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



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Letters To The Editor

August 15, 2006

To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen:

I was the proud recipient of two academic scholarships from your organization. The money from those scholarships helped me to attend Florida State University. I graduated from there with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. After graduating, I worked as an accountant with a public accounting firm in Jacksonville before obtaining employment with Barnett Banks, Inc. I stayed with Barnett for almost 10 years as a supervisor in the Internal Audit department. Today, I am a full-time mother of two and I work part-time as an inventory control specialist for a medical parts supplier here in Ormond Beach.

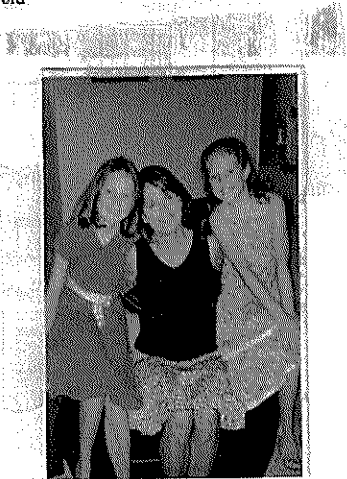
The college years are some years away for my own children but that does not stop me from telling them about the money I received from you and how it helped me both before and after graduation. I was able to earn my degree and enter the working world with a distinct advantage. I did not have to worry about unpaid financial obligations.

Thank you for helping me to continue my education past high school. As a young person entering college with only savings from various summer jobs, every dollar helped.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bohnstengel Pafford

Lisa Bohnstengel Pafford



Mary Ann,

The TARAWA Weapons folks would like to thank the Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen for all of the goodies! We can taste the love that went into all of the brownies and sincerely appreciate the candy, letters, reading materials, Frisbees, playing cards and mardi gras beads and decorations! We surely appreciate the Auxiliary for making the effort to send us those care packages. What a difference you all make! Our party was a great success! We had it on the enlisted mess decks on February 10th at 1330 (local Persian Gulf time). I could see our Ordies having a great time and forgetting they were out to sea on deployment. Even if it was for a short time, everyone relaxed and enjoyed themselves. Mission Accomplished! BRAVO ZULU to the Auxiliary! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all!

Here are some photos of the event. I'll send photos separately due to the file size limitation.

Thank you again!

V/R

Gunner Lagerquist
CWO2 Lagerquist, Scott J.
USS TARAWA LHA-1
Weapons Department DIVO

Check out the pictures on page 2!

Dennis,

Attached is a picture of the CVW-1/CVN-65 newest AOC's deployed in the Persian Gulf in support of OIF/OEF. We just wanted to shoot you a picture and maybe get it into the Redshirt or on the website.

The picture is taken in front of VFA-211 Aircraft 114 with a little Chief's pride stenciled on it. 114 years of Naval CPO Leadership! From L to R:

AOC Chuck Spiteri (VFA-136, in process of transferring to VFA-106) AOC Al Kelso (USS Enterprise, G-5) AOC Mike Gaar (VFA-211) AOC Dave Matlack (VFA-86) AOC Bryan Richey (USS Enterprise, G-1)

Thanks... Have a fine Navy day! IYAOYAS!!

AOC(AW/SW) M.B. GAAR
VFA-211 Ordnance
J-7696
Currently deployed on CVN-65 (USS Enterprise) IYAO-YAS!

*Thanks for the Pic Mike, look at page 19, I also included a picture of AOC Ron Reed, PMA-259. Congrats guys!
Kevin*

Good morning/afternoon/evening,

We would like to send a big HST/CVW-3 "IYAOYAS" shout out in honor of the Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen!

Thank you so very much for the goodies sent from all over the United States of America. The War on Terror rages on and the Give 'em Hell weaponeers truly enjoyed the Mardi Gras themed packages sent with love and appreciation. We are thankful for such a grateful gesture. You all may rest easy the Mighty TRUMAN is on station and has been kicking bad guys in the ass! Combat expenditures aren't quite what this A-6 Ordie is accustomed to but then again in to-



day's Navy we have the one bomb one kill mentality. I must say the troops in the holes and on the roof are making it happen like the ships and air wings before us. I love being a part of this terrific team!

On behalf of the HST/CVW-3 Weapons Team, THANK YOU very much.

Very respectfully,

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

I'm soliciting inputs for a new editor for the Red Shirt. I really enjoy doing this but my job has me traveling a lot lately, and I plan on starting back to college next semester as well as continuous rehab of our house leaving me very little time. If anyone is interested please give me a call and we can talk about it. Maybe split the duties?????? Or I can just keep it! Anyway.....

Also, for the next edition of the Red Shirt, please E-mail inputs to Kevin.meagher@eglin.af.mil or my home E-mail valions15@cox.net. I've had a problem getting my editor E-mail address back on line since I had a computer crash back in November. So if you don't see an article in here that you may have submitted that is probably why. Sorry.

Thanks

Kevin

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From The Vice President

Greetings to all,

I can't believe it but we just finished holding the pre convention meeting and are in full swing of getting things going for the 11 -17 August 2008 symposium/convention in Reno, NV at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino. We will again be providing the use of credit cards for the advance registration and will also be providing again this year a will call for your tickets to the Social, Awards Dinner and registration. For all the details on this contact the Treasure.

We have three offices open for election this year. These are Treasure (J.J. LaMaitre), and two Board of Directors (Rob Walecki & Al Castro). In accordance with the By Laws absence of a candidate from the General Business meeting requires approval of the Board of Directors for that candidate to be eligible for election. Remember that the publication of nominees on an absentee ballot in the Red Shirt **does not** preclude the acceptance of nominations from the floor during the annual General Business meeting. When nominating from the floor, i.e. their consent and a verbal short synopsis of background and why the nominee should be a candidate is required and verification that members membership is in good standing will be required before a vote is taken. If nominating from the floor remember that only the people in attendance of the General Business meeting will have an opportunity to vote for that nominee. The next Red Shirt will contain the nominees and their nominations' write ups. It will also have the absentee ballot for your use if you are not able to attend this year's convention. I encourage you to use the absentee ballot so your voice can be heard on whom your Leaders and Representatives are.

Hope to see you at this years Convention. God Bless our Troops.

IYAOYAS
PRESS ON

Joe Manley



Spanish American War 1898



Philippine Insurrection Campaign 1899-1902



At the 2008 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer Positions in the AA-OEF. I as Foundation President am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:

Office	Incumbent
President	CWO4 Edward C. Scott, USN (RET).
Treasurer	LCDR Richard Grass, USN (RET)
Board of Director	David Moore

Eligibility requirements for these offices and the duties of the office are in the AADEF Bylaws, which you can find by going to: <http://aaoweb.org/AAO> then clicking on Scholarship Information then scroll down to and click on the Bylaws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Regular Member of the Association nominate them.

I, as President of the Foundation, will be accepting advance nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail for collection and pres-

entation to the Associations President. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting. To make a nomination you must be a Regular Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination. All nominations of individuals received will be verified as current Regular Members of the Association through the National Treasurer. According to AADEF Bylaws, Article V, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 4 contains specific requirements for individuals that are to be nominated for Treasurer ONLY.

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

Mail advance nominations to: 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7517 or E-Mail them to: egunner@lightspeed.net.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (386) 445-0968 (H)/ (386) 405-6940 (Cell).

Edward C. Scott
AADEF President

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

www.welcome.to/aaoweb.org

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$15.00 PER YEAR OR \$25.00 FOR TWO YEARS

PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$15.00 PER YEAR

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____
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PHONE: home () - work () -

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

DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ LAST 4 SSN _____

Type of membership: Regular () Associate ()

SPONSOR: _____

I ELECT TO RECEIVE MY NEWSLETTER BY DOWNLOADING IT FROM THE WEBSITE ONLY ()

Under the freedom of information act: 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 J.J. La Maitre, USN Ret.
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February 2006

**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.



From The Secretary

Greetings Ordies,

Convention is almost here, only a couple more months. It will be great to see all of you. I need some help getting information from the following Chapters.

CHAPTER 11
CHAPTER 22
CHAPTER 39
CHAPTER 63
CHAPTER 65
CHAPTER 68
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I haven't gotten any chapter reports for quite some time. Also, you are required to send your monthly minutes / financial reports to me after each meeting. For those who do keep up the work, as for the rest of you please get those reports in.

Congrats to the following who were selected to LDO/CWO

AVIATION ORDNANCE 636X

BARTHOLOMEW MARVIN E CIAVOLA CHRIS A
GAAR MICHAEL B MOORE JERMAINE L
PAUL JOHN M POE GREGORY B
ROBINSON ANTHONY U RODGERS NORRIS L
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Everyone take notice my home phone number has changed.

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Treasurer's Report

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

CONVENTION – Registration forms are located elsewhere in this Red Shirt. Pre- registration is a must in order to properly give YOU a fun filled time in Reno. Sign up NOW and beat the rush. Credit Card requests will not be filled until 01 June 2008.

Membership fees are going up starting 01 June 2008 (new FY). The costs have been going up since our last dues increase in January 1995. With regret I asked the Board of Directors for an increase and it was approved. Dues are going from \$15 per year to \$20 per year. The 2 year 'first time membership' will go from \$25 to \$30. Additionally the Life Time costs are going up \$50 across the board for each age group, except for the 75 and above folks. That age group is going from \$20 to \$50. The new applications have been printed and will be used when the old ones run out. (About the time you are reading this.)

Address changes cost your Association. Sign up to get your Red Shirt 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)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaoctreas@cox.net.

Until next time IYAOYAS.
JJ LaMaitre

Key West Chapter

The Southernmost Association of Aviation Ordnancemen coordinated and participated in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th 2007. The event was held on Duval Street in the heart of Key West Florida. We had over 40 organizations involved by way of building floats and marching. This great event was viewed by over 20,000 spectators, and was broadcast on the radio for those who could not attend. The parade received high praise from Mayor Morgan McPherson in commenting that this event was the best Veterans Day Parade in Key West history. The Southernmost Association is proud to honor our Nation's Veterans. This event was an honor to coordinate and the Southernmost Association is continuing to pursue other ways of community involvement. IYAOYAS

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The President's Message



Hello Fellow Ordie's,

Well it's that time again to check in and see how you're doing and thank you for all the hard work you're doing. Time sure is flying by this year and all preparation for the upcoming Symposium and Convention are at full speed. As with last year we look forward to once again having a Huge Success in Reno.

As you all know the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) continues

and your brother and sister Ordnancemen are doing a fantastic job defending our freedom. From all reports I'm getting we have not missed a launch, and most importantly we are doing our business safely.

Let me talk a bit about the Symposium and Convention; Last year we came pretty close to an all time high in attendance for both events. Our Monday through Thursday symposium once again filled each day with informative briefings to bring us all up to date on the latest happenings from our TYCOM and Systems Commands, I do think the only issue we had was we just did not have enough time each day to handle more presentations, our average day ran from 0800 till 1730 each day, tons of info presented!!! We are also planning this year's symposium to be just as full of information, with numerous exhibits and vendors in attendance. We certainly have come a long way with our Joint Marine Corps and Navy Aviation Ordnance team.

The Convention Planning cell met once again in January and finalized our events for the annual Convention portion of our week in Reno. My hats off to all that participated, you are the hero's that make it all come together and your membership really appreciates what you accomplished. Make sure you all pay close attention to our new dates for this year, we did slide a bit into the month of August more so because of scheduling of meeting space at the Hotel, but we should be back to July dates next year. The Legacy certainly has been extremely kind to us and we look forward to their Grand hospitality once again.

For all the Active duty folks start working your Command for the funding for your attendance, as we will be in the final quarter of the Fiscal year hopefully you can convince leadership that you need to be there. If there is a question, the Week of Ordnance is truly the most professionally ran event you can be involved in and you should be in attendance. We need you to also participate in the Convention portion also, we will need members for the LT John W. Finn, Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year selection board, Hall of Fame selection board, we need members to also set the AAOEF Scholarship Foundation for the process of selecting our 2008 Scholarship recipients. So, come to Reno and be involved, see the goodness first hand, and take a role

in making our organization even stronger than it is.....

I'll close for now but, please take a hard look at trying to attend the events this summer in Reno. We need you there, to see and hear first hand what the future of Naval Aviation Ordnance is all about, to receive the latest in what Big Navy and Big Marine is doing for you in the fleet and as always we need to hear what you think we are not doing! Our Symposium briefings are open to all hands both active and retired so make you plans now to attend. Please keep our deployed Marines and Sailors in your prayers, they are protecting our freedom, and our well being as a country, think about them each day and tell somebody how proud you are of your Marine Corps and Navy Ordnancemen.

I know Pat and I certainly are proud to be associated with you all, and all that you stand for, and we both look forward to seeing and talking to you in August. And OBTW Pat's doing pretty good I think she only bought 11 pair's of shoes so far this year!!!

Remember "IYAOYAS" and remember if you can't do it by the book then don't do it!

Respectfully, CAPT Dave Lepard

Chapter 3



Hello fellow Ordies and welcome back from the holiday hustle and bustle. During the recent holidays Chapter Three was very busy volunteering at the local North Whidbey Help House sorting, building and distributing food baskets to local families to help brighten their holidays. This has become an annual event for Chapter

Three and one we really enjoy. This year, once again, the chapter is working with the Oak Harbor High School NJROTC program volunteering as Rangemasters and Official Scorers for the regional air rifle shooting match. In addition we will be sponsoring four NJROTC students to attend their annual summer training camp here in the northwest. Our Chapter website had to be taken down, but a new one will be up and running soon, so keep an eye out for that. If you are ever up in the Northwest area we invite you to join us at our next meeting which will be held at 1730 on the second Wednesday of every month at the VFW Post 7392, 3037 Goldie Road, Oak Harbor. Hope to see you there.

AO1 (AW) Dustin "Roy" Edsall
Chapter Three President
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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

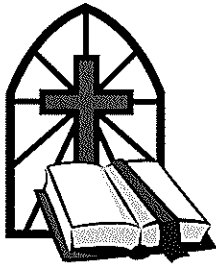
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ICC Jack F. Carpenter USN Ret.
LT Thomas L. Hinnant
AOC Michael P. Hayden
Michael J. Landkamer
AO1 Donald R. Laney



From The Chaplains Desk



Greetings to all Ordnancemen and Women every where serving our great nation.

I would like take this opportunity to introduce myself and provide a little background. My name is Mart Vance, USN Ret. My religious affiliation is Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. I live in Fallon, Nevada where I retired in 1982. And I am the recently installed National Chaplain. I was approached some time back to consider taking the position. After some prayerful consideration, I accepted the invitation to be placed in nomination. At the Last National Convention my name was selected to fill the position of Chaplain.

I would like to stress that I am available at any time my services can be of benefit to any member of the Association. Please feel free to apprise me of any event where I can be of assistance. I will put all my contact information at the end of this article. Mostly, I think, the majority of people think chaplains are the conveyor of bad news only. I don't want that to be the case here. I would be most pleased to convey happy events also. So, let me know when you hear of or are involved in a joyful event. (Weddings, births etc)

I pray all of you have had a blessed Christmas/New year season. As we enter the new year, we need to prepare ourselves spiritually, mentally and emotionally. The upcoming year can be very emotionally stressful times, especially for those about to be separated from family and loved ones for one reason or the other. Given our profession, we deal with separation all to often. Those on active duty have their work. And for those who are at home, find and join a support group. The first group that comes to mind is the AAOA. They are very familiar with what the active duty spouse is dealing with and are well equipped to offer support and friendship. You never know, you might just find a true friend for life. I know from experience that those in the AO family are some of the most caring and compassionate people that I have had the privilege of be acquainted with. In that light, calling on and joining the Association or Auxiliary can help ease the stress of a separation. Try it, you may just find it a worthwhile experience.

On another note;
Quote from Robin Williams character Tom Dobbs in the Movie "Man of the Year"
"There are neither red nor blue states, just United States".
So make sure you exercise you right to vote, for someone, when the time comes

Please keep in touch. And here is the way to do that.


My contact information is,

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May the Good Lord Bless you and keep you always....

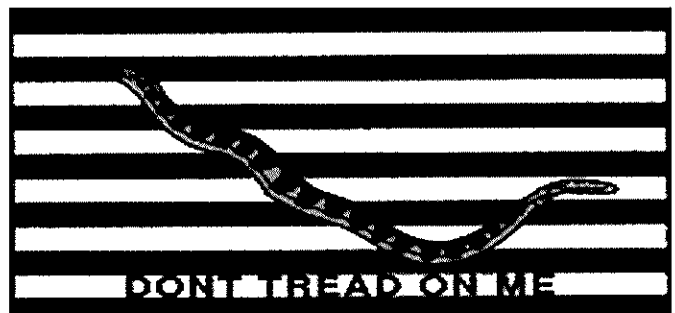
Respectfully submitted,

Mart Vance
AAO National Chaplain



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- AOC Frank A. Gray
- *AOC Matthew N. Ferro
- *AO2 James L. Moore
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- *AOC Charles M. Bergman
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- AOCM Marvin Brinkley
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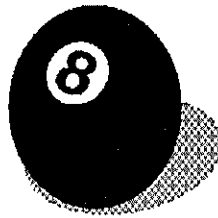




Chapter 8

Greetings to all,

Congratulations to AOC Sandra Dyal newly appointed to Vice President.



Chapter 8 continues to support the needs of John Finn; in preparation for the winter months the folks got together and chopped a total of 10 cords of wood. The ordies haggled over who would run the 25tone wood splitter; of course we had our ORM in high order.

Our Highway walk was postponed two times due to foul weather, The high way finally got some attention the third week of January.

The Chapter's annual holiday hand up, which is designed to help local ordies with the holiday season, was a success with the ever supporting help of Jim Saxton and Ray Ramirez. Chapter Eight was able to support six families for Thanksgiving, providing a Turkey and Ham along with potatoes and stuffing and a \$75 gift certificate for the Commissary. Four families for Christmas, we provided a \$75 gift certificate to the Commissary and a \$75 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. Donations are made possible by Chapter 8 members, and local commands.

Our Annual Picnic is getting closer Tickets are on sale now.

If you are ever in San Diego the first Thursday of the month I would like to invite you to our meeting. IYAOYAS

AO1 Kathleen Mirarchi
President Chapter Eight
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AAO CHAPTER 8 INVITES ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO OUR ANNUAL PICNIC

MAY 17TH 2008

LOCATION: Mills Park at MCAS Miramar

TIME: 1000 AM

RAFFLE PRIZES:

1ST PRIZE MATTED AND FRAMED AUTOGRAPHED JOHN FINN PICTURE

2ND PRIZE \$200 CASH

3RD PRIZE \$100 CASH

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE SOLD FOR 1 FOR \$1 OR 12 FOR \$10

You do not have to be at the picnic to win!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PURCHASING RAFFLE TICKETS OR CHAPTER 8 CHALLENGE COINS CONTACT:

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LOCATOR

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

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AO2 Steve Luster
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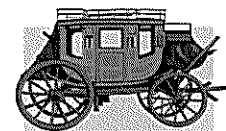


Step Back in Time!

JOIN US ON AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR FOR
SYMPOSIUM & CONVENTION ATTENDEES!

Virginia City * Voices From the Past *

Western Buffet Dinner



Thursday, 14 August - 5:30 p.m.

Special Ordie Rate - \$45/per person (47% Savings)

Space is Limited - Make Reservations Now!

Learn about the history of the Great Bonanza Trail and the gold-seekers who blazed them for the new settlers into the area.



Proceeding to Virginia City, the exciting history of Virginia City, Nevada, will begin to unfold. Once the richest place on earth, you will hear many “rags to riches” and “riches to rags” tales. Gold and silver discoveries had a tremendous impact on the whole country.

Upon arriving in Virginia City, you will be met at the gate of the cemetery by the caretaker *and his widow!* They will talk about the cemetery and life in Virginia City. As you walk through the cemetery, you will encounter some of the most prominent “spirits” who have come back to life to tell their stories and talk about various aspects of everyday life in a mining town, from firefighting to medical care to the challenges women faced. Also, there will be time to explore Virginia City on your own and enjoy a Western Buffet Dinner at the Delta Saloon.



For Reservation, Contact:

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RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT Must be Made by 1 June.

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The Auxiliary hopes that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season and is ready to make 2008 the best year ever! Several of our members attended the Symposium and Convention Planning meeting January 18-20 in

Laughlin and feel that this year's convention will be one you won't want to miss.

The Symposium is scheduled for August 11-14 and the **Convention** will run **August 13-17**. We will be meeting again at the **SILVER LEGACY** in Reno, Nevada. For those of you who have not been able to attend the past few years, the Silver Legacy is a terrific location and has a lot to offer. There is so much to do in the Reno/Tahoe area. More information is provided throughout this Red Shirt.

The Association will be offering an evening dinner tour to Virginia City on Thursday, August 14th. There will be limited space available, so if you are interested, don't hesitate to make your reservation. Look for information in the Red Shirt and Auxiliary newsletter.

The Auxiliary is planning to offer a unique luncheon program after the General Business Meeting. **Paulette Grune** from Sparks, NV will present "**Reflections of the Past**" which brings the Victorian era to life. As a seamstress, she developed a strong interest in Victorian dressmaking. Her historic presentation include the costumes, challenges, manners, morals, symbolism, style of language and expected class distinction that were so vividly acknowledged during the Victorian era. She will incorporate the use of costumes, dressing screen, vanity table and Victorian props. She is involved in many of Nevada's historical organizations including the Pipers Opera House in Virginia City and the Bowers Mansion in Washoe Valley, NV. Many of her costumes are on display at various museums and are worn by owners of restored mansions, docents of museums and living history characters. You won't

want to miss this peek into history so.... **Please plan to join us!**

It is with great pleasure that the Auxiliary welcomes **Liza Holdman** who joins as a Lifetime Member. We also offer condolences to the family of **Margaret Stephens** who passed away in November. Margaret was a Plankowner and Lifetime Member.

January has been a very busy month for our **TASTE OF HOME** project. Chairman **Mary Ann Laun** and **Debbie Holcomb** baked brownies and shipped them along with candy bars, magazines, salty nut treats and a bunch of Mardi Gras beads and surprises to the Ordies of the **USS Tarawa** in care of **CWO2 Scott Lagerquist**. The **USS Harry S. Truman** (POC is **CDR Bill Bindell**) was also the recipient of goodies. Bakers **Ashley Crews**, **Melissa Page**, **Bonnie Pfeifer**, **Vicky Peters** and **Dottie Michel** made sure that the Ordnancemen in the Weapons Department as well as the Air Wing know that we are thinking of them. Playing cards donated by the Silver Legacy and other casinos were also sent. Many of the Taste of Home volunteers are former Ombudsmen. We encourage you to get involved as well. Mary Ann always needs bakers, so if you can help, please contact her at launstarz@aol.com.

We want to remind our members that your participation and ideas are important. One way to get involved is to assist at the conventions. We always need help in the registration area, assistance with the raffle and help taking in Auction items. Also you can get involved by running for an office on the Board of Directors. This year, the positions of Vice-President, Chaplain and two Board of Directors positions will be open for election. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone, please contact Nominating Chairman, **Janice Whitley**. You can reach her at the following email address: alphawolves@charter.net. Of course, you must be a member in order to run for an office. If you are not an Auxiliary member and would like to join us, please contact Treasurer, Carolyn Thomas at aaao@cox.net for an application. Annual dues are currently \$10.

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Delores Manley - AAO President





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College & Scholarship Checklist for
High School Juniors & Seniors

So you're planning to go to college
once you finish high school, right?
But are you really ready?

Planning for college is a two-year
process. And unless a rich uncle is
going to write that \$30,000 + check
for you, it is going to involve ac-

quiring and submitting financial aid forms, scholarship applications, and grant applications. But don't despair. By following the suggestions below, and by carefully monitoring the process, you should be buying college textbooks before you know it. Keep in mind, however, that this is a process; it isn't like taking one test and getting an A. It requires diligence, double-checking, and follow-up.

When you are a high school JUNIOR:

MAKE A DETAILED PLAN TO INCLUDE:

* Take the SAT <<http://www.collegeboard.com>> and/or ACT <<http://www.actstudent.org>> ...this is a must.

* Keep your grades up! Remember that colleges look at your entire high school academic record when making admissions decisions: what you do in 9th through 11th grade is just as important as what you do as a high school senior.

* Consider college options. Decide what is important to you: Location? Curriculum? Size? Diversity? Athletics? Social life?

* Keep an eye on your local papers and community bulletin boards for college nights and open houses; talking to representatives at college fairs is a great way to find out about the colleges you are considering.

* Research your scholarship and grant options. Utilize the most accurate customized scholarship search service available on the Internet, ScholarshipExperts.com <<file:///showIndexScreen.htm?sourceid=expadv>>. You just can't mimic our resources yourself; we will save you time and headaches, and help you avoid scams.

* Send away for scholarship information and applications with early deadlines. It's never too soon to do so since some scholarship and grant applications need to be received during your junior year of high school.

* Make an effort to be involved in your community or in extra-curricular activities at school.

* Join a club, do a service project, sign up for a committee at your church. Admissions officers and scholarship providers will want to see evidence of your leadership

and commitment to service when they review your applications next year.

REVIEW YOUR DETAILED PLAN FOR COMPLETENESS AND AREAS OVERLOOKED.

In the FALL of your SENIOR year:

UPDATE YOUR DETAILED PLAN AND:

* Select the colleges that interest you most, as soon as you enter your high school homeroom. Don't delay. Send away for information and applications; be sure to check out web sites for information you can obtain online.

* Sign up to re-take the SAT or ACT. Buy a study guide or sign up for a test prep course to take before the actual test date. Believe it or not, you CAN improve your test scores by taking them a second time, and better scores could affect your ability to get scholarships!

* If possible, visit any colleges you can. Find out when there are prospective student activities or if you can sign up to "shadow" an existing college freshman.

* In September (and then once each month thereafter), search for scholarship opportunities using ScholarshipExperts.com <<file:///showIndexScreen.htm?sourceid=expadv>>. Take time to fill out your entire profile on the site, making sure to ask your parents about their work experiences and association/union memberships for optimal results.

* Pay attention to early admission deadlines. By October or November, submit applications for early decision programs.

* Attend a financial aid presentation. These are offered at schools, libraries, and college campuses.

* Narrow your list of intended colleges, and make sure you have all the financial aid forms required by each school. Required documents may not be the same at each school, so pay close attention to what each requires.

In the SPRING of your SENIOR year:

REVIEW YOUR PLAN

* Complete and submit the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) immediately (it can be submitted anytime after January 1st, so long as you are a high school senior or college student). Call 1-800-4-fed-aid; the online address is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> <<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>>. The FAFSA form can also be obtained from high schools, colleges, and local libraries. Do not put this off for months and months as some state funding programs require submission of this federal form as early as mid-March. Make a copy for yourself. Parents should compile income tax information and complete taxes early. Remember, all U.S. students should complete this form, regardless of income, as it is required not only for federal funding, but also for some state and institutional funding as well.

* Verify that you have submitted all required financial aid forms in a timely manner to the financial aid offices



of the colleges you've applied to.

* Be sure to send in your scholarship applications on time; several scholarships have spring deadlines. Check back regularly with ScholarshipExperts.com <file:///showIndexScreen.htm?sourceid=expadv> to find even more awards during the spring and summer months; you should update your profile each month to generate new, customized award lists. (And no, parents, it is not too late to become a member of ScholarshipExperts.com -- scholarship searching is a year round event for most students from high school through college and graduate school!)

* Verify that you have received your Student Aid Report (SAR); it should arrive about four weeks after you have submitted your FAFSA.

* Compare financial aid packages when you receive admissions notifications. Look for the best rather than the most.

* Finalize your college choice and notify the college of your plans to enroll.

* Sign and return financial aid forms to the university you plan to attend.

* Send your final transcript and student loan application.

* Notify the schools whose enrollment offers you decline.

Now celebrate! You are about to enter one of the most amazing times of your life, and one that will change you forever. Make the most of your college experience, and remember to study. It is important to maintain your GPA so that you can maintain your scholarships throughout your college career. Once enrolled into your college, university or vocational trade schools don't forget to ask your student financial aid counselor about additional grants and or scholarships now available while enrolled. With any luck and your own tenacity you could graduate with little to no additional costs for a number of years; aka "student loans".

Best of Luck,
LCDR Mike Gramolini
AAOEF Vice President

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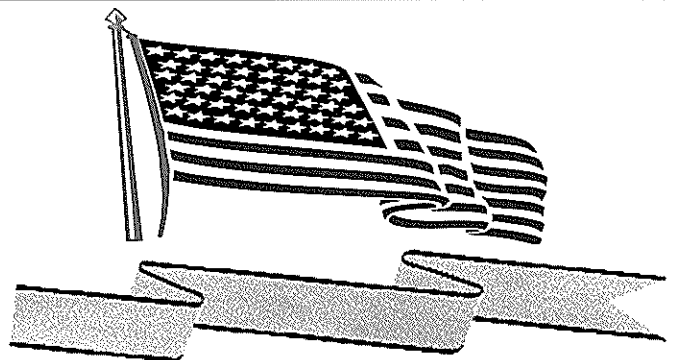
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<p>Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA President: LCDR Kevin Dowd 559-998-0880 Fleet Reserve, Lemoore 3rd Wednesday, 1730</p>	<p>Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA President: AO1 James Irwin James.i.irwin@navy.mil 360-257-4525 VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey) 2nd Wednesday, 1730</p>	<p>Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA President: LT Shawn Burmeister 757-433-1734 NMC Detachment Oceana, VA 3rd Wednesday, 1600</p>
<p>Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA President: Billy Moore 760-939-5247 VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord 3rd Thursday, 1830</p>	<p>Chapter 7 - Naval Base Ventura County, CA President: AO1 Adam Bolinger 805-385-7222 Weapons Dept. Conf Room Bldg. 68, NBVC 1st Wednesday, 1130</p>	<p>Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA President: AO1 Kathleen Marachi 619-545-8451 Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista 1st Thursday, 1900</p>
<p>Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL President: AO1 Michael Steckley 904-542-5568 Fleet Reserve, Collins Road 3rd Thursday, 1900</p>	<p>Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI President: AO1 Masters 808-839-2226 Call for Meeting Time and Place</p>	<p>Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV President: AOC Rex Galliano 775-423-8893 American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV. 1st Wednesday, 1900</p>
<p>Chapter 22 - Patuxent River President: AOC Richard Burry Richard.burry@navy.mil 301-7573108 VFW, Post 2632 California, MD 3rd Wednesday, 1900</p>	<p>Chapter 39 "Dude Gilbert" - Beaufort, SC President: Del Tingley 843-228-7827 Delroy.d.tingley@usmc.mil</p>	<p>Chapter 63 - USS Kitty Hawk CV 63 President: AO1 Shawn M. Peacock Forward Deployed</p>
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<p>Chapter Key West, Southern Most President: AO2 Tim Carlisle 305-294-2892 Navigator Bar and Grill NAS Key West, FL 2nd Friday, 1300</p>	<p>Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA. President: John G. Cleary Jr. 760-337-4986 Call for Meeting Time and Place</p>	<p>Chapter Pensacola - Pensacola, FL President: Boris Harris boris.harris@navy.mil 850-456-0996 Lilian Rd, VFW 1st Tuesday, 1830</p>
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Chapter 9

Greetings One and All from all of us at Chapter 9 located in sunny Jacksonville Florida. From all of us and our families we all hope that each of you had a Great Thanksgiving; you all should of started your diets, A Very Merry Christmas; did I mention diets, and a Safe & Happy New Year's; so much for the diet! Where did 2007 go?

Since our last report, we all have been busy with our quarterly "Keep Jacksonville Beautiful", AKA "FOD Walk-Downs" along a 2 mile stretch of Blanding Blvd, supporting many civic functions like POW/MIA, Veterans Day, etc events along with our strong support by our membership presence. Once again, this year due to the support of our membership we were able to support several "Baskets of Hand-Up" for Thanksgiving and Christmas to needy AO families in the Jacksonville area. As in the past, this project remains one of our priority projects throughout the year and our membership truly makes the difference while listing just a few of the many accomplishments completed. Yet another example of "Chapter 9" at work was our support to the NJROTC marksmanship program. Many High School programs throughout the US sponsor the NJROTC within their schools and one of the many keen activities is its marksmanship competition with other like schools, this year there were over 30 activities that participated and furnished the Chapter their targets for score's and awards. The scoring at this print time is still being evaluated by a select number of "keen eyed" members; final results will be posted on our website and our thanks to all of the NJROTC participants with Congratulations to the winners who will receive medals and plaques.

If any of you are in the Jacksonville area during the celebration of the AO's birthday, you might want to venture over to the Fleet Reserve Club on Collins Road for Chapter 9's "AO Birthday Bash" and picnic. All AO's and families are welcome but you also must remember "First Sea Stories" don't stand a chance. Check our chapters' website at www.aao9.com for additional times, dates, etc as it draws closer. Yawl might want to hit our website for additional and updated information about Bill Keidel' annual 3 day "Super Bowl Get-2-Gether". Outside of great food (always lots of it), meeting fellow AOs' (bunches of those also), a chunk of ground & trees to "pull up and rest-a-spell", warm fire (we do need that in Florida every once and awhile) and then of course there is the main purpose of Super Bowl "Get-2-Gether" viewing, from many elevated locations located throughout the back yard (ya think the Dolphins or the 49ers had a chance this year?), the BIG GAME with good friends.

As one and all can see, we as a chapter have and continue to be busy welcoming home many of our de-

ployed comrades, sending off many to join the "Tip of the Spear" while standing by to offer support to our extended families. "Freedom is not free", keep all in your payers as they protect us all on the home front.

Until our next report, keep bringing in new members to your chapters and don't forget those whose dues may have expired or those who are shut in and can not actively support the chapters.

Regards to all,
CWO4 Edward C. Scott, USN (RET)
Chapter 9 Secretary

BACK PAGE

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (Dec. 12, 2007) Following an unveiling of the fourth hole marker at the Navy/Marine Golf Course, Medal of Honor recipient Lt. John Finn (Ret.) talks to local media. The golf course features similar markers for all 15 Pearl Harbor Medal of Honor recipients. Finn received the Medal of Honor in recognition of heroism and distinguished service during the Japanese attack. As of October 2007, at age 98, Finn is the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient and is also the only living Pearl Harbor Medal of Honor recipient. A chief petty officer at the time, Finn was stationed at Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay. During the first attack by the Japanese aircraft, Finn took control of a .50 caliber machine gun post and continued to fire on the attacking planes despite getting hit numerous times by enemy strafing fire.

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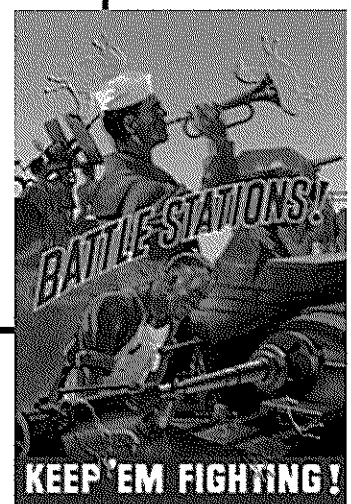
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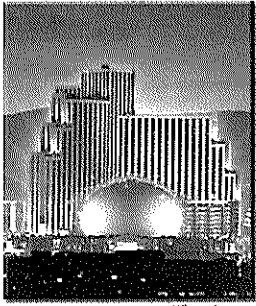
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