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Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL

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President:
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Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV

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1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River

President: AO1 Willard Riffe
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1st Wednesday 1700

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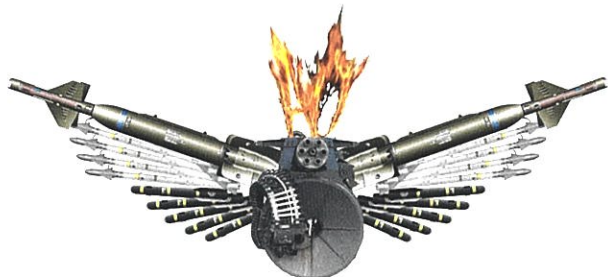
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INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

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 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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

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ADDRESS: _____
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 PHONE: home: () _____ - _____ cell: () _____ - _____
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 DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ Last 4 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: _____

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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.



MISSION
 The Arleigh Burke class destroyer is a guided missile destroyer designed to counter 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 U.S. Navy'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 and engage multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be supported by two embarked Landing Helicopters.

ARMAMENT
 Harpoon, Tomahawk and Standard missiles, Mk41 VLS, 1 or 2 Mk45 Phalanx CIWS, 1 Mk45 5-inch/54-caliber gun, 1 Mk45 5-inch/42-caliber gun, Mk32 dual VVT launchers.

PROPULSION
 Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines; two shafts, (100,000 total shaft horsepower)

AIRCRAFT
 Two MH-48 Seahawk helicopters.

MISCELLANEOUS
 Displacement: 8,200 tons (23,872 metric tons) full load
 Crew: 460-525 (Officers and 400 Enlisted)
 Length: 188.2 feet
 Beam: 31 feet
 Draft: 20 feet

USS John Finn (DDG 113)

Red Shirt

Articles

are due

20 JAN 18

1 MAY 18

20 SEP 18

Please submit via e-mail when possible



NEW MEMBERS

LT Douglas A. Kesterson
SSGT Jessie W. Fielder USMC
AO2 Brione M. Campbell
AO1 Terrance D. Eddings
AO1 Kevin Green
LT Rashad J. Massey
AO2 Chad T. Sargeant
AO2 Brodie W. Pullen
AO1 Gabriela C. Myers
AO1 Anthony Strothers
AO1 John S. Perry
AO1 Joshua R. Smith
AO2 Adam R. Moore

AO1 Kevin M. Rodriguez
AO2 William G. Crews
AOAN Sydney R. Boudreau
AO1 Gabriel A. Gonzalez
AO2 Andrew L. Hadley
AO2 Jakob D. Parks
CWO4 Stephan J. Varga
AOC Brandon E. Sotelo
AO2 Kimberly Ross
AO2 Guillermo Alba III
AO1 Maurice J. Childress
AO2 Sheona L. Holmes
AO1 Michael A. Anderson

LOCATOR

Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? If you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me at aaotreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

Mr. Mark E. Buhl (RS132)	Carrol K. Iszard (RN)
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AOC Justin K. Warf (RN)	AO2 Aubri R. Woody (RN)
AO2 Thomas K. Kenchel (RN)	AO1 Katie C. Trevino (RN)
AOC Murrel S. Owen USN Ret (RS132)	AO2 Lionel T. Harris (RS133)
AO1 Joshua L. Olaiz (RS133)	AOC Justin W. Radabaugh (RS133)
AOC James E. Brady (RS133)	AOCS Alonzo Doggett USN Ret (RS133)
AOC Kendrick J. Anderson (RN)	AO2 Alyssa Lopez (RN)
AO2 Erika N. McDougall (RN)	ENS Jose E. Franco (RN)
AO1 Stefan K. Barrett (RN)	AOC Vertellis D. Garrett (RN)
Ao2 Ryan a. Woodfield (RN)	AO1 Dave W. Johnson (RS133)

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AO1 Ronald & Jessica Gwyn Jr.	AAO Chapter 1
AAO Chapter 3	AAO Chapter 4
AAO Chapter 5	AAO Chapter 8/AO1 Nanise Schroeder
AAO Chapter 9	AAO Chapter 21
AAO Chapter 22	AAO Chapter 34
AAO Chapter 70	AAO Chapter 671
CVW-8	AAO Auxiliary
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Douglas & Amy Brindle	Rick & Dale Nelson
AOCM Ed & Penny Hannifan USN Ret	



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AOC Albert J. Covan USN Ret*
AOC David R. Call USN Ret*
AO2 David Razon USN Ret*
AOC Charles Dial USN Ret*
AO2 Tanner Brach
AO1 Albert H. Forkum USN Ret*
AO3 William B. Taylor*
AOCM Michael J. Petruny USN Ret
AOCM Chester Langlois, USN Ret

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

IN MEMORIUM

LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken USN Ret - In Memory of Anne Robins
Ms. Stella Collier - In Memory of Anne Robins
Ms. Doris From - In Loving Memory of CWO3 Roy A. From USN Ret
CWO4 Billy & Linda Earl USN Ret - In Memory of AOCM Gordy W. Zehm USN Ret
AOC Robert & Eric Senneseth USN Ret - In Memory of Miao "Penny" Senneseth - Loving Wife and Mother



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SSGT Joseph N. Dwyer USMC	MGYSGT Terrence G. Shown USMC Ret
Mr. Edward B. McElhenney USN	CAPT Jesse C. Tallman USMC
AO1 Robert S. Schlater USN Ret	AO1 John E. Sherry
AO1 Joseph L. Breault	CDR Stephen A. Folsom
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AOCS Scott A. Murphy USN Ret	AOC Rion T. Parker

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 JJ LaMaitre. 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

Kevin,

Attached is a photo of the AO Dinner that was held at the 2016 Carrier NARG.



Front row L-R
AOC Dooley, CDR Forbes, LCDR Hutchinson, LT McDonald, Oscar Robinson, Dion Edon.
Back Row L-R
AOC Dowell, AOCS Skarin, Rick Duro, LT Bland, CDR Thompson, CAPT Dean, CAPT Bindel

V/R,
R.J. Duro
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the EURAFSWA ESOs at 2017 DoN/NOSSA Explosives Safety Workshop Shades of Green in Orlando Florida

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NMC Souda Bay



AO2 Myers and AO2 Alba who were Reenlisted by CWO4 Turnipseed at Souda Bay Crete, Greece

ON THE COVER

Oscar J "Roby" Robinsons retirement from Government Civil Service

BACK PAGE

Roby standing under the Oscar Robinson Training Facility sign



To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

Thank you for your consideration and continued support, it means the world to me. Over the past four years at Virginia Tech I was able to accomplish various personal goals, thanks to your help. These include, but are not limited to: selection to the Dean's list 7 times, obtaining an overall GPA of 3.68, becoming a Sustainable Water Scholar, taking on various leadership roles in several organizations, embarking on

three life changing internships, and culminating in a B.S. in Water: Resources, Policy and Management. I could not have dreamt of having these experiences if it were not for the assistance of this great organization.

As I move into the next phase of my education at VCU, your investment will continue to drive my success. I plan on publishing a paper in the coming months from my work this summer at Oak Ridge National Labs. Then, I hope to graduate in the spring of 2019 with an M.S. in Biology, after developing a publication focusing on the dynamics of urban streams. From there, I plan to move into a full-time position, where I can apply my skill-set and work towards improving our aquatic environment(s).

Your investment in education is an investment in the future of our country. Therefore, I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for understanding the power of knowledge. I am eternally grateful and wish you all the best.

With the Utmost Respect,
Joe Famularo



Dear Mr. Garza and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I want to thank you for allowing me to be one of the recipients of this year's Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News Awards. The money I received will give me the opportunity to pursue my goal of higher education. It will also facilitate my family and my financial burden for this coming school year. I am forever grateful to receive such a generous scholarship. I am excited

and eager to start my journey as a college student this year. I am going to be a freshman at the University of Arkansas where I am majoring in Computer Science. Upon completion of undergraduate study, I am going on to earn a Master's degree in Computer Science. My goal is to use my degree to become a software architect at

one of the best technology companies in the world. By receiving this scholarship, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen have given me the opportunity to turn my dreams into reality. I want to once again thank you Mr. Garza and the rest of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Committee for selecting me as a recipient of the Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News Scholarship.

Sincerely,
Michael Panis



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

Thank you for granting me the honor of receiving the 2017 Robert L. Crow Award. The aid of this scholarship will greatly help with continuing my education to better reach my career goals. The use of this scholarship will help afford much needed tuition, as I work towards completing my junior year at Virginia Commonwealth University. By the year 2019, I will have earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminal Justice. I owe much of my educational accomplishments to the aid of the Robert L. Crow Scholarship and Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Marcella Burmeister



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I AM OFFICIALLY A GRADUATE OF GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY!

In addition to earning a dual degree and a minor, I was a charter member of the Honors College and awarded summa cum laude for my academic achievements.

During my four years at college, I made sure to give back to our community by serving Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, and local outreaches my university held to help families in need during the Christmas season.

On a fun note, I also was elected Homecoming Queen!

This was an honor for me, as nominations were only given by professors.

I want to THANK YOU again for being a part of making my college experience possible.

Kindest regards --- Lauren K. Thomas (recipient 2013, 2014, 2015)

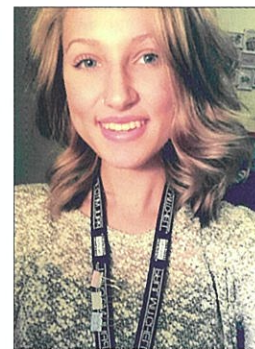
Scholarship Recipients



Megan Williamson



Mikayla Howorka



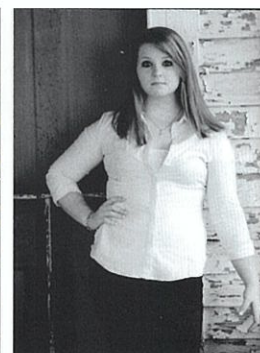
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Shelby Howard



Sydney Barba



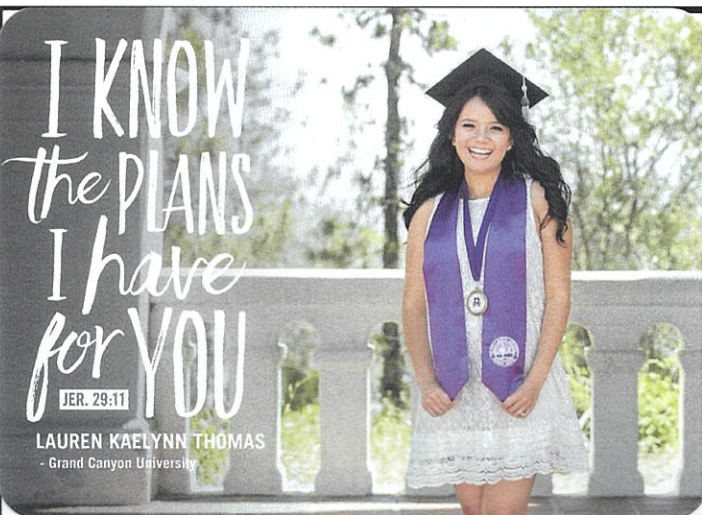
Jordan Jakobs



Kimberly Zimmer



Linze Jakobs



Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education, dual degree
Minor in Finance and Economics

'Lopes Up!

Lauren will begin her career as a 2nd Grade teacher in Peoria, Arizona. She has adopted the theme "Have Courage and Be Kind", so when the school had "Be Kind" as theirs, she knew it would be a perfect fit.

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Millington, 1981



Aviation Ordnanceman of the year
Runner up AO1 Jeremy Reed



AOY, AO1 Jordan Chapman, being presented the AOY plaque onboard the TR by VFA-22's CO Thomas T. Bodine



Re-enlistment, AO2 Grant Crews

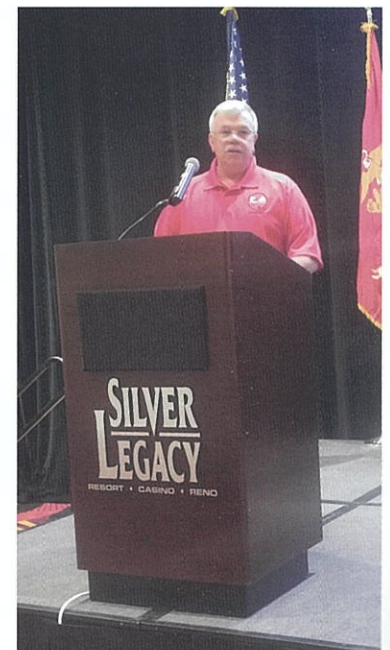
Aviation Ordnanceman of the year
AO1 Jordan Chapman



AO Hall of Fame MGYSGT Marc A. Senecal USMC (Ret.)



AO Hall of Fame LT Allen E. Ten Eyck USN (Ret.)



AO Hall of Fame CDR Jeffrey L. McComb USN (Ret.)

Oscar "Roby" Robinson's Retirement

May 23, 2017 marked the end of an era in the Aviation Ordnance community. Mr. Oscar J. "Roby" Robinson retired after almost 50 years of service to this country. Roby wore the uniform of an Airman, Petty Officer, Chief Petty Officer, and commissioned LDO for 25 years; then wore a coat and tie for 25 more as a civil servant. Roby was embedded on the staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic as PEO/W Carriers. He was the lead on design, planning and implementation for CVN Weapons Department spaces for all Nimitz Class CVN hulls from USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) through Ford Class CVN USS GERLAD R. FORD (CVN 78).

In a ceremony held at Mobile Ordnance Training Team (MOTT) building, Naval Station Norfolk, Ordie One CAPT Bill Bindel, guest speaker, presented Mr. Robinson with the Navy Superior Civilian Award. The citation reads:

NAVY SUPERIOR CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD

TO

MR. OSCAR J. ROBINSON

for service as set forth in the following

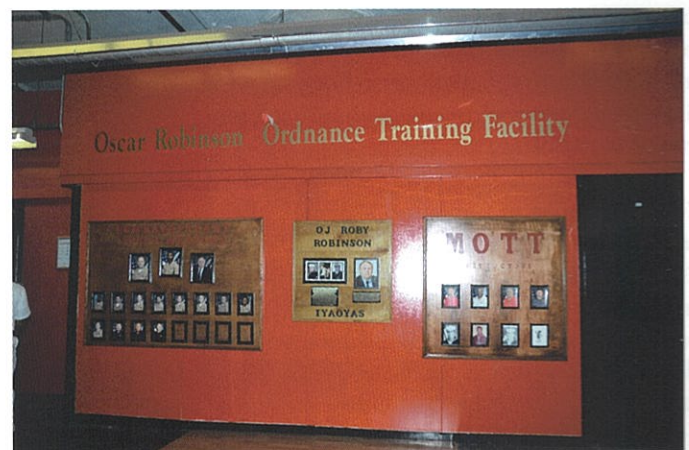
CITATION:

For extraordinary service while serving as aircraft carrier (CVN) Weapons Air/Ship Integration and Fleet Modernization Program Manager on the staff of Commander, Naval Air Force, Atlantic from December 1992 to May 2017. Mr. Robinson's superb leadership and technical prowess in the management of CVN Shipboard Weapons Installation/Integration and Material Programs resulted in 26 new weapons systems delivered on time and within budget providing warfighters with the newest lethal kill systems in the Navy arsenal. As Fleet Weapons Modernization Program Manager, his team designed and developed an improved Upper Stage Weapons Elevator for USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) and USS GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN 77), which reduced ammunition transit times by 25 percent. His technical expertise was instrumental in the design and construction of all NIMITZ class CVN 03-level Airborne Electronics Counter Measures Complexes. Additionally, as Air/Ship Integration Team lead, his efforts contributed directly to the Integration of the F/A-18, MH-60 (Sierra and Romeo) and F-35 aircraft to the CVN platform. This award is the culmination of over 48 years of dedicated government service to the Navy and the defense of our Nation, and is testament to the enduring contributions and countless personal sacrifices he made to preserve the freedoms and liberties all Americans cherish. Mr. Robinson's distinctive accomplishments and impressive devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and the Department of the Navy.

After Roby's retirement ceremony, the presiding officer, CAPT Alan Dean, officially renamed the MOTT building to the "Oscar Robinson Ordnance Training Facility." A plaque with several photos of Roby along with his military and civilian biographies will hang on the Quarter Deck for future redshirts to read about Roby's legacy. No words, awards, or even the building named in his honor could ever properly recognize the contributions Mr. Robinson accomplished in his 50 year tenure. Roby Robinson's contributions will affect Red Shirts for decades to come.

On behalf of past, present and future Red Shirts, we proudly say "THANK YOU MR. ROBINSON" for your many sacrifices and for making our community greater. As you begin a new chapter in your life on the farm in Maine, we wish you and the entire Robinson Family nothing but health and happiness. Fair Winds and Following Seas! Thank you for your service, your leadership and your friendship.

CDR Joe Thompson



PREZ

Hello AO Family,

I pray all is well with you and yours. I will start by saying I hope you had as great a time as I did at the 2017 AO Convention in Reno. Just like last year it was a blast and our guest speaker, RDML Gregory "HYFI" Harris provided professional words of wisdom intertwined with some extremely amusing "read" hilarious annotations. He definitely kept us leaning forward waiting for more. Admiral, please accept one last time our sincere thanks for your attendance. You and your lovely bride Stacey are welcome back anytime.

The Aviation Ordnance Manager's Leadership Continuum preceded the convention and that went very well. For those who did not make it this year, you missed some great briefs and a grand opportunity to network with USMC and USN Aviation Ordnance Leadership from around the globe. Do yourself favor and be sure to attend next year if you are available. You will not be disappointed.

My hat's off to the Marines and Sailors who continue to do all they can to protect this great nation of ours. We know the challenges deployments bring to family and loved ones. As you go about doing your duties at home and abroad, know that we are in your corner and appreciate the sacrifices you make daily. Thank you for being there and for all you do.

Congratulations to Captain Bill Bindel, our Ordie One, on a successful tour on staff at COMNAVAIRFOR/COMNAVAIRPAC. We value and appreciate the leadership you provided for our community. Good luck to you and family in your new position with Joint Forces. We know you remain firmly in our corner and will be looking forward to chatting with you at future continuums and conventions.

CAPT Bindel was relieved by our newest CAPT Select, CDR Matthew Arnold. Matt, we are grateful to have you at the helm and looking forward to your guidance and leadership while working with you as the ordnance community moves forward in the years ahead. So from all of us... Welcome!

A hearty congratulations to all who promoted, advanced, retired, honorably departed service, completed degrees or technical programs and the like since our last Red Shirt. I see and hear of so many great accomplishments and feel compelled to salute occasionally to acknowledge our family's great works. Also, I would like to recognize our latest two CWO5s selectees, Scott Lagerquist and Dave Meers. Congratulations on your success! We would love to see you both next year.

The Red Shirt issue following our annual convention is normally the largest issue we send to print. No matter how many times I say it I never feel that I accurately convey to our editor Kevin Meagher how much we appreciate the hard work it requires to bring the issues together. Once again I am duty-bound to say "Thanks Kevin" from all of us. If I hit the lotto big... really big... I will staff up our newsletter properly. Until that time, thanks for remaining our exceptional Editing Authority.

By the time the next Red Shirt issue goes to print, another holiday season will have come and gone. So until the next time, have a very blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year's!!!

Take care all and IYAOYAS!!!

Dion J. Edon



SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines –

GREAT Continuum/ AOLMC and Convention in Reno this year. Was good seeing you all there, start NOW to make your plans for Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV (Continuum/ AOLMC) from 24 July thru 28 July 2018, and (Convention) from 27 July thru 31 July. Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise.

Chapter Officers – I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a continuing basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

The following Chapters have not been heard from in the past year: Chapter 11 (2 years); Chapter 39 (Just heard from GYSGT Farmer in work to get stood back up); Chapter 69; Chapter 71; Chapter 72 (2 years); Chapter 76; Chapter Key West; Chapter USS Boxer; & Chapter Makin Island. Senior Leadership if your Chapter is listed, please get a hold of National to so we know you are still alive. Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin at the Aquarius (Code AAO18) on January 11th – 14th for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt for more details.

Lastly to Petty Officer Patrick Neal from Chapter 73, a big THANK YOU for the assist in Reno in the reception area. You are awesome.

R,
John (JJ) LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

TREASURER

Great showing at Convention 2017. The numbers were a little less than last year, but still a good showing. I still had a lot of walk-ups, but once again, not as many as last year.

For the Chapters, keep up the good job you've been doing recruiting. You are the tip of the spear for keeping the Association strong.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so I can update your record.

Address changes are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, when I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up, get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at 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.

IYAOYAS!

R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer



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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 2017 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Dion Edon, President, called the 2017 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0908, 29 July 2017, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Updated Ordie song was played.

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

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 62 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 2017/2018 Budget.

Approved the 2016 Board of Directors Minutes.

Approved motion for AAOY to be E-6 and below.

Approved motion for 'Guidelines for awards and the establishment of awards should be vested in the Committee Chairman as appointed by the President.'

Approved Nanise Schroeder to take over as AAO Reunion Book & Convention Historian Committee from Chuck Onken.

Approved all Standing Committee Chairman as listed in the Officer Roster dated August 2016.

Approved travel expenses for COL Douglas 'Smash' Yurovich, USMC Ret. as Guest Speaker for the 2017 Aviation Ordnance Leadership Continuum. Donations from Senior Leadership covered the \$1,000 expense by passing the hat with an additional \$240 going to scholarship.

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported the minutes of the 2016 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #131 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 2016 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2016 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2017/2018 Approved Budget and 2016/2017 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 2017/2018 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2017 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado –

The 2017 Convention is another great success and no major issues have come up. 2018 dates are July 24, 2018 to July 31, 2018. Received an extension through 2021 for the Convention to be held here at the Silver Legacy. Dates TBA. Planning Conference to be held in Laughlin, NV at the Aquarius Resort on January 11th – 14th 2018. Reservation Code 'AAO18'.

Membership Committee, Rob Walecki –

Recruitment was down this year. Mostly due to no big recruiting drives in the afloat chapters. This also had an impact on retention. Most of the new members from the afloat chapters that joined last year did not renew. We did see some action on Vinson and Kaneohe Bay, but nothing spectacular from any place else. Most of the ashore chapters seem to just remain at the same level. The only consistent increases I see are the really strong ones like Chapter 1, Chapter 3, Chapter 5, Chapter 8 and Chapter 9. Active duty membership at the afloat and NMC activities will not improve until we get the senior leadership involved, especially in the afloat chapters. The successful ones usually have a good AO1 who drives the chapter. But when they transfer, the chapter folds again. The following is provided for your information:

	FY15-16	FY16-17
Total of all Current Members	1718	1721
Past Due (June01 – May 31)	175	208
Life Members (Included above)	864	887
Honorary (Included above)	153	153
Current Dues Paying (Including above)	526	473

During FY16 -17 we had the following new members:

New Regular Members	239	137
New Associate Members	12	7
New Life Members	46	25
Total Inactive Members:	7328	7458
Total Unknown Members	96	98
Total Deceased Members	600	619

Nomination Committee, Rob Walecki Chairman –

The following offices are open for election/reelection:

Treasurer:

Thomas E. Lord, AOCM USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Board of Directors (Two):

Jeffrey P. Sassone Commander, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Laura A. Colby, AOC, USN (Incumbent)

Nominee Treasurer:

Thomas E. Lord, AOCSM USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Nominees Board of Directors:

Jeffrey P. Sassone Commander, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Laura A. Colby, AOC, USN (Incumbent)

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

If floor nominations are received a ballot will be required, the nominee must be here and accept the nomination, the voting will be conducted by the ballots that the Vice President has made up that were handed out as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting, and their membership was verified to be current.

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

Absentee voting status – Rob Walecki

Total Ballots Received: 08

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

Invalid Ballots: 1

Total Ballots to count during Voting: 07

Last Year's Ballots received: 09

AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza Chairman -

There was nineteen packages received of which two were invalidated leaving seventeen applicants up for consideration. Six members including one active duty and one Auxiliary member made up the committee and represented over 209 years of Ordnance experience. Chapters please get the word out for more applicants. A total of \$29,000 in Scholarships were awarded. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners For 2017

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

Robert L. Crow

\$4,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Joseph T. Famularo, Son of Henry Famularo

Robert L. Crow

\$3,000 Scholarship Award (2)

Marcella J. Burmeister, Daughter of Shawn Burmeister
Megan Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary Laun

Robert L. Crow

\$2,500 Scholarship Award (4)

Mikayla Howorka, Daughter of Gary Howorka
Sydney Barba, Daughter of Migual Barba
Lindze Jakobs, Step Daughter of Gary Howorka
Morgan Bindschatel, Daughter of Mical Bindschatel

2017 Additional Scholarship Award Winners

Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News, VA
\$2,500 Scholarship Award (2)

Jordan P. Jakobs, Step Daughter of Gary Howorka
Michael V. Panis, Grandson of Norman Peters

Memory of Miao (Penny) Senneseth
\$2,000 Scholarship Award (2)

Kimberly R. Zimmer,
Daughter in Law of Timothy Zimmer
Shelby A. Howard, Daughter of James Howard

AO of the Year Committee, Tim Zimmer Chairman -

The committee considered 42 packages. 17 Members including active duty and retired members were there to grade the packages representing over 385 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 2017

AO1 (AW/SW) Jordan Chapman

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year For 2017
Runner-Up

AO1 (AW/SW) Jeremy Reed

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone Chairman -

There were four packages up for consideration. Eight members made up the committee and represented over 276 years of Ordnance experience including 4 former Association Presidents, and one Chapter President. 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 2017

CDR Jeffrey L. McComb USN (Ret.)

LT Allen E. Ten Eyck USN (Ret.)

MGYSGT Marc A. Senecal USMC (Ret.)

Reunion Book Committee, Nanise Schroeder Chairman -

Had members give a hand to Chuck and Bev Onken for their many years as the Reunion Book Committee Co-Chairs. Beverly Onken has done a great job with AAO REUNION BOOK Editor. Reunion Book is \$25 cash or check. Thanked Sheryl Scanlon for her continuing volunteering to take the pictures. She requested that everyone get their pictures taken starting at 1500.

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado Chairman –

There were no changes to be voted on this year, several Chapters need to finish up with the standardized Chapter By-Laws. Safety Committee, UNK Chairman – President Dion Edon stressed that safety is paramount in our day to day business. Angela Sobieski stressed that everyone has to take care of one another and not only do the right thing but do it by the book.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll Chairman – No Report

Newsletter Report, Kevin Meagher Chairman –

Report given by Dion Edon. A new printer was found after owner passed away and family closed the business. With the new printer there minor issues with first Red Shirt printing, and the second Red Shirt printing went much better with the price point a bit better. Kevin is engaged and is still putting out a great Red Shirt and welcomes all inputs from the Chapters.

AAO Website Report – Johnny Wheat Chairman

The Website is up and running since 1995 as Chapter 1 and in 1997 was switched over to National. The cost has remained at about \$205.00 a year to run. We will be renewing our domain name and there will be a slight increase to the budget. Have had 20,456 hits in past year. Website lists all officers and board members, it is imperative that Chapters keep their officers up to date.

Chaplain Report – Mart Vance –

Written report read into the record by JJ LaMaitre. A total of 10 contacts/ 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	Jeff Coe
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Andrew Yoakum
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Zac MacDonald
Chapter 5	China Lake, CA	Read Into Record
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	John Holdman
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Jack Elrod
Chapter 11	Kaneohe Bay, HI	NoReport(2years)
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV	Daniel Hasten
Chapter 22	Patuxent River, MD	Joseph Breault
Chapter 34	Pensacola, FL	Gil Mine'
Chapter 39	Beaufort SC	No Report (4 years)
Chapter 671	Guam	Read Into Record
Chapter 68	USS Nimitz CVN 68	Deployed
Chapter 69	USS Eisenhower CVN 69	No Report
Chapter 70	USS Vinson CVN-70	Jeffery Anderson
Chapter 71	USS Roosevelt	No Report
Chapter 72	USS Lincoln CVN 72	No Report
Chapter 73	USS Geo Washington CVN-73 (RCOH)	
Chapter 74	USS Stennis CVN 74	No Report
Chapter 75	USS Truman CVN 75	No Report
Chapter 76	USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 77	USS George Bush CVN 77	Angela Sobieski
Chapter 78	USS Gerald Ford CVN 78	No Report
Desert/Southwest Chapter	El Centro, CA	Nanise Schroeder
Chapter Key West	Key West FL	No Report

Chapter LHD-4	USS Boxer	No Report
Chapter LHD-8	USS Makin Island	No Report (2Years)
Auxiliary		Teresa Zimmer

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:
Total donations \$33,580.00

Old Business: Called for any more Old Business.

Discussion was held about the John W. Finn room in Pensacola and the accountability of Association items there.

2018 Convention Committee – Kirk Brado Convention Chairman –

Announced that next year's Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV (Continuum/ AOLMC) from 23 July thru 26 July 2018, and (Convention) from 26 July thru 31 July. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Communication is a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2018 convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

Call for any more new business from the floor- Dion Edon None

Election of Officers – Dion Edon

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

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

The following individuals were nominated for the Offices:

Nominee Treasurer:

Thomas E. Lord, AOCM USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Nominees Board of Directors:

Jeffrey P. Sassone Commander, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Laura A. Colby AOC, USN (Incumbent)

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

The Nominees are:

Thomas E. Lord

Thomas E. Lord was re-elected via floor voice vote to serve as Secretary, term to expire 2020.

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

The Nominees are:

Jeffrey P. Sassone

Todd Pendleton

Laura A. Colby

Jeffrey Sassone was re-elected via ballot vote to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2020.

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

The nominees are:
Laura A. Colby
Todd Pendleton
Al Dean
Steve Kashuba

Laura Colby was re-elected via ballot vote to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2020.

All Installation of Officers will be sworn in after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed.

Election of Officers up in 2018 – Rob Walecki

The following offices will open for election/reelection in 2018:

President Currently Dion Edon, Commander, USN (Ret)

Board of Directors (Two):
Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN
Angela Sobieski, LTJG USN

NOTE; Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2018. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligation of the office.

Call for any more new business from the floor - Dion Edon

Closing remarks & announcements – Dion Edon

The President announced that next year's Continuum/ AOLMC & 42nd Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 23 July thru 31 July 2018.

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 Soldiers serving in Iraq, Afghanistan.

Rick Garza delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2017 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1155, 29 July 2017.

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

Submitted by:
John 'JJ' LaMaitre
Secretary

Approved by:
Dion Edon
President

HOW TO BORESIGHT

NAS Quonset Point R.I. VF-72. Grumman Panthers F9F-2. Four 20MM Nose Cannons.

A plane was flown to NAF Charlestown, R I. and towed to the very primitive Boresight Butts. The Ordies went by bus.

A template was required and with six weeks of Algebra, plus basics from the Aircraft Manual one was made.

The aircraft was positioned, the Nose Strut partially depressurized, the aircraft was leveled to zero degrees elevation, the template was positioned 100 feet Down Range in line with the Aircraft Centerline Fixture. The aircraft was then tied down securely. The Gunsight and Guns were adjusted to their spots on the template.

The dirt for the impact area was not very tall. There was the biggest Timber I ever saw in front of the dirt. Two feet square in cross section. I stepped back expecting to see one hole in its proper place on the template for each gun.

There was a tremendous roar! The Nose Strut collapsed, the Timber and template disappeared, hundreds of pounds of dirt filled the air, two hundred projectiles ricocheted over the Butts and headed for the highway.

Painful lessons learned. The aircraft should have been jacked. One round for each gun should have been loaded. Responsibility for those two failures was not spoken to. No one was punished and the other eleven aircraft went to Korea un-Boresighted.

Boresighting was never spoken of again.

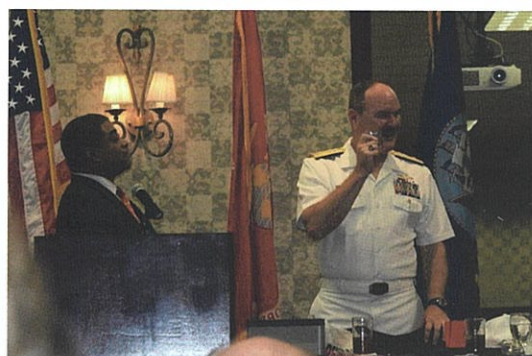
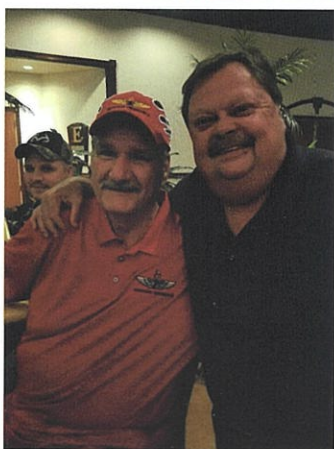
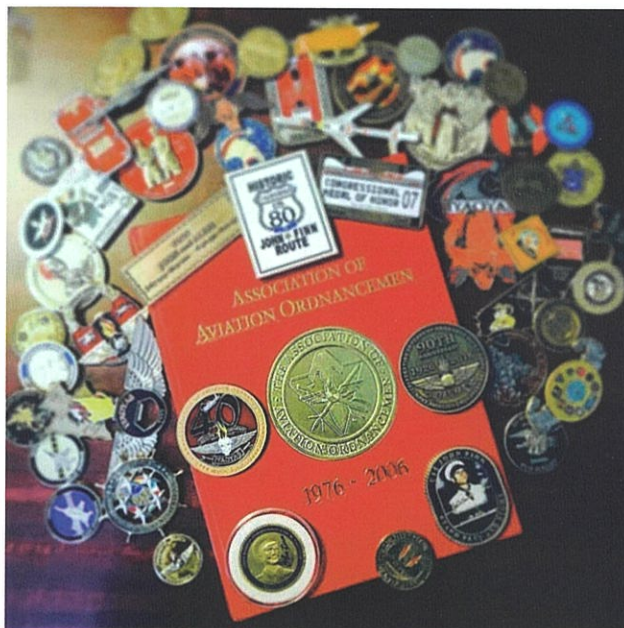
Danger is always present in Ordnance work as you well know. This incident could have turned into an accident, thank God it didn't. My only excuse is that I was the junior E-6 and there were three Chiefs in charge,

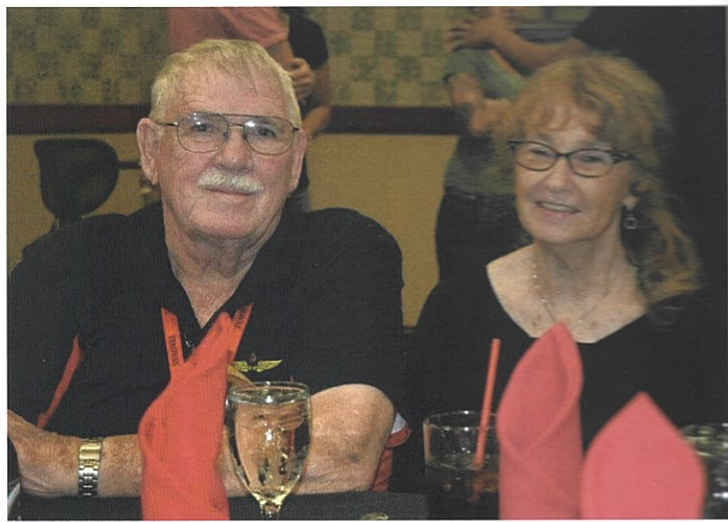
Best Regards
Frank Fogg, AOCS USN Ret

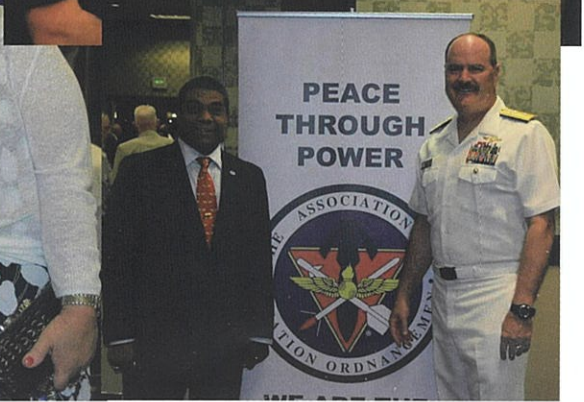
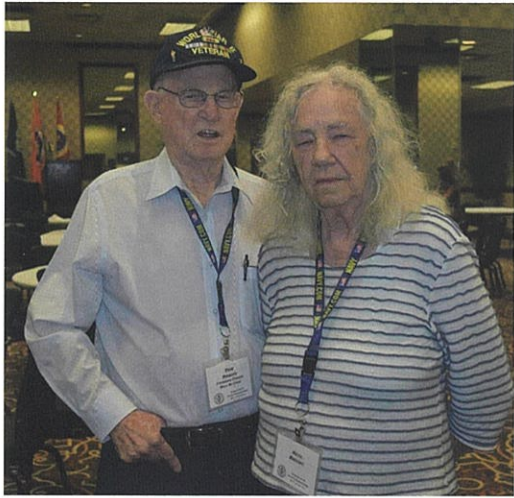
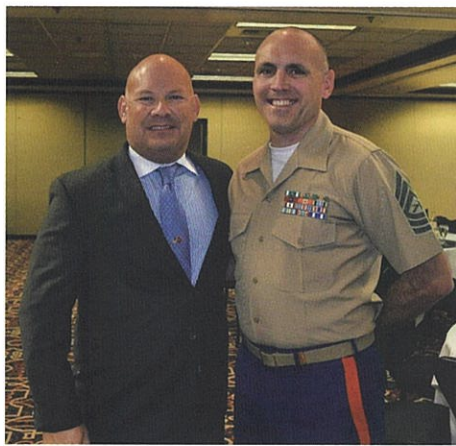


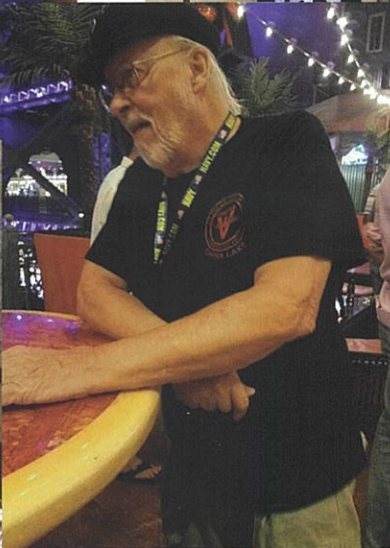
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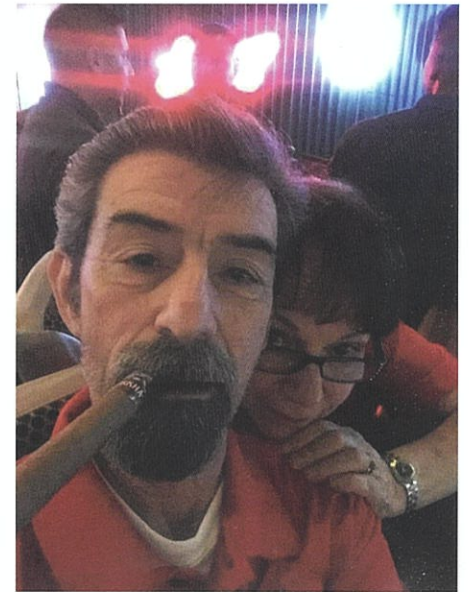
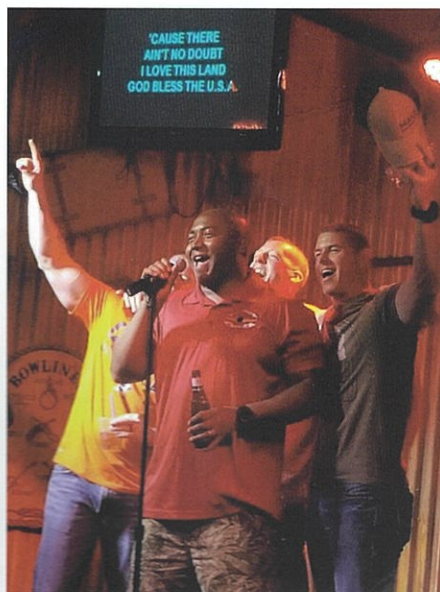
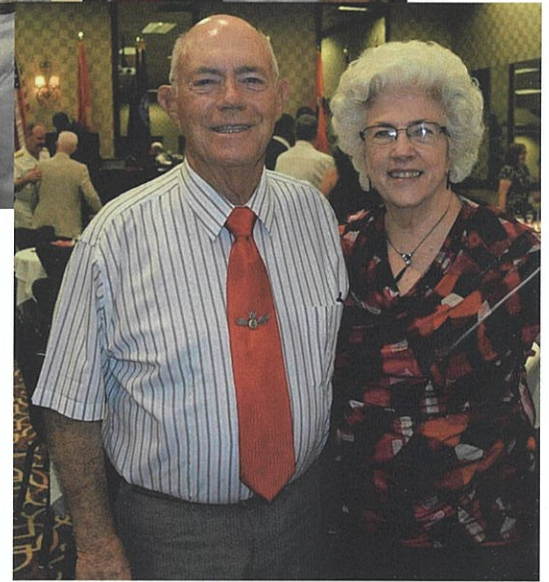
CONVENTION AND AOMLC FUN











CHAPTER 8

SOUTHERN MOST CHAPTER

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started."

Since May 2017 our Chapter meetings have continued to thrive with an average attendance of 23 personnel in which 60% of them are active duty personnel. A lot of that can be contributed to the great leadership of AOCS Leonard Eugene and his HSC-23 Ordies who continually come out in force.

On Saturday, 6 May we held our second Adopt-A-Highway Walk with 10 members showing up to support. On a historical note, 2017 marks the 20th year that Chapter 8 has been doing the Adopt-A-Highway Walk. The Chapter thanks and recognizes member Al Ten Eyck for having been the event coordinator for 75% of that time. BZ AI!!!

On Saturday, 20 May, the Chapter held its annual AO Family Picnic and Sports Day. Committee Chair Diane McQueen-Gipson did an outstanding job coordinating all the details despite being underway a majority of the time prior to the picnic. When it really counted, the whole Chapter rallied around to support with the set-up, cooking, clean-up, and buying of supplies, etc.

On 1 June, the Chapter held its election for Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. A hardy congratulations went out to our new VP, AO1 David Kopp (HSC-23) and Barry Stemler was re-elected for a 2nd two-year term and Secretary/treasurer.

On 1 June, the Chapter recognized 35-year member Al Ten Eyck with our first Life Time Achievement award. His citation read in part that his selfless service and extraordinary contributions to Chapter 8 were numerous and long lasting. When times were tough it was his guidance and encouragement that kept the Chapter 'on course'. He has been the Chapter's trailblazer, role model, and mentor. Al was also given a Gift Certificate that paid for his 2017 AAO Convention registration fee, and the Friday/Saturday dinners for himself and one guest.

On July 4th, 12 Ordies from the Chapter joined forces with the (small but mighty) Marine Corps League 1207 and participated in the Coronado 4th of July Parade

The week of 24-29 July was the AAO Convention and Chapter 8 had a huge showing. Items worth noting included:

The Chapter Donated \$2,048 to the AAO Scholarship.

Member Al Ten Eyck was inducted into the AAO Hall of Fame. BZ AI!!!

AAAO Member Tess LaMaitre presented a repurposed ammo box that the Chapter had sponsored and that herself, Tom Lord, and Dave Leopard worked on.

On Saturday, 6 August we held our third Adopt-A-Highway Walk with 15 members showing up to support.

And lastly, the Chapter would like to recognize our new Chief selectees AOC Joshua Casey, Natasha Swartley, and Alexis Suarez as well as AAO Founding Father, LCDR (Ret) Jim Thompson for his regular attendance and awesome donations he makes to our monthly drawings we hold after the 50/50.

Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!

V/r

CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler

The Following Personnel were Recognized at Naval Munitions Command Key West Detachment



AO2 Hurst Receiving Award from LTJG Slater



AO2 Rodi Receiving Award from LTJG Slater



AOC Roberts Receiving Award from LTJG Slater



AO1 Rodriguezdiaz Receiving Award from LTJG Slater

CHAPTER 1

Greetings from CHAPTER ONE, Lemoore CA.

Super busy Spring and Summer here in Lemoore. I write this as the temperatures spike again into triple digits for us. Just when we thought Fall was around the corner with the cooler temps. All of us Aviation Ordnancemen know it's the end of the fiscal year and stuff needs to go boom!!

I wanted to recap on this year's Relay for Life event 29 April 2017. This was our tenth consecutive year in supporting the American Cancer Society and Team Lemoore Ordie's made this event happen again. We were able to raise \$8029.00 with the help of Mrs. Beverly Onken, "placed second in single fund raiser with \$5,585.00" and the Lemoore Ordie's "placed first in non-corporate team fund raiser". I would like to thank all the Ordie's from Strike Fighter Weapons School and Navy Munitions Command for making this another successful year for the community.



2017 Lemoore, Relay for Life..

We were able to renew our contract for the Adopt-A-Highway Program, along with Strike Fighter Weapons School and our first kick-off was 9 June 2017. Chapter One along with the Ordie's from Weapons School, Navy Munitions Command, VFA-151 and VFA-97 picked up 69 bags of refuse along Highway 198 from NAS Lemoore to Highway 41. Just an outstanding job by everyone! A special thank you goes out to our NAS Lemoore, Public Affairs Officer. Our next pick up date is in September.



Adopt-a-Highway..

In support of all the Ordnancemen in the Lemoore area, our Chapter picnic was held on 26 August 2017. Plenty of eats were on the grill, our thanks to AOC Fountain for not over charring the chicken or burgers. All aside everyone had a fantastic time and as always it's wonderful to

see such a varied group of people just enjoying the community and time together! We had quite a few raffles and door prizes galore. Congratulations to the Dominguez family walking off with a set of Corn Hole Boards and the Old Chapter One sign. Best of all, special congratulations to Leena Kashuba as our Chapter One Scholarship winner this year!! Best wishes for her continued education.



Chapter One Picnic..



Chapter One Scholarship winner Leena Kashuba..



Chapter One sends out our congratulation's to LCDR Kashuba on his promotion to CDR on 01 September 2017. CDR Kashuba's family and Brother did a small get together for his promotion at Naval Munitions Command. We thank him for all his support to the Chapter...

Stay safe out there. IYAOYAS!!
AAO Chapter One President
Jeffrey Coe AOCS(RET)

CHAPTER 4

Greetings Red from Tidewater Area Chapter 4,

Sorry for the long submission but I have to play catch up. Wow what a year it's been! We started off the year with a big turnover of officers and a lot of new beginnings. AO1 James Gary took over as Secretary, LCDR(ret) Mike Cain is our treasurer, AO1 Justin Whitaker is the VP and I was voted in as Pres. We had to push control alt delete and reset the chapter and get our records straight but things are looking a lot better and are back up to 52 active members and saving everything in the cloud so no more losing track of records. Additionally, using funds from our many fundraisers spear-headed by AOAN Chambers, AOCS Maldonado from VFA-106 and AO2 Monahan from HSC-26, we were able to design and purchase new Chapter coins and belt buckles, coozies etc,etc.

Our Chapters first large event of the year was a joint event working together with the fine Sailors of USS Dwight D Eisenhower Chapter 69. We pulled our forces together for a fantastic event supporting the Children's Healthcare Incentive Program (CHIPs) annual Rubber Ducky Race fundraiser in Chesapeake Va. It was amazing to see this sea of red take an empty park and in no time convert it to an all out carnival. Once the event was in full swing I couldn't keep track of all the appreciation and complements received from CHIP leadership and general public for the hard work and professionalism displayed by our Ordies. By days end, the AO's of Chapter 4 and 69 assisted in raising a whopping \$71,000 for a fantastic cause.

The initiative we are most excited about was inspired by LT Rasheen Winchester, VFA-106, of our fundraising committee. We are 95% complete in the approval process to build a Association of Aviation Ordnancemen brick memorial. This memorial will be laid at the entrance to NAS Oceana close to the Aircraft display. The center of it will be a AAO logo 5x5' array and surrounded will be individual personalized engraved bricks able to be purchased via an easy to use website. Bricks will available to all AO's both past and present to be memorialized forever in this incredible display. The Base CO and XO are almost as excited as we are to begin construction on this groundbreaking venture. Best of all, the proceeds will support the Robert L Crow scholarship fund, Chapter 4 and maintenance for the memorial. I will put out the link to the website via the National and Chapter presidents once we are in production.

This past July we hosted our Annual Red Rock Retreat weekend camp out. Although not highly attended, everyone that showed up had an outstanding time eating, fishing and sharing in fellowship like only AO's know how to do.

Operationally, Tidewater Chapter AO's are doing awesome work in operations around globe. CAG 8 just returned from their deployment supporting efforts combating the war on terrorism setting records dropping over 920 tons of conventional Ordnance, most ordnance dropped by a CAG since Desert Storm 26 years ago! Our Helicopter squadrons have been busy as well both abroad and stateside giving humanitarian relief in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

I would be in remiss if I didn't send out a hardy congratulations to all the newly pinned AOC's. Your leadership and technical expertise has never been needed more than now, with mission creep and manning shortfalls

through out the fleet. You have to strap it on everyday to motivate the Sailors in your charge and understand that the title "Chief" isn't something you once earned but a title you earn every day.

Till next time from Chapter 4, if you are ever in the area on the 3rd Wednesday of the month we host our monthly meeting at 1800 at VFW Post 392 2408 Bowland Pkwy, Virginia Beach Virginia 23454. Hope to see you there!

Very Respectfully
LCDR Zac MacDonald
CHSCWL Gunner
President AAO Chpt 4



Children's Healthcare Incentive Program(CHIP) Rubber Ducky Race Fundraiser.

CHAPTER 5



2017 October 28 - Aviation Ordnance, Chapter 5, China Lake Meeting VFW 4084
Scott Murphy, Pat Zawchenuk, Amy Monroe, AO2 Brione Campbell, Angel Heppie, Dale Harper,
Amanda Ehler, Violet Ehler, Chris Matlock, Greg Paulsen, Jimmy Brantley, Savana Brady,
Leonard Ehler, Matthew Ehler, Steve Varga, AO3 Mickayla Kaszubowski, John Sherry,
AO1 Chris Adams & AO3 Chris Johnson]



CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

Florida and the southeast have experienced their own 9/11 catastrophe. Drying out and rebuilding from Texas to the Carolinas is going to be a long term project. We pray that none of you will ever experience a Hurricane like "Irma", which turned out to be a slow moving 180-mile-wide tornado or a lingering storm like "Harvey" that devastated coastal Texas and drowned Houston. "Irma" forced the postponement of our annual family picnic to a later date. As far as we know everyone is safe.

On a positive note, congratulations to our latest AO of the Quarter; AO2 Chaz Smith attached to VP-30.

The Chapter participated in a great Fourth of July parade locally and represented all "ORDIES" well. Our float was first in line behind the Color Guard. We handed out over 1100 small American flags to the spectators along the route. The kids especially liked them.

VP-30 is the Navy's "Rag" squadron for the P-8 that is replacing the P-3. The west coast squadrons come to NAS Jacksonville to transition. While VP-47 was in town to transition, the entire Ordnance shop was able to attend our June general meeting including "Gunner" Evoc. It is always great to greet and meet out of town guests.

Cecil Field AO's should remember retired AOC Tony "Speedy" Gonzalez, a plank owner in Chapter 9. Tony is homebound so keep him in your prayers along with AOCS Bobby Hall recovering from a stroke. Think about these shipmates and what they contributed as AO's. Thank you for all you have meant as "ORDIES" and to the Chapter.

This world is not a safer place, wars and rumors continue. There is a continuing need for resolve and strength. Keep doing your part safely.

CHAPTER DESERT SOUTHWEST



Hello everyone, from Desert Chapter El Centro!

Many things have been accomplished since the last time you have heard from us, so let's get started!



First off, a huge shout out to all of our sailors that have hit great milestones since the last time we have spoken! For our advancees from the March 2017 exam, we have: AO1 Dematteis, Sean; AO1 Hall, Tyler; YN1 Belyeu, Ashley; AO2 Dzeidzic, Dalton, AZ2 Flores, Emily and AO2 Cortez, Frank as our Meritorious Advancement Program recipient. We also would like to congratulate our selections for the Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Sailor of the Quarter and Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the second and third quarter of FY-17. For the second quarter, we have YN1 Belyeu as SOQ, and AO2 Flores as BJOQ. For the third quarter, we have AO1 Owens, Michael as SSOQ, AO2 Taboada, Alexis as SOQ and AO3 Yanez, Dominic as BJOQ. Lastly, congratulations to AO2 Cortez, Jose for his nomination as the John W Finn Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year. Bravo Zulu to all! Keep up the great work!

We have had many outings as a command, giving time for much bonding and team building as a crew! In the month of February, we went to our section of I-8 and collected over 300 pounds of trash along the road. In April, we participated in the SAPR Tug-Of-War that was held on base and NMC Det El Centro took first place, having competed against many teams, including the British Royal Navy. In May, we participated in the Colorado River Float. It was a hot summer day, but we had much fun floating down the river, creating many memories amongst each other. In August, we participated in "Feds feed Families" and donated a total of 133 pounds non-perishable items! What great times! Cheers to many more!



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This past August, we had the huge surprise of discovering a T-10 "Tallboy" buried in the UXO site on the west side of the airfield. For those who may not know, a Tallboy is a medium capacity bomb, weighing 12,000LBS, and was an earthquake bomb developed by the British, and used by the RAF during the Second World War. The T-10 was an American-made version of the bomb and was modified to use standard American components. Development was started in late 1944, however, none were ever used, and they were shortly retired in 1955. No one knows why it was there, but either way we had to get rid of it. AO2 Cortez, Jose and AO2 Dzeidzic had the pleasure of escorting the bomb to the EOD explosive site. "It was a 'once in a lifetime' thing for me, and I have never seen a bomb that big! I was expecting a huge explosion once EOD put the C-4 on the body, but I was highly disappointed to only see a small dust cloud. Come to find out, it was inert. It was just a huge hunk of cement. I believe it took over five hours for them to try and crack that big boy open." said AO2 Cortez. The Tallboy has been placed back in its home at the UXO site, and is now an attraction for all of our new check-ins.

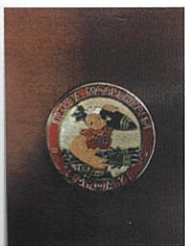


Finally, we would like to say welcome to our new check-ins: AO1 White, Jeremy; AO1 Perez, Timothyrey; AO2 Taboada, Alexis; AO2 Gradney, Byron; AO2 Dzeidzic, Dalton; AO3 Pederson, Devon; AO3 Abutin, Arnold and AOAR Jenkins, Craig. As well as fair winds and following seas to our retirees and transfers: AO1 Schroeder, Nanise (Retiree); AO1 Sayer, Wayne (Retiree) AO1 Thomas, Nelson (Transfer); AO3 Ceja, Ana (Transfer); AO3 Bodiford, Willie (Transfer); AOC McGillin, Salvatore (Transfer).

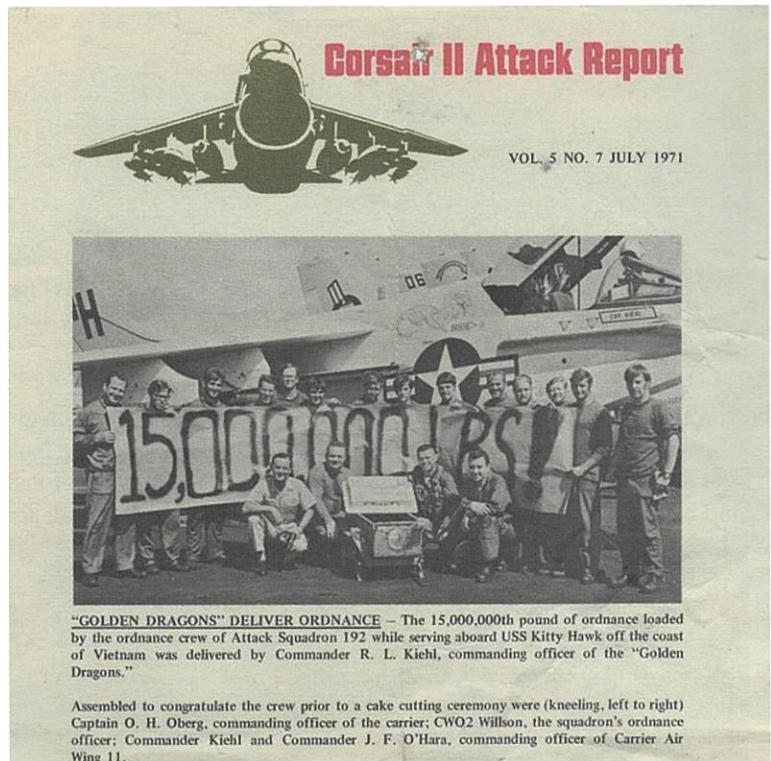
Until next time... IYAOYAS!

Very Respectfully,
AO2 (AW/SW) Alexis A. Taboada
Board Member, AAO Desert Southwest Chapter
Event Planner, AAO Desert Southwest Chapter

*P.S.: We have coins! We are selling them for \$10.00. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact our Vice President, AO2 Jose Cortez, at (760) 339-2606. IYAOYAS!



VFA-146 Combat Cruise 2017



VA-192, 1971



VA-154

CHAPTER 21

Greetings from CHAPTER 21, Fallon NV.

Hooyah Fellow Ordies!, it has been an upbeat year, and we've managed to spread some Ordie love around the community. We continued our productive schedule to supporting operative training for CVW-17, CVW-1, CVW-2 and CVW-9.

Personnel volunteered their efforts in support of the Churchill Animal Protection Society to repair facility damage and support their annual "Bark in the Park" community event. Additionally, we were honored to assist the Veterans associations in the placement of flags for the Fallon Memorial Day Ceremony.

Next, our goals are to coordinate a fellowship to honor our veterans on Veterans Day, and collaborate with the American Legion Post #16 to support the Meals on Wheels program during the Holiday seasons.

Recently, we wished "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to a few of our friends and leaders here at NMC. On 5 May, AOCM Lawrence Montoya retired after 27 years of service, on 16 June, AOC Albert Williams retired after 24 years and on 12 July, CWO4 Michael McCaulley retired after 30 years of honorable and faithful service.

Special shout out to our recently departed comrade AOC Chapman for his selection as the 2017 AO of the Year and our outstanding Sailors that advanced this past cycle from NMC Det Fallon, SFWP Det Fallon and Naval Air Warfare Development Center. Hope to see you all about the decks! IYAOYAS.

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AO1 Carlos Guerrero
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AO1 Gennierose Palmer
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VFA-37.....Who Said BULLS!!!



VFA-213 Combat Deployment 2017



VP-46 Deployment 2017



VFA-27.....2016



VFA-195



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