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Chapter 5, China Lake, AAO's, Saturday, November 1, 2014 FOD Walk Down Richmond Gate  
 AO1 (AW) Luis 'Danny' Carrillo, Lacy Paulsen, Dale Harper, AO2 (AW/SW) Leonard Foster,  
 Greg Paulsen, Mical & Jacob Bindschattel & Jake Scanlon



Clockwise from left; Chapter 5 FOD walkdown,  
 LtJg Dan Pratt, The OHO/s, AOOCP Level II class,  
 ENS Erik Crews commissioning





# CHAPTER MEETINGS - PLACES - TIMES - DATES



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1st Wednesday, 1830

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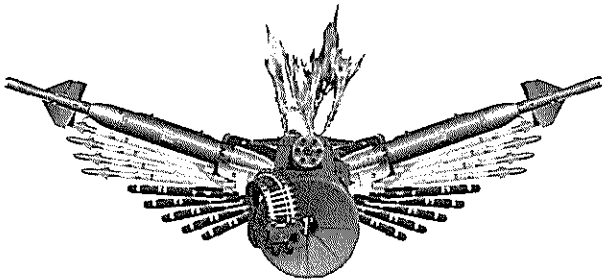


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INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,  
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September 2011

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IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.



## Letters To The Editor

*I started a Facebook page called "The Red Shirt". If you have access to a computer look us up and LIKE us!*

Dear Kevin:

For inclusion in the next Red Shirt:

San Diego has always been lucky in the AO business. This is where the Association started. Chapter 8 is going strong and still has its meetings every month. Our membership is down in AOs in the airplane business, but up in AOs in the ship business.

Currently, we have two Gators, the Essex and the America, home ported in San Diego that have become very active in our chapter. The young AO's from those ships attend our Chapter meetings, participate in our highway walks and support our annual picnics, Christmas Potlucks and Holiday Hand-Ups.

Last week, I needed some help at the house. I asked for some strong backs to help move some heavy stuff out of my house. Eight of them from the Essex, with their Senior Chief, showed up and just made it happen. When you get to be old like me, you can't seem to get the shit you put in your house out. But, the AO rate is still solid and strong with great leadership in San Diego. My heart goes out to the AOs on the Essex. They know what they are doing. Last year's AO of the Year was off the Essex. Great leadership goes a long way and I thank them for helping an old retired fart like me. They are all extremely about being AOs.

Al Ten Eyck Lt. USN Ret.

Hello Kevin:

I learned through the Christmas mail that one of our old ordnancemen has left us. LT Edwin Connors, USN (Ret) passed away on 1 July 2014, age 74. He moved to St. Petersburg, FL 5 years ago for health reasons, respiratory problems, etc. He was a superb gunsmith and I learned a lot from him when he was in my neighborhood. I know you're not the Chaplain, but thought I would pass this on. He attended the AO Conventions with me back 2008-9.

Happy New Year to you and all the AO's.  
John Buckley

Kevin,

How you doing brother...shout out from MCAS Miramar, VMFA-314 back in the saddle on unit level training and loading MK-77 firebombs, 20 MM and MK-82's at the CALA, gearing back up for deployment. Left to right: CWO Sardinata, GySgt Gomez, SSgt McKinnon, GySgt Tackett, MSgt Arnette, Lcpl Hyde Sgt Maasz and LCpl Seiber.



"I LOVE THE SMELL OF NAPALM IN THE MORNING".  
Thanks brother, ride safe.

Juan J. Morris  
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October 10, 2014

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen  
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Dear Committee Chairman Rick Garza and other members involved in the AAO Robert L. Crow Scholarship Committee,

I would like to send my deepest and most sincere appreciation in the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow Scholarship Committee's decision of awarding me with one of this year's Jim Saxton and San Diego Padres Award in the amount of \$1,250.00. Old Dominion University has received, processed, and finalized the award amount, crediting the money to my finance account for the school. This award is going to be extremely helpful in furthering my

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education in graphic design and marketing. In effect of this substantial award, I am now able to invest further into purchasing a laptop (15" MacBook Pro); one of a few expensive technical requirements for this field of study.

I cannot further explain my appreciation and gratitude for the award you have provided me. This award is extremely helpful to my parents and my own financial position. I will continue to work hard in my academic studies to maintain a high grade point average in order to uphold this committee's high standards. In by doing so, I will prove that choosing me for this award was a great decision and that the money awarded being put to good use.

Once again, I cannot thank you and the AAO Robert L. Scholarship Committee enough in the decision of choosing me to be awarded with the Jim Saxton and San Diego Padres award.

Sincerely,

Amanda K. Easterling  
10/10/2014

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Kevin recently,  
LT JG Daniel J. Pratt, VFA-31 was awarded, Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic 2014 Ordnance Officer of the Year. Selected above his peers for distinguished professionalism, outstanding leadership, and selfless dedication to Naval Service.

Thanks,

V/r  
Gram

CDR Mike Gramolini  
Chief Staff Officer  
Navy Munitions Command

*Pic on page 2*

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Fellow AO's,

The Navy and our rating sure has changed. I've been retired since '79, was an 'ole A-6 man the best all weather aircraft the navy ever had. Served with some great Ordies to name a few Gerry Gannon, Ace Herbet, Big John Lynch, Lars Larson, Jim Wilshon and so many more. Of course there were others who were a real pain.

25 years of my life and took the good with the bad. Best bunch of friends and shipmates I'll never forget and was

proud to serve with.

If anyone remembers 'Ole Wimpy Dawg drop him a line (computer is in the shop, when fixed dannykirken-dall609@att.net)

Daniel Kirkendall  
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## Vietnam to Afghanistan And Aviation Ordnancemen

I liked HMLA 467's article in the October "Red Shirt". It was very well written OORAH!. The article has a lot of parallels of my squadron in Vietnam. I was an AO1 in Light Attack Squadron FOUR (VAL-4 OV10A Broncos). Like the Cutlasses are doing (turning out the lights) we disestablished 11 April 1972 at VNAF Base Binhthuy RVN. Thus, closing the books on Naval Aviation in the Delta or IV Corps. Our sister squadron HAL-3, the "SEA WOLVES" had disestablished 2 months prior. GYSGT Araujo emphasized the inherent dangers of arming/disarming a turning aircraft. We in VAL-4, the "Black Ponies" faced that each and every arming/disarming. To arm the guns two M-60 Charlies each sponsor or gun bay put the AO 18 to 24 inches from a turning prop from the T-76 turbo prop engines. To say the least it was quite hairy, plus couple that with total darkness and occasional incoming B-40's and double deuces. So arming/disarming was a challenge, never routine! To arm the LAU-10 Zunis and the LAU 61/69 2.75" pods was far safer as the bomb racks, though low to the deck were further aft of the turning props.

We had no standard load, and no flight schedule, it was usually load and go. Mostly we carried 2 or 3 LAU-10 5" Zunis and 1 or 2 LAU 61/69 2.75" rocket pods. For special missions we were the first to use fuel air explosive (FAE) weapons carrying 5 CBU-55A's per aircraft.

In closing, on a sad note, a fellow Black Pony's obit was in the Red Shirt. He was CWO4 Carl Collier, USN, RET. Rest in peace Gunner.

AOCM Stuart W Carson, USN, RET



*The below doc is a list of our remaining (living) Plank Owners. This is a small tribute to their contribution and we want them to know that we appreciate them.*

*Mike Price, AAO President*



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Life 0118 PLANKOWNER

August USN Ret., Fred D., AOCS  
Life 0126 PLANKOWNER

Bohnstenael, Robert  
Life 0176 PLANKOWNER

Bover USN Ret., Charles R., AOCS  
0051 Oct14 PLANKOWNER

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Burns USN Ret., Joseph H., LT  
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Life 0184 PLANKOWNER

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Life 0208 PLANKOWNER

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*Does anyone know who the oldest Ordie is in our ranks? That is the question for the next issue. Please forward names and ages of those you think may fit the bill*



2015 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

DEADLINE IS 22 July 2015

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

- 30 Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
31 Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee
31 Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee
31 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee
31 Jul (Fri) Membership Committee
31 Jul (Fri) By-Laws Committee
31 Jul (Fri) Nominations Committee
1 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting
1 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting

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1 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.

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(Name including guest or spouse)
Name of Non-Member (please print) \$
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Names of Guests (Spouse) (please print)

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## AAO President

Greetings Weapons Family and Friends,

As most of you know, I have recently retired. Where does the time go? Thirty-eight years of fun, excitement, and adventure with my ordnance family sometimes 1000s of miles from home. This experience has taught me one thing, "We are truly a unique bunch". Envied by many because of our ability to get the job done and have fun doing it, hated by others because we have so much fun, and loved by few because we are a lovable bunch once you get to know us.

I don't know about you, but I have already secured my flight for this year's convention. Don't procrastinate, "getter done"! There are many things brewing on the horizon for our organization and we've been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the success of our organization. I would like to thank Captain Bindel and CDR Edon for working with the Air Boss to try and get our symposium back. It's a herculean effort and I believe we are making good progress. Now that CNAF has turned over, Vice Admiral Shoemaker may be a little easier to convince.

Chapters and Ladies Auxiliary, thank you for your continued support. We could never be as robust without your efforts. That said, I need all of you reading this to ensure you make it out to the convention this year. It's always a good time to catch up with old friends and bosses and spend some time on the various committees; AO of the Year, Scholarship, etc... All, please take care of yourselves and I look forward to seeing you in Reno.

Best wishes this New Year,  
Your President/Mike

## AAO Vice President

Salutations all,

I pray all is well with you and yours. I will start by reporting, as you see on the cover, our President, CAPT Mike Price, retired 30 Dec 14 after 38 years of service. Best wishes to you, Rose, and family Mr. President. Not too many reasons to put off that honey-do list now.

My sincere appreciation to our main stay members who gathered in Laughlin, NV to conduct National business this past January. I gave it my best to attend but my schedule was simply not pliable enough for me to make it. Our association continues to owe our debts of gratitude to Jim Thomas, Chuck Onken, JJ Lamaitre, Tom Lord, Joe Man-

ley, Rob Walecki, Tim Zimmer, and their lovely Brides who work very hard and consistently to make every AAO event a success. Thanks from all of us!

If you've never attended a convention, I urge you to start planning now to attend. I am pretty certain you will walk away thrilled that you did. I'll be looking forward to seeing you there.

It is a good time to begin working on your inputs for the AOOY, scholarships, Hall of Fame, or any other official business you'd like to recommend for consideration. Check on line at [aaoweb.org](http://aaoweb.org) for submission guidelines and deadlines.

Keep it safe out there and remember your faithful participation with local AAO chapter helps to strengthen our professional organization across the global.

IYAOYAS!!!  
AAO VP  
Dion J. Edon

## AAO Secretary

Greetings Shipmates -

Had our Pre-Planning Conference in Laughlin over the MLK weekend. Make your plans for Convention 2015 July 30th - August 3rd at the Silver Legacy Resort. There is info in this Red Shirt for details.

Chapter Officers - You need to get into the National By-Laws (Article IX) to see what your responsibilities are. I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to [aaosec@cox.net](mailto:aaosec@cox.net).

Until next time.

JJ LaMaitre  
AAO Secretary

# KEEP IT UP BROTHER



**THIS WAR'S NOT WON BY A DAMN SIGHT!**  
WAR PRODUCTION DRIVE COMMITTEE





## AAO Treasurer

It is now time to start getting ready for Convention 2015. The pre-Convention meeting is over and we are ready to start gearing up. After the last convention, we added a new procedure for accepting credit card payment of membership fees over the internet. This function will now be available for registering for the convention. Just go to the web site and click on the link, fill out the form, less credit card info, and send it to me. When I receive the registration form in my e-mail, I will, in turn, send you an invoice, through our Square account, with the fees. However, this process does not only work with military e-mail addresses.

**NOTE:** If you use the AO Web Site link, do not fill in the credit card information. That information will be collected after you submit the invoice.

As usual, get your registration packages in to me as soon as you can so we can start coordinating the events.

Once again, tickets for the Social and Awards Banquet will not be mailed out to the attendees. You will be able to pick them up at the registration table during the day or at the entrance to the event that night. By doing this we not only save postage, but we don't have to worry about reproducing back-up tickets for those that might have forgotten them. If you want to be notified when I receive your payment, include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or your e-mail address and I will get that information back to you.

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](mailto: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 Locator, 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](http://www.usps.com).

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Thomas Lord  
AAO Treasurer

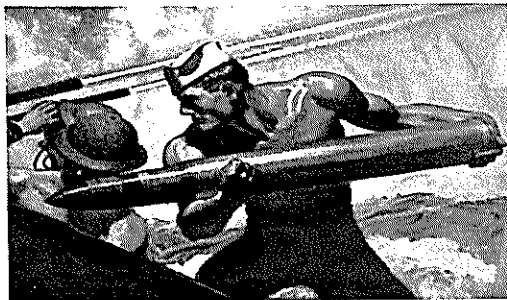
## AMRAAM

### *LOCK and LOAD your AMRAAMs*

The container interlock is an important time and material savings innovation that begun being incorporated into weapons containers over the past 15 years and continues today. Used to create Fleet Issue Unit Loads (FIULs), interlocks are approved alternatives to the use of banding. Interlocks commonly employ ball-lock pins in conjunction with the low clearance lift interface feature (both the CNU-415 series and the CNU-609/E use that approach). However, there are other designs, such as the incorporation of external latches. The AMRAAM (CNU-415 series) and AIM-9X (CNU-609/E) AUR containers were two of the first to incorporate interlocks. The CNU-609/E was introduced about 15 yrs ago, so all those containers will have interlocks. Since the AMRAAM container was developed much earlier, interlocks have been added to early variants through a retrofit effort. The retrofit effort is nearing completion, and all CNU-415C/Es through CNU-415E/Es will have the interlocks. In addition, the interlock feature on the CNU-415 series has been further improved, and the ball-lock pin lanyard has been replaced with a sliding mechanism to reduce the potential for lost or damaged pins.

So, when you come across a container with interlocks, don't spend all that time banding. Just lock and you've got a load! If you have any questions consult the FIUL drawing for the container (available through the UNREP Manual - NAVSEA S9571-AA-MMA-010 - in the Explosives Safety Technical Manual. If you have any other questions contact Mark Nitzsche, Naval PHST Center at (973) 724-7398 [mark.nitzsche@navy.mil](mailto:mark.nitzsche@navy.mil).

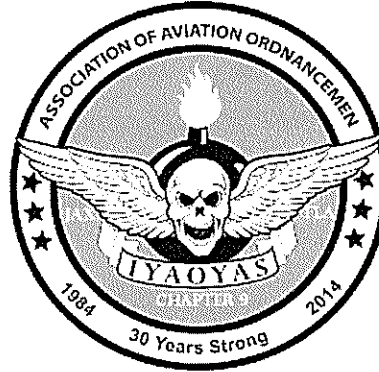
*See picture on next page!*



Man the  
**GUNS**  
 Join the **NAVY**

## CHAPTER 9

Greetings from Chapter 9 in Jacksonville, Florida.



2014 was another successful year for the Chapter. We continue to work hand-in-hand with FRA Branch 91 who hosts our meetings, picnics, and other functions without charge. It is important to be a member of the Fleet Reserve, as they are our voice active

and retired, to Congress.

The Chapter is also able to directly support area High School NJROTC and MCJROTC Units with monetary contributions, supporting their field meets, and presenting medals to their exemplary cadets. A special "hoorah" to Fleming Island H.S. NJROTC for their direct support of our Chapter and for their Veterans Day Dinner they host annually for local vets during which they give special recognition to individual veterans from the different military organizations. Congratulations to one of our own, Capt. C.R. (Bob) Soldner, USMC (Ret), as he was one of those singled out, "bravo zulu."

Congratulations to AO2 Theodore Raitt, Jr. from NMC Det Jax our "AO of the 3rd Quarter" 2014. Keep up the good work.

The Chapter manned a Blue Angels booth at the air show in Oct to raise funds for our chapter treasury. "BZ" to all that helped.

Finally, we want to single out member AOC Ed Murphy, USN (Ret) for retiring after 50 years of combined service to the Navy and Aviation Ordnance community, from NMC Det Jacksonville on 31 December 2014. Not only was he good at what he did but no fewer than 63 applicants applied to replace him. This kind of dedication is hard to replace.

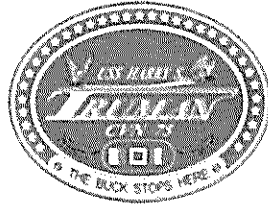
Remember all the "ordies" local and deployed and their families, as they project freedom to preserve our peace. Stay safe, follow the check list, and look out for each other. Till next time, IYAOYAS.







# CHAPTER 75



Here is a picture from our December Meeting. We wanted to welcome our new Chapter 75 Vice President AOC Dennis Guernsey. We decided to have an outing at the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard Bowling Alley. Currently HST is in Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard for a condensed yard period.

Chapter 75 proudly took ownership of a space on board the USS Wisconsin (BB-64). We have a long road ahead of us to get the space back into its tip top shape. To be expected, our plan is to turn that space into the best looking space like AO's always do.

We would like to say congratulations to our Chapter 75 secretary AOC Tina Calahan on her promotion to chief!

We hope that everyone had an amazing Holiday and wish for the best of 2015.

PIC 1: Chapter 75 Banner

PIC 2: EM2 Kyle Schenck working on a battle lantern on board the USS Wisconsin (BB-64) for our space re-hab.

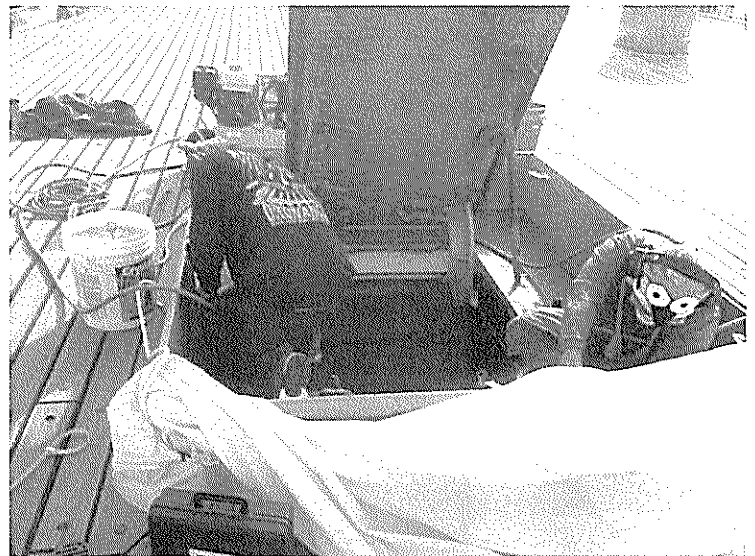
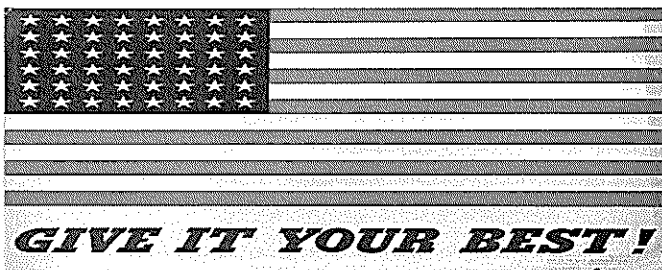
PIC 3: AO2 Brian Contreras and AOAN Derek Brouse do some needle gunning and sanding on one of the weather Deck Hatches on board the USS Wisconsin BB-64.

We wish everyone a happy new year

Thanks again!

V/r

AO1(AW/SW)Godair  
Chapter 75 AAO President





### Articles

are due  
20 JAN 16  
1 MAY 15  
20 SEP 15

Please submit via e-mail when possible



### On The Cover

This photo was taken at CAPT Mike Price's retirement ceremony on board USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71), 30 Dec 2014 ; L to R CAPT Dave Lepard (ret), CAPT Bill Glenn (ret), CAPT Al Dean, CAPT Bill Bindell, CAPT Mike Price (ret), CDR Dion Edon, CDR Mike Gramolini and CDR Rick Sherman

This picture has the most Ordnance CAPT's and CDRs we've have in the same proximity for a while. Especially in Service Dress Blues!

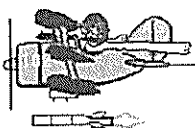
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The ESSEX Crew enjoying a nice day underway, picture via Chapter 8

To all chapters,

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

Thanks for the help, Editor

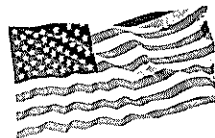


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### IN MEMORIAM CONTRIBUTIONS

#### In Memory of CWO4 Carl M. Collier-Friend and Shipmate

- CWO4 Robert Jackson USN Ret  
Allan & Ellen Hauck
- AOCM Thomas Lord USN Ret
- LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken USN Ret
- CWO4 Tom & Amy Laster USN Ret
- AOCS Frank & Thelma Thill USN Ret
- CDR Jack B. Bowman USN Ret
- CWO4 T.C. & Jane Moore USN Ret
- Mrs. Judy (Collins) Gumper
- LCDR Kid & Christine McCoy USN Ret
- Mrs. Ruth E. Flory
- CWO3 Barry & Amy Stemler USN Ret
- AOCM John & Tess LaMaitre USN Ret
- AOCM Kirk & Julie Brado USN Ret
- LCDR Johnny & Kimiko Wheat USN Ret
- AAO Chapter ONE



### TAPS



- CWO4 Carl M. Collier USN Ret Plankowner AOC
- Tommy Long USN Ret
- CWO4 Thomas W. Skoblicki USN Ret
- AOCS Kenneth C. Fehl USN Ret
- LT Gene F. Monroe USN Ret
- LT Edwin J. Connors USN Ret Plankowner
- AOC Wallace F. Perdue USN Ret\*
- Mr. Charles F. Boyst
- AOM(T)3 George M. Boyle (WWII)
- AOC Michael F. Murphy
- LT Edwin Connors, USN (Ret)

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





# CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter Eight,  
What a busy but very productive year we had!

Let me begin by congratulating newly promoted CWO4 Steven Garr, AOC Henry Ngo and AOC Scott Kramer! Also, Congratulations to LDCR Scott Kesler, CWO2 Charles Siegel and AOCM David Steo on their recent retirements, we wish the best for you and your families.

Thanks to all of our member's dedication and time spent planning, we were able to enjoy our highly successful annual picnic in May. The level of pride our chapter has is well beyond comparison.

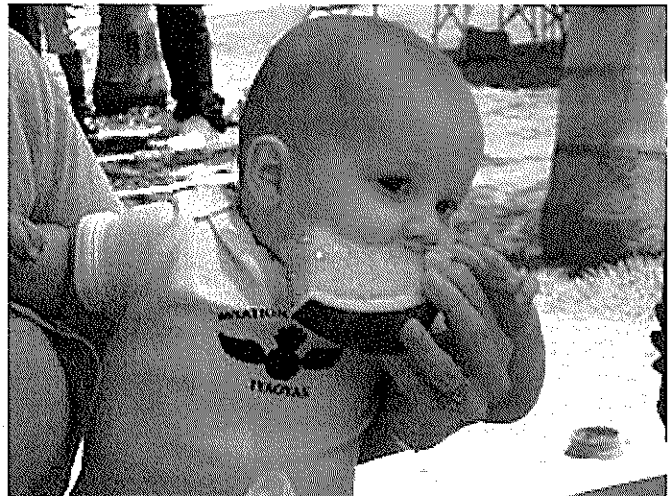
We have been keeping busy with our highway clean-ups, and Holiday Hand up Programs for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The chapter was looking to help out fellow ordies going through hard times.

If you are ever in the area, please feel free to stop in and say Hello. We have our monthly meetings every 1st Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post 434 in Chula Vista, CA. 47 5th Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910 starting on 05 FEB 15 and our annual AAO picnic is now scheduled for May 9th, 2015. We hope you all enjoy your Holidays and have a happy new year!

I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S.  
AO2 (AW/SW) Amanda Bower  
Chapter Eight Vice President



Winners of the John Finn Plaque at the AAO Picnic



The Youngest Ordie in Chapter 8 at the AAO Picnic



AO2 Amanda Bower (Vice President) and AO1 Misty Beck (President) at the AAO Picnic



AO1 Joshua Casey (Secretary/ Treasurer) manning the Raffle Tickets at the AAO Picnic



## CHAPTER 34

Greeting From Chapter 34!!

This Quarter has been extremely successful for our Chapter; we made many contributions to the local community. From volunteering monthly at Ronald McDonald House of North West Florida, which contributes over 40 man hours each month to the upkeep, maintenance, cleanliness and preparation of the facility to The Corry Station Burger Burn Volunteer event for The Escambia Boy's Base where we were able to mentor and feed 45 teens. Great job to our chapter for furthering good relations with so many community establishments.

In November, Chapter 34 set up an excellent booth at the Annual Blue Angels Homecoming Show, Displaying a static display, lending knowledge about the ordnance on display and the history of the Association and selling merchandise.

The Annual AO "A" Schoolhouse Thanksgiving Dinner was a hit. After chapter 34 donated 500 dollars and the AO staff of the school house dedicated long hours to the annual AO "A" School house thanksgiving dinner, we had a successful Thanksgiving Dinner for the students on 25NOV14 feeding 550 sailors/marines students.

Finishing off the year, SGT Kackman and AO1 Roth were the Associations Coordinators for the 2014 Wreaths across America event. It took place on December 13th 2014 and was yet again a successful event.

We would like to welcome all our brothers and sisters who will be attending the AOCP School in Milton Florida in the future to all events/ meetings. If you are in the area and would like to attend you are welcome. For details on meeting or events please email or contact AO1 Williams. 850-452-7072 / Alexanna.williams@navy.mil.

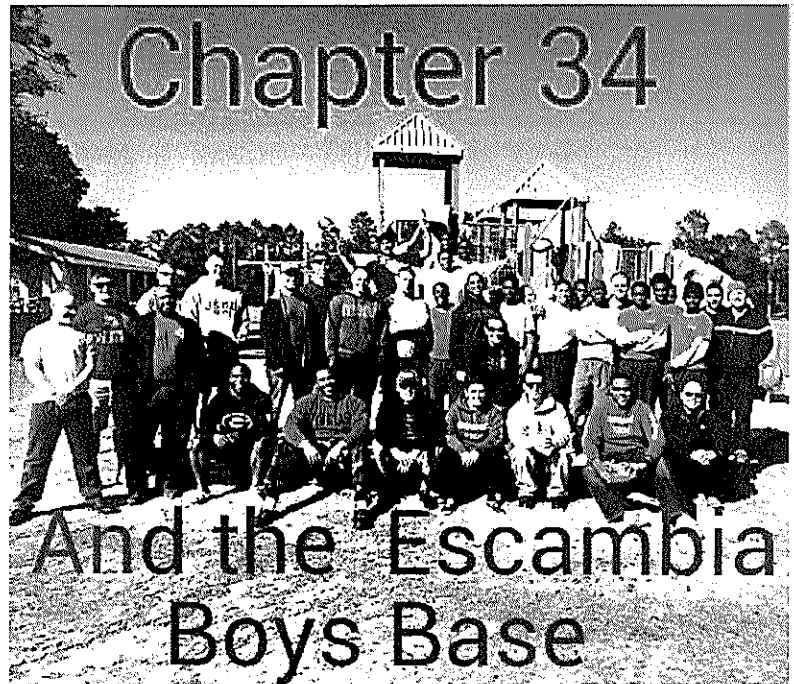
Chapter 34 has done an outstanding job this Quarter. Excited to see what's in store for next quarter.

Congratulations to our Ordies for the following  
AO2 Miller – Junior Sailor of the year 2014 (departmental)  
AO1 Barksdale- Senior Sailor of the year 2014 (departmental)  
AO1 Roth- Mid-Grade Instructor of the year 2014 (departmental)  
AO2 Wagner was promoted to AO1  
AO2 Lawson was promoted to AO1  
SGT Ramirez was promoted to SSGT  
AO1 Harris - Reenlisting 9 January 2015  
AO2 Ezell - Reenlisting 9 January 2015

AO1 Williams (NATTC CSADD LEAD) – Navy CSADD Chapter of the year 2014

From everyone here at Chapter 34,  
I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S.

AAO CHAPTER 34 PRESIDENT  
AO1 (AW/SW) ALEXANNA WILLIAMS  
NATTC PENSACOLA







# CHAPTER 73

Greetings from the only Forward Deployed Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter in the world, Chapter 73!

As we pull into homeport Yokosuka, Japan, AAO-73 has pulled out a win for this fall patrol. We were successful in bringing home each AO safely as we worked together with CVW-5 in a successful fall patrol. We had many AO's pick up rank this last advancement cycle: 19 ordies got promoted to AO3, 13 ordies got promoted to AO2, and 3 ordies got promoted to AO1. We also had newly-frocked AO3 (AW/SW) Kate Boring be selected as USS George Washington's Blue Jacket of the Year. This brings great honor not only to CVN-73 Weapon's Department but, Aviation Ordnancemen around the world.

We also have held 2 bowling events that have been a big hit within our association, and contributed to adding 20 new members to our growing association. Together as an association we are looking forward to a paint-ball competition, and a snow-boarding trip in the mountains of Japan. Furthermore, we are working with a local orphanage to set up times for Chapter-73 to show some ordie love to the kids!

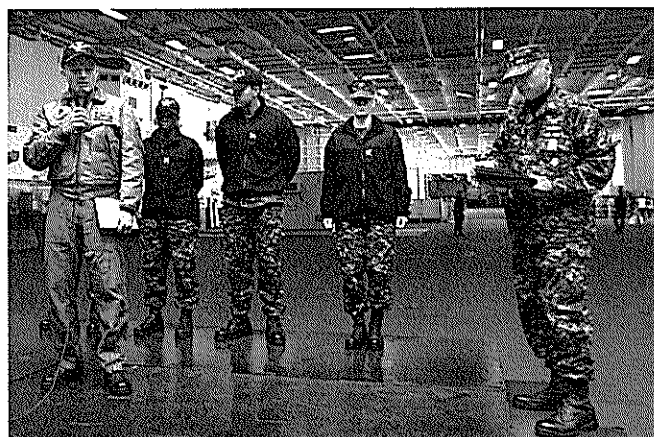
We would like to wish Fair Winds and Following Seas to AO1 (AW/EXW/SW) Seligson as he retires from 20 years of honorable service in 2015.

On another note, we extend our condolences to the family of AOCM Loyola who did not make it through the holiday season. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

I. Y. A. O. Y. A. S  
AO1 (AW/SW) Thurman McDowell  
AO3 (AW/SW) Kate Boring



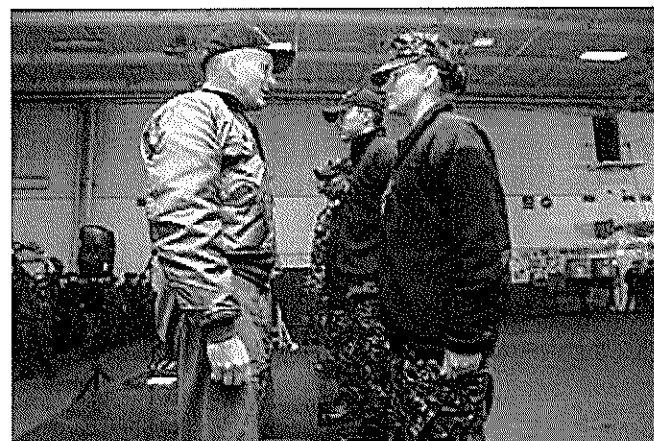
AAO-73 Bowling Event (5 DEC 2014)



AO3 (AW/SW) Boring standing by to receive BJOY (05 DEC 14)



AAO-73 Monthly Bowling Event (02 Jan 2015)

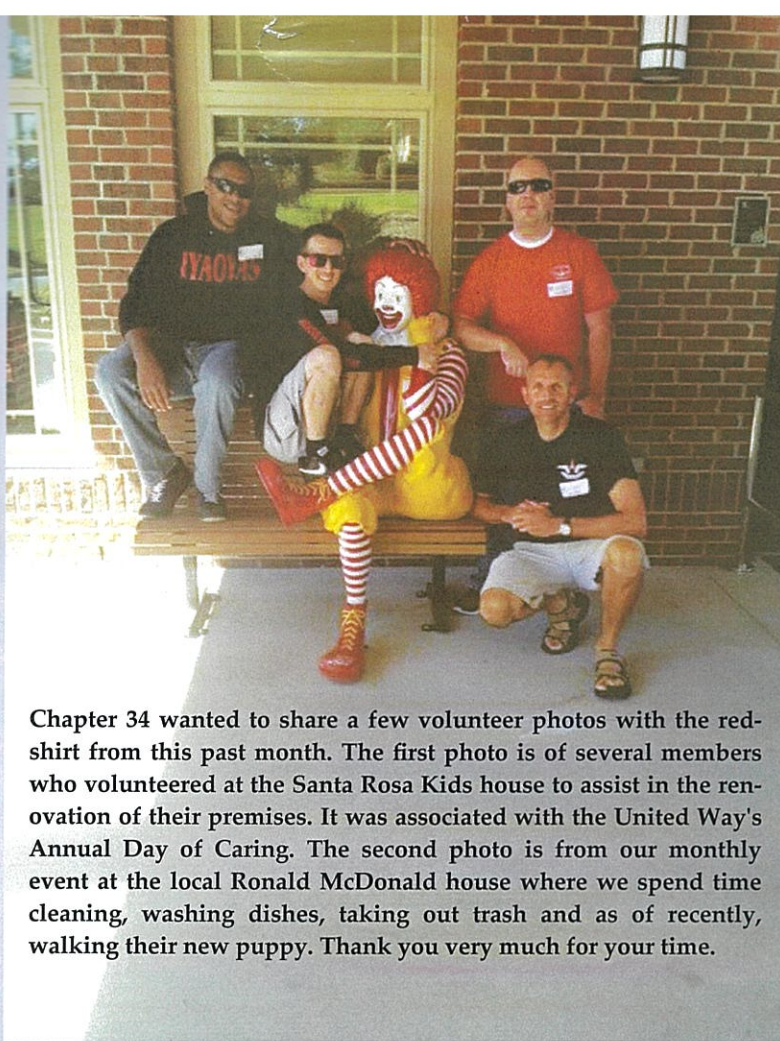


AO3 with CO: Captain Fenton (05Dec14)









Chapter 34 wanted to share a few volunteer photos with the red-shirt from this past month. The first photo is of several members who volunteered at the Santa Rosa Kids house to assist in the renovation of their premises. It was associated with the United Way's Annual Day of Caring. The second photo is from our monthly event at the local Ronald McDonald house where we spend time cleaning, washing dishes, taking out trash and as of recently, walking their new puppy. Thank you very much for your time.





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