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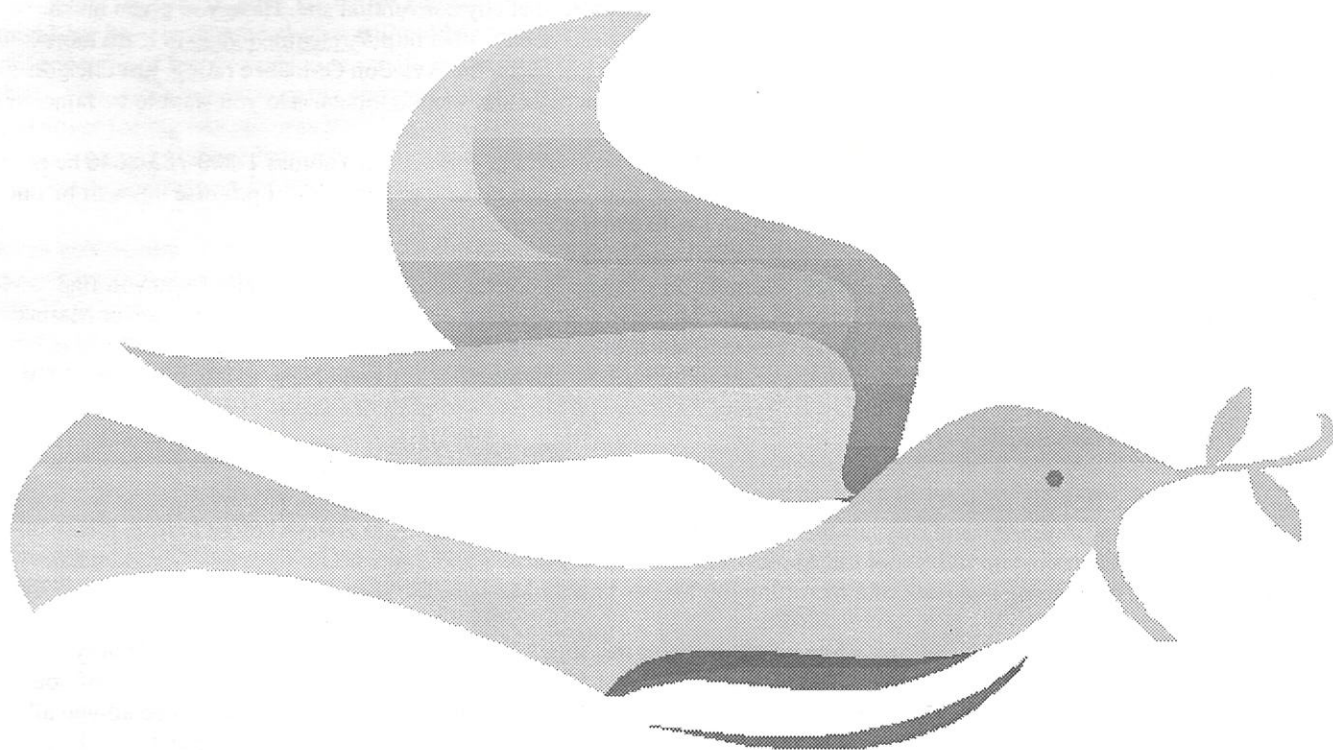
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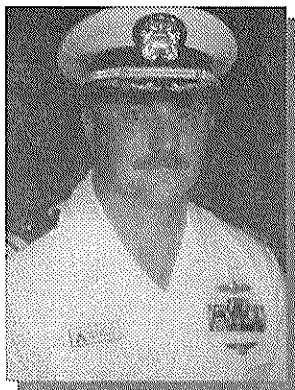
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Newsletter #91

Seasons Greetings



Peace Through Power - We Are The "ARMS" Of The Fleet



President's Message

Greetings, Fellow Ordnancemen

Once again it's that time to send you my words of wisdom. First, Pat and I have started our winterization process here at Fallon, it's getting down to the low 30's at night, so I guess we will just have to deal with it, actually its been very nice. For you CVW-17 and CVW-14 Ordnancemen make sure you bring your warm clothing to Fallon when you come, because December and January promise to be a cold months.

Well, what has the Association been up too? In September your Vice-President Joe Manley, Mr. Jim Thomas your travel agent and myself attended parts of the 2003 Tailhook Convention / Symposium in Reno. Our attendance was to see if we could learn how to do our Convention/Symposium better. We are pretty sure we picked up some good pointers and in time we will implement what we learned. Along that same line I would like to send a thanks to the leadership of Tailhook for allowing us this great opportunity. We were extremely impressed with the professional conduct of business that we observed and their exhibits were awesome.

During our stay in Reno we also met at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino where our 2004 Convention/Symposium will be held. Without question this is one of the finest locations that we have ever had for our gathering, you will be impressed. (Pat did a room inspection and the results were they passed with flying colors.) The Silver Legacy is a very nice place. Also the staff members we interacted with, were some of the best I've encountered at any convention site. Have you given much thought about the coffee table Aviation Ordnance History and Pictorial book? Visit <http://welcome.to/aa0> to learn more about the outstanding chance to own the first commemorative history book on the Aviation Ordnance rating, just click on the Turner Publishing Icon, and by the way this will require lots of pictures and written inputs. (Do you want to be famous?)

How are your plans developing for attending the convention? If you need help contact Jim Thomas 1-800-783-8646 he is standing by to assist in all of your travel plans. I sincerely hope that you can make it to Reno NV, I promise this will be one of the best Convention/Symposiums that the Association has had to date.

I'm in the works of formulating a slightly different agenda for this year's convention, which I think all of you will find interesting. Over the next few months I will be in contact with many, if not all of our active duty and retired senior Marine and Navy Ordnance Officers and I will ask them to participate at that the 2004 symposium in force. Their attendance is critical in showing that our Association is growing and represents both the Marine Corps and Navy aviation ordnance. I'll also be coming up with a panel that will consist of Senior Enlisted and Officer's to present a status of enlisted programs and officer programs for attendees.

As we approach the Holiday season I look forward to hearing of all the good deeds that the Chapters are doing to provide a hand up to our fellow shipmates and marines that might be in need this time of year. And always before I close, please do all that you can to reach out and talk about the Association to our new Marines and Sailors. Our Chaplain Christian Eck USMC (RET) has been doing one heck of a recruiting job for our brother Marines, Sir keep up that Outstanding Job.

I sat the other day and reflected back for a while on all the good that this Association has accomplished, and it's very difficult to quantify, only because it's accomplishments are so great. Why are they so great? Easy answer because of you it's great! Without strong dedicated membership coupled with attendance at meetings we would fail. So I need all you all to review your loading manuals and checklists and make sure they are up to date, then with your knowledge and understanding, get out there and recruit us some new members.

I'll close now, but not before once again extending my gratitude and utmost respect and continued admiration to all those Sailors and Marines deployed. Our great country supports you fully and we cannot wait to have you back home. Always remember you're "The Arms of the Fleet" God Bless You!

Very Respectfully,
CDR Dave Lepard

A TRIBUTE

To A True Champion

And Hero

From Your Friends



On Thursday 11 September 2003, the Naval Aviation Weapons Community lost a hero and GRAND LADY. Mrs. Priscilla Plautz lost her life tragically in an automobile accident. As the Logistics Manager for Naval Aviation Weapons programs, Priscilla committed her life to providing the best weapons and weapon's support to thousands of Sailors and Marines, who carried their effectiveness into countless successful combat missions.

Her career was one of great challenge and success. She opened many doors and provided countless opportunities to so many that might not have gotten the chance without her assistance, guidance and encouragement. Even as a high school Biology teacher she encouraged her students to set goals and remained a part of their lives as much as 20 years later helping them to achieve them. The quote below probably captures the essence of the boss, the friend, the woman. "I remember calling her on the phone and never feeling like she was your boss, but rather like she was someone that would listen to what you had to say and back you up on whatever you needed - more like a friend rather than just your boss. She never lost the "teacher in her". We all had great admiration and respect for her."

Most noteworthy, is the personal impact she has left on so many in the ordnance community and elsewhere. Several of us were discussing how Priscilla would call you for some needed information. You would immediately drop whatever else you were doing in order to get her an answer. You didn't do that because you had to, you did it because she earned and deserved the level honor, treatment and respect reserved for only special people such as, spouses, mothers, grandmothers and favorite aunts. She was a natural leader who garnered admiration from anyone she interacted with. What she did demand, was commitment to doing the "right thing" for those tasked to utilize the weapons and weapon's systems she had oversight for.

Priscilla was a true leader who has left a permanent mark on everyone she knew. A mark of a true leader is not by the numbers you lead, your position, but rather by emitting love for your people and for what you are doing, and possessing the traits that people want to possess. We can only pray that part of Priscilla's character has made its way into our personalities, way of life and work effort.

Priscilla, we will miss you, but we will always remember your true commitment, infallible character, great confidence and friendly smiles.

To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen: The Flowers were beautiful! On behalf of the Family of Priscilla, I want to thank you for your support. Priscilla always had the best interest of fleet Aviation Ordnance at the top of her list. She did her best to support the Fleet. /s/ Dennis Plautz and Family



Secretary's Article

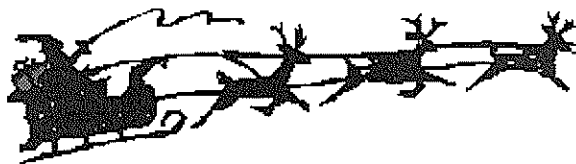
Well I hope this finds all Chapters doing well and enjoying the fall. I have sent numerous letters to all of you Chapter Presidents with very little response. I would like to point out to all of you that you are required by the national/chapter by-laws to submit reports on a monthly basis. To date only a hand full are submitting these required reports. I have been very accommodating in this matter but I have to answer to the National Board of Directors as to Chapter status. Presently Chapter's 3, 4, 9, 11, 22, 63, 65, 68, 74, 72, CVW-5, 75 Pensacola, Key West and Southwest are failing to submit reports in a timely manner. In some cases the chapters are in jeopardy of receiving letters that could start the disestablishment procedures.

On another note, I need the addresses for all Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Secretaries as I'm building a POC list for the National President. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Remember convention is only 8 months away, Chapter 21 has started planning to ensure that the RENO convention should prove to be the very best.

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Merry Christmas



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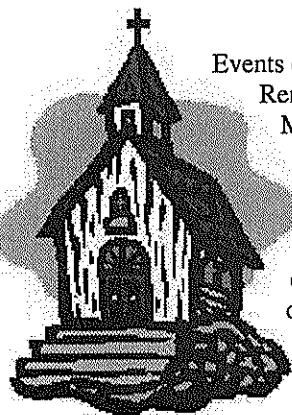
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November 2003



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Events of recent times such as 9/11 and our Remembrances for our nation's POW's and MIA and our Brothers and Sisters in harm's way around this Globe have generated gatherings in Churches, Chapels, Synagogues and in our homes and public places. These gatherings, whether as individuals, families or groups and units have given us a time to reflect and PRAY for our Nation and her people. In times of Crisis or personal needs, as well as other times, we use Prayer as our method of communicating with God, and one another, our Praise and Petitions. While in Prayer our minds and soul always reflect back to and close our Prayer time with Psalm 23.

Many Psalms speak eloquently of God's steadfast Love and Care, but none with the tenderness and Trust than Psalm 23, which portrays God as the Good Shepherd. Jesus applied this image to Himself when He said " I am the the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for His sheep" (John 10:11) Jesus' life of healing, forgiveness and love then His crucifixion and resurrection revealed God's redeeming and self-giving Love

Jesus teaches and beckons us to bring our ordinary and everyday needs to God in prayer. " Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11) and to ask for healing of the body and mind. By word and example Jesus also prepares us for the Valley of the Shadow of Death. He said " Do not fear those that kill the body , and after that can do nothing more" (Luke 12:4) . And He also said " My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me . I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10 27-28)

These promises are for us . So also is the fulfillment of the Easter faith we have and as described in Revelation's vision of God's final victory. This vision is a testament ---not a deliverance from suffering. ---but to God's care in time of need and midst of trials.. This is reinforced by the thoughts and testimonies of POW's and those in harm's way who suffered greatly, yet thru their Faith and the power of Prayer.... survived.. A multitude from every nation, including those who came through great ordeals , will worship God day and night also.....in God's Holy City.

"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

The Sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes".

(Revelations 76-17)

It may seem premature, but I will not have a chance again between now and the Thanksgiving and CHRIST-mas season to send you greetings and best wishes....so I will take that privilege now. God Bless each and every one of you, and may God continue to bless our Nation, our peoples and your families.. While I'm at it, if there is a special subject or item any of you would like discussed or if you have any comments or "helps" on this column please email me at HLCabins@Centurytel.net.

What a Great Country we Serve,

What a Great God we serve.

Christian J. Eck Jr.
Chaplain Jarhead

TAPS



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AO2 Chester J. Sampson
AO3 Eugene C. Sersen
LCDR Charles A. Brackin, USN Ret.



From The Vice-President

Greetings to all;

Well we are busy here in Fallon getting ready for the Holidays but we are also busy getting ready for the up and coming 2004 Convention in Reno at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino. Chapter 21's Convention Chairman AO1 Neely and his committee are busy making plans for several things to do while you are at this year's convention. We will be heading over to Reno after the first of the year to plan the Friday and Saturday evening events. It may seem like it is too early to be talking about this year's convention but it is only eight months away and after this Newsletter, only one newsletter away. After you get done reading this Newsletter you need to put your thinking cap on and if you have any nomination for **Vice President, Secretary, or the two Board of Directors** you need to get them to me before **5 MARCH 2004**. I need the nomination in written form so that they can be included in the March Newsletter. If you would like you can contact me to get a **SAMPLE** Format of a nomination.

Being I'm on the subject of the convention I would like to talk about the absentee ballot. I would like to see more use of it so that the folks who cannot make the convention have a vote on what happens at the convention. If you do decide to use the ballot **you must follow the instruction for filling out and mailing the ballot**. We were unable to use 14 of the ballots last year due to improperly filled out or improper mailing.

As long as I'm on a roll I would like to talk about Chapter requirements. We have some chapters out there that are really super in meeting their requirement of getting the reports and inputs to the Treasurer and the Secretary. You read their articles in the Red Shirt all the time. There are a few that are not as good about reporting. The big problem of not getting your **"required"** reports to them is that it keeps the Treasurer from being able to file our taxes each year without getting an extension and our Secretary from being able to comply with our By-Laws. This includes the required reports for each convention. I am asking all you **Chapter Presidents** to review their **monthly** and **annual reports** and get them submitted on time.

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Joe Manley



Red Shirt Articles are due

15 OCT 03

15 JAN 04

15 MAR 04

30 JUL 04

Please submit via e-mail
when possible

I would like to take a quick minute to thank Steve Cashat for all the years of hard work and dedication he has put in to make this newsletter what it is today. I have some pretty big shoes to fill in keeping up the quality of the layout he has meticulously developed. Thanks Steve! I am sure I will be calling on you for your expertise as I assume the watch.

Any new ideas are most welcome from our crowd of Ordies out there as well as pictures new or old to be included in the Red Shirt. Please feel free to write or E-mail me with articles or suggestions.

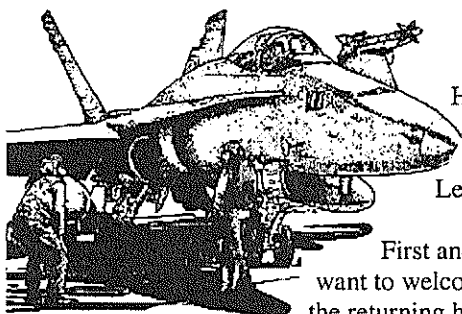
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Kevin



Chapter 1 Lemoore, CA



Hello again from the Navy's Master Jet Station in Lemoore, CA.

First and foremost, we want to welcome home all of the returning heroes of CVW-9 and CVW-11. Although they

were gone for an extended period, they were never out of our thoughts and hearts. Bravo Zulu on a job extremely well done!

The chapter held its annual picnic on the 30th of August. It was a huge success and a good time was had by all. During the picnic we had the pleasure of announcing the recipient of this year's scholarship award. Each year we accept packages from any member, their spouse or their dependents for a \$750.00 scholarship. This year it was awarded to Sabrina Moore, who is the daughter of Dave Moore, one of our long standing members. Many packages were received and it was a difficult decision. Congratulations to Sabrina and we all wish her good luck in her educational endeavors.

On the 20th of September we performed our highway FOD walkdown in conjunction with the California Clean-up Day. Again, the ordies did their part to keep America beautiful. Also, during our September meeting, Beverly Onken asked for inputs for the 2nd edition of the "Ordies and Friends Cookbook". I'm sure she will have another hit on her hands when the cookbook is completed.

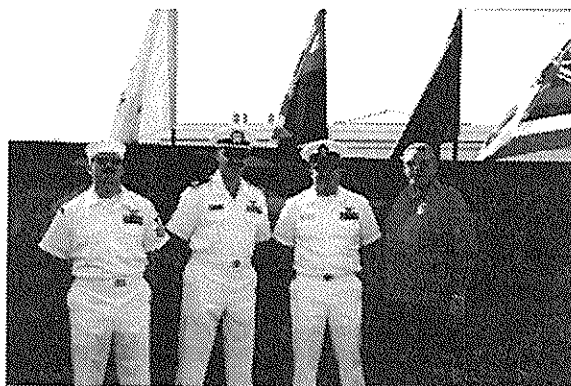
On the 5th of October, Chapter One had a very distinct and somber experience. We stood watches on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Moving Wall. The wall was here in Lemoore for a week and we were fortunate enough to be able to show our respects by standing the watch. If you ever have the opportunity to visit the original memorial or see the moving wall, make it a point to do so. Standing in front of the panels and seeing the names of 58,325 service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice is a very moving experience. We are proud to have been a part of the exhibit.

On a brighter note, we are in the planning stages for our annual Christmas party. This year's party will be held on the 6th of December at the Fleet Reserve Association. I want to congratulate Bill Wright on volunteering (is that what you call that?) to take on the planning this year. If anyone is in the area around that time, please stop by and

share in the camaraderie. I'm sure this year will be another rousing success.

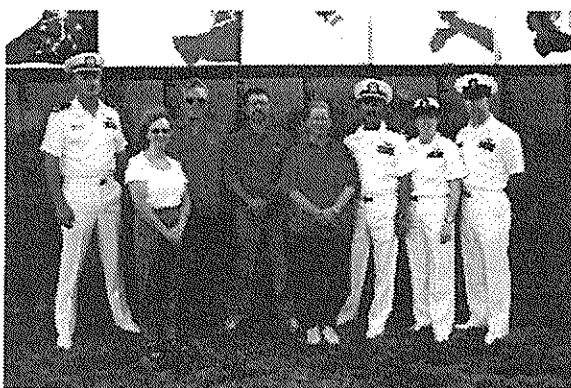
That's all for now. Remember, our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Fleet Reserve Association at 1900. Come on by and say hey.

AOCS (AW) Tim Zimmer
President, Chapter One
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Ordies standing the watch on the "wall":
(L to R) AO1 Lance Harris, CWO3 Steve Varga,
AOCS Tim Zimmer, LCDR (Ret) Chuck Onken

More ordie watchstanders: (L to R) LT Kevin Dowd, Beverly Onken, LCDR (Ret) Chuck Onken, AOC (Ret) Bill Wright, Denise Walecki, CWO4 Rob Walecki, AOC Brenda Cotter, AOC Jim Cotter.





Treasurer's Report

Greetings,

If there are any changes to your information (Promotion, Retired, etc.) please annotate the change on your renewal notice that you send back to me. GREAT NEWS, address changes can be made via the web site too!!! Check it out, our Web Master Johnny Wheat has done it again. Of course you can e-mail them to me at the below address too.

Fellow AOCM's, if you are not a member, WHY NOT?? If you are a member let me know any fellow AOCM's who are not. I will get e-mail out to the fellow Master Chiefs. It is amazing what a great communication tool it is. We are the 1 percenters of the Navy and you should be a member of this great Organization. I put the challenge out there for all AOCM's past and present to show their membership card proudly.

If I can be of any assistance by all means let me know at aaotreas@cox.net or 619-749-3679. Snail Mail is P.O. Box 711167, Santee, CA 92072-1167. Until next time IYAOYAS.
JJ LaMaitre

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

CWO4 Duane E. Cohl, USN Ret.
AO1 John H. Burroughs, USN Ret.
Gary G. Trevino
AOC John K. Reed, USN Ret.
AO2 Matthew D. Vock
LtCol Howard A. Bittner USAF Ret.
AOC (AW) Gary L. Downing
AO1 Christopher S. Miller

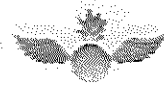
LT Joseph T. Mahachek Jr.
AO1 (AW) Timothy P. Church
Frank G. Trevino
AOC William A. Petriskie, USN Ret.
CWO3 William C. Miller
AOC David F. Clark, USN Ret.
AOC Jay C. Goodrich

NEW MEMBERS

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CWO4 Thomas J. Koder, USN Ret
AOC Thomas A. Rose
Jeffery H. Hein
AOAA Christopher D. Jaco
AO3 Robert L. Schoeberl
AO1(AW) Ulandia N. Brooks
AOC William A. Petriskie, USN Ret.
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AO3 John Westbrook
AO3 Obed Melendez
AOC Charles Williams
AO3 Kenneth D. Radcliff
AO2 Donald Richardson
AOCS Timothy J. Zamora
AOAN Damion Landrum
AO1 James Curry
AOAN David H. Thiede
AO1 Wyatt Ferrell
AN Michael Lewis
AO1 Timothy C. Organ
MSGT Joseph B. Butler USMC Ret.

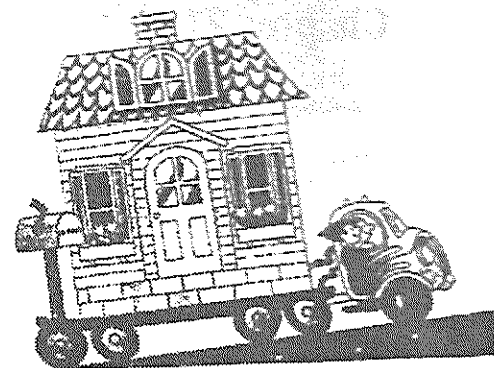
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AO3 Jeffery M. Norrod
CWO4 Herman T. Willson, USN Ret.
Van Tony Ridgell
AO3 Tim Crawford
AOAN Jason O. Cunningham
AO1 Carlos R. Chairez
AOAN Joseph R. Smith
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AO3 Roberto Diaz Jr.
AO1 David A. Raibe
AO3 Shannon L. Perez
AOC Kenneth R. Waters
AOAN Elizar Bermea
AO2 Brian Cain
AO2 Julie A. Bradford
HM3 (SW) Paul D. Moore
AO3 Shylah Worley
AO1 Edward D. Purdy
AO2 Lawrence Pintor
SSGT David T. Eck USMC Ret.

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AOC Felix Zamudio
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AO3 Nathan Fisher
AO3 Joseph A. Freeman
AO1 Gregory Hickman
AO3 Benjamin Pearce
AO2 Leonides Morales
AO2 Cameron Sparks
AOAN Shannon M. Hickling
AN Michael Lewis
LTJG William E. Donals
AO1(AW) Christopher J. Morris
AOCM Edward J. Hannifan, USN Ret.
HMC(SW) Lisa M. McManus
MAJ Ronald C. Constance
AO2 Sarah K. DeKarske
CTO2 Pamela A. Williams
SGT Alex Adams
AOC (AW) Richard D. Holmes
AOC Mitchell R. Hullum, USN Ret.
AO1 Johnny J. Janda Jr.
CWO4 Garry D. Lutz USN Ret.



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Moving ?

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

LOCATOR

Can you help?.....Know where any of these members can be located? If so please contact the above E-Mail address, snail mail or give me a call.

AN Jack A. Bain	AO2 (AW) Jeffery C. Cross	AO2 Jason E. Kitchen
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AOAN Ben Pearce	AO2 Roger N. Shehan	AO3 Azaad A. Jalil
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AO3 Mark S. Mullen	AOC (AW) Clovis O. Ash Jr.	AO3 Thomas A. Derby
AO2 Robert D. Flake	LCDR Lewis J. Carver	AOCS(AW) Jack Knapp
AO3 Jeffery M. Norrod	AO2 Richard Oliver	
AOC Randell M. Scudder	AO2 Shawn Szoke	
AOCM Talmage D. Anderson	Lloyd Marihugh Jr.	
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AO3 Jessica M. Kissel	AO3 Robert D. Thompson	



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Chapter 21 Fallon, NV

Greetings from the High Planes Desert Ordies. The Active Duty / DOD Members have been extremely busy out here in Ordncetown, USA with the numerous CVW's preparing them for the tip of the spear.

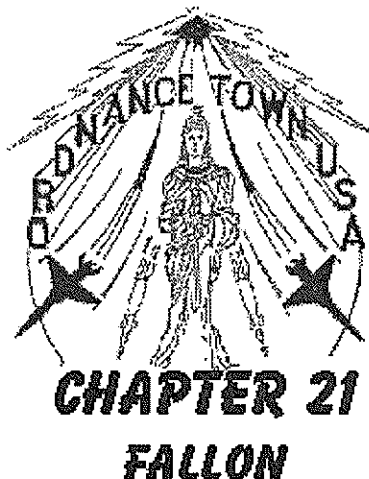
First, I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers for Chapter 21: For President, AO1(AW) Stephen Gahr and for Sec/Tres., AO1 Michael Neely. I would like to thank AOC(AW/NAC) Kevin Williams and AO2 (NAC) Heath Coates for an excellent job as former President and Sec/Tres. You stand relieved.

We would also like to wish Mrs. Majore Barnes fair winds and following seas as she retires after 31 years of civil service. Thank you Marge for your undying devotion as the database ROLMS Administrator. The Weapons Department will miss her dearly, but she will not be forgotten. Also, AOC(AW) Gary Downing retired after 20 years of Naval Service, but he still wanted to help out the Weapons Department so he took a job down at Nellis Air Force Base as liaison. Thanks Chief for the outstanding support. The following individuals have transferred from their duties here at Fallon: CWO3 Lary Hurlbut to USS Kennedy, AO1(AW) Sean Dugan to VFA-102 (Japan), AO1(NAC) Heath Coates to USS Nimitz, and AO3 Wade Wiley to USS Kennedy. We wish you the best of luck. Fair winds and following seas.

Chapter 21 has been busy with the roadside pickups and car washes we have been doing over the summer. I would like to thank Mr. Jody Barnes for letting the chapter throw a barbecue at his house. Everyone had an excellent time.

Chapter 21 held our first of many annual tournaments. The first one we held was a Dart Tournament and the winners were, 1st place: AO1(NAC) Heath Coates and 2nd place: AO2(AW) Oliver Flannery. The next tournament held was a Pool Tournament and the winners were, 1st place: AO1 (NAC) Heath Coates and 2nd place: AOC(AW) Jeff Hallmark. The last one held was a Gun Shoot Tournament. The first shoot was a speed pistol shoot and the winners were, 1st place: Mr. Jay Goodrich and 2nd place: AO1 Michael Neely. The second shoot was a 500-yard steel buffalo shoot and the winners were, 1st place: Mr. Jay Goodrich and 2nd place: AO1(AW) Christopher Miller. The tournaments were a big success and everyone had a great time.

If stopping here in Fallon, we welcome you at our



monthly meetings, at the American Legion, 90 North Ada Street, the first Wednesday of every month at 1900.

We are proud to be hosting the National Convention up here in Reno, NV. It's scheduled for 8 - 11 July 2004, at the Silver Legacy. I would have to say it's one of the best hotels in Reno. We would like to emphasize to please buy your tickets early. Chapter 21 is going to make this the best convention yet. See you there...

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AO1(AW) Christopher Miller
Chapter 21 Vice President
Fallon, Nevada
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Chapter 7 Point Mugu, CA

Greetings to all from Chapter 7.

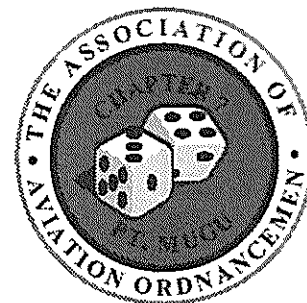
Chapter Elections

During our October meeting we held our elections for Officers and board members. Congratulations go out to our new officers and board, as follows:

President – GYSGT Glenn Vannoordt
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LtJG William Donals
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Season's Greetings



Fundraiser

We had a great turn out for our SeaBee Days fundraiser. Our Chapter manned a hot dog booth for the two-day celebration and raised \$483.00. The following people volunteered to work the booth and were presented Chapter 7 Certificates of Appreciation for their sacrifice:

Glenn & Samone Vannoordt, their son Michael
Larry & Nellie Cowell, their grand daughter Mariah Cowell,
Doug and Susan Zalmanzig,
Don Travis, David (Jeff) Coffey, John (Jake) Scanlon, Kenneth Dunning.

Special Olympics

The Chapter also volunteered their services at the Ventura County Special Olympics softball tournament held 23 August. Several of our members participated in the tournament as players on a Unified team. Unified teams are comprised of special Olympians and special partners, which our team placed second in the tournament. Our members also volunteered to cook lunch and serve over 500 special Olympians during the tournament. Our thanks go out to Larry Cowell, Mariah Cowell, Kenneth Dunning, Jake Scanlon, David Soto, Robert Frederick, Kelly Kirsch, David Coffey, Doug Zalmanzig, Glenn Vannoordt, Samone Vannoordt, Ricardo Sanchez, and Dwayne Fochler.

Hail and Farewell

This summer we said good-bye to Ensign Michael Baldwin, and welcomed aboard LtJG William Donals as the new NAS Weapons Officer.

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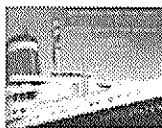
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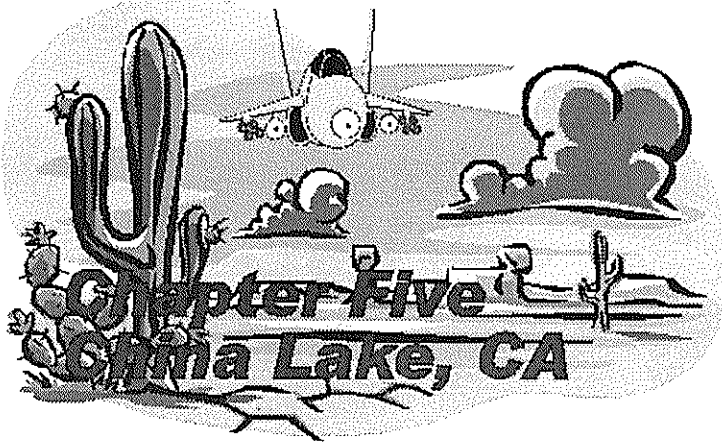
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Chapter Five is moving on. That is almost literally the truth. We missed our last summer FOD walk-down. Everyone seemed to be gone somewhere else. You know if you want to get out of the desert, during summer would be a good choice. I myself, just got back from Flint MI. I go there once a year to remind myself why I left in the first place. I flew back there, and were my arms tired (Yuk Yuk).

Getting back to Chapter Five activities. We had two successful gun raffles this year. We raised much need operating funds for the coming year. We are a little behind on our picnics, but we hope to catch up before the snows come. Snows, Ha!

Unfortunately, only a few chapter Five members could make it to the convention in Laughlin this year. Those that went were favorably impressed. Translation: They were so drunk that they don't remember anything. But what the heck. For myself, several family members of the River Palms staff and management approached me with their thanks for my lavish charitable contributions to their widows and orphans fund. I assured them that my donations were completely involuntary.

That is all for now. I know this is a little short, but I am still tired from all that arm flapping. Oh yeah! I lied. I didn't see any of my fellow chapter members drunk. Course I didn't see much of anything. Cheers

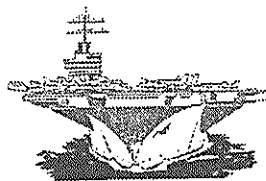
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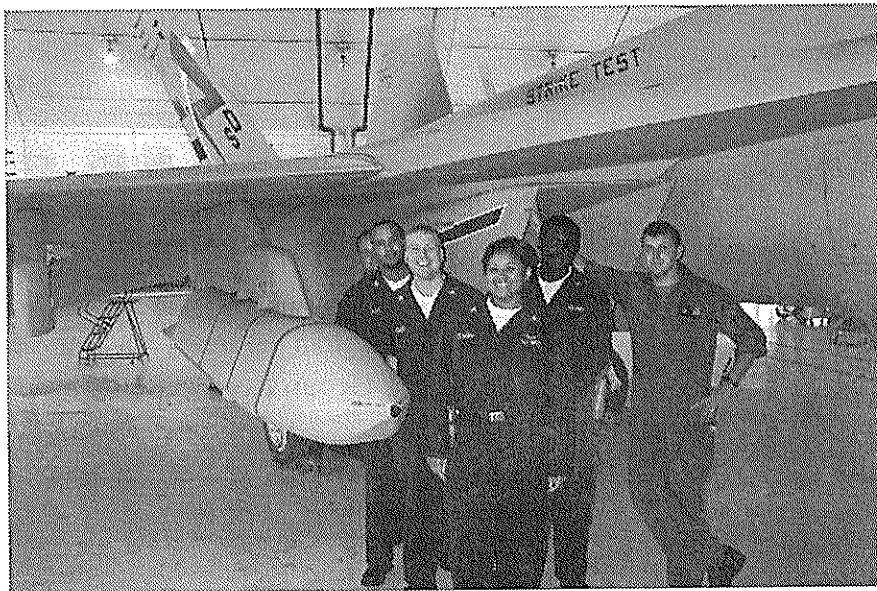


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The Joint-Air-to-Surface-Standoff-Missile, AGM-158A (JASSM) Program office, would like to thank the following personnel from NAS Patuxent River MD Strike Aircraft Test (VX-23), For their outstanding professionalism and dedication to duty during the recent JASSM support equipment suitability testing. Their efforts were instrumental in the flawless weapons handling/loading demonstration conducted from 22-25 Sep 03. AOC(AW) Allen, AO1(AW/SW) Montgomery, SSgt Steward, AO1(AW) Yearby, AO2 Lolley, AO2 Colon, AO3 Scott, AO3 Borden, AO3 Gary.

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Happy Thanksgiving

Chapter 8 San Diego, CA

Greetings from the San Diego Chapter.

We are proud to report everything is well with Chapter 8. The San Diego Chapter thrives on community involvement. On September 19th, Chapter 8 teamed up with the San Diego Special Olympics for a Softball Tournament. 33 teams competed throughout the weekend. We filled in as score keepers, umpires, buddies, spotters, timers, and even passed out a couple band aides. The athletes were very proud of their medals, ribbons, and support from the AO's.

The holidays are right around the corner, so we have already started our holiday hand up drive for our needy AO families. John W. Finn is doing well out on his ranch, our Chapter members make visits to see him often.

Our attendance has been very strong at our monthly meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of every month at 1900 at the Fleet Reserve in Chula Vista; so if you are an AO, Navy or Marine, please feel free to attend.

V/R

Frank E. Marano III

Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer





AAO CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

It has become a tradition over the past few years to have a planning meeting over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.....so...in keeping with tradition, we invite you to join us

JANUARY 16-19, 2004
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Thank again to all of you who have and continued to support not only our association but also the scholarship fund. You still make it all happen!

Thanks,

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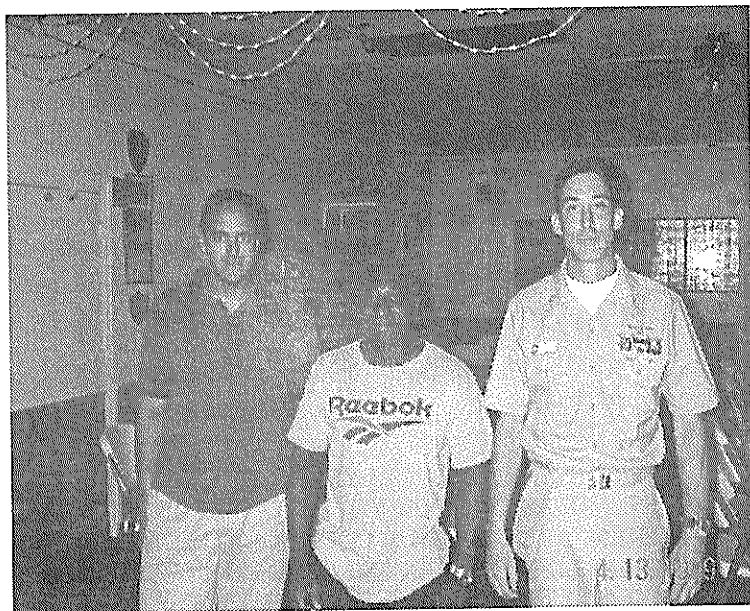
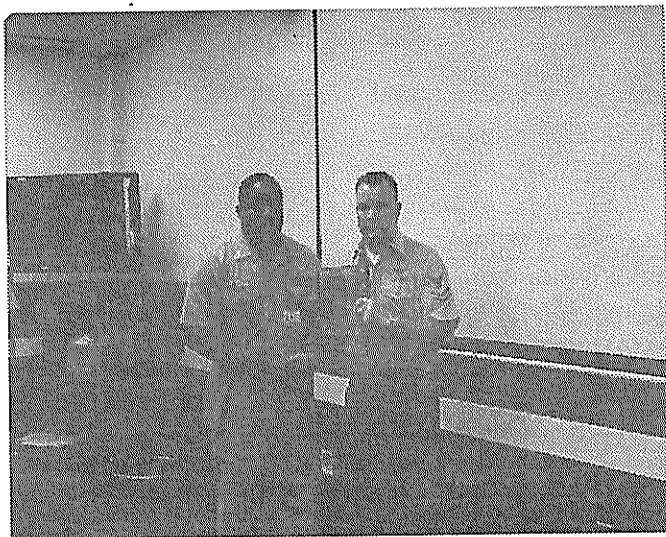
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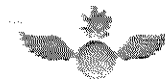
CHAPTER NINE AAO OF THE QUARTER

I would like to take the time to Congratulate AO2 (AW/) Daniel J. Pratt for being selected as Chapter NINE "Ordnancemen of the Quarter" for the 4th Quarter of 2003. AO2 Pratt's extreme motivation, professionalism and steadfast devotion to duty and community affairs has had a significant impact on member's of his command and this association. Job Well Done! The AAO of the Quarter Program was implemented by Chapter 9 members to award junior personnel for their contribution to the Navy, community and the Aviation Ordnance Association. Our next AAO selection will be December 2003.

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HELLO FELLOW ORDIES! Chapter Nine AAO is doing well. During our last meeting our active membership has grown to a total of 36. I would like to Congratulate three new Chief Petty Officer's from our chapter, TMC Santana, (left) AOC Holmes (center) and AOC Beliveau (right) on your selection to one of the most elite organizations in the world "The CPO Community". The fall season has begun, Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching fast and special thanks to Mr. Bill Keidel, Mr. Dan Vinson and Mr. Jim Bohac for their donation of \$50.00 for 3 additional baskets totaling 7 Thanksgiving Basket for our troops. I am looking forward to the CNAP/CNAL Senior Ordnance Conference all are encouraged to attend 4-7 November 2003 Newport News, VA it's a great time for meeting and discussing valuable ordnance information. Bring your coin (hint). If you are in the Jacksonville, FL area feel free to attend our AAO meeting **every third Thursday of the month at the Fleet Reserve Association on Collins RD.** Our next annual picnic is scheduled for the 6th of December 2003.



CHAPTER MEETINGS - PLACES - TIMES - DATES

Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
President: AOCS Tim Zimmer
559-998-9320
NAS Lemoore, Ordie Shack
3rd Wednesday, 1700

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA
President: Ron Jerasa
757-479-1176
VFW Post 392, Bowland Parkway
3rd Wednesday, 1900

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

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
President: Eric Parmley
904-268-7756
Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV
President: Steve Gahr
775-428-1542
American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
1st Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 63 - USS Kitty Hawk
CV 63 President: Harold A. McLean
Forward Deployed

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz
CVN 68 President: David Steo
On Board

Chapter 72 - USS Lincoln
CVN 72 President: John R. Dodt
On Board

Chapter 75 - USS Truman
CVN 75 President: George W. Johnson
On Board

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

Chapter CVW 5 - Deployed
President: Anthony Moore
Forward Deployed

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA
President: Kaye Mooney
360-257-5010
VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey)
2nd Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA
President: AOCS Dave Cain
760-384-1810
VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord
3rd Thursday, 1800

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA
President: Steve Lagerquist,
619-562-8492
Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista
1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
President: Thomas O. Rock III
808-839-2226
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Chapter 22 - Patuxent River
President: Bill Blanchard
301-863-9952
Fleet Reserve, Patuxent River, MD
3rd Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 65 - USS Enterprise
CVN 65 President: Sheltric Peterson
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Chapter 70 - USS Vinson
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Chapter Pensacola - Pensacola, FL
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850-505-7991 Lilian Rd, VFW
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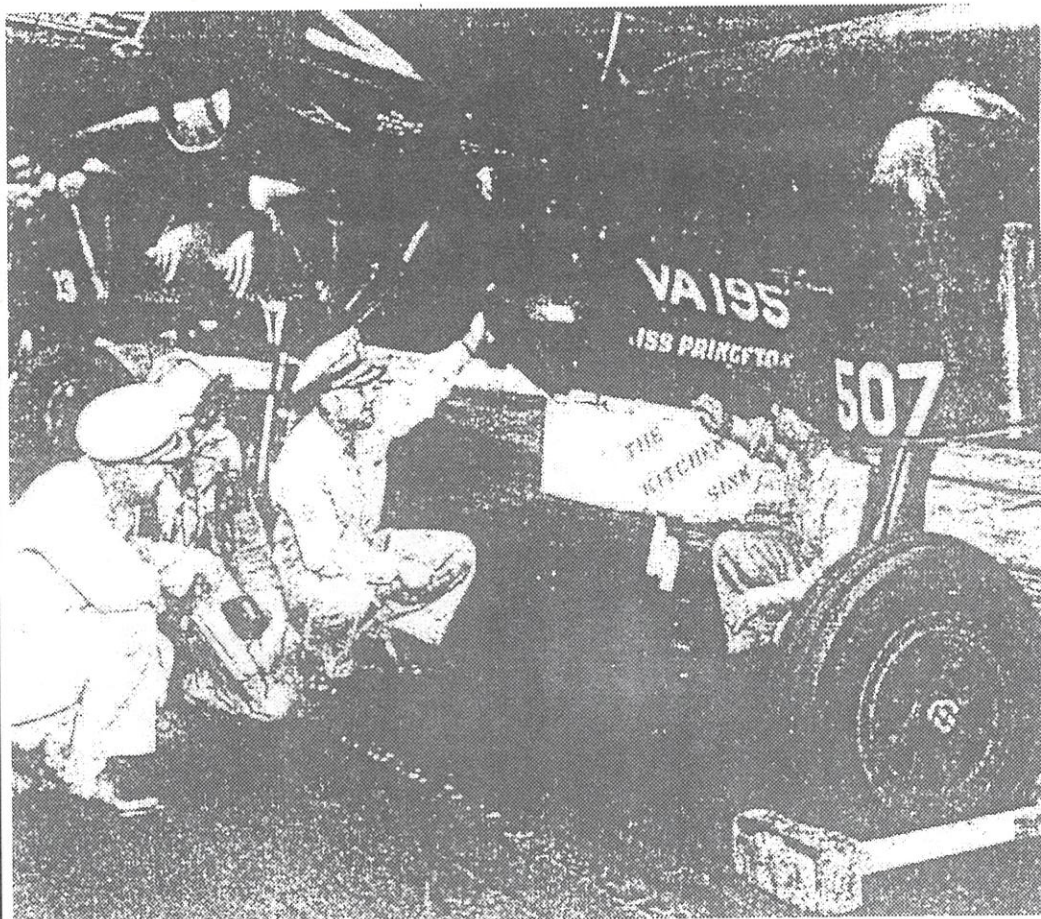
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During the Korean War while I was on the USS Princeton the Captain was heard to say, "We're throwing everything at Korea except the kitchen sink!" So my crew and I went into the next port, Yokosuka, Japan and bought a kitchen sink. We brought it back to the ship and tied it to the bottom of a 1000 LB bomb. That is what you see in the picture. The bomb was actually dropped, sink and all. I was 1st Class at the time in VA-195. In the photo I am at the tail of the bomb.

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