

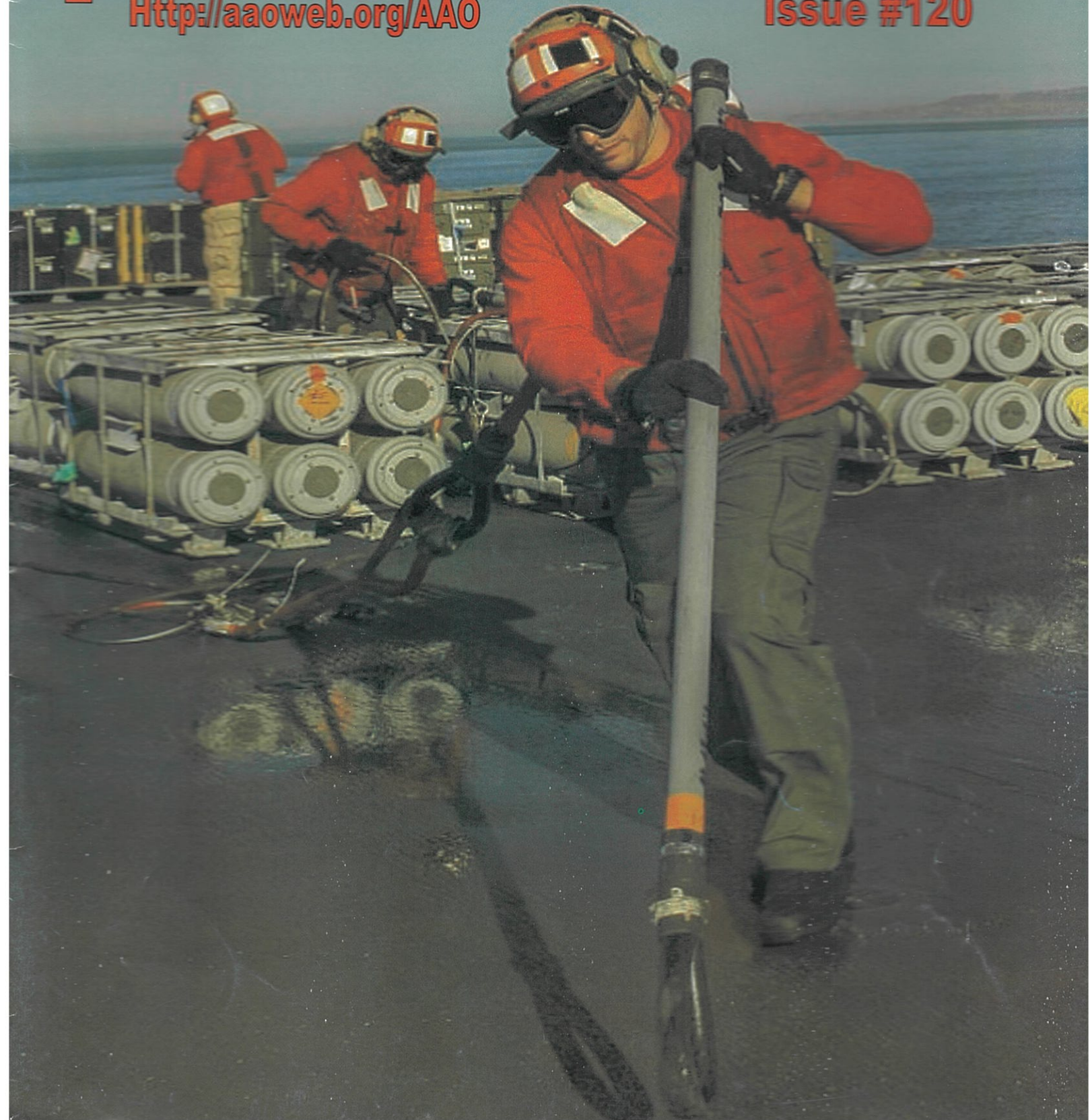
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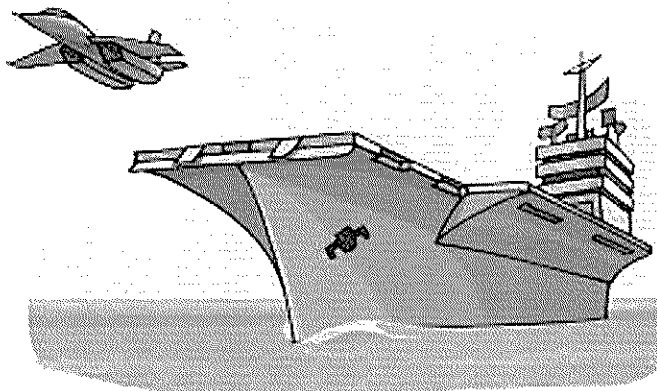
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Letters To The Editor

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

Red Shirt 119's mentioning former Aviation Ordnanceman Richard Boone a few times causes me to submit these words regarding a friend of his...

I recently received a book from Dick Watson, who is an Associate AAO member, who was a Mech during WWII, eventually commissioned and retired as a LTJG.

The book is Crossing The Line, written by a poor boy from Wyoming, who joined the Navy in the spring of 1941, went to boot camp in San Diego and to Aviation Ordnance "A" School. Later, he did some difficult, heroic and dangerous stuff, ranging from mess-cooking to having his ship shot out from under him, and flying as a gunner through most of the war in the Pacific. Along with being a friend and shipmate of Richard Boone, he made Chief and was assigned to flight training during that enlistment.

Chief Alvin Kernan got out of the Navy following the big war and went to college, eventually earned his PHD and taught at both Yale and Princeton Universities. Anxious to notify him of the AAO and to talk to this Hero (just as 'Sandy' was winding down), I called a number inside the book's cover to see if he could be located. I was then given the address, phone number and email address for Princeton University in New Jersey, where I was told that Doctor Alvin Kernan no longer works there and was given his last known mailing address in NJ. I wrote him a letter and marked the envelope, asking that it be forwarded if needed. I hope that he'll get the letter (and will be able to read my scribbling) and will make contact with me or any of the current AAO officers, so he can sign on. I'll gladly pay his lifetime dues. I'm sure that he'll have some mighty fine sea stories to pass our way if he can be located.

I passed 'the book' on to folks out west and asked that it be read and sent to as many AAO members as possible. For the many of you who won't get the book, please check out your local library for Crossing The Line, by Alvin Kernan. You'll be glad you did.

Bob Holdman

Dear Kevin,

Could you please add the name of Chieko Saito Payne to your taps list? Chieko Saito Payne was the wife of Lawrence W. Payne, AKA Spike, USN (RET) deceased. Spike and I were shipmates a long time ago. Chieko was in ill health for many years and was attended to by her loving sister-in-law, Dorothy Payne and Dorothy's daughter. They deserve a medal for their kindness. If your readers are so inclined, please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association of America in Chieko's name.

Sincerely,
LCDR Bob Solomon USN (RET)

KEVIN,
WILL YOU INCLUDE THIS AS AN ARTICLE IN THE RED SHIRT OR FORWARD IT ON TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE OF HELP. I DO NOT KNOW OF ANYONE. I HAVE FORWARDED IT TO MY CHAPTER DIST LIST HOPING SOMEONE MIGHT BE OF HELP.
THANKS
JACK ELROD

I am a graduate student at American Military History (MA in Military History: Specialization in World War II). I am intending to write my Master's Thesis on the historic battle between the U.S Navy Lighter-Than-Air Ship K-74 and German submarine U-134 that occurred in World War II in the Florida Straits (1944). In case you are unfamiliar with the battle, it is the only documented instance of a German U-boat actually shooting down a U.S. Navy blimp. There has been a historical debate centering around whether or not the U.S. Navy Lighter-Than-Air Ship K-74 actually dropped its depth bombs on the German U-boat.

A thesis published in 2003 by Anthony Atwood, Florida Atlantic University, does a very convincing job of proving that 2 of the blimps 4 depth bombs were indeed dropped on the U-boat by the blimp and caused significant damage to the submarine resulting in its forced return to Europe, where it was subsequently sunk. In his thesis, Mr. Atwood mentions that the airship crew heard two distinct, yet weak explosions after they were in the water. Mr. Atwood ascribes these explosions to the two remaining depth charges sinking with the airship wreckage to their preset depths of 50' and then exploding. He states the explosions were possibly weakened due to water intrusions into the depth bombs after 8+ hours of submersion in the salt water, stating that possibly just the detonators exploded. It is here that I am looking for assistance.

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I am trying to locate an expert in naval ordnance from the WWII era who is familiar with the type of depth bombs carried by Navy airships in 1944 and assist me in answering some basic questions for my research:

1. Could the depth bombs have exploded when they sunk to 50' is they had not been armed?
2. Could the depth bombs been armed and not jettisoned from the blimp?
3. Could the depth bombs, if armed and still attached to the blimp, exploded when they sunk to 50'?
4. Were the depth bombs sufficiently water proofed to resist 8 hours of submersion in salt water?
5. Could water intrusion into the depth bombs caused the depth bomb to malfunction?
6. Could a malfunction of a depth bomb due to water intrusion resulted in only the detonators firing?
7. Would a detonation of a detonator on a depth bomb submerged to 50 ' been sufficient on its own to be felt by the surviving crew members in the water?
8. If the depth bombs were submerged below 50' and properly exploded, how far away would a fully functional depth bomb have to be to be judged as a "weak explosion" to swimmer?
9. Is there any reasonable scenario involving the depth bombs that could account for the facts as described?

Do you know of anyone within or outside of your organization, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, who may be able to answer the questions?

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All,

Having just returned from Tanzania Africa and a summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest point on the African continent, I wanted to let everyone know that the climb was amazing followed by a 4 day photo safari, very cool stuff. Kilimanjaro is NO walk in the park, you work for it!

I will write up an AAR for the Redshirt and send it to them.

We were the largest group of amputees to ever summit Kili-manjaro as a team. Myself & two other below knee ampu-tees, one an Army Ranger and the other an Army 10th

Mountain Division soldier, one Green Beret above knee am-putee, one Army Hand amputee and another Green Beret suffering acute Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). All of us were monitored by researchers and physicians to measure and monitor the effects of physical and emotional stressors affecting our physiology, residual limbs and prosthetics in an effort to glean tangible data for follow on technical ad-vancements in the design, fit and overall improvement in the devices our newest group of returning heroes can push the limits with.

I am now the First, Amputee Navy AO Master Chief to have summited the highest point on the African continent and the highest freestanding Volcano on the planet....pretty cool times!

I'd like to work up a presentation for the Convention in Re-no, I've done quite a bit since my injury in an attempt to pave the way for advancements in technology and the re-duction and streamlining of administrative burdens these young soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines face upon their re-integration into hometown USA. Between serving as the Head Coach for the US Navy Paralympic Team, Alpine climbs of Denali in Alaska and Kilimanjaro in Africa, Navy 10 Nautical Mile Run, Ironman Triathlon and research diving with the Special Forces Underwater Operations School and SCUBANAUTS in Key West focusing on Staghorn coral transplantation with MOTE Laboratories in the Keys, I'd say the limits are being pushed.

It is our moral responsibility to show these young men and women currently recovering from life altering injuries and especially their families that there is Hope for them, it's a long slow journey out of the darkness.

I broke the word HOPE into an acronym that these guys and gals can focus on every day:

Hardwork
 Overcomes
 Painful
 Events

HOPE is all they need to move forward, it's my job to sup-ply that Hope in whatever form gets them to realize they are still alive and are still the same guy they were before a sin-gle life changing event caused them to have to re-evaluate the way ahead.

NEVER GIVE UP!

Respectfully yours,
Will



Greetings Ordies.

Just had our 'Convention Pre-Meeting' in Laughlin. Regrettably we had to raise our prices across the board by \$5 due to increased costs associated with Convention. FYI our 'Registration fee's' have NOT gone up since their inception (2001). See you in Reno!!

R,
JJ LaMaitre
2013 Site Chairman

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

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Chapter 34

Since the end of the summer, Chapter 34 has been quite active.

Over the past year, Chapter 34 has built a strong relationship with the Ronald McDonald House of Pensacola, contributing over 500 man hours in the upkeep and maintenance of their facilities. The Chapter meets on location the last Saturday of every month at noon and completes a list of

tasks originated from Ronald McDonald House management.

In November, the chapter sponsored a thanksgiving dinner for more than 400 Navy and Marine Corps AO A School students. The event was spearheaded by AO2 Jared Ezell and AO1 CJ Barksdale. Twenty five turkeys and five hams were smoked, fried or baked in preparation for the meal. Each member contributed a large side dish to round out the meal. Following the food AO1 Glenn Kirkland brought out the fun. A Sumo wrestling set up was laid out, as well as the Dunk Tank – a student favorite. Thanks to LT. Chuck Carter, AOCS Javier Lopez Motta, AOC Brett Szczerba, AOC Jeremy Zulz, AO1 Sean Bray and AO1 Glenn Kirland for being the victims of the tank.

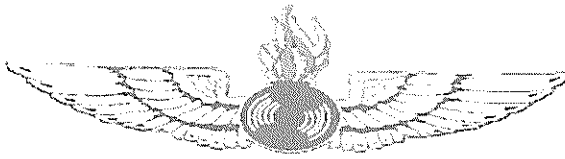
Over the holiday season, our chapter raised money and used it to purchase presents for the children limited to the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Equipped with Santa Hats and huge Santa style toy bags, Chapter 34 members and their families roamed the halls of the Children's Hospital stopping in every room and handing out almost \$1000 in toys and games. The delivery of gifts brightened up a lot of faces and gave a little happiness to the families in an otherwise gloomy period of their lives. This event could not have been possible without the exhaustive efforts of SGT Jose Rivas, SGT Joshua Peterson and AO1 Sean Bray.

Currently, the chapter has elected to sponsor Gulf Coast Lighting, a little league baseball team. This team has hopes of much regional and national success, and hopefully a bid in the Little League World Series. On February 19th the Chapter will be putting on a Chili Cook-Off for the local homeless shelter, Loaves and Fishes.

We would like to extend an invitation to all Ordies in the Pensacola area to come to a meeting and contribute to the great reputation the Chapter has built in the community. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 1800, located in the back room of Beef O' Brady's on Mobile Hwy, Pensacola.

AO1(AW/SW) Rich Corrigan
Chapter 34 President

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AAO President

Weaponers, Friends and Family,

We are well into 2013 and I hope each of you have set firm, but attainable goals this year. I don't do resolutions because I see them as promises waiting to be broken. If resolutions are your taste, I wish you well. As I sit here writing to you and can't help to think I'm 22 months away from my final day in the Navy. Now, I understand why Dave was putting off the realism of the moment. So what's going on around the Navy in our community? This past year we had seven Gunners get relieved for one reason or another and that is a place I don't ever want to be again. I know we can't fix stupid, but everyone needs to help avert these costly and unnecessary loses to "OUR" community. Enough said!!

I just returned from Millington as the President of the FY-14 LDO/CWO selection board and I can tell you the competition was very good as always. There will be some lessons learned passed out as soon as I gather the inputs from our other members. For all who applied, good on you, considering the numbers were up, your chances should be better than average and don't be discouraged if you are not selected this round. Apply again and again!

Thanks to CAPT(s) Bindel, CDR Arnold, Roby and their staffs for moving our request for the symposium forward to the AIR BOSS. We are proceeding onward this year with our symposium barring any problems through the approval process. If we run into a snag, we'll get word out as soon as possible. Everyone understands we may be limited by budget concerns when it comes to the symposium, but until we get final word, we're pressing on.

If you haven't heard, CAPT(s) Al Dean has been selected for major command and will be the second aviation ordnance-man to achieve this major milestone. He will be taking charge of Naval Air Technical Training Center Pensacola August 2nd. It should be obvious our community is turning heads and making major contributions to the aviation community. The leadership that has gone before each of us can take pride in the knowledge imparted to each of us as we continue to break barriers and establish ourselves as a vital element of our Navy. There's nothing we can't do if only given the opportunity! I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's convention and symposium.

Take care and God Bless you and your families,
Michael K. Price
President AAO

AAO Vice President

Another year has come and gone and by the time you read this, we will be well into the new-year. Welcome to 2013! I hope everyone had a good holiday season. As I look back on the past year, I want to say thank you to all the chapter officers, board of directors and members for their continued support of the National Association and all the good things you do in your communities. By all accounts, it was a great year.

Of all the things you do, none are as potentially more rewarding than taking care of one of our own. Last summer, the National Officers were contacted to see if we could support an AO2 with severe injuries that required the use of a service dog. The call went out to the chapters and you responded with the kind of enthusiasm that only Ordy's can. Through your generous donations, we were able to raise more than \$2000.00 to cover the cost of dog training, transportation and hotels. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Marine Corps Simper Fi Fund. They stepped up and purchased the dog. Through your efforts and those of the Simper Fi Fund, we were able to ensure a better quality of life for the AO2. GREAT JOB!

Our membership grew a little the last part of 2012 as Chapter 69 "The Five Star Chapter" was re-established after a period of inactivity. Welcome back Chapter 69. We look forward to hearing from you as you move forward.

While on the subject of membership, we currently have more than 5200 inactive members and more than 1400 unknowns. We need your help to determine the status of these members. Please query your membership and the Ordy's in your area to update their addresses and memberships. We need to clear up as many of these as we can but again, we need your help doing it. I believe we do a pretty good job of recruiting new members, but we fall short a bit when it comes to following up after the first year. If you know of a member of your chapter that is transferring, remind them to go to the website to update their information. If we do this, we can prevent some of these in the future.

There are several offices up for re-election at this year's convention. There are two Board of Director positions (CAPT(s) Bill Bindel and CDR Mike Gramolini), Secretary (Dennis Costa) and Vice President (CAPT(s) Alan Dean). If you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, please write up a nomination and get it to me by 1 May 2013. This allows time to verify a candidate's membership and eligibility to run for office and to get the names included on the absentee ballot. The Nominee must accept the

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AAO Treasurer

It is now time to start getting ready for Convention 2013. The pre-Convention meeting is over and we are ready to start gearing up. You will probably note some changes on the registration form. One of the changes already made is we started using a different credit card processor. The new system requires the addition of the three-digit CVV code in order to process the cards. This year's registration form has been amended to reflect that information. If you use a credit card and want a copy of your receipt e-mailed to you, there is a block on the registration form for your e-mail address right after the credit card info. Get your registration packages in to me as soon as you can so we can start coordinating the events.

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

See you in Reno!

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 costing your Association. We not only pay to have Red Shirts delivered, but when they are returned, another cost is incurred. Help us save money. Sign up to get your Red Shirt 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, either their Red Shirt or membership renewal has been kicked back, and I don't have their current mailing address to re-send them.

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at www.usps.com.

IYAOYAS!

R,

Thomas Lord

AAO Secretary

Greetings Ordies,

Good day all. My time as your Secretary is coming to an end, and I'm looking for a replacement. If you would like the job please get your nominations into the Vice President by the May Newsletter.

ATTENTION!!! CHAPTER PRESIDENTS... Need all of you to update our monthly meeting information including a good e-mail address...

ALL WE are looking for an **AAO FACE BOOK MANAGER** someone who will take the time to manage an **AAO FACEBOOK ACCOUNT** to ensure only information that applies to the AAO goes in it. If you would like this job please send myself or Mike Price an e-mail.

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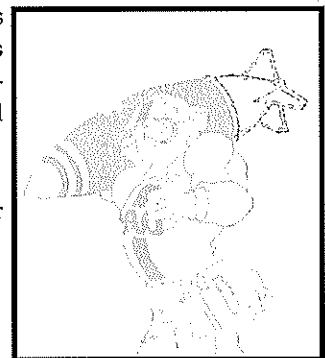
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nomination in writing and be willing to fulfill the obligation of the office. The nomination package shall include a short synopsis of the nominee's back ground and a statement indicating why the nominee should be considered for the office being nominated. Send nominations and acceptance to alan.d.dean@navy.mil or gunnerx4.ad@gmail.com. The absentee ballot will be published in the Red Shirt prior to the convention. Also, the nominee should be present at the meeting to ensure an orderly turnover of the office. Article V, section 11 of the by-laws requires Board of Directors approval for a candidate absent from the annual general business meeting.

As always, thanks for your support.

AAOVP

Alan D. Dean





CHAPTER 73 YOKOSUKA, JAPAN



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Fellow Ordnancemen,

Hafa Adai from Guam! USS George Washington (CVN 73) and CVW-5 F.D.N.F. Ordies continue another day Haze Gray and underway. During our summer patrol of the 7th Fleet AOR, this crew has enjoyed liberty in such ports as Hong Kong, Busan, South Korea, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and our latest port call Agana, Guam. During this port call, Chapter 73 members were fortunate to fellowship with old friends and faithful members from Chapter 671 and Chapter CVW 5 Ordnance men, during the meet and greet hosted by LCDR Eddy Kelly, USN Ret., we shared company with old and new Ordies building camaraderie with in our own chapter and establishing ties with other great chapters in the 7th Fleet AOR. A plaque was presented to LCDR Kelly embossed with our signature Chapter coin, and a Chapter t-shirt was presented to him thanking him for not only hosting this event but helping to unify the chapters that attended the fellowship. Chapter 73 is grateful in our phases of reform and looking forward to future fundraisers for our selected charities.

We would like to say congratulations to the following shipmates onboard that were selected this FY-13 CPO selection cycle; AOC Courtney Craig, AOC Joseph Paul, AOC Richard Robertson, and AOC Albert Williams. We would also like to congratulate our Chief Warrant Officer Selectees onboard that are soon to be Commissioned; AOCS Lamont Bethel and AOC Edrik Smith. In addition, we will be looking forward to the results as to who will be our newly frocked Petty Officers coming this November.

We are currently on the down slope of our fall deployment;

where plenty of our young Ordies were successful in achieving new operational qualifications, Air and Surface Warfare Specialist, and the experience of life at sea FDNF style. Until next time fellow Ordies, God Bless, We'll see you out and about the decks.

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Chapter 75

X-47B completes historic at-sea period aboard Truman

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- The X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System demonstrator returned to Naval Station Norfolk aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Dec. 18 after successfully completing a series of deck handling tests in preparation for its first carrier-based launch and recovery next year.

"The UCAS-D combined government/Northrop Grumman team should be commended for their professionalism, commitment to testing excellence and ability to successfully accomplish all primary test objectives," said Rear Adm. Mat Winter, program executive officer for Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons. "Additionally, I want to thank the entire USS Harry S. Truman crew for their over and above support for our dynamic and versatile testing evolution."

UCAS-D testing began Nov. 28, just one day after the demonstrator, designated AV-2, was hoisted onto the carrier. While in port, the aircraft conducted system checkouts and other testing including the first ever powered flight deck taxi test on Dec. 1, just three days prior to getting underway for the at-sea testing.

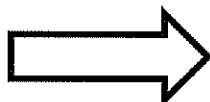
Aside from CQs, Truman was also host to a piece of Naval aviation history, which is the X-47B Unmanned Combat Air System (UCAS) demonstrator.

The aircraft was the first of its kind aboard a Naval vessel, and it was put through a multitude of tests. The X-47B was towed using carrier-based tractors, taxied on the flight deck by its arm mounted control display unit (CDU) and had its digital engine controls tested by a bombardment of electromagnetic fields. "We validated our capabilities on an aircraft carrier," said Mike Mackey, N-UCAS Program Office's (PMA-268) program director. "We gained a lot of knowledge that we could never have gotten anywhere else except on a carrier. It was perfect for us.

We demonstrated the program's maturity and our team's ability to interact with Sailors and the ship, which was one of the most important things for us to do." With X-47B's successful deck testing aboard Truman, it is scheduled to return to Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River for more testing and is slated to perform further carrier testing in 2013.

Very Respectfully,
AO1(AW) Smith, Ryan M.
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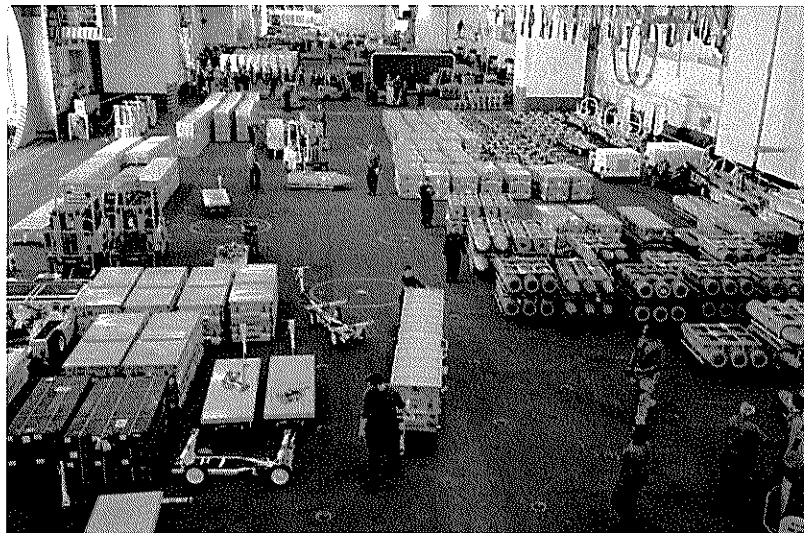
BUSH GETS ITS BOOM BACK!

On January 15-16 USS GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN 77) conducted a two day ammo on-load UNREP with USNS WILLIAM MCLEAN (T-AKE-12) off the VACAPES operating area. The entire evolution took about 36 hours from the first lift hitting the deck until the last pallet was struck below. Over 2.6 million pounds of ordnance valued at 70.9 million dollars was transferred via CONREP and VERTREP without incident. It was a total team effort with Weapons, Deck, Air and all other departments working together to get the job done safely and efficiently. The Sea Knights of HSC-22 performed like Rock Stars averaging 51 lifts an hour with two helos. Like I said...Rock Stars!

As of this writing GEORGE H W BUSH is currently conducting CQ off the VCOA. She will continue workups in preparation for her 2nd deployment sometime this year.

LCDR Dave Fowler
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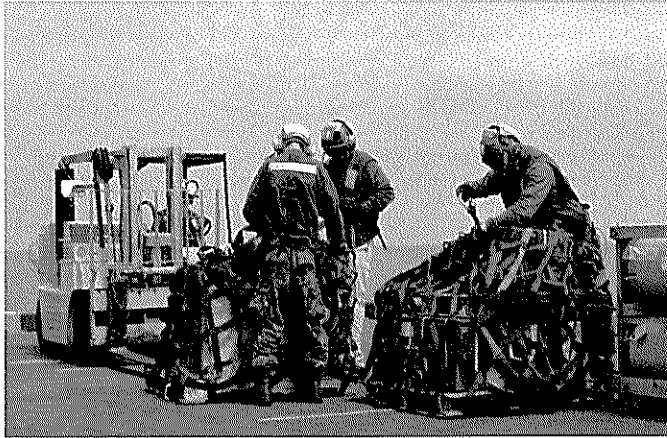
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Chapter LHD-5 The Iron Nickel



Fellow Ordies!!

Greetings from the Mighty Iron Nickel Chapter!!! Let me start by saying what an awesome privilege it is for the first time in the 32 years of being commissioned to send the PELELIUs first report to the REDSHIRT!

Iron Nickel's elected offices are as follows: AO1 (AW/SW) Wesson, Jeff (President), AO2 (AW) Napoleon, Nicholas (VP), AO2 (AW) Lasley (Treasurer), and AO1 (AW) Saenz (Secretary).

PELELIU has had a grueling schedule up to this point, June thru October PELELIU went through PMA which included the planning and execution of depot-level maintenance, alterations, and modifications. In March we completed a mishap free on load of 840 tons of ordnance, rolled right in to ATG 1.2-1.4, Ships Force ATPF and 2.4A Live Fire. Work ups and the Integration phase were going as smooth as planned when the call came in to support the President of the United States at the G-20 Summit in Southern Mexico. PELELIU Weapons Department worked hand in hand with SWCC, SEAL Team 1 and Team 5, to show the presence and support of the US Navy.

The last leg of Pre-Deployment inspections consisted of ESTAV, COSR, and AOSA. PELELIU did extremely well, every program was inspected, and material conditions of the magazines were checked. PELELIU set the bar high and with the "By the Book with the Book open" mentality in everything we do.

We are currently deployed in the Fifth Fleet with the 15th

MEU and HMM-364. The Navy/ Marine TEAM are operating in full speed showing the amphibious presence where needed and ready to assume any calling that comes in!

The Iron Nickel Chapter is an eager bunch of Ordies ready to branch out and assume any positive representation to better the name of our community and the Navy. We currently have 30 members and room to grow! We have a ship full Navy and Marine Ordies ready to light the fires and kick the tires!!!

That's all for now, Updates soon to follow! Keep fighting the good fight and take care out there! IYAOYAS!!!

AO1 (AW/SW) Jeff S. Wesson
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OPINION: Fashion trumps compassion

By DANIELLE MANLEY

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One of our more recent scholarship award receivers. She still continues on with tremendous work... Think the selection committee did still another great job.

<http://www.usustatesman.com/opinion-fashion-trumps-compassion-1.2804425#.UPmTcLThDRY>

Despite the great snow and fantastic snowboarding opportunities, the cold weather brings many discomforts and annoyances to us. Because I need to wear gloves, extra pairs of socks, a thick chunky scarf, a hat and possibly even a face mask, most of my extremely stylish wardrobe has been covered and thus ruined.

In my desperate attempt to put together a cute and fashionable outfit in the negative degrees in Logan — I turn to boots. Footwear can be our saving grace. Suede flat boots with a buckle near the ankle can complete a rocker chic look and a tan pair of suede moccasin boots with a fringe down the side will compliment a bohemian style.

But an evil lurks around the corner. The salt poured on the ice to keep us safe from falling over the place is the arch nemesis of my boots.

For some strange reason salt and suede are two things that do not mix. The salt that has been poured on the ground infiltrates my boots and turns them into something that looks like throwing up stomach acid. Needless to say, my boots are 10 times less cute than they were the day before.

Of course I understand salt has to be poured on the ground to keep us all from falling on our faces while we trudge through the snow that permeates our campus. But when the salt gets on my favorite pair of boots, I cringe and resist the urge to blurt out a long string of expletives.

I know this is the same thought that goes through plenty of other girls' heads in the winter. It's one of the most annoying and uncontrollable things that happens to us. We can't control what salt gets put where, but we also don't have enough money to buy expensive leather boots that will last us a lifetime.

The life of an American college student is stressful. On top of studying and working and learning about the wonders of the world, I have to worry about the condition of my poor boots.

Nevermind the fact that this summer I witnessed firsthand the horrific poverty level in Ethiopia. People were crammed together living in shacks made out of corrugated tin. Children didn't have any shoes at all, rural villagers walked

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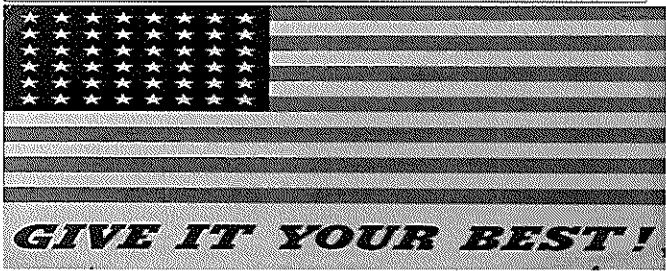
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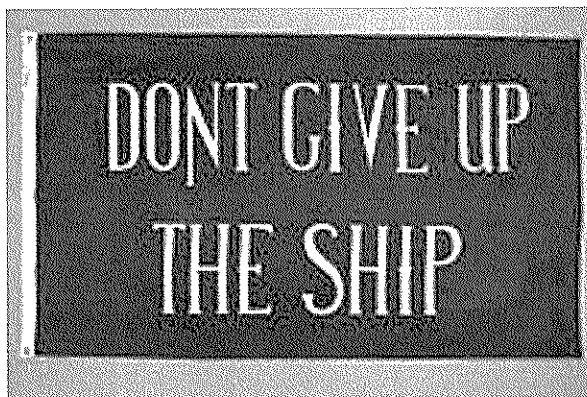
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miles on market day with a donkey in order to buy food for their family. Though the rivers ran dirt brown, women filled their water bottles because it was the only water source available.

Discard the notion of worrying about someone else's problems during the cold winter months. There are children and families in our own Cache Valley struggling to pay their heating bills and feed their kids. But the dilemma of keeping my boots up to par is far more important.

What college student has time to worry about the economic problems of our globe when we can spend our social hours on campus whining about how cold it is or how we have to continuously wipe snow off our cars in order to enjoy a warm ride to school?

Who has time to think about international crises when the inversion in Cache Valley blocks out the sun for a month? I'm too busy posting screenshots of the temperature on Facebook and Twitter with my iPhone 5 to consider the problems of a less fortunate person.

I'm too lazy to get out of my bed in the morning to face the cold, I can't afford to eat any more Burger King, the smog in my town is giving me a slight cold today and I have to give up my Victoria's Secret shopping addiction. Tell that to the starving children in Ethiopia.

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On The Cover

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PACIFIC OCEAN (OCT. 17, 2012) A Sailor aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) moves cargo hooks during an ammunition transfer with the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8), not pictured, off the coast of California. The U.S. Navy is reliable, flexible, and ready to respond worldwide on, above, and below the sea. Join the conversation on social media using #warfighting. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Oscar Espinoza/Released)

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Chapter 9



"RED SHIRT ARTICLE"
Oct-Dec 2012 from
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As I write this article the holidays are over and I am reminded of the new beginning each new year brings. 2012 was very good to Chapter 9.

We wish every AO a safe and successful 2013. A special prayer goes out to all the "ordies" deployed and many in harms way. Thank you for your sacrifices of service and guaranteeing this nation's peace. Come home safe.

The active duty members continue to be the backbone of the chapter, unfortunately, they transfer. This phenomenon has been especially hard on Chapter Vice Presidents in 2012. First, we had to say farewell to Vice President, AOC Josh Hobach when he was promoted to CWO. His replacement, AO1 Taylor Porter deployed with VP-8 just after Thanksgiving, finally, AO1 Jessica King has stepped up to complete the year.

Special thanks goes out to AOCS (ret) Chuck Fernandez for his generous donations to ensure the Chapter's contribution to the National Scholarship fund far exceeded our goal and allowed the Chapter to donate over \$2000, our largest amount to date.

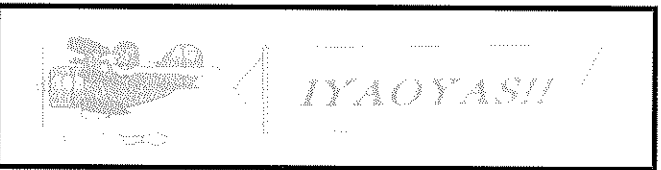
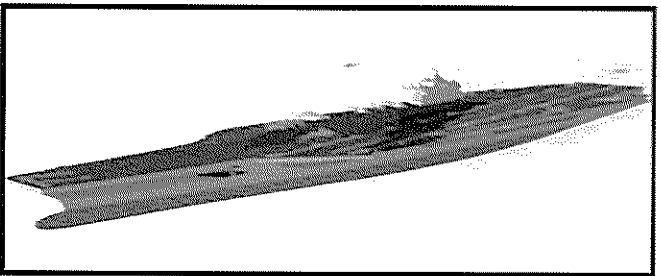
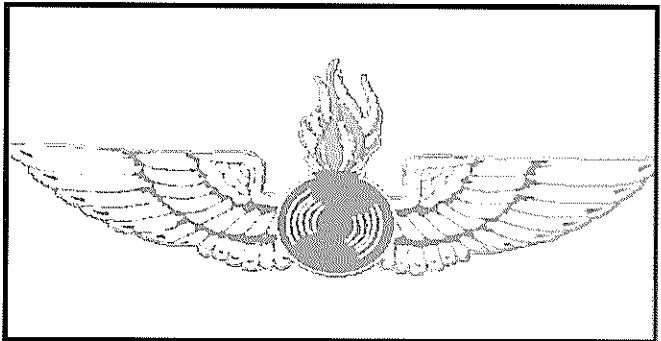
We continue to work with area JROTC programs offering special recognition as well as sponsoring a national air rifle postal competition. This competition allows Chapter 9 to support local homeless vets with housing as well as giving a "hand up" to AO's over the holidays.

Lt (ret) Bob Bohnstengle was honored during a special Veterans Day celebration sponsored by Fleming Island High School NJROTC Unit.

You all are aware of how quickly the WW II vets are passing. On this note we had to say good by to another hero, BMCS Elbert Sawley, USN(Ret) former Master Diver and EOD tech who enlisted in late 1940. Although he was not an AO, he was a member and never missed a meeting. I believe he holds the record for the number of veteran and local organizations of which he was an active member. Your smiling face will be missed.

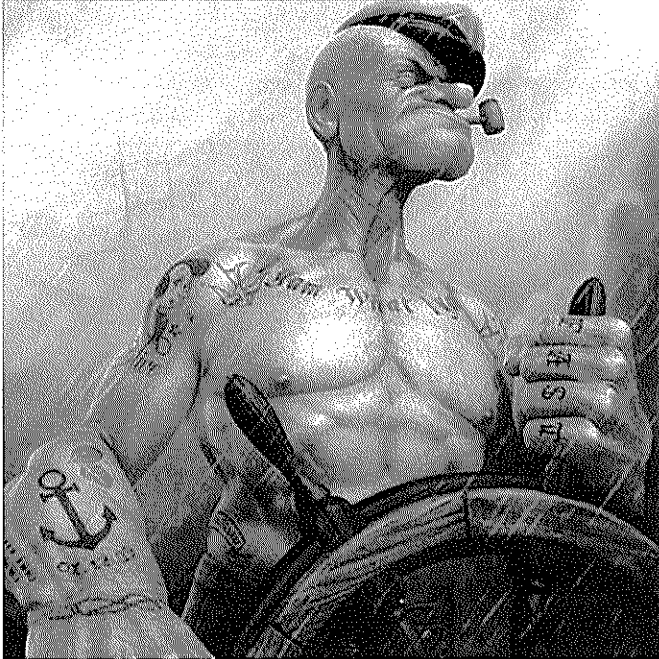
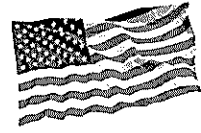
AO2 John McLaughlin, VP-30 was honored as our AO of the third QTR 2012.

You AO's make us proud. Stay safe and continue to keep the peace.
"IYA OYAS"





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