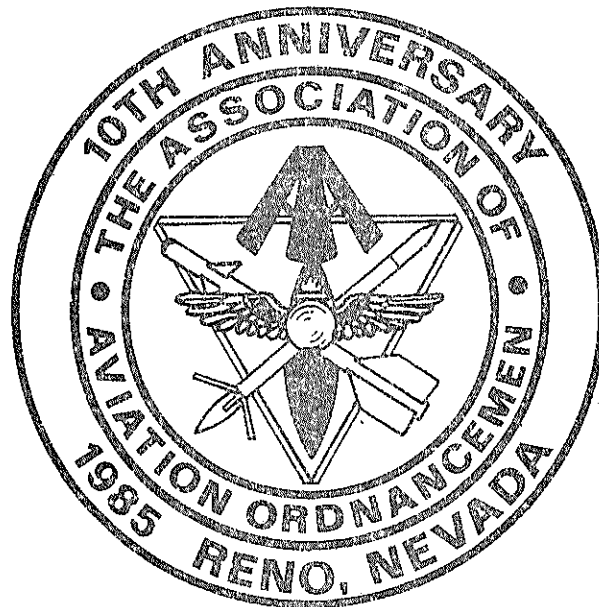


AO NEWSLETTER

No. 23

5 APRIL 1985



IT'S OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY!!!

SHOW YOUR LOYALTY BY SETTING YOUR SIGHTS ON THE COMSTOCK HOTEL IN RENO THE 21st to 23rd OF JUNE 1985. FOR A BULLS-EYE CALL 1-800-648-4866 AND MAIL YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK TO THE COMSTOCK.

LAST NEWSLETTER BEFORE THE CONVENTION
IMPORTANT CONVENTION NEWS IN THIS LETTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

First I would like to apologize to all new members that experienced a delay in receiving your membership card, copy of the by-laws, certificate etc., and to the ordies who recruited them. I'll endeavor to ensure this does not happen again. It should not now that I have my assistant trained, (she will remain anonymous at this time), to cover me when I'm on travel.

In that vein, I would like to solicit all of you who recruit new members to please ensure that appropriate blocks are filled in completely. Especially difficult to ascertain are mailing addresses. Also for anyone recruiting students going thru school, Framps, etc., please put their address of their command that they will be reporting to. While you might know where they are ultimately reporting to, the post office does not, consequently AO's are paying their dues but do not receive their membership material, newsletters, etc. This would tend to leave an attitude of a rip off to them. If any one of your ship mates are in that category please let me know. Don't forget, the back of the application form is blank for additional writing space if needed.

I have received numerous request for rosters of the entire organization. The cost of producing and mailing these rosters (in excess of 50 pages) are a cost that I don't believe the association can stand. Roster's will be made available to each chapter and in addition will be made available for members use at the convention each year.

Scholarship fund - While not broke, it is not the healthiest thing in the world. Your contributions are encouraged and I know future recipients of the award will be greatly appreciative.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Reno, NV this June. Avoid the rush and get your orders and reservations in early.

KATE SAWYER AND ALONNA GAINES WILL BE ORGANIZING A GET AQUAINTED COFFEE FOR THE WIVES AND GIRLFRIENDS ATTENDING THE CONVENTION IN RENO THIS YEAR.

ANYONE WITH SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS CAN WRITE TO KATE AT 1512 CLAVILITA PLACE, SAN DIEGO, CA. OR CALL (619) 690-6373. THEY ARE LOOKING INTO THE AVAILABILITY OF TOURS, ETC. IN THE AREA.

COFFEE WILL BE SERVED DURING THE BUSINESS MEETING, 22 JUNE 1985.

ATTENTION USS BELLEAU WOOD REUNION:

THE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO SERVED ABOARD THE USS BELLEAU WOOD CVL-24 AND MEMBERS OF AIR GROUP ARE INFORMED OF A REUNION TO BE HELD 25-28 APRIL 1985 IN JACKSONVILLE, FL. RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM RICHARD FREAD, P.O. BOX 846, ANNANDALE, VA. PH. (703)642-5670.

CHAPTER ONE LEMOORE, CA.:

HORNETS BEGIN HISTORIC CRUISE.

TWO FA-18 HORNET SQUADRONS DEPLOYED ABOARD THE USS CONSTELLATION ARE VFA-25 AND 113 BASED AT LEMOORE. THEIR JOINING THE FLEET NOT ONLY MAKES AN ENTRY IN NAVAL AVIATION HISTORY, BUT ALSO IN THE MILITARY AVIATION RECORD BOOKS. THE FA-18 WILL NOT ONLY REPLACE THE A-7E CORSAIR II AS A LIGHT ATTACK AIRCRAFT BUT ALSO THE F-4 PHANTOM AS A FIGHTER.

AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN FIRST CLASS JAMES D. BEEMUS WAS RECENTLY NAMED VA-192, THE "WORLD FAMOUS GOLDEN DRAGONS," SAILOR OF THE YEAR 1984.

AN OUTSTANDING SAILOR THROUGHOUT HIS NAVAL CAREER, A01 BEEMUS HAS RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP-PERFORMING GOLDEN DRAGON E-6's FOR OVER TWO YEARS. HIS PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS, MORALE, AND REPUTATION OF THIS COMMAND HAVE BEEN UNSURPASSED.

ENTERING THE NAVY ON SEPT. 27, 1967, PETTY OFFICER BEEMUS VOLUNTEERED FOR DUTY AS A HELICOPTER DOOR-GUNNER. HE REPORTED TO HAL-3 WHERE HE SERVED ON NUMEROUS DETACHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEKONG DELTA OF SOUTH VIETNAM, ACCUMULATING OVER 800 FLIGHT HOURS AND MORE THAN 1600 COMBAT MISSIONS WHILE FLYING STRIKE SUPPORT FOR NAVY RIVER PATROL FORCES.

HE WAS HELD CAPTIVE BY CAMBODIAN BORDER GUARDS OF THE KHMER ROUGE FOR 17 WEEKS FROM MARCH-JUNE 1970. HE RECEIVED THE NAVY CROSS WITH COMBAT "V", THE SILVER STAR WITH COMBAT "V", THE BRONZE STAR WITH COMBAT "V", 25 STRIKE-FLIGHT MEDALS, THE PURPLE HEART AND OTHER COMBAT CITATIONS.

BEEMUS WILL BE MISSED BY THE "WORLD FAMOUS GOLDEN DRAGONS" AS HE WILL SOON REPORT TO NAF MISAWA, JAPAN.

CHAPTER ONE'S NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS ARE:

PRESIDENT: BOB UNDERWOOD AOC (RET)

TREASURER: JOHN BAUGH AOC (RET)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BILL OVERBY AOCM, JUAN MORRIS A02, MIKE HASKELL A01.

CHAPTER THREE WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA.

WE ARE REALLY GETTING TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS ONE OF THE BEST CHAPTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, HOPEFULLY TO GROW STRONGER THAN LEMOORES 250 MEMBERS.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTER IS THAT WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL OF \$250.00 SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THIS COMING JUNE.

THE CHAPTER PLANS ON CONDUCTING A GARAGE SALE TO HELP WITH NEXT YEARS GOAL. OUR TARGET DATE IS 30 MARCH.

NEW MEMBERS ON BOARD ARE CLIFF ABRAHAM, ASSIGNED TO VA-165 AND JOHN ALDRICH, ASSIGNED TO VA-128.

ANYONE WHO SHOPS AT ENNEN'S MARKET FOOD AND DOES NOT SAVE THE RECEIPTS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE MEETINGS. THEY WILL REFUND 1% AS SOON AS \$5,000.00 IN RECEIPTS ARE COLLECTED.

AOCM DAVE MICHEL

CHAPTER FIVE CHINA LAKE, CA;

BESIDES THE FACT THAT WE ARE ALL GETTING ITCHY FOR THE NEXT AO REUNION DATES TO ARRIVE. WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT OUR CHAPTER IS NOW REALIZING MOST OF OUR GOALS. WE ARE FINANCIALLY SOLVENT, ARE CONTINUING TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS AND HAVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO BRAG ABOUT.

CHAPTER FIVE CONT:

WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DESERVING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL PROJECTS (MONETART)

COLLECTING AND DONATING FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY
COLLECTING ARTICLES TO BE USED & SOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF HANDICAPPED IN OUR AREA
SUPPORTING THE LOCAL MARINES THIS YEAR IN THE "TOYS FOR TOTS" DRIVE. CHAPTER FIVE
COLLECTED/DONATED ENOUGH TOYS TO MAKE AT LEAST FIFTY YOUNGSTERS HAPPY. THESE ARE
JUST A FEW OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

ON THE ACTIVE DUTY SIDE OF OUR CHAPTER ALL ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS
RELATED TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT HERE IN THE RDT&E WORLD. SOME PROJECTS WE ARE
INVOLVED WITH ARE THE AV-8B, FA-18, NEW MISSILES, NEW ROCKET MOTORS, & NEW ELECTRIC
FUZING OPEVALS. THIS AREA REMAINS A GOOD AREA FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT FOR RETIRING
AO'S LCDR DEL OAKES, PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER WILL DEPART PCS FOR NAVAL SAFETY CENTER,
NORFOLK IN MAY 85. THE NEW WEAPONS OFFICER AT CHINA LAKE WILL BE LCDR JOHN ~~RODES~~
FROM THE USS RANGER.

LCDR DEL OAKES

CHAPTER SIX MCAS BEAUFORT, SC.

A MEETING WAS HELD IN DECEMBER TO FORMULATE A PLAN FOR RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS.
CURRENTLY OUR ROLLS BOAST 35 MEMBERS AND IT SEEMS WE GET A NEW MEMBER EVERY FEW DAYS.
OUR MEETING FINALLY EVOLVED TO WAR STORIES BEING TOLD. DA NANG, CHU LAI, AND THE ROSE
GARDEN WERE OUR MAIN TOPICS, BUT A FEW NAMES LIKE K-3, K-14, K-55 AND POHANG CROPPED
UP, BUT KOREA WAS A LONG TIME AGO. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON CHAPTER SIX, CONTACT
GYSGT DALE STEWART AT (803)846-7178 OR (AUTOVON) 832-7178.

GYSGT DALE F. STEWART

CHAPTER SEVEN PMTC POINT MUGU, CA. (CHANNEL ISLANDS)

THE MEETING OF CHAPTER SEVEN MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE TITLE TO BE GIVEN TO THEIR CHAPTER
AND SELECTED CHANNEL ISLANDS. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WERE DAVID W. MOORE, PRESIDENT
LEE A. DODSON, VICE-PRESIDENT AND MARVIN G. DAVIS, SECRETARY/TREASURER.

LEE A. DODSON

CHAPTER EIGHT SAN DIEGO, CA.

YES, THERE IS A SAN DIEGO, CHAPTER. WE ARE STILL GOING THROUGH SOME GROWING PAINS.
TRYING TO GET THE WORD OUT TO ALL THE ORDIES IN THE AREA IS NO EASY TASK. OUR MEETINGS
ARE HELD THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.

SOME SAD NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTER IS THE PASSING OF ONE OF OUR MOST STAUNCH SUPPORTERS
AOCM (RET) DONALD STRONG. WE HAVE LOST ONE OF OUR TRULY GREAT AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
AND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY.

AO1 MARK SAWYER

CHAPTER NINE JACKSONVILLE, FL.

CHAPTER NINE WAS FORMED AT NAS CECIL FIELD, FL. ELECTED OFFICERS CWO3 YEARTY, PRESIDENT
AO2 METCALF, VICE-PRESIDENT, AOC WILLIAMS, SEC., AO1 SELLERS, TRES. AND LCDR PRESTON (RET)
AOCS MILAM, AO1 ROSS, BOARD MEMBERS.

CHAPTER 9 IS COMPRISED OF MEMBERS FROM NAS JAX, NAF AND NS MAYPORT AND CECIL FIELD.
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS APPROX. 47 AND GROWING. MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO STOP IN AT AIMD CECIL OR CALL (904)778-5421 or AUTOV 860-5421.

AOC WILLIAMS

CHAPTERS

Our organization is growing by leaps and bounds. We now have
Chapters or prospective Chapters in the following locations.
If you live in or close to one of these areas -JOIN YOUR
LOCAL CHAPTER.....

Chapter 1.
NAS Lemoore, Ca.
LCDR Chuck ONKEN
LATWINGPAC
NAS Lemoore, Ca. 93245
(209) 998-3451

Chapter 2.
NAS Moffett Field, Ca.
AO1 Steve Harris
VF-31 (Ord. Trng)
NAS Moffett Field, Ca. 94043
(415) 966-5830

Chapter 3.
NAS Whidbey Island, WA.
AOCM David P. Michel
COMMATVAQWINGPAC (Code 314)
NAS Whidbey Island,
Oak Harbor, WA. 98278
(206) 257-2779

Chapter 4.
Tidewater Area, VA.
Buddy R. Hembree
P.O. Box 2965
Virginia Beach, VA. 23450
1-804-485-2433
A/V 564-3688

Chapter 5.
NWC China Lake, CA.
LCDR Delbert Oakes Jr.
1903 Bogue Circle
Ridgecrest, Ca. 93555
(619) 446-4011
A/V 437-5189

Chapter 6.
MCAS Beaufort, SC.
GYSGT Dale F. Stewart USMC
F/A-18 Hornet Introduction
Team
MCAS Beaufort, SC. 29904

Chapter 7.
PMTC Point Mugu, CA.
David W. Moore
PMTC (Code 2021)
Point Mugu, Ca. 93042
Home (805) 487-7985

Chapter - *SAN DIEGO*
San Diego, CA.
AO1 Mark H. Sawyer
NAMTD 4033
NAS North Island
San Diego, Ca. 92135
(619) 437-5017

Chapter 9.
Jacksonville, FL.
CWO-3 Dennis M. Yearty
8497 Rock Knoll Drive
Jacksonville, FL. 32221
Work (904) 778-5421

Chapter 65.
USS ENTERPRISE CVN-65
CWO-2 Matt W. Johnson
Weapons Dept.
USS ENTERPRISE CVN-65
FPO San Francisco, CA. 96636

1985 CONVENTION

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WILL HOLD ITS 10th ANNUAL REUNION/CONVENTION IN RENO, NEVADA AT THE COMSTOCK HOTEL ON 21,22, and 23 JUNE 1985.

ALL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, CIVIL SERVICE, ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, Ex-AO'S, ENLISTED AND OFFICER ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU NEED NOT BE A MEMBER TO THE ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND, BUT ONLY MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON MOTIONS AT THE BUSINESS MEETING. WIVES, GIRLFRIENDS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

A \$25.00 (per person) PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED FROM ALL PERSONS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE DINNER ON SATURDAY EVENING. FILL OUT THE RESERVATION FORM FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND SEND IT WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, c/o GERALD F. GANNON SEC./TRES., AT 1245 CUNNINGHAM AVE., ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1st 1985.

ROOM RATES AT THE COMSTOCK HOTEL FOR THIS CONVENTION PERIOD WILL BE \$28.00 +7% WASHOE COUNTY ROOM TAX (SINGLE OR DOUBLE). HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY YOU, DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. ENCLOSED IS RESERVATION CARD TO FILL OUT AND MAIL. PLEASE FILL OUT THE TOP OF THE CARD FOR GROUP NAME: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN. ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION.

COMSTOCK HOTEL AND CASINO	TELEPHONE NUMBERS
200 WEST SECOND STREET	(702) 329-1880
RENO, NEVADA 89501	(800) 648-4866

GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE CONVENTION WILL BE COMMODORE JAMES M. SEELY, USN COMMATVAQWINGPAC, WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

JUNE 21-FRI.	1300-1800	Registration
	1500-????	Board of Directors Meeting
	1700-2000	No Host Cocktails
	2000-????	On the Town
June 22-Sat.	0900-1100	Business Meeting
	1100-1300	Luncheon (On your own)
	1300-1600	Business Meeting
	1830-1930	No Host Cocktails
	1930-2130	Dinner
	2130-2330	Dancing
June 23- Sun.	0900-1100	Board of Directors Meeting

TAPS:

FRED A FEAKES LT. RET.
GEORGE J. FRANK AO3
DONALD L. STRONG AOCM
MARK TODD AO2

CHARLES E. WADDELL AOC RET
JOHN A. WEINDL LCDR RET.

1985 CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AT THE 1985 CONVENTION (X)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT,</u>	<u>AO</u>	<u>GUEST</u>
6-21	COCKTAIL RECEPTION (NO HOST)	-----	-----
6-22	BUSINESS MEETING	-----	-----
6-22	COCKTAIL PARTY (NO HOST)	-----	-----
6-22	DINNER (\$25.00 PER PERSON)	-----	-----
6-23	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	-----	-----

Amount Enclosed

Name

SEND TO: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
GERALD F. GANNON SEC/TRES
1245 CUNNINGHAM AVE.
ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301

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T-SHORTS @ \$8.00 ea. QTY_____

HAT @ \$6.00 ea QTY_____

PLAQUE (LIMITED QTY \$9.00 AVIL) QTY_____

TIE TAC'S @ \$3.00 ea QTY_____

COFFEE MUGS @ \$5.00 ea QTY_____

4' PATCH @ \$4.00 ea QTY_____

BEER MUG (15 oz) \$7.00 QTY_____

JACKETS @ \$35.00 QTY_____

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