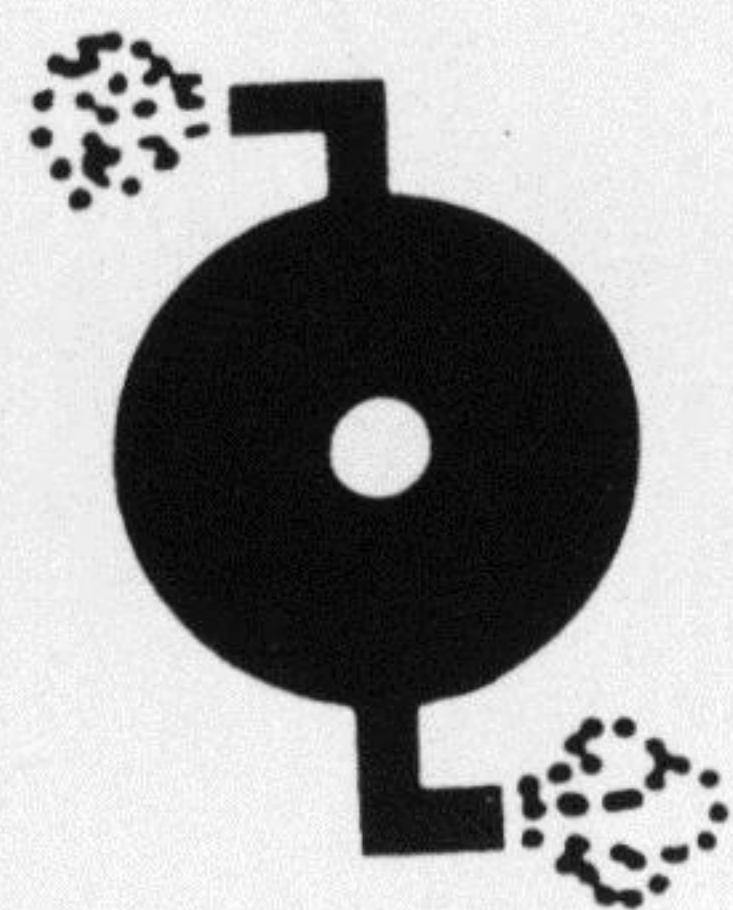
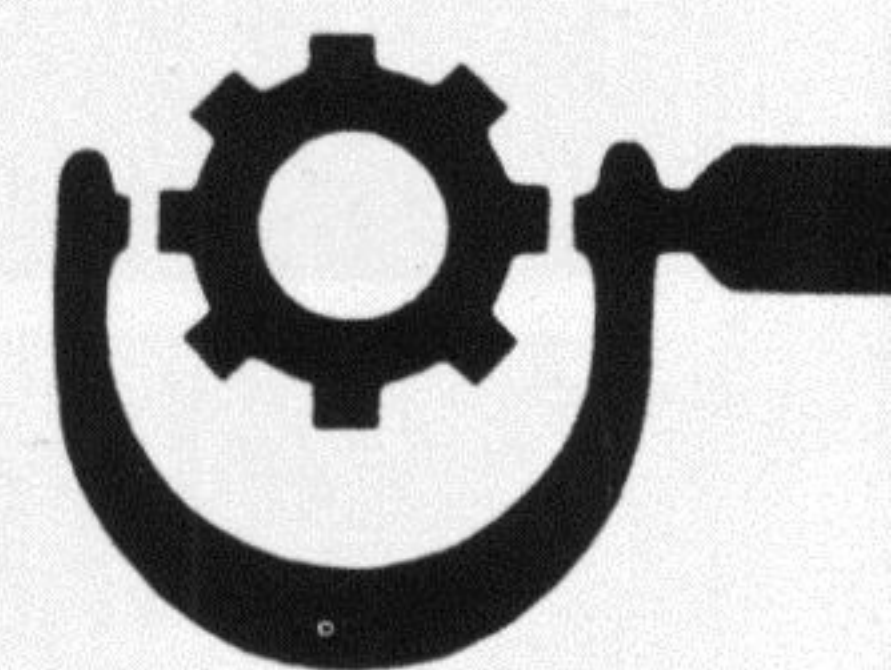
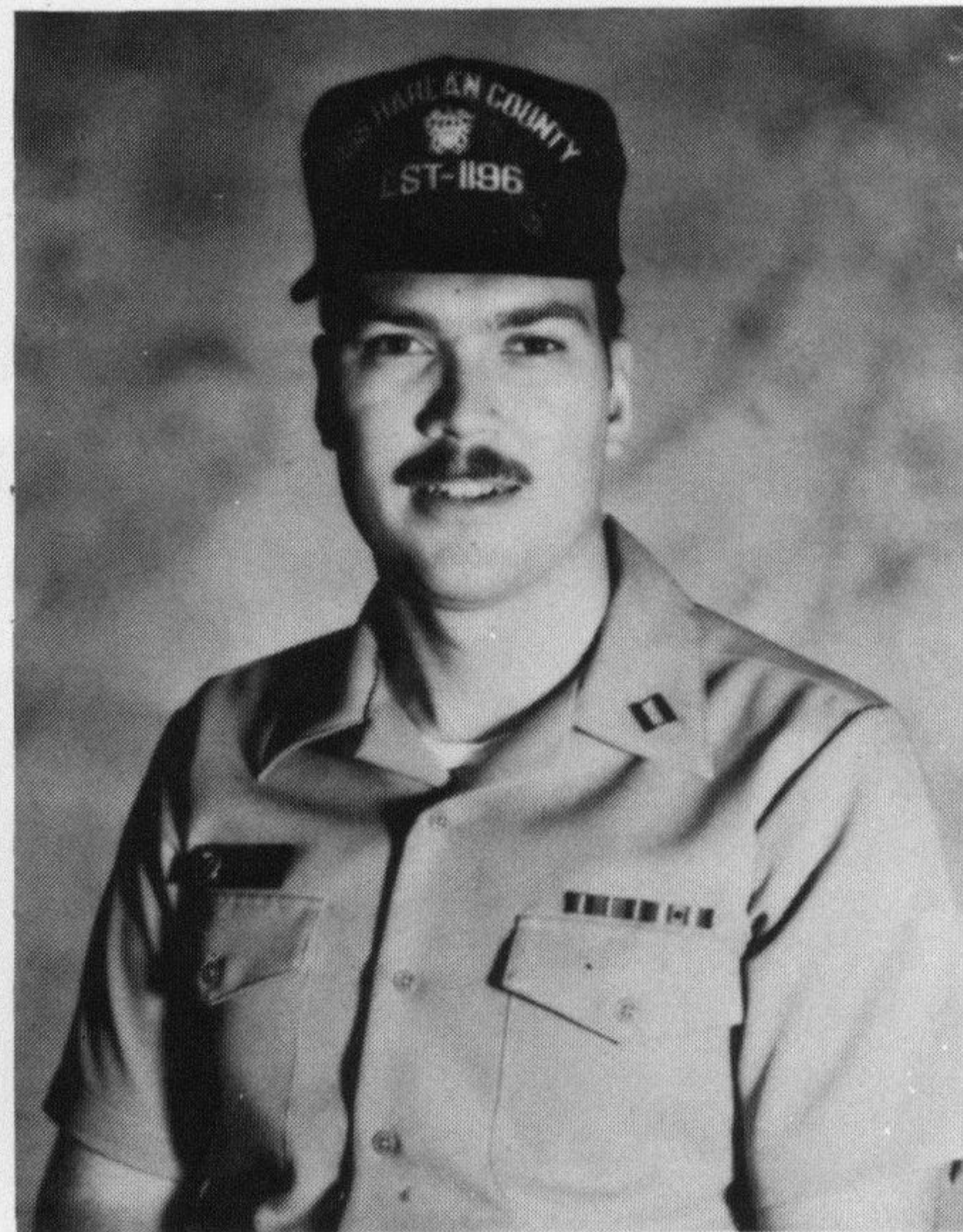
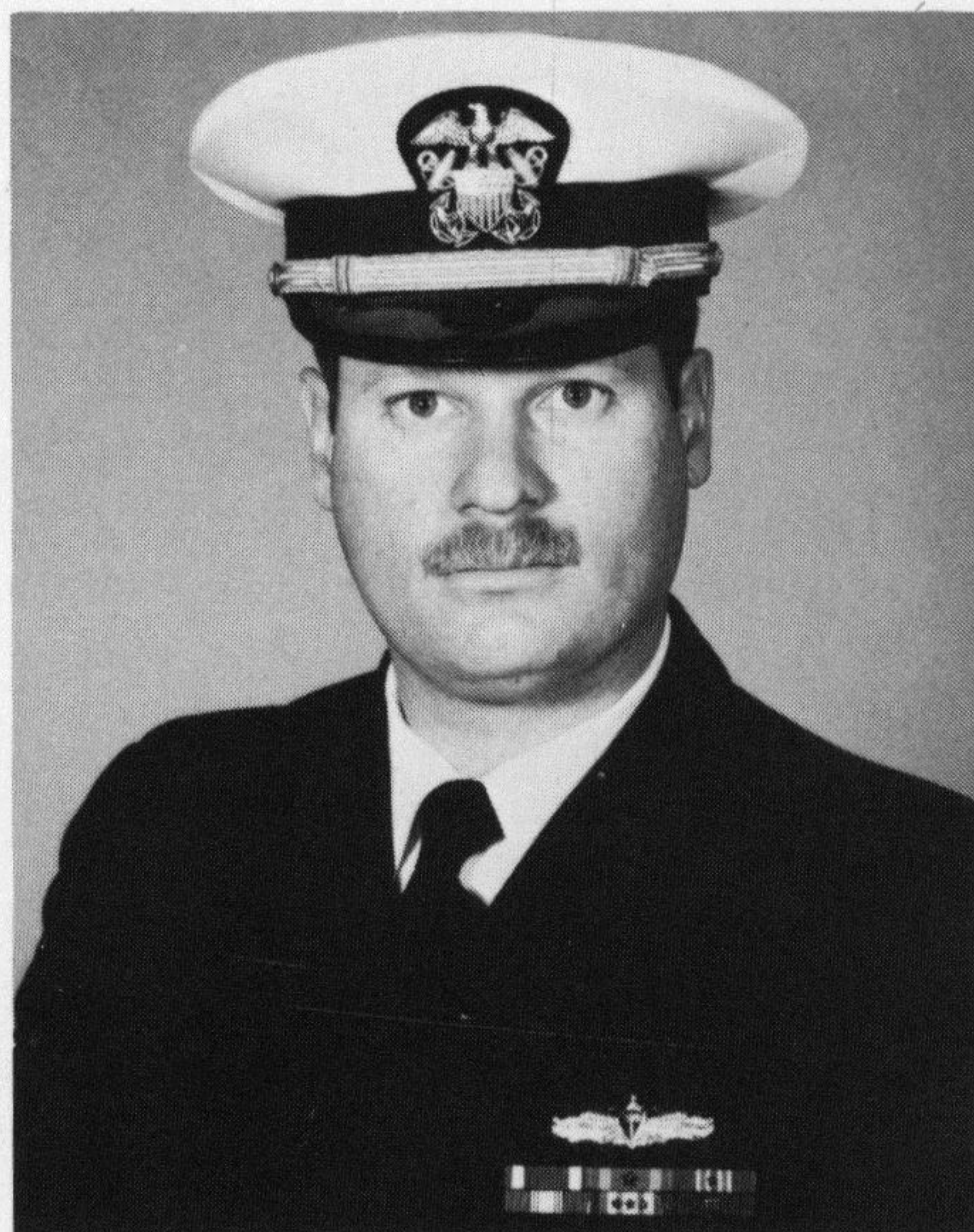
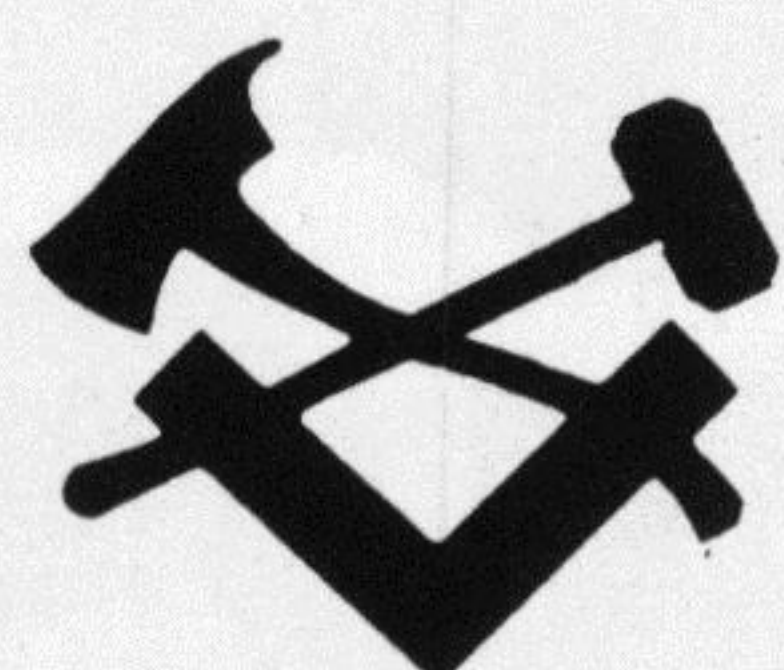
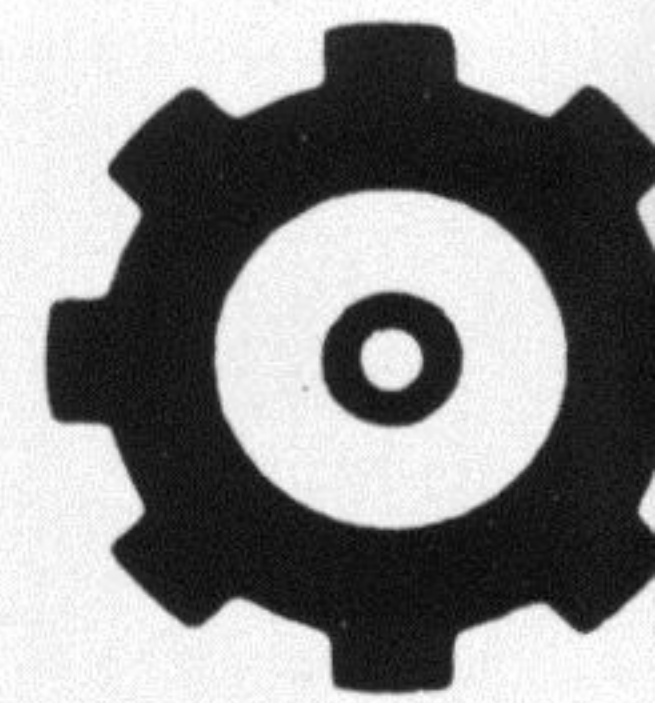
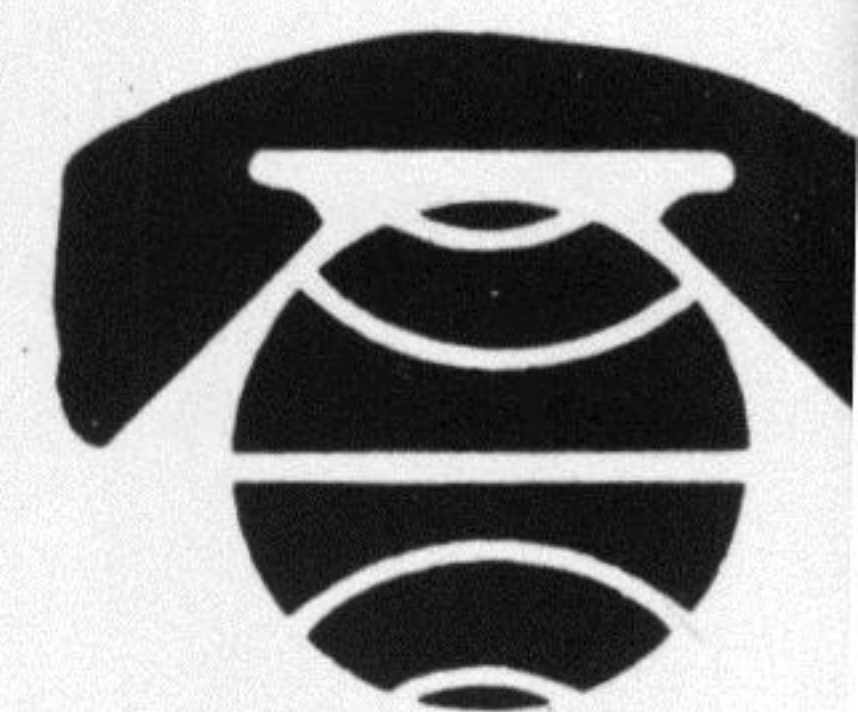


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The UNITAS XXVII/WATC 86 deployment involved over 38,000 miles of steaming, 2,000,000 gallons of fuel burned, 3,000 lbs. of jellyfish trapped in sea strainers and changing 36 main engine and generator cylinder heads. Throughout UNITAS/WATC the engineers performed magnificently. In the next few pages you will see pictures of many people, the electricians who kept the lights burning bright day and night, the enginemen on the small boats during boat runs and amphibious landings, boiler technicians standing port and starboard watches, the enginemen who kept the main engines running, the work by the HT's and DCPO's who allowed us to complete a major deployment without a fire, the IC men trying to chase stray electrons and batteries for the sound powered phones and torturing us with weekly general, chemical, collision and helo crash alarm tests, and MR1 Medlen who came to know all the VIP/s on deployment while engraving over 350 nameplates for plaques. From the beginning we knew this deployment would be different, not only in terms of going places where the

Navy doesn't usually call, but finding the long thin end of the supply line. We started off with a new chief engineer and main propulsion assistant just at the start of the predeployment period who were relieved by our present CHENG and MPA. However, throughout our trials and tribulations were the steadying hands of the chief's and first class' leadership. While the equator was hot, the engineers worked in spaces cooled to a comfortable 115 degrees. Chile's weather forced the engineers into long sleeve shirts when the weather dropped the temperatures to a cool 90 degrees. During the Sunday fantail cookouts, you could always tell who the engineers were by their pale skin and rapidly blinking eyes from being in the sunlight for the first time that week. Through the 144 days, 21 hours and 30 minutes of our deployment, not rain, the hurricane winds of Pisco, nor the suicide attack squadrons of jellyfish at Ancon, Peru stopped the engineering department from answering bells; all on time.