



# The DASHPOT



The Official Newsletter of the Association of Minemen

## From The President

*MN1 Charles Humbard, USN (Retired)*



My sincerest condolences to the families of recently departed shipmates and family members. Those who are on the Binnacle List or suffering from medical issues, know that your shipmates are wishing you a full and speedy recovery. Each of you remain in our thoughts and prayers throughout your ordeal. The 2022 reunion plans are complete for New Orleans La. I would like to thank Denson Rivers for all his hard work. I look forward to seeing everyone who will be attending the reunion. For those who cannot attend, I hope to see you in the near future. I would like to thank Nate Miranda and John Epps for assisting Denson Rivers in setting up the reunion. We are looking for a volunteer to host the 2023 reunion on the East coast. I would also like to thank Don Moody for his hard work sending out the AOM news, Facebook and Website. We are currently looking for a replacement for the Dashpot Editor. I would like to thank Ron for this Dashpot. God bless our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines and God bless the USA!



## NOTABLE QUOTABLE

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.



*Laurence Binyon, Poem For the Fallen*



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*The Service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth*  
*Muhammad Ali*



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MINE FORCES**

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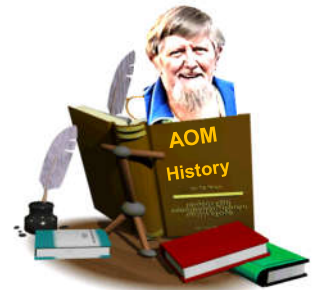
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**Editor, "The DASHPOT"**

**Now Seeking Applicants**



**AOM Historian**

**Don Moody**

**Historian:** I have completed and posted 3 tribute videos to remember those that have passed on. All Tribute videos are on the Mine-men.org/wp website. I have held 2 video interviews with retired Mine-men about their careers, both are posted on the website. This one item that I would like more people to partake in so more of our history is retained. Minemen wishing to tell a story about how it was or anything else they want us to remember may schedule a time and date at <https://calendly.com/donmoody8/oral-history>



**Communication:** I've published 10 Minemen News email to any Mine-men or family member that wishes to receive info on shipmates. I have added a feature in each Facebook Minemen group that I admin for to allow people to subscribe to the Minemen News. I have reported 16 minemen and family members to the Chaplain. Have almost completed updating the website to be more user friendly on all platforms (Desktop, Tablet or Phone). During my live streaming events I talk about the AOM Reunion and what goes on. Added a section on the website to help promote businesses of Minemen, with a disclaimer the AOM does not endorse. All Dashpots, and the old Trouble Shooter periodicals are now online at the website. Additionally a few more items have been added to the links section.



## Secretary Treasurer Report June 2022

As you can see from the registration form within this printing, we are set for our 2022 Reunion in New Orleans! I am very excited to finally go to the city known as the "Big Easy" and hope to see many of you there! With the huge success of last year's auction for our Scholarship program, the bar has been raised! So, bring your treasures, unique and one-of-a-kind items so others can bid and take them home! My hope is that we have the same dynamic duo, Tim Paton and Mike Gildersleeve auctioneers there to see if we can beat last year's success! Oh, as a side note, if you plan on bringing mine models to the action, put them in your checked baggage and not in your carry-on bags! Have I got a story to tell you about that!

One of the things we talked about during our meetings is if it makes economic sense to go to a digital delivered Dashpot as opposed to mailing them. While it sounds like a no brainer, it is not! We will be doing a study to figure it all out! Stay tuned! If you have an opinion on this, please email me with your thoughts. The short answer is: If we drop below 200 mailings, we lose our non-profit mailing permit! Which, means that instead of paying .19 cents per each Dashpot, it jumps up to about a dollar each on average!

If you can think of anything that could improve how we do business, please feel free to email me your suggestions at: [assocminemen@yahoo.com](mailto:assocminemen@yahoo.com). A sincere thank you for your support!

Secretary and Treasurer *Nate Miranda*

## Membership Committee Report June 2022

Since my last report, we have gained 13 new and 2 reinstated members! While that sounds pretty good, it does not make up for the many members who are lapsed in paying their dues. Those numbers are 3 since October 2020 and 21 since October 2021. Remember, if you are dropped, you will need to pay a \$5.00 reinstating fee in addition to the annual dues of \$15.00. I think by now everyone knows that I put the date of when your dues are due on the mailing labels. I also circle in red the ones that are overdue! Stay current and you will keep receiving this great publication! There are two ways you can send in your dues in. 1) You can mail your check to; Association of Minemen, P. O. Box 2180, Temple City CA, 91780 or 2) Electronic transaction by going to <https://form.jotform.com/90215855401148>.

As always, thank you for your commitment to our Association.

Membership Chairman, *Nate Miranda*



After a long winter, it's that time of year again. The school year is coming to a close, and the trees and flowers are starting to come to life and turning green. This means students also are thinking of **green**.

Where can they find some green for next year's college expenses? It must be AOM Scholarship Time. Your Scholarship Committee is coming out of hibernation. We are sharpening our pencils, cleaning our bifocals, and getting ready for the new applications to start coming in.

If you know of any applicants, please let them that the rules for a AOM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD must be strictly adhered to. If anything is left off the application, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for a scholarship award. The rules for an application can be found on the AOM web page. All candidates must: (1) complete the application forms S-land S-2, (2) provide a transcript of their earned credits from their applicable schools, (3) provide two letters of recommendation, (4) provide a synopsis of their field of interest / study, and (5) include any other pertinent information that the candidate feels might enhance their chances of receiving the scholarship award. Good Luck to all the applicants. Your scholarship committee is waiting to start working on all the new applications that we hope will be coming in.

*Ronald Glasen*

*Ron Glasen*

*Committee Chairmen*

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Visit the **A.O.M. Ship's Store**

<https://minemen.org/wp/memories/aom-ships-store/>

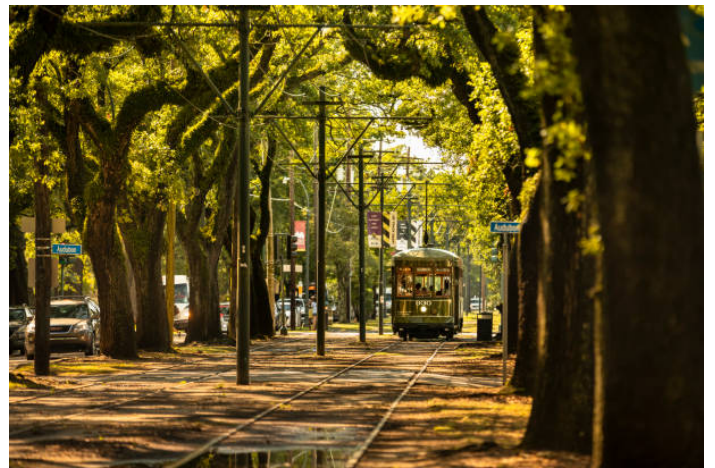
# SPRINGHILL SUITES®

BY MARRIOTT



**Hotel: SpringHill Suites New Orleans Downtown/Convention Center**  
**Reservation Special Instructions: Make reservation just for the dates 16-19 Oct 2022, then if you want dates before and/or after reunion send email to Sarah Hoorn (Sarah.L.Hoorn@marriott.com) and give her your specific dates you will attend. She will adjust your reservation.**  
**Rate - \$163.04 - (includes taxes & fees) Hotel will honor rate 3 days pre and post**  
**Parking - Self - \$20.00 per day, \$35.00 Valet**  
**Breakfast - Included - see website for details**  
**Hotel shuttle - not included - on your own.**

**Note: Shuttle service can be as low as \$25.00 each for 2 people But, if 3 or more, then it drops to \$15.00 each.**





NEW ORLEANS STEAMBOAT COMPANY  
Departure location: 400 Toulouse New Orleans LA 70130



#### DINNER MENU Menu

Served Buffet Style

##### NATCHEZ Tossed Salad

Mixed greens, tomato, cucumber, red onions, and croutons with a sugar cane vinaigrette and served family-style

##### Chicken and Sausage Gumbo

Made with a traditional Louisiana roux and served with rice

##### Baked Chicken

Served with a mushroom ragout

##### Bayou Seafood Pasta

Crawfish tails and shrimp tossed in a white wine and garlic parmesan cream sauce with penne pasta

##### Herb-Garlic Fingerling Potatoes

Fingerling potatoes roasted with fresh rosemary, thyme, garlic, and ground pepper

##### Green Beans Almondine

Southern-style green beans topped with toasted almonds

##### Pasta Primavera -Vegetarian Entrée

Fusilli Pasta, zucchini, squash, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, in a zesty basil pesto

##### White Chocolate Bread Pudding

A soufflé of local Leidenheimer French bread in a rich custard with a decadent white chocolate sauce

##### Bananas Foster

A New Orleans original! Freshly sliced bananas sautéed in butter, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, and rum.  
Served warm atop vanilla ice cream

##### Garlic Rolls

Community Coffee and Iced Tea included



**ASSOCIATION OF MINEMEN  
48th ANNUAL REUNION &  
MEETING - OCT. 16-19, 2022  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
REGISTRATION FORM**

DATE

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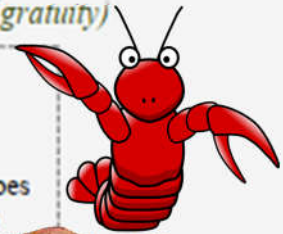
***PLATED DINNER - Tues. Oct. 18th (Includes tax and gratuity)***



**NEW ORLEANS CHICKEN BREAST \$45.00**

Seared Chicken Topped with a Crawfish Crème Sauce  
Choice of Soup or Salad

Choose one: Fresh Seasonal Vegetables or Cajun Spiced Potatoes  
Chef's Choice Dessert - Cheesecake or Apple Pie a la Mode



**CREOLE PORK LOIN \$45.00**

Basil Encrusted Pork Loin with Creole Mustard Cream Sauce  
New Orleans Traditional Dirty Rice

Seasonal Vegetables

Choice of Soup or Salad

Chef's Choice Dessert - Cheesecake or Apple Pie a la Mode



**BBQ CHICKEN \$40.00**

Tangy Southern Barbecue Chicken  
Potato Salad or Baked Beans  
Coleslaw  
Corn on the Cob  
Cheesecake or Apple Pie a la Mode

**BBQ RIBS \$45.00**

Texas Style Barbecue Ribbs  
Potato Salad or Baked Beans  
Coleslaw  
Corn on the Cob  
Cheesecake or Apple Pie a la Mode

**All Meals includes - Dinner Rolls with Butter and Ice Tea**

Soup Choices: Tomato Florentine or Old fashioned

**ADDITIONS**

New Orleans Seafood Gumbo - \$10.00, Soup options - \$5.00, Side Salad - \$6.00

***New Orleans Steamboat Company***

**"Live & Local" Dinner Cruise**

Join other AOM members on this Special Dinner & Cruise Outing

The cruise is on Monday, Oct. 17th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

To learn more about this activity, go to

<https://www.steamboatnatchez.com/cruises/evening-jazz-cruise-with-dinner-option>

***In order to qualify for the Special Group Rate, we need at least 10 tickets sold.***

***The cutoff date for this is August 1, 2022. So reserve your place now!***

***Tickets - \$76.00  
(Includes tax)***

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(Includes tax)***

## Auction Picnic Luncheon on Site - Wednesday, Oct. 19th

### TURKEY CROISSANT SANDWICH | \$25.00

Sliced Turkey, Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato Served on a Flaky Croissant

Soup du Jour

Individual Bag of Potato Chips

Luncheon Rolls & Butter

Dessert

Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Iced Tea



**Note:**

For each entree,  
be sure to pick one of the  
sides from each category!  
(Vegetable or Potato)  
(Soup (*Circle Soup Choice*) or Salad)  
(Potato Salad or Baked Beans)  
(Cheesecake or  
Apple Pie a la Mode)

**MEMBERSHIP SECTION**

There is a \$5.00 fee for new or  
3 years dues member.  
The annual dues are \$15.00.  
You can pay up to  
5 years in advance.

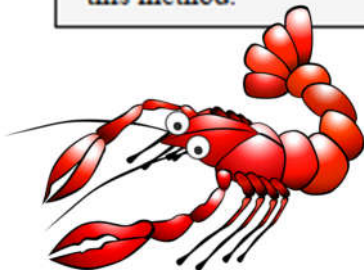
**Reunion Fee of \$20.00**

(Member Approved for  
Incidental Reunion Cost)

Attach this form with your  
check payable to:  
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P. O. Box 2180,  
Temple City, CA 91780-8180  
Or if you prefer to submit  
your registration form on line,  
go to the secure site at the  
bottom of this page.  
You do not need to have a  
PayPal account to utilize  
this method.

	COST EA.	QTY.	AMOUNT
Chicken New Orleans	\$45.00		
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables or			
Cajun Spiced Potatoes			
Soup ( <i>Tomato Florentine or Old Fashioned</i> ) or			
Salad			
Cheesecake or			
Pie a la Mode			
Creole Pork Loin	\$45.00		
Soup ( <i>Tomato Florentine or Old Fashioned</i> ) or			
Salad			
Cheesecake or			
Pie a la Mode			
BBQ Chicken	\$40.00		
Potato Salad or			
Baked Beans			
Cheesecake or			
Pie a la Mode			
BBQ Ribs	\$45.00		
Potato Salad or			
Baked Beans			
Cheesecake or			
Pie a la Mode			
New Orleans Seafood Gumbo	\$10.00		
<b>Addition - Soup Choices \$5.00 Each</b>			
Tomato Florentine	\$5.00		
Old Fashioned	\$5.00		
Addition - Salad	\$8.00		
Picnic/Auction Lunch	\$25.00		
Turkey Croissant Sandwich	\$25.00		
Dinner Cruise	\$76.00		
Membership			
Fee (New or Reinstated Members)	\$5.00		
Annual Dues	\$15.00		
Reunion Fee	\$20.00	1	\$20.00
Scholarship Donation			
<b>TOTAL DUE TO AOM \$</b>			

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



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

**NOTICE:** The AOM Application Fee is \$5.00 for new members, or for members if you are 3 years passed due on your annual fee. Annual dues are \$15.00 per year. To maintain membership, annual dues must be paid each October and you may pay up to 5 years ahead. 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. If you prefer to use our on-line member process and payment, please use the following link:

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