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Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

PEACE THROUGH POWER - WE ARE THE "ARMS" OF THE FLEET

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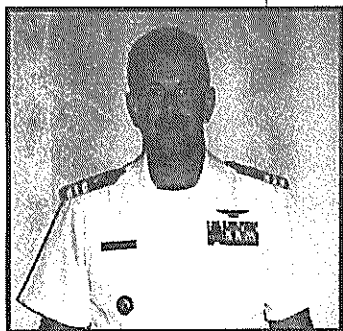
*Season's
Greetings*



From the President

Where has time gone? It's hard to believe that 3 month has already passed.

I'm happy to report that I have completed the transfer of records and turnover with Gary Laun. Luckily, we were both guest speakers at the Aviation Ordnance Officers Career Progression, training level III class, at Pensacola. Besides the turnover, we were both able to meet with the president of Chapter Pensacola, visit both the new AO 'A' school facilities, and the Naval Aviation Museum. One of the key issues during these meetings was the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnance Museum. Due to a reduction in space in the new AO 'A' school facilities, most of the museum displays were still packed in boxes. Our Ordies at the 'A' school are still working on getting some of the items on display. Finding a permanent home for the entire museum will be something we are going to have to work on in the coming years. Our trip to the Naval Aviation Museum was also related to finding a home for the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnance Museum. They were very receptive to the idea of getting our items there, but there will be a lot of details that will have to be worked out. It will take time.



I was also fortunate enough to be able to visit Chapter 3, at NAS Whidbey Island for their chapter meeting in August. I can assure you that Chapter 3 is still alive and kicking. It was good to see some old friends; Doug Fyfe, Earl Reep, Jerry Burrows, Leo Munoz, and Mike Murphy. I'm depending on you guys to keep the heart pumping up there. Sure did miss seeing you, Digger and Dave.

The 1998 Convention committee is moving right along. As Chuck said in the last newsletter, it will be at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino in Laughlin on June 24-28. It's not too early to book your reservations directly by calling 1-800-227-3849. I'm looking forward to meeting the convention committee there in January.

For the past couple of years we've been working on getting the Association's Robert L. Crowe Scholarship Fund in the Combined Federal Campaign. This effort has been continually met with an unbelievable bureaucracy. Thankfully, Gary Laun has volunteered to champion this effort. We hope to make a lot more progress this year than we have had in the past. There are some unresolved issues with how we're organized and our status with the IRS. Hopefully we'll know exactly where we stand by the next general business meeting.

The Ordie home page on the Internet, which has been sponsored by Chapter 1, will be disappearing at the end of October due to problems with the internet provider. Not to worry; there is a proposal that the board of directors is voting on now, to establish an internet domain (WWW.AAO.COM). Byron Boudreaux has agreed to remain webmaster, with his faithful assistant Johnny Wheat. This domain will allow us more options like Chapter Web Pages, and an electronic Red Shirt, just to name a few. With any luck it will be up and running by the time you read this.

That's about all for now. I need to get this in the mail and then I have to dig out of the unexpected 12 inches of snow we had last night. Billy Earl must be living right. If he had been driving through here this week instead of last, he might have been spending more time than he wanted here. □

Take care and God bless. Jeff Sassone

From the Vice President

The 1998 convention committee is actively working on our next gathering, to be held at Don Laughlins Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino, Laughlin, NV., on 24-29 June, 1998. You can make reservations now by calling direct to the Riverside, 1-800-227-3849. Be sure to tell them you are with the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Look for additional information on the 1998 convention in this Red Shirt, as well as the next issue. You can call Point Loma World Travel (1-800-783-8646), Jim Thomas. He will help you with your travel, arrangements.



.... The 1997 Reunion Book and Videotape are available. Order yours today!

The 1997 convention video tape is available. It is a great showing of what takes place at the convention.

The 1997 convention reunion book is expected to be available by the time you receive this Red Shirt. There are order forms for both the video and reunion book in this Red Shirt. If you are not satisfied with the video or book, call Beverly or myself now.

Chapter one, Lemoore, Ca. Is selling the 1998 AO calendars. You can order one, or you can request several to sell. Just send your money (\$20.00 each) and request to; AAO Chapter One, P.O. Box 1148, Lemoore, CA. 92345-1148. You can buy a calendar 365 days a year, but if you buy one now, your chances of winning are much better. The order will be mailed as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can contact AOC Bill Wright at 209-998-3541 or myself at 209-998-3568.

Chapter One, Lemoore now holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, at 1800 at the NAS Lemoore skeet range (ordie shack). You can see the AO sign from the road on the way to the OPS area.

All members should be thinking about nominations for vice- president and two (2) for the board of directors.

Lets all support the association by recruiting new or old members. It is your association !!!

V/R
Chuck Onken



Secretary/Treasurer's Report

CHAPTER MEETINGS - PLACES / TIMES / DATES

Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
President: Bill Wright
209-624-1899
Fleet Reserve
3rd Tuesday, 1800

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA
President: Mike Porter
757-623-4605
VFW Post 392, Bowland PKwy
3rd Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 7 - PT. Mugu, CA
President: Larry Cowell
805-485-1925
The Point (CPO Club)
3rd Wednesday, 1630

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
President: Jim Howard
904-264-3885
Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV
President: Eric Richmond
702-426-3538
Weapons Dept. Conf. Room
1st Tuesday, 1900

Chapter 62 - USS Independence
President: Jack Knapp
Forward Deployed

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz
President: Mike Price
On Board

Chapter 70 - USS Carl Vinson
President: Louis Zaveez
On Board

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island
President: Tom Decker
360-675-7590
VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey)
2nd Wednesday, 1930

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA
President: Neely Hall
619-384-1810
CPO Lounge in the Wreck Center
3rd Thursday, 1800

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

Chapter 11 - Barbers Point, HI
President: Richard Richards
808-684-9233

Chapter 22 - Capital Area
President: Eric Trexler
703-451-4913
3rd Wednesday, 1900
Pax River Fleet Reserve

Chapter 65 -
USS Enterprise CVN65
President: John G. Ketterer
On Board

Chapter 69 -
USS Dwight D. Eisenhower
President: Michael Phillips
On Board

Chapter 72 -
USS Abraham Lincoln CVN72
President Anthony T. Ware
On Board

Chapter 74 -
US S John C. Stennis CVN74
President: Brad Hope
On Board

Chapter New Orleans -
New Orleans, LA
President: ??????????
Meeting Time & Place ??????????

Chapter Fuji - NAF Atsugi
President: Denise Torrefranca

Chapter S 87 - Millington, TN
(INACTIVE)
For information contact:
AOCM Al Sargent USN Ret
901-872-6219

Chapter Pensacola -
Pensacola, FL
President: Jeff Harsh
614-545-9567
Call for meeting time and place

Chapter Keystone -
Mechanicsburg, PA
President: Greg Kellenberger
On Base
2nd Wednesday, 1130

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

AOC William H. McDonald
USN Ret
LCDR George W. Lindsay USN
Ret
LCDR J. L. McClain USN Ret
Peter Parpan
AOCS Gary L. Buse USN Ret
CWO2 Robert S. Walecki
AOC Vernon L. Schneider USN
Ret

NEW MEMBERS

Wanda Romero
AO3 Cynthia Franco
GYSGT Lyle E. Henk USMC Ret
AOC Richard R. Lewis USN Ret
AO3 Beth J. Kuykendall
Steve D. Doppes
CWO4 Jake A. Jacobs USN Ret
Marie E. Boyer
AO(AW) David G. Scott
AO2 Brett M. Piro
CWO3 Gary K. Sweet
Michael J. Koblish
AO1 James S. Santillano
CWO4 Rich Derus USN Ret
AO3 Albert H. Santiago
AO1 Roger D. Tollison

*Support your
local chapters.
Attend meetings
and become part
of something
good.*

AO1 Robin K. Sherman
 AO2 Lorenzo Perez
 PR1 Harold L. Schryver USN Ret
 GMG1 James A. Hough
 AO1 James R. Colquhoun
 AOC(AW) Kenneth H. Layre
 Thomas P. Phillips
 AO3 Brian E. Connelly
 AO2 Daniel P. Weisgram
 CWO3 Ralph P. Harris
 CPL Ramon Canales JR.
 GYSGT Terry D. Muchison
 AO2 Todd R. Snedeker
 AOCS Carl J. Barton
 Dave Stifle
 Priscilla Plautz
 Diana Johnson
 Joseph Larkin
 LCDR W. C. Johnson USN Ret
 AOCS Roy C. Clark USN Ret
 AO2 D. Schlarrnan
 AO2 John T. McNamee
 AO1 James P. Scott
 AO1 Joseph Young
 AO3 Stace D. Howorka
 AO2 Javier H. Prado

AO2 Ivan Dominguez Jr.
 AO2(AW) Jason E. Conyer
 AO3 James P. Davis
 AO2 David E. Faison
 AO1 Brian P. Smith

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

Robert & Adrienne Bailey
 Anthony & Phyllis Terzich
 Lawrence P. Grablel
 Robert & Ellie Waldron
 William & Audrey Weldenheimer
 Rusling & Mary Reighn
 Donald & Thelma Sanders
 James & Edith Barrington
 William & Carol Kremser Jr.
 George & Muriel Lindsay
 Edward & Carole Burwell
 Arnold & Nora Fipps
 Irvin & Micki Koniak
 J.L. & Trenkins McClain

*.... Your
 scholarship
 contributions
 are very much
 appreciated.*

ARTICLE

Greetings from YOUR Secretary/Treasurer. By the time you read this, I will have moved. My new address can be found on the back page and on the membership application. You will notice that the phone numbers remain the same. Speaking of moving, have you sent in your change of address? The Locator listing in this issue (as well as the last) is long because many of you haven't. The forwarding costs for the last Newsletter has climbed above \$25 because many of you did not send in your change of address before you moved. Let's all try to do better.

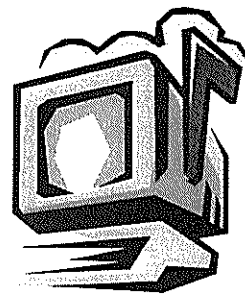
Happy Holidays

Your Association Officers are hard at work for you. Currently they are reviewing a proposal for a site for the 1999 convention. Do you have an idea about where you would like to have a convention in the year 2000 or later? If so, than get involved and submit your package early. If you need help with the procedures and requirements, call Chuck Onken or Jim Thomas, who are on the Association Convention Committee. Also being reviewed is a proposal to develop our own Web Site. The AAO Homepage, as we know it, is going or has gone away. Many thanks to Byron Boudreaux for developing and supporting the Homepage. It is hoped that these issues will be resolved by the time you read this, and we will be on to new and better things. Do you have an idea or proposal that will make the Association bigger and better; if so, submit it to me for review and action.

Well, time for me to go pack some more boxes.

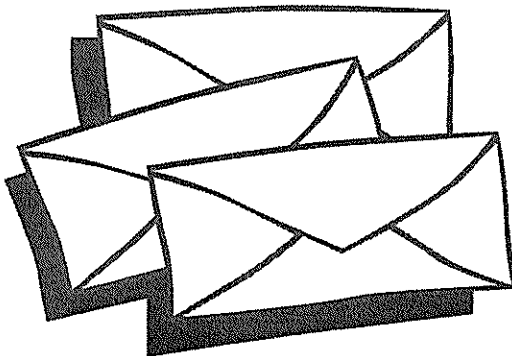
NEWS FLASH

As you read this we find all good AO's and their better halves settling in for the winter to plan their holidays. Some will travel and others will stay at home. Some will have family and friends visiting while others will enjoy just being together. For sure, Santa is out there. Remember, he must have been an AO because he wears a red suit. With Santa on our side, let's all have a safe and happy holiday season. Take time to remember those who are on duty defending our country. □



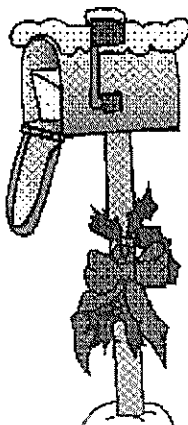
*Can you
help?.....
Know where
any of these
members can be
located?*

LOCATOR

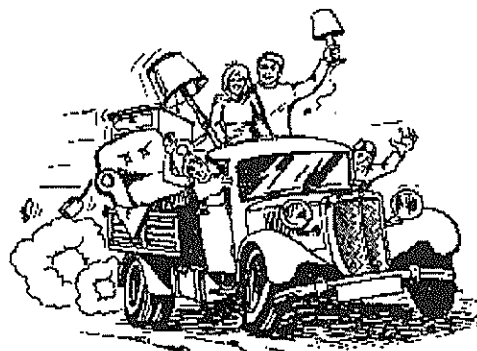


AOC Paul A. Winfree
AOAN Samantha D. Forrest
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Chris Pokrywka
AO3 Hugh B. O'Donnell
AO3 Keenan S. Heath
LCPL Maricela Graham
AO1 Bryant O. Sober
LT Allen E. Ten Eyck USN Ret
AO3 Erich R. Goeldner
AO1 Edward J. Hogan
AO1 John Thompson USN Ret

AOC Michael W. Johns USN Ret
LTJG Steven E. Burke
James Leblanc
AOAN Thomas C. Terrell
AOC(AW/SW) John R. Martinez



MOVING ?



Please submit a change of address

CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Greetings. Peace and Love to all.

Status report; The old God Squad is alive and kicking (not kicking too hard), but kicking. Apparently I'll be around for a while longer.

Personally sighted and talked to Jim Irving. Despite various other health problems, he is doing pretty well after several bouts with pneumonia. We both send regards and thanks to all hands for your prayers and caring concern.

Getting close to home in the Taps list . . . "Scoobie" Eubanks who was a past president of Chapter Eight and a good friend. Also Bob Murray, a Life member, who retired but kept busy in the China Lake area. And Arnold Stokke, from around the old Moffett Field area. Shipmates all. Peace unto them.

Here we are, nearly at the end of the year, and the holidays are *uponst* (if you need a word just make it up). Here's hoping that each of us will do a little to help take care of our less fortunate brethren during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. I'm sure the good Lord appreciates any effort we expend to assist our lesser well-off brothers and sisters. If you can't afford a monetary donation, you can always offer a few prayers. They REALLY DO work!

Got this off a bumper sticker several years back when I was working with the "Connie" coming out of the "Philly" shipyard. Something for every Ordie to strive to accomplish. . . "Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence". If we apply these words to our daily work and spiritual lives, what a difference that would make! Can you imagine it?

If you haven't already done so, take advantage of the 365 chances to win a minimum of \$25.00 by purchasing the 1998 AO Calendar. I'm sure it's not too late and the odds are better than you can get anywhere that I know of. Contact any Chapter officer, or myself, and for \$20 we'll make sure you have one in your hot little hands.

Again, I'm asking for your help in notifying me on the passing of shipmates and friends, or when someone is ill or disabled. As an association, we usually send a card. Beyond that, the information gives individual members an opportunity to personally express their care and concern through cards and prayers. It is a great comfort.

In closing let's take a moment to again remember our shipmates, spouses, associates, Auxiliary, and others close to us who have reported to Supreme Staff. And a prayer for all our brothers and sisters that just "need a thought" to help them sustain.

Recruit a shipmate for the Association! Take care. **Peace and Love to ALL.** □

*God Bless You
at Christmas*



*. . . . Take a
moment to
remember our
departed
shipmates,
spouses,
associates,
auxiliary and
others*

. . . . Ron Bushta

..... *Eternal
Father, strong
to save, whose
arm does bind
the restless
waves ..*

TAPS

AOC	Raymond W. BRUNDAGE
AOC	Samuel P. CURTIS
AO1	Earl C. EATON
AOCS	Kenneth C. "Scoobie" EUBANKS
AOC	Ebbie HUNTER
AOC	Billy R. JOHNSON
AOCS	Clarence E. JONES
AOC	Robert J. MURRAY
AOC	Dallas W. PHELAN
AO2	Richard P. SIMMONS
AOC	Clayton W. SINGLETON
AOCS	John F. SKIDMORE
AOC	Arnold STOKKE
AOC	Robert L. WHIDDON



CHAPTER 21 - FALLON, NV



Fellow ordies,

Although it's been some time since you've heard from us, things are alive and well at NAS FALLON. Within the last six months our local chapter has gone through a major turnover with newly appointed officers and board of directors. Our monthly meetings, (first Tuesday every month CPO club 1900), has seen attendance on the rise. This past meeting we welcomed CVW-14 and the WSAT fellows.

We would like to say "good-by" to Gunner Gonzales from NSAWC, and welcome aboard Gunner Walburton. Thanks Gunner, for all of your support. You did make a difference in getting this chapter going again.

On behalf of all the ORDIES here at FALLON, we wish everyone the best of holidays. Be safe out there. □

Respectfully,

Eric E. Richmond
President Chapter 21
"TYAOYAS"

*Season's
Greetings*

CHAPTER ONE - LEMOORE, CA

Hello Ordies

It's time again to let everyone know what was, is, and will be happening in our neck of the woods. However before I begin, Chapter One would like to thank Dave Moore for his many years of support and expertise. Without Dave's help much of what we have accomplished would simply not have happened. THANK YOU

DAVE! (I hope that's enough because you already have every piece of Ordinance memorabilia known to mankind).



*Buy your 1998
AO Calendar
before they are
sold out
call AOC Bill
Wright or Chuck
Onken*

Chapter One completed the highway walk which went very well; Thanks, Carl and Stella, for the beer. We are currently in full swing getting the Annual Turkey Shoot off the ground. It will be held at the NAS Lemoore Skeet range on 18, 19 and 20 November. The turkey shoot was taken over by Chapter One to earn extra money to support local youth activities. You can support us and have fun as well by attending.

Our calendar sales are going well. We only have a little over two months before we pick our first thirty winners. Buy your calendars now before they are all gone. Calendars can be obtained by calling either:

AOC Bill Wright at home 209-924-1899 or at work 209-998-3137/ 3529/ 3530/ 3541 or Chuck Onken at work 209-998-3567/68.


Chapter One will also be selling tickets for a chance to win a 12 ga Remington 1100 shotgun. For more information contact AOC Bill Wright or Chuck Onken.

Not to much else going on. Take care and keep it safe during the holidays.

IYAOYAS!!

AOC Bill Wright

AAO CHAPTER FIVE



CHINA LAKE, CA

Hi Ordies:

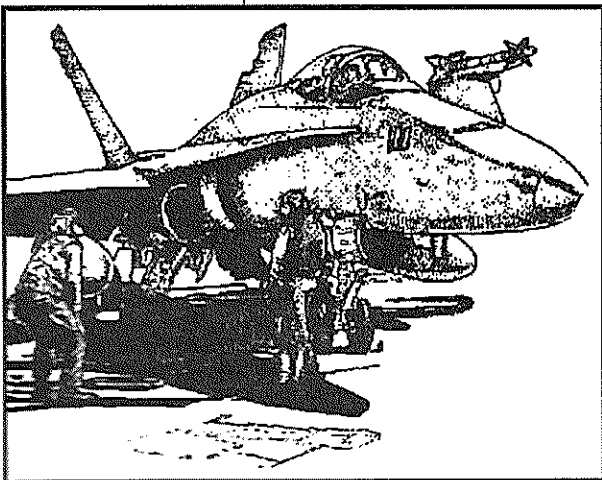
*... First annual
Chapter Five
campout was
held....*

Some people say that Ridgecrest is just a wide spot in the road they're wrong. It's not that wide! But, we are here and we're going to make an impact.

Those of us that were able to attend the convention had a great time. We were proud to be able to contribute to the scholarship fmd. Some of the money was raised by our yard sale. This yard sale was almost single-handedly accomplished by Larry Ennis, a very loyal and energetic member of Chapter Five.

In September, we did our quarterly FOD walkdown on our own little stretch of palm tree bordered avenue in beautiful Ridgecrest, California. We had a good turn out and finished in record time. Even Bill Overby came out with his little partner.

Also in September, we had our first annual Chapter Five campout. Beautiful lake, gentle breeze wafting through the trees, well maintained camp sites; even flush toilets. Only thing missing were Chapter Five campers. Well, Johnny Vick and I were there drinking beer and swapping sea stories. Unfortunately, the active duty guys had a last minute schedule and couldn't make it. Later on, three of our prospective Auxiliary Members stopped by and had dinner with us.



Ordnancemen take care of their own. Gunner Vince Howell brought a bunch of his guys from the Weapons Test Squadron. Then some of us old guys hobbled in. And this motley crew helped our Honory Member, Ann Monahan, move some of her heavier business machines to a new location. Incidentally, ask John Barfield what he stepped in, in the back yard.

For the first week in November, the 1/2 size replica of the Vietnam Memorial, known as the Moving Wall, will be in our own Ridgecrest, California. Chapter Five members have volunteered to provide some of the maintenance and security functions for the wall. If you're close by, come on over. There will also be community sponsored hot air balloon races on the 7th, 8th and 9th of November. About forty balloons are expected to participate. See Ya there ☐

Neal Hall

CHAPTER IV Tidewater Area

Chapter IV has been busy planning for upcoming events as we enter the holiday season. We will again contribute to the Holiday Assistance Program for needy military families through our annual involvement with the NAS Oceana Chaplain's office. We are also planning something new; a Christmas Dinner Dance party. Keep reading!

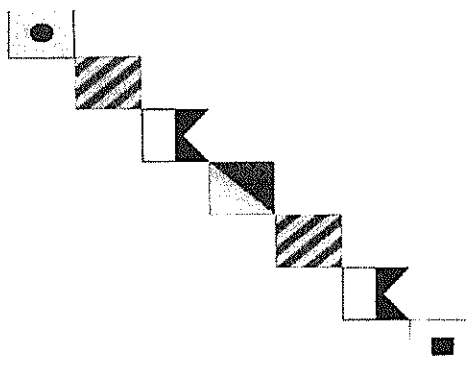
The Chapter held "Red Shirt, Ranch Ten" on 3, 4 and 5 October. The weather was absolutely great for the camp-out, as was the food and company. Thanks for a job well done to Tom Brouwer, Stevie Marcel, Rick Petersen, Don Howard, Sam Libby and Bill Swilley. They organized everything and worked so hard to make the camp-out the success it was.

On 18 October, the Chapter finished our last scheduled highway cleanup (FOD walkdown) of 1997. The President, CDR Mike Porter wants to convey a BRAVO ZULU and a personal thanks to all the volunteers during the four FOD walkdowns of 1997. For the year, a total of 75 Ordies participated, accumulating 180 man/woman hours on this community clean up program. Again the "body count" (trash picked-up) was high (about 140 large trash bags and 600 pounds of bulk trash) but who's counting.

Chapter IV is planning to work closely with NAS Oceana Weapons Department for the annual holiday food drive. The Gun Boss, LCDR Bill Shay, and the Chapter have worked out optimum drop-off points for non-perishable food items. They are: Weapons Compound at NAS Oceana, Mobile Ordnance Training Team (MOTT), Building V29, NAS Norfolk, point of contact AOCs Bill Swilley, or Stu Carson's house, 2092 Grey Fox Lane, Virginia Beach, VA. The cut-off date for acceptance of donations is 15 December 1997. I strongly encourage all you Ordies out there to be generous during the holidays.

The Chapter is in the process of finalizing plans for our first ever Christmas party. The date is 13 December at VFW Post 392. Cost is \$22.00 per couple which includes a prime rib dinner, disc jockey and dancing, with table wines and set-ups provided. This is a BYOB affair, and open to all Ordies in Tidewater. For tickets and information, contact Tom Williams, Bill Swilley or Stu Carson. This will be a terrific opportunity for local Ordies and their ladies to come together in celebration of not only the holidays, but to renew friendships and swap sea stories.

Our Chapter would like to welcome back Fighter Squadron TWO (VF-2) from a WEST-PAC cruise on USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)/Carrier Air Wing TWO. Also, a welcome home to Carrier Air Wing EIGHT and former Chapter IV Vice President AOCM Mike Jarret, and to Fighter Squadrons FOURTEEN and FORTY-ONE (VF-14 and VF-41).



*. . . . Plan to
attend the
Chapter IV
Christmas
dinner/dance
party scheduled
for 13 December*

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CHAPTER 74

USS John C. Stennis



It has been quite a while since we've had contact with all of our fellow Ordies out there. Let me start by welcoming the new members. Much has happened during these past few months that I would like to call attention to.

I'm proud to say that although we are the newest carrier in the fleet our Weapons Department surely doesn't reflect it. So many of us split tour from other ships that our combined efforts always turn out maximum results.

In mid-June our ship saw her first major ammo upload. At well over 1600 lifts of ordnance, we completed the evolution in one and a half days with no accidents or incidences, despite many casualties encountered by our ammo ship. Amongst several pierside onloads, we conducted our first Explosive Safety Inspection in late July, which was completed in one day. During TSTA 1& 2 in late August, we had our first Mine Readiness Certification Inspection, which was commented on as "the best we've seen yet" by our inspectors. Last, but surely not least, our TM's and GMG's got to play during our TRFI. Even our G-2 bubbas are paving the way for others to follow. We set sail in mid October for COMPTUEX 1 & 2. can't wait to see that ordnance go!!

During all of this we have had numerous personnel changes both in and out of the Association, including our OHO. Farewell to LCDR Bill Shay; welcome LCDR Bruce Lee. This made matters a little tough for our chapter, but we've managed to come forth and take charge. □

Good luck to all, and remember, IYAOYAS!!!!

CHAPTER IV

(Continued from page 11)

Once again, the Chapter is participating in the Spinoza "Buddy Bear" Program. We purchased one bear with nine audio tapes, which all speak to a receiving child (at a child's level of understanding) about their illnesses, which, in most cases, are terminal. "Buddy Bear" helps allay their fears and provides comfort to them. We find it to be a most worthwhile program. This year we are donating the "Buddy Bear" to the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA. Should any other Chapter like information on this worthy program, please contact Stu Carson. □

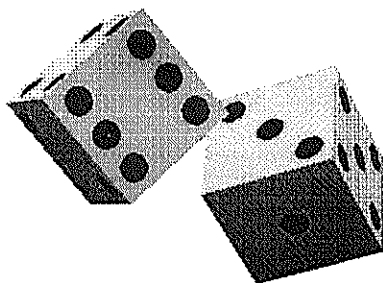
SUBMITTED BY:

AOCM STU CARSON, USN, RET (757-468-9249)

SEC/TREAS, CHAPTER IV

Although we are the newest carrier in the fleet - our Weapons Department surely doesn't reflect it

. . . . Help support the "Buddy Bear" program



CHAPTER SEVEN

Point Mugu, CA

Chapter seven is starting something new this year. In addition to our monthly meeting safety briefs, Chapter Seven is hosting an hour and half of training presented by the various commodities here at NAVAIRWARCENWPNDIV and NAWS POINT MUGU CA. These training briefs are offered once a month at lunch time at NAWS Point Mugu's "Point Restaurant". The briefs are open to anyone that would care to sit in and get credit toward their forty hours required yearly training. On August 20, Larry Cowell presented a brief of the 3.0 Logistics Competency, and on September 24, an overview of the OPNAVINST 8600.2B, the Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Program. On 22 October, a brief on the Ordnance Evaluation Program (OEP), and Air launched Weapons Corrective Action Program (AWCAP) was presented by Ms Diana Sandoval and Mr. Mark Fudoli. On 19 November, we had a brief on NAVAIR 01-1A-75, Air Launched Missile Consumable Material Application for Cleaning and Corrosion Control (HAZMAT), presented by Ms Silvia Faulstich. As these briefs are hosted by AAO Chapter Seven, we are presented with an opportunity to talk about the association, and solicit new members before each presentation. Needless to say, we take full advantage of this opportunity, as we do during our annual picnic.

I want to take this time to congratulate LCDR Jeff Sassone on his election to the office of AAO National President. I look forward to working with him during his term in office. Also, congratulations to Floyd English, Mike Porter and Brad Schwake who will serve on the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Billy Earl on being selected to the Hall of Fame.

I forgot to mention this in my September article for the Red Shirt. . . . I trust it's not too late to mention that AOC/Ret Wayne Kraemer, who could not make it to the national convention because of family health problems, gave me a check for \$50.00 for the scholarship fund which I presented in his name. I want to thank you, Wayne, for your generosity. □

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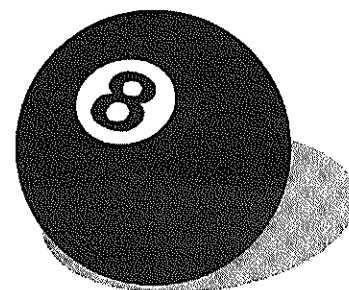
LARRY COWELL AO1 Ret
PRESIDENT
CHAPTER SEVEN POINT MUGU CA



*... why not
attend one of
our training
briefs . . . they
are open to
everyone . . .*

CHAPTER EIGHT

San Diego, CA



*... Season's
Greetings and
Happy Holidays
from sunny San
Diego and
chapter eight . .*

Greetings from the ORDIES of Chapter Eight. Much has transpired in the last couple of months. First and with regret, I need to inform you of the passing of Kenny

"Scoobie" Eubanks. I took over as President from him after

he gave many loyal years of service to Chapter Eight. It was a shock to many of us. We received a note from his family stating in part that "The good Lord took Kenny, my husband, our brother, our dad, our grandpa, our great friend "Scoobie", as an angel, to heaven to help prepare a place for the rest of us. I couldn't of said it any better. Scoobie, you are greatly missed.

Next was our highway clean up on 18 October, at Interstate 8 exit Hwy. 79 / Japatul Road park and ride. We passed out the required safety equipment and got a safety brief from Al TenEyck. I had talked with John Finn and he thought he might come on down and join us. Afterwards we had a burger / hot dog burn. Thanks, Al, for taking the lead on this. I appreciate it.

The Point Loma Travel Agency had their 35th anniversary on 25 Oct. at Tom Ham's Light-house on Harbor Island. Jim Thomas does a great deal for the Association. We congratulate him on his 35 years. Thank you, Jim, for your faithful support of the Association.

Calendars are available at a cost of \$20.00 each., Contact any Chapter Officer to purchase one.

The Holiday Season is just about *uponst* (thanks Ron for the good word). Food baskets will be donated at Thanksgiving and a "Secret Santa" is planned for Christmas. Donations, both financial and food stuffs, can be made at "Coronado Naval Base - North" (formally known as NAS North Island) Weapons, at the Chapter meeting in November and/or December, or you can mail it to P.O Box 710273, Santee, Ca. 92072. Much help is needed. YOU all made a big difference last year with your generous donations. Let's do it again!

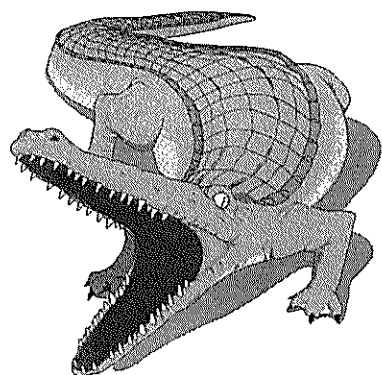
LCDR Dave Lepard was accepted, and is attending the Naval War College Non Resident course for the next 3 years. Congratulations Gunner!!

Ron Bushta finally got a hold of Jim Irving. He is doing "OK" now, after some bouts with pneumonia. He's getting around with a portable "oxy" bottle. . . . his lungs are getting stronger. He said to say "Hi" to all. Looking forward to seeing you again, Jim. Hang in there!

"Welcome home" to the USS Constellation. It will be great to see you all. If you are in the San Diego area, come on down to our Chapter meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month, at the Fleet Reserve, on 3rd Ave in Chula Vista @1900.

That's about it for this time. Hope you all have a joyous Holiday Season. Take care and God bless you and your families.□

J.J. LaMaitre



CHAPTER NINE

Jacksonville, Florida

Hello ORDIES from Jacksonville, Florida.

The heat in Florida is finally diminishing and fall is just around the corner. With fall approaching, Thanksgiving and Christmas are closing in. Since this is the last Red Shirt article for 1997, I would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all ORDIES around the world.

As the year comes to a close, Chapter Nine is running full speed ahead. Our membership is doing well. We are preparing to elect new Officers in November. On the 1st and 2nd of November, Chapter Nine is volunteering to run a concession booth for the Cecil Field International Airshow. This is going to be a great Airshow, although sadly, it will be Cecil Field's last, due to base closure in the near future. Chapter Nine recently purchased a few dozen embroidered hats for the chapter. They are sharp looking. If anybody is interested in purchasing one they should contact any of our chapter officers. Also, as in the past, Chapter Nine will be distributing food baskets to local families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In closing, I would like to thank my vice president AO1 Tim Baird, treasurer AOC(Ret) Bill Taylor, and secretary AO1 Jeff May for the job they have done in the past year. The chapter is not upheld by the president alone, but by the team that leads it and those who support that team. Thank you for a rewarding year, ORDIES.

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AO1(AW) Jim Howard
President



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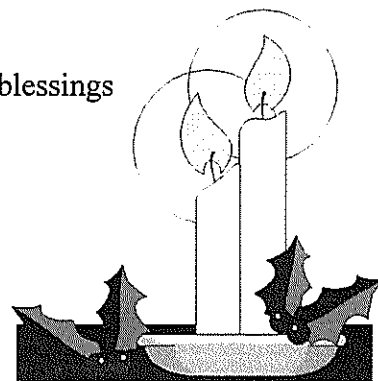


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Just a brief word of thanks to all you faithful readers who have written "to the Editor" in the last couple of years. Your suggestions are always welcome, and your compliments are gratefully (and humbly) acknowledged. Your letters have kept me honest and on my toes. . . . not much gets by you I'm grateful for your attentiveness, along with your willingness to take the time to put your thoughts down on paper. Your letters are sometimes funny, sometimes heart warming, informative, and always welcome. I try to include them all in the newsletter, as space permits. I truly hope that you will continue to write. It's another way to stay linked to the Ordie community, especially for those who, for whatever reason, haven't been able to attend a convention.

Me and my house wish you and yours all the special blessings
 of the season!

IYAOYAS !
 Steve Cashat
 — Editor



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