



THE DASHPOT



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AOM Reunion 2014, Charleston, SC

CONTRIBUTED BY DICK SCHOMMER

We're going to try something a little different for our Picnic this year. Due to the new renovations at our inn, we would be required to have our picnic in the pool area. I know we have done this before, but we really don't quite get the 'picnic' atmosphere we'd like to enjoy. The new management would also require us to have menu items served by staff, which would make the cost prohibitive. So we looked around and explored several options. Bingo! I think we have one that everybody will like. We will be having our picnic hosted by the Bohemian Bull-tavern and Beer Garden located on James Island. It's a hidden treasure that promises a lot of fun. The owner is a young man (by our standards) from a military family and understands our picnic needs. The place has a great outdoor picnic area that has a bocce-ball court, corn hole tosses, a fire pit (if we need one) and lots of table room. the inside area has lots of room in case of inclement weather and we are free to set up our action table and conduct our action when we want. For the picnic price, you will have a choice of one of six special menu items - all of which are a meal by themselves. These include: Giant Bratwurst Sandwich, House Special Cheeseburger, Smokey BBQ Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, 12 Wings (choose your option), or the Hippie Black Bean Burger (vegetarian - other vegetarian items available, but these would have to be ordered from the house menu). We will have a beer keg on tap just for us, and ice tea, hot coffee, or soft drinks will be available for those who aren't chuggers.

Toby and Jane Horn joined Sue and me for exploratory visit to check things out. The food is delicious, the coffee hot and beer is cold. What more could you ask for other than to attend a Ross Maddocks "marlinspike' class, win the bocce-ball tournament, or retrieve the line-toss championship back from the Loonam family.

Charts showing the way will be available at the hotel and our early-bird and dinner function.

The chart will show it is only a hop, skip, and jump from Toby and Jane Horn's home that will be hosting an early-early-bird reception at their home on Sunday evening. The location also provides easy access to the Municipal Golf Course (for those interested call Toby Horn), or go a little further and enjoy the quaint town of Folly Beach - advertised as "The Edge of America" on the banks of the Atlantic Ocean. I am asked to remind everyone that wants one of the Mk 6 Mine name tags, to please let us know. Cost is a \$10.00 donation to the general fund. I need the name that you want printed on it so it can be made in advance. Cutoff date is 15 September! Don't forget to bring items for the Auction, all money raised goes for a very worthy cause.

Cost of picnic is \$15.00 per person.

OYSTERS SHOULD BE IN SEASON! Bowens Island just a short drive towards Folly Beach.

They are replacing the bridge over the Folly River, it should be completed by October.

The Charleston International Airport is going through a massive overhaul.

The baggage section is finally going to be rebuilt, and the Rental Car agencies are being moved into an extension just past the baggage carousels, more convenient. Of course the airport will not be finished by Oct. 2014.

The menu for the Dinner will be:

Mixed Green Salad with choice of dressings

Oven Roasted Chicken

Broiled Flounder Fried Shrimp

Fried Shrimp

Charleston Red Rice

Broccoli & Cauliflower with Hollandaise

Fresh Rolls with Butter

Assorted Cakes

Iced Tea & Coffee

Total cost of Dinner will be \$42.00. This includes all taxes and gratuity. The Hotel and Dinner Reservation forms are included in this News Letter.

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Scholarship Team

CONTRIBUTED BY RONALD GLASEN

This is just a little something to put in the Dashpot from the Scholarship team. There isn't much to report at this time of the year.

Things will start happening after June 1 when I receive all of the scholarship applications.

Maybe this will let every one know that we are still alive.

Thanks, Ron

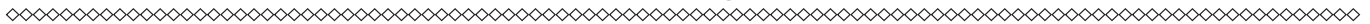
"4/14/2014 - It's that time of the year again. The snow is all gone (I Hope)

Trees and flowers are budding, a new life is starting as things are turning to green.

This means that students are also thinking of green. Where can they find some green for their upcoming college necessities.

As of the time of this writing, I have received from our secretary one scholarship application. If that application is a sign of applications to come, then it's a good omen. The student who filled out their application must have read an indeed followed the instructions 100% to the letter: We can only hope that all applicants will do the same.

Your AOM Scholarship Committee is all ready to start working on the new applications that we know we'll be receiving."



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TAPS



MNC Billy Bash died in a San Diego hospital after a fall while headed to IHOP with his wife, Clare, Billy was hospitalized. Other complications hastened his death.

The children of Joyce and Harry Bright (Quin, Tim and Risa) would like to let our AOM family know that our Mom, Joyce Bright, passed away on March 4, 2014. Joyce was the wife of MNCS Harry Bright, MNCS who died 30 May 1987 in Elizabeth City, NC.”



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Harry’s passing was reported in the Spring 1988 Dashpot. Harry was well known to veteran minemen and is still missed by those who knew him.

Joyce’s obituary follows.

Joyce Tarkenton Bright, 79 of 300 Bridge Court, Camden, NC died Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at the Albemarle Hospital. Born in Pasquotank County, she was the daughter of the late James Earl Tarkenton and Gladys Lawrence Tarkenton and the widow of Harry Finley Bright. She was a homemaker,

a member of St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church and attended Sawyer’s Creek Baptist Church and Fountain of Life Church. She was also a member of the Women of the Moose #1847.

She is survived by two daughters, Anquinette Hodges of Elizabeth City, NC and Marisa Shade of Wendell, NC; a son, Tim Bright of Kill Devil Hills, NC; three sisters, Earline T. Gregory of Camden, NC, Toni T. Critcher and Brenda Harris both of Elizabeth

City, NC; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and a loving friend Tammy Jones.

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We are saddened by the passing of the father of LT Stephanie

Moss Cowart. Stephanie is an active member of AOM and attends our reunions religiously. William Frank Moss, Jr.

died suddenly March 5, 2014, in a Temple, Texas hospital, after a short battle with cancer. He was born Aug. 18, 1946,

in Fort Sill, Okla. He was a Mason and a member of the Ben Hur Shrine of Austin.

Mr. Moss was preceded in death by his father, William Frank Moss Sr.; his

mother and stepfather, Nadine N. and Myrle E. "Rusty" McDonald.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Rogers Moss of Killeen; daughters, Stephanie Moss Cowart of Virginia and Tami Moss Burkett of Texas; grandchildren, Olivia Moss Cowart of Virginia and Kendall Lewis Burkett of Texas; brothers, Michael M. McDonald of Round Rock and David G. McDonald of Killeen; brother-in-law, Brad Rogers; and father-in-law, Kenneth Rogers, both of Killeen, Texas.

Memorials may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association or to the charity of your choice.

No services are scheduled for William F. Moss Jr., 67, of Killeen. Crawford-

Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen is in charge of arrangements.

Stephanie shared her thoughts on Facebook about her father:

"THIS IS MY DAD. HE IS THE STRONGEST MAN I HAVE EVER KNOWN. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME AND HAS ALWAYS TAKEN CARE OF ME. (EVEN THOUGH I WAS ALWAYS 12 YRS OLD IN HIS EYES) 3 WEEKS AGO HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. EARLY THIS MORNING, GOD CALLED ANOTHER ANGEL HOME FOR HIS BASKETBALL TEAM AND HE PASSED QUIETLY IN HIS SLEEP. I'M GOING TO MISS YOU DAD! I LOVE YOU."



Leo Ronald Smith, (AOM member # 650) Master Chief Mineman (Retired), age 65, of Lynn Haven, FL., passed away on March 2, 2014.

He was born on October 14, 1948 in Aurora, Illinois and has been a resident of Lynn Haven since his retirement from the U.S. Navy in December 1995. He served his country for over 30 years as a Mineman at various duty stations including MOMAG Unit 9 Subic Bay, Philippines, NAVMAG Guam Det Naha, Okinawa, MOMAG DET 7, Barbers Point, HI, Naval Ordnance Facility, Sasebo, Japan, MOMAG Unit Eleven, Charleston, SC,

MOMAU, Long Beach, CA, Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity, Yorktown, VA.

He also served in Vietnam on an aircraft carrier as part of a Mobile Mine Assembly Team. He earned numerous honors and awards, including three Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, four Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbons, the Vietnam Service Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, a Humanitarian Service Medal, three Overseas Service Ribbons, and seven Good Conduct Awards. After retirement, he continued support of his country as a defense



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Greetings from the World Famous Mine Warfare Training Center! MWTC is the premier training headquarters for all Mine Warfare related subjects, from molding the next generation of Mineman for the fleet to grooming future MIW specific Battle Staff Officers. Here is a look at what we have been doing:

MN 'A' SCHOOL

The new influx of potential MNs show there will be a dedicated future in the MIW community; our students are highly motivated to join the fleet! With high goals, the students strive to maintain at least a 94% overall average, and

compete against each other for top grades, while still taking the time to help each other whenever one falls behind.

RECENT 'A' GRADUATES

Class 13-310

- MNSA Fentress, Jaron
- MNSR Tharp, Joseph
- MNSN Ugalde, Ronald
- MNSN Tamez, Alonso
- MNSR Barroso, Saul

Class 13-340

- MNSR Hoyle, Jacob
- MNSN Britt, Matthew
- MNSR Galvin, Antony
- MNSN Grater, Todd
- MNSN Richardson, Bronson
- MNSR Stone, Benjamin
- MNSN Calvomasis, Gerardo

Class 14-010

- MNSN Edwards, Adam
- MNSR Flores, Santiago
- MNSA Croiter, Gosha
- MNSR Mendoza, Raul
- MNSA Dephillips, Travis
- MNSA Towery, Adam

Class 14-020

- MNSA Samora, Jude
- MNSN Warnecke, Adam
- MNSR Smith, Bradely
- MNSR Boyd, Katherine
- MNSA Carrero, Yanina
- MNSN Untalan, Paul



MN'A' School Dress White Inspection

Class 14-030

- MNSA Ivester, Michael
- MNSA Reyes, Damian
- MNSA Lane, Cody
- MNSN Cowart, Raymond
- MNSR Juul, Colton
- MNSR Reyes, Alexander

Class 14-035

- MNSN Johnson, Joseph
- MNSN Morrow, Vance
- MNSA Larsen, Joseph
- MNSN Beyette, Kyle
- MNSR Vilord, Jeffrey
- MNSR Harvey, Collin

Class 14-040

- MNSA Granby, Cody
- MNSR Ward, Dylan
- MNSN Faust, Richard
- MNSR Billeci, Bryan
- MNSR Ahmed, Vicar
- MNSN Fox, Andrew

Class 14-050

- MNSR Drees, Matthew
- MNSA Nunez, Nicholas
- MNSA Jahns, Aaron
- MNSR Ha, Joachim
- MNSA Shepard, Charles
- MNSN Eastwood, David

Class 14-060

- MNSN Vang, Bill,
- MNSN Vaughn, Robert
- MNSN Lanctot, Kevin

Class 14-080

- MNSR Disbennett, Kevin
- MNSA Garcia, Santiago
- MNSN Glenn, Shawn
- MNSR Walen, Jeremiah
- MNSR Mendoza, Anthony
- MNSA Williams, Gregory

Class 14-090

- MNSN Ezell, Edwin
- MNSN Wilder, Robert
- MNSN Plant, Joseph
- MNSA Morse, Kaleb
- MNSN Keilman, Cameron

Class 14-110

- MNSR Garcia, Anthony
- MNSR Guzik, Anthony
- MNSA Hammersley, Christopher
- MNSN Lambert, Zechary
- MNSN Medina, Carlos
- MNSN Nichols, Austin

MWTC 'C' SCHOOL

The system experts for the MWTC 'C' School division continue to train the future SMEs on the more specific MCM systems that we use on the ships. Be they salty or fresh faced from 'A' School, the students in each class train hard and prove their worth for the NEC code that is awarded upon graduation.



Class 14-090

RECENT 'C' GRADUATES

Class AN/SLQ-48 Operations, 14-020

- MNSR Flores, Santiago
- MNSN Grater, Todd
- MN1 Lichford, Robert
- MNSR Mendoza, Raul
- MN3 Blair, Kenton
- MN2 Armontrout, Patrick
- MN2 Daley, Damond
- MN2 Abel, Zachary
- MNSR Samora, Jude

Class AN/SLQ-48 Operations, 14-030

- MN1 Coates, Garrett
- MNSA Drees, Matthew
- MNSN Jahns, Aaron
- MNSN Lanctot, Kevin
- MNSN Morse, Kaleb
- MNC Moskalik, Michael
- MNSN Nunez, Nicholas
- MN3 Wold, Dylan

Class AN/SQQ-32 v3 Operator

- MNSR Ha, Joachim
- MNSN Larsen, Joseph
- MNSA Reyes, Damian

- MN1 Alvarado, Frank
- MNSR Harvey, Collin
- MNSN Vilord, Jeff

Class PINS v5 Operator, 14-020

- ETSN Ross, Teddy
- MN3 Collins, Ethan
- MNSA Haskell, Cole
- MNSA Bailey, William
- MNSN Richardson, Bronson
- ET1 Ashcraft, Ryan

Class PINS v5 Operator, 14-030

- MNSN Beyette, Kyle
- MNSN Vang, Bill
- MNSN Vaughn, Robert
- MN3 Cravey, Ryan
- ET1 Calahan, Mathew
- MNSN Lemke, Andrew

Class VEMS ASHORE

- MN2 Bishop, Thomas
- MN2 Dasher, Stephen
- MN2 Kasparian, Abraham
- MN2 Dean, Steven
- MN2 Armontrout, Patrick
- MN1 Wells, Benjamin
- MN3 Wilhelm, Andrew



Class AN/SQL-48 OPS Graduates

MWTC 'F' SCHOOL

The 'F' School instructors have been molding the new Tactical Sailors for their roles in the fleet, and this quarter began as an especially productive one with the new fleet requirements. With a wide range of students from all corners of the MIW Triad, we have opened their eyes to another side of MCM,

and they are ready to take on the challenge!

RECENT 'F' GRADUATES

MEDAL Operator

Class 14-020

- STG1 Benoit, Lindsay
- STG1 Braden, Jason
- MN1 Creadick, Justin
- OS2 Dudkiewicz, Joseph
- MNSR Emery, Skylar
- EODCS Hamaker, Justin
- OSSA Harris, Blake
- ISSN Hernandezcruz, Fernando
- ET1 Herring, Robert
- ET3 Lane, David
- AG1 Langley, Jeremy
- AGAA Miller, John
- ET2 Mobley, Jaime
- IT2 Perez, Javier
- MN1 Petro, Jose
- MNSN Rodriguez, Jovan
- MN3 Schilz, Garett
- MN2 Shifflett, Steven
- MNSR Walker, Denton
- MN3 Well, Matthew
- ISC Wyers, John

Class 14-025

- OS3 Shelby, April
- OS3 Ramireztrillo, Laura
- OSSN Dobkins, Kevin
- OS2 Crumpton, Kendia
- OS2 Smith, Raven
- STG1 Schroeder, Dan
- STG1 Adams, Andre
- OS1 Souder, James
- OS2 Walker, Heather
- OS3 Mendoza, Claire
- OS3 Howard, Gary
- OS3 Nestor, Odessie
- MN1 Bish, Ryan

Class 14-030

- OS3 Arriola, LouieJoe
- OS2 Cathcart, Matthew
- AG2 Cross, Michelle
- OS2 Doss, Gionne
- MNSN Ezell, Edwin
- OS3 Garcia, Joshua
- OS3 Lucero, Olivia
- OS1 Lucio, Walberto
- ET1 McCarty, Walter
- OSSA McClintock, Zachery
- OS1 Mejia, Steven
- OS2 Murray, Kevin
- AG2 Pegram, Kristy

- OS3 Reed, Anthony
- ET1 Rhine, Calvin
- MN1 Sund, Zachary
- MNSN Vaughn, Robert

STAFF EVENTS

MWTC hosted a walkthrough of our surface capabilities to the Taiwanese Officers. The systems' experts showed their knowledge with real enthusiasm to the international officers.

MWTC also hosted the annual Denim Day at the schoolhouse, showing support for April's Sexual Assault Awareness. Staff and



MN2(SW) Taylor giving a brief explanation of the AN/SLQ-48 to the Taiwanese Officers

students alike showed their support for the cause by wearing jeans and the teal ribbon.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Our commitment to the community has



MWTC supporting Denim Day.

made a huge impact. Under the amazing

guidance of MN1(SW) Rebecca Cross, the staff and students of MWTC have volunteered over 350 hours. Here are some of the events we've hosted:

- VA Hospital – visiting our vets
- Labs & More Rescue – adopting rescue dogs to great families
- Father Joe's Village – care package for those in a tight spot
- Creek to Bay Cleanup – annual San Diego beach cleanup
- Tori Pines Hike and Cleanup – Cleaning up the trails
- Mt Woodson Trail Hike and Cleanup – Cleaning up the trails
- Bark at the Beach Fundraiser – Auction event to raise money for the Labs and More project
- WWII Honor Flight – Honoring our vets on the return home after 80 years gone
- MN1 Michael Trnka is currently hosting the Wounded Warrior Memorial Day Poker Run. A \$25 registration fee is



MWTC proudly salutes our veterans of WWII on their return home.

required for all riders, \$5 to the grand prize pot and the other \$20 to the Wounded Warrior Project. It is a 125 mile ride around Southern California, with 5 stops throughout where you will pick a playing card. At the end of the ride, all cyclists will show their cards to an unbiased judge, who will then determine who wins the final jackpot. Below is the Facebook link for the project, come by if you're in the neighborhood and have some fun!

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/643972495677960/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/623626977710379/>

CREW UPDATES

MASTER TRAINING SPECIALIST

- MN1(SW) Merry, Jeremy
- MN1(SW) Willamee, Kevin

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- MN1(SW) Sablan, Kyle-Raymund

INSTRUCTOR of the QUARTER

- MN1(SW/AW) Trnka, Michael

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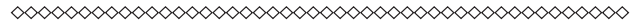
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- MN1(SW/AW) Trnka, Michael

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- MN2(SW) Skeins, Jeffrey
- MN2(SW) Ordonez, Miguel



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- Sep 30, 2014
- Dec 31, 2014
- Mar 31, 2015
- Jun 30, 2015

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Picnic Tickets @ \$15.00 (adults) each X ____ Total _____

Picnic Tickets @ \$7.50 (child 5-12) each X ____ Total _____

Reunion fee (Membership Approved for incidental costs) Total \$10.00

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