

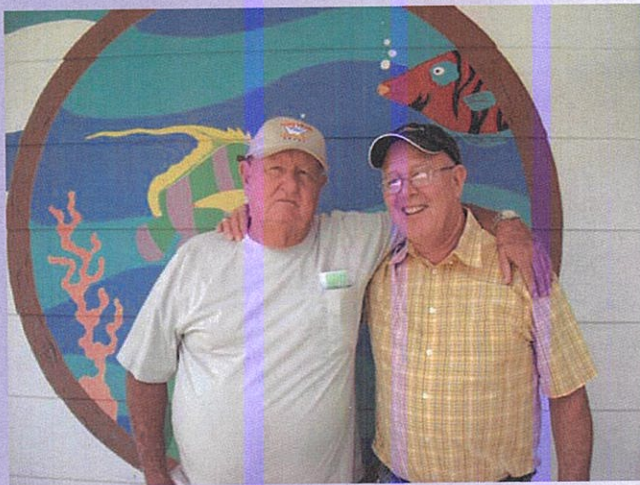
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Sandy Satler, Mike Hill



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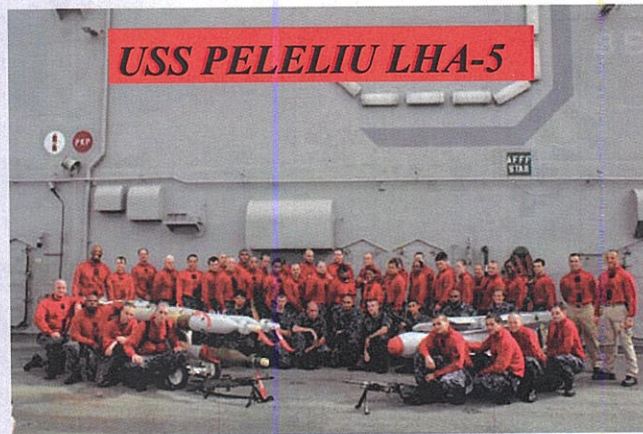


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Letters To The Editor

Two old shipmates from USS Midway have lunch at Deal's Seafood in Perry, Florida
Submitted by Malcolm "Mike" Hill, Tallahassee

I appreciated receiving my renewed membership and other enclosures, including a brief note from JJ LaMaitre. Being a member with the nearest Chapter location in Jacksonville is a challenge, but I've still managed to solicit a former shipmate for AAO membership.

46 years ago I was a striker AOAN and serving with salty AO3 "Sandy" Satler aboard USS Midway, CVA-41. We were headed out of NAS Alameda with 105 other guys in "G" Division on a 1964 WestPac that eventually became "Operation Rolling Thunder." That was an old-time version of shock and awe. Sandy was from Lakeland, FL. I came from Albuquerque, NM. Mostly the 105 enlisted straight out of high school and trained as AOs or GMs. Adversity quickly unified us as we learned all about iron bombs, the AD-1 props, tiny magazines and toasty berthing spaces.

Quite by accident we've found we're now living only 60 miles apart. Fast forward to 2010 and we've renewed our antique friendship over lunch. Deal's Seafood has \$5 a dozen oysters on the half shell. We discussed an Ordie reunion in Atlanta being organized by Al Wedermeyer with Squadrons & Shipmates, Inc., 404-497-0943. Sandy was hoping to find pals Ricky Dean Treat from Redwood City, CA or James Harless from AL. We both wanted to see Eddie Ownby from Beaufort, SC who was an AO3 in VA-22, The Fighting Redcocks. Meanwhile, we'll have another dozen oysters before BP's oil well changes their flavor.

Attached photograph shows Sandy Satler and Mike Hill in May 2010, former shipmates in 1964 from USS Midway, CVA-41. It's not a club, it's a brotherhood!

Thanks Mike! Good story and maybe you all can find a couple of these guys thru this. Picture is on page 2

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 Dennis Costa. 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, thanks! I know Satler will get a kick out of this. He and I worked for AO1 Bob Solomon, by the way. He was a Section Leader then. Weapons moved a helluva' lot of ordnance to the Squadrons and they practiced endlessly, then sprinkled it all over Vietnam. Their work emptied the WWII stuff in the magazines on Guam, Wake, Midway and Cubi, etc. in the process. It was a great way for everyone to stay fit and trim! I saw LCDR Solomon a few years ago in San Diego aboard Midway, and he hadn't changed a bit. Scary! Nice guy and a great sailor. Again, thanks for the notice regarding the article. Mike Hill, Tallahassee

Kevin, we just completed our 2nd annual ordie run...which I will call Ordie Thunder.

It was absolutely awesome...at one time we had 30 bikes and 35 attendees, thanks to the wives and girlfriends for their support. Seeing 29 bikes in your rear view (when it's not shakin) gives you goose bumps. Once again this ride is in support of all ordies Navy and Marine Corp who are out fighting the fight and couldn't be with us...a small token of our support. Also in memory of a national hero, John Finn. May he rest in peace and never be forgotten.

Thank you Kevin...chrome up, rubber down, ride safe.
Juan Morris
AOCM (RET)

Would like to ride in this one next year!

Hello,

My Name is Ian I. Rodriguez. I was enlisted in the Navy from 2002-2006 aboard the good ol' Chucky V, I too was an AO. I'm here hoping to find a shipmate of mine. AO1 Harris, Lance. I'm sure he's made Chief by now. AO1 Harris helped me out allot and was a role model to me. I lost all his contact info since and I figured I would give this a shot. If you can help me out at all I'd appreciate it.

If any one can help or know Lance Harris please shoot me an e-mail or The AAO Web Master, Johnny Wheat at jrwheat@inreach.com

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Hi Y'all:

I'm looking for the whereabouts of CDR Terry Timms and AOC Bruce A. Barton, both retired (old friends and ship-mates), please give them my email address and ask them to say howdy. They don't owe me any money so they can relax. Your assistance is greatly appreciated Happy 4th of July....let freedom ring!

Your friend and fellow Aviation Ordnanceman,

Buddy R. Hembree
LT(JG) USN (Retired)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been running into the same old repetitive stuff, again. So, I'm going to repeat some stuff, again.

Every time you hurt your back loading ordnance, go to sick bay. Get it in your medical record. We all suffer back injuries loading ordnance, and when you're a 20 year old AO3 it ain't nothin'. When you're a 40+ year old, however, it's called degenerative disc disease. It's a service connected compensable disability, but if it ain't in your medical record it didn't happen. Same thing applies to any minor injury or illness.

When you retire or get discharged, get a copy of your medical record and your service record, including all TDY orders. Ask a Vietnam vet who served on a carrier, who's MCPO sent him to Da Nang to fix a broke jet. Usually on verbal orders. Many of those guys now have agent orange related illnesses and can't prove they were in Vietnam. If you do get sent somewhere on verbal orders, have the duty officer make a logbook entry when you leave and when you get back. Xerox that page of the logbook and have it certified as a true copy. Any LCDR or above can certify that for you. If you can't get the logbook copy, have your division officer right it up in a memo for you.

Things to remember when you are ready to file a VA claim. Get a service officer. Do not do it yourself. Do not allow the VA to "help" you. YOU ARE NOT FILING FOR BENEFITS WITH THE USDVA. YOU ARE FILING FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE US GOVERNMENT. Asking VA for claims help is like being a civilian, filing a worker's comp claim against your boss and using his lawyer! There are over 3,000 county service officers, most are located at your county court house. Every state has a Veteran Affairs operation with multiple offices through out the state. Almost all Veteran Service Organizations, as well as your state VA, have offices at the USDVA Regional Office in your area. There is at least one VA RO in every state, some have 2 and a couple have 3. The DAV and AMVETS have service officers on a lot of installations as well. I know AMVETS has them at NavBase NORVA, Luke AFB, Ft. Dix, JFTB Los Alamitos, Ft. Bragg, MCAS New River, NAS

P'cola, MacDill AFB, NAS JAX, Scott AFB, Langley AFB, NASJRB Belle Chase, and the National Guard Bureau HQ in Arlington.

Some of those AMVETS guys are former AOs - GYSGT Ross Ogilvie, USMC (Ret) at AMVETS NHQ, Lanham, MD; MSGT Dan Dewey, Air NG (Ret) formerly AO3 at the VA RO in Fargo, ND; and GYSGT Bobby Rand, USMC (Ret) at the VA RO in Atlanta.

Use your heads when you get out. The VA system is nearly as perilous as the roof. If you go there "stupid" you will get hurt.

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Jim "Gunner" Doran
CWO4, USN (Ret)
West Virginia Division of Veteran Affairs
Beckley, WV

Hi Dennis Costa,

How are you? How is everything at fabulous AMMOPAC? What is the possibility of getting my AO's and GM's photo in the next REDSHIRT?

Diane

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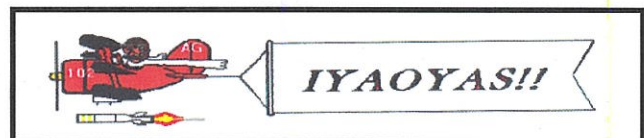
Just ask! Great picture by the way Diane! Check out page 2

Kevin,

I was thinking that this should be in the Red Shirt. Might also be worthwhile printing it on high quality paper, framing it and sending it to AO school in P'cola.

Jim Doran

That's interesting Jim, Thanks. Picture and story on page 21!





J.J./Kevin,

I failed to get my last edition of the Red Shirt in the mail, but that's OK, I looked at it on-line. It will probably eventually show up. Mail here in rural Indiana is like that. Hah! The reason I'm writing is that I had gotten a call from retired ordie Leon Stoltz down in Texas (old shipmate from VF-32/JFK back in the mid-70s) who said that my name showed up on the Locator List in the Red Shirt. If you would, please pass along my information to that person trying to find me:

I retired in 1988 as OHO off JFK and other than 6 years of teaching in public schools, I have been at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division ever since. For 10 years I supported the old PMA-201/242 with 2E Cog renovation programs. For 4 years I supported Chem/Bio in the acquisition of the new Joint Chemical Agent Detector (JCAD) now in the Fleet. Since then, I have been an ISEA type for a sensor-systems inspection equipment program that covers X-Ray scanners, metal detectors and explosive detectors used at Navy Submarine Bases and other locations.

I'm 61 now, a Federal Employee, and my wife, Toni, is a long-time employee of SAIC here at Crane also. Full retirement is probably going to happen sometime in the next 1-4 years, but not sure yet. We have one son, Lonnie Jr., who is a 19 year USCG Commander and the Commanding Officer at Savannah GA who will soon be up for O-6. We have two grandsons. I'm a life member of the Association.

Thanks for passing along my info to whomever might be looking to contact me from the Association. Crane is so isolated and there just aren't too many AOs around here (I think retired CWO Roy From and I may be the only ones right now), so it's easy for people to lose touch with us.

Thanks again,
Lonnie Harrison, LCDR, USN (Ret)

Thanks for the e-mail, Leon called me the other day to tell me about this. If your name shows up on this list it is usually because your RedShirt was returned. We'll need to check you info to make sure it's still good.

Kevin Meagher,

My name is Vincent L. Seiferd, Jr. I am a retired AO LDO Commander and wanted to send you the attached picture of an awesome A6-E Intruder. I was a Gunner in VA-176 back in the early 80's. This aircraft and all that it could do was impressive.

This particular picture was taken onboard the USS Enterprise CVN-65 in September 1996, during her first deployment after an almost four year yard period. In the center is CAG, Captain Jim Zortman, now an Admiral. To his right is Jim Fitzgerald, CAG Gunner. To the Admirals left is me

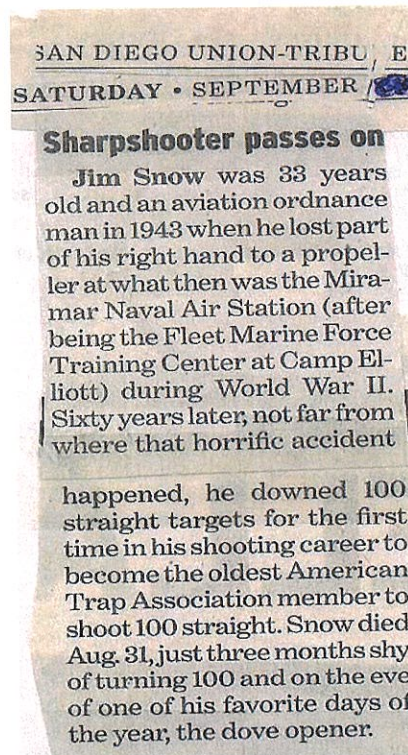
the OHO. The rest of the ordies are ships company and CAG-17 officers and chiefs. In the background is the aircraft loaded with 22 MK 82's. We were contemplating taking the landing gear doors off so we could load 2 more bombs (like the Marines did in Viet Nam), but CAG maintenance did not see eye to eye with us. We were also trying to get the drop tank on the centerline removed to load another MER, again maintenance had a problem with that... Still, a stirring sight.

I thought you might want to post this picture in the Red Shirt so our young ordies could see what a loaded Medium Attack plane would have looked like. Remember "There is no slack in medium attack"!

Best regards,

V. Seiferd, Jr.

Check the back page!



Hi Chief,

You may get this info from other sources but we must always go the extra bit.

Jim Snow was a good man, respected by all members of the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association here in San Diego. At 97 years of age he would sharpen members hunting and kitchen knives for one dollar and donate that one dollar to the "Club". You could shave the hair from your arm with them.

He was clearing and re-arming the .50's on a F6F Hellcat when he waved at shipmates on a passing bomb truck when he lost part of his hand.

Sincerely
Frank Fogg, AOCS USN/Ret



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CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan - Chief Petty Officer Ronald Reed currently attached to 3rd Marine Air Wing (Forward), Regional Command (Southwest), Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, was awarded the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist badge July 1.



Third MAW (FWD) is currently conducting combat operations in direct support of Regional Command (Southwest), the newest ISAF command, in the Helmand and Nimroz Provinces.

In order to earn the FMF EWS badge, sailors are required to pass a written, practical and oral examination covering Marine weapons breakdown and familiarization, land navigation, combat communications, tactics and history.

The FMF EWS designation is most commonly awarded to the Hospital Corpsman and Religious Programs Specialist ratings, although it is also awarded to other sailors who support Marine Corps commands.

Chief Reed is an activated Navy Reservist currently serving a dual tour in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is the son of Jim and Bunny Reed of Ridgecrest, Calif., and is married to Laurie Reed, also of Ridgecrest, Calif.

Fellow Ordies,

Here is some information about AOC(FMF) Ronald R. Reed. It should be interesting material for the "Red Shirt". Ron has just completed a dual tour of Iraq and Afghanistan. His job was scheduling of repair and maintenance on Marine Helicopters, supervising a team of civilians.

In spite of working 12 hour days, seven days per week, in 120 degree heat and almost daily dust storms, he still found time to study for, and pass all requirements for the FMF Enlisted Warfare Specialist Badge. The award was presented to him at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Ron is a long time Ordie, actually starting his Ordnance career at the Cubi Point Ordnance shop, Subic Bay, Philippines, during summer vacation from high school. Ron will be back at China Lake in a couple weeks, and will return to his civilian job as the DAPML of the AIM-9X Sidewinder Missile.

Ron is the son of Jim and Bunny Reed. Jim is AAO number 106, having joined in 1978 at Point Mugu, where he is employed as a Senior Weapons Technical Representative. He

retired from Pt Mugu on 12/31/89 as the Branch Head of the Fleet Ordnance Maintenance Branch. Ron has a brother, Steve who is the Senior Scientist for the State of California. Ron is married to Laurie Reed of Ridgecrest, California.

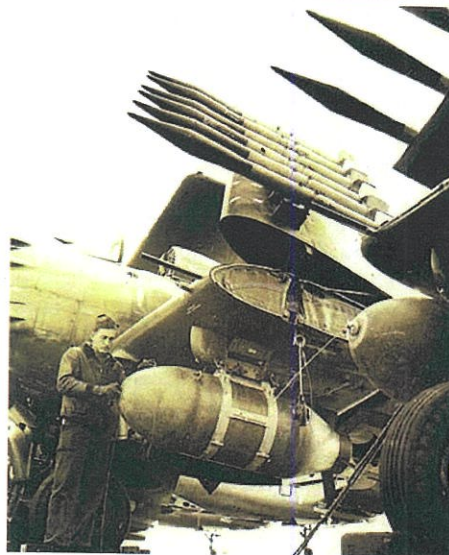
Jim Reed, Life Member #106



To the Editor,

My name is Lawrence Singley. I retired as an AOC in December 1963 after 21 years. In your last issue of the Red Shirt I enjoyed your article about the AD Skyraider. I was in VA-195 for 6 years, and we had a wonderful plane. I think it was the work-horse of the Navy. On one occasion, my crew and I loaded four torpedoes on the Skyraiders and they knocked out the 240 foot

Huachon Dam in North Korea. That strike was so significant that it made headlines in the US newspapers.



Another time, the Skipper said to my crew, "You guys are throwing everything at them but the kitchen sink." This gave me an idea. I went to Japan and I

bought a sink. We fastened it to a 1000 Lb bomb and it was actually dropped on North Korea.

I was still in VA-195 on the Boxer, the Oriskany and the Valley Forge. Then I went to a fighter squadron, VA-91, and we served on the Coral Sea. I last served on the Ranger.

Also enclosed is a picture of me fusing a 2000 lb bomb for the Skyraider. And for good measure, I enclosed a small picture of myself taken when I retired.

Sincerely,
 Lawrence Singley
 1998 HOF recipient



Ahoy Kevin...

For probably the third time, in 6 years the controversy over the origins of the acronym "IYAOYAS", has surfaced again at the AO Shack forum...is there any history on this saying, within the Redshirt's historical archives?...

I got off the O'boat in 1966, & never heard the expression before....so far, only one shipmate on the AOS forum said he heard the expression in A school way back in 1979...but nobody can confirm that...

It might be interesting to conduct some sort of poll of appeal for information about the saying among the AAOA membership, in the newsletter etc...

Other than that, got any ideas?...

Best regards,

Lee Puckett / ColumbusOh
USS Oriskany, 1964-1966 / G Div/Weps
ComNavAirPacAdmin NASNI, 1962-1964

Thanks for the letter Lee, you may have stumbled on to something here. OK all you Ordies out there, lets here your stories on how you believe the acronym IYAOYAS came about, please keep it clean so I can post in the Red Shirt. My Fellow Air Force counterparts here at the AMRAAM program say IYAAYAS.....they of course replaced Ordnance with AMMO, these AMMO guys sure are a backward bunch and believe they came up with the saying first! Their service is only about 60 years old so I cant believe that, the Air Force AMMO and Loader folks (yes they separate themselves from each other) love the Navy soooo much that they adopt all of our sayings.....Just sayin.....! So lets here your stories!

Mr. Meagher,

I believe the acronym "IYAAYAS" originated from the Air Force. As we used to say..."If You are Army, You Are Shi@." Rightfully we pulled a fast one and broke away from that gang. This of course was on 18 Sep 1947. I believe that on 19 Sep 1947, we changed it to If You Aint AMMO, You Aint Shi@ (IYAAYAS).

Mr. Moriarty

Dear Bob (Holdman),

It is indeed hard for me to express how much I appreciate all to have been done for me. I was surprised and pleased with all the articles I read in the recent copy of the Red Shirt concerning this old sailor.

I was saddened at the passing of John Finn, a man all Americans can love and respect. I feel honored to have served on the same base and maybe walked in some of his

footprints. It is also an honor to be a member in our association, and thanks again for the membership.

I am still here at Eberhardt Village where I take my 60 steps to and from the dining room three times a day. I know I am slowing up, as I do not choose to go on side trips such as a boat ride on Lake Mattoon, about 30 miles from here. I still enjoy reading, and my music on tape and disc, in my room. I also catch myself napping more often than I used to. In just a few days I will have been here 2 years and I see so many worse off than me, most using walkers or wheel chairs, and all younger. I still walk with just a cane, however when any of the ladies working here see me starting out they rush right up holding out their arm and help me to where I am going.

Many thanks again, and my very best wishes to you for good health and much happiness to you and your loved ones.

Bill Kamm



Thank you for selecting me to be a recipient of the 2010 Robert L. Crow Scholarship. It will enable me to finance my education for the 2010-2011 academic school year. This scholarship will help me to stress less about finances and focus more on my education.

Further, this scholarship will aid in my successful completion of a bachelors degree in health management at Norfolk State University. This award is greatly appreciated. Thanks again for choosing me to receive this scholarship!

Sincerely,
Katrina E. (Nelson) Cervera



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I feel very honored to be receiving a Raytheon Corporation Scholarship award this year. I am very excited to continue my education here at Middle Tennessee State University and this

award will be instrumental in helping me to do so. As most of my fellow college students are aware, education is expensive. I feel very lucky to have been granted a scholarship for the second year in a row and I intend to put it to great use!

Thank you all so much!
The very best wishes to all,

Audra Madeleine Parmley



Mr. Scott and the entire AAOEF Scholarship Committee-

Thank you for your generous contribution to my college fund! Your support in previous years has relieved much of the financial burden that comes along with pursuing my college education. I am truly grateful and honored to be one of this year's Robert L. Crow scholarship recipients. I look forward to another successful academic year knowing that I have your organization's continued support.

Many Thanks,
Katelyn Harvey



To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

What an honor it is to be awarded one of your scholarships this year! This semester is proving to be interesting and challenging academically, and I am so grateful for

your assistance financially.

Being a scholarship recipient means I am able to work less during the semester and spend more time studying, involving myself with clubs on campus, and remaining active in my campus ministry group. I can't express how important it is to me to have available time to be able to have these opportunities. I thank you so much for your financial assistance.

It has, and will continue to, provide me with the opportunities to make the most out of my education and future career as a Registered Dietitian.

Sincerely,
Nicole Famularo



To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to formally thank the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen for selecting me as a Robert L. Crow Scholarship recipient. For the second year in a row the Association has given me the gift of education. It is now my duty to strive toward excellence; as my performance reflects upon the

AAO. Juggling a 36 hour a week job and a full time school schedule is a daunting task on its own. However, with the

assistance provided by the AAO, I will rise to the challenge and become a better person because of it. Thank you once again.

Jonathan C. King



To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Committee,

I am truly honored to be one of the recipients of the 2010 Robert L. Crow Memorial Scholarship Award's and hope to live up to your expectations and make the Association of

Aviation Ordnancemen proud. This is a great privilege and I would like to thank every person who has donated their money and time to this worthy cause that gives many students the opportunity to go to college and continue their education. I plan on attending the AAO Convention next year and personally thanking each member who has played a part in financing my education.

I will be continuing my third year at James Madison University where I am majoring in Media Arts and Design with a concentration in Journalism and a minor in French. The first week of school, this semester and next semester, always requires expensive bookstore purchases, meal plans, parking passes and tuition, which are greatly assisted by this scholarship. Considering the cost of college today, this award is truly a blessing. Now I have another long year ahead of me to concentrate on what matters most and I am looking forward to my first internship as a journalist.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone that makes up the AAO for their generosity, support and confidence in me to further my education and reach a dream.

Again, association members, I thank you for your investment in my future.

Sincerely,
Megan Harman

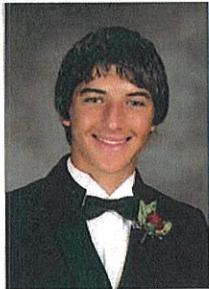


To The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient for the Raytheon Corporation Scholarship. I will use the funds provided to help pay for my sophomore year at Oregon Institute of Technology. This scholarship will assist me in my goal of obtaining a Bachelors of Science

in Software Engineering Technology. Thank you again for providing me with this scholarship.

Sincerely, John Wiley



To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the AAO scholarship committee for selecting me as one of the 2010 scholarship recipients. The association and scholarship sponsors provide a great opportunity for many students by helping to alleviate the financial obstacles associated with today's college experience. I would like to acknowledge those AAO members that have contributed their valuable time to raise funds for these scholarships. These efforts coupled with the devotion of the selection committee are to be commended.

Once again, thank you to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, selection committee and industry sponsors for this award. I am extremely honored and grateful to be receiving a Robert L. Crow scholarship.

Sincerely,
Ryan E. Jones



To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and Committee Members,

I would like to sincerely thank all the members, the scholarship committee and donors for making this scholarship available to me. It is with great sincerity that I thank you for awarding me with a Robert L. Crow scholarship this year. It is not

only an honor but also a privilege to be awarded this, if it wasn't for my dad CDR Bill Bindel, I would have never been able to apply for the scholarship. With the awarded money I will be attending the College of Southern Maryland where I will study Pre-Nursing in hopes of one day becoming a Physician Assistant. Not only would I like to thank all of you but I would also like to thank my family for believing in me and telling me I can be or do anything I put my mind to. I would like to thank you again for selecting me as one of the Robert L. Crow scholarship recipients and am overjoyed to add my name to the list.

Very Respectfully,
Jessica Morris-Bindel



To the Members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

Again I am writing to thank not only the Ordnancemen, but also Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding of Newport News for granting me a scholarship this year.

The money will help fund my tuition and books which will

reduce the amount of personal loans that I need to get me through school to try and earn a better future for myself. I appreciate the assistance that your foundation is affording me and I look forward to another great year in college.

Sincerely,
Karl Swygert



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Education Foundation,

First of all, let me express my gratitude for awarding me this scholarship. I am extremely grateful for this award!

I spent my last year of college in Twin falls, Idaho at the College of Southern Idaho. I have recently moved to Logan, Utah and started classes at Utah State University. I will graduate in three years with a bachelor's degree in speech communication and political science. I am currently working on general classes, but I enjoy going to school at a university level!

I am working retail at Old Navy here and I enjoy having a job. Your scholarship will make paying for school so much easier. I will also have more time to focus on studying, so again thank you!

Sincerely,
Danielle Manley



Gabriella Famularo



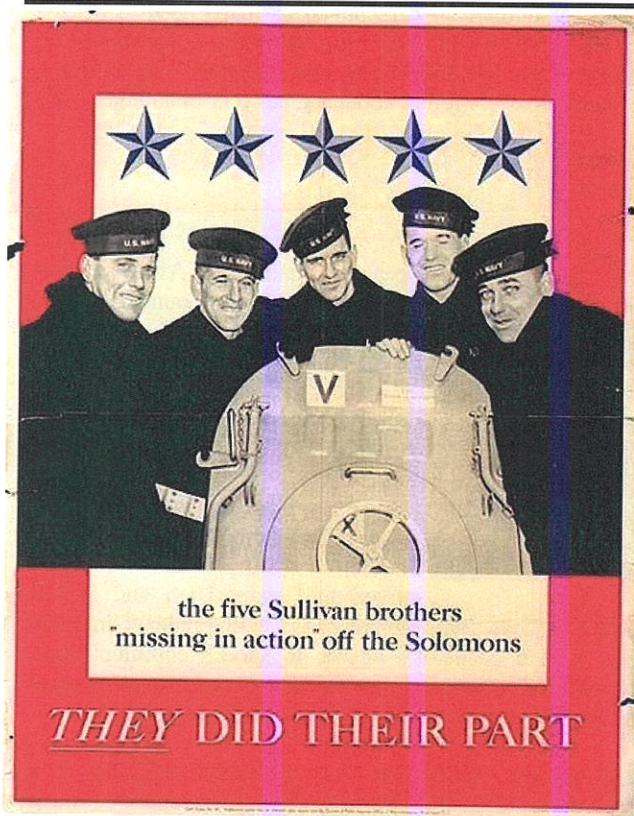
Kyle Williamson



Adam Swygert



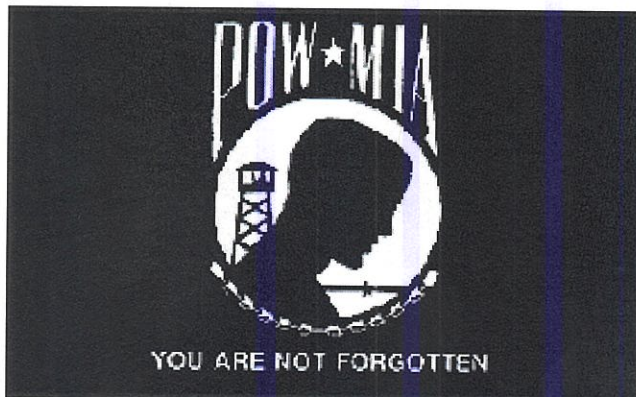
Alyssa Petrongelli



AAO Vice President

From the New "Mr. Vice"

I can't tell you what an honor it is to serve such a great organization as the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. I am truly humbled and blessed to think you have given me this honor to serve in the capacity of "Mr. Vice." I will do my best to live up to the legacy that Joe has left. He is a great American and a true friend. As always, we had another great Symposium and Convention and if you left early you really missed a super convention. I would be remised if I didn't give a 'shout out' to Chapter 21 for hosting another fine event. It is always amazing how someone steps up to the plate when called to tackle an event like this with their time and talents. We would never be able to pull this off if it wasn't for you....Thank you all. We had 220 at this year's social and 193 at the awards banquet. It was a very sad day on the ordnance front, Thursday 12 August, as we retired another great ordie, CDR Rick Garza. It was a great ceremony and a fitting tribute to a true Weaponeer. Rick will be surely missed around the fleet, but like all good ordies, don't count him out for long. Thanks Rick for your expertise and friendship you have imparted to so many. We will miss your smile and your enthusiasm greatly. Take care my friend, and God Bless You and Rita in your future endeavors. I will personally miss each of you.



RADML Mathias Winter was our guess speaker this year. RADML Winter serves as the Commander of Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, China Lake/Point Mugu and as the Assistant Commander for Test and Evaluation, Naval Air Systems Command so he knows something about what we do. He gave a lengthy discussion on the future of naval aviation and the weapons we can expect to see. He, along with our AAO President, Captain Dave Lepard, announced our AO of the Year for 2010. This year's AO of the year is AO1 (AW/SW) Noel Kenson, G-1/G-5 LPO, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71). The 2010 Runner-Ups are AO1 (AW/SW) JAMES C. BOTTING and AO1 (AW/SW) COREY D. DEPAULA. Competition is always keen and keep in mind, our AO of the Year is usually wearing Khakis the following year. So, keep those packages coming! Mr. Chuck Onken, one of my old "Sea Daddies" announced as our newest Hall of Fame inductees:

CDR PERRY DRIVER USN (RET)
CDR JEFFERY SASSONE USN (RET)
LCDR H. STEVE CASHET USN (RET)
LCDR DONALD HOWARD USN (RET)
AOCM KIRK BRADO USN (RET)
AOCM TIM CARROL USN (RET)

Congratulations to each of them on their accomplishments and some well-deserved recognition.

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AAO Treasurer

John Finn – We lost an American Hero, I will miss sitting down and just chatting with him about life in general. Rest In Peace John.

CONVENTION – A big THANK YOU to Mike, Jewell, Steve, Kenny, & Carl for your assist in manning the registration table. It was appreciated. Had a great turnout for Convention, start making your plans NOW for Convention 2011 at the Silver Legacy. We will be there a week PRIOR to Hot August Nights starting on August 3rd. See you there!!

HELP WANTED - Are YOU interested in becoming the NEXT Associations Treasurer?? If so please drop me a line, e-mail, or call me and I can give you the details. Basically you will need a space at your home for a desk, file cabinet, and book shelf. You can plan on about 400 hours per year for the job, a lot of those hours just prior to and just after convention. Gets real slow around the holidays. Give it some thought and let me know.

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 gotten better, BUT are still costing your Association. 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)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aao9@cox.net.

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at www.usps.com.

Until next time IYAOYAS.

JJ LaMaitre
AAO Treasurer



Chapter 9

Greetings to all AO's both active and retired from Chapter 9 in beautiful Jacksonville, FL the best place to learn to be an Ordnanceman. The chapter will celebrate its twenty sixth anniversary this year and we remain committed to support the active AO's both deployed and on shore.

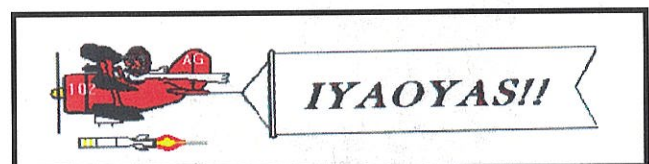
Congratulations on a great symposium and National Convention. Kudos to CDR Perry Driver (RET) and LCDR Steve Cashat (RET) for their induction into the AO hall of fame, to Chapter 9 President, CDR Mike Gramolini, for his election to the National Board of Directors, and to AO1 Louis Aponte Ramos of CNATTU JAX on his selection as Chapter 9's AO of the Year.

We said farewell to the backbone of the chapter for many years, LCDR Larry Hardin. If you ever did any Cecil Field time you should remember him. He is fully retired after finishing his second career with the Florida Highway Patrol and moving back home to Guntersville, AL (what better place for a "Gunner" to be from?) Fair winds and following seas Larry, we'll miss you.

Invitations have been mailed announcing the fourth annual MCJROTC/NJROTC rifle postal competition sponsored by Chapter 9, spearheaded by LT Jack Elrod. This competition has been very popular since it began. If any of you are associated with NJROTC or MCJROTC you can get details on the Chapter web site (aao9.com).

Steve Cashat recently completed a comprehensive history of our chapter. He writes that it was during the second annual AAO National Convention held in Jacksonville in June 1977 that the first discussions concerning the feasibility of forming localized chapters within the Association were discussed. Based on these discussions, by-laws were written, approved and accepted during the 1981 Reno convention. Chapter 9 formed in late 1983- early 1984 and the Jacksonville ORDIES were officially chartered in October of 1984. There could be no better place to birth the idea of local chapters within the AAO than where most of us "old timers" were first introduced to the absolute best Rate in the Navy.

I Y A O Y A S
Rick Wyman, AOCM (RET)





Chapter 76

I wanted to take a minute and tell your readers about a young AO with true gift. AOAN Kelly Phillips is an currently stationed aboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) in G-3 Division. His talents around the bomb table have already set him apart from his peers, however his work with a paintbrush are what really make him shine. During USS Ronald Reagan's PIA 2009, he selflessly donated his time and artistic talents to revitalize and ageing G-3 Forward Shop hatch into what is now the talk of the community on-board. His work has been admired by all who pass by and has become the symbol of the pride and professionalism that G-3 Division embodies everyday. His work stands as an inspiration to all, "Bravo Zulu Shipmate!"

Very Respectfully,
AO1(AW/SW)
James Botting,
AAO Chapter 76 President



Chapter 1

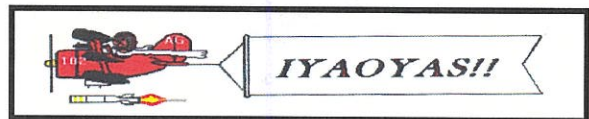
Greetings, fellow Ordies from beautiful NAS Lemoore, CA, home the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen(AAO) Chapter One. It is just now beginning to warm up outside but the chapter has been hard at work already. In early April we held our first Adopt-A-Highway event of the year, which with the help of the personnel from around the area made the event a success. We would like to thank VFA-125, CNATTU, VFA-22, Navy Munitions Command Det Lemoore, and the SFWSPAC for their participation and support. Not only did we support the Adopt-A-Highway organization, we also supported the Great American Clean-up campaign collecting over 30 bags of trash along Highway 198, just outside the main gate.

Once again the chapter participated in the Lemoore Relay for Life. The event is a nationwide program that supports the American Cancer Society through fundraising to fight cancer through research, development and awareness. Our team "The Ordies" captained by AO1 Theresa Manko, consisted of 23 members, raising over \$6,000 in donations. Mrs. Beverly Onken raised \$4,614 of that total personally and was awarded first place in the individual fundraising category for the event. We had a great time and are looking forward to next years relay.

We also bid farewell and safe travel to our former President LCDR "Gerry" Gladders as he begins his overseas tour at NSA Bahrain. I, AO1 Franco was appointed to the position. Also, leaving the chapter was our former Vice President ENS Garcia, he began his assignment at VFA-195, and the position was filled by CWO4 "Tim" Nanstiel. I would also like to congratulate two of our newly appointed BOD officers AO1 Laura Colby and AO1 Joshua Willhite. The chapter also began planning for our summer picnic this year. It will be held at Jack Stone's Barn in right here in town on the September 11th. More information to come as the date nears.

With that my friends, I and the Chapter 1 Ordies wish you the best of luck on your summer endeavors, stay safe, and if you are ever in town on the third Monday of every month, come join us at our monthly meetings.

Respectfully
AO1 Franco
President





**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCE-
MEN
2010 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MIN-
UTES**

David Lepard, President, called the 2010 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0800, 14 August 2010, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and played the National Anthem and the Ordie song.

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 72 **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 2010/2011 Budget.
Approved the 2009 Board of Directors Minutes
Approved the Honorary Membership of Francis Carmichael
Approved Establishment of Chapter LHD 4
Approved Establishment of Chapter LHD 8
Approved the motion to destroy old records and tapes From 1978-1992
Approved By-Laws change to bring before the General Membership regarding Honorary Memberships.

Dennis Costa, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2009 General Business Meeting were published in Red Shirt #110 with additional copies being available in the rear of

the room. 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 2009 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2009 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2010/2011 Approved Budget and 2009/2010 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 2009/2010 approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2010 Convention Committee, Joe Manley –

As the site chairman of the 2010 Convention we are having another great success. I would like to thank Chuck Onken (Convention Chairman) for all his help and hard work before, during, and after each year's convention. Without his help the conventions would not run as well as they do. Lastly I what to thank Jim (Assistant Convention Chairman) and Carolyn Thomas for their hard work again this year. I would also like to mention that with Jim Thomas's and Ray Suarez's efforts they have filled the exhibitors area in EXPO A with some great exhibits. If you want to see the great displays that are provide by the exhibitors then come to the convention on Wednesday. Thanks to all these peoples hard work we have a total of 219 registered guests from 09-11-10 thru 09-15-10 at Silver Legacy. As of the COB 13 August we have with 229 attending the Social and 198 attending the Awards dinner. We had a number of exhibitors along with Chapters selling their chapter goodies in the exhibitor's room. The Auxiliary had a very successful Poker Walk with the winning high had going to Shannon Mullins and the winning low hand going to Gary Mullins They also have been busy selling raffle tickets and had a very successful auction last night at the Social.

2011 Convention Committee, Joe Manley Co-Site Chairman –

The Symposium & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 1- 8 August 2011. Get your reservation in early. This will help get more active duty people to your convention.

Membership Committee, Joe Manley Chairman –

We currently have 1872 Active Regular Members and 123 Honorary (which are included in the total active regular numbers) Total Life members are 762 which are included in the 1872 Total Regular Members.

New Members FY 2010

Regular Members: **325**

Associate Members: **09**

Life Members: **36**



We currently have **5143** Members in the Inactive file and are working on bring some of those back to the Active roles. We also have **1398** unknown members. These are members who never provide the Association with a forwarding address. If you know of any members who are passed members talk to them about getting back on the active roles again. Also check with in your chapters to see if there are members that have forgotten to update their address info with the National Treasurer and Secretary and have them provide the info.

We have had **14** of members over the year that have check-in and joined the Supreme Commander's service. Membership this year had an increase and looks like a very good year. Thanks to all the hard work of our members, chapters and JJ LaMaitre.

AO of the Year Committee, Al Ten Eyck Chairman –

The committee considered 63 packages. We need to get the word out to the Commands that this award is the way we recognize our very best. Packages showing up late, we need to have them in sooner to ensure they are recognized. The winner's were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN
JOHN W. FINN
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE
YEAR FOR 2010**

AO1 (AW/SW) KESON F. NOEL

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN
JOHN W. FINN
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE
YEAR FOR 2010
Runner-Up's**

**AO1 (AW/SW) JAMES C. BOTTING
AO1 (AW/SW) COREY D. DEPAULA**

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Chuck Onken Chairman –
There were six packages up for consideration. The committee represented over 176 years of ordnance experience.

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN
AO HALL OF FAME SELECTEE FOR 2010**

**CDR PERRY DRIVER USN (RET)
CDR JEFFERY SASSONE USN (RET)**

**LCDR H. STEVE CASHET USN (RET)
LCDR DONALD HOWARD USN (RET)
AOCM KIRK BRADO USN (RET)
AOCM TIM CARROL USN (RET)**

Reunion Book Committee, Chuck Onken –

The reunion book is alive and well, it continues to pay for itself. Beverly Onken has done a great job with AAO RE-UNION BOOK Editor. He requested that everyone get their pictures taken and he reminded all that you do not have to buy a book to get your pictures taken. If you have any pictures that you wish to be included please mail then to Chuck Onken at 291 W Spruce Place, Lemoore Ca 93245-1970.

Nomination Committee, Joe Manley Chairman –

The following individuals were nominated for the Offices:

Mike Price, Capt, USN: For Vice President

Dennis Costa, AOCM, USN, RET: Secretary

Chuck Onken, LCDR, USN, RET: For Board of Directors

Bill Bindel, CDR, USN: For Board of Directors

Mike Gramolini, CDR, USN: For Board Directors.

If no nomination from the floor the following office will be fill by Voice vote and Seconded by members present, Vice President, and Secretary.

The two Board of Directors positions to be filled are:
Chuck Onken and Mike Price

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."

The following are currently on the Board of Directors

- Kenny Clasen AOCS USN Ret
- Rob Walecki, CWO-4, USN, Ret
- Chuck Onken, LCDR, USN, Ret
- Rick Garza, CDR, USN
- Mike Price, CAPT, USN
- Gerald Gladders, LCDR, USN

The following offices will open for election/reelection at the 2011 Convention.

- Treasurer currently John J LaMaitre, AOCM, USN, Retired
- Board of Directors (Two) currently:
Ken Clasen, AOCS, USN, RET
Robert Walecki, CWO4, USN, Retired



NOTE: Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President **No Later Than 1 May 2011**. The Nominee must except the nomination in **Writing** and be willing to fulfill the obligation of the office.

The following offices will open for election/re-election at the 2010 Convention.

Vice President currently Joe Manley, LCDR, USN, Retired
Secretary currently Dennis Costa, AOCM, USN, Retired

Board of Directors (Two) currently:
Michael Price, Capt, USN
Chuck Onken, LCDR, USN, Retired

Absentee voting status – Joe Manley-
Total Ballots Received: 31

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

Invalid Ballots: 4

Total Ballots to count during Voting: 27

Last year Ballots received 21

Unless there are nomination from the floor for Vice President and Secretary a voice vote for those office will be taken.

A ballot vote for the Board of Directors will be required and it will be conducted by ballots that the Secretary has made up. They will/have be/been handed out as the Members check in for the General Business meeting and their membership dues are verified to be current.

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

Voting procedures:

1. There will be a voice vote for Vice President and Secretary if no nominations come from the floor prior to the vote being taken. **Open the floor for nominations. Close the floor for nominations.** Call for a voice vote (Yea and Nay).

If there is a nomination from the floor a ballot vote will held with the nominee from the floor being announced as a write-in.

2. There will be Ballot vote for the two Board of Directors if no further nominations come from the floor prior to the vote being taken. **Open the floor for nominations. Close the floor for nominations.**

If there is a nomination from the floor that nominee will be announced as a write-in.

A ballot vote for only one position at a time. Pick only one of the nominees for this round of vote!!! (Chuck Onken –

Bill Bindel, Mike Gramolini). **REMBER:** You may write in a nominee at any of the votes taken if he/she has been nominated from the floor prior to the vote taken.

3. Close the voting by announcing the voting is close. Announce the winners of the position of Vice President, Secretary and the two Board of Directors.

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado Chairman –
The Committee serves as the Bylaws Committee for both the Association and the Foundation.

Combined Federal Campaign Committee, Joe Manley –
First of all I would like to say that there has been a lot of effort by everyone that has been involved with the CFC. Many hours have been put into the effort to get establish with The CFC Organization. As I have said before in my reports to you we **MUST** apply each year for it. In 2008 when we first were accepted we thought that we had figure out what they what to see on the application so the next year we minor the previous years application and was denied and even after a appeal letter was written they still denied our application. The following year we sent Ed Scott to training In Washington D.C. to see if there was something that could be gained from one on one training. When we submitted the application this year it was done in accordance to the training received. Again it was denied due to Appendix A not having enough documentation of services, benefits, assistance, or program activities in 15 states or a Foreign country. My recommendation to the AO Association President and the AAOEF President is to review the cost of applying for CFC and the benefits gain when we have been accepted and see if they want to continue applying.

Thanks to one and all for your efforts and support! Special THANKS goes out to Dick Grass and Ed Scott for all their help they provided me with information to use in the submission of the Association annual application.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll –

There are some issues with the executive leadership at the Museum with regards to the Association assets, but with the help of VADM Bowman we think we can resolve this issue. Capt Leopard will be traveling to Pensacola to meet with Mr. Macon to re-start the process.

Educational Foundation President – Ed Scott

Foundation is remains strong while providing the best services to all of the Scholarship applicants as well as the Association membership. While there have been several trying times throughout this past year, we all have remained focused upon our duties and responsibilities. This year with the Scholarship applications received; 22, 16 will be provided to the Selection Committee Chairman for his committees review and actions. The key reason for removal is failure by the applicants to follow instructions completely. Having said that, these are young adults who a majority followed instructions thereby preparing themselves to take



on the future roll of leadership in many chosen professions. I know that the Selection Committee will be through and critical of those whom have made it to this level as they have been so in the past.

My position as President to the Foundation is open for nominations next year, having served in many capacities over many years, I will not accept nomination to become elected in any AAOEF position. I view that it is best for the Foundation to have another elected and qualified individual to provide fresher views and ideas as well as leadership. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve the Foundation and Association."

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
ROBERT L. CROW \$3,750.00
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2010**

**KATLIN J. HARVEY, DAUGHTER OF JOHN KEVIN
MEGAN HARMAN, DAUGHTER OF JAMES HARMAN
NICOLE FAMULARO, DAUGHTER OF HENRY FAMULARO**

**ROBERT L. CROW
\$1,750.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**DANIELLE MANLEY,
GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY MANLEY**

**ROBERT L. CROW
\$1,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**JESSICA BINDEL, DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM BINDEL
ALYSSA PETRONGELLI, DAUGHTER OF JAMES PETONGELLI
RYAN JONES, SON OF CLAYTON JONES
JONATHAN KING, SON OF JOHNNY KING
KATRINA NELSON, GRAND DAUGHTER OF GEORGE ADAMS**

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN
\$2,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**KARL SWYGERT, SON OF STEWART SWYGERT
ADAM SWYGERT, SON OF STEWART SWYGERT**

**RAYTHEON MISSILE SYSTEM
\$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**AUDRA PARMLEY, DAUGHTER OF JASON PARMLEY
GABRIELLA FAMULARO,
DAUGHTER OF HENRY FAMULARO
KYLE WILLIAMSON, GRANDSON OF GARY LAUN
JOHN WILEY, SON OF EVERETT FERRELL**

Newsletter Report, Dave Lepard –

The RED SHIRT is becoming a real top-notch newsletter as noted by the National Officers. The National membership gave a round of applause to Kevin for the job he has done. We are beginning to step up our publication from a newslet-

ter to a magazine with full-page color sheets. Any ideas, pictures, questions please send them to Kevin for inclusion to the next newsletter. He reminded all concern that Kevin needs to keep the deadline for all articles.

AAO Website Report, Johnny Wheat–

The Website is up and running with little or no problems at all. The cost has increased slightly about 239.40 a year to run. All the forms for the AAOY, Scholarship, and HOF are available on the website. Any problems feel free to contact Johnny Wheat.

Chaplin Report – Mart Vance –

Nine members passed, Sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent in all cases where there was sufficient information available.

CHAPTER REPORTS

There are presently 23 active Chapters.

Chapter 1 NAS Lemoore, CA.	AO1 Jose Franco
Chapter 3 NAS Whidbey Island, WA.	No Report
Chapter 4 Tidewater Area, VA.	AO1 Cremmin
Chapter 5 China Lake, CA.	Dennis Costa
Chapter 7 Pt. Mugu, CA.	No Report
Chapter 8 San Diego, CA.	Frank Marano
Chapter 9 Jacksonville, FL.	Mike Gramolini
Chapter 11 Kaneohe Bay, HI	No Report
Chapter 21 NAS Fallon, NV.	AO2 Mederhall
Chapter 22 Patuxent River, MD	Bill Bindel
Chapter 39 Beaufort S.C	Dennis Costa
Chapter 65 USS Enterprise CVN 65	No Report
Chapter 68 USS Nimitz CVN 68	Dennis Costa
Chapter 71 USS Roosevelt	No Report
Chapter 70 USS Carl Vinson CVN 70	Dennis Costa
Chapter 72 USS Lincoln CVN 72	Dennis Costa
Chapter 74 USS Stennis CVN 74	AO1 Brown
Chapter 75 USS Truman CVN 75	AOC Stanton
Chapter 76 USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76	Deployed
Chapter 77 USS George Bush CVN 77	No Report
CVW 5 Deployed	
Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL.	Cory Wainscott
Desert/Southwest Chapter El Centro, CA.	No Report
Key West Key West	No Report
Auxiliary	Janice Claser

The Chapter reports are Enclosure (4) to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Convention Committee, Jim Thomas Co-Site Chairman The Symposium & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 1- 8 August 2011. Get your reservation in early. This will help get more active duty people to your convention. The Mid-Year planning conference will be held in Laughlin NV from 13-16 January 2011. Check the Red Shirt for details.



Election of Officers –

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

Election was held for the office of Vice President, position held by L. Joe Manley.

The Nominees are

Mike Price

Mike Price was elected to serve as Vice-President, term to expire 2013 Election was held for

Election for the office of Secretary, position held by Dennis Costa.

The Nominees are

Dennis Costa

Dennis Costa was re-elected to serve as Secretary, term to expire 2013

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Chuck Onken.

The nominees were:

Chuck Onken
Mike Gramolini
Bill Bindel

Mike Gramolini was elected to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2013

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Mike Price.

The nominees were:

Chuck Onken
Bill Bindel

Bill Bindel was elected to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2013.

Contributions to AAOEF Scholarship Fund received during convention:

Raytheon \$4,000.00 Northrop/Grumman \$4,000.00
Chapter 1 \$200.00 Chapter 4 \$800.00
Chapter 5 \$250.00 Chapter 8 \$500.00

Chapter 9 \$1,000.00 Chapter 21 \$250.00
Chapter 22 \$250.00 Chapter 34 \$2,000.00
Chapter 39 \$1,500.00 Chapter 74 \$1000.00
Bob Jackson \$200.00
Rod McDonald \$100.00
Tom & Ann Robins \$500.00
Chuck & Bev Onken \$200.00
Shannon & Gary Mullins \$150.00
Jim Poulin \$ 100.00
Architectural Metal Products \$1,000.00
The Auxiliary \$10,016.00

Total donations \$26,016.25

The President brought up the AAOEF issue, and the reason why we stood up the Foundation. Because the Foundation was not selected for CFC in 3 out of the 4 years in which they applied, the Foundation's Board of Directors voted to discontinue applying for the CFC. A motion was made on the floor to discontinue applying for CFC, and Stand Down the AAOEF in an orderly and timely manner, seconded. Motion Carried.

The President announced that next year's Symposium & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 31 Jul - 8 August 2011 Pre-registration will be a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2011 convention Site Chairman is Joe Manley.

The President called for any more input from the floor.

A moment of silence was held for Denny Fitzgerald, Clarkson Stevens, Don Travis, Nicholas Mangieri, Myron Lukey, Jerry Copple, Mark Yonts, Robert Biddle and John W. Finn who gone to the Gun Boss in the sky. Let's think about the Marines, Sailors and Solider serving in Iraq, Afghanistan

Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2010 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1105, 14 August 2010.

Enclosures 2 thru 4 are on file with the National Secretary.

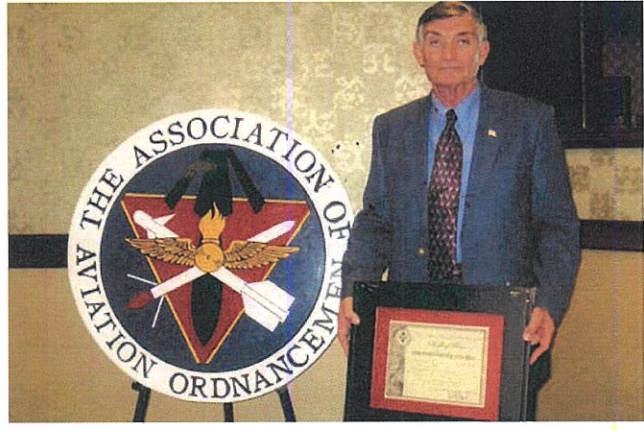
Submitted by:	Approved by:
Dennis Costa Secretary	David H. Lepard President



2010 AAO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE'S



William "Tim" Carroll, AOCM, U.S.N., RET



Perry D. Driver, CDR, U.S.N., RET.



Jeffrey P. Sassone, CDR, U.S.N. RET



Steven H. Cashat, LCDR, U.S.N., RET.



Kirk L. Brado, AOCM, U.S.N., RET.



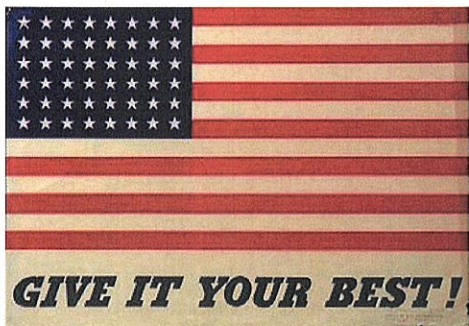
Donald E. Howard, LCDR, U.S.N., RET.



2010 AAO
John W. Finn
AO of the Year



AO1(AW/SW)
Keson F. Noel



AO1(AW/SW)
Corey D. Depaula



AO1(AW/SW)
James C. Botting

2010 AAO
John W. Finn
AO of the Year
Runner Up's





NEW MEMBERS

Kelli J. Wood
 SSGT Brian O. Howell
 AO2 Michelle S. Toth
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 AOC(AW/SW) Robert A. Vergara
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 AOAN David P. Harris
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IN MEMORY OF JOHN FINN

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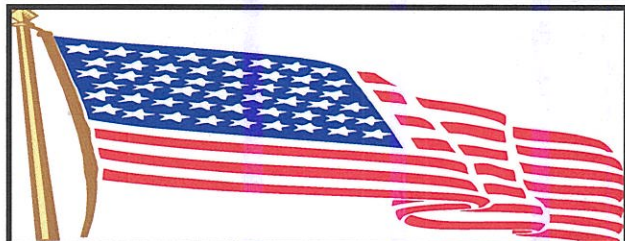
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NOTICE: Looking for any kind of information/
 pictures on the following Association of Aviation Hall of
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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP ! Chuck Onken





Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation



This, the Post Convention Educational Foundation information to you; our membership, regarding: brief of what we have done, status of Foundation; elections and selections, new listings of scholarship and assistance in making your college and major selections. We will also update you regarding our involvement

with CFC this and subsequent out-years. At this point, I and the Foundation would like to THANK YOU one and all for your continued donations regardless if individuals, chapters, The Auxiliary or Corporations. You all continue to support the Scholarship award winners; 15 this year totaling \$28,500.00, names and individual "Thank-You" located elsewhere in this Red Shirt.

What we have done-

- Provided updated information, application and other Foundation related information to the Association's Website- Thanks Johnny Wheat for keeping this information available to all 24/7.
- Foundation Officers and BOD provided scholarship information to the Red Shirt in the form of educational assistance articles.
- Selected 150 different NJROTC/MCJROTC units in 50 states and overseas locations to receive The Red Shirt in support of their educational opportunities in Navy & Marine Corps Aviation as a CFC support item.
- Compiled and submitted 2010 CFC campaign application.
- Solicited nominations for Foundation Officer & BOD in Red Shirt from the Association membership. Foundation has no membership.

Status of Foundation-

- We remain Administratively sound:
 - § No major discrepancies or comments from our outside Audit agency.
 - § Maintain IRS 501(3) (c) compliant.
- We remain Financially sound:
 - § Limited interest growth

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Note:

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Ernest Lenard Hilbert

Aviation Ordnanceman Ernest Lenard Hilbert was born 14 June 1920 at Quinn, S.Dak., and enlisted in the Navy 10 April 1940 at Los Angeles, Calif. In November 1940 he was assigned duty with Bombing Squadron 6 and took part in attacks on the Marshall Islands, Wake Island, and Marcus Island. Hilbert was killed during an aerial attack against enemy forces during the Battle of Midway, 4-6 June 1942. By maintaining skillful and continuous fire from his free machine guns, Hilbert enabled his pilot to escape the devastating enemy fighter attacks. While pursuing the same bold and fearless tactics in the second attack, he was shot down. Hilbert was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Hilbert (DE-742) was launched 18 July 1943 by Western Pipe & Steel Co.; sponsored by Mrs. Fern Hilbert Wier, sister of Aviation Ordnanceman Hilbert; and commissioned 4 February 1944, Commander J. W. Golinkin, USNK, in command.

After shakedown out of California Hilbert departed San Francisco 13 May 1944 escorting a transport. Arriving Pearl Harbor 20 May, she proceeded to Kwajalein and joined the 5th Fleet. From June through August Hilbert screened the

fueling group of Admiral R. K. Turner's Northern Attack Force for the capture of Saipan and Tinian. The Marianas were stoutly and bitterly contested, requiring great flexibility and fortitude before our fleet conquered the rugged and well-defended islands.

Hilbert also played a key role in protecting our oilers which fueled Admiral Marc Mitscher's Fast Carrier Task Force engaged in the Battle of the Philippine Sea—one of the most decisive battles of the war.

In October Hilbert joined Admiral Halsey's 3d Fleet and screened the logistics group for the Battle of Leyte Gulf. She also participated in supporting actions in the operations against the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Japanese home islands.

Hilbert, with other units of the 3d Fleet, anchored for the first time in Japanese waters at Sagami Wan 9 September 1945. Departing Tokyo 29 September Hilbert sailed to Philadelphia via Los Angeles and the Canal Zone, and thence to Green Cove Springs, Fla., arriving 17 December. She decommissioned 19 June 1946 and joined the Reserve Fleet. In February 1952 Hilbert joined the Reserve Fleet at Philadelphia where she now remains.

Hilbert received eight battle stars for World War II service.

USS Hilbert (DE-742)





Master Chief Will Wilson prepares for amputee climb of Mount McKinley in Alaska

Recently, Master Chief (ret) Will Wilson, a below knee amputee as a result of an accident on board USS Enterprise was asked to lead a group of amputee and injured soldiers to the icy glaciers of Alaska to help prepare the team to climb one of the 7 highest mountains in the world. Mt McKinley, also known as Denali or "the high one" is the highest point in North America rising 20,320 feet above the frozen glaciers below. Wilson and his team, known as the "Denali Mountaineering Challenge for Wounded Veterans" recently travelled to the Pika Glacier some 120 miles outside Talkeetna Alaska to train in various techniques of mountaineering and crevasse rescue. After leaving Talkeetna on a small plane equipped with skis over the landing gear, the team arrived on the frozen surface of the enormous Pika glacier where they unloaded their tents, snowshoes, chow and essential items enough to last them the two weeks they would spend there.

After leaving the aircraft and watching it take off again the team got down to the business of establishing base camp. At an altitude of seven thousand feet and surrounded by majestic peaks on three sides, the view was incredible to say the least. The next two weeks would present a challenge unlike most of the team had ever been through. From the preparation of base camp which included digging into the glacier some 6 to ten feet in spots for kitchens, tent sites and latrines in order to protect them from high winds to learning how to manipulate and travel snowshoes as an amputee and rope team, the mountaineers accomplished all assigned tasks under the close supervision and expert guidance of the three instructors from the Alaska Mountaineering School.

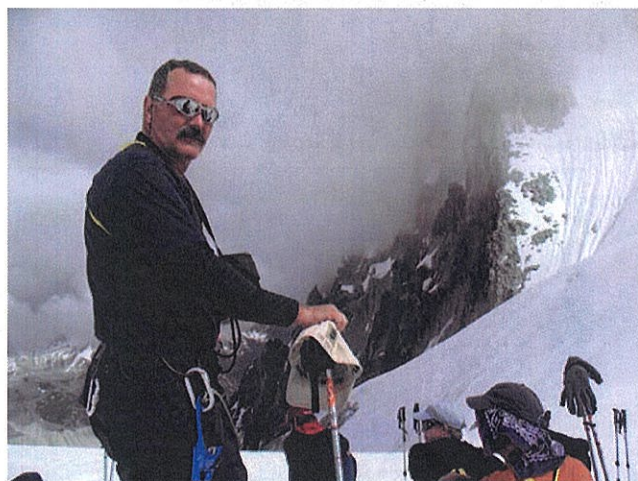
Mt McKinley, at 20,320 feet is criss-crossed with deep crevasse's some measuring hundreds of feet deep. The team had to know what to do if their footing gave way and one or more of them found themselves dangling at the end of a rope and depending on their fellow climbers to help pull them to safety. This meant being lowered on a single static line deep into a crevasse and having the remainder of the team above setting anchors in the snow and ice, setting up a mechanical advantage pulley system using carabineer's, ice axes and any other gear at their disposal and then slowly and methodically hoisting the downed climber to the surface. All in a days work on one of the highest points on earth!

After the two week training period, the team was picked up by a returning bush pilot and flown back to Talkeetna airfield for a much needed shower, hot meal and then a long return flight to their respective homes in the lower 48. The team members had come from diverse backgrounds and locations like Memphis, New York, DC, Tampa Bay, Texas and Green Bay Wisconsin. Accompanying the team will be

a graduate student in bio-mechanical engineering from MIT, an engineering professor from Texas A&M and a surgeon from Wisconsin. All will be studying the effects of altitude and temperature on prosthetic devices and anatomical changes to the climbers limbs as a result of the extreme conditions. On Denali, it is not unusual to expect winds in excess of 75 miles per hour and temperatures near the summit dipping below 40 degrees below zero.

Quite an accomplishment for our fellow Ordie who since his accident in 2003 and subsequent amputation in 2007 has completed numerous races including the Pensacola 2 Bridges Run which he did on crutches shortly after leaving the hospital with one leg, the Ironman Triathlon, and most recently he served as the Team Captain and Olympic Torch Bearer for the United States Navy Team at the Inaugural Wounded Warrior Paralympic Games at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs Colorado.

Master Chief Wilson sends his best to all his fellow ordies and wants you to know that no matter what happens.....NEVER GIVE UP!!



AOCM Will Wilson USN Ret



*Chapter Five Members volunteer for
Vietnam Moving Wall*

"The Moving Wall" was on display in Ridgecrest California from 11 September through 18 September 2010. The Wall is a half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for more than twenty years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall." He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984.

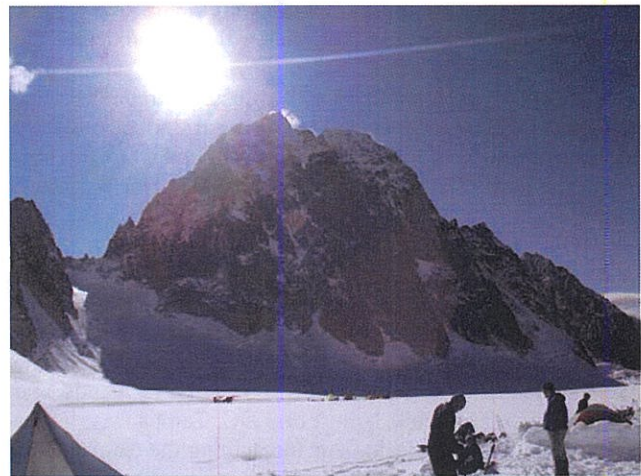
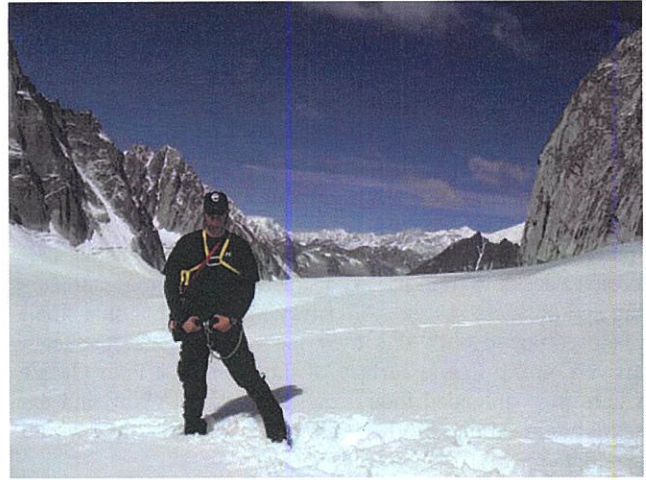


Two structures of the Moving Wall now travels the USA from April through November, spending about week at each site.

After week long display in Ridgecrest, it was time to take down the Vietnam Memorial moving Wall. Chapter 5 was asked to assist and without hesitation numerous members of Chapter 5 answered the call of duty. They assisted more than 20 other volunteers to complete this task. "We were honored to participate" stated Five's Secretary George Nehr. "Giving back to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice" said Sheryl Scanlon.



Pictures from Will Wilson's expedition to Mt McKinley





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Scholarship totals were great this year.

TOTAL DONATIONS were \$26,016.25.

The ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Scholarship winners and amounts awarded were:

- ROBERT L. CROW \$3,750.00 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2010: Kat:n J. Harvey, Daughter of John Kevin Megan Harman, Daughter of James Harman Nicole Famularo, Daughter of Henry Famularo.

-ROBERT L. CROW \$1,750.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Danielle Manley, Granddaughter of Larry Manley.

-ROBERT L. CROW \$1,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Jessica Birdel, Daughter of William Bindel; Alyssa Petrongelli, Daughter of James Petongelli; Ryan Jones, Son of Clayton Jones; Jonathan King, Son of Johnny King; Katrina Nelson, Grand Daughter of George Adams.

- NORTHROP GRUMMAN \$2,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Karl Swygert, Son of Stewart Swygert; Adam Swygert, Son of Stewart Swygert.

- RAYTHOEN MISSILE SYSTEM \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: Audra Parmley, Daughter of Jason Parmley; Gabriella Famularo, Daughter of Henry Famularo; Kyle Williamson, Grandson of Gary Laun; John Wiley, son of Everett Ferrell.

We had a small turnover in our Board of Directors as well. Since I was elected as Vic-President, my position on the BOD was open and filled by CDR Bill Bindel. Additionally, CDR Michael Gramolini replaced Mr. Chuck Onken. Dennis Costa was re-elected as Secretary and we truly appreciate his talents. Thanks Dennis for your continued support. I know Joe usually puts a plug in for membership, so why not. Here are the current numbers for membership for our association as of the FY2010: Total of all Current Members are 1872; Total Inactive Members are 5143. I hope I'm not the only who has a problem with these numbers. It seems like we're going in reverse, our numbers should be going up, right! Don't forget to get out there and do your part, recruit your relief. Talk about the good things the AAO stands for and what is done in the community. Look at the scholarships! Everyone wants to be on a winning team and that's what we are, so let's get those numbers back up.

We already lined up next's symposium/convention dates which are 31JULY-8AUG 2011 and are looking forward to an even larger turn out. The price at the Silver Legacy remain stable and the staff there as friendly and supportive as ever. Pay attention to the flyers, emails and messages re-

garding the Symposium and Convention. Again, next year will be even more exciting and rewarding, but you must attend to find out for yourselves. Until then...IYAOYAS.

Warhead on Foreheads,
Michael K. Price, "Mr. Vice"

AAOEF ELECTION NOTICE

At the 2011 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer Positions in the AA-OEF. I, as Foundation President, am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:

Office	Incumbent
President	CWO4 Edward C. Scott, Ret.
Treasurer	LCDR Richard Grass, Ret.
Board of Director	David Moore

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

I, as President of the Foundation, will be accepting advance nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail for collection and presentation to the Associations President. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting. To make a nomination you must be a Regular Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination. All nominations of individuals received will be verified as current Regular Members of the Association; if applicable, Auxiliary through the National Treasurer or Auxiliary Treasurer.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the first meeting of the Association's Board of Directors. All are reminded of scholarship application or sponsor restrictions imposed to all officers within IRS directives.

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

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

Edward C. Scott
AAOEF President



The first printed AO Newsletter.....Does anyone remember how many were mailed out? The second page is on the next page.....

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AO NEWSLETTER

As some of you probably know, we (meaning us AOs) had a reunion in San Diego last month. We had many responses from those who could not make it, as well as a good representative group in attendance. We know the word missed many of you who would have attended had you known about it. We are now trying to reach the majority of all AOs.

The group who made it to San Diego had a great time, from swapping sea stories by the batch and flying in back seats of "Black Cats" and "TBDS" (what are those?), to discussing current problems on today's fleet aircraft. The blast lasted three days (we even had a bomb scare from the ATs), but we all came out in pretty good shape.

At the dinner dance, RADM Monger was the guest speaker. Among the other guests was CAPT Crow, currently COMNAVAIRPAC Weapons Officer. We even came out of all this revelry with an association yet!

Yes, we did decide to form an association of Aviation Ordnancemen, for camaraderie' of the most exclusive group of people in the world! In the future, we plan to discuss the common, seemingly unsolvable problems that we all share. If enough of us talk about it, maybe something will happen!

The charter of our organization is now in preparation and should be ready for incorporation shortly after you receive this newsletter. Under the in preparation charter, an election of officers was held with the following results:

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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Some of the highlights from the charter are that anyone joining the association prior to 28 March 1977 (which is the 50th (golden) anniversary of the AO rate) will be a plankowner. The association membership is open to all Navy and Marine Corps AOs, past, present and future. The association is also open to civilians who have demonstrated expertise in the development and maintenance of airborne weapons and related equipment. Membership dues have been established at \$7.50 for the first year.




Right now, we need *members*, *ideas* for future get-togethers, *help* from those who want to devote a little time, and most of all, *help* from each and every one of you in our Sea Service *membership drive*.

Each of you know someone in addition to your shipmates now with you, who may have been an Ordnanceman, who is now an Ordnanceman, a person who is associated with ordnance or weaponry, or a retired Ordnanceman that we have not contacted. The main point is: **Let's Get It Together!** Talk to the guy in the next squadron talk to your retired buddy, talk to the Tech Rep who helps you out, talk to anyone associated with Aviation Ordnance. COMMUNICATE!

If you run out of membership applications, either Xerox some more, Make some more, or write to Frank Parker, 1229 Las Posas Court, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. (He's the guy that misspelled "Ordnancemen" on the application you now have) Send completed membership applications, along with a check or money order made payable to the "Association of Aviation Ordnancemen", to Tom Robins, 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, CA 95008. Send any ideas, suggestions or offers of help to any officer of the organization.

Next year, there will be another convention (reunion), at a place to be determined by your response on the membership applications. The basic idea is to ping-pong the conventions from one coast to the other, with an occasional stop somewhere in between. (New Orleans, St. Louis, Las Vegas, Oshkosh, Wis., etc) This will come in the future as our association grows. In any case there will be a get-together every year somewhere.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU SOON!



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20 JAN 11
20 MAY 11
20 SEP 11

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§ Limited expense; Thanks to Foundation and lack of reimbursement requests once again.

Elections/Reelections-

- Board of Directors- Reelection of Larry Cowell and Shannon Mullins (Auxiliary Representative)
- Secretary- Election of Kevin Meagher
- Vice President- Reelection of CDR Mike Gramolini (Resigned), Submitted the nomination of Steve Cashat after convention to AAO President for vote by AAO Board of Directors' (no action taken at the time of this submittal).

Selection and Committee-

- CDR Rick Garza, Selection Committee Chairman, and his group of 6 committee members spent 6 hours reviewing qualified applications and selecting 3 Robert L. Crow \$3,750.00, 1 Robert L. Crow \$1,750.00, 5 Robert L. Crow \$1,500.00 (CFC supported), 2 Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding \$2,000.00 and 4 Raytheon \$1,000.00 awards.
- Committee with 258 years of military and other experience at hand commented about this years total package presentation, degree of individual attention and diverse fields of educational endeavors. "Well-Done to all who made application".

New Web Scholarship Information assistance- (Note: The Foundation does not sponsor any Website educational information or accuracy, rather a tool for individuals to seek additional scholarships, colleges/universities or assist in selection of majors.)

- **Current High School Juniors and Seniors-** should check here along with your guidance counselors and parents: How to choose a college (and major) - www.ehow.com . Points to consider- Practical Aspects and Personal Aspects. Related links available at this home page.
- **Wings Over America-** www.wingsoveramerica.us . (Foundation President has reviewed and comments) Pre Qualification is required- not currently available on line. Review WEB posted Mission Statement and General Criteria. Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation- see WEBSITE for address and related information. Most of you reading this are qualified for pre qualification by nature of service.

Foundation and CFC-

- The Foundation once again submitted our 2010 campaign year application to OPM, they issued a denial based upon our Attachment A (service in 15 states or 1 foreign country within the past 3 years) while disallowing our Web based information and Red Shirt services to the NJROTC/MCJROTC units. We issued an appeal to their initial denial which was also denied. We once again are not in the 2010 CFC campaign year.
- Foundation BOD voted and approved no further efforts and expense be applied to CFC. It is not cost effective to continue and remain supportable, nor achievable to meet or achieve OPM service requirements.

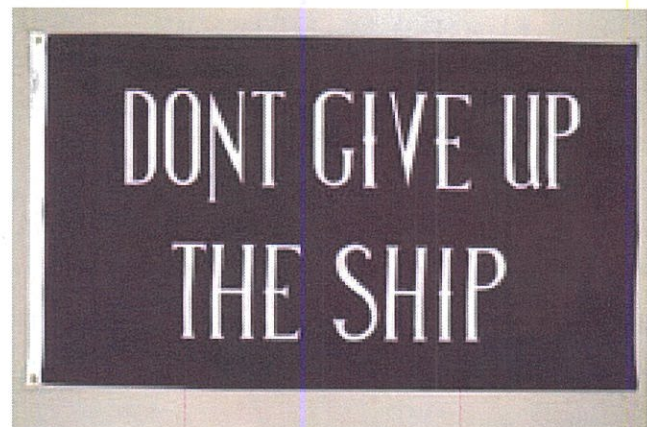
- Foundation advised the Association and its BOD of its decision with supporting financial information.
- Association BOD made recommendation to "Stand Down" the Foundation within their recommendations. Referred to the Associations General Business meeting and its present membership for a vote of approval/disapproval after motion, second and discussion. Membership voted for approval of "Stand Down" as presented.

What does this mean and how does this effect our donations and scholarships?-

- The Foundation will provide to the Association a timeline "Stand Down" matrix of mile stones to effectively stand down the Foundation within IRS 501 (3)(c) legal boundaries' and protecting scholarship funds.
- The Foundation will provide to the Association while assisting in a seamless transition back to the Association scholarship and related recommendations with out-year lessons learned under ever changing rules and regulations that effect your and other donations.
- Continuance of administrative and financial responsibilities until officially "Stood Down". We during this period of time will be still providing full IRS 501(3)(c) qualifications and tax advantages. We expect this to be completed within a 3-5 year period of time.

In closing, you read that we have been busy as a Foundation and do indeed have our work cut out for us and the Association working together. We will continue to hold nominations and elections for Foundation Officers and Board of Directors as required within our By-Laws, continue to provide to you all information regarding scholarships, VA educational benefits or answer any specific question you may have. All you need to do is ask any of the Foundation Officers or Board of Directors. Thank you all once again for allowing us to serve you all.

Respectfully,
CWO4 Edward C. Scott, USN (Ret)
Foundation President.





The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter 5, China Lake met at the back gate Saturday, May 22nd to Support the Adopt a Highway Program, followed by a BBQ at 1200 hosted by Percy Madriz



Our Treasurer, JJ LaMaitre's plate



CDR Mike Gramolini, CAPT Mike Price, CDR Bill Bindel



CDR Mike Gramolini, CDR Dion Edon, CDR Rick Garza, LtCol Mike Sexton, CDR Bill Bindel



High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) team members at the 2010 Weapons Symposium. left to right Jake Scanlon (DAPML), AL Castro (APML), Steve Smith, Nicole Theberge, Roger Marcum, Captain Brian Corey (PMA242), and Stacy Potten (Logistics).



*Tim Carroll,
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