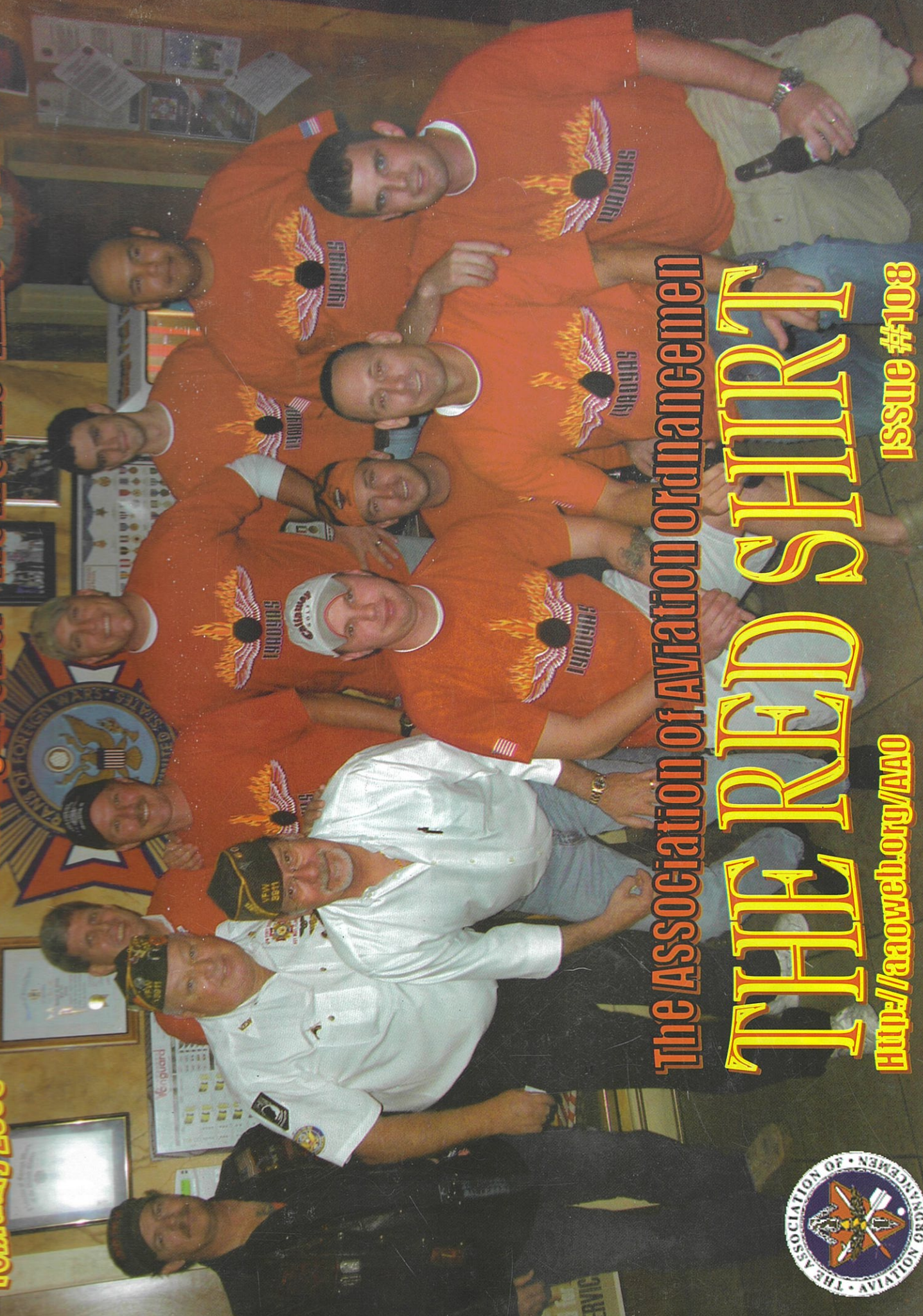


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Miss America 2008 was down here in Key West for a dinner and Gunner Houfek made her an honorary member of the Southernmost Chapter. A nice model for our new Southernmost Chapter Shirts!! Miss Kirsten Haglund



Janika Bainco (official NJROTC photo)



Anthony Spears (Center) during Hawaii Leadership Academy graduation ceremony



Alicia Christianson at the Hawaii Leadership Academy graduation ceremony (in the shadow of Aloha Stadium)

Alicia and Anthony after the graduation ceremony



Key West local VFW Post 3911 had a WWII POW Vet last week as the guest of honor. The Southernmost Chapter was there to show support and give him two chapter coins. Shown in the picture starting from the top left AO2 Brannon, AO2 Smith, Mr. Fizer(WWII Vet), Mr. Tribou (Post 3911 Commander), Gunner Houfek, AO2 Presnell, and AO2 Atkinson.



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Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
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Fleet Reserve, Lemoore
3rd Monday, 1730

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA
President: AO1 Dustin "Roy" Edsall
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360-257-2077
VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey)
2nd Wednesday, 1730

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA
President: AOC Mike Hayden
757-433-2339
Moose Lodge, VA Beach
3rd Wednesday, 1630

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA
President: AOC Larry Hill
760-939-5430
VFW 4084, 117 N. Alvord
2nd Flex Thursday, 1830

Chapter 7 - Naval Base Ventura County, CA
President: Don Travis
805-385-7222
Weapons Dept. Conf Room Bldg. 68, NBVC
1st Wednesday, 1130

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA
President: AOC Sandra Dyal
619-545-8451
Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista
1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
President: AOC Robert Price
904- 422-6792
Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
President: AO1 Dow
808-839-2226 ????
Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV
President: AO1 Edenefield
775-423-8893 ????
American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
1st Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River
President: AOC(AWISW) Christian Saxon
301-997-0036
VFW, Post 2632 California, MD
3rd Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 39 "Dude Gilbert" - Beaufort, SC
President: Del Tingley
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Chapter 63 - USS Kitty Hawk
CV 63 President: AO1 Shawn M. Peacock
Forward Deployed

Chapter 65 - USS Enterprise
CVN 65 President: AO1 Julius Carter
On Board

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz
CVN 68 President: AO1 John Hardy
On Board

Chapter 70 - USS Vinson
CVN 70 President: Ryan P. Burton
On Board

Chapter 72 - USS Lincoln
CVN 72 President: AO1 Anthony Diego
On Board

Chapter 74 - USS Stennis
CVN 74 President: CWO4 Eric Richmond
On Board

Chapter 75 - USS Truman
CVN 75 President: AO1 Wes Thompson
On Board

Chapter 76 - USS Ronald Reagan
CVN-76 President: AO1 Gregory Johnson
On Board

Chapter Key West,
Southern Most President: AO2 Ryan Smith
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Navigator Bar and Grill NAS Key West, FL
2nd Friday, 1300

Chapter Pensacola - Pensacola, FL
President: AO1 James Mackie
James.mackie@navy.mil
850-452-7385 ext 4183
Kooter Browns
1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA.
President: John G. Cleary Jr.
760-337-4986
Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter CVW 5 - Deployed
President: AO1 Corey Hester
Forward Deployed



Letters To The Editor

August 15, 2008

Edward C. Scott
AAOEF President
35 Talmyra Lane
Palm Coast, FL 32164

Dear Mr. Scott:

I wanted to thank you and the committee for the financial contribution towards my education. I am ecstatic to say the least. This scholarship will cover a semester or more of my tuition and books.

I know that the decision had to have been an extremely difficult one to attain. I will make this scholarship worth all of your time and consideration. That I can promise.

May God Bless You All!

Sincerely,

Lindsey N. Loomis

Kevin,

As mentioned in our previous article we here at Chapter Three sponsored four local high school NJROTC students this year to attend their Leadership Academy. Their Commander (CDR Black RET.) sent us this article and photos about the students in hopes we might be able to get this in the Redshirt. If this is possible we would really appreciate it. Also if you need anymore info or need me to rewrite this just let me know. Thank You.

R/

AO1 (AW) Dustin "Roy" Edsall
AAO Chapter Three President

Thanks Roy, article under Chapter 3 and pics on pg 2

To all chapters,

Please review your information on the Chapter Meetings - Places - Times - Dates section on page 3. E-mail your changes to me and Dennis Costa. I know some of the phone numbers don't match up and I also need a few E-mail addresses. I get the occasional call from AO's inquiring about a meeting in a certain area and its nice to give them up to date information. If you don't see your chapter on here let me know that also please.

Thanks for the help, Editor

At the 2009 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer Positions in the AA-OEF. I as Foundation President am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:

Office	Incumbent
Board of Director	LCDR Donald Howard, USN, (Ret.)

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 By-laws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Regular Member of the Association nominate them.

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 through the National Treasurer. According to AAOEF Bylaws, Article V, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 4 contains specific requirements for individuals that are to be nominated for Treasurer ONLY.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the first meeting of the Association's Board of Directors.

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

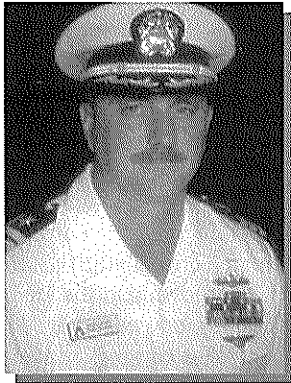
If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (386) 445-0968 (H)/ (386) 405-6940 (Cell).

Edward C. Scott
AAOEF President

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AAO President



Hello Fellow Ordnancemen...

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that you have kicked off the New Year meeting all your goals and wishes.

I would also like to extend a welcome home to you returning Marines and Sailors that have been deployed this last year, we all want to thank you for your taking the fight to the bad guys and doing such a tremendous job. All of us are certainly proud of your accomplishments and are happy for your safe return.

Well, this years symposium and convention planning is well underway, the committee met in Laughlin Nevada in January and finished up many details and created many more tasks that must be accomplished prior to August. Speaking of August we do have a busy summer planned, the San Diego Chapter is well into the process getting Lt John W. Finn's 100th birthday celebration set up and running, more to follow on that subject in our next addition of the RED-SHIRT. I did have a very long conversation with John recently and he's doing well and is looking forward to seeing you all in San Diego and Reno. Speaking of Reno now is not too early to be looking at the airline ticket prices to the symposium and convention in August, the Silver Legacy is once again extremely happy to have us back and they look forward to providing you a first class stay.

I would like to report that the Association is doing well in all aspects, Vice President Joe, Secretary Dennis and Treasurer JJ are all working extremely hard caring for you and they certainly carry the lion's share of business issues we deal with. As I look around the fleet and get reports from the Chapters it appears you all are doing well. Keep the push on to bring in new members, and work on those former members bringing them back to the Chapters' and the Association, we need them.

I hope you had the chance to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) this year, as it was our first year to have our Association in that program. Early reports look pretty good on AO's that did choose to participate. we will be back in the program again next year so keep it in mind.

Let me talk a moment about how we are doing big Navy wise. I do in fact see all the EMR and CODR's that the fleet submits and also the Unit SITREP's, overall we are doing pretty good, however we still need to make sure that we

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AAO Vice President

Greetings to all,

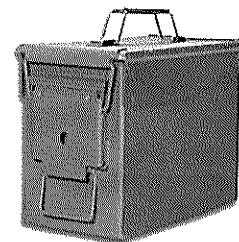
I can't believe it but we just finished holding the pre convention meeting and are in full swing of getting things going for the 10-16 August, 2009 symposium/convention in Reno, NV at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino. This years convention we will be celebrating John Finn's 100th birthday with the major theme of John Finn at 100 years young! We will continue to provide the use of credit cards for the advance registration and will also be providing again this year a will call for your tickets to the Social, Awards Dinner and registration. For all the details on this see the Treasurer's article in this Red Shirt.

We have three offices open for election this year. They are President (Dave Lepard) and two Board of Directors (Brenda Cotter & Rick Garza). If you have any one you would like to nominate for one of these offices please write up a nomination and get it to me before **1 MAY 2009**. You can either e-mail (ljmanley@charter.net) or mail (**2099 Thomas Ct. Fallon, NV 89406**) to me. Ensure that the person you nominate is willing to except it by including an acceptance letter from that person. Also, the candidate must be present at the annual convention to ensure an orderly turnover of the office. If the nominee can be present and in accordance with the By Laws," absence of a candidate from the General Business meeting requires approval of the Board of Directors for that candidate to be eligible for election." The nomination package shall include a short synopsis of the nominee's background and a statement indicating why the nominee should be a candidate for office. After the candidate's membership status has been verified and eligibility to run for office established, their name would be included on an absentee ballot which then will be published in each Red Shirt. Remember that the publication of nominees on an absentee ballot in the Red Shirt does not preclude the acceptance of nominations from the floor during the annual General Business meeting. All above requirements still remain a requirement when nominating from the floor, i.e. their consent and a verbal short synopsis of background and why the nominee should be a candidate. If nominating from the floor remembers that only the people in attendance of the General Business meeting will have an opportunity to vote for that nominee.

Hope to see you at this years Convention. God Bless our Troops.

IYAOYAS
PRESS ON

Joe Manley
AAO VP





AAO Secretary

Greetings Ordies,

I have been getting several requests for Chapter Start-ups, please keep the press on and get those started. As A reminder all other established Chapters please get your monthly minutes to me. I do pass them to the President so he can keep abreast of your activities.

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AAO Treasurer

CONVENTION – Look for the registration form located elsewhere in the Red Shirt. You can also download one from the web site. We had to raise the Social cost \$5.00 (from \$30 to \$35) due to increasing costs. Any questions pleas give me a shout.

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 aotreas@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

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March 2008

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From the desk of the Chaplain

Greetings Fellow Ordies,

The time for change is here. We have a new Commander-in-Chief, new congressional members and in some cases new local officials and a new year. And we as service people have a renewed task. Keep all our leaders, old and new, at the top of our prayer list. The country is going some hard times as of late. But with the help and guidance of God we will make it through.

Please remember all our brothers and sisters in arms, where ever they might be. Pray for their protection and a safe speedy return to their home and loved ones.

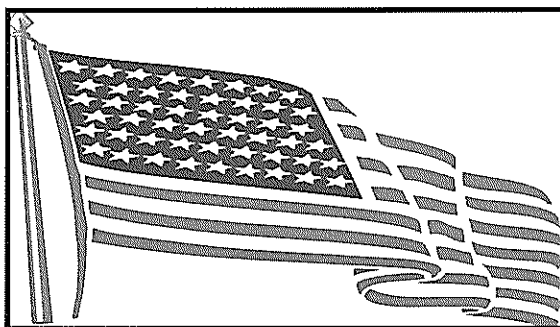
If any of you know of a shipmate (active or retired) that is in need please try to at least send them a card or an e-mail. And while you are at it drop me an e-mail, a phone call, card or letter with their name and address and what the need may be. That way I can also contact them on behalf of the Association.


I just recently returned from the planning meeting for the Convention. It seems to be shaping up nicely. I hope to see a lot of you there again this year. Good friends, good food and a good time to be had by all. Remember, at the convention there are no strangers, just friends we may not have met yet.

I am including this again because I feel it is important. Red Shirt Friday is starting to catch on all around the nation. Let's all encourage our friends and those around us to pay tribute to those serving our country by wearing a red shirt on Fridays. If every one of us share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family. It will not be long before the USA is covered in red. By word of mouth, let's make the United States, on every Friday, a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. Red isn't just for Ordnance anymore.

May the good Lord Bless you and keep you.....

Chaplain Mart





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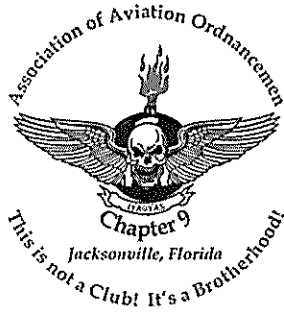
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Chapter 9



Hello to all of you from the members of Chapter 9, located in sunny Jacksonville, Florida. First and foremost, we want to extend everyone a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". Where has the year 2008 gone too, it seems to most of us it has just "sailed past" all too quickly with many things remaining to be accomplished.

This past year in the Jacksonville area, we have enjoyed pleasant days, while much of the US has been hit with droughts, excessive rain, and snow. In addition, many other parts of the country experienced hurricanes and tornadoes this past year, which has left many of our cities and homes in disarray. Let's all hope that the new year of 2009 brings to all of us health, happiness, and a sense of completion and additional new members to all of our chapters.

Since our last submission, Chapter 9 has remained active within the community and to our fellow Ordies within our area. We have hosted our Chapter FOD Walk-Downs at least quarterly upon a 2 mile of stretch of road of State Road 21; aka, Blanding Blvd. Alas, I must report we have not recovered any "road kill" worthy of recycling at our BBQ hosted after our walk downs, no vehicle parts that could be recycled by many of our Red Neck mechanics into something drivable; even Ordy tape would help here either, or worth mentioning even after cleaning up area's around Flee Markets and shopping centers. Thanks goes out to our chapter "able bodied chief's" of Mike Sklar; master cooker of "fish, hush puppies and gator tails" and Joe Beliveau; master cooker of "rollers & sliders". Thanks to many of our active duty members, we have been averaging 12 per clean up. Thanks to everyone for your continued support in our Walk-Downs.

As most chapters have done in the past, we at Chapter 9 once again supported our Baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas thereby making these holiday times easier for our fellow AO's at a time of need. We, as most others consider this a "hand-up" to those in receipt of these baskets.

Our Chapter meetings; 3rd Thursday of every month at the FRA on Collins Road starting at 1900, continues to draw a steady number of members while bring in many active duty, recently returned from deployments while we loose those some due to deployments or transfers; we are still growing. We do continue to hold training that will assist our active duty members monthly; thanks to many of our NAVAIR local folks, post some rate training questions on our chapter web page; www.aao9.com under the guidance of our web-master Steve Cashat, and keep our planning of activities

upcoming to a minimum. We as always welcome any AO's in our area come out and join us as well as to those who just happen to be in our area TAD including our Marine counterparts. We do hold continued long range plans that our able body Board of Directors continues to review and schedule for our meetings; Chapter sponsored NJROTC air rifle competition, guest speakers, chapter and association memorabilia inventory & sales, chapter representation or activity such as POW/MIA, Memorial Day, air show's, upcoming training, etc. to mention only a few.

Once again, from our Chapter, we wish to all a Happy New Year while we also remember our troops and their families wherever located.

Submitted by:

Edward C. Scott,
Chapter 9 Secretary

Southern Most Chapter Key West

The Southernmost Chapter showed their support for the Wounded Warrior Project on the 16th and 17th of January 2009 by making a donation of \$550.00 which includes the Southernmost Chapter Coins we gave to the 22 cyclist's. The Wounded Warrior cyclist made a 10 mile bike ride from Boca Chica Key to down town Key West and we were there to cheer them on at the finish line.

V/r
AO2(AW) Michael Atkinson
Southern Most Chapter Treasurer





Chapter 3

NJROTC Leadership Academies

Thanks to the generosity of the Oak Harbor Chapter of the Association of Naval Aviation Ordnancemen, four Oak Harbor High School NJROTC students attended advanced leadership training during the summer of 2008. This training brings together the most promising NJROTC cadets from the Northwest, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and Japan to prepare them to assume leadership positions within their high school NJROTC unit. The intensive training conducted by NJROTC Instructors and active duty Marine Corps Drill Instructors, focuses on leadership skills, military drill, teamwork, sailing, and physical fitness.

With funds raised throughout the year, the Association of Naval Aviation Ordnancemen provided scholarships for two (2) students to attend the Hawaii Leadership Academy held at Naval Station, Pearl Harbor and two (2) students to attend the Northwest Leadership Academy held at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

The following are profiles of the students who attended leadership training:

Christopher Olson: Chris is a four-year member of Oak Harbor High School's award-winning Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). He is currently serving as Commanding Officer of the unit comprised of 170 cadets. Chris is a natural leader with impressive command presence and he is well-respected by both his seniors and subordinates. In addition to his duties as Commanding Officer, Chris will also serve as the Commander of the Armed Drill Team. In addition to attending the Northwest Leadership Academy (June 2008), Chris also attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Summer Seminar (June 2008).

Chris is an exceptionally capable student. He has earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while pursuing a demanding academic program. He is ranked #1 in a class of 381 students, and is a member of the National Honor Society. During the school year he works 10-20 hours per week as an engineering assistant at a local engineering firm. He recently earned his private pilot's license through instruction at the NAS Whidbey Island Navy Flying Club.

Chris has applied for appointment to the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy and Air Force and Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarships.

Alicia Christianson: Alicia is currently the Executive Officer of Oak Harbor's NJROTC unit. She will "fleet up" to Commanding Officer during the second semester of this academic year. Alicia is a graduate of the NJROTC Area 13 Hawaii Leadership Academy (July 2008) where she graduated with the second highest overall average of the 88 out-

standing cadets in attendance. She also attended the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar (June 2008).

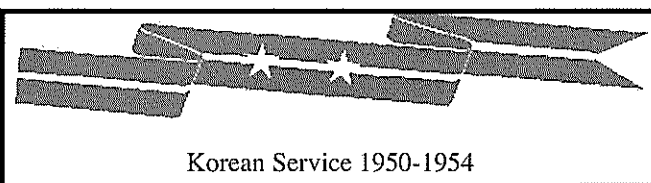
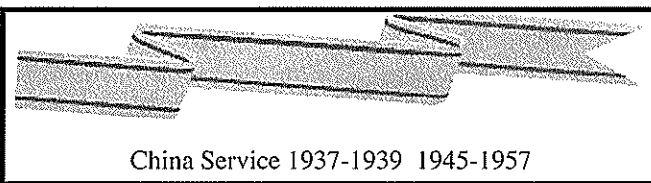
Alicia is also the Commander of the Air Rifle (Marksmanship) Team. She led the team to a 4th place finish in the Secretary of the Navy's Western Regional Air Rifle Championship last year. She was the Northwest Drill and Rifle Conference Champion, the American Legion Washington State Champion, and the National Rifle Association Washington State (Open) Three-Position Air Rifle Champion.

Alicia is an exceptionally capable student. She has earned a 3.6 grade point average while pursuing a demanding academic program. She is ranked #55 in a class of 332 students. Alicia is a member of the varsity track and field team. Alicia has applied for appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and for a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship.

Anthony Spears: Anthony is currently assigned as a Platoon Commander (PCO) for a class of thirty-five (35) freshmen cadets. In that capacity he is responsible for the daily academic, military and physical fitness performance of his platoon. He has previously served as the unit's Supply Officer, responsible for more than \$200,000 inventory of uniforms, drill/marksmanship rifles and minor property. Anthony attended the Hawaii Leadership Academy. Anthony has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps through the Delayed Entry Program and will report to "boot camp" in June 2009 upon his graduation from high school.

Janika Bainco: Attesting to her outstanding leadership potential, Janika was the only sophomore of the four students attending Leadership Academy. She is an outstanding student, with a 3.2 grade point average. Janika is a member of the unit's Unarmed Drill Team, Color Guard, and Physical Fitness Team. She is a member of the North Whidbey Aquatic Club and coaches a youth swim team.

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CDR, USN (Ret)
Senior Naval Science Instructor
Oak Harbor High School
360-279-5496





Local groups team up to get care packages to troops

FROM NAS KEY WEST
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A02 (AW) Ryan Smith of Navy Munitions Command CED Det. Key West recently returned from an individual augmentee (IA) assignment in Iraq, where he served with Operation Noble Eagle. To relay what the experience was like, he recently spoke to the Navy League Key West Council, which brought about the topic of what the Navy League and Key West could do to support the troops he served with.

"They need a lot of things you wouldn't expect over there," he said, smiling, but serious. "DVDs, beef jerky, individual baby wipe packages, bug spray."

This prompted Navy

Leaguer Sandy Higgs to spearhead a collection drive to gather items needed for the service members in Operation Noble Eagle, who Smith said were mostly all IAs.

Enlisting the help of American Legion Post 28, Key West Military Affairs Committee and the Chief Petty Officers Mess of Naval Air Station Key West, the Navy League gathered items, time and money to get the packages to the troops. The groups corralled and packed up such necessities as reading materials, bandanas imprinted with Psalm 91, DVDs, hand warmers, mousetraps, bug repellent, beef jerky and toiletry items. All are items that Smith told the Navy League the unit would gladly accept.

Craig Cates, owner of NAPA Auto Parts and MAC member, and John Key, general manager of NAPA, boxed up and shipped the packages to North Carolina, where the packages were delivered to Soldier's Angels, a non-profit organization that ships care packages and letters to deployed service members.

Higgs wants the troops to know that they are in the minds of many in Key West.

"We hope that the military personnel will know and understand that Key West supports them, appreciates their devotion to duty and wishes them a very safe holiday," she said. "Once again our community came forth as it's known to do and joined hands and made the process so easy."

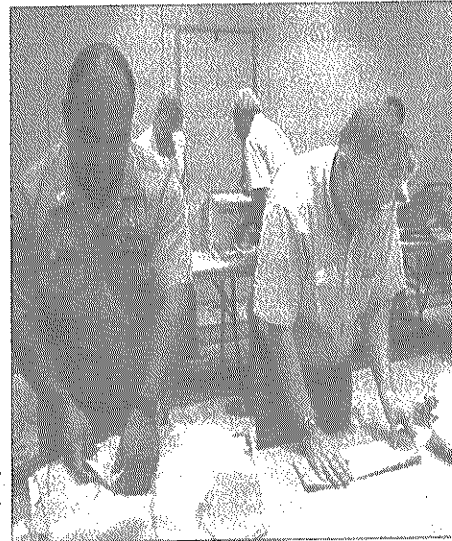


Photo courtesy of Navy League Key West Council

ETC (SW) Joe Shellito, left, and Navy Leaguer Joe Mather fold bandanas printed with Psalm 91 to be included in care packages to individual augmentees (IAs) serving in Iraq.

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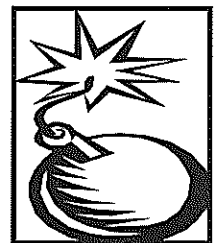
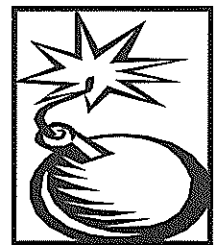
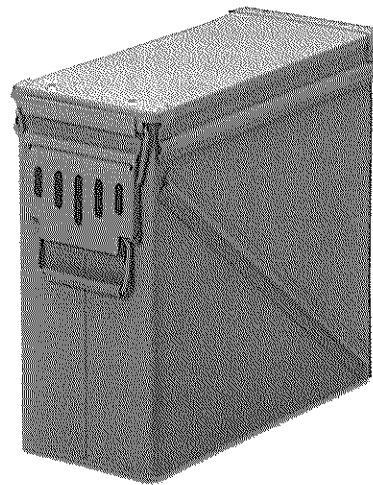
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review and follow all our of written and prescribed procedures, and that's doing it at all times. We have had a few very close calls and each and every time it's been caused because someone on the team did not follow the guidance. Gunner's, Chief's and LPO's please take a round turn on that and make sure our deck plate leadership is working.. You all remember the "Stop the Load" quote... Let's use it. All in all though I'm very proud of each and every Sailor and Marine Aviation Ordnancemen you're doing great, but just make sure your troops and buddies are doing it right all the time, not just part time.

I'll close for now and look forward to seeing you around the Fleet; you just never know where I'll show up. Pat and I hope to see you all soon and we wish you a wonderful spring. Make your plans now to see us in Reno, and I promise that you will enjoy your stay.

Very respectfully... "BIG GUN BOSS" CAPT Dave Leopard

PS Pats been doing pretty good on not buy new shoes lately.





Chapter 39 Dude Gilbert

Happy New Year from the Ordnancemen of the South Carolina, Low Country. We had an event filled ending to 2008.

We had a week long fund raiser in October at the Beaufort Fair. The Chapter was able to raise several hundred dollars selling BBQ. MSgt Rodney McFadden was our chef and there was nothing but praise, as usual, for his labor of love.

At about the same time, a few of our members, CWO-2 Chad Ardis and SSgt Keith Wheeler, were donating time, BBQ and muscle power for a Wounded Warrior's deer hunt held in Beaufort county.

Chapter 39 also donated over \$200.00 to the Air Station Chapel's Holiday Food Drive.

Finally, Sgt Natallie Christofferson and GSgt Craig Brown took the lead for the Chapter in sending Christmas care packages to the air station's Ordnancemen serving in Iraq.

I think our Chapter's name sake, Dude Gilbert would be proud of what we have been up to and what we have planned for the future.

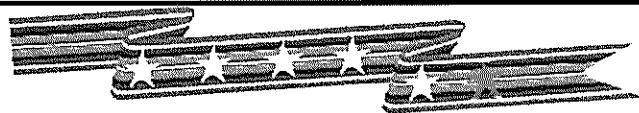
Our current focus is on raising money and organizing this year's Low Country Ordnance Social and Picnic which celebrates the birthday of Marine Aviation Ordnance. This year's social will be held on Thursday, April 23rd, at 1700, at the Log Cabin recreation area. The Picnic will be held on Friday, April 24th, at 1100 at the Shady Point recreation area.

These events are free and all Ordnancemen are cordially invited.

We are also hosting a fund raiser golf tournament the morning of April 23rd at MCRD Parris Island.

If you would like to play golf or have any other questions, please contact Del Tingley (delroy.d.tingley@usmc.mil) or Ron Lanoie (ronald.lanoie@usmc.mil) for more information.

We hope to see y'all there!



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2009 Low Country Aviation Ordnance Social/Picnic
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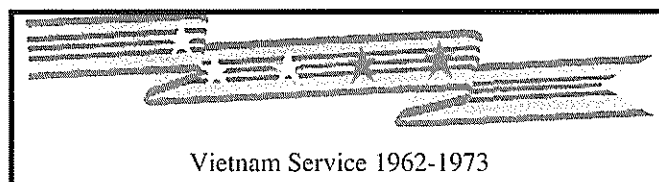
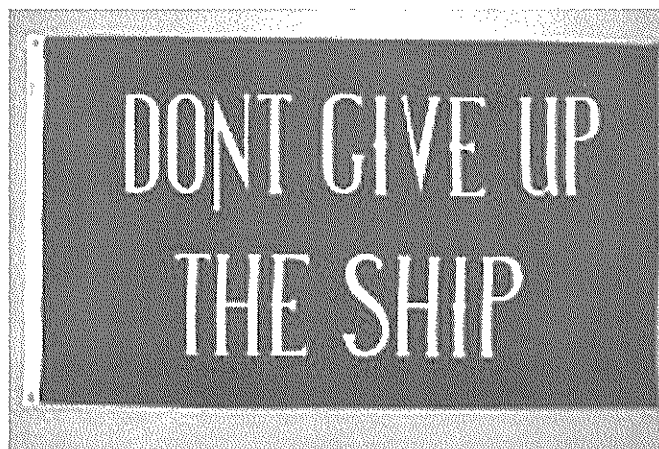


You are formally invited to attend as a guest of the Ordnancemen aboard MCAS Beaufort SC.

The Social is being held at the Log Cabin on 23 April 2008,
at 17:00. (FREE)

The Picnic will be at Shady Point on 24 April 2008 at
11:00. (FREE)

If you are interested in the golf tournament on the 23rd or
have any other questions, please contact:
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COVER PAGE

Key West Southern Most Chapter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen graces the cover of this issue of the Red Shirt. Mitch, what are you doing in Key West?

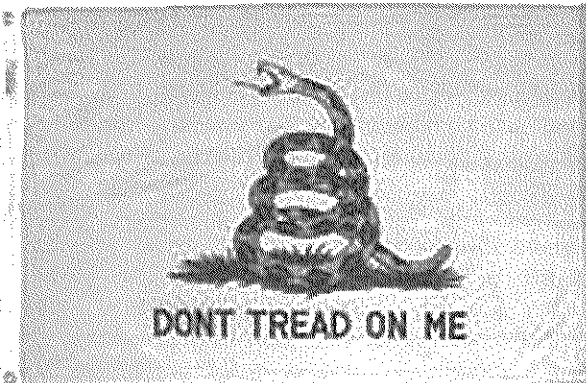


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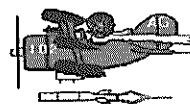
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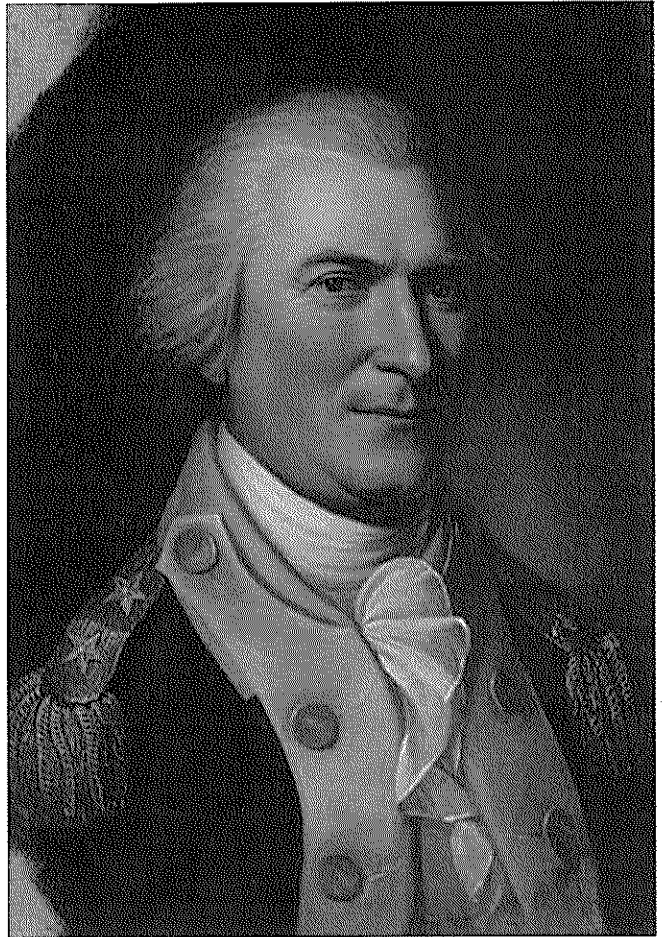
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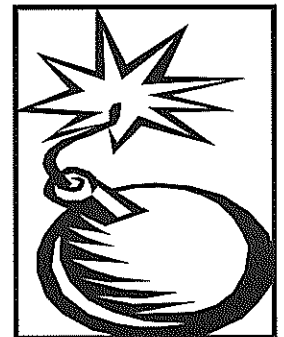
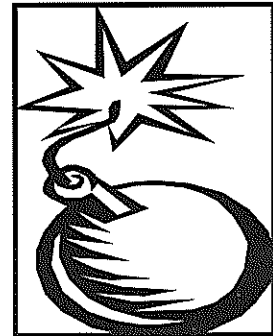
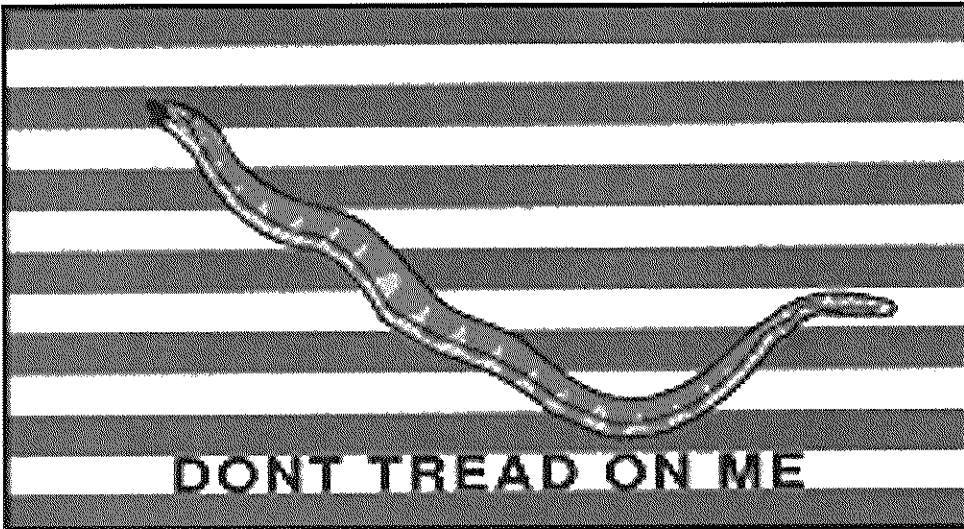
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- 14 Aug (Fri) AAO Social _____
- 14 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
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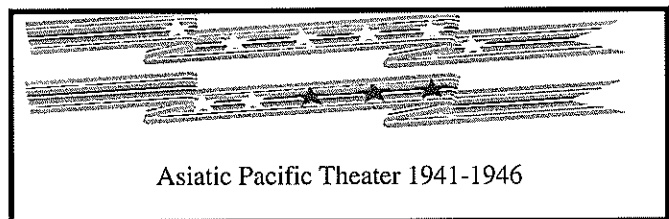
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Greetings to All,

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and had a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Speaking of spending time with good friends, it's time again to start thinking about the upcoming symposium/convention scheduled for 10-

16 August at the Silver Legacy in Reno. Several of our members recently attended a planning meeting in Laughlin. This year's convention is definitely one you don't want to miss. The Association's main theme is the celebration of John Finn's 100th birthday!!! Naturally, the Auxiliary will be there to support the Association events.

As always the Auxiliary is planning to hold a raffle and auction during the Symposium/Convention. We plan to start the raffle on Wednesday and continue through Friday afternoon. The auction will be held on Friday night during the social. We welcome all donations for these rewarding causes; proceeds go toward the scholarship program. If you plan on donating items please contact our Raffle and Auction Chairman, Linda Robinson at her e-mail address amraam1@msn.com so she will have an idea of what is coming and plan accordingly. Also, if it is easier to mail your donations prior to convention please send to my home address at 2099 Thomas Court, Fallon, NV 89406

We also plan to do the Coin Challenge again this year. This was a fun and exciting fund raiser last year. Last year we made over \$400 to support the Taste of Home project.

If you plan to attend the luncheon following the General Business Meeting on Saturday please notify Carolyn Thomas for reservations. This year the menu is a Chinese Chicken Salad with seasonal melons and berries as a side. The cost is \$16.75 for members and \$19.75 for guests. We are still looking to you for any ideas for the after luncheon program. Carolyn is checking on a few ideas that have been sent to her already but please contact Carolyn with any ideas for a program that you think everyone would enjoy.

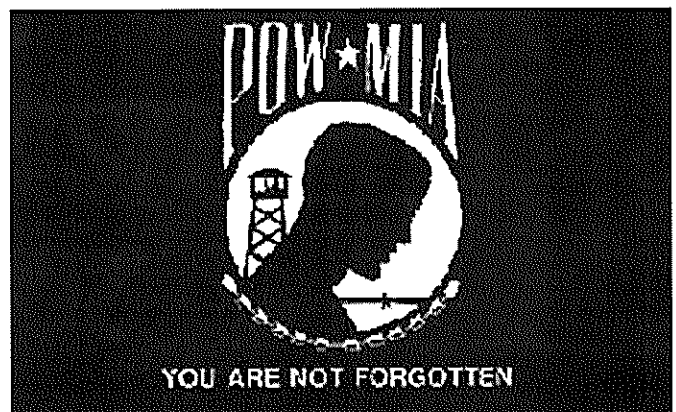
It is with great pleasure that the Auxiliary welcomes **Maria Gilvarry** who joins as a Lifetime Member. We also offer condolences to the family of **Carolyn Earl** who passed away in November. Carolyn was a valued Lifetime member of the Auxiliary and wife of Billy Earl.

We want to remind our members that your participation and ideas are important. One way to get involved is to assist at the conventions. We always need help in the registration area, assistance with the raffle and help taking in Auction items. Also you can get involved by running for an office on the Board of Directors. This year, the positions of President, Secretary and two Board of Directors positions will be open for election. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone, please contact Nominating Chairman, **Janice Whitley**. You can reach her at the following email address: alphawolves@charter.net. Of course, you must be a member in order to run for an office. If you are not an Auxiliary member and would like to join us, please contact Treasurer, Carolyn Thomas at aaao@cox.net for an application. Annual dues are currently \$10.

Hope to see everyone at the 2009 AAO Convention/Symposium. As always feel free to contact me at 775-423-9205 or damanley@charter.net.

Delores Manley
AAAO President

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Greetings from YOUR Associations Educational Foundation and in our continuance to provide to you all and your dependents resources available at no costs avenues to further explore. This time, keeping our information presented small, there are two which we are providing; no Foundation endorsement is implied, among many others available. The

first; www.trioprograms.org is a valuable resource taking the user to www.ceonet.us web page. Through this home web page there are many links extremely informative at all levels of countenance of ones educational endeavors; accepted locations within the US and abroad, with financial aid available to those qualified. Many within the Foundation have viewed these above links and commented reply has been "be prepared to spend more than an hour reviewing the links" and our President has contact by phone several activities listed verifying their participation and their program views with results; "the individual applicant must ask from the activities, they will not openly divulge this information", "acceptance into these programs and completion has been viewed into the upper 90%" was his reviews. He was provided the initial web site information from the Foundations Treasurer who "got lost in all the information presented" and passed onto the President. The second; www.eHow.com one needs to search out "How to Choose a College (and a major!). This site will provide to many solid information about just that"college major" with some solid information about early major declaration; though not required until mid Sophomore year, many financial benefits may be realized by doing so. The home page provides 5 solid steps and many other links worthy of your consideration even if you are only a junior in high school at this time. So you are already enrolled and still have not made up your mind, you too might benefit by looking over this provided information as well.

As I said earlier above, these are only 2 of the many links and web sites available to you as well as sound advice from your student advisor will go a long way toward your dreams of a higher education, but, you as and individual must ask the hard questions. Parents and guardians can support you IF you ask and start your planning ahead of time.

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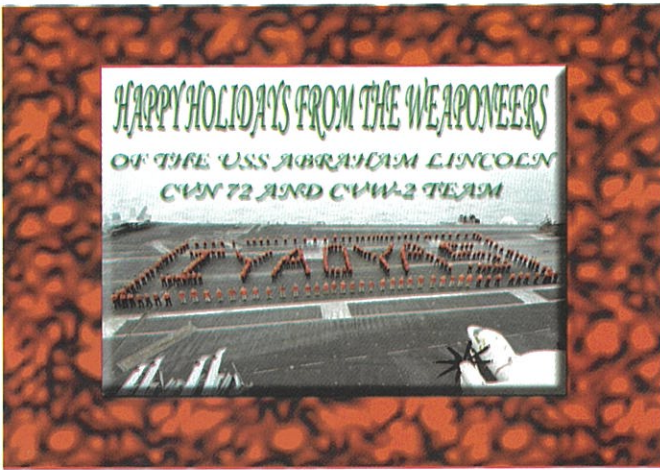
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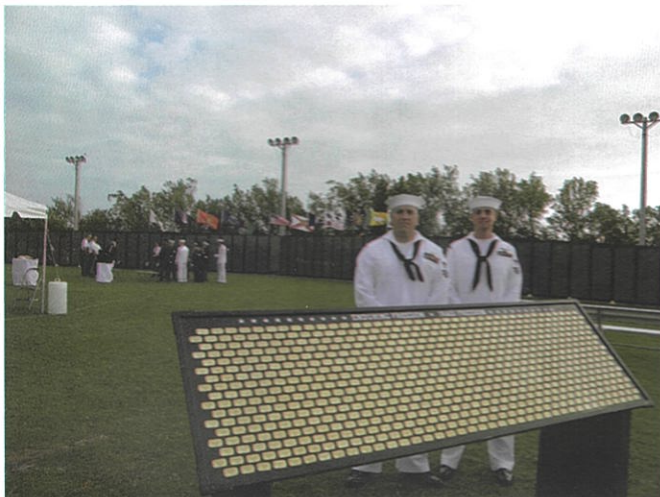
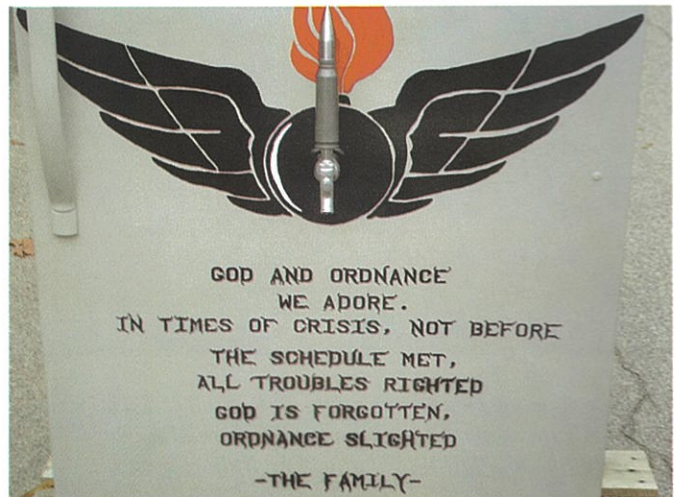
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The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall came to Key West last week and the Southernmost Chapter was there to show support. In the pictures are AO2(AW) Smith and AO2(AW) Atkinson. Also shown with Smith and Atkinson are Mayor of Key West Morgan McPherson, NAS Key West Commanding Officer Capt. Holmes, and NAS Key West Command Master Chief CMDCM Cote.





Photos on pg 19 and back page are of CWO-3 Thomas Cole's going away gift from the Ordnancemen of Station Weapons MCAS Beaufort, SC. Gunner Cole served as the Station Ordnance Officer for three years. He transferred across the flight line to VMFA-251. It will be a short squadron tour as he has orders for Okinawa this summer.

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