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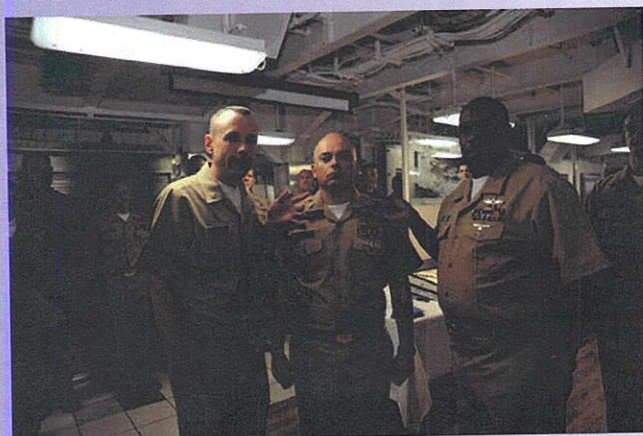
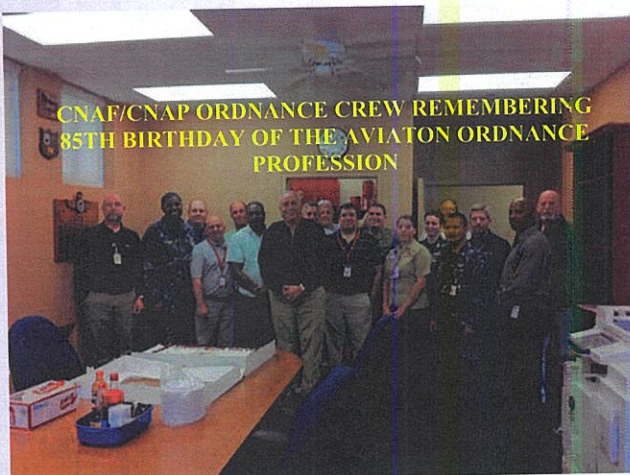
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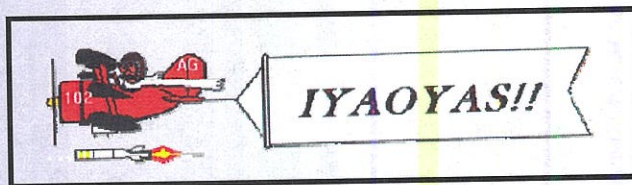
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AOCM ALAMO Picture the other guys are CSCM(SW/AW) Jason Haka and MMCM(SW/AW) Mike Gwinn onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)



AOCM(AW) Richard E. Terrell II





**Submitted by: MGSgt Marc Senecal
Ordnance Chief MAG-11/MALS-11**

To The Redshirt and my Ordnance brethren,

I want you to hear about an Ordnanceman I've met here in Afghanistan named Sergeant Hill. When I arrived here at Camp Leatherneck/Camp Bastion I was briefed about our ops and what our other two ordnance sites missions are and what they do to support their local operations. Bastion is the center of our ops with the largest magazine complex and we receive and push ordnance to Kandahar for our F-18 det and Dwyer for a Huey/Cobra det. Now what got my attention is that I had a Sergeant as the senior Marine down there at Forward Operating Base Dwyer. I don't mean for the small Ordnance team I mean he was the senior Marine for the entire MALS detachment which entails taking care of everyone's business and all the Marines. I'm thinking this should be at least a Gunnery Sergeant filling the billet and I'm concerned that we set a Sergeant up for failure. I arranged for a flight down there to go check things out for myself even though everyone assured me Sgt Hill was knocking the ball out of the park. My Ordnance Officer, Major Kuzniar was more than glad to take me down and give me a tour of the progress that Sgt Hill had made since arriving in country. He was probably laughing at me because he knew what was about to happen.

We jumped in the back of a Humvee and Sergeant Hill took us out to the 640,000 square foot, 22 cell Basic Load Ammunition Holding Area (BLAHA) he had just constructed using Hesco concertainer construction. It looked like a textbook model straight out of the Op5 Vol III. I asked him how he got heavy equipment support to level the ground, pack it, spread gravel etc. and he told me when they asked him who was on the hook for supporting him he just replied with confidence "you are". It's that simple and with that mindset and the SeaBees heavy equipment support this Sergeant took his small team of Ordnance Marines and built a BLAHA and then went on to build a 30,000 square foot Weapons Assembly Area. They filled their own Hesco containers, strung 3,400 yards of concertina wire and appropriated and mounted all placards and safety equipment to make everything legal. Sergeant Hill explained to me how he managed the movement, segregation and placement of 71.5 tons of so as to stay under the requirement of 8,820 N.E.W. per cell. He also told me he was in the process of doing the risk assessment for a potential DDDES B siting request even though it wasn't required as long as he stayed under the N.E.W. limits set in the Op5. His foresight and planning is due to the potential of future growth at FOB Dwyer.

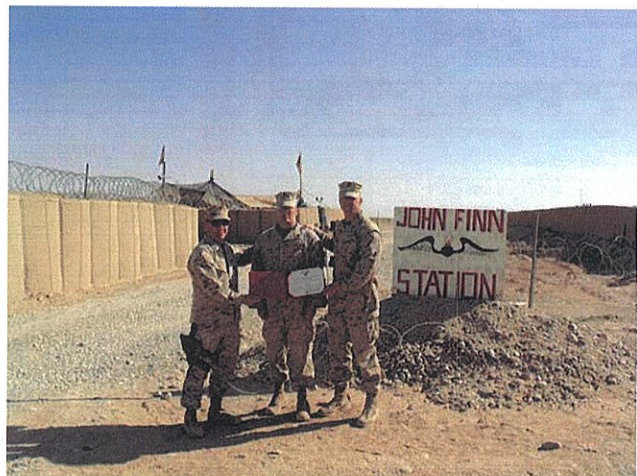
All of this work was done with no interruption to the daily

ordnance support of rockets, 20mm guns and Hellfire missiles for the Huey/Cobra squadron det on FOB Dwyer. It was also done while he was dealing with keeping Humvee's and 7-Ton trucks operable, building tents for work and living spaces, finding generators and wiring power and dealing with all the management that comes with taking care of his Marines. I have never seen so much done with so little and with such perfection.

When Major Kuzniar and I were alone waiting for our flight back to Camp Bastion he asked me what I thought about the tour and Sgt Hill. I first asked him where Sgt Hill learned to do all this and he said most of it he read the OP5 on his own and took immediate action. I'll admit other than some AOOCP training I had received Sgt Hill taught me a lot that day. Before our C-130 arrived Sgt Hill showed back up at the terminal (tent/sunshade) and asked if we could "Board" a couple Marines for qual/cert upgrades and that he had been working with them extensively through some pretty creative Ordnance Jeopardy game he came up with.

When I got back to Camp Bastion I sat down and wrote out an Impact Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal. I told my story to the Commanding Officer and he flew down there for the same tour I got. Obviously he was sold because he presented Sgt Hill with his coin and came back and signed the award recommendation without question. Award in hand, Major Kuzniar and I secretly arranged for another flight south, walked to the Ordnance shop and surprised the good Sergeant with his just reward. It should go without saying that Sergeant Hill has been recommended for the Marine Corps Aviation Association Gaines B. Gilbert Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year award.

As you can see by the sign Sgt Hill placed at the entrance to the Ordnance compound this Ordnanceman knows how to do things right from start to finish!





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2011 CONVENTION BUSINESS ANY CHAPTER WANTING TO SELL THEIR AO ITEMS AT THE 2011 JOINT USN/USMC ORDNANCE SYMPOSIUM AND AAO CONVENTION 31 JULY 2011 THROUGH 7 AUGUST 2011, "MUST" CONTACT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE FOR A SPACE AND/OR TABLE(S) BY 1 JUNE 2011. THE COMMITTEE "MUST" APPROVE MEMORABILIA SALES IN ADVANCE.

SALES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED EXCEPT IN ASSIGNED AREAS.

PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: JOE MANLEY @ 775-423-9205, CHUCK ONKEN @ 559-998-3568/559-924-2503 OR JIM THOMAS @ 619-421-3991.

AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALL OF FAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WEBSITE (<http://aaoweb.org/AAO>). THE GUIDELINE FORMAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND THERE IS A SAMPLE NOMINATION PACKAGE TO FOLLOW.

INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CHUCK

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FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION
 ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT
 CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.



Letters To The Editor

I started a Facebook page called "The Red Shirt". If you have access to a computer look us up and LIKE us!

Hopefully you will get this. Thought maybe you could include a couple in the next RedShirt.

On 17 Feb, BUSH received an ammo "top-off" from HST of more than 211 tons of ordnance valued at \$75M.

Our RedShirt team was so efficient and quick that they actually moved up the flight schedule on us. We also conducted a medivac and transferred some much needed ice cream to the USS ANZIO. All is a day's work!

Thanks my friend. Hope all is well in God's country.
R/Dave
LCDR David Fowler
Ordnance Handling Officer
USS GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN 77)

Dave.....pics on page 23

Hi All-

I promised some photos of the AOs in action using the ADU-895/E to transport two GBU-16s. Here's a sample of the ones taken aboard CVN-77 and LHA-5.
Thanks again to all involved for the help!

-Ant
Anthony Ferraro
Aircraft / Weapons Support Equipment Test Team
(NAVAIR 4.8.6.11) Naval Air
Warfare Center Aircraft Division Unit 1 Bldg 1405

Thanks Ant.....check out page 25

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

Physical Disability Board of Review

The "Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act of 2008," signed by President Bush on Jan. 28, 2008, provides veterans who served on active duty from Sept. 11, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2009, with an opportunity for review of disability ratings they were given which led to their discharged from the Armed Forces.

To be eligible for a Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) review, a veteran must have been medically separated during the above mentioned time frame, with a combined disability rating of 20 percent or less, and not have been found eligible for retirement. Over half of the cases that have been completed have been changed and have made those discharged improperly, now eligible for health care, and the ability to sign up for the Survivor Benefit Plan for their families without penalty.

For more information and how to apply contact the PDBR intake unit at the following address:
SAF/MRBR
550 C Street West, Suite 41
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4743
(News Briefs, NAUS Magazine, May/June 2011)

Rod McDonald

Thanks Rod! Hopefully this helps some folks.....

NMC CWD DET NI Team,
Outstanding job in our recent food drive in support of the 84 families that have been evacuated from Japan and are currently residing in the San Diego area. As you can see in the pictures attached we were able to pull together and ensure that some of these families will be taken care of.
We are proud of each and every one of you for supporting your fellow military family members...

Great job team...
Very Respectfully,
LT Michael J. Dasch
Advance Underwater Weapons Officer
NMC DET North Island San Diego, CA 92135





Kevin,
I thought some members might be interested in this remarkable document available in a variety of formats free on the internet thanks to something called the Gutenberg Project. Just do a Google search on "Ordnance Instructions for the United States Navy 1866" and this document will be the top hit.

The TOC page is as follows:

PART I.

RELATING TO THE PREPARATION OF VESSELS OF WAR FOR BATTLE, AND TO THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND OTHERS WHEN AT QUARTERS.

PART II.

THE EQUIPMENT AND MANOEUVRE OF BOATS AND EXERCISE OF BOAT HOWITZERS.

PART III.

ORDNANCE AND ORDNANCE STORES.
FOURTH EDITION.—PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT. WASHINGTON: GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1866.

The entire document consists of about 500 pages and believe it or not it is a real "page turner" The details of how to store, maintain and use naval ordnance are very detailed and fascinating. The lubricants and protectants mentioned are things like bees wax, soap, rosin and tallow, low tech materials used in a surprisingly hi tech way. There are many clever "work arounds" to familiar problems. One surprise was the suggestion that if there was a canon mishap that every effort be made to photograph the result and pass it on to Bureau of Ordnance. I imagine photography to be a rather cutting edge technology in 1866.

There are detailed instruction for the carefully choreographed operation of each then-current gun type, some requiring a crew of two dozen men to fire. The accompanying diagrams are absolutely beautiful, some suitable for framing. If you study this manual carefully you will be able to toss around commands like "stand by to run in", "serve vent and sponge" and "shift to housing pivot and secure". Also you will pick up pointers like "Guns should never be transported about the deck of a ship when loaded"

I would recommend this document to anyone who wishes a deeper understanding of the heritage of Naval Ordnancemen and their craft.

Jim Manion

The photo (on back page) is of my bomb loading crew on the Coral Maru circa 1967. I am second from left, standing. The big guy on my left is AO1 John Graves, The chubby guy on the right in the Khaki's is our Division Officer, CWO-2 Don Delaney. He wasn't an Ordie, he was a tweet, but he

tried hard and we respected him for that. The guy kneeling in front of Delaney is AO2 Burgess Israel, and the guy under the wing leaning on the bomb is AO2 Jerry Vestal. I am afraid the rest of the names are gone in the wind, after all, it's been over forty years. The bomb, for your purists, is an Air Force M117 750 pound GP. As you old-timers might remember, in the early parts of the war, the Navy ran short of the old rusty AN/M type WWII bombs from the Pearl, Guam and Subic Navmags, we were forced to borrow bombs from the Air Force. The M117 was a bitch to load because all of the weight was in the nose. That particular bomb loaded on the VA-155 A4 signified (and was labled as such) the 5,000,000 pound of ordnance loaded out by the Air Wing (CAG-15) to that point in the cruise

Don Shirley

Cool Pic!.....Back Page.....

Kevin,

Thanks again for taking care of the Red Shirt. You keep ramping up the production, so now everybody's expectations are ramping up as well.

I wanted to take the opportunity to provide a shout out for the Aviation Ordnancemen of CVW-2 and USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. During four months of combat operations just completed, their efforts enabled a 100% combat sortie completion rate - not a SINGLE combat sortie missed in four months. I have never been part of a ship/air wing team that has accomplished that. But even better, every single weapon dropped, on the insurgents and terrorists that are a threat to Afghanistan, America, and the international community, went high order. Every weapon! I do love Red Shirts!!

At altitude, guad
Rear Admiral Mark Guadagnini
Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9

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Joint USN / USMC Aviation Ordnance Symposium

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Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation 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 AAOEF. **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

In Search of Information for the AAO Hall of Fame

I have been working with CAPT Lepard, JJ LaMaitre, Dennis Costa, and Chuck Onken to try and collect information on certain individuals personal information for the Hall of Fame. Out of 60 individuals we have narrowed it down to the following individuals:

Robert W. Branum - AOCS, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Jack E. Hagerup - LCDR, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Kirby P. Hunt (Deceased) - CDR, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Weldon E. Maki (Deceased) - LT, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

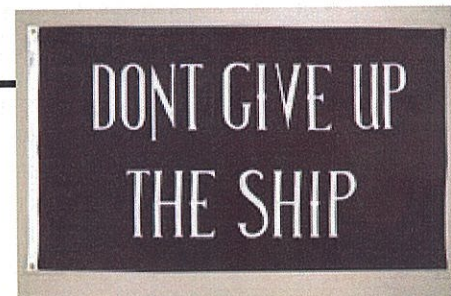
Richard A. Smith - AOCS, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Alvin R. Kall - LT, USN - Inducted 1989 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Royce Hall - ACOM - Inducted 2006 - Need Photo (Military if Possible)

If anyone has the information we are searching for contact me via e-mail [wtcarroll@cox.net](mailto:wtc Carroll@cox.net) or my cell phone 850-572-5317

Thanks





AAO President

Greetings Fellow Ordnancemen,

I hope that you all are doing well. Our Naval Air Force sure is staying busy doing what we do for a living. I would like to send a special thanks to all the USMC and US Navy Ordnancemen deployed out there on the tip of the spear upholding our great nation's strategy for a safer world. You all are doing a superb job and in all aspects doing it by the book. We back here are awfully proud of what your doing, and remember do it by the book or don't do it at all.

Well the convention is fast approaching, have you made your reservations yet? It looks like in all respects we have another great event laid out. Just follow the procedures in this edition of the "REDSHIRT" it makes it real easy for come out and have a great gathering. The Silver Legacy once again is looking forward to your arrival and it goes without saying they sure enjoy hosting our Convention.

The Association Chapter's have had a busy year also, Chapter Presidents keep the press on with the great things you're doing. Keep a press on with new member ship drives and make sure you recognize your best Sailors and Marines. Speaking of taking care of your best, the AO of the Year message is now released, for all you Senior leaders (Marine and Navy) out there, go the AAO Web site and you can find the blank package to use, just fill it out and recognize your Marine or Sailor for a chance for the recognition he or she deserves on a National level. Every single command has an Ordnancemen that should be recognized.

My Ordnance Staff here at Commander, Naval Air Forces have been going nonstop this year. It really is hard; sometimes to keep track of all the issues we work on, everything from a Weapons Elevator on the CVN to working groups associated with the Joint Strike Fighter to chasing Sonobuoys around the world, to aircraft armament equipment. It truly is amazing how many different ways a question can be asked.

I'll close by thanking all Ordnancemen past and present on for all that you did, and are doing for our great Nation. Think about your accomplishments; think about your core values each and every day, always prepare yourself for the next challenge and plan for its success.

Pat and I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it to Reno this year. (Pat did slip up and tell me she made a wrong turn into the DSW Shoe place the other day) but only bought Flip Flop's Yea Right.

Warm regard's

P.S. If you can't make it to Reno this year consider making a donation to Association's Scholarship Fund, every little bit help build an education.

Dave

AAO Vice President

It is time again to get those Absentee ballots filled out and in the mail to me. You will find in this newsletter an absentee ballot for all of you that will not be able to attend this year's symposium and convention. This allows our members who can't attend the annual convention to still participate in the election and voting process. It is the time again to vote for your selection of the National Office of Treasurer and two Board of Directors. The below listed individuals have been nominated for those positions.

Board of Directors

Robert S. Walecki, CWO4, Retired

Kenneth S. Clausen JR. AOCS, Retired Plank Owner

National Office of Treasurer

Thomas E. Lord AOCCM, Retired, Plank Owner

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a brief biography of each nominee to familiarize you with the candidates. You will also find an absentee ballot for your use.

DO NOT SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION

Nomination for the offices will still be accepted from the floor. Members who have previously submitted absentee ballots will not be permitted to vote if they attend the General Business meeting. If you do decide to attend the annual convention and have submitted an absentee ballot you may request to have your ballot destroyed and then vote during the elections.

When submitting your absentee ballot, clearly mark your ballot for the nominee(s) of your choice. When marking your choice for board of directors insure that you follow the instruction on the ballot. **Your ballot must have your printed name, membership number and be signed and dated in appropriate box to be valid.** When you have filled out your ballot place it in a *sealed envelope*, Mail to the address be-

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AAO Secretary

Greetings Ordies,

Our convention is getting close and it looks to be another great event so get your reservations in. As A reminder to all Chapters Secretary's please get your monthly minutes to me. I do pass them to the President so he can keep abreast of your activities. Please e-mail me at my work or home e-mail address so I can keep the National BOD up to date on your activities.

For those Chapters that can't make it to the Convention please send me what you would like reported to the General Membership.

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WILLIAMS GREG USS HARRY TRUMAN

Also Congrats to our Newest CDR's

ARNOLD MATTHEW ELLIS CNAF OHO

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CONVENTION – Start making your plans for Convention 2011 at the Silver Legacy. Registration forms are located elsewhere in this Red Shirt or on line. Deadline is 24 July 2011. NOTE: Prices have been reduced again this year, please swing by and see and THANK our vendors. We will be there a week PRIOR to Hot August Nights. The Symposium starts on August 1st and the Convention kicks off on August 4th. You may want to come in a day or so earlier to see what the latest and greatest equipment the vendors are showing off. See you there!!

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 aaotreas@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 1

On April 30-May 1 the AAO Chapter One participated in the 2011 Relay for Life event at the Lemoore, High School for the 4th consecutive year. Our team consisted of 28 people made up of Chapter One members, their families and Ordies from the numerous squadrons attached to NAS Lemoore. Chapter One raised \$7,823.75, as a team we were awarded 2nd place for Team fundraising, Mrs. Beverly Onken was awarded 1st place in the individual fundraising category raising \$4,210! Thank you all for your donations and support without everyone's involvement we would have never succeeded! Once again our Ordie nation came together and made this a successful event! Look forward to next year's relay.

IYAOYAS

V/r

AAO Chapter One President

AO1 Laura Colby



Chapter 21

Every year on Christmas Day the American Legion Hosted a Big Meals on Wheels Project. The American Legion always reaches out for volunteers to make this project a success. The past three years the AAO Chapter 21 has assisted the American Legion on Christmas day. AAO Chapter 21 got the meals out to the family's and people who needed assistance during the holidays. The AAO Chapter 21 along with the community of Fallon prepared and delivered over 120 meals on Christmas Day. The cooking started in the kitchen at 0730 and then we started to prep the food in containers. Everyone assisted in getting the bags ready to go. The Christmas bags consisted of a Christmas meal, assorted pieces of pie, milk, juice and a wonderful Christmas Card. After all 120 meals were ready to deliver the post commander handed out the house assignments to the drivers. AAO Chapter 21 and the community of Fallon, NV pulled together on Christmas Day and set aside a couple hours of there own time to spread some Christmas cheer.

The AAO Chapter 21 for the last couple of years has donated to the Relay for Life Walk. Every year around June Fallon, NV the Churchill community hosts there Relay for Life Cancer walk. NMC CWD DET Fallon and The AAO Chapter 21 always come together to raise money for this event. Last year Chapter 21 donated \$150.00 toward the Relay for Life and this year we wanted to double our contribution. We came up with a idea to do a fundraiser event, and decided whatever we mad off this event half the money would go toward our contributions to the Relay for Life. March 12th 2011 at The American Legion AAO Chapter hosted a spaghetti dinner followed by a beer pong tournament. We kicked off the event with the spaghetti dinner. We charged \$5.00 for a plate of food. The menu consisted of a wide variety of different sauces, salad and bread. All the food was cooked and donated by Chapter 21 members. After the dinner we rolled into the Beer Pong tournament. There was a team entry fee of \$10.00. Winners would win half the total pot. We had five teams enter the tournament. Winners of the tournament won a cash prize of \$25.00 and the other \$25.00 went into The AAO Chapter 21 pot. We auctioned off a hand drawn portrait of John Finn (which i included in the pictures). The highest bidder went to Mr. Maxfield(NMCDF's AOIC) at \$250.00. At this event we also set up a table selling our AO apparel and raffled off a couple of AO merchandise items.

Between the ticket sales for the dinner, the beer pong tournament, auction and selling AO apparel we hit a grand total of \$720.00 . We were able to reach our goal of doubling our contributions towards the Relay for Life.

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Chapter 8

Today Chapter 8 once again, had a successful cook out with 125-150 Ordies and their families in attendance. I gotta say that it is truly a blessing to be the president to a group of people whom motivate me every time I have the honor to be in their presence. The chapter would not have it's strong foundation without the likes of JJ Lamaitre, Al Ten Eyck, Kirk Brado, Tom Lord, Bob Jackson, Ray Suarez, Mike McMillan, Marc Senecal, Jim Thomas, Barry Stemler and of course our Captain, Dave Lepard. It only makes me even happier to see other chapter members making the trip down from Lemoore, El Centro and other areas of California. Now since all of our big decks are out, the Gator community surely made their presence known at this gathering by almost sweeping all the prize drawings. This is the unexpected family that I've always wanted and why other rates envy us. I only hope that it will always continue as our Great Country changes.

Now with the convention around the corner, I would like to announce that I have been re-elected for another term as Chapter 8's president and congratulate our VP Frank Marano on his commission. I would also like to introduce our new secretary/treasurer, Susan Holt who relieved Al Ten Eyck of his 5yr run. Sue has made an immediate impact with us from creating patches in memory of the most decorated Ordnanceman, Lt. John W. Finn to organizing this years upcoming 'ride' to this years convention. If it was up to her this woman would still be serving our country on active duty.

Since the passing of our hero John, we have decided to relocate our highway walk to a closer venue in efforts to attract more people. While we wait on paperwork, we will continue to support our sailor and marines in need in our community through hand-ups. More to come soon.

Before I sign off, I want us to remember our fellow ordies who are deployed and in harms way. I would also like to say to their families that are at home, that we are here for support. Do not feel alone. I also want to congratulate all our new advancements and commissions and say farewell to those who retired or have passed on. Even though we are all at different stages of our lives, we can all come to an agreement and know that you always have a home with fellow AOs. So until fingertips meet keyboard, be safe out there and keep your head on a swivel. IYAOYAS!

AO1(AW/SW) Nanise Schroeder

Chapter LHD-4

On April 1, 2011, the USS Boxer, LHD-4 stopped into Salalah, Oman for a three day port visit. While there, a lot of Sailors and Marines utilized the time to take tours of the great City but back on the pier, all hands were invited to join the LHD-4 Chapter in the hosting of "Beer on the Pier" for Sailors and Marines to enjoy for the first and last day in port. It was an extremely successful morale building opportunity which the Association capitalized on by ensuring "Responsible Use of Alcohol" consumption was adhered to. The LHD-4 Chapter is moving forward to supporting more morale events and continuing efforts to enhance our growth.

Picture on page 27.....

(Continued from page 10) Vice President

low and included on the ballot. All ballots must be delivered to me postmarked no later than 25 July 2011.

**BALLOTS RECEIVED IN ANY OTHER MANNER
THAN INDICATED ABOVE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Mail all absentee ballots to the following address:

AAO Nomination Chairman
8 North Ave
Pensacola, FL 32508

Chapter 21 remains busy getting things ready for us at this year's convention. Thank you Chapter 21 for all you do. Make your plans and reservations now and avoid the possibility of being unable to attend the Social and Awards Banquet.

If you need help with travel contact Point Loma World Travel at 800-783-8646.

Save yourself a few dollars and send in your advance order form for Registration, Social and Awards Banquet to our Treasurer, JJ LaMaitre at 9691 Bundy Drive, Santee, CA, 92071.





2011 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

DEADLINE IS 24 JULY 2011

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

- 4 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 5 Aug (Fri) AO of The Year Committee _____
- 5 Aug (Fri) Scholarship Committee _____
- 5 Aug (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee _____
- 5 Aug (Fri) Membership Committee _____
- 5 Aug (Fri) By-Laws Committee _____
- 5 Aug (Fri) Nominations Committee _____
- 6 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 7 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting _____

**AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

- 4 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 6 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 7 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting _____

NOTE

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

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.

For active duty E-4 and below:

1 year free membership in the Association is included in your registration fee. If you are already a member your membership will be extended one year. To qualify for this special registration package please include a completed application with your registration and or ticket order.

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2011. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED.

Visa/ MasterCard Credit Card Fee's are Non Refundable.

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check, money order, or credit card info made payable to and mailed to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
J.J. LaMaitre
9691 Bundy Drive
Santee, CA 92071-2771

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

- 1. Member \$20.00 (\$25.00 after 24 Jul 11)
Name of Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
- 2. Non-Member \$30.00 (\$35.00 after 24 Jul 11)
(Not including guest or spouse)
Name of Non-Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
- 3. Additional Guests (Spouse) 18 and over \$10.00 \$ _____
Names of Guests _____
(Spouse) (please print)

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

- AAO Social \$25.00 each (\$30.00 after 24 Jul 11) \$ _____
- Awards Banquet \$30.00 each (\$35.00 after 24 Jul 11) \$ _____
- Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable \$ _____
- Total amount enclosed** \$ _____

Name exactly as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____

Master Card/ Visa # _____ Exp. _____

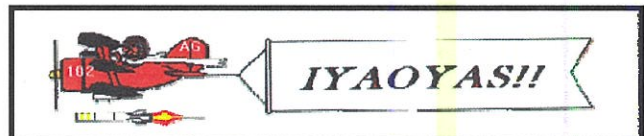
Circle One: Hold Tickets Or Mail My Tickets to:

Your name _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

Area Code/Phone number _____





NEW MEMBERS

LT Jerry Mitchell USN Ret.
 AOCS Charles E. Fernandez USN Ret.
 AOC Donald M. Macke USN Ret.
 AOC David B. Hunt USN Ret.
 A1C James R. Manion USAF Ret.
 AO1(AW/SW) Johnny E. Brewer
 AO1 Chris B. Planert
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 AO3 Nicholas B. Squire
 AO1 Ronald J. Gilbert USN Ret.
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 AOAN Garrett W. Askins
 AOAN Kevin P. Bingman
 AOAN Brandon J. Morgan
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 AO1 Chad W. Birge
 AO1 Andrew D. Washington
 AOC Steven M. Holliday
 AO1 Lececdrick L. Garrett
 Rick Burton
 SSGT Harold E. Vanderband USA Ret.
 AOCS Delores A. Shepherd
 Michael A. Rodriguez

Robert F. Northrup (Former AOMT2C)
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 AOAN Sarah Martin
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 AO1 Demetrius L. Johnson
 AO1 James K. Owen
 AO1 Jay W. Workman
 AO1 Brian P. Shetley
 AOC Rich 'Shipmate' Palmer USN Ret.
 AOCS Tracy L. Townsend USN Ret.
 AO3 Cameron D. Hinton

LOCATOR

Can you help?.....Know where any of these members can be located? If so please contact me at aootreas@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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 AO2 Tyler J. Thomas
 AO1 Sam R. Money
 AO3 Charles J. Hasselmann
 CWO3 Dallas H. Jones USN Ret.
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 AOCS Tracy L. Townsend USN Ret.
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** Info from VFW Magazine

*** Info from Yorktown Association Newsletter

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CWO4 Bruce Kennedy USN Ret. (Plankowner)

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*** AOC George Morgan USN Ret

AO1 Nelson Earl White USN Ret (WWII/Korea Vet)



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Hello Kevin,

I'm a retired AOCS Life Member; I'm looking for WF "Bill" Salak AOCM retired. If anybody knows him please have him call me or write me a note, tell him I located John Wagner. I will give him John's phone number and address.

Bob Solomon was in V F-24 and Bill was in VA-25 in the late 50's and early 60's. When we were deployed on the USS Midway, CVA-41, they pulled liberty together.

Thank-you
Larry Daley

If anyone out there can help Larry please call me and I'll get you all in touch! Thx, Kevin

Kevin,

Saw this obit in the local Rag. Am sending it for the Red Shirt obit column. Also last year George Morgan, AOC Ret passed. Source: Yorktown Association News Letter.

In answer to your question in an earlier Red Shirt; 100 copies of original Red Shirt #1 were made, sent to all commands having AO's, remaining copies handed out to AO's at China Lake. I wrote it, also #2 and did the mailing.

I travel thru P-cola about once a year. I have some early history stuff that I'd like to pass on. Would you be willing to take it?

Take care and keep up with the terrific job you are doing on the Red Shirt.

Frank Parker, Member #001

P.S. Can you please capitalize AOCM on the Red Shirt mailing list? Thanks

Thanks for the letter Frank. Yes I'll take the stuff you have. I have quite a bit of things here. I'll call you about it. As for the Capitalization, I'll get it fixed. When I send the addresses to the print shop they must get garbled up somehow. I'll work on that! I don't think I've noticed it. The obit you sent, Nelson Earl White, AOI, Ret, 92 years old passed away May 25th, 2011

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Rough)

2011 AAO CONVENTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT/MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8-3 Wednesday	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
	0700-1700	Coffee Mess & Exhibits/Vendors	Expo A
	1200-1600	Convention Registration	Expo A
	1700-2100	Ordie "Hernia Bar"	Rum Bullion Patio
8-4 Thursday	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
	0700-1300	Coffee Mess & Exhibits/Vendors	Expo A
	0800-1200	Convention Registration	Expo A
	0900-1300	Association Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairmen & Chapter Representatives	Boardroom
	1300-1600	Coffee Mess & Vendors	Silver Baron 4 - 5
	1300-1600	Convention Registration	Silver Baron 4 - 5
	1300-1500	AAAO Board of Directors	Silver
	1330-1600	AAOEF BOD	Boardroom
	1400-1600	Pick-Up Poker Card	Silver Baron 4 - 5
	1600-2000	Poker Walk	Silver Baron 4 - 5
	1700-2100	Ordie "Hernia Bar"	Rum Bullion Patio
	8-5 Friday	0700-1800	Convention Admin
0800-1500		Coffee Mess & Vendors	Silver Baron 4 - 5
0800-1500		Convention Registration	Silver Baron 6
0800-1500		AO of the Year Committee	Silver Baron C
0800-1500		Scholarship Committee	Silver Baron B
0830-1000		Safety Committee	Boardroom
1000-1130		Hall of Fame Committee	Boardroom
1230-1430		AAO/AAOEF By-Laws Committee	Boardroom
1430-1600		Nomination & Absentee Ballot Committee	Boardroom
1830-2100		Social & AAAO Auction	Silver Baron A & B + 4 - 6
8-6 Saturday	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
	0800-1130	Association Business Meeting	Silver Baron A
	0900-1400	AAAO Business Meeting/Luncheon	Silver Baron B
	1600-1930	Reunion Book Photos	Silver Baron B
	1630-1830	No Host Cocktails	Mezzanine
	1830-2130	Awards Dinner	Silver Baron A & B + 4 - 6
		Guest Speaker - TBA	
8-7 Sunday	0800-1130	Association Board Meeting	Silver Baron 2
	0800-1100	Auxiliary Board Meeting	Silver Baron 1
	1200-1400	AAOEF BOD	Silver Baron 1

PLACE & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

(Check Hotel Reader Boards Daily)



Our current AAO By-Laws reads as follows:

**ARTICLE XI
THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Section 8.

Funds received by the Association from donations or from other means, that are intended to support scholarships, shall be transferred to the Foundation without delay (normally considered to be within 90 days from receipt).

Recommend a change to the By-Laws in Article XI Section 8, specifically 'The Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Education Foundation' to read as follows:

Delete Section 8 as written in its entirety.

Rational – As determined during many long discussions during 2010 Symposium/Convention, it is no longer cost effective to maintain AAO/CFC relationship, therefore the Education Foundation is go to be slowly dissolved over the next few years. This being said all monies collected for the CDR Robert L. Crow scholarships will be collect and controlled via AAO not the Foundation.

As this process continues in the future there will be additional changes to the AAO By-Laws and the Foundation By-Laws, at this time it is believed this change will get the ball rolling.

Respectfully,
Kirk L. Brado
Life Member #6363

Recommend a change to the By-Laws in the following article, specifically 'Honorary Member' to read as follows:

HONORARY MEMBER: Any person who has made a significant personal contribution in the field of Aviation Ordnance or to The Association. Honorary membership shall be by recommendation of any regular or associate member approved by the Board of Directors or the general membership. Spouses of deceased members in good standing at the time of death, will become Honorary members in The Association. Presentation of Honorary memberships shall be conducted at the annual convention/symposium banquet.

(Removed the 'and' after recommendation of any regular or associate member; and changed the word 'and' to 'or' after the Board of Director – same sentence.)

Rationale – Permits the BOD to take care of and COMPLETE normal routine business throughout the year, and still retains the ability for members to make recommendations for Honorary Membership.

Current By-Laws reads as follows:

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1.

Membership in The Association shall be acquired by the recommendation of a bonafide regular member, the payment of the dues and shall meet the following eligibility criteria:

REGULAR MEMBER: Any person who served or is serving within the Aviation Ordnance Rating (enlisted) or Aviation Ordnance Specialist Designator (Officer, Warrant Officer) in the United States Navy or Marine Corps (active or reserve).

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Any person who believes in and supports the objective of The Association and is sponsored by a regular member.

HONORARY MEMBER: Any person who has made a significant personal contribution in the field of Aviation Ordnance or to The Association. Honorary membership shall be by recommendation of any regular or associate member and approved by the Board of Directors and the general membership. Spouses of deceased members in good standing at the time of death, will become Honorary members in The Association. Presentation of Honorary memberships shall be conducted at the annual convention/symposium banquet.

Respectfully,
John (JJ) LaMaitre
Life Member #0411

Red Shirt
Articles
are due

20 JAN 12
20 MAY 12
20 SEP 11

If you tell where he's going ...
He may never get there!



TO; ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
NOMINATION COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN
CAPT. MICHAEL PRICE

FROM; ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
LIFETIME MEMBER, 0473, CHARLES R. ONKEN

SUBJ; NOMINATION FOR TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN FOR 2011

I AM NOMINATING AOCM THOMAS E. LORD, RET. AAO PLANK OWNER/LIFE MEMBER #0110 FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, OFFICE OF TREASURER. HE HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION AND ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS.

AOCM LORD ENLISTED IN THE NAVY IN JANUARY 1964 AND ADVANCED THROUGH THE RANKS AND RETIRED AS A MASTER CHIEF IN FEBRUARY 1993. RECENTLY RETIRED, AFTER ALMOST 16 YEARS, FROM FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE AS AN EXPLOSIVES SAFETY SPECIALIST. SERVED IN A VARIETY OF ASSIGNMENTS DURING MY NAVAL CAREER INCLUDING VA-196 (A-1H/A6A) ONBOARD USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31), VP-19, FASU DA NANG, RVN, NAVMAG SUBIC BAY, NAMTRADET 4031, VP-17, CPW-II, NAF DIEGO GARCIA, USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64), NAS NORTH ISLAND, USS LYNDE MCCORMACK (DDG-8) AND USS NIMITZ (CVN-68). IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETIREMENT, WAS EMPLOYED AS A SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF. DEPARTED SDSO TO BECOME THE EXPLOSIVES SAFETY OFFICER FOR NALF SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND IN 1995.

LIFE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION AND DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.

ACTIVE MEMBER OF AAO CHAPTER 8 IN SAN DIEGO SINCE 1985.

AAO CHAPTER 68 SECRETARY/TREASURER FROM 1991 TO 1993.

BACHELORS DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY IN 1990. MASTERS DEGREE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FROM CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY IN 1998.

I HAVE KNOWN AOCM LORD (RET) FOR 20 PLUS YEARS AND HE IS A VERY HARD WORKING INDIVID-

UAL, WHO WANTS NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR THE AVIATION ORDNANCE FIELD AND THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMENT. AOCM LORD WOULD BE A GREAT CREDIT TO THE ASSOCIATION AS THE NATIONAL TREASURER.

RESPECTFULLY,
CHARLES R. ONKEN

LIFE MEMBER 0473

From: L. "Joe" Manley AAO Life Member 0450 To:
AAO Vice-President/Nomination Chairman

Sub: NOMINATION FOR ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, KENNETH S. CLASEN JR.
AOCS USN (RET) PLANKOWNER LIFETIME MEMBER 0094

I am nominating Kenneth S. Clasen, AOCS/AW (RET), Plank owner Lifetime Member 0094, for reelection to the office of Board of Director, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in the Association By-Laws.

Ken came into the U.S. Navy in July of 1964 and advanced through the ranks, retiring as Senior Chief in October 1987. He recently retired from Department of Interior, National Park Service in Estes Park Co. and moved to Fallon, Nevada. Ken had a variety of assignment during his Navy career to include NAS Keflavik Iceland, USS Forestall, VA 22, NAS Patuxent River, MD, USS Ranger, VA 305, VF 102, VF 1, and USS Carl Vinson where he retired. The next 20 years Ken was employed in the Colorado/ Wyoming area and was only able to keep his association with AAO by attending the annual Conventions. While in the Colorado / Wyoming area he used his leadership abilities to become an active member of the American Legion where he held the following positions: Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander of the State of Colorado. He has served at the National level in the following committees, Home Land Security, Americanism, and Distinguish Guest Committees. His experience with the American Legion would be of great value to the Association. Since his arrival in Fallon he joined Chapter 21 and became a very active member.

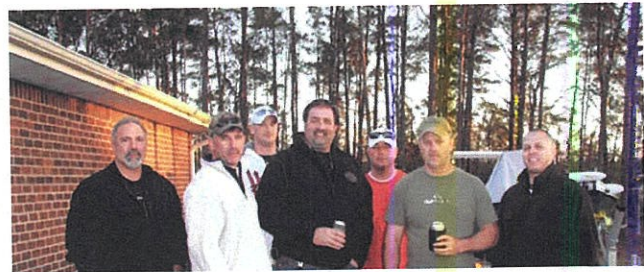
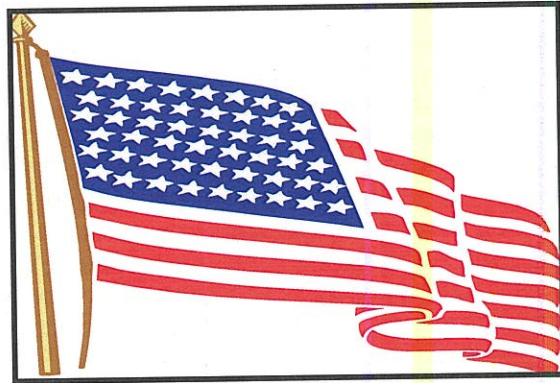
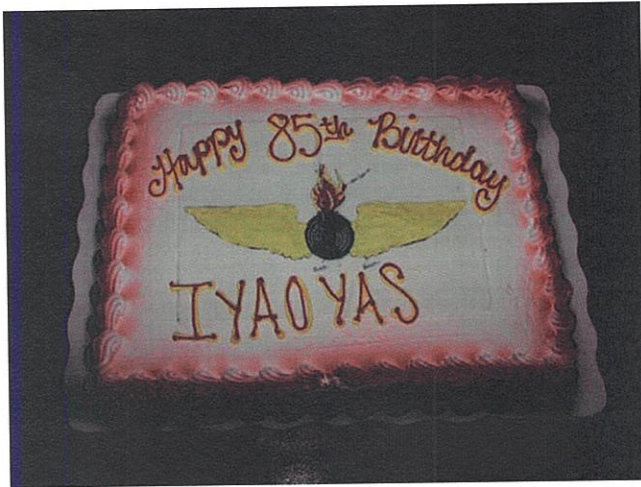
I have known Ken for over 20 plus years and believe his election to the Board of Directors would be an asset to the Association. He wants nothing but the best for this Association and will dedicate his efforts to that end.

Respectfully,

L "Joe" Manley, LCDR (RET) Life Member 0450



Chapter 34 Celebrating our 85th Birthday



USS Bush CVN-77

CVW-1 CVN-65





*CVW-3 USS Harry S Truman
CVN-75
"In Action"*





ADU-895/E LHA-5



ADU-895/E CVN-77



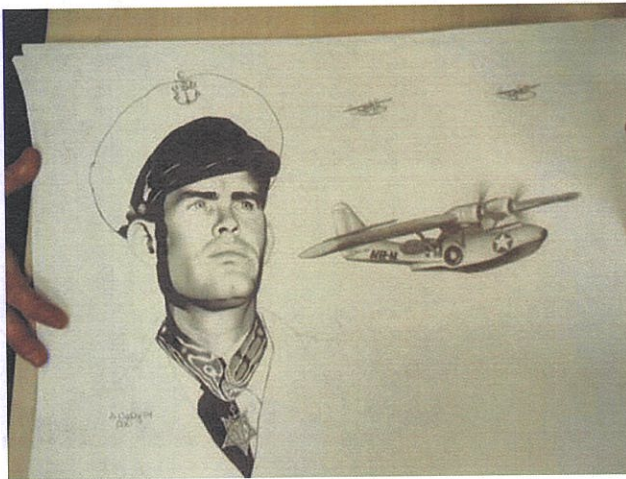


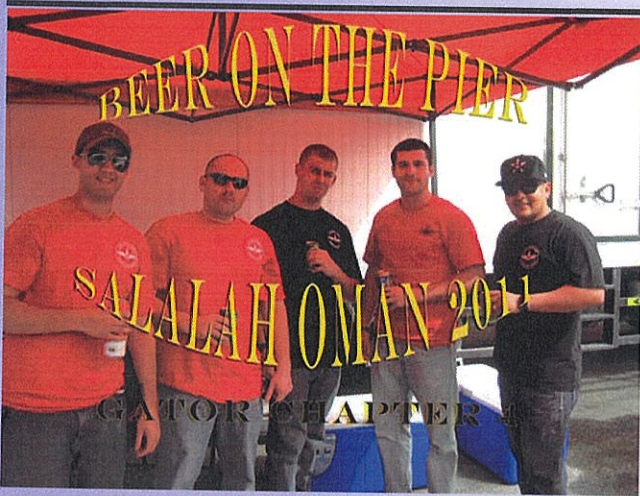
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Everyone at this event young and old enjoyed themselves. The community of Fallon, AO members, VFA 106 and members of the American Legion all made this Fundraiser a great success. It was nice to see everyone coming together to support a good cause. I want to send a special thanks to our event coordinator Sarah Martin. She drafted up our wonderful flyer's for this event (flyer included in the pictures) and posted them up around base and around the city of Fallon, NV. Myself and Sarah headed up this event. At last a shout out to AAO Chapter 21 for coming together and making this a successful fundraiser and getting business done. I. Y. A. O. Y. A. S. !!!!!!!!

AAO CHAPTER 21 PRESIDENT
AO2 MIDDUGH, GINA.M.
NMC CWD DET FALLON





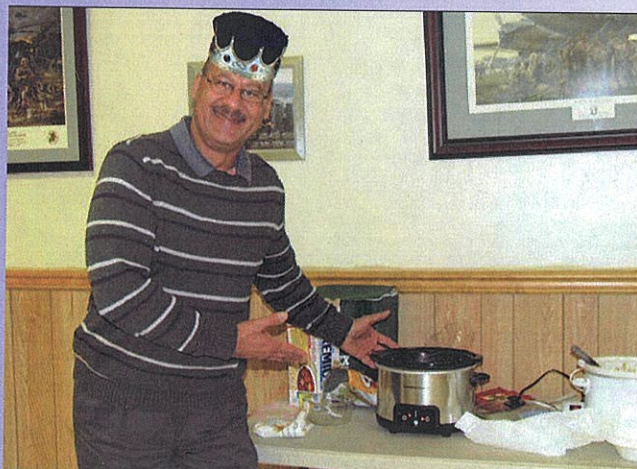
Chapter 9 picture after our Adopt-Highway clean up



CHAPTER 5 FOD Walkdown



AO2(AW) Romero presenting award to Cadet Zachary Tobin, CHAPT 9



Congratulations to LCDR Santiago "Chago" Ortiz USN Ret, for winning First Place at the 2011 Chapter 22, Patuxent River Annual Chili Cook-Off.



CNATTU JAX Change of Command, Mike Gramolini Assumes Command.

left to right are ATCS Schmidt, CDR Gramolini, CDR Beaudry, Captain Martin, LT Rodgers.

The Red Shirt

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