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The Official Newsletter of the Association of Minemen

From The President

MN1 Charles Humbard, USN (Retired)

I would like to thank John Epps, Eddie
Atkins, Danny Epperly and Gary Cleland for
their hard work and leadership. Thank you
to Tracey Hays for being the Master of Ceremony and Mr.
Mills for being the guest speaker at this year's banquet.
Congratulations to this year's MOY selections: MN1 (EXW)
Zachary R. Daniel, MNC select (SW) John Dubrava and MNC
select (SW) Dylan E. Wold. Sunday's auction was a huge
success. Thank you to Tim Paton for a great job as
auctioneer. Everyone had a lot of fun and because of the
generosity of the donations and purchases we will be able to
provide five scholarships in 2023.

I am looking forward to being your new AOM President. I have big shoes to fill. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Veteran's Day is coming up on November 11 and I'd like this opportunity to thank you all for your service.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

God bless everyone.

Charles



Past President's Farewell

It has been an honor and

privilege to serve as your president this past four years. The support from Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen and the membership was tremendous and certainly made my job easier. I'd like to thank Eddie Atkins, Gary Cleland and Danny Epperly for their untiring service to the Association and a job well done during their tenure as Officers and Directors. I'd also like to thank the newly selected Officers and Directors, Charles Humbard, Mike Gildersleeve, Darryl Fox and Vic Martin for stepping up and taking on new

responsibilities. I wish you all well. I'd like to thank Charles Humbard for putting on a great 2021 Reunion and I hope to see many of you at the 2022 Reunion in New Orleans!!

God bless you everyone and God bless the USA!

MNCM John Epps, USN (Retired)





NOTABLE QUOTABLE

"Of all human powers operating on the affairs of mankind, none is greater than that of competition" Henry Clay





"You know, farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield." Dwight D. Eisenhower



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From the Editor...



In each issue we are saddened by the loss of our members, some of whom are WWII, Korean War and Vietnam-era Minemen. They were our mentors, shipmates and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their surviving families.

Congratulations to our 2021
Minemen of the Year!!! Also,
Congratulations to our new
AOM Leadership as reflected
(.pdf is in red) on this page.

This issue of The Dashpot will be my last as Editor, however, finding my relief will likely take some time. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our community and association. I sincerely hope my efforts to reflect the depth and breadth of our history and the unprecedented expansion of our Mineman Rating met with your approval. Should any of our members or other readers want to exercise their editorial talents, please let the AOM BoD know. I can be available to assist in the transition, if need be. I have a useful quantity of photos, artwork, unpublished articles archived, that I will make available to my successor. If interested, please see this page for contact information.





Secretary Treasurer Report October 2021

The Charleston Reunion went off without a hitch! It was so great to meet up with old shipmates as well as talking to new ones! The auction which raised monies for our Scholarship Fund was a huge success! Tim Paton and Mike Gildersleeve did a superb job getting top dollars for all the neat stuff auctioned! Thanks guys!

One of the things we talked about during our meetings is if it makes economic sense to go to a digital delivered Dashpot as opposed to mailing them. While it sounds like a no brainer, it is not! We will be doing a study to figure it all out! Stay tuned! If you have an opinion on this, please email me with your thoughts. 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

Membership Committee Report Oct 2021

This quarters membership stats are 8 total. 4 new members and 4 reinstated members. Welcome to all and a special "welcome back" to those reinstated members.

For those keeping track, that brings us up to 24 additions to the membership roster this fiscal year! Which includes the 2 new members that signed up during the reunion!

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! Where else are you going to get Minemen news? Not from ABC, CBS, NBC or CNN! No! The Dashpot is the best place, so do not let your dues lapse! I think by now everyone knows that I put the date of when your dues are due on the mailing labels. I also red circle the ones that are overdue! Stay current and you will keep receiving this great publication! There are two ways you can send in your dues in.



This year the Scholarship Committee received 2 applications and awarded 1 scholarship worth \$750. The awarded application was from a first-time applicant just graduated from high school and on her way to college. The other application was from a young lady entering her junior year in college, but her application was incomplete. Efforts were made to contact her, but we never received a corrected application.

Since 1996 the Association of Minemen has awarded 235 scholarships totaling \$159,650. In 2020, 4 scholarships were awarded. As in 2019, and 2020, all applicants had just completed high school or were already in college.

Application rules, instructions and completeness are taken into consideration by your committee when deciding any scholarship award. Guidelines for completing a scholarship application are published on the AOM Web Page. Under Section G, Paragraph 2 of the AOM Published Rules. In order for an applicant to receive a AOM Scholarship, the following rules apply: (1) The Candidate must complete the application forms S-1 and S-2. (2) Provide a current Transcript of credits earned from the applicable schools. (3) Provide two letters of recommendation. (4) Provide a study plan covering the scholarship term, which provides a synopsis of the field of study he or she plans to complete. (5) Provide any other pertinent information that the candidate feels might enhance their chances of receiving a Scholarship. Failure to follow these rules will make the application incomplete and ineligible for an AOM Scholarship Award. Your Scholarship committee of Robert Stancik, and myself, Ronald Glasen, want to thank you for your past support. We are gratified to learn of your impressive support of the AOM Scholarship Program during the reunion auction in the amount of \$4072.99.

Scholarship Chairman, Ronald Glasen



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







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by Stephanie Fox,
Navy Office of Community Outreach

When CDR Karin "Krin" Burzynski, USN joined the military 43 years ago, the Navy looked guite different than it does today, a lot more than the look of the uniform has changed. At Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida in 1978, she wore a uniform few would recognize now. Her "uniform of the day" consisted of side-zip black slacks and a short-sleeve light blue blouse with small white buttons. At this time women in the Navy were still unofficially referred to as WAVES: Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. Although the program was officially disestablished July 30, 1948, the acronym continued in popular usage until the 1970s. When Burzynski enlisted 36 years later, women still made up only a small percentage of the Navy, with even fewer advancing to leadership positions. Burzynski admits to joining the Navy after briefly exploring life in Southern California, far away from her family on the East Coast, without a plan or a clear understanding of what it meant to be a sailor. "My father was a public affairs officer in the Air Force, so I thought I knew what military service entailed," Burzynski said, laughing lovingly at her younger self. "I was 18 so I thought I was all grown up, but I was quite naive." "I signed up without telling anyone in my family, so I missed out on my dad's guidance" said Burzynski. "I knew I wanted to be a photographer or journalist, but there were no openings at that time. The recruiter told me that I could sign a contract for a different

school and when I got to boot camp I could tell them what I really wanted. I believed him." Instead, following basic training, Burzynski was to report for training as a Mineman. As a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native, Burzynski's initial assumption was that being a Mineman had something to do with coal mines. As the seventh woman to attend Mineman training, Burzynski learned how to assemble, test and maintain underwater explosive mines. Though not assigned in her preferred career field, Burzynski decided to make the best of her position and learn as much as possible about the duties of a Mineman. "I had an instructor in Mineman A-school who would end each class by asking if anyone had any questions," said Burzynski. "He'd block his view of me with his hand because he knew my hand would be raised. I found mines and electronics fascinating and I always made our class run long with my questions. I bet my classmates hated it, but I didn't care, I wanted to know everything."

Entering the Navy at the lowest rank of E1, a seaman recruit, Burzynski rose quickly to E5 (MN2) in three and a half years. While the training environment was professional, the work environment was not welcoming to women. Back then even the dungaree uniforms came only in sizes tailored for men. "The 70's and 80's were not particularly friendly towards women in the Navy, especially in male-dominated careers," Burzynski said, adding, "It was not uncommon for my senior leadership to publicly disparage our service in front of the entire crew, saying we had no business being there." The Navy has learned much about implementing change since those days.

As the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding homosexual personnel serving in the military was about to be repealed in 2011, Burzynski said she, along with every sailor in the Navy, participated in small group discussions to talk about what this meant and how the Navy was going to function with homosexual personnel not needing to hide who they were. "We discussed realistic scenarios and considered how to ensure people were treated fairly and respectfully," Burzynski said, "Sitting in that room with that small group, I reflected briefly on my memories as a young Mineman, and I recalled thinking to myself 'the Navy sure has come a long way." When her first daughter was born, however, she decided to take a break from service and focus on family. Four years, and two more daughters later, Burzynski returned to the Navy as a Reservist, still as a Mineman, but determined to transition to photographer. For months, she spent Fridays at the nearby Fleet Imaging Center, fulfilling all the requirements to qualify as a Navy photographer (PH).



Photo taken at morning quarters. Mineman Second Class 1982 at her first duty station, Naval Station Long Beach, California at Mobile Mine Assembly Group (MOMAG) Det. 1. Presenting the award certificate is Officer In Charge Lt. W.R. Burton, (also a former MN)

No openings for photographer were available, however, she was able to cross rate to Journalist (JO) eventually, which included photography opportunities.

Prior to the official change to Navy Journalist, though, she had one last hurrah as a Mineman, conducting two weeks of Reserve annual training at MOMAG Det 7 near Ewa Beach, Hawaii. "The last time I served as a Minemen was in the 90's at a mine shop with a crew that was about 50/50 men and women. There were no issues or comments like those I'd experienced. They worked side-by-side, just like regular shipmates," Burzynski said. "It was heartwarming for this to be my last interaction with the Minemen community – to see how far they'd come. None of them knew of my experiences in the 70s and none of them needed to know."

Using her Montgomery G.I. Bill to earn her degree at Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Burzynski joined the staff of the university's newspaper, "The South Texan", first as a photographer, eventually working her way up to Editor. Upon graduation in 1998 she continued to work at The Kingsville Record, then moved on as the editor of The Flying K, Naval Air Station Kingsville's newspaper. Upon earning her bachelor's degree in 1998, Burzynski applied for a commission as a Reserve Public Affairs Officer. She recalls receiving the call from the officer recruiter in Houston, informing her of her selection for the appointment. "I was really busy copy editing when the call came, and I stood up while being given the exciting news and I remember my heart starting to race," Burzynski said. Receiving the officer commission meant that she would no longer be an enlisted sailor and be afforded much more opportunity and responsibility.

While on the staff of the Kingsville Record, Burzynski concurrently served in the Navy Reserve. As the lone Reservist on staff, her colleagues at the newspaper weren't quite sure what being a Reservist meant, until Sept. 11, 2001 happened and shortly thereafter, the President was calling up Reservists to serve on active duty.

As a Reservist, Burzynski was recalled to active duty in 2004 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Enjoying the thrill and challenges as a full-time public affairs officer coordinating media trips to the Middle East, Burzynski applied and was accepted to be permanently assigned to active duty in 2007. Up until this time, she had not spent much time at sea and had a strong desire to do so. Since then, she has served tours on two aircraft carriers, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and USS Nimitz (CVN 68). In addition to her sea-going tours, Burzynski's favorite assignments included traveling to Latvia to support the SeaBees with Cornerstone '99 and a medical mass casualty drill, MEDCEUR '99, and to McMurdo Station in Antarctica for Operation Deep Freeze in 2007.

Burzynski's naval service concluded in Millington, TN, where she sat at the helm of NAVCO. In this role, she oversaw an office dedicated to connecting Americans with their Navy. With most of the Navy's personnel and equipment logically concentrated on America's coasts, NAVCO oversees a number of community outreach programs designed to bring America's Navy to cities and towns throughout the country that do not enjoy a significant Navy presence.

After completing high-stress assignments involving crisis communication, she was happy the final tour of her naval career dealt with community outreach and garnering publicity and positive news stories about our sailors to their communities. "With my background as a civilian journalist I knew the importance of NAVCO's work," Burzynski said. "Sending stories and images of sailors to their hometown media is terrific for the community and the Sailors' families are so proud to see their sailors recognized. Good news doesn't always get covered because it's not catchy or clickbait. But if the good news is about you or someone you know, you care. That's why the NAVCO mission works." Like many others, Burzynski's year was uprooted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Much of her final tour in the Navy was spent from the comfort of her downtown Memphis apartment, where she led NAVCO primarily through video calls. Still, it was fulfilling. "While teleworking during the pandemic, I knew I needed to make an extra effort to keep everyone at the command informed and connected.

Participating in daily COVID-19 phone calls with our office at the Pentagon, I started sending out a daily update with relevant info and including a daily photo to the staff. The photo effort blossomed into the staff sending their photos of pets, new car purchases, home renovation projects to be shared in the daily update." she said. "We got to know each other better because we were eager to feel connected. Working from home also made the transition to retirement easier after having spent so many years on the go. Instead of just visiting my apartment, I've had the chance to enjoy my apartment."

It was on the rooftop of that apartment building where family and friends as well as NAVCO's sailors and civilians gathered to celebrate Burzynski's retirement. A family affair, the ceremony was emceed by son-in-law Army 2nd Lt. Nicholas Bunch, daughter Tedi's husband, who added friendly military rivalry and levity, on a beautifully warm and breezy June evening as the sun set over the Mississippi River. Daughter Tasha, who was unable to attend in person, recorded the National Anthem for the ceremony, but technical difficulties arose, so Tedi stepped in and sang it a cappella. Both Tedi and Tina shared touching memories, as well as the inspiration and impact their mother's career has had on them.

The ceremony celebrating Burzynski's retirement occurred on June 24, 2021. The event could be summarized in the statement that echoed through the crowd over the course of the evening: It is impossible to explain CDR Burzynski's accomplishments and her impact on those she has served with. There isn't enough time; there aren't enough words.



CO and XO of Mine Warfare Training Center, Charleston, SC, presenting her "A" school completion and honor graduation certificate, graduating 1 of 12.



CDR Karin "Krin" Burzynski speaks about her 39 years of Naval service during her retirement ceremony on June 24, 2021 in Memphis, Tennessee. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ethan Carter





Association of Minemen REUNION 2021

Charleston, SC



Guest Speaker: Mr. Michael Mills, Ordnance Manager at NMCLANT Unit Charleston

Mr. Michael S. Mills is a native of Dodge City Kansas. attended Electronics Technician Class "A" School in Orlando, FL and Great Lakes, IL where he graduated first in his class. He started his first tours of duty in 1990 on the USS RECLAIMER (ARS-42) and USS CUSHING (DD-985), teach ET "A" School at Service School Command. He advanced to Chief Petty Officer and assumed the role as Communications Branch Senior Instructor. He was commissioned to Ensign under the Limited Duty Officer (LDO) program in June 1999 USS MONTEREY (CG-61), Norfolk, VA. as Electronics Material Officer. In 2002, as a Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Collaboration and Intelligence (C5I) Inspector on the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV), Little Creek, VA In 2005, he transferred to, Carrier Strike Group Five/CTF-70 embarked on USS KITTY HAWK homeported in Yokosuka, JAPAN. As Flag Staff N41 he coordinated the refueling, resupply and ordnance loading on all ships forward deployed Executive Officer, Mobile Mine Assembly Unit 11 (MOMAU11), Charleston, SC. After the merger in 2009 of MOMAU11 and Navy Munitions Command Detachment Charleston into NMCLANT UNIT Charleston until his retirement from active duty in August 2011.

He continued his service as the first civilian Department Head of the Mine Shop in Charleston. As Mine Operations Manager he oversaw the maintenance of Prepositioned Wartime Reserve Stock (PWRS) mines and the support of mine exercise and training customers in locations ranging from Texas to Bahrain. In 2018, he was promoted to Ordnance Manager at NMCLANT Unit Charleston where he currently manages all ordnance operations support of the USMC Maritime Prepositioned Force and the Mine Operations Department.

He is married to Lilibeth Mills and had three kids, Ricky, Amanda and Isabella.

















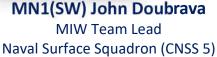






2021 MINEMAN OF THE YEAR (SEA)





Petty Officer Doubrava was born in California but grew up in and calls Lake Havasu City, Arizona home. After graduating from Lake Havasu High School in 2006, he served as a volunteer firefighter and certified EMT, before enlisting in April of 2009. Upon graduating from boot camp he completed Surface Combat Core and Apprentice Technical Training Schools in Great Lakes, IL prior to transferring to Mineman A-School in San Diego, CA. After completing A-School, MNSA Doubrava reported to MOMAU 15, Seal Beach, CA.

In 2012 he reported to MWTC, San Diego for AN/SQQ-32 SONAR operator/maintenance courses and advanced to Petty Officer 3rd Class. Upon graduation, MN3 reported onboard MCM Crew Bulwark and deployed to Bahrain. During an eleven-month deployment Petty Officer Doubrava completed multiple basic and advanced qualifications, received his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Pin, and advanced to Petty Officer 2nd Class.

In 2014, following disbanding of rotational crews, he volunteered to return to Bahrain for assignment to newly formed permanent crews. MN2 Doubrava reported to MCM Crew Swerve onboard USS Devastator in 2014, serving as Deck Department Leading Petty Officer. As LPO, he demonstrated exceptional leadership and motivation, qualifying Deck Safety Officer and Chief Petty Officer in Charge of Minesweeping evolutions. He then transferred to Armory Division serving as LPO and was designated as Command Quality Assurance Officer and placed in-charge of Crew SWERVE's Qual/Cert Program. During his time with Crew SWERVE, MN2 Doubrava qualified as Anti-Terrorism Tactical Watch Officer, Conning Officer, and Junior Officer of the deck.

Upon his departure from Crew SWERVE, MN2 reported to Instructor Duty at MWTC San Diego. He quickly qualified as an instructor and certified to teach multiple "C" schools course including: AN/SQQ- 32(V)4, Mine Sweeping Boatswains Mate, MCM First Lieutenant, and Test Set Maintenance. He was also a critical part of planning and executing MWTC's Mobile Training Team events, flying to Bahrain to provide instruction for critical MIW NEC's onboard the four forward deployed MCMs. While at MWTC he advanced to the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

MN1 returned to Bahrain in the summer of 2019, accepting orders MCM Maintenance Detachment, as part of Naval Surface Squadron Five. MN1 was placed in the N7 Training and Assessments department at CNSS-5 and qualified team member and team leader to train and certify MCMs in Mine



Naval Surface Squadron FIVE is the ISIC for 10
Bahrain based Patrol Coastal (PC) and 4 Mine
Countermeasure (MCM) ships. Comprised of 115
Navy and civilian personnel, the NSS-5 staff is
responsible for the maintenance, logistics, manning
and training of all PCs and MCMs in order to meet
C5F operational requirements. Mine Countermeasure
ships are Avenger class vessels designed as mine
sweepers/hunter-killers capable of finding, classifying,
and destroying moored and bottom mines. Along with
their unique construction, these ships use state-of-theart technology to clear vital waterways. Avenger
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moored and bottom mines.



UPON YOUR WELL EARNED SELECTION TO MNC



Warfare, Seamanship, and Explosive Safety. He is currently the leading subject matter expert for MIW in the 5th Fleet AOR, and is constantly called on for training and casualty repairs to all MIW equipment.

His personal awards include: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (6 Awards); Navy Good Conduct Medal (3 Awards); and various other unit and campaign awards.

Petty Officer Doubrava and his wife Kile have one daughter, Laiken, who is currently expecting the arrival of her baby sister.

2021 MINEMAN OF THE YEAR (SHORE)







MINE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER TACTICS LPO

MN1 (SW) DYLAN E. WOLD, U.S. NAVY

Mineman (MN) First Class Petty Officer Dylan E. Wold enlisted in the Navy in the fall of 2011. He is a graduate of MN "A" school, Minesweep Boatswains Mate, Precise Integrated Navigation, and AN/SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization Vehicle from Mine Warfare Training Center (MWTC).

He is also a graduate of Coastline Community College with an Associates of Science (A.S) in Business Administration, A.S. in Human Resources (HR) Management, and an A.S. in Marketing, and the American Military University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

He completed his Masters in Leadership and HR Development from Louisiana State University in May 2021.

In 2012, he reported to Crew Reaper, onboard USS Gladiator (MCM-11) in Manama, Bahrain, and onboard both USS Chief (MCM-14) and USS Champion (MCM-4) in San Diego, CA later that year. In October 2012, Petty Officer Wold deployed to Manama, Bahrain onboard USS Gladiator during which he qualified his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist designation, Officer of the Deck, Petty Officer in Charge (POIC), and Master Helmsman. In August 2013, Petty Officer Wold reported to Crew Swerve as the Work Center Supervisor, POIC, and Master Helmsman.

In February 2015, Petty Officer Wold reported to MCM Detatchment-21 in San Diego, CA at LCSRONONE. In June 2016, Petty Officer Wold completed a homeport shift to Mayport, FL. Petty Officer Wold then reported to USS Milwaukee (LCS-5). where he requalified Surface Warfare and led deck department through Final Contract Trials. Petty Officer Wold then joined LCS Crew 308 and helped commission USS Wichita (LCS-13) on January 14th, 2019 as the Deck Department Leading Petty Officer.

He qualified as Sea and Anchor Safety Officer, Flight Deck Officer. Airborne Mission Zone Safety Officer, and Waterborne Mission Zone Control Officer. His team completed Final Contract Trials, being the first Littoral Combat Ship crew to pass the Aviation Warfare area.

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The MWTC building is named in honor of Mineman LT Cecil H. Martin, USN (Deceased) who, as an MN1, was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism for his action with Task Force



116 River Patrol Force, RIVDIV 531 (PBR 110) during

the Vietnam War.

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In July 2019, Petty Officer Wold reported to MWTC as the lead instructor for MineNet Tactical, Mine Warfare Environmental Decisions Aid Library (MEDAL) EA Build 11, Unmanned Influence Sweep System (UISS), and Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV). He is recognized as the subject matter expert in supporting Technical Evaluation and Initial Operational Test & Evaluation for the Navy's newest Mine Warfare systems.

Petty Officer Wold's military decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (Four), Battle Efficiency Ribbon (Three), Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal (Three), and various other service and unit awards.

2020 MINEMAN OF THE YEAR (RESERVE)





MINE WARFARE TRAINING CENTER COURSE SUPERVISOR MNI (EXW) ZACHARY R. DANIEL U.S. NAVY

Petty Officer Daniel grew up in Thurston County, Olympia, Washington. Two years after graduating high school he went to join the Army and was told he was medically disqualified due to his cleft lip and pallet. After 5 years of contacting his old doctors and going through publications for medical disqualification he finally was able to enlist January 2014.

After completing boot camp and "A" School, Petty Officer Daniel reported to NOSC St. Louis, MO CRS10 C2. During his time with CRS 10 C2 he provided security for two Fleet Weeks in May Port, FL and aided in a Fleet Week security in Baltimore, MD with CRS 8.

He was promoted to Second Class Petty Officer just before his first deployment to Manama, Bahrain to support CRG 2 Det. Bahrain as a Chief of the Guard (COG).

One year later he volunteered to deploy with CRS 4 to Rota, Spain where he was promoted to First Class Petty Officer and served as COG and is 1 of 3 reservist to obtain Anti-Terrorism Tactical Watch Officer (ATTWO) from CRS 4.

During the closing months of his second deployment, MN1 Daniel started working on his goal to receive orders to Mine Warfare Training Center (MWTC) to serve as a MN "A" School instructor. After working through the hurdles that COVID-19 presented, he reported to MWTC on August 20th 2020.

He hit the ground running once he arrived, by getting fully qualified as an instructor and within

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10 months, was tasked with being the Course Supervisor for MN "A" School. He created a SELRES indoctrination course for the students to better prepare them to be successful once they completed MN "A" School.

Petty Officer Daniel is currently MWTC's Command Finical Specialist (CFS) handling all Staff and Student pay questions and is the MN "A" School's Course Supervisor (CORSUP).

MN1 Daniel met his wife, Jessica in Farmington, Mo after completing MN "A" School. Together they have 4 children, their three sons Colin, Parker, Zayn, and their daughter Tinsleigh.



Greetings from the Navy Munitions Command Pacific CONUS West Division Unit Seal Beach, Underwater Weapons Department (UWWD) in beautiful California!

~MISSION UPDATE~

NMC PAC Unit Seal Beach pushes forward to finish the 2021 fiscal year better than it started. Completing the Mine Readiness Assessment Visit conducted by COMOMAG. Our sailors are more

than ready to provide to the fleet at a moment's notice!





Sailors gather around to receive training from SME Dave Epton. Sailors conduct pri-break before commencing training build.

Sailors underwent SLMM-EX converting multiple MK 67 Submarine Launched Mobile Mines into Exercise and Training mines. Naval Weapon Station Seal Beach underwent their Explosive Safety Inspection in September. Underwater Weapons was lauded by the ESI inspectors for their program management.

In Q4 of 2021 NMC Seal Beach provided support to 340th, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 21, and USV support. Refurbishing and sentencing over 100 assets to support this tasking.



Mine Assembly Team commences breakdown of training mines

MINE WARFARE IN THE NEWS

Forbes Staff
David Axe



China's Submarine Fleet Is Huge. The U.S. Navy Plans To Whittle Away At It With Mines.



The Chinese navy has a lot of submarines. Preventing these subs from breaking out into the vast expanse of the Philippine Sea is a key aim of U.S. and allied plans for a possible war with China. After all, the Philippine Sea is where the U.S. Navy is likely to station its aircraft carriers as a complement to the U.S. Air Force's own network of small airfields in the region. The Japanese navy's entire wartime strategy revolves around holding up its end of this blockade—the northern end, stretching from Taiwan north to Japan's home islands. Barring the surprise involvement of some other ally, the U.S. Navy probably would have to cover the southern end of the blockade.

To that end, the American fleet is combining an old concept with a new one ... and hoping they work together. Mines...and robot submarines. According to the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence, the Chinese navy in 2015 operated 57 diesel-electric submarines and five nuclear attack submarines. Beijing's undersea fleet by 2030 could expand to include 60 diesel-electric boats and at least 16 nuclear attack submarines. That's a lot of boats. By comparison, the Japanese navy operates 20 diesel-electric submarines and does *not* plan grow this force over the near term. Japanese subs are among the most modern and sophisticated in the world, but they indisputably are outnumbered by their Chinese counterparts. The U.S. fleet meanwhile possesses 56 *Los Angeles*-, *Seawolf*- and *Virginia*-class attack submarines and *Ohio*-class cruise-missile submarines. Under the latest planning, that number would drop to a low of 52 attack boats in 2026 before expanding back to current levels sometime in the 2030s. Worse for American war plans, only slightly more than half of these subs belong to the Pacific Fleet. In short, China has more attack boats than likely foes have, even if you add Taiwan's and Australia's handful of boats to the latter column. Inasmuch as one of the best means of finding and sinking enemy submarines is to send your own submarines, the United States is at a numerical disadvantage in the undersea battle that could play out in the early stages of a war over, say, Taiwan.

The U.S. Navy aims to mitigate its disadvantage by acquiring a large number of drone submarines. In 2019 the sailing branch paid Boeing the first installment on a \$275 million order for five Echo Voyager crewless subs. The Navy calls its version of the Echo Voyager an "extra-large unmanned undersea vehicles," or XLUUV. The first of the autonomous XLUUVs could enter service as early as 2022. The Navy plans to acquire at least 24 XLUUVs over coming decades. The robot boats eventually could perform a wide range of missions, but **minelaying is the priority**, according to Vice Adm. James Kilby, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities. "We are pursuing that vehicle because we have operational needs from a combatant commander to go solve a specific problem," Kilby told the U.S. House Armed Services Committee in March. "The XLUUV ... is a migration from the Echo Voyager from Boeing with a mission module placed in the middle of it to initially carry mines."

Offensive mine warfare is not an American strength. The U.S. fleet currently operates no dedicated minelaying ships. Navy and Air Force squadrons only recently have begun reviving the practice of dropping mines by air. The XLUUV could accelerate this restoration of a centuries-old method of naval combat. The plan, apparently, is to arm the 51-foot drone with Hammerhead, a so-called "encapsulated torpedo mine." Hammerhead in essence is a Mark 54 torpedo inside a container that itself features sonar and a radio. The container moors to the seafloor. Once an operator remotely activates it, the mine listens for an enemy submarine—then launches its torpedo out to a distance of up to six miles. An XLUUV apparently could carry a dozen of the mines. "Hammerheads could be deployed in traditional barrier minefields designed to bottle up red [enemy] boats inside their ports, or to deny them access to blue [friendly] operating areas," explained David Strachan, an independent naval analyst Strachan detailed how an overlapping, 600-square-mile network of four Hammerheads could trap an enemy submarine. The XLUUV could remain near the mines, effectively allowing the target submarine to detect it and luring the enemy vessel into the kill zone.

The Navy expects to complete work on Hammerhead by 2023, at which point it could begin folding robot subs and torpedomines into its war plans. If China ever moves on Taiwan and war breaks out in the western Pacific, Japan might surge its subs north of Taiwan to block Chinese submarines while, south of Taiwan, American drone subs plant their own blockade.

MINE WARFARE IN THE NEWS



U.S. Navy and JMSDF Strengthen Ties through Mine Warfare Exercise 2JA 22 July 2021

From Lt. Bryan Newkirk

SASEBO, Japan – Mine warfare forces from the U.S. Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) commenced Mine Warfare Exercise (MIWEX) 2JA 2021 off the coast of northern Japan, July 19. MIWEX 2JA is part of a series of annual exercises between the allied navies designed to increase proficiency in mine countermeasure operations in the 7th Fleet area of operations. Participants will train together in mine hunting and prosecution using shipboard mine countermeasure assets and Expeditionary Mine Countermeasures (ExMCM) personnel. The Commodore of Mine Countermeasures Squadron 7, Capt. Scott Hattaway is enthusiastic to be working with the JMSDF and greatly values their partnership. "Maintaining the freedom of navigation in the region is an important part of our mission in 7th Fleet," said Hattaway. "This bilateral exercise provides an excellent opportunity to work with likeminded partners, and hone our mine countermeasure skills to ensure the safety of maritime traffic. The addition of ExMCM unmanned underwater vehicles in conjunction with traditional countermeasure operations allows further interoperability in the region."During the exercise, participating units will practice unit-level mine warfare tactics to include sweeping, hunting, and mine detection. JMSDF Mine Division 2 and U.S. Navy Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron 7 will work together throughout the exercise to direct mine hunting tasks for U.S. and JMSDF ships. This training

will allow all the units to practice communicating and operating in a combined environment and learn to maximize their cumulative mine hunting and prosecution capabilities. This will be the 40th time for MINEX 21-2JA in Mutsu Bay and despite the fact that the new coronavirus infection is not yet at an end, I am very pleased that the U.S. and Japanese mine warfare forces are able to train together. The purpose of the exercise is to further strengthen the interoperability and enhance tactical skills of the U.S. and Japanese mine warfare forces." Commander of Mine Warfare Force, Rear Adm. Fukuda. "This time, joint training on anti-mine warfare with U.S. Navy's minesweeper, USS Warrior, and expeditionary anti-mine warfare company will be conducted to strengthen the interoperability capability of Japan and the United States. By utilizing the achievements and lessons learned through this training, the U.S. and Japanese naval mine warfare forces will improve operational capabilities and contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region." Participating JMSDF units will include Mine Division 2, consisting of JS Bungo (MST 464), JS Uraga (MST 463), JS Hirashima (MSC 601), and JS Awaji (MSO 304). The U.S. units involved in MIWEX 2JA comprise of USS Warrior (MCM 10), ExMCM Company 1-2, and the staff from Mine Countermeasures Squadron (MCMRON) 7. MCMRON 7 is forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan and consists of USS Patriot (MCM 7),

USS Pioneer (MCM 9), USS Warrior (MCM 10), and USS Chief (MCM 14) stationed in Sasebo and Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14 Detachment 2A based in Pohang, Korea.



MINE WARFARE IN THE NEWS



Report on Navy Large Unmanned Surface and Undersea Vehicles October 27, 2021

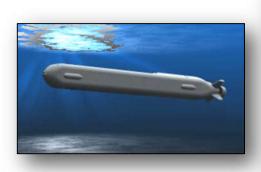
The Navy wants to develop and procure three types of large unmanned vehicles (UVs) called Large Unmanned Surface Vehicles (LUSVs), Medium Unmanned Surface Vehicles (MUSVs), and Extra-Large Unmanned Undersea Vehicles (XLUUVs). The Navy's proposed FY2022 budget requests \$434.1 million in research and development funding for these large UVs and their enabling technologies. The Navy wants to acquire these large UVs as part of an effort to shift the Navy to a more distributed fleet architecture. Compared to the current fleet architecture, this more distributed architecture is to include a smaller proportion of larger ships (such as large-deck aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, large amphibious ships, and large resupply ships), a larger proportion of smaller ships (such as frigates, corvettes, smaller amphibious ships, and smaller resupply ships), and a new third tier of large UVs.

The Navy envisions LUSVs as being 200 feet to 300 feet in length and having full load displacements of 1,000 tons to 2,000 tons, which would make them the size of a corvette. (i.e., a ship larger than a patrol craft and smaller than a frigate). The Navy wants LUSVs to be low-cost, high-endurance, reconfigurable ships based on commercial ship designs, with ample capacity for carrying various modular payloads—particularly anti-surface warfare (ASuW) and strike payloads, meaning principally anti-ship and land-attack missiles. Although referred to as UVs, LUSVs might be more accurately described as optionally or lightly manned ships, because they might sometimes have a few onboard crew members, particularly in the nearer term as the Navy works out LUSV enabling technologies and operational concepts.

The Navy defines MUSVs as being 45 feet to 190 feet long, with displacements of roughly 500 tons, which would make them the size of a patrol craft. The Navy wants MUSVs, like LUSVs, to be low-cost, high-endurance, reconfigurable ships that can accommodate various payloads. Initial payloads for MUSVs are to be intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) payloads and electronic warfare (EW) systems.

The first five XLUUVs were funded in FY2019; they are being built by Boeing and are roughly the size of a subway car. The Navy wants procure additional XLUUVs starting in FY2024. The Navy wants to use XLUUVs to, among other things, covertly deploy the Hammerhead mine, a planned mine that would be tethered to the seabed and armed with an antisubmarine torpedo, broadly similar to the Navy's Cold War-era CAPTOR (encapsulated torpedo) mine.

The Navy's large UV programs pose a number of oversight issues for Congress, including issues relating to the analytical basis for the more distributed fleet architecture; the Navy's acquisition strategies for these programs; technical, schedule, and cost risk in the programs; the proposed annual procurement rates for the programs; the industrial base implications of the programs; potential implications for miscalculation or escalation at sea; the personnel implications of the programs; and whether the Navy has accurately priced the work it is proposing to do on the programs for the fiscal year in question. In marking up the Navy's proposed FY2020 and FY2021 budgets, the congressional defense committees expressed concerns over whether the Navy's acquisition strategies provided enough time to adequately develop concepts of operations and key technologies for these large UVs, particularly the LUSV, and included legislative provisions intended to address these concerns. In response to these markups, the Navy has restructured its acquisition strategy for the LUSV program so as to comply with these legislative provisions and provide more time for developing operational concepts and key technologies before entering into serial production of deployable units.





Source: Boeing photograph posted at https://www.boeing.com/defense/autonomous-systems/echo-voyager/index.page#/gallery.





Paul William Culotta died October 31, 2021. Born on December 27, 1925 in Newport News to Paul and Evalyn Jones Culotta, he was a resident of Hampton since 1951. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Mineman in the South Pacific and Australia during World War II. A graduate of St. Vincent High School (now Peninsula Catholic), the Shipyard Apprentice School, and the Kansas City School of Watchmaking, he attended Thomas Nelson Community College, Christopher Newport College, and Old Dominion University. He was a Master Watchmaker. Employed by National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) as an aerospace technologist, he retired in 1986, after which he was employed as a contractor/consultant at NASA, and later by Lockheed as a Principal Engineer, until 1996. He was a member of the Peninsula Watchmakers and Jewelers Guild, the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, the Horological Association of Virginia, the American Watchmakers Institute, the Apprentice Alumni Association, the Engineers Club of the Virginia Peninsula, the Association of Minemen, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Catholic War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, and the Lifelong Learning Society of Christopher Newport University. For many years he volunteered at the Sentara Careplex Hospital Information Desk. He was a member of Saint Rose of Lima and the Korean Martyrs Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Culotta, Survivors include his wife, Mary Howard Culotta; two children, Terry Ennis (Jim), of Hampton and Christopher P. Culotta (Patty), of Troy, Virginia; as well as a grandson, Christopher Ennis (Virginia), and a step grandson, Donald Ennis.



James Richard "Chief" Cottrell, age 86, Passed away on Monday, September 27, 2021 in Biloxi, MS. Chief was born on September 22, 1935 in Rockville, IN to Paul and Rose Cottrell. He graduated from Rockville High School in 1953 and retired from the U.S. Navy after 24 years of service, retiring as a Senior Chief Mineman. Chief was a school bus driver and a farmer. He was a fan of the Cubs and the Bears. Chief was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Judith Cottrell; sons, Randall (Duangta) Cottrell and Timothy (Leala) Cottrell; daughter, Kimberly Cottrell; brothers, Paul, Dale, and Charles Cottrell; 7 grandchildren; and 19 greatgrandchildren. A private service will be held at a later date.





Greg Reeves MN2, Fort Worth TX, DOB: 24 Mar 1969 -DOD: 2 Sep 2021

The Binnacle List



...from Phil and Evelyn Dechene

You can put Evelyn and I on the binnacle list. She is still having balance and short term memory problems with Parkinson's. I've been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and am on oxygen 99% of the time. We do miss the reunions and the gathering of the 9-57 A class members. When I joined the Navy I had 4 years with the National Guard (joined when I was 15.) and 4 years schooling as a machinist. When it was time for the Navy to decide what rating I would be they naturally thought I would want to be a machinist. They were surprised when I told them I wanted to be a Gunners Mate. I'd been around guns and was hunting since I was 10. The only opening in ordnance was Mineman and apparently they had enough machinist. I now consider myself very lucky and have absolutely no regrets that the Navy made me a Mineman.



Darryl Fox is preparing for major back surgery, putting a cage, rods and screws in his spine. He will be in the hospital for 4 days then a very long recovery. He'll be in a back brace and using a walker for awhile. Won't be able to drive for 2-6 weeks after. Will take a year to heal 100%. They are also putting new technology in his implant. It's about a 3 hour surgery. His wife got him a new iPad as an early Xmas present to have something to do. Awesome wife!!!



Commander William Albert "Bill" Roberts

Commander William "Bill" Roberts, U.S. Navy (Ret.), age 88, of St. Augustine, passed away on September 17, 2021 at Flagler Hospital. He was born to Daniel Burtram and Esther Wilson Roberts and grew up in Los Angeles, CA. The Korean War had begun as he was graduating from high school, and in 1950 Bill joined the U.S. Navy where he trained as a Mineman, including diving and underwater demolition. He received extensive training in mines and torpedoes, quickly rising through the ranks as he received many commendations for his service. He served multiple tours in the Vietnam War and continued his career for 30 years, retiring with the rank of Commander.

During his retirement Bill pursued many interests with the same commitment and work ethic from his military

career. This led to many adventures including underwater gold mining in the American River, where he was able to use his military diving experience. In 1991 he and his wife moved to Florida where they enjoyed a very active retirement. An accomplished genealogy researcher, he was a member of, and volunteered his talents to the Sons of the American Revolution. He also volunteered with the St. Johns County Sheriff's office where he served as a consumer advocate. Most recently, his proudest accomplishment was becoming a member of the Ashlar Masonic Lodge and had been serving as their chaplain.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the love of his life, Josephine, stepson, Justin and his sisters, Corrine and Pleza. He is survived by his son, Bill Roberts and his wife Amy of Apple Valley, CA, his stepdaughter, Carol-Anne Taylor and her husband Iain Taylor of Drymen, Scotland; grandchildren, Ethan, Crystal, Brittney, Justin and Grace; and 6 great grandchildren.

Services with full military honors will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

One thousand men are walking

Walking side by side

Singing songs from home

The spirit as their guide

they walk toward the light milord

they walk towards the sun

they smoke and laugh and smile together

no foes to outrun

these men live on forever

in the hearts of those they saved

a nation truly grateful

for the path of peace they paved

they march as friends and comrades

but they do not march for war

step closer to salvation

a tranquil steady corps

the meadows lit with golden beams

a beacon for the brave

the emerald grass untrampled

a reward for what they gave

they dream of those they left behind

and know they dream of them

forever in those poppy fields

there walks one thousand men

Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14)

Lest we forget

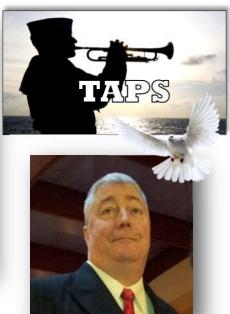




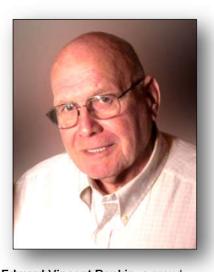
CWO4 Samuel English, USN Retired Colbert ,GA - Samuel Anthony "Sammy" English, 91, husband of the late Zigrid C. English, died Sunday, September 5, 2021. Born in Americus, GA, he was the son of the late Edwin Kitchens English and Grace Addy English and brother to the late Louise Perry, James Edwin English, Billy English, Martha Ann Studstill, Doris Sproull and Alice Eugenia English. Sammy retired from the US Navy after 28 years and also retired from Athens Technical College as the Maintenance and Plant Engineer. He is survived by his siblings: Betty Inlow, Eleanor Davis, Gloria Dunmon and Donnie English and a number of nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held Friday, September 10, 2021 at 11AM at Colbert Cemetery.







Jerry Len Weller went home to be with Jesus on September 3, 2021; Broken Arrow. OK. Jerry Weller was born January 18, 1960, in Encino, California. He was raised in Woodland Hills and Van Nuys, California. Jerry joined the Navy at age 23 and became a Mineman. He and his then wife, Wendi, were blessed with two children: James and Jessica. His tours of duty included mine assembly units in South Carolina, Okinawa Japan, Hawaii, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Guam. He retired after 20 years and 8 days with the rank of Mineman First Class (MN1). Jerry met and received Jesus in 1998 thanks to his Navy buddy. Jim Maxson. He attended Rhema Bible College where he received his pastoral training. It was after that he met his beloved wife, Sandy, and they married in 2007. He whole heartedly took up the roll of grandpa to Sandy's grandkids. Jerry's next adventure took him to ORU where he graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. It was then that he began teaching elementary school. This is where he met Hamed Sajjadi who was instrumental in connecting Jerry with Life Spring Church where he served for the past 5 years. Two things were most important to Jerry. His love for Jesus and his love for people. His greatest delight was his grandson Jay, who is carrying on the family name and tradition. Jerry is survived by his wife, Sandy; his siblings: Kim Stevenson, Lindy Rich, Randy Weller (Carlynn); his children: James Len Weller (Courtney), Jessica Nicole Weller; his stepchildren: Austin Olcott (Tracy), Angela Snyder (Patrick Sr.), Melissa Olcott (Ryan); his grandson Jay Lincoln Weller; his step-grand-children: Kaira Ledford, Patrick Snyder Jr, Dana Olcott, Jordane Snyder, Seren Ledford, Kadence Olcott, Layla Olcott; his nieces and nephews: Tammy Braun, Trisha Thrum, Joseph Rich, Randy Weller Jr. as well as other extended family members.



Edward Vincent Rankin, a proud veteran of the United States Navy, passed away October 16, 2021 of natural causes. During his last days of life, he was surrounded by love and cared for by his children, grandchildren, and their spouses. Edward is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jane Rankin; two daughters, Tammy (Curtis) Daniels, Nancy (Thomas) Young; along with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The son of Gertrude and John Rankin, Edward was born in Brighton, MI on March 12, 1942 and grew up in the small town of Saline, MI. At the young age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S.N. and proudly served his country as a Mineman for 26 years where he earned the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer (MNCS). The Navy took him and his family on many assignments around the world to live in places like, Hawaii, Japan, Florida, South Carolina, and Italy. At the end of his service with the United States Navy, Edward and his family settled down together in Grand Rapids, MI. After his retirement from the United States Navy, he worked at Kentwood Finishing as a Quality Control Manager and later operated a small expediting business where he loved driving across the country. Over the years, Edward and Mary enjoyed spending time with their loved ones, camping, and visiting the Florida sun together in the winter months. He will live in our hearts and memories forever. His love for his family and sense of humor will be dearly missed. A memorial service was held in his honor at Fort Custer National Cemetery.





Minemen Miscellaneous!

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.



You are a part of our Mineman history!!!

If you would like to be interviewed to document your Minemen career (via Zoom) contact AOM Historian Don Moody







MNC - Chief Mineman

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