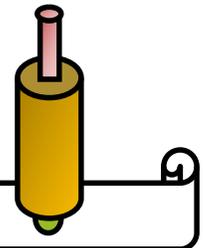




# The DASHPOT



The Official Newsletter of the Association of Minemen

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**Welcome to 2019 !**

There seems to be no shortage of Mine Warfare News on the wires but only time will tell if the technology initiatives will eventually end up as 'capability' in the hands of our Minemen who serve around the world. We salute the men and women of our Mine Warfare Forces and wish them well as they serve our Nation, carrying on the proud traditions held by previous generations of mine warfare professionals.

Our Historian provides a look back at the mobile mine that came before Mine Mk 67 and you might see a few logos in this issue you may have heard of (or worked on) from programs both successful and still-born.

## From The President

*MNEM John Epps, USN (Ret.)*



I'd like to pass on my condolences to the families of our recently departed shipmates and family members. Know that you and those on the Binnacle List are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Secretary/Treasurer turnover is complete. Nate Miranda is open for business in San Gabriel, CA. Nate identified a perspective Chaplin candidate willing to fill that vacancy, whose nomination is now before the Board of Directors for their approval. We will be very happy to have him aboard. We contracted with the original vendor, Carolina Flag & Banner, and replaced the lost AOM flag, streamers and hardware. If anyone is interested, they are available to fabricate a streamer of your choosing. To help eliminate loss, Charles Humbarnd is building a PVC mailing tube to protect the flag during shipment.

Gary Cleland wrapped up the many fine points dealing with the 2019 reunion in San Antonio. The details and reservation form are included in this edition.

Recruiting new members is everyone's responsibility. We need to add new members, old and young to our membership rolls. I saw an announcement on the AOM Facebook page that we have surpassed 400 members and still climbing. We can attribute at least one new member to our roles because of the page. Welcome aboard Shipmates and a hardy BZ to Don Moody for the sites creation and continued care!! God bless our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines and God bless the USA!

John



## NOTABLE QUOTABLE

Creativity is the ability to move from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm !



A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.





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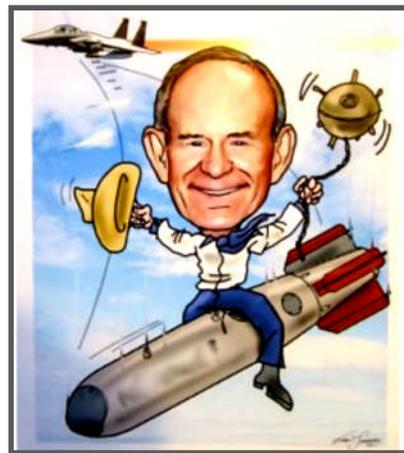
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From the Editor...



Greetings! 2019 has had a cold start and I hope you are all staying warm! Unfortunately, there are a lot of losses in the TAPS column and Shipmates on the Binnacle List for this issue. Our hearts and prayers go out to those who are suffering and to their families. For some good news, our membership is growing thanks to the efforts of Historian Don Moody and Sec/Treas Nate Miranda. Those wanting to join the AOM and pay via PayPal or credit card can now do so. For those who want to pay their dues with a check (or cash) you may continue to do so.

President John Epps has nominated Denson Rivers as the new AOM Chaplain, pending BOD approval, he'll assume those duties. I can't think of a better person for that position.

For the history and "deep-dive" folks who want to delve into Mine Warfare a bit more, I've included the start of a series on mining effectiveness.



All the best! RON



**From our A.O.M.  
Secretary Treasurer  
Nate Miranda**

First, I would like to express my gratitude to the outgoing Sec./Treas., Mike Femrite for a smooth turn over! His careful planning, detailed files and meticulous notes helped me to get up and running quickly! **Thanks Mike!**

Now new business! Many of you have express the need for us to have an alternate method for membership dues renewal!

Well, I am happy to announce that we have launched our online Association of Minemen Membership Form which you can access using this URL: <https://www.jotform.com/90215855401148>

Using the same system, you can also register and paying for your attendance to our 2019 Reunion, which will be held in San Antonio, TX. That URL is: <https://www.jotform.com/90268038916160>

We still welcome the conventional way of sending your checks via mail, if that is your preference! The details for all methods can be found within this publication as well as our Minemen.org and Association of Minemen Facebook websites. Our next goal is to see how e-commerce can be applied to the AOM Ship's Store. Please Standby!

As your new Secretary/Treasurer, I look forward to serving our community for years to come, and I welcome any and all suggestions that might improve our abilities to serve the AOM community!

I can be reached via email at: [assocminemen@yahoo.com](mailto:assocminemen@yahoo.com)

*Nate*

## New AOM Board Member



Bio for **MN1 Charles Humbard, USN, Retired**  
**Sept 1977 through Mar 1998**

Having completed Boot Camp at NTC San Diego in Nov 1977 my first assignment was ABH "A" school at NATTC Lakehurst NJ (Dec 77 – Feb 78). Upon completion of "A" school my first duty assignment was the USS Ranger (CV61) which was in drydock in Bremerton, WA. After repairs were completed, we were homeported at NAS North Island, CA. I was assigned to V-1 Division (Flight Deck) as an aircraft handler yellow shirt. I made 1-1/2 WEST-PAC cruises before cross rating to MN in 1980.

My duty stations as a Mineman were as follows:

**1980 – 1983** Det 1 Long Beach/ Seal Beach (Plank Owner)

**1983-1985** Det 11 Naval Base Charleston/ Remount Rd N. Charleston (Plank Owner)

**1985-1987** NAS Sigonella (Base Security)

**1987-1991** Unit 11 Remount Rd N. Charleston/ NWSTA Charleston (Plank Owner)

**1991-1994** Unit 5 NAS Sigonella

**1995 – 1998** Unit 11 NWSTA Charleston

I retired from the Navy in Apr 1998 After retirement I started working in the Pest Control industry. I am currently working as the Branch Manager for Palmetto Exterminators in Summerville, SC.



**Membership Chairman**

**Derick Hartshorn**

As a reminder, your membership expiration/due date can be found on the DASHPOT mailing label just above your name. Example: If Oct. 2019 and beyond is on your label, you are up to date. If Oct. 2018 and lower, you are behind and should catch up as soon as possible. Dues can be paid up for as many as 5 years in advance, if you choose that option.



The Association of Minemen has set up a Facebook Group page for current AOM Members and potential members who qualify to join. Looking for someone you served with? This is a great way to connect or reconnect with Shipmates and fellow Minemen.

This is a 'closed' group but all Minemen and their spouses can join. Any current Group member can nominate a Mineman and/or their Spouse to join as well.

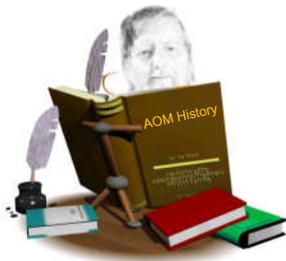
Any Facebook member can find the AOM-MINEMEN group page but can't see the posts unless they become a member.

**Come JOIN US**

There are a lot of memories, sea stories and recollections going on every day!

The Group Administrator is Don Moody, AOM Historian

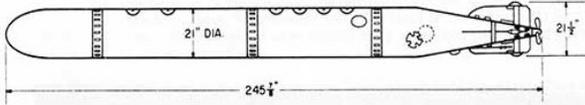
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# AOM HISTORIAN

## DON MOODY

Mine Mk 27 Mod 2



### Before SLMM there was the Mighty Mine MK 27!

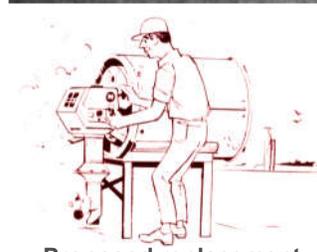
The **MK 27 Mine** was a submarine launched, ground (bottom-sitting), magnetic and/or magnetic-acoustic mine adapted from the WWII Mk 18 electric torpedo. Some (those that worked on it) say it “*won the war*”. I’m not sure which war, as it was never fired in anger... yet, apparently, some thought a war was won by the use of Mine MK 27. The mine measured 21 inches in diameter and 20 feet, 5 and 7/8 inches long, weighing 1410 lbs (less battery). The warhead contained 854 lbs of HBX-1 (some early versions used Torpex) for its explosive charge.

Assembled, it’s full weight was 2620 lbs. Its case was made of steel. It had a stand-off range of 4,500 yards. There were 6 Mods originally developed for this mine, (Mods 0 through 5) that featured either Firing Mechanism (magnetic) or A-8 (acoustic-magnetic), and Mine Vehicle Mk 1, Mod 0, Mod 1 or Mod 2.

Some variants comprised four sections (propulsion, battery, war (mine section) and nose cone) and some had three with the mine and battery section combined as one, called the “*War-Battery*” section. The mine could be planted in 4 to 23 fathoms of water to target surface ships, or 50 fathoms for submarines. On its run to the minefield, it could reach a max speed of 10 knots when launched from the forward tubes. Safety features included a hydrostatic “*extender*” for the detonator, a hydrostatic “*clock delay*”, a length-of-run impeller, a delay arming clock assembly and a “*Sensitrol Relay SR-7*”. The MK 27 used either Clock Delays CD 8, CD 10, CD 12, or CD 14 and the Sterilizer SD 4 provided the end-of-life sterilization feature.

The afterbody contained the propeller, main motor, distance gear, gyro, depth setting gear, depth bellows, pendulum for depth control setting and starting gear. The battery section contained the battery Mk 33 (wet cell), a battery discharge resistor, battery charger receptacle, priming switch, batteries (2 sections of 24 and 75 volts), flood valves, and in the war/battery version, the explosive charge, the firing mechanism and other mine components, the booster and detonator. The nose section contained the impeller. The M9 Mod 1 Firing Mechanism required a two look reversal - (opposite polarity) from a target in order to fire. It was fun to debug when it did not work correctly.

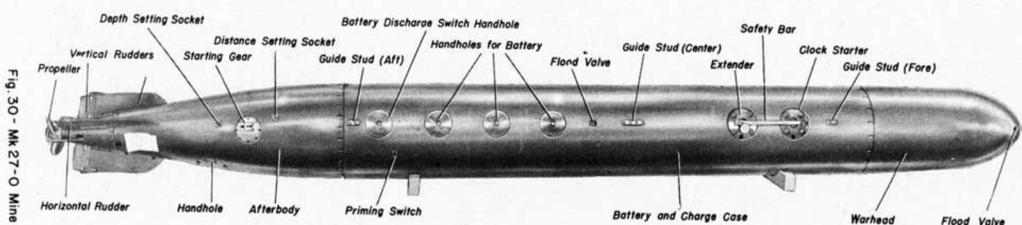
This mine was always fun to work on and get it working properly: from the firing mechanism with it’s two look reversal system, the steering gyro that took a lot of time to get working right, and then there was the Mk 33 propulsion battery that would ruin your dungarees due to the vaporized acid that was released when they were being charged. You could always spot a MK 27 Mineman by the acid burn-holes in his uniform...



Proposed replacement for Mine Mk 27

**Historical fact:** Mine Mk 27 was the first mine in the inventory considered for the Hyphong Harbor blockade in 1972, but due to its poor reliability, Mine Mk 52 Mod 2 was selected instead.

Mine Mk 27 Power Loading Button and section screws



## Four Mining Campaigns:

### AN HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMANDERS

Have you ever wondered why the U. S. Navy keeps an inventory of sea mines? They are never appropriate for peacetime use and are rarely brought into play even in the event of war. We maintain them but, unlike other naval weapons, so few Sailors and Officers alike, are trained to use them effectively.

I recall one young Mineman's answer, when I asked the assembled crew if anyone knew where the mines went after they were assembled. He said, "*back to the magazine*". It was a telling response. Maintaining and building mines is only one piece of the overall capability. If the rest isn't taught, it must be learned in war. We may be somewhat more familiar with how mines have been used historically, than how and why we might use them in the future.

So, are mines effective? While it is very common for analysts to do so, can one fairly compare a minefield's effectiveness to other conventional naval weapons through quantitative analysis alone? (For example: the number of ships sunk, or people killed due to mines, as compared to Naval gunfire). Who hangs around a minefield in wartime to see who gets sunk? It can be hard to justify keeping an inventory of mines unless there are other potentially beneficial factors that come into play. Those in the past, who have been placed in positions of responsibility for maintaining mining knowledge, have pondered this as well.

The following research paper was written by CDR James A. Meacham, USN in 1968 as he looked back in time at 4 different mining campaigns, in order to provide a historical analysis of the commander's decision-making when facing mines during war.

I'll begin this series with his opening position and follow in future issues of The Dashpot with each of the four mining events he covers in his historical analysis. Enjoy!

CDR Ron Swart, USN (Ret)



A research paper prepared by then Commander James A. Meacham, U.S. Navy, Circa 1968-1970

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Commander James Alfred Meacham was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy on 2 February 1952. His first duty was as Mining Officer/First Lieutenant of the USS Shannon (DM25). A nine month course at the Advanced Mine Countermeasures School followed with subsequent assignment as Staff Operations Officer, Mine Division Eighty. In October 1956, Commander Meacham served as Executive Officer of the Commissioning crew of the USS ACME (MSO 508). Upon completion of his tour aboard ACME, Commander Meacham was assigned to the Navy Post Graduate Intelligence School in preparation for his assignment as Assistant Naval Attaché and Assistant Naval Attaché for Air, Paris, France.

In 1960, Commander Meacham returned to sea where he completed tours as Engineering Officer, USS MOALE (DD-693); Executive Officer, USS DYESS (DDR-880); and Commodore, Mine Division Forty Two. Duty as Mine Countermeasures Officer, COMINELANT followed. In 1966, Commander Meacham attended the School of Command and Staff, United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Subsequently he was ordered to Saigon, Republic of Viet Nam, where he served on the staff of the Commander Military Assistance Command Viet Nam (MACV). Commander Meacham holds the Navy Expeditionary Medal, Naval Occupation Service Medal (European Theater), China Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. His educational achievements include a B.S. degree from the University of Missouri and Master of Science Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. Captain Meacham assumed command of USS Allen M Sumner (DD-692) on September 21, 1968 in Charleston, SC and was relieved by Captain Lighton on March 2, 1970 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

## Four Mining Campaigns:

### AN HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMANDERS

#### INTRODUCTION

The sea mine is a weapon of our arsenal which has been subjected to systematic quantitative analysis in the same manner as all of the other weapons. This technique, which has great value in some areas, seems particularly unsuited to assess the values of mines against other weapons. This is because analytic studies are done in terms of immediate results, (how many people killed, how many ships sunk, etc.) which are the only values available which can be quantified. However, people do not react in all cases to these intermediate results, but rather to intangibles, such as psychological factors. Thus, when the value of one weapon depends primarily for attrition on quantifiable factors and another primarily upon intangibles, analysis in mathematical terms is likely to be misleading.

The purpose of this paper is not to attack the use of systemic quantitative analysis in general, or its use in measuring the quantifiable factors associated with mines. It is to attempt to identify, by historical analysis, some of the unquantifiable factors which influence decisions made in the face of mining attacks.

Four mining campaigns are examined from the standpoint of enemy behavior; no attempt is made to evaluate the effectiveness of mining itself. The mining incidents were selected to provide as diverse sets of circumstances as possible.

- The Turkish mining of the Dardanelles in 1915 is an example of a tactical effort against warships only.
- The United States-United Kingdom attempt to close the exits to the North Sea in 1917 and 1918 is an example of a large-scale strategic blockade of submarines.
- The North Korean stroke at Wonsan in 1950 is a classic pattern where a weak power utilized a defensive minefield to try to avoid some of the consequences of its lack of command at sea.

- Finally, Operation Starvation, the U. S. campaign against Japan in the closing months of World War II, was selected as the best example to date of strategic economic blockade of an area in which the miner did not control the sea.

In each case, an attempt is made to delineate the actions of the commanders of the forces beset by the mines, and to isolate the factors affecting their decisions. Finally, an overall evaluation is made in order to examine factors common to two or more of the operations, and conclusions drawn as to applicability of these to future mining operations.

This method is, of course, not precise. All mining campaigns have been different...different in circumstances and different in the attitudes of the attacked and attacker. Consequently, the conclusions reached will necessarily be subject to interpretation over a wide scale. There is no way to relieve this. Human behavior is an inexact science and all men consider themselves, more or less, expert in the field.

However, in war, and particularly in limited war, the objective is frequently the influencing of the behavior of the enemy in a particular way, as opposed to the simple destruction of material or lives.

Insofar as this is true, it follows that historical analysis will have value. The alternative is decision making based upon quantifiable factors alone, which has nothing to offer to the explanation of human conduct.

**Coming up in the Spring Dashpot:  
The Wall at Kephez...The defeat at Gallipoli.**





# AROUND THE MINE WARFARE FLEET

## Navy goes on 'offense' with mine warfare

By News - January 28, 2019

The U.S. Navy is making an aggressive push towards “offensive” mine warfare designed to assault and destroy enemy ships and submarines with undersea explosives – all whereas getting ready a fancy suite of interwoven mine countermeasure applied sciences. “We’ll produce a mine warfare plan to incorporate offensive mine traces of effort. We’re asking the CNO (Chief of Naval Operations) to signal within the subsequent 90 days,” Maj. Gen. David Coffman, Navy Director of Expeditionary Warfare, instructed an viewers just lately on the Floor Naval Affiliation Symposium. Mine expertise, together with each shallow and deep water mines, is just not solely advancing rapidly but additionally quickly proliferating world wide, subsequently reaching a wider swath of potential US enemies. Advances in offensive sea mine expertise are one thing the U.S. plans to leverage itself whereas working to sharpen its deal with countering the rising mixture of enemy mine threats. Higher volumes of superior “deep water” mines signify an space of concern for Coffman and different maritime warfare leaders, who acknowledge that the weapons aren’t restricted to littoral areas – but additionally substantial threats when it comes open or “blue” water warfare. Whereas it seems that the Mine Warfare Plan is at the moment being refined and reviewed by Navy management, Coffman indicated that the service’s offensive and defensive mine warfare technique will search to leverage U.S. undersea expertise superiority. “We’re making a powerful push towards offensive mining utilizing an undersea functionality. We’re drawing upon the CNOs knowledge in exploiting what we’ve got power in. We all know we’ve got dominance undersea,” Coffman stated. This method is probably going to attract upon a number of the fundamentals of U.S. undersea expertise, corresponding to superior sonar, quieting applied sciences and submarine missile launch tubes more and more capable of launch mine-detecting drones. Offensive mine expertise will encompass a combination of extra detectable and hidden weapons, every consisting of various fight ways. “Covert is nice and overt is nice too. We’d like loads of arrows within the quiver as a result of there are completely different warfighting situations,”



Coffman stated. Following Coffman’s reasoning, it will appear that extra seen or “find-able” mines have a strategic and operational worth – if much less covert. Naturally, they may very well be missed by an enemy or missed indirectly, but they definitely can operate as weapons meant to “deny” an enemy entry to a strategically important location or asset. Covert mines, by comparability, would possible operate with the extra narrowly configured intent to keep away from detection and easily “explode” an enemy.





# AROUND THE MINE WARFARE FLEET

**NMC COMOMAG** By MN1(SW) Jonathan Wampler

**Greetings from Commanding Officer, Mobile Mine Assembly Group (COMOMAG).** We hope everyone was able to stay safe throughout the holidays and enjoy some much deserved rest and relaxation. COMOMAG has remained busy celebrating and enjoying the holidays, as well as keeping up with operational commitments. Here's a snapshot of what we have been up to during the holidays!

As it is customary in November, COMOMAG participated in a friendly mustache competition in observance of "**Movember**". The winner of this year's mustache competition was **IT2(SW) Jared P. Hollingworth!**



Congratulations on having the most outstanding mustache! In 2003, the idea was sparked between a couple of friends in Australia to challenge men to grow a mustache for 30 days. In 2004, inspired by the mustache's ability to grow conversation, the group began raising money and founded the **Movember Foundation** with all proceeds going to the

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Since then, the foundation has grown on a global scale and now supports testicular cancer, suicide prevention, and mental health. No-Shave November is another foundation focused on raising money for cancer prevention, education, and research. Both are outstanding organization, and provide much needed awareness, and funding to the ever prevalent fight on cancer.

In celebration of Thanksgiving, COMOMAG hosted a potluck with family and friends. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to appreciate and enjoy the company of family and friends! As such, COMOMAG was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to have a relaxing day to spend with our families. Our hearts go out to all the Sailors who were unable to be with family during the holidays and wish them all the best!





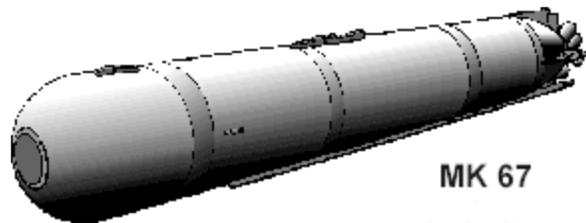
## NMC COMOMAG (CONTINUED)

The holiday party this year was above and beyond all expectations! With the combined effort of the Wardroom, Chief Petty Officer Mess, and First Class Petty Officer Association, we were treated to a fantastic evening. Throughout the night we conducted a gift exchange as well as a variety of prize giveaways. We would like to thank Hotel La Jolla for their hospitality and outstanding service during our event!

COMOMAG would like to congratulate **MN1(SW) Jonathan D. Wampler**, on his selection as **COMOMAG's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Sailor of the Quarter and FY 2018 Sailor of the Year!** Advancement is always an outstanding accomplishment and we would like to congratulate **YN2(SW) KeNeyl J. Tubman** and **YN2(SW) Stephanie Aguilar** on their advancement to Second Class Petty Officer! **Bravo Zulu Shipmates!**



Operationally, COMOMAG stayed busy throughout the holiday season with the Submarine-Launched Mobile Mine Mk 67 (SLMM) Exercise. Mr. Rodney Biggs, CWO4 David L. Sledge, and MNC(SW) Jamnis R. Lacy traveled to Seal Beach in support of the build of four SLMM to support the exercise. As this was the first time the event took place in San Diego, the exercise required tremendous coordination between all entities involved to conduct a successful exercise. The exercise was a success and provided valuable training to everyone involved.



COMOMAG is also pleased to welcome many new additions to the family throughout the holiday season. **MNC(SW) Duncan G. Ellson**, joins us from the USS ARDENT(MCM-12), and will be working in the Service Mines division. **MNC(SW) Patrick R. McReynolds** is welcomed from the USS SCOUT (MCM-8), and will be working in the Exercise and Training Mines division. **LS2 (SW/IW/AW) Heishmell M. McIntosh** checked onboard from USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70). We are also pleased to have **YN2(SW) KeNeyl Tubman** TAD from Special Security Office San Diego. We are excited to welcome them all to the COMOMAG family and look forward to serving with them!



Additionally, we would like to welcome **MNCM(SW) Favian Garcia (L)** to COMOMAG as our new **Senior Enlisted Advisor**. MNCM Garcia Jr. is from Refugio, Texas and joined the Navy in 1995, immediately after his high school graduation. He graduated Sonar Technician Geographic (STG) "A" School prior to reporting to his first command USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. After completing his third year onboard, he was approved for a "split" sea tour, where he would complete his remaining three years at sea onboard USS SENTRY (MCM 3) homeported in Ingleside, Texas and had his very first exposure to the Mine Warfare community. Upon completing his eighth year in the Navy, he volunteered to convert ratings from STG1 to MN1 and remain in the Mine Warfare Fleet. A few of his follow-on duty stations include: Southwest Regional Maintenance Center Ingleside, TX; MCM CREW CONFLICT; Mine Warfare Training Center; Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center FWD Afghanistan; Littoral Combat Ship MCM Detachment THREE; and Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center, MIW Division. We are pleased to have MNCM Garcia onboard and would like to welcome him and his family to COMOMAG!

The new year is finally here!! With a multitude of new additions to the COMOMAG family we are excited to see what 2019 may hold. As always, COMOMAG will continue steady on the helm at the forefront of mine warfare heading into the new year. We trust that everyone had a fantastic 2018 and we have high hopes that 2019 will be even better!



## AROUND THE MINE WARFARE FLEET

# Mine Countermeasures Mission Package Completes Integration Testing of Unmanned Vehicles

By Program Executive Office Unmanned and Small Combatants (PEO USC) Public Affairs | Jan. 24, 2019



The Littoral Combat Ship Mission Module Program tests the in-port launch and recovery of the Unmanned Surface Vehicle during integration testing of the Unmanned Influence Sweep System off littoral combat ship USS Independence (LCS 2) in San Diego. **(Photo by Steen Jensen, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division, Fla./Released)**

SAN DIEGO — The Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Mission Module Program successfully completed ship-board integration testing of two unmanned systems on board USS Independence (LCS 2) Jan. 14. The two systems — the Knifefish unmanned undersea vehicle (UUV) and Unmanned Influence Sweep System (UISS) — are part of the Mine Countermeasures Mission Package (MCM MP), which uses a system-of-systems approach to target specific portions of the water column and segments of the MCM detect-to-engage sequence. During these integration events, both the Knifefish and UISS successfully verified the communications link between Independence and the unmanned systems as well as executed multiple launch and recovery evolutions from the ship. These test events mark a critical milestone for the LCS Mission Module Program, having now successfully tested each vehicle in the MCM MP (that is, an MH-60S helicopter, MQ-8B Fire Scout unmanned helicopter, UISS and Knifefish UUV) on board an Independence-variant LCS. In addition to UISS and the Knifefish UUV completing integration tests, the program has certified all the aviation modules for the MCM MP for deployment on Independence-variant ships. These airborne MCM systems provide Combatant Commanders the ability to rapidly deploy systems that can detect near-surface mines as well as neutralize mines in the water and on the bottom without requiring Sailors to sail into the minefield. Additionally, the Coastal Battlefield Reconnaissance and Analysis system, which is a vertical-take-off unmanned aerial vehicle (unmanned helicopter) payload, provides a much-needed beach zone mine-detection capability in support of the amphibious assault mission.

These tests are a subset of a comprehensive test program that encompasses shore-based system testing to characterize individual systems prior to completing final integration on an LCS. The LCS

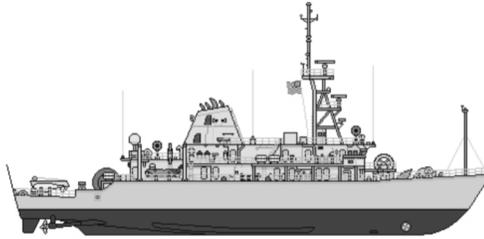
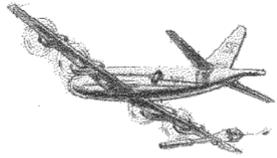
The Mission Module Program Office will continue to incrementally deliver MCM MP systems to the fleet in advance of the formal MCM MP initial operational test and evaluation events beginning in 2021. PEO USC is affiliated with the Naval Sea Systems Command and provides a single program executive responsible for acquiring and sustaining mission capabilities of the littoral combat ship class, from procurement through fleet employment and sustainment.





Association of Minemen

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***OCTOBER 7-11, 2019***

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**Pizza:** Pepperoni, Combination, Veggie, or Cheese Pepperoni. Gluten Free Pizza can be made with Cauliflower crust, upon requests.

**Reunion Fee** (Member Approved for Incidental Reunion Cost) \$ 10.00

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### **Reunion Notes: Plan Early, Book Now. Room Block Expires September 7, 2019**

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Complementary Hotel airport transportation is **NOT AVAILABLE**, suggest Uber, Taxi or Rental. Hotel parking is available at the negotiated price of \$15/night. There is a vehicle size restriction! Inquire when making your reservations. Full American Breakfast Buffet is available at a discounted price of \$13.00.

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... it's still on !!!

# Azuma Island Mine Shop Reunion 2020



The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of the Naval Ordnance Facility on Azuma Island in Yokosuka Japan will be the theme of the **2020 AOM East Coast Reunion to be held in Charleston, SC**. All former Minemen and other Shipmates who served, are invited... AOM members or not!

**We have many of the names but need contact information and more photos from your time in Japan.**

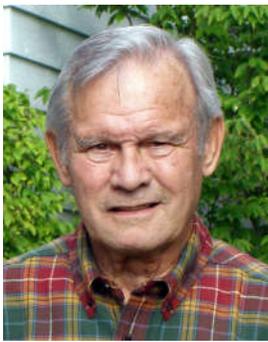
**Derick Hartshorn writes:** Our AOM web site will dedicate a page to all those who served on Azuma Islands, in whatever capacity. The very idea rouses some really wonderful memories I have of "Baka Shima" and those I served with. We want to know all those who served with NOF in the middle of Tokyo Bay. If you ever served on Azuma Island or know of someone who did, please go to the web page (<http://minemen.org/Azuma.htm>) and use the criteria listed and send it to Derick Hartshorn at [derickh@charter.net](mailto:derickh@charter.net)

### Contact Information:

"Azuma Is. Reunion Coordinator" Bill Holloway at: [william.holloway1010@gmail.com](mailto:william.holloway1010@gmail.com)

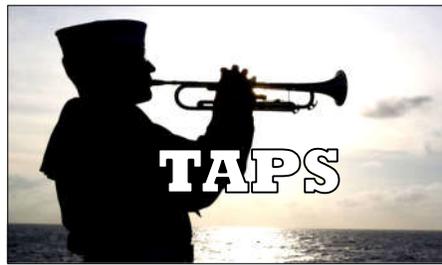
AOM Communications Chairman and Web Master at: [derickh@charter.net](mailto:derickh@charter.net)





**Charles David Goldsmith**  
**October 23, 1931 - October 13, 2018**  
 Charles David Goldsmith, 86, of Davis, WV, died on Saturday, October 13, 2018. He was born in Clarksburg on October 23, 1931, a son of the late James and Virginia Watkins Goldsmith. He was married to Jean Stackpole Goldsmith, who preceded him in death on October 25, 1994. He is survived by his only child and daughter, Pamela Kovacs and her husband Ken of Charlotte, NC; one sister, Peggy Allman and her husband David of Bridgeport; and 11 nieces and nephews, Jim Goldsmith and his wife Brenda, Stephanie Morrison and her husband Jeff, Eric Goldsmith and his wife Kim, Brian Goldsmith, Mark Norris and his wife Linda, Lori Starkey and her husband Brent, Lisa Fox, Cara Stackpole, Julie Stackpole, Bill Stackpole and Jeff Stackpole. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Jack Goldsmith and Jim Goldsmith Sr. Mr. Goldsmith was a 1949 graduate of Victory High school and received his Bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College. Prior to attending college, he served in the **United States Navy** as a **Mineman 3rd Class** for almost 4 years during the Korean Conflict. He worked for Virginia Tech University for almost 30 years, having retired in 1995 as Director of Purchasing. Mr. Goldsmith loved history, relaxing on his deck, woodworking, and watching college football, especially WVU and VA Tech. He also loved the outdoors, camping, and watching wildlife. But his passion was fly fishing. He fished any time he could, mostly the WV streams. He loved fishing so much that he bought a vacation home, retired and moved to Canaan Valley, WV permanently. He leaves behind many friends in Canaan Valley, Clarksburg, and Blacksburg, VA. In keeping with his wishes, Mr. Goldsmith was cremated. Inurnment was held at the WV National Cemetery on Friday, October 26, 2018.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at [www.amoscarvelli.com](http://www.amoscarvelli.com)



**CDR "Toby" Horn will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on 29 April 2019 at 9 AM.**

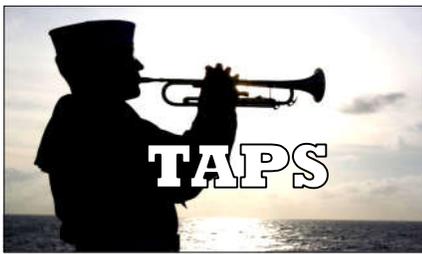
If attending, meet at the family room in the administration building. This is where family and friends gather and then proceed to the burial site from there. Jane Horn will need to provide a list of names to the guard for the service at the Cemetery and can provide driving directions there. She is planning a small reception after his service at the Fort Myer **Spates Community Club**. If you are planning to attend, she would appreciate knowing soonest, as she will need a head count and can furnish directions. Also there is a form she can send that must be filled out for anyone going through the Fort Myer gate for those without a military ID. If you plan on attending, you can contact Jane at: [janeahorn@bellsouth.net](mailto:janeahorn@bellsouth.net), or by calling her at 843-607-2649.



**Chief Mineman Donald Lozen**  
 SUMMERVILLE, SC - Mineman

Chief Donald "Big Guy" Lozen, 80, passed away 26 December 2018 at the Trident Medical Center in North Charleston, SC, after battling complications caused by living a full and active life. Don was born 25 January 1938 in River Rouge, MI to Viola Louzon. Despite spending most of his young life in foster care he gathered a large family of loved ones around him. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mona Lisa Lozen in Summerville, SC, and their three children Victor Glenn Lozen, Leilani Marie Maynard, and Donald Wayne Lozen as well as his son-in-law Joseph Earl Maynard Jr who he often thought of as a son. Additionally, he has four grandchildren Jason Glenn Lozen, Christopher Glenn Lozen, Abby Gail Maynard, Elijah Lee Martin and two great-grandchildren Luke Nathaniel Lozen and Amelia Rose Lozen. He was also fortunate enough to have a loving relationship with his siblings Charles Price and Janet Heller. On 13 April 1964, Don joined the US Navy where he honorably and proudly served his country for 30 years before retiring as a **Mineman Chief Petty Officer**. After retirement, he served his community as a Freemason and a Shriner. He was also the founder of the Dorchester Shrine Club's annual Children's Fishing Rodeo where he shared his love of nature and fishing with hundreds of children. A visitation period for his family was held on 30 December 2018 with a ceremony following. After the ceremony, his family celebrated his life with a pot luck dinner held at the Summerville Masonic Lodge at 111 North Main Street Summerville, SC 29483. You may visit his guestbook at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston)





**Edward (Ed) Arthur Madson April 20, 1953 - June 1, 2018**

Born in Aztec to Edward Homer Madson and Marie (O'Mera) Gustafson, Ed was a true New Mexican, having spent a portion of his childhood in Las Cruces and Tularosa before returning to Farmington as a young man. After high school, Ed left for the Navy and was able to travel the world and immerse himself in the culture, traditions, and people of Greece, Italy and Scotland. It was in Scotland when his love for the local flavor became a bit complicated, as this is when his interests turned to one local in particular - a petite, yet feisty, young blonde named Monica McPhail. A casual meeting blossomed into a romance, which in turn evolved into a National Security issue. It seems that Ed's job as a Mineman required a high level security clearance and that security clearance barred him from marrying a foreign national. Apparently, Ed didn't find the US Navy near as attractive as he did Miss McPhail, so he shipped her home, said goodbye to the Navy, and, on Valentine's Day, 1976, made her the new Mrs. Madson. After returning to Farmington, Ed and Monica began the serious business of starting their family, beginning with the eldest son Edward, followed by daughter Messina, and wrapping things up with the youngest, Kenneth. Ed was an outdoorsman, hunter, adventurer, and a bit of a rogue. He was as comfortable on a horse as he was on his motorcycle. While others might carefully consider the pros and cons of a particular course of action, Ed would dive in and figure out the pitfalls as they came his way. He savored the challenges that life delivered to him. He raised his sons to be men; at home in the outdoors, stalwart and strong, while his beautiful daughter melted his heart into something soft that she could mold and manipulate, leaving him victim to her smiles and wiles. In April of 2001, Ed survived a debilitating

stroke that brought his active lifestyle to a sudden halt; an affront to the full-tilt-boogie life that he loved. With the stroke came a new set of challenges - to learn to continue to love and give, even when he felt that he'd been robbed of so much. He taught others the importance of always holding onto the "Humor Option." He reminded us all that there were no such things as trials and tribulations - only challenges and opportunities. He still filled the rooms with his laughter, but learned the value of quiet strength. His many friends found themselves victim to his pranks and arguably warped sense of humor, but at the same time uplifted by his compassion. His life threw him curves that would defeat many strong men, but Ed was able to teach us what it means to meet a challenge head on. His battles are ended now, the challenges met. The pain that he lived with for so long is now gone. Ed is survived by his wife, Monica, and their children Edward (Sunne) Madson and grandson, Messina (Anthony) Pampillonia and one grandson and two granddaughters, and Kenneth (Megan) Madson and one grandson and two granddaughters. He is also survived by his brother, Raymond and sisters, Sherry (Greg) Pinkston and Joyce (Kevin) Sutton. His memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary in Farmington, on Friday, June 8th 2018. .



**Michael Jason Daigle June 4, 1969 - November 3, 2017**

Michael Jason Daigle died November 3, 2017 in his home in Corpus Christi, TX. He was 48 years old. Michael was a native of Thibodaux, LA. He was born on June 4, 1969 to his parents Gilbert and Betty Daigle. He married Nena Nash Powers and joined the US Navy in 1990. The Navy brought them to many places but they settled in Corpus Christi, TX. He retired from the Navy in 2011. Since then he began working for the Defense Logistics Agency at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. He worked there until his passing. Michael enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, camping, making people laugh and spoiling his grandchildren. Michael leaves behind a loving

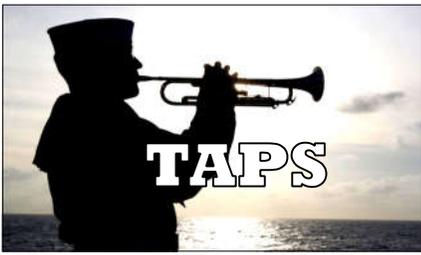


**Mary Szczutkowski March 16, 1937 - November 11, 2018**

Newton, IA - Mary Jolene (Redding) Kelso-Davis-Szczutkowski, 81, the daughter of Donald Redding and Arlene (Henderson) Redding Townsend, was born March 16, 1937 in Iowa City, Iowa. She attended the Newton Senior High School. Mary had worked as a bank teller for many years. On August 29, 1981, Mary was united in marriage with Edmund R. Szczutkowski in Grinnell, Iowa. Mary died on Sunday, November 11, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Scott Kelso and William "Bill" Davis; and her brother. Those left to honor Mary's memory include her husband, **Edmund, a former U.S. Navy Mineman**; her son, Jeffrey Davis; her grandchildren, Courtney Davis and Mark Davis; her great grandchildren, Rose Nicole Davis and Ethan Davis and her great-great grandson, Julien James (J.J.) Gomez and her half sister, Betty Horzee. Funeral services were held November 15th at the Pence ~ Reese Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials may be designated to the Hospice of the Midwest and may be left at the funeral home.



wife, Nena Daigle, and 3 daughters, Sabrina Powers of Chalmette, LA, Brittany Schanen of Corpus Christi, TX, and Heidi Powers of Corpus Christi, TX; his parents Gilbert and Betty Daigle of Thibodaux, LA; his 3 Sisters, Melissa Ashley of Raceland, LA, Lorrie Fields of Thibodaux, LA and JoAnn Denison of Thibodaux, LA; 6 grandchildren, 5 nephews, 4 nieces, 2 great-nephews, and 2 great-nieces. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Gilbert and Loucille Daigle Sr., Albert Osborn and Jeanette Albarado and a grandchild. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 13th, 2017 at Sawyer-George Funeral Home followed by graveside services with full military honors at the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery.



**Donald C. Scott**  
**July 11, 1945 - January 1, 2018**

Donald was born on July 11, 1945 and passed away on Monday, January 1, 2018. He was a resident of Dexter, New York at the time of passing. Don was born in Watertown a son to Cesar and Mildred Rock Scott. Don graduated from Watertown High School. Don served with the **US Navy from 1969-1971 as a Mineman** and was stationed at Charleston, SC, Key West, FL, Long Beach, CA and the Republic of South Vietnam. Calling hours will be Saturday, January 6th from 10am - 12 pm at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home, Watertown. A private spring burial was held at the Glenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Hospice of Jefferson County, 1398 Gotham St., Watertown, the Watertown Zoo or to the local SPCA.



**Kimberly Marie (Deak) Radics**  
**Feb. 14, 1959 - Mar. 8, 2018**

Kim was very successful though out her life. Her first job out of high school

she became the First Female and the youngest Bridge Crane Operator of US Steel. Afterwards she joined the **Navy where she became a Mineman** (built munitions) at Okinawa and then Quarter Master in the 1st Gulf War. She retired due to health reasons. After retiring from the Navy she worked in the marketing field for windows and siding, and obtained and medical degree working as a Medical Assistant. She decided to leave this industry to do a job she enjoyed - and started doing yard professionally. While in Seattle she met Jim Williams (Oct 8 1996) and they were together ever since. They retired to Colorado and later Married on November 18 2017. She leaves behind Jim and their 3 beloved Rescue Dogs - Chachi, Dodger and Peanut. She was preceded in death by her Father Charles Deak and is survived by her Mother Sophie Cross and Sister Karen Brooks.



**RDML William Walter "Bill" Mathis**  
**U.S. Navy (Retired)**

Passed on 2 January 2019 at age 79. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1962 and served as a Surface Warfare Officer until his retirement in 1994 as the Deputy Commander of Military Sealift Command. He commanded two ships on arduous deployments to the South China Sea, rescuing many Vietnamese refugee "boat people" and defending U.S.-flagged tankers in the Arabian Gulf from attack by Iranian naval and revolutionary guard navy forces, as well as taking on the challenge of being in charge of U.S. naval mine warfare in the run up to Operation Desert Storm. Bill attended **Naval Mine Warfare School** in Charleston, SC before reporting as

Executive Officer of the minesweeper **USS ADROIT (MSO-509)** operating out of Charleston. In January 1986, he assumed command of the guided-missile cruiser USS FOX (CG-33,) which included a deployment to the Western Pacific, Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf (Jun-Dec 1987) escorting U.S.-flagged (Kuwait re-flagged) tankers through the Arabian Gulf as part of Operation Ernest Will during a period of quasi-war between the U.S. and Iran, during which FOX was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was selected for flag rank, designated a rear admiral (lower half) on 16 Jun 1989 and promoted on 1 Sep 1990. In Jun 1989, RDML Mathis assumed command of **Mine Warfare Command** in Charleston in what proved to be a very challenging period in mine-warfare during Desert Shield and up to Desert Storm.

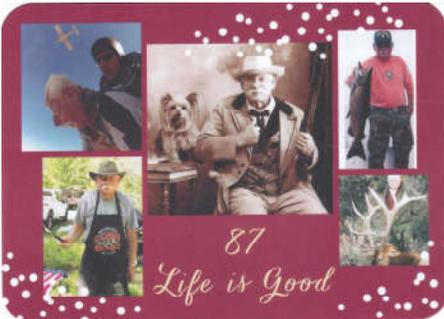
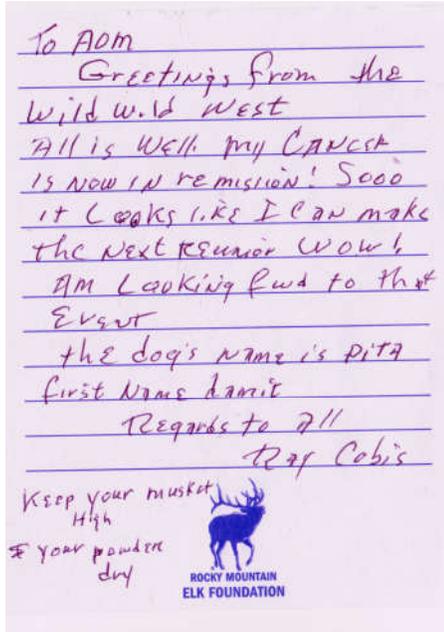
The Admiral's awards included the Distinguished Service Medal, three Legion of Merit Medals and four Meritorious Service Medals. He also was awarded various unit and campaign awards, including two Battle E ribbons, the Navy Expeditionary Medal and Republic of Korea, and Vietnam service medals. Admiral Mathis' career epitomized the dedication and sacrifice demanded of Surface Warfare Officers and their families, with 16 years of sea duty credit and 25 household moves. By all accounts he was a superb leader, learning from previous sea-going generations of his family, and continuing to mentor junior officers long after his retirement. He will be deeply missed, but the Navy is better for his service.

There will be a full honors ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery at a date to be determined.





**Congratulations to MNM Ray Cobis who comes OFF the Binnacle List!!!**



Bill Roberts reports that Gunner Sam English has suffered a stroke. No further information is available at this time. **Get well soon Sam!**

Shipmate **Stephanie Cowert** reports that she is a candidate for cervical spine surgery and when ready, will undergo a procedure called an Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion (ACDF). We wish her all the best as she prepares for her surgery and we all will keep her in our thoughts and prayers.



**Mike Johnson-** Mike, who served his Country as a Mineman, was diagnosed with multiple myeloma years ago and survived years of painful treatments and a bone marrow transplant. However, he recently became very ill and has been in excruciating pain, needing 24/7 care. He now has multiple myeloma, leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome an infection throughout his entire body. He has been working with many different specialists and has been hospitalized in numerous locations. They have developed a plan with doctors and the VA hospital to get him strong enough to start daily chemo, and work his way to another bone marrow transplant. He will need to probably travel to a different state (he lives in MN) to receive this transplant. Things are changing daily and everything is unpredictable at this point. Home health has been in touch with the family as well as hospice if needed in the future. A "Go-Fund-Me" site has been established for those who want to help out with Mike's expenses. You're in our thoughts and prayers Mike.

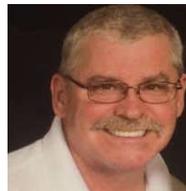
<https://www.gofundme.com/MikeJohnsonHelp>



Our thoughts and prayers are with our Board Member **Tom Hoffman**. His daughter **Cheryl** writes: "My dad had his left leg removed just below the knee due to poor circulation. He recently developed an infection that required another surgery to clean the area and put in a wound pump which removes any fluid build which caused the infection and hopefully prevent further infection . The leg will be watched closely for infection and monitor the healing process which is slowed by the bad circulation. He will be returning home today ( 29 Feb 19) and is in great spirits." Get well soon Shipmate!



Our intrepid Communications and Membership Chairman, **Derick Hartshorn** has been diagnosed with **Waldenstroms Macroglobulinemia** (but he says "lymphoma" is easier to pronounce). Having recently suffered the loss of his wife Lana, Derick is facing yet another daunting challenge and we offer our heartfelt thoughts, our prayers and support as he deals with this latest setback.



**James Raymond** reports that he has osteoarthritis of the lumbar spine. An MRI found two synovial cysts putting pressure on his nerve roots, causing severe stenosis. He is still in the early stages of treatment and is using the V A as his primary caregiver. We wish Jim all the best as he deals with this painful condition.



# ...AND ON THAT NOTE...

## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Farewell Message  
On February 1, 1865, President Lincoln sent to General Ulysses S. Grant a one sentence telegram. It read: "Let nothing which is transpiring, change, hinder, or delay your military movements, or plans."

Our Department's leadership, civilian and military, remains in the best possible hands. I am confident that each of you remains undistracted from our sworn mission to support and defend the Constitution while protecting our way of life. Our Department is proven to be at its best when the times are most difficult. So keep the faith in our country and hold fast, alongside our allies, aligned against our foes.

It has been my high honor to serve at your side. May God hold you safe in the air, on land, and at sea.

[signed]  
James N. Mattis

January 1, 2019 7:16 AM

*The following is a Jan. 1 message from acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan to the Department of Defense.*

### Statement From Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan:

Under the direction of President Trump, the Department of Defense remains focused on safeguarding our nation. We have deep respect for Secretary Mattis' lifetime of service, and it has been a privilege to serve as his deputy secretary. As acting secretary of defense, I now look forward to working with President Trump to carry out his vision alongside strong leaders including the service secretaries, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the combatant commanders, and senior personnel in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The Department of Defense continues to be one of our nation's bedrock institutions. Our foundational strength lies in the remarkable men and women who volunteer to serve our country and protect our freedoms, while making immense personal sacrifice. It is an honor to work with such a dedicated team committed to the greatness of our nation.

## ...ON EQUALITY AND LIBERTY

Neither equality before God nor equality of opportunity presented any conflict with liberty to shape one's own life. Quite the opposite. Equality and liberty were two faces of the same basic value—that every individual should be regarded as an end in himself. A very different meaning of equality has emerged in the United States in recent decades—equality of outcome. Everyone should have the same level of living or of income, should finish the race at the same time. Equality of outcome is in clear conflict with liberty. The attempt to promote it has been a major source of bigger and bigger government and of government-imposed restrictions on our liberty.

Milton Friedman

## ...ON PREDICTING THE NEXT 10 YEARS *Lin Wells*

Thoughts for the 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review

*cf: Andy*

- If you had been a security policy-maker in the world's greatest power in 1900, you would have been a Brit, looking warily at your age-old enemy, France.
- By 1910, you would be allied with France and your enemy would be Germany.
- By 1920, World War I would have been fought and won, and you'd be engaged in a naval arms race with your erstwhile allies, the U.S. and Japan.
- By 1930, naval arms limitation treaties were in effect, the Great Depression was underway, and the defense planning standard said "no war for ten years."
- Nine years later World War II had begun.
- By 1950, Britain no longer was the world's greatest power, the Atomic Age had dawned, and a "police action" was underway in Korea.
- Ten years later the political focus was on the "missile gap," the strategic paradigm was shifting from massive retaliation to flexible response, and few people had heard of Vietnam.
- By 1970, the peak of our involvement in Vietnam had come and gone, we were beginning détente with the Soviets, and we were anointing the Shah as our protégé in the Gulf region.
- By 1980, the Soviets were in Afghanistan, Iran was in the throes of revolution, there was talk of our "hollow forces" and a "window of vulnerability," and the U.S. was the greatest creditor nation the world had ever seen.
- By 1990, the Soviet Union was within a year of dissolution, American forces in the Desert were on the verge of showing they were anything but hollow, the U.S. had become the greatest debtor nation the world had ever known, and almost no one had heard of the internet.
- Ten years later, Warsaw was the capital of a NATO nation, asymmetric threats transcended geography, and the parallel revolutions of information, biotechnology, robotics, nanotechnology, and high density energy sources foreshadowed changes almost beyond forecasting.
- All of which is to say that I'm not sure what 2010 will look like, but I'm sure that it will be very little like we expect, so we should plan accordingly.

  
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Lin Wells



# Mineman Miscellany

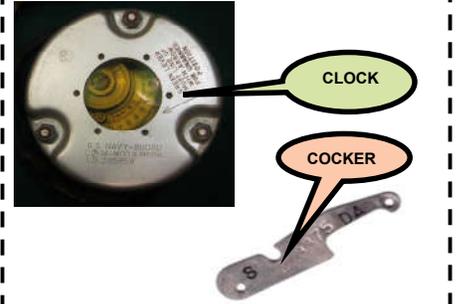


Minemen gathered at "Short-Stay" in Moncks Corner, SC from 30 November to 2 December 2018 as the "Order of Bushnell's Keg" held its 13th annual informal get together. What began as an annual fishing trip between Mitch Sullivan and Bill DelaPorte, morphed into a retirement party/anniversary in 06. After that it became a small annual gathering. A Facebook page was created to get the word out with a name that was not affiliated with any one person or group. **You can see by the picture that a lot of Shipmates had a good time, ED.**



**Some of the 2018 Order of the Bushnell Keg attendees:** Leeann Tipton Baker, Joseph Baker, Rick Bassak, Richard Burnette, Jack Cantrell, Jeff Casteel, Stephanie Cowart, Bud Day with Mary Alice and Tracy, Greg Dearing, Mark Demery, Bill Delaporte, Tim DiGeronimo, Benjamin Elmhorst, Tim Gilliland, J J Gordon, Alan Hill II, Kevin Knudsen, Kevin Lane, Butch Leonard, Hawk Lindley, Jeff Link, William PF Lowery, Bob Maguire, Gary Mason, Dave Maxwell and Debbie, Frank Perry, Rick Spofford and his brother, James Sullivan and brother Robert with Tonda, Vinny Tata and Elizabeth, John Totuszynski, Joe White, Mike Whitener, John Williams and Lori, Harold Williamson.

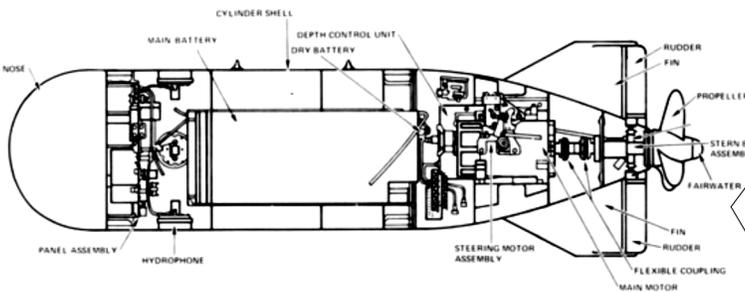
While not all attendees are in this photo, be assured that **Fun** was had by **all !!**



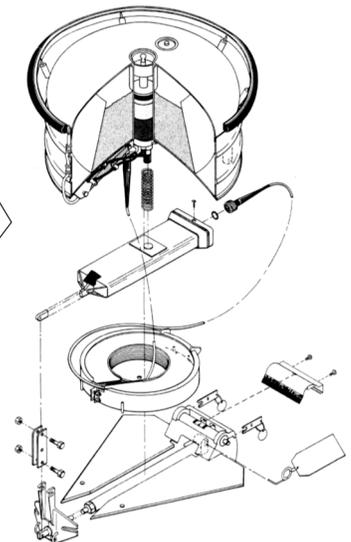
The "Consolidated Order of Clock Cockers" plaque is awarded in recognition of those Sailors who have served as a Mineman (MN Rating) from the beginning of their Navy service, for a minimum of 25 years Active Duty. To be recognized for this award, the following information must be submitted:

1. Full Name and Rank
2. Active Duty Base Date
3. Your Mailing Address, **unless** you want the plaque presented to you during the Annual AOM reunion.

**Mail requests for recognition to:**  
 R. Schommer, 827 N. Aylesbury Rd,  
 Goose Creek, SC 29445  
 email to [rschommer@bellsouth.net](mailto:rschommer@bellsouth.net).  
 Please allow 30 to 45 days for the plaque to arrive by mail.



Can You Name These Mines?

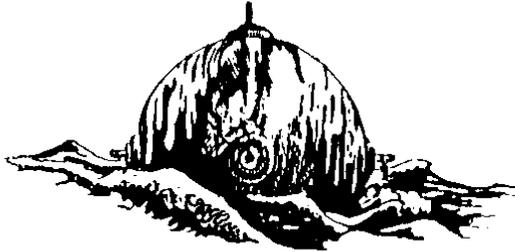


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Application Fee: \$5.00 - Annual Dues: \$15.00 - NOTICE: To maintain membership, dues must be paid annually by the month of October. The dues expiration date is printed on the mailing label above your name. Mail checks to the Association of Minemen, P.O. Box 2180, Temple City, CA 91780