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NEWS OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL REUNION AND MEETING 15-17 AUGUST 1986 CHARLESTON SC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Called to order by our President Dick Schommer at 1400 hours on Friday 15 August 1986 in the Blue Room at the Fleet Reserve Home Charleston South Carolina. The President opened the meeting by calling for the committee reports which were as follows:

REUNION COMMITTEE: Bob Forbes reported that all arrangements had been completed for the early bird, business meeting, dinner dance and picnic at Short Stay. Norm Wicke and his people have made all the arrangements for the picnic at Short Stay.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Reported that our membership now stands at 817 regular members, 235 associate members and 8 honorary members for a total of 1060 members. In addition there are 184 more addresses on our mailing list, including non members and military addresses for a total of 1244 addresses on our mailing list. Following the report, the BOD's again discussed the matter of non payment of dues and agreed that all members that were in arrears of their dues and other non members on the mailing list would be granted a 45 day grace period. At the end of that period they would be notified by mail that they were being dropped from the membership rolls and mailing list unless they paid the required dues, \$5.00 annually, OR communicated with us in the event our records are in error. NOTE: This has not taken place to date but is being implemented as of this newsletter.

USS YORKTOWN MINE MUSEUM: Bob Forbes reported that we had received the Mine Mark 65 (QUICKSTRIKE) from Aerojet and was in storage awaiting transportation to the Yorktown. We will also write to the Navy requesting display mines of the type we do not yet have on display and will include a Mark 56, 57, 60, 62-64 and 67. The BOD also directed that a letter be written to Patriots Point requesting that they officially request from the Navy the opportunity to acquire a minesweeper (MSO) when one is scheduled to be stricken from the active list. Discussions were held with the USS Yorktown curator about the Association of Minemen obtaining additional space in the proximity of the present mine museum to display additional mines and related material. They indicated the space can be made available. We also have assisted the USS Hobson Memorial Society in contacting the appropriate personnel at Patriots Point to look into the Hobson group obtaining space to display some of their material.

HISTORIAN: Lyal Stryker reported we have received a copy of Vol. 1 Mineman 1 & C from MNCS Mike Whitener and a copy of Vol. 1 Mineman 3 & 2 from MNC "Jerry" Sevier. During the coming year it is planned to start cataloging all the documents we have and institute a program to properly protect and preserve the documents.

FINANCIAL: Lyal Stryker reported that we have \$4,982.00 in the credit union and \$600.00 has been expended for the picnic. The dinner and a couple of late bills still have to be paid following the reunion. A separate account will be opened for the mine museum donations received. The matter of scholarships and how to finance them was discussed and it was agreed that Lyal Stryker, Toby Horn and Bob Benintende would act as a committee to investigate how other organizations fund their programs and report back to the BOD with recommendations for an Association of Minemen Scholarship Program.

NOMINATIONS: Vacancies coming up at the meeting are for President, Vice President and two Board of Directors. The BOD recommended that Dick Schommer be nominated for another term of three years as President and Phil Dechene as Vice President, and for the two BOD's recommended George Baker, Bobby Reed, Warren Savage and John "Frenchy" Lemieux. These recommendations will be made at the general membership meeting and the floor will be opened for any other nominations. There was one person recommended for Honorary Mineman and the name will be presented to the general membership for approval. Members eligible this year for the Consolidated Order Of Clock Cockers are: MNCM's Jones, Kelly, Troutman, Sbei, Bellamy, Maddocks and CW04 Harder with a combined total service of 218 years .

REUNION TIME AND PLACE: The BOD recommends we continue with the five year plan approved at the 1985 meeting which means we will go to Reno Nevada in 1987, Yorktown in 1988, back to Charleston in 1989 and 1990, then back west in 1991. NOTE: The Reno Nevada reunion will be 14-16 August 1987 and more information later in this newsletter.

There being no further business to come before the BOD the President adjourned the meeting and all present proceeded to the early bird.

EARLY BIRD: At the American Legion Goose Creek Friday evening 15 August 1986 and there was a great turnout. Some old friends showed up this year that we haven't seen in a while and we hope to see them AND YOU in Reno. This event is now standard at our reunions and is very popular. We plan to arrange each year for an area we can have to ourselves where we can get together and visit with old friends and shipmates. This year Al Boreen, the "storyteller" was seen with a large audience listening to his tall tale about a TAD trip that he, Ed Sprecher and Harry Bright took many years ago. If you have not heard it, get Al to tell it to you in Reno in 87.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 16 AUGUST 1986

The meeting was called to order by our President Dick Schommer at 1300 hours at the Goose Creek American Legion Post. The Board of Directors minutes (above) were read and approved by the thirty (30) members present.

ELECTIONS: The BOD's nominations (above) were approved and a motion was made to elect by acclamation Dick Schommer as President and Phil Dechene as Vice President as there were no other nominations from the floor. Motion carried. There were no additional nominations for the BOD and as a result of the election Warren Savage and John "Frenchy" Lemieux were elected to the BOD for a period of three years.

HONORARY MINEMAN: Rear Admiral D.W. "Duke" Cockfield, USN, Commander Mine Warfare Command was recommended by the BOD for Honorary Mineman and approved by the membership. Radm Cockfield is a submarine officer and was the seventh commanding officer of the first nuclear submarine, the USS Nautilus (SSN 571) serving from January 1970 to June 1972.

NEW BUSINESS: "Mac" McCarthy noted that the retiree newsletter Shift Colors has a section for "renewing old ties" and can be used to try and locate shipmates. He also reminded everyone that is retired and/or on Medicare that some sort of supplement is an absolute necessity to-day as the government does not cover expenses 100%. (NOTE: We will run a list of some of the programs in the next newsletter). John Keen suggested we have an Association of Minemen ring and that possible member Bill Mehard could design it for us. John will look into it and report back to us. Bob Benintende suggested that we should recognize any graduates from mine warfare courses. (We will try and do this in future, time permitting). Charlie Daughtery expressed appreciation to the Association officers for all their efforts. He also suggested we look into a chartered bus or plane for the reunion in Reno. (We are and will have info in next newsletter). Bob Benintended agreed to head up a "Transportation Committee" with Charlie Daughtery, F.X. Martin to look into alternatives. Toby Horn will have someone where he works look into it also and Bob Forbes will check with the SATO here on the Charleston Naval Base. A SPECIAL THANKS TO NEW MEMBER HARVEY JACOBS for the Naval Mine Warfare School Class Album for classes graduating January 22, 1944. The Commanding Officer of the school was Captain A.W. Ashbrook, USN. Harvey also gave us a copy of the USS Henry A. Wiley (DM 29) scrapbook covering the period August 31, 1944 to August 31, 1945. Harvey was a Mineman during WWII and we thank him for his generosity in donating these items and we welcome him aboard as a new member.

There being no further business to come before the membership President Dick Schommer adjourned the meeting at approximately 1530.

DINNER MEETING 16 AUGUST 1986

The Twelfth Annual Association of Minemen Dinner Meeting was held at the Officers Club Charleston Air Force Base. The evening started with cocktails from 1800 to 1930 followed by dinner. Our Chaplain, member Phil Adams gave the invocation before dinner. The reunion photographer was on hand to take photographs for the reunion book. Following dinner our President Dick Schommer welcomed everyone and introduced the head table.

TAPS: Following the head table introductions our Vice President Phil Dechene read the names of our shipmates that had passed away since our last meeting. Following the reading of the names a minute of silence was observed to honor their memory.

WELCOME: Captain James A. Kenney, USN, Chief of Staff Naval Base Charleston officially welcomed our members to Charleston. Captain Kenney is an Associate member and previously was Commander Mine Warfare Inspection Group and Deputy Chief of Staff for Mines on the staff of Commander Mine Warfare Command.

Dick Schommer then introduced our guest speaker, Captain G.R. Campbell, III, Chief of Staff, Commander Mine Warfare Command. Captain Campbell told us that Radm Cockfield sent his regrets but had to be out of the country on official business which prevented him being with us. Captain Campbell told us of the new improvements that are being made in all areas of minewarfare that will improve the readiness of our Navy minewarfare forces. These include introduction of the Quickstrike and Mobile mines into the inventory.

MINEMAN OF THE YEAR: Following his presentation Captain Campbell announced the name of the Mineman of the Year (Active), Mineman First Class Donald G. Mack, USN and the Mineman of the Year (Reserve), Mineman First Class Ivan Lopez, USNR. Captain Campbell read the AOM Letter of Recognition and presented Captain Massey, Commander Mobile Mine Assembly Group the letter and a Commander Mine Warfare Command Plaque, which Captain Massey will deliver to MN1 Mack. Ensign Tim Patton, an AOM member and previous AOM MOY recipient presented the AOM bronze plaque. Dick Schommer accepted and will arrange for presentation of MN1 Lopez's award. NOTE: While Capt Massey and Ens Patton were walking up to the podium for the presentations, Tim Patton found it necessary to announce, loudly, that he was Ensign Patton! Wonder if he thought we didn't know who he was?

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Toby Horn, past member of the Board of Directors, conducted the installation ceremony to install Dick Schommer as President for three years; Phil Dechene as Vice President for three years and John "Frenchy" Lemieux and Warren Savage as Board of Directors for three years. (T.A. Morris stood in for Warren Savage).

COCC AWARDS: Presented by Dick Schommer to J.J. Sbei and Ken Harder who were present. The other COCC awards were forwarded to the other recipients that were unable to attend.

HONORARY MINEMAN: Dick Schommer announced the selection of Radm Cockfield as this year's recipient and that because the Admiral was not able to be with us the award would be presented to the Admiral later.

NEW COMOMAG: Captain Fred Massey, who relieved Capt Riley as Commander Mobile Mine Assembly Group, was introduced to the members and presented with an Association of Minemen T-shirt that he promised to wear when running. Capt Massey is no stranger to mine warfare, having previously served on the staff of Commander Mine Warfare Force and other mine warfare billets. He comes to Charleston from Norfolk where he was Commanding Officer of the helicopter minesweeping squadron. He is an Associate member of the AOM and holds membership card A005, a fact he is quick to point out when in the company of some old timers. Capt Massey's lovely wife Janet was with him and we neglected to introduce her at the time for which we apologize and herewith introduce her to the members!

DOOR PRIZE: Capt Jim Kenney's lovely wife Daniele volunteered to pick the ticket stubs, with the following results; George Oxendine - the AOM ash tray made by Bill Mehard; John Caulder - the famous Giles cartoon; Henry Williams - the book Brave Men - Brave Ship by Arnold Lott, an Honorary Mineman; and Ed Simmons - the book Fultons Mine Warfare.

This concluded the dinner meeting and the GREAT NAVY BAND CHARLESTON started playing for our dancing and listening pleasure. As always, they were just outstanding!!

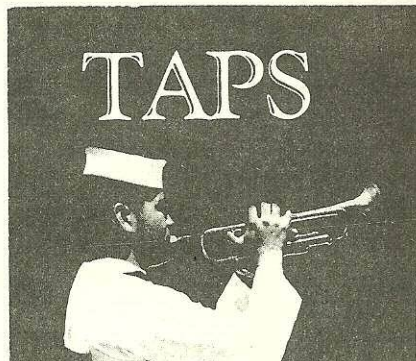
PICNIC AUGUST 17 1986

Another great picnic at the Navy recreational area at Short Stay. The weather was super and all hands really enjoyed themselves. Many families were there and the kids also had a good time. Festivities commenced at 1200 with lots of cold beer, soda, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. Later in the afternoon we held an auction to raise money for support of the mine museum on the USS Yorktown. Toby Horn was the auctioneer and a most successful auction it was, the total from the auction was \$818.00. Our thanks to Toby for doing a great job in keeping the interest high and the bidding lively. Our thanks also to the following for making/donating items to be auctioned; Bill Mehard, John Caulder, J.J. Sbei, Millie Reid, Gracie Hunt, Susan Westbury (Stryker), Frank Cole, Doreen Stryker, Toby and Janie Horn and Ernest Egelhoff. The Association of Minemen appreciates your generosity in providing excellent items for the auction, such as afghans, childrens dresses, hand carved goose, golf clubs, sailor doll, vegetable dolls, rod and reel, and other great items. We hope you will all think about bringing something to the reunion in Reno to be auctioned off for this worthy cause. Games were played and thanks to Toby and Janie Horn

for organizing and supervising the childrens games and the adult egg toss. Jim Cottrell and Bing Hajnal won the mens egg toss and Jim and Judy Cottrell won the men and womens. Makes you wonder what Jim Cottrell does on that farm of his?? Winners of the door prizes were; Susan Westbury (Stryker) AOM ashtray; Paul Chavez the famous Giles cartoon; Norm Wicke the book Brave Ship Brave Men by Arnold Lott; Harvey Jacobs the book Pioneer of Undersea Warfare (Fulton). Our THANKS to Norm Wicke and his picnic committee for another truly great get together and THANKS to the "cleanup crew" Norm and Sachiko Wicke, John and Carol Eppes, Dick and Sue Schommer, J.J. and Yumi Sbei and all the others that pitched in to clean up the picnic area. THANKS also to the "cooks", John Muessig, J.J. Sbei, Richard Crocker and his wife. We hope that we can arrange something to compare when we are in Reno.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION AND MEETING IN RENO NEVADA 14 - 16 AUGUST 1987 INFORMATION

The reunion and meeting this year will be at the Sands Regent Hotel Casino, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada 89501. We have received their Convention Facilities Planner and are in the process of finalizing details. At present they have quoted us a room price of \$42.00 a night plus 7% Washoe County room tax, single or double occupancy. We will try and negotiate the price down, as they charged the Naval Minewarfare Association \$36.00 last year, which was in the late fall. We are going to be there this summer and the rates may have to be a little higher, but we will try and negotiate the lowest price possible. At this time they have blocked a group of 50 rooms for us. Toll free reservation number is 800 648-3553. Toby Horn is having someone contact United Airlines for a convention rate for airline tickets. Bob Forbes is checking with the SATO at the Naval Base Charleston about group rates for airline tickets. We have received two quotes for a bus and will provide all details after they have been reviewed by the Board of Directors and finalized. Anyone from the BANGOR Washington area interested in bus transportation to the reunion in Reno can contact either Moose Wheelock, Chief Lee or Chief Chvilicek at commercial (206) 385-0100 or autovon 744-5291. We understand their are RV facilities in the area and will provide information in the next newsletter. AS YOU READ THIS WE ARE PREPARING THE NEXT NEWSLETTER THAT WILL CONTAIN THE REGISTRATION FORM AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE REUNION. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE REUNION.



ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN

Since our last newsletter the following members and friends have passed away:

Radm . D. "Muddy" Waters	Florida
MNC "Dusty" Malone	Unknown
MNI Marvin Rollins	Unknown
MNSN Michael Malley	Unknown June 4, 1986
MNCM Marvin L. Bryan	Charleston SC Sept. 1, 1986
MNC Herbert B. Fairbanks	Camp Lejeune NC Sept. 13, 1986
Patricia Lynn Joi Sapien	Norfolk VA Sept. 20, 1986
Michael Lafleur	Phoenix AZ November 1986
Edwin C. Clever	Yorktown VA Feb. 19, 1986

- * Radm Waters used to be the Commanding Officer of the NMD/NWS Yorktown and was also actively involved in many mine projects.
- * "Dusty" Malone was an EOD Mineman we believe. Other information not available.
- * Marvin Rollins we are sorry to say we have no information.
- * Michael Malley was a young Mineman killed while on active duty, we understand.
- * Marv Bryan was well known to many of us, having retired here in Charleston and was a co owner of the Winchester Lounge on Spruill Avenue, at one time a Mineman watering hole.
- * Herb Fairbanks was also known by many of us and an old timer, having been an instructor at the original Naval Schools Mine Warfare in Yorktown and later employed by the Naval Mine Engineering Facility Yorktown.
- * Patricia Sapien is the daughter of Joe and Billie Sapien stationed at NWS Yorktown.
- * Michael Lafluer is the son of Francis "Frenchy" and Helen Lafluer. We understand he died of complications associated with a respiratory illness
- * Edwin Clever was a WWII Mineman known to some of the old timers, according to John Siegle, who sent us the information about our shipmates death.

The following newspaper articles are as received from our members. If you know of any of our shipmates or family that die or are ill please let us know so we can share the information with all our members. We will send flowers/memorials as appropriate if we are notified. Call Lyal Stryker at (803) 553-1450 or 797-0841. Copies of death notices will be appreciated and run in the newsletters.

Miss Patricia L. Sapien

YORKTOWN — Miss Patricia Lynn Joi Sapien, 18, of Naval Weapons Station, died Saturday in Norfolk General Hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

She was born in Panama City, Fla.

She was a member of Naval Catholic Chapel.

She was a student at Burton High School, Williamsburg, and a member of the Art Club.

Survivors include her parents, Chief Warrant Officer Joe Sapien and Mrs. Billie H. Sapien of Yorktown; two sisters, Mrs. Pamela Jo Harger of Grafton and Miss Rebecca Ann Salvage of Los Angeles; and three brothers,

Gene Clark Salvage of Panama City, and Charles Salvage and Marshall Salvage, both of Newport News; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Aurora Garcia, and her stepgrandfather, Fortunato Garcia, both of Los Angeles; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hollingsworth of Charleston, S.C.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to the SPCA of York County.

Colonial Funeral Home in Smithfield is in charge.

MARVIN L. BRYAN

Retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Marvin Leroy Bryan of 1308 Venning Road, Mount Pleasant, died Monday in a local hospital.

The funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. today in Whitehurst Funeral Home in Crestview, Fla., according to Stuhr's.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Laurel Hill, Fla.

Chief Bryan was born Jan. 26, 1931, in Laurel Hill, a son of Marvin W. Bryan and Mamie Lee Strickland. He was a Mason.

Surviving are his parents of Laurel Hill; his wife, Susie King Bryan; two sisters, Mildred Fulton of Warner Robins, Ga., and Edna Gordon of Crestview; and three brothers, Bob Bryan of Seminole, Fla., Gene Bryan of Gainesville, Fla., and Bill Bryan of Laurel Hill.

Herbert Fairbanks

Herbert B. Fairbanks, 66, of 207 Gemini Court, Cape Carteret, N.C., a former area resident, died Sept. 13, at Camp Lejeune Hospital, N.C., of cancer.

Mr. Fairbanks was born in Minneapolis. He retired from the Navy in 1959 and from the Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, in 1975. He was active in the Williamsburg Lions Club, and Holly Oaks Golf Association, Yorktown.

He moved to Swansboro, N.C., where he was active in the Citizens Community Watch and a member on the board of adjustments and a member of the Star Hill Golf and Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Fairbanks; three sons, Ted Fairbanks of Williamsburg, Tim Fairbanks of Emerald Isle, N.C., and Jay Fairbanks of Farmville, N.C., one daughter, Lee Spell of Cape Carteret; a sister, Joyce Swartz of Georgetown, Ky., and five grandchildren.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Fleet Reserve, Branch 208, Dawson Cabin Road, Jacksonville, N.C.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMISSION DATE</u>
ENS Ledbetter, Michael R.	ECP Seattle WA	01 MAY 87
ENS Morris, Thomas A.	Washington, DC	01 AUG 87
ENS Sportelli, Michael P.	MOMAG Unit 5	01 MAY 87
ENS Iwaniec, John E.	MOMAG Det 1	01 SEP 87
ENS McAdams, Michael G.	MOMAG Det 6	01 AUG 87
ENS Simmons, Edward J.	COMINNEWARINSGRU	01 MAY 87
CWO2 Roberts, Marcus L.	COMOMAG	01 MAR 87
CWO2 Dubois, Ronald E.	MOMAG Det 2	01 AUG 87
ENS Mack, Donald G.	MOMAG Unit 8	01 OCT 88
CWO2 Ferraro, Raymond J.	MOMAG Det 7	01 JAN 88
CWO2 Reed, Robert J.	FLTMINNEWARTRNCEN	01 JAN 88

Edwin C. Clever

YORKTOWN — Edwin Charles Clever, 58, of 1102 Dandy Loop Road, died Thursday in Riverside Hospital, Newport News.

He was born in Wayne Township, Pa., and had lived on the Peninsula for the last 35 years.

He retired from the Department of Defense as an electronics engineer and was a member of the Fleet Reserves and a veteran of World War II and Vietnam.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Melbourne, Fla.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Riggins Clever; a son, the Rev. A. J. Edwin Clever of Woodbridge; five sisters, Mrs. Marie C. DeGraw of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Betty C. Griffith of Dayton, Pa., Mrs. Ann C. Lucas of Allentown, Pa., Mrs. Lois C. Ferkan of Brookfield, Ohio, and Mrs. Doris C. Brown of Hamilton, Ohio; two brothers, John D. Clever of Monroeville, Pa., and Raymond Clever of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday at Crook's United Methodist Church by the Rev. Jack Lynch, pastor. Burial will be Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Chuckatuck.

Amory Funeral Home, Gratton, is in charge.

Jersey Sea Cadets Restoring Turkey

WENONA, N.J. — The Kitty Hawk Division of the Naval Sea Cadet program is seeking the original sponsor and the first commanding officer of coastal minesweeper Turkey (MSCO-56, ex-AMS-56, ex-YMS-444), Lt. George H. H. Huey.

The cadets have acquired the ship as a restoration project. Lt. Cmdr. Frank W. Ruple Jr., CO of the cadets, said the intention was to give the cadets hands-on training and to use her as a memorial to minesweeper sailors.

Huey and former crewmen of Turkey can reach Ruple at (609)

845-2329, evenings, or 468-6156, working hours; or at USS Turkey, PO Box 4, Wenona, N.J., 08090.

NAVAL MINEWARFARE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

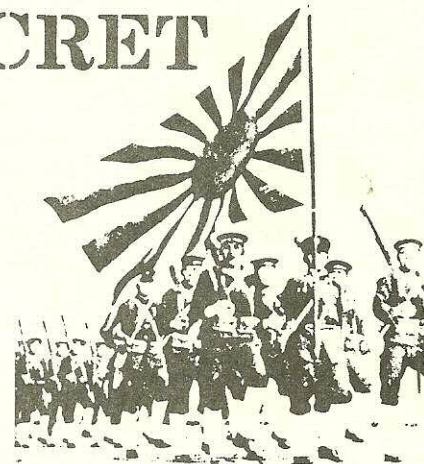
Will be held at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel in Charleston SC September 16-20. We will have more details in the next newsletter. Those of us here in Charleston should try and attend and make them welcome and of course all Mine Warfare people are welcome. For further information and a reunion packet, write to: Herb Stettler, 3604 Green Leaf Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95401 or phone (707) 545-8626.

MINE SQUADRON TEN ASSOCIATION THIRD ANNUAL REUNION

Will be 10-12 July 1987 at the Quality Inn Charleston. For information contact Kenneth R. Cook, 63 Fort Royal Drive, Charleston, SC phone (803) 556-8102.

We note that both Herb Stettler and Ken Cook are members of the Association of Minemen !!

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THE BOW HOOK

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Mac Intosh selected as first female MNC in Navy history

By Lenzie Crosby

Coral Lee Mac Intosh, assigned to Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, has achieved a number of "firsts" since joining the Navy; but what thrills her most is being the first female in the Navy selected for MNC (mineman chief).

"I didn't join the Navy to be the first female mineman chief," the ten-year veteran remarked, "but it is nice being the first and only one, at least for a while," she continued.

According to Mac Intosh, there are three other female first class minemen eligible for chief. "I am enjoying the recognition as long as possible," she said.

Minemen are responsible for testing, maintaining, repairing and overhauling mines and their components. They assemble, test, handle, issue and deliver mines to a

planting agent, and they maintain and repair minehandling and minelaying equipment.

The mineman rate, established Oct. 12, 1943, was disestablished Jan. 1, 1948, and reestablished June 9 that same year.

"One of the primary jobs of a mineman," Mac Intosh explained, "is to build and maintain underwater mines world-wide."

The Schenectady, New York, native also is the first female mineman to go on an overseas deployment.

"Before, there was doubt as to the ability of women performing duties in that capacity," she continued, "but the doubt is no longer there."

The new chief chose the mineman field to avoid a 1½-year wait to enlist in the Navy, and because she didn't want to be a



MAC INTOSH

secretary. "I was lucky," she said, "the mineman field was just opening up to women."

Being the only female chief petty officer in the Navy makes Mac Intosh the senior female mineman in the Navy.

"I was the third woman to enter the mineman field," Mac Intosh said smiling, "and now I am the only one of the three still on active duty," she added.

Mac Intosh is chief administrator for the Navy's only Mineman "A" school.

According to the mineman chief, there are only 600 minemen in the entire rate, and they are a close-knit group. She credits the comradeship to the central location of the mineman schools.

"There are four special minemen courses taught in Charleston," the administrator said, "and most minemen return to qualify for special Navy enlisted classification codes."

"These courses are MK67 - submarine launch mobile mine; Technician Course - advance weapon system; MK60 - weapon system technician; and the Mine Test Repair and Maintenance Training - which are only taught in Charleston," she added.

Since enlisting in the Navy, Mac Intosh has had various assignments including two tours at Mobile Mine Assembly Group,

Charleston; two tours at MOMAG Detachment Six, Souda Bay, Crete; MOMAG Detachment Four, Glen Douglas, Scotland; and Temporary Additional duty at MOMAG Detachment Five, Sigonella, Sicily.

She briefly left the mineman community to serve a tour of recruiting duty at Navy Recruiting District, Albany, New York.

During her career, Mac Intosh received a Navy Achievement Medal, a Meritorious Unit Commendation (three awards), Good Conduct Medal (two awards), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (three awards) and four Gold Wreath Awards for Excellence in Recruiting.

Mac Intosh is married to Paul F. Appleton of Los Gatos, Calif., and they reside with their sons Gary and Christopher in Ladson.

Congratulations to MOMAG Detachment ONE, Seal Beach, CA the "winner" of the Mine Site Excellence Award for Calendar Year 1986. A very deserving group of professional Minemen.

Naval Reserve Mine Site Excellence Award was won by NRMOMAG Unit 1006, Yorktown VA. Congratulations to the Minemen attached to that Unit.

Congratulations to the following listed personnel that were selected for advancement:

Minemen First Class

Darnold, F.	Harris, G.
Kellogg, G.	Madsen, K
Walker, L.	

Minemen Second Class

Adams, R.	Billingsley, B.
Ciccarello, S.	Higgs, D.
Kaple, R.	Kirker, D.
Lane, K.	Muniz, R.
Powell, R.	Vail, T.
Weller, J.	

Minemen Third Class

Agenbroad, M.	Boden, J.		
Bostick, M.	Caraturo, R.		
Casteel, J.	Chabot, R.	Powell, J.	Praytor, D.
Dixon, K.	Dowd, C.	Rivera, J.	Robinson, W.
Dunn, S.	Erwin, T.	Rodgers, K.	Schmidt, S.
Farris, B.	Holt, G.	Simpson, D.	Smith, A.
Green, B.	Green, T.	Smith, M.	Spicuzza, D.
Harris, B.	Holt, G.	Tooley, P.	Trombley, P.
Hutchings, R.	Jacobson, N.	Vandixon, B.	Vetter, C.
Jones, R.	Kiper, D.	Ward, M.	Webster, B.
Lenard, M.	Lewis, M.		
Lumley, D.	Mack, J.		

MN3 Allston, MN3 Bogart, MN3 Glenister

A few E-7 and Above PCS moves up this spring are:

MNC Kent - FMWTC	MNC Fross - FMWTC
MNC Steinhofel - COMOMAG	MNC Bynum - Unit 5
MNC Hicks - Unit 8	MNC Scott - Det 1
MNC Delgado - Unit 9	MNCS Bauer - Det 7
MNCS Barker - Special Programs	

COMINEWARCOM, RADM D. W. Cockfield officially retired on 31 January 1987. He will be missed not only in the Mine Force, but also in the submarine community. There is no official word on who his replacement will be at this time. Radm Wendell Norman Johnson who assumed command of the Charleston Naval Base in February 1987 has been assigned additional duties as Commander Mine Warfare Command until a replacement is named sometime in the summer of 1987.

Sea Service Reunions

USS Salute AM-294 - Jun, Indianapolis, IN.
J. Johnston, RR 1 Box 183, Ainsworth, IA 52201
(319-657-2263).

USS Butler DD-636/DMS-29 - Oct 16-18,
Bremerton. K. Leichtman, 205 High Ave, Brem-
erton, WA 98310 (206-373-7683).

USS Harding DD-625/DMS-28 - Sep
10-13, Orlando. G. Watson, Box 13A,
McDaniel, MD 21647 (301-745-9725).

USS MOTIVE (AM-102): 21-23 APR 87, Schu-
lenburg, TX. Contact Edward L. Clifford, Rt. 3,
Box 226 AA, Schulenburg, TX 78956, (409) 561-
8491.

USS Partridge AMS-31 - Oct 10-13. R. Scan-
lon, 515 Montclair SE, Albuquerque, NM
87108 (505-265-2645).

USS Shea DM-30 - Sep 3-5. W. Williams,
8200 S Country Club Dr, Oklahoma City, OK
73159 (405-685-7120).

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63, Big Horn AO-45, Captor AM-132, Irene
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USS Rodman DD-456/DMS-21 - Sep 5-7,
Annapolis. B. Winegrad, 27 Heritage Ct, Annap-
olis, MD 21401 (301-268-3744).

USS Partridge AMS-31 - Oct 10-13. R. Scan-
lon, 515 Montclair SE, Albuquerque, NM
87108 (505-265-2645).

Pelican) - write H.C. Hansen, 1327 Burleigh
Rd., Lutherville, MD 21093.

River Patrol Force (Task Force 116) PBRs/Seawolves -
Aug 15-16 Norfolk and Nov 11 Albany, OR. J. Williams, PO-
Box 5523, Virginia Beach, VA 23455; LT C. Clifton 804-490-
2315.

USS Jeffers DD-621/DMS-27 - Oct 3-5, Hersey Resort, White Haven, PA.
W. Hilton, 209 S Hall, Morrison, IL 61270 (815-772-2422).



THANKS TO RON SWART FOR A COPY OF HUS UNIT'S LOGO. IF OTHER UNITS/DETS SEND US ONE WE
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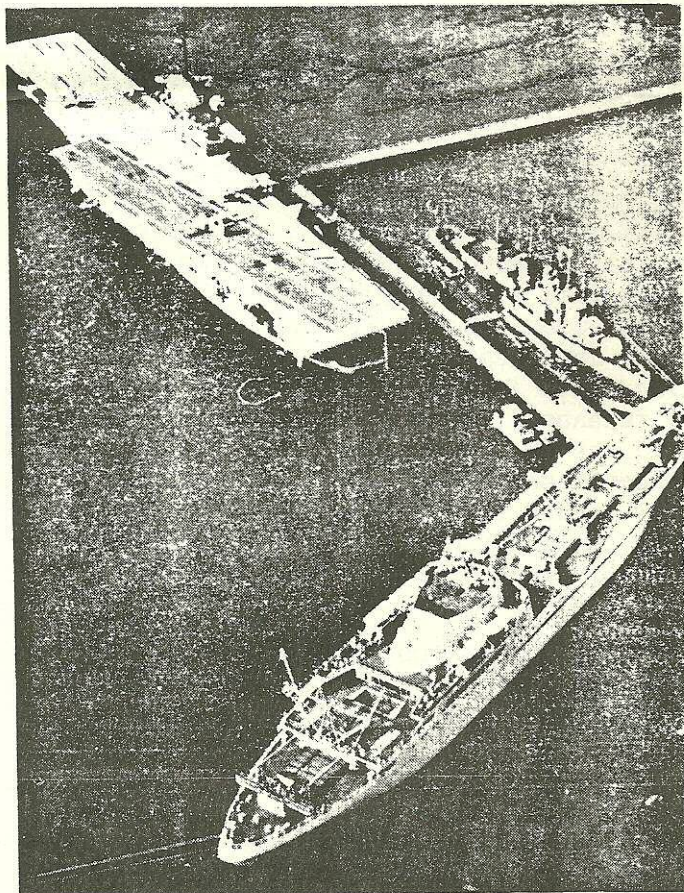
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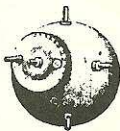
western Pacific during the Cold War and fought in Vietnam. In December 1968, the Yorktown recovered the crew of the Apollo 8, the first manned spacecraft to circle the Moon. The flight deck, hangar deck, and many working and living areas of the Yorktown such as the ship's hospital, bridge, and ready rooms are open to visitors. Nine carrier aircraft ranging from World War II IBM and B-25 bombers to Vietnam war period anti-sub planes are on display. Special exhibits include a large collection of mines the Charleston Naval Shipyard display of shipbuilding and repair, and rooms of artifacts from several historic flattops.

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← The Association of Minemen Museum that was made by and is maintained by the members living in the greater Charleston area.



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DOWN MEMORY LANE

For starters, how do you like the heading on this sheet? We found a scrap of paper in one of the books that Harvey Jacobs donated to the Association and on this scrap of paper was the old Mine Depot letterhead, which we have duplicated above. Isn't it great?? Thanks Harvey!!

Louis Bodisch, MNCS (RET) dropped a line to share with us his first encounter with mines. Cavite, 1939 the gunnery crews of Des Div 15 assembled some Mark 5 and 6 mines at Cavite NAD. They were planted off corregidor from a barge. A coal fueled tug towed the barge and think it was the USS Napa. Still have photos. After many ships and duty stations later had last encounter with mines, an air plant of drill mines of Izmer, Turkey in 1963 and retired in 1963. Served in several fields of the U.S. Government, CCC's 1934 to 1936; U.S. Navy 1936 to 1963; civil service 1964 to 1984. Retiring after almost a full 50 years service. Granddaughter says he should write a book, and maybe he will. Says he is sorry he has not been able to make any of the reunions, but lack of vision in his right eye keeps him from driving any great distance and a daughter with terminal cancer who cannot be left alone keeps him busy. Says he enjoys the newsletter and also wants to get in touch with Leo Spurgeon if he is "still afloat", he has some property of his. Also enjoys the memory lane section.

Norman Washabaugh, ex MN1/c wrote to thank us for the membership information we sent him. He attended Mine Warfare courses at Yorktown April and May of 1944. Says a few of the names he reads are familiar and the more he mulls them over the more familiar things sound and more memories come over the horizon into full view. In searching out his discharge papers he came across an address book with a note he borrowed a buck (that's a dollar for you young people) from A.J. Zaleski on Mar 30 42 to 45 maybe. He said Zaleski should not get excited about collecting, the note is marked "paid". Zaleski's name also appears on a draft Norm took aboard the USS Schneider DD 635. Said he would write more later.

LaVern Padgett wrote to tell us of the Hawthorne mini mineman reunion, as she calls it, that was held in Reno 4 October 1986. It was put on by Jim Tresley and Jim Regan and was called the "1986 Reunion of the Survivors of the Mine and Warfare Crew (Hawthorne, NV 1950's) according to the list LaVern sent us. She also sent some photographs that we will have at our reunion in Reno 14-16 August 1987. The following is a list of the people attending according to LaVern: Bill Cherry, Judson and Jeannie Pierce, Jim and Evelyn Regan*, Bill and Jo Roberts, Don and Lavon DeCrona*, Ray and Ann Cobis*, Dick Risley and wife, Don Pearson, George and Nancy Kelly*, Jim and Dee Tresley*, Fred and Barbara Brosnahan, Ralph and LaVern Padgett*, Blas (Joe) and Rose Hernandez, and Jerry Wells. An * indicates a "Hawthorne Girl".

We apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out. In an effort to get back on schedule we will bring a couple more people on board to help out with the newsletter. The next newsletter will contain specific reunion information including the registration form. Please refer to page 4 of this newsletter for preliminary information. The Reunion books from last year are available from Reunions With Class 3300 Monroe Road, P.O. Box 220025, Charlotte, NC 28222, telephone 1-800-558-8948. Cost is still \$10.00 and credit card orders accepted. If you did not respond to the proof photos they sent you and ordered a book then you should order one now if you want one before they destroy the remainder.

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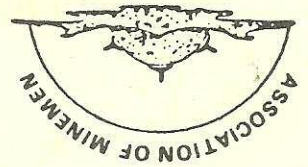


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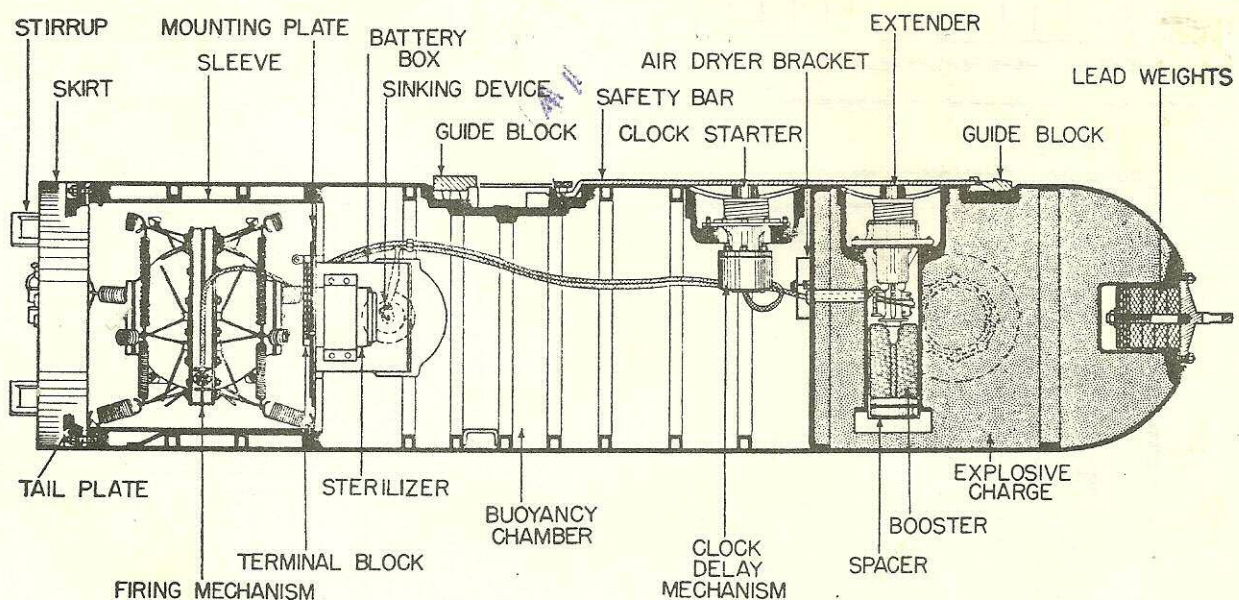
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