

# SHIPMATE

**"Shipmate is an honorable word that is earned, not given. Being called a shipmate is the highest compliment one can earn in his life. Shipmate is a word equal to none in the English language. It is filled with courage, love, hate, duty, honor and country. It is a bond forged in storms, adversity and victory; and it is equaled only by a man's love for his wife and family. It is formed at sea in a ship with a captain of character who causes can-do spirit to pass down the line; captain, to executive officer, to junior officers; chiefs, petty officers and crew. "**

*~ from Tin Can Man, E. J. Jernigan*