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Seal Beach, CA

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Greetings from Naval Munitions Command Underwater Weapons Department in sunny Seal Beach, California! With a new year beginning Underwater Weapons kept strong with operational commitments, fleet obligations and community involvement.

-MISSION UPDATE-



The mine shop prepped and shipped over 75 assets in support of multi-national exercises as well as received over 50 assets, and refurbished over 150 shapes this quarter.

-FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS-

Underwater Weapons Department said goodbye to MN1 Frick, MN1 Cadigan, LS1 Walker, MN3 Dowlen and MNSN Hill. We wish u all well at your next command and the best of luck in your naval careers!

-WELCOME!-

IT1 Ruhl, LS2 Moreno and MN3(SW) Crisp checked into UWD, we know that they will enjoy their time here at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach.

-RE-ENLISTMENTS-

Congratulations to GMC Troy (SW) MN2 (SW) Arregui and MN3 (SW) Young on their decision to stay in the Navy.

-INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEES-

Our Quick Response Team traveled to Hawaii in the month of November to provide assets and assist in preparation and loading for VLS (Vertical Launch Systems).

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-AWARDS-

Awards quarters were held by our Director Mr. Kevin Miller and our SEL Senior Chief Dorbandt. LS1 Walker received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. We are proud of our sailors who made rank this cycle. MN1(SW) Schwartzbarra, MN2(SW) Eatmon, and MN2(SW) Irwin.

A big congratulations to LS1(SW) Walker, MN2(SW) Hasse and MNSN Rigor for becoming our Senior Sailor, Junior Sailor and Blue Jacket of the Quarter! Also Congratulations to MN1(SW) Morse, MN1(SW) Schwartzbarra, and LSSN Archie for becoming our Senior Sailor, Junior Sailor and Blue Jacket of FY 2015!

The Underwater Weapons MWR brought our sailors and their families and friends together for many occasions this past quarter. Our sailors participated in an on base haunted house, which both the sailors and their families enjoyed.



Many of our Sailors participated in the Long Beach Veteran Day Parade.



We would like to thank D.E.S.A. (Destroyer Escorts Sailors Association) who support our sailors every year around the Holidays. This year they brought full Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for our sailors and their families.



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TAPS

DENNIS V. LINNER MNCM (US Navy ret.) of Port Ludlow, Washington passed away in January, 2016. He was born on 4 Jun 1937 and leaves his wife, Barbara with whom he was married in 1961.

EDWARD J. MILANOWSKI (LT-LDO and former MNCS) passed away some time back but notification was made only a short time ago. Renee the daughter of Edward J. Milanowski (LT-LDO and former MNCS) notified Don DeCrona that her father died in March 2015. At 95 years of age he suffered from poor eye sight and dementia. Ski joined the Navy on 9 September 1940 and retired 1 November 1970.

MNC JOHN P COOPER Branch 159, Houston TX (Richmond TX).

CDR GARY CLINE USN(RET) FOLLY BEACH - On November 30, 2015, Commander Gary K. Cline, USN (Ret.), 77, the quintessential raconteur, whose wanderlust and thirty-year military career included sailing nearly every one of the world's oceans and seas, who held court in ports-of-call across the globe, who lived in six countries but chose Folly Beach, SC for his home, has, after a long illness, made his final journey. Born October 19, 1938 in the small mid-west city of Coldwater, Kansas, young Gary was known around town as a mischievous, yet amiable entrepreneur, who loved listening to the exploits of veterans, and dreamed of travel to exotic places.

TED NEWTON, MNCM, U.S. Navy (Ret.) passed away July 7, 2016. He was born July 21, 1934 in Dothan, Alabama. Mr. Newton joined the United States Navy in 1954 and retired in 1988 after 34 years service. Ted was a member of Evangel Temple Assembly of God, the Fleet Reserve, the American Legion and Association of Minemen (member #38).



Editors Corner

This Dashpot is way over due, and I have decided to step down from the editor position and offer it to anyone who can do a better job. Someone with the time and patients that I just do not have.

I know members pay dues, and expect a Dashpot once in awhile and at this rate they are not getting their money's worth, so I have removed my name from the contact page 2. Further

Input for future Dashpot should be directed to the AOM Board members. President Tracey Hayes should be able to direct any

Dashpot input to the appropriate channel.

Regards, and regret being so late with this Issue.



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