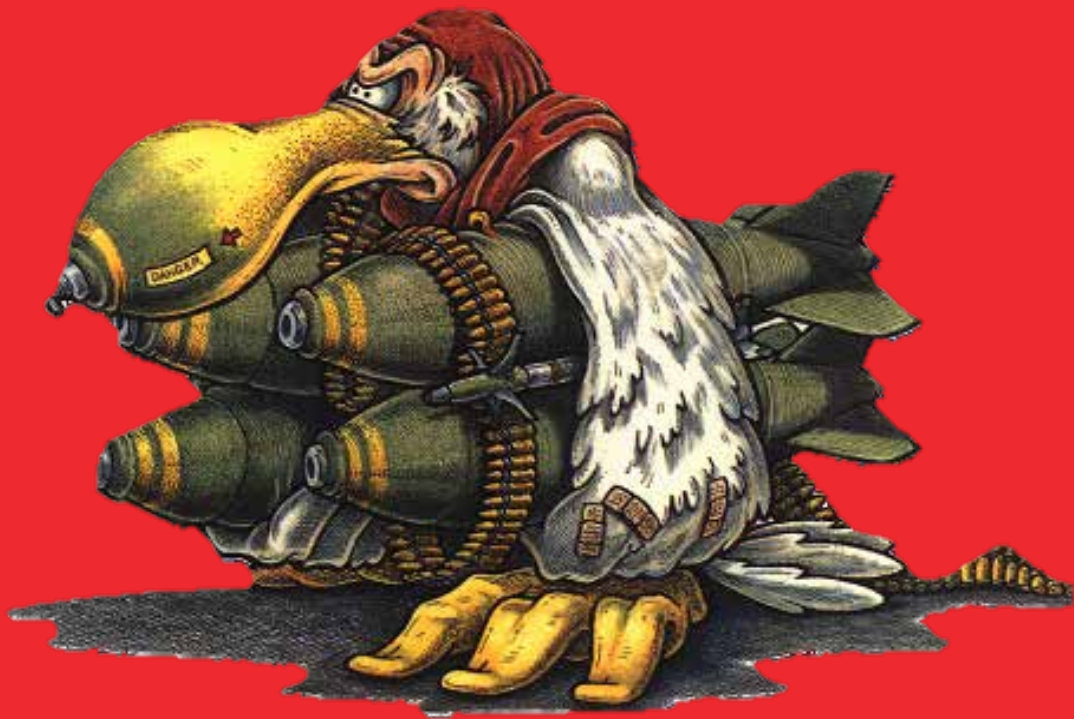


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AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Greeting Ordies,

Greetings from sunny San Diego. I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I am happy to report that, as of this writing, the planning and preparation for the upcoming convention are progressing well. All the traditional convention events are planned and will occur as scheduled and all the standing committees will conduct their work as normal. All activities associated with the convention will continue to be conducted in a manner which is both safe and in compliance with all the applicable health regulation much like in recent years. Information concerning the convention can be viewed on our website, www.redshirtnation.com. I look forward seeing everyone at the event.

I had the good fortune to visit Chapter 21 in Fallon, NV recently. It was truly my great pleasure to visit the chapter, meet the members and hear about all of the great things the chapter is doing. I want to thank each of the members for their hospitality. As I read all of the chapter inputs for the "Red Shirt" I am amazed by all of the work being performed by the members of our organization. I offer my personal and professional thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our organization. These efforts serve to increase the visibility of our organization within our community while they enrich the lives of our members and those we support. Please continue to report your activities to the "Red Shirt" so that

the efforts of our members may be properly recognized.

We are experiencing an issue with chapters communicating with our national Secretary and Treasurer as mandated by our Bylaws. Our elected officers are attempting to reestablish contact with several of our chapters to prevent their closure. Unfortunately, the elected officers and members of the Board of Directors have been forced to initiate the closure process for several of our chapters due to lack of communication. I would request that the leaders of our active chapters review our national bylaws and ensure the actions of the chapter are in compliance with all of the requirements established there in.

In closing, I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas throughout the coming months. I ask that you keep our Sailors, Marines, and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization, its members, and our Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Team. I look forward to seeing you in Reno. Fly, Sail and Steam Safe.

IYAOYAS,

Matt



AAO NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Ahoy maties!

We're hot and heavy in the convention planning stage. JJ just sent out the first draft of the schedule of events, the Naval message announcing this year's convention is on the street and Kirk has started bugging me about possible vendors! Speaking of Kirk, if your chapter plans on having a table to sell swag, make sure you contact Kirk (kbrado1@hotmail.com) ASAP to reserve your spot. Remember, just showing up doesn't guarantee you a table. Dates for this year's festivities are 1 - 4 August at our summer home away from home, the Silver Legacy in Reno. All details, ticket sales and room reservations can be made on our website, redshirtnation.com. Make sure you make your reservations prior to 07 July. This is very important this year since Hot August Nights (Google it) starts on Monday the 5th and hotel rooms in Reno will be scarce. Also, this year will be Kirk's last go-round as the Convention Coordinator. He's made sure everything was ready, dealt with any and all issues, and has been an ambassador of the Association for many, many years. Thank you Kirk for your time, effort and energy, you stand relieved. Make sure you shake his hand and thank him when you see him. Beginning next year, JJ LaMaitre will be taking the reigns as coordinator and I'm sure he's up to the task.

The offices up for election this year are Treasurer, Board of Director (BOD) positions #5 and #6. Nominees for these positions are:

Treasurer

Todd Pendleton (incumbent)

BOD #5 and #6

Jeff Sassone (incumbent)

Al Dean (incumbent)

Angela Sobieski

Bill Taylor

During the General Business Meeting, there will be a call for nominations from the floor for the offices up for election. All nominees must be present (unless excused by the BOD) and accept the nomination. Also this year there are quite a few bylaws changes that must be approved by the membership before being adopted. If you're unable to attend convention this year, you can submit absentee ballots for the above via the website (preferred) or by mailing in the ballot contained in this issue of the Redshirt. Votes can only be submitted by members in good standing of the Association.

Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year (AOY), Scholarship and Hall of Fame (HOF) Committees will proceed on Friday the 2nd. Information about any of these committees can be found on the website. You can also contact the Committee Chairmen:

AOY - Amber Roth (aoychairman@gmail.com)

Scholarship - Rick Garza (rgarza511@gmail.com)

HOF - Jeff Sassone (nationalaaobod5@gmail.com)

See you in Reno!

Tim



AAO NATIONAL SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – NOW is the time for you to get your reservations and plans ready for Convention 2024 August 1st – August 4th at the Silver Legacy Resort, in Reno, NV. Go to the website www.redshirtnation.com for one stop shopping, pay for your registration fees, Social and Award tickets on line. There is also a direct link to the Silver Legacy for hotel reservations using our Group Code. Group prices are good for three days before and after our dates. Do NOT call the hotel directly (it gets answered in Las Vegas as part of the Caesars family).

We have elections coming up for 2 Board of Directors (BOD) (currently held by Al Dean and Jeff Sassone) and Treasurer (currently held by M. Todd Pendleton). We have the absentee ballots available at the Web Site. If you vote online, you will NOT be able to vote at the General Business Meeting.

Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado or myself (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Years past we have had several Chapters show up with goodies to sell with NO tables were reserved. We were able to accommodate, however we cannot guarantee there will be room again this year. Better yet, show up on Monday July 29th to sell your swag to the AOLMC attendees then move your gear upstairs on

Wednesday afternoon!

Chapter Officers – The Association needs your reports. We are only as strong as our Chapters. You have seen my comments in the Red Shirts and the BOD has disestablished several Chapters over the past few years. This is an ongoing agenda item for the BOD at Convention.

Again, I need Chapter Reports submitted to me to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an ‘Inactive’ status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to nationalaaosec@gmail.com . NOTE: My email address has changed, no longer have the Cox address.

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your Secretary for the past 11 years. If there is anything I can do to assist just give me a shout. Look forward to see and meet some of you all in Reno.

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary



AAO NATIONAL TREASURER

2024 Convention will be upon us before you know it. Thanks to all those who have been supporting me these last three years. I thank all of you because I'm up for re-election this year and request your support to be elected for a second term. Our current finances are in good order. The website will have the absentee ballot, the by-laws change proposals and the print out and mail in Registration Form available as well.

Great news, the Registration Fee has been lowered. Sorry, but the meal prices had to remain the same because of the increase in service charge.

Registration \$55, Social Dinner \$75, Banquet Dinner \$85 per person. For info, all attendees are required to pay Registration Fee, regardless if attending the Social or Banquet dinners. (Example: only attending a selection board and leaving, still must pay Registration Fee).

Please consider coming to the 2024 Convention, 1-4 Aug 2024, but decide early and get registered as soon as possible. The hotel reservation under Group Code (found on registration form) cut-off date is 30 Jun 2024 through the link on www.redshirtnation.com. Don't call the hotel, you probably won't get the Group rate on your final bill, use the link.

The cut-off for Registration will be 19 Jul 2024. A late fee of \$10 will be charged after that date for Registration only, NOT an additional \$10 for each meal, the meal prices will remain the same.

Chapter Officers, take a look at yourselves and encourage your members that are not National members to join National. It is very easy now, go to www.redshirtnation.com and join via the website. If you are an inactive member, please contact me via email and get current on your annual dues or consider becoming a Life member. We want you to stay involved and contribute what you can; knowledge, time, expertise or donations. Remember, all elected Chapter Officers are

required to be National members in good standing to hold their office, per the by-laws.

The Annual Financial Reports are due at the General Business Meeting in Reno. Chapters should submit their annual financial report after the end of May 2024 and before 19 Jul 2024 to the National Treasurer. If your chapter has yet to submit the FY22-23 or FY23-24 Annual reports, do so ASAP. Those reports are part of our income tax filing. Treasurer's, if you need the Form for the annual report, email me as soon as possible and I will send you the format.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or contact info change? If so, go to the website, print out the membership form, fill out all the information on the form, scan or take a photo of the form, and email to me with a note on the form "Info Update Only." When I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get yours electronically via the "Info Update Only" method!! You can make the updates via filling out a membership form from the web site (www.redshirtnation.com) and note "Info Update Only" and e-mail them to me at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com. If you see your name on the Locator list, please send an email with your updated address in order to get the next Red Shirt. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address or email address and can't send them updated materials.

IYAOYAS!

Thanks,

M. Todd Pendleton

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National AAO Treasurer



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AO1 Sabie R. Sherman***

AOCM Stuart W. Carson***

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AOC John M. Coleman
LCDR Jeffery B. VanAllen
LT Joshua J. Austring
AO2 Kayla T. Slaughter
AO1 Josiah R. Feeney
AO1 LaBrandon M. Russell
AOC Anthony L. Paxton
AOCM William P. McCracken
AOCS David R. Feran
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AO2 Calvin L. Sweep
AO1 Anna Y. Ceja

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AO1 Jessica P. Valladares
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LCDR William S. Keaton

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AO2 Clauniece K. Wright
AO1 Chris D. Langham
AO1 Eric Barras
AO2 Ashley W. Li
AO2 Daniel R. Baptista
AO1 Charlotte B. Brookins

AO1 Anthony T. Innocente
AOC Edward G. Salsberry
AO1 Patricia Jean
AO1 Sherwin B. Mendoza
AO3 Michael R. Strobe
AO2 Christopher K. King
AO2 Emmanuel O Yiaadeyadoga

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Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? Let them know to go to redshirtnation.com, fill out the membership form to update contact info and if you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com, snail mail or give me a call.

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AO1 JONATHAN A. STONEHAM (RN)
AO2 TIMOTHY A. MATTHEWS (RN)
AO1 TAYLOR S. CRAIG (RN)
AO2 STEVE PENNY (RN)
AOCS ROBERT W. LINDBERG (RN)
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A1C James R. Manion CAPT Michael Price

AAAO PRESIDENT



Hello there!

I hope this finds you all well. I am excited about what the Auxiliary has planned for the upcoming Continuum and Convention. We are all looking forward to the festivities.

Hope you all can make it to Reno.

We are working on auction items for this year, so if anyone would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate your contributions to our mission of supporting the CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship fund.

Also, this year, we will hold two raffles: one during the Aviation Ordnance Managers Leadership Continuum (AOMLC) and one during the Convention.

This year, we have the following positions

up for election: vice president and 2 Board of Director positions. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions; I would love to assist you.

My email is treasz@sbcglobal.net. I know of a few items already that are going to be AWESOME!

Looking forward to seeing you all this year in Reno. Take care and enjoy your Summer. It's finally starting to warm up here in San Diego. We have had so much rain this year.

I want to send a big shout-out to all the AAAO members who continuously help make our chapter successful. I really appreciate your support.

Here's a little sneak peek of what we will have this year at our Auction: Signed John Finn treasures.

Regards,
Teresa



EDITOR

HELLO RED!!!! Not a lot going on here other than planning our trip to see you in RENO, NV!!!

Things to get done before you show up; GET THOSE PACKAGES IN to the appropriate board chairman. Don't miss out on recognizing someone who has earned their place with-in our organization and U.S. Navy history.

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HOF	19 JULY 2024	Jeff Sassone (nationalaaobod5@gmail.com)
AOY	19 JULY 2024	Amber Roth (aoychairman@gmail.com)

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President-Christopher Hathaway
 Vice-President- AOC Christopher Masterson
 Secretary-AO3 Evet Gutierrez
 Treasurer-Johnny Wheat
 Fleet Reserve Club, D Street, Lemoore
 3rd Thursday, 1730

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA

President- AO1 Bodiford
 Vice-President- AO1 Granaas
 Secretary- Emilee Lamb
 Treasurer- Walter Johnson
 VFW Post 3037
 Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA

President- AOC Jason Young
 VP- AO2 Chancellor Ellis
 Treasurer- AO1 Maggie DeSpain
 Secretary- AO2 Ryan DaviesVA Beach VFW #392, 2408 Bowland Pkwy
 3rd Wednesday, 1800

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 1st Thursday, 1900

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 3rd Thursday, 1900

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 Vice President-AO1 Juan Pelayo
 Treasurer-AO2 Taylor Jones
 Secretary-AO2 Jocelyn Nicolet
 American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River

President: AO2 Emmanuel (EJ) Yiaadeyadoga
 Vice President: Vacant
 Treasurer: Rob Pavel

Secretary: Ellen Bailey

BOD: Tom Brouwer, LT Chris Shelton, Mike Bruns, and Mel Swartz
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 3rd Wednesday, 1800

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 Master at Arms: AO2 Jeremiah Acosta
 O'riley's Irish Pub downtown
 321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 35 - Lightning Chapter

President-AO1 Garrett Ly-Kinhan
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 3rd Thursday, 1500

Chapter 39 - Dude Gilbert Beaufort, SC

President-Rob Farmer
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 Treasurer-Del Tingley
 Secretary-Jason Grayson
 After Burners Staff NCO Lounge
 1st Thursday 1645

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Secretary-Jason Grayson

After Burners Staff NCO Lounge

1st Thursday 1645 When
permitted with COVID
restrictions

Chapter 671 - Guam

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Molly McGee's onboard Naval
Base Guam

3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter Desert Southwest -

El Centro, CA.

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DISESTABLISHED

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President-AO1 Rosalie A.
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President-AO1 Terrance Dukes

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President-AO1 Roden

On Board

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Vice President- AO1 Ashley
Ketchup

Secretary- AO1 Wanda
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Master-at-Arms- AO2 Christian
Carter

On-Board

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President-AO1 Benjamin
Llewellyn

On Board

Chapter CVN 75 - USS Truman

President-AO1 Dixon

Vice President-AO1 Flowers

Master at Arms-AO1 Everett

PAO-AO3 Nichols

Secretary-AO3 Bates

Treasurer-AO2 Crider

On Board

Chapter 76 - USS Ronald
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President-AO1 Justin Fallon

On Board

Chapter 77 - USS George H.W.
Bush

President-AO1 Rebecca Wright

On Board

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Ford

President-Nicholas Storie

Vice President-Kendrick
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Secretary: Keith Shell

Treasurer: Jeremiah Hogan

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Norfolk, VA

Last Thursday of every month,
1400

Chapter Southernmost -

Key West, Fl

Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee
ANNEX

Chapter Spartan - Souda Bay,
Greece

President-AO1 Gilmore Estrill

Meeting Time and Location
Varies

3rd Thursday of the month

Greetings from Chapter ONE in Lemoore, California.

Chapter ONE has been actively working and helping around the community with multiple organizations. We provided a donation to Wreaths Across America, conducted our quarterly Highway Clean-Up and assisted in prepping and serving meals at the Hanford Soup Kitchen. We would also like to extend an invitation to our Annual Picnic on August 24th at Sidewinder Field in Lemoore, CA. The time is TBD at the moment, but we will send flyers out as soon as possible.

Congratulations to VFA-125 and VFA-146 on passing their most recent CWTPPI's. Your hard work and continuous compliance to ordnance safety is reflected in a job well done.

To all our Squadrons and CAG's here in Lemoore who are training and preparing for deployment, be safe and keep your head on a swivel. We truly do appreciate the sacrifice and hard work that you all do.

Special shoutout to one of our members at NMCPAC West DET Lemoore AO1 Soane Sili, as he is headed to Hawaii for Shore Duty PACFLT SSOY. We wish you the best!!

Membership is still low so if you find yourself in our area or need some place to go on a third Thursday of each month, we will be at the Fleet Reserve at 1730. Please spread the word to our Lemoore AO Brothers and Sisters. Take care and stay safe until we meet again.



IYAOYAS,
Juan Dominguezgarcia
Chapter ONE Vice-President



What is up RED NATION!!!

First, let us all welcome home CAG-7, the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN) 77, and our very own Squadrons (VFA-143, VFA-103, and HSC-5) from a very, very successful deployment! Second, let us all congratulate AOC Chris Johnson (VFA-83) on an amazing and successful 21 years of service! He retired back on March 24th, 2023! We all hope you are enjoying your well-deserved retirement! Fair winds and following seas, Brother!

Chapter 4 has been very busy the last few months, holding our Monthly meetings, Park Clean-ups, various volunteer events, and between deployments, TSTA, and numerous detachments to Fallon, Key West, and El Centro! We have been slingin' swag left and right and spending buku dollars on making more to gear up for the convention in July! Can't wait to see you all there!



IYAOYAS!
R/
AOC Jason Young (President CH.4)



Greetings from Chapter 8 in sunny San Diego, "Where it all started."

Since January our Chapter's membership has continued to grow, and we added six new Lifetime Members. Our President, AO1(AW/SW) Deppe had to step down due to orders to Whidby Island, Washington. Her outstanding commitment and dedication as our Chapter President will be eternally remembered. AO1(AW) Bodiford has since assumed the role of President and AO1 Granaas was selected as Vice President. Congratulations to all.

In January, Tom Crosby, a former child POW during WWII was our special guest. Tom shared his amazing story of survival with all and then the Chapter made him an Honorary Aviation Ordnanceman. Tom's younger brother Patrick was an AO and a member of the UDT.

During the March Meeting, we celebrated the 98th birthday of the Aviation Ordnancemen rate which was established in 1926, March 2nd. As tradition, we asked oldest and youngest members to cut the cake.

In April, AO1 (AW) Bodiford was selected as our AAO Chapter 8 Aviation Ordnanceman of Quarter (AOOQ) 1st Quarter! The Chapter would like to thank him for his dedication and hard work which have been duly acknowledged. We announced the establishment of the Chapter's Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year award and dedicated it to the exemplary legacy of AO1 (Diver) Patrick D. Crosby. AO1 Crosby's distinguished service and unwavering dedication to duty serve as an inspiring benchmark for all Aviation Ordnancemen.

Chapter 8 continues to thrive with our quarterly Highway Walks along the Coronado Silver Strand. A big thank you to all those who participated!

Until next time, may our chapter continue to flourish and thrive. IYAOYAS!

JANE PARK
AO2 Jane Park
Chapter 8 Secretary



Greetings from Chapter 9 in sunny Jacksonville, FL. Spring is in full bloom. What a glorious time of year. Northeast Florida has 4 seasons and a great place to live.

As I am writing this article, the Chapter will be voting on new leadership for the up-coming year. Thank you to all that served, especially our outgoing President, AO1 Shadoe Culclager, who is on her way to a ships company tour in Norfolk, VA. Fair winds and following seas.

Congratulations to AO2 Rodriguez-Rodriguez from HSM-46, selected as AO for the 4th Quarter 2023 .

Normally, our first highway clean up (FODWALK DOWN) of the year takes place in March, however this year was rained out and rescheduled on the last Saturday of April. "Semper Gumby".

Happy 98th birthday to all AOs, we celebrated during the Chapters March meeting with cake and ice cream. Cutting the cake was the oldest AO in attendance AOC (Ret) Bill Taylor and the youngest AO3 Jeremiah Colon (VP-10). In attendance was retired AOC Ed Murphy who has worked as an AO, active and retired for 50 years. Very few have such a distinction.

From my perspective, 2024 is on the fast track and it seems to pick up more speed as it progress. Look out for each other and be proud of the AO legacy. IYAOYAS!!!!!!!

AOCM (USN,Ret) Richard Wyman



A Shout out to all our brothers and sisters from Chapter 22. The 2023 year was closed out with a great Christmas party teaming up with NMC PAX to get max participation, and that we did. We did a silent auction with items donated by Al Castro's wife, so we will be making a \$300 plus donation to the National Scholarship Fund in his honor.

We started 2024 with our second annual football poll fundraiser, which was a huge success, giving money back to those who participated and funds to the Chapter for future endeavors. Also, we had our first Mother's Day fundraiser, giving one lucky winner \$500 in prizes and raising more funds for the Chapter.

We have a new President, AO2 Emmanuel (EJ) Yiaadeyadoga, and Secretary Ellen Bailey, who many know. We knocked out our first highway clean-up for 2024 and are in the planning stages for a summer raffle and picnic.

As you can see, we are keeping busy and making sure we make Ordy Nation proud by giving back to the community and getting our name out there. Visit our Facebook page EJ and Ellen are posting pictures and info all the time <https://www.facebook.com/pages/AAO-Chapter-22/354738758707>. Take care, Ordies, and as usual, if you find yourself in the PAX River area, look us up! IYAOYAS!

V/R Rob Pavel

Chapter 22 Treasurer

Patuxent River Sailor Commended for Providing Life-Saving Roadside Assistance After Tragic Crash in Hollywood.

BRAVO ZULU A02!



"Driving with his wife, Mercado saw the scene of the collision involving a motorcycle and a compact SUV at Three Notch Road and Tom Hodges Drive in Hollywood, Maryland. Realizing he was the first on scene he went into action without a second thought.

"It was just a natural instinct to stop," recounted Mercado. "As soon as I saw the accident my first thought was to get there as fast as I could and help out the victims."

Telling his wife to call 911, he assessed the scene and began to check all parties for injuries."

"AO2's ability to jump into a scene and render aide without a moment's hesitation is exactly why he's a trusted leader on our team," said Senior Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Paul Nelson, Senior Enlisted Advisor for NMCLANT DET Pax. "I have no doubt his speed, cool head, and competent actions

prevented further loss of life in a difficult situation, and I am incredibly proud to have him as a member of NMCLANT DET Pax."

A HUGE shout out and thank you to Southern Maryland News Net for the article of AO2 Mercado!

To read the full article and follow-up articles go to the below link.

<https://smnewsnet.com/archives/532680/patuxent-river-sailor-commended-for-providing-life-saving-roadside-assistance-after-tragic-crash-in-hollywood/>



Hello, fellow Ordies!

Chapter 71 is out here in 7th Fleet, supporting freedom of navigation and CVW-11 operations. We've had a fantastic cruise so far with many opportunities to refine our skills and hone our craft. During a recent port visit to Singapore; several Ordies took time out of their port visit to give back to the gracious local community. We spent the day cleaning up overgrown brush at a local refuge. We're very much looking forward to returning home to San Diego to reunite with our friends and loved ones. Until then, we have the watch.

Very Respectfully,
AO1(AW/SW) Russell, A.
G-3 LPO
AAO Ch. 71 President

Chapter 73 has risen again!

Greetings to all from Chapter 73; we are back from the RCOH graveyard! We have begun our process of rejuvenating Ch. 73 in February. It was a slow grind due to multiple huge ship evolutions (SESI, AMI, COM2X, MAV 3, INSURV), so getting full participation was a bit tough, but we were still able to round up 115 members, raising \$3,200 in dues. Congratulations to the following for stepping up and being the first Ch. 73 cabinet in 4 years: President AO1 Derrick MinnittSharp, VP AO1 Ashley Ketchup, Secretary AO1 Wanda Carrasquillo, Treasurer AO1 Julian Colbert, Master-at-Arms AO2 Christian Carter.

Our outstanding event leads AO1 Dominique Robinson and AO1 Saudia Sutton kicked off our involvement in the community immediately on March 16th in which we volunteered with "Mercy Drops Dream Center Organization" handing out free prepackaged foods, clothes, picking up trash and playing games and other various activities with local neighborhood youth. On April 13th we worked with "Keep Norfolk Beautiful" cleaning up Lafayette Park, one Norfolk's top rated community resources.

Returning CVN-73 back to the fleet in a short amount of time has been a very long and hard process for members onboard. It has also limited members' availability to coordinate and participate in events, but we are here to show that, just like our ship, we will be one of the premier associations in the community!

V/R AO1 Derrick MinnittSharp
Chapter 73 President



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SUBJ/2024 ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN ANNUAL CONVENTION

/1-4 AUGUST 2024//

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/TEL: 619-545-2807/EMAIL: MATTHEW.E.ARNOLD3.MIL(AT)US.NAVY.MIL// GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. REF A ANNOUNCES
THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN'S

47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN RENO, NV AT THE SILVER LEGACY RESORT 1-4 AUGUST 2024. ALL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN,
NAVY, MARINE CORPS, CIVIL SERVICE, ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, ENLISTED, AND OFFICERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
ATTEND.

2. BACKGROUND: THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN (AAO) WAS FORMED IN 1976 BY A SMALL, BUT
DETERMINED, GATHERING OF TWENTY-ONE PROFESSIONAL AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN. TODAY THE AAO BOASTS A MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 7400 INDIVIDUALS ALONG WITH 28
CHAPTERS LOCATED WORLDWIDE, ASHORE AND AFLOAT. THE AAO IS A NON-PROFIT, NON- COMMERCIAL,
NON-SECTARIAN, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION WHOSE OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

A. PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM WITHIN THE AVIATION ORDNANCE RATING OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, MARINE
CORPS, AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO PROVIDE
TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN IN THE FLEET.

B. IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AND INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN ORDNANCEMEN AND THOSE PERSONNEL
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS, COMPONENTS, AND HARDWARE.

C. CONTINUALLY IMPROVE AND PROMOTE ORDNANCE SAFETY AND ENCOURAGE PROPER AND CONSISTENT
SUPERVISION OF ORDNANCE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE FLEET.

D. THIS FORUM IS WHERE MEMBERS CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT AVIATION ORDNANCE FACES AT SEA AND
ASHORE AND FORMULATE WORKING SOLUTIONS TO THOSE CHALLENGES.

E. PEACE THROUGH POWER; WE ARE THE ARMS OF THE FLEET. IS THE ORGANIZATION'S MOTTO.

3. THIS YEARS AAO CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE 1-4 AUGUST 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING
AGENDA:

A. THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST 2024 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

B. FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST 2024 - LT JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION BOARD; CDR
ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION BOARD; ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN HALL OF FAME
SELECTION BOARD; SAFETY COMMITTEE; BY-LAWS COMMITTEE AND AN EVENING SOCIAL/AUCTION.

C. SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST 2024 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING; BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND AN
EVENING AWARDS BANQUET.

D. SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST 2024 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (IF REQUIRED).

4. AUXILIARY OF THE AAO AGENDA:

A. THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST 2024 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

B. SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST 2024 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING; BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

5. FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, COMMANDING OFFICERS MAY ISSUE NO COST PERMISSIVE TAD ORDERS IAW THE
JTR AND DTS.

6. REGISTRATION AND ROOM RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY VISITING THE AAO WEBSITE,
[HTTPS://REDSHIRTNATION.COM/CONVENTION-INFORMATION](https://redshirtnation.com/convention-information). ROOM RATES PER NIGHT ARE: SUN-THUR \$84; FRI-SAT
\$110 PLUS TAX. ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED NLT 07 JULY 2024 TO GUARANTEE ROOMS. REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL
ATTENDEES (PER PERSON) IS \$55. FOR PERSONNEL DESIRING TO ATTEND SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS, THE COST WILL BE AS
FOLLOWS: FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL/AUCTION (PER PERSON) \$75; AND SATURDAY EVENING AWARDS BANQUET (PER
PERSON) \$85. FOR THE BOTH FRIDAY SOCIAL AND THE SATURDAY BANQUET, CHILDREN AGES 5 - 12 \$30, CHILDREN
AGES 13 AND OVER ADULT PRICE. NOTE: PAYMENT FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL, AND AWARDS
BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AAO TREASURER NLT 19 JULY 2024.

A. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE SOCIAL AND/OR AWARDS BANQUET.

B. UNIFORM FOR ACTIVE DUTY ATTENDING THE AWARDS BANQUET IS SUMMER WHITES FOR NAVY E7 AND ABOVE
PERSONNEL, SERVICE DRESS WHITES FOR NAVY E6 AND BELOW PERSONNEL, AND SERVICE CHARLIE UNIFORM FOR USMC
PERSONNEL.

7. FOR ALCON: REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION AND ATTENDANCE.

8. POCs:

NATIONAL AAO PRESIDENT, CAPT MATT ARNOLD, NATIONALAAOPRES@GMAIL.COM. NATIONAL AAO VICE
PRESIDENT, AOCs (RET) TIM ZIMMER, NATIONALAAOVP@GMAIL.COM. NATIONAL AAO SECRETARY, AOCM (RET) J. J.
LAMAITRE, NATIONALAAOSEC@GMAIL.COM.

NATIONAL AAO TREASURER, CWO3 (RET) TODD PENDLETON, NATIONALAAOTREAS@GMAIL.COM.// BT

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2024 AAO CONVENTION 01-04 August 2024 at the beautiful



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For Convention Information, Call:

Kirk Brado

619-962-6158 or email: kbrado1@hotmail.com

2024 CONVENTION MEETING AND COMMITTEE PREFERENCES

Select the AAO meetings you plan on attending:

1 AUG Board of Directors _____ 3 AUG General Business Meeting _____ 4 AUG Board of Directors _____

ALL committees will meet on Friday, 2 August.

Select the committee you prefer to participate in. If interested in more than one, annotate priority (1-3).

Committee Chairmen decide membership composition:

AO of the Year Committee* _____ AAO Hall of Fame Committee _____ Scholarship Committee _____

*AOY members restricted to active duty/retired E7 and above only.

Select the Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAAO) meetings you or your guest plan on attending:

2 AUG Board of Directors _____ 3 AUG General Business Meeting/Luncheon _____ 4 AUG Board of Directors _____

Mail with payment to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
M. Todd Pendleton, CWO4 (Ret)
2251 N. Rampart Blvd., #359
Las Vegas, NV 89128-7640

2024 CONVENTION REGISTRATION APPLICATION
DEADLINE IS 19 JULY 2024

TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is REQUIRED to attend all meetings and convention functions.

Active Duty E-4 and below:

Your registration fee includes one (1) free year of Association membership when attending Convention. Current members will have their memberships extended one full year when attending Convention. To qualify for this registration membership, include a completed membership application form with this registration.

Dependents, 17 and under:

Registration Fees are not required, however, Social and/or Banquet tickets must be purchased.

Deadline:

Late fees will be incurred for registration after 19 July 2023.

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check or money order, payable to AAO

REGISTRATION FEES (choose appropriate category):

- 1. Member or Associate - \$55.00 (\$65.00 after 19 July 2024)
(Not guest/spouse)

RANK/Name: _____ \$ _____
(Please Print)

- 2. Guest/Spouse 18 and over - \$55.00 each (\$65.00 after 19 July 2024) \$ _____

Names of Guests _____
(Spouse) (Please Print)

ADVANCE SOCIAL & AWARDS BANQUET ticket prices:

Friday AAO Social - \$75.00 each # ___ X \$75 \$ _____

Saturday Awards Banquet - \$85.00 each # ___ X \$85 \$ _____

Children 5 to 12 - \$30 / Children 13 & Over – Full Price # ___ X \$30 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.

IF YOU DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, PROVIDE E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. ORIG REQUESTS WIDEST DISSEMINATION TO ALL AVIATION ORDNANCE ACTIVITIES/PERSONNEL
AND HIGHLY ENCOURAGES EACH COMMAND TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

FOR THIS HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE YOUR TOP
PERFORMER FROM THE AVIATION ORDNANCE PROFESSION FROM BOTH THE US MARINE CORPS AND US NAVY.

2. THE 2024 JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR (AOY) WILL BE SELECTED AT THE 47TH
ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN (AAO) CONVENTION WHICH WILL OCCUR ON 1 THROUGH 3 AUGUST
2024 AT THE SILVER LEGACY RESORT IN RENO, NV. ALL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN (NAVY AND MARINE CORPS,
OFFICER AND ENLISTED, RETIRED AND ACTIVE DUTY) AND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH ORDNANCE
INVOLVEMENT, ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION. SEPARATE AAO CONVENTION
MESSAGE TO FOLLOW.

3. THE AAO REQUESTS COMMANDS NOMINATE DESERVING PERSONNEL FOR THE JOHN W. FINN AOY AWARD. ONLY
ONE NOMINATION PER UNIT WILL BE ACCEPTED. NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN TO ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN FROM THE US MARINE CORPS AND US NAVY SERVING IN PAY GRADES E-5 THROUGH E-6.
ENDORSEMENTS, OTHER THAN FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S COMMANDING OFFICER, ARE NEITHER REQUIRED NOR
DESIRED.

4. THIS AWARD IS NAMED AFTER LT JOHN W. FINN, MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT FROM WORLD WAR II, FOR HIS
HEROIC ACTIONS DURING THE ATTACK ON NAS KANEHOE BAY, TERRITORY OF HAWAII, ON 07 DECEMBER 1941.
LT FINN PASSED AWAY ON 27 MAY 2010 AT THE AGE OF 100.

5. ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATED NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS. CANDIDATES SHOULD BE
NOMINATED FOR PROFESSIONALISM, MILITARY BEARING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS
BEING PLACED ON SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AS EMBODIED IN OUR US NAVY AND US MARINE CORPS
CORE VALUES OF HONOR,

COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. THE PERIOD OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED BY THIS AWARD IS FROM 28 JUL 2023 TO 31 JUL
2024.

6. PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. FULL NAME, RATE/RANK.

B. DATE AND PLACE OF ENLISTMENT.

C. ADVANCEMENT HISTORY, RANK/DATE OF RANK.

D. DEPENDENTS (LIST NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN).

E. BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS THAT WARRANT SELECTION.

F. PERSONAL MILITARY AWARDS (FLAG LOC, NAM, NCM, ETC.) WITH SUPPORTING CITATIONS.

G. OFF-DUTY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

H. COMMANDING OFFICERS COMMENTS.

7. ENCLOSURES:

A. ENCLOSURE (1): BIOGRAPHY - NARRATIVE STARTING FROM DATE AND PLACE OF
BIRTH, EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE, CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, AWARDS/MEDALS, FAMILY, ETC. (NOTE: LIMITED TO
TWO (2) DOUBLE-SPACED TYPE WRITTEN PAGES).

B. ENCLOSURE (2): 5X7 FULL-LENGTH PHOTO, THREE-QUARTER VIEW, PLAIN BACKGROUND, SERVICE DRESS
UNIFORM (USN)/DRESS "B" UNIFORM (USMC), UNCOVERED (A PERSONAL DIGITAL CAMERA MAY BE UTILIZED).

C. ENCLOSURE (3): A COPY OF THE THREE MOST RECENT EVALUATIONS (FRONT AND BACK).

D. ENCLOSURE (4): JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPTS ([HTTPS://JST.DODED.MIL](https://jst.doded.mil)) COMBINATION REPORT. IF THERE
ARE ADDITIONAL CLASSES/DEGREES NOT LISTED ON THIS REPORT, ATTACH OFFICIAL CLASS COMPLETION
CERTIFICATES AND/OR DEGREES. ENSURE COMPLETE REPORT IS SUBMITTED, DO NOT OMIT "SUMMARY" OR
"ACADEMIC INSTITUTION COURSES" SECTIONS.

E. ENCLOSURE (5): PERSONAL AWARD CITATIONS ONLY (FLAG LOC, NAM, NCM, ETC.).

8. A SAMPLE PACKAGE CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION WEB SITE AT

WWW.REDSHIRTNATION.COM.

9. NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOHN W. FINN AOY AWARD MUST BE RECEIVED BY COB 19 JUL

2024. NO PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. REQUEST SUBMITTING COMMANDS PROVIDE AN
EMAIL ADDRESS TO ENSURE THEY CAN BE PROVIDED CONFIRMATION THAT SUBJECT NOMINATION PACKAGE WAS
RECEIVED AND VERIFIED AS COMPLETE. EMAIL PACKAGES TO THE AOY CHAIRMAN AT AOYCHAIRMAN@GMAIL.COM.

10. THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE AAO AWARDS BANQUET WHICH WILL BE HELD ON 3 AUGUST
2024.

11. FOR ALCON: REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION. PLEASE DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO THE
FOLLOWING POCs: AOY CHAIRMAN AOC (RET) AMBER ROTH, AOYCHAIRMAN@GMAIL.COM; NATIONAL
PRESIDENT CAPT MATT ARNOLD, NATIONALAAOPRES@GMAIL.COM; NATIONAL SECRETARY AOCM (RET) JOHN
LAMAITRE, NATIONALAAOSEC@GMAIL.COM.//

Proposed Bylaws changes

***Article I:**

From "The name of this Association is The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, herein called "The Association."

To "The name of this Association is The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, herein called "The Association"."

Add quotation mark to the end of the sentence after Association.

***Article II, Section 4, first sentence:**

From "To support the CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship in it's efforts to raise funds."

To "To support the CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship in its efforts to raise funds."

Correct grammar.

***Article II, Section 5:**

Delete in its entirety.

This is managed by the Museum Committee and need not be an overall objective of the Association. This will also necessitate renumbering of remaining sections of Article II.

***Article II, Section 7:**

From "To recognize outstanding individual contributions to the field of Aviation Ordnance.

This recognition shall be by selection to the "Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame."

To "To recognize outstanding individual contributions to the field of Aviation Ordnance.

This recognition shall be by selection to the "Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame"."

Correct HOF name.

***Article IV, Section 1:**

From "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)."

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

Adds USMC rating terminology.

***Article V, Section 11:**

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

To "Nominations for officers shall be made to the Elections Chair. The consent of each candidate must be obtained before the name is placed in nomination. To ensure an orderly transition of office, candidates must be present at the annual general business meeting. Absence of a candidate from the annual general business meeting requires the approval of the Board of Directors. To qualify for absentee ballot, nominations must be received by the Elections Chair

be published in the newsletter issue that immediately follows the convention and subsequent issues. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the general business meeting.

Changes name of committee to describe duties more accurately, corrects grammar, removes repeated statement.

*Article V, Section 12:

From “Installation of officers shall take place at the beginning of the Board of Directors meeting following the Convention Banquet. Newly elected officers will be sworn in, The Oath of Office will be given by the current President or Vice-President.”

To “Newly elected officers will be sworn in and the Oath of Office will be given at the end of the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual General Business meeting. Installation of officers shall be effective at the end of the Convention Banquet.”

Streamlines installation of new officer procedure

*Article VI, Section 1:

From “The President shall preside at all general business meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors and all official functions of The Association. The President shall appoint the Chairperson of all standing committees, except the Membership Committee Chairperson, with ratification of the Board of Directors. The President shall represent The Association in all matters concerning the good of the order. The President is considered a member in good standing of all Chapters of The Association.”

To “The President shall preside at all general business meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors and all official functions of The Association. The President shall appoint the Chairperson of all committees, with ratification of the Board of Directors. The President shall represent The Association in all matters concerning the good of the order. The President is considered a member in good standing of all Chapters of The Association.”

The President appoints all committee chairpersons, not just standing committees.

*Article VI, Section 2:

From “The Vice-President shall act as an aide and advisor to the President, shall be kept informed on all matters concerning the office of the President and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of that officer. The Vice-President is the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.”

To “The Vice-President shall act as an aide and advisor to the President, shall be kept informed on all matters concerning the office of the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The Vice-President is the Chairperson of the Elections Committee.”

Correct capitalization, correctly call out committee Vice-President is chairperson of.

*Article VI, Section 4:

From “The Treasurer shall receive all monies for The Association and shall deposit them in the name of The Association, in bank accounts (savings/checking) approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will submit, for Board of Directors approval, an annual budget. The Association's fiscal year ends May 31st. The Treasurer shall submit the financial records of The Association to the designated accounting firm for preparation of a Statement of Accounts in time for the Statement of Accounts to be completed and presented at the general business meeting. A copy of the Statement of Accounts, signed by the accounting firm, shall be available for review by the general membership at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall also maintain the membership. Candidates for the Office of Treasurer shall undergo a background investigation conducted by the Nominating Committee to determine suitability, fiscal responsibility, and satisfactory background to meet standard bonding criteria. The certification of candidates by the Nominations Chair shall satisfy any bonding requirement.”

To “The Treasurer shall receive all monies for The Association and shall deposit them in the name of The Association, in bank accounts (savings/checking) approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will submit, for Board of Directors approval, an annual budget. The Association's fiscal year ends May 31st. The Treasurer shall pay out sums as authorized by the

Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit the Annual Financial Records and Financial Reports of the Association to an independent financial professional for audit. Upon completion of the audit, the Treasurer shall prepare a comprehensive report, including audit results, Financial Reports and a Statement of Accounts to be presented to the AAO Board of Directors for review and approval. The Financial Report shall be available for review by the general membership at the annual business meeting. The Treasurer shall also maintain the membership files and present a report at the general business meeting. Candidates for the Office of Treasurer shall undergo a background investigation conducted by the Elections Committee to determine suitability, fiscal responsibility, and satisfactory background to meet standard bonding criteria. The certification of candidates by the Elections Chair shall satisfy any bonding requirement.”

Correct punctuation, accurately describe annual financial duties, adds membership reporting requirement, new committee name.

*Article VI, Section 5:

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

To “The Board of Directors shall conduct necessary business between regular business meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by The Association. The Board of Directors will approve the annual budget. It will authorize the Treasurer to expend funds as budgeted. Emergency/unbudgeted expenditures exceeding 5 percent of the approved budget will require approval of the Board of Directors. The Board shall create committees, standing and otherwise, as are deemed necessary to support the Charter of the Association. None of the Boards' acts shall conflict with action taken by The Association. It shall present to The Association a complete written report of all action taken in Board of Directors meetings during the year. Funds bequeathed to The Association and not designated for a program, i.e., Convention, Scholarship, etc., shall be distributed by the Board to Association accounts in the best interest of The Association.”

Define committees, correct examples of possible funding disposition.

*Article VI, Section 8:

Delete in its entirety.

Repeat of Article VII, Section 4.

*Article VII, Section 1:

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

To “General meetings of The Association shall be held at a time and location decided by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will select a suitable convention site at least two years before the convention. The Board will announce the selected site before or during the general business meeting one year before the subject convention.”

Convention committee does not decide time/place of BOD meeting.

*Article VII, Section 3:

From “The Board of Directors shall meet before the annual General Business Meeting of The Association and again following the close of the annual General Business Meeting. The time and place will be announced to the Membership and published in the agenda of the convention/

symposium. Special meetings may be called by the President and must be called upon written request of at least three Members of the Board of Directors. Due to the possibility of wide geographical separation of the Members, meetings and votes may be conducted by phone or other electronic means as long as a quorum of the Board is present. A written record of each Member's concerns and/or vote must be maintained and read into the minutes of the next annual meeting of the Board."

To "The Board of Directors shall meet before the annual General Business Meeting of The Association and again following the close of the annual General Business Meeting. The time and place will be announced to the Membership and published in the agenda of the convention. Special meetings may be called by the President and must be called upon written request of at least three Members of the Board of Directors. Due to the possibility of wide geographical separation of the Members, meetings and votes may be conducted by phone or other electronic means as long as a quorum of the Board is present. A written record of each Member's concerns and/or vote must be maintained and read into the minutes of the next annual meeting of the Board."

AOMLC is not formally connected to convention.

*Article VII, Section 4:

From "During the Board of Directors Meeting the privilege of making motions, debating, and voting is reserved for the elected Officers of The Association. The President shall withhold his vote in order to break or cause a tie, whichever is in the best interest of The Association."

To "Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. During the Board of Directors Meeting the privilege of making motions, debating, and voting is reserved for the elected Officers of The Association. The President shall withhold his vote in order to break or cause a tie, whichever is in the best interest of The Association."

Adds requirements to conduct meeting

*Article VIII, Section 1:

Delete in its entirety.

Repeat of Article VI, Section 5. This will also necessitate renumbering of remaining sections.

*Article VIII, Section 2:

From "The chairpersons of committees, except the Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors."

To "The chairpersons of committees, except the Elections Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors."

Change to which committee has a designated chairperson.

*Article VIII, Section 4:

From "The following standing committees are established:

- A. Safety
- B. Membership
- C. Bylaws
- D. John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award
- E. Museum
- F. Reunion Book
- G. Convention/Symposium
- H. Hall of Fame
- I. Nominations
- J. CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship

To "The following standing committees are established:

- A. Safety
- B. Bylaws
- C. John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award
- D. Convention
- E. Hall of Fame
- F. Elections
- G. CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship

Remove committees that no longer need to be considered standing, the Reunion Book is a function of Convention and need not be a committee, change name of Nominations committee.

*Article IX, Section 5:

From “The Chapter will, at The Association's general business meeting, report its goals, functions, and progress to the general membership. If no Chapter member can attend The Association's annual general meeting, they shall submit a written report to The Association Secretary, to be read by him at the general business meeting.”

To “The Chapter will, at The Association's annual general business meeting, report its goals, functions, and progress to the general membership. If no Chapter member can attend the meeting, they shall submit a written report to The Association Secretary, to be read at the general business meeting.”

Correct redundancy, remove gender.

*Article IX, Section 6:

From “The Chapter shall submit timely items of interest for inclusion in the Quarterly Newsletter. Items to include but not limited to, points of contact, scheduled events and editorial comments.”

To “The Chapter shall submit timely items of interest for inclusion in the Redshirt. Items to include but not limited to, points of contact, scheduled events, and editorial comments.”

Accurately call out the Redshirt.

*Article XI, Section 2:

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

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

Actual name of annual business meeting.



2024 AAO **PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES** ABSENTEE BALLOT

BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 1159 ON 15 JULY 2024

I, _____, _____,
LAST name, FIRST name, M.I. LAST FOUR (4)
(VERIFICATION PURPOSES)

DO DO NOT accept the proposed by-law changes as written.

If you elected that you do not accept the proposed by-law changes please include this postcard in a letter to the reverse address with a letter stipulating what changes should not be made.

WE WOULD PREFER FOR YOU TO VISIT

<https://www.redshirtnation.com/>

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FOR ALL BALLOT SUBMISSIONS, AS IT IS A MUCH MORE SECURE METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

2024 AAO **OFFICER ABSENTEE BALLOT**

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At the 2024 general business meeting, the offices of Treasurer, Board of Director seats Five (5) and Six (6) are up for election. Current nominees are:

Treasurer – Todd Pendleton (incumbent)

BOD - Jeff Sassone (incumbent seat 5)

Angela Sobieski

Al Dean (incumbent seat 6)

Bill Taylor

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOD SEAT FIVE (5) and SIX (6): Only vote for one candidate for BOD #5 and one candidate for BOD #6. Circle your candidate for each seat.

You may choose to prioritize your selections if there is one nominee you prefer over any another. EXAMPLE: If you want Jeff Sassone to remain on the BOD, regardless of BOD seat, Place a CHECK MARK beside his name Example:

BOD #5 Jeff Sassone / BOD#6 Bill Taylor
Doing this means if Jeff is not elected to BOD #5, you are also voting for Jeff for BOD #6

Circle only ONE candidate

Board of Director position five (5)

Jeff Sassone

Al Dean

Angela Sobieski

Bill Taylor

Check ONLY if this person is your priority candidate

Circle only ONE candidate

Board of Director position six (6)

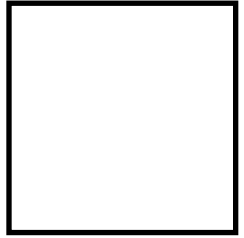
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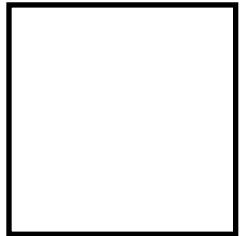
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ATTENTION SCAM ALERT

IF YOU RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM OUR ELECTED CABINET MEMBERS OR ANYONE CLAIMING TO BE PART OF THE ASSOCIATION (NATIONAL OR CHAPTERS) **PLEASE** REACH OUT TO VERIFY WITH US USING OUR LISTED EMAIL ADDRESS FROM OUR WEB SITE REDSHIRTNATION.COM

The below email was received requesting donation money. WE DO NOT DO THIS.

"VP1L882@CUEURVN.COM

Are you available to assist?

This is a simple donation task, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen needs some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice Palliative care units for preventive items and medication from Disease due to their vulnerability. I will be liable for the refund.

Need more info?

Very truly yours,

Matt Arnold, CAPT, USN 2018-present

President.

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**THERE WAS AN ERROR ON OUR PAGE. DOUBLE-
CHECK THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATE ON
YOUR SUBMITTED OR IN-WORK SUBMISSIONS. THE
CORRECT DATE IS MARCH 14, 2024.**

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED, PLEASE
CORRECT YOUR APPLICATION AND RE-SUBMIT.**