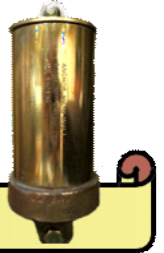




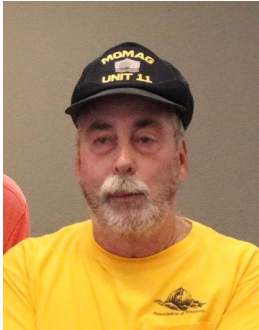
# The DASHPOT



The Official Newsletter of the Association of Minemen

## From the President

**MN1 Charles Humbard (ret)**



Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by all the Storms, please stay safe.

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.

I would like to invite everyone to attend the 51st AOM Reunion in Charleston SC. Some of the great places to visit are:

- Carriage rides in Historic Downtown Charleston
- Tea Plantation
- USS Yorktown
- Fort Sumpter
- Fire Museum
- Harbor and Dinner Cruises

Also there are a large number of Minemen and their families still in the area.

Please pass the word about our AOM Scholarship Awards Program, we have awarded 239 scholarships totaling \$161,150.00. This is our way to help our families afford College. A special thank you to the Scholarship Chairman and committee for their hard work.

Remember our Shipmates and their families who may need help or just a phone call, text, or email now and then to lift their spirits or just to reminisce old times.

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

Charles & Kim

## Fleet News



MWTC Awards quarters.

Congratulations to all the awardees!

MNC Trinidad - COM

MN1 Dutton - NAM

MN1 Hastings - NAM

OS1 McNamura - NAM

MN1 Moon - NAM

MN3 Armstrong - NAM

MN2 Van Ness - SOQ Q3

MN1 Littleton - INST CERT

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

BRAVO ZULU!

We also celebrate the departure of three Sailors, MNC Trinidad, MN1 Moon and MN3 Armstrong. You will be greatly missed! Fair winds and following seas from your brothers and sisters and MWTC!



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## From the Editor

### MNC Dave Badger (ret)



Welcome to another issue of the Dashpot.

As we prepare for the next AOM reunion in Charleston, we wish all that can attend do so. It is a great time to catch up with old shipmates and make new friends.

As we are also looking toward summer fun, remember to be save. There are so many activities to enjoy during the spring and summer, spending time with family, gardening, woodworking etc. Make sure you make time to have fun and stay active.

I know a lot of us have gone through some rough weather lately. I hope everyone fared well. Remember if you need help please don't hesitate, there are a lot of resources out there. I know some of us oldtimers are a bit proud and stubborn and don't like asking for help.

If you have any article to submit please send them to me at [storboc@yahoo.com](mailto:storboc@yahoo.com). I'm sure your fellow minemen would love to heard old sea stories (clean ones), stories from current Minemen (unclassified one) and some life stories.

Stay safe and have fun. Until next time

Dave Badger



## Secretary Treasurer Report- Apr. 2025



We are gearing up for the 51<sup>st</sup> Reunion in Charleston this year. As always, it is a great time to meet up with shipmates that you and I normally do not see regularly! There are some important due dates on the registration form that you should make note of. One is the Dinner Cruise and the other the registration by dates. As for our finances, we are in the black and hope to stay there when members bring up their membership dues up to date! As mentioned in the Membership Report, please look closely at the date just below your name on the Dashpot mailing label. That is the date in which your dues are up. If you find that the date is not correct, please send me an email and I will make the corrections. My email address is [assocminemen@yahoo.com](mailto:assocminemen@yahoo.com). Or, if you would like to send me a note by mail, here is the address. Association of Minemen, P. O. Box 2180, Temple City CA, 91780

Thank you and I hope to see you in Charleston!

*Nate Miranda*



### Membership Committee Report Apr. 2025

This quarter we had 2 new members join us. We dropped 3 members who have left us for the big mine shop in the sky! R. I. P. shipmates! With our membership standing at 225 card carrying members and 25 spouses of deceased members, we are at 258. As of today, 16 members are past due as of 2022, 17 members are past due as of 2023 and 27 members are past due as of 2024. Please take note of your membership status printed on the mailing label and send in your dues as soon as possible! Remember, there are two

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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*

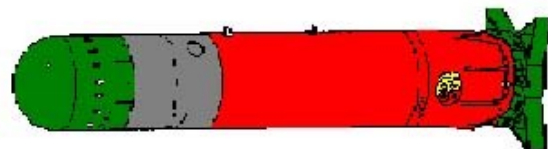
### 2025 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

From The Desk of the AOM Scholarship Chairmen  
The snow flakes are a thing of the past. The grass is starting to turn green and flowers are starting to bloom and Spring break is here. All this means is that the 2025 school year is coming to a close and it's time to start thinking about the 2026 school year and how your going to pay for some of your tuition and school supplies. The answer is the AOM Scholarship Fund. A scholarship is a good way to help with your school year's financial needs. An application for a AOM Scholarship can be found on the AOM Web Page. (minemen.org) A word of caution. The rules for completing the application must be strictly adhered to as they were written in the application instructions. The application must be submitted to the AOM secretary no later than July 1. (Association of Minemen, PO Box 2180, Temple City, CA. 91780). I would like to thank all the minemen and their families for their most generous donations to the AOM scholarship fund.

Scholarship Chairmen

*Ronald Glasen*

Ronald Glasen



# History report: US Navy Minemen stationed in Atsugi, Japan from 1969 to 1970

The lives of US Navy Minemen stationed in Atsugi, Japan from 1969 to 1970 were a complex mix of duty, leisure, and cultural immersion, shaped by the Cold War context and the unique environment of post-war Japan. Here's a breakdown of some key aspects:

## Duty:

- Focus on Cold War deterrence: Minemen played a crucial role in maintaining US naval readiness in the Pacific, particularly in light of the ongoing Vietnam War. Their primary task was to man and maintain aircraft-launched weapons, ensuring their functionality in case of escalating tensions. This responsibility carried significant weight and required constant vigilance.
- Minemen were part of the Weapons Department, Mine Division, Minemen worked together with Aviation Ordnancemen (AO) and Gunner Mate Tech (GMT) rates.
- Training and drills: Regular training exercises and drills were a significant part of their daily routine, honing their skills and preparedness for potential conflicts. These drills could be demanding both physically and mentally, creating a sense of constant readiness.
- Living conditions: Atsugi Naval Air Station offered relatively comfortable living conditions for enlisted personnel, with barracks, mess halls, and recreational facilities. However, life away from home could be isolating and challenging, especially for those facing extended deployments.

## Leisure:

- Liberty in Atsugi and beyond: When off duty, Minemen could explore the surrounding areas, experiencing Japanese culture firsthand. The bustling city of Yokohama and the scenic beauty of Mount Fuji were popular destinations. The base itself also offered various recreational activities, including bowling alleys, movie theaters, and sports facilities.
- Cultural exchange: Opportunities to interact with the local population were plentiful, fostering cultural understanding and appreciation. Some Minemen learned basic Japanese, tried traditional cuisine, and

even participated in local festivals. This exposure to a different way of life could be enriching and eye-opening.

- Impact on personal lives: Despite the leisure opportunities, the distance from family and friends could be emotionally taxing. Many Minemen relied on letters, phone calls, and care packages to maintain connections back home.

## Cultural immersion:

- Post-war Japan: Japan in 1969-1970 was still recovering from the devastation of World War II. The country was undergoing rapid economic growth and modernization, presenting a fascinating contrast to the military world of the base. Witnessing this transformation firsthand could be a valuable learning experience.
- Cultural differences: Navigating cultural differences was a common challenge. Language barriers, social customs, and dietary preferences could be sources of confusion and amusement. However, overcoming these challenges could foster understanding and appreciation for the Japanese way of life.
- Legacy of the experience: The experience of serving in Atsugi during this period could have a lasting impact on Minemen's lives. The exposure to a different culture, the pressures of Cold War duty, and the camaraderie of their fellow servicemen could shape their perspectives and values.

Overall, the lives of US Navy Minemen in Atsugi were a tapestry woven from the threads of duty, leisure, and cultural immersion. It was a challenging yet rewarding experience, offering opportunities for personal growth, cultural understanding, and service to their country.

It's important to note that this is a general overview, and individual experiences could vary greatly depending on specific assignments, personalities, and preferences. If you're interested in learning more about this specific period, I recommend checking out the following resources:

- Books: "The Atomic Clock: A History of Naval Nuclear Weapons Testing" by Stephen I. Schwartz, "Duty, Honor, Country: A History of the US Navy" by James D. Bradley
- Websites: Naval History and Heritage Command website, Atsugi Naval Air Station website (if available)
- Documentaries: "Atomic Submarine" (2004), "The Cold War" (PBS series)

P.S. I met my wife while stationed at NAS Atsugi, lot of fond memories of my time there.



# Misawa was awarded the 2024 Naval Mine Assembly and Maintenance Excellence Award.



This award is recommended by COMOMAG and awarded by our ISIC, Commander, Submarine Force Pacific (COMSUBPAC).

By  
MNCM(SW) Michael H. Just Jr.  
Senior Enlisted Leader  
Mobile Mine Assembly Group

1. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF THE FIRST ANNUAL NAVAL MINE ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD, NAVY MUNITIONS COMMAND, PACIFIC, EAST ASIA DIVISION (NMCPAC EAD), UNIT MISAWA.

2. FROM OCTOBER 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 2024, NMCPAC EAD UNIT MISAWA DEMONSTRATED UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE, DEDICATION, AND PROFESSIONALISM IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR MISSION. THE UNIT PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN MINE ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE PROCESSES, ENSURING THAT ALL SYSTEMS WERE MAINTAINED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS AND REMAIN READY FOR OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT. THEIR RESOURCEFULNESS AND METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CONTINUED READINESS OF NAVAL MINE SYSTEMS, SUPPORTING FLEET REQUIREMENTS, AND ENHANCING THE NAVY'S MINE WARFARE CAPABILITIES.

THE UNIT'S EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING AND ASSEMBLING CRITICAL ASSETS SUCH AS QUICKSTRIKE (QS) MINES, ALONGSIDE THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF NUMEROUS EVALUATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS, EXEMPLIFY THEIR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINE WARFARE TRAINING, FLEET CERTIFICATIONS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE CLANDESTINE MINE (CDM) MK68 MOD 0 AND TEST SET MK650 MOD 1 HAVE SET A BENCHMARK FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE NAVAL MINE COMMUNITY. THROUGH THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO OPERATIONAL READINESS AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT, NMCPAC EAD UNIT MISAWA HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE NAVY'S MINE WARFARE CAPABILITIES, ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF VITAL MISSIONS REFLECTING GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

3. THE COMPETITION FOR NAVAL MINE ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD WAS EXTREMELY TOUGH. I COMMEND NMCPAC EAD UNIT MISAWA FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY DEDICATION TO MINE ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE EFFICIENCY AND WARFIGHTING. BRAVO ZULU!  
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Graduation of Mineman "A" School class 25-050!!!  
Congratulations to the graduates:  
MNSA Stubbs, MNSA Reyes, MNSA Camacho, MNSN Calderon, and MNSR Mace (Left to right)  
Congratulations to this classes "Deans list which contains students who graduated with a GPA of 90% and above:  
MNSA Camacho  
MNSN Calderon  
MNSR Mace ( Honor Grad )  
Bravo Zulu class 25-050!

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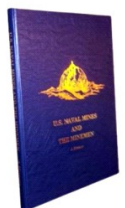
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# 2024 Sea Mineman of the Year

**MNI(SW) David J. Hernandez**  
**Operations Departmental Leading Petty Officer**  
**USS SENTRY (MCM 3)**

Petty Officer Hernandez was born in San Diego, California but grew up in Tahoka, Texas. After graduating from Tahoka High School in 2007, he worked as a phlebotomist at Covenant Hospital and attended Texas Tech University as a freshman, before enlisting in January of 2010.

Upon graduating from boot camp he completed Apprentice Technical Training Schools in Great Lakes, IL prior to transferring to Mineman A-School in San Diego, CA. After completing A-School, then MNSN Hernandez reported to MCM Crew Swerve stationed onboard USS Devastator, San Diego, CA. During his time onboard USS Devastator, MNSN Hernandez attended Voyage Management System, Precise Integrated Navigation System schools and advanced to Petty Officer 3rd Class.

In 2012, he was forward deployed to Bahrain, to serve onboard USS Gladiator with MCM Crew Swerve. During an eleven-month deployment, MN3 Hernandez completed multiple basic and advanced qualifications, obtained the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Pin and advanced to Petty Officer 2nd Class. Following his rotation back to San Diego, CA reporting to USS Champion, he participated in the heavy lifting evolution of transferring four MCM's to Bahrain. After the disbanding of rotational crews, MN2 Hernandez reported to USS Devastator in Bahrain as a leading maintenance man for 0101 work center in Operations Department in 2013.

Due to the declining health of his mother, MN2 Hernandez reported to South West Regional Maintenance Center in San Diego, Ca in 2015 to help provide bedside care during his off duty time for

his mother, whom suffered from stage 4 terminal cancer. MN2 Hernandez repaired fiber optic cables for USS Carl Vinson, repaired numerous circuit cards for several warships increasing mission readiness through Pacific Fleet, and improved the training program during his tenure in the 2M shop at SWRMC.

In 2019, MN2 Hernandez reported to USS SENTRY stationed in Bahrain, as the Small Arms Munitions Instructor (SAMI) and serving as Deck Leading Petty Officer. As LPO, he demonstrated exceptional leadership and motivation, qualifying in boat davit, VHS, stem crane and anchor windlass operator leading to his qualification as Petty Officer in Charge. He then transferred to Combat division serving as LPO and was designated as Combat Information Center Watch Officer and advanced to Petty Officer 1st Class. Afterwards, he transferred to Armory division as LPO and qualified as Anti-Terrorism Tactical Watch Officer, while accounting for 100% of all articles of ammunitions and weapons for USS Sentry. MNI Hernandez completed his Bachelors of Arts in Psychology as an honors student in March of 2024. Currently, he is working towards his Conning Officer qualification and is serving as Operations Department Leading Petty Officer.

His personal awards include: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6 awards); Navy Good Conduct Award (4 awards); and various other unit and campaign awards. MNI Hernandez is currently working on his package for his consideration for the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP) and his application for several Nursing school programs throughout the United States.



## 024 Shore Mineman of the Year

**MN1(SW) Issac Vargas**

**NMCPAC CWD Unit Seal Beach**



MN1 has continuously excelled as one of the main pillars in the Mine Shop performing as Quality Assurance Leading Petty Officer (LPO). He supervises three Quality Assurance Safety Observers (QA/SO), responsible for finalizing the quality and conditions of various Exercise and Training (ET) materials, handling and laying mines, as well as their respective components and piece parts, in support of fleet wide mine warfare exercise (MIW) operations.

As the lead SLMM Technician, he led a team during SLMM ET 2023 event hosted in Seal Beach. His team was composed of 10 Sailors from NMCPAC Unit Seal Beach. Five representatives from ISEA, two from COMOMAG, and one Sailor from NMCPAC Guam resulting in the successful build of four MK 67 AUR's for INDOPACOM leadership to view, familiarize, and best utilize in future OPLANS complimenting a robust weapons cadre.

Professional Licenses/Certifications & Qualifications: Command Fitness Leader (Navy), and Certified Nutrition Specialist (NASM)

MN1 Vargas' personal qualifications while onboard NMCPAC CWD Unit Seal Beach include MK 67 Quality Assurance/Safety Observer, MK 67 Board Member, MK 62/63/65 Underwater Mine Assembly Team Leader and NMPAC Unit Seal Beach Command Duty Officer (CDO). Born on December 17th 1995 in the town of Huntsville, TX to father Rogelio Vargas Jr and mother, Linda Vargas. He

graduated from Huntsville High School in 2014. MN1 Vargas spent majority of his adolescence playing baseball, football, running sprints and long distance for the varsity track team. Upon graduating from high school, he accepted a position as a Detentions Officer for the Walker County Sheriff's Department's Jail Division where he worked between processing and high security. He married Lyric and have a daughter born to him, Lyla Bell.

Leaving his hometown behind him, MN1 Vargas joined the Navy in 2015, and reported to his first command, USS Patriot (MCM 7) in April of 2016. In 2017, he earned the rank of MN3 in his time onboard PATRIOT while being SLQ-48 technician and pilot, and took over as LPO for Combat Information Center (CIC) during his final 6 months on board. In January of 2020, he reported to the T2Q department of LCSRON 1 and transferred to LCS Crew 215 assigned to USS TULSA (LCS 16) where he earned the rank of MN2. His time on board USS TULSA was cut short due to an injury. He used his physical set back as a way to better his career by gaining knowledge of mission planning, MCM watch floor operations, and familiarization with tactics to be an effective leader while LIMDU at MCMGRU3 for 16 months. He reported to NMCPAC CWD Unit Seal Beach in August of 2022, immediately took over as Submarine Launched Mobile Mine (SLMM) LPO, eventually became Production LPO and earned the rank of MN1 in June 2023. He is currently the Quality Assurance LPO at building 78.





## 2024 Reserve Mineman of the Year

MN1(SW) Bagnon C. Kodia Biography



MN1(SW) Kodia was born in East Orange, New Jersey, on June 5, 1994. He attended online courses at the American Public University System, graduating in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Digital Forensics. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Intelligence with a minor in Criminology and serves as a member of the US Capitol Police in his civilian career.

He attended Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois, in 2014. He then attended

Mineman "A" School in Point Loma, California. His early assignments included MCM DET 22

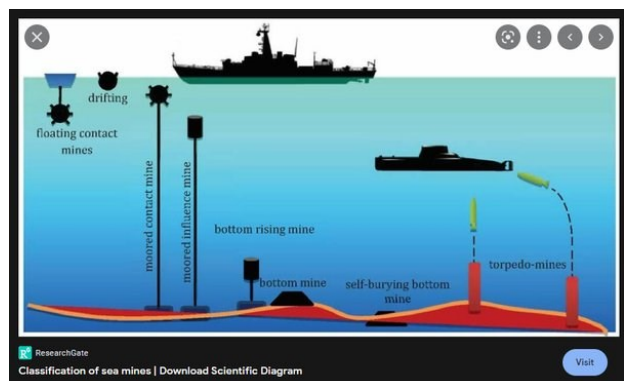
PCU S, LCS MCM BLUE DET 22, and NMCPAC EAD Unit Misawa.

Afloat, MN1 Kodia reported to USS Little Rock with MCM BLUE DET 22 as an MN3, working in the deck department. He helped commission the USS Little Rock, which homeported to Naval Station Mayport, Florida, and successfully completed INSURV. He was also assigned to COMLCSRON TWO, where he was responsible for the development and testing of the Unmanned

Influence Sweep System. During this time, he was meritoriously advanced to Second Class Petty Officer.

Ashore, MN1 Kodia reported to NMCPAC EAD Unit Misawa as an MN2, where he worked in Production (N3) as a mine technician. He was transferred to AD&C (N9), where he worked on Ordnance Information Systems (OIS) as an ammunition accountant. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Quality Assurance (N8) as QA LPO. In 2019, he was selected for promotion to First Class Petty Officer.

After his duties at NMCPAC EAD Unit Misawa, he separated and joined the Navy Reserve, reporting to NR NMCLANT MAU CHS where he has maintained his qualification levels as a Quality Assurance/ Safety Observer and has already directly contributed to a MRCI. His personal awards include the Navy Achievement Medal (four) and multiple unit awards. He is married to his wife, Davae, and they have one dog and are expecting a daughter together. Their family includes Hazel (3) and Genevieve.





# The US Navy

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**Walter Kent Bynum, MNCM**

Sept 29th, 1955 - Feb 10th, 2025

Walter Kent Bynum (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), who passed away at the age of 69, on February 10, 2025

**Robert (Bob) Nelson Hart MNC**

8-20-1934—4-15-2022

Robert "Bob" Nelson Hart, 87, died April 15, 2022, surrounded by his wife and family.

He was born in Steelton, PA, on August 20, 1934. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Chief

Mineman during the Vietnam War and retired in 1973. He then worked in Civil

Service where he retired from the Naval Ships Parts Control Center in Mechanicsburg, PA.



**David W. David MN3**

1941— Apr 7 2025

Passed away at Campbelltown, Scotland UK

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**Kazuko Martin**

August 9, 1935 ~ February 15, 2025 (age 89)



Kazuko Yamamoto Martin, age 89, of Savoy, IL formerly of Casey, IL passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, February 15, 2025. She was born August 9, 1935 in Heian'nan-do, Korea, the daughter of Tatsusaburo Yamamoto and Hisa Okamura Yamamoto.

On March 9, 1962 she married the love of her life, Cecil Harvey Martin in Yokohama, Japan; he passed away on September 18, 2017. Their marriage was a testament of how to navigate the good times and bad.

# Fair Winds and Following Seas



## Donald R. Jones MNMCM

1-26-36 to 1-12-25

Donald "Don" Jones, age 88 of Winchester, formerly of Sherwood, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health Systems. Don was born on January 26, 1936, in Gadsden, Alabama to the late Raymond and Mary Ann (Bailey) Jones. After his high school graduation, he joined the United States Navy, where he retired as a Chief Petty Officer. Don enjoyed traveling for his career and for personal adventure with his wife. In his spare time, he would venture through different cemeteries working on his genealogy projects for family and friends. He enjoyed the peaceful time he spent in the woods deer hunting. Don will be remembered by family and friends as a kind, generous and devoted man to his family and country. In addition to his parents, Don is preceded in death by his wife, Vernie Garner Jones, and siblings, Edith Jones and Betty Ann Jones Ellis. Don is survived by his nieces, Mary Thorne and Marie Bailey; nephew, Tony (Evelyn) Puckett; and great-nieces, great nephews and friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 12:00pm – 2:00pm at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with funeral service following at 2:00pm from the chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cumberland Cemetery in Jackson County, Alabama. Moore-Cortner Funeral Home 300 1st Ave NW, [Winchester, TN](#) 37398, (931) 967-2222

# The Binnacle List

## Dennis Mills

Liver Transplant 3-20. Get well soon old friend.

From Brenda on 4-7-25

Sorry I haven't updated in a while. Went up to visit today. They were cleaning him up when I got there. Sure seems to wear him out. Hearing aids are working, because he responds. Slow process.

Ron Swart

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Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:  
If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:  
If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'  
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!





**ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN 51th  
ANNUAL REUNION & MEETING  
OCT. 8-11, 2025 CHARLESTON, SC  
Registration Form**





# Homewood Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport

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## "Free Breakfast!"

Special Minemen Reunion rate of \$161.02 per night, taxes and fees are included.

Guests can call the hotel directly at 843-735-5000 and mention

"Association of Minemen" or the group code "904". Or, you can book using this link: <https://group.homewood-suites.com/y3d8na>

If you wish to book days before or after, you must call Kristy Kinney directly at 843-735-5011 to get the group rate.

A reminder that guests have until **September 8** to book under the group rate.

**Fitness and recreation**

**Outdoor pool**

**Fitness center**

**Business and work**

**Business center**

### Popular Amenities

**Meeting rooms**

**Guest services**

**Airport shuttle**

**EV charging**

**Conveniences**

**Free parking**

**Free WiFi**

**Digital Key**

**Hilton Honors**

**Connecting Rooms**

**Free 12 person shuttle up to 5 mile radius from the hotel**

## Meet and Greet!

The hotel is providing a complimentary dinner buffet, beer and wine for hotel guest from 5:30 to 7:00 pm on Wed Oct 8th. Non hotel guest wishing to attend can pay \$20 at the front desk.



**Dinner Menu - \$77.85 per person. (Taxes, & Fees are included)**

**Thursday - October 9, 2025 - 6:30 PM**

**SOUP**

**CHARLESTON SHE CRAB SOUP**

**SALAD**

**HARVEST GREENS SALAD**

Mixed greens, Sun Dried Cranberries, Crumbled Feta Cheese,  
 Toasted Pumpkin Seeds, Honey Poppyseed Vinaigrette.

**ENTREES - (You will be making your selection on board.)**

**BRAISED BEEF SHORT RIBS (GF, DF) with Cabernet Reduction**

Served with Whipped Potatoes (GF), Selection of Seasonal Veggie (GF)

**FRENCH CUT CHICKEN BREAST (GF)**

with Lemon Pan Jus Spinach, Ricotta, Parmesan cheese filling

Served with Whipped Potatoes (GF), Selection of Seasonal Veggie (GF)

**LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP & GRITS (GF)**

Sautéed Shrimp, Tasso Ham and Andouille Sausage, Served on Creamy Stone Ground Grits

Topped with Aged Cheddar Cheese, Bacon Jam Garnish

**PAN SEARED FILET OF SALMON (GF, DR, NF)**

Cooked in Lemon & White Wine , Topped with Course Mustard Remoulade & Fresh Dill

Served with Whipped Potatoes (GF), Selection of Seasonal Veggie (GF)

**VEGETARIAN'S OPTION**

**CHICKPEA MASALA (GF, DF, V) Chickpeas, Ruby Sauce, Warm Masala Spices, Basmati Rice**

**Beer, Wine and Dessert can be purchased on board**

**GF – Gluten Free DF – Dairy Free V – Vegetarian**

**NOTE:**

**The cutoff date to receive  
 the group rate is Sept. 25th**



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REGISTRATION FORM**

DATE

NAME

FIRST

LAST

CELL PHONE NUMBER

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AREA CODE

**BANQUET DINNER - Friday, Oct. 10th \$42.00  
(Includes tax and gratuity)**

**CHOICE OF ENTREE**

**Apple Crusted Pork  
Rotisserie Chicken  
Salmon**

**SIDES**

**Cooked Broccoli, Baked Potato dish with Herbs and Onions,  
Wild rice, Honey Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad and Rolls**

**DESSERT**

**Strawberry Pound Cake and Apple Cobbler**

**BEVERAGES**

**Tea, Coffee and Lemonade**

**Note:**

**There will not be a cash bar, so you are welcome to bring your  
favorite beer, wine or cocktail.**

**Auction Picnic Luncheon on Site – Saturday Oct. 11th.**  
**Pizza and Variety of Sub Sandwiches, Chips and Cookies**  
**You are welcome to bring your own food, No Charge!**

**\$15.00 Per Person**



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51st AOM Reunion		COST EA.	QTY.	AMOUNT
DINNER CRUISE		\$77.85		
BANQUET DINNER ENTREE CHOICE				
	Apple Crusted Pork	\$42.00		
	Rotisserie Chicken	\$42.00		
	Salmon	\$42.00		
Auction Picnic Luncheon				
	Pizza, Sub, Chips Cookies	\$15.00		
	BYO Food - No Charge	\$0.00		
Membership				
	Reinstatement or New Member Fee	\$5.00		
	Annual Dues	\$15.00		
Reunion Fee		\$20.00	1	\$20.00
Scholarship Donation				
		TOTAL DUE TO AOM		

**MEMBERSHIP SECTION**

There is a \$5.00 fee for new or 3 years past dues members.  
 You can pay up to 5 years in advance.

**REUNION FEE**

Member approved for  
 Incidental Reunion Cost

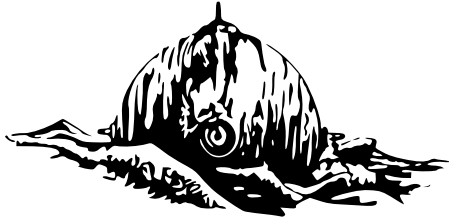
**Please note:**  
**Cutoff date for group rate on the**  
**Dinner Cruise is Sept. 25th.**  
**Cutoff date to register for the**  
**reunion is October 1st.**

Attach this form with your check payable to the  
 Association of Minemen  
 P. O. Box 2180  
 Temple City, CA 91780-8180  
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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).