THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

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AAO Convention June 22-25, 2000 Imperial Palace Las Vegas, NV

- Presidential Election
- By-Law Change Vote
- AVORDY of the Year
- Scholarship Selection
- General Business Meeting



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

The Red Shirt

President's Message

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. Cyndy and I hope you all will have a healthy and prosperous New Year. We are almost settled in here in Sigonella. All we need to do is get our household shipment and we'll be done.

As we begin this new year, I hope you will all resolve to try to get to the convention this year. With the election of a new president and the two major proposed changes to the By-Laws to be voted on, this year will have a significant impact on the future of our organization. I know the Vice President is covering these issues in more detail so I won't beat the horse except to say that I fully support both absentee voting and the splitting of the office of Secretary/Treasurer. It is time to let all voices in our Association be heard and it is also time to give the workhorse of the organization some relief. Whether you agree with me or not, you need to be at the convention to make your vote count this year. Hope to see you all there.

Last week I received a letter from Chapter 22 announcing their chapter project of trying to get a ship named after John W. Finn. They are actively seeking the support of all association members in this endeavor. You should be able to find more information in Chapter 22's article in this newsletter.

Jeff Sassone President

From The Vice-President

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that each of you survived the Y2K bug and are having a great new millennium. With the coming of the new year, we have already started our preparation for the upcoming convention. The convention committee has made a trip to Las Vegas to meet with the folks at the Imperial Palace. All indicators are pointing toward a fantastic convention. You can find more details on the convention, reservations, etc elsewhere in this news letter.

There will be some very important topics discussed at this years General Business Meeting. In addition to the election of officers, we will also be voting on several proposed changes to our By-Laws. First I'd like to discuss the election of officers. This year we will have several vacancies to fill including two Board of Director seats, the Chaplin's office, and the President's position. As the nomination committee chairman, I want to remind everyone to submit your nominations to me by FAX, mail, or E- mail. We have a lot of talent within our ranks so it shouldn't be too difficult to fill these vacancies. Please give some serious thought and consideration to nominating qualified individuals or perhaps accepting the nomination yourself. Remember, as officers and members of the Board of Directors, we work for you. We especially need a dedicated person to fill the office of President. Jeff spends a lot of his time working behind the scenes to get things accomplished. Because of his new duty station in Italy, he will not be able to devote the time he feels is required of the position and will therefore not be seeking reelection. The President's job is an extremely important one and we need someone willing to give it their all. Don't forget to ensure the person you are nominating will accept the position

Next on the agenda at our upcoming General Business Meeting will be the proposed By-Laws changes which include absentee voting, the separation of the office of the Secretary/Treasurer and minor administrative changes. The Officers and Board of Directors have worked very closely with the By-Laws committee in drafting these proposed changes, each of which is published in this edition of the Redshirt. Each proposed change is provided separately rather than having them combined into one all encompassing change. This allows the general membership to vote for or against each proposal individually.

Because the majority of our membership cannot attend the convention each year, we believe that absentee voting would allow for greater participation. However, one of the biggest concerns in accepting absentee ballots for elections or motions was our continued ability to accept nominations from the floor at our general business meetings. The By-Laws committee, working very closely with the Board of Directors, was able to resolve these details.

Another issue up for vote by the general membership is the separation of the Secretary Treasurer's duties into two separate offices. I think all would agree that the duties of Secretary/ Treasurer can be overwhelming. Rich has done a GREAT job, but there is only so much one person can do. I know from past conversations with Rich that he devotes about 40 hours a week to the work of our Association. The timeline for implementation of this proposed change (if approved) is also provided to give everyone a better understanding of exactly what will happen.

As you can see, the proposed changes to our By-Laws will affect the way we do business for many years to come. I strongly recommend that you take the time to review these changes. Once again, if anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. All of my addresses and phone numbers are published in each addition of the Red Shirt.

Until Next Time - Be Safe! ③

Dave Moore Vice-President March 2000

Chapter 22 Patuxent River



On 22 October 1999 Chief Warrant Officer Lee A. Clark retired from the United States Navy. A large number of Association members gathered as our Chapter President, affectionately know as Bud, retired from active duty. Bud Clark enlisted in the Navy in June 1976 and reported to Boot Camp at Great Lakes Illinois. He attended AO "A" School at Millington Tennessee. In August of 1977 he reported for duty at the Weapons Department, Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida. In September 1979, AO3 Clark reported to VA-12 embarked onboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) where he was advanced to AO2. In April 1983 he transferred to the Naval Recruit District, St. Louis, Missouri where he was advanced to AO1. In April 1986, he transferred to VA-81, embarked onboard the USS Saratoga (CV-60) where he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer. In September of 1988, he transferred to VFA-87 embarked onboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71). In June of 1990, he transferred to the Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic, Oceana, Virginia. In October 1993 he was commissioned to CWO2. He then transferred to VFA-136



embarked onboard the USS George Washington (CVN-73). In February 1997, he transferred to the Naval Strike Aircraft Test, Squadron, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River.

Bud Clark graciously agreed to continue serving as our Chapter President and was elected for another one year term. Also, Walter Gould was elected to the Chapter Board of Directors. He replaced Rod McDonald who faithfully served for five consecutive years. Wanda and Water Gould coordinated a Christmas potluck dinner in December at the Fleet Reserve. The attendance was very good and the food was great tasting. Wanda made beautiful Christmas tree table arrangements. Bob Underwood conducted the drawing for door prizes, and everyone who attended had a good time.

You may recall that Chapter 22 sponsored Ashely Laigle, a local weightlifting champion, presenting her with an Association patch and \$100.00 to help with her expenses. Ashely, a Saint Mary's Ryken High School student, is the daughter of a former service member who was killed in a tragic accident, and the grand daughter of a Navy Chief Warrant Officer (Ret) recently deceased. Ashely won in three "National" weightlifting categories then went on to participate in her first World Power lifting Federation (WPF) meet last month in Las Vegas where she won the gold. At age sixteen her championship results were: Squats 181 pounds, Bench Press 104 pounds, and Dead Lift of 214 pounds. The World meet was represented by five countries and 91 entries. A tape of the event is scheduled for airing on ESPN in the June time frame.

In January AO2 (AW) Russell L. Zachary from Naval Strike Aircraft Test Squadron Weapons Department, was selected as the AO of the Quarter for the fourth quarter 1999. The President of Chapter 22 formally presented AO2 Zachary with a letter, an engraved plaque, and a \$50.00 savings bond. A copy of the recognition letter was sent to AO2 Zachary's Commanding Officer.

Chapter 22 is supporting a recommendation by Chapter member Durwood Wiley to name a ship in honor of John Finn. Our Chapter has formed a committee to spearhead the ship-naming initiative. The committee is devoted to this effort and has started preliminary research into the ship naming process. Additionally, the committee has collected some initial information about John Finn. To our knowledge no other Chapter or organization is currently pursuing this effort. The names of new ships are personally decided by the Secretary of the Navy. Each year the Naval Historical Center compiles ship name recommendations and forwards these to the Chief of Naval Operations. These recommendations are the result of research into the history of the Navy and suggestions submitted by service members and Navy veterans. The Chief of Naval Operations signs the memorandum recommending names for the current year's building program and sends it to the Secretary of the Navy. The Secretary considers these nominations along with others he receives and selects names for specific ships. The Secretary of the Navy relies on many sources to help him reach his decisions. Our Chapter committee coordinating the initiative to name a ship in (Continued on page 4)

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honor of John Finn, will spearhead and solicit maximum support from active duty, retired military, civilians, as well as politicians for endorsement. Our committee is reviewing plans with the intent to circulate petitions, and hope all Association members join-in to support our efforts. Chapter 22 has sent a formal letter of notification to the Association, and looks forward to a favorable endorsement. We are open to any suggestions or help.

Margaret Gladders, the wife of Ensign Jerry Gladders agreed to maintain our Chapter Web Site. She is doing a stellar job as our Chapter Web Master. If you have not checked out our Chapter Web Site, please do so at: http://www.angelfire. com/md/ordies22/ You are sure to enjoy our photo section.

Normally Chapter 22 meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the Patuxent River Fleet Reserve, which is one-quarter mile south of Gate 2 on Highway 235, Lexington Park, Maryland. If you're in the area, please come join us. The members of Chapter 22 hope all Ordies around the world are staying safe out there. ⁽³⁾

> Article by Albert A. Castro Chapter 22 PAO



Anniversary LOGO CONTEST

The year 2001 marks two milestones in our proud history The 75th anniversary of the Navy's AO rating and the 25th anniversary of our great Association.

To mark these two milestones, we are holding a contest to select the best logo (s) that capture these events.

Please submit your entries to the Red Shirt editor (snail or email). All entries must be received two weeks prior to the convention date.

The winning logo (s) will be picked by the Board of Directors and announced during the 2000 convention. \odot

Chaplain's Corner



Greetings from South Texas:

We have had a pleasant winter and are now headed into Spring and the Easter season. This is one of my favorite times of the year here in South Texas. We need to remember that Easter is the time of re-birth; everything comes forth anew after it has lain dormant for it's season.

Psalm 9:1 says, "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works." Spring is a time to enjoy the newness of the Earth and the newness in our hearts.

We made it through the terrible "Y2K" scare with little or no problems. We must simply continue doing what we have always done since a higher power, higher than even every computer, influences our behavior. If every computer in the world were to have "crashed", the sun still would have rose on time, the winds would have still continued to blow, and the tides would have continued to ebb and flow just as since the beginning of time. Nothing man has ever made can change this perfect, timetable. Proverbs 3:5 teaches us to "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path." Our trust cannot be in man alone. We live in a time and age of speed and computers and we sometimes fail to give thought to God, and how he fits in our daily lives.

"Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the Night."...Thomas Fuller. We have many to pray for. Remember these in your daily quiet time; Our Country and it's leaders, shipmates, friends, families, and those who gave their lives so we could live in our great country.

May Peace and Love be with you until we meet again.

We are already making plans for June. See you in Las Vegas. $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}}$

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Please take a few minutes to look at the address label and make sure that all the information is correct. If you find that changes are required please send them to me in the mail or call me. If you are behind in your dues please take a couple of extra minutes to make out a check or money order to get yourself back in good graces. This article is being written 1-23-00 so if you have taken care of any of the above since then you should be in good shape.

It is time to start making plans to attend this year's convention. As you can tell by the proposed By Laws changes, there is a lot on tap for this year concerning how the Association will be run. It is important that you show up and take part in the process of shaping the Association for the future. If you don't show up and you don't cast your vote then you have no right to sit back and complain. Get onboard and be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

When making your plans, remember to sign up and order your tickets early. You will find that this year it will not only help your convention planners, but you will also save money. Just fill out the Advance Registration form (front & back) and send it in with your payment. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Las Vegas.

CHAPTER MEETINGS - PLACES / TIMES / DATES

Chapter 1 – Lemoore, CA President: Robert S. Walecki 559-924-1989 Fleet Reserve 3rd Tuesday, 1800

Chapter 3 -

Whidbey Island, WA President: John A. Desonneaux 360-240-1758 VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey) 2nd Wednesday, 1600

Chapter 4 -Virginia Beach VA President: Max Snock 757-340-7191 VFW Post 392, Bowland Parkway 3rd Wednesday, 1900

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

Chapter 7 - PT. Mugu, CA President: James Richardson 805-989-1793 The Point (CPO Club) 3rd Wednesday, 1630 **Chapter 8** - San Diego, CA President: J.J. LaMaitre 619-562-8492 FRA Chula Vista 1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 -Kaneohe Bay, HI President: Timothy L. Dorrill 808-254-2120 Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV President: David L. Presswood 702-426-3963 CPO Club 1st Tuesday, 1900

Chapter 22 -Patuxent River President: Lee Clark 410-394-0036 3rd Wednesday, 1900 Lexington Park FRA

Chapter 63 -US S Kitty Hawk CV 63 President: Aaron A. Shipley Jr. Forward Deployed Chapter 65 -US S Enterprise CVN 65 President: Sheltric Peterson On Board

Chapter 72 -USS Lincoln CVN 72 President: Barry W. Ehnerd On Board

Chapter 74 -USS Stennis CVN 74 President: Joseph L. Thompson On Board

Chapter 75 - USS Truman CVN 75 President: Clovis 0. Ash Jr. On Board

Chapter Pensacola -Pensacola, FL President: Joseph A- Elliott 850-453-0428 Call for Meeting Time and Place

Keystone Chapter -Mechanicsburg, PA President: John Titzel 717-605-2149 On Base 2nd Wednesday, 1130

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CHAPTERS

MT ETNA Chapter -NAS Sigonella, Sicily President: Michael D. Rogers

Desert/Southwest Chapter -El Centro, CA-President: Charles J. Baldwin 760-352_4921

... Support your local chapter attend meetings regularly ...

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

LCDR Diann D. Pape AOCM Donald R. Etier USN Ret. AOCS William A. Swilley USN Ret. CWO3 Frederick J. Pape USN Ret. AO1 Randy J. Phillips AO1 David R. Butler USN Ret.

NEW MEMBERS

AOAR Daniel W. Kaut GM1 Peter J. Eddinger AO2 Gloria M. Johnson AO1 Joseph L. Lewber AOC Michael J. Fitzpatrick AO1 (AW) Bruce W. Gilbert Harold J. Koke

GYSGT Eddie P. Parker USMC Ret. Harvey T. Dunevant AO3 Justin R. Berriman AO2(AW) John D.C. Hall AOAN Joshua C. Rushane CAPT Richard Hardin AO3 John A. Zink AO2 Russell E. German AO2 Jesus R. Ochoa AOCS Anthony D. Lee AO3 Chad K. Bachoo GM1 Franklin C. Craig AOAN Kim A. Good AO1 Kirk A. Schiltz AO3 Kairy Foreman AOC Melinda J. Chambers AO3 Christopher A. Rodriguez AO1 James T. Wilcox CWO2 Richard A. Deniz Brett A. Schroeder

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

Milton & Mary Brandt Christopher L. Hathaway William B. Jones Frank & Genevieve Fogg Tracey & Sabine Appleby Perry C. Young Lee A. Dodson Irvin & Micki Koniak John & Katie Drake Brian & Renee Albrecht Carlton E. Gee Jr. John & Grace Bums Rodney & Kelly Ledger Otto & Nadine Hafer Jack & Linda Breedlove Kordeen & Camy Kor Bob Anderson Edward & Mary Jane McKinnon Greg & Dawn Sawyer David Rivera

Thanks For Your Generosity!



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

AOAR Rodney W. Barbour AOC Paul Otis Main USN Ret AO I Thomas M. McKinnie AOC David F. Clark USN Ret. AO3(AW) Darryl T. Smith Jr. AO1 John R. Horger AO1 Shawn C. Grass AO1 John M. Young AOC(AW) Matthew M. Scott AO2 Mark R. Kruse LTJG Edsel Haislip LCDR Nelson L. Griffith USN Ret. AO3 Waneta A. Schutt AOCS Mark H. Sawyer USN Ret.



Please submit a change of address!

NAS SIGONELLA MOUNT ETNA CHAPTER

I want to start by introducing myself, I am AO2 Gloria Johnson, President of the Mount Etna Chapter, and let me tell you it is a pleasure and great honor to represent this distinguished association.

A lot of things have happened and a lot of changes have been made, but we are still here, stronger than ever. Introducing LTJG Robert B. Sullivan as our treasurer, and AOC Michael J. Fitzpatrick, as our secretary. The Holiday season kept us very busy starting with our Annual Parade, which is mainly for the kids, then the kids XMAS party, which was a success, to the adult XMAS party which everyone seem to enjoy. And let us not forget the holiday food basket which gave us a chance to help some of our shipmates have a Merry Christmas. The one event that we are the most proud of was taking responsibility of "adopting a highway", where we all get together once a month on a Saturday morning and help make Sigonella a cleaner, nicer place to live. But our job is never done because we are now trying to get ready for our next up-coming event sometime in March. If you happen to be in sunny SIG come and visit our booth where you can enjoy chili hotdogs and a cold drink.

Before I forget I will like to congratulate my fellow ordies and friends for advancing to the next paygrade. You all know who you are. And for everyone else, remember, March is right around the corner so pick up your book and study!

Last, but not least, a Farewell to CDR. V. L. Seiferd, JR. and wife who by now are probably enjoying Florida's wonderful weather. A warm welcome to the President of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen LCDR. Sassone, and his lovely wife Cyndy.

Well, all-good things must come to an end. 'Till next time . . . and remember IYAOYAS. ©

MT Etna Chapter

To visit us: www.sicily.navy.mil/nassig/ dept/index.htm

2000 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2000 Convention Committee went to the IMPERIAL PALACE, in LAS VEGAS, 14,15, 16 and 17 JAN. 2000. We had a great meeting with the Casino personnel and they were very helpful in giving us the meeting rooms that we require. The Check-in area for the Convention will be the EXECUTIVE ROOM, up on the 5th Floor, and easy to get to. Also, there will be plenty of room for Chapters



to display their goods and the room can be secured each night.

You will notice on the 2000 CON-VENTION RESERVATION APPLI-CATION that there are some major changes, including prices of the functions, new registration fee, benefits of paying in advance, etc. PLEASE READ THE FORM CAREFULLY ! These prices are due to being in Las Vegas. Things are not cheap there. The sooner you sign-up the better off you'll be.

You can also, make reservations at the IMPERIAL PALACE, 1-800-800-2981 now and state you are with the ASSOCIATION of AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN. There will be more information in this "REDSHIRT".

I must remind ALL the Committee Chairman, that you "must" plan ahead and bring what you need to make your committee work. without any problems or make arrangements with someone. IT IS YOUR RE-SPONSIBILITY TO HAVE WHAT YOU NEED. The price to do business with the Casino in the administrative area is very costly.

There is lots to do in Las Vegas and we think you will have a great time. Look for more information in the next two "REDSHIRTS". ©



Tidewater Chapter Chapter IV



The holidays, along with Y2K fears have come and gone. Doomsday has been postponed a good way to start the new century! Hope you agree by returning to the workday world with safety uppermost on your mind. Don't "blow" it now!

Our Christmas dinner/dance was an unqualified success. The truly excellent dinner, featuring a tender prime rib prepared by student Chef Donovan Howard (LCDR Don Howard's son) attracted rave reviews . . . as well as some very special out of towners. Chapter IV was honored by the surprise attendance of our national Secretary/ Treasurer, Dick Grass, and his lovely bride Marlene, as well as President emeritus (past president), Gary Laun, his wife, Mary Ann and her mother, who is traveling with them. We were delighted to have them with us. Hopefully they, along with all the other attendees, appreciated the efforts of the planning committee, all of whom gave whole heartedly to the party's success. Thank you Patsy Stokes for donating the lovely poinsettias which decorated each table. Thank you Max and Gerry Snock for providing the wonderful sheet cake decorated with the



AO emblem. To them and to Rick Peterson, Debbie Jones, Ron Jerasa, and Bob Single, we are grateful for your willingness to serve.

Looking towards the future, the chapter anticipates the continuation of our community service via our FOD walkdowns, done quarterly beginning in April, covering approximately 3 miles of highway. We'll also look forward to our annual summer family beach picnic (date TBD), and Red Shirt Ranch in the late September/early October time frame. These are great times of fellowship and fun, open to all Tidewater ordies and eagerly anticipated by chapter members, their families and friends.

The AO convention is just around the corner. It's defiantly not too early to begin compiling "packages" on behalf of those exceptionally professional and dedicated ordies who deserve consideration for recognition as "AVORDY" of the Year. This is an extremely high honor that is well respected by all types of selection/ promotion boards. Help your frontrunners . . . submit their package today!

Chapter IV is diligently seeking a qualified and <u>committed</u> individual to act as our ordnance safety chairman. This is an extremely important function involving some work. The compilation of monthly mishap reports based on message traffic, reports on safety briefs and meetings at Oceana/Norfolk/Fleet Units, and to brief members during chapter meetings on trends/occurrences.

Congratulations to AOC Brouwer, VFA-15, who put on his khakis in September. Bravo Zulu, Chief.

See ya at our next meeting! ©

Submitted by AOCM Stu Carson, USN/RET



Ace cake cutter-Stu Carson

AVIATION ORDNANANCEMEN HALL OF FAME AWARD GUIDELINES

1. **PURPOSE**: To establish criteria for nominating individual (s) for the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame.

2. **BACKGROUND**; The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen is a professional organization, composed of active/ retire/ reserve United Sates Navy/ Marine Corps and the entire Department of Defense personal dedicated to promote professionalism and safety of the Aviation Ordnance Field and the Aviation Ordnance Rating. Also, provides technical and professional support whenever possible to the ordnancemen of the fleet. The award was started in 1988 during the annual convention and the original 21 members were the first inductees. The award (s) will be presented to individual (s) who have made outstanding contributions, or demonstrated performance with special recognition in the Aviation Ordnance Field or Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

3. AWARD: The award (s) will be presented during the annual Association of Aviation Ordnancemen's National Convention/ Symposium.

a. A certificate signed by the Association President will be presented to the individual (s).

b. A plaque, appropriately inscribed with awardee (s) name will be displayed at the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnancemen Museum.

c. Awardee (s) will be appropriately recognized at the annual awards dinner, through Naval messages, AO Web site and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen "RED SHIRT".

4. ELIGIBILITY; All individuals who are serving or have served in the Aviation Ordnance field or Department of Defense personal.

5. NOMINATION CRITERIA;

a. Nominated individual (s) must be serving or have served in the Aviation Ordnance Rating/ Field and Department of Defense, but need not be a member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

b. Nominated individual (s) must have made a specific contribution through a special achievement or superior performance which has enhanced the reputation, readiness or future well-being of the Aviation Ordnance Rating/ Field and/or the ASSOCIATION of AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN.

6. SELECTION COMMITTEE; The selection committee will consist of the Committee Chairman (Appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors) and a minimum of 4 committee members. The selection committee members will be at the discretion of the Committee Chairman. The Committee Chairmen and the Committee members must be members in good standing with the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

7. ACTION; The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen will solicit nominations through the annual Convention/ Symposium message, AO Web site and through the Association Newsletter, "RED SHIRT".

a. Nomination (s) must be submitted to the Association National Secretary/ Treasurer, no later than the first day of the month/ year, the Association Convention/ Symposium is scheduled for.

b. Association National Secretary/ Treasurer will forward all nominations to the Committee Chairman for the review and selection of an Awardee (s) at the annual Association Convention/ Symposium. The selection is at the discretion of the Committee members and the Committee Chairman. The committee Chairman shall notify the Association President of their decision on nomination (s).

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c. The Committee Chairman shall ensure the name (s) of the Awardee (s) are sent to the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnancemen Museum, AO Web site, Naval messages and Association Newsletter "RED SHIRT".

d. Committee will consider ALL nominations and select the most worthy individual (s). Selection of an Awardee is not mandatory. Only the most deserving should be inducted into the Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame.

8. AWARD SUBMISSION FORMAT;

a. Cover letter should include following information;

- 1. Full name
- 2. Rank/ Rate/ Civil Service GS/WG
- 3. SSN
- 4. Current Status (active, retired, reserve, etc.)
- 5. Current Duty Station, if appropriate.
- 6. Current Home Residence
- 7. Spouse's name, if appropriate.
- 8. Enclose photo of nominated individual, if available.

b. Justification for the award nomination should be forwarded as enclosure (s) to the cover letter and shall include appropriate information to justify the nomination.

1. Identify specific action (s), contribution or continuing performance upon which the nomination is based. Any supporting documentation will be appreciated (Write-ups on medals, etc.).

Contribution or continuing performance has, or had upon the Aviation Ordnance Rating/ Field and/ or the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

3. Explain why the specific action (s), contribution or continuing performance merits recognition through presentation of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame Award.

4. Nomination must be unclassified.





March 2000

2000 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

I plan to attend the following activities (please check appropriate ones):

22 June (Thur) Board of Directors Meeting	23 June (Fri) AAO Social & AAAO Auction (\$15.00 per person in advance, \$20.00 at the
23 June (Fri) AO of The Year Committee	door) 24 June (Sat) General Business Meeting
23 June (Fri) Scholarship Committee	
23 June (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee	24 June (Sat) Awards Banquet (\$30.00 per per- son in advance, \$35.00 at the door)
23 June (Fri) Membership Committee	25 June (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting
23 June (Fri) By-Laws Committee	

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23 June (Fri) Board of Directors Meeting

25 June (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting

24 June (Sat) General Business Meeting

NOTES

1. Request that you please bring your AO Name Tag Button (received at previous conventions). The Association will provide new convention ribbons. For those who need them new buttons will be provided.

2. Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in.

ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

To help offset the cost of the convention it has become necessary to charge a Registration Fee. Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet. Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under however, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AND ADVANCE AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATTER THAN FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2000. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. (ORDER FORM MAY BE FOUND ON THE OTHER SIDE)

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ADVANCE ORDER FORM

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet <u>ONLY</u> send check or money order made payable to and mailed to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN Richard J. Grass, Secretary/Treasurer 613 Tennis Avenue Ardsley, PA 19038-1704

Advance Registration Fees (choose appropr	riate category):		
1. Member only \$10.00 (\$15.00 at the door)			\$
Name of Member (please print)			
2. Member & 1 Guest or Spouse \$15.00 (\$20.00 at a			\$
Name of Member(please print)			
Name of Guest/Spouse(please print)	······		
3. Additional Guests 18 and over \$5.00			\$ \bigcirc
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Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:			
AAO Social \$15.00 each (\$20.00 at the door)			\$
Awards Banquet \$30.00 each (\$35.00 at the door)			\$
	Total amount enc	losed	\$
	Mail My Tickets	<u>s to:</u>	
Your name			
Address			
City,State	Zip		
Phone number			

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

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AAO CONVENTION SLOTS-O-FUN TOURNAMENT



Friday, June 23 rd 2:30 p.m.

Only 5 Sessions (13 Players Per Session) Must be 21 to Participate



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BUY-IN:

\$20 for 1st Session - \$15 for Each Additional Session

PRIZES

80% - Cash to Top Players ~ 20% to AAO Association (1 Winner for each Session + Grand Prize Winner)

Watch the next Redshirt for more details!

By Law Change Recommendations

Presented here are the proposed By-Laws changes that will be voted on at this year's convention. They are being presented as three <u>different</u> and <u>distinct</u> change packages and it is planned that they will be voted on in the same way. You will note that each package is a stand alone package and once voting is completed they will be meshed together by the By-Laws Committee. The first package contains those changes that are of an administrative nature. The second package contains those changes that deal with the proposal for splitting the office of Secretary/Treasurer. The third and last package contains those changes that deal with the proposal for absentee voting.

PACKAGE ONE

Change the existing By-Laws to read:

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 3.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of all general business meetings and the meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be prepared to refer to minutes of previous meetings, prepare a summary of all unfinished business for the President, and conduct all the necessary correspondence of The Association. The Treasurer shall receive all monies for The Association and shall deposit them in the name of The Association, in bank accounts (savings/checking) approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will submit, for Board of Directors approval, an annual budget. The Associations fiscal year ends <u>May 31st</u>. The new budget will include expenditures authorized during the convention. The Treasurer shall pay out sums as authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit the financial records of The Association to the designated accounting firm for preparation of a Statement of Accounts in time for the Statement of Accounts to be completed and presented at the general business meeting. A copy of the Statement of Accounts, signed by the accounting firm, shall be available for review by the general membership at the annual meeting. Candidates for the Office of Treasurer shall undergo a background investigation conducted by the Nominating Committee to determine suitability, fiscal responsibility, and satisfactory background to meet standard bonding criteria. The certification of candidates by the Nominating Committee shall satisfy any bonding requirement.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1.

General meetings of The Association shall be held at a time and location decided by the Board of Directors, as recommended by the convention/symposium committee. The Board of Directors will select a suitable convention site <u>at least</u> two years before the convention. The Board will announce the selected site before or during the general business meeting one year before the subject convention.

ARTICLE X AUXILIARY

Section 1.

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen authorizes an Auxiliary, known as The Auxiliary <u>to</u> the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAAO).

Section 2.

The Auxiliary shall conform to the By-Laws of the Association.

PACKAGE TWO

The splitting of the office of Secretary/Treasurer has been deemed necessary due to the large work load encountered by having only one person do the job. Currently the Secretary/Treasurer expends an average of 30 hours a week doing the job.

If approved, it is planned that an individual for the new office of Secretary will be elected at the convention in the year 2001. The current Secretary/Treasurer will continue on in the new office of Treasurer until the office is up for election at the convention in the year 2002. It is believed that this will provide for an orderly turnover of responsibilities.

Change the existing By-Laws to read:

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1.

The Officers of The Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Board of Directors.

Section 6.

The Secretary shall serve for three years, the initial term will expire in 2004.

Section 7. (add a new Section 7 and renumber remaining Sections accordingly) The Treasurer shall serve for three years, the initial term will expire in 2002.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 3.

The <u>Secretary</u> shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of all general business meetings and the meetings of the Board of Directors. The <u>Secretary</u> shall be prepared to refer to minutes of previous meetings, prepare a summary of all unfinished business for the President and conduct all the necessary correspondence of The Association. <u>In addition, the Secretary as Historian shall compile and maintain all historical data</u> of the Association.

Section 4. (add a new Section 4 and renumber remaining Sections accordingly) The Treasurer shall receive all monies for The Association and shall deposit them in the name of The Association, in bank accounts (savings/checking) approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will submit, for Board of Directors approval, an annual budget. The Associations fiscal year ends during the annual convention/symposium (June). The new budget will include expenditures authorized during the convention. The Treasurer shall pay out sums as authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit the financial records of The Association to the designated accounting firm for preparation of a Statement of Accounts in time for the Statement of Accounts to be completed and presented at the general business meeting. A copy of the Statement of Accounts, signed by the accounting firm, shall be available for review by the general membership at the annual meeting. <u>The Treasurer shall also maintain the membership files</u>.Candidates for the Office of Treasurer shall undergo a background investigation conducted by the Nominating Committee to determine suitability, fiscal responsibility, and satisfactory background to meet standard bonding criteria. The certification of candidates by the Nominating Committee shall satisfy any bonding requirement.

Section 5.

The Board of Directors shall conduct necessary business between regular business meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by The Association. The Board of Directors will approve an annual budget during the final Board of Directors meeting of the convention/ symposium. It will authorize the <u>Treasurer</u> to expend funds as budgeted. Emergency/unbudgeted expenditures exceeding 5 percent of the approved budget will require approval of the Board of Directors. The Board shall create such standing committees as are deemed necessary to support the Charter of The Association. None of the Boards' acts shall conflict with action taken by The Association. It shall present to The Association a complete written report of all action taken in Board of Directors meetings during the year. Funds bequeathed to The Association and not designated for a program, i.e., Scholarship or Museum,

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Section 4.

The following standing committees are established:

- A. Safety
- B. Membership
- C. By-Laws
- D. John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award

E. Museum

- F. CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship Award
- G. Convention/Symposium
- H. Hall of Fame

ARTICLE IX ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTERS

Section 2.

A copy of the proposed charter, a table of organization, a chapter membership list and the letter of intent shall be submitted to the Board of Directors via the <u>Secretary</u> for approval. A majority vote of approval is required from the Board of Directors.

Section 5.

The Chapter will, at The Association's general business meeting, report its goals, functions, and progress to the general membership. If no Chapter member can attend The Association's annual general meeting, they shall submit a written report to The Association <u>Secretary</u>, to be read by him at the general business meeting. If a Chapter remains inactive for one year, the Chapter will receive a letter from the <u>Secretary</u>, with copies to the President, Vice-President, and Board of Directors, warning said Chapter of its inactivity and giving ninety (90) days to take appropriate corrective action to get the Chapter functioning properly. Inactivity includes failure to submit all reports, minutes and transactions/information deemed necessary by The Association and failure to conduct bi-monthly meetings. The Chapter will be required to submit a written report to the <u>Secretary</u> on appropriate action taken to correct deficiencies. If no appropriate action has been taken at the end of this ninety (90) day period, the President, Vice-President and the Board of Directors will take action to disestablish that Chapter. Upon approval from the Board of Directors, the <u>Secretary</u> will give that Chapter written notification of its disestablishment. That Chapter may resubmit a request after one (1) year to reestablish, provided all requirements outlined in The Association By-Laws are met. The exception to this rule will

be allowed by aircraft carriers established as a chapter during overhaul periods. The chapter will be required to submit a letter of intent to down size during this period of overhaul to include a proposed conclusion date. For administrative purposes, the one year inactivity starts, once the overhaul period ends for disestablishment proceedings.

PACKAGE THREE

The proposal for absentee voting was submitted to allow those who are unable to attend the convention a chance to make their voice heard.

hcluded at the end of this package are the Procedures for Absentee Voting which have been agreed upon by your elected officers. These procedures are being presented here to give you a better understanding of how things will work. The procedures are part of Appendix A thus giving your officers the ability to change them as necessary to keep the Association running. As a part of Appendix A they are not voted on or approved by the general membership.

Change the existing By-Laws to read:

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 9. (renumber as Section 10.)

The election of officers shall be held by balloting at the annual general business meeting. <u>Officers will</u> <u>be elected by plurality vote</u>. If there is but one candidate for any office, the ballot for the office may be dispensed with and the election held by voice. <u>Absentee voting procedures will be provided for the election of officers</u>.

Section 10. (renumber as Section 11. and renumber remaining Sections accordingly)

Nominations for officers shall be made to the Nominations Chair. The consent of each candidate must be obtained before the name is placed in nomination. To ensure an orderly transition of office, candidates must be present at the annual general business meeting. Absence of a candidate from the general business meeting requires the approval of the Board of Directors. To qualify for absentee ballot, nominations must be received by the Nominations Chair on or before the date set by the Board of Directors at it's annual meeting. This date must be met to qualify for vote by mail. The date will be published in the newsletter issue that immediately follows the convention/symposium and subsequent issues. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the general business meeting.

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ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Section 4.

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- E. Historian/Museum
- F. CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship Award
- G. Convention/Symposium
- H. Hall of Fame
- I. Nomination

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 2.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting members at the annual business meeting <u>and verified eligible absentee ballots</u>. Notice of intent to change must be given in <u>time to be put on the absentee ballot and the intent to change must be published as an agenda item prior</u> to being voted on.

Procedures for Absentee Voting

- Nominations for officers shall be made to the Nominations Chair on or before the date set by the Board of Directors at it's annual meeting. This date must be met to qualify for vote by mail. The date will be published in the newsletter issue that immediately follows the convention/symposium and subsequent issues. The nominations must be accompanied by the following:
 - * A brief biography of the nominee or synopsis of why the nominee is a worthy candidate.
 - * Acceptance of nomination by the nominee and acknowledgment of the requirement for the
 - nominee to be present at the general business meeting.
 - * Photograph if available.

2. Nominations Chair will verify the eligibility of nominee and nominator with the Treasurer.

3. A nomination for Board of Directors will be considered for all Board of Directors positions available for election in that year if nominee is not elected to the first position available.

4. Nominations Chair will prepare the ballot and forward it to the Newsletter Editor.

5. Ballot will be published in the last newsletter prior to the annual general business meeting for the election that year.

6. Member must clearly identify the nominee of their choice when voting for the election of officers. On approval of changes to the By-Laws, or other issues on the ballot, the member will indicate whether "For", "Against", or "Abstaining".

7. Member will place ballot in sealed envelope with their printed name, membership number and signature on the outside of the envelope. The envelope, with ballot, will be delivered to the Nominations Chair in one of the following ways:

* By U. S. Mail, to be received by the Chair on or before the due date presented on the ballot.

* Hand delivered, to be received by the Chair NLT 24 hours prior to the published start of the general business meeting.

Ballots received in any other manner will not be accepted.

8. Head Teller will verify, with the Treasurer, the voting eligibility of the member before the start of the general business meeting. The Teller will also verify the eligibility of voting members present.

9. Absentee ballots will remain sealed in the possession of the Head Teller until such time as the balloting of the members present at the general business meeting begins. At this time the Head Teller will open the envelope, remove the ballot and give it to a teller for counting.

10. Any member who attends the General Business Meeting who had previously submitted an absentee ballot shall have said ballot invalidated.

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