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Club)
Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

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3rd Wednesday, 1800

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Chapter 35—Lightning Chapter
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Call for Meeting Time and Place



PREZ Greeting fellow warriors, past and present, and all family members. I hope that all is well with you and yours. It is hard to believe that it is already May. Time moves quickly when you are having fun doing what you are doing. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve this great organization and to meet many of our members. I recently had the opportunity to visit several of our chapters at their monthly meeting and it was great to see the comradery and spirit of service at each. It is truly heartening to know that there are this many Great Americans in our ranks. It is evident that they are working diligently to improve the Navy and Marine Corps ordnance team, promote this great organization, recognize great Americans who serve, enrich the lives of our members, and improve our communities and our nation. I continue to challenge each and every one of you to actively seek ways to serve this organization and your fellow man.

Planning for the upcoming convention is well underway. Our committee members are working hard to ensure this convention is enjoyable. Please see all of the detailed information in this issue. Remember it is never too start making your plans to attend. The Navy and Marine Corps ordnance team is also deep into the planning cycle for the Joint Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Managers and Leaders Continuum. The approval package has been submitted and is making its way up the chain for approval. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of members and leaders who are working diligently to ensure these events are flawlessly executed.

I continue to be amazed at all of the great work that the members of this organization are doing to make the lives of our members, the less fortunate, and our community, as a whole, better. All you have to do is review the chapter reports in the "Red Shirt" to see all of the good work our members are doing. These efforts include everything from actively participating in the "Adopt-a-Road" and other community support programs, conducting charity events, supporting the charity and community service events of other worthy organizations, or finding new and innovative ways to help struggling members of our armed services or the less fortunate in our communities. I commend you for your efforts and offer my personal thank you for your service. Each of these efforts serves to increase our organization's visibility and improve our standing within the community while also enriching the lives of others.

In closing, as always, I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas throughout the coming months. I ask that you keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization, its members, and our Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Team. Sail Safe.

IYAOYAS,

Matt

VP

Hey Ordie Brothers and Sisters!

Well the Continuum and Convention are right around the corner again and I hope to see you all in Reno @ the Silver Legacy the first week of August. Make sure you don't wait too long to register and get your tickets to the Friday Social and the Saturday Banquet, save yourself a few bucks by doing it before the deadline! This is the last

Redshirt that will be published before we get there and you can find the registration form inside. Please sign-up for any Committees you would like to serve on, you can do that on the registration form too. There are deadlines for submission of Scholarship Applications, Hall of Fame Nominations, and the Aviation Ordnance Award of the Year Award, please make sure you get any packages in on time.

In this edition of the Redshirt there is also an Absentee Ballot for those members not attending the Convention so you can vote in the upcoming elections. Please ensure that you fill it out completely or it will not be counted. We have 4 positions up for election this year, Vice President, Secretary, and 2 Board of Director positions. The nominations will open again during the General Assembly meeting on Saturday prior to each position being voted on. You must be in attendance to make a nomination from the floor and the nominee must be in attendance to accept it. If you are attending this year's Convention, we would like to see everyone make it to the General Business Meeting on Saturday morning, this is an important part of the convention, and it's where we conduct the Associations yearly business and elections and your vote counts!

And last but not least, thanks to all of you who are at the tip of the spear! You're making all of us at home proud as usual! Stay safe out there. We all send our thanks!

V/R

Rob Walecki

SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – NOW is the time for you to get your reservations and plans ready for AOMLC 2019 July 29th – August 1st and Convention 2019 July 31st – August 3rd at the Silver Legacy Resort. See the other info in the Red Shirt for reservations info, etc. We have elections coming up for 2 Board of Directors, Vice President, and Secretary. I humbly ask for you vote to continue to serve as your Secretary.

Chapter Officers – You have seen my comments in the last several Red Shirts concerning Chapter Reports that are due to me IAW the National By-Laws (Article IX). The rubber is about to hit the road THIS YEARS with my annual report due to the Board of Directors (BOD) at Convention. Needless to say, there has been a vast improvement in the Chapters reporting to me. I need Chapter Reports submitted to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your Secretary for the past 5 years, I hope to continue. If there is anything I can do to assist just give me a shout. Look forward to see and meet some of you all in Reno.

R,

JJ LaMaitre

AAO Secretary



TREASURER

Convention 2019 is fast approaching. As a reminder, internet registration for the convention is available. Just go to the web site and click on the link, fill out the form, less credit card info, and send it to me. When I receive the registration form in my e-mail, I will send you an invoice, through our Square account, with the fees. However, this process does not work with NMCI email addresses (navy.mil), so make sure you use a personal e-mail address. If you want to attend, but are still not sure if you can make it, give me a call and we can discuss options. For you Ordies who are not members of the National and intend to come to the Convention, DON'T register as a non-member. Pay the member \$25.00 registration fee and add the \$25.00 for a membership and I will sign you up and have your membership package available at the registration desk.

NOTE: If you use the AO Web Site link, do not fill in the credit card information. That information will be collected after you submit the invoice.

Once again, tickets for the Social and Awards Banquet will not be mailed out to the attendees. You will be able to pick them up at the registration table during the day or at the entrance to the event that night. By doing this we not only save postage, but we don't have to worry about reproducing back-up tickets for those that might have forgotten them. If you want to be notified when I receive your payment, include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or your e-mail address and I will get that information back to you.

For you E-4 and below who plan on coming, you get one year membership with your registration fee. If you are a non-member, I will sign you up with your registration. Cut off for pre-registration is 15 July 2019. Anything mailed after that may not get to me before I leave for Reno.

Chapter Presidents – In preparation for the end of the fiscal year close-out, please update your chapter officer information.

For everybody, please give me a current email address or phone number so I can contact you if there is a problem with the registration.

Just a reminder, beginning 1 June 2019, membership fees were increased. Annual and new member fees will be \$25.00. Two year specials will be \$40.00. Life memberships will go up about \$5.00 for each age group each except for the last three age groups.

For the Chapters, keep up the good job you've been doing recruiting. You are the tip of the spear for keeping the Association strong.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so I can update your record.

Address changes have improved, but are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, when I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's

name on the locator list, let them know. 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)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaotreas2011@cox.net. Chapter officers, division LPO's, shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materials. If you know their e-mail address, drop them a line to get in touch with me.

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at www.usps.com.

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R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

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Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? If you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me at aaotreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS138) = Red Shirt Return

ON THE COVER

July 1945, Los Negros Admiralty Islands.
ACORN 24

AOM Basketball Team Undeclared 9-0
J Walker, Ken Wilson, Tom Leonard, Thompson
Bill Mehan, Bob Brogan, Leon "Link" Linkiewicz

BACK PAGE

CVA-67, May 1975
VA-46 and others
Ordnance Loading Crew



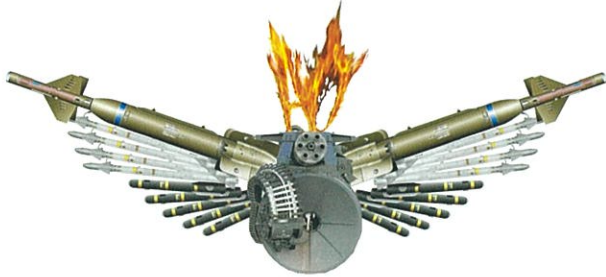
Moving? PCS?
Your Change of Address is Important . . . Please submit one to the national treasurer

AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALLOF FAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WEBSITE <http://aaoweb.org/AAO>. THE GUIDELINE FORMAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND THERE IS A SAMPLE NOMINATION PACKAGE TO FOLLOW.

INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

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 DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ Last 4 SSN: - _____
 Marine Corp MOS: _____
 Type of membership: Regular () Associate ()
 SPONSOR: _____
 I elect to receive my Red Shirt by downloading it from the Website only. () Please Initial.
 I do / do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

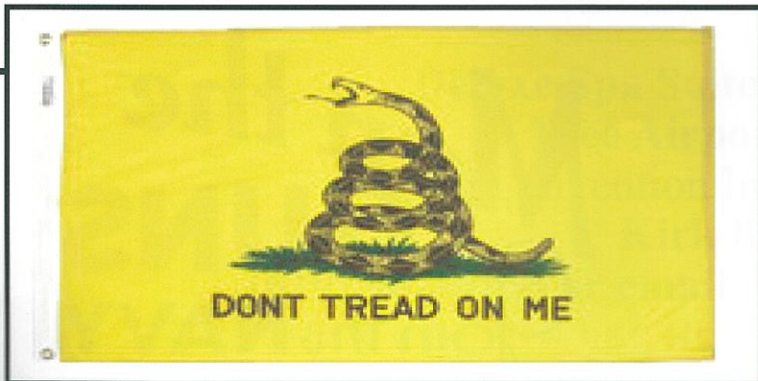
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GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN

SPECIAL

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.



- **MISSION**
The John Finn is a class destroyer is a guided missile destroyer designed to operate threats from the air and from the sea, from aircraft, ships, and submarines. USS John Finn will be capable of executing a wide variety of both precision and warfighting missions.
- **FEATURES**
USS John Finn will be one of the U.S. Navy's most advanced, state-of-the-art warships in the fleet. Its extensive array of weapons will include the world's largest AEGIS system, which is used to track and destroy multiple enemy targets, submarines, and it will be supported by two enhanced Longbow Mk III helicopters.
- **ARMAMENT**
Harpoon, Standard 2 and Standard missile, Mk41 VLS, 1 or 2 Mk47 Phalanx CIWS, 1 Mk48 Advanced Air-Launched Guided Missile, 1600 5" Mk45 Gun, 1600 5" Mk45 Gun, 1600 5" Mk45 Gun, 1600 5" Mk45 Gun.
- **PROPULSION**
Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines, two shafts, (100,000 total shaft horsepower)
- **AIRCRAFT**
Two Sikorsky Seahawk helicopters.
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
Displacement: 9,500 tons (Full load)
Length: 162.5 meters and 208 meters
Beam: 18.3 meters
Speed: 30+ knots



USS John Finn (DDG 113)

Red Shirt

Articles

are due

20 JAN 20

1 MAY 20

20 SEP 19

Please submit via e-mail when possible



NEW MEMBERS

AO3 Anna Murphy
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AO1 Tammie M. Jackson
AOC Nikki M. Reiter
AOC Tyquan Figuero
AO2 Cynthia Trevino
AO1 Justin D. Weide

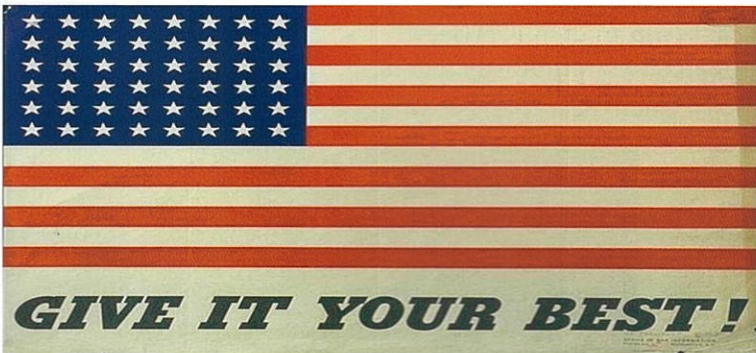
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AO1 Ryan W. Jackson
AO2 Joshua T. Voyles
AO2 Cameron M. Thomas
AO1 Eric C. Glensek
GM1 Eric T. Smith
AO1 Rebecca C. Wright
AO1 Alex B. Pearson
AO1 Micah M. Morris
AO2 Molly Fahrenthold
AOAA Jillian G. Cowell

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Howard & Doris Pattison	AOC Del & Judith Mitchell USN Ret

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

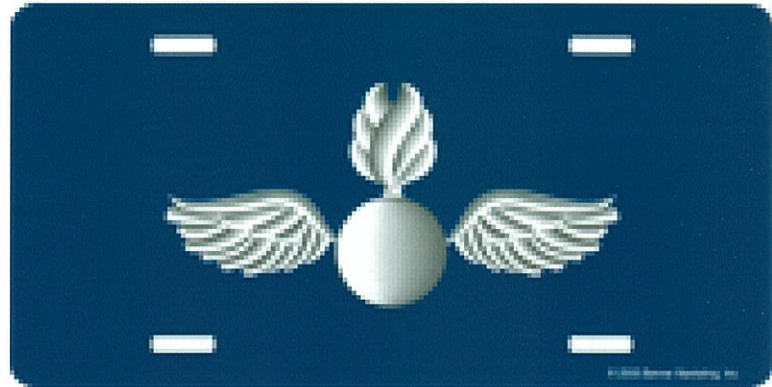
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AOCS Steven L. Kast USN Ret	AOCS Bennie L. Scott USN Ret
AOC Gene L. Dyer USN Ret	AOU-1 Howard W. Pattison (WWII/ Korea)
Mr. Dennis C. Mahoney	



TAPS

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AOC Donol E. Clark USN Ret*
MGYSGT Glenn S. Irving USMC Ret
LCDR Joseph E. Hilyer USN Ret (2018)
AOCS James T. Amadio USN Ret
Ms. Phyllis Terzich (Honorary)
AOU2 Ronald L. Lindberg (WW/II/Korea)**
AO2 Guillermo Alba (Founding member of SPARTAN Chapter)

* Info from FRA Today Newsletter/** Info from VFW Magazine/** Other



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1 Aug – 4 Aug 2019



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Sunday – Thursday
Standard Room - \$73

Friday & Saturday
Standard Room - \$97

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Free Airport Shuttle

For Convention Information, Call:

Kirk Brado

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Make your Reservations Early

DEADLINE IS 15 July 2019

I plan to attend the following activities (please check appropriate ones):

- 1 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
2 Aug (Fri) AO of The Year Committee*
2 Aug (Fri) Scholarship Committee
2 Aug (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee
2 Aug (Fri) Membership Committee
2 Aug (Fri) By-Laws Committee
2 Aug (Fri) Nominations Committee
3 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting
3 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting

*Note: AOY Committee restricted to Active/ Retired E-7 & Above

AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

- 1 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
3 Aug (Sat) Auxiliary Luncheon
3 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting
3 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting

NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in.

ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

For active duty E-4 and below:

1 year free membership in the Association is included in your registration fee. If you are already a member your membership will be extended one year.

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 15 JULY 2019.

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For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check, money order, or credit card info made payable to and mailed to:

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Thomas Lord
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Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

- 1. Member \$25.00 (\$30.00 after 15 Jul 19)
2. Non-Member \$40.00 (\$45.00 after 15 Jul 19)
3. Spouse/Guests 18 and over \$25.00

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

Friday AAO Social \$40.00 each (\$45.00 after 15 Jul 19)
Sat Awards Banquet \$45.00 each (\$50.00 after 15 Jul 19)

Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable
Total amount enclosed

Name exactly as it appears on credit card
Signature
Master Card/ Visa # CVV Exp.
Credit Card Billing ZIP code Phone #
E-Mail Address

Credit card payees may also use the registration form on the AO Web Site. If you use this form, the above credit card information does not need to be filled in.

TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES. ALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE EVERY DAY.





NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Program dates are 1 June through 31 May

Recruit Five (5) New Members

Recruit Ten (10) New Members

Any AAO or AAAO member who recruits Five (5) new AAO members will be eligible to receive the AAO Recruitment (5) Lapel Pin

Any AAO or AAAO member who recruits Ten (10) new AAO members will be eligible to receive the AAO Recruitment (10) Lapel Pin

****Ensure that you print your full name legibly on the RECRUITER/SPONSOR line on the Application****

Submit completed applications to: AOCM Thomas Lord USN (RET)
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CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE home (_____) _____ cell (_____) _____

RATE/RANK _____ **BRANCH OF SERVICE** _____ **Active () Retired ()**

DATES SERVED _____ **TO** _____ **Last SSN** _____

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Email Address _____

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I select to receive my Red Shirt by downloading it from the Website only. () Please Initial.

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AAO ABSENTEE BALLOT 2019
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Board of Directors	Jeff Coe, AOCS (RET) USN	

Note: For BOD vote place a 1 and 2 in corresponding boxes

Print your Name: _____ Membership #: _____

Members Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR BALLOT TO BE ACCEPTED ALL INFORMATION ABOVE IS REQUIRED.

PLACE COMPLETED BALLOT IN ENVELOPE
MAIL ENVELOPE TO ADDRESS BELOW

MAIL TO

AAO NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
 698 Woodridge Court
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NOTE: Ballots must be received by the Committee Chairman not later than 26 JULY 2019



Please take the time to read the bio for our AAO 2019 Convention Guest Speaker. He supported in 2017, we asked him to return and he is planning to join us again.

 **United States Navy**
Biography →

Rear Admiral Gregory N. Harris
Chief of Naval Air Training

Rear Adm. Gregory Harris is a native of Yarmouth, Maine, and a 1987 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy. He was designated a naval flight officer in May 1989 and subsequently a naval aviator in May 1993.

Prior command tours include Carrier Air Wing 11(CVW-11) embarked on USS Nimitz (CVN 68), the FA-18 E/F series Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122 onboard Naval Air Station Lemoore and VFA-115, embarked on USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and as a flag officer, commander of Carrier Strike Group 11(CSG-11).

Harris' sea tours include Attack Squadron 185 (VA-185) aboard USS Midway (CV 41), VFA-22 with deployments aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) and USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63), and as department head with VFA-115 aboard Abraham Lincoln.

Ashore, Harris' tours include VFA-125 as an instructor pilot and training officer; U.S. Special Operations Command, where he served in the Center for Special Operations, Training, Doctrine and Education Division; Commander Strike Force Training Pacific to serve as the air operations and plans officer; a brief assignment as a battle director, Combined Air and Space Operating Center, in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom; Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) N3/N5 as the deputy director Air-Sea Battle and at OPNAV N98 as the Carrier Strike Aircraft & Programs branch head (OPNAV N980S); and commander, Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center.

Harris assumed command as Chief of Naval Air Training in July 2018.

He has accumulated over 4,200 flight hours, 1,045 arrested landings and has flown over 100 combat missions in direct support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Harris' personal awards include the Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal (six Strike/Flight, one with Combat "V"), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards, one with Combat "V"), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), as well as various other campaign and unit awards.



SUBJ/JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR

**2019// POC/MATTHEW ARNOLD/CAPT/UNIT: CNAP N46/NAME: SAN DIEGO, CA
/TEL: 619-545-2807/EMAIL: MATTHEW.E.ARNOLD(AT)NAVY.MIL// GENTEXT/RMKS/1.**
ORIG REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO ALL AVIATION ORDNANCE
ACTIVITIES/PERSONNEL AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGES EACH COMMAND TO SUBMIT A
NOMINATION FOR THIS HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING
OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE YOUR TOP PERFORMER FROM THE AVIATION ORDNANCE
PROFESSION FROM BOTH THE US MARINE CORPS AND US NAVY.

2. THE 2019 JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR (AOY) WILL BE
SELECTED AT THE 43RD ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN
(AAO) CONVENTION WHICH WILL CONVENE AT THE SILVER LEGACY IN RENO, NV ON 1
AUG 2019. ALL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN (NAVY AND MARINE CORPS, OFFICER AND
ENLISTED, RETIRED AND ACTIVE DUTY) AND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH ORDNANCE
INVOLVEMENT, ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION.
SEPARATE AAO CONVENTION MESSAGE TO FOLLOW.

3. THE AAO REQUESTS COMMANDS NOMINATE DESERVING PERSONNEL FOR THE JOHN W.
FINN AYO AWARD. NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN TO ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN FROM THE US MARINE CORPS AND US NAVY SERVING IN PAYGRADES E-5 OR
E-6. ENDORSEMENTS, OTHER THAN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S COMMANDING OFFICER, ARE
NEITHER REQUIRED NOR DESIRED.

4. THIS AWARD IS NAMED AFTER AOC (LATER LT) JOHN W. FINN, A MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENT FROM WORLD WAR II WHO WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS DURING
THE ATTACK ON NAS KANEOHE BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, ON 07 DECEMBER 1941. LT
FINN PASSED AWAY ON 27 MAY 2010 AT THE AGE OF 100.

5. ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS.
CANDIDATES SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
PROFESSIONALISM, MILITARY BEARING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH SPECIAL
EMPHASIS PLACED ON SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS EXPRESSED IN OUR US
NAVY AND US MARINE CORPS CORE VALUES OF HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT. THE
PERIOD OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED BY THIS AWARD IS FROM 16 JULY 2018 TO 18 JULY
2019.

6. PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- A. FULL NAME, RATE/RANK.
- B. DATE AND PLACE OF ENLISTMENT.
- C. ADVANCEMENT HISTORY, RANK/DATE OF RANK.
- D. DEPENDENTS (LIST NAMES AND AGES (OF CHILDREN ONLY)).
- E. BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS THAT WARRANT
SELECTION.
- F. PERSONAL MILITARY AWARDS (WITH SUPPORTING CITATIONS).
- G. OFF-DUTY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

7. ENCLOSURES:

A. ENCLOSURE (1): BIOGRAPHY- A NARRATIVE WHICH STARTS WITH DATE AND PLACE OF
BIRTH AND INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL HISTORY, MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY, CURRENT
ASSIGNMENT, AWARDS/ MEDALS, FAMILY, ETC.

(NOTE: THIS ENCLOSURE IS TO BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) DOUBLE-SPACED TYPE
WRITTEN PAGES).

B. ENCLOSURE (2): 5X7 FULL-LENGTH PHOTO, THREE-QUARTER VIEW, PLAIN
BACKGROUND, SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM (USN)/DRESS B UNIFORM (USMC), UNCOVERED (A
PERSONAL DIGITAL CAMERA MAY BE UTILIZED).

C. ENCLOSURE (3): THE MOST RECENT AND THE TWO PREVIOUS EVALUATIONS (FRONT
AND BACK) (3 EVALUATIONS IN TOTAL).

D. ENCLOSURE (4): JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPTS (HTTPS://JST.DODED.MIL)
COMBINATION REPORT TRANSCRIPT. IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CLASSES/ DEGREES NOT
LISTED ON THIS REPORT, ATTACH OFFICIAL CLASS COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AND/OR
DEGREES. ENSURE THE COMPLETE REPORT IS SUBMITTED, DO NOT OMIT THE SUMMARY
OR ACADEMIC INSTITUTION COURSES SECTIONS.

E. ENCLOSURE (5): PERSONAL AWARD CITATIONS ONLY (FLAG LOC, NAM, NCM, ETC.).

8. A SAMPLE PACKAGE CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE AT:
WWW.AAOWEB.ORG/AAO.

9. EMAIL NOMINATION PACKAGES FOR THE JOHN W. FINN AYO AWARD TO THE AYO
CHAIRMAN AT [AAOBOD4\(AT\)AAOWEB.ORG](mailto:AAOBOD4(AT)AAOWEB.ORG). PACKAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY COB 19 JULY
2019. NO PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

REQUEST SUBMITTING COMMANDS PROVIDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO ENSURE THEY CAN BE
PROVIDED CONFIRMATION THAT SUBJECT NOMINATION PACKAGE WAS RECEIVED AND
VERIFIED AS COMPLETE.

10. THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL ANNOUNCE THE WINNER AT THE AAO AWARDS BANQUET ON
03 AUGUST 2019.

11. FOR ALCON: REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION. PLEASE DIRECT ALL
QUESTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING POCs:

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PRESIDENT, CAPT MATT ARNOLD, AAOPRESIDENT@AAOWEB.ORG; NATIONAL VICE
PRESIDENT, CWO4 (RET) ROB WALECKI, AAOVP@AAOWEB.ORG; NATIONAL SECRETARY,
AOCM (RET) JOHN LAMAITRE, AAOSECRETARY@AAOWEB.ORG./

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To all chapters,



Please review your information on the Chapter Meetings - Places - Times - Dates section on page 3. E-mail your changes to me and JJ LaMaitre. 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, Editor

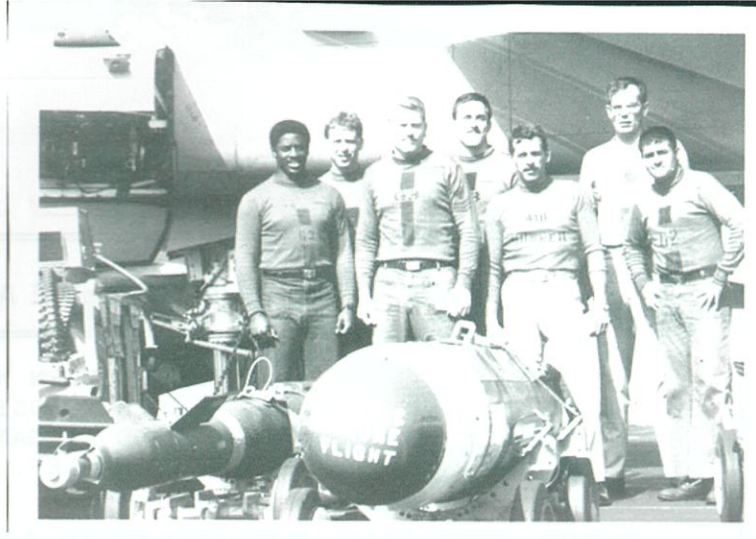
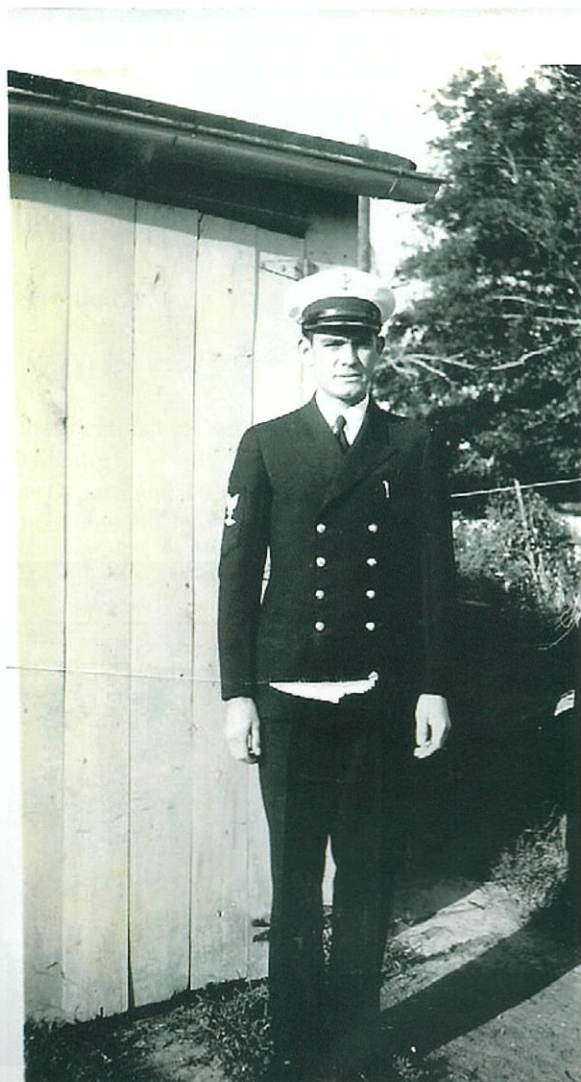
**Check us out on Facebook.....
"The Red Shirt"**

To the Membership,

I received no letters for this issue so I included a couple of old pictures I found in some boxes. Does anyone recognize anybody from this page, the cover or the back page?

Also, on page 14 I scanned a few things from early newsletters. Can anybody pick up on the significance?

Kevin





First Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame Award

Presented at the 1988 Convention with the following 22 original members' names inscribed on a brass plaque.

- CDR/ret. Roy Asher
- LT Ed Ashlock
- LT/ret. Don Buamer
- LCDR/ret. Wayne Beasley
- AOCM/ret. Robert Branum
- CWO-4/ret. Virgil Burke
- LT/ret. Joseph Burns
- AOCM/ret. Donald Clark
- James Correll
- CDR/deceased Robert L. Crow
- AOCM/ret. Gerald Gannon
- LCDR/ret. Jack Hagerup
- CDR/ret. Kirby Hunt
- John McIlwaine
- Weldon Maki
- LCDR/ret. Marion Nelson
- LCDR/ret. Leslie Henry Ovre
- AOCM/ret. Frank Parker
- LCDR/ret. Thomas Robins
- Richard Smith
- LCDR/ret. James Thompson
- LCDR/ret. Richard Wales



AO NEWSLETTER
NO.7 **15 Mar. 1980**

AO CONVENTION IN RENO

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEN WILL HOLD ITS' 5th ANNUAL REUNION/CONVENTION IN RENO, NEVADA AT THE SANDS HOTEL ON 20,21 AND 22 JUNE 1980.

ALL Aviation Ordnancemen, Navy, Marine Corps, Civil Service, Active Duty, Retired, Ex-AO's, Enlisted and Officer are cordially invited to attend. You need not be a member of the Association to attend, but only members and associate members may vote on motions at the business meeting. WIVES, GIRLFRIENDS and GUESTS are WELCOME.

PEACE THROUGH POWER!

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

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SGT. FERRIS SELECTED AO OF YEAR

CHAPTER 68

Chapter 68 has been revived and is alive! We are back in action!

Congrats and thank you to the following personnel who took charge to make this possible:

- AO1 (AW/SW/IW) Breaux, Ty'Neisha-President;
- AO1 (AW/SW) Jackson, Ryan-Vice President;
- AO2 (AW/SW) Yob, Valentina-Secretary;
- AO3 (AW) O'Brien, Samantha-Treasury;
- AO3 (AW) Guess, Alexis- Public Affairs Officers;
- AO1 (AW/SW) Orga, Michael-Master-at-Arms."

v/r

AO1 (AW/SW/IW) BREAUX, TYNEISHA

CHAPTER 69

I am the newly elected President of Chapter 69 and I will be sending you our required monthly minutes after each meeting. We did not conduct a meeting in the month of February after a few scheduling conflicts. Attached is a photo (CWO3 Hohbach and AOAR Diver) of our celebration of the Aviation Ordnanceman birthday; however, we are planning a larger scale celebration at the end of this month to include our command's CO, XO and CMC. I will continue to inform you of our plans and accomplishments as a Chapter.

Thank you for your time and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very Respectfully,

AO1(AW/SW) Spencer, Marcus
 G-1 LPO
 Command Mentorship Coord.
 CSADD Mentor
 Weapons Departmental Sponsorship Coord.
 AAO Chapter 69 President



CHAPTER 1

Greetings from Chapter One, Lemoore CA.

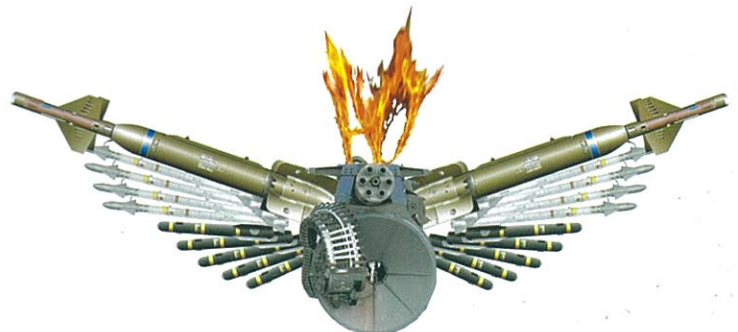
Just finishing a rainy late Winter thru early Spring, and now rolling into hotter weather. So we jumped on our chance for an Adopt-a-Highway project in March and with the help of Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific, FRC West, VFA-147 and VFA-154 we cleaned up 36 Bags of trash along Highway 198. Bravo Zulu to all the Sailors that helped, we could not do this without your support.

This year the Lemoore Relay for Life event took place 27 April 2019, this is our fifteenth event for Chapter One and Team Lemoore ORDIE'S along with their team Captains AO1 Patrick Keller and AO2 Frankie Mockenhaupt they have done an excellent job! I do appreciate Navy Munitions Command DET Lemoore for taking the lead on this for the last three years, their team captains have done just a terrific job supporting the local community, along with all our Chapter Members to include the support of Chapter 8 and our cancer survivors ranging in ages from 13 to 70. We are very proud to support this event and give back to the Lemoore area cancer patients. I do wish to personally thank AO2 Frankie Mockenhaupt for leading our team to third place and raising \$6,732.58 also to Mrs. Beverly Onken for being our top fund raiser with \$5,155.00 donated. These are the people that selflessly support their community and give back! See you all at our Chapter picnic 24 August 2019 at the Fleet Reserve in downtown Lemoore. Keep safe out there.

IYAOYAS!

AOCS Jeffrey W. Coe USN(RET)

AAO Chapter One President



CHAPTER 77

I hope everyone is making the most of 2019 thus far. It has been a long time since you have heard from us, but we want to let everyone know we are safe and doing well. We have been very busy. We recently held elections for new board members. We would like to congratulate all our newly elected board members as follows: President AO1 Rebecca Wright, Vice President AO1 Alex Pearson, Treasurer AOC Nikki Reiter, Secretary AO3 Justin Rudish, Master at Arms AO2 Herbert Babin and we have four new Chairman AOC Kyle Wagner, AOC Robert Hamblin, AOC Tim Roupp and AOC Jared Ezell.

During our record-breaking deployment in 2017, our team dropped 1,717 bombs and launched 2 missiles. When we returned in August of 2017 our ship got ready to enter Norfolk Naval Shipyards in Portsmouth, Virginia for a long overhaul. We spent over 180 days at sea from the time we came home from deployment to the time we went into the shipyards. We completed A Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) and a Maintenance and Material Management Inspection (3MI) in which our ship passed both inspections with flying colors. We had an astonishing ammunition offload of approximately 947 tons in March of 2018. We completed 813 vertical lifts with the MH-60 aircraft and 103 conical lifts of munitions from the USS GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN-77) to the USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE-6) and the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72). Our members played a huge role in the safe handling and offload of the ammunition!

The Chapter 77 association has been volunteering with the Norfolk Tides baseball team at Harbor Park. We have been welcomed back to run concession stands for 8 more games. Our association will be participating at a local elementary school, Florence Bowser Elementary for a children's field day during the month of May.

Recently the 1st round of MAP selections for FY 2019 have been announced and we would like to congratulate our newly selected Petty Officers who have demonstrated high standards of performance, moral, courage and dedication to the Navy and the Nation. Congratulations to MM1 Everett, AO2 Russell, AO2 Ryburn, AO3 Rudish, AO3 Yerkey, AO3 Caruccio, AO3 Porter, AO3 Moore, AO3 Jenisch and AO3 Andrews. By representing their desire to excel, attention to detail, loyalty and cooperation with their peers they have been selected as our 1st round MAP selections for FY 2019. We would also like to give a shout out to the GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN77) Bluejacket of the Year AO3 (AW/SW/IW) Fejeran-Reyes, Jalene.



IYAOYAS!
Very Respectfully,
AO3 (AW/SW/IW) Rudish, Justin
Chapter 77 Secretary

CHAPTER 78



MOTT GROUP PHOTO

From left to right AO2 Charmin, AO1 Mabe, AO1 Perry, AOC Crabtree, AO1 Mabey, AO3 Bradley, AO2 Denett
Our chapter volunteered to replace the Oscar "Robby" Robinson old display platform with an updated one. Special thanks to AOC Crabtree's dad William C. Crabtree who supervised the build.



AO2 UNGRO PHOTO

From left to right AO2 Ungro, his two twin daughters Madison, Gabriella ages 10
Our chapter partnered with CHKD by volunteering to place eggs filled with candy and toys to houses that donated to CHKD. We placed the eggs at different houses the night before Easter for kids to wake up and be surprised by what the Easter Bunny left for them.

HAMPTON ROADS HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP



Our chapter has volunteered to conduct highway clean-up on Aberdeen Rd. Hampton, VA every month on Tuesday at 1100.



AAO Chapter 78
THOUR ROO

Coin front and back photo
We have received our very first AAO Chapter 78 coin that can be purchased for \$20 local and \$25 for shipping purposes. Please contact AO2 Charman at chap78aao@gmail.com or visit our website at www.aaochapter78.com.

Greetings from Chapter 78,

We are doing great things out here in the Hampton Roads area for the community and our Sailors. We will be holding our second annual AAO Chapter 78 golf tournament which is open to all active and retired AO's. We have been approved by Langley AFB golf course for Wednesday, 26JUN19, but

are still working out details. We wanted to add this to the Red Shirt to get the word out and will let everyone know if we can't make it happen. We will be dedicating our golf tournament to one of our sailors Father, Tyler Bradley, who was an avid golfer. To register for the tournament and receive info please email myself at Richard.mabe@cvn78.navy.mil. We would also love for every Chapter on the East Coast to come together and hold an outing in a central location. If there are any other Chapters out there that would like to plan something please email me.

AAO CHAPTER 78 OFFICERS

- AO2 Denett, Taylor (President) taylor.denett@cvn78.navy.mil
- AO2 Charman, Justin (Vice President)
- AO2 Ungro, Stephen (Treasurer)
- AO1 Mabe, Richard (Secretary)
- Meeting location: Onboard Last Thursday of every month at 1000

V/R

- AO1(AW) Richard S. Mabe
- Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78)
- Weapons/G-5 LPO

CHAPTER 5



CHAPTER 9



Hello from Chapter 9.

Our meetings average 25 or more representing every era from World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the conflicts raging today. To better reach out, the Chapter has begun to meet at 1800 vice 1900 on a trial basis to make it more convenient for the active duty AO's to attend.

Happy 92nd birthday to all you "Ordies", wear that "winged bursting bomb" proudly remembering in honor of your brothers and sisters who went before you. We celebrated this milestone in March with a birthday cake at NAS JAX in a park dedicated to all the USN Medal of Honor recipients. The group met at John Finn's memorial for a group photo op.



CWO John Printy, (USN ret), a Korean War vet, was asked to speak at the University of North Florida's celebration to honor local surviving Korean War Vets. He is very active with their local organization as well as Chapter-9.



AO2 Cameron Thomas, VP-8, has been selected as AO of the fourth Quarter of 2018. Capt. Matt Arnold, "Ordie One", attended our March Meeting while in town and presented the award, thanks Capt. Arnold.

At the April meeting, AO2 James Coleman, HSMWSL, was recognized as the first AO of the Quarter for 2019. Good Job!

Chapter elections just concluded, a list of the new officers and BOD members are available on our web site. Kudos to the outgoing staff in leading the chapter to new heights, 2019 promises to be an even greater.

Continue to work, follow the check list, be safe, industrious, and as always look out for each other.

"TYAOYAS"

AO1 Lindsey Smack
President, Chapter 9



Capt. Matt Arnold, "Ordie One" presenting Chapter AO of the Quarter award to AO2 Cameron Thomas.

AO1 Lindsey Smack presenting AO2 Thomas his AOQ certificate.



CHAPTER SPARTAN— SOUDA BAY, GREECE



Greetings from Souda Bay, Crete!

Change, adaptation and evolution is the name of the game for the Spartan Chapter of Souda Bay.

With NSA Souda Bay being named the Number 1 overseas duty station for all branches by OURMILITARY.COM, it is easy to assume our Chapter members take advantage of the liberty opportunities while stationed abroad. They absolutely do! Along with great liberty comes great responsibility and our Sailors make that evident day in and day out. From late night Sonobouy shipments to weekends spent issuing ammunition to ships, our dynamic workforce keeps the Ordnance flowing to the fight! Aside from work, our Chapter members spend their time giving back to the local Cretan community by doing everything from beach cleanups to volunteering at animal shelters. The IYAOYAS spirit is alive amongst our fine group here at Souda!

Our Command, NMCLANT Det Souda Bay recently welcomed aboard a new OIC; LCDR Travis Semones from the USS BATAAN. Gun Boss as he prefers to be called has hit the ground running and we have followed! From revamping ordnance programs, IMA-5 Certified for the Tomahawk VLS and sneaking in success on command sports teams, Detachment Souda Bay is operating as an well-oiled machine! In support of base initiatives the Spartan Chapter showed up in full force to lead and participate in both the SAPR Awareness Fair and the NMCRS Fund drive softball tournament!

If you find yourself traveling to our side of the world, please contact us so that you may be able to join us for our meeting or an activity!

IYAOYAS!
AO1 (AW/SW) Kyle Langerman
SPARTAN CHAPTER Vice-President

Coin contacts:
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AO2 Kevin Eraca kevin.eraca@eu.navy.mil



CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started."

Since January 2019 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added four new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and welcomed 34 AO's who attended their first meeting.

At our 3 January Chapter meeting, President John Holdman appointed the following Chapter Board of Directors: Major (Ret) Jim Thomas, AOC Anthony Pranger, and Tiffany Tribble while Gunner Lester Gipson continued serving as a previously appointed member. On Saturday, 9 February, we held our first Adopt-A-Highway Walk for 2019 with 15 volunteers showing up to support.

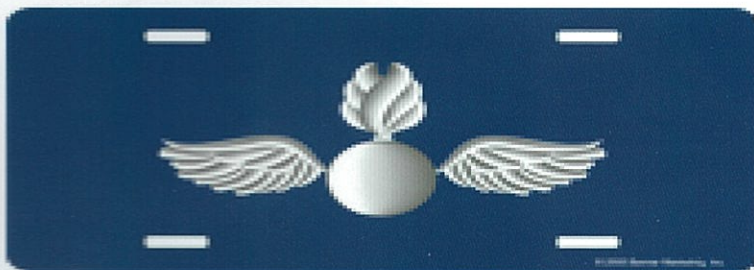
In March we celebrated the Aviation Ordnance rate's 93rd Birthday by having the youngest and oldest AO present slice a birthday cake. A special thank you to Tess LaMaitre for coordinating the event and providing the cake, plates, and utensils.

In April, President Holdman announced that AO2(AW) Luis Valadares was our LCDR James E. Thompson Aviation Ordnanceman of the Quarter for Fourth Quarter 2018. Congratulations to AO2 Valadares for his selection.

In April we started selling our new AAO Chapter 8 coin, finalized a special Memorial Day trip to John W. Finn's grave site, and contributed \$300 to AAO Chapter 1's Team Ordies who took part in the annual American Cancer Society fund raiser. We also hoped our contribution would help AAAO member Beverly Onken earn recognition as the top individual fundraiser in the Lemoore area. No word yet if that happened.

In closing, thanks to many generous donations, the Chapter currently has \$1,4335 of the \$2,000 goal for the LCDR Jim Thompson Scholarship that will be awarded at the 2019 AAO Convention, Reno, NV. Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!

V/r
CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler
Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



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