

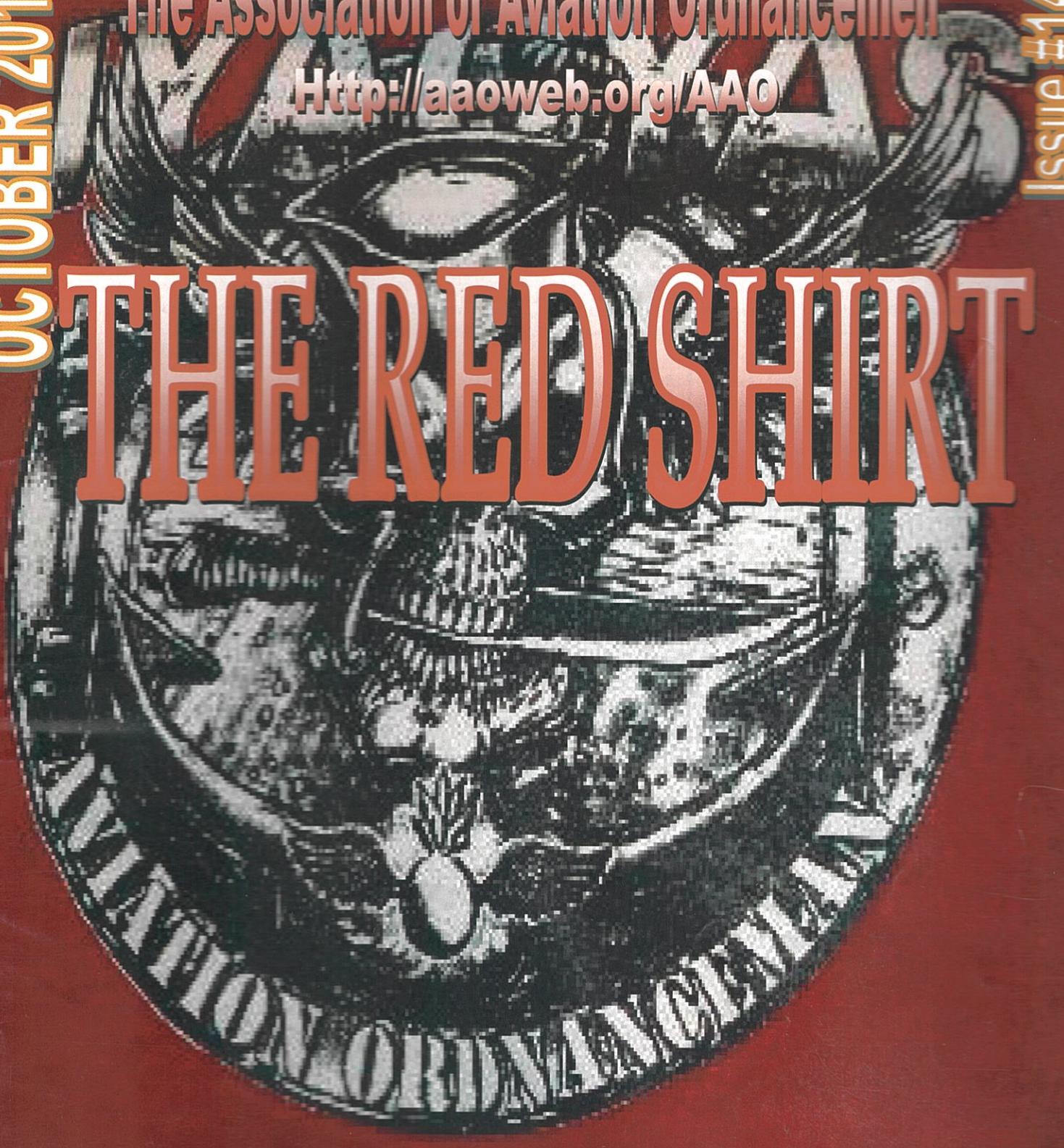
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Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

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VA Beach VFW #392, 2408 Bowland Pkwy
3rd Wednesday, 1800

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Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
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3rd Thursday of the month

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Call for Meeting Time and Place



PREZ

Greetings fellow warriors, members of the auxiliary, family, and friends of the association. I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. It is hard to believe that another convention is in the books. It continues to be my honor to work with each and every one of you to grow this association. I urge each one of you to look for ways to increase the impact of this organization on our profession and our community. We must rely on our members, with the guidance and assistance of our elected leaders, to chart the course we will navigate. The success of this association requires that we work together in order to achieve the best effect.

First off I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the Lieutenant John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year selectee, Sargent Jeremy Bowman, and Runner-Up, AOI(AW/SW) Daniel Mendoza. Congratulations also goes out to our newest AAO Hall of Fame Inductees, AOCS(Ret.) Dennis Patterson and AOCS(Ret.) Timothy Zimmer. To the new national officers I offer my congratulations on your election and installation and my thanks for your willingness to serve this organization. I would also like to express the appreciation of the association to the former officers for providing the guidance necessary to keep this organization operating smartly and effectively for many years. To the national officers who continue to serve I offer my personal thank you for your performance of the work required to support the association. Finally I would like to express the appreciation of the association to the local chapter officers and members who work diligently to advance the purposes of this association.

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

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

IYAOYAS,

Matt

VP

Greetings Ordnance Brothers and Sisters!

This is my first Redshirt article as the new Vice President of our illustrious association. I am filled with gratitude and pride being elected to sit at the "head table". I am ready, willing and able to support our President and the membership in whatever capacity required. I was a member of the Board of Directors since 2013 and held various positions in past chapters I was affiliated with so I am well versed in the needs of the Association. Along with the VP office, I have also inherited the Nomination and Membership committees, which I will be digging into in the coming months. Oh, and I'll be keeping the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Chairman duties as well. I find so

much enjoyment in being able to facilitate the selection of our "Best of the Best" that I don't want to give that up just yet.

Convention was another roaring success (as usual). We got a lot of Association work done and still had plenty of time to "socialize" (sometimes early morning "socializing"!)

A big, huge, enormous BRAVO ZULU to Kirk Brado for coordinating our 43rd annual get-together. His tireless work with the Silver Legacy staff ensures we all have a relaxing, enjoyable time. Thank you Kirk. In addition to the election of a new Vice President, our Secretary, JJ LaMaitre, was re-elected to another term. JJ, thank you for continuing to be the glue that holds us together. Along with Treasurer Tom Lord, you keep our rudder on course. Thank you brother. Our other elections were for (2) Board of Director (BOD) positions. Congratulations to Dion Edon and Angela Sobieski. I know you both are passionate about serving the Association and will give your all. I also want to thank Rob Walecki and Dave Lepard for their years of service as AAO Officers. Rob was elected to the BOD in 2005 and then appointed as the VP in 2015. Dave was elected to the BOD in 2013, right after he gave up the helm as President, which he had held since 2000. Even though you are no longer in those position, I know you will always be there for recommendations and steerage.

Lastly, I need to express my sincere gratitude to the Hall of Fame committee. They saw fit to induct me into the AAO Hall of Fame this year. To say I was shocked by this honor is a gross understatement. I am greatly humbled and immeasurably appreciative to be included into these prestigious ranks of ordnance professionals and forefathers. My eternal thanks goes out to HOF Chairman CDR Jeff Sassone (RET), and committee members CAPT Mike Price (RET), CAPT Dave Lepard (RET), CDR Jeff McComb (RET), LCDR Chuck Onken (RET) and LCDR Steve Cashat (RET). I will never forget.

Until next time,

IYAOYAS!!

Tim

SECRETARY

Greetings Ordies – Had a great Convention in Reno this year, numbers were down a bit from last year but we have always rebounded in follow on years. Was a busy week and a lot of business was done for your Association.

First off thank you for allowing me to continue as YOUR Secretary for the Association, very much appreciated. A big Welcome aboard to our new Vice President Tim Zimmer, he will be an asset to the Association coming off of the Board of Directors (BOD). Also welcome aboard to the BOD to Dion Edon and Angela Sobieski. BOTH have held leadership positions in the Association and will continue to provide leadership. A farewell to both Rob Walecki (outgoing VP) and Dave Lepard (BOD), both will be missed.

Start NOW making plans for Convention 2020 to be held at the Silver Legacy (The Row), Reno, NV from 29 July thru 02 Aug 2020. **Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise.** Plans will be made for Convention 2022

and beyond (we are under contract until 2021 with the Silver Legacy). If you have or want an alternative place or location, get the info to Chuck Onken or Jim Thomas (Co-Chairs of the Formal Convention Committee) and info Kirk Brado. Keep in mind a lot of factors go into the decision including (but not limited to) meeting spaces, room rates, ease of transportation to and from the airport and costs associated with those items and more. In other words, 'Best Bang for the Buck' for the membership.

Chapter Officers – Chapter Reports have gotten much better, however some Chapters are active (putting in articles in the Red Shirt – a good thing!) but I have not seen minutes in a while. Do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin at the Aquarius (**New Location!**) on January 16th – 19th for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt and Web Site for more details.

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

R,
John (JJ) LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

TREASURER

Great time at Convention 2019. However, the numbers were a little less than

last year, but still a good showing. I still had a few walk-ups, but once again, not as many as last year. Congratulations to all the Scholarship recipients. By now, your award should have already been received by your School. If not, please let me know. All awardees should have received the USPS tracking number for their payment and should check to see if it had arrived at their school.

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. Special kudos to AO2 Zach Hommes (USS Boxer) and AO1 Jake Learned (USS Wasp).

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 have improved, but 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 aotreas2011@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

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 aotreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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AO3 Natasha HernandezVelez

AOC Jeremiah C. Buel (RN)
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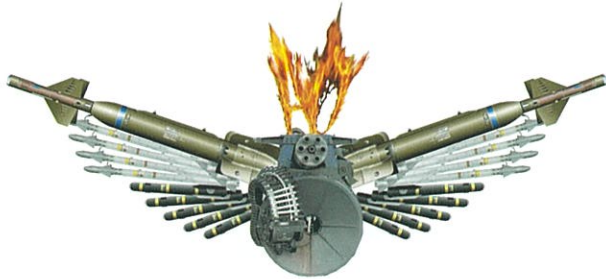
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AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

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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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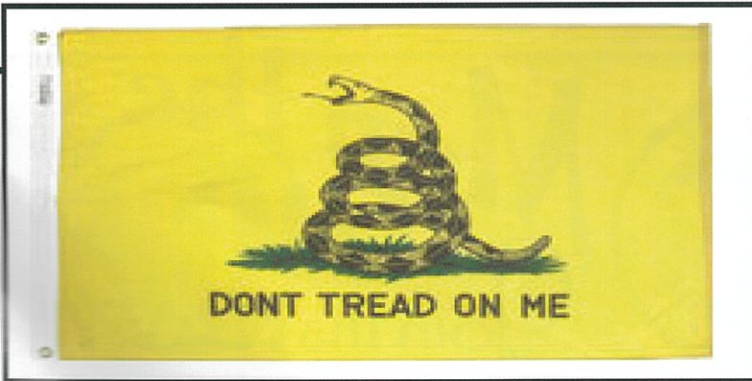
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1 MAY 20

20 SEP 20

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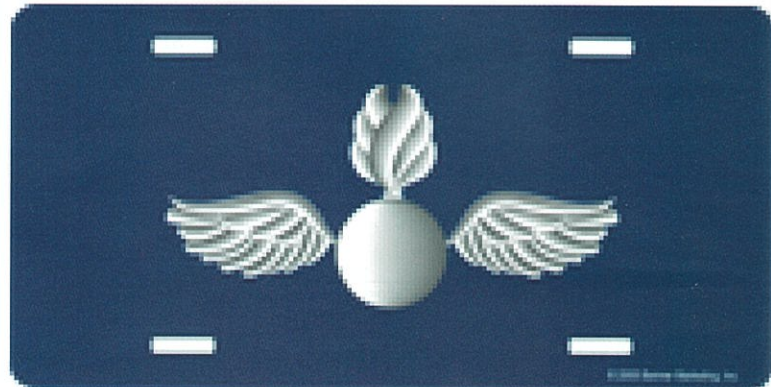
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TAPS

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AOC Richard L. Garrison USN Ret*
AOC Franklin W. Hein USN Ret*
AOC Spiegel L. Pitzer USN Ret
AOC Robert E. O'Brien USN Ret - Plankowner*
AO1 Richard D. Shaw USN Ret*
AOC Tony "Speedy" Gonzales USN Ret
AOCM, David Peter Michel, USNR (Ret.)

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



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LCDR Larry G. Hardin USN Ret

In loving memory of CWO3 Roy From USN Ret

Ms. Doris From

In loving memory of Dottie Underwood

AOC Bob Underwood USN Ret

In Memory of AOCM David P. Michel USN Ret

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AAO Chapter Eight

In Memory of CWO4 Edward C. Scott USN Ret

CWO4 Steve & Cheryl Varga USN Ret Ms. Linda Scott

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The meetings are held to finalize details & plans for the 2020 Events.

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2019 Hall of Fame Inductees were:
AOCS Dennis W. Patterson USN (RET)
AOCS Timothy M. Zimmer USN (RET)



Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, Sgt
Jeremy A Bowman, Aviation Ordnanceman
of the Year runner up, AO1(AW/SW) Dan-
iel Mendoza





NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Program dates are 1 June through 31 May

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Any AAO or AAAO member who recruits Five (5) new AAO members will be eligible to receive the AAO Recruitment (5) Lapel Pin

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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 2019 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Matt Arnold, President, called the 2019 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0902, 03 August 2019, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and playing of the Ordie song.

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 52 members present for the Business Meeting. The Registration List is Enclosure (1) to these minutes.

General Announcements:

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

Official Announcements:

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

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

Report on the Board of Directors Actions During the Course of the Year:

Approved the 2018 Board of Directors Minutes.
Approved the FY 2019/2020 Budget.
Approved the Lightening Chapter 35, Eglin AFB, FL Standup.
Approved Sheryl Varga to take over as AAO Reunion Book & Convention Historian Committee from Nanise Schroeder.

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2018 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #137 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes was read after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2018 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2018 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

Tom Lord, Treasurer, then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2019/2020 Approved Budget and 2018/2019 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room and on the tables. The Treasurer then asked if there were any questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2019/2020 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2019 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

The 2019 Convention is another great success and no major issues have come up. 2020 dates are July 29, 2020 to August 2, 2020 here at the Silver Legacy (The Row). Planning Conference to be held in Laughlin, NV at the Aquarius Hotel Resort on January 16th – 19th 2020. Reservation Code 'C-AAO20'.

Membership Committee, Rob Walecki, Chairman –

Recruitment was very good this year. This is mostly due to good recruitment in the stronger Chapters and the addition of the USS Wasp and USS Essex Chapters. There was very little activity in the other afloat chapters. Active duty membership at the afloat and NMC activities is still not improving and won't until we get the senior leadership involved, especially in the afloat chapters. The following is provided for your information:

	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>
Total of all Current Members	1668	1716
Past Due (01 June – 31 May)	174	165
Life Members (Included above)	909	919
Honorary (Included above)	158	155
Current Dues Paying (Included above)	427	331

During FY18-19 we had the following new members:

New Regular Members	148	198
New Associate Members	4	5
New Life Members	25	21
Total Inactive Members:	7426	7411
Total Unknown Members	99	102
Total Deceased Members	633	658

AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza, Chairman -

Thanked the Chapters and the Auxiliary for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The Committee was comprised of six members, including one active duty, one Auxiliary member, and four retirees. The members represented over 285 years of Ordnance experience. A total of \$24,000 in Scholarships (broken up into 9 Scholarships) were awarded. There was 23 packages received, 7 of which were disqualified, leaving 16 applicants up for consideration. The reasons for disqualification include: 2 hand written; 2 applications not signed; and 3 did not have official transcripts. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners for 2019:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
Robert L. Crow
\$4,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Margret A. Arnold, Daughter of Matthew E. Arnold

Robert L. Crow
\$3,000 Scholarship Award (2)

James L. Besaw, Grandson of David P. Michel
Shelby Howard, Daughter of James Howard

Robert L. Crow
\$2,500 Scholarship Award (4)

Linze Jakobs, Daughter of Gary Howorka
Monye Morgan, Daughter of Mercer Morgan
Kate Appleby, Daughter of Tracey Appleby
Hannah P. Elrod, Granddaughter of Herman C. Elrod

2019 Additional
Scholarship Award Winners

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

Megan E. Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary L. Laun

Ed Scott Memorial Scholarship Donation
\$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Michela D. Stevens, Daughter of Chadwick D. Stevens

AO of the Year Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

The committee considered 50 packages. 11 Members, including active duty and retired members representing over 270 years of Ordnance experience, participated in the deliberations. 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 2019

SGT Jeremy A. Bowman
MALS-13

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2019
Runner-Up

AO1 (AW/SW) Daniel Mendoza
HSM-75

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone, Chairman –

There was three packages up for consideration. Six members (All HOF members) made up the committee and represented over 261 years of Ordnance experience including 4 former Association Presidents and representatives from 4 Chapters. The winners was announced at the Awards Banquet and is presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
AO Hall of Fame Selectee for 2019

AOCS Dennis W. Patterson, USN (Ret.)
AOCS Timothy M. Zimmer, USN (Ret.)

Nomination Committee, Rob Walecki, Chairman –

The following offices are open for election/re-election:

Vice President Currently Rob Walecki, CWO4, USN (Ret')

Secretary currently held by John (JJ) LaMaitre, AOCM USN (Ret.)

Board of Directors (Two) currently held by:

Dave Lepard, Capt. USN (Ret.)

Tim Zimmer, AOCS USN (Ret.)

Nominee for Vice-President:

Tim Zimmer, AOCS USN (Ret.)

Nominees for the Board of Directors:

Todd Pendleton, CWO4 USN (Ret)

Dion Edon, CDR USN (Ret)

Jeff Coe, AOCS USN (Ret)

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

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

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

Reunion Book Committee, Sheryl Varga, Chairperson –

The Reunion Book is \$20, cash or check only accepted as payment. She requested that everyone get their pictures taken early and stated that the evolution will commence at 1500.

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

There were no changes to be voted on this year.

Safety Committee, Mike Price Chairman –

Stressed that safety is paramount in our day-to-day business. Will get together with Air Forces Gun Boss Arnold and have a formal presentation for next year. Please forward to him anything you want to see in the brief.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll, Chairman –

Looking for Finn items for the John W. Finn Embassy Room. Will be kept in glass cases once received. Dave Lepard has many items (once stowed in the back room of CNAP). Amber Roth and Tim Zimmer formed a Committee for the transition for the items FFT to Pensacola.

Newsletter Report, Kevin Meagher, Chairman –

Report given by Matt Arnold. Kevin has asked inputs from the Chapters. Matt asked for the Chapters to identify a Chapter Member (PAO) to submit articles for the Red Shirt. Please submit pictures in 'Portrait' VS 'Landscape', easier to select one for the cover!

AAO Website Report, Johnny Wheat, Chairman –

The Website has been up and running since 1995 under Chapter 1 and transitioned to the National association in 1997. The cost has remained low, at about \$247.00 a year, to run. It has had 11,066 hits in past year for a total of 82,525 since June 2013. The website lists all officers and board members so it is imperative that Chapters keep their officers up-to-date. Keep in mind PII (Personal Identifying Information) protocol when submitting updates/ info to the Web Master.

Chaplain Report, Mart Vance, Chaplain –

AZ total of 8 sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent out in all cases where the NOK info available and current. Please keep the passed members and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Chapter Reports:

There are presently 31 active Chapters:

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Jeff Coe
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Shawn Garrett
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Eric Ballenger
Chapter 5	NAWC China Lake, CA	Breyana Hurtado
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Berry Stemler
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Linsey Smack
Chapter 11	MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI	Mart Vance
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV	Mike Anderson
Chapter 22	NAS Patuxent River, MD	Joe Breault
Chapter 34	NAS Pensacola, FL	Robert Wildenmuth
Chapter 35	Eglin AFB	Garrett Ly-Kinhan
Chapter 39	MCAS Beaufort, SC	Robert Farmer
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 68	USS NIMITZ	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 69	USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER	Marcus Spencer
Chapter 70	USS CARL VINSON	Jason Nixon
Chapter 71	USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT	No Report (3 Years)
Chapter 72	USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN	Deployed
Chapter 73	USS GEORGE WASHINGTON	(RCOH)
Chapter 74	USS JOHN C. STENNIS	No Report (3 Years)
Chapter 75	USS HARRY S. TRUMAN	Underway
Chapter 76	USS RONALD REAGAN	Deployed
Chapter 77	USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH	Nikki Reiter
Chapter 78	USS GERALD R. FORD	No Report
Desert/SW Chapter	NAF El Centro, CA	No Report
Chapter Key West	Key West, FL	Amber Roth
Chapter Spartan	Souda Bay, Crete	No Report
Chapter LHD 1	USS Wasp (LHD 1)	No Report
Chapter LHD-4	USS BOXER (LHD 4)	Deployed
Chapter LHD-7	USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)	No Report
Chapter LHD-8	USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8)	No Report (4 Years)
Auxiliary		Teresa Zimmer

15 Minute Break

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:

Total donations received is \$25,161.00

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

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

2020 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

Announced that next year's Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy (The Row), Reno, NV. The Continuum is scheduled to occur from 26 July thru 29 July, 2020, and the Convention from 29 July thru 02 August 2020. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Communication is the key to the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2020 Convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

President: Appointment of Committee Chairmen. President appointed Amber Roth and Tim Zimmer as Chairman to get a fact finding report on any John W. Finn items and where to best display/loan them.

Absentee Voting Status, Rob Walecki, Vice President –

Total ballots received: 01

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

Invalid ballots: 0

Total ballots to count during voting: 01

Absentee ballots received last year: 07

A moment of silence was held at 1100 in memory of Dave Michel AOCM USN Ret. to coincide with his services being held in Whidbey Island, WA.

Election of Officers, Matt Arnold, President –

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

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

The following individuals were nominated for the offices identified:

Nominee for the office of Vice President:

Tim Zimmer, AOCS USN (Ret)

Nominees for positions on the Board of Directors:

Dion J. Edon, CDR USN (Ret)

Todd Pendleton, CWO4, USN (Ret.)

Jeff Coe, AOCS USN (Ret)

Election for the office of Vice President, position currently held by Rob Walecki.

The Nominees are:

Tim Zimmer

Tim Zimmer was elected via floor voice vote to serve as Vice President, term to expire 2022.

Election for the office of Secretary, position currently held by John (JJ) LaMaitre (Incumbent).

The Nominees are:

John (JJ) LaMaitre

John (JJ) LaMaitre was re-elected via floor voice vote to serve as Secretary, term to expire 2022.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position currently held by Dave Lepard.

The Nominees are:

Dion Edon

Jeff Coe

Todd Pendleton

Angela Sobieski (Floor Nomination)

Dion Edon was elected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2022.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Tim Zimmer.

The nominees are:

Jeff Coe

Todd Pendleton

Angela Sobieski (Floor Nomination)

Angela Sobieski was elected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2022.

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

Election of Officers up in 2020, Rob Walecki, Vice President –

The following offices will be open for election/reelection in 2020:

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

Board of Directors (Two):

Jeff Sassone, CDR USN (Ret.)

Laura Colby, AOCS USN

NOTE: Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2020. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligations of the office.

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

Closing remarks & announcements, Matt Arnold, President

The President announced that next year's Continuum/AOLMC & 44rd Convention would be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 29 July thru 02 August 2020.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Bob Underwood for his 80th Birthday.

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

Chaplain Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2019 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1124, 03 August, 2019.

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

Submitted by:

John "JJ" LaMaitre

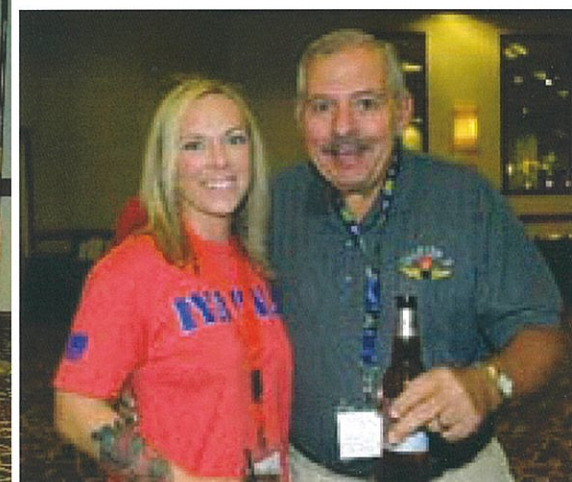
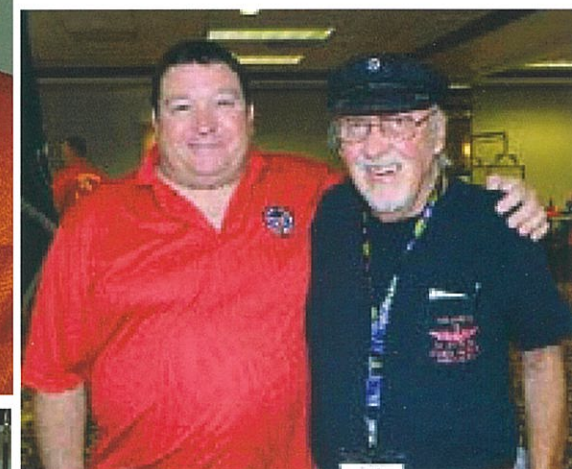
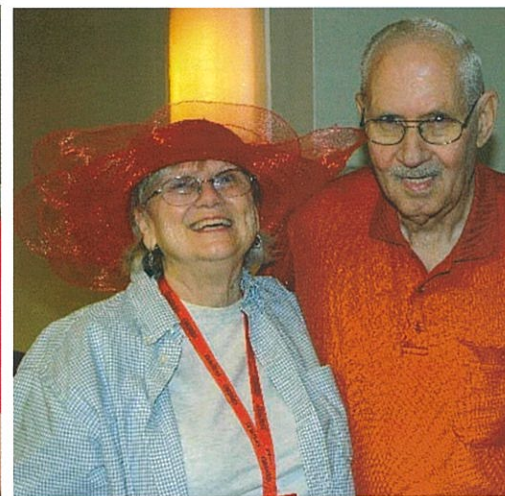
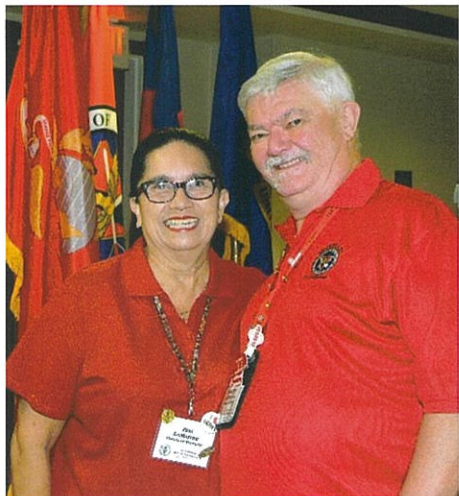
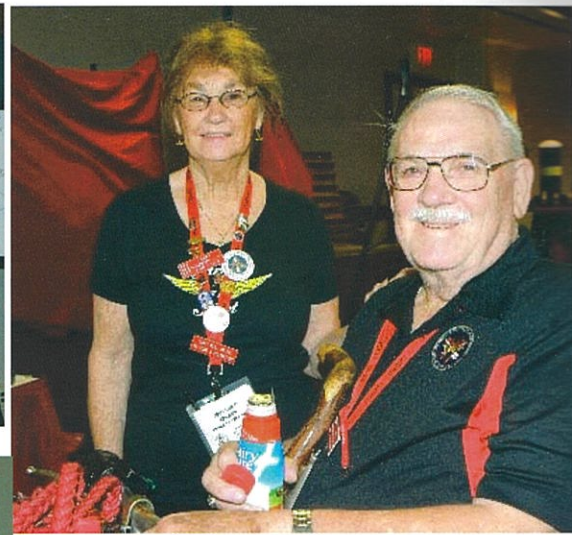
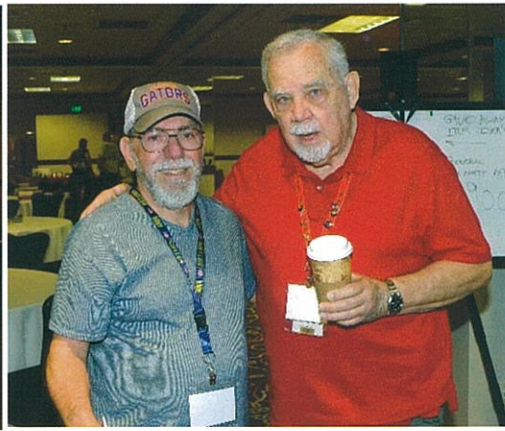
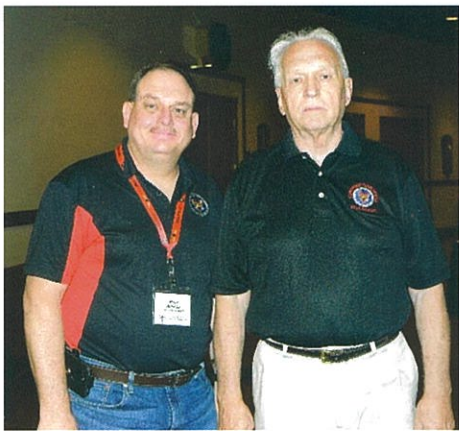
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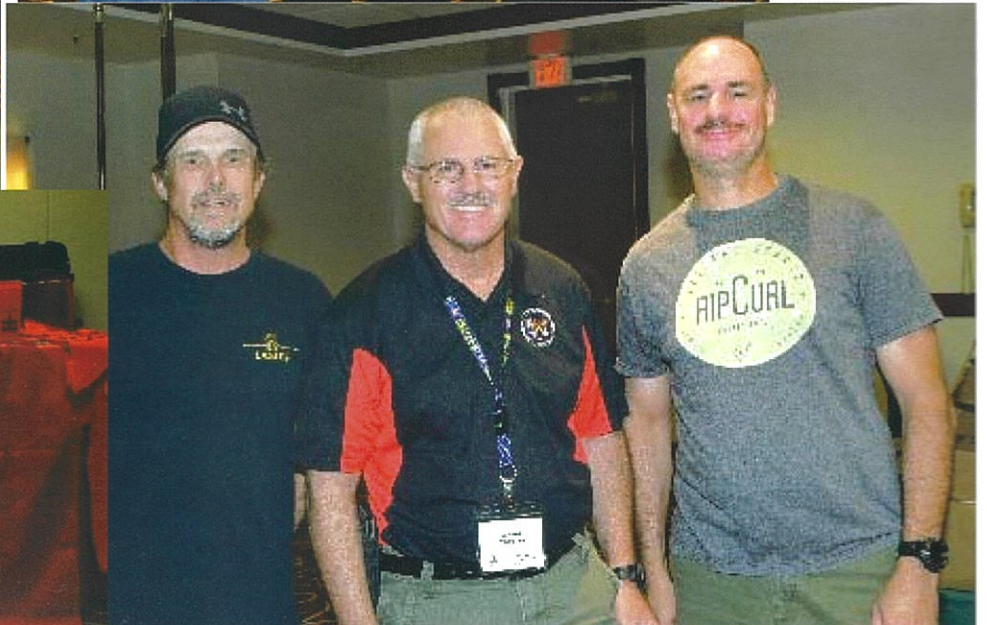
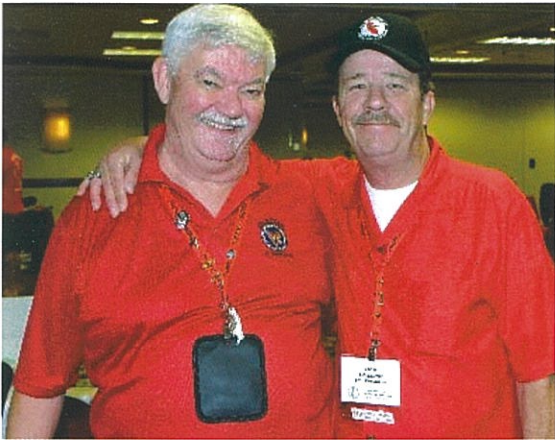
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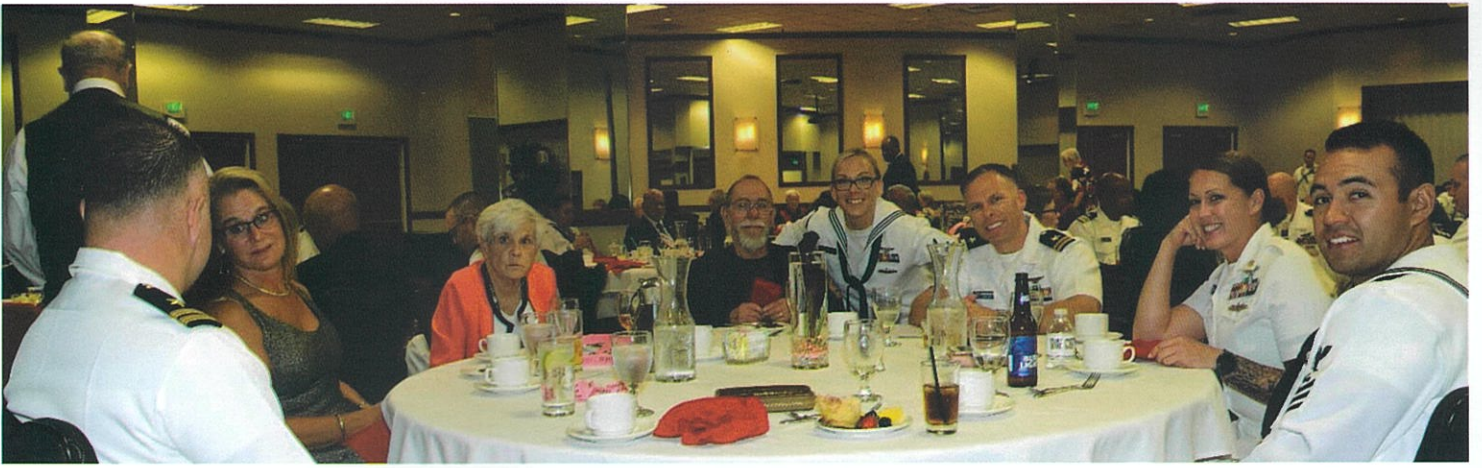
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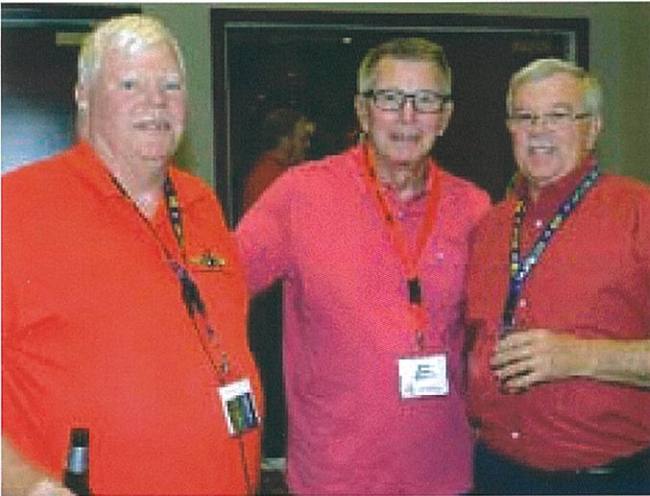
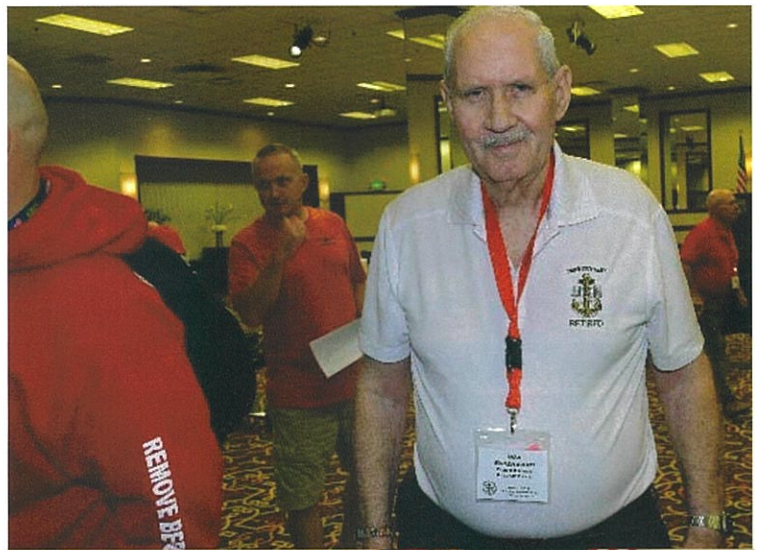
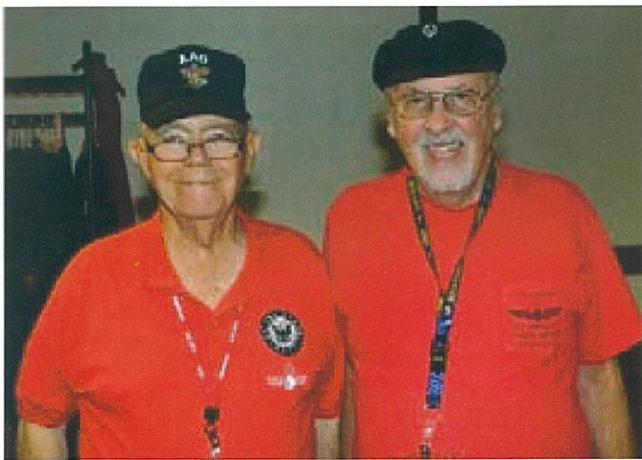
President













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

Check us out on Facebook.....
"The Red Shirt"

Hey Kevin! Wanted to pass a "Bravo Zulu" to HSC-9, an MH-60S squadron assigned to CVW-8 and HSCWL, for their record setting expenditure of 915 unguided 2.75" Rockets during joint exercise JADED THUNDER 19-2 conducted at Salina KS, 2-14 August 2019. JSOC hosted the exercise and recognized HSC-9 for their Jaded Thunder "World Record" rocket expenditure by presenting them an impressive trophy for their work. Over eight fly days of which six were in support of JSOC units, HSC-9 flew 168 hours, expended 915 unguided rockets and qualified six pilots and re-qualified ten others. As we say in the U.S. Navy Helicopter Community, "Winchester".

The primary purpose of Jaded Thunder was to integrate aviation assets into JSOC training scenarios where planning and execution occurred in a joint battlespace. Additionally, HSC-9 became the first USN Helo squadron to utilize "Fastpack" (NALC HA13) 2.75" rockets. Use of the HA13 Fastpack rockets very much simplified LAU-61C/A build up. Further, HA13 rockets would provide significantly decreased turn-around times during high-tempo ordnance operations.



Bill Arndt
FWST Det Norfolk VA.

Kevin,

Hope all is well, please post in next Red Shirt.

Having spent 7 days with HSC-9 and their Gunner, CWO2 Brandon Hall, during the Det, I saw first-hand the pride, professionalism and proficiency of the Sailors of HSC-9 and the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) who expertly provided G Division support to HSC-9. In all, the CVN-78 G Division tested and built-up 74 LAU-61C/A Pods during the Det.

ARABIAN SEA (May 18, 2019) USS KEARSARGE (LHD-3) Weapons Department. USS KEARSARGE is the flagship for the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group and, with the embarked 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of naval operations to ensure maritime stability and security in the Central Region, connecting the Mediterranean and the Pacific through the western Indian Ocean and three strategic choke points.



V/r
Gun Boss
LT Daniel J. Pratt
USS Kearsarge (LHD 3)

Thanks Dan, check out the Back Page!

Hi Kevin-

The MHU-83D/E is being fielded to replace the A/S32K-1E Weapons Loader (aka "SATS" loader). Testing of the adapters with the new weapon loader is recently completed.

I'd like to recognize the Marines of VMFA-122 at MCAS Yuma for their outstanding support during a recent Fleet Evaluation of the MHU-83D/E Adapter Set with the F-35B aircraft.

From Left-Right

LCpl Parker, SSgt Richcreek, Sgt Johnson, SSgt Reader, Cpl Gove,
LCpl Gurette, LCpl Ramos, LCpl Fabian

IYAOYAS!

-Ant

Anthony Ferraro (486K00A)

Chief SE Test Engineer

Support Equipment Test and Evaluation Branch

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Chuck and Bev Onken's 80th Birthday Party





Auxiliary News- letter

The 2020 Annual AAO Convention will meet at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada.

The Convention dates are: July 29 – August 2, 2020 More information will be provided in the RedShirt and the AAO Website [Http://aaoweb.org/AAO](http://aaoweb.org/AAO)

The 2019 Convention has come and gone and we take along some amazing memories. It is wonderful to see so many friends, old and new and is especially good to welcome back friends we haven't seen for several years. We hope you will mark the above dates on your calendar to attend the 2020 Convention.

Fall is upon us. Hope everyone had a great summer. Now it's time to get ready for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Where has the time gone??? If you have an AO Chapter in your area, please become involved. There is so much going on with the chapters preparing for holiday events, holiday "hand ups", toys for tots and of course, the Auxiliary's Taste of Home projects.

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One of the main objectives of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen is to award Scholarships each year to deserving students. The Robert L Crow Scholarship fund has grown over the years, thanks to your generous donations and the hard work of both the Association and Auxiliary. This year, seven Robert L Crow scholarships were awarded totaling \$20,000. Also, a James E Thompson Memorial Scholarship of \$2000 and an Ed Scott Memorial Scholarship of \$2000 was also awarded.

A total of \$24,000 was awarded to NINE recipients!!

We Offer Our Congratulations To:

**Margaret Arnold ~ James L. Besaw ~ Shelby Howard
Linze Jakobs ~ Monye Morgan ~ Kate Appleby ~ Hannah P. Elrod
Megan E. Williamson ~ Michela D. Stephens!**

Last year was a busy year for Taste of Home. Since the 2018 convention, there were four shipments to our deployed Ordies. It is so important that they know that they are being thought of and how much we appreciate what they are doing and their sacrifices.

The USS Harry S. Truman was chosen to receive a shipment in October. They received 15 boxes of baked goods, snacks, candies, playing cards and other goodies. In December and March, the USS John C Stennis was the benefactor of Taste of Home and in June, the USS Abraham Lincoln received goodies. Needless to say, all packages were well received and greatly appreciated.

We really would like to see more Auxiliary members get involved with this project. Baked goods are always appreciated, but we know not everyone is able to bake. Packaged snack items, playing cards, word puzzle books, etc. are always welcome, and the Auxiliary will reimburse you for the shipping charges up to 10 boxes. We usually use the LARGE FLAT RATE Priority mail boxes. Mail shipping receipts to Auxiliary Treasurer at address below. The shipping cost is offered due to generous donations from our members and chapters.

The next shipment will be toward the end of October and then again in mid-December. Chairperson, Linda Robinson, will be contacting everyone by email with information and where the shipment is going. Please give her your support. If you would like to send in a donation to help with shipping cost, please make your check payable to AAAO and write TASTE OF HOME on the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Linda at lrobinson@live.com.

Mail to Auxiliary Treasurer, Cyndy Sassone, 20812 Flour Mill Ct., Great Mill, MD 20634



CHAPTER 1

Greetings from Chapter One, Lemoore, CA.

Coming up on fall in a few days and we are more than happy to have it. Plenty of ordnance shenanigans going on here at NAS Lemoore, end of the fiscal year and squadrons trying to finish their NCEA and plenty of last minute orders to process.

We all had a great time at the Convention in Reno as always, and hope to see everyone again next year!

Our local area Ordie's did take a hot break in August for our annual Chapter One picnic, and it went off without a hitch and everyone had a great time. I would like to thank AO2 Morris, AO1 Rushing and CWO2 Fountain for all their help with the picnic and a shout out to the American Legion Riders Chapter 100 for stopping by and enjoying some Ordie hospitality with us.

The Chapter also presented a check to our annual scholarship winner AO1(AW/SW) Frankie Mockenhaupt from Navy Munitions Command Det Lemoore, congratulations AO1 fantastic job.



I also wanted to say "Fair Winds and Following Sea's" to CWO4 Christopher Hathaway, a longtime friend, a true Ordie to the Association and one hell of a Gunner. Best Wishes from us all!

Congratulations to all of our new Chiefs. Stay safe out there. IYAOYAS!

AOCS Jeffrey W. Coe (RET)
AAO Chapter One President



CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started." Since May 2019 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added 24 new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and had 34 AOs who attended their first Chapter 8 meeting.

On Saturday, 18 May, the Chapter held its annual picnic. Committee Chair Diane McQueen-Gipson did an outstanding job coordinating all the details. The whole Chapter rallied around to support with the set-up, cooking, clean-up, buying supplies, etc. The unofficial attendance was about 110 members, family, and invited guests. Even Chapter 1 from Lemoore was well represented. This was the second year in recent memory that the Chapter brought in more money than expenses thanks to the great ticket sales and generous donations of members who donated cash, paid for the jumpy, ice, beverages and food items.

On Saturday, 27 May, 20 AAO Chapter 8 members and guests paid tribute to John Finn's graves-site which coincided with the 9th year anniversary of his death. A special thank you goes out to Jim and Carolyn Thomas for treating everyone to breakfast at the Golden Acorn Casino and Tom Lord and JJ LaMaitre for setting this event up.

On 4 July, six Chapter 8 members partnered up with (the small but mighty) Marine Corps League 1207 and participated in the annual Coronado 4th of July Parade.

The week of 29 July - 04 August was the AAO Continuum and Convention and was well represented by Chapter 8. The Chapter donated \$250 to the AAO Scholarship and for the second year, \$2,000 to the LCDR James E. Thompson Memorial Scholarship. A huge thank you for Tom Lord for coordinating this scholarship.

On 10 August, the Chapter held its 3rd Highway Walk of 2019. As always we had a huge showing of Chapter support as we collected over 15 bags of trash along the Coronado Silver Strand area. Special congratulations go out to the following AAO Chapter 8 members:

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Tim Zimmer for being selected to the AAO Hall of Fame and voted in as the new AAO Vice president, CWO3 Lester Gipson for selection to CWO4, AOC Alexis Suarez for commissioning to LDO Ensign, AO1 John Holdman for selection to AOC, AO1 Elizabeth Loyd was elected as the new AAO Chapter 8 Vice President, Barry Stemler for 3rd re-election as AAO Chapter 8's Secretary/ Treasurer, John "JJ" LaMaitre's retirement after 20 years of Civil Service, AO1 Tiffany Tribble was awarded AAO Chapter 8 LCDR James E. Thompson Aviation Ordnanceman for 1st Quarter 2019, AO1 Victor Ada was awarded AAO Chapter 8 LCDR James E. Thompson Aviation Ordnanceman for 2nd Quarter 2019.

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

V/r
CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler
Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer

CHAPTER DESERT SOUTHWEST



Hello to all our fellow ordies from the Desert South West Chapter AO Association.



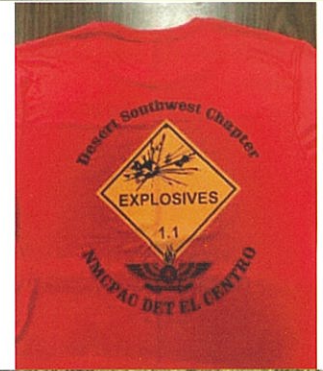
It has been a while but we sure have been busy with many fun filled events over these last couple of months. We hosted many fun events involving the command and base including paintball, karaoke, a chick fil a sale, and a crawfish boil. During the summer, we had a surprise visit from Donald Trump himself and some of our motivated and outstanding members had the chance to meet and greet the president himself.

Last month, AO2 Baldwin, one of our fellow ordies, was presented with the "Salute to active duty" award. She did an amazing job not only representing the command but our Desert Southwest Chapter as well..

With the summer season coming to end, we participated in a river float along with the rest of our command. With summer ending and fall beginning that does not mean we are going to stop getting involved and hosting fun activities within our community. We have so many ideas planned for the fall and winter season that is soon approaching. We cannot wait to see what else we have in store in the near future for our Desert South West Chapter. Until next, time... IYAOYAS.

Very Respectfully,
AO2(AW/SW) Meghan E. Bean
Desert South West Chapter Secretary

P.S: New shirts have arrived. If You are interested in purchasing one Please reach out to our Treasurer Marvin Masolo at marvin.masolo@navy.mil or 1(760) 339-2648



CHAPTER 11

We're back and we are doing amazing things as a Chapter and for our community!

With our newly elected Cabinet Members a big congratulations to our newly elected President AO1 Alexandria Williams, Vice President AO1 Elizabeth Pome'e, Secretary Sgt Shania Penny and Treasurer Sgt Austin McClure. Also a part of our Ch. 11 O'hana is Mr. Mart Vance our National Chaplin and his lovely wife Mrs. Sally Vance.

On July 19th the "Wish of a Lifetime" organization coordinated a tour for Mr. McNaughton, who served as an Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Petty Officer during WWII aboard MCBH from 1944-1945. His wish, was to revisit his first duty station 75 years later! On Saturday, September 7 we held our first Adopt-A-Highway volunteer walk as a Chapter, we cleaned up so much trash off our highway that we ran out of trash bags!

Chapter 11 meets the third Thursday of every month, if you're ever on this beautiful island please reach out to us so you can drop by and join us! We haven't found our forever home just yet so meeting locations are TBD (contact our president for location information alexandria.day@usmc.mil).

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Sgt Shania Penny
Chapter 11 Secretary
MALS-24



Photos included are:

Chapter 11's first volunteer event, Adopt-A-Highway! (Group and action photos)

Mr. McNaughton greeted by MAG-24 Ordnance Officer where he was given the 2019 Ordnance shirt and Ordnance coins.

Mr. McNaughton posed for a picture with MALS-24, VMM-268 and HSM-37 Ordnance personnel in front of the John W. Finn plaque on the back side of Hangar 103 aboard MCBH.

CHAPTER 77

Greetings from Norfolk Naval Shipyards in Portsmouth, Virginia,

Chapter 77 association would like to congratulate our newest Petty Officers as of March 2019 advancement exam: AO1 Faulkner, AO1 Iott, AO1 Owen, AO1 Pickens, AO1 Temples, AO2 Gonzalez, AO2 Nelson, AO2 Varelarosa, AO2 Worley, AO3 Earle, AO3 Lane, and AO3 Larot. We would also like to recognize AO1 Brita Pickens for winning Sailor of the Quarter for first quarter and AO1 Moyer as Weapons Department Sailor of the Year onboard USS George H.W. Bush (CVN77).

Our chapter has been very busy. We had the unique opportunity to meet and attend a luncheon with the 2nd Lady of the United States of America, The Honorable Karen Pence. During this event, we constructed care packages with Comfort Crew for Military Kids helping military children and their families cope with separation during deployment of service members.

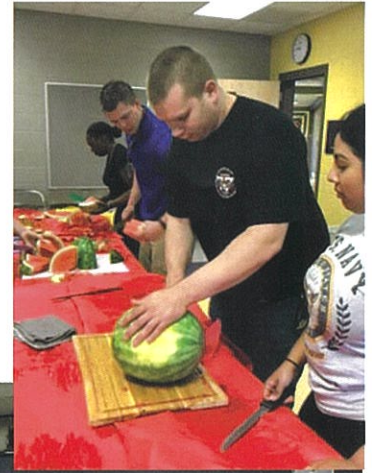
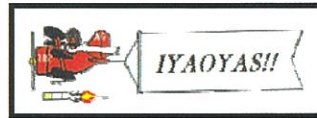


We have volunteered with the Norfolk Tides baseball team at Harbor Park running concession stands twice a month for 8 games since last time checking in. In addition, we partnered with Florence Bowser Elementary School for their first annual field day serving food and setting up games for the children.



On May 24th Chapter 77 had a great opportunity to lay wreaths and place 300 flags next to headstones at the Hampton National Cemetery. On May 28th, we attended the ceremony with the families of fallen soldiers to show our gratitude and support. It has been a very humble and highly successful summer!

IYAOYAS!
Very Respectfully,
AO3 (AW/SW/IW) Rudish, Justin
Chapter 77 Secretary



CHAPTER 22

Greetings from Chapter 22

We are alive and well in PAX River, MD. We have been busy building membership and representing Ordie Nation. March we held our elections so congratulations to our newly elected or re-elected officers. In June and August, the Chapter was out keeping our stretch of Route 235 clean during our highway clean up. The Chapters family summer picnic was a blast with Vic Cesari and Tom Brouwer on the grills, games/swimming, and good old fashion AO comradery. Lastly, keeping up with our 2nd Amendment Rights our annual gun raffle fundraiser for the AAO scholarship is underway and the drawing is scheduled to be held at our September meeting. We have a new chapter coin in the works and as soon as it is finalized, we will submit a picture in our next Red Shirt article and how to get your hands on one. If you find yourself in the PAX River area look us up! IYAOYAS!

V/R Rob Pavel
Chapter 22 Secretary

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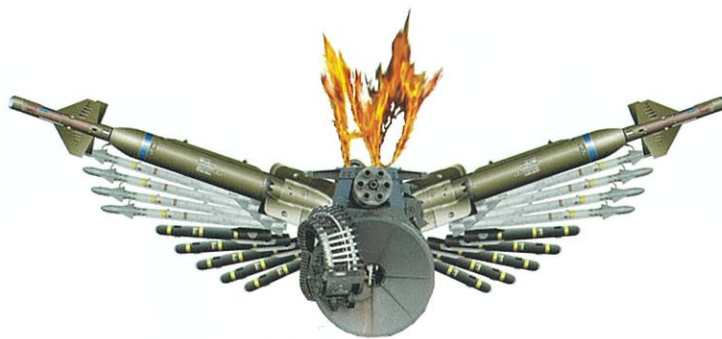
President: AO2 Victor Cesari
Vice President: AO2 Nick Kless
Treasurer: AO1 Joseph Breault
Secretary: Rob Pavel
BOD: Tom Brouwer, Michael Bruns, Mel Schwartz, AOC Shawn Locklear

Chapter Meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1800. Location VFW Three notch Rd.

Chapter 22 Route 235 Highway Clean Up



Summer Picnic 2019



The Missing Man Table

The memory of those who are no longer with us



The Missing Man Table, also known as the Fallen Comrade Table, is a place of honor, set up in military dining facilities of the U.S. armed forces and during occasions such as service branch birthday balls, in memory of fallen, missing, or imprisoned military service-members. The table serves as the focal point of ceremonial remembrance.

CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in beautiful Jacksonville, Florida.

As I write this article, Hurricane Dorian has just grazed our area after devastating the Bahama Island chain. Labor Day weekend is zero hour for Atlantic hurricanes. We seem to be used to them by now. Jacksonville has not been hit directly since 1964, but several have passed close with varying side effects.

Irma grazed us in 2017 as a cat 1 with major flooding and loss of power for many days. Generators are in high demand here. Even with these yearly threats I can think of nowhere else I would rather live. That's the price we pay to live on the east coast during hurricane season.

Three weeks ago on August 24, the Chapter celebrated its annual all AO family picnic. It was a great success with many old friends and shipmates showing up with their tells and sea stories.



Congratulations to AO1 (Chief select) Sterling from HSWingLant for selection as Chapter-9 AO of the 2nd Quarter 2019.

"Bravo Zulu" to AOCs (Ret) Dennis Patterson for his selection to the AO Hall of Fame at the convention. Dennis has served the chapter as President, Vice- President, and now serves on our Board of Directors.

He is a real success story; a high school drop out that now has multiple masters' degrees and continues to impact the Navy, working with one of the new drones.

I am sad to report on June 8th, that AOC (Ret) Tony (Speedy) Gonzales passed away after serving 22 years active and another 20 years as an Equipment Specialist at NAS Cecil Field, retiring in 1988. Tony was a

Gunner Price/AO1 Smack presenting AO QTR plaque to AOC (SEL) Stephen Sterling.



founding member of Chapter-9.

September marks the first anniversary of Ed (Scotty) Scott's death. "Scotty" was a great friend to our community and a champion for education. He oversaw the AAO Scholarship foundation which benefited many including numerous member's families now and before. Chapter 9 has voted to start a memorial scholarship in his honor over and above our annual commitment of \$2000 to the AAO National Scholarship Fund.

As the new school year begins, invitations were sent out for our annual NJROTC air rifle and academic competitions nationwide. These postals raise money to support scholarship donations, helping local AO needs, and our annual holiday food helping hand.

"TYAOYAS" Do everything by the check list and watch each other's six at all times. It's still great to be an AO.

AO1 Lindsay Smack
President, Chapter-9



Chapter 9, Jacksonville



Dennis Patterson

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