

AO NEWSLETTER

We, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, are now a duly chartered non-profit organization. Our Charter was filed in, and approved by the State of Delaware. Our Charter reads in part:

"The objectives of the Association shall be to promote the professionalism of the Aviation Ordnance rate within the United States Navy, Marine Corps and the Department of Defense, and to provide technical and professional support whenever possible to the Ordnancemen of the Fleet."

Additionally, the by-laws of the Association have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association, and are available upon request by any member from Tom Robins, address below.

The second annual convention of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen is tentatively scheduled for Jacksonville on the 24th to the 26th of June. Back-up date is the 17th to the 19th of June. The site selection was the result of the poll taken on the membership applications, and coupled with the present Association policy of alternating the convention site from coast-to-coast resulted in the site selection. There will be a separate flyer on the convention, hopefully about two weeks behind this newsletter. Firm plans, (exact location, dates etc.) are presently being finalized. Some high-lites from the tentative agenda for you to start thinking about are: An election of two members to the Board of Directors; Life membership criteria; Establishment of standing committees for membership, newsletter, '78 convention, Scholarship Fund, Technical, and any others that are recommended prior to the General Meeting. We request that any other agenda items to be brought before the General Meeting be submitted in writing prior to 1 June so that background and impact studies can be completed prior to the General Meeting, thus reducing the time required to discuss the issue on the convention floor. Submit agenda items to any one of the '77 committee members listed below. The agenda item drafter will be given ample time at the convention to present their item. Now, we need some HELP!! Due to the infancy of our Association, and the first convention being held on the West coast, the entire '77 convention committee lives in California. In the interest of not expending Association funds on unnecessary travel, we sorely need a leg man in the Jax area. A couple of phone calls would be much better than a round-trip ticket. Somebody, anybody, close to the Jax area, please help us out! The '77 convention is going to be in your area, you know the ropes. We are blind as far as facilities selection, banquet location etc. goes. Anyone interested in helping, please contact one of the following '77 convention committeepersons:

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P O Box 3005
Camarillo, CA 93010
(805) 648-4177

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1229 N. Las Posas Ct
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(714) 446-3780

Tom Robins
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If there are enough of us west coast Ordies that plan to attend the Jax blowout, we may be able to get substantially reduced air-fare group rates

to invade Jax en masse. Please contact Frank Parker if you are interested in this idea. Also, do we have a member in our midst who is in a position to arrange Navy transportation to the East coast for this event? Contact Frank.

At the March 1977 Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to extend the "Plankowner" memberships for one additional year. This was done primarily in consideration of our East coast Ordnancemen who did not have the opportunity to attend a convention prior to the Plankowner expiration date. This brings us to our next subject which is a Membership Drive.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE! - Let's have one! Why not? Ok! Let's! How about a goal of doubling our membership prior to 1 July? All we have to do is for each member to bring in one new member, and BINGO!! Our goal is reached! Is this goal realistic and obtainable? Certainly it is! Do we all agree? Good! That's what the Board of Directors decided too!

Membership will remain at \$7.50 per year for at least another year, which brings up our next subject, renewals.

Renewals - Your membership expires one year from the date of issuance. You will be receiving, within the next year, a renewal form. Prompt renewal will ease the bookkeeping problem of our Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Robins a great deal. Remember, renew early and save Tom!

We have an author in our midst! Charles S Sriver, one of our members has written a book, recently published by the Historical Aviation Album Co., entitled "Ventura", history of the PV-1. The book should be available at your bookstore.

It is with deep regret that we must announce the demise of one of our shipmates, CDR Robert L. Brake, USN (Ret). The late CDR Brake was famous among Ordnancemen for his unselfish devotion to duty and fine leadership. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Attached is a roster of current members for your perusal. In the interest of personal privacy, only the names are included. If any member desires the address and/or phone number of any other member, it may be obtained from Tom Robins, Secretary/Treasurer, address on page 1.

Remember, all Association correspondence, (Membership Applications, requests for extra newsletters, etc.) should be sent to Tom Robins, address on page 1.

SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER!

FROM THE GUNNER

ORDNANCEMEN UNITE!!!

That is the call heard from coast to coast! It is gratifying to know that there are so many AO's, from AOAA to Admiral, wanting to become a part of our fledgling group. We have grown considerably since our last newsletter, and I am confident that this growth will continue.

While we must still consider the Association as newly formed, the foundation is solidly in place, and we are now ready to move forward in bigger strides. The Association is Incorporated, our management structure is sound, and most important, we are operating in the black. As with all new organizations, problems confront us daily, but with your participation and patience, the officers of the Association will do their utmost to provide a viable and beneficial solution to these problems.

Our organization is unique in that confidence in our shipmate is our primary asset. That confidence is leading to a bigger and better Association.

The Association has become known even in Australia, and we in turn are recognizing our counterparts "Down-Under". The photos and certificates provided to me by the "Down-Under Armorers" will be exhibited at the convention, and then made a part of our Historical File. Who knows, maybe we can swap delegations within the next few years? Any volunteers?

It is anticipated that the convention will be a roaring success. Be assured, we are striving to make it an enjoyable and beneficial get-together. I am looking forward to seeing you all again and swapping a few sea-stories.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as President during the past year. I have not reached as many of the goals as I had hoped, but with your continued support and indulgence, I am confident that all our goals will be accomplished in a timely manner.

The Association will soon be entering it's second year of existence. I anticipate a good year. At the convention in June, I shall outline the goals for the Association as I see them for the next year. I am confident of your wholehearted support and continued participation. I sincerely believe in our objectives. If we promote them in a positive manner, our Association will prosper, and we will indeed contribute to the defense of our country.

Kirk

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

MARCH 1977

MEMBERS

ADAMS, George M.	GRIMES, "Irv" I.E.	NORCROSS, W.G.
ANDERSON, Gordon W.	GUSS, James R.	O'BRIEN, Robert E.
ASHER, Roy	HAFER, Otto D.	OVRE, Les
ASHLOCK, Edward L.	HAGERUP, Jack	PARKER, Frank
BARRINGTON, J.F.	HALENZA, Hal R.	PETERS, Kenneth L.
BAUMER, Don	HARTELL, George J.	PORTERFIELD, Glen C.
BEASLEY, Roy Wayne	HENDERSON, James S.	REEP, Earl L.
BEYE, Allen D.	HENDRICKS, Judson J.	ROACH, Jack
BORGES, Robert A.	HENLEY, Ronald W.	ROBINS, Thomas D.
BOVER, Charles R.	HESSLER, Allen T.	SCHLINDWEIN, Micky C.
BRADLEY, James G.	HOCKENBURY, Richard F.	SCHOONMAKER, C.J.
BRANIGH, Ernest	HOFFLER, John T.	SCHWEITZER, Richard
BRANUM, Bob	HOFFMAN, Arthur A.	SCHULTZ, Robert J.
BUCKLEY, Dan	HOLLAND, Linton W.	SCOTT, William M.
BURKE, Virgil G.	HOWARD, Don	SCRIVNER, Charles L.
BURNS, Joseph H.	HULL, Dave	SEXTON, M.L.
BURWELL, Edward L.	HUNT, Kirby P.	SIGGS, Roger S.
BUSHTA, Ronald W.	HURD, R.T.	SIMPSON, Chet L.
CAIN, James M.	JENSEN, Floyd R.	SMITH, J.C.
CHANDLER, William L.	JENSEN, Johannes M.	SMITH, Richard A.
CHARLES, David P.	JEWETT, Joseph M.	SMOOT, Steven J.
CHURCH, "Dutch" B.E.	JOHNS, Michael W.	SNOW, Richard F.
CHURCHMAN, James D.	JONES, Bill	SPERLICH, James L.
CLARK, B.R. Jr.	JORDAN, Theodore J.	SQUIRE, Orin L.
CLASEN, Kenneth S.	KACZYWSKI, Edwin J.	STERLING, Glenn F.
CONNORS, John R.	KELLEY, Sammie L.	STOKER, Edward P.
CORDER, Delbert A.	KELLMAN, Allen I.	STRADDECK, William A.
CORRELL, James A.	KENNEDY, Bruce H.	THOMPSON, Jim
CROW, Robert L.	KLISSUS, A.J.	TRENT, Art L.
CULLIGAN, Franklin M.	LAUB, William L.	TUNITIS, Anthony J.
DAVIS, Richard G.	LINDSAY, Howard B.	UNDERWOOD, Robert E.
DENSLOW, Vernon E.	LONG, Daris W.	VERSTEEG, L.H.
DORAN, James W.	LOVE, James F.	WALES, Richard A.
EDWARDS, Arlan C.	MAKI, Weldon E.	WALIN, Wayne J.
EPSTEIN, James F.	MASTERTON, J.O.	WEAVER, A.D.
FARRELL, Vincent D.	Mc ILWAINE, John C.	WEBB, Ronald R.
FERRIS, W.A.	MEYER, William	WHITE, Alfred H.
FREEMAN, Robert W.	MINER, Dorman K.	WHITE, John D.
GANNON, Gerald F.	MITCHELL, C.P.	WILLSON, H.T. Jr.
GILBERTSON, Gary A.	MONROE, Frank E.	YOUNG, Steve L.
GOLDSBERRY, R.E.	NASH, Nathan J.	ZELTNER, William F.
GOLON, Raymond F.	NELSON, Marion Kirk	DEGRAW, Clifford W.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ECKARD, Dorothy
KENNEDY, Charles A.

Mc CARTY, Samuel E.
PITTMAN, Shelly B.

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

ON 17, 18 & 19 June 1977 the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen will hold it's second Annual Convention at the Hotel ROBERT MEYER in Jacksonville, Florida.

ALL Aviation Ordnancemen, Navy, Marine Corps, Civil Service, Active Duty, Retired, Ex-AO's, Enlisted and Officer are cordially invited. You need not be a member of the Association to attend, but only members may vote on motions at the business meeting. Bring your membership card (or buy one at the convention) so that you too may vote.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

17 June - Friday Registration
 1600 - 1730 Welcome Aboard - No Host Cocktail Hour

18 June - Saturday 0900 - 1130 Business Meeting
 1130 - 1300 Luncheon (On your own)
 1300 - 1600 Continue Business Meeting
 1830 - 1930 Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
 1930 - 2100 Dinner
 2100 - ???? Dancing

19 June - Sunday 0900 - ???? Committee Meetings and Business
 Meeting for Board of Directors

A \$25.00 (per person) Banquet and Dancing reservation charge is required from all persons planning to attend the Dinner (Prime Rib) and Dance on Saturday evening (18 June). Fill out the reservation form at the bottom of this page and send it with your check or money order to: Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, c/o Tom ROBINS Sec./Tres. at 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, Calif. 95008 prior to 10 June 1977.

Personnel desiring hotel room accommodations must make their reservations directly with the hotel.

If you have agenda topics for the business meeting please submit them to Tom ROBINS ASAP - don't wait until the last day.

COME TO THE CONVENTION AND JOIN IN ON WHAT WE HOPE TO BE A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING ASSOCIATION. GUESTS ARE WELCOME. SEE YOU IN JAX

RESERVATION FORM

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AT THE CONVENTION. (Please check)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>AO</u>	<u>GUEST</u>
6-17	COCKTAIL HOUR	_____	_____
6-18	BUSINESS MEETING	_____	_____
6-18	COCKTAIL HOUR	_____	_____
6-18	DINNER & DANCING (\$25.00/person)	_____	_____
6-19	BUSINESS MEETING	_____	_____

Amount Enclosed

Name