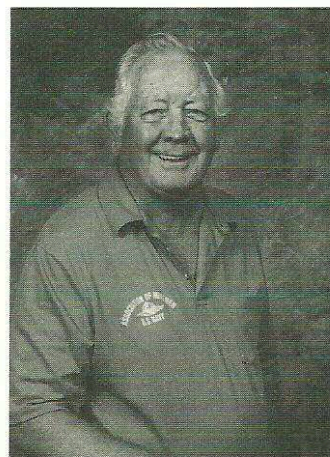
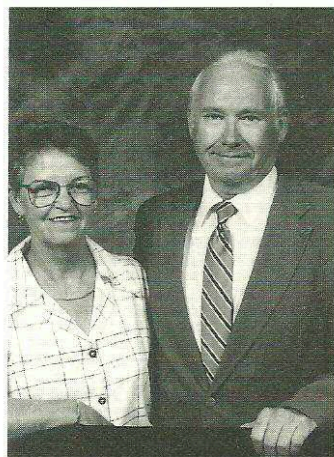
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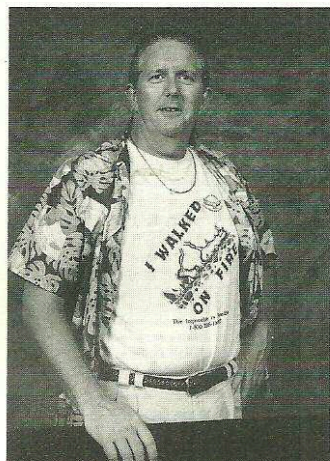
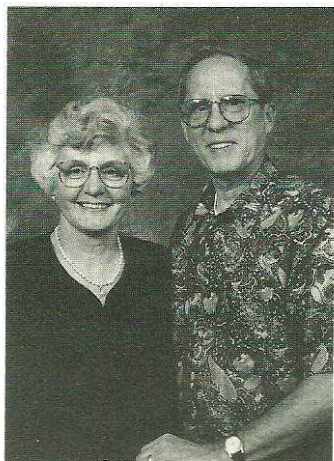
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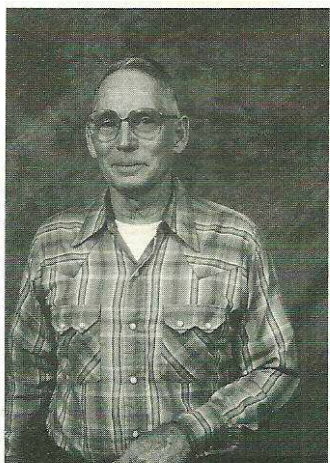
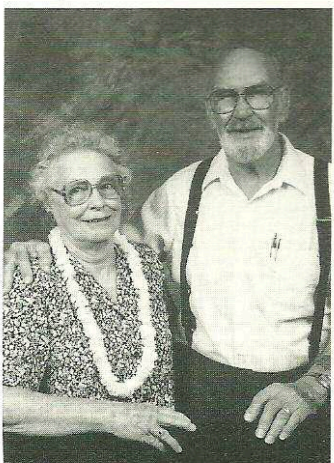
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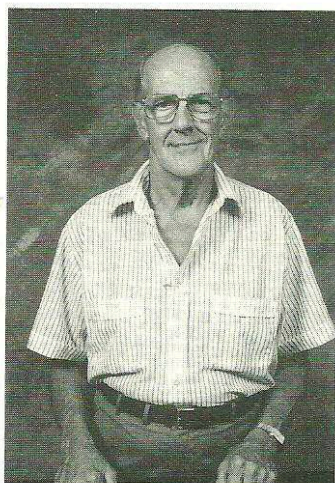


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Danny Priest

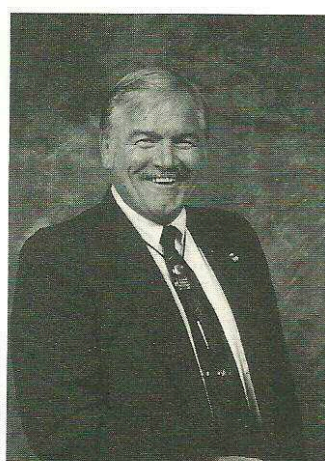




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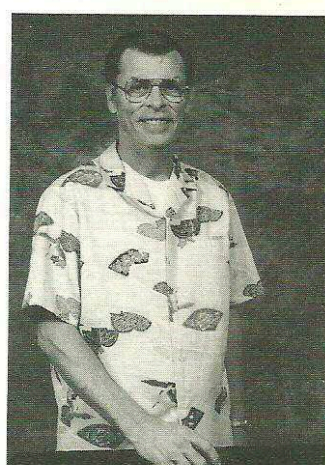
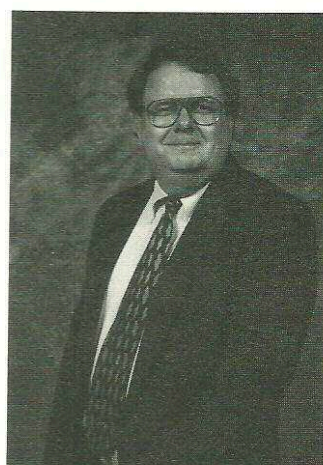
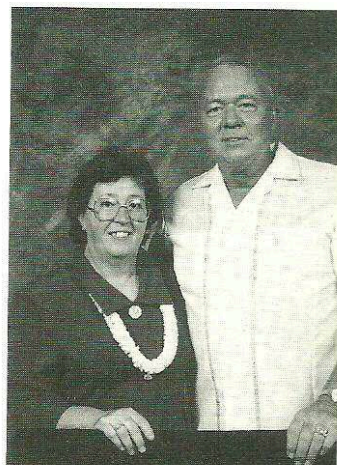
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Anthony (Tony) & Nancy Ross

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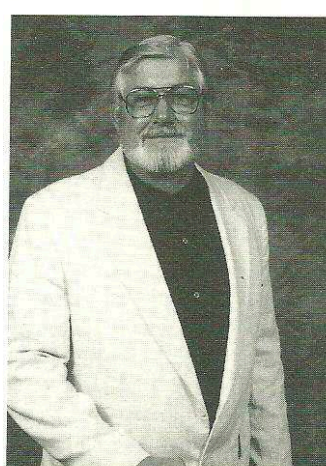
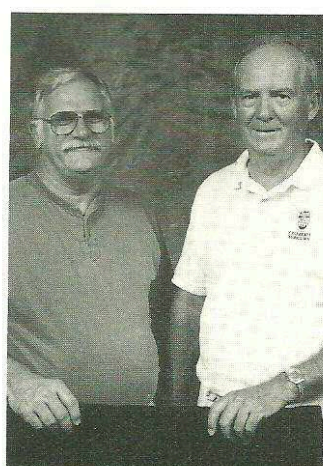
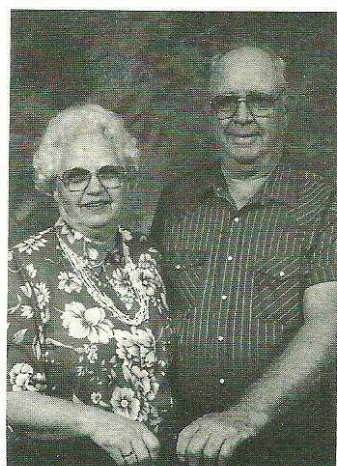
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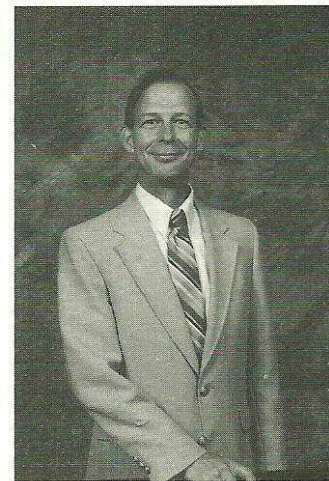
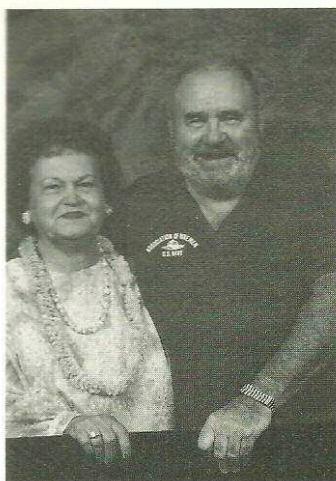
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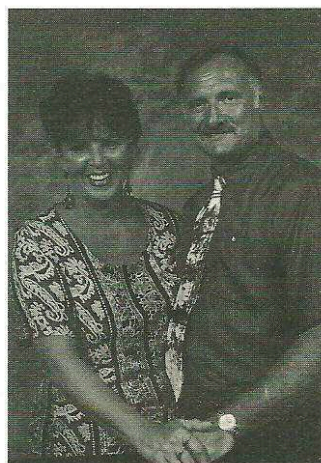
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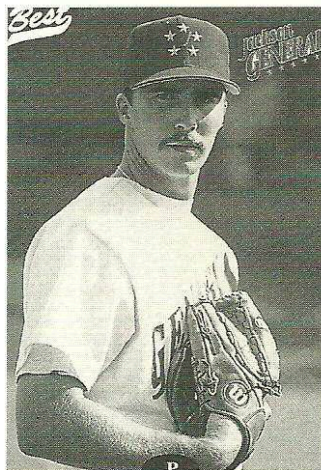
Frank E. Whipple II



Carol Whitley
Mike & Jeanie Whitener



Kay & Don Branan
Tom Martin





Wherever you are, we have a photographer near.