

The DASHPOT



The Official Newsletter of the Association of Minemen

From The President

MNCM John Epps, USN (Ret.)



My sincerest condolences to the families of recently departed shipmates and family members. If you are on the Binnacle List or suffering from medical issues, know that your shipmates are wishing you a full and speedy recovery. Each of you remains in our thoughts and prayers throughout your recovery.

The 2021 Reunion plans are complete. This should be a fun filled event and we hope many members and shipmates will attend. The registration form is available in the last Dashpot edition and also online via the AOM website and Facebook page. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion.

Check out the Ships Store and purchase your memorabilia items before they sell out. Donations to the scholarship fund is always needed and gratefully accepted. Thanks for everyone's support.

We need to replace the President, Vice President and two Board of Directors this year. So far, members Vic Martin and Noah Kalemkiewicz have volunteered for a position. Denson Rivers resigned and will be missed, so we also need to fill the Chaplin position. And as you will see later in this edition, Ron Swart is passing on the torch as Dashpot Editor. Thanks gentlemen for your support, loyalty and dedication to the AOM over the past years. Members, please consider volunteering your expertise for any of these positions. If you are interested in taking on any of these roles, please contact Charles Humbard.

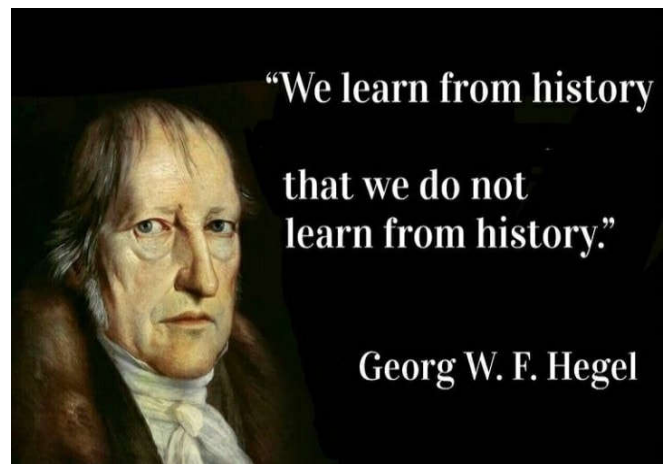
The Facebook page currently boasts 856 members. Welcome aboard Shipmates and spread the word so we can continue to grow. Your input and participation makes the page live on, just as your membership in the Association of Minemen helps our legacy live on! Thanks again to Don Moody for his management of the AOM Facebook page and Website.

God bless our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines and God bless the USA!

John

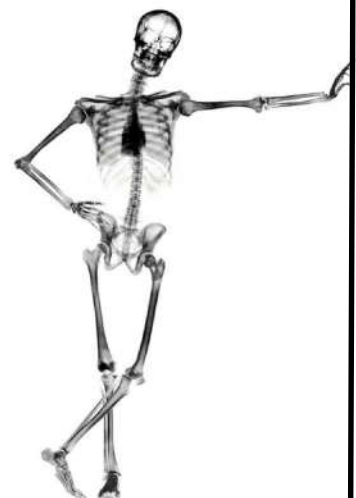


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To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.

Reba McEntire





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From the Editor...



Greetings and welcome to the Summer edition of The Dashpot. This will be the last issue before the October AOM Reunion in Charleston, SC and the latest gouge on registration, meals and planned activities can be found on pages 9, 10 and 11.

VP Eddie Atkins provides an abbreviated version of the Membership Minutes from 2019 for your review in light of the 2020 Reunion cancellation (page 7).

Congratulations to all the active duty MN who made rate this latest cycle!

The Fall 2021 issue of The Dashpot will be my last. If any of our members and other readers want to exercise their editorial talents, we are looking for volunteers. I will be available to assist if needed, for the Winter 2022 issue. I have a useful quantity of photos, artwork, unpublished articles, etc. that I can pass to my successor. If interested, please let me or one of our officers know (see this page for contact information).



All the best ... RON



Secretary Treasurer Report Summer 2021

The Charleston Reunion is in full swing! I hope to see as many old and meet new members as possible in October.

Remember, our auction on Sunday, October 17th! As in the past, this is a fun event where you might have an opportunity to bid on some one-of-a-kind items! And as always, every dollar raised goes to our Scholarship fund! So, bring you money, checkbook or use a credit card to pay through PayPal.

If you can think of anything that could improve how we do business, please feel free to email me your suggestions at:

assocminemen@yahoo.com.

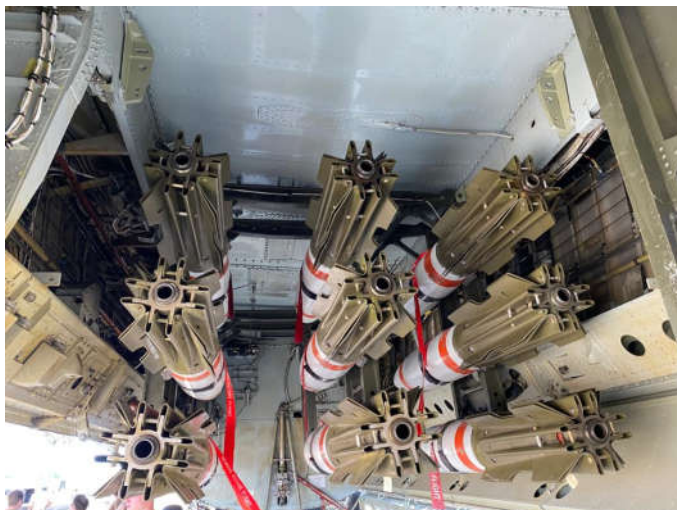
A sincere thank you for your support!

Nate Miranda

Nate



Scholarship Awards for 2021 will be announced at the Reunion



Membership Committee Report for Summer 2021

This quarter's membership stats are 2 new members and 1 reinstated member. Unfortunately, we have 15 members that will be dropped after this printing if they do not pay their dues to stay current! Remember, if you are dropped, you will need to pay the \$5.00 reinstating fee in addition to the annual dues of \$15.00. Don't miss out of staying current and receiving future newsletters like this one! If you find that there might be an error with the date printed on the mailing label, please let me know and we'll fix it. My contact information is on page 2 of this publication.

There are two ways you can send in your dues. 1) You can mail your check to:

Association of Minemen, P. O. Box 2180,
Temple City CA, 91780 or 2) Electronic

transaction by going to <https://form.jotform.com/90215855401148>.

As always, thank you for your commitment to our Association.

Membership Chairman, Nate Miranda

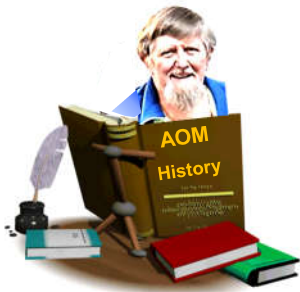
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Visit the A.O.M. Ship's Store



<https://minemen.org/wp/memories/aom-ships-store/>



AOM Historian Don Moody

FIRST GENERATION USN MINEMAN AT SEA

PART 2

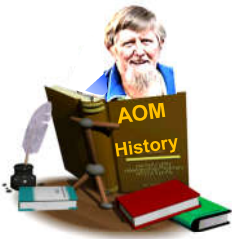
Continued from the Spring 2021 Dashpot, this autobiographical letter by LCDR Arthur W. Cook regales us with his duties from the Pacific Theater, to the Mediterranean and back to the Western Pacific. Having been warned to keep his men and crew members away from the women aboard, The first sentence on this page begins: "*Now (the ship) had been a cruise ship in the Med, and there were...*"

several ways of getting from one deck to another, including the grand staircase. The Doc and I got the men together, told them what their orders were. to stand a watch, one at a time on the main staircase and allow no one, man or female to go up or down it unless they had a real good reason. I think it took seven days to go from Pearl to Frisco, where all the girls including the Naval people debarked. I, with the Doc. and the six men reported in the Naval building at 7th and Market Street. I passed the orders through the grill expecting that we all would depart for the 30 day leave and recreation as promised. Instead the yeoman came back, after a short wait and instructed us to board the Navy bus which would take us to Morfitt Field where we would catch the midnight transport plane back to Pearl Harbor where we be reassigned to some duty station

I waited in a BOQ for about a week, and then was called down to the Personnel Office where I found that I was to proceed to the Norfolk Naval Base, and attend a two month special training school for Gunnery Officers assigned to new construction. My ship was to be the Destroyer William P. Ditter, then due to be completed a week or two after I had completed this new school. The ship was completed Sea trials completed, and I could not get released from this school. When I was released I had to go space available from Norfolk to San Diego, a stop on the Ditter's schedule. I arrived there some days after She had been there and departed for San Francisco. Again I had to wait for Space Available, and arrived in Frisco days after the Ditter had departed for Pearl Harbor. I had another few day to wait until I did get a flight to Pearl. The ship had been there and departed for the far Pacific. I was instructed to report in to AdCom MinePac for temporary duty to wait for the Ship to Pearl again. I was put to work inspecting all ships assigned to ComMinePac and to try to get the Skippers to send some of their crews to various schools.

I finally got word that the William P. Ditter was back in Pearl Harbor. I looked about for the Ship, and finally found what was left of Her moored to a dock. She had caught six of the Japanese planes that few into our ships. She had been on radar picket duty north of Okinawa. There was nothing at all left above the main deck, there were holes in the hull, She had less then a foot of free-board, and while both engines were okay, only one of the four boilers was operational, and due to the lack of freeboard and no stack for this one boiler a snow plow effect barrier had been constructed just forward of the hole in the deck where the funnel had been. A bit more repair work was done at the Pearl Harbor Ship-Yard and the Ship was sent through the Panama Canal to the East Coast to be rebuilt. WW 2 came to an end and when the Ditter was check at sea it was found that She had about a 5 degree bend in the keel, and She was scraped.

In the mean time I had been transferred to Commander Service Force Pacific. I was to Design Ant-Submarine protection for both Pearl Harbor and the Harbor at Guam. I think I did pretty well at this and then was sent to the Philippines to the Island of Samar which is about two-thirds of the way South on the Eastern side of the Philippine Islands. When we were planning to invade Japan, it was felt that all of their seaports should be blocked from their use by mining all the approaches. Thousands of mines, of several types had been stockpiled in two long rows from the edge of the sea to the cliffs inland. These mines were all loaded with Torpex which is somewhat unstable, but also when heated



FIRST GENERATION USN MINEMAN

AT SEA

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produces a gas. If the gas builds up enough pressure inside the mine it will explode and these mine had been sitting in the sun, close to the Equator for an extend length of time. My Minemen and I were supposed to determine how dangerous these mines really were, for they were stacked in long rows, about 30 mines on the bottom to a peak of one mine and all of the hand hole plates used for the insertion of equipment had been sealed shut. There was a shelter for personnel in the middle of these mines with one or two officers and a cook assigned to the facility. There were two towns nearby, say within a half miles or so, full of Natives. There was a Naval Base about 10 to 12 miles away on another section of the coast, and a rutted dirt road , somewhat grown over, leading from this mine base to the Admirals location on the bay. We arrived in the Philippine Islands by plane on the same day that they were granted their independence. The small town to the north of the mine base were strongly for their independence, whereas the people just south of this base were deadly against it, and also belonged to the Huck Group (extremely hostile towards the U.S. and about everyone else.) About a day after my men (about ten men) and I had arrived at this location the two native groups started shooting at each other, using these mines to shoot from. They always stopped about sunset and started about sunrise. We dug trenches in the ground and lived there in the day time.

I had to drive a jeep to see and report to the Admiral every Thursday This meant that I had to drive through the friendly village each day in both directions. In the early morning they would do their best top stop me to have breakfast with them. On the way back I would have a couple bottles of booze and stop for the evening meal with them. Boys and Girl basically wore nothing at all until they were seventeen to eighteen (I am guessing the age). The mature men basically wore nothing except a piece of what looked like banana skin around their penis, and the woman only wore a sort of skirt, about 12 to 18 inches long made from Banana leaves, which really hid nothing. During and after the evening meal they would have a sort of song fest, with drums and a sort of flut which was really quite nice.

When the shooting stopped, and I have no idea why these mines did not explode and wipe all of us out. We finished our inspection and I wrote up a report which really recommended that equipment be brought in to reload these mines onto a barge, take them to the Japanese Trench, which is fathoms deep, and dump them overboard. This is what was eventually done with these mines. I have no report of anyone getting injured by the removal and disposition of these mines.

After WW 2 I was assigned as the only officer to the Harbor Defense unit for Pearl Harbor located on Waipio point in Pearl Harbor. I remained on this location for maybe a couple of years.

My next duty station was as Gunnery/Mines Officer on the USS Shannon DM 25. I do not remember of having any mines on board this ship during my tour of duty. We on this ship toured up and down the East Coast of the U.S. Made a Mid ship mens cruise to various European locations such as Denmark, Portugal, Guantanamo Bay and a few other places. We also had a six month stint in the Mediterranean at the end of which I ment the Girl I married in the home port of Charleston..



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2019 Membership Minutes for Approval in 2021

Edited for The Dashpot – 7/11/21

This includes the minutes of the Membership Meeting activities from the end of the 2019 BOD meeting to the end of the 2019 Membership Meeting. There was no 2020 Membership Meeting so the current 2021 action will be to approve the minutes of the 2019 membership meeting.

These minutes provided that you may review them to assess any actions you wish to question.

2019 AOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

2019 AOM GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER - By President John Epps

MINUTES OF 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Minutes were approved by the membership at the 2019 Membership meeting.

All activities of the BOD from adjournment of the 2019 BOD meeting as indicated in the BOD report above were covered with the membership in 2019.

The 2019 Membership Meeting Minutes below are expected to be approved by the membership at the 2021 Membership Meeting

OFFICER APPOINTMENTS:

Interim appointments by John Epps:

Denson Rivers was appointed Chaplin

Nate Miranda appointed Membership chair

Don Moody appointed Communications chair & webmaster.

The action was moved, seconded and approved by the membership.

2019 BOD STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

These reports are reported in as part of the general business meeting while the full report for this segment is documented in the BOD minutes.

All standing & special committee and financial reports were presented to the membership.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Ron Glasen Reported on the 2019 Scholarship Awards. Four scholarships were awarded at a cost of \$750.00 each for a total of \$3,000.00. Ron extends a plea for funding to award additional scholarships.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

The BOD has reviewed funding available and provides \$1500.00 for the 2020 scholarship awards A committee of the President, Treasurer and the scholarship chair will review scholarship funding processes for providing a more enlightened collection storing and distribution process to report to the BOD for action.

2019 HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Gather a record of past presidents, never done before. Ron Swart put in Dashpot.

2019 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Since November we have had 28 new or reinstated members

2019 NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Both Tom Hoffman and Phil DeChene stated their desire to extend their service to the AOM by extending for an

additional term.

The action was moved, seconded and approved by the membership.

Action - Tom Hoffman and Phil DeChene were named directors for the 2020 to 2022 term.

2019 BOD FINANCIAL REPORTS:

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

Full Treasurers report can be read in the BOD meeting section

2019 STOREKEEPER REPORT

Full Storekeepers report will be available in the Winter 2020 Dashpot

2019 MEMBERSHIP OLD BUSINESS

AOM FLAG REPLACEMENT

Entertain motion that the flag, streamers, pole, shipping container and insurance value calculation is completed and assembly was shipped to San Antonio by Charles Humbard about Sept 16th and carried to membership to approve and vacate the action.

Motion action – seconded and approved

2019 MEMBERSHIP NEW BUSINESS

MNOY

The 2019 winners of the MNOY award are:

Sea: MN1(SW) – Robert K. Shimonek

Shore: MN1 (SW) - Edson F. Villarreal

Reserve: MN1 – Matthew C. McPaul

Plaques are being prepared by Tracey Hays.

COCC

Potential Clock Clockers nominated were:

CWO4 Gary Riggins

MNCM Bruce Chapman

MOTION TO APPROVE AOM DOCUMENTATION REVISIONS.

AOM documentation revisions were published in the 2019 Spring Dashpot #99 as required in the Association By-Laws.

Motion Action – seconded and approved

FLAG CEREMONY

The flag and streamers have been replaced, allowing continuation of the flag ceremony.

Ray Cobis presented a streamer for AUW NAS Cubi Point RP. It was decided to have it placed at the dinner meeting.

TONIGHT'S DINNER SPEAKER

The speaker for this year's reunion is: COMOMAG CDR Nichol Schine, USN

GENERAL DISCUSSION

There were topics carried over to general discussion:

Bill Roberts questioned if it would not be a money saving device to have the Dashpots e-mailed to all recipients:

Discussion indicated that all AOM members are not on the internet.

John Loonam suggests that the contact information for the flag and streamer company to be placed in the Dashpot: John Epps advises he will forward it to Ron Swart for inclusion in the Dashpot.

Denson Rivers agrees to host 2021 reunion on derived west coast location – he was provided with a marked up copy of the 'Reunion Planning Guideline' and should receive a smooth copy.

Adjourn



Association of Minemen



AROUND THE MINE WARFARE FLEET

Mine Warfare Training Center, San Diego, CA

Mine Warfare Training Center Welcomes New Commanding Officer

On May 27, 2021, Mine Warfare Training Center (MWTC) conducted a Change of Command ceremony, bidding farewell to CDR Dawn Ricketts and welcoming aboard CDR Marcus Moreland as the newest member of the MWTC team. Hailing from an aviation background, CDR Moreland provides a unique perspective in a mine warfare environment that is constantly evolving to optimize use of new technology. CDR Ricketts will be missed at MWTC after two successful years at the helm. However, she will continue to lend her knowledge and experience to the mine warfare community as Director of MIW Requirements, Experimentation, and Doctrine at Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (SMWDC San Diego).

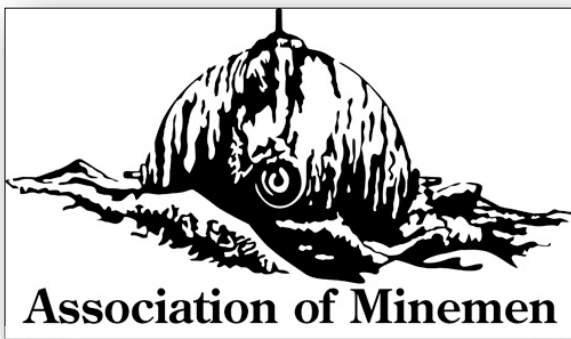
Overseeing the transition was Captain Dave Stoner, Commanding Officer, Center for Surface Combat Systems. Fortunately, COVID-19 restrictions had relaxed enough to allow MWTC to welcome guests during the ceremony, including both CDR Ricketts and CDR Moreland's families. For those who were unable to attend, the ceremony was live streamed on the Mine Warfare Training Center Facebook page, and remains posted for anyone who wishes to view it.



FAIR WINDS AND SMOOTH SAILING IN YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT CDR RICKETTS



WELCOME ABOARD CDR MORELAND



REUNION 2021 - IT'S ON!



After the unfortunate, but necessary cancellation of the 46th AOM Reunion in 2020, we are happy to announce that the location and dates have been nailed down for the 47th AOM Reunion.

WHEN: 14-17 OCT 21

WHERE: HILTON GARDEN INN, CHARLESTON, 5265 International Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418

- Reservation Phone Number (24/7) – 843-308-9330
- Group Name – Minemen Reunion (14 – 17 Oct)
- Room Rate, taxes & fees and breakfast included for 2 – \$143.85
- (Reunion pricing available 3 days pre and 3 days post reunion date)
- Free Airport Shuttle and hotel parking
- Reservations must be made by 24 Sep 21



51 Years

**Celebrating the Closing of
Azuma Island Japan
Mine Shop
Reunion 2021
Charleston, SC**



The 51st anniversary of the closing of the Naval Ordnance Facility on Azuma Island in Yokosuka Japan will be held in conjunction with the 2021 AOM East Coast Reunion to be held in Charleston, SC. All former Minemen and Shipmates in other ratings who served there, are invited... AOM members or not!

We have many of the names but need contact information and more photos from your time in Japan. Our AOM website will dedicate a page to all those who served on Azuma Islands, in whatever capacity. The very idea brings back some wonderful memories of "Baka Shima" among those who served there. We want to know all those who served with NOF in the middle of Tokyo Bay. If you ever served on Azuma Island or know of someone who did, please send it to

Don Moody at donmoody8@gmail.com and/or **Bill Holloway** at: william.holloway1010@gmail.com

The AOM Reunion Coordinator for 2020 is **Charles Humbard** at charleshumbard@gmail.com



**ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN
47th ANNUAL REUNION &
MEETING - OCT. 14-17, 2021
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
REGISTRATION FORM**

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EMAIL ADDRESS

PLATED DINNER - Sat. Oct. 16th (Includes tax and gratuity)

12 oz. RIBEYE STEAK - \$52.00

Served with a Shallot Reduction, Fingerling Potatoes and Green Beans

12 oz. BONE IN AIRLINE CHICKEN - \$40.00

Served with Pan Fried Garlic Potatoes, Balsamic Glazed Brussel Sprouts,
Topped with a Portabella Mushroom Cream Sauce

Each Entree is served with:

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter, Choice of Salad, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Ice Tea and Dessert

Salad

House Salad with Balsamic and Ranch Dressings

Desserts

Chocolate Tier Cake

Enhancements: Add on She Crab Soup for an additional charge of \$4.00

Auction Picnic Box Luncheon on Site - Sunday, Oct. 17th

MENU CHOICES - \$25.00

Club Sandwich-Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef and Bacon, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and
Onion. Served on a Ciabatta Roll

Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap-Grilled Chicken, Chopped Romaine, Creamy Caesar Dressing
and Parmesan Cheese, Wrapped in a Flour Tortilla

All Lunches are served with Potato Chips, an Apple, a Fresh Cookie and a choice of a
Coca-Cola product.



SpiritLine Cruises & Fort Sumter Tours

"Live & Local" Dinner Cruise

Join other AOM members on this Special Dinner & Cruise Outing

The cruise is on Friday, Oct. 15th from 7 pm to 9:30 pm

To learn more about this activity, go to

<https://spiritlinecruises.com/dinner-cruises/>

In order to qualify for the Special Group Rate, we need at least

15 tickets sold. The cutoff date for this is August 1, 2021.

So reserve your place now!

if we do not get the required tickets sold by then, you will get a refund!

Tickets - \$73.00 (Includes tax and gratuity)

	COST EA.	QTY.	AMOUNT
Rib Eye Dinner	\$52.00		
Chicken Dinner	\$40.00		
She Crab Soup	\$4.00		
Picnic Lunch	\$25.00		
Dinner Cruise	\$73.00		
Membership			
Fee	\$5.00		
Annual Dues	\$15.00		
Reunion Fee	\$10.00	1	\$10.00
Scholarship Donation			
Beers Each Case			
Budweiser	\$39.00		
Bud Light	\$39.00		
Michelob Ultra	\$42.00		
Coors Light	\$39.00		
Miller Lite	\$39.00		
Heineken	\$43.00		
Yuengling Lager	\$39.00		
Wine Each Bottle			
Trinity Oaks Cabernet	\$14.00		
Trinity Oaks Merlot	\$14.00		
Trinity Oaks Chardonnay	\$14.00		
Trinity Oaks Pinot Grigio	\$14.00		
Sutter Home Zinfandel	\$14.00		
Seaglass Pinot Nior	\$18.00		
TOTAL DUE TO AOM			

MEMBERSHIP SECTION

There is a \$5.00 fee for new or 3 years dues member.

The annual dues are \$15.00. You can pay up to
5 years in advance.



Reunion Fee of \$10.00 will be applied to the total.
(Member Approved for Incidental Reunion Cost)

Attach this form with your check payable to:

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AROUND THE MINE WARFARE FLEET

REPORT FROM **NMC COMOMAG**

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San Diego, CA

Greetings from Commanding Officer, Mobile Mine Assembly Group (COMOMAG). At last, Summer is here in beautiful sunny San Diego and the COVID restrictions are being lifted. We have been able to get back out and about and into the swing of things. As a general reminder, keep safety in mind while participating in warm weather activities after a very stressful year.

COMOMAG would like to thank Naval Munitions Command Atlantic (NMCLANT) for their Command Readiness Assist Visit (CRAV) 22 June to 24 June 2021. The purpose of the CRAV is to assess personnel readiness programs that are not generally reviewed by other assessments/inspections required by a different or higher authority and as well as provide training to those focus areas that require additional attention. NMCLANT's review of our various command programs was extremely successful, and we would like to give a special thanks to CMDCM Steven Rioux, CWO3 Maurice Earley, NC1 Joanne Londner and Mr. Julius Gillyard for their combined professional expertise during the visit.



The N31 Service Mines Division, alongside Sailors from NMCPAC UNIT GUAM and subject matter experts from NSWC IHD OA Branch attended a three week Submarine Launched Mobile Mine (SLMM) Training Event held at NMCPAC CWD UNIT SEAL BEACH. During this event, Sailors were familiarized with the SLMM MK 67 Mine, MK 53 Battery, and MK 91 Exercise Head. Sailors converted Service MK 4 Main Mine Assemblies (MMA) into Exercise & Training (ET) Laying MMAs and had hands on, in-depth training on conducting both Service and ET Laying Mine MMA System and Deck Tests. Additionally, Mine Readiness Assist Visits (MRV) were conducted at NMCPAC UNIT OKINAWA and NMCLANT UNIT CHARLESTON.





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QA verification of MK 59 Booster (Charleston)



N31 inspection of MK 62 Quickstrike Mine

The N32 division was hard at work supporting BALTIC OPERATIONS (BALTOPS) in Kiel, Germany throughout the month of June. An annual military exercise held and sponsored by Commander, United States Naval Forces Europe, since 1971, BALTOPS is the premier maritime-led exercise in the Baltic Sea region and one of the largest exercises in northern Europe and this was the 50th Anniversary of the mission! BALTOPS 50 has the core aim of delivering high-end training across the entire spectrum of naval warfare, including Anti-Aircraft, Surface, and Submarine Warfare, Air-Maritime integration, live gunnery and Mine Countermeasures operations, as well as Amphibious and Maritime Interdiction Operations and exercising against the Asymmetric Threat. Mr. Rodney Biggs and MNC Patrick McReynolds, Mine Assembly Team members, to include a Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Reserve Sailor, were in attendance to support with subject matter expertise for logistics with Exercise and Training Mine/Targets Leads for mine counter measure syndicate for all related planning and execution phases.

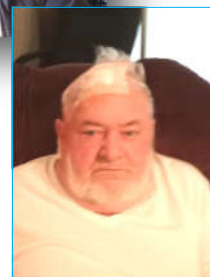
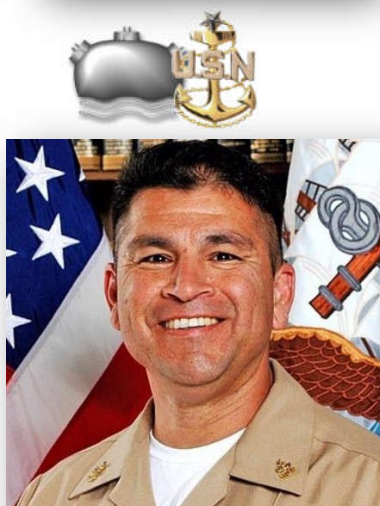


MAT Members installing pingers





The Binnacle List



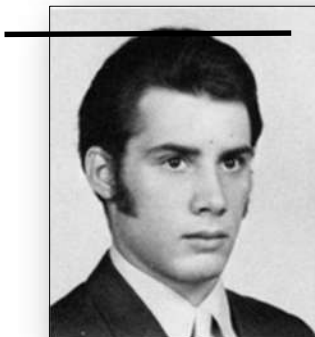
Bill Johnson's wife Patti reports that Bill is home from the hospital after surgery and is doing well

MN3 Michael Thomas Crandall, 47, of Hamer, ID died July 11, 2021, at his home, due to a long history of heart complications. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a **Mineman**, serving in USS Dextrous MCM 13 from 2003 - 2004 and USS Champion MCM 4 in 2004 - 2005. Memorial services were held on July 19, 2021, at the Hamer LDS Church with military honors, performed by the VFW and the US Navy Honor Guard. Mike's ashes will be dispersed at 3 p.m., September 12, 2021, at Mike and Chasity's home. Bring 12 gauge shotguns 2 3/4 barrel. A potluck dinner will follow. An account in Honor of Michael T. Crandall has been set up at the Bank of Commerce. Cremation is under the care of Coltrin Mortuary of Idaho Falls. Condolences may be sent online at www.coltrinmortuary.com.

Rest in Peace

Priscilla Campbell Hinman
N. CHARLESTON - Priscilla (Peg) Campbell Hinman was born 11 August 1936 in Cedar Falls, IA. She passed April 27, 2021, from complications from a stroke. She was the wife of **MNCM Almon Hinman** who predeceased her. They married October 5, 1955 in San Francisco, Hunters Point Naval Chapel.

Tony Rodriguez, MNCS (SW),
DOD: May 2014, no obit



Thomas Henry Beccia, of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, passed away on Thursday, April 2nd, 2020, at the age of 68. Beloved husband for 38 loving, wonderful years to the love of his life, Kathy (nee Schaffer); loving son-in-law, brother-in-law, nephew, uncle, and adored dad of Lucy. Tom was born on November 26th, 1951, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was a Navy **Mineman** veteran. He enjoyed life to the fullest whether he was hunting, fishing, boating, shooting, riding or just enjoying time with family and friends. Service will take place at Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida at a later date.

Al Hansen, (Hotel Det-MOMAG Chasn) is still trying to recover from motorcycle accident, suffering a brain injury. Later, the brain injury caused a stroke. On a good note pancreatic + kidney cancer are in full remittance.

Dave Watkins reports that Kevin and Liz Taylor are in the hospital after being hit by a car as they walked across a road. They suffered broken arms and legs...YIKES !!

Joe Baker reports that his wife Sandra is still fighting her heart failure, still very weak and tires very easily.



MINEMAN ADVANCEMENTS 2021



MN1	ACOSTA EDWIN SA	CUSERVDESK DAM NECK VA
MN1	ANDERSON ANTHON	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN1	CALDERON DESMON	LCS CREW 213 SAN DIEGO CA
MN1	CRUZ JUAN LUIS	PCRON ONE DET LITTLE CREEK VA
MN1	FERNANDEZFIGUER	COMLCSSRON TWO MAYPORT FL
MN1	FILE CHRISTOPHE	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN1	HARPER GREGORY	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN1	HITCHCOCK MASON	COMNAVMARIANAS GU
MN1	LAFAVE NICHOLAS	MOBDIVSALU TWO
MN1	LUONG BRANDON T	NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH CA
MN1	MARTINEZGOMEZ E	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN1	MORALESVILLARRE	COMLCSSRON SAN DIEGO CA
MN1	NEWSTEAD BRADLE	COMFLEACT OKINAWA JA
MN1	OWINGS JOSHUA B	COMFLEACT OKINAWA JA
MN1	PERKINS BENJAMI	NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH CA
MN1	PHILLIPS MICHAEL	NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH CA
MN1	RANGEL JONATHAN	USS WARRIOR
MN1	REYES ALEXANDER	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN1	RICHARDSON BRON	LCS CREW 208 SAN DIEGO CA
MN1	ROCKWELL CAMERO	HELMINERON FOURTEEN
MN1	RUDE DALTON LAR	USS DEXTROUS
MN1	SANDERS RYAN HU	COMFLEACT OKINAWA JA
MN1	SCOTT DYLAN JAM	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN1	SPANGLER JUSTIN	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN1	VILLALOBOSSEPUL	NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH CA
MN2	BARNUM ROBERT T	COMFLEACT OKINAWA JA
MN2	BOWMAN RODNEY K	USS GLADIATOR
MN2	BROGDON JOSEPH	LCS DET FOUR CA
MN2	CARR LAUREN ANN	LCS CREW 121 MAYPORT FL
MN2	CLARK MATTHEW A	USS GLADIATOR
MN2	COLUNGA SETH AM	USS SENTRY
MN2	CORREA LUIS MAR	USS CHIEF
MN2	DASCH ROBERT FR	LCS CREW 219 SAN DIEGO CA
MN2	DOLLINGER JONAT	USS GLADIATOR
MN2	EVANS JAY COLEM	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN2	EVANS MATTHEW I	LCS CREW 112 PCD FL
MN2	FEDAK ZACHARY A	USS PATRIOT
MN2	FOSTER ERIN ELO	USS SENTRY

MINEMAN ADVANCEMENTS 2021



MN2	GREGORY IMMANI	COMCMRON THREE
MN2	HARING AUSTIN J	NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH CA
MN2	HOFFMAN MARC DO	USS WARRIOR
MN2	IRVING HANNAH E	USS GLADIATOR
MN2	KAYHOE COLTON M	USS DEXTROUS
MN2	KIRKLAND STEPHE	LCS CREW 213 SAN DIEGO CA
MN2	KOTULA TYLER SH	USS WARRIOR
MN2	MARTINEZ ZACKAR	EODMU ELEVEN
MN2	MCCLINTOCK KHAL	USS DEXTROUS
MN2	MILBERGER NATHA	USS GLADIATOR
MN2	ORTIZ JEAN C	HELMINERON FOURTEEN
MN2	OSTRANDER COLTO	USS PATRIOT
MN2	REED CALVIN AND	LCS CREW 215 SAN DIEGO CA
MN2	RICHARDSON PATR	USS DEXTROUS
MN2	RIMMER HOLDEN L	EODMU ELEVEN
MN2	RIVERA ARTURO F	USS PIONEER
MN2	SCHERER SCOTT D	LCS CREW 112 PCD FL
MN2	SUDDERTH THOMAS	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN2	THOMAS TRENTON	USS SENTRY
MN2	VANNESS BRANDON	USS WARRIOR
MN2	WALLS DEVIN JAC	LCS CREW 205 PCD SAN DIEGO
MN2	WIPF DARRIEN BL	NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH CA
MN3	BEHRENS KOBE IS	PCRON ONE DET LITTLE CREEK VA
MN3	BENCH ADAM LEIG	USS WARRIOR
MN3	BERRY JORDAN DE	USS CHIEF
MN3	BLEWS AARON JEF	LCS CREW 112 PCD FL
MN3	BOSTAIN SARA EM	MOBDIVSALU TWO
MN3	BOULDENJAMES TY	EODMU SIX
MN3	BRIDLE KENNETH	PERSUPP DET PT LOMA CA
MN3	BROWN JOENIAH J	COMCSRON TWO TRAINING FL
MN3	BRUMIRSKI GARRE	EODMU ELEVEN
MN3	CARDENAS DAVID	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	CASTRO ALBERTH	FLEASWTRACEN SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	CAYSE ROBERT LE	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	CERVANTES ROBER	USS WARRIOR
MN3	CHAVEZ ARMANDO	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	CHAVEZ ROBERTO	USS DEVASTATOR
MN3	CHAVEZLLANOS AL	USS SENTRY



MN3	CHRISTENSEN NOL	USS GLADIATOR
MN3	COLEMAN DAVID H	USS DEVASTATOR
MN3	DIGSBY REIGN EZ	MINECOUNTERMESDIVTHREE-ONE
MN3	DODRILL HUNTER	PERSUPP DET PT LOMA SAN DIEGO
MN3	DUERS SHANE D	USS PIONEER
MN3	ECKLOFF MITCHEL	USS DEXTROUS
MN3	ESCAMILLA ANGEL	USS CHIEF
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MN3	FOUST NOAH LYLE	COMCSRON TWO TRAINING FL
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MN3	GOMEZ JUAN CARL	USS CHIEF
MN3	GONZALEZ JONATH	USS DEVASTATOR
MN3	GROZDANIC SENAD	COMNAVMARIANAS GU
MN3	GUIDRY DAKOTA R	EODMU TWO
MN3	HANNAN CASSIDY	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
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MN3	HARRIS DYLAN JA	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	HARRIS LIONEL D	USS PIONEER
MN3	HERRERA JAVIER	USS DEXTROUS
MN3	HORNE DEXTER PA	USS DEXTROUS
MN3	JACKSON ANTHONY	USS CHAMPION
MN3	JEANBAPTISTE ED	COMCSRON TWO TRAINING FL
MN3	JODON DAMIAN CH	USS DEXTROUS
MN3	JOHNSON EVAN LE	USS WARRIOR
MN3	JONES ZACHERY D	USS CHIEF
MN3	LEDBETTER ALLEN	NAS OCEANA AIR DET NORFOLK VA
MN3	LIND JOSEPH DUA	USS DEVASTATOR
MN3	MCINTOSH GUNNER	LCS4BLPCMOB
MN3	MCNERNY RYAN PA	USS SCOUT
MN3	MEADOR AUSTIN D	USS DEVASTATOR
MN3	MESSICK TIMOTHY	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	MINOTT ADRIAN C	PCRON ONE DET LITTLE CREEK VA
MN3	MISENHELTER NAT	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	MONSIVAIS VICTO	COMLCSSRON TWO MAYPORT FL
MN3	MORGAN COREY FR	COMCSRON TWO TRAINING FL
MN3	MORRIS GUNTER L	USS DEXTROUS
MN3	MORSE LEVI MONR	PCRON ONE DET LITTLE CREEK VA
MN3	NORRIS WILLIAM	COMLCSSRON TWO MAYPORT FL
MN3	PADILLA EMILIAN	USS DEXTROUS
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MN3	MORSE LEVI MONR	PCRON ONE DET LITTLE CREEK VA
MN3	NORRIS WILLIAM	COMLCSRON TWO MAYPORT FL



Congratulations Minemen!

On October 12, 1943, The U.S. Navy Bureau of Ordinance (BuOrd) established the Mineman rate and re-designated those Gunner's Mates (Mines) and Ordinance Technicians, whose primary duty was the maintenance, assembly and planting Navy Underwater Mines, as Minemen.



MN3	PADILLA EMILIAN	USS DEXTROUS
MN3	PROVINES BRAYDE	PERSUPP DET PT LOMA CA
MN3	RAMIREZ EDUARDO	USS WARRIOR
MN3	RICHARDSON TIWA	USS GLADIATOR
MN3	RICHARDSONTHOMA	USS GLADIATOR
MN3	RIEMERLANGLOIS	LCS CREW 216 SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	ROBERTS TREVIN	COMCSRON TWO TRAINING FL
MN3	ROMAN ANTHONY J	EODMU FIVE
MN3	SALINAS ALFREDO	RSO SAN DIEGO CA
MN3	SANTANA JOSE AN	MIW DET 2 GOLD CREW SAN DIEGO
MN3	SHEPHERD ALARIC	COMCSRON TWO TRAINING FL
MN3	SLATE ANTHONY E	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
MN3	SULLIVAN JOSHUA	USS PATRIOT
MN3	TYREE JACK FORR	USS GLADIATOR
MN3	UVALLEBRISENO E	EODMU ELEVEN
MN3	VILLALON JONATH	USS PATRIOT
MN3	VONESSEN MATTHE	USS DEVASTATOR
MN3	VOSGIENTAUINAOL	USS PIONEER
MN3	WAGNER JARRETT	MOBDIVSALU TWO
MN3	WEST MONTREL CA	USS DEVASTATOR
MN3	WILLIAMS CHASE	USS GLADIATOR
MN3	YERBEY SETH PAR	EODMU TWO
MN3	YOU JOSEPH	HELMINERON FIFTEEN
MN3	ZACCA ASHER K	PERSUPP DET PT LOMA SAN DIEGO

Panama City's Clandestine Delivered Mine Project Team wins the Innovation Award

for innovation and creativity in design and implementation of the first remote control of a Maritime Minefield and the successful two-way remote control mining system demonstrated under an acquisition program. The Clandestine Delivered Mine Project Team's demonstrated prototype is now undergoing detailed design changes appropriate to production with an Initial Operating Capability target of Fiscal Year 2023.

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Jordan Bolduc
Phillip Cederstrom
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Stephen Hoyer

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