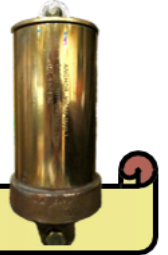




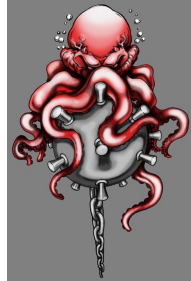
# The DASHPOT



The Official Newsletter of the Association of Minemen

## From the President

**MN1 Charles Humbard (ret)**



## Reunion Update

**City: Reno, NV**

**Dates: Sep 23 - Sep 26, 2024**

**Rooms: Silver Legacy Resort (room cutoff 2 Sep 2024) or 800-687-8733 (code SRAM24)**

## Food Reservation: TBA

Attending the 50th year reunion is a chance to be able to connect with veterans and active duty Minemen.

I hope you can make this great event.

**Reunion Coordinator: Darryl Fox** ( 50 year reunion).

The will also be elections at this reunion for  
President  
Vice President

Two Board Members.

My sincerest condolences to the families of recently departed shipmates and family members. Those who are on the Binna- cle List or suffering from medical issues, but know that your shipmates are wishing you a speedy recovery. Each of you remain in our thoughts and prayers throughout your ordeal. With the return of COVID, Flu, and RSV please stay safe. Spring is here and the pollen is taken over Goose Creek, my allergies are going crazy. School will be out soon and for those Seniors planning for College please apply for the AOM scholarship. The 50th Annual Reunion in Reno is getting closer I hope you will be able to attend.

God bless and protect our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guard. God bless the USA



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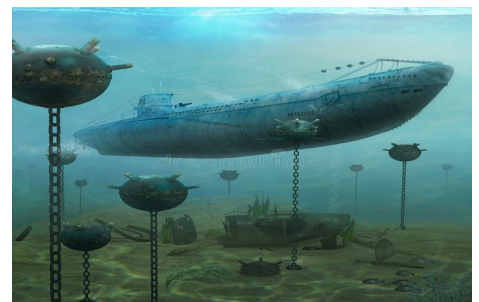


Greetings, welcome to another issue. Spring is in the air and hopefully everyone is ready for a great time. I hope everyone enjoyed the puzzle in the last issue. I'll try to put something like that in every issue.

With changes in VA care and the addition of the PACT act there have been questions on where to get assistance. The American Legion has Veteran Service Officers that can assist with claims.

Thanks to Don Moody for collecting the MSDS sheets for the different chemicals we worked with. This information can really help with any claims.

Be sure to sign up for the AOM Reunion in Reno in September . If you would like to submit an article for the dashpot or have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please email me at [storboc@yahoo.com](mailto:storboc@yahoo.com).



## Secretary Treasurer Report - March 2024

As you will see in this edition, we are well on our way with the 2024 Reunion! Thanks to our Reunion Committee and our Communications Chair for putting out the word! I hope to see and speak to as many of you there!

If you noticed, the mailing label looks a little different now! The Post Office has automated the bulk mailing process so it will be easier and mailing will be quicker as well. With this new system, we no longer have to pay the annual bulk mailing fee, saving the association money! Yah! But they will charge us for returned mail! That usually will happen if they are unable to deliver the mail to the address on the label. So, if you anticipate moving or they were able to forward your Dashpot to a new address, let me know so I can update my records. Send your change of address to [assocminemen@yahoo.com](mailto:assocminemen@yahoo.com). Or by mail; Association of Minemen, P. O. Box 2180, Temple City CA, 91780

Thank you!

*Nate Miranda*

From The Desk of the AOM Scholarship Chairmen,  
The snow flakes are a thing of the past. The grass is starting to turn green and flowers are starting to bloom and Spring break is here. All this means is that the 2024 school year is coming to a close and it's time to start thinking about the 2025 school year and how your going to pay for some of your tuition and school supplies. The answer is the AOM Scholarship Fund. A scholarship is a good way to help with your school year's financial needs. An application for a AOM Scholarship can be found on the AOM Web Page. ([minemen.org](http://minemen.org)) A word of caution. The rules for completing the application must be strictly adhered to as they were written in the application instructions. The application must be submitted to the AOM secretary no later than July 1. (Association of Minemen, PO Box 2180, Temple City, CA. 91780).

I would like to thank all the minemen and their families for their most generous donations to the AOM scholarship fund.  
Scholarship Chairmen

*Ronald Glasen*

Ronald Glasen



### Membership Committee Report– Dec. 2023

Here is the good news regarding dues! In our last Dashpot, I reported that we had 164 members that are passed due on their dues! Today that number has dropped to 54! “Bravo Zulu” to the 110 members that have paid up! Now for the bad news! After this printing, I will be dropping 12 members that have not paid since 2020, unless of course they submit their dues payment! As a side note, the labels now have a new look! I’ll speak to the in my Sec/Treas report. Please check the address label on your Dashpot newsletter to verify your dues status. If you are due or past due, I will circle the due date on the label in red. If you find that there might be an error on the due date, please let me know and I’ll fix it. Remember, there are two ways you can send in your dues. 1) you can mail it to; Association of Minemen, P. O. Box 2180, Temple City CA, 91780 or 2) electronic transaction by going to <https://form.jotform.com/90215855401148>.

*Nate Miranda*

### What is Veterans Service Office (VSO)

Assists veterans/families and survivor to submit claims for VA benefits. Services include information, applications and appeals concerning disability, home loan, education, health care and survivor benefits.

Every state has them, some counties. Florida has them in each county, also most American Legions have access to VSO or have one at your local post.



**Taken from NewsBytes Feb 16 2024 issue  
Fleet Reserve Bulletin**

- VA Proposes Expansion of Agent Orange Presumptions
- SecDef Lloyd Austin Hospitalized Again and Released
- HASC Subcommittee Reviews DoD Housing
- USCG Reserves Birthday
- FRA NHQ Closed Monday

**VA Proposes Expansion of Agent Orange Presumptions**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing a rule to expand the locations and time frames for which VA presumes exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. If this proposed rule becomes final, VA will implement a new presumption of exposure to locations where herbicides were tested, used, or stored outside of Vietnam. Specifically, this proposed rule would add locations in the United States (full list of US locations where Agent Orange was tested or stored). Additionally, it will add Canada and India to the existing presumptives for Agent Orange in Vietnam, Cambodia, Johnson Atoll, Guam, American Samoa, Korea, Laos, and Thailand.

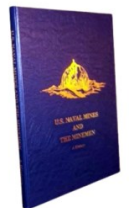
A presumption of exposure means that VA automatically assumes that veterans who served in certain locations were exposed to certain toxins. Presumptives lower the burden of proof required to receive disability benefits, helping veterans get the benefits they deserve as quickly as possible. This expansion of presumptives will help veterans who served in the specified locations receive health care and benefits for certain cancers and chronic conditions. To be eligible, a veteran must have served in the identified location(s) during a specific time period and currently have a condition(s) presumptively associated

with herbicide exposure.

“This proposed change would make it easier for veterans exposed to herbicides who served outside Vietnam to access the benefits they so rightly deserve,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “Our goal is to provide every veteran – of every era – with the VA health care and benefits they deserve, and this is another step in the right direction.”

Veterans who want to file an initial claim for a herbicide-related disability can visit VA’s website, use VA Form 21-526EZ, or work with a VA-recognized Veterans Service Organization to assist with the application process. Veterans may also contact their state Veterans Affairs Office. Survivors can file claims for benefits based on the veteran’s service if the veteran died from at least one of the recognized presumptive herbicide diseases. This proposed rule also codifies provisions in the Pact Act, the Blue Water Navy Act of 2019, and the National Defense Authorization Act for 2021. For more information about the changes, visit The Federal Register.

**According to the article at the website, the CNO is exploring the option of establishing a robotics rating. The Navy wants a team that focuses on sensors, platform autonomy, and autonomous missions. Machine learning and feedback processes will be important**



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## Help preserve your history

Okay you older Minemen time to put on the thinking hat... the Mine Warfare Training Center (CDR Josh Freeze) is putting together a history of the Commanding Officers of the schools (Yorktown, Charleston, Ingleside, San Diego) and he needs our help with missing names. If you remember the names for the following dates please let CDR Freeze know at [joshua.j.freeze2.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:joshua.j.freeze2.mil@us.navy.mil). If you have a photo of the CO that would be a bonus.

1945-1964 US Naval Schools, Mine Warfare, Yorktown

1972-1975 Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, Charleston

1981-1987 Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, Charleston

1989-1998 Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, Charleston and Mine Warfare Training Center, Ingleside

2007-2008 Mine Warfare Training Center, Ingleside

When COMINEWARCOM was in Charleston, there was an MIW archive kept at the Naval and Mine Warfare Training Center (NMWTC). This archive had operational data going back to before [World War I]. When COMIN[E]WARCOM moved to Corpus Christi, the archive was culled and part that was retained was stored in boxes in the... vault at COMINEWARCOM... when COMINEWARCOM was disestablished, all the remaining archives were destroyed.

Just because I'm old doesn't mean you are out of range.

*Have a great day!*

*50th Association of Minemen (AOM) Reunion 2024*

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## IDEF 2023: MKE UNVEILS UÇA OFFENSIVE MINING SYSTEM

NAVALNEWS

BY [TAYFUN OZBERK](#)



UÇA is an air-launched sea mine that can be dropped by aircraft such as F-16 jets and large unmanned aircraft such as AKINCI and [AKSUNGUR](#). MKE announced the new system a few days before IDEF 2023.

The system is developed by MKE, with the partnership of TUBITAK-SAGE (Turkish DARPA), and Koç Savunma.

MKE transformed the general-purpose Mk-84 bombs into offensive mines by integrating a guidance kit (GÖKÇE wing-assisted guidance kit), smart target detection, and mine firing unit. According to a video showcased by MKE at the exhibition UÇA proceeds to the diving location after being dropped by the air asset. After taking the place at the bottom of the sea, the sea mine waits for the enemy ship to turn on the warhead.

UÇA is a combined sea mine that can classify targets based on their acoustic, magnetic, and pressure signatures. The sea mine is coated with radar-absorbing material that prevents its detection during the flight phase. It also has an underwater system IFF, which prevents the mine from damaging friendly units. UCA will be able to detect and destroy target ships with this advanced sensor fusion technology.

# Austal USA Delivers Second-to-Last Independence Littoral Combat Ship

USNI News

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The Navy's penultimate aluminum Littoral Combat Ship was accepted into the service late last week, Naval Sea Systems announced.

The future USS *Kingsville* (LCS-36) was accepted by the service from shipbuilder Austal USA in Mobile, Ala., following the completion of the Independence-class acceptance trials in the Gulf of Mexico last month.

"*Kingsville* successfully completed Acceptance Trials on February 1, marking the last significant milestone before a ship is delivered to the Navy. She will be commissioned later this summer, and will be homeported in San Diego, Calif.," reads a February statement from NAVSEA.

The LCS is named for Kingsville, Texas, home to Naval Air Station Kingsville, one of the Navy's two jet training centers.

Austal USA has one last aluminum Independence-class in the Alabama yard. The future USS *Pierre* (LCS-38) is expected to deliver to the Navy next year.

The Independence-class ships will eventually be the Navy's primary mine-counter measure platform spread across the Pacific and in the Middle East. Austal USA has been transitioning from aluminum construction to steel over the last two years. The yard is still manufacturing aluminum Spearhead-class high-speed transports (T-EPF-1) and the Bethesda (T-EMS-1) medical ship. Last month, the shipyard announced last month is intended to make a \$250 million expansion to its steel yard in Mobile. The Alabama yard is building the Navajo-class towing, salvage and rescue ship (T-ATS), the first ship on the steel line that Austal converted from its original

aluminum manufacturing facility. Trouble with the steel line resulted in a \$40 million write-down for Austal USA's Australian parent last year. Austal USA is also the second yard for the next-generation LCU-1700 landing craft.

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## AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL ALREADY TRAINING WITH NEW SMART SEA MINES FROM NAVALNEWS

BY BEN FELTON



Scale model of a mine laying system on display on Rheinmetall Australia's booth at Indo Pacific 2023

Australia has already received its first batch of smart sea mines which have already been put to use during exercises according to Air Vice Marshall Leon Phillips, who is head of the Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Enterprise (GWEO).

AVM Phillips made the comments during the 21st annual **Australian Defence Magazine Congress**, held in Canberra, to an audience of defence industry figures as he sought to update them on what progress the GWEO Enterprise has made so far under his watch. Australia is acquiring an undisclosed number of an undisclosed type of smart sea mine from RWM Italia as part of Project SEA 2000 Maritime Mining. Project Sea 2000 undertook industry consultation throughout 2021 and 2022 before ultimately selecting an unspecified RWM Italia product in mid-2023.

# AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL ALREADY TRAINING WITH NEW SMART SEA MINES FROM NAVALNEWS

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While Australia has not released details about what platforms will deploy the weapons, *Naval News* understands that Defence is aiming to field them aboard both crewed and uncrewed surface, airborne and sub-surface platforms.

The previous Liberal-National government committed to purchasing the weapons as part of its 2020 Defence Force Structure Plan, a plan that the current Labor government has roundly-criticised due to it announcing a range of acquisition programs without allocating money to fund them.



Murena and Asteria Sea Mines on display by RWM Italia during Indo Pacific 2022

As a result of this funding gap, which Labor claims was in excess of \$60 billion AUD when they came to government in 2022, the government has been undertaking a comprehensive reorganisation and re-prioritisation of Defence's Integrated Investment Plan (IIP). The IIP, the first of which was introduced in 2016, is effectively a costed breakdown of all planned defence acquisitions over the next decade.

The reorganisation of the IIP, which is being led by the Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Vice Admiral David Johnson is nearly complete with an updated version expected to be approved alongside Australia's national budget in May.

Unlike Australia's last attempt at acquiring sea mines, which was canned in the early 2000s, Project SEA 2000 appears to have survived budget challenges.

In 2000 Australia selected BAE System's Stonefish MK III Naval Influence Mine as part of Project JP 2045 Phase 1A, however, it was shortly cancelled with only around 20 training mines reportedly ever delivered.

Work Underway to Localize Smart Sea Mine Sustainment

AVM Phillip's organisation, GWEO, was also stood up as a result of the 2020 Defence Force Structure Plan, however, he was appointed its inaugural head in the wake of the 2023 Defence Strategic Review (DSR).

According to AVM Phillips, the GWEO Enterprise has been charged by the government with developing the capacity for Australia to build selected advanced weapons domestically, building up war stocks including Sea Mines, and acquiring long-range strike weapons. The GWEO Enterprise is also standing up an ability to maintain the new sea mines in Australia through technology transfer, with the longer term goal of enabling the local electronics servicing, loading, assembling and packing of sea mines in Australia.

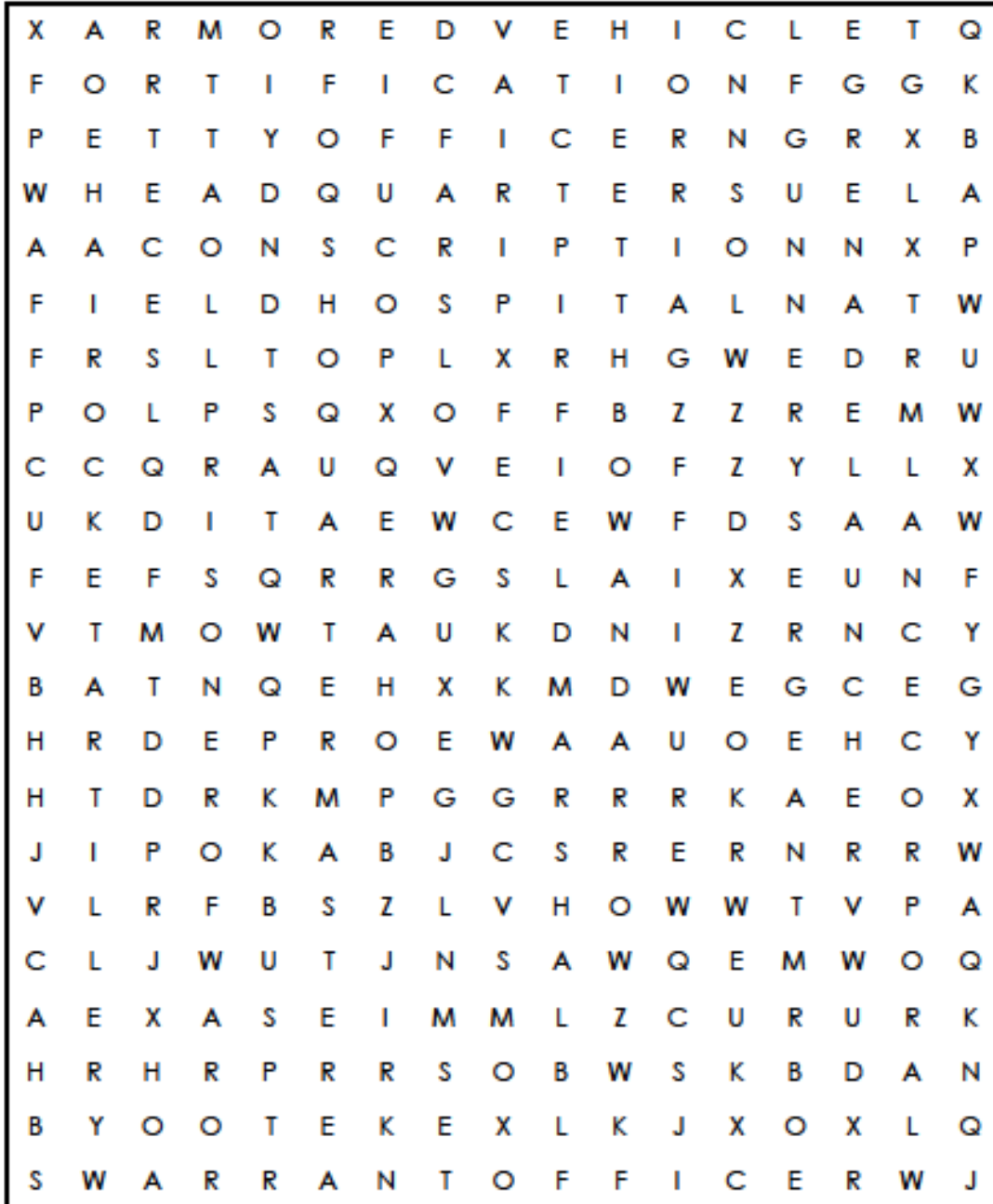
While details are scarce about this effort to localize the sustainment enterprise, *Naval News* understands that the small Australian company Enginium Pty Ltd has helped establish an explosive materials branch within the SEA 2000 project team.



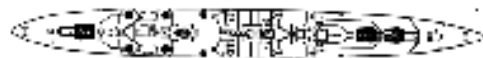
HMAS Huon sails through Sydney Harbour as the ship departs to undertake a north-east Asia deployment. In the early 2000s Australia decided to invest in Mine Countermeasure capabilities like the Huon-class coastal minehunters, rather than sea mines. (Commonwealth of Australia)

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# Military Word Search



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# NMC PAC EAD Unit Guam

Meet Mine warfare Training Center’s Mineman “A” school class 24-060. These students are the future of Mine Warfare; Seaman Okamoto, Seaman Nathia, Seaman Botelho, Seaman Schuette, and Seaman Campion.

The quick strike team working to improve their time and proficiency during their quarterly mine assessment. The team has to record and improve their time in building Mk 62, Mk63, and Mk65 mines to ensure we can met mission. Great job to the team!



MNSA Botelho

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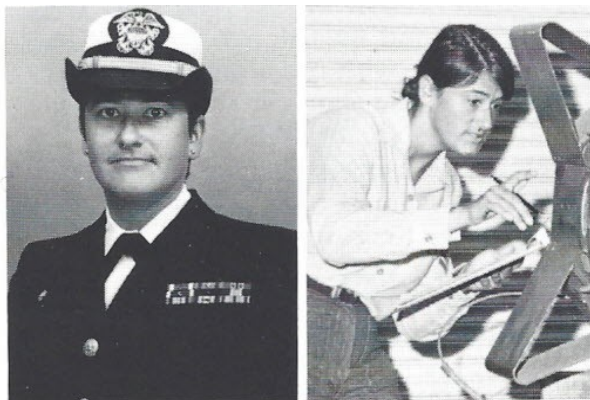


MNSR Schuette  
Nathia

MNSR



## Mineman Profile



Lieutenant Coral Lee MacIntosh was born in Schenectady, New York. In August 1976 she enlisted in the Navy and was ordered to RTC, Orlando, Florida to attend Recruit Training.

In March 1977 Lieutenant MacIntosh graduated from Mineman "A" School and reported to her first duty station, Commander, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, Charleston, South Carolina, where she was assigned tours at Mobile Mine Assembly Group, Detachment Five, Sigonella, Sicily, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, Detachment Six, Souda Bay, Crete and Mobile Mine Assembly Group, Detachment Four, Glen Douglas, Scotland. March 1980 she was transferred to Navy Recruiting District, Albany, New York for a tour as a Navy Recruiter. In June 1983 she was transferred to Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center where she attended the Test Set Repair and Maintenance Course. Upon graduation in October 1983, she received orders to Commander, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, Charleston, South Carolina as a first class petty officer and performed staff duties as the Assistant Operations Officer for Logistics, the Assistant Operations Officer for Quality Assurance and Facilities and the Assistant Operations Officer for Maintenance. Additionally, while assigned to Commander, Mobile Mine Assembly Group, she deployed to Mobile Mine Assembly Group, Detachment Six, Souda Bay, Crete and returned to serve as Assistant to the Operations Officer. In September 1985 she was advanced to Chief Mineman, the first female in the Navy to do so, and performed duties as an instructor, course supervisor and administrative chief.

On 1 February 1989 Lieutenant MacIntosh

was commissioned under the Limited Duty Officer Program and became the first female LDO in the surface ordnance field. She then assumed duties as the Repair-5 Division Officer onboard USS Jason (AR-8). In June 1990 she was transferred to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, San Francisco, California and served as Repair-Treasure Island and Repair-1 Division Officer. April 1993 she was assigned to Mobile Mine Assembly Group, Unit One as Prospective Commanding Officer, and will become the Mine Community's first female Commanding Officer of a Mobile Mine Assembly Group Unit.

Lieutenant MacIntosh has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star in lieu of Second Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation with two bronze stars, Navy "E" Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with one bronze star, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Ribbon with two bronze stars and the Navy Recruiting Ribbon.

Lieutenant MacIntosh is married to Paul Francis Appleton. They have one son, Kyle, and reside in Seal Beach, California.



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## Fair Winds and Following Seas

### Departed

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Biloxi, MS,

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Hollywood, SC

DOB: 27 Nov 1934 - DOD: 1 Oct 2022



Commander, Mine Warfare Command in Charleston, SC in 1982.

US Naval Academy, (USNA) Class of '58

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Janesville, WI,

DOB: 24 Aug 1948 - DOD: 26 Oct 2023



## VA News

### Million Veteran Program supports women Veterans

By Kely O'Donnell  
MVP Communications

The goal of VA's Million Veteran Program is to improve the future of health care for all Veterans across age, race, gender, service branch and era. Achieving that goal means researching health conditions that affect different Veteran populations—the fastest growing of which is women. Supporting women's health research to better understand conditions that uniquely affect women Veterans—like endometriosis—is crucial to MVP's mission and to the health and well-being of all Veterans.

#### Endometriosis

- Endometriosis occurs when cells similar to the lining of the uterus grow outside of the uterus, potentially causing pain, infertility or difficulty getting pregnant.
- Endometriosis affects up to 10% of women aged 15 to 44.
- Researchers used information from MVP and other biobanks to study genetic relationships between endometriosis and certain mental health conditions. They discovered that endometriosis is associated with women's mental health.
- This research may lead to improved endometriosis care for women Veterans.

More than 100,000 women have joined MVP, like Marine Corps Veteran Kim Leone who said, "I'm proud to be in MVP because it was a very little thing to do that will make a lot of difference for folks. And I'm especially proud as a woman Veteran to know that I could help doctors down the road tailor their care for women Veterans."

Thanks to these women, MVP can better understand how conditions like breast cancer, heart disease and osteoarthritis may affect male and female Veterans differently, positively contributing to the future of specialized health care for all.

#### Join MVP today

Since MVP launched in 2011, the program has been making discoveries in health care areas that matter to Veterans, such as:

- Diabetes
- Cancer
- Tinnitus
- Mental health, including PTSD and depression
- Suicide risk

Thanks to the 1,000,000 Veterans who have joined MVP, we are one step closer to transforming personalized health care for all Veterans and, ultimately, all Americans.



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**ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER - Wed. Sept. 25th \$65.00  
(Includes tax and gratuity)**

**Chopped Romaine Salad (v)**

Chopped Romaine, Black Olives, Cherry Tomatoes, Pepperoncini, Thin Sliced Red Onions, Focaccia Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese and Italian Vinaigrette

**Antipasto Pasta Salad (v)**

Bocconcini Mozzarella and Kalamata Olive

**Couscous Salad (v) (vg)**

Artichoke, Cherry Tomato, Bell Peppers, Basil, Lemon and Herbs

**Italian Green Bean Salad (gf)**

Pancetta, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Butter Beans and Red Onion

**Fresh Sliced Seasonal Fruits and Berries (v) (vg) (gf)**

**Chicken Marsala (gf)**

Wild Mushroom Marsala Wine Sauce

**Baked White Fish (gf)**

Topped with Tomato-Basil Relish

**Mushroom Ravioli**

**Porcini Cream Sauce**

**Meat Ravioli**

**Bolognese Sauce**

**Smashed Yukon and Red Potatoes with Garlic and Herbs (gf)**

**Roasted Zucchini Squash and Baby Carrots (v) (vg) (gf)**

**Assorted Focaccias and Cheese Twists (v)**

**DESSERT - Classic Tiramisu, Pistachio Panna Cotta with Fresh Strawberry (gf)**

Chocolate Profiteroles and Baci Di Dama Italian Cookies

**Key codes for menus: gf=Gluten-Free vg=Vegan v=Vegetarian**

## Auction Picnic Luncheon on Site – Tuesday Sept. 24th

### Choice of Sandwiches or Wrap

All boxed lunches include potato chips, seasonal whole fruit, fresh baked cookie, soft drink and bottled water.



**\$20.00 Per Person**



*"The most fun you will have spending money for our Scholarship Fund!"*

BANQUET DINNER	COST EA.	QTY.	AMOUNT
Italian Style Buffet Dinner	\$65.00		
Auction Picnic Luncheon			
Classic Italian	\$20.00		
Turkey Pesto	\$20.00		
Grilled Vegetable Wrap (v) (vg)	\$20.00		
Membership			
Reinstatement or New Member Fee	\$5.00		
Annual Dues	\$15.00		
Reunion Fee	\$20.00	1	\$20.00
Scholarship Donation			
<b>TOTAL DUE TO AOM</b>			

**Classic Italian**-Genoa Salami, Ham, Prosciutto, Provolone, Mozzarella, Char-Roasted Red Pepper, Black Olives, Romaine Leaves, Sliced Pepperoncini, Oil and Vinegar and Roasted Garlic-Sun Dried Tomato Aioli on Focaccia

**Turkey Pesto**-Oven Roasted Turkey, Char-Roasted Red Peppers, Spinach Leaf, Havarti Cheese and Pesto Spread on Ciabatta

**Grilled Vegetable Wrap (v) (vg)**-Marinated Grilled Vegetables with Roasted Red Pepper Hummus in Whole Wheat Tortilla Wrap

#### MEMBERSHIP SECTION

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

#### REUNION FEE

Member approved for  
Incidental Reunion Cost

Attach this form with your check payable to the  
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P. O. Box 2180

Temple City, CA 91780-8180

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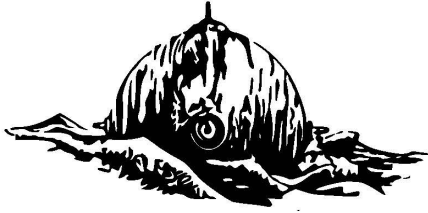
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK/RATE/TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Application Fee: \$5.00 - Annual Dues: \$15.00 - NOTICE: To maintain membership, dues must be paid annually by the month of October. The dues expiration date is printed on the mailing label above your name. Mail checks to the Association of Minemen, P.O. Box 2180, Temple City, CA 91780 Our on-line member application link- <https://form.jotform.com/90215855401148>. If you have any questions about your membership, please send an email with your question to: [assocminemen@yahoo.com](mailto:assocminemen@yahoo.com).