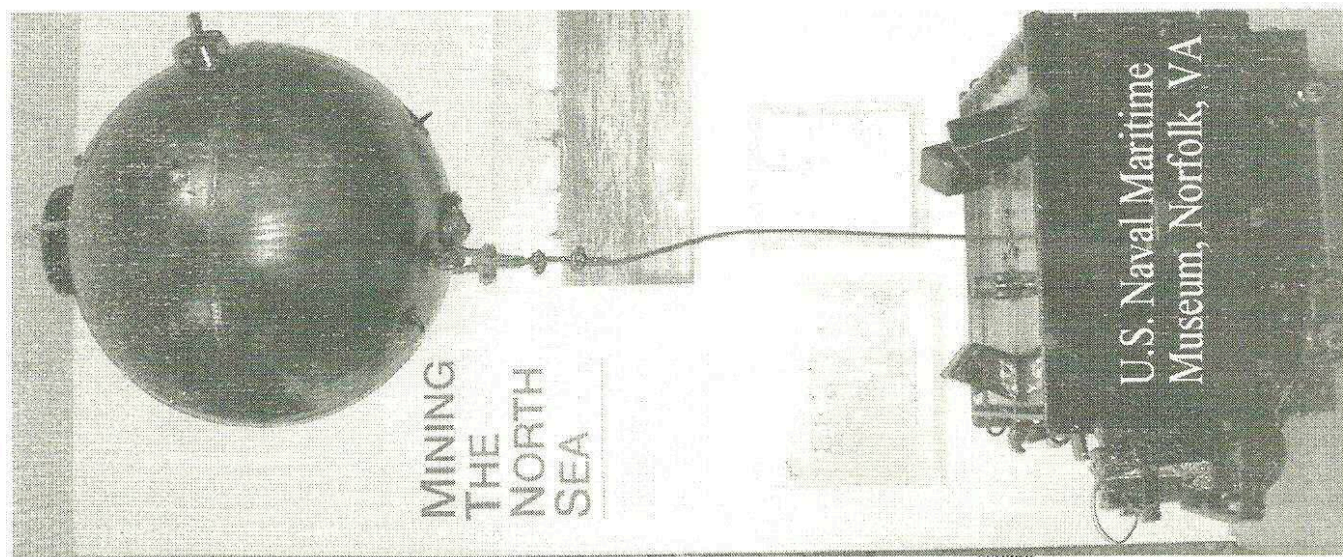
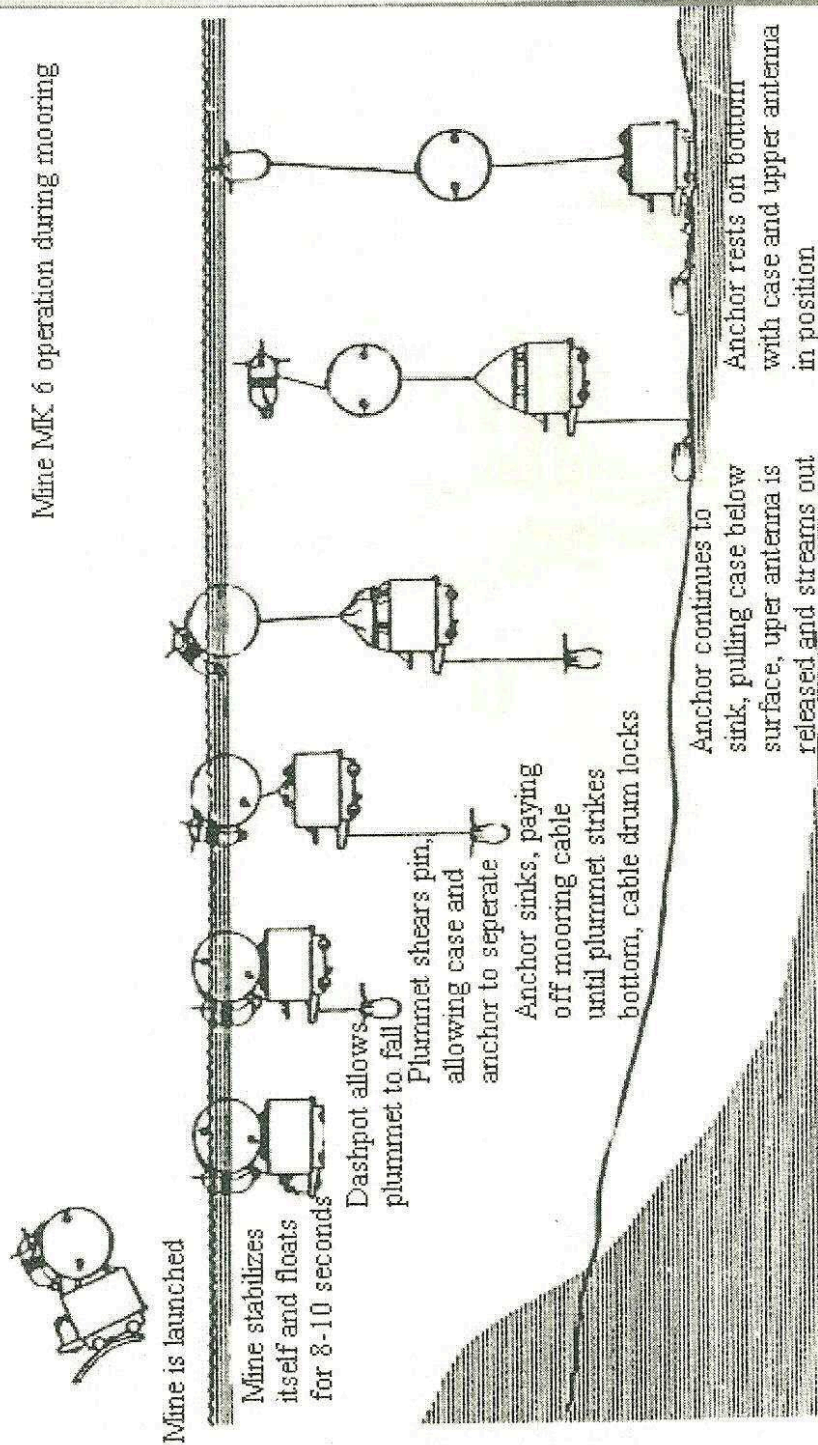


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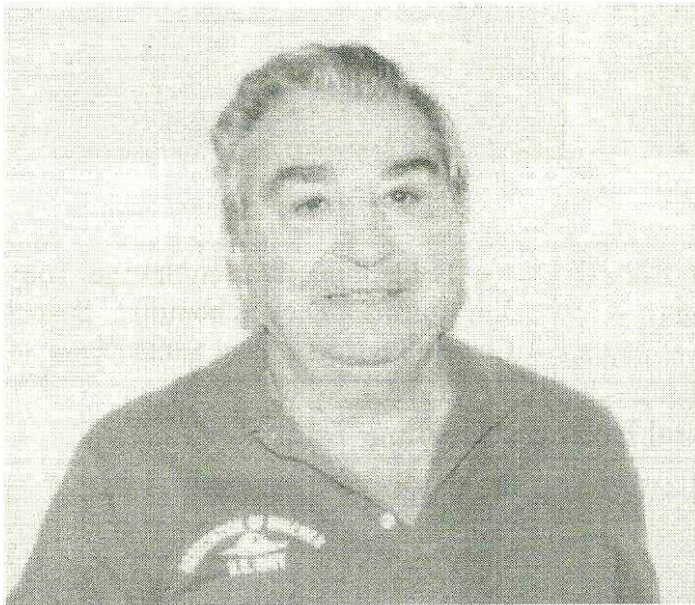
Mine MK 6 operation during mooring



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Williamsburg Clarion Hotel, Lodging,
Early Bird, Meetings, Banquet
Cheatham Annex Golf Course
U.S. Coast Guard Training Center,
Yorktown Picnic and Scholarship Auction

AOM President G. Paul Santa



Reunion Committee



Standing: Co-Chair Jack Smoot, Bill Beck, Eddie Atkins, Bob Spencer.
Seated: Co-Chair John Loonam, Ed Oyer, Danny Epperly, not present Mac McCarthy

Greetings Shipmates and Families;

Welcome to the memories of Reunion 2002. I hope you find the enclosed pictures a real treasure not only for the present but more so, as the years go by. I think of our reunions as a "Family Reunion" for we truly are a very close family. Bootsie and I are very appreciative that you all have taken us into your hearts and made us a part of this very beautiful family. The pictures depict without a doubt the mood of happiness we are enjoying at each event being together again. I congratulate all who attended, for you are the ones that help solidify our great organization and make our family lots of fun.

Many thanks to John Loonam and his associates for making this photographic history of Reunion 2002. Thanks you all once again for the honor of being your president

Sincerely,
G. Paul Santa Maria, President, Association of Minemen

2002 – 2003 AOM Officers



Back: Walter Peters, Dick Schommer, Bob Hart, Bill Roberts
Front: Warren Savage, Bill Johnson, John Loonam, Paul Santa Maria & Curtis Christian

AOM Presidents



Joe Balderrama, Warren Savage, Toby Horn, Jim Coffman, Dick Schommer. Seated, Current President, Paul Santa Maria

General Business Meeting



Curtis Christian, Bill Roberts, President, Paul Santa Maria, Bill Johnson, Dick Schommer & John Loonam



Toby Horn explains the CD-14 setting challenge



CDR Ron Swart, Keynote speaker addressed the future of mine warfare



Scholarship Committee: Dick Schommer, Jim Cottrell, Chairman, Swede Carlsen & Fred Dane



Golfers Joe Balderrama, Jim Stultz & Jim's son in law Bob Miller



Golfers Bob Hart, Bob Spencer, & Mac McCarthy



Mac receives the golf championship award as Fred Reid looks on



Danny Epperly & Eddie Atkins show their Clock Cocker Awards (30 years as an MN)

Hospitality Room



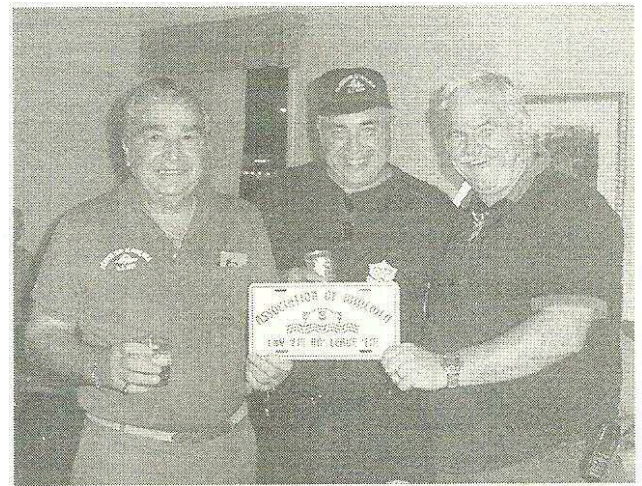
Bill Beck & Jack Smoot
fill coolers



Stan, Joe, Bo



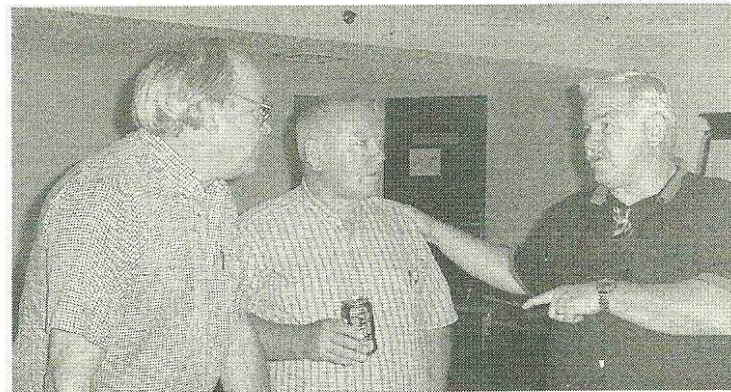
Bootsie, Kume, Bobbie, Joe,
Patti, Leo, ?



President, Paul shows off the AOM
license plate with Glenn & Warren

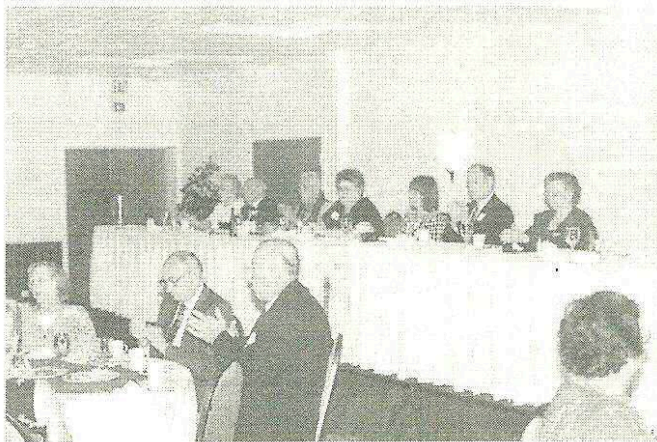


Bill swears it was this big to Phil & Bill



Curtis & Willie are spellbound by Warren

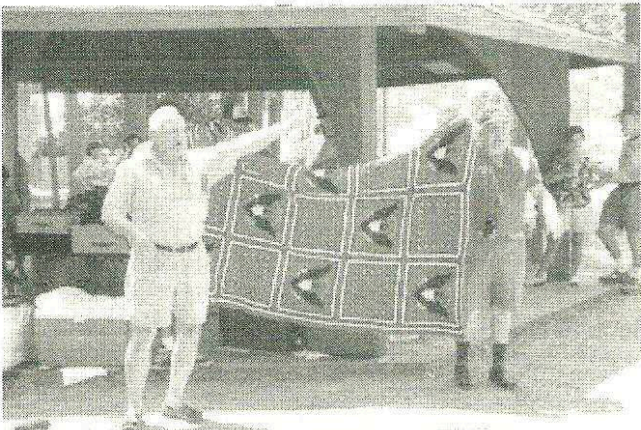
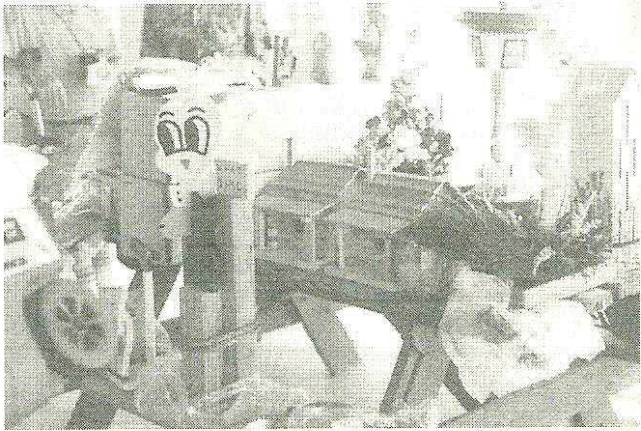
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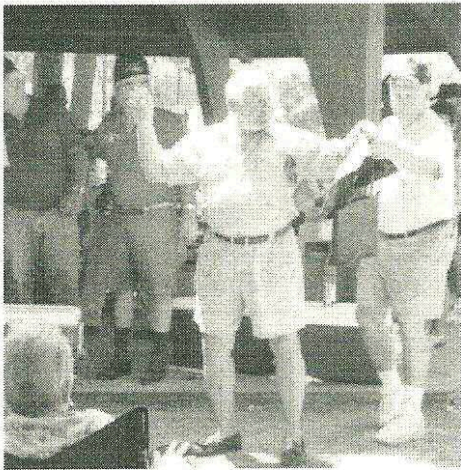
Picnic



Scholarship Auction



Millie does it again!





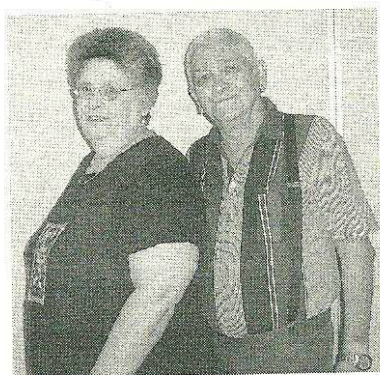
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MNCS Leeann Baker USN



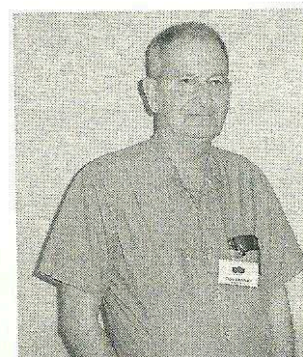
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Joe & Clair Balderrama



Bill Beck & Letta Stone



Don Brannan



Swede & Irma Carlsen



Curtis & Mary Christian



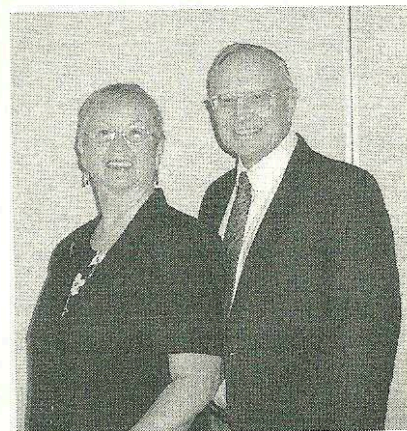
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Fred Dane



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Don & Ann Fanell



Mary & Marty Fisher, Karen & Kristina Melendez



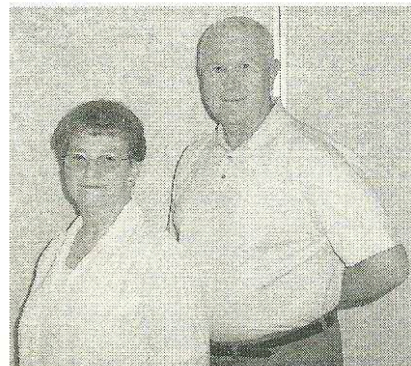
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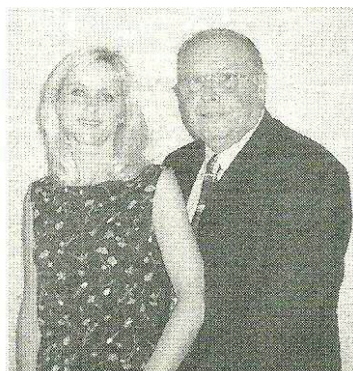
Jim Hawks



Earnest Hildreth & Cyndi Schumaker



RADM Roy and Mary Hoffman



Thomas & Martha Hoffman



Toby & Janie Horn



Malvern & Frances Huebner



Bill & Patti Johnson



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Dick & Doris Martin



Bill & Emma Mehard



Mac & Jane McCune



Pete & Betty Mirich



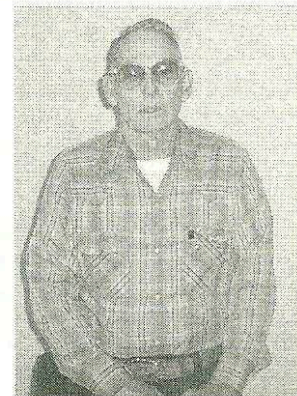
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Ed Oyer



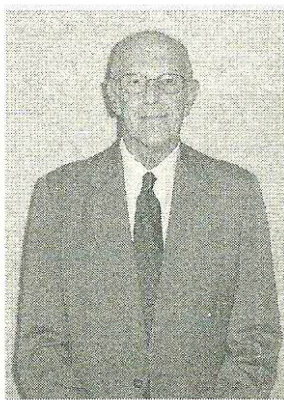
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Danny Priest



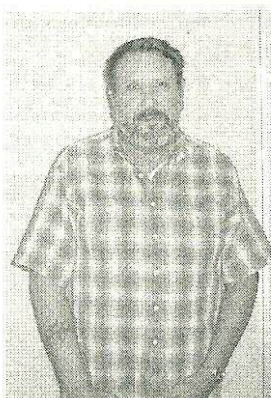
Fred & Milly Reid



Dick Rhoderick



Earle & Edna Roberts



Joe Sapien



Warren Savage



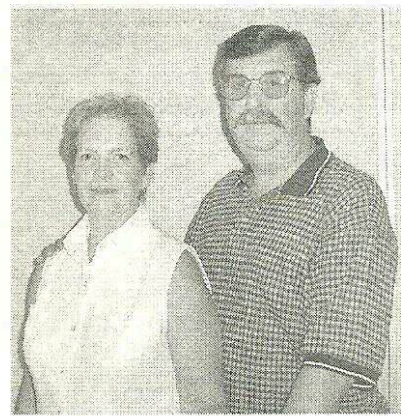
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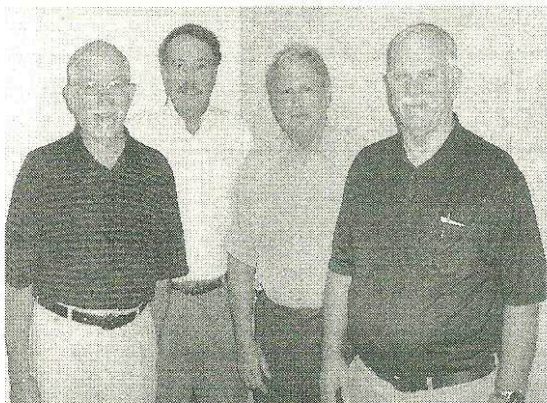
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Barry, Brian, June, Andrea, Penny Sprecher



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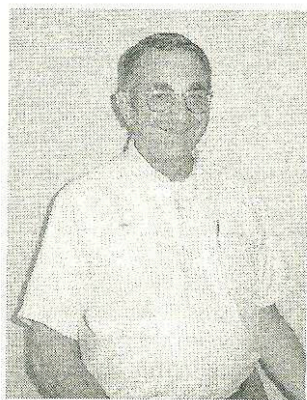
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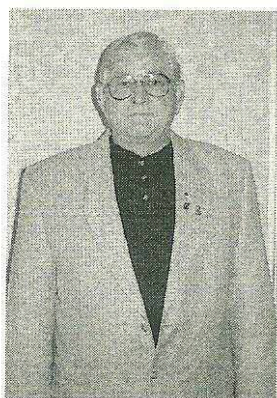
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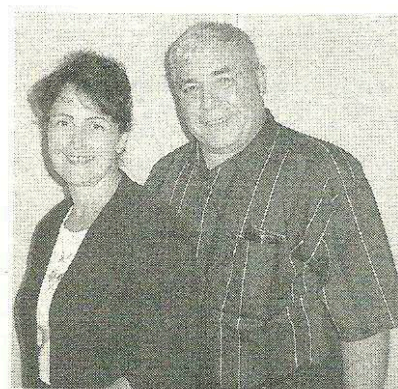
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Bob & Nanci Miller



Ron & Masako Swart



Bob & Betty Wilson



Glenn & Joan Troutman



Radm Roy Hoffman



Stan Stancik, Tom Hoffman, Phil DeChene,
Curtis Christian & Bo Bellamy same MN A School Class



Tom & Roy Hoffman



Attendees

Yorktown 2002

ADAMSON, DARYL
BAKER, LEE ANN
BALDERRAMA, JOE
BARCLAY, DAVID
BARTRAM, FRED
BECK, WILLIAM
BELLAMY, BO
BRANAN, DONALD
CARLSEN, SWEDE
CHRISTIAN, CURTIS
COFFMAN, JAMES
COTTRELL, JAMES
DANE, FRED
DARLINGTON, BILLY
DECHENE, PHILIP
ELSTON, HAROLD
EPPERLY, DANNY
FANELL, DONALD
FISHER, MARY
FORBES, LANNY
FORTNTER, BILL
GENTRY, RON
HAJNAL, DAROLD
HART, ROBERT
HAWKS, JAMES
HILDRETH, ERNEST
HOFFMAN TOM
HOFFMANN, ROY RADM
HORN, TOBY
HUEBNER, MAILERN
JOHNSON, WILLIAM
JONES, JERRY

KONIECZKA, MELVIN
KOUCH, GEORGE
MIRICH, PETER
NEWTON, TED
OYER, ED
LONGWAY, JAMES
LOONAM, JOHN
MARTIN, RICHARD
MCCARTHY, FRANCIS
MEHARD, WILLIAM
PETERS, WALTER
POWELL, HOMER
PRIEST, DANIEL
REID, FRED
RHODERICK, RICHARD
ROBERTS, BILL
ROBERTS, EARL
SAPIEN, JOE
SANTA MARIA, PAUL
SAVAGE, WARREN
SCHOMMER, RICHARD
SMITH, EDWARD
SMITH, LEO
SMITH, ROBERT
SMOOT, JACK
SPENCER, BOB
SPRECHER, JUNE
STANCIK, R.F.
STEPHENS, SHELDON
STULTZ, JIM
TROUTMAN, GLENN
WILSON, ROBERT

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providing her computer, printer and
materials that made this booklet work.

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Taps report of those who passed away 2000 - 2002

AIRHART , Ronald (Pinky) MNCS Ret. Passed away Dec. 28, 2000, Chester, Va. from heart and lung complications.

ALVIS, James H. (JIM) MNCS RET. Passed away Sept. 1, 2001 OAK HARBOR, WA from cancer age 82.

ALVIS, Betty Wife Jim Alvis passed away Sept.10, 2001 OAK HARBOR, WA age 78

Polmanteer, Allen Ex-EM2, 71, USS Yazoo AN-92 converted to ACM, passed away Dec. 22, 2001

BEMIS, LLOYD MN1 Ret. 78, Passed away May 9, 2002 in Beaver Dam , WI.

CISCO, Harold W (Hank) MNC Ret. Passed away 4-24-01, VA Center, Biloxi, MS.

COKER, Harry L. MNCM Ret., 78, Tonkawa, OK, passed away April 23 2001, from brain tumors.

HOLDEN, Glenn MNC RET. Passed away on May 31, 2002, St Petersburg, FL.

JENKINS, Bobbie G. EX-MN2, 76, passed away April 12, 2002 in Fanning Springs, FL. He served on USS LINDSEY DM 32.

JONES, Louis Logan MNC Ret. 87, Passed away Oct 2001, Declo ID.

KLAGES, Roger Former MN1 Passed away Providence RI, Sept. 3, 2001 from lung cancer.

KOELLER, Robert L., MNC Ret. 69, Belfair, WA. Oct. 11, 2000.

KREPS, Oren (Bud) LT. Ret. 76, Passed away Jan 25, 2002, Bremerton, WA.

McDONALD, Raymond A. (Mac), 69, Former MN1 USNR Served MAD-4 Tinian Island N. Marians 1944-1945

PHELPS, Ruth 78, of Poulsbo, WA., cancer on Nov. 20, 2001. She was married to **Percy Phelps** MNC ret., who preceded her in death.

RINGLER, Len, Civ.Dec 27, 2001. Len was one of the Technical Directors at NMEF

ROBERTS, Justin D.M. Son of CDR USN Ret. Bill and Josephine Roberts 14 Sept. 2001, Sacramento, CA, 14 Sep 2001.

REED, Erwin S. Former MN2 U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955 and served at the Mine Depot Yorktown , VA, Jan 9 2002, Madison. Ohio

VALENTINE, David L. MN2, Ret. Passed away sometime in 1995, Merced, California

WARR, Greg EX-MN2 Passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001 from a heart attack

WAUGHTEL, GUY MN1 RET. Passed away May 13, 2001 in Beaverton, OR, from kidney damage and diabetes.