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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2022
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Alan D. Dean
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Maxwell

2022 JOHN W. FINN
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE



CAPT Matt Arnold presenting the 2022 John W. Finn AOY to AO1 Slinger

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**AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT
CAPTAIN MATT ARNOLD**

Greetings fellow warriors, members of the auxiliary, family, and friends of the association. I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. It is hard to believe that another convention is in the books. Thank you to all who traveled from near and far to attend this year's event. The total attendance exceeded my expectations and, even though we were missing some of our normal attendees, it was enjoyable to see all who did attend. While the COVID-19 pandemic continued to have a small but noticeable impact on our festivities, we persevered and, in my humble opinion, conducted another successful function. It continues to be my honor to work with each one of you to grow this association. I urge each one of you to look for ways to increase the impact of this organization on our profession and our community. We must rely on our members, with the guidance and assistance of our elected leaders, to chart the course we will navigate. The success of this association requires that we work together in order to achieve the best effect.

First, I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the Lieutenant John W. Finn Ordnanceman of the Year selectee, AO1 (AW/SW) Kayla M. Slinger and Runner-Up, AO1(AW/SW) Kendra M Hall. Congratulations also goes out to our newest AAO Hall of Honor Inductees, CAPT (Ret.) Alan D. Dean and CDR (Ret.) Steven D. Maxwell. To the new national officers, I offer my congratulations on your election and installation and my thanks for your willingness to serve this great organization. I would also like to express the appreciation of the association to the former officers for providing the guidance necessary to

keep this organization operating smartly and effectively. To the national officers who continue to serve I offer my personal thank you for your performance of the work required to support the association. Finally I would like to express the appreciation of the association to the local chapter officers and members who work diligently to advance the purposes of this association.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all of the members who selflessly worked to plan and support the execution of another successful annual convention. The success of this endeavor rests squarely upon the shoulders of a small number of our members who perform a lion's share of the work. They perform this work with very little recognition and even less reward. I will not individually recognize these members, as I am sure I would forget one or two, so I will just offer hearty thanks for all you do to support this event.

In closing I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas. Please keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization and the purposes to which it is dedicated. I look forward to the great works that this association will perform in the future.

IYAOYAS,

Matt



AAO NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT**AOCS(RET) TIM ZIMMER**

Hello Redshirt Nation!!

I hope you're all doing well and living your best life. Special thoughts go out to all of our brothers and sisters currently deployed and in harms way. Keep your head on a swivel and watch out for each other.

We had a blast in Reno this year, as usual. The attendance was down just a tic, but a good time was had by all, that's for sure. If you've never attended the convention, or haven't been in a long time, I urge you to come. You'll catch up with folks you haven't seen in a while, meet new ones, and generally have an outstanding time. You'll also see how the Association does what we do by attending the general business meeting and sitting in on one of the Board of Directors meetings. We're always looking for new blood to get involved in our Association. In case you didn't know, the AAO's mission statement is:

Mission

To promote ordnance handling and safety, providing technical and professional support to Aviation Ordnancemen Fleet wide.

Vision

To promote the professionalism of the Aviation Ordnancemen rate within the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Department of Defense through improved communications and increased cooperation between Aviation Ordnancemen and industry partners responsible for the design and procurement of weapons systems, components, associated hardware, and related handling support equipment.

We can't effectively perform our mission without active-duty Sailors and Marines providing vital input into current operations, policies, procedures and technology, period. As my wise old uncle says, "WE WANT YOU."

During convention, we were able to recognize this year's John W Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year in person! AO1 (AW/SW) Kayla Slinger from HSM-74 was in attendance with Chapter 9, Jacksonville, so I had to write the announcement in such a way that she wouldn't know it was her until the very last second. Being able to enjoy that moment with her was priceless. Our Runner Up is AO1 (AW/SW) Kendra Hall from NMC Oceana. Congratulations to you both! Also, during the convention, we added (2) members to the Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame. Welcome to the ranks CAPT Al Dean, USN (Ret) and CDR Steve Maxwell, USN (Ret). Absolutely well deserved. Lastly, Rick Garza was not able to attend this year so Jeff Sassone stepped in and chaired the Scholarship Committee. This year the Association awarded \$28,000 between awardees Abigail Williamson, Erica Crews, Devynne Vachon, Jessica Hoag, Tiffany Wheat, Sydney Robinson, Faith Smith, Miriam Barba and Trace Robinson. Congratulations to you all!

IYAOYAS

Tim

**AAO NATIONAL SECRETARY
AOCM(RET) JJ LAMAITRE**

Greetings Ordies – Had a good Convention in Reno this year, numbers were better than expected was good to see some new faces this year. Was a busy week especially with the AOLMC being held the week after Convention. The General Business Minutes are elsewhere in this edition of the Red Shirt.

A thanks to Captain Arnold for taking another tour as our President. Also thanks to the re-elected BOD members Steve Kashuba and Amber Roth for continuing to serve on the BOD.

Would be remiss if I didn't mention that Chuck Onken was sorely missed at this year's Convention. Chuck was always the 'go to guy' for any historical info on the Association.

Start NOW making plans for Convention 2023 to be held at the Silver Legacy Resort Reno, NV from 27 July thru 30 July 2023. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. We will be at the Silver Legacy through 2024. If you would like to have an alternative place or location starting in 2025, contact the Formal Convention Committee Chairman Kirk Brado or myself. Myself, and my Bride Theresa (Tess) will be taking over once this contract is up at the Silver Legacy in 2024. Keep in mind a lot of factors go into the decision including (but not limited to) meeting spaces, room rates, ease of transportation to and from the airport, and costs associated with those items and more. In other words, 'Best Bang for the Buck' for the membership.

Chapter Officers – Chapter Reports have gotten better HOWEVER we had to disestablish two Chapters over the past year. I will again be sending out warning letters for de-activation for several Chapters as directed by the BOD at Convention. I need Chapter Reports submitted to me to me on a regular basis. Do NOT put your

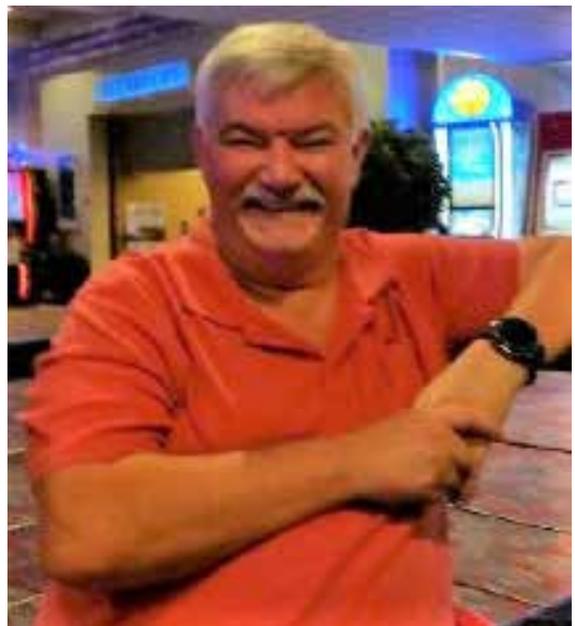
Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to nationalaaosec@gmail.com .

Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin at the Aquarius Resort (Reservation Code 'GR AAO 23') on January 12th – 15th 2023 for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt and Web Site for more details.

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your Secretary for the past 8+ years, I plan on running for re-election next year for one more term as Secretary. 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 Laughlin.

If you have any questions, concerns, or if any National Officers can assist you or your Chapter, just ASK. IYAOYAS!

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary



**AAO NATIONAL TREASURER
CWO4(RET) TODD PENDLETON**

Convention AAO22 in Reno was a great success. Thanks to all who contributed to the success, those who attended and those who donated to the Scholarship Fund.

Chapter Officers, take a look at your members and encourage all 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.

The response to request for the Annual Financial Reports was very disappointing. If your Chapter has yet to submit their annual financial report, please do so now. Those reports are part of our income tax filing and are necessary. Treasurer's, if you need the Form for annual report, email me as soon as possible and I will send 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 "Contact Info Update Only." 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 out of hand. We try our best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt, get it. But when I don't have an updated address, we have to pay the post office for its return. With 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 via the "Contact Info Update Only" method!! 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 the updates via filling out a membership form from the web site (www.redshirtnation.com) and note "Contact Info Update Only" and you can 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 you 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.

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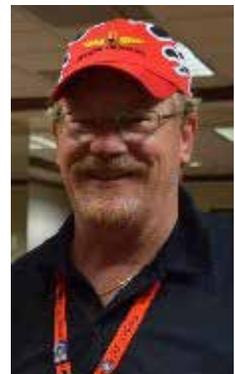
Thanks,

Todd Pendleton

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National AAO Treasurer



ATTENTION TO ORDERS:

FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER

TO: ORDNANCEMEN WHO SERVED AND THOSE THAT SUPPORTED

SUBJ: PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

AO2 COURTLAND WRIGHT***

LCDR ALIDOR J. LEMIEUX***

LT OSCAR J. ROBINSON***

AO1 JERRY B. MAXFIELD***

MR. MOODY A. HARP JR. USAF***

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MGYSGT WILLIAM KEN LEONARD, JR.***

LCDR JAMES L. SPERLICH***

AOCM JOE B. WALDREP***

LCDR JACK W. PURTEE***

AOC JOSEPH A. HIRSCHMAN*

1. YOU STAND DETACHED FROM YOUR CURRENT ASSIGNMENT AT 1ST CIVAIRWING AND DIRECTED TO REPORT TO COMMANDING OFFICER, AT BARRACKS HEAVEN, AVIATION ORDNANCE DETACHMENT FOR DUTY.

2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED 0 DAYS DELAY AND 0 DAYS PROCEED ENROUTE TO YOUR NEW DUTY STATION. LEAVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ORDERS IS NOT AUTHORIZED.

3. ORDNANCEMEN REPORTING FOR DUTY DURING WORKING HOURS SHALL BE IN SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM.

4. SNM SHALL FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH INTERIOR GUARD MANUAL PRIOR TO REPORTING FOR DUTY.

5. UPON REPORTING TO THE STAFF DUTY OFFICER, SNM SHALL STATE: "... ONE MORE ORDNANCEMEN REPORTING SIR"

GOD'S SPEED OUR FRIENDS. IYAOYAS. YOU WILL BE MISSED.

TILL VALHALLA.

* INFO FROM FRA TODAY NEWSLETTER/** INFO FROM VFW MAGAZINE/****OTHER

**AAAO PRESIDENT
TERESA ZIMMER**

Hello,

Happy Fall! It was so nice to see all of you at Convention this year in Reno. It was a blast as always. Unfortunately, attendance was down this year and we really missed several of our auxiliary members. Can't wait to see you all next year.

We did fantastic raising funds for the Scholarship Program. Thank you to all that donated items and to those that dug deep into their pockets to bid on and purchase items.

I want to give a very big Shout Out to all of the gals that helped man the memorabilia tables. It was a true team effort!!!! We also did fantastic on our raffles. Our Sailors and Marines seem

to love the 50/50's. We had a fabulous luncheon as well, lots of fun and laughs.

Looking forward to our Planning meeting January in Laughlin.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and let me know if there is anything you all need. I am just a call away.....

We are the Arms of the Fleet

Teresa Zimmer – AAAO President



LOCATOR

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 the AAO Treasurer, Todd Pendleton at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com, snail mail or give him a call.

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS) = Red Shirt Return / (NC) = 2 years no contact

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| AO1 Cameron M. Thomas(RN) | Capt John P. Clelland Jr USMC (NC) | CWO2 Crystal L. Toles |
| AOAA Jillian G. Cowell (NC) | AOC Jarasai T. Collins (NC) | AO2 Bionica N. Boyd (RN) |
| AO1 Javier Iniguez (NC) | AO2 Zachary M. Hommes (NC) | AOAN Joseph G. Navarro (RN) |
| AO1 Kyle R. Langerman (RN)(NC) | CDR Terry L. Kerr (NC) | ENS Joshua P. Rube (RN) |
| AO2 Stacie N. Nowak (NC) | Cpl Austin D. McClure (NC) | CWO4 John W. Stokely (RN) |
| Mr. Jeremiah F. O'Shea (NC) | AO2 Ethan T. Mitchell (NC) | AO2 Brian G. Spaccarelli (RN) |
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| CWO2 James C. Botting (NC) | | |

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LT Chad C. Downs	AO1 Douglas K. Helquist	CDR Travis L. Scott
AO1 Vadim Ispolov	CWO4 Robert D. Price	CWO4 Charity L. Cooper
CWO4 William M. Johnson		AO2 Charles A. Killough
Capt Gregory C. Scott, USMC		AOCS Paul A. Deiulio
Mr. Bert H. Wilson, AO2		AOCS Richard D. Heard
AOC Eric J. Rube		AOCS Nathan B. Whitmore
AOCM Robert L. Tyson		AO1 Jason A. Chavarria
AO2 Robert C. Bartholow		AO1 Willie G. Bodiford

NEW MEMBERS

AO1 Stephanie N. Mullins	AO2 Deisy Najarroramirez	AOAN Carrie Knapp
AO3 John W. Simmons	AO1 Laura A. Jamerson	AO1 Brittney A. Robinson
LT Matthew J. McBride	LTJG Sammanuel T. Register	AOAN Dominik Vasilj
AO2 Tyler J. Baker	AO2 Ryan C. Davies	AO1 Taylor S. Craig
AO3 Destiny M. Deleonmedina	AO2 Cody J. Soto	AO2 Jose A. Mendez
AO1 Derrick S. Johnstone	AO3 Terence R. Alling	AO1 Jeremy L. White
AO2 Zechariah Pantin	AO2 Candace L. Dale	AO1 Isaiah P. Covington
AO3 Keria L. Smith-Mullings	AO1 Juan C. Alvarez	AO1 Nicholas V. Dueitt
AO2 Kyle A. Bachmann	AO3 Christian K. Delacruz	AO1 Tyson K. Temples
AO3 Evet Gutierrez	AO1 Andrew Dominguez	

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

AOC Amber Roth	Mr. Scott Kockos	Ms. Sydney Peterson	Mr. Lawrence R. Doyle Sr.
LCDR Johnny Wheat	Mr. Charles Fox Mr. Douglas Stevenson	Ms. Mary Ann Smith	CWO4 Robert Walecki
Ms. Marta Canales	AOCM Glen Laskie	AOCS Gary Buse	Mr. James Hassett
Ms. Alicia Rivera	Ms. Annette Counts	Mrs. Eileen C. Grass	LCDR Robert Underwood
CWO4 Michael & Linda Pendleton	Mr. William Pero & Mrs. Nita Pero	Mr. Ernest Pero	LCDR Edward J. Budway
Mr. Greg Onken	Mr. William Pero & Mrs. Nita Pero	Mr. Dennis Fuller	Chapter DSW El Centro
LCDR Kid & Christine McCoy	CWO4 Carleton Roe	CDR Dion Edon	Chapter 1 Lemoore
Mr. Lee Jay Berman	Ms. Elizabeth Eddy	Bob & Sara Wood	Chapter 8 San Diego
AOCM Stanley Chambers	Chapter 39 MCAS Beaufort, SC	LCDR Kenneth M. Davis, Jr.	Chapter 4 Tidewater
Mr. Robert Shorb	Ms. Karole Macey	AO1 Tomas S. Wheelock	Chapter 3 Whidbey Island
CWO4 Troy Moore	Beth & Phil Kershisnik	Ms. Janice Billman	Chapter 9 Jacksonville
AOC Richard Palmer	Ms. Alice and girls	AOCS Johnny S. Oates	Chapter 75 USS Truman
Ms. Catherine Daglas	Morgan & Family	Chapter 76 USS Reagan CVN-76	Chapter 21 Fallon
			Chapter 5 China Lake
			Auxiliary of AAO

2022 JOHN W. FINN
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR

**AO1 KAYLA SLINGER,
HELICOPTER MARITIME STRIKE
SQUADRON SEVEN FOUR**





**2022 JOHN W. FINN
AVIATION
ORDNANCEMAN
OF THE YEAR
RUNNER-UP**

AO1 (AW/SW) KENDRA HALL

**NAVY MUNITIONS COMMAND
ATLANTIC DET OCEANA**

2022 AAO ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

ABIGAIL M WILLIAMSON

ERIKA F. CREWS

DEVYNNE VACHON

JESSICA HOAG

TIFFANY L. WHEAT

2022 ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

IN MEMORY OF FLOYD ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: SYDNEY K. ROBINSON

IN MEMORY OF DENISE WALECKI SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: FAITH A. SMITH

IN MEMORY OF DAVID MICHEL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: MIRIAM BARBA

IN MEMORY OF ED SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP DONATION: TRACE M. ROBINSON

2022 AAO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



CAPT (RET) ALAN D. DEAN

CDR (RET) STEVEN D. MAXWELL



2022 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES & FINACIAL

Matt Arnold, President, called the 2022 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0908, 23 July 2022, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and playing of the Ordie song.

Steve Varga, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 58 members present for the Business Meeting. The Registration List is Enclosure (1) to these minutes.

General Announcements:

The President reminded everyone in attendance to fill out a General Business Meeting Registration card.

Official Announcements:

In accordance with ARTICLE VII, Section 2 of the By-Laws, the privilege of nominating, making motions, debating and voting is reserved for regular members of the Association during the course of this meeting.

Under Roberts Rules of order Article 31, when we get to the elections the President will, after giving ample opportunity to make nominations from the floor, with no further nominations forthcoming, close the nominations. A motion to close nominations will be in order.

Report on the Board of Directors Actions During the Course of the Year (since last Convention 2021):

a. Held Board of Directors Meeting on

January 15, 2022 via Zoom. Topic covered was AOMLC 2022 in Reno for approval by the Air Boss. Meeting minutes are part of Appendix A.

b. Approved Mike Gramolini as Safety Committee Chairman. (January 15, 2022)

c. Approved the disestablishment of Chapters 35 (Eglin) and LHD 7 (Iwo Jima). (January 15, 2022)

d. Approved Motion to improve the website at a cost of about \$5 per month. (January 15, 2022).

e. Held Board of Directors meeting via Zoom on March 5, 2022. The President spoke briefly

about a members concern about ceremonies conducted within the Schedule of Events (SOE) during Convention. During the AAO BOD meeting the BOD discussed ceremonies conducted during our Convention. There was a motion made, seconded, discussed and approved to continue to allow ceremonies on a "not to interfere" basis at our Annual Convention with the stipulation that these ceremonies be conducted separately from any official Association function/meeting. Official military ceremonies, such as reenlistments, retirements, award presentations, etc., may be allowed during official functions with the approval of the BOD. This decision is in keeping with the objectives identified in Article III, Section 3 of the Association's bylaws: "The Association shall be nonprofit, noncommercial, nonsectarian and nonpartisan. The name of The Association or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern or partisan interest."

f. . Approved the 2022/2023 Budget. (May 31, 2022)

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported that the

minutes of the 2021 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #146 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes was read after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2021 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2021 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2022/2023 Approved Budget including the 2021/2022 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room and on the tables. The Treasurer then asked if there were any questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2022/2023 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2022 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –The 2022 Convention is another great success and no major issues have come up. 2023 dates are July 27,

2023 to July 30, 2023 here at the Silver Legacy (The Row). Planning Conference for 2023 Convention to be held in Laughlin, NV at the Aquarius Hotel Resort on January 12th – 15th 2023. Reservation Code ‘GR AAO23’. We are here at the Silver Legacy through 2024. We will entertain proposed locations for 2025 and beyond in 2023. Reminded Chapters to reserve tables for selling their gear.

AO Scholarship Committee, Jeff Sassone, Chairman Pro Tem- Thanked the Chapters and the Auxiliary for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The Committee was comprised of six members, including one active duty, one Auxiliary member, and four retirees. The members represented over 193 years of Ordnance experience. A total of \$28,000 in Scholarships (broken up into 9 Scholarships) were awarded. There

was 13 packages received, 3 of which were disqualified, leaving 10 applicants up for consideration. The reasons for disqualification include: 1 hand written and 2 did not have an official transcript. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners for 2022: Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow

\$7,000 Scholarship Award (1): Abigail M. Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary Laun, \$6,000 Scholarship Award (1): Erica F. Crews, Daughter of William E. Crews, and \$3,000 Scholarship Award (3): Devynne Vachon, Daughter of William L. Vachon, Jessica Hoag, Granddaughter of James M. Roper, Tiffany L. Wheat, Daughter of Johnny R. Wheat.

2022 Additional Scholarship Award Winners

In Memory Of Floyd English Scholarship Donation \$2,000 Scholarship Award (1): Sydney K. Robinson, Granddaughter of Oscar J. Robinson

In Memory Of Denise Walecki Scholarship Donation \$1,880 Scholarship Award (1): Faith A. Smith, Daughter of Ryan M. Smith

In Memory Of David Michel Scholarship Donation \$1,500 Scholarship Award (1): Miriam Barba, Daughter of Miguel Barba

In Memory Of Ed Scott Scholarship Donation \$500 Scholarship Award (1): Trace M. Robinson, Grandson of Oscar J. Robinson

AO of the Year Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –The committee considered 27 packages including 1 USMC. 16 Members, including active duty and retired members representing over 457 years of Ordnance experience, participated in the deliberations. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen John

W. Finn Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2022

AO1 (AW/SW) Kayla Slinger (HSM-74)

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2022 Runner-Up

AO1 (AW/SW) Kendra Hall NMC Atlantic Detachment Oceana

Membership Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman – Overall, the National Association experienced good active member growth this last fiscal year, in both Life and Annual memberships. Thanked Todd and Amber for their work on the Web Site. The following is provided for your information:

1. Total Association Regular Members FY20-FY21-22

Total Active Members	1570	
1458		
Life (Includes Associate Members)	930	885
Annual (Includes Associate Members)	462	428
Honorary (Included above)	151	145
(Note 1)		
Past Due (01June2021 – 31May2022)	134	149

2. New Membership

New Regular Members	110	149
+35%		
New Associate Members	6	2
New Life Members	16	54
37%		

3. Other Demographics

Inactive Members:	7863	8064
Unknown Members	14	0(Note2)
Deceased Members	700	928(Note1)

4. Life Member Demographics

Life Members making payments	9
Contributing Life Members	391
Aged out Life Members (Paid Life Dues have run out)	

494

Note 1: In depth research discovered many members had passed away previous to current fiscal year.

Note 2: All previous unknown members' status were researched and status reassigned.

Nomination Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman – The following offices are open for election/reelection: President currently held by Matt Arnold, Capt. USN

Board of Directors (Two) currently held by: Amber Roth, AOC USN (Ret.)

Steve Kashuba, CDR USN (Ret.)

Nominee for Treasurer:

Todd Pendleton, CWO4 USN (Ret.)

Nominees for the Board of Directors:

Amber Roth, AOC USN (Ret.)

Steve Kashuba, CDR USN (Ret.)

Pedro Maldonado, AOCM USN (Disqualified IAW Bylaws Article V Section 11, Member must be present unless prior approval by the BOD)

If no nomination(s) are received from the floor, the President's Office will be fill by voice vote by the members present.

If floor nominations are received a ballot will be required. The nominee must be present and accept the nomination. The voting will be conducted utilizing the ballots that wereprovided as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting and their membership status was verified to be current.

The voting procedures will be restated prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone, Chairman–There was two packages up for consideration. Five members (3 HOF

members and 2 Active Duty CDR's) made up the committee and represented over 201 years of Ordnance experience. Encouraged Chapters to go find that deserving HOF candidate locally and submit a package. The winners was announced at the Awards Banquet and is presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen AO Hall of Fame Selectee's for 2022

CAPT Alan D. Dean USN (RET)
CDR Steve D. Maxwell USN (RET)

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman
-No changes were submitted.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll, Chairman - No report, however has kept up the John W. Finn room at the AO School house. Chapter 34 is re-flooring the room and is seeking donations from the other Chapters.

*Jeff Sassone presented a Historical Air Launched Missiles Matrix from PMA-259.

AAO Website Report, Amber Roth, Chairman- Website (redshirtnation.com) has been up and running for three years now and many improvements have been made including Membership (both new and renewals), and Convention capabilities.

Red Shirt Newsletter Report, Amber Roth, Chairman- Both Amber and Todd were recognized for cleaning up the membership rolls reducing the number of Red Shirts being printed. Asked inputs from the Chapters or individuals for any inputs.

Reunion Book Committee, Steve and Sheryl Varga, Chairman -

The Reunion Book is \$30 cash, check, or new for this year plastic cards accepted as payment. Requested that everyone get their pictures taken early and stated that the evolution will commence at 1600 until 1800

in Silver Legacy B.

Chaplain Report, Steve Varga, Chaplain - Was just appointed and will get a pass down from Mart Vance who had to step down last year. Please keep the members and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Safety Committee, Mike Gramolini
Chairman - Gave a Safety Review including common findings, shipboard forklift mishaps, risk assessment matrix, and historical 2018 - 2022 mishaps. Stressed that safety is paramount in our day-to-day business. Please forward to Mike or Captain Arnold anything you want to see in future briefings.

Chapter Reports:

There are presently 29 active Chapters:

Chapter 1 NAS Lemoore, CA
Chris Hathaway

Chapter 3 NAS Whidbey Island, WA
Angela Sobieski

Chapter 4 Tidewater Area, VA Justin Weide

Chapter 5 NAWC China Lake, CA Rudy Ortiz

Chapter 8 San Diego, CA Chris Geschwender

Chapter 9 Jacksonville, FL John McMinn

Chapter 11 MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI No Report

Chapter 21 NAS Fallon, NV Jordan Buckner

Chapter 22 NAS Patuxent River, MD Jeff Sassone

Chapter 34 NAS Pensacola, FL Tyson Temples

15 Minute Break

Chapter 39 MCAS Beaufort, SC:: Read into the record

Chapter 671 Guam CDR
Scott

Chapter 68 USS Nimitz No
Report

Chapter 69 USS Dwight D. Eisenhower:
Read into the record

Chapter 70 USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) No
Report

Chapter 71 USS Theodore Roosevelt No
Report

Chapter 72 USS Abraham Lincoln No
Report

Chapter 73 USS George Washington
(RCOH) No Report

Chapter 74 USS John C. Stennis (RCOH) No
Report

Chapter 75 USS Harry S. Truman Justin
Weide

Chapter 76 USS Ronald Reagan No Report

Chapter 77 USS George H. W. Bush No
Report

Chapter 78 USS Gerald R. Ford No Report

Desert/SW Chapter NAF El Centro, CA No
Report

Chapter Key West Key West, FL Amber
Roth

Chapter Spartan Souda Bay, Crete No Report

Chapter LHD 1 USS Wasp (LHD 1) No Report

Chapter LHD-4 USS Boxer (LHD 4) No
Report

Chapter LHD-8 USS Makin Island (LHD 8)
No Report

Auxiliary Teresa
Zimmer

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:
Total donations received was \$17,804.00 plus an additional \$9,545 from the auction at last nights Social.

Old Business: The President called for any further Old Business.

New Business: The President called for any further New Business.

2023 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –
Announced that next year’s Convention will be held here at the Silver Legacy (The Row), Reno, NV. The Convention is 27 July thru 30 July 2023. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Come early and set up for the AOLMC starting on Monday July 4th. Communication is the key to the success of all the planned activities at this convention. Room rates are \$82 Sunday – Thursday, and \$107 Friday / Saturday. Use the key link on the redshirtnation.com web site to make reservations.

Bylaw Change Proposals, Kirk Brado, Chairman. No changes submitted.

President: Appointment of Committee Chairmen. Appointed JJ and Tess LaMaitre as Co-Chairmen for the Convention Committee. They will take over from Kirk Brado in the next several years.

Absentee Voting Status, Tim Zimmer, Vice President –
Total ballots received: 0
Invalid ballots due to not being a member or associate member: 0
Invalid ballots: 0
Total ballots to count during voting: 00
Absentee ballots received last year (2021): 01
Election of Officers, Matt Arnold, President –
NOTE: Article V (5) Section 3 states that “A minimum of two officers must be active duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors” (Requirement met).
The President called for the election

of Association Officers and turned the Elections over to the Vice President, Tim Zimmer. Tim announced that the offices open for election are those of the President and two seats on the Board of Directors.

The following individuals were nominated for the offices identified:

Nominee for the office of President:

Matt Arnold, Captain USN

Nominees for positions on the Board of Directors:

Amber Roth, AOC USN (Ret)

Steve Kashuba, CDR USN (Ret)

Pedro Maldonado, AOCM USN (Disqualified IAW Bylaws Article V Section 11, Member must be present unless prior approval by the BOD)

Election for the office of President, position currently held by Capt. Matt Arnold.

The Nominees are:

Capt. Matt Arnold

Capt. Matt Arnold was elected via floor voice vote to continue to serve as President, term to expire 2025.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position currently held by Amber Roth.

The Nominees are:

Amber Roth

Johnny King (Floor Nomination)

Capt. (Select) Stephen Folsom (Floor Nomination)

Amber Roth was reelected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2025.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Steve Kashuba.

The nominees are:

Steve Kashuba

Johnny King (Floor Nomination)

Capt. (Select) Stephen Folsom (Floor Nomination)

Steve Kashuba was reelected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2025.

All officers will be installed after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed.

Election of Officers up in 2023, Tim Zimmer, Vice President –

The following offices will be open for election/reelection in 2023:

Vice President

Tim Zimmer

Secretary

John 'JJ' LaMaitre

Board of Directors (Two):

Dion Edon, CDR USN (Ret.)

Angela Sobieski, LT USN

NOTE: Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2023. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligations of the office.

Tim Zimmer, John 'JJ' LaMaitre, Dion Edon, and Angela Sobieski were all nominated and accepted to run for offices currently held for 2023.

Further Business: The President called for any further business or input from the floor.

The Treasurer Todd Pendleton reminded the Chapters that the Financial Reports are due in mid-July, NOT at the GBM. Only 12 of 29 Chapters have submitted their reports on time.

Recognized the 2021 AAOY AO1 (AW/SW) Eric Winters.

Jim Roper gave a brief on the Moffitt Museum and equipment issues.

Closing remarks & announcements, Matt Arnold, President –

The President announced that next year's 47th Convention would be held here at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 27 July thru 30 July 2023. Thanked the membership for their participation, attending the GBM, and their hard work throughout the year.

BOD meet to be held at 1330 in Silver Baron B.

A moment of silence was held for those all of our departed Shipmates.

Chaplain Steve Varga delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2022 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1115, 23 July, 2022.

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as follows:**

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CHAPTER

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Chapter 1 - NO ARTICLE

Lemoore, CA

President-AO1 Cindy Valdivia
Vice-President-Bionica Boyd
Secretary-Chris Hathaway
Treasurer-Johnny Wheat
Fleet Reserve Club, D Street,
Lemoore
3rd Friday, 1730

Chapter 3 - NO ARTICLE

Whidbey Island, WA

President-AO1 Jennifer Watson
VFW Post 3037
Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

Chapter 4 - NO ARTICLE

Virginia Beach, VA
President-AO1 Jaree D. Cokley
VP-AO1 Jason Young
Secretary- AO2 Chancelor Ellis
Treasure- Maggie Despain
VA Beach VFW #392,
2408 Bowland Pkwy
3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA

President: AO2 Ortiz
VP: AO2 Liedel
Secretary: AO3 Pettengale
Treasurer: AO2 King
PAO: AO3 Clark
chapter5chinalake@outlook.com
VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord
Last Flex Thursday of Month, 1800

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA

President-AO1 Chris Geschwender
Vice-President AO1 Laura Jamerson
Secretary-AO1 Deppe, Niomi
Treasurer- CWO3(ret)Barry Stemler
American Legion Post 255,
National City, 1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL

President- AO1 James Simmons
Vice President- AO1 Mallory Burton
Secretary- AOCS(ret) Dennis
Patterson
Treasurer- AOCS (ret) Rick Wyman
Board Of Directors
AOC Dani Tilbury, AO1 John
Mcminn
AO3 Chase Spingett, AO1 Patrick
Williams, AO1 Kayla Stinger, AOC
(ret) Bill Taylor, AOCS (ret) Tracy
Townsend, AOC (ret) Ed Murphy
Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - NO ARTICLE

Kaneohe Bay, HI
President-AO1 Wilson Leiva
Wing 2 Bldg, (John Finn Bldg)
1st Friday, 1600

Chapter 21 - NO ARTICLE

Fallon, NV
President-AO1 Juan Pelayo
Vice President- AO2 Jordan Buckner
Treasure-AO2 Timothy Mathews
Secretary- AO2 Michael Durby
American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - NO ARTICLE

Patuxent River
President: AO2 Brian Spaccarelli
Vice President: AO3 Symone Gay
Treasurer: AO2 Whittney Porcher
Secretary: AO2 Stephanie Sandria
VFW, Post 2632 California, MD
3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 34 - NO ARTICLE

Pensacola, FL
President-AO1 Collins
chapter34ordie@gmail.com
Vice President-AO1 Dickson
Secretary-AO2 Minzlaff
Treasurer-AO2 Townsel
Social Coordinator-SSgt Marion
O'riley's Irish Pub downtown
321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL
1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 35 - DISESTABLISHED

Chapter 39 - NO ARTICLE

"Dude" Gilbert
Beaufort, SC
President-Rob Farmer
Vice-President-Chris Hooper
hoop9777@gmail.com
Treasurer-Del Tingley
Secretary-Jason Grayson
After Burners Staff NCO Lounge
1st Thursday 1645 When permitted
with COVID restrictions

Chapter 671 - NO ARTICLE

Guam
President- AO1 Nathan Gibson
Vice President- AO2 Glenn Novak
Secretary- AO2 Kendal Scott
Treasurer- AT1 Travis Hermsen
Molly McGee's onboard
Naval Base Guam
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter Desert Southwest - NO ARTICLE

El Centro, CA.
President-AO2 Georgina Ahumada
geenah90@gmail.com

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Chapter Southernmost- NO ARTICLE

Key West, Fl

President- AO2 Brandon Hurd
 Vice President- AO3 NiccaRizelle VidalPreze
 Treasure- AO2 Juan ColonaRosa
 Secretary- Ann Anderson
 Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee ANNEX
 1st Wednesday, 1730

Chapter Spartan - NO ARTICLE

Souda Bay, Greece
 President-AO1 Gilmore Estrill
 Meeting Time and Location Varies
 3rd Thursday of the month

Chapter 805 - NO ARTICLE

Point Mugu

President: AO2 Mitchell
 Vice President: AO2 Tuttle
 Secretary: YN2 Triplett
 Treasurer: AO2 Tripp
 Master-At-Arms: AO2 Salazar

Chapter LHD 1 -NO ARTICLE

USS Wasp
 President-AO1 Niko Batres
 On Board

Chapter LHD 4-NO ARTICLE

Gator Chapter
 President-AO1 Trenton Hagley
 On Board

Chapter LHD 7- NO ARTICLE

USS Iwo Jima
DISESTABLISHED

Chapter LHD 8 - NO ARTICLE

USS Makin Island
 President-AO1 Alyssa Bruns
 On Board

Chapter CVN 68 - NO ARTICLE

USS Nimitz
 President- AO1 Dolanski
 Vice President- AO1 Sicignano
 Secretary- AO3 Ayers
 Treasurer- AO2 Merry
 PAO- AO3 Tuggles
 Master At Arms- AO2 Navarro
 On Board

Chapter CVN 69 - NO REPORT

USS Dwight D Eisenhower
 President-AO1 Cory McIntyre
 On Board

Chapter CVN 70 -

USS Carl Vinson
 President-AO1 Josiah Feeney
 Vice President-AO1 William Beauchamp
 Secretary-AO1 Lisa Irwin
 Treasurer- AO1 Andrew Quick
 On Board

Chapter CVN 71 -NO ARTICLE

USS Theodore Roosevelt
 President-AO1 Jose Pando
 On Board

Chapter CVN 72 - NO ARTICLE

USS Abraham Lincoln
 President-AO1 Roden
 On Board

Chapter CVN 73 - NO ARTICLE

USS George Washington
 President-AO1 Thurman McDowell
 On-Board

Chapter CVN 74 - NO ARTICLE

USS John C. Stennis
 President-AO1 Benjamin Llewellyn
 On Board

Chapter CVN 75 - NO ARTICLE

USS Harry S. 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 CVN 76 - NO ARTICLE

USS Ronald Reagan
 President-AO1 Justin Fallone
 On Board

Chapter CVN 77 - NO ARTICLE

USS George H.W. Bush
 President-AO1 Rebecca Wright
 On Board

Chapter CVN 78 - NO ARTICLE

USS Gerald Ford
 President-AO1 Marbury
 VP-AO1 Campbell
 Secretary- AO2 Fetty
 Treasurer- AO2 Soberg
 VFW Post 3160 111 A View, Norfolk, VA
 last Thursday of every month, 1400

Chapter 5 / August

Raised \$320 in sales at the “wings over Camarillo air show”

Assisted Sea Cadet Sidewinder Squadron in drill training.

Performed FOD walk down.

President: AO2 Ortiz

VP: AO2 Liedel

Secretary: AO3 Pettengale

Treasurer: AO2 King

PAO: AO3 Clark

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, “The Chapter Where It All Started.” Since May our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added eight new Chapter 8 Lifetime Members and welcomed eight AO’s, who attended their first meeting.

In May we held our second quarterly Adopt A Highway Walk with 14 volunteers who showed up to keep the roads clean and free with nine full bags of trash.

On May 21, Armed Forces day, we held our annual Chapter 8 Family Picnic, with over 50 family and friends attending. We raffled off three prizes which consisted of a signed

John Finn portrait with a Medal of Honor Coin, \$200 second prize and a \$100 third prize.

On Memorial Day, 31 May, eight of our Chapter members and guests paid tribute to John Finn at his graves-site. Afterword’s we went to the Golden Acorn Casino for lunch.

At our June meeting, the Chapter participated in the Taste of Home program by donating four boxes of various snack and health food items to the Ordies onboard the USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN- 75). A big thank you to Carolyn Thomas for coordinating this event.

At the July meeting, the Chapter voted to donate \$1,000 to the AAO





Scholarship fund in memory of Jim Thompson and an additional \$500 to the Robert Crow Scholarship. The Chapter also donated \$100 to Chapter 34 (Pensacola FL) to help support their efforts in replacing the floor inside the John Finn Museum located at the AO "A" School.

Also in July, eight Chapter 8 members participated in the Coronado 4th of July Parade alongside the Marine Corps League 1207 and ended up winning second place out of 26 in the military themed divisions. In addition to July's activities, we held our third Monthly Adopt A Highway Walk with 10 volunteers who showed up to help clean the roadways and ended up with seven full bags of trash!



And lastly in July, the Chapter was well represented at the AAO Convention in Reno, NV and at the Saturday AAO General Meeting where President Chris Geschwender provided a detailed summary of Chapter events for the past year.

At our August Chapter meeting, we held nominations for Chapter President so that we could hold an election at the Septembers meeting.

On August 6th, we conducted our third quarterly Adopt A Highway Walk with five volunteers showing up.

Until next time. Putting warheads on foreheads since

1926! IYAOYAS!!!

V/r

AO1 (AW/SW) Deppe, Niomi

Chapter 8 Secretary

AAO9 RED SHIRT:

Greetings from Chapter 9 Jacksonville. Another year is rapidly (it seems to me) coming to a close. The latest convention is history and we are preparing for the upcoming holidays.

Congratulations to one of our own who was selected as the JOHN W. FINN Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year for 2022, AO1 Kayla Slinger from HSM-74. She is a tremendous asset to our Chapter.

AO2 Kenneth Townsend from HSM-74 was selected as AO of the Quarter for April thru June.

The FY23 Chief results are out on the street with current President AO1 James Simmons and past President AO1 Lindsay Smack donning their Khakis uniform this rating cycle.

Sadly, one of our true heroes from the "greatest generation" LCDR Jack Purtee (Ret.), passed away in his sleep at 97 years old last month. He joined the Navy three months after Pearl Harbor with his best friend LT Robert (Bob) Bohnstengel (Ret.) from high school. They both served in the Ordnance field and retired together at NAS Jacksonville after 30 years' service. I served with both of them at NAS Jacksonville Weapons in 1971 during their last tour.

Bob shared the story of how the idea to form an AO Association came to the two of them in 1971 during their retirement "hail and farewell" party. Which, took place at Jack Purtee's home in Orange Park, Florida with friends from both coasts in attendance. Thanks to those that returned west took that idea and ran with it with the rest being history.

AOCM (ret) Mike Sklar is working with the NCOA to present medallions honoring remaining WWII vets.

We held our quarterly highway clean-ups in June and September with maximum participation from our members.

CWO5 Mike Snider is the proud winner of a collector's edition .44 mag Henry lever action rifle, which was raffled off at our August chapter meeting. I'm jealous, many of us had a spot picked out to display this prize.

We will once again be helping deserving AO's during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season with commissary gift cards for a hand up.

New designs on our Chapter merchandise are in the works and will be out on our web site in the near future. Many thanks to LCDR Steve Cashat (RET.) our webmaster and maintainer of our AA09. COM web site.

Continue to show your pride in all you do as an AO and keep each other safe.

~AOCM Richard Wyman

The AO brotherhood and sisterhood lost one of its members on May 2, 2022, AOC James Earl Scites USN /Ret.

He was originally from West Virginia; joining the navy in 1960 and retiring from active duty in 1980. Jim was a long-time resident of Middleburg, Fl.

I first met Jim in the mid-70's, down in Texas at NAS Kingsville. He worked for weapons dept. I was AO1 the shop supervisor in a training squadron, VT-22.

After Jim retired from active duty, he went to work at NAS Jacksonville weapons dept., magazine division as a DOD civilian. I also worked at weapons department, magazine division after retireing from active duty. Jim and I worked there together for over 16 years.

After his death, his internment was at the Jacksonville national cemetery on June 17, 2022. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Respectfully,

AOC Edward F. Murphy USN/Ret.

Greetings from Chapter 70!!!

We are back in action!! We successfully completed our major ammo offload before returning back from deployment.

Now we have many new members who are hungry and eager to do their part and give back to the community. Pictured below is the AAO Chapter President AO1 Feeney along with the Chapter Secretary AO1 Irwin with a group of volunteers at Habitat for Humanity.

We all would like to bid, “Farewell and Following Seas” to our Gun Boss, CDR Michael L. Bornstein and congratulate him on his 35 years of active duty naval service. During his illustrious 35 year career he served on board the Carl Vinson on three separate occasions (1987-1992) (2010-2012) (2017-2022). Gun Boss you are a wealth of Ordnance knowledge and not likely to be easily replaced. IYAOYAS and best wishes on your retirement! Pictured below are Master Chief Castetter (left), Gun Boss, CDR Bornstein (middle), and OHO, LCDR Sanchez (right).

Second picture features Gun Boss during his last deployment surrounded by the finest Khaki leadership in the fleet. Truly loved and respected by all!!!

Very respectfully,
AO1 (AW/SW) Feeney, Josiah, R
Chapter 70 President



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