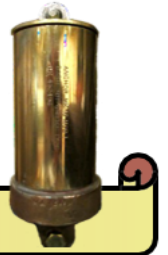




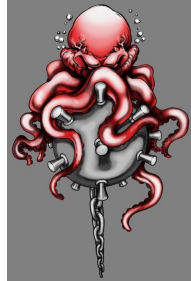
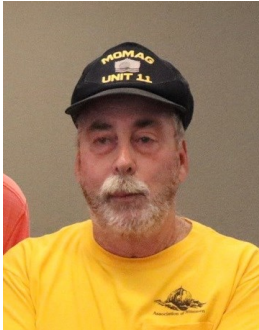
# The DASH POT



The Official Newsletter of the Association of Minemen

## From the President

**MN1 Charles Humbard (ret)**



## Reunion Update

**City: Reno, NV**

**Dates: Sep 23 - Sep 26, 2024**

**Rooms: Silver Legacy Resort (cutoff 2 Sep 2024) or 800-687-8733 (code SRAM24)**

**Food Reservation (cutoff 18 Sep 2024)**

We will be voting on President, Vice President and three Board of Directors.

The 50th year reunion remember to make your room and food choice before it is too late.

My sincere condolences to the families of recently departed, shipmates, and family members. Those who are on the binnacle list or suffering from a medical issue, but know that your shipmates are wishing you a speedy recovery. Each of you remain in our thoughts and prayers throughout your ordeal.

Congratulations to all the High School and College graduates, this is an amazing accomplishment (Well Done) your family and friends are extremely proud of you.

Time may be running out to reconnect with old shipmates and friends, but these are some ways to connect. I have attended the reunion at Short Stay for the Order of the Bushnell Keg group. They have a large attendance and they meet the first weekend in November, contact Cowboy for info. There is also the AOM Reunion we meet in a different location each year, we try for an East or West Coast location where Minemen tend to congregate. The AOM is meeting in Reno Nevada, September 23-25, 2024. This will be our 50th Anniversary. I hope to see you there. It's not too late to make your reservations.

God bless and protect our Solders, Sailors, Airman, Marines, Space Force, and Coast Guard. God bless the USA.

I was hacked recently and they asked for gift cards from my contacts. Please know that I or any one on the AOM will never request gift cards or money orders. Please stay vigilant, and be aware of Scammers



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## From the Editor

### MNC Dave Badger (ret)



Greetings,  
Welcome to another issue and say hello to summer. I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day, let's all remember that that day is for remembering those that paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Additional we have the 4th of July coming up so we can celebrate our freedoms, let's not forget that military personnel ensure our freedoms not politicians. We have the reunion coming up soon, don't forget We will be voting on President, Vice President and three Board of Directors. Have a great summer, remember to spend time with family.



## Secretary Treasurer Report - March 2024

We have a unique contract with our Reno hotel. In order to obtain the pricing they offered us, we need to meet a minimum dollars amount in rooms booked, food and drink services! As of this printing, we have not had enough members register for the reunion. So, if you are going to attend, now is the time to make your room reservations and send in your registration form so that we get a good head count sooner than later! My hope is to see more familiar faces and some new ones there as well! Thanks to our Reunion Committee and our Communications Chair for promoting the reunion!

Now for our Dashpot mailing! Thanks to those who sent me their address change. Along with the new mailing process, I did not receive any return to send Dashpots! Money saved! So, if you anticipate moving, please send me your change of so I can update my records. Send your change of address to [assocminemen@yahoo.com](mailto:assocminemen@yahoo.com). Or by mail; Association of Minemen, P. O. Box 2180, Temple City CA, 91780

*Nate Miranda*

From The Desk of the AOM Scholarship Chairmen,  
to the AOM scholarship fund.  
Scholarship Chairmen

*Ronald Glasen*

Ronald Glasen



### Membership Committee Report– June 2024

Membership stats for this quarter are 6 new members and 1 reinstated. Welcome aboard! As mentioned in our last Dashpot, I dropped 12 members that have not paid their dues since 2020. We still have 40 members that have pass dues since 2022 and 2023. And, we have 64 members that have a due date of Oct. 2024. Please check the address label on your Dashpot newsletter to verify your dues status. If you are due or past due, I will circle/highlight or underline the due date on the label in red. If you find that there might be an error on the due date, please let me know and I'll fix it. Remember, there are two ways you can send in your dues. 1) you can mail it to; Association of Minemen, P. O. Box 2180, Temple City CA, 91780 or 2) electronic transaction by going to <https://form.jotform.com/90215855401148>.

*Nate Miranda*

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO**  
**THE 1st ANNUAL MCM BALL** MCMRON 7  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Thursday, 1700 - 2200

E5 and Junior.....	\$30
E6 and Senior.....	\$50

**Uniform (w/ ribbons):**  
E6 and Junior: Dress Whites  
E7 and Senior: Summer Whites

**Location:**  
**Harbor View Club**  
Bldg. 1446 California Drive

For tickets or info, contact RP1 Cabarubias ([crisanthony.c.cabarubias.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:crisanthony.c.cabarubias.mil@us.navy.mil)) or LSC Davis ([desiree.m.davis15.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:desiree.m.davis15.mil@us.navy.mil))

The invitation card features a blue background with a white and red American flag border. It includes logos for "THE HARBOR VIEW CLUB" (ESTABLISHED 1941) and "MCMRON 7". There are three circular images of ships: a minesweeper (MCM), a minesweeper (MCM), and a minesweeper (MCM).





## Naval Mine Warfare: Back to the Future

COMMENTARY Jan 11, 2024 By [Scott Savitz](#)

This commentary originally appeared on [RealClearDefense](#) on January 11, 2024.

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Congratulations to all those selected



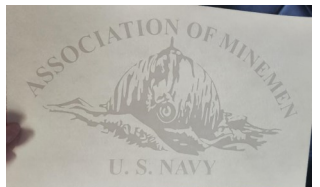
We did a survey on how many people would be interested in a AOM Window Sticker. We had a lot of interest totalling a couple hundred stickers would be sold! Well, we only had 100 made and so I am reminding folks if you want one, do not wait! You can go to <https://minemen.org/wp/window-sticker/> to purchase one. The sticker is 9 inches tall by 11-1/2 wide. Here is a photo of the back of my truck! PS; we will have some for sale at the reunion!

*Nate Miranda*



Visit the A.O.M Ship's Store

[https:// minemen.org/wp/aom-ships-store/](https://minemen.org/wp/aom-ships-store/)



A multinational group of mine countermeasure ships operate in formation during exercise Artemis Trident 21 in the Arabian Gulf, April 21, 2021 Photo by Spc. Theoren Neal/U.S. Army

Mines have a long history of [reshaping naval warfare](#), both by damaging individual ships and by countering the actions of entire fleets. Remarkably, though, one way to make them even more effective is to take a “back to the future” approach in which vintage mine technologies, even some dating a century or more, are employed alongside modern capabilities.

Even relatively unsophisticated mines have been used to prevent ship movements from [Vietnam](#) to the [English Channel](#), while also thwarting amphibious assaults from the [gates of Istanbul](#) to the [coasts of Korea](#). From 1988 through 1991, mines damaged three U.S. warships and many civilian ones in the Persian Gulf.

Most recently, Ukraine has used naval mines to help invasion of Odesa. Mines can help to negate the superior power of enemy fleets not only by directly damaging their ships, but by inducing them to avoid key waters or to engage in mine-countermeasures efforts that delay and disrupt their plans. For example, naval mines could [help to stymie a potential Chinese invasion of Taiwan](#), hindering China's ability to rapidly deliver a massive force

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ashore. In locations across the globe, naval mines could also be used to trap hostile submarines in port. They can also be used to impose “sanctions with a bite” by [precluding an aggressor from using specific waterways](#) until certain conditions are met.

The U.S. military is working to develop its currently vestigial naval mining capabilities. It has a handful of air-dropped bottom influence mines, which sit on the seafloor and detonate when they sense a ship's characteristic sounds or magnetism overhead. The U.S. is [working on mines](#) that can be delivered clandestinely or can be released from aircraft at long ranges from the target area. In addition, the U.S. is developing mines that can launch torpedoes when they detect a ship's presence, a capability that it first developed towards the end of the Cold War.

Burnishing capabilities from the 1980s, though, could be only the beginning. A very effective way of complementing today's advanced mines is by employing mine technology that dates back a century or even more. Moored contact mines that detonate on impact, like the “spiky balls” used in World War I, require different modalities of mine countermeasures (MCM) from bottom influence mines. Sonar searches for moored and bottom mines have to be conducted sequentially, while moored contact mines are immune to ship emulating MCM gear that attempts to prematurely detonate influence mines.

For the U.S., scattering a few moored contact mines among a larger number of bottom influence mines would require additional MCM efforts to counteract both, protracting clearance timelines. If an adversary did not undertake MCM against moored contact mines, because it was not aware of their usage, it would likely lose ships and then have to belatedly address that secondary threat. Throughout these protracted and perhaps confused MCM operations, MCM forces and other ships would be vulnerable to U.S. targeting.

Similarly, old-fashioned drifting mines can be tremendously disruptive to an adversary's fleet actions or its MCM efforts against fixed mines. Under international law, drifting mines must neutralize themselves within one hour of release. However, under the right circumstances, they can do a lot of mischief within that single hour. Slightly submerged drifting mines could be released from uncrewed undersea vehicles or low-visibility uncrewed surface vehicles just up current from a fleet or from [MCM forces tackling a fixed minefield](#).

The technology involved is very old: the U.S. first used drifting mines that detonate on contact in 1777. Drifting mines could help to disrupt a fleet as it was trying to maintain formation or adhering to channels where MCM had previously been conducted. Available [tactics against drifting mines](#) are mostly risible, consisting of

having people try to spot incoming mines, then trying to avoid and/or shoot them. The result is that ships would be continually damaged by an invisible threat, with no meaningful capacity to counter it.

A third approach is to use remotely controlled mines that have a hard-wired connection to a facility on land. Controllers at that facility can decide whether to detonate a mine when a ship approaches one of them or could simply activate (or de-activate) a set of influence mines that respond to ship signatures. Again, the U.S. has been here before: at the turn of the 20th century it [protected ports with remotely controlled minefields](#). Today, coastal nations such as Taiwan and the Baltic states could employ such minefields to better protect their shores from hostile fleets. Having numerous, distributed links between individual mines and various shore locations can reduce vulnerability to both the severing of cables and the targeting of the control facilities themselves. Remotely controlled mines are relatively impervious to typical MCM tactics, while any MCM assets would be highly vulnerable to various shore-based defenses.

Overall, while naval mine warfare benefits from [technological development](#), employing a few old-style mines can be a useful complement to modern capabilities. The low costs associated with naval mines may be further reduced by constructing some with century-old technology. Some other nations already use seemingly antiquated mines: Russia's M08 moored contact mine is named for the year of its development—1908. By using moored contact, drifting, or remotely controlled naval mines in combination with advanced counterparts, the U.S. and other nations can inexpensively help to counter prospective aggressors as part of a range of naval defenses.

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# Mine Warfare Training Center



# Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division



Welcome to our newest PCD teammates! 🎉

Dawn Hilty, [Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division](#) Human Resource director, administered the federal civilian oath of office and Navy Lab leadership were present to welcome our newest [#TeamPCD](#) members, June 17. We are excited you are here to support the warfighter!

Anthony Powers



We were [#PCDproud](#) to host the June 2024 New Hire [Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division](#) Tour, June 13! Our new employees had the opportunity to meet some of their peers and see the inner-workings of the [#NavyLab](#) such as the Fanselau Coil Building, the SEAL delivery vehicle and learn about the Additive Manufacturing Lab to name a few.

Eddie Green



Commander Valon Walker, an Eastlake High School alum from the inaugural graduating class of 1995, returns to Eastlake High School, for their graduation to share career opportunities of joining the Navy with MNC Sannicolas, MN1 Cohen, MN2 Alonsojua-rez and some “A” School students (MNSN Lozano, MNSN Brown, MNSN Tavonatti, MNSN Ogden, and MNSN Poulos) from the Mine Warfare Training Center.



# FIRST MINE WARFARE USV EMBARKED ON US NAVY LCS

BY NAVAL NEWS STAFF *U.S. Navy press release*



An unmanned surface vehicle is craned aboard the Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Canberra (LCS 30), as a part of the first embarkation of the Mine Countermeasures (MCM) mission package, April 23. (US Navy photo)

As part of the embark process, the Navy installed sensors, unmanned vehicles, support containers and the software that enables Sailors to execute MCM operations from an Independence-variant Littoral Combat Ship. The embarkation marks the formal turnover of the MCM mission package to the ship, signifying the crew is ready to commence onboard training and maintenance of the mission package in preparation for its first deployment.

*“Today, the LCS Mission Modules program delivers to the Fleet a modernized and integrated MCM mission package that removes Sailors from the minefield and allows for the future retirement of legacy MCM ships,”* said Capt. Matthew Lehmann, program manager of the LCS Mission Modules (PMS 420) program office.

An integrated suite of unmanned maritime systems and sensors, the MCM mission package locates, identifies, and destroys mines in the littorals while increasing the ship’s standoff distance from the threat area. Embarked with the MCM mission package, an LCS or a vessel of opportunity can conduct the full spectrum of detect-to-

engage operations (hunt, neutralize and sweep) against mine threats using sensors and weapons deployed from the MCM Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV), an MH-60S multi-mission helicopter and associated support equipment.

The MCM mission package achieved Initial Operational Capability (IOC) on March 31, 2023, following rigorous initial operational testing and evaluation (IOT&E) of the full mission package, including the AN/AQS-20 system, during the fall of 2022 aboard USS Cincinnati (LCS 20). With the deployment of the first MCM mission packages in Fiscal Year 2025, the Navy will commence the process of divesting from aging MH-53 helicopters and Avenger Class MCM ships.

PEO Unmanned and Small Combatants leads the Navy’s efforts to provide littoral combat ships with mission-tailored capability to Combatant Commanders to provide assured access against littoral threats, leveraging unmanned naval capabilities for enhanced operational effectiveness.

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# MILITARY LIFE

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.





# Honoring the ones who came home

May 2, 2024 Alabama Living Magazine

Illustration by Dennis Auth

“Shoot him! Shoot him! Shoot him!” my father yelled at the screen. No one in the movie theatre made a sound. I think that’s because the audience knew the old man in the wheelchair was a veteran. Nevertheless, I was mortified by his outburst. But, I should’ve known something like this might happen when I took Dad to see “Saving Private Ryan.”

The scene that had such an effect on him was a particularly intense one. Many of you will recall it. During a skirmish with the enemy, a GI medic was shot and killed. The Americans took the lone German survivor, and made him dig a grave. Then they planned to put him in it. But Tom Hanks showed mercy and spared his life, which later in the movie would cost him his own.

My father said “Private Ryan” was the most realistic depiction of World War II he’d ever seen. It also had an unusual effect on him: The next day he talked more about the war than he ever had before. As you know, many vets rarely speak about their experiences. Since this was a window that didn’t open often, I began asking a few questions.

Initially, I inquired about a scene in the movie when an American sergeant told his men not to shoot the Nazis jumping from their pillboxes after they were doused with a flamethrower. “Let ‘em burn!” he said.

“Did things like that really happen?” I asked.

He replied directly and honestly. “Yeah, they did.” Then he continued. “And don’t think the Germans were the only bad guys. The Americans did some terrible things, too.”

“Like what?” I asked. To my surprise, he answered my question.

“Well, you know that part of the movie when the Americans were going to shoot that German who killed the medic?”

I nodded. It wasn’t too difficult to remember the scene when he yelled out loud in the theater.

“Well,” he said, “something like that happened to me. I walked up to a bunch of our guys standing over the body of a German. Seems he shot our chaplain in a firefight. So when the GIs captured him, their sergeant walked up to him and without saying a word, stabbed him with his bayonet.”

I sat in sickened, stunned silence. This was too horrible to hear. How much worse would it have been to have actually been there? For Dad, it was no movie. This really happened. What else had he seen, or for that matter, done?

At once, I realized that war dehumanizes you, regardless of what side you are on. In addition, now I understood the price my father paid fighting for our freedom. The conversation ended and we never spoke of it again. But this story has haunted me for years.

My Mom often told me that the man who returned from the war was not the same person who left. I knew physical pain accompanied my father all his life because of the wound he sustained at the Battle of the Bulge. But there were also unseen wounds that manifested themselves – outbursts of anger, excessive drinking, and nightmares. Back then it was called battle fatigue, and those affected by it were left to deal with it themselves. Some drank, some turned to Jesus, some committed suicide. Now it’s called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, and we know so much more about it. There are many new treatment options that are helping our Middle East war veterans. Unfortunately, they weren’t available to help the Greatest Generation.

This Memorial Day, when we remember those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, let’s not forget to honor the men who came home with an unscathed body, but a wounded soul. Men like my father, who managed to get through life despite the heavy burden they brought back from the battlefields.

Thank you for your service, Dad.

***If you or someone you love needs help, call the Veteran’s Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.***

## Fair Winds and Following Seas

### Departed



September 7, 1933 – March 26, 2024

Gloucester, VA – John Francis Loonam passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Freeport, NY to Walter Loonam and Grace Agatha Fields Loonam. After graduating from Freeport High School in June of 1951, John joined the Navy. He married the love of his life, Barbara Morris (Bobbie), October 24, 1953, in Yuma, AZ.

John's Navy career lasted 30 years, and he retired at the rank of CW04 in Jan. 1982. His duty stations included: Bainbridge, MD, Nov. 1951 – Feb. 1952; Yorktown, VA, Feb. 1952 – Jul. 1952; USS Sperry, Jul. 1952 – Oct. 1953; San Diego, CA, Oct. 1953 – Nov. 1954; Oahu, HI, Dec. 1954 – Dec. 1955; New London, CT, Jan 1956 – Feb. 1958; Malta Island, Mar. 1958 – Feb. 1961; Bushnell, Mar. 1961- Sept. 1961; Key West, FL, Sept. 1961 - Aug. 1965; Long Beach, CA, Sept 1965 – Feb. 1967; Newport, RI, Feb. 1967 – Jul. 1967; USS Yellowstone, Jul. 1967 – Sept. 1970 (Mayport, FL); Yorktown, VA, Sept. 1970 – Feb. 1973; Subic Bay, Philippines Feb. 1973 - May 1974; Yorktown, VA, Jun. 1974 - Jun. 1976; Kadena Okinawa, Japan, Jul. 1976 – Feb. 1979; Yorktown, VA, Feb. 1979 – Jan. 1982.

After serving in the Navy, John began working for E.L. Hamm & Associates as a defense contractor where he remained for five years. John was very proud to have obtained an associate degree in business administration with honors from Rappahannock Community College. John was a dedicated member of the Association of Minemen and attended their yearly reunions. He also held lifetime memberships with the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, and the American Legion. John

was a devout Catholic and a member of the Church of St. Therese in Gloucester since 1982. John dedicated countless hours to researching his family genealogy, tracing his ancestry back to Cloghan, Ireland in Offaly County. Above all else, John valued his family and friends, cherishing every opportunity to bond over shared stories and making memories. His efforts helped strengthen the connections between the many branches of the Loonam family over the years. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, with a great sense of humor and an impeccable memory.

John is preceded in death by his wife Bobbie, sons Lawrence and John, Jr., siblings Walter, Bernard, Patricia, Margaret Rowe, Mary (stillborn), George and Patrick.

John is survived by his sons Michael (Antonella) of SC and Gregory (Amy) of VA; his daughters Kathleen Loonam-Herndon (Phil) of VA, Diane Parker (Jodie) of FL, and Sandy of VA. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Heather Velders of NJ, John D. (Tammy) of OH, Salvatore (Sarah) of FL, Teresa of FL, Nicole Reid (Zach) of VA, Tyler Parker (Kourtney) of FL, Alexander Odell of NC, Delany of NC, Sydney of VA, Justin Parker of NC and Megan Odell of NJ. John is also survived by many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family has arranged a time for friends to pay their respects on Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Andrews Funeral Home located at 7192 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061. A Celebration of Life mass will be held on April 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Therese, 6262 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061. After the mass, there will be a reception hosted by the Theresians; all are welcome to attend. The interment service at Arlington National Cemetery will be announced at a later date. If you would like to donate in memory of John, please send it to St. Therese Parish Growth Fund. In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree or donate to your local SPCA.

## Fair Winds and Following Seas Departed



### MNCS Mike Chivilicek

**Nov 27 1951 - Jun 10 2024**

He graduated from Havre Central High School in 1970. Michael enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served nearly 24 years before he retired as a Chief Mineman. He travelled around the world and country, as well as spending time at sea on the following aircraft carriers: USS Midway (CVA-41), USS Independence (CVA-62), and USS Ranger (CVA-61). After Michael's retirement from the U.S. Navy (April 1994) he moved his family to the Evergreen State to raise his two children and enjoy the great outdoors. He began his second career at the Port Townsend Paper Mill, dedicating 22 years of service operating and maintaining the plant's extensive boiler system.



### Christopher Scott Ewer, MN1

DOB: 6 Oct 1947 - DOD: 14 Dec 2023  
Albuquerque, NM

He was a proud naval serviceman and valiant Vietnam Veteran.

## The Binnacle List

Jim miller is in hospital been in hospital three weeks.

I don't know if you knew about him. I had called him last night and I was surprised he said I'm in hospital he had just went thru a procedure a few minutes before I called so I didn't want to keep him on the phone I was sorry to hear he was in hospital I guess his breathing wasn't good I guess with something with his heart and blood pressure was up. So that's all I know Don.

Regards from

Kathleen Maddocks.

Got this from [Tony Owen](#): Wanted to let you know I had a heart attack last weds. The VA in slc was all over me moments after arriving. Thank God. But home resting and recovering now

Just got this from Don Lee: Don

I don't know if the newsletter is the correct venue to ask for a kidney but I thought I would ask.

If any fellow Mineman would like to donate a kidney I would appreciate it. I just went on the transplant list and the wait time here in Florida is 2 + years. It will be much longer because of my blood type. I have O negative blood and the donor has to have the same type. Thank you  
Don Lee  
MNC retired  
Famileediveinstructions  
famileediveinstructions@gmail.com

We are always looking for photos to share, so if you have a photo you would like to share with your shipmates send it to us. Details are helpful.



This is Ross Maddocks still hasn't lost the weight. But looking good for 85 yrs old 86 in November. He's still a strong man for his age.

Ross Maddocks is doing good he gets around ok still wants to come home his son will bring him home for the day when the weather gets a little better





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- Business center
- Free self parking





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**ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER - Wed. Sept. 25th \$65.00  
(Includes tax and gratuity)**

**Chopped Romaine Salad (v)**

Chopped Romaine, Black Olives, Cherry Tomatoes, Pepperoncini, Thin Sliced Red Onions, Focaccia Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese and Italian Vinaigrette

**Antipasto Pasta Salad (v)**

Bocconcini Mozzarella and Kalamata Olive

**Couscous Salad (v) (vg)**

Artichoke, Cherry Tomato, Bell Peppers, Basil, Lemon and Herbs

**Italian Green Bean Salad (gf)**

Pancetta, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Butter Beans and Red Onion

**Fresh Sliced Seasonal Fruits and Berries (v) (vg) (gf)**

**Chicken Marsala (gf)**

Wild Mushroom Marsala Wine Sauce

**Baked White Fish (gf)**

Topped with Tomato-Basil Relish

**Mushroom Ravioli**

**Porcini Cream Sauce**

**Meat Ravioli**

**Bolognese Sauce**

**Smashed Yukon and Red Potatoes with Garlic and Herbs (gf)**

**Roasted Zucchini Squash and Baby Carrots (v) (vg) (gf)**

**Assorted Focaccias and Cheese Twists (v)**

**DESSERT - Classic Tiramisu, Pistachio Panna Cotta with Fresh Strawberry (gf)**

Chocolate Profiteroles and Baci Di Dama Italian Cookies

**Key codes for menus: gf=Gluten-Free vg=Vegan v=Vegetarian**



## Auction Picnic Luncheon on Site – Tuesday Sept. 24th

### Choice of Sandwiches or Wrap

All boxed lunches include potato chips, seasonal whole fruit, fresh baked cookie, soft drink and bottled water.



**\$20.00 Per Person**



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	BANQUET DINNER	COST EA.	QTY.	AMOUNT
	Italian Style Buffet Dinner	\$65.00		
	Auction Picnic Luncheon			
	Classic Italian	\$20.00		
	Turkey Pesto	\$20.00		
	Grilled Vegetable Wrap (v) (vg)	\$20.00		
	Membership			
	Reinstatement or New Member Fee	\$5.00		
	Annual Dues	\$15.00		
	Reunion Fee	\$20.00	1	\$20.00
	Scholarship Donation			
<b>TOTAL DUE TO AOM</b>				

**Classic Italian**-Genoa Salami, Ham, Prosciutto, Provolone, Mozzarella, Char-Roasted Red Pepper, Black Olives, Romaine Leaves, Sliced Pepperoncini, Oil and Vinegar and Roasted Garlic-Sun Dried Tomato Aioli on Focaccia

**Turkey Pesto**-Oven Roasted Turkey, Char-Roasted Red Peppers, Spinach Leaf, Havarti Cheese and Pesto Spread on Ciabatta

**Grilled Vegetable Wrap (v) (vg)**-Marinated Grilled Vegetables with Roasted Red Pepper Hummus in Whole Wheat Tortilla Wrap

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There is a \$5.00 fee for new or 3 years past dues members.  
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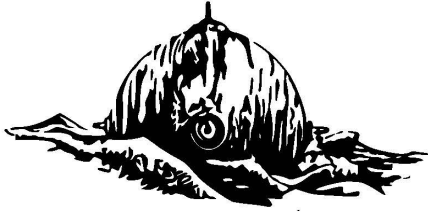
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DATE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TEL \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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ELEGIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Application Fee: \$5.00 - Annual Dues: \$15.00 - NOTICE: To maintain membership, dues must be paid annually by the month of October. The dues expiration date is printed on the mailing label above your name. Mail checks to the Association of Minemen, P.O. Box 2180, Temple City, CA 91780 Our on-line member application link- <https://form.jotform.com/90215855401148>. If you have any questions about your membership, please send an email with your question to: [assocminemen@yahoo.com](mailto:assocminemen@yahoo.com).