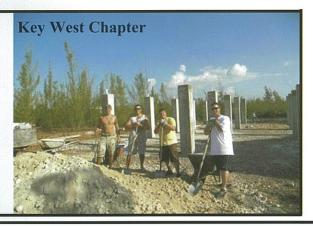






Pictured from front left to right; Kristen Moyer and Katie Fuller. Rear left to right; Dominic Quintana, Patrick Haney and Dustin Chavez.







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CHAPTER MEETINGS - PLACES - TIMES - DATES

Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA President: LCDR Kevin Dowd 559-998-0880 Fleet Reserve, Lemoore 3rd Wednesday, 1730

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA President: AO1 Dustin "Roy" Edsall Dustin.edsall@navy.mil 360-257-2077 VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey) 2nd Wednesday, 1730

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA President: AOC Mike Hayden 757-433-2339 Moose Lodge, VA Beach 3rd Wednesday, 1630

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA President: Don Travis 760-939-5430 VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord 2nd Flex Thursday, 1830

Chapter 7 - Naval Base Ventura County, CA President: AO1 Adam Bolinger 805-385-7222 Weapons Dept. Conf Room Bldg. 68, NBVC 1st Wednesday, 1130

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA President: AO1 Kathleen Marachi 619-545-8451 Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista 1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL President: AO1 Michael Steckley 904-542-5568 Fleet Reserve, Collins Road 3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI President: AOI Dow 808-839-2226 ???? Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV President: AOI Edenefield 775-423-8893 ???? American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV. Ist Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River President: AOC(AW/SW) Christian Saxon 301-997-0036 VFW, Post 2632 California, MD 3rd Wednesday, 1900 Chapter 39 "Dude Gilbert" - Beaufort, SC President: Del Tingley 843-228-7827 Delroy.d.tingley@usmc.mil

Chapter 63 - USS Kitty Hawk
CV 63 President: AO1 Shawn M. Peacock
Forward Deployed

Chapter 65 - USS Enterprise CVN 65 President: AO1 Julius Carter On Board

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz CVN 68 President: AO1 Chris Miller On Board

Chapter 70 - USS Vinson CVN 70 President: Ryan P. Burton On Board

Chapter 72 - USS Lincoln CVN 72 President: AO1 Anthony Diego On Board

Chapter 74 - USS Stennis CVN 74 President: CWO4 Eric Richmond On Board

Chapter 75 - USS Truman CVN 75 President: AO1 Wes Thompson On Board

Chapter 76 - USS Ronald Reagan CVN-76 President: AOI Shiela Brown On Board

Chapter Key West, Southern Most President: AO2 Tim Carliste 305-294-2892 Navigator Bar and Grill NAS Key West, FL 2nd Friday, 1300

Chapter Pensacola - Pensacola, FL President: AOI James Mackie James.mackie@navy.mil 850-452-7385 ext 4183 Kooter Browns 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA. President: John G. Cleary Jr. 760-337-4986 Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter CVW 5 - Deployed President: Anthony Moore Forward Deployed



Letters To The Editor

t the 2008 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer Positions in the AAOEF. I as Foundation President am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:

Office	Incumbent		
President	CWO4 Edward C. Scott, USN (RET).		
Treasurer	LCDR Richard Grass, USN (RET)		
Board of Director	David Moore		

Eligibility requirements for these offices and the duties of the office are in the AAOEF Bylaws, which you can find by going to: http://aaoweb.org/AAO then clicking on Scholarship Information then scroll down to and click on the Bylaws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Regular Member of the Association nominate them.

I, as President of the Foundation, will be accepting advance nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail for collection and presentation to the Associations President. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting. To make a nomination you must be a Regular Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination. All nominations of individuals received will be verified as current Regular Members of the Association through the National Treasurer. According to AAOEF Bylaws, Article V, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 4 contains specific requirements for individuals that are to be nominated for Treasurer ONLY.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the first meeting of the Association's Board of Directors.

Mail advance nominations to: 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7517 or E-Mail them to: egunner@lightspeed.net.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (386) 445-0968 (H)/ (386) 405-6940 (Cell).

Edward C. Scott AAOEF President

Predericksburg, TX was the hometown of Admiral Chester Nimitz and is now the site of the museum honoring him. It is a German town some four hours from Corpus Christi and was the home of my very German Great Grandmother. We spent a whole day visiting the museum of Admiral Nimitz. Admiral "Bull" Wright and his wonderful wife Bibby were great friends of the Nimitz family. We were privileged to know the Wrights.

The Wrights moved to nearby Arkansas Pass and have lived there since WWII. Bibby was telling us a story over coffee one day about Admiral Nimitz phoning her at her home in Honolulu a few days after the 7 December 1941 attack, saying it was "Chester" and that he was checking on her and her two daughters to see if they needed anything. She responded, "Chester Nimitz?" She acted as if it was no big deal and is the most interesting woman I ever met.

She also told us of Admiral Wright being on his submarine, USS Sturgeon in the Philippines when the war began. When the Sturgeon sank her first Japanese ship, he reported, "The Sturgeon is no longer a virgin."

Jan Parker

Thanks Jan, pretty cool story.

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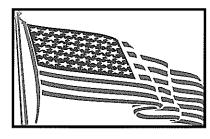
Hope all is well with you and yours this Holiday Season! I wanted to drop my personal plate pics on you. Take care.

V/R- Ron

AOC Reed AV/ARM Division LCPO NR NASC 6066 Det A China Lake Ca 93555

IYAOYAS!!! NAVY CHIEF!!! NAVY PRIDE!!!

Well Ron, better late then never on the plate pictures! Check out page 27. See you at the Joint Air to Air ILSMT, but I'll see you before you see this!!







he AMRAAM program continues to make improvements to the CNU-415 series Shipping and Storage Container for the AIM-120 missile. Several years ago the CNU-415C/E was introduced. This container features interlocking lift-arms, which allow the container to be Fleet Issue Unit Load (FIUL) configured without the use of steel strapping. In addition, the interlocking arm effort led to the approval of a FIUL configuration that permits up to four empty containers to be CONREP'd/VERTREP'd at one time.

Now, the newest CNU-415 series container configurations have been produced. The CNU-415D/E and CNU-415E/E are designed to permit in-container missile reprogramming without the need to remove the container cover. Just remove the cover to the cable access port and the cable will be right there, ready for hookup. The only difference between the two designations is that while the D/E will be ready to have a W17 reprogramming cable installed in it, it will not have the cable. The CNU-415E/E will have the cable already installed. There were a few more improvements made to the CNU-415D/E and CNU-415E/E. Tired of having to try and reach in through the access port to grab your log book? The D/E and the E/E will have a records holder built into one of the access ports. Just remove the cover on the record holder and your logbook is right there. This feature was so well-received that it will be incorporated into CNU-415C/Es when they are returned for upgrade and/or repair. Other improvements that will also be incorporated into the C/E include a humidity indicator that can be removed without the need to open the container. Look for these containers to be coming soon to an aircraft carrier near you.

Mark Nitzsche Project Engineer Air Warfare Division Navy PHST Center (732) 866-2922, DSN 449-2922

Thanks Mark, Pics on page 2

Shipmate,

Last year after the great convention in Reno, my wife and I made a driving trip to the east coast to see old friends and relatives. On the way back from Washington D.C. we stopped in Oriskany, NY. They have a great park and museum. Couldn't resist having my picture taken in front of the anchor (pg 2). I served aboard as an AO1 in 1956.

Sincerely Tom Robins

Tom, sounds like you all had a great time. I included your picture on page 2.

o all chapters,

Please review your information on the <u>Chapter Meetings-Places - Times - Dates</u> section on page 3. E-mail your changes to me and Dennis Costa. I know some of the phone numbers don't match up and I also need a few E-mail addresses. I get the occasional call from AO's inquiring about a meeting in a certain area and its nice to give them up to date information. If you don't see your chapter on here let me know that also please.

Thanks for the help, see you all at the Symposium/ Convention in August! I'll be there by way of Sturgis Bike Week! Editor

NUCKE FER



On the 14th of April 2008 the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation <u>WAS</u> accepted into the Combined Federal Campaign for 2008. This is indeed a great moment completing many years of effort by many to finally gain admittance and to have our name listed under "National/International Independent

Organizations" and our own donors' code is 12246.

Please be sure to pass on this great news to all stations, ships, squadrons and other locations where all Active and Retired Navy/Marine Corps Ordies reside. When the annual CFC is launched this year, each of you now has the opportunity to designate your desires and funds back to your Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and Educational Foundation.

Thanks to one and all for your efforts and support!

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AAO President



I ello Fellow Ordnanceman,

Well here it is mid-May, sure seems that this year is moving by quickly, but before you know it, we will be in Reno for our 32nd Annual Symposium and Convention. My crew and I here at OP-NAV have certainly been busy building and briefing the Ordnance programs funding requirements for FY-10, what an incredible process. But know for

sure you're Ordies here in DC accomplished a huge amount of work to defend and fund the Ordnance stockpile. I would like to thank my Beltway Ordies for all their hard work; they all truly dedicated themselves to the budget process.

If I had a 1MC, I would be on it right now making an all hand's announcement. First, We all need to Congratulate CAPT (SEL) Mike Price for becoming the 6th ever Aviation Ordnance LDO CAPTAIN, Mike we all pass a well done to you, Second Congratulations to LTCOL Rich Hardin and to LTCOL Mike Sexton for your promotion's LTCOL.....What an accomplishment!!! I personally look forward to working with you as fellow leader's in our Ordnance community. I certainly can't forget our back bone's of the USMC and Navy Team, Congratulations to all the new Master Chief's, Master Gunnery Sergeants, Senior Chief's and Master Gunnery Sergeants, congratulations to you all and always lead form the front.....

Now, have you ever wondered why the Association was never in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)? Well first it's no easy task to accomplish, but I'm extremely proud to report that after many many hours of research, compiling financial packages and processing a huge amount of data, your Association made it. We have finally been successful, on 14 April 2008 we received notification from the United States Office of Personnel Management that our Association was found eligible for inclusion on the National part of the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Charity list, and it will appear as the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation with our CFC code being 12246. So when you see Joe Manley, J.J. Lamaitre, Dennis Costa, Dick Grass and Ed Scott, please acknowledge, them by thanking them for about three years worth of very hard work and pulling this effort off, if you don't see them, then send them an email and thank them, they truly deserve it. You saw on page 5 of this REDSHIRT a news flash telling you of our success.....So as I see it, our next big step is to get the word out to each and every Ordnanceman so they are aware and can give consideration to

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AAO Vice President

It is time again to get those Absentee ballots filled out and L in the mail to me. You will find in this newsletter an absentee ballot for all of you that will not be able to attend this year's symposium and convention. This allows our members who can't attend the annual convention to still participate in the election and voting process. It is the time again to vote for your selection of the Treasurer, and two Board of Directors. The below listed individuals have been nominated for those positions.

Treasurer

John J LaMaitre, AOCM, USN, Retired

Board of Directors Robert Walecki, CWO4, USN, Retired Kenny Clasen, AOCS, USN, Retired

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a brief biography of each nominee to familiarize you with the candidates. You will also find an absentee ballot for your use.

DO NOT SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION

Nomination for the offices will still be accepted from the floor and members who have previously submitted absentee ballots will not be permitted to vote if they attend the General Business meeting. If you do decide to attend the annual convention and have submitted an absentee ballot you may request to have your ballot destroyed and then vote during the elections.

When submitting your absentee ballot, clearly mark your ballot for the nominee(s) of your choice. When marking your choice for board of directors insure that you follow the instruction on the ballot. Your ballot must have your printed name, membership number and be signed and dated in appropriate box to be valid. When you have filled out your ballot place it in a sealed envelope, Mail to the address included on the ballot. All ballots must be delivered to me postmarked not later than 1 August 2008.

BALLOTS RECEIVED IN ANY OTHER MANNER THAN INDICATED ABOVE WILL NOT BE **ACCEPTED**

Mail all absentee ballots to the following address:

AAO Nomination Chairman 2099 Thomas Ct Fallon, NV. 89406

The Guys and Gals from Chapter 21 are busy getting things ready for us at this year's convention. Make your plans and reservations now and avoid the possibility of being unable to attend the Social and Awards Banquet. If you need help

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AAO Secretary

reetings Ordies,

Convention is almost here, only a couple more months. It will be great to see all of you. I need some help getting information from the following Chapters.

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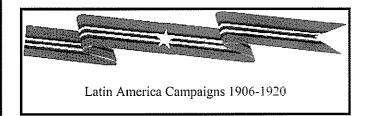
I haven't gotten any chapter reports for quite some time. Also, you are required to send your monthly minutes / financial reports to me after each meeting. For those who do keep up the work, as for the rest of you please get those reports in.

Congrats to the following who were selected to AOCM and AOCS

AOCM - Master Chief Aviation Ordnanceman DAVIS DONALD 004 DELVALLE JOHN 001 HENRY LAWRENC 002 MCCOLLOUGH PA 005 TRUTE CRAIG J 003

AOCS - SENIOR CHIEF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN BOSJOLIE CHRI 004 BOWEN ROLANDO 006 BRYCE JOHN FE 015 CAMACHOVELAZO 019 CAMPBELL CARY 020 COE JEFFRY WA 017 CURRY JAMES R 023 DIFIGLIA RUDO 002 DYAL SANDRA A 009 ELLIOTT JOSEP 003 GRAY BYRON JE 010 HALL MICHAEL 012 HEARD RICHARD 014 JOHNSON CHRIS 001 KLING KEVIN C 011 LEFEBVR MARC 013

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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/ MEMBERSHIP DUES:

FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$20.00 PER YEAR

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FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION
ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT
CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP.
IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.



AAO Treasurer

ONVENTION – Registration forms are located elsewhere in this Red Shirt. Pre- registration is a must in order to properly give YOU a fun filled time in Reno. Sign up NOW and beat the rush. See you in Reno!!!

Membership fees went up starting 01 June 2008 (new FY). The costs have been going up since out last dues increase in January 1995. Dues went up from \$15 per year to \$20 per year. The 2 year 'first time membership' will go from \$25 to \$30. Additionally the Life Time costs are going up \$50 across the board for each age group, except for the 75 and above folks. That age group is going from \$20 to \$50. The new applications have been printed and are being used.

Address changes have gotten better, BUT are still costing your Association. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaotreas@cox.net.

Until next time IYAOYAS.

JJ LaMaitre

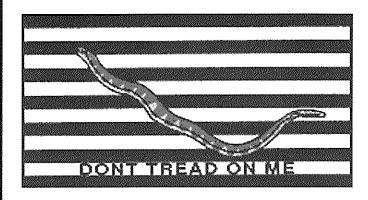
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Virginia Oty Tour "Voices From the Past" & Western Buffet Dinner

Thursday, 14 August - 5:00 p.m. \$45 per person



Join your fellow Ordies for this exclusive tour to Virginia City. Leam the history of the Great Bonanza Trail and the gold-seekers who settled in the area. Upon arriving in Virginia City, we will be met at the gate of the cemetery by the caretaker and his widow! We will meet some of the prominent "spirits" who have come back to life to tell us about living in a mining town during the gold rush. There will be time to explore on your own and enjoy a Westem Buffet Dinner at the Delta Saloon

Reservations are	Required.	Don't Delay	Space is	Limited!!!

Make check payable to <u>AAO</u> and mail to: *Jim Thomas*1394 Lilac Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911

To pay by Credit Card, call Jim @ 800/783-8646 *Cancellations must be made by 15 July for refund.*

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AAO Chaplain



Greetings to all Ordnancemen and women everywhere serving our great nation.

This year has been very busy for me, I'm sorry to say. We have lost way too many shipmates recently. And I am aware of several who are in less than good health. Let us all remember to

include them in our daily prayer regimen. Also, let us to continually keep in our prayers, those brothers and sisters in arms who are so unselfishly giving their best effort for our great nation. That not only applies to Ordnancemen but to all services. We need to support all branches of the Armed Forces. And while we are at it we must include the families of those serving. "They also serve who stand and wait." May hardship and danger pass by their doors.

If any of you know of a shipmate (active or retired) in poor health please try to at least send them a card to show you are thinking of them. And while you are at it drop me an email with their name and address so that I may also contact them.

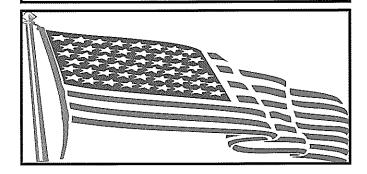
As the last of the primary elections are upon us, don't forget to vote. After all, that is just one of the freedoms we all have fought so hard to protect.

Red Shirt Friday is catching on all around the nation. Let's all encourage our friends and those around us to pay tribute to those serving our country by wearing a red shirt on Fridays. If every one of us share this with acquaintances, coworkers, friends, and family. It will not be long before the USA is covered in red. By word of mouth, let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. Red isn't just for AO's anymore.

Hoping to see you all at the Convention

May God Bless You and Keep You.....

Chaplain Mart





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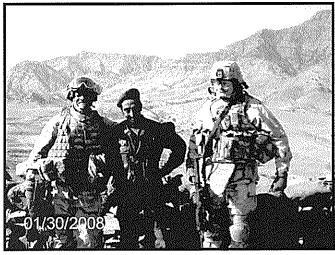
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* Info from FRA Today Newsletter





AO1 Jim Irwin, far right, IA assignment, Afghanistan.



GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

16 August 2008

PRESIDENT CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PLAYING OF THE ORDIE SONG

CHAPLAIN OPENING PRAYER

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS, GENERAL/OFFICIAL

READ SYNOPSIS OF THE 2007 GENERAL SECECTARY

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

(COPIES OF THE COMPLETE MINUTES ARE

AVAILABLE TO REVIEW)

PRESIDENT CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE

MINUTES, CALL FOR VOTE OF ACCEPTANCE

PRESENT THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

ASSOCIATION'S TREASURY AS PREPARED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S ACCOUNTANT (COPIES

AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW)

PRESIDENT CALL FOR ANY CLARIFICATION OF THE

TREASURER'S REPORT, CALL FOR VOTE OF

ACCEPTANCE

COMMITTEE 2008 CONVENTION STATUS

2009 CONVENTION STATUS

CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

FORMAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

REPORTS SAFETY COMMITTEE

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE

REUNION BOOK COMMITTEE

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

NEWSLETTER REPORT AAO WEB SITE REPORT

CHAPTER REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS 2009 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP ICO MR. JIM DEAL

ELECTIONS OF TEASURER/TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

OF DIRECTORS. APPOINTMENT OF

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AS REQUIRED

SAFETY SAFETY PRESENTATION

PRESIDENT NEXT CONVENTION SITE & DATE

2009 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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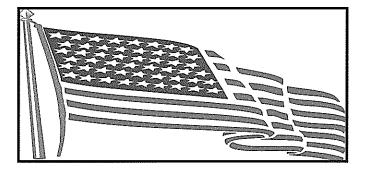
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(Rough) 2008 AAO CONVENTION

<u>DATE</u>	TIME	EVENT/MEETING	LOCATION
8-13 We	0700-1800 0700-1700 1200-1600 1800-2200	Convention Admin Coffee Mess & Exhibits Convention Registration Ordie "Hernia Bar"	Boardroom Royal Salon Royal Salon Rum Bullion Patio
8-14 Th	0700-1800 0700-1700 0800-1600 0900-1300	Convention Admin Coffee Mess & Exhibitions Convention Registration Association Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairmen & Chapter Representatives	Boardroom Royal Salon Royal Salon Boardroom
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8-15 Fr	0700-1800 0800-1300 0800-1600 0800-1500 0800-1500 0830-1200 0830-1000 1000-1130 1230-1430 1430-1600	Convention Admin Coffee Mess & Exhibitions Convention Registration AO of the Year Committee Scholarship Committee AAAO Board of Directors Safety Committee Hall of Fame Committee AAO/AAOEF By-Laws Comm Membership & Nomination Committees Social & AAAO Auction	Boardroom Silver Baron 4 Silver Baron 6 Silver Baron C Silver Baron B Boardroom Silver Baron 1 Silver Baron 1 Silver Baron 1 Silver Baron 1
8-16 Sa	0700-1800 0800-1230 0900-1400 1600-1930 1630-1830 1830-2130	Convention Admin Association Business Meeting AAAO Business Meeting/Lunc Reunion Book Photos No Host Cocktails Awards Dinner Si Guest Speaker – TBA	
8-17 Su	0900-1200 0900-1100 1200-1400	Association Board Meeting Auxiliary Board Meeting AAOEF BOD	Silver Baron 2 Silver Baron 1 Silver Baron 1

PLACE & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO **CHANGE**

(Check Hotel Reader Boards Daily)





Chapter 9



Recently the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter 9 Jacksonville, FL, sponsored an NJROTC Air Rifle Postal competition to raise funds for the chapter. Manzano High School, NJROTC Marksman Team #1 pictured on page 2, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, took first place with a score of 1288 out of a possible 1500.

Second place with a score of 1209 was Cary High School NJROTC Marksman Team #1 from Cary, North Carolina and third place was Middleburg High School NJROTC Marksmanship Team #1 from Middleburg, FL with a score of 1023. All the teams shoot very well. AAO Chapter nine plans to make this an annual fund raiser.

Chapter 5



reetings all form the Dust Devils of VX-31 and the Vampires of VX-9. It's been awhile since we have put an article in, but that's all changing as we are now under a new guard. We held elections in March and welcome new officers to Chapter V. President AOC(AW/SW) Larry Hill, VP AOCS(AW/SW)Pat

Zawchenuk that's Z-man for short. Oh and don't let me forget the secretary George Nehr 12 years running and what a great job he continues do as our skirt and Chaplin Mr. Richard Lee. As the temperature rises here in the Mojave so does the testing schedule of more sorties and the latest and greatest Weapons Technology. VX-9 and VX-31 are top teams here and will continue to provide the fleet with the best weapons technology and all around fleet ready end products. We are ramping up our summer schedule of road side clean up and hopefully plenty of fund raiser in the hot sun. Good luck to all of you hard charging AO1's come August! If you ever in China lake the third Thursday of the month stop on down by the local VFW POST 4080, 117 N. Alvord 3rd Thurs-

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day of the month at 1830. IYAOYAS



Chapter 39



Creetings fellow Ordies from beautiful Beaufort by the sea and the Ordies of the Dude Gilbert Chapter number 39.

Please join us in congratulating MSgt (Ret) Fred Furr on his upgrading to a lifetime membership

in the Association. Also, we would like to wish KJ Nelson the best of luck in his new job as a QA for the Harley Davidson Corp. in WI. (Talk about a dream job) He will be missed by all the Ordies here in the Low Country.

The Chapter was busy this spring raising money to host the Low Country Marine Aviation Ordnance Birthday Bash. We were very successful. On April 23, the festivities started with a golf tournament in the morning. We had 19 teams playing and couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. That evening we enjoyed a family social. The fun continued on the 24th with the picnic and competitions for the Dude Gilbert Trophy. Congratulations, to the Marines of MCAS Beaufort Station Weapons in their hard won victory, but then again all the Ordies present were winners; through the efforts of the Chapter the entire picnic and social were free for all Ordies, active, former and retired as well as Navy and Marine.

We are now focused on raising money for the AAO scholarship fund to be presented at this year's convention. Last year Chapter 39 donated \$2,000.00; this year our goal is to surpass that.

Unfortunately, none of us were able to attend last year's convention but we will have representation this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

In the mean time, if you find yourself in Beaufort, SC on the first Thursday of the month, join us at the Air Station Officer's Club after 1600.

Del "Dawg" Tingley, GySgt (Ret)

COVER & BACK PAGE

AO1 James Irwin in Afghanistan on an IA assignment. Accompanying article on page 16. Jim is a former president of Chapter 3 at Whidbey Island, WA.

We here at the Redshirt would like to hear other stories of our Ordnancemen on the ground and on our ships.



Chapter 1

ello all from the members of Chapter One, located in Lemoore, CA. Another busy period here, with the chapter keeping active and involved in the local community. For the first time this year, we

together a team to participate in Lemoore's annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Rob and Denise Walecki took the lead on this challenging undertaking, and invested countless hours rounding up volunteers, getting the team registered, attending meetings and taking care of the myriad of details that had to be completed in order to make it a worthwhile event. And worthwhile it was, with Team "Ordies" putting walkers on the field for the entire 24 hour period, while being designated a "Bronze" team, meaning that on average, the team raised \$150 to \$250 per team member. Most of the thanks for that outstanding effort has to go to Beverly Onken who raised over \$1500 (and just missed 3rd place individual overall), and Carolyn Fabry who raised over \$1000! As a Team, we raised over \$5000 and we were very close to 3rd place for a non-corporate team. It was a lot of work for everyone involved. As well, many took the time to bring baked goods to sell and for the team members. A special thanks goes to the following members for specific contributions, Chuck Onken for donating the bottled water and ice, Bev Onken for making the fight cancer signs, Bev, Chuck and Denise Walecki for the canopies and tables, George Cleary for the tent, and Kevin Dowd for dragging his trailer down there for the team's use. And last but not least, a very special thank you to Rob Walecki for staying the whole 24 hours, and to George Cleary and Angie Blough for staying with Rob for the entire event, specifically the a.m. hours.

Last weekend we completed the quarterly Highway trash walk. Together with the Weapons School, we had a truly outstanding turnout. Over 100 bags of trash were gathered in all, evenly distributed between the Chapter One and SFWSPAC stretches of highway. The outstanding turnout ensured the job was completed in record time. As usual, Chuck Onken led the charge, picking up the kit, dropping off and picking up the walkers, and just generally keeping everything running like a well oiled machine.

The Chapter also held elections for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and two Board positions. With multiple nominations for each position, the large meeting turnout was extremely important. Congratulations to Brian Garcia (Vice President), Johnny Wheat (Treasurer), Chuck Onken (Board member), and Jose Franco (Board member) on their election or re-election to their current positions.

NAS Lemoore Ordies remain fully engaged in the GWOT, with 3 Airwings deployed and a 4th well on their way

through the training cycle. Meantime, CVW-5 and the Warhawks of VFA-97 maintain a presence forward deployed. We would all like to extend a warm welcome home to CVW-11, while keeping CVW-2, CVW-5, CVW-14 and VFA-97 in our prayers. *IYAOYAS*

With that, I'll sign off. You all kick ass. IYAOYAS!!

Kevin Dowd

President, Chapter One.

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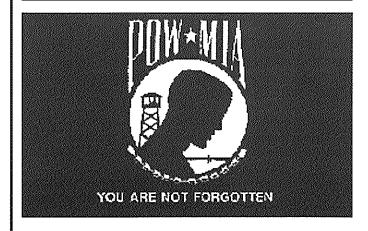
Key West Chapter

he Southern Most Chapter of the AAO located in Key West, FL showed there support for the community on the 3rd of May. They spent there Saturday volunteering for the Habitat For Humanity. Helping lay the foundation for one of the new houses.

Volunteer Names:
AO2(AW) Ryan Smith
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AO2(AW) Mike Atkinson
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Thanks,
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Chapter 74



ello fellow Ordies,

Yes, Chapter 74 is back. Not that we really went anywhere, but with as busy as the ship has been since returning from our 7.5 month deployment, some how we let

the business of running this chapter slip and we apologize for that.

We would like to take a minute to welcome aboard our new Gun Boss, CDR Tom Armstrong. He is a Sub-Surface Ordie LDO and yes, he is starting to get used to the noise and windows, ha! Welcome aboard Gun Boss.

We held elections this winter to replace all offices and the new officers are:

President: CWO4 Eric Richmond

Vice President: AO1(AW/SW) Gregory DeSmet

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As I mentioned earlier, the ship has been pretty busy. 30 days after return from deployment, we entered a six month docked maintenance availability (dPIA) and finished it one day ahead of schedule. All divisions had a pretty full work package and did an outstanding job managing the process. Since then we have successfully completed AORR, MPA, FLTDK Cert, and a 220 hit Ammo On Load (sure was nice to be Ordies again) to support the Airwing for our upcoming TSTA I/II/II and FEP. We are also gearing up for our major Ammo On Load.

Again, it is great to be back in business and getting our young Ordies involved. For we all know membership is the key to success. I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S.!

CWO4 Eric Richmond President Chapter 74 eric.richmond@cvn74.navy.mil

My Epitaph

Someone once said, "Let no man write my epitaph."
I can relate to that, because I believe the way we live in this world dictates the words of our epitaph when we are ready to claim our reward in the next world, be it Heaven or Hell. When I go to claim my reward, I hope the "Preacher man" may be inclined to say these words:
He was a good man most f the time.

He was a hellion some of the time.

He loved every living thing on the face of the earth, although he didn't cotton too much to snakes, spiders and other things, animal or human, that hide under rocks.

He believed that you should show yourself to man and God at all times, and walk tall in the sunshine and the rain.

He would never intentionally hurt a living thing or a living being; and if you ever hurt him, he prayed for God to forgive you.

He loved to hunt because he was a man, but he shed a tear when he proved his manhood by killing. For he knew the taking of any life for sport was not in Gods plan for us.

He loved men of good will; He loved men who gave their time and talent to help others less fortunate.

He loved people who had the patience and understanding to teach little children.

He loved people who shared their knowledge and themselves with youth, especially those who gave of themselves so that our youth would be good men.

He loved to teach others his trade.

Oh, how he loved to work for the Lord and oh, how he loved his Lord.

And most of all, he loved to work with those who shared in this work of love.

He loved the competition of business because he was a born leader.

He loved the competitiveness of his occupation, and he had great respect for those who fought and played the game fairly, because that was his way.

He pitied the man who would take advantage of another's weakness for personal gain.

He could not respect a bid peddler or chisler or one who would use a mans weakness to gain an advantage over a competitor, for he believed this to be a sure way to earn a ticket to Hell.

He loved to do a good job, and he urged others to take a personal interest in their work and to have pride in their work.

He pitied a lazy man or an indifferent worker.

He loved the challenge of complex building projects, for the (Continued on page 19)



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The Service for Travel and Training Ages 17 to 35



AO's in Afghanistan by: AO1 Jim Irwin

half dozen AO's received orders from the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center to prepare for our Afghanistan mission on the ground with the US Army in September and reported to Fort Riley KS for training in October. Over 200 Sailors from other ratings were also there.

As the senior Aviation Ordnanceman, I tried to ensure the AO's excelled in all areas of the training – of which we had very little background to rely on. When the training was over, we were all sent to different 'home bases' and each member was then on his own. I've seen many of the other members a couple of times in my travels, and each seems to be doing well and accomplishing our mission.

Stationed in Khwost, as an embedded training team (ETT) member, I mentor the officers and NCO's of the Afghan National Army (ANA) logistics element. I have the opportunity to travel with them as they conduct their missions along the Pakistan border, Khwost Gardez Pass, (the area that was the end of the Soviet occupation) and interior provinces. I work with them not only with explosive safety and logistics, but have discovered being an Army Mentor often requires teaching Basic Infantry Skills. These are something that not many AO's are normally exposed to... Spending the night in a MRAP (Mine Resistant, Ambush Protected) turret, living in a tent on a mountain, and cooking our own chow; while wearing the normal personal protec-

tive equipment so familiar to the Army and the Marine infantry units.

It is rewarding at a different level than I have been exposed to before in the military; seeing the smiles of the children, shaking the hands of the ANA solders, and knowing them personally. I have had the opportunity to work side by side with Coalition members from Romania and Poland, who have become some of the best comrades I have ever had. It is a different environment from the flight deck, and it does take longer to pre-op an IBA (individual body armor), M4, M9, M240 and night vision goggles than it does a float coat and HLU-196, but it takes the same team work to be successful.

A week ago I was on watch in the turret of an MRAP on a blocking position to keep the Taliban from filtering into a local village from the mountains, and listened to a small unit call for air support. It was very comforting to know that all of the power provided from the Ordnancemen back on the flight line was available when we need it and it only takes minutes to arrive. I hope I am not put in the position to be the one that has to make such a call, but it is a blessing to know it will be there if I need it.

I apologize for not making it to the convention this year and I hope to make it to Reno next year. I want to thank each of you for the support you provide for us.

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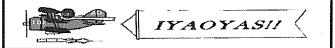
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AIM-9M

NAVAIR's AIM-9M Sidewinder Team introduced the Captive Air Training Missile (CATM) with MDU-27B/A and CATM-only wing during roll-out ceremonies at China Lake and Naval Air Station Lemoore recently.

The Sidewinder Team, part of the Air-to-Air Missiles Program (PMA 259) was supported in the effort by Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, China Lake Weapons Prototype and Airframe Divisions and the Materials Engineering Division.

"This is another example of the team's continuous efforts to improve performance of the products we deliver to the fleet," said program manager Capt. Jeff Penfield.

The MDU-27B/A is a mass-balanced tube which replaces the inert rocket motor, inert warhead, and fuze on CATM-9M training missiles. The MDU-27B/A is an upgrade of the blue tube (MDU-27A/A), with enhancements to make it capable of meeting the more rigorous dynamics of the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet aircraft. The CATM-only wing is a modification of the tactical wing, which was previously used with all AIM-9M and CATM-9M configurations. The new CATM wing is for captive training use only, and was designed to be more durable and - unlike current tactical wings - repairable by fleet ordnance personnel.

Both initiatives are expected to increase availability of training assets by extending or eliminating inspection and replacement intervals, and making CATM easier and more economical to maintain, said Penfield.

Current inert rocket motors have a severe flight-time limitation on the F/A-18E/F aircraft and at present usage rates were projected to be fully exhausted by about 2012. The MDU-27B/A is expected to be capable of flying with minor restrictions for the remainder of the AIM-9M service life. There will be no flight restrictions on the CATM wing.

The modified wing and MDU are compatible with all CATM-9M configurations and may be flown on any type/model/series aircraft in Navy and Marine Corps inventory. CATM-9M training missiles logged over 50,000 flight hours on Navy and Marine Corps aircraft in calendar year 2007.

Combined savings and cost avoidance are expected to exceed one million dollars a year, which will pay for both initiatives within two years of fleet release. The program anticipates fleet introduction to occur during the second quarter of fiscal year 2008.

Released by Bradley Waters, Darwin Rosenlof, Tim Morehead along with input from Chuck Wagner, PAO



CAPT "Zoil" Penfield, PMA-259, CAPT Hal Murdock, COMSTRIKFIGHTERWINGPAC Commodore

(Continued from page 13) routine problems of this world did not hold hid interest.

At the same time, he praised those of this world who were happy to accomplish the less challenging work because he knew they also performed a necessary service.

He loved all people; He loved his family; and he loved his God.

He would say to you if you were grieving for him, "Stop!" he would say to you, "Don't grieve for me for I am now in paradise." He would say to you as you leave this place, "Stop and think about your lives."

"Are you happy? Are you involved with others? Do you love your fellow man and do you love your God?"

"Do you share your time and your talent with others? Do you respect your mind and your body, and do you shy away from excesses of self-indulgence?"

He would say "If you want to live a life overflowing with happiness and goodness, you must think of others and love all of Gods people."

He would say to you, "If you love me you would do all these things in honor of my memory."

He would close by saying to you, "If you do these things for yourselves, I too will welcome you to your new home in paradise, someday."

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Auxiliary To The Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen



appy Spring and soon to be summer to all!! Again, it is almost time to meet and visit with our good friends at the Annual Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Symposium and Convention. The Symposium is scheduled for August 11-14 and Convention is August 13-17 this year.

The convention is a busy time for the Auxiliary. Help is always welcome with the many activities we have going on. Some of the areas you can assist us with are the Raffle, Auction, Memorabilia sales, and registration. Just let any Auxiliary member know you are available to help and we'll find a place for you. Fundraising and having fun in the process is our main focus.

We start the Raffle early in the week and the Auction is held during the Friday Night Social. All items for the Raffle and Auction are donated by our fellow members and supporters. If you have new items around the house, maybe gifts that you received or something you purchased or handmade items, and would like to donate them please bring them with you. Or you can send them to me at my home address to arrive no later than 7 August. My address is 2099 Thomas Court, Fallon, NV 89406. I have already received a few really nice items. One Auction item is a beautiful Navy Charm Bracelet. Note to you guys: this could be a great opportunity to make up for spending all that time in those meetings and/or at the Hernia Bar by winning the bid on this bracelet for your lovely lady.

Last year alone, with everyone's help and support, we were able earn \$6448 for the Scholarship Fund.

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING EVENTS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR DURING THE CONVENTION TIMES.

The General Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16 at 0900. Immediately following the meeting at 11:30 we will have the Auxiliary luncheon with a special guest, Paulette Grune, attending. Ms. Grune will be presenting an unusual, fun and informative program. She will be presenting "Reflections of the Past". She is a historian and seamstress who designs and creates period costumes for many museums and historical groups in the area. She will transform herself into a "proper" Victorian lady in full costume while talking about the challenges, manners, morals,

symbolism, style of language and expected class distinction that was so vividly acknowledged during the Victorian era. Advanced reservations are requested as seating is limited. Luncheon cost for the Auxiliary members is \$12 and \$18 for guests. Please send reservations to Carolyn Thomas, AAAO Treasurer, 1394 Lilac Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911.

Another fun event happening during the Convention is a fun-filled evening tour to Virginia City which includes a Western Buffet Dinner at the famous Delta Saloon. Our tour escort will tell us about the history of the Great Bonanza Trail and the gold-seekers who became the early settlers in the area.

The history of Virginia City will unfold as the area became one of the richest in the country. Many fortunes were made and lost which had a tremendous impact on the entire country. You will meet many of Virginia City's prominent "spirits" who come to life to tell their story at the old cemetery. They will talk about the everyday challenges of living in a mining town. You will also have some time to explore on your own. Please see advertisement in this Red Shirt and send in advance reservations.

Note: Even though Reno has hot August days don't let that fool you when the sun goes down. Generally the evenings cool down considerably. You may want to bring a light jacket to take with you to the Virginia City tour.

Just a couple of business notes:

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday morning, August 15 @ 0830 in the Boardroom. All members are welcome to attend.

This year, the positions of Vice-President, Chaplain and two Board of Directors positions will be open for election. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone, please contact Nominating Chairman, Janice Whitley. You can reach her at the following email address: alphawolves@charter.net. Of course, you must be a member in order to run for an office. If you are not an Auxiliary member and would like to join us, please contact Treasurer, Carolyn Thomas at aaao@cox.net for an application. Annual dues are currently \$10.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, ideas or concerns. I can be reached at 775-423-9205, e-mail at damanley@charter.net or write to 2099 Thomas Court, Fallon, NV 89406.

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From USA Today, 2/19/08 By Sandra Block

"Most students graduate from college with a lifetime of memories. Unfortunately, a lot of students also graduate with a lifetime of debt.

About two-thirds of students leave college with student loans; the average balance is \$19,237. Some

students who attend out-of-state public universities or high-cost private colleges graduate with much more debt.

With college costs rising faster than most family incomes, some students have no choice but to borrow. But there are steps you can take to reduce the amount you'll owe when you graduate.

To start, make sure you take full advantage of the federal student loan program before you take out any private loans.

Unsubsidized federal Stafford loans have a fixed rate of 6.8% and are available to all students. For subsidized Stafford loans, available for students who can show economic need, the rate is 6% for loans taken out after July 1.

Private student loans, which aren't guaranteed by the federal government, have variable rates that are typically tied to the prime rate or another benchmark. Rates range from about 6% to more than 14%. But while the prime has been falling, rates for many private loans are moving higher.

The credit crunch has made it more expensive for some lenders to raise money for student loans, says Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of FinAid, a financial aid website. He expects rates for private loans to rise by a quarter of a percentage point to 1.5 points over the next few months.

Private lenders have also tightened their lending standards, says Kevin Walker, CEO of Simple Tuition, a website that lets borrowers compare loan rates and terms. Student borrowers who don't have a co-signer with good credit will pay much higher rates and might not be able to get a private loan at all, Walker says.

Legislation approved by the House of Representatives this month would require private lenders to inform potential borrowers of the availability of federal student loans.

Diana Mey of Wheeling, W.Va. says her experience illustrates the need for better disclosure of private loan terms.

Last fall, Mey says, her son applied online for a private loan to make up the \$1,800 gap between his federal loans, a scholarship and his college costs.

Because he had no co-signer, most lenders turned him down. Chase, however, approved a \$14,000 loan, she says.

Mey says her son thought he had a fixed-rate loan. In fact, she says, the loan carries a variable interest rate that's now 11.3% and an origination fee of \$531.

Chase recently offered to lend her son an additional \$\$40,000, she says. "I'm appalled they're preying on naïve college students."

Chase spokeswoman Mary Kay Bean says Chase doesn't comment on individual borrowers. But she says the lender's website recommends that potential borrowers exhaust their federal loan options before taking out a private loan.

Chase also informs students that they can get a lower rate if they have a co-signer, she says.

Many borrowers turn to private loans because they've maxed out on their federal student loans. For most college freshmen, the cutoff for Stafford loans is \$3,500 (see box below).

But instead of taking out private loans, you might consider attending a school that's more affordable. Don't be surprised if some of your friends are doing the same.

As private loans become more expensive and harder to get, Kantrowitz says, "Students may think twice before going to a more expensive school.

Federal loan limits

Annual limits on federal Stafford loans for dependent students:	
Freshman	\$3,500
Sophomore	S4,500
Remaining years (per year)	S5,500
Total limit for undergraduates	\$23,000

Improved financial aid

To make college more affordable, a growing number of colleges and universities have eliminated loans from their financial aid packages.

For example, Colby College, a private school in Waterville, Maine, announced in January that it's replacing loans with grants; a move that school officials say will save the average graduate \$14,000.

In a typical financial aid package, the college will calculate how much it thinks a family can afford to pay, known as the expected family contribution. The school will then offer a mix of loans, grants and work-study to make up the gap between that amount and the actual cost of college.

If you attend a school that's replaced loans with grants, you might still need to borrow to cover your family's expected contribution. But you probably won't have to borrow as much.

You can find a list of schools that have reduced or eliminated loans from their aid packages at the website for the Project on Student Debt, www.projectonstudentdebt.org."

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BOD Nomination

1 March 2008

From: L. "Joe" Manley AAO Life Member 0450 To: AAO Vice-President/Nomination Chairman

Sub: NOMINATION FOR ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, KENNETH S. CLASEN JR. AOCS USN (RET) PLANKOWNER LIFETIME MEMBER 0094

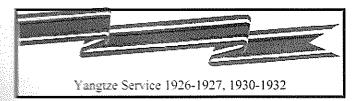
I am nominating Kenneth S. Clasen, AOCS/AW (RET), Plank owner Lifetime Member 0094, for the office of Board of Director, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in the Association By-Laws.

Ken came into the U.S. Navy in July of 1964 and advanced through the ranks, retiring as Senior Chief in October 1987. He recently retired from Department of Interior, National Park Service in Estes Park Co. and moved to Fallon, Nevada. Ken had a variety of assignment during his Navy career to include NAS Keflavik Iceland, USS Forestall, VA 22, NAS Patuxent River, MD, USS Ranger, VA 305, VF 102, VF 1, and USS Carl Vinson where he retired. The next 20 years Ken was employed in the Colorado/ Wyoming area and was only able to keep his association with AAO by attending the annual Conventions. While in the Colorado / Wyoming area he used his leadership abilities to become an active member of the American Legion where he held the following positions: Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander of the State of Colorado. He has served at the National level in the following committees, Home Land Security, Americanism, and Distinguish Guest Committees. His experience with the American Legion would be of great value to the Association. Since his arrival in Fallon he joined Chapter 21 and became a very active member.

I have known Ken for over 20 plus years and believe his election to the Board of Directors would be an asset to the Association. He wants nothing but the best for this Association and will dedicate his efforts to that end.

Respectfully,

L "Joe" Manley, LCDR (RET) Life Member 0450



BOD Nomination

15 JAN 2008

From: Charles R. Onken, AAO Life Member 0473 To: AAO Vice-President/Nomination Chairman

Sub: NOMINATION FOR ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

ROBERT S. WALECKI, CWO4 (RET) LIFETIME MEMBER 0948

I am nominating Robert S. Walecki, CWO4 (RET), Lifetime Member 0948, for the office of Board of Director, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He is currently serving in the office of Vice-President, Chapter 1, Lemoore, CA, and doing an outstanding job. He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in the Association By-Laws.

Rob came into the U.S. Navy as an enlisted sailor in January of 1974 and advanced through the ranks, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 ("Gunner") in June of 2004. He is currently employed as a NAVAIR Fleet Weapons Support Team Field Representative at their detachment NAS Lemoore, continuing to provide support to the Ordnance community. During his career, he has served with distinction in various squadron platforms, forward deployed, both air wing and ship's company, Instructor Duty, AIMD Division Officer, Naval Air Stations, and Fleet Replacement Squadrons.

Rob has been a member of the Association for over 20 years and became a Life Member in the early 90's. Since becoming an Association member, he has served at the Chapter Level with Chapter 3, Whidbey Island WA. (Treasurer), Chapter 1, Lemoore CA (President/Vice-President, Chairman of numerous Committees, Head of Chapter One Relay For Life), Chapter 11, Barbers Point, Hawaii, (Founder, President/Secretary, Treasurer), Chapter 62, USS Independence (CV-62) and Naval Air Facility Atsugi, JN. At the National Level, he has served on the John Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Committee for more than 16 years, and the Robert Crow Scholarship Committee. He has been on the National Board of Director's for the last three years and is doing an outstanding job. Rob's devotion to the Association and the Aviation Ordnance community is beyond reproach and is noticeable to every member both past and present. He is also very active in community Veterans Organizations, previously serving as Post Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6682, President and Vice-President of the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 261. He is also serving on a Regional Committee of the Fleet Reserve Association.

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I have known Rob for over 20 plus years and he wants nothing but the best for this Association and will continue to dedicate his efforts to that end, no matter what position he is holding within the Association.

NOTE: Rob's wife Denise is an active member of the Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, Chapter 1, Lemoore, CA.

Respectfully,

Charles R. Onken, LCDR (RET) Life Member 0473

Treasurer Nomination

I am nominating John J. "J.J." LaMaitre for re-election to the position of Treasurer of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He has held the position for the last 6 years and has done a great job. The association has moved forward into the 21st century under JJ's direct leadership at the Treasurer position. If nominated JJ has accepted.

Dennis Costa

AMRAAM Outstanding Performer Jan—Jun 2007

AMRAAM Outstanding Performer for Jan—Jun 2007 AO1 (AW) Kyle L. Tuggle from Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic. CAPT Jeff "Zoil" Penfield, PMA-259, was on hand to present the award on 20 May 2008 at the Raytheon Missile Systems facility in Tucson, AZ. Following the award ceremony, Petty Officer Tuggle was given a tour of the AMRAAM and AIM-9X factories and also guided through the endless maze of the "Bone yard".

For more information on the AMRAAM Outstanding Performer award please E-mail me at kevin.meagher@eglin.af.mil

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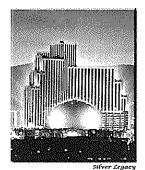
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making their annual CFC contribution to the "Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation" (CODE 12246).

There's still a little work to be done concerning the Convention and Symposium, but both committee chairman report that all is in order and they expect an even far better gathering this year than years past. Your part is to see if you can make it out to Reno. In this edition you will find two different reservation codes, one for the Symposium and one for the Convention, make sure you sign-up for the correct one or both. We would love to see as many Symposium attendees stay for the events of the Convention also. For you active duty folks get your TAD request in and brief your CoC that this is the official and only annual Ordnance Symposium. We are in compliance with direction from senior leadership to have one and only one Professional training Symposium, so this is the real deal. I know TAD dollars may be tight but this is important for you to attend. I do expect to have Senior Naval aviation leadership in attendance ie... tentatively, Commander Naval Air Forces Atlantic, PEO (U/W) and a USMC General Officer will address our symposium. If there's one way to get the latest information that affects the Ordnance profession this is it, if the XO or Skipper would like more info please have them give me a call or shoot me an email. The Convention schedule and all events pertaining to the convention are well in hand; the Association will once again have the Honor of having LT John W. Finn with us in Reno, John is doing outstanding considering his youthful age of 99 years, he one tough old salt....

Before I close let me say that as the senior Ordnance officer in the Naval service, I'm proud of all of you Marine and Navy Ordnanceman, you have played a unique role in this war on terror, just keep it up. You know, I have not heard of a single lost sortie because of ordnance, so keep your warrior face on and keep up the great work.... On another note, have you ever assessed your contributions to your Marine Corps and Navy? We all know we started somewhere, Paris Island, San Diego or even Great Lake's, and we were told we were going to become Aviation Ordnanceman and we did. You all are entrusted to support and defend the constitution of the United States of America and to obey the orders of the President and of the Officers appointed over you, take a moment and think about that. We all signed up and must live our lives 24/7/365 in support of our nation, all of us tax payers demand that. So take a look around the shop, the flight line, the ship and make sure you are living up to your responsibilities. Question yourself and see if you are giving that 100 percent that we ask of you, if not you need to tighten up the slack. We all have millions of dollars worth of equipment, that we must maintain, it could range from aircraft, to weapons elevators, to weapons support equipment to bomb racks and launchers, the but bottom line is, we are the responsible and most importantly accountable folks for those assets. If it's broke fix it and fix it by the book, review procedures and MRC cards, review the loading manual and maintenance requirements manuals, its always a good thing to make sure you're not missing any steps.....So I ask that you do your part, self assess yourself! You raised your right hand to have the honor to serve your great nation... In closing, Pat and I look forward to seeing you in Reno, with the rest of your shipmates, work on staying the entire week and be a part of the Association activities....

God Bless you all,

Sincerely, CAPT David H. Lepard, President, Association of Aviation Ordnanceman

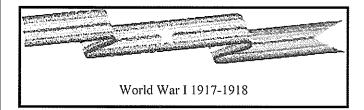
I've always said if you can't do it right then don't do it at all, and our leadership expects just that.

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Joe Manley



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Best of Luck, LCDR Mike Gramolini AAOEF Vice President



Honorary Chief Petty Officer

y fellow Chiefs,

I wanted to share with you this picture as well as a short synopsis of how it came about.

AO1 David Eberhart (pictured) is terminally ill with cancer. I was his Chief for his first tour on the USS INDEPEND-ENCE and even then his goal in the Navy was to be a Chief Petty Officer. His career, though very successful, has been interrupted with cancer treatment, periods of remission and finally with the news of being terminal.

He is currently assigned to MALS-24 at Kbay. A few months ago he requested to see the MCPON. MCPON Campa happened to be on the island visiting and went to the hospital to see AO1. It was explained to him[MCPON] how badly AO1 wanted to be a Chief and that he even took the Chief's exam from the hospital during a three day period -- he didn't have the strength for more than an hour at a time. On his good days he would put on his uniform and make his way to work though the time there took a severe toll on him physically.

He did not make board as he was six-points shy. It was requested by PACFLT Chiefs that AOI be made an Honorary Chief Petty Officer. We talked about it in Newport and MCPON was in concurrence. The intent was for MCPON himself to make the presentation.

News came this week that AO1 may not make it through the weekend as his health is rapidly declining. FLTCM Tom Howard along with a ton of Chiefs (including CMDCM Don Krampert from CPRW-2) from the area banded together to make this happen as quickly as possible. On Thursday, AO1 David Eberhart was designated an Honorary Chief Petty Officer.

I personally called and talked to Chief David Eberhart following his promotion Thursday and the excitement in his voice came with a strength and commitment that cannot be explained in words. He remembered well our time on the INDY but his short term memory is fading quickly.

Chief Eberhart's terminal prognosis remains listed in days. He is married with two children.

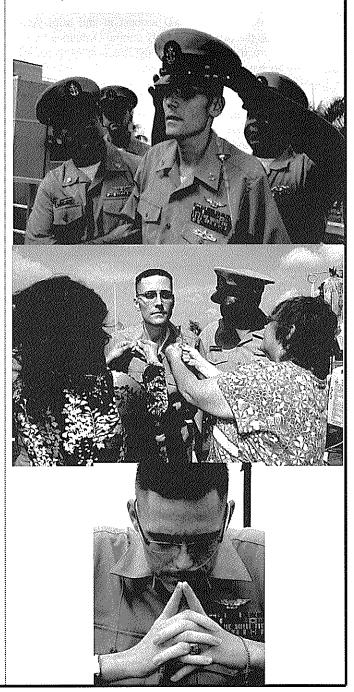
I tell you this story to remind you of the importance placed on us as Chief Petty Officers and the so many Sailors in our great Navy who look up to us and have the unwavering determination to be just like us. We have the responsibility to live up to that, to be the example, to walk the walk and talk the talk. It is truly an honor to be a United States Navy Chief Petty Officer and I am honored to call each of you -

and Aviation Ordnanceman Chief Petty Officer David Eberhart -- shipmates.

Thank you for all you do.

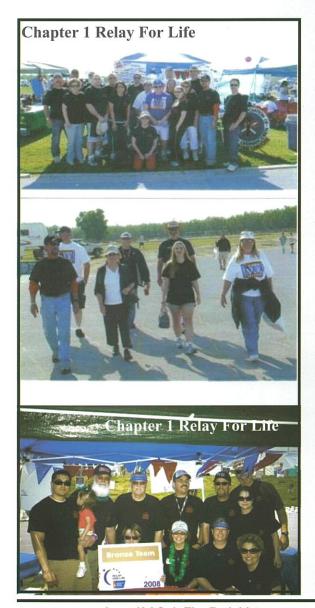
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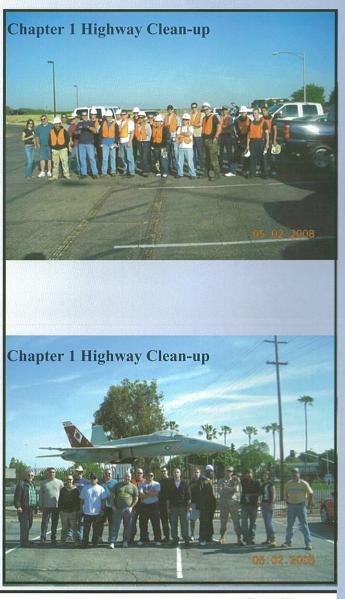
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