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AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAPTAIN MATT ARNOLD

Greetings fellow warriors, members of the auxiliary, family, and friends of the association. I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. It is hard to believe that another convention is in the books. Thank you to all who traveled from near and far to attend this year's event. The total attendance exceeded my expectations and, even though we were missing some of our normal attendees, it was enjoyable to see all who did attend. The COVID-19 pandemic did have an impact on our festivities, but we persevered and, in my humble opinion, conducted another successful function. It continues to be my honor to work with each one of you to grow this association. I urge each one of you to look for ways to increase the impact of this organization on our profession and our community. We must rely on our members, with the guidance and assistance of our elected leaders, to chart the course we will navigate. The success of this association requires that we work together in order to achieve the best effect.

First, I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the Lieutenant John W. Finn Ordnancemen of the Year selectee, AO1 (AW/SW) Eric Winters and Runner-Up, AO1(AW/SW) Chase Thomson. Congratulations also goes out to our newest AAO Hall of Honor Inductees, CDR(Ret.) Mike Gramolini and CWO4(Ret.) Barry Stemler. To the new national officers, I offer my congratulations on your election and installation and my thanks for your willingness to serve this organization. I would also like to express the appreciation of the association to the former officers for providing the guidance necessary to keep this organization operating smartly and

effectively for many years. To the national officers who continue to serve I offer my personal thank you for your performance of the work required to support the association. Finally I would like to express the appreciation of the association to the local chapter officers and members who work diligently to advance the purposes of this association.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all of the members who selflessly worked to plan and support the execution of another successful annual convention. The success of this endeavor rests squarely upon the shoulders of a small number of our members who perform a lion's share of the work. They perform this work for very little recognition and even less reward. I will not individually recognize these members, as I am sure I would forget one or two, so I will just offer my thanks for all you do to support this event.

In closing I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas. Please keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization and the purposes to which it is dedicated. I look forward to the great works that this association will perform in the future.

IYAOYAS,

Matt



AAO NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT AOCS(RET) TIM ZIMMER

Ahoy maties!

I hope this edition finds you all happy and healthy. I know everyone is entitled to their personal opinions and beliefs, but, look at the science, not Facebook, 'nuff said.

Being able to host the Convention this year was so much more exciting than any previous year, by far. Having been in condition Zebra for damn near an entire year really made those of us that attended appreciate the comradery that much more. Even though we had to go back to masks Friday (state of Nevada), we did not let that diminish our good time. As usual, Kirk Brado was on top of everything from the get go so we were able to enjoy ourselves without a care in the world. Krik Bardo, I salute you! We held elections for Treasurer and (2) Board of Director positions this year. Congratulations to Todd Pendleton, our new National Treasurer! Yes, you have a steep learning curve but I have no doubt you will pick it up in no time. Tom Lord, I can't express enough gratitude for your 10 years of service as our Treasurer. You kept this machine rolling and made sure we never wanted for anything. Jeff Sassone was re-elected to another term as a Board of Director. Jeff, your professional acumen and tutelage are immeasurable and I sincerely appreciate your, now, 10 years on the BOD. Last, but certainly not least, Al Dean was elected to the BOD. Al has held many other offices in the past and his knowledge and insight will be a welcome addition. Laura Colby, thank you for your service on the Board of Directors. Even though you were "out of pocket" for most of your last term, you always maintained contact and stayed involved. BZ.

Congratulations to this year's John W Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, AO1 (AW/SW) Eric Winters from USS Dwight D Eisenhower (CVN 69), and Runner Up, AO1 (AW/SW) Chase Thompson from USS Nimitz (CVN 68). Outstanding performers that will be in khakis very, very soon, no doubt about it. Also, during the convention, we added (2) members to the Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame. Welcome to the ranks CDR Mike Gramolini, USN (Ret) and CWO3 Barry Stemler, USN (Ret). Absolutely well deserved. Lastly, Rick Garza and his Scholarship Committee awarded Erica Crews, James Besaw, Monye Morgan, Miriam Barba, Sydney Robinson, Jessica Hoag and Dominique Ambers with scholarships. Congratulations to you all!

One unfortunate bit of news is that we had to send letters to Chapters LHD 7 USS Iwo Jima, 11 Kaneohe Bay, 35 Eglin, 39 Beaufort, 72 USS Abraham Lincoln and 671 Guam warning them that we will have to begin disestablishment procedures if they do not contact us with updated reports. We have already heard from a couple of them and hope that they will be able to keep their Chapters alive. If you are in any of these Chapters or know someone that is, please get the word out that they are in danger of losing their Chapter status. Any Association Officer can be contacted for assistance (emails are in this edition as well as on the website).

IYAOYAS

Tim



AAO NATIONAL SECRETARY
AOCM(RET) JJ LAMAITRE

Greetings Ordies – Had a good Convention in Reno this year, numbers were better than expected seeing we lost 2020 Convention due to COVID. Was a busy week and a lot of business was done for your Association. The General Business Minutes are elsewhere in this edition of the Red Shirt.

A BIG THANKS to Tom Lord for the past 10 years as Treasurer, always there, not bashful in telling people NO, and provided sage advice to the Officers and membership as Treasurer. A ‘Welcome Aboard’ to our new Treasurer Todd Pendleton, he will be an asset to the Association and has a big learning curve to get through. Please be patient. Also ‘Welcome Aboard’ to the BOD for Al Dean and continuing on the BOD with Jeff Sassone being reelected. Thanks Jeff for your continuing service.

Start NOW making plans for Convention 2022 to be held at the Silver Legacy (The Row), Reno, NV from 21 July thru 24 July 2022. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. We will be at the Silver Legacy through 2024. If you would like to have an alternative place or location starting in 2025, contact the Formal Convention Committee Chairman Kirk Brado. Keep in mind a lot of factors go into the decision including (but not limited to) meeting spaces, room rates, ease of transportation to and from the airport, and costs associated with those items and more. In other words, ‘Best Bang for the Buck’ for the membership.

Chapter Officers – We are now coming out of COVID restrictions. You have seen my comments in the last several Red Shirts. Chapter Reports have gotten better HOWEVER the rubber has met the road. I have sent out warning letters for de-activation for six Chapters as directed by the BOD at Convention. I need Chapter Reports submitted to me to me on a regular basis. Do NOT put your Chapter into an ‘Inactive’ status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to nationalaaosec@gmail.com

Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin at the Aquarius on January 13th – 16th for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt and Web Site for more details.

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your Secretary for the past 7+ years. 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 Laughlin.

If you have any questions, concerns, or if I can assist you or your Chapter, just ASK. IYAOYAS!

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary



**AAO NATIONAL TREASURER
(OUT-GOING)**

AOCM(RET) TOM LORD

This year, like last year, was again disappointing with the returns of the Financial Statements.

Whether you have a representative at the convention, or not, you must submit your Annual Financial Statements, along with your chapter scholarship donations. These are part of our tax filing requirements and we cannot submit an accurate tax report without all the information.

I'm still seeing notifications of the death of Ordies on Facebook. I cannot use that as an official notice to include then in the Taps section of the Red Shirt. I will need some sort of formal notification if I am to use it. An email with the pertinent will do.

The last two years have been a hard one for the Chapters, as well as the National, when it comes to recruiting. Not only has recruiting been down but, renewals have been down as well. Kudos to those chapters that continue to push memberships.

For those of you that haven't heard, this will be my last input to the Red Shirt. As soon as we can arrange it, I am turning over the Treasurer's position to CWO4 Todd Pendleton USN Ret. Knowing Todd as long as I have, I have no doubt he will do a superb job.

For all you Ordies out there, this has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had the pleasure doing. In the ten years I have been doing this job, I got to see a lot of you grow from young, deck-plate sailors to the leaders of our ordnance community. Keep up the good work, I know our Navy is in good hands.

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 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; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to the new treasurer at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com. 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.

IYAOYAS!

R,

Thomas Lord

AAO Treasurer



**AAO NATIONAL TREASURER
(NEWLY ELECTED)
CWO4(RET) TODD PENDLETON**

Hello all Ordies. I wanted to introduce myself as your new National Treasurer. I'm looking forward to representing all the Ordnancemen and woman out there doing the hard work to protect us all. I have a big job learning all that is required to keep the AAO on track, but I have a great mentor in Tom Lord and all our current Officer's. We're working on our turn-over now and should be complete by the next Red Shirt issue or the end of the year, we'll see how it goes.

The 2021 Convention was a great success. If you are able, try to plan on attending the 2022 events, you will have a great time. I look forward to meeting all of you. We will get the registration information out as soon as possible for the 2022 Convention.

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. Keep us informed on your Chapter meeting minutes, required reports and Red Shirt inputs.

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are moving. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get your Red Shirt electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. You can make any changes via the web site, via snail mail; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com. 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.

IYAOYAS!

R,
Todd Pendleton
AAO Treasurer



**AAAO PRESIDENT
TERESA ZIMMER**



Happy Fall All,

I hope you are doing well and enjoyed convention as much as I did. It was so nice to see all you. We missed some of you this year. Maybe next year you all can join us.

Congratulations to the new elected officers we are happy to have you on our team.

For the AAAO. It was a very nice luncheon on our Saturday meeting and we all agreed we will do it

again next year. It was very relaxing and intimate for us to all relax and have fun. I hope you all enjoyed the prizes.

We did FANTASTIC on Auction night with the circumstances of not having a lot of attendees this year with COVID.

A very big "Thank You" to all of the folks that donated. Well, take care and hope to see yawl @ our planning meeting in Laughlin in Jan 2022.

Take Care, Teresa Zimmer,
AAAO President

MEMORABILIA MARKETPLACE

There have been inquiries about purchasing Memorabilia items by mail. Linda Earl will be happy to mail out any items that you are interested in. There will be a 20% shipping and handling fee added to all orders.

Please fill out the order form with a check made payable to AAAO and send to
Linda Earl, 31667 S. Rim Drive, Polson, MT 59860.

Her contact information is lindaearlmt@yahoo.com or (406)531-2711.



MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

ITEM	UNIT PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Duffle Bag	12.00		
Bear w/Red Shirt	10.50		
Car Sunshade	10.00		
Red Grocery Tote	4.00		
Red Ruby Lanyard	8.00		
Stadium Blanket	15.00		
			+20% S&H
TOTAL ORDER			

NAME _____ PHONE: _____

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CITY: _____ ST _____ ZIP: _____

2021 JOHN W FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR

AO1 (AW/SW) ERIC WINTERS USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN69)

Aviation Ordnanceman First Class Eric Michael Winters was born on April 24 1991 in Harrisburg, PA and was raised in Sunbury, PA where he attended and graduated from Shikellamy High School in 2009. Following high school graduation, he enlisted in the Delayed Entry Program and reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL in August 2010. After his successful completion of Recruit Training, he attended and graduated Aviation Ordnanceman "A" school in December 2011 and received orders to his initial duty assignment at Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron NINE (HSC-9) in Norfolk, VA.

At HSC-9 he quickly advanced to Third- and Second-Class Petty Officer, completing two combat deployments onboard USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH (CVN-77) to the Commander, Fifth and Sixth Fleet Areas Of Responsibility (AOR) supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE. In October of 2015, AO1 Winters transferred to Naval Air Technical Training Center (NAITC) in Pensacola, FL where he advanced to Petty Officer First Class in July of 2016 and earned his Master Training Specialist designation. During this tour, AO1 Winters was honored as a finalist for the 2018 Pensacola Navy League Margret Flowers Award for service to the local community.

In January 2019 he reported onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69) deploying twice in less than 18 months to include an unprecedented 206 consecutive days at sea deployment to the Commander, Fifth, and Sixth Fleet AORs in support of Operations INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. During this tour MIGHTY IKE Weapons Department received the Commander, Naval Air Forces Black W award for Weapons Department excellence marking

the first time in more than a decade that IKE had received this distinction.



AO1 Winters is married to his wife of 9 years, Alyssa and they share two children together Julian and Blair. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Navy Rifle Expert Medal, Navy Pistol Expert Medal, Navy League Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, Congressional Letter of Recognition, and various unit and campaign awards.

2021 JOHN W FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR
RUNNER-UP

AO1 (AW/SW) CHASE THOMSON
USS NIMITZ (CVN68)

AO1(AW/SW) Chase S. Thomson was born and raised in Louisville, Colorado. He enlisted in the United States Navy in October 2010 after graduating from Erie High School, and attended basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Upon graduating from recruit training, he reported for duty onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70). While assigned, he completed three Western Pacific deployments and performed duties as an Aviation Ordnanceman in Weapons Department, G-1 Division. During this tour, he advanced to Petty Officer Third and Second Class.

In November 2015, Petty Officer Thomson reported to Navy Munitions Command Pacific East Asia Division, Unit Misawa, Japan. He performed duties as an Aviation Ordnanceman in the Quality Assurance Department as the Leading Petty Officer. During this tour, he was selected as the 2016 Junior Sailor of the Year and 2017 NMCPAC EAD Junior Sailor of the Year and was meritoriously advanced to Petty Officer First Class.

In March 2020, Petty Officer Thomson reported to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) where he served as the G-3 Division Leading Petty Officer, managing 116 Sailors, until May 2021. During this time he completed an 11-month deployment to FIFTH and SEVENTH Fleets in support of Operations INHERENT RESOLVE, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and OCTAVE QUARTZ. After deployment, he then took over as the G-1 Division Leading Petty Officer, leading 50 Sailors.

Petty Officer Thomson is qualified as an Enlisted Aviation and Surface Warfare Specialist. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards), and the 2016, and 2017 NMCPAC EAD Junior Sailor of the Year.

Petty Officer Thomson is currently enjoying life in Bremerton, Washington with his wife Ashley and son, William.



ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

CDR MIKE GRAMOLINI, USN, RET



Born in Newport, Rhode Island on 27 July 1962. He entered active duty on August 28, 1980 and attended boot camp at RTC Great Lakes.

His assignments include: USS America (CV-66); Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes; VFA-137; NATTC Memphis, TN; USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70); Naval Base Ventura County; CVW-11; USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74); US Strategic Command Offutt AFB, NE; Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit; and Navy Munitions Command Yorktown, VA.

His awards include: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2 Awards); Navy Expeditionary Medal (2 Awards); Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 Awards), Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 Awards), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 Awards); Meritorious Serve Medal (2 Awards), and Defense Meritorious Medal.

He had an extremely successful active duty career, moving through the ranks from Airman Recruit to Commander. During this career his efforts made a significant and positive impact on the Aviation Ordnance community and the Navy/Marine Corps team as a whole. Some of his active duty accomplishments were:

- Selected as a Recruit Company Commander at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. During his tour, he trained, Lead and mentored ten Recruit Companies all graduating with Distinction.
- Expertly assembled and managed 165 Navy, Marine Corps and civilian instructors at 6 learning sites, graduating 1,929 classes and 15,040 highly trained technicians for Fleet operations.
- Provided professional guidance and key Aviation Ordnance expertise as an AO “A” School Instructor. Instructed and graduated three classes of over 100 sailors with no student failures.

Following his military career, he continued his contributions to the ordnance community while working as a civilian Explosives Safety Officer (ESO) at Naval Air Station, Key West, and NSA Souda Bay, Crete. His success as an ESO led to him being selected to become an Explosive Safety Inspector for Naval Ordnance Safety & Security Activity Atlantic.

He is a committed supporter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen . He is Life Member 4097. He has been a member and officer in Chapters 1, 7, 9, S-87, Key West, and founding father the Spartan Chapter in Souda Bay Crete. He has served on the National Board of Directors for 2 years and was the AAOEF Vice-President for 3 years.

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

CWO3 BARRY STEMLER, USN, RET



Entered active duty as an Airman Recruit in September 1974 and attended boot camp at RTC San Diego, CA

His assignments include Aviation Ordnance 'A' School NATTC Memphis, TN; USS Ranger (CV-61); USS Constellation (CV-64); VP-1 NAS Barbers Point; NATTC Memphis, TN; Navy Recruit Training Command San Diego, CA; USS Peleliu (LHA-5) NS San Diego; Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific (COMFAIRWESTPAC) Atsugi, JA; Senior Enlisted Academy @ Naval War College, Newport RI; USS Independence (CV-62) NS Yokosuka, JA; VF-11 and VF-101 NAS Miramar; and USS Essex (LHA-3) NS San Diego.

His military awards include: Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); Southwest Asia Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (8); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal (2 Awards); Meritorious Unit Commendation; Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 Awards), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 Awards). During his Civil Service career he was recognized with the DON

Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

Some of his specific contributions, special achievements and superior performance while on active duty include:

- While assigned to USS Constellation's G-4 Division he was the cornerstone contributor to 95% weapons elevator reliability during an 8 month deployment, including a major ordnance off load.
- As a Recruit Company Commander he led two Recruit Companies that were recognized as the "Color Company", the highest recognition for a Recruit Company; was an Instructor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Quarter..
- Spearheaded the initial F-14D air-to-ground weapons certification for over 45 student aircrew and ordnance allowing the F-14 to expand into the BombCat role After retiring in 2001 he continued to support the Aviation Ordnance community as both a contractor and civil servant. He served as both Ordnance Technical Consultant and Ordnance Superintendent for Raytheon Technical Service operation of NAVMAG Guam. He began his civil service career in 2002 working for the Command Navy Region Southwest/ Navy Munitions Command as the Explosive Safety Officer/Supervisor. Hi 2016 he was instrumental in the Navy Special Warfare Range Enterprise Transition from Naval Special Warfare Group ONE to COMNAVSPECWARCEN earning him the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

He is a stalwart supporter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and has been actively involved with the Association since 1989; an active member of Chapter 8 and has served as Chapter 8's Secretary/Treasurer since 2012. His contributions to the association go far beyond the local chapter member meetings; passionately promoting the history of LT John Finn an adamant supporter of the Association's scholarship program assisting in fund raising.

**2021 AAO ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDEES**

2021 Robert L. Crow

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS:

ERIKA F. CREWS (\$6,000)

JAMES L. BESAW (\$5,000)

MONYE M. MORGAN (\$3,000); MIRIAM BARBA (\$3,000); SYDNEY A.
ROBINSON (\$3,000)

2021 ADDITIONAL

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

IN MEMORY OF JAMES E. THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

JESSICA L. HOAG (\$2,000)

IN MEMORY OF DAVID MICHEL

DOMINIQUE L. AMBERS (\$1,500)

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

AAO CH 1	AAO CH 3	AAO CH 4	AAO CH 5
AAO CH 21	AAO CH 22	AAO CH 34	AAO CH 78
AAO Auxiliary	AAO CH 8	AOC Dave & Helen Overstreet USN Ret	
AO1 Brent Nesbitt	LTCOL Darren Gallagher USMC	LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken USN Ret	
LT Oscar & Linda Robinson USN Ret		Robert E. Bailey	
AOCM Donald & Thelma Sanders USN Ret		Doug & Amy Brindle	

IN MEMORIUM

Francis Carmichael – In Memory of LT John W. Finn USN Ret
Doris From – In Loving Memory of CWO3 Roy From USN Ret
AAO CH 9 – In Memory of CDR Floyd English USN Ret & CWO4 Ed Scott USN Ret
AAO CH 8 – In Memory of LCDR Jim Thompson USN Ret
AAO CH 3 – In Memory of AOCM Dave Michel USN Ret
AOC Chris & Maureen Carter – In Memory of LCDR Jim Thompson USN Ret
AOC Bob Underwood USN Ret – In Loving Memory of Dottie Underwood
AOCM John & Tess Lamaitre USN Ret – In Memory of CWO4 Mike Smith USN Ret

IN SUPREME COMMANDERS SERVICE

CWO3 C. John Schoonmaker USN Ret – Plankowner AOC Fred WQ. Stahle USN Ret*
CWO4 Robert H. Wildermuth USN Ret AOC Guy E. Culver USN Ret*

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 2021 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Matt Arnold, President, called the 2021 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0904, 31 July 2021, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and playing of the Ordie song.

Rick Garza, Chaplain Pro Tem, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 55 members present for the Business Meeting. The Registration List is Enclosure (1) to these minutes.

General Announcements:

The President reminded everyone in attendance to fill out a General Business Meeting Registration card.

Official Announcements:

In accordance with ARTICLE VII, Section 2 of the By-Laws, the privilege of nominating, making motions, debating and voting is reserved for regular members of the Association during the course of this meeting.

Under Roberts Rules of order Article 31, when we get to the elections the President will, after giving ample opportunity to make nominations from the floor, with no further nominations forthcoming, close the nominations. A motion to close nominations will be in order.

Report on the Board of Directors Actions During the Course of the Year (since last Convention 2019):

- a. Approved the FY 2020/2021 Budget' (May 18, 2020)
- b. Approved the Memorandum for the Record in lieu of BOD/ GBM minutes for Convention 2020, which was cancelled due to COVID - 19. (August 4, 2020)
- c. Approved Amber Roth as Red Shirt Editor. (August 27, 2020)
- d. Approved Bylaws change proposal. (October 31, 2020)
- e. Held Ad hoc Board of Directors Meeting on January 15, 2021 via Zoom. Topic covered was Reno ground rules for possible Convention in 2021. Meeting minutes are part of Appendix A.
- f. Held Board of Directors Zoom meeting on April 17, 2021 and voted to move forward with plans for Convention 2021.
- g. Approved Board of Directors nomination of AO1 (AW/SW) Lindsey Smack who is currently deployed. (May 14, 2021)
- h. Approved the 2021/2022 Budget. (May 31, 2021)
- i. Approved corrected Bylaws change proposal. (July 29, 2021)

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2019 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #140 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes was read after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2019 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2019

General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2021/2022 Approved Budget and 2020/2021 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room and on the tables. The Treasurer then asked if there were any questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2021/2022 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2021 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

The 2021 Convention is another great success and no major issues have come up. 2022 dates are July 21, 2022 to July 24, 2022 here at the Silver Legacy (The Row). Planning Conference for 2022 Convention to be held in Laughlin, NV at the Aquarius Hotel Resort on January 13th – 16th 2022. Reservation Code 'C-AAO22'. We are here at the Silver Legacy through 2024. We will entertain proposed locations for 2025 and beyond in 2023.

AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza, Chairman -

Thanked the Chapters and the Auxiliary for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The Committee was comprised of six members, including one active duty, one Auxiliary member, and four retirees. The members represented over 193 years of Ordnance experience. A total of \$24,000 in Scholarships (broken up into 7 Scholarships) were awarded. There was 11 packages received, 2 of which were disqualified, leaving 9 applicants up for consideration. The reasons for disqualification include: 1 hand written and 1 did not have an official transcript. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners for 2021:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow \$6,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Erika F. Crews, Daughter of William E. Crews

Robert L. Crow \$5,000 Scholarship Award (1)

James L. Besaw, Grandson of David P. Michel

Robert L. Crow \$3,000 Scholarship Award (3)

Monye M. Morgan, Daughter of Mercer Morgan

Miriam Barba, Daughter of Miguel Barba

Sydney A. Robinson, Granddaughter of Oscar J. Robinson

2021 Additional Scholarship Award Winners

James Thompson Memorial Scholarship Donation, Founding Father Member 0001
\$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Jessica L. Hoag, Granddaughter of James M. Roper

In Memory Of David Michel Scholarship Donation

\$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Dominique L. Ambers, Daughter of Melinda Ambers

AO of the Year Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

The committee considered 57 packages. 13 Members, including active duty and retired members representing over 344 years of Ordnance experience, participated in the deliberations. The last two AAOY were recognized; 2019 (now) SSGT Jeremy Bowman and 2020 (now) AOC Nick Beemer. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen John W. Finn Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2021
 AO1 (AW/SW) Eric M. Winters CVN-69
 Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2021 Runner-Up
 AO1 (AW/SW) Chase S. Thompson CVN-68

Membership Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

Recruitment was off this year due to COVID. There was very little activity in the afloat chapters and NMC activities is still not improving and won't until we get the senior leadership involved, especially in the afloat chapters. The following is provided for your information:

	FY19-20	FY20-21
Total of all Current Members	1664	1570
Past Due (01 June – 31 May)	217	134
Life Members (Included above)	919	930
Honorary (Included above)	151	151
Current Dues Paying (Included above)	425	462
During FY20-21 we had the following new members:		
New Regular Members	76	110
New Associate Members	3	6
New Life Members	8	16
Total Inactive Members:	7794	7863
Total Unknown Members	108	114
Total Deceased Members	680	700

Nomination Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

The following offices are open for election/reelection:

Treasurer currently held by Tom Lord, AOCM USN (Ret.)

Board of Directors (Two) currently held by:

Jeffrey Sassone, CDR. USN (Ret.)

Laura Colby, AOCS USN

Nominee for Treasurer:

Todd Pendleton, CWO4 USN (Ret.)

Nominees for the Board of Directors:

AO1 (AW/SW) Lindsey Smack

Jeffrey Sassone, CDR. USN (Ret.)

If no nomination(s) are received from the floor, the Treasurer's Office will be fill by voice vote by the members present.

If floor nominations are received a ballot will be required. The nominee must be present and accept the nomination. The voting will be conducted utilizing the ballots that were provided as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting and their membership status was verified to be current.

The voting procedures will be restated prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone, Chairman –

There was two packages up for consideration. Four members (All HOF members) made up the committee and represented over 179 years of Ordnance experience including 3 former Association Presidents. Encouraged Chapters to go find that deserving HOF candidate locally and submit a package. The winners was announced at the Awards Banquet and is presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen AO Hall of Fame Selectee for 2021

CDR Michael P. Gramolini, USN (Ret.)

CWO3 Barry L. Stemler, USN (Ret.)

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

There are copies of current bylaws and proposed bylaw changes on the table. Basically removed the base years of the elected offices due to COVID restrictions last year. All offices were extended for one year. Also remove ‘and Nominations Committee’ from the duties of Vice President in Article 6.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll, Chairman – No formal report, however Tim had major damage to his home and is currently rebuilding. He has kept up the John W. Finn room at the AO School house.

AAO Website Report, Amber Roth, Chairman –

The new Website (redshirtnation.com) has been up and running for two years now. The old website since 1995 under Johnny Wheat as webmaster was recognized for all of his years. There still is a forwarding button from the old site to the new site.

Red Shirt Newsletter Report, Amber Roth, Chairman –

Amber has taken over from Kevin Megher and the transition has gone smoothly. Amber has done the last 3 Red Shirts and has been sending out additional Red Shirts to various commands. Asked inputs from the Chapters or individuals for anything or recommendations.

Reunion Book Committee, Sheryl Varga, Chairperson –

The Reunion Book is \$30 cash, check, or new for this year plastic cards accepted as payment. She requested that everyone get their pictures taken early and stated that the evolution will commence at 1530 in Silver Legacy B.

Chaplain Report, Mart Vance, Chaplain –

Read into the record by Tom Lord Treasurer. A total of 5 sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent out in all cases where the NOK info available and current. Please keep the members and family in your thoughts and prayers. This will be Mart’s last year as Chaplain.

Safety Committee, Jeff Sassone Chairman –

Stressed that safety is paramount in our day-to-day business. Got together with Air Forces Gun Boss Captain Matt Arnold and reviewed the PEO Integrated Warfare Systems (IWS) presentation AN/SPY-6(V)2/3 Enterprise Air Surveillance Radar Electromagnetic Environment (EME) Impacts to CVN 79. Of note is that the brief included the path to HERO compliance on CVN-79 which included a review of over 700 ordnance item where it was determined that 22 items would require HERO requalification for the EASR environment. It has been determined that the AIM-9M-8, AIM9M-10, and CATM-9M-27 would be HERO susceptible in the EASR environment require a HERO condition to be set during launch and recovery.

Working to have a formal presentation for next year. Please forward to Jeff or Gun Boss anything you want to see in the brief.

Chapter Reports: There are presently 31 active Chapters:

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Cindy Valdeva
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Angela Sobieski
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Jaree Cokley
Chapter 5	NAWC China Lake, CA	Rudy Ortiz
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Mike Shepard

RED SHIRT

Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Read into the record
Chapter 11	MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI	E-Mail received 8/21/21
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV	Brent Nesbitt
Chapter 22	NAS Patuxent River, MD	Jeff Sassone
Chapter 34	NAS Pensacola, FL	Josh Smith
Chapter 35	Eglin AFB	No Report
Chapter 39	MCAS Beaufort, SC	No Report
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report (3 Years)
Chapter 68	USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)	No Report
Chapter 69	USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER(CVN 69)	Read into the record
Chapter 70	USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)	No Report
Chapter 71	USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT(CVN 71)	No Report
Chapter 72	USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)	No Report
Chapter 73	USS GEORGE WASHINGTON(CVN 73)	(RCOH)
Chapter 74	USS JOHN C. STENNIS(CVN 74)	(RCOH)
Chapter 75	USS HARRY S. TRUMAN(CVN 75)	No Report
Chapter 76	USS RONALD REAGAN(CVN 76)	No Report
Chapter 77	USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH(CVN77)	Read into the record
Chapter 78	USS GERALD R. FORD(CVN 78)	Kevin Marbury
Desert/SW Chapter	NAF El Centro, CA	No Report
Chapter Key West	Key West, FL	Amber Roth
Chapter Spartan	Souda Bay, Crete	No Report
Chapter LHD 1	USS Wasp (LHD 1)	E-Mail received 8/2/21
Chapter LHD-4	USS BOXER (LHD 4)	No Report
Chapter LHD-7	USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)	No Report
Chapter LHD-8	USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8)	No Report
Auxiliary		Teresa Zimmer

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:

Total donations received is \$31,668.00

Old Business: The President called for any further Old Business.

New Business: The President called for any further New Business.

2022 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

Announced that next year's Convention will be held here at the Silver Legacy (The Row), Reno, NV. The Convention is 21 July thru 24 July 2022. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Communication is the key to the success of all the planned activities at this convention.

Room rates are \$79 Sunday – Thursday, and \$104 Friday / Saturday. Use the Silver Legacy web site to make reservations.

Bylaw Change Proposals, Kirk Brado, Chairman.

A Bylaw change proposal to remove the "Initial Years" in Article V for the office of President (Section 4); Vice President (Section 5); Secretary (Section 6) and Treasurer (Section 7). Change was necessary because of COVID and the Board of Directors authority to act in the best interests of the Association. Convention 2020 was cancelled and necessitated the change. Additionally the words 'and Nomination Committee' were stricken from the duties of the Vice President in Article VI Section 2. Both changes were approved unanimously by the members present.

President: Appointment of Committee Chairmen. President is working on Safety Committee Chairman.

Chapter Disestablishment: BOD directed the Secretary to issue warning letters to Chapters 11, 35, 39, 671, 71, 72, and LHD 7 for failure to comply with the bylaws in reporting Chapter reports. Absentee Voting Status, Tim Zimmer, Vice President –

Total ballots received: 0

Invalid ballots due to not being a member or associate member: 0

Invalid ballots: 0

Total ballots to count during voting: 00

Absentee ballots received last year (2019): 01 Election of Officers, Matt Arnold, President –

NOTE: Article V (5) Section 3 states that “A minimum of two officers must be active duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors” (Requirement met).

The President called for the election of Association Officers. He announced that the offices open for election are those of the Treasurer and two seats on the Board of Directors.

The following individuals were nominated for the offices identified:

Nominee for the office of Treasurer:

Todd Pendleton, CWO4 USN (Ret)

Nominees for positions on the Board of Directors:

Jeff Sassone, CDR USN (Ret)

Lindsey Smack, AO1 USN

Election for the office of Treasurer, position currently held by Tom Lord.

The Nominees are:

Todd Pendleton

Todd Pendleton was elected via floor voice vote to serve as Treasurer, term to expire 2024.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position currently held by Jeff Sassone.

The Nominees are:

Jeff Sassone

Jeff Sassone was reelected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2024.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Laura Colby.

The nominees are:

Lindsey Smack

Johnny King (Floor Nomination)

Al Dean (Floor Nomination)

Al Dean was elected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2024.

All officers will be installed after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed.

Election of Officers up in 2022, Matt Arnold, President –

The following offices will be open for election/reelection in 2022:

Board of Directors (Two):

Amber Roth, AOC USN (Ret.)

Steve Kashuba, CDR USN (Ret.)

NOTE: Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2022. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligations of the office.

Matt Arnold was nominated and accepted to run for reelection as President in 2022.

Further Business: The President called for any further business or input from the floor.

The President stressed that supervision is needed out on the flight lines. Data and analytics (CODR's) need to be reported to reflect what is going on in the fleet.

Angela Sobieski will work with the Web Master to get the responsibilities for Chapter Presidents onto the web site.

LTCOL Gallagher gave a 'State of the USMC' issues.

Closing remarks & announcements, Matt Arnold, President –

The President announced that next year's 46th Convention would be held here at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 21 July thru 24 July 2022.

BOD meet to be held at 1330 in Silver Baron B.

A moment of silence was held for those all of our departed Shipmates.

Chaplain Pro Tem Rick Garza delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2021 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1120, 31 July, 2021.

Enclosures 1 thru 3 are on file with the National Secretary.

Submitted by: JJ LaMaitre, AAO Secretary

Signed by: Matt Arnold, AAO President



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SUCH AN AMAZING TIME. HIS PLANNING AND
EXECUTION WAS FLAWLESS. ALWAYS BEHIND THE
SCENES AND NEVER ASKING FOR ANYTHING
(OTHER THAN A REPLACEMENT)!**



**THANK YOU KIRK FOR DOING WHAT YOU DO.
WE APPRECIATE YOU!**



CHAPTER ONE

Greetings from Chapter One Lemoore, CA, “Fleets Most Lethal”

SFWSPAC would like to give a shout out to VFA-86 who recently completed and successfully passed their Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection. Awesome Job Sidewinders!

Adopt a Highway is back up and running, with a new location. We have successfully completed two highway cleanups. Chapter One showed up stacked and took over our section on HWY 198. Shout out to AO1 Petri for setting all of this up!

We would like to congratulate AO2 (AW) Ambrileen Lee from VFA-94 for being the winner of our first annual “Sponsor a Shit Hot Sailor.” This year we asked NAS Lemoore’s leadership to nominate a sailor that deserved to be sponsored to go to the Convention and Represent Chapter One. Congratulations AO2, well deserved!!

On August 20th, 2021; NAS Lemoore Ordies Gathered at the Fleet Reserve to say farewell to AOCS Lopez and his family as they start a new Journey in Texas. Thank you AOCS Lopez for all the dedication, guidance and support you gave this flight line during your time here. You will be missed.

During our annual Summer Picnic which took place August 28th, 2021; Lemoore Ordies gathered together, to eat, bond and hangout. Shout out to AO2 Hickox for grilling all the food in 102 degree weather!!

And last but not least, I would like to congratulate Tiffany Wheat as our Chapter One George Segars Scholarship winner this year.

It’s been a good couple of months here in Lemoore, Ca. Stay safe out there.



CHAPTER FOUR



CHAPTER FIVE

This past year was a difficult year for Chapter 5. COVID-19 took our chapter membership from an all-time high and prevented us from having a meeting for over a year. During the “lockdown” we lost our President, Secretary, and Treasurer as they transferred out to other commands.

AOC Casey Wheelock vacated the Vice President office after being elected as Chapter 5 President. At our July 23rd 2021 meeting we elected a new Vice President (AO2 Rudy Ortiz), Secretary (AO3 Isaac Herzog) and Treasurer (AO3 Javion Turner).

With the support of our current active-duty Sailors, and the large number of retired/prior service members, Chapter 5 hopes to return to having 20-30 members at monthly meetings.

We will continue our Adopt-A-Road FOD walk downs four to five times a year and continue to participate in our local Ridgcrest community functions volunteering to help when able.

We had four active-duty Sailors from VX-9 join us in Reno for the 2021 AAO Convention and they had a wonderful experience manning the Chapter 5 Table and attending the Friday night social and Saturday night awards banquet.



CHAPTER EIGHT

AAO Chapter 8 Red Shirt Inputs for May - Aug 21

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, “The Chapter Where It All Started.” Since May 2021 our Chapter has finally been authorized to resume in-person meetings. Although everything has basically returned too normal there is always the possibility we could once again go into COVID lockdown. Only time will tell.

In May we held our second quarterly Adopt A Highway Walk with 16 volunteers showing up. What did not happen this year in May was our annual Chapter 8 Family Picnic. Due to the uncertainty of COVID lockdowns we opted to cancel our picnic but instead will have a family dinner with a raffle in November. The raffle will consist of a John Finn portrait (that hung in John’s home), \$200 second prize and a \$100 third prize. Tickets are on sale through AOCM(Ret) Diane Mcqueen-Gipson until first week of November.

On Monday, 31 May, 11 AAO Chapter 8 members and guests paid tribute to John Finn’s graves-site. Afterword’s we went to the Golden Acorn Casino for lunch.

At our June meeting, Christopher Geschwender was voted in as our Vice President and Barry Stemler was voted in for his fourth term as our Secretary/Treasurer. Also in June, the Chapter donated five boxes of Taste of Home items to the USS EISENHOWER Ordies in support of the AAAO Taste of Home program. A big thank you to Carolyn Thomas for coordinating this event.

In July we received a generous \$2,926 donation from the family of AOCS (Deceased) Jason P. May to be used for our annual AOCS Jason P. May Holiday Hand-up. This donation will help us provide \$100 gift certificates for up to 30 AO families in need.

Also in July, the Chapter was well represented at the AAO Convention at Reno, NV. During the Saturday AAO General Meeting, President Michael Sheppard provided a summary of Chapter events for the past year. The Chapter

also donated \$250 to the Robert L. Crow Scholarship and for the fourth year, \$2,000 to the LCDR James E. Thompson Memorial Scholarship.

In August we held our third quarterly Adopt A Highway Walk with nine volunteers showing up.

Special congratulations go out to the following AAO Chapter 8 members:

- Barry Stemler for being selected to the AAO Hall of Fame.
- Christopher Geschwender for selection to AO1
- AO1 Christopher Geschwender for being elected as the new AAO Chapter 8 Vice President
- Barry Stemler for being re-elected for his 4th term as AAO Chapter 8’s Secretary/ Treasurer

Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!
V/r
CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler
Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



CHAPTER NINE

Greetings from Chapter Nine, thriving since 1984, even while COVID-19 continues to rage.

We thought the worst was behind us and meetings were returning to normal, now the world is under siege again. The good news is none of our members have been sick so far. I hope everyone out there stays healthy as well.

AO1 James Simmons was elected President for the upcoming year and also selected as our AO of the Quarter. AO2 Kevin Scott will serve as Vice-President. Congratulations to you both, you have big shoes to fill. Also, “kudos” to AO1 Eric Winters; AO of the Year and to runner-up AO1 Chase Thomas, you both make us all proud.

Even in these austere times while attendance has been hampered when active duty AO’s were restricted from big gatherings, Chapter 9 was able to keep our annual goals to fully fund scholarships and to continue with our quarterly highway clean-ups.

In closing, a Donna Sommer disco song “I will survive” comes to mind, and we will. Stay safe and healthy. Think about and do your part to protect those you love and others who are more vulnerable. Remember to pray for and be proud of our Nation and pray for our leaders.

IYAOYAS

AOCM Richard Wyman (USN ret)



CHAPTER ELEVEN

Greeting from Chapter 11 Kaneohe Bay, HI.

We hope that all of our fellow Ordies have been maintaining through these confusing times of COVID. Over here in Hawaii we opened up for a little bit and now are in the midst of closing back down due to the rising cases. However through all of this over here in Kaneohe Bay our Ordies have been putting in work! Most recently completing our ESI and knocking it out of the park so special shout out to MALS-24 and all of the squadrons

here on base for staying ready.

Additionally we would like to bid, “Farewell and Following Seas” to AO1 ALEXANDRIA WILLIAMS who is the reason why Chapter 11 exists here today. We appreciate everything that you have put into this Association. Best of luck AO1! On that note we hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. IYAOYAS

Very Respectfully,

AO1 (AW/SW)

Wilson Leiva

Chapter 11 President



CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

What’s up ordie nation? Chapter 22 is

doing fine and we hope all are safe and healthy. It was awesome to get back to meeting in person for our monthly meeting starting in May. Although it was not at our normal venue, it was still great and very much needed. We are back to holding our meetings at the VFW. We held our first annual wing cook off and AO1 Vassie Bingham came out the winner. Seemed fitting since she hosted the meeting at her campsite. So many thanks to her for the hospitality. We completed our second highway clean up for the year and turnout was superb. It is great to see all the ordies come together here in PAX and make things happen.

Since things were returning to some normalcy, we were able to have our summer picnic at Solomon’s campgrounds. Good fun and plenty of food were had by all. As usual, we kicked off our annual gun raffle making it six years straight, which will allow us to continue to support the AAO National scholarship. Sorry you have to live in Maryland to participate.

CHAPTER TWENTY TWO (CONT'D)

We also have a new Vice President so congratulations to AO3 Symone Gay. The Chapter would like to thank the outgoing VP AO1 Albert Bennett for a job well done during the past two years. The Chapter will miss all you do, good luck in your future endeavors. Lastly our Christmas party is planned for December 11th at the

Wildewood clubhouse so if you are in PAX swing by. As usual if you are visiting and want to know if we have any events going on or just want to know a good place to eat use the Redshirt and contact any of our Officers/BOD. Peace out brothers and sisters. IYAOYAS!
V/R Rob Pavel
Chapter 22 Secretary

CHAPTER THIRTY FOUR

Greetings from Chapter 34 in Pensacola, Florida! After taking a brief halt from being able to PT the students due to COVID-19, we are back and just in time for the upcoming PFA cycle. As restrictions are being lifted, students as well as instructors, are now able to participate in volunteer opportunities. Chapter 34 hosts a weekly Barrancas Beach Cleanup every Saturday morning, depending on the weather. Chapter 34 is also now able to host chapter meetings at the O’Riley’s Irish Pub in downtown Pensacola on the first Wednesday of every month. While COVID restrictions were being lifted, NATTC was able to announce a softball league. Chapter 34 was able to assemble our own team with a majority of the instructors. Chapter 34, fittingly, announced the team’s name as ‘Warheads’. We made a pretty deep run during the season, but eventually lost in the second round of the playoffs. We couldn’t be prouder of our team and the bond we made with each other during the season.



We recently retired our DLCPO here at the schoolhouse, AOCM(AW/SW) Steven M. Holliday.

He stood the watch for 28 years. He assumed duties as the Mechanical Training Department

Leading Petty Officer at NATTC, Pensacola, Florida in March of 2019. His retirement ceremony, which concluded his illustrious career was held on 17 August, 2021. It was truly a beautiful ceremony and it was a privilege to be a part of it. We wish him nothing but fair winds and following seas!

Stay safe out there in the fleet and IYAOYAS!
V/R,
AO2(AW/SW/IW) Townsel
Chapter 34 PAO



CHAPTER SEVENTY FIVE

Greeting from AAO Chapter 75!

The Weapons Department onboard USS Harry S. Truman has not let off the gas after coming out of the shipyard completing two major ammunition on-loads and rolling right in to our Tailored Ships Training Availability.

We completed our Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection, Aviation Ordnance Readiness Review and our Aircraft Maintenance Inspection with ZERO major discrepancies!

We are currently preparing for our Mine Readiness Assessment, INSURV, COMPTUEX and our upcoming deployment. We are staying busy showing everyone what it means when we say IYAOYAS. Stay safe and keep giving 'em Hell!



CHAPTER SEVENTY EIGHT

Chapter 78 makes an appearance at Chapter 4's General Assembly meeting!



CVN 78 makes history being the first Ford Class Aircraft carrier to complete all 3 Full Ship Shock Trial events.

CHAPTER LISTING

FIND YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER OR START ONE IN YOUR AREA.

GO TO WWW.REDSHIRTNATION.COM/ FOR THE APPROPRIATE GUIDLINES.

Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
 President-AO1 Cindy Valdivia
 Vice-President-Bionica Boyd
 Secretary-Chris Hathaway
 Treasurer-Johnny Wheat
 Fleet Reserve Club, D Street,
 Lemoore
 3rd Friday, 1730

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA
 President-AO1 Jennifer Watson
 VFW Post 3037
 Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA
 President-AO1 Jaree D. Cokley
 VP-AO1 Jason Young
 Secretary- AO2 Chancelor Ellis
 Treasure- Maggie Despain
 VA Beach VFW #392, 2408
 Bowland Pkwy
 3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA
 President-AOC Casey Wheelock
 Vice President (AO2 Rudy Ortiz)
 Secretary (AO3 Isaac Herzog)
 Treasurer (AO3 Javion Turner)
 chapter5chinalake@outlook.com
 VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord
 Last Flex Thursday of Month,
 1800

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA
 President-Michael Sheppard
 Vice President-Diane McQueen-
 Gipson
 Secretary & Treasurer-Barry
 Stemler bstemler36@gmail.com

American Legion Post 255,
 National City
 1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
 President-LCDR (Ret) Steve
 Cashat
 Vice President-AOCS(Ret) Dennis
 Patterson
 Secretary-LCDR(Ret) Steve Cashat
 ordy04@yahoo.com
 Treasurer-AOCM(Ret) Rick
 Wyman
 Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
 3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
 President-AO1 Wilson Leiva
 Wing 2 Bldg, (John Finn Bldg)
 1st Friday, 1600

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV
 President-AO1 Brent Nesbitt
 Vice President-AO1 Juan Pelayo
 Treasurer-AO2 Taylor Jones
 Secretary-AO2 Jocelyn Nicolet
 American Legion Post 16 Fallon,
 NV.
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River
 President-AO2 Brian Spaccarelli
 Vice President-AO3 Symone Gay
 Treasurer-AO1 Vasilisa Bingham
 Secretary-Rob Pavel
 VFW, Post 2632 California, MD
 3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL
 President-AO1 Ann Briggs
 chapter34ordie@gmail.com
 O'riley's Irish Pub downtown
 321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 35-Lightning Chapter
 President-AO1 Garrett Ly-Kinhan
 CNATT Det Eglin JSF F-35 ATC
 3rd Thursday, 1500

Chapter 39 Dude Gilbert
 Beaufort, SC
 President-Rob Farmer
 Vice-President-Chris Hooper
 hoop9777@gmail.com
 Treasurer-Del Tingley
 Secretary-Jason Grayson
 After Burners Staff NCO Lounge
 1st Thursday 1645 When
 permitted with COVID
 restrictions

Chapter 671 - Guam
 President-AO1 Marcus Van
 Molly McGee's onboard Naval
 Base Guam
 3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter Desert Southwest - El
 Centro, CA.
 President-AO2 Georgina
 Ahumada geenah90@gmail.com

Chapter LHD 1 - USS Wasp
 President-AO1 Niko Batres
 On Board

Chapter LHD 4 Gator Chapter
President-AO1 Trenton Hagley
On Board

Chapter LHD 7 - USS Iwo Jima
President-AO1 Rosalie A.
Lashley
On Board

Chapter LHD 8 - USS Makin
Island
President-AO1 Terrance Dukes
On Board

Chapter CVN 68 - USS Nimitz
President-AO1 Walter Adams
On Board

Chapter CVN 69 - USS Dwight D
Eisenhower
President-AO1 Cory McIntyre
On Board

Chapter CVN 70 - USS Carl
Vinson
President-AOC Jason Nixon
Secretary-AOC Jeffery V.
Williams
Jefferywilliams085@gmail.com
On Board

Chapter CVN 71 - USS Theodore
Roosevelt
President-AO1 Jose Pando
On Board

Chapter CVN 72 - USS Lincoln
President-AO1 Roden
On Board

Chapter CVN 73 - USS George
Washington
President-AO1 Thurman
McDowell
On-Board

Chapter CVN 74 - USS Stennis
President-AO1 Benjamin
Llewellyn
On Board

Chapter CVN 75 - USS Truman
President-AO1 Dixon
Vice President-AO1 Flowers
Master at Arms-AO1 Everett
PAO-AO3 Nichols
Secretary-AO3 Bates
Treasurer-AO2 Crider
On Board

Chapter 76 - USS Ronald
Reagan
President-AO1 Justin Fallone
On Board

Chapter 77 - USS George H.W.
Bush
President-AO1 Rebecca Wright
On Board

Chapter CVN 78 - USS Gerald
Ford
President-AO1 Marbury
VP-AO1 Campbell
Secretary- AO2 Fetty
Treasurer- AO2 Soberg
VFW Post 3160 111 A View,
Norfolk, VA
last Thursday of every month,
1400

Chapter Southernmost
Key West, Fl
President-
Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee
ANNEX

Chapter Spartan Souda Bay,
Greece
President-AO1 Gilmore Estrill
Meeting Time and Location
Varies
3rd Thursday of the month

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

LTCOL Darren M. Gallagher
USMC

CWO4 Joe Makaratad USN Ret

David C. Cornelius

AO1 Brandon M. Collins

NEW MEMBERS

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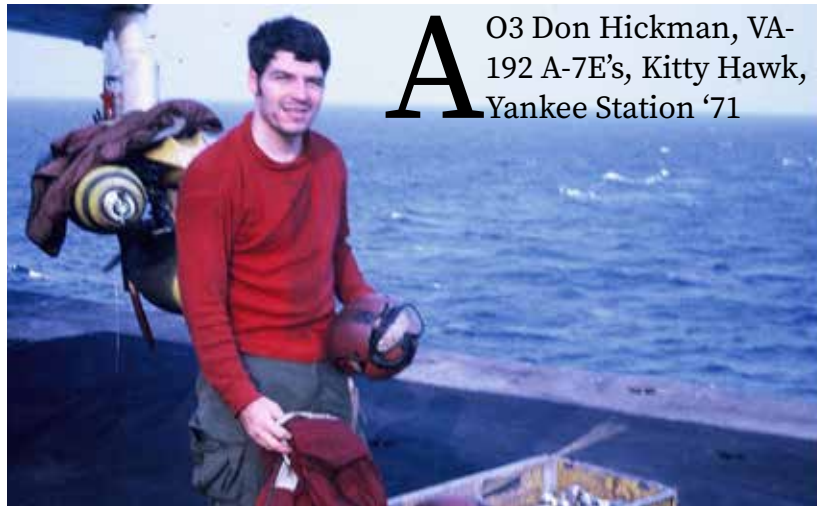
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July - Sept 2021

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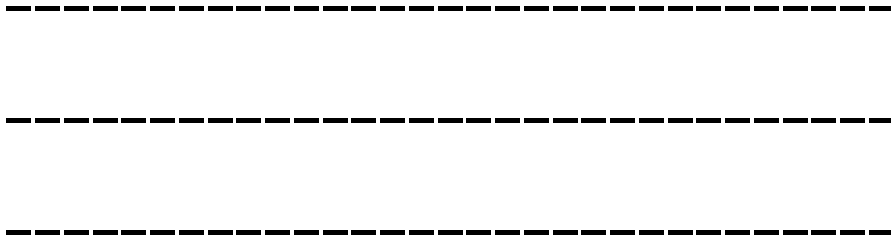
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