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20 JANUARY, 1 MAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

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Photo submission courtesy of Michael P. Gramolini

**AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT
CAPTAIN MATT ARNOLD**

Greeting fellow warriors, past and present. I hope that all is well with you and yours and that the beginning of this year has brought you many blessings and opportunities. It is hard to believe that the first month of 2024 is already behind us. I continue to enjoy serving this organization as your president. I challenge each of our chapters to continually look for new opportunities to improve our Armed Forces, to further promote our great organization, to honor our veterans, and to support the citizens of our great nation.

The planning for the next convention has started in earnest. Many of the elected officers and committee members met in Laughlin, Nevada during January to discuss the arrangements. A multitude of topics were discussed over the weekend in an effort improve both the convention and the Joint Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Managers and Leaders Continuum. I was unable to attend the meeting this year but your other elected officers, members of the Board of Directors, and officers and members of the Auxiliary accomplished a lot of work in a short period of time. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the attendees for their efforts in support of our organization. I offer a special “thank you” to Tim Zimmer for ably guiding the deliberations. As usual this event offered the participants a chance to socialize and break bread together as well as perform the work of the association. I am told that the food and alcohol were both good and plentiful and the fellowship was abundant. I hope that all who attended had a good time. All members of the association are invited to attend this meeting and offer their ideas for

making the convention better. I hope to see you there next year.

I continue to be amazed by depth and breadth of the work being performed by our members throughout the organization. I enjoy reading about all the activities being conducted by our chapters and members. I commend all of you for your efforts and offer my personal and professional appreciation for your continued service. These efforts serve to increase the visibility of our organization within our community while also enriching the lives of others and making our cities, states, and nation a better place in which to live. Please continue to utilize the “Red Shirt” to recognize our members and identify their good works.

In closing I wish you and yours Good Luck and Good Health in the coming months. I ask that you keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization, its members, and our Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Team. Sail Safe.

IYAOYAS,

Matt



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

Howdy!

I'm writing this from Laughlin, where we completed the Board of Directors and convention planning meetings. A few attendees take the casino for some \$\$\$ this time (not me, though), but it's safe to say the Aquarius will be just fine! During the Board of Directors meeting, we agreed on some bylaw changes that will be posted in the next Redshirt for review and absentee voting. This year's convention will be held 1-4 August at the Silver Legacy in Reno. Undoubtedly, it will be another rousing success, and a lot of fun will be had while we conduct Association business. For those who have never attended, you absolutely should, period. This year, thanks to the Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAAO), we are able to lower the registration fee to \$55. The Auxiliary decided to take on the effort and cost of the giveaway item we all receive upon checking in at convention. Tickets for the Friday social and Saturday awards banquet remain at \$75 and \$85. The Aviation Ordnance Managers Leadership Continuum (AOMLC) will run from 29 July through 1 August. And remember, if you're attending AOMLC, you are authorized to extend and attend the convention. You would be personally responsible for your hotel costs through Sunday the 4th.

This year, (3) offices are up for election: Treasurer and (2) Board of Director positions. If you wish to nominate anyone for one of these positions, go to the Association website

(redshirtnation.com), click "2024 National AAO Officer Nominations," and fill out the information. Another way is to email me (nationalaaovp@gmail.com) with the nominee in the CC line. I will respond to get the candidate's consent. Nominations for the offices mentioned above must be received by 1 April 2024. At the convention, nominations will be taken from the floor during the General Business Meeting (GBM). All nominees must be present at the GBM unless their absence has been previously approved by the Board of Directors. Once nominations close, the website will change from nominations to absentee voting. Also, the May Redshirt will contain an absentee ballot.

As for Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, I'll begin drafting the announcement message soon and hope to have it released by March. But, if you want an early start, there are no changes from last year, and there is a sample package on our website (redshirtnation.com).



As always, if you have questions/comments/recommendations, shoot me an email at nationalaaovp@gmail.com

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Tim

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CONSTELLATION

AAO NATIONAL SECRETARY

AOCM(RET) JJ LAMAITRE

Greetings, Shipmates and Marines – I hope you all are well with you and yours and had an outstanding 1 Holiday Season with friends and family. We had excellent numbers (35+) in Laughlin for the Convention Planning Meeting and saw some new faces. A BIG thank you to everyone who showed up over the Martin Luther King Weekend. It was a good time for all of us to catch up, socialize, and break bread because, in Reno, we are pretty busy tending to the multitude of things that come up. This was my brides and myself last year of hosting the preplanning meeting; we turned the reins over to Tim & Teresa Zimmer and Bill & Sue Taylor. We moved to Georgia, and it would be almost impossible for us to put that together (read mule the necessary items) from here during the winter months. We will be there again over the MLK weekend next year, so save the date.

Start NOW to make plans for this year's convention, which will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV, from July 31st through August 4th. NOTE: ALL hotel reservations and registration, Social, and Award banquets MUST be made through the AAO website (redshirtnation.com). See the flyer elsewhere in the Red Shirt.

Fortunately, we were able to lower our registration rates by \$10 because the Auxiliary leadership (Teresa Zimmer - President) stepped up big time and is covering the giveaways item this year. Please support the Auxiliary through their

fund-raising venues to raise money for the various things they do to support the Association. A big THANK YOU from the Association. Because of this, the Association could hold the meals' costs even though the service fees went from 20% to 22%. The Association cannot afford to lose money on the Convention.

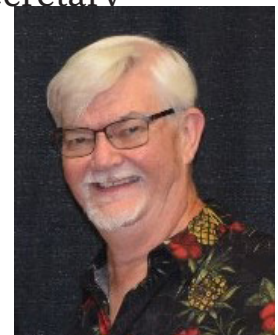
Tess (my bride) and I will be taking over from Kirk Brado as Convention Committee Chairman at the end of this year's Convention. Kirk has been doing an exceptional job, and it's time for him to be relieved. Please reach out and thank him.

Chapters must contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Years past, we had several Chapters show up with goodies to sell with NO tables reserved; we could accommodate, but we cannot guarantee room this year.

Chapter Officers – It saddens me to report that Chapter 11 (Kaneohe Bay) has been disestablished –. It was voted on by the Board of Directors (BOD) IAW the National By-Laws (Article IX). You are required to submit your minutes to me and submit Red Shirt articles. Do not let this happen to your Chapter!

Serving as your Secretary for the past ten years has been a privilege. Thank you for your continuing confidence and support.

JJ LaMaitre – AAO Secretary



**AAO NATIONAL TREASURER
(NEWLY ELECTED)
CW04(RET) TODD PENDLETON**

Convention Planning for AAO24 was a great success. Thanks to all those who have been supporting me these last two and a half years. I thank all of you because I'm up for re-election this year and request your support to be elected for a second term. Our current finances are in good order. The website will have the absentee ballot, the by-laws change proposals and the print out and mail in Registration Form are, or will be, available as well.

Great news from the Laughlin planning meeting, the Registration Fee has been lowered. Sorry, but the meal prices had to remain the same because of the increase in service charge.

Registration \$55, Social Dinner \$75, Banquet Dinner \$85 per person. For info, all attendees are required to pay Registration Fee, regardless if attending the Social or Banquet dinners. (Example: only attending a selection board and leaving, still must pay Registration Fee).

Please consider coming to the 2024 Convention, 1-4 Aug 2024, but decide early and get registered as soon as possible. The hotel reservation under Group Code (found on registration form) cut-off date is 30 Jun 2024 through the link on www.redshirtnation.com. Don't call the hotel, you probably won't get the Group rate on your final bill, use the link. The cut-off for Registration will be 19 Jul 2024. A late fee of \$10 will be charged after that date for Registration only, NOT an additional \$10 for each meal, the meal prices will remain the same.

Chapter Officers, take a look at yourselves and encourage your members 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. Remember, all elected Chapter Officers are required to be National members in good standing to hold their office, per the by-laws.

The Annual Financial Reports are due at the General Business Meeting in Reno. Chapters should submit their annual financial report after the end of May 2024 and before 19 Jul 2024 to the National Treasurer. If your chapter has yet to submit the FY22-23 or FY23-24 Annual reports, do so ASAP. Those reports are part of our income tax filing. Treasurer's, if you need the Form for the annual report, email me as soon as possible and I will send you 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 "Info Update Only." 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 "Info Update Only" method!! You can make the updates via filling out a membership form from the web site (www.redshirtnation.com) and note "Info Update Only" and 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 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.

IYAOYAS!

Thanks, M. Todd Pendleton
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National AAO Treasurer



IN SUPREME COMMANDERS SERVICE

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| AOC Jeffery E. Shaw*** | AOCS Fred T. Stark*** |
| AO1 Sherman R. Sabie Jr.*** | AOCM Max Rauer*** |
| AOC Joseph E. Davis*** | AO2 Miguel Cortes*** |
| AOCS Luis M. Quintana*** | AO1 George Koupas*** |
| FCCS Charles F. Lucas*** | LCDR William H. Blanchard*** |
| AO1 Sabie R. Sherman*** | |

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

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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| AO1 John R. Klopstein | MGySgt Carlos A. Mejia |
| AOC Michael O. Deacon | AOC Saltearia G. Robinson |
| LT Breanna D. Gorski | CWO3 David K. Miller |
| AO2 Martin A. Gonzalez | AO1 Jordan M. Wescott |
| AO1 Courtney L. Copeland | Sgt Sean P. Kivel II |
| AOC Erika N. McDougall | Ms. Eileen M. Zeutenhorst |
| AO1 Bobby J. Roig | AO2 Jane H. Park |

NEW MEMBERS

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| AO1 Steven R. Almerood | AO2 Thomas B. Troia | AO2 Aujari N. Haynes |
| AO1 Nicholas C. Storie | AO3 Freddy A. Sanchez | AO1 Christopher C. Stricklin |
| AO1 Lianne A. Coronado | AO1 Courtland A. Benson | AO3 Ammon N. Acuff |
| AO3 Brannon L. Fletcher | AO1 Dominguezgarcia, Juan | AOAN Jonah O. Smith |
| AO1 Jessica L. Hawkins | AOAN Gary E. St. Mary | AO1 Richard A. Pagan |
| AO2 Courtney R. Crane | AO2 Joseph C. Clower | AO2 Kristina M. Wallace |
| AO3 Robert L. Bennett | AO2 Bakari L. Harris | AOAN Calvin J. Clark |
| AOCS Charles D. Martin | AO2 Diamond S. Thomas | AO1 Terrell B. McDonald |
| AO1 Sean T. Powell | AO3 Alissa L. Almaguer | |
| AO2 Marquel D. Lunschin | AO1 Tristan B. Granaas | |
| AOAN Laszlo F. Lukacs | AO1 Donte J. Phillips | |

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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 me at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com, snail mail or give me a call.

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Mr. Greg Onken

AO1 Jordan Wescott

AO1 Niomi Deppe

Ms. Frances Carmichael

**AAAO PRESIDENT
TERESA ZIMMER**



Hello there!

I hope this finds you all well. We had our AAO Planning meeting Laughlin this past month. I am so excited for what the Auxiliary has planned for the upcoming Continuum and Convention. We are working on auction items for this year so if anyone would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate your contributions towards our mission of supporting the CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship fund. Also, this year, we will be holding 2 raffles, one during the Aviation Ordinance

Managers Leadership Continuum (AOMLC) and one during Convention.

This year we have the following positions up for election this year: Vice President, and 2 Board of Director positions. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, I would love to assist you.

My email is treasz@sbcglobal.net. I know of a few items already that are going to be

AWESOME!

Looking forward to seeing you all this year in Reno. Take care and enjoy your Spring.

Regards,

Teresa Zimmer – AAAO President

CHAPTER LISTING

FIND YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER OR START ONE IN YOUR AREA.

GO TO WWW.REDSHIRTNATION.COM/ FOR THE APPROPRIATE GUIDLINES.

Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
 President-Christopher Hathaway
 Vice-President- AOC Christopher Masterson
 Secretary-AO3 Evet Gutierrez
 Treasurer-Johnny Wheat
 Fleet Reserve Club, D Street,
 Lemoore
 3rd Thursday, 1730

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA
 President- Taylor Serr
 Vice-President- Bethany Turner
 Secretary- Emilee Lamb
 Treasurer- Walter Johnson
 VFW Post 3037
 Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

Chapter 4 - 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
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 Vice President (AO2 Rudy Ortiz)
 Secretary (AO3 Isaac Herzog)
 Treasurer (AO3 Javion Turner)
chapter5chinalake@outlook.com
 VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord
 Last Flex Thursday of Month,
 1800

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA
 President-Michael Sheppard

Vice President-Diane McQueen-Gipson
 Secretary & Treasurer-Barry Stemler bstemler36@gmail.com
 American Legion Post 255,
 National City
 1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
 President-AO1 Shadoc Culclager
 Vice President-AO2 James Maultsby
 Secretary-LCDR(Ret) Steve Cashat ordy04@yahoo.com
 Treasurer-AOCM(Ret) Rick Wyman
 Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
 3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV
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 Vice President-AO1 Juan Pelayo
 Treasurer-AO2 Taylor Jones
 Secretary-AO2 Jocelyn Nicolet
 American Legion Post 16 Fallon,
 NV.
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River
 President-AO2 Brian Spaccarelli
 Vice President-AO3 Symone Gay
 Treasurer-AO1 Vasilisa Bingham
 Secretary-Rob Pavel
 VFW, Post 2632 California, MD
 3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL
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 O'riley's Irish Pub downtown
 321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 35-Lightning Chapter
 President-AO1 Garrett Ly-Kinhan
 CNATT Det Eglin JSF F-35 ATC
 3rd Thursday, 1500

Chapter 39 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 - Guam
 President-Jeremiah Fitzgerald
 VP-Tara Williams
 Treasurer-Ty'Neisha Breaux
 Secretary-Julio Olmeda
 Molly McGee's onboard Naval Base Guam
 3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter Desert Southwest - El Centro, CA.

President-Georgina Ahumada
VP-Canyon Heinrich
Treasurer - Joshua Squires
On Board

Chapter LHD 4 Gator Chapter

President-AO1 Trenton Hagley
On Board

Chapter LHD 7 - USS Iwo Jima

President-AO1 Rosalie A. Lashley
On Board

Chapter LHD 8 - USS Makin Island

President-AO1 Terrance Dukes
On Board

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President-AO1 Walter Adams
On Board

Chapter CVN 69 - USS Dwight D Eisenhower

President-Justin Rives
VP-Adrienne Anderson
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Secretary-Alvaro Benitez
On Board

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Chapter CVN 71 - USS Theodore Roosevelt

President-AO1 Jose Pando
On Board

Chapter CVN 72 - USS Lincoln

President-AO1 Roden
On Board

Chapter CVN 73 - USS George Washington

President-AO1 Thurman McDowell
On-Board

Chapter CVN 74 - USS Stennis

President-AO1 Benjamin Llewellyn
On Board

Chapter CVN 75 - USS 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 76 - USS Ronald Reagan

President-AO1 Justin Fallone
On Board

Chapter 77 - USS George H.W. Bush

President - Jordan Davis
VP - Dominique Hydell
Treasurer - Ivan Martinez
Secretary - Melanie Salcedo-Walden
On Board

Chapter CVN 78 - 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 Southernmost

Key West, Fl

President-

Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee
ANNEX

Chapter Spartan Souda Bay, Greece

President-AO1 Gilmore Estrill

Meeting Time and Location
Varies

3rd Thursday of the month

Chapter 805

President-AO2 Michelle Ruizbustillo

Vice President-AO2 Andrew
Quals

Secretary-AZ2 Brian Taylor

treasurer-LS2 Beason Song

master at arms-AO2 Payton
Allen

PAO-YN2 Alonzo Tripplet

FROM THE EDITOR

Hey RED!! We found the BEST AO town in TEXAS and moved in!!!

GUN BARRELL CITY

(look it up I ain't lieing)

I hope everyone is doing well. It was a VERY busy year for Teri and I in 2023. Missing the convention was ruff BUT we will see you this August!

Get your tickets, rooms, and travel squared away I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Speaking of squared away PLEASE pay attention to when your articles are due and keep the national updated as you transfer, retire, vote in new cabinet members, etc.

I Y A O Y A S!!

~Amber

CHAPTER ONE

Greetings from Chapter ONE in Lemoore, California.

Chapter ONE held our annual Holiday Party at the Fleet Reserve in December. It was nice to catch up with some Ordies we haven't seen in a while and a good time for all who attended. A very special thank you to Tiffany Wheat, Hoopla Catering, and Val Sharp for your contributions in making our party memorable.

Congratulations to VFA-136 and VFA-147 on passing their most recent CWTPI's. Your hard work and continuous compliance to ordnance safety is reflected in a job well done.

The Chapter held its first Adopt-A-Highway clean-up for the year. It was a successful event, and I would like to send a shout-out to AO1 Juan Dominguezgarcia and NMC Detachment Lemoore for all the support.

To everyone in CVW-11, VFA-25, and VFA-154, we wish you the very best on your deployment; it's never easy, but stay true and keep your head on a swivel! We thank you for your sacrifices and for keeping us safe here at home. We are looking forward to your return.

Membership is still low, so please spread the word to our AO Community for involvement. Take care and stay safe until we meet again.

Cheers,

Chris Hathaway

Chapter ONE President

CHAPTER EIGHT

Greetings from Chapter 8 in sunny San Diego, "Where it all started." Since September, our Chapter's membership has continued to grow, and we added 12 new Lifetime Members.

We express our sincere appreciation to Maj. (Ret.) Jim Thomas and AOC Joshua Casey for their exemplary dedication and hard work as esteemed members of the Board of Directors for Chapter 8. Your unwavering commitment and genuine care have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations to AOCM(Ret.) Diane McQueen-Gipson, AO1 Max Mistecka, and AO1 Quentin Tabb on their recent appointments to the Board of Directors. We eagerly anticipate the contributions they will bring and extend a warm welcome.

Congratulations to AO1 Mistecka on his selection as Chapter 8 Aviation Ordnanceman of Quarter (AOOQ) 3rd Quarter and AO2 Park as our AOOQ 4th Quarter! Your dedication and hard work have been duly acknowledged.

AOCS Jason P May Holiday hand-up: In November, we kicked off our annual AOCS Jason P. May Holiday hand-up; the Chapter awarded 13 families totaling \$1,300 in VISA gift cards to help for the Thanksgiving period. In December, we awarded 12 families totaling \$1,200 VISA gift cards to help for the Christmas period. The Chapter would like to thank AO1 Deppe, AO1 Bodiford, Barry Stemler, and Lester Gipson for presenting the gift cards to the various commands and the board of directors for their coordination.

Each December, Chapter 8 presents the Lone Sailor Award to the San Diego command that provided the Chapter the most presence at meetings, volunteer activities, and overall support throughout 2023. This year, the USS ESSEX (LHD-2) became the first afloat command to receive this award, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing dedication and participation.

At our December meeting, we hosted our annual Chapter Holiday party. The event drew a commendable turnout of local Ordies, and it was an evening filled with wonderful moments as we came together with our families and friends, forging strong bonds and creating lasting memories. Bravo Zulu to Diane McQueen-Gipson, AOC Cooper, and all the other personnel for their dedicated work coordinating every aspect of this event.

Chapter 8 continues to thrive with our quarterly Highway Walks along the Coronado Silver Strand. A big thank you to all who have been participating!

Until next time, may our chapter continue to flourish and thrive. IYAOYAS!

JANE PARK
AO2 Jane Park

Chapter 8 Secretary



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AAO CH1 HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 23

AAO CH1 ADOPT A HIGHWAY JAN 24



CHAPTER 8 MEETING





AOC (RET)
RICK DURO
HE WAS LEFT
UNSUPERVISED
AT HOME
ALONE



U.S. Navy Recruit Training Command added 2 new photos.

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Congratulations to the newest and sharpest #Sailors in the #Navy who graduated #bootcamp February 15, 2024! The reviewing officer was Captain Matthew Arnold.



CHAPTER NINE

Greetings from Chapter 9 in Jacksonville Florida. This New Year of 2024 has steamrolled in and taking no prisoners. How true it is the older you become, the faster time flies. This author celebrated the Christmas holidays in a unique manner; I took my entire family, wife, children, and grandchildren on a seven day Caribbean cruise to the Yucatan Peninsula. We spent Christmas day in Belize and all had a wonderful time. I can confirm Santa visits ships at sea as well. What do you think about a 30 year Navy Veteran paying to spend time at sea?

The Chapter hasn't met since November, because we always take December off to spend time with family's. Since talking to you in September we finished the year volunteering at the October Blue Angel's Air Show. Many thanks to AOC Chad Lester for coordinating volunteers, which manned a booth selling Blue Angel merchandise. In November, we conducted our last highway cleanup for 2023. Attendance at monthly meetings has been down, many of the local Patrol and Helo commands are either deployed or deploying for work ups. You all know the drill.

Congratulations to AO2 Brandon Donaldson of HSM-40 Mayport who was selected as our AO of the third Quarter of the year. We always choose the fourth quarter AO during following years January meeting. Cudos to the Gunners, Chiefs and Work Center Supervisors for recognizing your troops.

Point of interest: Tri-care and Tri-care for Life are under attack. Major changes are being considered on Capitol Hill. Make your feelings known thru FRA or some similar organizations. Finally, this past year we discontinued our AA09.com website, but you can still reach us on Facebook under the AAO Chapter 9, Jacksonville Florida group (Periodic updates and invites to our meetings are posted regularly. And, specific questions should

be communicated through the messenger application to our Chapter officers).

Happy New Year, as always be safe, and remember all life matters. Be proud to be an AO. IYAOYAS!!!

V/R AOCM Richard Wyman

CHAPTER THIRTY FOUR

Greetings from Pensacola's Chapter 34! This last year we have been actively engaged with our community volunteering our time to Wreaths Across America at Barrancas Cemetery, Veterans Memorial Park and Treasure Hill Park; to help provide clean and safe areas for the public to continue visiting. We attended NAS Pensacola Airshow providing transportation for the disabled to and from the parking lots/pick up areas to their seating.

Chapter 34 participated in Toys for Tots, donating \$1,000 worth of toys to be distributed to the less fortunate at Christmas. We appeared at Boys & Girls Club June Jam, playing kickball in support of our community. Attended the Pensacola Area Challenge Coin Convention. Our members also volunteered to deliver training on leadership during the Seamanship and Naval Heritage to the Sea Cadets during their Summer Camp.

Chapter 34 Sponsored the East Coast Sox 9U and 9U Blue Mites. We donated funds to support NATTC Sailor 360, NATTC Gay, Lesbian, and Supportive Sailors (GLASS), Pensacola Boys and Girls Club and Pensacola Sea Cadets. The Association put on a Thanksgiving meal and Holiday raffle for 300 NATTC AO "A" School students. Our total contribution to the community was the sum of \$13,967.

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2024 AAO CONVENTION 01-04 August 2024 at the beautiful



A dedicated website is now available for booking your rooms
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In the event you would still like to call the hotel for booking; 800-687-8733

The Book Code: AAO24

Reservations must be made no later than 07 July 2024

Rates are good from 25 July 2024 thru 05 Aug 2024

Sunday – Thursday Standard Room - \$84

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For Convention Information, Call:

Kirk Brado

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2024 CONVENTION **MEETING AND COMMITTEE PREFERENCES**

Select the AAO meetings you plan on attending:

1 AUG Board of Directors _____ 3 AUG General Business Meeting _____ 4 AUG Board of Directors _____

ALL committees will meet on Friday, 2 August.

Select the committee you prefer to participate in. If interested in more than one, annotate priority (1-3).

Committee Chairmen decide membership composition:

AO of the Year Committee* _____ AAO Hall of Fame Committee _____ Scholarship Committee _____

*AOY members restricted to active duty/retired E7 and above only.

Select the Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAAO) meetings you or your guest plan on attending:

2 AUG Board of Directors _____ 3 AUG General Business Meeting/Luncheon _____ 4 AUG Board of Directors _____

Mail with payment to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
M. Todd Pendleton, CWO4 (Ret)
2251 N. Rampart Blvd., #359
Las Vegas, NV 89128-7640

2024 CONVENTION REGISTRATION APPLICATION
DEADLINE IS 19 JULY 2023

TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is REQUIRED to attend all meetings and convention functions.

Active Duty E-4 and below:

Your registration fee includes one (1) free year of Association membership when attending Convention. Current members will have their memberships extended one full year when attending Convention. To qualify for this registration membership, include a completed membership application form with this registration.

Dependents, 17 and under:

Registration Fees are not required, however, Social and/or Banquet tickets must be purchased.

Deadline:

Late fees will be incurred for registration after 19 July 2023.

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check or money order, payable to AAO

REGISTRATION FEES (choose appropriate category):

- 1. Member or Associate - \$55.00 (\$65.00 after 19 July 2023)
(Not guest/spouse)

RANK/Name: _____ \$ _____
(Please Print)

- 2. Guest/Spouse 18 and over - \$55.00 each (\$65.00 after 19 July 2023) \$ _____

Names of Guests _____
(Spouse) (Please Print)

ADVANCE SOCIAL & AWARDS BANQUET ticket prices:

Friday AAO Social - \$75.00 each # ___ X \$75 \$ _____

Saturday Awards Banquet - \$85.00 each # ___ X \$85 \$ _____

Children 5 to 12 - \$30 / Children 13 & Over - Full Price # ___ X \$30 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE.

IF YOU DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, PROVIDE E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Proposed Bylaws changes

***Article I:**

From "The name of this Association is The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, herein called "The Association."

To "The name of this Association is The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, herein called "The Association"."

Add quotation mark to the end of the sentence after Association.

***Article II, Section 4, first sentence:**

From "To support the CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship in it's efforts to raise funds."

To "To support the CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship in its efforts to raise funds."

Correct grammar.

***Article II, Section 5:**

Delete in its entirety.

This is managed by the Museum Committee and need not be an overall objective of the Association. This will also necessitate renumbering of remaining sections of Article II.

***Article II, Section 7:**

From "To recognize outstanding individual contributions to the field of Aviation Ordnance.

This recognition shall be by selection to the "Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame."

To "To recognize outstanding individual contributions to the field of Aviation Ordnance.

This recognition shall be by selection to the "Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame"."

Correct HOF name.

***Article IV, Section 1:**

From "REGULAR MEMBER: Any person who served or is serving within the Aviation Ordnance Rating (enlisted) or Aviation Ordnance Specialist Designator (Officer, Warrant Officer) in the United States Navy or Marine Corps (active or reserve)."

To "REGULAR MEMBER: Any person who served or is serving within the Aviation Ordnance Rating/Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) (enlisted) or Aviation Ordnance Specialist Designator/MOS (Officer, Warrant Officer) in the United States Navy or Marine Corps (active or reserve).

Adds USMC rating terminology.

***Article V, Section 11:**

From "Nominations for officers shall be made to the Nominations Chair. The consent of each candidate must be obtained before the name is placed in nomination. To ensure an orderly transition of office, candidates must be present at the annual general business meeting. Absence of a candidate from the annual general business meeting requires the approval of the Board of Directors. To qualify for absentee ballot, nominations must be received by the Nominations Chair on or before the date set by the Board of Directors at it's annual meeting. This date must be met to qualify for vote by mail. The date will be published in the newsletter issue that immediately follows the convention/symposium and subsequent issues. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the general business meeting.

To "Nominations for officers shall be made to the Elections Chair. The consent of each candidate must be obtained before the name is placed in nomination. To ensure an orderly transition of office, candidates must be present at the annual general business meeting. Absence of a candidate from the annual general business meeting requires the approval of the Board of Directors. To qualify for absentee ballot, nominations must be received by the Elections Chair

be published in the newsletter issue that immediately follows the convention and subsequent issues. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the general business meeting.

Changes name of committee to describe duties more accurately, corrects grammar, removes repeated statement.

*Article V, Section 12:

From “Installation of officers shall take place at the beginning of the Board of Directors meeting following the Convention Banquet. Newly elected officers will be sworn in, The Oath of Office will be given by the current President or Vice-President.”

To “Newly elected officers will be sworn in and the Oath of Office will be given at the end of the Board of Directors meeting following the Annual General Business meeting. Installation of officers shall be effective at the end of the Convention Banquet.”

Streamlines installation of new officer procedure

*Article VI, Section 1:

From “The President shall preside at all general business meetings, meetings of the Board of Directors and all official functions of The Association. The President shall appoint the Chairperson of all standing committees, except the Membership Committee Chairperson, with ratification of the Board of Directors. The President shall represent The Association in all matters concerning the good of the order. The President is considered a member in good standing of all Chapters of The Association.”

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The President appoints all committee chairpersons, not just standing committees.

*Article VI, Section 2:

From “The Vice-President shall act as an aide and advisor to the President, shall be kept informed on all matters concerning the office of the President and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of that officer. The Vice-President is the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.”

To “The Vice-President shall act as an aide and advisor to the President, shall be kept informed on all matters concerning the office of the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The Vice-President is the Chairperson of the Elections Committee.”

Correct capitalization, correctly call out committee Vice-President is chairperson of.

*Article VI, Section 4:

From “The Treasurer shall receive all monies for The Association and shall deposit them in the name of The Association, in bank accounts (savings/checking) approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will submit, for Board of Directors approval, an annual budget. The Associations fiscal year ends May 31st. The Treasurer shall submit the financial records of The Association to the designated accounting firm for preparation of a Statement of Accounts in time for the Statement of Accounts to be completed and presented at the general business meeting. A copy of the Statement of Accounts, signed by the accounting firm, shall be available for review by the general membership at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall also maintain the membership. Candidates for the Office of Treasurer shall undergo a background investigation conducted by the Nominating Committee to determine suitability, fiscal responsibility, and satisfactory background to meet standard bonding criteria. The certification of candidates by the Nominations Chair shall satisfy any bonding requirement.”

To “The Treasurer shall receive all monies for The Association and shall deposit them in the name of The Association, in bank accounts (savings/checking) approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will submit, for Board of Directors approval, an annual budget. The Association’s fiscal year ends May 31st. The Treasurer shall pay out sums as authorized by the

Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit the Annual Financial Records and Financial Reports of the Association to an independent financial professional for audit. Upon completion of the audit, the Treasurer shall prepare a comprehensive report, including audit results, Financial Reports and a Statement of Accounts to be presented to the AAO Board of Directors for review and approval. The Financial Report shall be available for review by the general membership at the annual business meeting. The Treasurer shall also maintain the membership files and present a report at the general business meeting. Candidates for the Office of Treasurer shall undergo a background investigation conducted by the Elections Committee to determine suitability, fiscal responsibility, and satisfactory background to meet standard bonding criteria. The certification of candidates by the Elections Chair shall satisfy any bonding requirement.”

Correct punctuation, accurately describe annual financial duties, adds membership reporting requirement, new committee name.

*Article VI, Section 5:

From “The Board of Directors shall conduct necessary business between regular business meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by The Association. The Board of Directors will approve the annual budget. It will authorize the Treasurer to expend funds as budgeted. Emergency/unbudgeted expenditures exceeding 5 percent of the approved budget will require approval of the Board of Directors. The Board shall create such standing committees as are deemed necessary to support the Charter of the Association. None of the Boards' acts shall conflict with action taken by The Association. It shall present to The Association a complete written report of all action taken in Board of Directors meetings during the year. Funds bequeathed to The Association and not designated for a program, i.e., Convention/Symposium or Museum, shall be distributed by the Board to Association accounts in the best interest of The Association.”

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Define committees, correct examples of possible funding disposition.

*Article VI, Section 8:

Delete in its entirety.

Repeat of Article VII, Section 4.

*Article VII, Section 1:

From “General meetings of The Association shall be held at a time and location decided by the Board of Directors, as recommended by the convention/symposium committee. The Board of Directors will select a suitable convention site at least two years before the convention. The Board will announce the selected site before or during the general business meeting one year before the subject convention.”

To “General meetings of The Association shall be held at a time and location decided by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will select a suitable convention site at least two years before the convention. The Board will announce the selected site before or during the general business meeting one year before the subject convention.”

Convention committee does not decide time/place of BOD meeting.

*Article VII, Section 3:

From “The Board of Directors shall meet before the annual General Business Meeting of The Association and again following the close of the annual General Business Meeting. The time and place will be announced to the Membership and published in the agenda of the convention/

symposium. Special meetings may be called by the President and must be called upon written request of at least three Members of the Board of Directors. Due to the possibility of wide geographical separation of the Members, meetings and votes may be conducted by phone or other electronic means as long as a quorum of the Board is present. A written record of each Member's concerns and/or vote must be maintained and read into the minutes of the next annual meeting of the Board."

To "The Board of Directors shall meet before the annual General Business Meeting of The Association and again following the close of the annual General Business Meeting. The time and place will be announced to the Membership and published in the agenda of the convention. Special meetings may be called by the President and must be called upon written request of at least three Members of the Board of Directors. Due to the possibility of wide geographical separation of the Members, meetings and votes may be conducted by phone or other electronic means as long as a quorum of the Board is present. A written record of each Member's concerns and/or vote must be maintained and read into the minutes of the next annual meeting of the Board."

AOMLC is not formally connected to convention.

*Article VII, Section 4:

From "During the Board of Directors Meeting the privilege of making motions, debating, and voting is reserved for the elected Officers of The Association. The President shall withhold his vote in order to break or cause a tie, whichever is in the best interest of The Association."

To "Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. During the Board of Directors Meeting the privilege of making motions, debating, and voting is reserved for the elected Officers of The Association. The President shall withhold his vote in order to break or cause a tie, whichever is in the best interest of The Association."

Adds requirements to conduct meeting

*Article VIII, Section 1:

Delete in its entirety.

Repeat of Article VI, Section 5. This will also necessitate renumbering of remaining sections.

*Article VIII, Section 2:

From "The chairpersons of committees, except the Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors."

To "The chairpersons of committees, except the Elections Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors."

Change to which committee has a designated chairperson.

*Article VIII, Section 4:

From "The following standing committees are established:

- A. Safety
- B. Membership
- C. Bylaws
- D. John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award
- E. Museum
- F. Reunion Book
- G. Convention/Symposium
- H. Hall of Fame
- I. Nominations
- J. CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship

To "The following standing committees are established:

- A. Safety
- B. Bylaws
- C. John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award
- D. Convention
- E. Hall of Fame
- F. Elections
- G. CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship

Remove committees that no longer need to be considered standing, the Reunion Book is a function of Convention and need not be a committee, change name of Nominations committee.

*Article IX, Section 5:

From "The Chapter will, at The Association's general business meeting, report its goals, functions, and progress to the general membership. If no Chapter member can attend The Association's annual general meeting, they shall submit a written report to The Association Secretary, to be read by him at the general business meeting."

To "The Chapter will, at The Association's annual general business meeting, report its goals, functions, and progress to the general membership. If no Chapter member can attend the meeting, they shall submit a written report to The Association Secretary, to be read at the general business meeting."

Correct redundancy, remove gender.

*Article IX, Section 6:

From "The Chapter shall submit timely items of interest for inclusion in the Quarterly Newsletter. Items to include but not limited to, points of contact, scheduled events and editorial comments."

To "The Chapter shall submit timely items of interest for inclusion in the Redshirt. Items to include but not limited to, points of contact, scheduled events, and editorial comments."

Accurately call out the Redshirt.

*Article XI, Section 2:

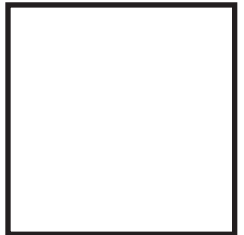
From "These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting members at the annual business meeting and verified eligible absentee ballots. Notice of intent to change must be given in time to be put on the absentee ballot and the intent to change must be published as an agenda item prior to being voted upon."

To "These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting members at the annual general business meeting and verified eligible absentee ballots. Notice of intent to change must be given in time to be put on the absentee ballot and the intent to change must be published as an agenda item prior to being voted upon."

Actual name of annual business meeting.

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**2024 AAO Nominations  
National AAOVP**

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**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

**2251 N. RAMPART BLVD. #359**

**LAS VEGAS, NV 89128-7640**

2024 AAO Nominations for the following positions

Treasurer (current: Todd Pentalton) Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director (current: Jeff Sasson) Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Director (current: Al Dean) Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to nominate anyone for one of these positions, go to the Association website ([redshirtnation.com](http://redshirtnation.com)), click “2024 National AAO Officer Nominations,” and fill out the information.

Another way is to email the national AAO VP ([nationalaaovp@gmail.com](mailto:nationalaaovp@gmail.com)) with the nominee in the CC line. The VP will respond to get the candidate’s consent. Another way is to cut on the dotted line and mail this to the VP.

Nominations for the offices mentioned above must be received by 1 April 2024.

At the convention, nominations will be taken from the floor during the General Business Meeting (GBM). All nominees must be present at the GBM unless their absence has been previously approved by the Board of Directors.