



AO NEWSLETTER

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SAN DIEGO CONVENTION 1982

The Convention Committee is working out plans for a GREAT Convention 1982 in San Diego. The reservation forms will be out in March along with the schedule of events for the Convention. The date is 18-20 June 1982. Let's make plans now to have SAN DIEGO CONVENTION 82 the best convention ever!

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HISTORY OF THE AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN RATING

Aviation ratings in the U. S. Navy were first authorized by a Circular Letter of 1 July 1921 with the following aviation rates being established: Aviation Machinist's Mate (AMM), Aviation Rigger (AR), Aviation Metalsmith (AM), Aviation Carpenter's Mate (ACM), and Photographer's Mate (PhoM). Wings were simply added to the existing insignia, however, an airplane propeller was substituted for the ship's screw in AMM (AD now). Prior to 1921, Petty Officers assigned to aviation duties, and aviation qualified, carried an (A) after their rate, ie; MM2c(A) instead of AMM2c. Qualifications for these (A) rates required meeting the standards of the general rating in addition to those required for the aviation specialty. The Aviation Carpenter's Mate and Aviation Rigger rates were abolished just prior to WWII as Naval Aviation had made the transition from wooden biplanes to metal monoplanes.

The rating of Aviation Ordnanceman (AOM) was authorized by Circular Letter of 2 March 1926. Most of the pioneer Aviation Ordnancemen were converted Gunner's Mates and were thus entitled to wear their "crow" on the right sleeve. Captain Bill Scarborough and Art Hoffman were Aviation Ordnancemen prior to WWII and both can remember right arm Aviation Ordnancemen. I enlisted in 1943 and cannot remember any right arm AOM - perhaps I was not very observant! For the AOM rate, the Warrant Gunner's insignia (flaming bomb - or whatever??) was adopted - with wings added.

Abbreviation for AOM was changed to AO by C/L 106-40 of 9 June 1948. Am I old? - there is a whole generation of AOs (many now retired) who were never AOM!! Chiefs were designated ACOM - Aviation Chief Ordnanceman, instead of the present AOC.

Submitted by: Charles L. Scrivner

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PLAN NOW FOR SAN DIEGO CONVENTION 82
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN SAN DIEGO

COME EARLY - STAY LATE!

INFORMATION URGENTLY NEEDED

Any ex-Aviation Ordnanceman who was qualified as a Master Horizontal Bomber, Horizontal Bomber First Class or Air Bomber, please contact ChAvOrdTech-4 Lester B. TUCKER USN Ret. at 658 Sweathouse Road, Victor, MT 59875. (Phone (406) 642-3133) Gunner TUCKER is writing a book on Aviation Ratings and specific information is needed concerning authorization to wear the insignia designating a person one of the above classes of bomber.

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ATTENTION AIR LANT ORDNANCEMEN

Received a note from LTJG Wayne SHEPARD from the USS KENNEDY. He said that they are doing workups off the East Coast with CVW-3 aboard and are actively recruiting new members. He would like to have a get together at Patuxant River or Norfolk about August with Air Lant Ordnancemen. If you are interested, contact him.

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WANTED: AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

Reliable information has come to me that VSE Corporation, 3410 South A Street, Oxnard, CA 93030, desires to talk to ex or retired Navy/Marine Corps (or even Air Force) Aviation Ordnancemen that are seeking employment.

Persons interested should contact Marvin G. DAVIS LT USN Ret. at the above address or by phone. Home (805) 488-2539 or Work (805) 487-7985.

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SAILOR NEEDS HELP

A sailor, now living in New York, served our country during WWII. Unfortunately he is now disabled due to a heart attack. To keep himself busy he has taken up a hobby of collecting such items as photos, decals, patches, souvenirs, etc., of the military.

If any of you Ordnancemen out there have anything you can spare of such a nature, he would sure be grateful.

Please send your items to: Mr. Wesley BILLINGTON, Artweld Trailer Ranch, RD-1, Box 23, Broadalbin, NY 12025.

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TAPS

LCDR Glen C. PORTERFIELD passed away on 5 August 1981. Friends and Shipmates send their condolences to Mrs. Jane Porterfield.

Anyone wishing to send a special message may send it to 13076 Camino Del Valle, Poway, CA 92064.

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NOTE FROM WESTPAC (dated 10/10/81)

USS CORAL SEA and CVW-14 Ordnance personnel took some time off from being a great ordnance team at sea and had an Ordnance Red Shirt Party during their SEPT 81 in port period at Subic Bay, R.P. The party lasted two days and a great time was had by all who attended. CDR R. A. WILLSON, Air Wing Commander and CDR J. F. WASCHBUSCH, USS CORAL SEA "Gun Boss" were made "Honorary Red Shirts." They were impressed! About 290 ordnance people attended the two day affair, from Ship's Weapon Dept. and CVW-14 Squadrons, comprised of VA-27, VA-97, VA-196, VF-21, and VF-154.

A committee from the Squadrons and Ship's Company personnel, headed by A01 POOLE put on a great First Annual Red Shirt Party for the USS CORAL SEA/CVW-14 Ordnance Team. I might add that I only know of one ticket sold that wasn't used and that belonged to CDR "Bingo" BOWMAN, CO of VA-97. The party was living proof that Ship/Air Wing Ordnance Personnel work hard and play hard together.

Submitted by: LT Chuck ONKEN
CVW-14 Ord. Off.

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CHANGE TO BY-LAWS AUTHORIZES ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTERS

At the 1981 Convention in Reno the attending membership approved the addition of an article to the by-laws that authorizes the establishment of chapters within The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

The rules and procedures are promulgated in ARTICLE IX of the revised by laws, which have been mailed to each member of the Association. Additional copies may be obtained from the Sec./Tres., Tom ROBINS, 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, CA 95008.

Active duty personnel attached to ships, squadrons, and stations where there are large numbers of Ordnancemen, and personnel who live in areas ie., Norfolk, Jacksonville, Corpus Christi, San Diego, Alameda, etc. are especially encouraged to organize a chapter of The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at their activity or in their area.

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NEW MEMBERS

CAMPBELL, J.E.	ETIER, D.R. AOCM	SLEE, C.R.
CAPPELLO, S.P.	JORDAN, T.J.	STEWART, D.F. GYSGT USMC
CORBETT, J.B. LT	LUCAS, D.C.	TREISTER, R.P.
DAVIS, M.G.	McKINNON, E.W.	TUCKER, L.B.
DAVIS, L.A.	POUTREE, D.R. CWO-4	VISCONTI, G.L. AO2
DODSON, L.A.	SCHREINER, P.	WYATT, J.E. AOCM
ESPE, John "Z"		

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REMEMBER, WE NEED THOSE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S ELIGIBILITY!!!!!!

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Membership \$10.00 Per Year

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THOMAS D. ROBINS, Sec/Treas
729 Buddlawn Way
Campbell, CA. 95008

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ADDRESS _____ PHONE - HOME _____ WORK _____
_____ ZIP _____ DUTY STATION (ACTIVE) _____

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USMC _____ EX-AO _____ OCCUPATION _____
USMCR _____ RANK/RATE _____ POSITION _____
DATES SERVED: _____ to _____

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I do/do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

(Witness)

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AN INVITATION...

to the membership
of
ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDANCEMEN

*We take pleasure in extending this official invitation
to hold your next convention in San Diego.*

*Our facilities are ideal, with enough variety and flexibility
to meet your specific requirements.*

*Our year-round climate is the most nearly
perfect in North America.*

*We are confident you will enjoy meeting
where conventions are adventures in pleasure. We hope
you will accept our cordial invitation.*

Signed:

Pete Wilson

MAYOR, CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Paul Eckert

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Roy I. Edson, Jr.

CITY MANAGER, SAN DIEGO

Harold B. Starkey, Jr.

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