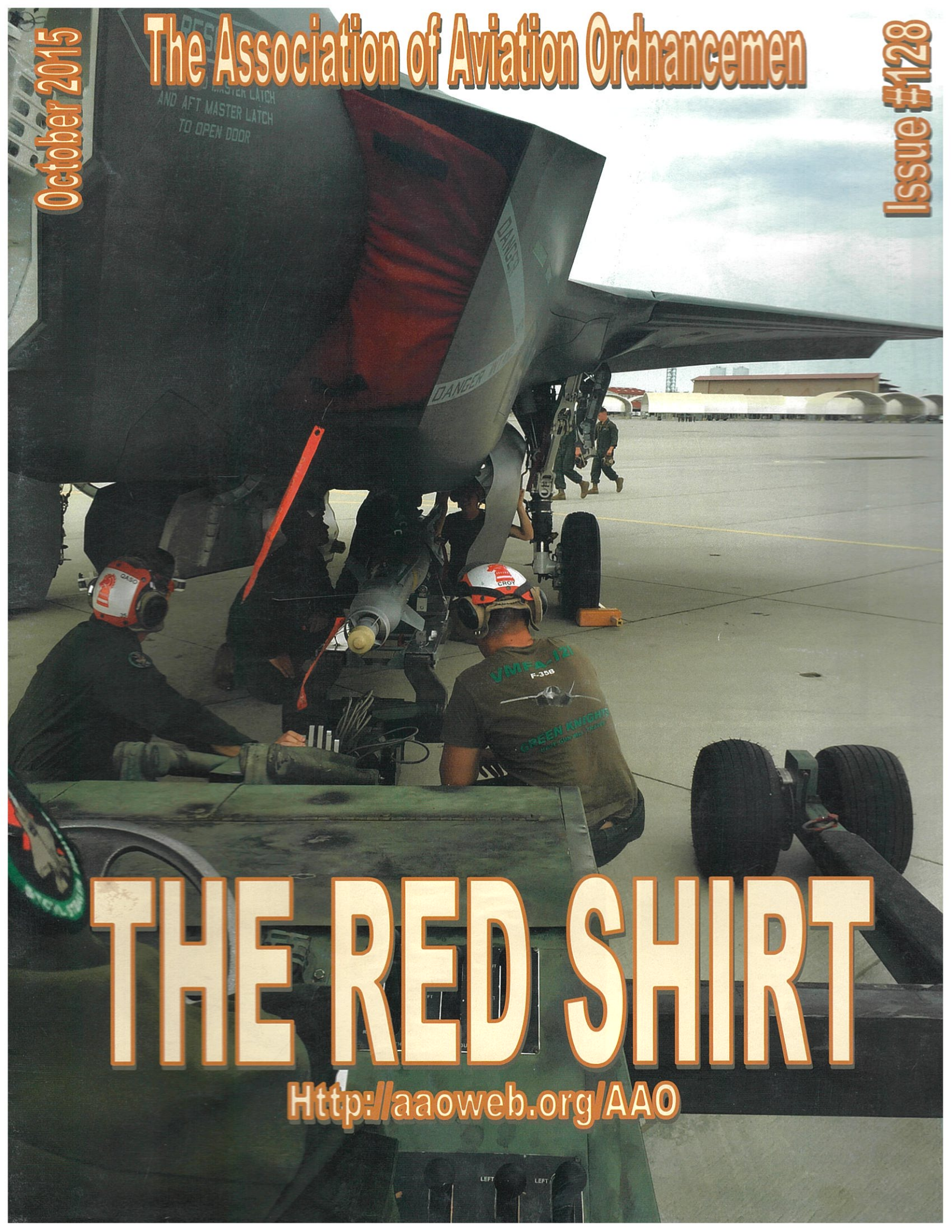


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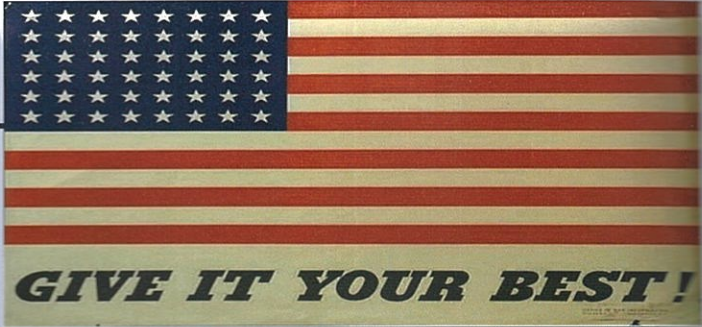
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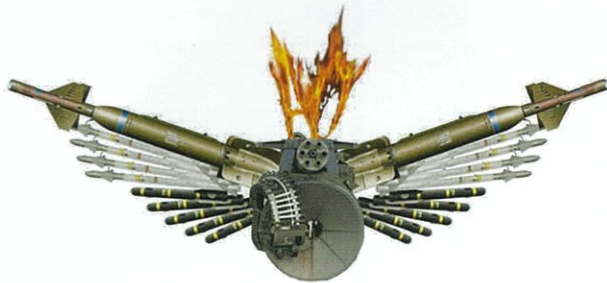
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Kevin,

25 June 2015, Yuma, AZ. VMFA-121 the "Green Knights" the first JSF squadron to employ high explosive PGM's from its weapons bays

Bill Vachon
F-35 Joint Program Office
Weapons Integration/PHM



Kevin,

Still supporting the old folks home for retired Gunners.
Please put in next Red Shirt

V/r
Dan



Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
Robert L. Crow Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for rewarding me with this scholarship! The financial aid is much appreciated and needed. Without this reward, paying for my

private education would have been much more difficult. Thank you for helping me pursue my degree in Mathematics, Secondary Education. I am in my last year at Biola University and I am looking forward to student teaching in the near future.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Mercado



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

Thank you for choosing me to be the recipient of the Robert L. Crow \$3000 scholarship. It is both a huge honor and blessing. This scholarship will help me to be able to focus more fully on my

schoolwork and spend less time thinking about finances.

I did two years of Running Start at Everett Community College, so I have entered the University of Washington as a Junior. My declared major is Classics, though I hope to double major with English or Linguistics. After undergraduate work, I plan to apply to graduate schools across the United States and Europe and pursue a graduate level Classics degree. I hope to one day teach at a collegiate level. The scholarship that I have received from you is helping me to pursue these goals.

I want to once again thank you for the incredible honor of receiving this scholarship.

Thank you,
Ashley Michel



Dear Mr. Garza and the AAO,

I am immensely humbled and thankful for the award of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow Scholarship. Receiving this acknowledgment has truly blessed me, as well as, my family and grandparents. I am very grateful for all the efforts of the AAO to allow such scholarships to be awarded.

I am very excited to continue my "lope life" as a junior at Grand Canyon University. (Our college mascot is the Antelopes.) I am pursuing a Dual Major in Elementary Education and Special Education and this year I will complete 110 hours of classroom observations in local, urban elementary schools.

In addition to participating in the Honors College program, I am close to completing my Minor In Finance and Economics. I know that I will benefit from taking on these additional programs because through them, I have already gained important skills that I will use for the rest of my life. Thank you again for the generous scholarship towards this education and I am excited to have another great year at Grand Canyon University!

With deepest gratitude,
Lauren K. Thomas



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen members and Scholarship Committee members.

What an incredible honor to receive the Robert L. Crow scholarship. It is a great feeling to have been selected. This scholarship allows me to continue my education at West Virginia University and my ultimate goal of working in the Forensics Science field.

Thank you again for your generous scholarship and for your service to this country. The funds will greatly decrease the financial stress placed on my family, and will allow me to continue pursuing my dreams.

Sincerely,
Jordan Jakobs



Dear Mr. Wheat,

Thank you for being generous and unselfishly giving your support to the educational endeavors of a student like myself. I am very happy and appreciative to learn I was selected as a recipient for this scholarship.

I am an Exercise Science major, and I plan on continuing my career at the University of Oklahoma's Health Science Center (OUHSC) to get my masters as a physical therapist. The vision I have of my future is working with cancer patients as they go through their journey of battling cancer. Thanks to you, I am another step closer to my dream.

By awarding me this scholarship, it has taken the tuition boulder off my shoulders and has allowed me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Again, thank you for being so generous. I hope I can do the same to other students in the future as you have done for me.

Sincerely,
Mikayla Howorka

I always thought I was a life member but maybe not. My age does qualify me for something January 12th, 1926. I retired from the navy in 1946, if you can call it that. I was a Plankowner on the Franklin D Roosevelt.

As an AOM 3C with TBM's, SB2C's, F4U's and F6F's, there wasn't any discrimination in those days, you worked on whatever was required. Prior to this I even worked on B24 Bombers!!! My rate was not important in those days as I had 2nd and 1st classes working under me as I had all the answers!!! We started out as an Experimental Night Fighter Squadron! I, even at the age of 77 flew back seat in an OS2U Kingfisher on an anti sub flight in the Gulf.

My naval history is not extensive but interesting!

Al Peterson

Thanks for the letter Al and HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY!!

Kevin,

I look forward to each edition of the Redshirt, and enjoy keeping up with whatever is going on. However, I have a

question about the June issue. On page 14 is an article about James D. Deal. I read the article, but could find nothing about the Navy or Aviation Ordnancemen, so I am not sure why the article is there. Does he have some impact on us or our organization?

Stephen Scarbrough
AOCS USN Ret

Stephen, James Deal was the guest speaker for our awards dinner at the convention this year. His bio was included in the Red Shirt for everyone's info. Thanks, Kevin



Dear Mr. Lord and Robert L. Crow
Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$4,000 Robert L. Crow Scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I am a pre-nursing major with a focus on patient care services. I am currently in my first semester carrying a full course of classes, to include Principles of Biology lecture and lab, Pre-Calculus, Pre-Nursing Seminar, Music and Civilizations, and Intro to Human Development. After graduation from Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, GA, I plan to accept a professional position as a nurse to gain valuable knowledge and skills that will ultimately lead me to earn a Master's Degree as a Physician Assistant. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me a scholarship, you have helped ease my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning.

Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. Currently with my sorority, Delta Zeta, I have been given an opportunity to volunteer a few hours of my time at local events to support and raise money for Delta Zeta's philanthropy, Starkey Hearing Foundation. One day I hope I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,
Megan E. Williamson

LCDR Bob Solomon, USN Ret asked if I could please mention that his wife of 50 years, Nobuko Solomon, AKA "Mamasan", passed away on 23 August. She was 83 years young. Bob said they had been together for 58 years ever since working on the USS Yorktown and got married after he made Chief.

Bob wanted to ensure that some of the "OLD" Ordnance crew got the word.



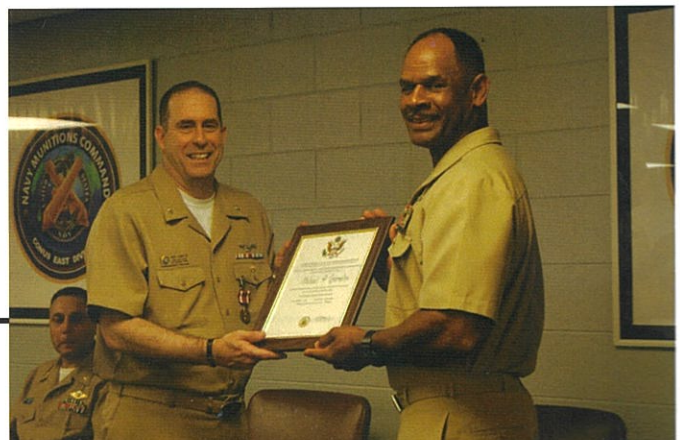
I'm looking for a couple of old squadron mates for a reunion. We were all in VFA-131 Wildcats together.

AOC Robert W. Daniels (AKA: Danny Daniels) In the photo, center in Khaki's, AO2 Presidencio Pike No photo for him,

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Kevin,
Over to you for posting in the red shirt. To all the ordies thank you all. I love being an aviation ordnanceman.

Gram





Kevin,

First off a big I'm sorry for the patchwork on the address label but as you well know us old retiree's have to use whatever we got!

Enclosed is a poster of the good old days. I took mine and had it framed and have it in my "Man Cave" and if you know any other old Ordies that would like one I will send them one if I have an address.

The other picture enclosed is of the Good Old VA-15 Ordnance Crew on the Rosie CVA-42. Back row the guy you can hardly see is AO3 Rupert, next myself at the time AO1 Abers, AO2 Yaslem, AO3 Murry. Second row, AOAN Bobbit, AO2 Additson, AO2 Stasnty and on the deck AO2 Norton.

This was the cruise of 72-73 had a ten month cruise because the Indy, CVA-62 was sent to Vietnam.

Well enough memories, of course us old ones that's all we have anymore. Yes I'm along in the years but not anywhere near the oldest that I've seen printed in the Red Shirt

Fair Winds and Following Seas
AOC Carl Abers, USN/ret

Carl, I don't think I got all the names right and I apologize. This is an awesome picture from the '70's navy, thanks for sharing! To all, the poster Carl is talking about is a Miller Lite poster honoring the US Navy with some Red Shirts on the cover. Thanks for that too Carl!!

Kevin



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AAO PRESIDENT

Hello All,

I pray all is well with you and yours. I will start by saying thanks to all for entrusting me with leading our professional organization. I am thankful and truly humble to hold this office and will continue to do the best I can to fulfil the obligations of this office. Thank you! Also, congratulations to all other officers elected this year. I look forward to working with you all to make sure our association remains effective.

A huge thanks to all participants who supported - and to those that attended our 2015 AO Convention. I am sure you have been echoing my words of gratitude and satisfaction about how great it was. Simply put, Pat and I had a blast and already looking forward to next year's. Thank you very much to our dedicated Ordies and Auxiliary members that continue to make our convention successful. We are all sincerely appreciative and applaud your efforts!

Congratulations to our AOOY, runner up, and all nominees. You are all the future of this esteemed association and we look forward to you joining us next year at the convention. A special thanks to CAPT Bill Bindel, Mr. Oscar "Roby" Robinson, and Lt Col Josh Roberts, as-well-as the entire AIRPAC/LANT staffs for their pursuit and support of the 2015 Aviation Ordnance Manager's Leadership Continuum (AOMLC). It was important for our community to get our "symposium" back to provide an avenue to train our aviation ordnance managers. As such, our convention realized an increase in attendance since some members delayed travel to home base to attend. Looking forward to the AOMLC returning next year.

One last genuine note of gratitude and congratulatory comments are in order for all committee members who worked so faithfully to conduct convention business. The results of all are included in this issue. Congratulations to each recipient. YIAOYAS!!!

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AAO VICE PRESIDENT

Hey Ordies!

First I would like to thank CAPT (RET) Mike Price, our Past National President, for appointing me to fulfill the remainder of the term for the vacant National Vice President position, and the Board of Directors (especially Jeff) for ratifying the appointment, it is truly an Honor and Privilege to be able to serve our Association and you as your Vice President! I have been serving as one of your National Board of Directors since 2005 and I look forward to the new challenge.

With this appointment, I also inherit the Membership Committee Chair, which is something near and dear to all of us in the Association. Over the years, I have been involved with the membership side of the house in various Veterans Associations such as the VFW, FRA and of course at the AAO Chapter level, and we all share the same challenge, recruiting new members as well as keeping the ones we have. I have found that there is nothing that can make us more successful than personal, face to face communication. Emails, social media or just passing the word via a flyer about upcoming meetings, picnics or holiday parties are certainly very useful, but not as effective as actually talking to our fellow Ordies, young and old, and telling them what we do and the camaraderie we share. Do you carry an AAO application in your wallet or purse? You should be! Believe me they come in handy if you're talking Ordie! Once you get their interest, sign them up, or get them to a Chapter meeting or event and your chances of being successful increases ten-fold. I have noticed at recent conventions that we are certainly getting the younger AO's to attend, and by what I have seen they are having a great time and will most likely be back. That's a great start, and we need to continue that trend. We all need to be pro-active in this area or we will be in the same boat as some of the other organizations, same people continually taking all the leadership roles, be it on the Chapter or National level. I challenge each and every one of you to take a personal interest in recruiting and retaining membership.

This year we are fortunate to have some new faces on the National Board of Directors and I would like to congratulate those that have stepped up to the plate, I am sure that they will bring a lot of enthusiasm and ideas to our association. And I would like to thank all of you who have served in the recent past. In addition, during the General Business meeting I was very encouraged to see all of the young people from the Chapters who have taken on Chapter Officer positions and were giving their Chapter reports. All of the great

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AAO SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – Wow what a great Continuum and Convention in Reno this year. Was good seeing you all there, start NOW to make your plans for Continuum 2016 July 24th – 28th and Convention 2016 July 27th – July 31st at the Silver Legacy Resort. Our numbers are trending up this year with folks staying over from the Continuum.

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.

The following Chapters have not been heard from in the past year: Chapter 11; Red Raiders LHD 8 USS Makin Island; Chapter 39, Chapter 70; Chapter 76; and Chapter Desert/ Southwest. If your Chapter is listed, please get a hold of National to so we know you are still alive.

Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin in January for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. It has been a privilege to serve as your Secretary for the past year plus, Thank You.

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

AAO TREASURER

Great showing at Convention 2015. We almost doubled the numbers from last year. I had a lot of registration forms that needed some finessing. Most were from Ordies who were not Association members who were registering as non-members, at the higher rate. That was resolved by redirecting some of the non-member registration fee and using it for a membership. In most cases, money was saved. In the future, if you are not a member, just enclose a membership form with the Convention registration form and pay the fees associated with both. As special note to E-4 and below, if you are not a member of the Association you are automatically given a one year membership with your registration fee. If you are already a member, a year is added to their membership. Special Kudo to AOC Lisa Crocker for taking care of her troops at the Awards Banquet.

Internet registration for the convention worked well and will continue for future conventions. As we get closer to

Convention 2016, more information will be made available.


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 aatreas2011@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.

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IYAOYAS!

R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

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USS John Finn (DDG 113)



CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in Jacksonville, Florida. Our annual family picnic was celebrated in early October with fun for all and a great "AO reunion" seeing old shipmates.

The latest AO convention is now history, what an honor to have

Jack Elrod, LT (USN Ret) named to the AAO Hall of Fame. Congratulations Jack, this recognized a lifetime of support to the Navy and AO rating. Thanks for your continual efforts, you mean so much to our chapter and the Ordnance rating.

Welcome back AO1 Raymond Perry to the Jax area. We missed you while you were on sea duty in Norfolk. Kudos to our former Vice President Taylor Porter for making AOC, hoorah!

Congratulations to AO2 Jose Vargas, HSM-70, recognized as Chapter 9's AO of the 2nd Quarter 2015. Keep up the good work.

Invitations have been sent to our annual NJROTC/MJROTC/AJROTC air rifle postal competition. We look forward to this competition expanding and becoming our most successful ever. The chapter continues to support local JROTC units and their shooting programs.

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, IYA OYAS.

CHAPTER 8

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

Since May 2015 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added 20 new Chapter 8 Life Time Members. On May 9th, we held our annual Chapter Picnic at Naval Base San Diego's Mariner's Park where we had a respectable turn out of local area Ordies including some as far away as

Chapter 1 in Lemoore CA. We would like to thank the many who helped with the picnic set up and tear down as well as recognize AOCM Diane McQueen-Gipson and AOCM (Ret) Tom Lord for volunteering to do all the shopping needed for this big event. The many kids in attendance were kept entertained and happy thanks to the hard work of AO1 Nanise Schroeder who coordinated the no-cost procurement and setup of the Kid's Bounce House as well as Teresa (Foster) Caldwell who for the past 25 years has consistently coordinated our kid activities. Well done Nanise, Teresa and to all!!!

In June we held elections for the Chapter Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer positions. We would like to congratulate AO3 Matt Allande, USS AMERICA, as our new Vice President and CWO3 (Ret) Barry Stemler as our new Treasurer/Secretary. Since Barry's election vacated one of the three Board of Director positions, a vote was taken and AO1 Nanise Schroeder, NMC CWD Det El Centro, was elected into that position.

In July/August the Chapter had a respectable showing at the annual AAO Convention as well as donating \$520 towards the Robert Crow Scholarship fund. Our President AO1 Misty Beck did an outstanding job representing the Chapter during the AAO General Business Meeting held on 1 August. At the Saturday Awards Banquet, the Chapter was honored to have two of its members selected for two of the highest and most prestigious AAO awards. Our President Misty Beck was selected as the AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR and Tom Lord was inducted into the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame. A hearty congratulations to Misty for her selection as the top AO out of more than 60 AOOY nominees and a well-deserved congratulations to Tom for being recognized for all his hard work and numerous years of dedication and commitment to the AO Community.

In August, the Chapter received a very generous \$1,300 donation from the family of AOCS Jason P. May, who recently passed away. His family asked that this donation be used for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday hand-ups. The Chapter voted that our Thanksgiving Holiday Hand-up be renamed the AOCS Jason P. May Holiday Hand-up in order to keep Jason's legacy alive for years to come. On Saturday, 8 August, the Chapter conducted its quarterly Highway Walk on the Coronado Silver Strand. Directly after the walk, AO1 Nanise Schroeder coordinated a group photo shoot at the AO2 Marc Lee Training Building, located at NAB Coronado. The photo shoot was to commemorate the August 2006 death of AO2 Lee who was the first Navy SEAL to be killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In September, several Chapter members started gearing up
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CHAPTER 75



Greetings from Chapter 75!
CAPT Price, AAO Officers, and
Fellow Ordies,

This year marks another productive year for the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter 75! After a safe return from a nine month combat deployment, we managed to double our active membership. During our six month ship yard period, AAO Chapter 75 Ordies continued to make a difference by volunteering in the local community and Hampton Roads area.



The beginning of this year started off a little slow with only 22 active members. Through energetic meetings and member camaraderie, we have grown to 60 active members! Eagerness to play a contributing role in Chapter 75 was essential in standing up our Board of Directors, the creation of five committees, and the successful election of AOC Dennis Guernsey as our new Vice President!

During the first months of successful yard period we had the great opportunity to take ownership of a space on board the USS Wisconsin (BB-64). During each visit, we had the opportunity to rehab, clean, and paint our designated space. Like AO's do we plan on making our space the absolutely best looking space on board the ship.

Chapter 75 AAO also had the great pleasure in participating in the 2014-2015 Wounded Warrior Olympics held in Hampton Roads. Lending a helping hand in setting up each event taken place, the amount of support and enthusiasm couldn't be described from the participants. It was impressive to see AO shirts at every event helping cheer and encourage the participants.

Sadly Chapter 75 wasn't able to participate in the 2015 Children's Health Incentive Program (CHIP) Duck Race. Due to our ships operational commitments our schedule wasn't able to support the event. With some help from Chapter 78, their support as AO's was a huge success to continue to strengthen our traditional support within the community. During the year we continued selling coins, shirts, and gym towels. We all decided to place an order for the throw back IYAOYAS coin/bottle opener due to the high demand for them. We were able to raise \$4119.05 in merchandise and

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CHAPTER 1

Hello from Chapter One Ordies from the always sunny and beautiful Lemoore, CA. Well, it's been awhile since our last update but Chapter One has been staying busy!!

First I would like to congratulate our new Chief Petty Officers in Lemoore! AOC Allen, AOC Arroyocamara, AOC Applestot, AOC Brown, AOC Dwyer, AOC Endres, AOC Fountain, and AOC Peterson. Congrats all, Job Well Done!

Great attendance at the Convention this year it's always a good time to meet new AO's and see Old ones as well! Well like to congratulate our very own Rob Walecki for being appointed National Vice President and Laura Colby for the National Board of Director. Well deserved.

We just celebrated another great turn out of our Annual AAO picnic at the Fleet Reserve in Lemoore. The weather cooperated again with some mild conditions so everyone had a great time! The bounce house and water slides were a big hit with the kids and a handful of adults. There was more than enough food and the chefs managed to keep the supply of burgers and hot dogs available till the bitter end, thank you chefs for your hard work and dedication!!

Our next big event is our Annual Christmas party which will be held at the Fleet Reserve in Lemoore. If you happen to be in the area come on by, it's always a good time. Just contact one of our Chapter One members and they can help you out!

IYAOYAS
AO1 (AW) Vancil
VFA-2 Deployed



Red Shirt

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are due

20 JAN 16

1 MAY 16

20 SEP 16

Please submit via e-mail when possible



ON THE COVER

VMFA-121 the "Green Knights" the first JSF squadron to employ high explosive PGM's from its weapons bays

BACK PAGE

CAPT Bindel, CDR Parmley with VFA-101 at Eglin AFB, FL, AOC Scott, AO1 Frantz, AO1 Jenkins, AO2 Turner, AO3 Magana, AO3 Greene, AOAN Crites, and AO2 Hamilton.

IN MEMORIAM CONTRIBUTIONS

In loving memory of CWO3 Roy A. From USN Ret.

Ms. Doris L. From

In Memory of AOCS Jake Scanlon USN Ret – Friend and Shipmate

AOC Dave & Helen Overstreet USN Ret
AAO Chapter 1
AOC Amber Roth

Ms. Stella Collier
AAO Chapter 4

In Memory of AOCS Mark Sawyer USN Ret – Friend and Shipmate

CMSgt Steve & Pamela Wrenn USAF Ret
BU1 Kiel E. Rommel
AOCM John & Tess LaMaitre USN Ret
Mr. Steve Wrenn
CWO4 Robert Jackson USN Ret

AOC Bob & Mary Gaines USN Ret
LCDR Vic & DawnRae Leonard USN Ret
AOCM Thomas Lord USN Ret
CWO4 T.C. & Jane Moore USN Ret
Ms. Emily Saunders & Family

In Memory of AOCS Jason P May USN – Friend and Shipmate

AAO Chapter 8

Mr. Phillip May & Family



Stella Collier being inducted into the AUX Circle of Support for 2015

*T*o 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



TAPS

AOCS Clovis "Butch" Ash, USN Ret
AOCS Mark H. Sawyer USN Ret
AOCS Jason P. May
AO Frederick A. Caprio USN Ret*
AO1 Howard J. Krogh USN Ret*
AOCS Michael J. Mooney USN Ret*
AOC Joseph R. Thomas USN Ret*
Mr. W. Floyd Moore (WWII)

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

***Other



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things the Chapters are doing shine a bright light on the future of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

Some of you might know that I am also the John W. Finn AO of the Year Committee Chairman. I started sitting on that board over 20 years ago when Digger Odell was the Chairman and through the years that Al Ten Eyck held the position, both did an outstanding job and mentored myself and all of the "regular" board members. Getting to the point, I received 56 packages this year and I know that we have more than 56 deserving AO's out there that could and should be nominated to this prestigious award. I can remember when there was close to 140 packages! The package is not hard to complete, especially if you use the sample package on the Association's website. Gunners and Chiefs, this is the perfect way to get some extra recognition for your "hard chargers".

Congratulations to all of the awardees at this year's convention! AO of the Year Misty Beck, Hall of Fame Members Mike Price, Jack Elrod, and Tom Lord, and all of the various Scholarship winners! Job Well Done!

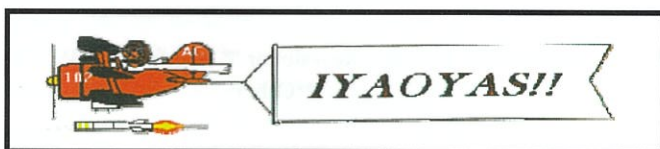
In closing, I had a great time at this year's convention as always and hope to see you all there next year. Thank you all for your service to our great country and going into harm's way when called upon. As I have said before, "If you can't eat it, drink it, or love it, BLOW IT UP"! Stay safe out there Ordies and IYAOYAS!!

AAO VP
Rob Walecki

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to support the 18 October Breast Cancer Walk and the AO team, "Bombs for Boobs" which is being coordinated by AO1 Nanise Schroeder. The teams' goal is to raise \$2,000 and we will report in our next update on how well it went. Last item. The Chapter would like to congratulate all the new CPO Selectees and in particular our own President AO1 Misty Beck. Great job Misty keep up the fantastic work!!! Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!

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



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50/50 ticket drawings which allowed us to not only host the AAO Cook-outs with no cost to our members but have also allowed us to donate \$1,500 to the Robert L. Crow Scholarship Fund.

Lastly, Chapter 75 gave a lending hand in helping the MOTT building with a much needed overhaul. As a Chapter, we donated \$200 for paint supply, paint and if needed muscle to give the building the much needed facelift. This gave us a great opportunity to work with the other chapters in the Hampton Roads area.

In the upcoming year, we plan to continue to strengthen the bond of Ordnancemen by expanding our local community service impact. We are also planning to host a Homecoming Cook-out for all of our members and all members that transferred during deployment. We look forward to an eventful year and hope to continue to expand our membership. We hope everyone enjoys Reno and wish we could be there! Have an IYAOYAS time!

Very Respectfully,
AO1(AW/SW) Godair, Kirk
AAO Chapter 75 President





WEAPONS MAINTENANCE READINESS REVIEW (WMRR)

The Semi-Annual Strike Weapons Maintenance Readiness Review (WMRR) was held, 21-23 July 2015 at MCAS Beaufort, SC. Once again the men and women of the weapons community stepped up and raised \$8,050 for the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Program. This is almost double what the group raised last year and is a true testament to the dedication and comradery of the Ordnance Community. The WMRR Committee continues to focus on weapons maintenance budget obligation and expenditure activities, emerging weapons maintenance requirements, and the prioritization of program resources to optimally support Fleet weapons maintenance related requirements.

CONGRATULATIONS to CW05 COLE who was the Grand Prize Winner!



The WMRR COMMITTEE would like to extend a special thanks to the following for their contributions:
The \$1,500.00 Club: Synectic Solutions, Inc.
The \$1,100.00 Club: Fred Jones.
The \$500.00 Club: Ray Rowland.
The \$300.00 Club: Mikal Weinke, CDR Kevin Forbes, Tony Craighead, Dwight Belin.
The \$200.00 Club: Jeff McComb, Chuck Faust, Connie Wells, Jeff Thompson.
The \$125.00 Club: Dwight Jantzen
The \$100.00 Club: Will Burwell, Mick Haskins, Danny Gresham, Dave "Shrek" Lorentzen, Dennis Patterson, Glenn Irving, Pat Brannigan, Dave Preaseau, Dave Rivera, CW05 Tom Cole, LtCol Roberts, LCDR Thompson, Kevin Moriarty
Other Contributors: Ron Swanson, Bob Buckley, Maj Scott Roland, Maj Mark Mitchell, MGySgt Marc Senecal, JoEllen Turnbaugh, Capt Austin Wren, Lee Manis, Paul Nickel, Melissa Jarvis, Rob Strittar, Mykia Baldwin-Grant, Bryan Jordan, John Porter, John "Sparky" Hyatt, Chago Ortiz, Tom

Wheelock, Capt Tony Fritz, Oscar Robinson, Jesse Tallman, Capt Aaron Stokes, CW05 Bowers, Toby Doane, Ellen Bailey, Jason Bailey and Tiffany Bailey.

THANKS to all who contributed towards the baskets or bought tickets! I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S



Top photo is from CDR Dion Edon's retirement, Bottom photo is from CDR Michael "Gram" Gramolini's retirement, Fair Winds and Following Seas to two outstanding Americans!





ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
2015 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Mike Price, President, called the 2015 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0832, 1 August 2015, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, played the National Anthem and the Ordie song.

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 54 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 to 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 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 coming, close the nominations. A motion to close nominations will not be in order.

Report On The Board Of Directors Actions During The Course Of The Year:

Approved the FY 2015/2016 Budget.

Approved the 2014 Board of Directors Minutes

Approved establishment of Chapter 78 (USS Gerald Ford)

Approved Ms. Connie Wells for Honorary Membership

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported the minutes of the 2014 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #125 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes were given after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2014 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2014 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes. The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2015/2016 Approved Budget and 2014/2015 Expenditure

Report are available in the rear of the room. Any questions please feel free to ask. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2015/2016 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2015 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado –

The 2015 Convention is another great success. I would like to thank Jim Thomas and Silver Legacy Team for all their help and hard work before, during, and after each year's convention.

AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza Chairman -

There was fifteen packages up for consideration. Five members and one Auxiliary member made up the committee and represented over 142 years of Ordnance experience. Chairman is looking for volunteers to assist and take over as Chairman over the next 1 – 2 years because of conflict of duty issues with his employment. A total of \$32,050 in Scholarships were awarded. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record.

Scholarship Winners For 2015

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

Robert L. Crow \$4,000 Scholarship Awards

Jordan P. Jakobs, Stepdaughter of Gary Howorka
Sydney V. Crosby, Daughter of Dawn Rae Sealy-Leonard
Mikayla Howorka, Daughter of Gary A. Howorka
Megan Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary L. Laun
Lauren K. Thomas, Granddaughter of James Thomas

The Women and Men of the NAVAIRSYSCOM
Weapons Program and SYNETIC Solutions \$3,000.00
Scholarship Awards

Justin L. Hite, Son in Law of Johnny Wheat
Ashley Michel, Grandson of David Michel

The Women and Men of the NAVAIRSYSCOM Weapons
Program and SYNETIC Solutions \$2,050.00
Scholarship Award

Elizebeth Lovett, Daughter of Steven A. Lovett

Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding
\$2,000.00 Scholarship Awards

Sydney Barba, Daughter of Miguel
Kathryn Mercado - Lovett, Daughter of Steven A. Lovett



Membership Committee, Dion Edon Chairman – Need some help on recruiting, we went to from over 200 new members to just above 100 for the past year. Current figures are:

	FY13-14	FY14-15
Total of all Current Members	1702	1665
Past Due (June01 – May 31)	189	223
Life Members (Included above)	845	852
Honorary (Included above)	146	149
Current Dues Paying (Including above)	522	571

During FY14 - 15 we had the following new members:

New Regular Members	220	116
New Associate Members	7	3
New Life Members	30	24

Total Inactive Members:	5769	7232
Total Unknown Members	1475	92
Total Deceased Members	561	579

AO of the Year Committee, Rob Walecki Chairman –

The committee considered 56 packages. We had 6 USMC, and 2 E-5 packages included. 15 Members were there to grade the packages representing over 287 years of Ordnance experience. 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 2015

AO1 (AW/SW) MISTY D. BECK

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year For 2015

Runner-Up

AO1 (AW/SW) JOSEPH E. BORING

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone Chairman –

There was four packages up for consideration. Five members made up the committee and represented over 211 years of Ordnance experience. Recommended local Chapters get involved in nominating Hall Of Fame candidates. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

AO Hall of Fame Selectee's for 2015

LT HERMAN (JACK) ELROD USN (RET)

AOCM THOMAS E. LORD USN (RET)

CAPT MICHAEL K. PRICE USN (RET)

Nomination Committee, Dion Edon Chairman –

The following offices are open for election/relection:

President:

Michael K. Price, Captain USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Board of Directors (Two):

Angela Sobieski, Ensign, USN (Incumbent)

Rick Garza, Commander, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Nominee President:

Dion Edon, Commander USN

Nominees Board of Directors:

Angela Sobieski, Ensign, USN (Incumbent)

Kevin Dowd, Commander, USN

If no nomination(s) from the floor, the President Office will be fill by Voice vote and Seconded by members present.

A ballot for the Board of Directors will be required and it will be conducted by ballots that the Secretary has made up that were handed out as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting, and their membership dues were verified to be current.

I will go over the voting procedures prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

The following offices will open for election/relection in 2016:

Secretary Currently John 'JJ' LaMaitre, AOCM, USN

Board of Directors (Two):

David Lepard, Captain, USN (Ret)

Tim Zimmer, AOCM USN (Ret)

NOTE; Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2016. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligation of the office.

Absentee voting status – Dion Edon

Total Ballots Received: 05

Invalid Ballots due to not a member or Associate Member: 0

Invalid Ballots: 0

Total Ballots to count during Voting: 05

Last Year's Ballots received: 15

Reunion Book Committee, Chuck Onken Chairman –

We are STILL looking for someone to take our place as the Reunion Book Committee Co-Chairs; we have been doing it for 30 years, time for new blood. Beverly Onken has done a great job with AAO REUNION BOOK Editor. He requested that everyone get their pictures taken and he reminded all



that you do not have to buy a book to get your pictures taken. He also THANKED Sheryl Scanlon and Angela Sobieski for their assistance this year.

Safety Committee, UNK Chairman – No Report, however need to get Air Forces and Safety Center together and revitalize the Committee. Captain Mike Price, Captain Dave Lepard, and Commander Dion Edon stressed that safety is paramount in our day to day business.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll Chairman – Tim Carroll and Dave Lepard gave an update on AO Museum (co-located with the US Navy Aviation Museum) status. Ownership resides with the Aviation Museum but there is no recognition to the Association for the numerous items donated to the Museum. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to get 300 “Donated by AAO’ decals made and work with ADM Mike Bowman USN Ret. to get them on.

Newsletter Report, Kevin Meagher Chairman – Red Shirt is going well, enjoys the calls from the older AO’s from yesterday. Staying close to the printer situation, they have downsized this year.

AAO Website Report – Tom Lord for Johnny Wheat The Website is up and running with little or no problems at all. The cost has remained at about \$203.00 a year to run. All the applications for the AAOY, Scholarship, and HOF as are links to the various Chapters are available on the website. Membership can be completed with credit/ debit cards via the web site as well.

Chaplin Report – Mart Vance A total of 27 sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent in all cases as long as NOK info available and current.

Chapter Reports:

There are presently 27 active Chapters.

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Laura Colby
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Diane Ortiz
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Amber Roth
Chapter 5	China Lake, CA	Greg Paulsen
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Misty Beck
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Dennis Patterson
Chapter 11	Kaneohe Bay, HI.	No Report
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV.	Joanna Goodell
Chapter 22	Patuxent River, MD.	No Report
Chapter 34	Pensacola, FL.	Marcus Spenser
Chapter 39	Beaufort S.C.	No Report
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report
Chapter 68	USS Nimitz CVN 68	No Report

Chapter 69	USS Eisenhower CVN 69	No Report
Chapter 70	USS Vinson CVN-70	No Report
Chapter 71	USS Roosevelt	JJ LaMaitre (Letter)
Chapter 72	USS Lincoln CVN 72	LaMaitre/ Edon
Chapter 73	USS Geo Washington CVN-73	No Report
Chapter 74	USS Stennis CVN 74	No Report
Chapter 75	USS Truman CVN 75	Tom Lord
Chapter 76	USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76	No Report
Chapter 77	USS George Bush CVN 77	No Report
Chapter 78	USS Gerald Ford CVN 78	Just Stood Up
Desert/Southwest Chapter	El Centro, CA.	Nanise Schroeder
Chapter Key West	Key West Fl.	No Report
Chapter LHD-4	USS Boxer	Deployed
Chapter LHD-8	USS Makin Island	No Report
Auxiliary		Teresa Zimmer

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado Chairman – There are several changes to be voted on, mostly removing the AAOEF references and duties. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the By-Laws Changes as written.

Old Business: Called for any more Old Business.

None

New Business:

Discussion on social media was held. Leadership felt that a ‘National’ Facebook Page had too many issues to control/ manage. If local Chapters want to have a Facebook page go ahead and do it, but beware of the consequences that come with the responsibility of Facebook posts.

2016 Convention Committee – Kirk Brado Convention Chairman –

Announced that next year’s Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV (Continuum) from 24 July thru 28 July 2016, and (Convention) from 27 July thru 31 July. Exhibitor/ Vendors round up will be led by Dave Lepard. Pre-registration will be a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2016 convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

Election of Officers – Mike Price

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. He announced that the offices open for election of the President, and two seats on the Board of Directors.

The following individuals were nominated for the Offices:



Dion Edon, Commander, USN for President

Angela Sobieski, Ensign, USN for Board of Directors
Kevin Dowd, Commander, USN for Board of Directors
Amber Roth, AOC, USN for Board of Directors (Floor Nomination)

Election for the office of President, position held by Mike Price.

The Nominees are:
Commander Dion Edon

Dion Edon was elected via floor voice vote to serve as President, term to expire 2018.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Rick Garza.

The nominees are:
Angela Sobieski
Kevin Dowd
Amber Roth (Floor Nomination)

Amber Roth was elected via ballot vote to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2018.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Angela Sobieski.

The nominees are:
Angela Sobieski
Kevin Dowd
Laura Colby (Floor Nomination)

Angela Sobieski was re-elected via ballot vote to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2018.

After the Elections the President announced that he will replace the Office of **Vice President** held by Dion Edon (elected President) with **Rob Walecki term to expire Aug 2016**, and the Board of Directors seat held by Rob Walecki with AOC (AW) Laura Colby term to expire Aug 2017, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

The following are currently on the Board of Directors:

Tim Zimmer, AOCS, USN (Ret) Expires August 2016
Dave Lepard, Captain, USN (Ret) Expires August 2016
Laura Colby, AOC (AW), USN Expires August 2017
Jeff Sassone, Commander, USN (Ret) Expires August 2017
Amber Roth, AOC (AW), USN Expires August 2018
Angela Sobieski, Ensign USN Expires August 2018

Call for any more new business from the floor- Mike Price

AOCM Rodney Green brought up for discussion about having a 'Selective Reservist' AAOY. Was recommended to him to bring a Bylaws change forward for consideration.

All Installation of Officers will be sworn in after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed.

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:

NAVAIR/PEO(W)/ Synectic Solutions \$8,050.00
Huntington Ingalls \$4,000.00
Chapter 1 \$400.00* Chapter 3 \$800.00
Chapter 4 \$600.00* Chapter 5 \$707.00
Chapter 8 \$520.00** Chapter 9 \$2,100.00***
Chapter 21 \$200.00 Chapter 34 \$2,500.00
Chapter 75 \$1,500.00 Chapter 671 \$400.00
The Auxiliary - \$5,100.00
Dawn & Vic Leonard \$125.00****
JJ & Tess LaMaitre \$20.00****
Tom Lord \$20.00****
Bob & Mary Gaines \$100.00****
Steve Wren \$200.00****
TC & Jane Moore \$250.00****
Bob Jackson \$200.00****
Emily Saunders etal \$50.00****
Dave & Helen Overstreet \$100.00****
Chuck & Bev Onken \$200.00
Doris From \$300.00*****
Amber Roth \$100.00*
Virgil Burke \$50.00*****
Stu Carson \$300.00
Billy & Linda Earl \$100.00****
Dave & Dottie Michel \$200.00

* In the memory of Carl Collier
** In the memory of AOCS Jason May
*** In the memory of Floyd English
**** In the memory of Mark Sawyer
***** In the memory of Roy From
***** In the memory of Lost Brothers

Total donations \$28,867.00

Closing remarks & announcements - Mike Price

The President thanked the Chapters for their inputs and exchange of information.

The President announced that next year's Continuum & 40th Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 24 Jul thru 31 July 2016. Pre-registration will be a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this conven-



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tion. The 2016 convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

A moment of silence was held for those who have gone to the Gun Boss in the sky. Let's think about the Marines, Sailors and Soldiers serving in Iraq, Afghanistan.

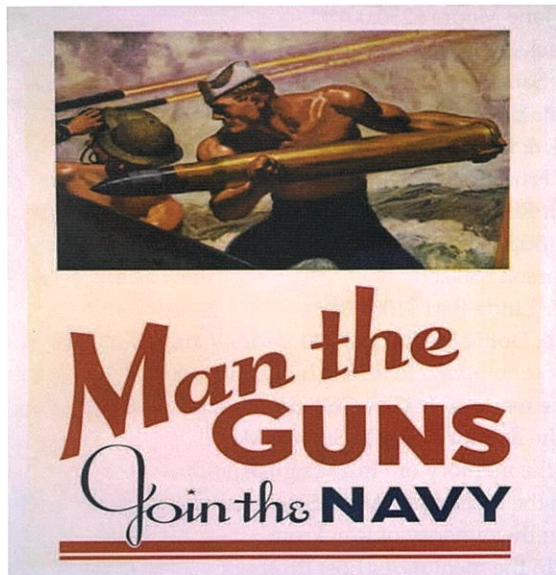
Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2015 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1156, 1 August 2015.

Enclosures 1 thru 3 are on file with the National Secretary.

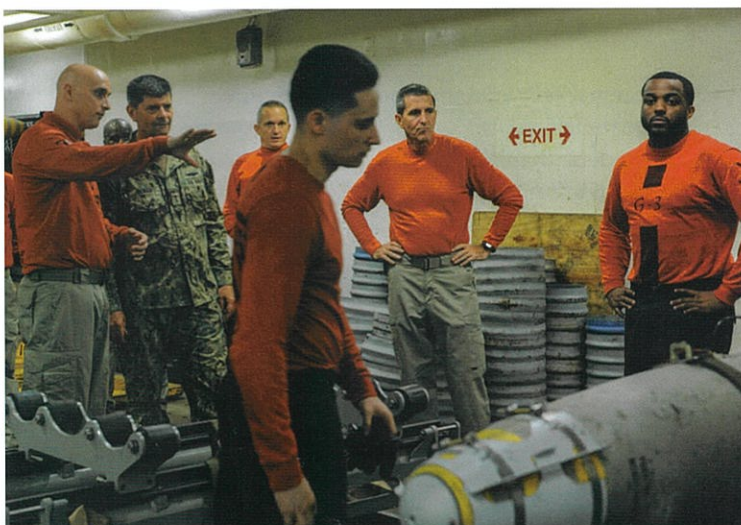
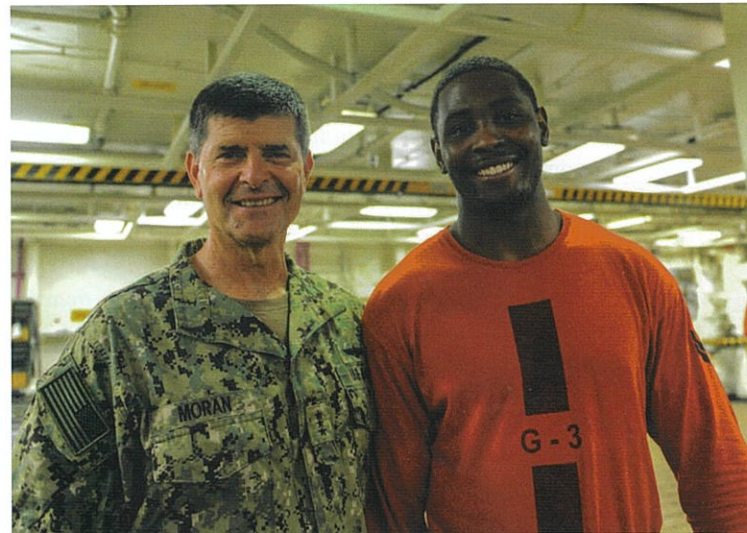
Submitted by:
John 'JJ' LaMaitre
Secretary

Approved by:
Dion Edon
President



This is G-3 building bombs with Admiral Moran the Chief of Naval Personnel onboard the THEODORE ROOSEVELT and AO2(AW/SW) Juarez Cobbin, the QA/SO with Admiral Moran

V/R
AOCM(AW/SW) McQueen-Gipson
Weapons DLCPO
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT





SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

Mr. Joe E. Griggs	AO1 Tracy & Dianna Trussel
CWO4 Frank & Naia Williams USN Ret	Mr. Bruce Kaiser
CAPT Tommy & Gay Wimberly USN Ret	
LCDR Ed & Ann Budway USN Ret	
AO2 George & Julie Grundy	
AOC Rick & Gracie Baxla USN Ret	
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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.

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AOC William D. Johnson USN Ret (RS127)	AO2 Alexanna C. Williams (RN)
AOC Marc J. Merrill (RN)	

Notes: (RN) = Renewal Notice Return / (RS127) = Red Shirt Return

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

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CWO3 James R. Curry
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 AO1 Gesette D. Mason
 AOAN Samantha Hanrahan
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 AO2 Joseph R. Hypes
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 Carrol K. Iszard
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 AO3 Jordan K. Davis
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 AO2 Matthew A. Wesson
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 AO2 Anthony J. Stanford
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 AO2 Celica I. Esmeralda
 AO2 Joshua N. Jones
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AMRAAM

Cmdr. Arch "Gorch" Watkins and Lt. Cmdr. Jeff "Stoli" Stodola of VAQ-209 successfully employed an AIM-120B AMRAAM off the coast of Virginia, as part of a multi-plane multi-missile Tactical Support Wing training event, Sept. 1. This marked the first time in squadron history that the Star Warriors employed an air-to-air missile. This was also a career first for both aviators on board.

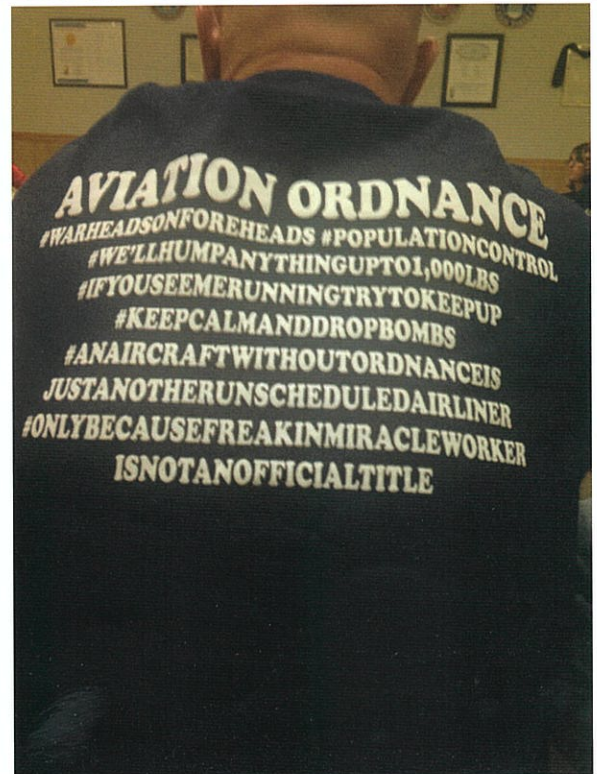
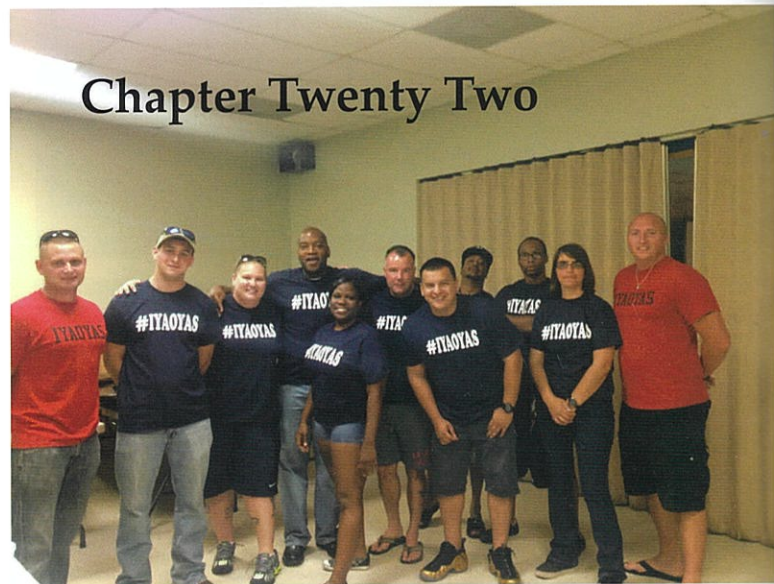
The small cadre of maintainers, led by CWO4 Michael Pendleton, made the trip to NAS Oceana having just returned a week prior from Red Flag Alaska, the first large-force exercise the squadron had participated in since receiving safe-for-flight certification in the EA-18 Growler a little more than a year ago.

In the next two weeks, VAQ-209 will also live fire an AGM-88 HARM off the coast of Point Mugu. These events reflect the radical increase in capability the EA-18G brings to the Fleet, including the ability to take on a host of mission sets in both the air-to-air and air-to-ground battlespace arenas.

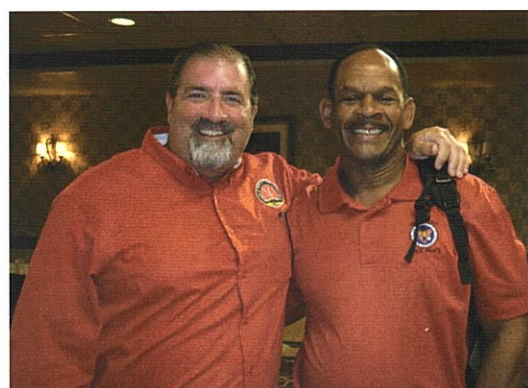


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