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ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN
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TENTH ANNUAL REUNION AND MEETING 10-12 AUGUST 1984, YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA.
PLEASE NOTE OUR ZIP CODE CHANGE FROM 29405 TO 29415.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board of Directors and by the membership during the business meeting, 13 August 1983, at the American Legion Post 166, Goose Creek, the members voted to hold the 10th Annual Meeting and Reunion in Yorktown, Virginia 10-12 August 1984. More information follows in the minutes of the meeting.

Jack Smoot, a member of the Board of Directors, has volunteered to coordinate the arrangements for the meeting and reunion. I know our members at the MOMAG Reserve Unit 1006 in Newport News, our members at the CAPTOR IMA at NSW Yorktown and the Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity will want to help with the arrangements. Please contact Jack and offer your assistance.

ANNUAL MAILING FEE OF \$1.00 WAS DUE 1 SEPTEMBER 1983 - PLEASE REMIT

NEWS OF THE NINTH ANNUAL REUNION AND MEETING 12-14 AUGUST 1983

The Board of Directors (B/D) met at the American Legion Post 166, Goose Creek, on Saturday morning, 13 August 1983. The meeting was called to order at 0925 by President Lyal Stryker and attending were John Lemieux, Vice President and BOD members Toby Horn (who acted as Secretary), Bob Forbes, Jack Smoot, Phil Dechene, Charlie Hunt and Dick Schommer, Chairman of the Mine Museum Committee. Ron Swart, our Secretary was transferred to Sigonella so Lyal Stryker made the Secretary/Treasurer report as follows:

- Membership - a total of 776 plus 6 honorary and of the 776, there were 614 regular and 162 associates.
- Treasurer Report - checking account balance of \$4,081.91 and savings account balance of \$478.64 before the bills were paid. Our post reunion balance was \$577.77

The following reports were also made:

- Dinner/Picnic - Bob Forbes reported that all arrangements were completed; cocktails would be from 1830 to 1930, dinner served around 1930-2000 and open bar until 2330 with music by a disc jockey. The picnic will be at the Navy recreation area at Short Stay and in addition to the usual beer/hot dogs/hamburgers, there would be fresh crabs.
- Mine Museum - Dick Schommer reported that work was progressing well and they could use help on Saturdays. The display area is about 75% complete and would be opened to the public in the fall as one of the USS YORKTOWN tour routes. A helmholtz coil/test set has been located at Yorktown and will be shipped to us in the near future.
- Historical - Lyal Stryker reported that we continue to receive documents and some will be on display when the Mine Museum is opened. All of our records and other historical documents have been stored in fire proof safes on board the USS YORKTOWN in our work/office spaces. The Keyport Undersea Warfare Museum has indicated they would appreciate our advice when they are ready to select mine material for display.

- Constitution and By-Laws - Phil Dechene presented a proposed change to allow for the forming of chapters. The proposed change was approved at the previous year's meeting (1982) in Yorktown and at this year's meeting the BOD approved the wording of the proposed amendment and recommended the membership approve the amendment.

- Mailing List - Lyal Stryker reported that we hope to have the mailing list available by the fall or early spring. It is planned to have the list transferred to the local office where Lyal works to be put on their computer which will facilitate updating and can be made available as needed. At present we have to pay a local company for this service.

- Honorary Mineman - Captain R. J. Fromholtz, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer of the Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center was recommended for the award based on his career in the Navy, much of which was in Mine Warfare and especially his recent contribution to raising the esprit-de-corp of the Mineman rating through his vigorous personal leadership at the school.

- Consolidated Order of Clock Cockers (COCC) Award - MNCM Milt Baird is the only qualified recipient this year.

- Charter Membership Plaque - This was suggested by MNCM Billy Owens some time ago. Toby Horn and his membership committee have looked into the matter and talked to a lot of people about the idea. The general consensus seems to be that it would be virtually impossible to define a criteria that would be acceptable and in view of our early records which are missing some dates as to when individual members joined, the BOD recommended the suggestion to create a Charter Membership Plaque not be pursued.

- Lifetime Membership Dues - Several members have suggested that in lieu of an annual mailing/administrative fee of \$1.00 we go to a lifetime membership fee. Toby Horn and the membership committee are looking into the suggestion and investigating what other comparable organizations charge, etc. Toby hopes to have a recommendation to submit to the BOD before the 1984 meeting.

- TENTH Annual Reunion/Meeting - Reno had been suggested as a possible location during the meeting last year (1982) and the subsequent newsletter asked for the members to comment on where they would like to meet in 1984 for our Tenth Reunion. We received less than ten (10) written responses which agreed with Reno and in addition few verbal comments during the year that were favorable. Dick Schommer checked with a couple of travel agencies and found that to charter a plane would be too expensive and that even a special individual fare and travel package would range from \$380.00 to \$650.00 per person, depending on arrangements. The BOD, after considerable discussion, recommended the matter be brought up at the general membership meeting for discussion and resolution.

- Nominating Committee - The following slate of officers were recommended: President - Dick Schommer; Vice President - John (Frenchy) Lemieux; Board of Directors - Homer Reagan and Carily Wallick. In order to stabilize turnover of the Board of Directors every year and accommodate the addition of a sixth member of the BOD, it was proposed that we elect two new BOD this year for a three year term, Toby Horn and Jack Smoot continue for one more year through 1984 and Phil Dechene and Bob Forbes continue for two years through 1985. Charlie Hunt requested to be relieved due to his work schedule that prevented him from participating more actively. The BOD accepted the recommendations of the nominating committee and voted to submit the list at the general membership meeting. It was noted that nominations would be encouraged and accepted from the floor during the general membership meeting.

- Installation of Officers - Lyal Stryker presented a proposed procedure that was accepted. RADM Horne would perform the installation ceremony and Phil Dechene would act as Chaplain.

There was no other business to come before the Board of Directors and the meeting adjourned at 1145.

The general membership meeting was held at the American Legion Post 166, Goose Creek on Saturday, 13 August 1983 commencing at 1325. The following business took place:

1. Minutes of the Board of Directors were read and approved by the voting members present.

2. No old business was presented.

3. Under New Business:

a. The amendment to the C&BL's to allow for the forming of Chapters was read by Phil Dechene. After some discussion the amendment was approved. The amendment is printed at the end of this section.

b. Tenth Annual Meeting and Reunion. The idea of going to Reno or elsewhere in the same vicinity was discussed. A motion was made to go back to Yorktown. The motion was not carried. The matter was then discussed again with the general consensus being that we were unable to agree on a suitable arrangement for Reno or anywhere else other than Charleston or Yorktown at this time. A motion was made again to hold the next meeting in Yorktown and the motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Yorktown is the location of the Navy's only Mine Depot and Naval Schools Mine Warfare years back and our Tenth Reunion and Meeting there is most appropriate. Jack Smoot volunteered to head the Reunion Committee.

c. The slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee and endorsed by the BOD were read to the membership and approved. The floor was opened for nominations for President in addition to Dick Schommer. No other nominations were made and a motion was made to close the nominations, dispense with ballots and elect Dick Schommer by acclamation. Motion carried. The floor was then opened for nominations for Vice President in addition to John Lemieux. No other nominations were made and a motion was made to close the nominations, dispense with ballots and elect John "Frenchy" Lemieux by acclamation. Motion carried. The floor was then opened for nominations to the BOD in addition to Homer Reagan and Carily Wallick. Dan Epperly, John Mussig and Dale Steinhofel were also nominated for the two BOD positions. Nominations were closed and ballots issued to vote for two new members of the BOD to serve three years. Dan Epperly and Carily Wallick were elected. The officers for the Association of Minemen are as follows: President, Dick Schommer; Vice President, John "Frenchy" Lemieux, BOD Dan Epperly and Carily Wallick for three years; Phil Dechene and Bob Forbes for two years; Toby Horn and Jack Smoot for one year.

d. The floor was opened for any other new or unfinished business. The amendment to the C&BL's were generally discussed and following the discussion it was resolved the amendment was adequate for the purpose it was designed for.

e. Fred Reid brought up the matter of holding the Early Board and membership meetings at a location where there would be no distractions and members could converse and meet within our own group. Following the discussion, it was agreed that the Tenth Reunion Committee would attempt to arrange for suitable meeting facilities.

f. There was no other business to be brought before the membership and the meeting was adjourned.

DINNER MEETING, 13 AUGUST 1983

This year's dinner meeting had to be judged a great success as the dancing and open bar were extended an extra hour until 12:30. The music this year was provided by a disc jockey, who did a great job, if the number of people dancing was any indication. He played a good assortment of music that gave everyone an opportunity to dance. All comments heard were positive and we had another great reunion.

Greetings. Lyal Stryker welcomed everyone to the Ninth Annual dinner meeting and thanked them for attending. The head table was introduced, which consisted of RADM and Mrs. Horne, Captain and Mrs. Fromholtz, Dick and Sue Schommer, Lyal and Doreen Stryker and John "Frenchy" and Edna Lemieux. Also recognized as distinguished guests with us were Captain Riley, COMOMAG, LT J. B. Orr, Officer in Charge, MOMAG DET ELEVEN and CWO4 Jack Smoot and members of the MOMAG Reserve Unit 1006 in Newport News.

Guest Speaker. Captain R. J. Fromholtz, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer of the Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center was our guest of honor and speaker and was introduced by Phil Dechene. Captain Fromholtz's presentation consisted of more than fifty excellent slides that illustrated how the Minemen of today are trained. He also showed the training for new mine systems such as CAPTOR, SLMM, Destructors and Quickstrike as well as test set repair, micro miniature repair of layered circuit boards, mine shop administration and logistics. A sequence of slides showing "a day in the life of an "A" school student (Mineman) received the greatest applause. It showed that they were getting back to basics, marching to class and chow hall, cleaning work spaces at the end of the day and returning to the use of "Liberty cards." Captain Fromholtz suggested that if anyone wanted to see the sharpest sailors in the Navy today, just visit the south end of the Naval Station and observe the Minemen A students marching. Several slides also showed the role that females are contributing to in the Mineman rating and they are well educated and motivated. The audience rose to render a standing ovation to Captain Fromholtz for his outstanding presentation. Many of the retired members of the Association personally voiced their appreciation to him and indicated they were extremely pleased to know the Mineman tradition of excellence was being carried on by the present and future generation of United States Navy Minemen.

MINEMAN OF THE YEAR. Rear Admiral C. F. Horne, III, U.S. Navy, Commander Mine Warfare Command and Honorary Mineman, announced the recipient of the award. It was Mineman First Class Terry W. Auberry, USN, from MOMAG DET ELEVEN here in Charleston. RADM Horne read the letter awarding MNL Auberry the 1983 Mineman of the Year award and presented him a COMINELWARCOM plaque inscribed with his name and award. Our Vice President, Frenchy Lemieux, presented MNL Auberry with the Association of Minemen plaque for the Mineman of the Year, a beautiful bronze floating Mark VI mine made by our own Bill Mehard. Terry's lovely wife was present to share in the recognition awarded her husband.

HONORARY MINEMAN. This year the award was presented to Captain Fromholtz, the Commanding Officer of the Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center. It was noted that he had been the skipper of an MSO, on the staff of COMINELWARFOR, CINCUSNAVEUR and other assignments in Mine Warfare as well as his present command where his leadership has led to an increased level of esprit-de-corp within the Mineman rating.

Other Announcements. Master Chief Milt Baird was presented the Consolidated Order of Clock Cockers (COCC) award, having retired with more than thirty years service. -- Thanks to Jimmy Stanford, member #052 from Plantersville, Mississippi for being the first person to send in his reservations for the reunion - A Happy Birthday toast was made to Associate Member James M. HYDE, of Kennebunk, Maine on the occasion of his 90th birthday. He was a member of the Yankee Mining Squadron that laid the North Sea Mine Barrage in 1917. -- Congratulations to the Warrant Officer promotions, all CWO4's, Jose Balderrama, MOMAG DET THREE (who was present); John Coers, COMOMAG; James Defrees, MOMAG DET SEVEN; and Ken Harder, MOMAG DET FOUR. -- Also congratulations to the new chiefs, MNC's Roger Adams, FMWTC (now at Unit FIVE); Rodney Barker, NRMC Subic; Michael Brandt, DET ONE; Walter Bynum, DET SEVEN, Michael Chviliceh, Unit EIGHT; Kenneth Empie, DET TWO, Donovan McManus, Unit NINE; Arthur Raymond, Unit THREE, John Reeve,

Unit NINE; William Spoerer, EODGRU TWO Keflavik; Richard Spofford, FMWTC; Craig Weber, FMWTC; and Michael Whitener, COMOMAG. -- Member traveling the longest distance was Jimmie D. Stoker from Long Beach, California. -- Youngest Mineman present was MN3 Charles Humbard.

-- Oldest Mineman present was not determined so if you were there and think you qualify, please drop us a line.

Installation of Officers. Following the general announcements, the newly elected and continuing officers were called forward to be sworn in as the Association's officers for the periods they were elected to serve. RADM Horne installed the new officers and presented the gavel to Dick Schommer, our new President. Phil Dechene gave a prayer asking for God's blessing for the officers and members of the Association of Minemen.

Door Prize. Two tickets were drawn and the holders were John Keen and Jack Smoot. Both selected a copy of the book "Allied Minesweeping in World War II."

PICNIC SUNDAY, 14 AUGUST 1983

The picnic was held at the Short Stay recreation area on Lake Marion and the weather was beautiful. Bob Forbes and his committee did an outstanding job with the arrangements and included fresh crabs along with the usual hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, snacks, soda and beer. Several people pitched in tending the fire, but Ron and Shelly Ellis seemed to spend most of their time cooking, which everyone appreciated. The major event of the day was Fred Reid getting his car stuck in the sand, which everyone pitched in to push out of the hole it had dug. We were able to record the event on film and the photos will be on display at the next reunion in Yorktown. It is interesting to note who was supervising and who was pushing.

Dick Schommer and Lyal Stryker took turns selling T-shirts, caps, tie tacs, jackets and coaches shirts for the Association. They also took orders for items that ran out. Joe Balderrama bought the last coaches shirt right off the back of Lyal Stryker.

Porky Rodgers' wife donated several shell items for the Association to auction off and John Keen donated a log handler. Joe Balderrama was the auctioneer and also auctioned off a Giles cartoon, which his wife bought for him. The winners of the drawing were Roger Adams, who selected a Giles cartoon and Phil Dechene, who selected the book, "Allied Minesweeping in World War II."

NEWS FROM AND OF THE MEMBERS

- On 1 June 1983 there were 601 Minemen on active duty. It is believed this is the first time there have been more than 600 Minemen on active duty at any time.
- Retirees - MN1 Jim Blyth 9/31/83, MNC Jack Cox 10/31/83, and per Navy Times, MNC Thomas V. Sannino scheduled for May 1984.
- Tim Hostetter is out of the hospital and was with us at the picnic.
- F.X. Martin underwent heart by-pass recently and we understand he is doing well.
- The Mine Museum on the USS YORKTOWN is now open to the public and the Mk 13 mine that used to be at the Mine School in Yorktown and later in Charleston has been installed at the head of the causeway on a concrete pad along with a Mk 39 mine. To be added is an old controlled Mine Mk 50. The next job is to finish off the last display area that will be set up as a mine shop, complete with mines and test equipment, old and new.
- THANKS to the following for their help with the Mine Museum, Dick and Sue Schommer, Bob Forbes, Lyal Stryker, Arnie Helgerson, Dale Steinhöfel, Homer Reagan, Terry Auberry, Carily Wallick, Ron Ellis and sons, Phil Dechene and sons, Ken Redman,

- Carol Machintosh, J. J. Sbei, and others as time permitted from COMOMAG, MOMAG DET ELEVEN, Mine Warfare Inspection Group and the Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, especially the A students that pitched in with some of the early dirty work such as removing tile and trash and cleaning/painting mines.
- LETTERS from Gabby Goode wishing all a good reunion; Donald B. Hyde thanking us for the postcards we sent to his father James M. Hyde, a member of the World War I Yankee Mining Squadron; Irving Marcus who served aboard USS HARDING DMS-28 during the invasion of Okinawa in 1945 and advised us that they are planning a ships reunion in Haifa, Israel in 1984; Herb Stettler, Secretary Treasurer of the Navy Minewarfare Association wrote to advise us of their first reunion scheduled for October 6-9 1983 in Colorado Springs. He also signed up as an Associate member and noted their organization is open to everyone involved in minewarfare past and present. For more information, write to Herb Stettler, 3604 Greenleaf Drive, Santa Rosa, California 95401; Berton B. EX MN2 from West Lock and the USS SHEA, DM-30 who was discharged in March 1955 and recently retired after 26 years with the Law Enforcement Division of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. He also telephoned Lyal Stryker to thank the Association for the tie tac he purchased and was extremely pleased with; James W. Powers who apologized for not joining the Association earlier and enclosed a check for \$25.00, of which \$5.00 was for his membership, \$12.00 for support of all the bulletins which he has thoroughly enjoyed each year, \$3.00 for being lazy and not joining sooner and \$5.00 advance mailing costs. Jim expressed his regrets at not being able to be with us at the 1983 meeting but promised to make one in the near future (how Yorktown in 84 Jim?); Al Boreen sending along his annual mailing fee and regrets he would not be able to attend in 83 but had a great time in 82; Bob Benintende saying he could not make the 83 reunion but sent along his check for a copy of the mailing list replacement membership card and annual mailing fee. Bob's annual Christmas newsletter told us of his decision to quit his job and travel, which he and Michiko did resulting in wonders for his blood pressure; Ed Szczutkowski sent his regret at being unable to attend the 83 reunion because of his promotion and transfer to Bayonne where he is inspecting USNS ships; Rey Becker sending along his mailing fee and a desire to hold the 84 reunion in Reno (sorry Rey); Mac McCarthy advising us he could not join us in 83 because of an auto accident in which he broke his right wrist, but would see us in 84; Jim Coffman sending his annual mailing fee and regrets he would not be with us in 83; MNC Cook from the Reserve Center in Folsom, Pennsylvania, requesting information and noting he is in contact with approximately 90 Reserve Minemen.
 - TELEPHONE CALLS. Sam and Ziggy English to say they were sorry they were unable to attend the reunion and that Ziggy is doing fine; also calls from Dick Anderson, Ed Sprecker and Tim Hostetter saying they were unable to attend the reunion, but Ed Sprecker and Tim Hostetter did make the picnic.
 - CONGRATULATIONS. To MOMAG Unit EIGHT, Guam for receiving the 1983 Mine Site Excellence Award and to Arney Helgersen from the Mine Warfare Inspection Group selected as Chief of the Year. To Curtis Christians son who was sworn in on 15 August 1983 as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps; To our 1983 Mineman of the Year, MN1 Terry Auberry, recently selected for promotion to Ensign; To Chief Chandler at MOMAG DET ONE Long Beach, recently selected for promotion to CW02
 - GROUNDBREAKING. One 28 October 1983 a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted at the Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia, to mark the start of construction for a Mine Warfare Engineering Laboratory. When completed, the two story laboratory will feature 34,200 square feet of space which will house in-service engineering functions of the Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity. Building occupancy is slated for June 1985 at a contract cost of \$2.7 million. Military

Construction Project P-394, programmed for FY 1986 and now in the design stage will expand the building and thus complete the consolidation process to finally provide a permanent home for the U.S. Navy Mine Warfare Technical Agency.

- RELOCATION. MOMAG Detachment ELEVEN recently moved from their spaces on the Naval Station Charleston to new facilities at the Naval Station Annex at Remount Road and Interstate 26 in Charleston. The annex is actually the old radar base (USAF) now occupied by the U.S. Navy. The Radar Club is still operating and still one of the local military watering holes.
- ODDS AND ENDS. LT J. B. Orr was relieved as Officer in Charge of MOMAG DET ELEVEN by LT Moody who was relieved by our past secretary, LT Ron Swart, now the Commanding Officer of MOMAG Unit FIVE. LT Orr will be the next Commanding Officer of MOMAG Unit EIGHT Guam, relieving LT Will Dixon who will be the Commanding Officer of MOMAG Unit NINE Subic. MNCS Bob Forbes, a member of our Board of Directors, was recently awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for his performance as the Assistant Officer in Charge of MOMAG DET ELEVEN here in Charleston.

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY. Our President, Dick Schommer, has asked me to fulfill the duties of Secretary and I have accepted. As the immediate Past President of the Association, I want to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE that supported our Association during the three years I was your President and for allowing me to serve the Association. MEMBERSHIP. Our membership continues to increase but in reviewing our membership list and mailing list it is noted there are many people on the mailing list that are not members and should be. Please review your status and if not a member please consider becoming one. MAILING FEE. As noted on each membership card and application blank, a \$1.00 fee is due on 1 September annually in order to remain a member in good standing. A review of the membership list reveals that a MAJORITY of our members are in arrears and in some cases for three years. We do need the fee to keep the newsletter solvent, so please send in your mailing fee. MAILING LIST. We have finally been able to put the list on computer diskettes and had a program written to allow us to update it, make changes, print listings, print labels and sort by ZIP code. In addition, we are now in the process of adding the membership number and mailing fee status for each name and during 1984 we will start notifying people of their status in order for them to get up to date. NEWSLETTERS. We have been sending out the newsletter twice a year, but in view of the interest our members have expressed in the newsletter, we are considering trying for a quarterly newsletter which would not be as lengthy as our current letters are but would be more timely. In order to make it work we would need the help of everyone by sending us information to use and we could even consider sections devoted to information about retired, active duty, reserve and associate members. Please drop a line, call or talk to a BOD and let us know what you believe we should consider doing.

LYAL STRYKER
SECRETARY

We are getting some costs on having the mailing list made up for those members that have asked for it. The next newsletter will contain details on how to order a copy and what the cost will be. Copies will also be available at the reunion in August 1984 along with a master list for any changes to be entered. NOTICE: If you do not want your name and address included in the mailing list to be made available to members, please write us and tell us to delete your name and address.

A committee composed of Phil Dechene, Bob Forbes and John Lawton prepared a proposed amendment to the C&BL's concerning Chapters. The following proposal was submitted to the Board of Directors which approved them for submission to the membership for approval: Art V Sec 1 Add: and Chapter Chairmen as required by Article X Section 6. Sec 3 Chng: Five members to six members and delete "beginning in 1979 after initial appointment."

Article X: Chapters

Section 1 The right to organize an Association of Minemen Chapter may be granted upon petition of ten or more enrolled voting members as, described in Article IV, Section 1, all of whom are from one of the geographic areas listed in Section 10. The petition shall designate one of the signers as temporary Chairman in Charge of the organizational activities. It shall be directed to the Board of Directors and addressed to the Secretary. It shall be inherent to any petition that the proposed chapter will conduct themselves according to the National Association of Minemen Constitution and By-laws.

Section 2 The temporary Chairman shall be notified upon approval of the petition by the Board of Directors. A list of all members in his region shall be forwarded and he shall notify each member of a date for an organizational meeting, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 3 Chapters will be numbered in the order the petitions are received and may be named for the geographical area in which located, as requested in the original petition.

Section 4 Nothing herein shall prevent an individual from becoming a member of the Association of Minemen without joining the regional organization wherein he lives. A member can belong to only one Regional Chapter. Transfers between Regional Chapters may be made in the interest of accommodating the members proximity to newly established chapters within a region.

Section 5 If Chapter membership falls below 10 voting members then the Chapter shall be disestablished.

Section 6 Each Chapter Chairman shall be a voting member of the National Board of Directors for matters of chapter interests.

Section 7 The Board of Directors shall be the authority on all matters relating to amendments of boundaries or additions to or consolidation of any region established under this article.

Section 8 Rulings by the Board of Directors may be appealed at the General Membership Meeting.

Section 9 Any chapter operating in a manner to bring discredit to the Association of Minemen shall be subject to expulsion from the organization.

Section 10 The geographical regions shall be established as follows:

Northeast: Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

Mideast: Virginia, Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky, West Virginia, District of Columbia, and Indiana.

Southeast: Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Caribbean Islands, Florida, and North Carolina.

North Central: North Dakota, Illinois, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, and Minnesota.

South Central: Colorado, Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

Northwest: Washington, Wyoming, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, and Alaska.

Southwest: California, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona.

European: All areas North of the Spain/France border.

Mediterranean: All areas South of the Spain/France border.

Mid-Pacific: Hawaiian Islands

West Pacific: Marianas Islands, South Korea, Phillipines, Japan, and Taiwan.

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ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN

A minute of silence was observed during the dinner meeting in honor of the memory of our departed members. Since our last newsletter, the following members and friends have passed away.

- MN2 Richard Raymond Peterson, 18 March 1983, Biloxi, MS (Navy Times 10/24/83).
- MNC Harlan T. Hamm, 30 April 1983, Lower Swynedd, PA (Navy Times 10/24/83).
- CWO Bartell, May 1983, McDonnell Army Hospital, Ft. Eustis, VA.
- MN2 Frank McCann, Jr. (September 1983, Naval Affairs (FRA)).
- John Hunter Keen, III, September 1983, son of MNCM John and Lucy Keen.
- MNC William Francis "Shep" Shepherd, October 1983, Charleston, S.C.
- MM 1 Wyatt B. Stevens USN (Ret), December 1983 Charleston, S.C.
- MNC Elmer J. Jaco, (December 1983 Naval Affairs (FRA)).

ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN ELIGIBILITY

REGULAR MEMBER: ANY PERSON ACTIVE OR RETIRED, REGULAR OR RESERVE, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN WHO IS A GRADUATE OF THE BUORD SPONSORED MINEMAN SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE AND MINE CRAFT SCHOOL, PEARL HARBOR, T.H. (1935 TO 1941), THE NAVAL SCHOOLS MINE WARFARE AT YORKTOWN, VA. FROM 1941 THROUGH DECEMBER 1958 AND/OR THE FLEET AND MINE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER, CHARLESTON, S.C. FROM JANUARY, 1959 AND/OR WAS DESIGNATED A "MINEMAN" SHALL BE A VOTING MEMBER.

ASSOCIATE: ANY PERSON PREVIOUSLY OR CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY FACET OF MINE WARFARE, INCLUDING DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, TESTING, TRAINING, LOGISTICS, MINE LAYING/SWEEPING AND/OR SEA/SHORE MINING OPERATIONAL ASPECTS SHALL BE NON-VOTING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN: TO PROMOTE INTEREST, COMRADESHIP AND *ESPRIT DE CORPS* IN THE MINE WARFARE COMMUNITY: TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS AND COOPERATION OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN MINE WARFARE; TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION IN MEMORY OF THOSE GALANT PERSONNEL WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR OUR COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MINE WARFARE OPERATIONS; SUPPORT THE MINE WARFARE MUSEUM ON BOARD THE USS YORKTOWN AND/OR OTHER SUITABLE MEANS OF PRESERVING MEMORABILIA ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINEMAN RATING.

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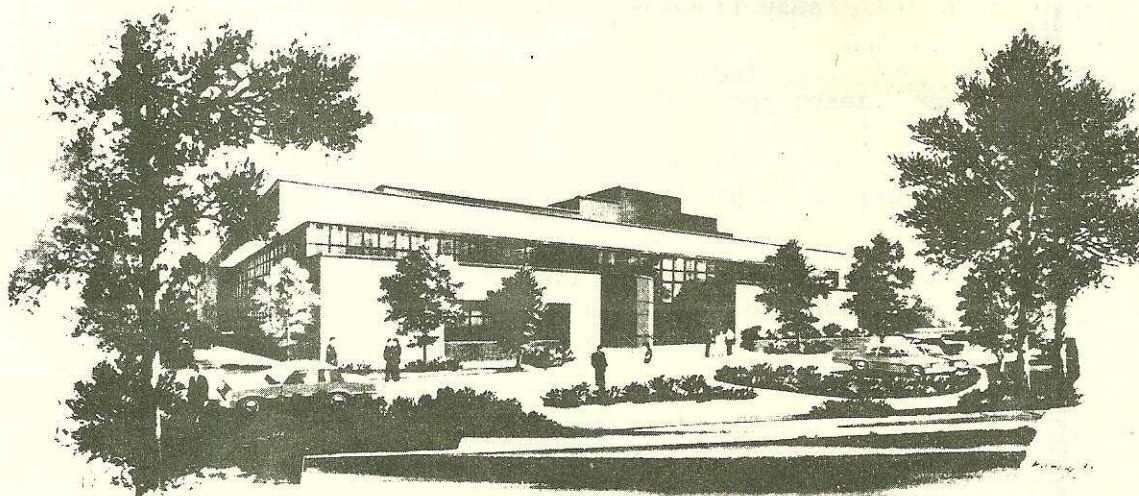
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ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN



NOTICE

NAVAL MINEWARFARE ASSOCIATION annual Convention/Reunion to be held September 30 to October 3, 1984 at the Hyatt, Des Moines, in Des Moines, Iowa. For details and information write to H. H. Stettler, 3604 Greenleaf Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 or call (707) 545-8626.



Architectural Drawing of New Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity Building

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE SHEET WITH YOUR ORDER.

NOTE: All T-shirts include large logo on front. All hats include clude logo on front. All coaches shirts and jackets include small logo on right breast. Large logo on back of jackets and personalization on jackets (name/rate) \$2.00 extra each.

COACHES SHIRTS
THREE BUTTON PULLOVER
WITH COLLAR AND POCKET

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KELLY GREEN				

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HEATHER (POLYESTER COTTON)
(FIRST COLOR IS SLEEVE/NECK PIPING)

CHILDREN

	6-8	S 10-12	M 14-16	L 18-20	XL
NAVY on BLUE					
ORANGE on ORANGE					
BROWN on TAN					
RED on RED					
BLACK on GRAY					
GREEN on GREEN					

ADULT

	36-38	S 40-42	M 44-46	L 48-50	XL
NAVY on BLUE					
ORANGE on ORANGE					
BROWN on TAN					
RED on RED					
BLACK on GRAY					
GREEN on GREEN					

CHILDREN

	6-8	S 10-12	M 14-16	L 18-20	XL
NAVY BLUE					
ROYAL BLUE					
COLUMBIA BLUE					
RED					
WHITE					
GRAY					
BLACK					
MAROON					
CARDINAL					
KELLY GREEN					
GOLD					
PURPLE					

ADULT

	36-38	S 40-42	M 44-46	L 48-50	XL
NAVY BLUE					
ROYAL BLUE					
COLUMBIA BLUE					
RED					
WHITE					
GRAY					
BLACK					
MAROON					
CARDINAL					
KELLY GREEN					
GOLD					
PURPLE					

LADIES

	S	M	L	XL
NAVY BLUE				
LT. BLUE				
YELLOW				
SAND				
RASPBERRY				
PURPLE				
BLACK				
WHITE				

	ITEM	PRICE	QTY ORDERED	EXTENDED PRICE
ADULT T-SHIRTS		\$ 5.50	X	
CHILDRENS T-SHIRTS		\$ 4.50	X	
LADIES SHIRTS		\$ 6.00	X	
COACHES SHIRT		\$ 14.00	X	
UNLINED JACKET		\$ 18.00	X	
LINED JACKET		\$ 21.00	X	
HATS		\$ 5.00	X	
G/S Tone TIE TACS		\$ 5.50	X	
S/Silver TIE TACKS		\$ 12.00	X	
JACKET LARGE LOGO (BACK)		\$ 2.00	X	
PERSONALIZATION		\$ 2.00	X	

SUBTOTAL

SHIPPING & HANDLING COST: ADD 10 %

TOTAL



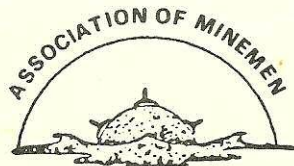
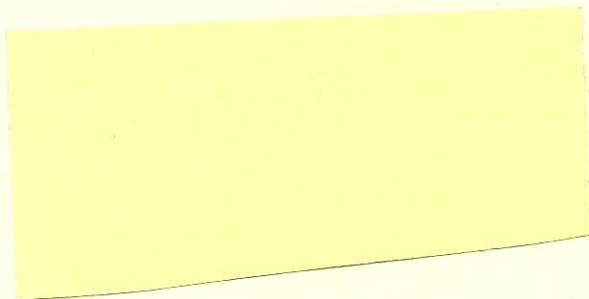
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