



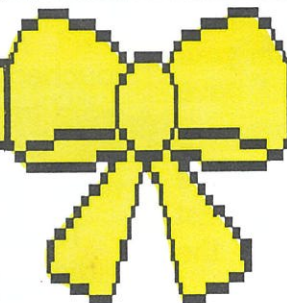
# THE RED SHIRT



PEACE THROUGH POWER - WE ARE THE "ARMS" OF THE FLEET

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## From the President

Now is the time to start making reservations for the convention at John Ascuga's Nugget in Sparks, NV. 12-16 June 1991. Travel or room reservations can be made by contacting the Travel and Tour Company of San Diego, Inc., phone (619) 463-3030 or 1-800-628-8487, state that you are with the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and they will take care of you. One call does it all. Jim Thomas will have additional information in this news letter. The messages announcing the AAO Convention and requesting nominations for AO of the year will be late getting out due to the war in the gulf. So please pass the word to all your shipmates.

In the last "Red Shirt", I stated Captain Michael Bowman would be our guest speaker. That has changed because of other pressing commitments. Captain David V. Park, Deputy Commander Carrier Air Wing Seventeen stationed at NAS Cecil Field, FL has accepted to be our guest speaker. He is an Attack Aviator who has spent most of his time on the west coast. He is slated to be Commanding Officer, Strike Warfare Center, at NAS Fallon, NV in the near future. You will enjoy meeting him and his beautiful and charming, wife Rita.

The AO Reunion Book is out, if you did not order one you can get one by using the form provided in this issue of the "Red Shirt". Everyone should be thinking about a new AAO President, two Board of Directors and a Chaplain

to be elected this year at the convention. Submit nominations to myself or the National Secretary/Treasurer. This is your Association, so be part of it! See you at the convention.

Charles R. Onken  
President

## From The Desk of The Real Secretary/Treasurer

Elaine and I hope this REDSHIRT issue finds you in good health and making plans to attend another excellent AAO convention at Reno in June. It is time to begin planning for the gala event so start making travel arrangements, hotel reservations, and arranging your schedule to attend the convention. Don't forget to write it down on your calendar, put in for leave and get permission from the wife to attend if she doesn't attend for some reason or another.

Dinner reservations are also very important. Be sure to send your requirement to me as soon as you finish reading the issue. Getting your dinner and social requirements to me as quick as possible assists the planning committee and me to coordinate with the hotel so that we and they know how many people to plan for and expect to serve. Help us by planning ahead and sending

*(See Sec/Treas Page 2)*

### ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEN NEWSLETTER

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## Sec/Treas. . .

your dinner and social events to me earliest...

If you intend to sponsor someone for the Robert L. Crow Association Scholarship award program, now is the time to obtain the application and gather the appropriate data. Check with your local chapter for applications, they should have them, if not, I can provide you with one.

Remember, to make your plans to attend the AAO convention early. Don't wait until the last minute. Elaine and I will see you there. For the Chapter Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers: I would like to remind you that I need to have your activity reports. Three of four chapters are very good at reporting but, the remaining chapters are hard to get anything from. Help me out and send me those activity reports.

Also, I recommend the each chapter send a copy of their newsletter to all the other chapters. This will give each chapter an idea of what other AO's are doing and may provide incentive and create new ideas that could become chapter projects. This also may give ideas in methods to recruit new members into the association and retain the current members.

My address is located on the front of this newsletter. If you don't have my phone number:

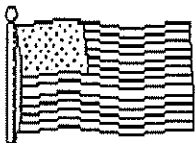
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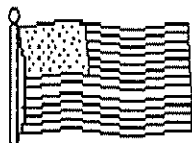
Yes, we have a fax. Send me your change of address, memo, and other stuff via the FAX. I've found it is easier and you don't need to rely on the mail man. Sorry, no checks, the bank won't accept a faxed check.

Hope to see you all at the convention!

Robert A. Ashworth  
Secretary/Treasurer



# TAPS



**LCDR James MACKAY, USN, RET**  
**AO1 Ken D. GRATAROTI, USN, RET**

Our condolences to Abbie Call whose wife passed away in September 1991.

## Letter of Thanks,

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank all of you out there for your cards, letters and flowers, for the loss of my wife Helen. We talk a lot about being the "Arms of the Fleet" and I want you to know that you reached out and touched someone. This is a small world when word travels so fast, and responses come in from the world over. Cards and calls were too numerous to answer.

Thanks again, for your support shipmates and ladies.

Dave Michel

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW???

Anyone knowing the where abouts of the following members please have them forward a change of address to the national Secretary/Treasurer. I have had mail returned with no forwarding address, incorrect address, no such address or just returned. We loose contact with many members. Help me relocate them so they can receive their REDSHIRT.

ABBOTT, ROBERT L.	ALBRECHT, BRIAN E.
ANDERSON, MICHAEL N.	ANDERSON, WILLIAM A.
ANICK, ROBERT	BAILY, MICHAEL G.
BARBER, GEORGE P.	BAXTER, DAN
BERTSCH, ROBERT D.	BROWER, THOMAS A.
CANTRELL, FRANK	CAYLOR, TIMOTHY J.
COLEMAN, VIRGIL L.	CROOK, DAVID F.
DAVIS, TODD C.	DAVIS, WILLIAM V.
FIELD, DANIEL	FRANCISCO, CHARLES
GILCREST, PAUL	GLASS, STEVE A.
GRADER, THOMAS	GRAVES, DIRK
GROSSO, BRUCE E. JR.	GYRION, V. L.
HALPIN, DOUGLASS C.	HAWKINS, REED G.
HINES, JOHN W.	HUGHES, JOHN R.
HUMAN, RANDY A.	HURLEY, MICHAEL
JEROME, MICHAEL E.	JOE, JAMES A.
JONES, STEVEN G.	KEELER, WILLIAM A.
LAWSON, JAMES E.	MARSH, DAVID R.
MASSON, DONALD G.	MCCALL, RICKIE L.
MCLEAN, HAROLD	MONGER, ALBERT
MOORE, JOHN	MORALES, JESUS J.
MULLINS, JOSEPH P.	NEWBERRY, DALLAS
PARKER, RICHARD	PARDOE
PEREZ, BERNIE A.	PRIER, WILLIAM P.
PRIER, WILLIAM, P.	QUINN, RICHARD J.
RANCE, DAVID L.	REICH, CLIFFORD A.
REIGLER, BRIAN E.	ROGERS, JOHNNY W.
SAILER, GREGORY	SANCHEZ, JAMES
SANTOS, ROCANDO C.	SAXTON, JAMES F.
SCHULTZ, DONALD R.	SHAY, WILLIAM F.
SHORT, JOHN	SKINNER, ELLIOTTE
SLOBBY, TIMOTHY E.	SMITH, MICHAEL A.
SMITH, WILLIAM J.	STAFFORD, CHARLES E.
STEO, DAVID D.	STEPHENSON, W.A.
THOMPSON, WILLIAM W.	TRAYLER, THEODORE
TROESCHER, OLIN	TRYON, ARTHUR
VEST, ROBERT	WELSH, BRYAN
WERRE, ARMON M.	

# ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN PROPOSED AMENDED BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN.

The name of this Association is The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, herein referred to as "The Association".

## ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of The Association shall be to promote the professionalism and safety of the Aviation Ordnance Rating within the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Department of Defense, and to provide technical and professional support whenever possible to the Aviation Ordnancemen in the Fleet.

Section 2. To bring about improved communications and increase cooperation between the Aviation Ordnancemen and the personnel responsible for the design and procurement of weapons systems, components and associated hardware.

Section 3. To continually improve and encourage proper supervision of ordnance evolutions.

Section 4. To support a scholarship fund to promote recognition and remembrance of those Aviation Ordnancemen who have sacrificed their lives for their country. The scholarship shall be dedicated to the memory of CDR Robert L. Crow and shall bear his name.

Section 5. To support an Aviation Ordnance Museum as a means of preserving memorabilia associated with the Aviation Ordnance Rating and documenting historical significant events within the Rating.

Section 6. To recognize, annually, the most outstanding Aviation Ordnanceman. That recognition is called the "John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of The Year" Award.

Section 7. To recognize outstanding individual contributions to the field of Aviation Ordnance. This recognition shall be by selection to the "Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame".

## ARTICLE III BASIC POLICIES

Section 1. The Association shall be governed by the basic policies set forth in The Association Charter and these By-Laws. Events not covered in these By-Laws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order or a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The policies and procedures required for the administration of the awards and recognition programs, accounting (budget and spending), Association general and Board of Director meetings, and day to day business responsibilities shall be promulgated as Appendix A of these By-Laws. The President shall appoint appropriate committees and officers as responsible agents for review and update to these By-Laws. The President shall appoint appropriate committees and officers as agents for review and update of these policies and procedures. The By-Laws committee shall review policies and procedures and format of Appendix A. The Board of Directors shall approve all administrative policies and procedures.

Section 3. The Association shall be non-profit, non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan. The name of The Association or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern or partisan interest.

Section 4. The objectives of The Association shall be promoted through personal contacts, conferences, committees and annual general membership conventions.

Section 5. The Association may cooperate with other organizations and agencies in the support and welfare of the Armed Forces/Services of the United States, providing that no commitment is made binding The Association without the expressed approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Association is fully autonomous and the interest of each regular member shall be equal

to the interest of every other regular member. No regular member can acquire any interest which will entitle him/her to any greater vote, voice, authority or interest in The Association than any other regular member.

## **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Section 1. Membership in The Association shall be acquired by the recommendation of a bonafide regular member, the payment of the dues and shall meet the following eligibility criteria:

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 State Navy or Marine Corps (active or reserve).

Associate Member: Any person who believes in and supports the objectives of The Association and is sponsored by a regular member.

Honorary Member: Any person who has made a significant personal contribution in the field of Aviation Ordnance or to The Association. Honorary membership shall be by recommendation of any regular or associate member and approved by the Board of Directors and the general membership. Spouses of deceased members in good standing at the time of death, will become Honorary members in The Association. Presentation of Honorary memberships shall be conducted at the annual convention/symposium banquet.

Section 2. Dues shall become due on the anniversary of entrance into The Association. Honorary members pay no dues. Lifetime memberships are available to all members.

Section 3. The amount of dues to be collected shall be established by the Board of Directors and presented to the general membership.

Section 4. A member shall be dropped from the active rolls after one year of non-payment of dues.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION**

Section 1. The Officers of The Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Chaplain and Board of Directors.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected officials. All must be regular members of The Association. All officers dues must be current.

Section 3. A minimum of two officers must be active duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The President shall serve for three years, the initial term expired in 1979.

Section 5. The Vice-President shall serve for three years, the initial term expired in 1983.

Section 6. The Secretary/Treasurer shall serve for three years, the initial term expired in 1978.

Section 7. The Chaplain shall serve for three years, the initial term expired in 1988.

Section 8. The Board of Directors will consist of six members who shall serve terms of three years. Two of these members shall be elected annually. The base year is 1977.

Section 9. The election of officers shall be held by balloting at the annual general business meeting. If there is but one candidate for any office, the ballot for the office may be dispensed with and the election held by voice.

Section 10. Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the President at the annual business meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the general business meeting. The consent of each candidate must be obtained before the name is placed in nomination.

Section 11. 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.

Section 12. Vacancy in office shall be filled by a Presidential Appointment with ratification of The Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. 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.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall act as an aide and advisor to the President, shall be kept informed on all matters pertaining to 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.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of all general business meetings and the meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be prepared to refer to minutes of previous meetings, prepare a summary of all unfinished business for the use of the President and conduct all the necessary correspondence of The Association. 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 during the annual convention/symposium (June). The new budget will include expenditures authorized during the convention. The Treasurer shall pay out sums as authorized by the Board of Directors. 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. 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 the candidates by the Nominating Committee shall satisfy any bonding requirement.

Section 4. 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 an annual budget during the final Board of Directors meeting of the convention/symposium. It will authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to expend funds as budgeted. Emergency/unbudgeted expenditures exceeding five percent or 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 Board's 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. Scholarship or Museum, shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to Association accounts in the best interest of The Association.

Section 5. The Chaplain shall perform non-sectarian devotional services at The Association general business meetings and such other duties as the President shall prescribe. The Chaplain is an elected national officer but not a member of the Board of Directors and is a non-voting officer.

Section 6. Each officer, upon the expiration of the term of office or in case of resignation, shall release to the President without delay, all records and other material pertaining to the office. The responsibility for the officers expires upon swearing in of newly elected officers or acceptance of resignation. Outgoing officers shall attend the final board meeting of the convention/installation of officers to ensure

an orderly transfer of responsibilities.

Section 7. Four members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors. However, a telephone vote may be conducted with a written record of each member's vote read into the minutes of the next meeting of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

Section 1. General meetings of The Association shall be held at a time and location determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will select a suitable convention site two years in advance of the convention. The Board will announce the selected site prior to or during the general business meeting one year in advance of the subject convention.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet prior to 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, written correspondence and in certain cases conference telephone calls may be utilized.

Section 3. The privilege of nominating, making motions, debating and voting shall be limited to regular members of The Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES**

Section 1. There shall be standing committees created by the Board of Directors as may be required to carry out the Charter of The Association.

Section 2. The chairpersons of committees, except for the Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Reports of committees are due and shall be reported at the annual general business meeting. Periodic reports may be required by the President.

Section 4. The following standing committees are established:

- A. Safety
- B. Membership
- C. By-Laws
- D. John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award
- E. Historian/Museum
- F. CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship Award
- G. Convention/Symposium
- H. Hall of Fame

## **ARTICLE IX ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTERS**

Section 1. Any member may submit a letter of intent and request permission to establish a Chapter of The Association. The Chapter must have at least ten regular members of The Association. All members must be members (regular or associate) of The Association.

Section 2. A copy of the proposed charter, a table of organization, a chapter membership list and the letter of intent shall be submitted to the Board of Directors via the Secretary/Treasurer for approval. majority vote of approval is required from the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Chapter shall be organized along the guidelines of The Association and shall have as its minimum objectives the objectives of The Association as described in Article II, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of

these By-Laws.

Section 4. Member ship in the Chapter shall be as described in Article IV of these By-Laws.

Section 5. The Chapter will, at The Association's general business meeting, give a report of its goals, functions, and progres to the general membership. If no chapter member can attend The Association's annual general meeting, they shall they shall submit a written report to The Association Secretary/Treasurer, to be read by him at the general meeting.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. Each Chapter shall be responsible for its own financial assets and/or liabilities. Each will submit any and all reports, minutes and transactions/information requested by The Association as deemed necessary.

Section 8. If a Chapter remains inactive for a period of one year, the chapter will receive a letter from the Secretary/Treasurer, with copies to the President, Vice-President, and Board of Directors, warning said chapter of its inactivity and giving ninety (90) days to take appropriate corrective action in order to get the Chapter functioning properly. Inactivity includes failure to submit any and all reports, minutes and transactions/information deemed necessary by The Association and failure to conduct bi-monthly meetings. The chapter will be required to submit a written report to the Secretary/Treasurer on appropriate action taken correct deficiencies. If no appropriate action has been taken at the end of this ninety (90) day period, then the President, Vice-President and the Board of Directors will take action to disestablish that chapter. Upon approval from the Board of Directors, the Secretary/Treasurer will give that chapter written notification of its disestablishment. That chapter may resubmit a request after one (1) year to reestablish, provided all requirements outlined in The Association By-Laws are met.

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Proposals for amendments to these By-Laws will be submitted to the Board of Directors ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting members at the annual business meeting, providing that thirty (30) days prior notice has been given and the intent to change is published as an agenda item.

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## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

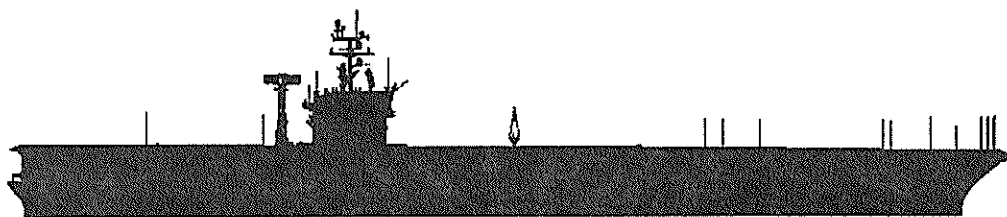
Lets get your nominations for a new chaplain in to the President, its that time again and we need a volunteer! It's a good job and you just can't beat the hours. This has been a good year with the exception of the death of a lot of our shipmates and their wives, this we don't seem to be able to control. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next convention.

Jim Irving  
Chaplain

## **USS INDEPENDENCE CV-62 REUNION**

"To all past and present INDY crewman and embarked squadrons." The third annual "Independence" reunion will be held 11 thru 14 July 1991 in Washington DC. For further information please contact:

Dennis J. Bagley  
12 Trenton Ave  
Edison, NJ 08817  
(908) 819-0359



## Chapter 3

We here at Whidbey have the troops involved in Dessert Storm on our minds and hope and pray that all our shipmates return safely. It's great news to hear that all the training, dedication, hard work, along with all our new weapons and systems our functioning like a fine tuned machine. The men and woman here at Whidbey are in full support of the goal to relieve the world of this #1&hole.

The weather was the main topic of conversation during December and early January. A white Christmas, WOW!!! we haven't had one for over twenty five years. It made the island look like a holiday wonderland. The the rains came and came and came some more. Topped off with an Artic blast and high winds. We had power failure for two days and fallen down trees all over the island. Our holiday paradise turned into a duck pond with floating trees.

With the cancellation of the A-12 it looks like the A-6 will still be the Navy's best bomber and work horse for a long time, no word to a replacement. Just the usual scuttle butt everything from and A-6G to a new aircraft.

Santa Claus did make a call at our Christmas party, lots of happy, smiling little faces when he arrived with his bag full of toys. Dave Michel was the only one there with a sad face, Santa couldn't fit two young ladies in his bag, maybe next year Dave, if your good.

"Flight of the Intruder" Has just been released to local theaters. No "R" rated parts, but a good AO/John Wayne film. We here give it two thumbs up.

Dough Fyfe  
President

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## Chapter 4

Since re-establishing in February 1990, Chapter 4 has been very active. Our Chapter has been ably guided through the leadership of our president, Bob Borges AOCM Ret., and the Vice-President, Paul "Dutch" Holland AOCM Ret. The Secretary/Treasurer is Stu Carson AOCM Ret.

We have rewritten our Charter and expect final approval by the Association of Aviation Ordnan-

cemen Board of Directors soon. We have rapidly grown to 87 members.

During the year one of our members passed away - Judson Hendricks CDR USN Ret. The good commander will be missed but not forgotten. Chapter 4 has a formal request submitted to the President of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen to have the Annual Aviation Ordnance Safety Program/Award named in CDR Hendricks honor because of his untiring efforts and knowledge of the in the Ordnance Community Fleetwide.

We want to welcome our president home, Bob had been TAD to the Gulf region providing technical support to our deployed units. Well done Bob and Thanks!

Thanksgiving and Christmas saw us very busy in a Needy Families Food Drive program. Chapter 4 raised \$327.00 in cash and canned foods. LT Bill Glenn chaired our effort and did an outstanding job, also, a well done to all Chapter 4 members for their unselfish contributions which made the program so successful. We will make this an annual project. Our donations were turned over to the NAS Oceana Chaplains for distribution.

Congratulations were in order to Mark Lemieux on being awarded an Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship this year. His dad is Al Lemieux LCDR Ret and very active in the in the Chapter.

Desert Storm: We wish to express our pride, support and prayers to the many members of Chapter 4 who are deployed to the Gulf region and now involved in combat operations. For security reasons we won't list the squadrons, but can tell you they are on the USS John F. Kennedy CV-67, USS Saratoga CV-60, USS Theodore Roosevelt CVN-71, USS T.C. Hart FF-1092 and soon to deploy the USS Forrestal CV-59. Approximately 75% of our members are involved.

Chapter 4 has published three newsletters to date called "The Tidewater Red Shirt". This has been a most effective means in getting the word out in the Tidewater area to all the Ordies active and retired. It has also been very instrumental in gaining new members.

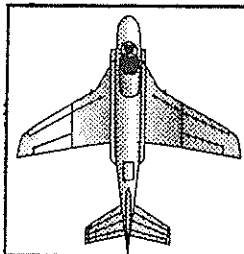
We are anticipating good representation at the

Convention in Sparks, Nevada this June, and we are really looking forward to the event.

Chapter 4 meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1900. We hold our meetings at VFW Post 392 on Bowland Parkway in Virginia Beach, VA. For further info call Stu Carson at 468-9249.

Best Wishes to all hands involved in "Desert Storm", God Speed and safe return to homeport, after you get the job done!!

Stuart Carson  
Secretary/Treasure, Chapter 4



#### **A-6E Intruder**

**Description:** Two-seat, carrier-based attack bomber  
**Speed:** 644 mph  
**Range:** 900 miles  
**Armament:** Air-to-air, air-to-ground missiles and bombs

## Chapter 8

To our shipmates in the Operation Desert Storm theater, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Kick some @#%, and come home safe and sound.

Since September 1990, the following events have transpired within Chapter 8:

\* A camping trip to Poterio in October was highly successful and a good time was had by all in attendance.

\* Allen Krumm was elected as Chapter 8 Treasurer in November, only to accept a promotion (and move) to the San Francisco Bay area. Congratulations Allen, we will miss you.

\* A Thanksgiving food basket drive was put together. Two baskets were distributed: one to a shipmate on a carrier, and another to the Navy Wives Club at NAS Miramar. Well done to Allen, Larry, Frank, and Lenny. You touched a couple of families out there.

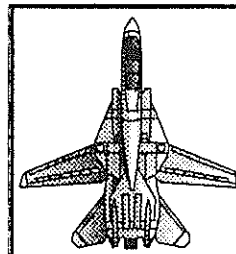
\* Chapter 8 sponsored a family from the San Diego Area for Christmas. The donation received by the family was appreciated and made the holidays a whole lot nicer for that family. Thanks guys!

Hails and Farewells: LCDR Chuck Bradford retired in November, LT Al Teneyck retired in January and LCDR Chuck Onken retired in February. Welcome aboard to LCDR Dave Scott

CNAP code 92.

If you're in the area come on down to our meetings at the Fleet Reserve Branch 61, 288 3rd Ave., Chula Vista, CA. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 1900. See you there and bring another AO with you!!!

Brian Leach  
President, Chapter 8.



#### **F-14 Tomcat**

**Description:** Carrier-based multirole fighter  
**Speed:** Mach 2.1  
**Range:** 800 miles  
**Armament:** 20mm cannon, Sparrow or Phoenix, and Sidewinder missiles

## Chapter 12

Greetings to all Ordies from Chapter 12, the Masaya Chapter. Activities here in the Philippines have been real quiet for the last four months. It seems like every time the Organization schedules a meeting or activity the locals go berserk and the gates slam shut. We even lost our Chapter "Home", when the owner got deported taking with him our Chapter Flag, plaques, pictures, and assorted other memorabilia items. Even with all these set backs, we are still alive, kicking and rebuilding what we can.

Regretfully, we had to bid farewell to our chapters founding leader/President, Cdr. Del Oakes Jr. Del moved on to bigger things (none could be better than number 1) at Naval Safety Center, Norfolk. An excellent time was had by all at his farewell party. With the help of "Fallon Ordies" Bob Holdman and Bob Jackson from CNAP, Johnny King, Phil Krutsinger, Andy Anderson, and the gang from the Indy. We sent Del off in great "PI style". We sure are going to miss him. The shoes he left to fill are HUGE. That caliber of leadership, dedication and human compassion packed into one Ordiancemen is unbelievable.

Just a reminder to all Ordies, if you are headed this way and want to have a social function or purchase some hats, tee shirts, etc. for your chapter let us know in advance of what you want and we can get it ready for your arrival. See all of you when you come through.

Gary W. Husman  
President, Chapter 12

## Chapter 65

1991 will see the big "E" high and dry as we are in the early stages of our complex overhaul at Newport News, Virginia. So far, this has proven to be a definite challenge in itself, with the industrial atmosphere around us.

Even though our chapters members are currently scattered throughout the tidewater area, we have managed to continue to get together on a monthly basis. For the month of December our meeting was held at the Red Baron of Newport News. This new year's saw us in January at the V.F.W. Club in Newport News with a big turnout of active duty AO's sharing war stories with some really informative Vets.

We are currently working out February's details and meeting location which will include a visit from our friends of Chapter 4 at Virginia Beach.

Chapter 65 wishes all members the best in 1991 and extends an invitation to all members to visit us when your in the Tidewater area. To our fellow AO's in the Persian Gulf arena we wish you Safety and Godspeed.

Ron Ross  
Chapter 65

## Chapter S-87

Chapter S-87 sends greetings from the mid-south. Not much activity during the holidays due to school commitments. However, we did manage to hold elections at our last meeting. Results are as follows:

**AOC Vince Howell - President**

**AO1 Debra Newton - Vice-President**

**AOC Rick McCall - Secretary/Treasurer**

The museum is still looking for those old pieces of memorabilia sitting in attics collecting dust. Recently the museum has been used for a number of functions including: retirements, promotions, reenlistments, and graduation ceremonies of our newest Ordies. If you are in the area stop by and see the new changes we continually make to upgrade the museum.

In closing we would like to express our hopes that all our fellow Ordies involved in "Desert Storm" find their way home soon, especially one

of our own members AOC 'Zeke' Daniels.

Debra Newton  
Outgoing President, Chapter S-87



Tickets are available now from Bob Ashworth. The price is \$30.00 total for both the Saturday Banquet and Friday Cocktails/Dancing or \$25.00 for just the Banquet and \$5.00 for just the Cocktails/Dancing. The Banquet will be a buffet similar to last years.

ROOM Information::

Tower - \$78.00 New 1st class rooms. Large with king size beds, wardrobe, large bathroom, sitting area, TV, etc. Over the casino.

Courtyard - \$58.00 Quality compares to Tower rooms. Newly renovated, located a 2 minute walk west of the Casino.

Roof Garden - \$48.00 Small, older rooms with adequate facilities for two. Most rooms have one double bed. Some available with two beds (twins or doubles). All have showers, toilets, sinks TV's. Adjacent lounge with 24 hour free coffee. Located over the NE section of casino.

Room/rates guaranteed until 12 May. Reserve early, they usually sell out on weekends. Contact Jim Thomas at (800) 628-8487 for "One call" airline/room reservations, be sure to mention Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

RV parking (free) is available in the parking lot east of the casino, their are no hookups. Additional RV Park information in the next issue of the REDSHIRT.

Nugget Shuttle Buses run from the casino to downtown Reno and the Airport every 1/2 hour during these hours:

Airport: 0530 -1200 Midnight

Reno: 0900 - 0030.

We have selected Trader Dick's Bar/Lounge as a good place to meet your shipmates. It's centrally located, open to the casino and very pleasant.

Janie Fricke will be starring in the Nugget Celebrity Showroom during the convention.

George Adams  
1991 Convention Committee Chairman

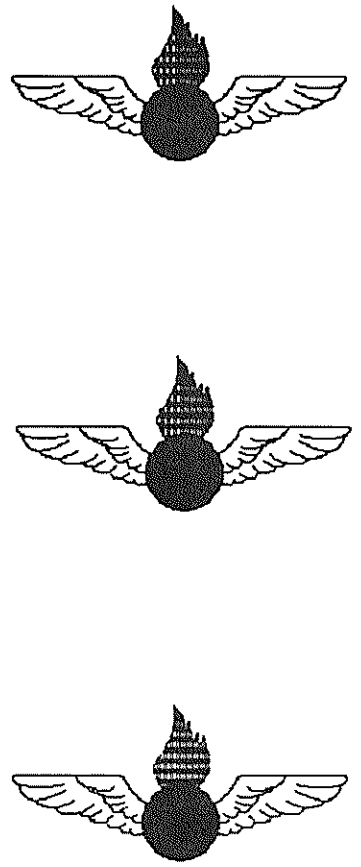
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EDITOR'S NOTE



As this edition of The Red Shirt goes to print, we have Ordnancemen deployed in Operation Desert Storm fulfilling the promise of our Association' motto 'Peace Through Power - We Are the "ARMS" of the Fleet'. We pray for their safe and expeditious return.

Now that I've finally gotten the newsletter on it's new schedule (Feb, May, Aug, & Nov), I hope I'll be able to keep it their. **The input deadline for the next edition is April 15, 1991.** If you have anything you like to share with other members, please send it to me, I'm always looking for items of interest to put in The Red Shirt. For you historians out there, some of us younger Ordies (no laughing) are really interested in the origin of our Customs, Traditions, Sayings and Equipment (i.e. the Hernia Bar).

Pleas remember the Association with a 'change of address' card when you move, I'd like to make sure you receive your Red Shirt and the Secretary/Treasurer needs to know where to send your membership renewal form.

Jeff Sassone  
 Newsletter Editor

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