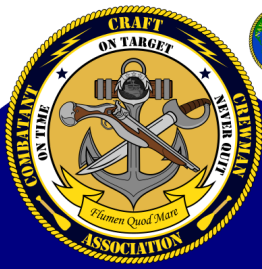


# Perserving the History and Honoring the Brotherhood



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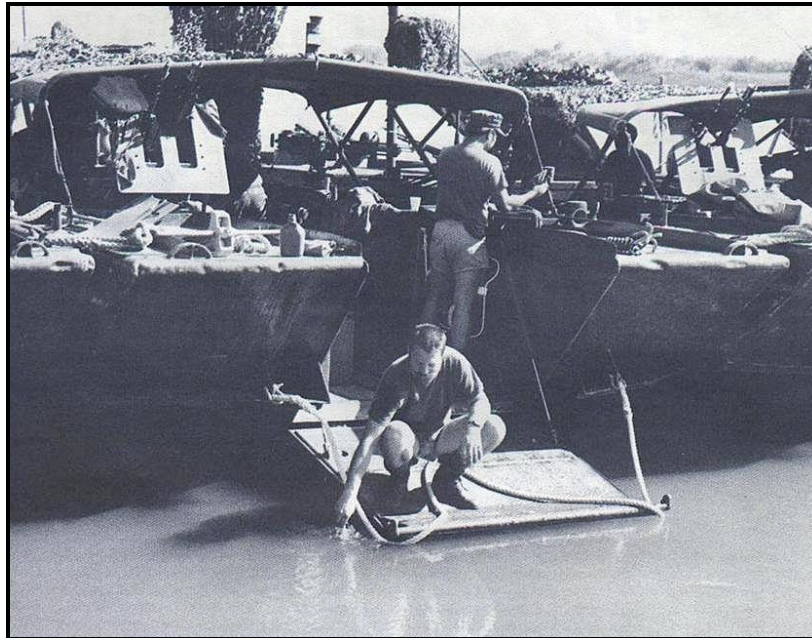
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**Greetings Combatant Craft Crewman Association Members,**

## **1. Holiday Cheer Campaign 2016:**

The holiday season is once again approaching, and the Combatant Craft Crewman Association (CCCA) would like to again demonstrate our gratitude and support towards the Active Duty SWCC and their families. With our ongoing mission of **“Preserving the History and Honoring the Brotherhood”**, we are working with the NSWG4 to provide financial aid to some families within NSW once again.

It is our goal to provide financial donations to NSWG4, SBT12, SBT20, SBT 22 and NAVSCIATTS to help ensure our sailors and their families can have a blessed holiday season. We plan to provide each command CMDCM with a \$600.00 financial charitable donation to help the families they deem the most in need, during the holiday season. It is our firm belief that the CMDCM would have the best insight in identifying those families and getting them the assistance without any embarrassment incurred upon the recipients. We have faith in the leadership to know their people's needs and to do the best with our charitable gifts.

I think most of us can remember just how hard it was to make ends meet when we were serving on active duty. I know I can. It was no easy task, believe you me, deploying all over the world and leaving our loved ones behind. We must never forget those who support us on the homefront. It's why we did what we did. Never forget that it is your membership dues and CCCA Ship Store sales that allow us to be able to continue to provide this crucial assistance. Please consider continuing to support our mission and renew your membership today.

## **2. 501(c) (3) Status:**

The CCCA is now officially recognized as a Federal 501(c) (3), a non-profit charitable organization. The Employer Identification Number is 46-3934554. Any financial donations to the CCCA are now tax deductible. A truly significant milestone for the CCCA. You should know that the effective date of our exemption is October 16, 2013. Our vision is *“to be a world-class charitable organization dedicated to preserving the Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewman history by honoring each generation's contributions with integrity and compassion through educational and charitable services.”* This year we are solidifying our administrative and organizational structure, growing our membership and establishing new partnerships to serve our community better.

This year we have already provided generous assistance via Casualty Care Assistance, Memorials, Recognition of Milestones, Health and Wellness (Medical Equipment Support & Living Sustainment Grants), Family Support, Fundraising, and Social Events. One of our new goals in 2017 is to join the Combined Federal Campaign. Please join us in our mission to continue to be an avenue of support for our particular community.

Sincerely,

*Joseph John Zemlin*

Joseph John Zemlin, MS, CW04 Ret.  
President, Board of Directors  
Combatant Craft Crewman Association



## A Call For Help Answered

About a month ago the CCCA was made aware of a SWCC who needed some assistance and was not getting sufficient help through normal VA & Medical channels. Through close friends, a GoFundMe campaign was started to raise money for a new, lighter, wheelchair that would allow Chris more independence. Although he had a wheelchair, it was over ten years old, and not meeting his current mobility needs and was also very difficult for Chris's wife Courtney to lift and pack during modal travel.

Many of you gave to the GoFundMe campaign, but I believed that more could be done as a Association, so I petitioned the CCCA Board and the decision was made to reach out to Chris and see if he would be receptive to some assistance from the CCCA. He, graciously accepted.

I proposed that the CCCA would purchase the new wheelchair and warranty. Furthermore, any additional funds raised by the GoFundMe campaign could be used for additional medical expenses, therapy, or extra modifications for the chair, as stated in the GoFundMe campaign.

Today we received word that Chris's new Wheel Chair was delivered and he sent these photo's to share with everyone! He also sends his sincere appreciation to the CCCA.

I want to thank you all for making this action possible. Your membership, ship store purchases, and donations were critical to its success. It is my honor and privilege to represent the Brotherhood and report this After Action Report to the Membership!

Sincerely,  
Joseph Zemlin  
CCCA Vice President



**Chris and his new wheelchair**

**Holiday Sale**

**CCCA Ship Store**

**Buy \$50 in merchandise**

**Receive a CCCA**

**Standard Cloth Hat**

**FREE**





In commemoration of 70 years of Naval Special Warfare in Coronado, the Coronado Library and Cultural Arts Commission has sponsored an exhibition titled "First Ashore" at the Coronado Library which runs from October 6 to December 3, 2016. This was the first part of a three-part tribute to Naval Special Warfare in Coronado, which included a lecture by former NSW Historian Don Crawford and dedication of the Naked Warrior at Glorietta Bay Park on Veterans Day at 1100 hours.

Boat Guys Jim Gary and Phil Garn donated quite a number of items in the exhibition: from a rare World War II Combined Operations patch to an extensive Vietnam and Cold War era collection of Boat Support Unit, MST and SBU patches as well as an original river rat black beret in addition to scale models of a Light Seal Support Craft (LSSC), Patrol Boat River (PBR) and Phil's award winning Seal Team One "Body Snatch" diorama. There are lots of artifacts and photos from World War II to the present with a number of boats, the LSSC, MSSC, Heavy, Sea Fox, Sea Specter, Mk V to name a few. The

exhibit is open to the public during normal library hours seven days a week.

During Don Crawford's well-attended lecture on October 29, 2016 including many legendary frogmen as well as boat guys and former CCCA board members Chuck Chaldekas and Phil Garn, we learned the first UDT guys were actually at NAB Coronado in 1945 demobilizing from the Pacific, typical of NSW, there before anyone knew it. Don traced the evolution of NSW from WWII to Vietnam. Then there was a nice reception afterwards with wine and cheese and free BEER!

The dedication for the Naked Warrior statue was at Glorietta Bay just north of the City Boat House. This was very well attended by frogmen and boat guys from World War II to the present day including Rear Admiral Gary Bonelli, Randy Large (CO of SBU-13 and Det Commander in SBU-12), Chuck Chaldekas and Phil Garn (Phil thought he saw Admiral Richards from a distance but not sure as there was a pretty big crowd). During Rear Admiral Timothy Szymanski's remarks, the Commander of Naval Special Warfare Command highlighted the contribution of "Special Boat Operators"(that's us!) to the Naval Special Warfare community as well as SEALs. Marcus Luttrell was invited to help unveil the statute along with Admiral Bonelli and others. It was a sunny day and great opportunity to get to chat with old comrades and their families. There was a super reception with sliders, hot dogs chicken and potato salad at the boathouse, but sadly no beer.

The exhibit at the Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, runs through December 3, 2016. If you are in town, check the hours and have a look. The statue is just south of the Coronado Recreation Center and public boat ramp.

# The Mini-Armored Troop Carrier

## MATC General Characteristics



The mini-armored troop carrier is a high-speed shallow draft combat craft designed for special warfare support operations in river and coastal environments. Thirty-six feet long and thirteen feet wide, the flat-bottom design provides only a two-foot draft when combat loaded and carrying sixteen troops. On step it draws even less. The mini-ATC is equipped with communications equipment, radar and weapon bases which can accommodate a wide variety of weapon combinations to suit the mission. Its engines are shock mounted and acoustically insulated to provide exceptionally quiet operation. With a full

load of 431 gallons of fuel in two tanks (392 gallons in newer craft), the mini-ATC has a full-speed range of about 00 miles. The entire troop compartment is protected by armor plating and a spill blanket. At combat draft, the boat is only about four feet high above the water with the canopy and radar mast down.

The mini-ATC is designed for a two-man crew, but normally four men are assigned to provide more flexibility, firepower and effectiveness.)

This craft was re-engine with 6V-92 TA's in the late 80's with engines from the retiring SWCL's (Seafox)



## Leading Characteristics of Boat

Length (overall) .....	36'-0"
Beam .....	13'-0"
Draft (full load) .....	1'-4-3/4
Displacement (full load) .....	28,785
Displacement (hoisting) .....	24,880 lbs. (max)
Engine horsepower per shaft .....	270 SHP
Fuel Capacity .....	(432 GAL FY72) 392 gal
Cruising Range .....	130 Nautical miles
Design Speed (full load) .....	28 knots
Crew .....	2 men
Capacity (including crew) .....	16 men
Electrical system .....	24 Vdc
Hull construction .....	Aluminum
Propulsion	
Rated Engine Speed .....	2880 RPM
Rated Pump Speed .....	1900 RPM

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Height from Base Line	
Canopy .....	9'0"
Cockpit .....	2'1"
Bowramp (Base) .....	1'10"
Gunwale .....	5'0"
Engine Driven Bilge Pumps (2)	
Capacity at Cruise Speed .....	188 RPM
Pump Speed .....	3000 RPM
Hand Pump Capacity .....	1 gal/2 strokes
(See Figures 3-1 to 3-4)	

## 36 Foot Mini Armored Troop Carrier



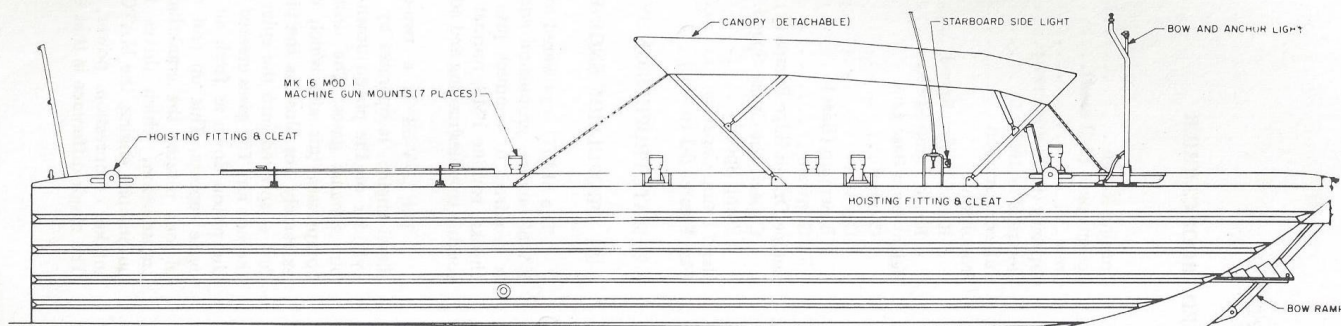


FIGURE 3-1. "EXTERIOR — MATC (Side View)"

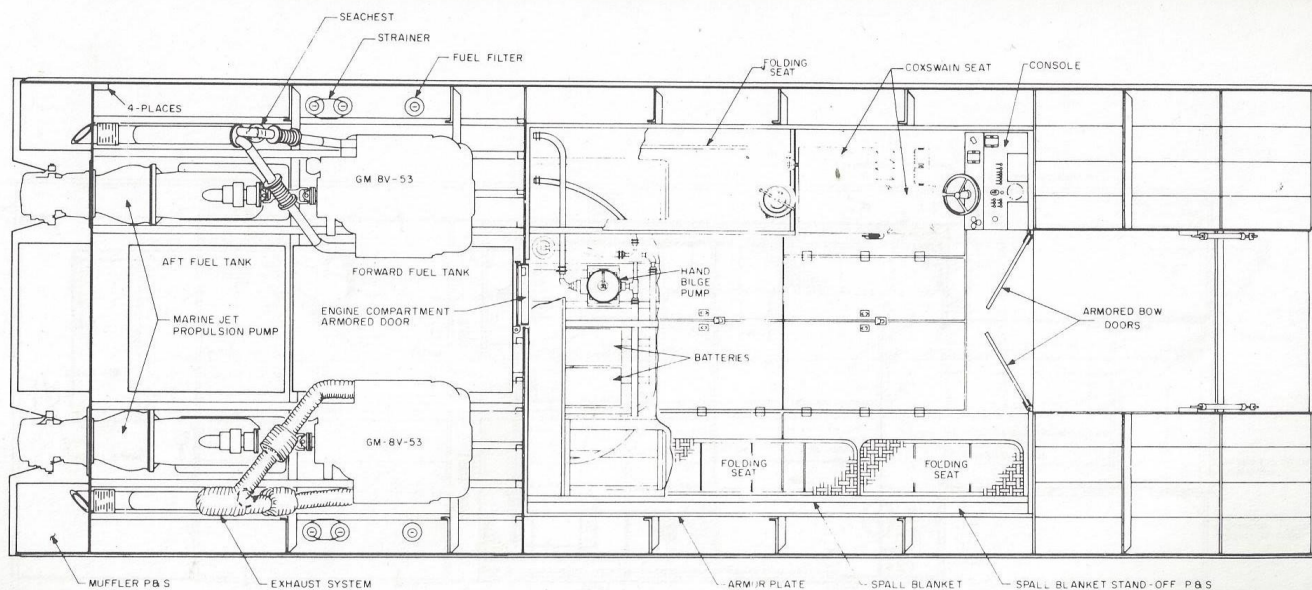


FIGURE 3-2. "INTERIOR — MATC"

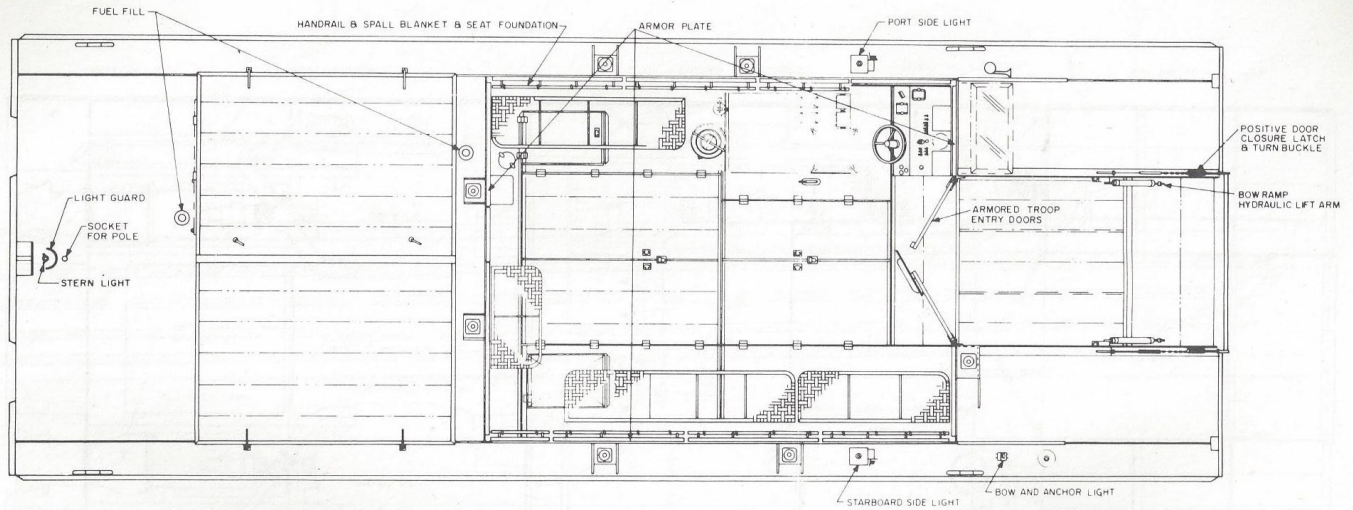


FIGURE 3-3. "EXTERIOR - MATC"

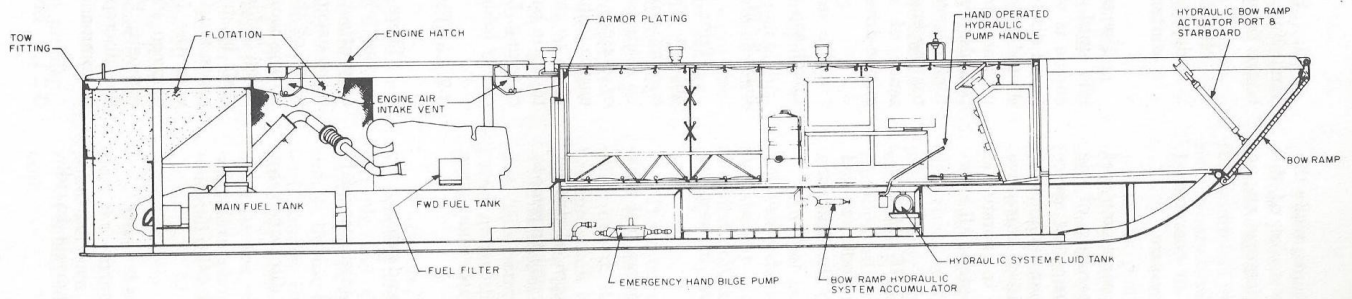


FIGURE 3-4. "INTERIOR - MATC (Side View)"

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."  
**Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## Weapons

The MATC is capable of mounting various combinations of the following weapons: .50 cal machine gun, M-60 machine gun, MK-19 grenade launcher/machine gun, MK-20 grenade launcher/machine gun, 60mm mortar.

## Propulsion Pumps

The mini-ATC is propelled by two twenty-inch Jacuzzi model 20YJ pumps driven by a flexible drive shaft from the transmission. (See Figure 3-9.) In addition to providing propulsion, the pumps provide cooling water to the hydraulic systems.

Each Jacuzzi pump takes water in through a grilled intake in the hull and forces it through a nozzle below the water line at the stern. The jet stream is deflected left or right to steer the boat and a reverse gate is dropped which directs the stream beneath the boat for reverse thrust. An inspection cover on each pump permits removal of trash or debris which may be sucked up the intake.

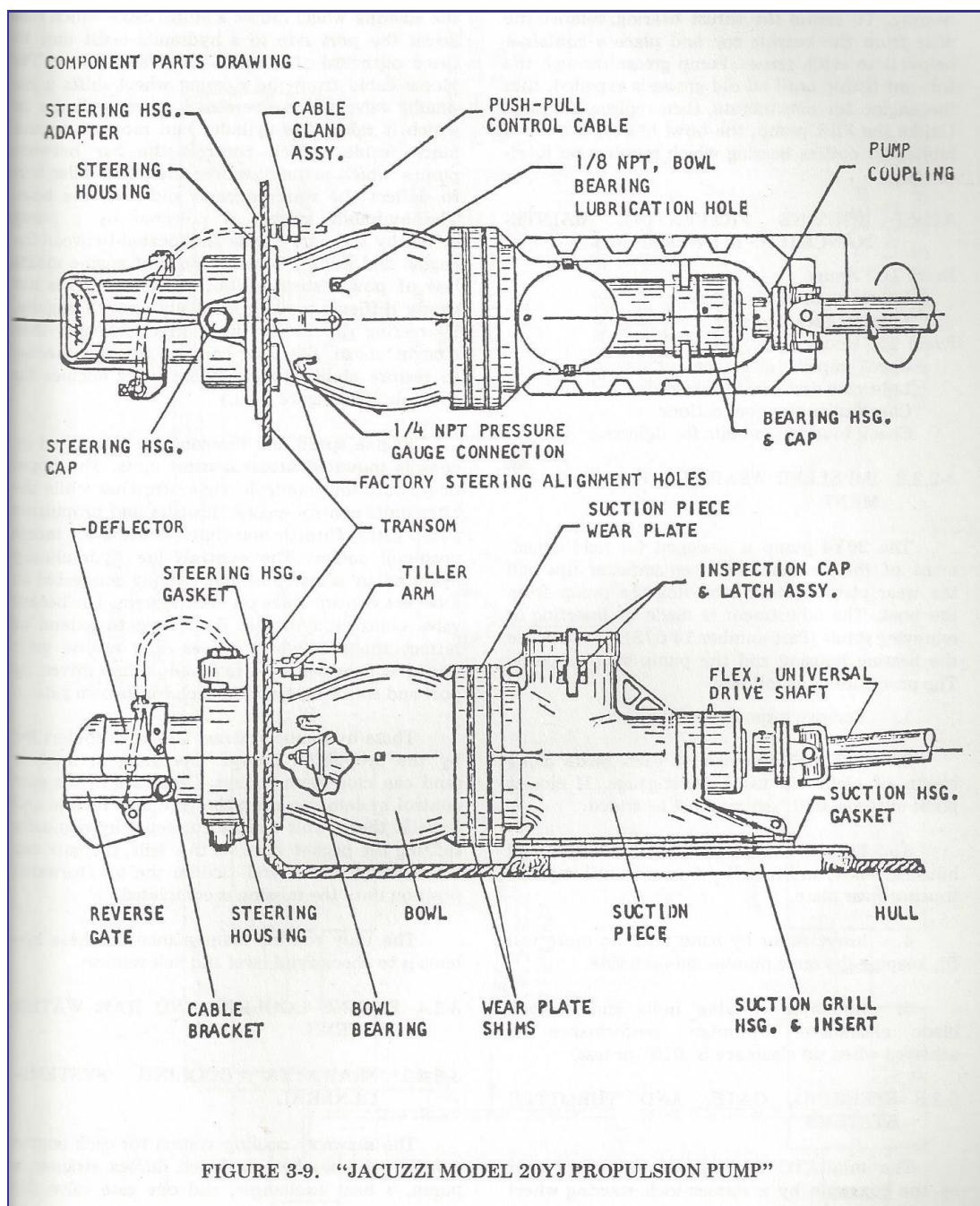
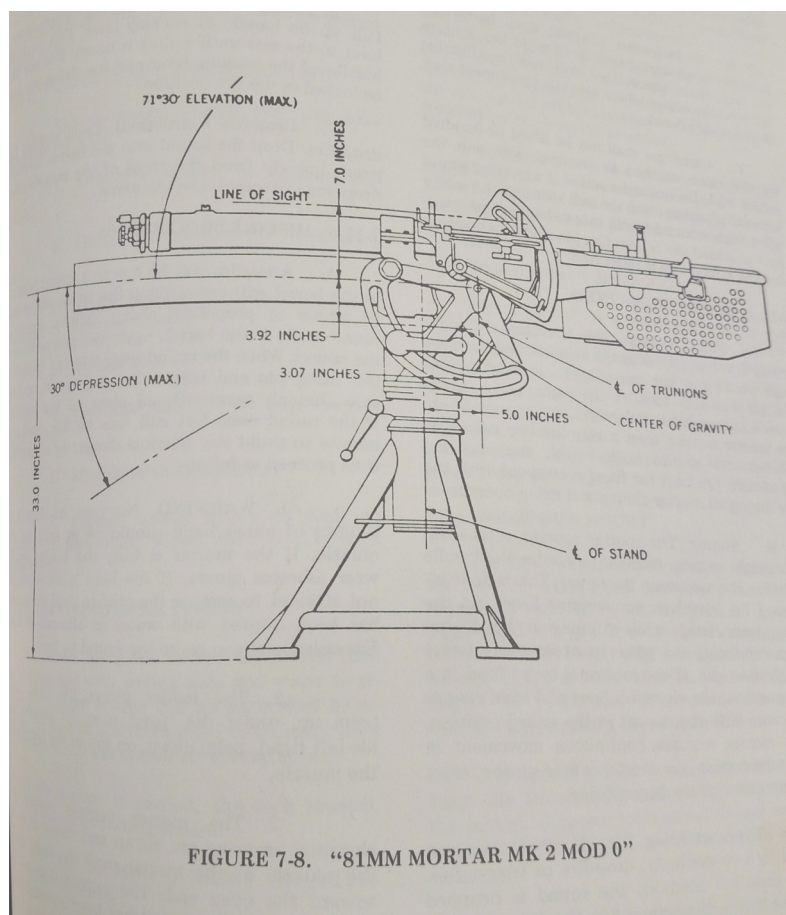


FIGURE 3-9. "JACUZZI MODEL 20YJ PROPULSION PUMP"

## The 81mm MORTAR

### General

The 81mm Mortar was intended to be tripod mounted on small craft, provides a recoil counter-recoil mechanism for reducing brake loading, and is designed for free-swing in train and elevation or field position firing. It can be drop-fired or trigger-fired for bombardment, laying smoke, providing night illumination, direct fire at close range, or indirect harassment and interdiction fire. It can be fired by one man, but two men usually perform these duties. High Explosive, White Phosphorous and Illumination ammunition is provided, as in the 60 mm Mortar. The maximum range is 8000 yards, maximum effective range is 5000 yards, and a good crew can maintain a firing rate of 10 rounds per minute.





Boat crews ate rations, slept in "mummy bags," shaved out of canteens and bathed in the river during SHALLOW HAWK '89. The exercise was conducted day and night for six days in northern California.

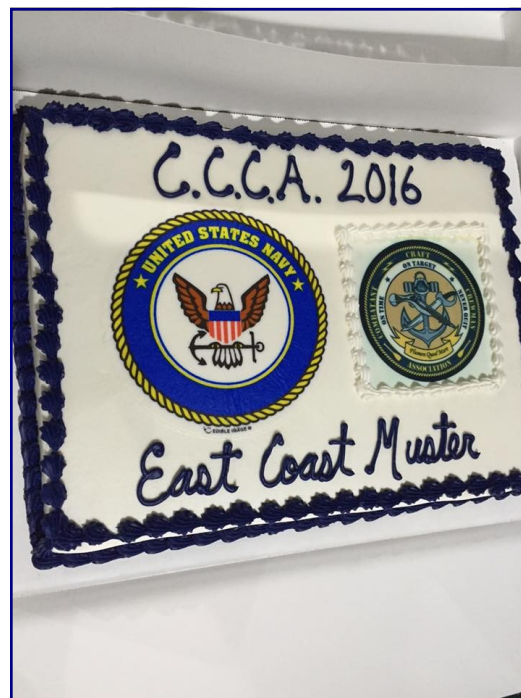


"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer."

**John F. Kennedy**

# 2016 In Review







**Let's make 2017 just as memorable**

**Holiday Sale**

**CCCA Ship Store**

**Buy \$75 in merchandise**

**Receive a CCCA**

**Sports mug**

**FREE**



## CCCA Mission Statement:

*“Preserving the History and Honoring the Brotherhood”*

## CCCA Vision Statement:

*“To be a world-class charitable organization dedicated to preserving the Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewman history by honoring each generation’s contributions with integrity and compassion through educational and charitable services.”*

### CCCA Core Values

- **Honor**
- **Integrity**
- **Service**

### CCCA Workforce Expectations:

- **Commitment**
- **Accountability**
- **Professionalism**

## President’s Campaign For The Future of Our Organization

### CCCA Culture:

- We promote patriotism, good citizenship, loyalty, compassion, and the sense of “**Brotherhood**” for all those who have operated, supported and sacrificed as part of the Naval Special Warfare family and lived by their creeds. We value everyone’s contributions, past, present and future alike.
- We conduct our charitable business using the highest legal and ethical standards, with the core values of **Honesty, Integrity, and Service** as the basis for our decisions and actions. We strive to be an organization that our members and partners are proud to be associated with.
- We are committed to **Preserving the History and Honoring the Brotherhood**, by educating people about our rich history, honoring the memories of those who have passed, celebrating life’s milestones, improving the quality of life, independence, and well-being of our community through our educational and charitable services.
- We respect and treat each other with the highest levels of dignity, with the expectation of **Commitment, Accountability, and Professionalism**.
- We welcome and highly encourage participation from our membership and partners. We rely on their charity and commitment to be successful.
- We promote civic responsibility and patriotic values. We support our Active Duty professionals and their families and honor those who have gone before them. We acknowledge our accomplishments, learn from our experiences, and celebrate our bonds of “**Brotherhood**.” We maintain a respectful and professional demeanor and focus on the mission and goals of the Association.
- We appreciate the generosity of our membership and supporting partners. We celebrate their substantial contributions and unwavering support. We realize that the positive relationships that we form only make us stronger and more effective as a team.

- Our membership is spread out around the world. Therefore the CCCA Board of Directors is set up to provide executive leadership and continuity of operations for the Association through established organizational structure and standardized administrative policies, practices, and procedures.
- We are fully devoted to fulfilling the CCCA Mission of **“Preserving the History and Honoring the Brotherhood”** through our continuing educational and charitable services.

### **CCCA Creed:**

***“I am a Combatant Craft Crewman Association Member and fully Committed to the Vision of being a World-Class Charitable Organization.***

***I am dedicated to the Mission of preserving the Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft Crewman history by Honoring each generation’s contributions and living by our core values of Honor, Integrity and Service.***

***I voluntarily give my time freely and without expectation of compensation and will strive to Honor the bonds of “Brotherhood” through my Charitable Services.***

***I value and trust the support of our membership and partnering sponsors and will be a good Steward of any Financial Donations provided.***

***I am Accountable for my own actions and will always conduct myself with the highest Ethical and Moral Standards of Professionalism while representing the Combatant Craft Crewman Association.***

***I willingly support and follow the established Policies, Practices and Procedures of the Association and its leadership to achieve the Association’s Mission.***

***I am a Combatant Craft Crewman Association Member.”***



## CCCA Services Provided:

### Educational:

- Historical Archives
  - Biographies
  - Pictures
  - Actions
- Informational Posts
- Mentorship/Networking
- Resources Portal
- Recruitment
- Employment Opportunities
- Events

### Charitable:

- Casualty Assistance
- Memorials
- Recognition of Milestones
- Health/Wellness
  - Medical Equipment Support
  - Sustainment Assistance
- Family Support
- Fundraising/Donations
- Events



## From the Membership Chairman:

Greetings to the team!

Our membership is looking strong and getting stronger. We're currently mustering 273 boat guys in our ranks. Data reaching back to June 2016 when we started our new membership system tells us that we've received 94 membership renewals, 12 new members and unfortunately, 3 members declined to renew. Our new system is working! Now the bad news.....Of our 273 muster, 143 members, or 52% of our total membership, are expired. We're giving them a patient opportunity to renew but will need to move on without them soon. On the positive side of that, we've improved our delinquent count from 81% in June, down to 52% today. Not included in that 52% are the number of calls and emails I've received over the past few days from members letting me know they've just re-upped. Once I get the nod from our Treasurer, I'll add them to the list.

What can you do to help? Ensure that we have up to date contact info for you. I send out email reminders, postal reminders, and even send messages to folks via Facebook. I'm not convinced that I'm reaching everyone though.

If you have a computer and surf the internet occasionally, consider creating a free Facebook account. We have a private, member's only page there and that is where a bulk of our communications go out to the membership. This new newsletter will hopefully reach all those who aren't on the internet.

Also, you can help by bringing in new members. I'd really like to see our muster hit 300 by January 1, 2017. That's only 27 new members. An achievable goal given the 273 members we have. Only 10% of the membership bringing in 1 new member each in a 6 week timeframe.

If you have any questions or comments related to membership, email them to: [membership@combatantcraftcrewman.org](mailto:membership@combatantcraftcrewman.org) I do my best to reply within 24 hours. And don't forget to keep an eye on our website [www.combatantcraftcrewman.org](http://www.combatantcraftcrewman.org) Lots of changes happening there regularly with great info, videos and a link to the ship's store.  
Thank you for your continued support to the CCCA!

Tom Lyons

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