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AO of the Year Presentation to AO1(AW/SW) Ryan Smith on board USS Harry S Truman CVN-75. Presented by CDR Dion Edon



Phil Worthy and Deke Miner



## AAO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2014



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Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista  
1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL  
President: LCDR Jeffery Hall  
Fleet Reserve, Collins Road  
3rd Thursday, 1900

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

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VFW, Post 2632 California, MD  
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On Board

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ing, Guam, 3rd Thursday, 1900

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Hard Corps Café Dude Gilbert Room  
1st Thursday 1645

Chapter 65 - USS Enterprise  
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On Board

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz  
CVN 68 President: AO1(AW/SW) Marc Merrill  
On Board

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

Chapter 71- USS Theodore Roosevelt  
CVN 71 President: AO1 (AW/SW) Jason Miller  
On Board

Chapter 72 - USS Lincoln  
CVN 72 President:  
AO1 (AW/SW) Donnie Dowell  
On Board

Chapter 73 - USS George Washington  
President: AO1 Thurman McDowell  
Forward Deployed

Chapter 74 - USS Stennis  
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Chapter 76 - USS Ronald Reagan  
CVN-76 President: AO1 Sheila Brown  
On Board

Chapter 77 - USS George HW Bush  
CVN-77 President:  
On Board

Chapter Key West,  
Southern Most President: Unknown  
305-294-2892  
Navigator Bar and grill  
2nd Friday 1300

Chapter 34 - Pensacola, FL  
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[Alexanna.williams@navy.mil](mailto:Alexanna.williams@navy.mil)  
Beef O Brady's  
1st Wednesday, 1830

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

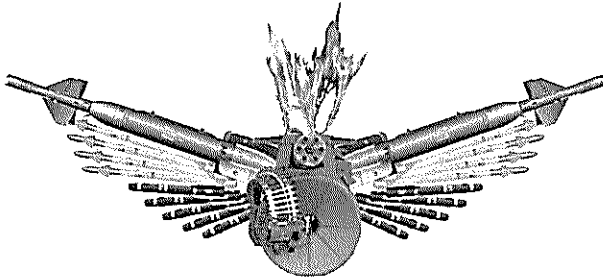
Chapter CVW 5 - Deployed  
President: AO1 Corey Hester  
Forward Deployed



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

**AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION**

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALL OF FAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WEBSITE (<http://aaoweb.org/AAO>). THE GUIDELINE FORMAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND THERE IS A SAMPLE NOMINATION PACKAGE TO FOLLOW. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,  
 Jeff Sassone (H) 301-757-7307, ( C ) 240-925-6848  
 E-mail [jeffrey.sassone1@navy.mil](mailto:jeffrey.sassone1@navy.mil)



**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

<http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/>

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
           LAST          FIRST          MI

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: home: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ cell: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

RATE/RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ Active ( ) Retired ( )

DATES SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ Last SSN: - \_\_\_\_\_

Marine Corp MOS: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership: Regular ( ) Associate ( )

SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I do / do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: AOCM Thomas Lord USN Ret.  
 2888 Iris Ave., #122  
 San Diego, CA 92154

September 2011

**GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN  
 SPECIAL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION  
 ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT  
 CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.

# 2015 CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

15 – 18 January 2015  
**AQUARIUS RESORT**  
Laughlin, NV

Must call to make reservation

**800/662-5825**

Ask for Code: C-AAO15 SM

**Sun-Thu @ \$32.99\*      Fri & Sat @ \$57.99\***

(Rates Are Good 3 Days Pre & Post)

Reservation Cut-Off Date is 1 Jan 15

\* Plus 12% Tax

**Join Us in the Majestic Suite For ----**

Socializing .... Plus:

Committee Meetings on Friday, 16 January at 1300

Convention Meeting is Saturday, 17 January at 1000

The meetings are held to finalize details & plans for the 2015 Event.

**Everyone is welcome! Please Join Us!!**

## 2014 AAO REUNION BOOK

Book can be ordered through

DUNNING COMPANY, INC.

P.O. Box 10

Gauthier, MS. 39553

Phone: 251-653-7486

Price of book is \$30.00 plus \$5.00 S&H\, REF. 2014 AAO Convention, Reno, NV. Be sure to give your name and mailing address.

Also, if people ordered a book and did not receive by end of OCT., contact the company or Beverly Onken, 559-924-2503 : E-mail, onkenc@sbcglobal.net DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NEXT CONVENTION TO SAY YOU DID NOT GET A BOOK.

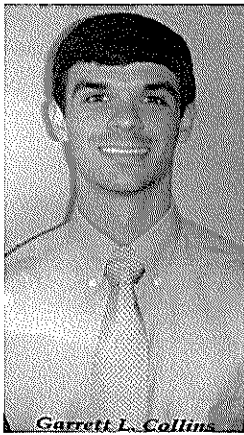
Thanks very much

V/R Chuck Onken



## Letters To The Editor

*I started a Facebook page called "The Red Shirt". If you have access to a computer look us up and LIKE us!*



Garrett L. Collins

Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I am writing to you today to express my sincerest gratitude for selecting me for such a wonderful academic scholarship. The money I have received from the Robert L. Crow Scholarship will assist me in furthering my medical education at Georgia Regents University, Medical College of Georgia. By providing me with these funds, I will one day be able to give back to my community as a physician in practice, just as you have given to me with this scholarship. Thank you again for selecting me for such an honorable and prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Garrett Lyle Collins

Georgia Regents University  
Medical College of Georgia  
MD Candidate Class of 2016

Kevin,

If you could please put this in the next RED SHIRT that would be great.

This is a picture of Phil Worthy and Deke Miner. I had taken this picture in June 2014.

In Memory of Deke Minor AO Plank owner. Deke was retired and worked for ESSOLANT.

Deke was one of a kind. Thanks Deke for all the Memories. Fair winds and Following Seas.

Thanks,

V/r

Gram

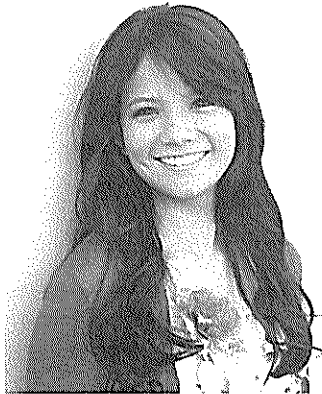
CDR Mike Gramolini  
Chief Staff Officer  
Navy Munitions Command

Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen members and Scholarship committee,

It is such an honor and privilege to have been awarded the Robert L. Crow Scholarship for 2014. Thank you to the association for making this scholarship possible, this scholarship relieves some of the financial burden that comes with achieving a higher education at any level. I continue to further my education at West Virginia University currently enrolled as a sophomore, perusing my degree in Criminology with a minor in Business. My plans are to continue with volunteer services while at WVU and helping those less fortunate in the community.

Again, thank you for this tremendous opportunity and to all of the scholarship contributors.

Jordan Jakobs



Rick Garza AAO Robert L. Crow Scholarship Committee Chairman

Dear Mr. Garza and the AAO,

I am extremely humbled and thankful for the award of the Association of Aviation of Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow Scholarship.

This acknowledgement means a great deal to me, my family and grandparents. Please know that I very much appreciate the efforts that are made by the AAO that allow such scholarships to be awarded.

It is an exciting time as I enter my sophomore year at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ. I am majoring in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Special Education and this year I begin classroom observations in local elementary schools for my Special Education classes.

In addition to participating in the Honors Institute program, I have decided to Minor in Finance and Economics knowing it will be beneficial to have accounting and financial management life skills. I want to be a financially responsible adult with little debt after college. This is also why I am so grateful for the scholarship.

With deepest gratitude,  
Lauren K. Thomas  
Go 'Lopes!



The cover of the June 2014 Red Shirt suddenly took me back to when I was the "G" Division Officer on the Kitty Hawk when that picture was taken in 1972. "G" division personnel built and delivered those bombs to the flight deck.

We deployed in February, a few weeks earlier than scheduled and were extended enough times to make it a ten month cruise and we returned to San Diego in late November.

Due to operational demand, "G" division was on a 12 on 12 off schedule and the guys in the division kept the squadrons supplied through an arduous period. Every three days we had an unrep and those work days were closer to 20 hours long because of the round the clock bombing the squadrons were doing.

Just before Easter we pulled into Subic but due to operational necessity we had to pull out early on Easter Sunday. A lot of sailors were left in Olongapo because the departure was on such short notice. In the ten months of that cruise we were at sea all but 45 days and with three section duty we only had 30 days liberty. The AO's in "G" Division did a phenomenal job that cruise; I can't say enough good things about them. My Leading Chief was Don Clark, an AAO plankowner and the best Chief I've ever known. Virgil Burke, another plankowner, was in charge of the armory, John Rhodes, also a plankowner was our ordnance flight deck officer. In July of that year I tore a muscle in my leg running to a mag when the fire alarm in it sounded. False alarm but I was hobbled up enough that those unrep's were too hard for me to handle. About that time Ed Ashlock, another AAO plankowner reported aboard to be the new "W" Division officer. He wasn't too enthused with that assignment so because of my physical problem and my past experience in the Nuke business we traded jobs for the rest of the cruise.

I'd venture to say that more AAO plankowners were Hawk vets than from any other command. Tom Robbins, a plankowner was on the Hawk during a previous time. I also am a proud AAO plankowner. Don Clark passed away many years ago and Ed Ashlock passed away in May, 2014 and the few of us plankowners who are still alive are all senior citizens.

Jim Thompson  
LCDR, Ret, USN

*Awesome Jim, Thanks for sharing. Kevin*

*Does anyone know who the oldest Ordie is in our ranks? That is the question for the next issue. Please forward names and ages of those you think may fit the bill*

## ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 2014 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Mike Price, President, called the 2014 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0810, 2 August 2014, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, played the National Anthem and the Ordie song.

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 51 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 to 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 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 coming, close the nominations. A motion to close nominations will not be in order.

### Report On The Board Of Directors Actions During The Course Of The Year:

Approved the FY 2014/2015 Budget.

Approved the 2013 Board of Directors Minutes

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported the minutes of the 2013 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #122 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes were given after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2013 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2013 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes. The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2014/2015 Approved Budget and 2013/2014 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room. Any questions please feel free to ask. A motion was made and seconded to



accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2014/2015 approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2014 Convention Committee, John LaMaitre –

The 2014 Convention is another great success. I would like to thank Jim Thomas and Kirk Brado for all their help and hard work before, during, and after each year's convention.

### AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza Chairman -

There were fifteen packages up for consideration. Five members and one Auxiliary member made up the committee and represented over 142 years of Ordnance experience. Chairman is looking for volunteers to assist and take over as Chairman over the next 2 – 3 years because of conflict of duty issues with his employment. A total of \$29,450 in Scholarships were awarded. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record.

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen  
Robert L. Crow  
\$4,000 Scholarship Awards

Scholarship Winner For 2014

Garrett L. Collins, Stepson of Tim Carroll  
Sydney V. Crosby, Daughter of Dawn Rae Sealy-Leonard  
Sharon L. Dean, Daughter of Alan Dean  
Lauren K. Thomas, Granddaughter of James Thomas  
Jordan P. Jakobs, Stepdaughter of Gary Howorka

Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding  
\$2,000.00 Scholarship Awards

Stephen T. Michel, Grandson of David Michel  
Andrew L. Bewley, Grandson of Joe Manley

The Women and Men of the NAVAIRSYSCOM Weapons  
Program and SYNETIC Solutions  
\$2,100.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Kathryn G. Lovett, Daughter of Steven A. Lovett  
Justin L. Hite, Son in Law of Johnny Wheat

Jim Saxton and the San Diego Padres  
\$1,250.00 Scholarship Award

Amanda K. Easterling, Daughter of William D. Easterling

Membership Committee, Dion Edon Chairman – Good job on recruiting, we went from 100 to over 200 new members

for the past year. Current figures are:

	FY12-13	FY13-14
Total of all Current Members	1685	1702
Past Due (June01 – May 31)	247	189
Life Members (Included above)	830	845
Honorary (Included above)	144	146
Current Dues Paying (Including above)	571	522

During FY13 - 14 we had the following new members:

New Regular Members	100	220
New Associate Members	4	7
New Life Members	26	30

Total Inactive Members:	5589	5769
Total Unknown Members	1473	1475
Total Deceased Members	547	561

AO of the Year Committee, Rob Walecki Chairman –The committee considered 61 packages. We had 10 USMC, 2 E-5, and 1 E-4 packages included. 11 Members were there to grade the packages representing over 257 years of Ordnance experience. 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 2014

AO1 (AW/SW) RYAN M. SMITH

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year For 2014  
Runner-Up

SERGEANT JASON T. CONNOLLY

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone Chairman – There were three packages up for consideration. Five members made up the committee and represented over 201 years of Ordnance experience. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record.

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen  
AO Hall of Fame Selectee's for 2014

CDR ARTHUR L. BUREAU, USN (RET)

LCDR JOHN T. BUCKLEY USN (RET)

AOCS JOHN 'JAKE' SCANLON USN (RET)





### **Nomination Committee, Dion Edon Chairman –**

The following offices are open for election/reelection:

#### **Treasurer:**

Tom Lord, AOCM USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

#### **Board of Directors (Two):**

Jeff Sassone, Commander, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Rob Walecki, CWO4, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

The following individuals were nominated for the Offices:

Tom Lord, AOCM, USN Ret.: For Treasurer

Jeff Sassone, Commander, USN (Ret): For Board of Directors

Rob Walecki, CWO4, USN (Ret): For Board of Directors

Angela Sobieski, AOC (ENS Sel.) USN For Board of Directors

A ballot for the Board of Directors will be required and it will be conducted by ballots that the Secretary has made up that were handed out as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting, and their membership dues were verified to be current.

If no nomination(s) from the floor, the Treasurer Office will be fill by Voice vote and Seconded by members present.

I will go over the voting procedures prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

The following are currently on the Board of Directors:

Rob Walecki, CWO4, USN (Ret) Expires August 2014

Jeff Sassone, Commander, USN (Ret) Expires August 2014

Rick Garza, Commander, USN (Ret) Expires August 2015

MGYSGT Marc Senecal USMC Expires August 2015

Tim Zimmer, AOCS, USN (Ret) Expires August 2016

Dave Lepard, Captain, USN (Ret) Expires August 2016

The following offices will open for election/reelection in 2015:

President Currently Mike Price, CAPT, USN

#### **Board of Directors (Two):**

Rick Garza, Commander, USN (Ret)

Marc Senecal MGYSGT USMC

NOTE; Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2015. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligation of the office.

### **Absentee voting status – Dion Edon**

Total Ballots Received: 15

Invalid Ballots due to not a member or Associate Member: 0

Invalid Ballots: 0

Total Ballots to count during Voting: 15

Last Year's Ballots received: 13

### **Reunion Book Committee, Chuck Onken Chairman –**

We are STILL looking for someone to take our place as the Reunion Book Committee Co-Chairs; we have been doing it for 29 years, time for new blood. Beverly Onken has done a great job with AAO REUNION BOOK Editor. He requested that everyone get their pictures taken and he reminded all that you do not have to buy a book to get your pictures taken. He also THANKED Sheryl Scanlon and Angela Sobieski for their assistance this year.

### **By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado Chairman –**

The Committee will have several changes to be voted on for next year mostly removing the AAOEF duties. The 'Standardized Chapter Bylaws' effort is going well and several more are coming in.

### **Safety Committee, UNK Chairman –**

No Report, however Captain Price will get together with Captain Bindel (CNAF) and Commander Edon (CNAL) Gun Bosses and revitalize the Committee. Safety is paramount in our day to day business.

### **AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll Chairman –**

No Report

### **Newsletter Report, Kevin Meagher Chairman -**

No Report

### **AAO Website Report - Johnny Wheat**

The Website is up and running with little or no problems at all (22K hits last year). The cost has remained at about \$187.00 a year to run. All the applications for the AAOY, Scholarship, and HOF as are links to the various Chapters are available on the website. Working to get membership completed with credit/ debit cards via the web site as well.

### **Chaplin Report – Mart Vance**

His personal computer has crashed and is working to see if the info can be retrieved. Sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent in all cases as long as NOK info available and current.

### **Chapter Reports:**

There are presently 27 active Chapters.

Chapter 1 NAS Lemoore, CA Johnny Wheat

Chapter 3 NAS Whidbey Island, WA Angela Sobieski



Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Amber Roth
Chapter 5	China Lake, CA	Luis Carrillo
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Misty Beck
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Chuck Mach
Chapter 11	Kaneohe Bay, HI.	No Report
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV.	Kevin Forbes
Chapter 22	Patuxent River, MD.	Jeff Sassone
Chapter 34	Pensacola, FL.	No Report
Chapter 39	Beaufort S.C.	No Report
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report
Chapter 68	USS Nimitz CVN 68	No Report
Chapter 69	USS Eisenhower CVN 69	No Report
Chapter 70	USS Vinson CVN-70	No Report
Chapter 71	USS Roosevelt	No Report
Chapter 72	USS Lincoln CVN 72	RCOH
Chapter 73	USS Geo Washington CVN-73	No Report
Chapter 74	USS Stennis CVN 74	Brandon Hudson
Chapter 75	USS Truman CVN 75	Kirk Godair (Letter)
Chapter 76	USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76	Deployed
Chapter 77	USS George Bush CVN 77	Deployed
Desert/Southwest Chapter	El Centro, CA.	No Report
Chapter Key West	Key West Fl.	No Report
Chapter LHD-4	USS Boxer	No Report
Chapter LHA-5	Iron Nickel USS Pelelui	No Report
Chapter LHD-8	USS Makin Island	Deployed
Auxiliary		Teresa Zimmer

**Old Business: Called for any more Old Business.**  
None

**New Business:**

**2015 Convention Committee - Jim Thomas Co-Site Chairman -**

Announced that next year's Symposium & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 30 Jul thru 2 Aug 2015. Pre-registration will be a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2015 convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

**Election of Officers - Mike Price**

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)

Prior to proceeding to the Elections the President announced that he replaced on the Board of Directors MGYSGT Marc Senecal with AOC (ENS Sel.) Angela Sobieski term to expire Aug. 15.

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

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

The Nominees are:

Tom Lord

**Tom Lord was re-elected via floor voice vote to serve as Treasurer, term to expire 2017.**

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

The nominees are:

Jeff Sassone

**Jeff Sassone was re-elected via floor vote to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2017.**

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Rob Walecki.

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**Call for any more new business from the floor- Mike Price**

Discussion was held on enhancing the Web Site to include Hall Of Fame Bio's and on-line membership applications, paying dues, and renewals.

Change of date for Red Shirt released just prior to Convention will be **May 1st**. This should allow enough time to disseminate last minute info for Convention.

Bringing issues from the deck plate/ flight line to those in charge discussion was held.

**Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:**

- Huntington Ingalls \$4,000.00
- NAVAIR/PEO(W)/ Synectic Solutions \$4,200.00
- San Diego Padres/ Jim Saxton \$1,250.00
- Chapter 1 \$200.00 Chapter 1 (10%) \$320.00
- Chapter 3 \$1,000.00 Chapter 4 \$500.00
- Chapter 5 \$250.00 Chapter 8 \$500.00
- Chapter 9 \$2,000.00\* Chapter 74 \$1,000.00



Chapter 75 \$1,500.00 Chapter 671 \$687.76  
 The Auxiliary - \$5,718.00  
 Pat & Belle Canaday - \$10.00 Misty Beck \$100.00  
 Jerry Burrows - \$130.00 Rick Garza - \$37.77  
 NMC Det. Fallon - \$10.00  
 Joe & Delores Marley - \$200.00  
 \*In the memory of Floyd English  
 Total donations \$23,613.53

# CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in Jacksonville, Florida. We are looking forward to mild fall weather. Another convention is in the books. Due to our member's generosity, once again Chapter 9 reached our goal and was able to contribute \$2000 in honor of CDR. Floyd English to

the AAO Scholarship fund.

## Closing remarks & announcements - Mike Price

The President thanked the Chapters for their inputs and exchange of information.

The President announced that next year's Symposium & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 30 Jul thru 2 Aug 2015. Pre-registration will be a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2015 convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

A moment of silence was held for those who have gone to the Gun Boss in the sky. Let's think about the Marines, Sailors and Solider serving in Iraq, Afghanistan

Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2014 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1012, 2 August 2014.

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

Submitted by:

John 'JJ' LaMaitre  
 Secretary

Approved by:

Mike Price  
 President

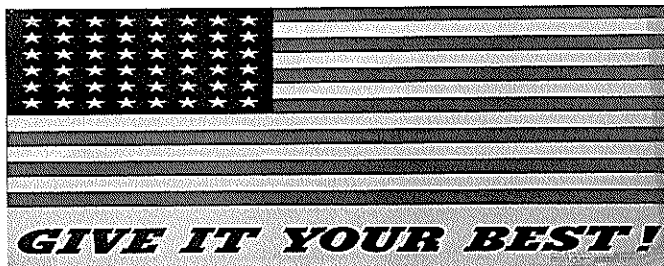
Kudos to LT (Ret) Jack Elrod for coordinating our air rifle postal competition and major fund raiser. Thanks to all the members who stuffed envelopes and sent out over 600 invitations to our Sixth Annual Air Rifle Postal competition to NJROTC/MCJROTC and AJROTC units throughout the nation. Over 200 teams participated last year, our most successful competition to date.

October 4th the chapter will host our third all AO family picnic. We look forward to a great time and seeing AO's from our past in attendance.

Chapter members, assisted by the NAS Jax PO1 Association, gathered early on Memorial Day to help the area homeless with clothes, shoes, toiletries and a bag lunch. Over 200 people took advantage of the generosity and were helped in some small way. The team set up shop on Main Street downtown Jax a block from Hemming Park were the homeless congregate, a crowd gathered in short order and we began giving away items and food. Thanks to AO1 Taylor Porter for the idea. We plan to continue this project every Memorial and Veterans' Day.

Congratulations to AO2 (AW/SW) Jamie Bridgen from NMC; our selection as AO of the Quarter for January - March 2014. Keep up the good work.

Remember all the "ordies" deployed or at home, doing their best to serve this great country, their families, and all the support personnel trying to keep them doing their duties. Stay safe, follow the check list and look out for each other. Till next time, TYAOYAS!!





# HMLA 467 (FWD)

## Ordnance

Greetings from the "sand box",



Our admirable cautions with young Marines in combat have resulted in unanticipated possibilities for the Corps, the Ordnance community, and our society. With smiles on their faces, recollections of lessons learned, and memories of their buddies and families; the HMLA-467 "Saber" Ordnance Marines have prospered unequivocally under tall tasks. They have found a way to reduce years of collected material and hidden treasures while striving to close the door on Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) and continue the HMLA legacy of close air support. They consider themselves fortunate to be handed such a legacy and request. These circumstances are so extraordinary that many cannot relate, but those happy few that have "sundown" aircraft or completed the final requirement of sustained combat operations – we salute you.

The "skid" units in Afghanistan saw the first of many weapon system innovations from 20MM Linkless Feed Systems to laser guided rockets and the incorporation of multiple Technical Directives extending ground-firing capabilities. Also, this community in theater has witnessed the introduction of AMRAAM's on Harrier's in theater, C-130's employed as Harvest HAWK's, and the last flights of the 53D's in combat – yet the HMLA remain. All of these introduced systems came with disagreements, money spent, and restrictions, but everything was driven to keep our fellow service members safe. As we look to close this chapter on our nation's history, we cannot forget the challenges we have endured, lessons learned, and friendships forged through these difficult years deployed in support of OEF. Sometimes we do not notice our own changes until we have left the company of the Marines and Sailors with whom we have deployed.

Surely, as we complete our tasking of closing the door on OEF, the memory of those that came before us stay in our minds and reinforces the belief we "ORDIES" can accomplish anything. That is what we do, no matter the "clime or place", no matter the distance in arming points, nor the inherent danger when arming a turning aircraft loaded with high explosives - Ordnance men and women endeavor to be successful. We have found a way to carry on the legacy of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadrons from both coasts, and are proud to be the ones to have "turned out the lights".





## AAO President

Greetings Ordnance Family,

If you didn't make the convention, you missed another great time! I know that many read our newsletter and I could only hope each of you continue to strive to make the conventions because there is so much to do and many old friends to see. Our guest speaker, Admiral Conn did a wonderful job at the banquet and everything went extremely well.

As we move on from the convention and are already planning for next year, I can't help but take pause as we pass the 13th anniversary of 9/11. I'm not sure what each of you did in memory of that terrible day, as for me, I focused on my job as an Ordnanceman and the job we do to enable our pilots and ground forces to thwart those who would do us harm. Make no mistake, the job each of you do is very important to our way of life and the safety of our families and that should be enough for us to ensure we do it right every time. 9/11 was 13 years ago and I'm sure only seems like yesterday to those who lost loved ones.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are important to the cause of freedom and I'll say again, "what you do is important." As we continue to move forward, let us always remember why we're out there and please be safe.

IYAOYAS/Mike

## AAO Vice President

Salutations all,

I pray all is well with you and yours. I will start by reporting, as anticipated, the AO Convention was a grand success this year. My hat's off to all for the hard work contributing to this year's convention, as well as the Ordies and family members present. I hope to see even more in attendance next year! Commander, Naval Strike and Warfare Center (NSAWC), RDML Scott D. Conn, delivered inspirational words at our banquet on Saturday night.

If you never attended a convention, it will be hard to understand my constant enthusiastic attitude. So, start saving now to attend next year. It is a remarkable opportunity for networking and sustaining friendships with fellow AOs.

Congratulations to our exclusive AOOY, AO1 (AW/SW) Ryan Smith from CVN-75 and runner-up SGT Mason Magnatude (note photos this issue). I had the honor to present awards to our association's awards to AO1 Smith at the Fleet Readiness Center here at Naval Station Norfolk. CVN-75's CO, Gun Boss, OHO, and G-4 Division, and my staff were in attendance for this delightful occasion.

Congrats to all scholarships recipients and inductees into our Hall of Fame. Well done to all! Please take time to read the additional convention information and General Business minutes included in this issue of our Red Shirt. Keep things safe out there and remember your faithful participation with local AAO chapters strengthen our professional organization.

AAO VP  
Dion J. Edon

## AAO Secretary

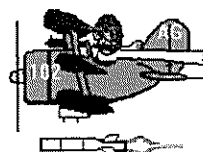
Greetings Shipmates -

Wow what a great Convention in Reno this year. Was good seeing you all there, start NOW to make your plans for Convention 2015 July 30th - August 3rd at the Silver Legacy Resort. Our numbers were up this year hopefully the trend will continue as we transition out of the Symposium era.

Chapter Officers - You need to get into the National By-Laws (Article IX) to see what your responsibilities are. I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to [aaosec@cox.net](mailto:aaosec@cox.net).

Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin in January for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all.

R,  
JJ LaMaitre  
AAO Secretary



IYAOYAS!!



# AAO Treasurer

Once again, Convention has come and gone and we are already starting planning for next year. We had a pretty good retiree turnout, but were missing the active duty people. Thanks to Pensacola, Whidbey, Tidewater and Stennis, we did have some active sailors. Hopefully, the budget problems will be ironed out and we can get a better showing of the active duty folks next year. We need you folks to carry on the legacy.

Due to pressure from Chapter leadership, I have relented and will now accept credit cards for new members, Regular and Life. Go to the AAO Web site and follow the links for membership. Renewals can also be handled in the same manner. When you get your renewal card, use the new member link and annotate that it is a renewal. When I receive the membership form in my e-mail, I will in turn send you an invoice, through our Square account, with the fees. Unfortunately, there will be a service fee for credit card use.

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 getting to be a problem again. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, when I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up, get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at [aaotreas2011@cox.net](mailto:aaotreas2011@cox.net). Chapter officers, division LPO's, shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materials. If you know their e-mail address, drop them a line to get in touch with me.

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

IYAOYAS!  
Thomas Lord  
AAO Treasurer



**MISSION**  
The Arleigh Burke class destroyer is a guided missile destroyer designed to receive threats from the air and from the sea, from aircraft, ships, and submarines. USS John Finn will be capable of executing a wide variety of both peacetime and warfighting missions.

**FEATURES**  
USS John Finn will be one of the USN's most advanced, state-of-the-art warships in the fleet. Its extensive array of weapons will include the world's most advanced Aegis system, which is used to track multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be supported by two embarked Landing Helicopter (LHA) helicopters.

**ARMAMENT**  
Harpoon, Tomahawk and Standard missiles, Mk41 VLS, 1 of 2 Mk15 Phalanx CIWS, 1 Mk15 Phalanx CIWS gun, 100mm 3-inch caliber gun, 516mm 3-inch caliber gun, 516mm 3-inch caliber gun.

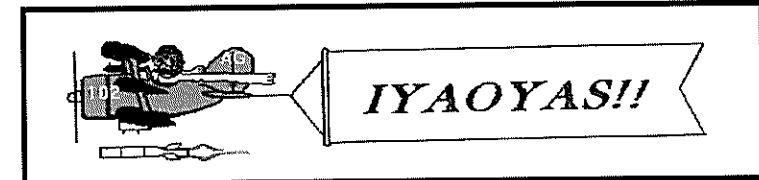
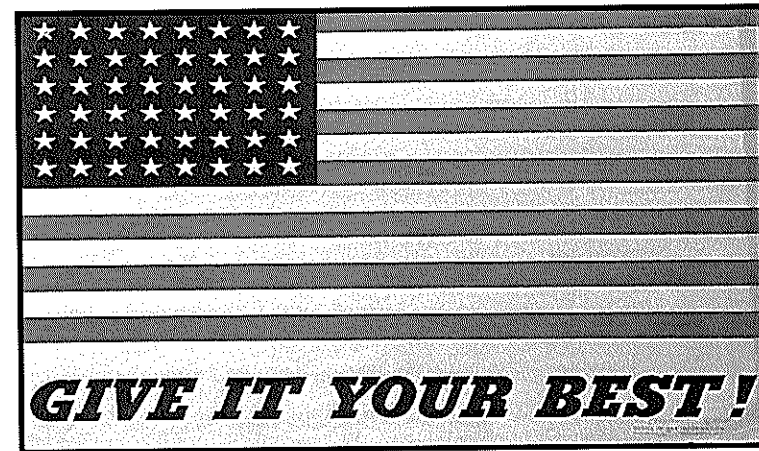
**PROPULSION**  
Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines, two shafts, 120,000 shaft horsepower.

**AIRCRAFT**  
Two Sikorski Sea King helicopters.

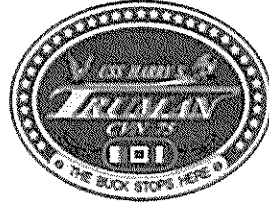
**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Displacement: 9,500 tons (standard) full load  
Length: 170 meters  
Beam: 23 meters  
Draft: 10 meters  
Speed: 30 knots  
Range: 4,000 miles



**USS John Finn (DDG 113)**

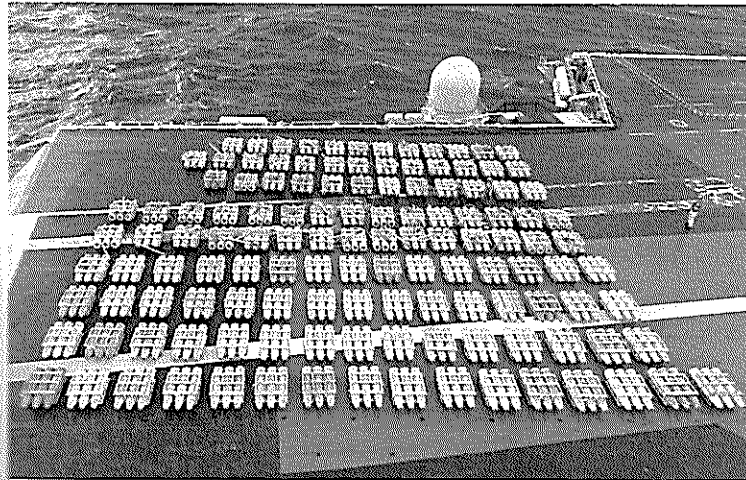


# CHAPTER 75



HST completed its Major offload totaling at 1314.142 tons of conventional ordnance price valued at \$265,144,160.60.

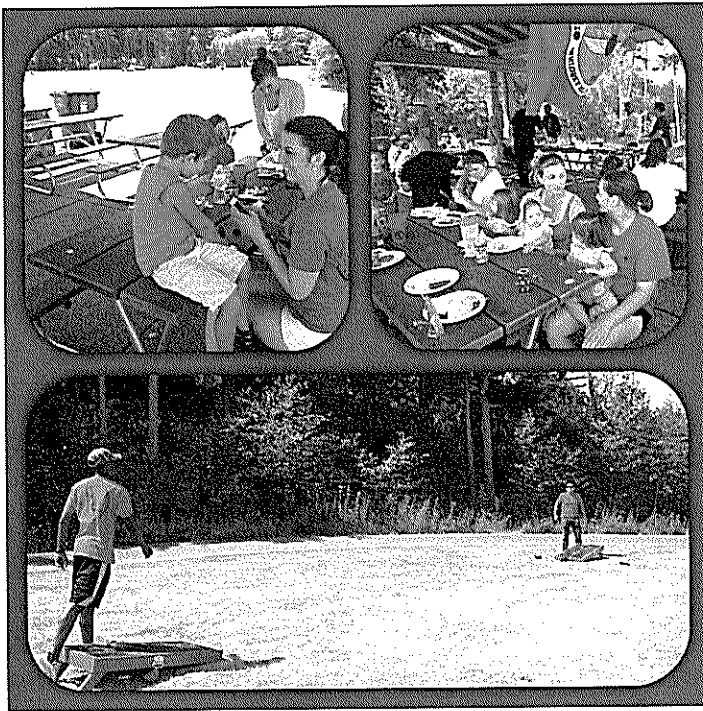
More offload pics page 23





## CHAPTER 3

Chapter Three had its annual picnic this last weekend July 12, 2014. It was a success!! It was a way for the Chapter Three Association to give back to the Ordnancemen and their families stationed at NAS Whidbey Island. We had face painting and a piñata for the kids (and the park for them to play)! For the adults homemade corn hole boards, that were raffled off (CWO2 Meyers won) for the occasion, and most importantly AO camaraderie! The Association bought the meat, and everyone prepared a side dish around 60 people attended the function, and gained four new members!!!



## On The Cover

John W Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, AO1(AW/SW) Ryan Smith, USS Harry S Truman, CVN-75. Cover assist by Richard "Spike" Pittman, Director, Visual Information Services, COMNAVAIRLANT  
THANKS SPIKE!!!!

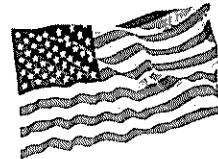
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HMLA-467 Ordnance Shop. Photo and article on page 12 submitted by GySgt Damon Araujo, HMLA-467 (FWD) Ordnance. Thanks Gunny, awesome job!!

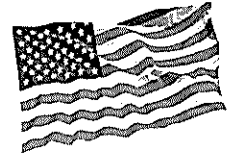
To all chapters,

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

Thanks for the help, Editor



# TAPS



CWO4 Carl M Collier USN Ret Plankowner  
 AOCS Dorman K. "Deke" Miner USN Ret Plankowner  
 AOC Robert B. Hagerman USN Ret  
 Clifford L. Prosser III USN Ret  
 AO1 Melvin Phillips USN Ret\*  
 LCDR Carlton T. Clevenger USN Ret  
 CWO4 Lester B. Tucker USN Ret  
 AOC Noah C. Booth USN Ret\*  
 AOCS Winifer W. Freeman USN Ret\*  
 AOC George Marth USN Ret\*  
 LCDR Wendell Klinker USNR Ret (2010)  
 ACOM M. Royce Hall USN Ret (WWII)  
 AOC Michael F. Murphy USN Ret  
 AOC Larry L. Williams  
 LCDR Robert J. Dupree USN Ret  
 AOC William L. Magito USN Ret\*  
 AOC William E. Jamison USN Ret\*  
 AOC James E. Keller USN Ret\*  
 AOC Dan Schuck USN Ret\*

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



# CHAPTER 1



Hello from the always sunny and beautiful Lemoore, CA.

First I would like to send a shout out and congratulate our new Chief Petty Officers from Lemoore! AOC Crocker, AOC Foskett, AOC Griffith, AOC Hardwick, AOC Keating, AOC Kitchen, AOC Leavitt, AOC Lewis, AOC Lumpkins, AOC Mygind, AOC Russell, and AOC Smith. Congrats all, Job Well Done!

Chapter One has recently become sponsors with the girls from V Town Derby Dames a nonprofit organization from Visalia, CA. The purpose of the girls roller derby team in our community is to provide women with the opportunity to stay healthy through involvement with the sport while also being actively involved with giving back to the community they live in. For more information about the V Town Derby Dames you can check them out at [www.vtownderbydames.com](http://www.vtownderbydames.com). Another wonderful organization our Chapter can give back too!

We just celebrated another great turn out of our Annual AAO picnic at the Fleet Reserve in Lemoore. The weather cooperated again with some HOT conditions so everyone had a great time! The bounce house and water slides were a big hit with the kids and a handful of adults. There was more than enough food and the chefs managed to keep the supply of burgers and hot dogs available till the bitter end, thank you chef Bill Overby for your hard work and dedication!! Every year we award some lucky candidate with our scholarship award and this year it goes to JackiLynn DeWees, daughter of Tim and LoraLee Nanstiel. Congratulations on your selection JackiLynn, and start preparing your applications for next year!

Our next big event is our Annual Christmas party which will be held at the Fleet Reserve in Lemoore. If you happen to be in the area come on by, it's always a good time. Just contact one of our Chapter One members and they can help you out!

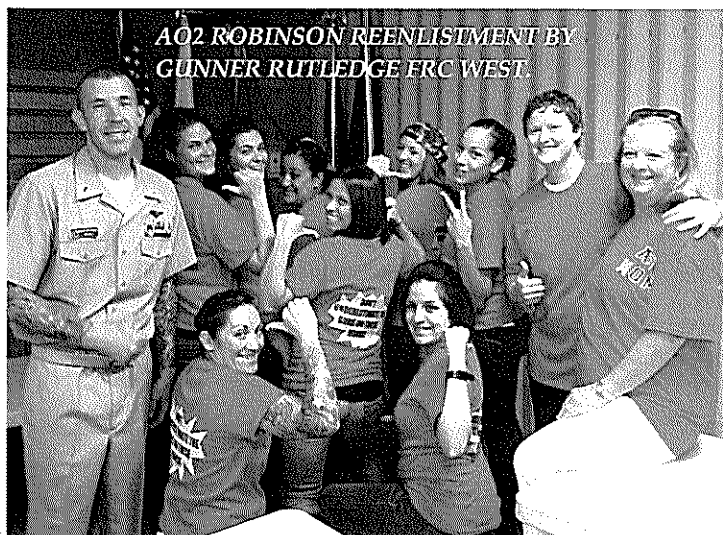
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AOC (AW) Laura Colby



*AO1 Fountain and AOC Toth reenlistment by Gunner Rutledge, VFA-113*



*V TOWN DERBY DAME GIRLS ROLLER DERBY TEAM VISALIA, CA WITH BILL OVERBY*





## CHAPTER 73

Greetings from the USS George Washington, CVN-73. We are currently on our 2014 Fall Patrol.

I have attached a copy of the latest department photo and respectfully request for it to be added to the next addition of the RedShirt.

Additionally, I would like to announce the newest elected officers for Chapter-73:

President: AO1 Thurman McDowell

Vice President: AO1 Jesus Valverde

Secretary: AOAN Kate Boring

Treasurer: AO2 Shalonda Kent

V/r,

AO1(AW/EXW) Jason M. Seligson

join the planning meeting for next year's Convention. We can use all the support we can get... Let's take care of our Ordies!

Congratulations to the newly elected/re-elected officers for the AAAO! Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with each of you.

We had several donations this year so far for the TOH and Scholarship programs.

THANK You all for your contributions they are very appreciated... You all are The Bomb!

Happy Holidays to you all, yes it is almost that time again... Look for our newsletter that Delores puts out it is full of great information. And keep an eye out from Dottie about TOH we need your support for our Ordies.....

Thank you all for all that you do to support the AO's and Auxiliary!

Teresa Zimmer  
AAAO President

Take Care all of you and I hope to see you in Laughlin in Jan 2015.

## AAO Auxiliary



Hello All,

I hope this note finds all of you in good health and good spirits. I've got to say we topped it again this year. What a successful Convention! If you missed it - you missed a great time had by all.

I want to thank everyone who supports the Auxiliary, we could not make it happen without you. Rob Wal-ecki (our new auctioneer) and new assistant Tim Zimmer (AKA, my hubby) thank you for the great job you did during this year's auction. What AWESOME items that were donated this year ... We can't thank you enough and really appreciate your support. You all enable the Auxiliary to donate a lot of \$\$\$ toward scholarships.

We hope to see you in Jan 2015 for our planning meeting in Laughlin. Come on out if you can make it and

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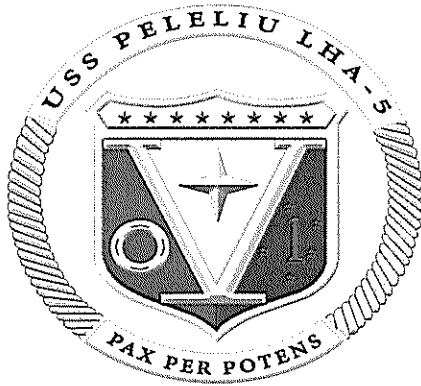
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**IYA OYAS!!**



# USS Peleliu (LHA-5) Iron Nickel Chapter



"Iron Nickel" All-Up Round Ready

By Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Ryan J. Batchelder, USS Peleliu Public Affairs

SASEBO, Japan –

The amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5), in coordination with Naval Munitions Command Detachment Sasebo, conducted a three-day ammunition onload while anchored near Command Fleet Activities Sasebo, Aug. 27-29.

While anchored, Peleliu safely took on more than 1,200 pallets of conventional ordnance in support of its mission with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Okinawa, Japan.

"Safety is foremost," said Senior Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Joe Skelton of Peleliu's Weapons Department. "It was very important that we stressed to everyone involved that we are not in a rush. We conducted several safety briefs, checklists and [safety checks] on equipment to make sure we were operating at the safest level possible."

In keeping with Peleliu's excellent safety record, Senior Chief pointed out what it takes to conduct such a large evolution, both efficiently and safely.

"Quality Assurance Safety Observers (QASO) were present at every movement point, whether it was below decks in the cargo holds or in the hangar and vehicle decks, ensuring everyone is following safety precautions," said Senior Chief. "If there was not a QASO present, ammunition did not move, period."

Once the ammunition was onboard, aviation ord-

nancemen onboard Peleliu were tasked with the staging, handling and stowage of more than 900 tons of ordnance.

"To complete a task of this magnitude is really rewarding," said Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Brian Hopkins. "When ammunition onloads happen, all of our hard work, dedication and preparation really show. Knowing we played a vital role in the safe and expeditious onload of ordnance in direct support of our mission and getting Peleliu ready to do what we do, is an accomplishment that we will never forget."

The teamwork and coordination between Peleliu's many departments over the course of three days resulted in a successful and safe evolution that moved more than 1.8 million pounds of ordnance to support sustained operations during Peleliu's deployment.

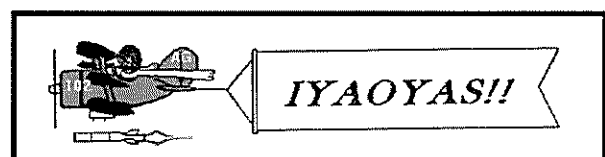
"Our motivation, dedication and attention to detail were proven during the grueling three days of Peleliu's ammunition onload," said Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Darien Phelps. "Everyone played a vital role in the completion of our mishap-free evolution. We truly watched each other's back, kept each other motivated and ensured we all finished as a team."

Senior Chief Skelton stressed the importance of effective communication and planning between all of Peleliu's departments and divisions.

"All of the ship's departments played a role in one form or another," said Senior Chief. "Peleliu came through and worked together like a "Well-Oiled Machine."

Peleliu is on its final regularly scheduled Western Pacific deployment in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region before decommissioning early next year.

-LHA5-





# LHD-8 Chapter

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, Raider Ordnance Chapter, LHD-8

Greetings My Fellow Ordies,



Chapter LHD-8 is back on the map after an 18 month PMA Cycle to prepare the USS Makin Island for our 2014 Deployment. First I would like to say after our short stint of absence we have been working to get ourselves Re-established and we now have newly elected officers to represent our Chapter onboard.

The elected officers are as follows; President AO1 (AW) Terrance Dukes, Vice President AO1 (AW) Katherine Wesson, Treasurer AO1 (AW/SW) Ronald Pierre, Secretary AO3 (AW/SW) Lindsay Thompson, MAA AO2 (AW/SW) Michael Cullinan, and PAO AO1 (AW/SW) Nanise Schroeder.

Our plans are currently guiding us to what I like to call "The Theater", to take the next watch so that our family and friends can continue to rest easy at night. During our short travels, we have been busy boosting morale on board USS MAKIN ISLAND, from serving the crew chow, to hosting Ice Cream socials and Karaoke events.

Before I say farewell, we want to take the time to congratulate our newly pinned Chief Petty Officers throughout the fleet. So until finger tips meet keyboard, please keep us and our families in your prayers and that we may all return home to them when we are properly relieved.

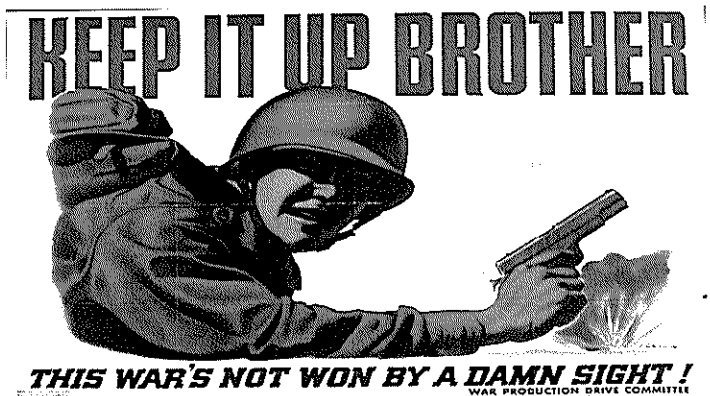
IYAOYAS from Chapter LHD-8  
AO1 (AW) Terrance Dukes  
Chapter LHD-8 President

"Adjusting the world's population, one bomb at a time."



Thanks to GARY TREVINO and CHAPTER 22, PAX RIVER. I won these outstanding Cornhole boards in the Chapter 22 raffle.

On June 7th Chapter 22 raffled these cornhole boards off during their annual picnic at the VFW in California, MD. Winner of the raffle was Kevin Meagher, RedShirt Editor





# Weapons Maintenance Readiness Review (WMRR)

The Semi-Annual Strike Weapons Maintenance Readiness Review (WMRR), formerly known as the Weapons Readiness Review (WRR) was held, 7-10 July 2014, at MCAS Miramar, CA. The WMRR has been restructured as a committee to facilitate the deliberative membership assignment of relevant and empowered principle stakeholders in the weapons maintenance management process and to ensure that participation is maintained at a functional and responsible level. The WMRR Committee focuses on weapons maintenance budget obligation and expenditure activities, emerging weapons maintenance requirements, and the prioritization of program resources to optimally support Fleet weapons maintenance related requirements. Participation was impressive, considering current travel restrictions and fiscal climate. Participants included Teammates from the Fleet, OPNAV N98/N411, HQMC/MARFOR, CNAL, CNAF, CNSF and NAVAIR and PEO(U&W).

The WMRR culminated with a fund raiser to support the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Program. The team raised \$4,200.00 toward this worthy cause. The WMRR Committee would like to extend a special thanks to the following for their contribution.

**The \$1,000.00 Club:** Synectic Solutions, Inc.

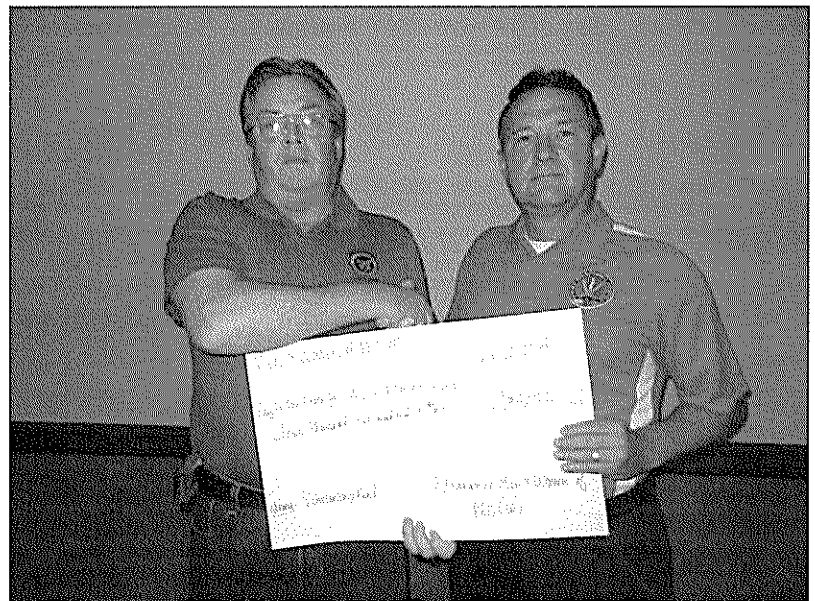
**The \$500.00 Club:** Fred Jones and Ray Rowland.

**The \$200.00 Club:** Dwight Belin and Fred Sawyer.

**The 100.00 Club:** Diane Fodness, Dave Lorentzen, Dennis Patterson, Jeff Thompson, Tom Beeman, Dave Preaseau, Dan Nichols, Jeff McComb, and Chuck Faust,

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THANKS to all who contributed towards the baskets or bought tickets!



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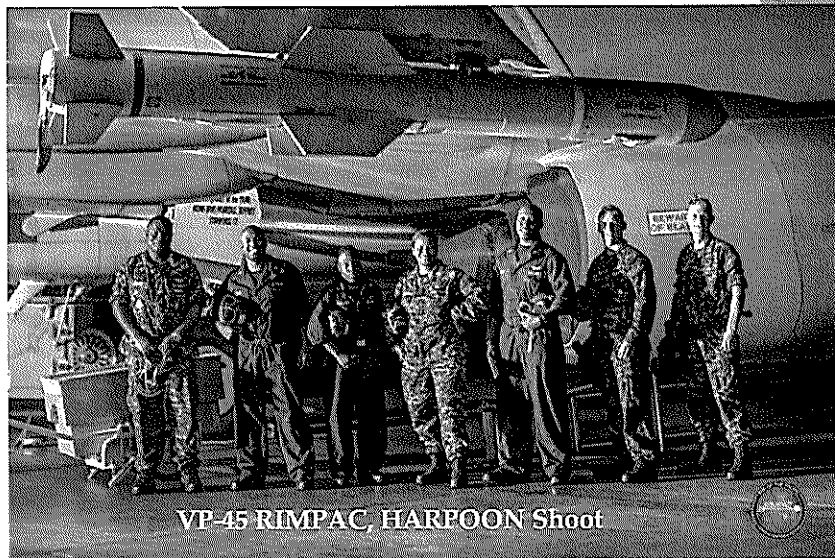
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From left, Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Apprentice Austyn McKay, Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Dennis Marchei and Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Apprentice Axis Covington prepare slings for a pallet of BLU-109's for HST's major offload. July 2014



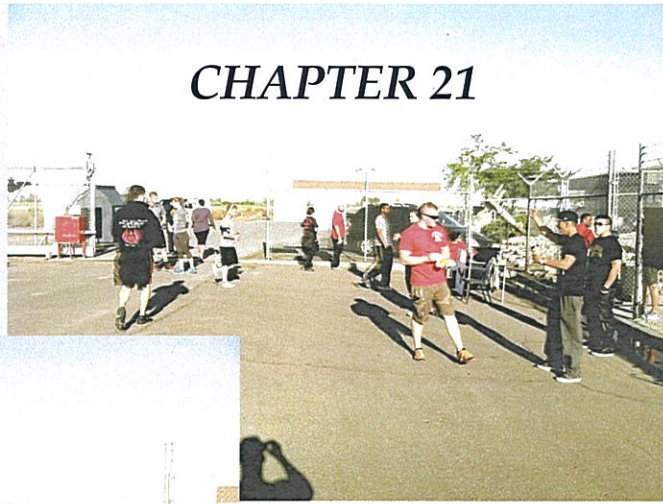
Cool side view from the Fantail of G-1 Flight Deck Crew with Hooking up pallets of BLU-110 to HSC-7 Dusty Dogs Helo with the USS Theodore Roosevelt CVN-71 in the back ground receiving her TOP OFF.



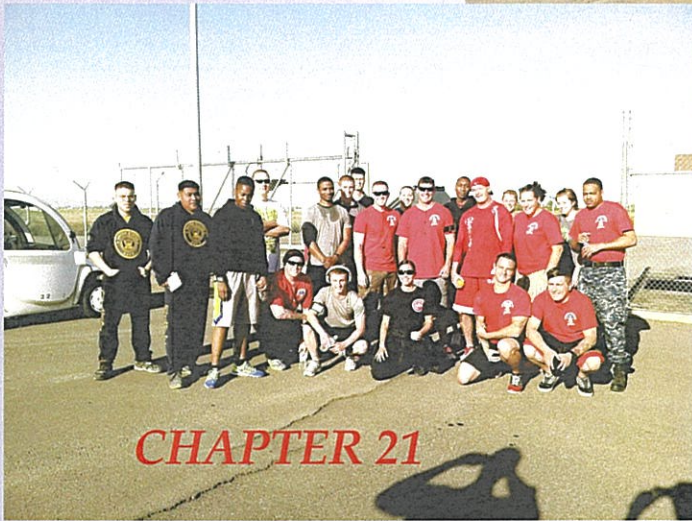
AO3 Amyx and AOAN Sanchez inside view from inside the Helo.



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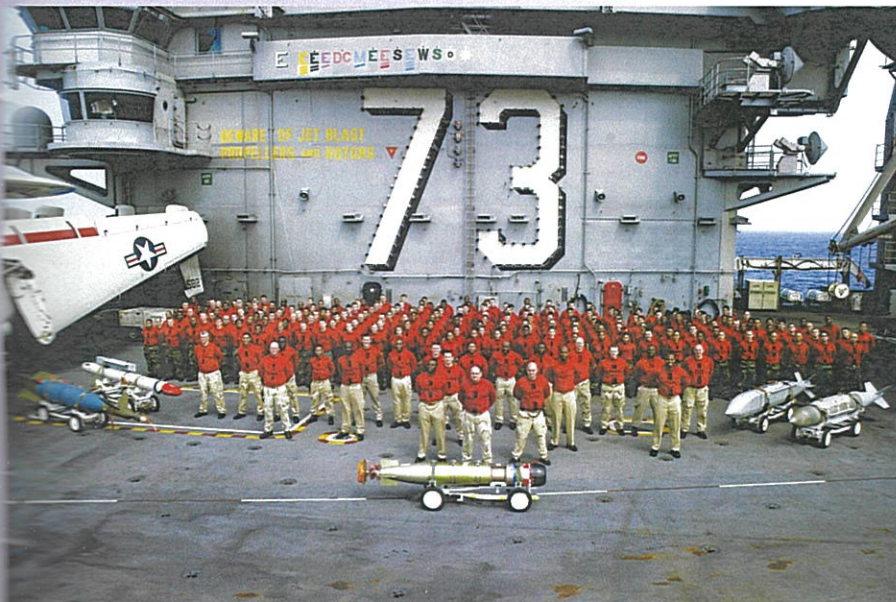
AOAN Jimenez from G-3 Division driving EE for the Offload.



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