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# The Red Shirt

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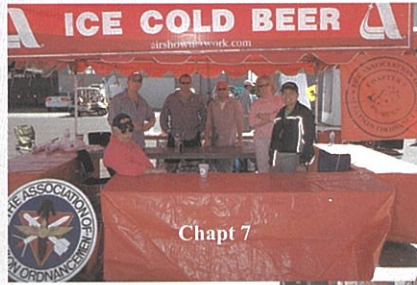
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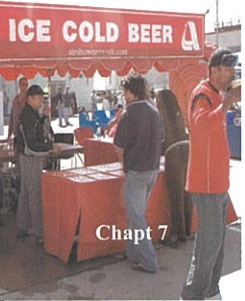


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## Letters To The Editor

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A special thanks to all the support and prayers from the "Red Shirts". We have received lots of get well cards and e-mail wishes to both myself and my wife, Lisa. A very special thanks to Chapter 4; to Sandy and Don Howard for their endless efforts assisting Lisa with doctor appointments and their continued support. Living and working at Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania and taking care of Lisa in Virginia Beach, VA. has been a tremendous challenge. But, with the help of good friends, like AOCS Bill Easterling and the Howard's, we have managed. Lisa went through five months of chemotherapy; colon surgery in July and a liver surgery in September, all because of cancer. She is supposed to resume some additional chemo treatments starting Thursday, 15 March. We just wanted to say "thanks" to the Ladies Auxiliary and all of you who continue to keep us in your prayers. And, thank God for TRICARE Prime. Sincerely, CWO3 Keith C. Quimbach, USN, Ret.

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Hello Chief,

I want to get this into the mail promptly, we are going to be away for most of April, doing a Caribbean Cruise to celebrate 60 years together, just great years they have been. I got lucky and met Doris on a blind date. And JJ, I've always been sure that our "Guide Above" had a hand in this beautiful union! We are being joined by long time friends, high school chums, for the 7<sup>th</sup> time on the high seas. But Larry was a Marine, we enlisted on the same day in Erie, PA way back in September 1942. I have to admit that I liked the looks of the 13 button trousers and wide collar Pea Coat better than pants with a stripe down the pant leg. Might add I despised marching!

The snow has melted – and we had more than usual. Real real cold here in Pennsylvania pan-handle area this January and February. Our streams and rivers have been near flood stage 3 times this year. Fish commission has been forced to delay stocking twice. Trout season opens April 14<sup>th</sup>, the local school boys are eager to wet their lines in Pine Creek and Oil Creek.

Thank-you for a tremendous undertaking, JJ. With much appreciation I salute you

Howard W. Pattison

P.S. We sail out of Fort Lauderdale, FL April 4<sup>th</sup> – Holland America Line

*Howard, I hope your cruise with your bride Doris of 60 years was a good one. You should be proud of your accomplishment of being married for that long.*

*Hope the fish are now biting and that you've caught the big one!*

*Warmest Regards,  
JJ LaMaitre*

Kevin,

Good Saturday morning to you. Great job on the latest Red Shirt. As always you continue to produce an outstanding product. Thank you. Enclosed I have some photos from our most recent AMMO on-load after an 11 month DPIA at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. It was cold the first day, 11 degrees with the wind chill, then it warmed up the following day to a balmy 30 degrees with the wind chill. The TRUMAN Weapons Department performed superbly and all the AMMO was stowed without incident in 27 hours. I am extremely proud of HST Weapons Department and humbled to be a part of this great team as an Aviation Ordnanceman.

We are overjoyed that the 11 month "Maintenance Deployment" is over and are ready to start the work up cycle in preparation to reengage the enemy and get back to fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

Respectfully,  
CDR Bill Bindel  
Gun Boss  
USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)

*Thanks CDR, pictures are included on page 27. I think that's one reason I'm living in Florida now!*

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## CORRECTIONS

Kevin,

Howdy, I hope everything is going good for you on your end. We got the logbook issue taken care of on this end through NAWMU-1.

Is there any chance we can get a reprieve on the typo "USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN", we are onboard the "USS RONALD REAGAN" (CVN 76).

I appreciate all you did for our trip to Tucson, and thanks again.

R/ LTJG Randy Miller

*OOPS! Sorry about that Randy, don't know where my head was on that one! Pg 18 of Red Shirt Issue # 102 should read AO2(AW) Daniel Trombley from the USS Ronald Reagan. LTJG Randy Miller from CVN-76.*

*In the letters to the Editor on page 5 of Red Shirt Issue # 102 - TRIM went west in '68 & VAH-21 came home in '69... The article read '67 & '68...*

*Sorry 'bout that.  
Bob*



**S\*M\*A\*R\*T (Special Military Active & Retired Travel Club)** is a nationwide, not-for-profit Veteran's organization based on a common background of military service and an interest in the recreational vehicle (RV) lifestyle. We are retired (pension eligible) and active-duty travelers (motor homes, travel trailers, fifth wheels and whatever), that get together at local, regional and national musters (rallies), and go on caravans throughout the United States. With similar life experiences and sharing many common interests, This unifying theme of military service is the basis for immediate rapport and camaraderie and the development of long time relationships. The club has been in existence since 1982. The name **S\*M\*A\*R\*T** was selected to capture that essential aspect of the membership requirements for the Club, as well as the adoption of the word "muster" to be used as the unique name for our rallies or get-togethers. **S\*M\*A\*R\*T** membership is limited to active duty and retirees (pension eligible) of the active and reserve components of the seven uniformed services (USA, USMC, USN, USAF, USCG, USPHS, and NOAA. Associate membership is offered to active and retired military personnel from Canada and member nations of NATO and SEATO, and veterans with 100% disability, former POWs, recipients of the Medal of Honor, and widows and widowers of any of the above. The Club has approximately 60 local and at-large chapters nationwide that conduct the majority of musters. The annual national and 8 regional musters give us an opportunity to meet with members from other parts of the country. In addition to our musters, **S\*M\*A\*R\*T** offers travel activities and caravans at costs from 1/2 to 1/3 the amount charged by commercial companies offering similar activities. These caravans/expeditions are scouted and led by the experienced volunteers of this unique Travel Club. However, we are not a travel agency. **S\*M\*A\*R\*T** publishes a bi-monthly magazine called "The Traveler" that contains national, regional, and chapter news, caravan information, muster schedules, and general interest articles. For additional information, check out the **S\*M\*A\*R\*T** website at [www.smartrving.net](http://www.smartrving.net).

#### ARKANSAS HOG's:

We are a very active chapter with some 80 members ( some multi-chapter members ) first formed and chartered in 1992 by 5 very determined and dedicated members. The success of our Chapter is due to the camaraderie and a desire to be active and involved in our community in civic and military areas. We prefer organized Chapter relationships rather than being an individual SMART member. The HOGS hosted the SMART National Muster at Rayne, Louisiana during 2004, along with our neighboring chapters the Alabama Smart's CAJUNS, TARHEELS, ROCKY TOPS. We worked together and executed a very successful, memorable pre-muster and muster with a near record number of 523 rigs, a variety of activities and large number of attendees; A result of the 2004 National Muster Golf Tournament sponsorship the Chapter was able to provide in excess of \$ 1900.00 in equipment, health / comfort items and monetary contributions to the VA hospital Ft Roots in North Little Rock AR. Some of the laughter and enjoyment come from activities such as the Whistling Pig Skit, Outhouse Races, Golfing and many other fun activities enjoyed every year along with renewing old friendships and meeting new friends.

We also had numerous **joint musters** in Biloxi, Ms; Grove Ok; Bowling Green, KY; Carthage, Mo; With the La. Cajuns; Tn. Rocky Tops; Ms. Magnolias; Eureka Springs, Black Rock, Mountain View, AR, as well as Regional musters in Mobile, Al; Berrien Springs, MI; and Clearbrook, Fla. We have one very talented lady who has led several **SMART Caravans**, as a **Wagon Master**, to the **Albuquerque International Balloon Fest** and several "**Rolling Musters**" to **Mardi Gras in Biloxi, Ms** as well as a winter **Western States tour thru Arizona, California, New Mexico** to include **Quartzsite, Camp Pendleton, Yuma, El Centro, White Sands** and other interesting and historical sites Our musters are fun filled, active and successful due largely to the efforts of some very imaginative and hard working members. In smaller groups we also enjoy luncheons, meetings and camping events. Many of our members serve as Wagon Masters, assistants or participants in outstanding **SMART Caravans**. We do our part to "**See the Country We Defend**". Won't you join us! We'll be seeing you on the highways and byways....". Keep the shiny side up and God Bless America. To receive a copy of the latest chapter newsletter or for information, visit the Chapter Web Site : [www.retiredmilitarytravelclub.com](http://www.retiredmilitarytravelclub.com) or contact a Chapter member as listed in the **S\*M\*A\*R\*T\* Traveler**. Thanks for your time and hope you'll join with us.

Christian Eck

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**2007 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION**

**ADVANCE ORDER FORM**

**DEADLINE IS 15 JUNE 2007**

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

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

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**  
J.J. LaMaitre  
9691 Bundy Drive  
Santee, CA 92071-2771

- 12 Jul (Thur) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) By-Laws Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) Nominations Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) AAO Social \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sat) Awards Banquet \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

- 1. Member only \$20.00 (\$30.00 after 15 Jun 07)
- Non-Member \$30.00 (\$40.00 after 15 Jun 07) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

Name of Member (or non) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

- 12 Jul (Thur) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Jul (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Additional Guests 18 and over \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse) (please print)

**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.

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

AAO Social \$30.00 each (\$50.00 after 15 Jun 07) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet \$40.00 each (\$60.00 after 15 June 07) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION**

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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. Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under. However, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

Name exactly as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Master Card/ Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

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. To qualify for this special registration package please include a completed application with your registration and or ticket order.

**Circle One:** Hold Tickets Or Mail My Tickets to:

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2007. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED.

Visa/ MasterCard Credit Card Fee's are Non Refundable.

***On The Cover***

CVN-75, Left to right, ENS Zack Macdonald, ENS Scott Metcalf, CDR Bill Bindel, LT Steve Folsom, CWO3 Ed Pirando.



## The President's Message

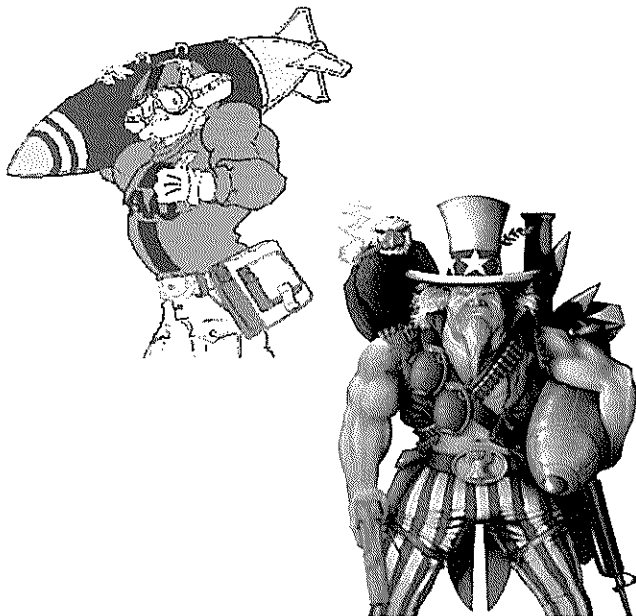


Greetings fellow Ordies,

Well, 2007 sure is flying by..... Hope you have been having a wonderful spring although the weather sure has been strange. You deployed Marines and Sailors, we all are extremely proud of the mission you're accomplishing, you're doing it right and you're doing it on time. I certainly have not heard of any

missed sorties SO KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK....Think Safety... in all you do! And always know that we all are behind you and most of us wish we were standing beside you. God bless you every day. We also hope to see you at the convention so we all can hear your stories first hand. The convention is almost on top of us, have you made your reservations yet?? If not please follow the instruction that are in this edition of the Redshirt. There are two reservation codes that must be used one if your attending the Symposium and one if you attending the Convention please pay close attention that. As always the Convention committee is putting lots of hard work into making this once again a great gathering of the "Arms of The Fleet". So come on out to Reno and enjoy. All hands are invited to attend any and all portions of the symposium, so if you arrive early come by and see what we are doing today in the Fleet and ashore. Pat and I look forward to seeing you all in Reno. Travel safely.....

R/ Dave



## "Dude Gilbert" Chapter 39

Kevin,

As I'm sure you gathered by the sender line, my name is Del Tingley. I am the Chapter 39 "Dude Gilbert" President and I have a couple of comments and a question for you.

I would like to congratulate you on an outstanding periodical. It is informative and interesting. It was noticed by several of our members and me that in your latest issue there is no listing for our Chapter. I sent the meeting info to the website and it has been added there. I look forward to seeing our Chapter listed in future issues and will be glad to send any info you need on that matter.

Which brings me to my question. When is a blurb about us due to you for inclusion in the next issue? We will be sending some photos and an article soon. We just sponsored the 85th Marine Aviation Ordnance birthday social and picnic aboard MCAS Beaufort, SC. Any info you send me will be appreciated.

On a personal note, I noticed that you live in FWB, FL. It caught my attention because I am a native of Mary Esther, FL and a proud graduate of Ft Walton Bch High School, (Go Vikings!). I will be down for vacation at my brother's house in July.

IYAOYAS  
Del "Dawg" Tingley  
Explosives Safety Officer  
Tactical Safety Specialist/CSHO  
MCAS Beaufort, SC  
DSN: 335-7827  
Comm: (843)228-7827  
delroy.d.tingley@usmc.mil

Thanks for the input Del. Next issue I will have it listed in the back with the rest of the chapters, as for now I will leave it here so everyone can see the info. Next inputs are due 20 Sept 2007. And anytime you are here in the Fort Walton Beach area give me a call!

Kevin

**PRESIDENT: GySgt (Ret) Del Tingley**  
**(843) 228-7827**  
**MCAS Beaufort E-Club, Gilbert Room**  
**1st Thursday @ 1700**



## Chaplains Corner

On several occasions during the past week my wife Carolyn and I “camped out” or attended a RV Muster with a group of 41 retired military friends from all branches of the Military Service. We all had a good opportunity to enjoy and really listen to stories or experiences that others told about their lives. The first occasion was responses to a *questionnaire* that was handed out at an informal meeting.



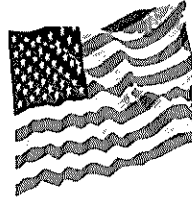
This gave members a chance to share their individual former military accounts with others. The other took place about a “friendly fire” which we held the last evening before departing. We were able to gather about a bonfire and exchange stories and vignettes of “happenings in our individual and family lives”.

We were able to *give the gift* of our time *when we listened* to someone else tell about the events in his or her life. We are *given a gift* in return when we realize that each of us has had similar life experiences, either as a group of *Ordies* or with unit family members and just share. In spite of the details and events that make our individual life journeys unique, there are the moments when we realize and recognize occurrences or events....happy, sad, thrilling or scary....that are common with others. Some of us celebrated or shared (or had thoughts of) *events or moments* in another’s life that *resonated* with our own experiences and suddenly we recognize *our oneness*. People who share common life events....even our own embarrassing times....become *Friends* bound together in unique ways. That’s also what makes *Naval and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance* unique in many ways. We have chances to get together in our off duty “sessions” and share life’s experiences. A friend of ours at the “muster” shared with me recently that she missed her association with “Military Wives” very much while living in a rural civilian community and really enjoys involvement and her times with our RVing Chapter and it’s military “oneness”

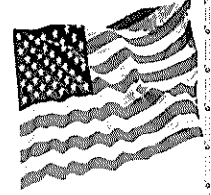
When we listen to others tell about their lives we are reminded of the pattern that a weaver or other artisan make as they thread a shuttle or needle to work a new pattern. Each person’s experiences are woven together with the lives and events of others. A similar “weaving” occurs in our Spiritual lives....either individually or corporately we are made one. The fellowship that is created in our lives connects with that of others to create a picture that tells **God’s** story.....think about it.

Thanks for your time and enjoy life,

Christian Eck  
Association National Chaplain  
aka *Chaplain Jarhead*.



## TAPS



\*AOC Talmage V. Capps  
AOCM Marion G. Spain USN Ret.  
AOCM Ralph E. Hamilton USN Ret.  
\*AOC Earl B. Erwin  
\*AOC Albert F. Langnau  
Charles Q. Middlebrook  
Leon A. Link

\* Info from FRA Today Newsletter

## Treasurer’s Report

Greetings – Membership expiration dates are now in the Month/ Year format. We decided to do away with the ‘date’ portion. Sometime in the future we will have to replace our membership program (Day Timer) that we use to track membership. It will help the transition once we get to that point.

CONVENTION – Do NOT, repeat Do NOT send your convention requests via certified, registered or any other service where I have to sign for them. It is an unnecessary expense on your part and I do not have to make arrangements (take off work etc.) to go to the Post Office to sign for them. Just give me a call or drop me an e-mail to let me know they are on the way. See the Convention Registration form for expiration dates and other details.

Ship Members – If a member has transferred, or is no longer on the ship, DO NOT return the Red Shirt to me. Simply e-mail me and let me know that the member is no longer onboard. One ship returned 7 Red Shirts to me and at \$2.75 each, it gets expensive.

The Associations Post Office Box has been closed for over 9 months now. Please use my home address at: 9691 Bundy Drive; Santee, CA 92071-2771. I am still having some mail forwarded from the PO Box and the Post Office will start to return the mail to you.

Address changes cost your Association over \$400 per year. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! 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 to the address above; phone (619)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at [aaotreas@cox.net](mailto:aaotreas@cox.net). Until next time IYAOYAS.

JJ LaMaitre



## From The Vice President

It is time again to get those absentee ballots filled out and 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 time again to vote for your selection of the Vice President, Secretary and two Board of Directors. The below listed individuals have been nominated for those positions. Also you will be voting for one By-Laws change. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the proposed change as written by the By-Laws Chairmen and the pro and con for it.

Vice President L "Joe" Manley, LCDR, USN, Retired  
Secretary Dennis Costa, AOCM, USN, Retired  
Board of Directors Mike Price, CDR, USN  
Chuck Onken, LCDR, USN, Retired

By-Laws Change This change is required to allow the annual budget to be approved in time to meet the fiscal year dates of 1 June through 31 May.

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 ensure that you follow the instruction on the ballot. **Your ballot must be signed in signature box to be valid.** When you have filled out your ballot place it in a sealed envelope, print your name and membership number on the outside front of that envelope. Place that sealed envelope in another envelope and mail to the address included on the ballot. All ballots must be delivered to me postmarked not later than **28 June 2007**.

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

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Mail all absentee ballots to the following address:

Nomination Chairman  
2099 Thomas Ct  
Fallon, NV. 89406

The Guys and Gals headed up by Chief Rex Gallino are busy getting things ready for us at this years 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 with travel contact Point Loma World Travel at 800-783-8646. Save yourself a few dollars and send in your advance order form for Registration, Social and Awards Banquet to Treasurer J J LaMaitre at 9691 Bundy Drive, Santee, CA, 92071.

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PRESS ON

Joe Manley



## Chapter 7

Chapter 7 Pt. Mugu Air Show (Beer, Water & Energy Booth) Photos and Write Up for Red Shirt

The Point Mugu Air Show March 31 and April 1st went really good, we sold about \$6,700 in beer, water and energy drinks. It was a blast (The Chapter gets 10% of sales). Here are some pics and names of the volunteers:

A01 Adam Bolinger (New Acting President)  
A01 Hieu Nguyen  
A01 Robert Wise  
A01 Melissa Chambers  
A01 Marlon Sabater  
A02 Raynold Vagaruiz  
A02 John Barcus  
A02 Landon McCarl  
Don Travis Jr., AOC, Ret

v/r, Sheryl L. Scanlon

Pictures on page 2.





# USN / USMC ORDNANCE SYMPOSIUM

## 8-12 JULY 2007

### *Silver Legacy Resort*

Reno, Nevada

### 800/687-8733

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RESERVATIONS  
BY 15 JUNE

Ask For  
**GROUP CODE**  
AAOSYM7

RATES  
SUN — THU  
**\$65**

FREE AIRPORT SHUTTLE

For Exhibitor & Vendor Information, Call

**JIM THOMAS @ 800/783-8646**



African Slave Trade Patrol Battle Streamer 1820-1861





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## GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA 14 July 2007

**PRESIDENT**            CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
                             PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
                             PLAYING OF THE ORDIE SONG

**CHAPLAIN**            OPENING PRAYER

**PRESIDENT**            ANNOUNCEMENTS, GENERAL/OFFICIAL

**SECECTARY**            READ SYNOPSIS OF THE 2006 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
                             *(COPIES OF THE COMPLETE MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE TO REVIEW)*

**PRESIDENT**            CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE MINUTES, CALL FOR VOTE OF ACCEP-  
                             TANCE

**TREASURER**            PRESENT THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURY AS PRE-  
                             PARED BT THE ASSOCIATION'S ACCOUNTANT *(COPIES AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW)*

**PRESIDENT**            CALL FOR ANY CLARIFICATION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT, CALL FOR VOTE OF  
                             ACCEPTANCE

**COMMITTEE**            2007 CONVENTION STATUS            2008 CONVENTION STATUS  
**CHAIRMAN**            MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE            FORMAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
**REPORTS**            SAFETY COMMITTEE            AAO EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
                             BY-LAWS COMMITTEE            AO OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE  
                             HISTORIAN            AAO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE  
                             AAO MUSEUM            NOMINATION COMMITTEE  
                             REUNION BOOK COMMITTEE

**NEWSLETTER REPORT**

**AAO WEB SITE REPORT**

**CHAPTER REPORTS**  
**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**            2009 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

**ELECTIONS OF**            VICE-PRESIDENT/SECERTARY/TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
                             APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AS REQUIRED

**SAFETY**                SAFETY PRESENTATION

**PRESIDENT**            NEXT CONVENTION SITE & DATE  
                             2008 CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
                             INPUT FROM THE FLOOR  
                             CLOSING REMARKS & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
                             MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED SHIPMATES

**CHAPLAIN**            CLOSING PRAYER



(Pending)  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
 AAO CONVENTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT/MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7-11	0700-1800	Symposium / Convention Admin	Boardroom
We	0700-1700	Coffee Mess & Exhibits	Silver Baron 1-6
	1200-1600	Convention Registration	Mezzanine
	1800-2200	Ordie "Hernia Bar"	Rum Bullion Patio
7-12	0700-1800	Symposium / Convention Admin	Boardroom
Th	0700-1700	Coffee Mess & Exhibitions	Silver Baron 1 - 6
	0800-1600	Convention Registration	Mezzanine
	0800-1300	Association Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairmen & Chapter Representatives	Boardroom
	1300-1500	AAOEF BOD	TBD
	1300-1600	Auxiliary Board Meeting	Boardroom
	1700-2200	Ordie "Hernia Bar"	Rum Bullion Patio
7-13	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
Fr	0800-1400	Coffee Mess & Exhibitions	Silver Baron 1 - 6
	0800-1600	Convention Registration	Mezzanine
	0800-1500	AO of The Year Committee	Silver Baron B
	0800-1500	Scholarship Committee	Silver Baron C
	0830-1000	Safety Committee	Silver Baron D
	1000-1130	Hall of Fame Committee	Silver Baron D
	1230-1430	AAO/AAOEF By-Laws Com	Silver Baron D
	1430-1600	Membership & Nomination Committees	Silver Baron D
	1830-2100	Social & AAAO Auction	Silver Baron A & B
7-14	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
Sa	0800-1230	Association Business Meeting	Silver Baron A
	0900-1400	Aux. Business Meeting/Luncheon	Silver Baron B
	1600-1930	Reunion Book Photos	Silver Baron B
	1630-1830	No Host Cocktails	Mezzanine
	1830-2130	Awards Dinner Guest Speaker - TBA	Silver Baron A, 4 - 6
7-15	0900-1200	Association Board Meeting	Silver Baron 1
Su	0930-1100	Auxiliary Board Meeting	Silver Baron 2
	1200-1400	AAOEF BOD	Silver Baron 1

**PLACE & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
 (Check Hotel Reader Boards Daily)



**C**harles Quincy Middlebrook (Charles "CQ") was a 19 year old seaman assigned to the USS West Virginia when it sunk at Peal Harbor. When the attack started, Charlie Middlebrook was in his launch tied between the West Virginia and the battleship Tennessee. After Pearl Harbor, he served in combat in the South Pacific until he was sent back to the

states in 1943 to teach at a gunnery school, specializing in gunnery and ordnance work. He advanced to Petty Officer First Class. After the war, he was one of the first men given permission to enroll in the all-women Mary Washington College. He transferred after one year to Virginia Tech, where he majored in aeronautical engineering. In 1950, he joined the Weapons Center at Dahlgren and retired 35 years later as the only registered senior ordnance technician in the ordnance department. Charlie was a Life member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, and a Plankowner of Chapter 22 Patuxent River, Maryland. He was the Ordie that donated the vintage World War II Bomb truck to the Association. The truck was a fully operational, registered, and licensed vehicle. The Association presented funds totaling \$1770.00 to cover some of the costs incurred while refurbishing the Bomb truck. In 1991 the Bomb truck was transported to and from Hawaii by Marine C-130 squadron VMGR-352. While in Hawaii the vintage Bomb truck was driven in the Parade to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Charlie Middlebrook proudly joined John Finn as a passenger. In July 1992 the truck was personally turned over by John Finn himself to the Aviation Ordnance Museum in Millington, Tennessee. That was another proud moment for Charlie Middlebrook, and what better way is there to memorialize a piece of his history. As AO "A" school moved from Millington, Tennessee to Pensacola, Florida around 1993 so did the Bomb truck. From 1994 to 2004 negotiations occurred between individuals from the Naval Aviation Foundation, AO "A" school, and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen concerning placement and control of the museum within the National Museum of Naval Aviation. Currently the Bomb truck is on display at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, in Pensacola, Florida. That historical display in itself is a tribute to Charlie. I know in my heart that as Charlie passed away peacefully on Thursday 7 March 2007 that he went with memories of family, friends, and the Bomb truck.

*God Bless "CQ"*





## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Michael D. Podhajsky  
 AOCM William N. Overby USN Ret.  
 AO1 Ray P. Harding USN Ret.  
 AOCS(AW) Brenda L. Cotter  
 LCDR George N. Erickson USNR Ret.

## SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

Chapter 3  
 CWO2 Ed & Kristin Stith USMC Ret.  
 AOC A.N. & Connie Knobloch USN Ret.  
 Marvin 'Gene' & Kiyoko Vickers  
 CWO4 Frank & Cynthia Nittinger USMC Ret.  
 AOCM William & Barbara Foote USN Ret.  
 Alan & Susan Higgins  
 AOCS Jeffery & Noriko Harsh  
 AO2 Bert H. Wilson USN Ret.  
 GYSGT Dale & Lisa Harper USMC Ret.  
 MYGYSGT William & Jackie Rice USMC Ret.  
 LCDR Jerry & Nancy Richardson USN Ret.  
 Chapter 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> time)  
 Pam Pero  
 Deborah Holcomb  
 MSGT Dennis & Margret Colbert USMC Ret.  
 Bob Anderson  
 AOCS John & Linda Cataldi Jr. USN Ret.  
 CWO3 Barry & Amy Stemler USN Ret.  
 Kordeen & Camy Kor  
 MSGT Freddie Furr USMC Ret.  
 LCDR Mike E. Overs USN Ret.  
 AO1(AW/SW) Jeffery & Beverly Shaw

IN MEMORY OF FLOYD ENGLISH  
 CWO4 Edward C. & Linda Scott USN Ret.

## LOCATOR

Can you help?.....Know where any of these members can be located? If so please contact me at  
 aootreas@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

LT 'Buck' Hafner USN Ret. 'Plankowner'  
 AO2(AW) Steven S. Doremus  
 Bo Adkinson  
 AO1 James M. Russ  
 AOAN Kassandra L. Lampton  
 AO3 John P. Lewis

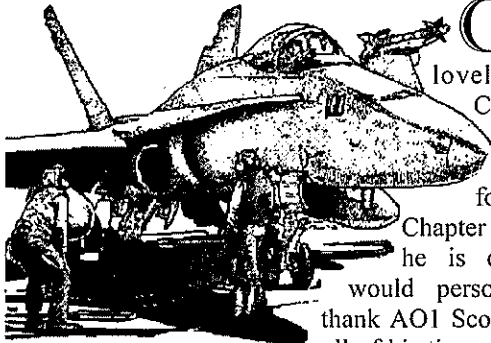
## NEW MEMBERS

AOC David D. Steo  
 AOCS Cliff W. McFadden USN Ret.  
 John J. Vickery III  
 AOC(AW) Damian R. Donald  
 AO1 Ronald M. St. Lawrence  
 SSGT Brian D. Auten  
 AO1(AW) Larry 'Scott' Hinson  
 CWO2 Patrick J. Najmulski  
 GYSGT William L. Vachon  
 AO3 Charles T. Griffin  
 AO3 Lucas W. Hooper  
 GYSGT Arthur T. Connolly USMC Ret.  
 AO1(AW/SW) Peter D. Hillard Jr.  
 AO3(AW) Heather R. Grosso-Payne  
 AO1 Lester T. Gipson  
 AOAA William L. Hayes  
 AO2 Lawrence M. Long  
 AO3 Christopher L. Miller  
 AO3 Ashley L. Peruna  
 AO1 Anthony Meza  
 AO2 Jeffrey C. Thompson  
 AO1 Corey Wright  
 AOAN Ryan G. Ball  
 AO1 Shenita L. Bryant  
 AO1 Fleet W. Carter  
 SGT Russell S. Hayes Sr.  
 CWO3 Thomas Cole  
 SSGT Ryan J. Wilson  
 Maj Robert W. Gross USMC Ret.  
 LCDR Michael E. Overs USN Ret.  
 AO2 William C. Mikell  
 SSGT Edward J. Gress  
 AO1 Misael Vegamedina  
 AOAN Robert C. Aguire  
 AO2 Steve Luster  
 AO3 Jason P. Santos  
 AO1 Jermaine L. Moore  
 AO1 Trey B. Markham  
 AO1 Gregory L. Johnson  
 AOAN Robert J. Hodor II  
 AO1 Mary Jimenez  
 AO1 Joshua M. Moore  
 AO3 Michael K. Moran  
 AOAN Paul R. Sanchez  
 AO3 Amatha M. Sierra  
 AO2 William J. Doyle  
 AOAN Heather L. Christensen

AO1 Shawn P. Edwards  
 H.G. 'Holly' Hayes  
 AO1 Jeffrey S. King  
 AOC David M. Smith USN Ret.  
 AO2 Allen L. Ortega



# Chapter 1



**G**reetings  
Ordies from  
lovely Lemoore  
California!

I am writing this article for our new Chapter President, as he is on travel. I would personally like to thank AOI Scott Rutledge for all of his time and efforts during his tenure as our Chapter President. He did a great job with his duties as well as keeping the rest of us in line. Scotty, thanks and have a great time in your new assignment at VFA-2. My thanks also go out to AO2 Amber Roth, she did a great job as our Chapter Secretary and committee chairman for numerous functions and fund raisers during her term. She certainly added some spark and fun to all the events that she took on. Since the last Redshirt was released Chapter One has been fairly busy, we had our Chapter Christmas party on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December which turned out to be a great time. There were a lot of door prizes, and the White Elephant gift exchange was a blast. The only negative was that the infamous Tiger Woods putter did not return for a third time. You had to be there for that one! Thanks go out to all of our members who helped to make it a success, again. During our February meeting we held elections for the offices of President, Secretary, and (2) Board of Directors. I would like to congratulate the below shipmates on their election: LCDR Kevin Dowd, Chapter President; AOCM (RET) Bill Overby, Chapter Secretary, and AOC (RET) Bill Wright and CWO4 (RET) Carl Collier, re-elected to Board of Director seats. The Chapter also donated seven large bags of cloths and hotel amenities to the Kings County Battered Women's Shelter, thanks to all who have been traveling and collecting those items. Well, I suppose that about does it for this article. We here at Chapter One would like to invite you all to our Chapter meetings, held on the third Wednesday of the month at the FRA Branch 261 home at 788 E "D" Street Lemoore, 1730.

Rob Walecki  
Vice-President, Chapter One



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Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Board of Directors approved appointments above listed on July 17, 2005 in Reno, Nevada. President of Association swore into position each of the above, each signed letters of appointment.


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Barbary Wars Battle Streamer 1801-1805, 1815




**AUXILIARY**  
**2007 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING & LUNCHEON**  
**SATURDAY - JULY 14<sup>th</sup>**



*General Business Meeting & Elections*  
9:00 a.m.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
*No Charge To Attend Meeting Only*

*Deli Buffet Luncheon Following*  
At 11:30 a.m.



**ADVANCED LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS REQUESTED**  
**Members - \$12.00    Guests - \$18.00**  
Please make check payable to **AAAO** and mail to:  
*Carolyn Thomas, AAO Treasurer*  
1394 Lilac Avenue ~ Chula Vista, CA 91911

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt of Ck \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (s) of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S BYLAWS

Our Bylaws were written when the convention/symposium was held in June. However; over the years the convention/symposium has been moved to where it is today. The effect of having the convention/symposium held at a later date causes the Association to expend funds without an approved budget in place. This change is required to allow the annual budget to be approved in time to meet the fiscal year dates of 1 June through 31 May. **The Board of Directors strongly recommends approval of this change.**

ARTICLE VI, Section 4, delete the fourth sentence, which reads, "The new budget will include expenditures authorized during the convention."

ARTICLE VI, Section 5, second sentence change to read, The Board of Directors will approve the annual Budget.

**PROS:** The change allows the budget approval process to be brought in line with the dates of the fiscal year without the process being tied to anything other than the fiscal year.

**CONS:** None.

## *Secretary's Corner*

**G**reetings Ordies,

Convention is almost here, only a couple more months. It will be great to see all of you. Please get your applications in for the Scholarship program.

Once again this plug is for all Chapter officers, If you aren't going to attend the convention please send your yearly chapter update to me so I can read it on the record at the General Membership meeting. Also, you are required to send your monthly reports to me after each meeting. For those who do, keep up the good work, as for the rest of you please get those reports in. Everyone take notice, my home phone number has changed.

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## Chapter 3



Greetings from the Pacific Northwest. Spring is in the air and it is time to mow lawns again. We held our elections with the following results: Chapter President James Irwin; VP Brian Smith; Treasurer Paul Good enough; Secretary Angela Sobieski. We had great participation with Chapter Three's community service commitments; two days of building food baskets for the Whidbey Island Help House and manning the kettle for the Salvation Army every Thursday during the holidays as well as providing range safety services and target grading for the NJROTC. We are planning our annual summer fellowship BBQ for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Rocky Point. It will be a good time and I hope to see lots of you there. Our Chapter web site up and running at <http://chapter3aao.bravehost.com/> and our meetings are 1730 on the second Wednesday of the month at VFW Post 7392, 3037 Goldie Road, Oak Harbor. I look forward to seeing you there.

James L. Irwin  
Chapter Three President  
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*Pictures on page 2*

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### NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT

I am nominating LCDR Larry Joe Manley, LCDR, U.S.N., RET., Life Member 0450 for the office of Vice- President of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He is currently serving in that Office and doing an outstanding job. He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in the Association By-Laws.

Joe and LCDR Rich Grass have been the driving force in getting the Association registered with the IRS and the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). After taking on this task, they have been working for several years getting all the paperwork completed. Anyone that has submitted paperwork to the Federal Government knows what a task this can be and they change the rules every year. We are just about there and should have everything completed this year. Well "DONE". Joe was also, instrumental and driving force, in helping get the AAO Educational Foundation completed.

Joe came into the U.S. Navy as an enlisted and advanced through the ranks and retired as an LCDR, LDO, Aviation Ordnance Officer. During his career he served with distinction in various squadrons, staffs, instructor assignments, air stations, and ships company assignments.

Joe has been a member of the Association for over 20 years and became a Life Member in 1986. Since becoming a member, he has served at the Chapter level for Chapter 8, San Diego and Chapter 21, Fallon holding most of the local offices in those chapters. At the National level he has served on ALL of the National committees, either as a member or chairman. He has been Convention Site Chairman and currently a member of the National Convention Committee. He has had several tours on the National Board of Directors and currently serving as National Vic-President. He is currently an active member of Chapter 21, Fallon, NV. Joe's devotion to the Association and the Aviation Ordnance field is beyond reproach and is noticeable to every member both past and present.

I have known Joe for over 30 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. Joe is currently serving in the Office, as National Vice-President and doing a great job.

NOTE; Joe's wife Delores, is an active member of the Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, currently serving as Auxiliary President, she has held other AAAO National offices. She is also, active in Chapter 21, Fallon, NV.

Respectfully,

LCDR Charles R. Onken, U.S.N., RET.  
Life Member 0473

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### NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY

I wish to re-nominate Dennis Costa for the office of Secretary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He has served honorably for the past six years as Secretary and has brought the office into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He retired from the Navy in 2000 after 26 years of honorable service as a Master Chief. Additionally he was selected as the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen 'AO of the Year' in 1986. He continues to serve the Navy as an Ammunition Logistics Manager at 'AMMOPAC' and has been a life member since 1998.

Dennis is willing to do the job and has showed he is more than capable to perform at a high level to get the job done. He will continue to serve the association with distinction.

R,

John J LaMaitre Life Member 0411



## NOMINATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nomination of CDR Michael K. Price for Board of Directors

I am nominating CDR Michael K. Price, USN, LDO, Life Member 7851 for the National Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, Board of Directors.

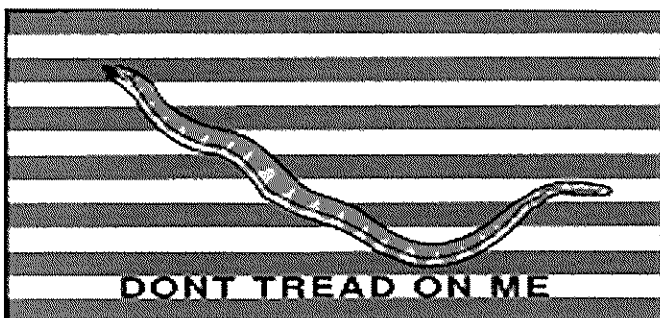
He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in the association by-laws.

CDR Price enlisted in the US Navy in 1977 and has advanced through the rates/ranks, to his present rank of CDR., USN, LDO, Aviation Ordnance Officer. He is presently still working in the aviation ordnance field as Commanding Officer of CNATTU, Oak Harbor, WA. During his career he has served in VA, VF, VS, VC and VX squadrons, MMU-One, shore stations, (both over seas and conus,) air wing staff, numerous aircraft carriers, type wing staff, CNAL staff and presently Commanding Officer of CNATTU. CDR Price has numerous individual medals, unit awards, and campaign medals.

CDR Price has been a member of the association for a number of years and is Life Member 7851. Since becoming a member, he has worked at the chapter level at various activities. He is very interested in working on committees at the national level and becoming a National Board of Director. CDR Price is devoted to the Aviation Ordnance field and the association.

I have known CDR Price for 20 plus years and he is a very hard working individual, who wants nothing but the best for the Aviation Ordnance field and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. CDR Price would be a great credit to the association as a National Board of Director.

Respectfully,  
Charles R. Onken  
Life Member 0473



## NOMINATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nomination of Chuck R. Onken For Board of Directors

I hereby nominate Chuck R. Onken, LCDR, USN Ret., Life member 0473, for re-election to the office of National Board of Directors of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in our By-Laws for nomination and for assuming office as a member of the Board of Directors.

Chuck enlisted in the Navy in March 1960 and progressed thru the ranks to the rank of LCDR before retiring in February 1991. During his naval career, he served with distinction in various squadrons, staffs, and instructor assignments. He received numerous awards for devotion to duty, heroism, and sustained superior performance. Upon retirement from active duty, he took employment as a contractor representative where he still has continued his vast knowledge of the ordnance and ordnance systems to further enhance ordnance safety and provide the fleet sailor with the very best possible ordnance and ordnance systems.

Chuck joined the association in May 1981 and became a Life Member in April 1986. Since becoming a member he has served the Association at the national level as President, Vice President, and Board of Directors. He has also served at the Chapter level by holding every elected office in Chapter 1 (One). His devotion to and love of the Association is readily apparent.

Chuck and I became friends after joining the Association in 1981 and later worked together on the Weapons Safety Team at Commander Naval Air Force Pacific (CNAP). I have not met a single individual who is more dedicated to the Ordnance rating, the association, and to the betterment of the Ordnance community in general. He has been instrumental in making the Association the great body that it is today, causing the association to be recognized by the Navy, Marines, other organizations that associated with the Military community and the civilian community.

His devotion to the Association and the Ordnance community make him an outstanding person to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully  
Joe Manley  
Life 0450



Operations Against West Indies Pirates Battle Streamer  
1822-1830's



## Auxiliary To The Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen



Happy Spring to all!!! As I write this I realize how close we are again to the annual AAO Convention/Symposium. The Symposium will start on Monday, July 9-12 and is followed by the Convention, July 12-15. We will hold our General Business meeting on Saturday, July 14 at 0900 with a luncheon at 11:30. Please contact Carolyn Thomas to make luncheon reservations ( see insert in this newsletter).

The Auxiliary members work very hard during the Symposium/Convention with fundraisers and meetings but that dedication doesn't stop with the annual event. I am very proud of the "Taste of Home" project that continues throughout the year. The remainder of this newsletter is dedicated to Mary Ann Laun, Committee Chairman and all of the people who have generously helped with the "Taste of Home" project this year. Below is a statement from Mary Ann and pictures of some of the ORDIES who received the packages: (pictures on page 2)

Prior to the 2006 AO Convention there was \$84.87 in the "A Taste of Home" fund. Donations during the convention totaled \$352.00. In December I created a Christmas basket to be raffled in Maryland. Mel Swartz and Connie Wells spearheaded the raffle and we made \$340.00. Connie who is the Director of Logistics at Pax River's PMA - 259 as well as an Auxiliary member headed the first "Taste of Home" project for 2007. She and her co-workers baked hundreds of brownies and sent them along with magazines, candy and other goodies to the USS Eisenhower's Weapons Department. Sadly, we never received any pictures from them BUT we did hear that the packages were well received and enjoyed by all.

In February Gary and I and several friends caught Mardi Gras beads at parades and mailed them along with playing cards, books and magazines to the Marines in Iraq. Auxiliary members Kim Gallino and Vickie Peters baked several dozens of brownies each and sent them and other goodies to the Marines of MALS 29 Ordnance. We received wonderful thank you notes and attached pictures. (pictures on page 2)

With all the excitement of recent successful projects many Auxiliary members were volunteering to bake. Jan Jones, Melissa Lagerquist, Debbie Holcomb, Vickie Dellinger and Lelani Kubik all baked brownies and mailed them to the OHO (LCDR Steven Maxwell) and Weapons Department of the USS John C. Stennis. Melissa Paige, Dottie Michel and I baked and mailed to LT James Willett and the Ordies of the Air Wing aboard The Stennis. Besides the brownies we always include recent magazines, playing cards (collected and donated by Carolyn Thomas), candy, books and other items that are requested, like "real" coffee asked for by LCDR Maxwell. We have photos from Weapons Control aboard The Stennis, they are great. (pictures on page 2)

Just after we mailed our first package to The Marines a civic group in Iota, Louisiana offered to sell us home made pecan pralines all wrapped and packaged for less than their cost. We purchased nearly 500 and did an additional mailing to MALS 29 in Iraq and the USS Stennis. We are still attempting to get more addresses for our Ordies who are deployed, not always an easy task SO, IF YOU KNOW of any Ordnancemen deployed PLEASE contact me so that we can send them our "A Taste of Home" packages.

After all our grocery and postage bills are paid we still have a bit over \$50.00 in the fund as well as a small amount of money that has been sent directly to the Auxiliary Treasurer for the "A Taste of Home" project. My personal heartfelt thanks goes out to all Auxiliary members who have taken time out of their busy schedules and baked for our Ordies, many of them also donated other goodies and either their groceries or the postage and some donated all. You are all very special to me.

I look forward to sending more "A Taste of Home" packages to our Ordies in the future. If you would like to make a donation to the fund please send it to AAAO Taste of Home, c/o Carolyn Thomas, 1394 Lilac Ave., Chula Vista, CA 91911. Thank you.

Hope to see everyone at the 2007 AAO Convention/Symposium. As always feel free to contact me at 775-423-9205 or [ljmanley@charter.net](mailto:ljmanley@charter.net).

Delores Manley  
AAAO President  
**"WE SUPPORT THE ARMS OF THE FLEET"**







# Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation



As this years Associations symposium and convention is drawing closer many of us are making plans on attending by making our convention registration and event attendance "wish list", social and award banquet tickets, hotel reservations and "how are we going to get there" arrangement plans. All of the committees and committee chairman need your support by spending "just a little of your time" Friday sitting on one of the many that will be selecting the AO of the Year, Scholarship, Membership, etc. Let your desires known when you return your 2007 Convention Reservation Application, due NLT 15 June 2007, to JJ. You can also sign up for any of these committees when you register at the symposium/convention desk if you have not already done so. See the latest Red Shirt, page 7 for the full information and form. Save time and money, register early!

As the President of the Association's Educational Foundation, I will remind one and all that the 15<sup>th</sup> of June is also the cut-off dead line for this years Scholarship application receipt. If you have not already started in getting the application, available at local chapters, web, or many other locations, or having difficulty in getting one, it is still not too late to make your request known, contact me at: egunner@lightspeed.net, or 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164 or any of the Foundation Officers listed on page 15 of the Red Shirt. "We are here to support" the Foundation and Association. Let's make this year scholarship selection committee work even harder than last year by providing them, and your dependents, working towards their educational goals with applications. Some time and thought in making an application is well worth the effort and rewards received. Again, the latest Red Shirt has many articles that will assist one and all. I thank all of those individuals that have submitted these important and very informative articles and only wish that they were available many years ago to assist my dependents in their application and scholarship process.

At the 2007 Convention, during their first Board of Directors Meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer Positions in the AAOEF and as the President of the AAOEF I am soliciting advance nominations for the following Offices:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Vice President	DawnRae Sealy
Secretary	AOCM Dennis Costa USN Ret.
Board of Director	AOC Larry Cowell USN Ret.
Board of Director	Shannon N. Williams (Auxiliary Member)

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 By-laws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Member of the Association nominate them.

I will be accepting advance nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> of July 07'). To make a nomination you must be a Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination.

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

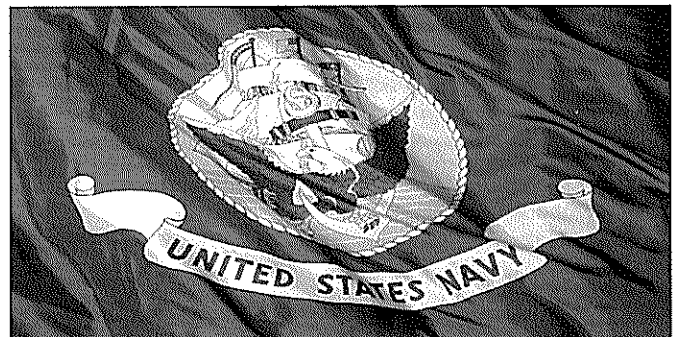
Mail advance nominations to: 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 3264 or E-Mail them to [egunner@lightspeed.net](mailto:egunner@lightspeed.net).

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

I also wish to thank one and all for your continued financial support to the Educational Foundation. Each one of you, chapters, auxiliary and corporations "make it happen" benefiting many towards their educational dreams. See you in Reno? IYAOYAS.

Ed Scott





## Chapter 74

Greetings to all from the Tip of the Spear. Chapter 74 is currently forward deployed with IKE, supporting our troops in Operation Enduring Freedom. The Association is making plans for our next port visit, getting together for upcoming Community Relations projects and some much-needed R&R.

The Chapter conducted a highly successful membership drive, holding a Members-Only Texas Hold 'Em tournament, adding 55 new members. Twenty-four players entered the tourney from CVN-74 and CVW 9, and it was a great time.

Chapter 74 would like to send out a hearty Bravo Zulu to all of our fellow Ordies who were selected as new Gunners under the LDO/CWO Program, and in particular AOC(AW/SW) Michael Bautista (CVN-74) and AOC(AW/SW) Ri-

cardo Sanchez (VFA-146). Congratulations Gunners! We wish you the best of luck!

Chapter 74 would like to pass on a very special "Thank You" to Mrs. Mary Ann Laun, Auxiliary to the AAO "A Taste of Home" Project Coordinator. The packages received from AOCM(Ret) David and Dorothy Michel (Oak Harbor WA), Mrs. Jan Jones (Highlands TX), Mrs. Melissa Lagerquist (Chula Vista CA), Mrs. Vickie Dellinger (Stockton CA), Mrs. Debbie Holcomb (Jacksonville FL), and Mrs. Lelani Kubik (King George VA) really lifted all of our spirits. We'll let you all know next time how our new PT program is progressing, since we now have a bunch of calories to burn off.

Till next time, from all of us at Chapter 74, stay safe and *IYAOYAS*.

v/r  
AO1(AW/SW) Emmett Garner  
President, Chapter 74

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## Why You Should Emphasize Leadership In Scholarship Applications

**W**hen you were a child, being a leader meant you decided which schoolyard game to play during recess. Now, it may mean leading an organization, heralding a cause, or influencing the establishment. In the future, it will mean managing and motivating a team of people or making a difference in your community.

Scholarship committees recognize the value of supporting students who are promising leaders—in fact this is a quality that almost all scholarships will reward. They want to back those who will move and shake their world.

When you apply for scholarships that value leadership, it's not enough to say that you are a leader. You need to prove it to the scholarship committee with your experiences and illustrations. Here are some strategies for applying for leadership-based scholarships:

**To demonstrate your leadership ability, show the scholarship committees how you've been a leader.** Describe leadership positions you've held and your responsibilities in each, but don't stop here. In addition, use examples to illustrate how you've successfully led a group, how you've directed or motivated your peers. Give the scholarship committee your most shining example of your leadership in action.

**Provide concrete examples of the effects of your leadership.** For example, did your team meet its goals? Did you lead a new or innovative project? Did you increase membership or participation? Were there changes as a result of your efforts? This provides solid evidence of the influence of your leadership and your ability to effect change.

**Recognize that being a leader doesn't just mean being the president of a class or organization.** Leaders are people who are passionate about their cause and who influence other people. Leadership can take many forms from writing an editorial column to leading a Girl Scout troop. Include both formal and informal leadership roles you've played. This may consist of official positions you've held as well as special projects you've led in which you didn't have an official title. The important thing about leadership is that you have influenced other people and rallied them to take action.

**In applications, highlight your main responsibilities and achievements as a leader.** This will provide a quick overview of your accomplishments. Select those that best fit the mission of the scholarship.

**In essays, do not just repeat the information that is in**

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**For interviews, go beyond your applications.** Don't recount information that your interviewers can easily find in your applications or essays. Instead, provide personal information about your leadership experience or approach to leadership. Practice sharing examples of times you've been a leader. Exude confidence in your interview. Since you'll be in the company of other leaders on the scholarship committee, ask them about their philosophy of leadership, what they did as students, and what they find challenging about being a leader in their fields.

**Ask recommenders to describe examples of your leadership ability.** Remind them of projects and events in which you were a leader so that they can complete the portrait of you as a strong leader.

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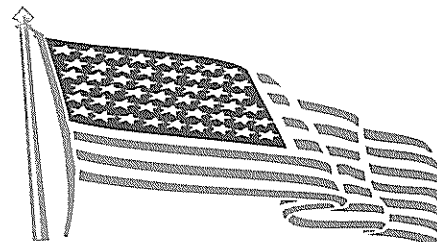
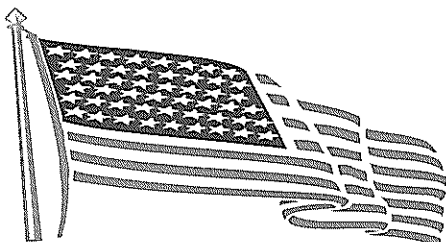
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## WEAPON SYSTEMS SAFETY

By Al Albers

It's a known fact that ordnance safety measures have been written in blood. Many of the precautions we now follow are the unfortunate results of lessons that were learned only after men were accidentally injured or killed. Whenever explosives are handled outside the safety confines of their magazines, the danger of a fire or explosion is highly prevalent. And, the greater the quantities of munitions involved, the greater the risk. Mishaps involving weapons have occurred for centuries. The discovery of substances such as "guncotton," nitroglycerine, and the "high explosives" picric acid and TNT in the late 1800s, made explosives all the more powerful and deadly. The bottom line: handling ordnance is a dangerous procedure even under the best conditions.

Case in point: the Halifax Explosion of 1917. The 2001 Guinness Book of World Records identified this as the "Worst Explosion on Board a Ship." An extensive study of this unfortunate event concluded that when certain criteria (blast area, damage, people killed, amount of explosives involved, etc.) were factored, this was the world's largest man-made explosion, before Hiroshima. The cause of the Halifax explosion was the result of two ships (a Belgian relief vessel and a French munitions carrier) colliding in the harbor during World War I. It was an accident as a result of human error. As a result of this collision, casualties included more than 1,900 people killed, 9,000 injured, 1,600 buildings destroyed, 12,000 houses damaged, 6,000 homeless and 25,000 left with inadequate housing.

Twenty-seven years later (July 17, 1944) another catastrophe occurred; however, this time it was at the U.S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, California. On that day, three officers and 197 enlisted personnel of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserve, three enlisted personnel of the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, two civil service employees of the U.S. Navy, and 64 personnel of the U.S. Maritime Service were working on the pier and ships. Without warning, four hundred twenty nine tons of munitions exploded on the pier, along with 4,606 tons of munitions that were on the steamship E. A. Bryan, which was moored to the pier. As a result of said explosions, 269 people have not been seen since and are considered missing. The opinion of the Court of Inquiry cited over 60 specific problem areas and provided 19 recommendations for improvement. While there was no one specific item that was identified as being the sole cause of the catastrophe, one problem prominently stood out: there was no publication or instruction for naval establishments that adequately specified the methods to be used in handling high explosives, and existing regulations were negative in nature and prohibitory.

In bygone days, shipboard powder was kept in magazines that were guarded by Marines, and opened only when the ship's Captain so demanded. In the early years of the U.S. Navy, these magazine stowage compartments were sheathed with either lead or copper, which would prevent sparks from being produced by iron from nails on shoes, belts or tools. By the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, magazine stowage facilities had changed dramatically. Regrettably, magazine explosions aboard naval ships have killed thousands, primarily because of improper stowage and/or handling procedures.

In today's modern Navy, there are established safety procedures that are applicable to all activities (shipboard and ashore), however ordnance stowage facilities will vary by each ship class. Generally speaking, though, there are several fixed key areas for munitions. They are magazines, assembly areas, staging and transfer areas, and other support areas. It's important to understand their functional importance as it relates to weapons handling so let's quickly review their purpose.

- **Magazines.** The term magazine, in reference to the stowage of ordnance and ammunition aboard ship, means any compartment or locker which is used to house explosives or munitions pyrotechnics of any kind. Magazines are designed by Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEASYSKOM). Specific design considerations are given to individual weapons' peculiarities and the total explosive content of the weapons to be stowed. The types of weapons to be stowed in each ship class are determined by the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), and are largely influenced by Type Commander (TYCOM) and Fleet Commander-in-Chief (threat scenario) inputs. After the quantity and type of weapons are determined, the CNO directs COMNAVSEASYSKOM to produce a ship's technical manual for weapons stowage and handling procedures. Concurrently, the Naval Inventory Control Point (NAVICP) is tasked with producing a "COMNAVSEASYSKOM Ship Fill and Mission Load Listing" for the individual ship. Ordnance Publication (OP) 4 details the weapons department authority regarding the handling and stowage of shipboard ammunition, and OP 3347 lists safety regulations governing weapons handling evolutions. Furthermore, the COMNAVSEASYSKOM magazine arrangement planning aide assists the weapons department in determining the exact quantities of weapons that can be stowed in any particular magazine.
- **Assembly Areas.** These are controlled spaces below the ship's main deck that are designated for the assembly of conventional weapons. The assembly area can also be used to load Multiple Ejector Racks (MER) or Triple Ejector Racks (TER). The ship's mess deck (crew members dining area) can also be used as an alternate assembly area.

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- **Staging and Transfer Areas.** These are areas in which ordnance is temporarily accumulated or is in transit. The transfer area usually affords the safest and quickest route of travel from build-up to staging areas. Staging areas (flight deck, hangar deck) are used to stow a ready supply of complete assembled weapons which are currently available to the air wing for loading. All weapons in staging areas shall:
  - o Be on mobile trucks or skids.
  - o Be convenient to jettison ramps.
  - o Have two clear access routes covered by sprinkler systems or manned fire hoses.
  - o Be located as far away as practical from fueling stations and liquid oxygen carts.
  - o Be manned and have provisions for physically securing the weapons.
- **Other Support Areas.** These include Ready Service Magazines, Lockers, and Inert Stowage Spaces. Magazines, lockers, and stowage spaces are located above the waterline and are used to stow a small amount of ready-for-issue ordnance items, including missiles.

Ordnance magazines are typically equipped with thermal insulation, ventilation, and sprinkling systems designed to cool the weapons below a programmed upper temperature limit. Vents are also provided to prevent disruptive pressures from developing within the magazine in the event of inadvertent propulsion motor ignition. And, where Marines once stood guard over the entrance, locking devices and alarm systems, both local and remote, are now commonplace. In a nutshell, munitions stowage facilities are much more secure nowadays.

In recent years, the U.S. military has shifted its individual service engagements towards the joint arena in order to project combat power, and conduct operational and tactical activities on a worldwide basis. These efforts included show-of-force operations, interventions, non-combatant evacuations, no-fly zone enforcements, peace-keeping, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief. These successful efforts were the result of operational test and evaluation efforts through the auspices of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Test and Evaluation Program (JT&E). Since its inception in 1970, the JT&E Program's primary mission has been to support joint warfighters by providing quantitative, test-validated information to assess "current" joint military capabilities and identify proven methodologies. Improved tactics, techniques and procedures (TTP) for use by the Joint Forces provided the means to enhance joint training scenarios by developing new warfighting strategies. Additionally, there is also a need for a revised emphasis on weapons systems safety when supporting these Unified and Specified Commands'.

A frequent training evolution involves having U.S. Special

Operations Command (USSOCOM) and U.S. Army units operate aboard Navy ships with their primary weapon systems. There is a continuous need to petition the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for repeated use of one-time event waivers. Airborne weapons handling scenarios introduce a degree of risk that requires careful planning and advance preparation. Explosives that are handled on a flight deck or in a hanger bay are subjected to an environment of hot jet, or starting unit, exhausts and the ever-present possibility of a fuel or aircraft fire. Furthermore, these weapon systems do not have Hazards to Electromagnetic Radiation to Ordnance (HERO) classifications. HERO conditions require that radio and radar transmitting equipment be placed under Emission Control (EMCON) settings; specifically, the transmitters are turned off. These mandatory restrictions drastically reduce shipboard communications, and detection and tracking capabilities until operations are completed. When EMCON is in effect, ships are more vulnerable to enemy fire. Adverse meteorological disturbances such as lightning, high winds, precipitation and thunderstorms also have an effect on the safe handling of ordnance.

Eliminating unsafe conditions and minimizing the impact of hazardous situations is paramount to conducting 24/7 aircraft and shipboard operations. Safety standards and procedures are vitally important for the prevention of personnel injury and property damage, especially when it involves explosive munitions. With an increase in global joint operations, especially in the littoral arena, the need to handle, stow and use existing non-naval munitions aboard U.S. Navy ships, to satisfy joint warfighting requirements, cannot be taken lightly. Simply equipping ships with innovative technology to conduct and/or test the multi-mission capabilities of sea-based forces isn't enough to guarantee both shipboard and personnel safety.

In May 2004, the JT&E Executive Steering Group approved a Joint Shipboard Weapons and Ordnance (JSWORD) Quick Reaction Test (QRT). The purpose of a QRT is to provide the joint warfighter with a rapid test and evaluation process that can meet specific and focused warfighter challenges within the scope of the JT&E program purpose. QRTs have accelerated review, approval and execution timelines, and are typically executed with a 6-12 month timeframe. Additionally, QRTs provide the warfighter with timely solutions and products to meet real-world contingencies and problems.

The JSWORD QRT, sponsored by USSOCOM, was tasked to establish, document, and publish a standard joint procedure to mitigate the risks associated with the 2.75-inch Folding Fin Aerial Rocket (FFAR) during joint shipboard training and operations. The expected benefit to the joint warfighter is that a process would be developed for use of the 2.75-inch FFAR in a shipboard environment, with a specific focus on transportation, stowage, handling, loading and unloading, operations and training. The necessity to

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train for and to conduct combat operations requires the acceptance of certain risks which cannot be avoided in the handling of ordnance. JSWORD demonstrated the successful tube loading of FFARs with live warheads on U.S. Army (USA) and USSOCOM assault helicopters, while engines were running and rotor blades were turning, during an at-sea test aboard the USS Nassau (LHA 4). Helicopter units from the U.S. Army's Special Operations Command (MH-60 Blackhawk and the MH-6 Defender), the U.S. Marine Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Air Wing (AH-1 Cobra), and the North Carolina Army National Guard (AH-64 Apache) participated in this multi-Service test. The QRT demonstrated that USA and USSOCOM Special Operations Force (SOF) personnel can effectively train and operate from Navy ships without compromising individual safety, and that there was no deviation in weapons handling techniques from or to magazines, assembly areas, and staging areas. As a result, the joint community can more rapidly certify other munitions needed to support emergent contingency operations without a continuous need for one-time waivers.

Weapons handling evolutions on Navy ships introduce an ever increasing degree of risk, and standardized safety policies and procedures must be adhered to at all times. It is difficult to cover every possible situation that may arise and which, unless properly handled, may have serious results. Printed precautions alone cannot prevent accidents! Established safety policies are applicable to all activities where training or operations require the use of explosive materials. In all cases, safe operating procedures must be explained in detail by those who know, to those who do not. Likewise, a clear and practical understanding of mishap prevention must be maintained in the minds of all personnel involved. This is accomplished through continuous supervision, instruction, and training at each echelon of command.

In an effort to meet future joint operational challenges, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E), authorized an 18-month Joint Shipboard Ammunition and Ammunition Boards (JSSABR) QRT. The August 2005 directive designated the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force (COMOPTEVFOR) as the lead Service Operational Test Agency (OTA). The JSAABR QRT team was directed to employ multi-Service and other Department of Defense (DOD) agencies support, personnel, and equipment to investigate, evaluate, and make recommendations to expand, refine, further validate, and exercise the recently completed JSWORD QRT-developed process.

The purpose of the JSAABR Process was to provide the requisite information needed to make safety-related decisions, minimize the need for waivers while streamlining the process to approve existing non-Naval ordnance items for shipboard use, and to improve safety at the operational level. To accomplish these tasks, the JSAABR team mem-

bers liaised with Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) China Lake, the U.S. Army's Armament Research Development Engineering Center (ARDEC) and Technology Applications Program Office (TAPO), Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIRSYSCOM), Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA), Naval Operational Logistics Support Center (NOLSC), USSOCOM, and the 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) at Fort Campbell. Established procedures, reference publications, and applicable policy documents were thoroughly analyzed. As a result of this research, the JSAABR team offered several tangible recommendations to USSOCOM to assist in developing new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to obtain approval to bring existing non-Naval weapons aboard Navy ships for both routine training and contingency operations. Even though the process was initially developed for USSOCOM, JSAABR's primary customer, it is applicable to all Services and will allow for repeatable, safe, joint operations and training aboard Navy ships.

The U.S. Navy's capability to deploy worldwide and to maintain a presence in international waters conducting various training exercises is an important part of, and a vital element in, its success as a fighting unit. When a ship is at sea, accidental damage and/or weapon detonation pose a greater risk due to the strong winds and heavy sea-states that the ship must endure. It is, therefore, imperative that a ship have the very best weapon handling systems available to minimize accidental damage or detonation.

All U.S. Navy ships, regardless of their age, have a common denominator related to weapon systems safety: extreme danger. Shipboard fires are the major concern, especially where the potential for fire is exceptionally high and the probability for weapons to be caught in a fire is also high. The possibility for a shipboard catastrophic casualty, due to powerful ordnance and the propensity for secondary explosions and fires, cannot be taken lightly. Adherence to strict safety procedures, especially when they involve weapon systems, hazardous cargo operations and munitions handling, are expected of all servicemen, not just the explosive ordnance disposal technicians or the munitions experts. Weapons systems safety is everyone's responsibility. For additional information contact CDR Dan Calderala at COMOPTEVFOR Code 84.







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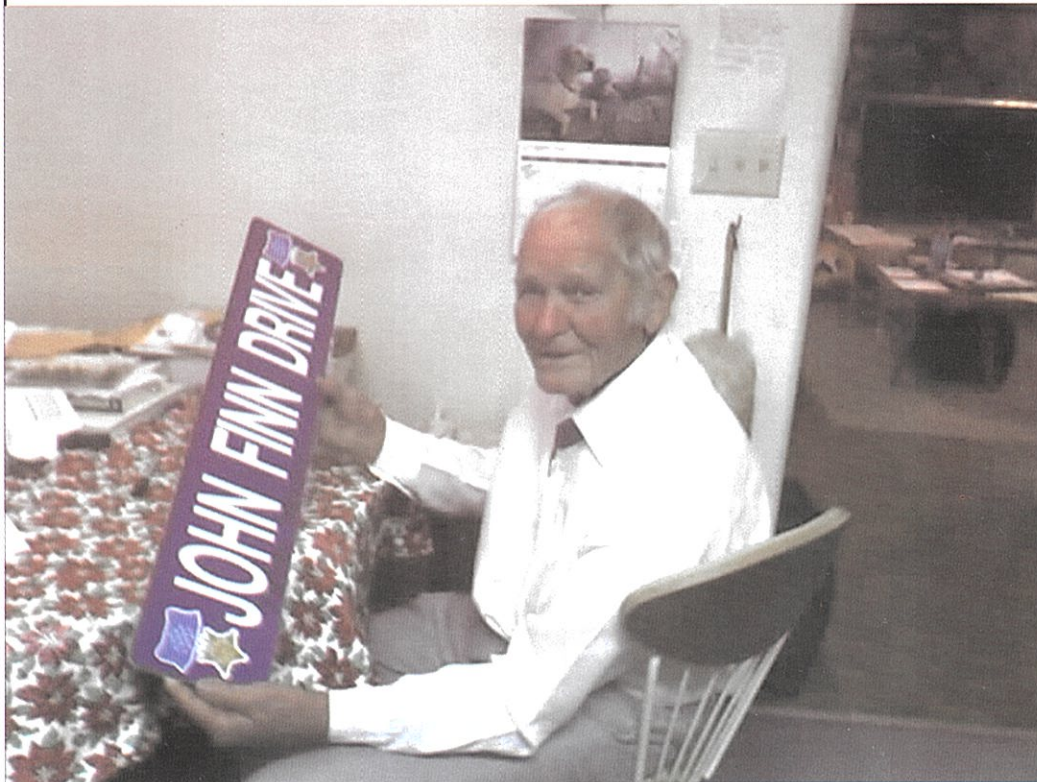
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