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VA Beach VFW #392, 2408 Bowland Pkwy 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 1800

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Chapter 78 - USS Gerald Ford CVN-78 President: AO1 John Perry VFW Post 3160 111 A View, Norfolk, VA last Thursday of every month, 1400 John.Perry@cvn78.navy.mil

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Chapter 35—Lightning Chapter President: AO1 Garrett Ly-Kinhan 850-885-5723 Garrett.ly-kinhan@us.af.mil CNATT Det Eglin JSF F-35 ATC 3rd Thursday, 1500

Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA. President: AO2 Byron Gradney 760-337-4986 Call for Meeting Time and Place





#### **ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP**

PREZ

Greetings fellow warriors, past and present, and all family members.

I hope that all is well with you and yours and that the beginning of this year has brought you many blessings and opportunities. It is hard to believe that we are already three months into this year. Time surely flies when you enjoy what you are doing. I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve each of you and this great organization as its president. Each day I look for new opportunities to improve our Navy and Marine Corps, further promote our great organization, and honor the great Americans who are members of it. I challenge each of you to join me in this endeavor.

The planning for the next convention has started in earnest. Many of the elected officers and committee members met in Laughlin, Nevada during January to discuss the arrangements. A multitude of topics were discussed over the weekend in an effort improve both the convention and the Joint Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Managers and Leaders Continuum. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the attendees, but especially our Vice President, Rob Walecki, for covering down in my absence. I have it on good authority that much work was accomplished. I also have it on good authority that the attendees did not miss the opportunity to socialize and that the food and adult beverages were both good and plentiful. I hope a good time was had by all and that my professional schedule will permit me to attend next year. To the attendees thank you for all you do for our organization.

While reviewing the latest edition of the "Red Shirt" and attending the most recent Chapter 8 meeting I continue to be amazed by the sheer volume and quality of the work being performed by our members throughout the organization. I noted chapters actively participating in the "Adopt-a-Road" programs, conducting charity events of their own design or supporting the events of other organizations, and offering a helping hand to struggling members of our armed services or the less fortunate in our communities. I commend you for your efforts and offer my personal thank you for your service. I am aware that several chapters are documenting their service hours in an effort to be recognized under the Presidential Service Award program. I look forward to recognizing your accomplishments in the coming months. Each of these efforts serves to increase our organization's visibility and improve our standing within the community while also enriching the lives of others and making the country a better place in which to live.

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. Sail Safe.

IYAOYAS,

Matt

VP

Hello Ordies!

I hope this edition of the Redshirt finds you all in good health and spirits and I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. By the time you read this article we will have already conducted the PreConvention meeting in Laughlin NV over MLK day, I'm sure it will have been a productive meeting as usual. It's part of the business end of the Association and I would like to thank all that attended this year for your support to the Association. Only about 5 months left before we hold this year's Symposium and Convention at the Silver Legacy in Reno NV. For those of you that have never attended one, you are missing out on some valuable information, as well as seeing old friends and making new ones. I cannot stress enough to everyone, please get involved, it's YOUR Association, and you'll enjoy yourself as well! In addition, it is time to start thinking about your inputs to the various Committees that will meet at the Convention, such as the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, Hall of Fame, and the numerous scholarships that are available. Recognize your hard chargers and submit them for this honor. If you would like to see how these committee's work and select the winners, check the box next to the committee you want to sit on when you submit your convention ticket letter. The committee's meet on the Friday of the convention. Times will be posted in Redshirt as well as at the convention.

We will also be voting on National Officers during our Saturday General Business meeting. The Offices of Vice President, Secretary, and 2 Board of Directors positions will be open to nominations. As per our By-Laws, if you are going to nominate someone for any of these positions, remember, prior consent of the candidate is required before the name is placed in nomination. Candidates must be present at the General Business meeting unless previously approved by the Board of Directors. Absentee ballots will be included in the next Redshirt prior to the Convention. Nominations for the above mentioned offices have a submission deadline date of 1 April 2019 so the candidate's names can be placed in the Redshirt prior to the convention for absentee balloting purposes. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the Business Meeting, the above requirement still applies. The General Business meeting is a very important part of OUR Association, I hope to see everyone there.

Hope to see everyone in July and tip a few brews with ya! Stay safe out there, especially those of you who are in harm's way and IYAOYAS!

Rob Walecki (NVP)

## SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines -

Hope you all had a safe Holiday Season. We saw great numbers (30+) in Laughlin at the Tropicana Resort for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time was had by all. A BIG thank you for the Norfolk (Dion and Pat) folks who showed up. A special welcome to the China Lake (Steve and Sheryl), Fallon, Lemoore, San Diego (too many from the last 3 to list) and the independent members with no Chapter affiliation.

Start NOW to make your plans for Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV (Continuum) from 29 July thru 01 August 2019, and (Convention) from 01 August thru 04 August. Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Last year we had several Chapters show up with goodies to sell with NO tables were reserved, we were able to accommodate last year, but cannot guarantee there will be room this year. Our numbers are trending up with folks staying over from the Continuum. We are seeing families with children attending.

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Chapter Officers – Reports (minutes) are getting better! However, the Board of Directors (BOD) is probably going to put several Chapters into an 'Inactive' status. Do not let this happen to your Chapter. Please forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Secretary for the past 4 years. I have decided to run for reelection again for another 3 year term. Thank you for your confidence.

R, JJ LaMaitre AAO Secretary

#### **TREASURER**

Convention 2019 is right around the corner, time to start planning your itinerary.

Don't forget to get me your pre-registration forms and make your hotel reservations. Just completed our planning meeting in Laughlin and it looks like there will be a small (\$5.00) increase in Saturdays dinner price. If you want to attend but are still not sure if you can make it, give me a call and we can discuss options. For you Ordies who are not members of the National and intend to come to the Convention, DON'T register as a non-member. Pay the member \$25.00 registration fee and add the \$20.00 for a membership. For you E-4 and below who plan on coming, you get one year membership with your registration fee. If you are a non-member, I will sign you up with your registration. Cut off for pre-reservation is 15 July 2019. Anything mailed after that may not get to me before I leave for Reno.

Just a reminder, membership fees are going up in June 2109. Annual and new member fees will be \$25.00. Two years special will be \$40.00. Life memberships will go up about \$5.00 for each age group each except for the last two age groups. The June Red Shirt will have the new forms.

For the Chapters, keep up the good job you've been doing recruiting. You are the tip of the spear for keeping the Association strong.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so I can update your record.

Address changes are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, 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!!! 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)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaotreas2011@cox.net. Chapter officers, division LPO's, shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locater, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materials. If you know

their e-mail address, drop them a line to get in touch with me.

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at www.usps.com

IYAOYAS!

R,

Thomas Lord

AAO Treasurer

#### **LOCATOR**

Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? If you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me at aaotreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

AOC Gil S. Mine (RN)

AOC Jason A. Bare (RN)

AO3 Amanda K. Baldwin

AOC Alofi Pome'e (RS137)

AO2 Christopher S. Lewis (RN) CWO3 Michael R. Patterson (RN)

AO1 Erwin E. Autry (RN) AO2 Ryan M. Hallett (RS137)

AO1 Christopher Bossier (RN) LtCol Phillip R. Wahle (RS137)

AO1 Anthony L. Strothers (RS137) LT John E. Campbell USN Ret (RS 137)

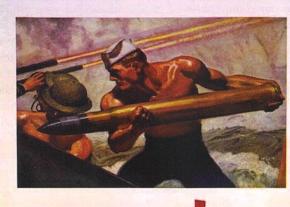
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## Moving? PCS?

Your Change of Address is Important . . . Please submit one to the national treasurer



#### AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

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

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

Jeff Sassone (H) 301-757-7307, ( C ) 240-925-6848 E-mail <u>jeffrey.sassone1@navy.mil</u>

# ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/ MEMBERSHIP DUES:

FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$20.00 PER YEAR

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#### GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN

## **SPECIAL**

FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION
ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT
CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP.
IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.





## **Red Shirt**

#### Articles

are due

20 JAN 20

1 MAY 19

20 SEP 19

Please submit via e-mail when possible



#### **NEW MEMBERS**

AO1 Shawn T. Garrett
AO2 Nikolaus A. Batres
AO3 Marissa K. Cross
AOAA Siriadd E. Jones
AOAN Samantha J. Young
AO2 Jasmine E. Jackson
AO1 Joshua T. Jackson
AO1 Tyler A. Jacobson

AO3 Aretasha S. Barry
AO2 Brenton T. Calkins
AO3 Abby N. Johnson
AOAN Nino R. Sandoval
AOC Michael W. Priest
SGT Ciara M. Dolan
AO2 John Anthony T. Campbell
AO1 Dillon J. Osburn

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MSGT Dennis & Margaret Colbert USMC Ret

LT Joshua & Jennifer Austring CWO3 Eric & Jeanne David USMC Mark & Barbara Wendell Robert & Adrianne Bailey AOC Joseph H. Fountain, Sr. USN Ret

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#### In Memory of AO1 Jody E. Barnes USN Ret

LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken

#### In Memory of LCDR Richard J. Grass USN Ret

LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken

LCDR Kid & Christine McCoy

Ms. Thelma Thill

MAJ Jim & Caroline Thomas USMC Ret

Stephen & Kathleen Klekotka

#### In Memory of AOCS Frank L. Thill USN Ret

LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken

LCDR Kid & Christine McCoy

MAJ Jim & Caroline Thomas USMC Ret

#### **NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

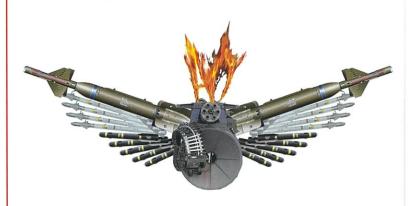
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> \* Info from FRA Today Newsletter \*\* Info from VFW Magazine \*\*\*Other







# Plan to Attend the 2019

# **AAO CONVENTION**

1 Aug – 4 Aug 2019



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or online at

www.silverlegacyreno.com

**Book Code: AAO19** 

Must Make Reservations by 7 July 19
Rates are good from 28 July thru 6 August

Sunday – Thursday Standard Room - \$73 Friday & Saturday
Standard Room - \$97

Deluxe Spa Suites Are Available Free Airport Shuttle

For Convention Information, Call:

Kirk Brado

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

**Make your Reservations Early** 

#### **2019 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION**

#### **DEADLINE IS 15 July 2019**

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

1 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting	
2 Aug (Fri) AO of The Year Committee*	
2 Aug (Fri) Scholarship Committee	
2 Aug (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee	
2 Aug (Fri) Membership Committee	
2 Aug (Fri) By-Laws Committee	
2 Aug (Fri) Nominations Committee	
3 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting	
3 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting	
*Note: AOY Committee restricted to Active/	
Retired E-7 & Above	

## AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

1 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting	
3 Aug (Sat) Auxiliary Luncheon	
3 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting	
3 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting	

#### NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in. If interested in more than one committee, annotate priority by numbers 1-6.

#### ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet. Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under. However, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

#### For active duty E-4 and below:

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

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 15 JULY 2019. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED. (See order form)

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





#### ADVANCE ORDER FORM

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

## ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

Thomas Lord 2888 Iris Ave., #122 San Diego, CA 92154

Registration Fees (	choose appropriate category)	):
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1. Member \$25.00 (\$30.	.00 after 15 Jul 19)	\$
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Credit card payees may also use the registration form on the AO Web Site. If you use this form, the above credit card information does not need to be filled in. Once you send the form, I will receive an e-mail and will, in turn, send you an invoice with the payment requirements. NOTE: This process will not work for military e-mail addresses.

TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES.
ALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION
TABLE EVERY DAY. IF YOU DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED
STAMPED ENVELOPE OR POST CARD OR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.







## NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Program dates are 1June through 31 May

#### **Recruit Five (5) New Members**

#### Any AAO or AAAO member who recruits Five (5) new AAO members will be eligible to receive the AAO Recruitment (5) Lapel Pin

#### Recruit Ten (10) New Members

Any AAO or AAAO member who recruits

Ten (10) new AAO members will be eligible to
receive the AAO Recruitment (10) Lapel Pin

\*\*Ensure that you print your full name legibly on the RECRUITER/SPONSOR line on the Application\*\*

Submit completed applications to: AOCM Thomas Lord USN (RET)

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# o all chapters,



Please review your information on the <u>Chapter Meetings - Places - Times - Dates</u> section on page 3. E-mail your changes to me and JJ LaMaitre. 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

Check us out on Facebook.....
"The Red Shirt"



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

Thank you so much for honoring me with this year's Robert L. Crow Award. The use of this scholarship will go towards much needed textbooks, school

supplies, as well as tuition. I owe a great amount of gratitude to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, as their aid has helped me afford my education for the last three years. Being awarded this money is a constant reminder of the good our military does for our youth. It also serves as a motivator to do better in school and to use my degree to give back to the community. By May of next year, I will have received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminal Justice Forensics with a minor in Sociology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

I owe this degree to my parents and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Thank you. Sincerely, Marcella Burmeister

Kevin -

The F-14 Tomcat Monument Association has been established with the purpose of creating a lasting monument to the Navy's F-14 Tomcat. To that end we are contacting all areas of Naval Aviation in an effort to raise funding for the construction of the monument.

The members of the F-14 Tomcat Monument Association are all former Tomcat aviators and maintainers and are active members of ANA.

The completed monument will become a permanent part of the Aviation Monument Park located on the Virginia Beach, Va. beach front.

Obviously, AOs had a vital role in the operation of the F-14 and we would very much like to recognize our important "Ordies" as such.

We would appreciate it if you can publish the attached article in the next edition of "Red Shirt" to assist us in the production of this monument.

As you will see in the article we are an IRS 501(c) 3 organizations and all donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for your consideration.

V/r, Mike

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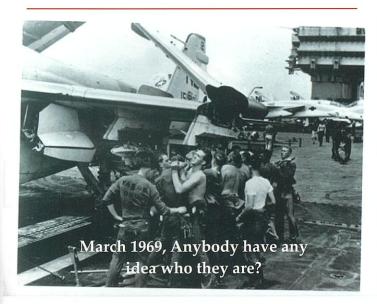
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#### To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I'm writing to thank each of you for continuing to support my education. Since 2013, when I graduated from high school, you all have helped me afford an undergraduate and graduate education, but also extracurricular development. Your investment in me allowed me to accept an internship as a water resource manager on a farm after my first year at Virginia Tech. From this I was able to earn a job as a lake manager in my sophomore year, a research assistant in my junior year, and an undergraduate researcher in my senior year. Upon graduation, I transitioned into a master's program at VCU, where I am currently researching human impacts on water resources. This year I have been able to present my research at two conferences, gather data throughout the summer and fall, and help others learn research methods. Most importantly I have been able to afford the increasing cost of education and research.

You all have allowed me to have these experiences, which have impacted the trajectory of my education and life. I will be graduating in May and will then move into the workforce as a water resource manager. I could not have achieved this level of success without your generous investments in me. It is with the utmost gratitude that I thank all of you for your service and commitment to education.

Best Regards, Joe Famularo







VA-15, CV-62, Sept ember 1980



CV-41, October 1979



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## CHAPTER 671

Sailors from Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit ONE (NAWMU-1), Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC-25), and visiting shipmates from the carrier USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76), came together to serve the community through volunteering. Members, alongside the maintenance crew from the Agat Mayor's office, conducted several beautification projects that included a beach cleanup, painting, and water-blasting areas throughout the village. After a morning of hard work, the day concluded with music and a fiesta style luncheon hosted by the Agat Mayor's office. As always we had an excellent showing of support during our Old Wives and Dadi Beach cleanup, helping keep the Island of Guam beautiful. Additionally, we joined the Guam Department of Education Christmas Initiative 2018 donating clothing and toys to homeless children. The hard work of NAWMU-1 Sailors resulted in the recognition as the 2018 Joint Region Marianas Sister Village Award, and the 2018 CNO Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship Award Winners for Community Service.

NAWMU-1 has been officially named the 7th Fleet 2E Cognizant Bomb Component Intermediate Maintenance Activity. Sailors and leadership alongside Kevin Fallen from PMA-201 stopped for a moment to take a quick picture by the newly named Direct Attack Weapons maintenance site. In addition, Sailors received critical training which allowed them to inspect, test, and restore 2,678 7th Fleet 2E COG munition assets to fully capable, mission ready status. NAWMU-1's weapons maintenance efforts saved more than \$165 million in logistic and repair costs keeping the highly valuable load plan assets in both the 5th and 7th Fleet AORs vice transporting these assets back to Contractor Depots.

Congratulations to our Senior Sailor of the Quarter LS1 Joshendy Malong and Junior Sailor of the Quarter AO2 Sean Balboa for FY19 1st quarter! Congratulation to our newly promoted First Class Petty Officers: AO1 Luke Adams, AT1 John Hennessy, and AO1 Gustavo Pro!

We also would like to welcome aboard AO2 Nenamonique Fearon, AO2 Francisco Tolentino, AO2 Geremy Hammond, AO2 Jaime Luevanos, YN2 Belinda Larche, AO2 Alphonso Goddard, and AO2 Killian Hoyt to the NAWMU-1/CH 671 Team!

Until next time. IYAOYAS!!! AO1 (AW/SW) Marcus E. Van Cell: (671) 788-9880/ (619) 368-8270

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## AO AUXILIARY

Happy New Year's all!

I hope this short note finds all of you well and hanging in there. I know we have had some terrible losses this past year and my heart goes out to all of you.

I wanted to say "Thank you" to all of you for all of you for your support this past year to our Auxiliary and our Ordies!

Some of us will be heading to Laughlin next week for our annual planning trip for Convention 2019. We hope to see you all @ convention this year. It will be July 31-August 4, 2019.

I ask all of you out there to start putting your thinking caps on for those fantastic items you will be donating for Convention this year. We greatly appreciate your donations and we couldn't be as successful as we are for raising funds for the Scholarship Program without all of you.

Also Big "Thank you" to all of you that support our Taste Of Home program our Ordies love it and appreciate it so much.....

Take Care to all of you and see ya all soon....

Teresa Zimmer - AAAO President

Greetings form Chapter One!!

We hope everyone had a great holiday season. We had a great turn out for our annual Chapter One picnic and thanks everyone for coming by and we will do again next August hope to see you all out there.



Our Adopt-a-Highway program is still running strong we completed and our last clean-up and filled 43 bags of trash and lots of associated garbage along HWY 198 running past NAS Lemoore. I have to thank everyone who participated Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific and Navy Munitions Command.

Also our Holiday/Christmas party was a great time for all that could make it, we do the party every year at the Fleet Reserve in Lemoore usually the second Saturday of December. I would personally like to thank AOCS Colby for all her help this year.



Welcome home VFA-136, Gunner Martinez, AOC Johnson and their outstanding Ordie shop!



IYAOYAS! Jeffry Coe (AOCS RET) Chapter One President

## CHAPTER 5

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Greetings from Chapter 5, China Lake, Ca

Since October 2018 we have had a few officer changes with our previous President AOC Chris Johnson leaving China Lake to head to Virginia Beach. AO1 Ray-

mond Jenkins assumed the duties of President, with AOC Casey Wheelock becoming our new Vice President, and AOC Torian Taylor as our new Treasure.

"CONGRATULATIONS" to AO2 John Weekly, and AO2 Clayton Davenport on their advancement to Second Class Petty Officer.

Ordnance Fact: The development of the Sidewinder missile began in 1946 at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS), Inyokern, California, now the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Ca.



Left to right: AOC Torian Taylor, AOAN Breyana Hurtado, AOC Chris Johnson, CDR (RET) Steve Maxwell, LT Rob Dewolfe, Angel Ladao, AO1 Raymond Jenkins, AOC Casey Wheelock, AO1 Chris Adams, AOAN Natasha Siciliano, Scott Murphy, Lacy Paulsen, AO3 Destini Smith, AOAN Cortney Parker, Greg Paulsen, Mike Konickl

This Quarter, your favorite Chapter has been very busy! First off, Chapter 34 took part in the feeding of 375 students in a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Navy and Marine Corps instructors got together the night prior to prepare and cook 20 turkeys throughout the night and share a little "Comradery"! The association raised over three thousand dollars for the event which paid for the turkeys and catering of all the sides but the best part was that almost half the funds went toward door prizes given away to the soon to be Ordnancemen throughout the day. Everyone left happy and with a full belly!





Chapter 34 continued with one of our monthly Community Volunteer efforts with the sponsoring of a local Park for clean-up and maintenance! The association is now sponsoring the Wayside Park in Pensacola, FL. The association goes out anywhere from once to twice a month (As Required) to clean up trash and debris and maybe enjoy a little BBQ while there! With the park comes the homeless as well. The association has fed those at the park a couple times, and believe me when I say it was a very welcomed by all!







Well, there is your snapshot of what all is going on down here in the south! If you are ever in the area, all Ordies are welcome for our monthly meeting at Beef O' Brady's off of Palafox downtown the first Wednesday of each month! The Chapter would like to welcome Lt Charles Green and his family to the Pensacola area and to our band of wayward children. His tutelage and mentorship will be a welcome asset to our Chapter and to the School. If you're ever in the need for some new gear feel free to stop by the school house or message us through Facebook!

Above all else, IYAOYAS!
President: Joshua Portillo
Vice President: Chad Watkins
Secretary: Quincy Watie
Treasurer: Sydney Smith
PAO: Joshua Jackson
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ciara Dolan



## DESERT SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Greetings again and happy belated holidays from the Desert South West Chapter AO Association. We hope you guys had a wonderful start to the New Year. The Fall and Winter season kept us busy with plenty of volunteering opportunities. We started off the Fall Season with a Haunted House at a local school by setting up and breaking down as well as dressing up and participating inside the haunted house. We Also got together with a local church to help with their trunk or treat. In December, we participated in the Annual Christmas Parade Float. We were shining bright this year with Charlie Brown and some of his friends including Snoopy, Woodstock, and Sally. Once again we were able to help the "Taste of Home" foundation by donating care packages to the USS Harry S Truman (CVN 75) for the most recent holiday season. On top of all the community involvement we participated in the 9/11 stair walk back in September in remembrance to the ones who have fallen. To end things off we recently had our command holiday party. There was a lot of laughter, presents and good food. We even had some old fashion fun at the dunk tank. We are looking forward to seeing what this new year has in store for our desert chapter.

Until next time my fellow ordies...... IYAOYAS!!

Very Respectfully, AO2(AW/SW) Meghan E. Bean Desert South West Chapter Secretary



P.S: New Coins have arrived. If You are interested in purchasing one Please reach out to our Treasurer Marvin Masolo at marvin.masolo@navy.mil or 1(760) 339-2648















We finally had a chance to take a picture of Chapter 3 in Oak Harbor, WA. The attached picture is from our 2018 Holiday Party. We were able to gain 6 new members and a National Member during this event.

Here in Oak Harbor we're the hub of Electronic Attack. On our small island, we have 23 squadrons, NMC, and FRCNW!

We would like to give a huge shout out to our board members, retirees, and all of our members for helping our Chapter stay together. From one Ordie to another IYAOYAS!

Very Respectfully AO1 Garrett, Shawn Chapter 3 President



## CHAPTER 9



Happy 2019 from Chapter Nine.

I trust this year will be even better and safer than ever for all you "Ordies". The chapter concluded the year by cleaning two miles of highway, continuing to assist local high school JROTC Units, volunteering at the annual "Blue Angels" Air Show, and the yearly tradition of donating \$450 in commissary gift cards to aid local

Ordies and their families over the holidays.

Our meetings average 25 or more representing every era from World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, and Operation Enduring Freedom. The oldest living members were born in 1920's, the youngest have less than six months active duty. We try to be relevant to each one. Some of the stories are very interesting.

We wish a happy 94th birthday to our oldest member, LCDR Jack Purtee USN(Ret) of Orange Park, FL, Gunner Purtee volunteered for the Navy in early 1942 along with his boyhood pal, LT Robert Bohnstengel, USN(Ret) also a member of Chapter Nine. Both served in the Pacific during WWII, then Korea, and finally Viet Nam; before finishing their careers at NAS Jax Weapons Department. We look forward to hearing their stories.

John Printy, USN(Ret), joined the Navy as an undesignated striker just before the Korean conflict and choose to become an AO to fly as aircrewman. He served many years as the AAO9 Treasurer and continues to serve on our Board of Directors. Ties to past history are great, we don't realize how good we have things today.

AO2 Webster of VP-30 was selected our AO of the Quarter for the third quarter 2018.

An interesting thing happened to me during a trip to Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown, VA area in December. While visiting the replica ships near Jamestown, one of the characters dressed in period costume noticed my AO hoodie and greeted me with "IYAOYAS". After the usual questions, turns out he was an AE and we both cruised on the Saratoga in 1987. The moral of this story is what a privilege it is to represent our heritage as AOs and you never know who is watching.

Keep retired AOC Tony "speedy" Gonzalez, USN(Ret) in your prayers. Tony worked many years at NAS Cecil Field Weapons Department after retiring and had an impact on many of us. His health continues to keep him housebound.

2019 promises to be a great year. Continue to work safe and smart, always look out for each other. IYAOYAS.



I wish to highlight another valuable member of Chapter Nine; CWO2

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started."

Since September 2018 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added three new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and had 10 personnel show up to their first Chapter meeting.

On 6 September, Chapter President John Holdman presented AO2 Elizabeth Loyd with the LCDR James E. Thompson Aviation Ordnanceman of the Quarter, second quarter with a citation and \$100. The presentation was attended by LCDR J. E. Thompson's family.

During our October meeting several attendees brought in items to support the AAAO Taste of Home project. All items were packaged up by Carolyn Thomas and shipped to the USS Harry Truman.

November was a busy month for the Chapter as we kicked off our annual AOCS Jason P. May Thanksgiving Holiday Hand-up and concluded it by giving out \$1,500.00 in commissary Gift Cards to 15 Aviation Ordnance families. We'd like to acknowledge Chapter members Diane McQueen-Gipson and Lester Gipson for coordinating this event and the generosity of the AOCS Jason May Family for their continued donations which helped make this highly successful event possible.

On 10 November, member Misty Beck coordinated an Ordie Get-Together at the Naval Base San Diego Bowling Alley. Several Chapter members showed up and had a great time.

In November, we also had a huge showing of volunteers from the Chapter who participated in the 17th annual Veterans 6K/4 Mile Run/Walk, the Marine Corps League (1207) Veteran's Day Event, Susan G. Komen San Diego, Race for the Cure, and our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Walk.

December also proved to be a busy month as we focused on our annual AOCS Jason P. May Christmas Holiday Hand-up and again concluded it by giving out \$700 in Gift Cards to seven Aviation Ordnance families. Members Diane McQueen-Gipson and Lester Gipson again donated their time to coordinate this event.

In December we also had several volunteers participate in the Toys for Tots working party at MCAS Miramar under the superb coordination of Chapter member Jim Thomas.

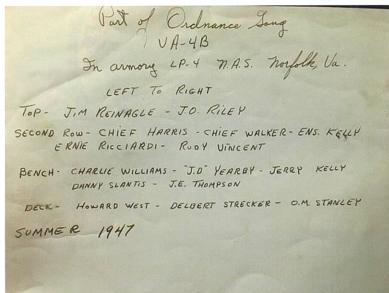
On Saturday, 6 December, the Chapter held its annual Holiday/ Christmas Potluck. The food selections were fantastic, we had a great time with a White Elephant Gift Exchange, and we were able to bring in some extra funds through a raffle and a 50/50 drawing. We'd like to thank Tess LaMaitre for the raffle donations as well as a herself and Carolyn Thomas for their take charge support in setting the event up.

In December, President Holdman took time to present several end of the year recognition awards to the following personnel who regularly attended AAO Chapter 8 meetings, participated in volunteer events, and contributed their leadership skills to better the Chapter throughout the year: Lester Gipson and Diane McQueen-Gipson, John (JJ) and Tess LaMaitre, Jim and Carolyn Thomas, John Holdman, Leonard Eugene, Elizabeth Loyd, Tom Lord, and Al Ten Eyck.

Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!

V/r CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer





The above picture is of AAO Plank Owner Jim Thompson courtesy of AOCM(Ret) Diane McQueen-Gipson.





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## F-14 TOMCAT OBELISK PLANNED FOR TRIBUTE TO NAVAL AVIATION

The F-14 Tomcat Monument Association is supporting construction of a long-awaited addition to its very popular Naval Aviation Monument Park at the Virginia Beach, Va. oceanfront.

A ten-foot tall, four-sided, black granite structure memorializing the venerable F-14 Tomcat and all who supported one of the most recognized and famous fighter aircraft of Naval Aviation is being constructed, with target for completion and dedication in 2020.

The structure will feature laser-etched storyboard panels depicting aircraft operations, a tribute to maintenance and operational personnel, and a commemoration of those who gave their all flying the Tomcat. Board member CDR (Ret) Alex "Rattler" Rucker is our artistic director.

The only way we can complete this project is through contributions from our members and supporters. The target goal is \$100,000.

Rear Admiral (Ret) "Bad Fred" Lewis, president of the F-14 Tomcat Monument Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, said: "We have inaugurated a serious undertaking to erect monuments to the F-14 Tomcat that we were all proud to fly and learned to love as we operated that glorious machine in peace and in war. To that end, we have established the F-14 Tomcat Monument Association here in Virginia Beach to solicit contributions to fund a project to memorialize not only the airplane but also the aircrew and maintainers who dedicated themselves to the airplane and its mission. Special recognition and tribute will be given to those who gave their lives while flying the Tomcat."

"I am pleased to say that we have gotten off to a rousingly good start. Our intent is to erect the first monument at the Naval Aviation Monument Park in Virginia Beach by 2020 with follow-on sites under consideration. In some way, all of you contributed to the success of the F-14 program and all of you need to have your association with the program recorded for posterity. What we are proposing to all of you and the thousands of other Tomcat veterans is an honorable way to have your efforts recognized. Please make that positive decision to help us make it happen."

There are three levels of contribution categories: Mach 2 Level - \$1,000; Mach 1 Level - \$500; and Afterburner Level - \$250; however, donations of any amount are welcomed. Afterburner, Mach 1 and Mach 2 donors will have their information (maximum 30 characters including spaces and punctuation) inscribed on the monument and should submit their name, call sign (as appropriate), rank and service with their donation.

We are an IRS designated 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

Contributions can be made by using the form on our website: tomcatmonument.org.

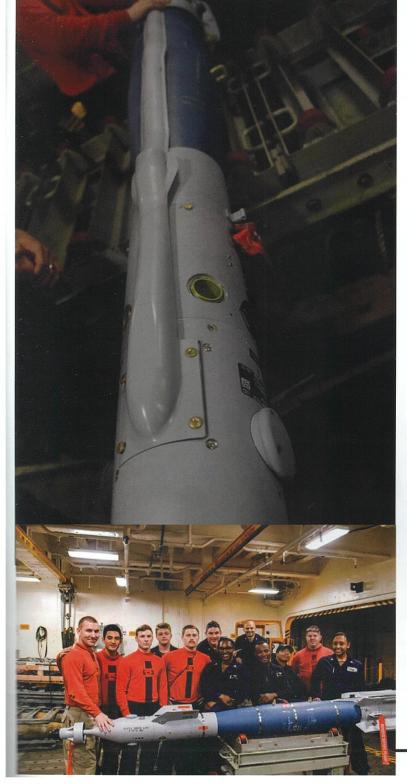
The Tomcat obelisk will join several other monuments honoring Naval Aviation, aviators, aircraft, and aircraft carriers presently in the aviation monument park. Located at 25th Street and Atlantic Ave. at the Virginia Beach oceanfront, the park is visited by thousands of tourists and residents each year.

ANYTIME, BABY!

## CHAPTER LHD-1

Attached are a few pictures from the USS wasp G-3 division, after they had built up a couple GBU-49's, I know it looks like 12's, but note the conduit in the third picture. I would like to try to get them in a red shirt. They are members of the CHAPTER LHD-1 (Stingers-1), and there will be more to come.

V/R AO1 (AW/SW) Learned, Jacob E. WEPS. PRO. LPO USS WASP (LHD-1)











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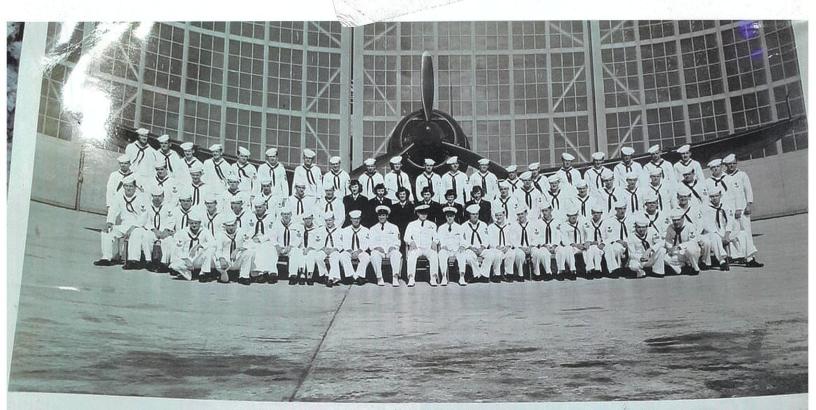
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