THE RED SHIRT

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

From The President

No.

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Newsletter

I hope everyone has started making their plans to attend the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Convention at John Ascuga's Nugget in Sparks, NV, 12 - 16 June 1991. There will be additional information in this "Red Shirt" or look in "Red Shirt" #40 of Feb 1991. The messages announcing the AAO Convention (CNAP 221505Z MAR 91) and (CNAP 221504Z MAR 91) for AO of the Year are on the street. They were late getting out due to worldwide minimize as a result of the war in the gulf. I am still looking for nominations for AAO President,

o Board of Directors, and a Chaplain to be elected this year at the convention. If anyone is interested please let me know or if you want to nominate someone, you must have their consent.

All members should read the new By-Laws that are in "Red Shirt" #40 because they will be voted on at the convention. This is your Association, so be a part of it. I am now retired from active duty, but am working for PMTC/VSE Corp. at PMTC Det. NAS Lemoore, CA 92346-5031. I am working on an Aviation Ordnance Career Progression Course, if you have any inputs, let me know. Beverly and I will see you at the convention.

> Charles R. Onken President



GUEST SPEAKER

MAY

1991

CAPTAIN DAVID V. PARK

Captain Park is a native of Metropolis, Illinois and a 1969 graduate of Louisiana State University. Commissioned in that year through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program, he

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GUEST...

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was designated a Naval Aviator in June of 1971 and reported to NAS Saufley Field. Following a brief instructor tour in VT-4, he took the first T-2C aircraft to VT-23 during the single base training concept transition at NAS Kingsville, Texas.

Following A-7E training with VA-122 at NAS Lemoore, California, CAPT Park joined the "Warhawks" of VA-97 in June 1974 for two Western Pacific/Indian Ocean cruises on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65). January of 1977 saw him report to VX-5 where he served as a project pilot. SLJO, the Tactical Electronic Warfare Officer - IR suppression, and as the A-7E Aircraft Tactical Manual Manager. Refresher training at VA-122 followed and CAPT Park joined the "Chargers" of VA-27 enroute to the Indian Ocean. During his tour he served separately as the Administrative, Maintenance, Operations, and Safety Department Head, again completing two Western Pacific/ Indian Ocean cruises, this time on board USS CORAL SEA (CV-43). In September of 1982 he reported as Executive Officer of Light Attack Weapons School, Pacific and in January of 1983 became its Commanding Officer. A second refresher tour at VA-122 preceded his reporting to the "Ravens" of VA-93 as Executive Officer on board USS MIDWAY (CV-41). After an extended tour as XO, he served as the Decommissioning Officer for VA-93 and VA-56. He then reported to VFA-125 for F/A-18 transition and then to the "Stingers" of VFA-113 as Commanding Officer in January 1987. This tour included a Western Pacific/Indian Ocean cruise on board USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) and was followed by a short stint on the staff of Commander, Light Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet. He attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island prior to commencing training for and later reporting to Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN in March of 1990. During his tour as Deputy CVW-17, CAPT Park participated in Operation Desert Storm flying the A-6E and F/A-18C from the USS SARATOGA (CV-60). CAPT Park will assume command of the Naval Strike Warfare Center in May 1991.

CAPT Park has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and various service and unit awards. He is married to the former Rita Kay Waddell of Memphis, Tennessee. They and their children, Elly and Andy, reside in Fallon, Nevada.

From The Desk of The Secretary/Treasurer

During my active duty tenure I was always on the aircraft carrier coming home. I had some great returning into home port greetings. But, on the 28th of March I traveled to Mayport, FL to meet the USS SARATOGA (CV-60) returning from operation "Desert Shield/Storm". Elaine and I were up at 0400 (that's real early for retired persons) and we were on the carrier pier at Naval Station Mayport by 0530. Be reminded I didn't get up this early when I was aboard ship and returning to port. We were well entertained on the pier by the Navy Band, a high school band, blimps, air filled balloons, penguins, bears, dolls, all sorts of clowns, plenty of sodas, hoagies, hot dogs, and the good old standby black coffee. Just before we caught a glimpse of the SARA, two F-14s flew by, just above us, so close it seemed like you could reach out and touch the aircraft. It was extremely inspiring. This fly-b woke up the huge crowd that was on the pier and shot adrenalin through each and everyone of us, then we caught our first sighting of SARA. The crowd began to yell "there she is" and the noise level never decreased until the crew began to come ashore. The boats sprayed red, white and blue streams of water to welcome all the sailors and ships. As a final tribute six F/A-18s flew by and executed the missing man formation. This put a lump in my throat and some tears on my cheek. remembering those that didn't return.

Elaine and I had to wait the normal period of time, so the brows could be rigged and the sailors could depart the ship. But, we spent most of that time looking for LCDR Phil Milling (The Real OHO). The crew looked real good in their dress blues, but, they also appeared to be a little tired. I'm sure that tired feeling will go away rather quickly when they receive all that hard earned TLC and home cooked meals.

As we departed NS Mayport we saw what have to say was extremely heart warming. The citizens of Mayport, Jacksonville and the surrounding area had gathered on Mayport Road to greet the returning sailors and show their appreciation. The fences were lined with yellow ribbons, signs, posters, balloons, and other welconing materials and the people would cheer and yell "WELL DONE", "WELCOME HOME" and "GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK". To me the turn out of the citizens was a magnificent and greatly appreciated by the returning sailors.

To all of those that went, we were there with you in spirit and glad that you are HOME, Safely!!!

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION

Details of the June convention in Reno are coming together nicely. George Adams and Jim Thomas are keeping me informed of all they have accomplished. Details of the Convention are enclosed in this edition of the Red Shirt. Please read this newsletter closely and make arrangements to attend this gala event. Get your 1991 reservation application to me along with your dinner and social event desires as quickly as possible, so the planners can ensure there is plenty for everyone.



Robert A. Ashworth Secretary/Treasurer



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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. Many members lose contact with the Association because when they move or relocate they fail to leave a forwarding address. Mail is eturned with 'no such address', 'incorrect address', or 'return to sender no forwarding address'. Please help locate these members so we can get them back in the membership and so they can get their "Red Shirt".

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Chaplain's Corner

I'm hoping to see you all at the convention in Reno, so let's get your reservations in and your travel plans set. I refuse to die at this job so get ready to nominate a replacement or volunteer yourself and we'll get someone elected at the business meeting. Take care, drive safely, and I'll see you at the Nugget!!!

Jim Irving Chaplain





The Latest Information For 1991 Convention

(Check the last paragraph for a very important announcement)

Delta Air Lines and **America West Airlines** are the Co-Official carriers selected to support the 1991 Convention. Both airlines provide an excellent selection of flights into Reno, Nevada, and are enthusiastic about supporting the Association. They both offer excellent discounted fares not found with other airlines!

Our rental car company is **Hertz**.... Check the great rates on the enclosed flyer... Hertz has a rental desk in the Nugget... What convenience!

Plan <u>NOW</u> to attend the **1991 ORDIE CON-VENTION** at John Ascuga's **NUGGET, June 13 - 16, 1991.** Room rates are \$48.00 (Roof Garden), \$58.00 (Courtyard Lodge), or \$78.00 (Hotel Tower). Remember...<u>Cut off date for room</u> <u>reservations is 13 May 91!!!!!</u> After that, rooms are based on availability only - No Guarantee.

If you are active duty, your luck is holding... The airlines are still offering a super military fare to Reno. If you are interested in purchasing the best discounted air fare, <u>DO NOT WAIT!</u> Just because a low fare is advertised "If purchased 21 days in advance"....you have no guarantee there will be any cheap seats left 21 days in advance. <u>The cheap seats sell out very quickly!!!</u>

Once you have purchased an airline ticket, you

are in a "Win-Win" situation. If the air fare increases...you are protected at the fare paid; If the air fare decreases...you simply take your ticket to the airline and have them reissue it at the lower fare, and refund you the difference. The airline is the only one who can reissue a restricted ticket.

Hopefully the above information is helpful. Should you have any questions, please call me on my **Personal 800 number, Monday thru Friday 0900 - 1730 (PST).**

Remember, America West & Delta are offering discounted fares into Reno through The Travel & Tour Company of San Diego.

NOW HEAR THIS... WIN A DINNER & SHOW FOR 2 (CELEBRITY SHOWROOM), FRIDAY EVENING, 14 JUNE! THE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN FROM ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PRE-REGISTERED (PRIOR TO RENO ARRIVAL) FOR THE CONVENTION (MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE CURRENT).

CALL TODAY!

Jim Thomas (800) 628-8487 (619) 463-3030 (San Diego County)





I WAS THERE

I was there at Dawn's early light. I was there at the twilights last gleaming. I was there with the bombs bursting in air, torn and tattered, what so proudly you hailed. I was ther, in Germany, France, Italy, Pearl Harbor, Korea, Vietnam and



countless other places. I flew proud and honored. What have I done that I'm allowed to be burned, trampled and treated with disrespect? Why are so few allowed to desecrate what so many died to protect? For 214 years I've flown to represent this country and its people. Who will be there for me when the next call to arms is made? Will I burn on foreign soil as I do on my own? It's time to let the government know we will not stand for the burning or desecration of the symbol which stands for this country and its people.

Anyone who feels he has the right should visit Arlington Cemetary, Pearl Harbor or any one of the cemetaries where our dead lie in honored respect. There are enough of them. Tell them about the right to burn their flag. If they say it's OK, do what your conscience tells you to do. But not in front of me because I was there ----WERE YOU?

Reprinted with permission from Kitty Murphy of the Fleet Reserve Association Ladies Auxillary, Unit 290, Mayport, Florida. Thanks to Chapter 4 who originally reprinted this in "The Tidwater Red Shirt" Decmber/January 1990/1991 edition.

From The Congressional Record ...

Mr. Speaker, weeks ago, while driving home, Bill Smith, of Orange Park, FL, saw three teenagers burning an American flag. Instinctively, he could not tolerate this blatant display of disrespect, and ran to stop it. One of the teenagers, seeing Mr. Smith approach, pulled out an electric stun gun and attacked him.

Despite this, Mr. Smith was able to stop the desecration of our flag.

I have been touched by this act of patriotism. Mr. Smith's act reminds us that for many Americans, the flag represents the Nation.

The young people who burned the flag may have intended to express a political view, but in fact they simply provoked Mr. Smith and others who fought and died - and are dying today - to keep it free. Mr. Speaker, it is time the Constitution of the United States recognized the unique place that the flag has in our hearts.

This country needs citizens who take pride in heir flag, and as long as we have patriotic citizens, this issue will not go away.

Congressman Craig T. James January 30, 1991

Man rallies to the aid of the flag

Bill Smith went out for a pack of cigarettes and ended up defending his country's flag.

Plain and simple, it was a matter of honor, said the 45 year old Orange Park businessman and Vietnam veteran, who was zapped in the chest with a stun gun after he tried to stop three teenagers - two boys and a girl - burning an American flag before a group of onlookers.

"I don't know what, but something clicked inside my head. I was totally compelled to defend and protect that flag," Smith said. "Burning the flag just went against everything I had ever been raised and taught to believe in."

As he drove by the scene, Smith said, he caught a glimpse of the flag's red and white stripes and realized what was burning. He made a U-turn, drove back to the blaze and jumped out of the car, running toward three youths doing the burning.

"I yelled, 'You're not going to burn my flag.' I went for the flag. I just jumped in and tried to grab them to pull them away," Smith said.

One teenager who had been holding the

burning flag pulled out a stun gun, grabbed Smith and shoved it against his chest, triggering the device so that it sent an electric charge into his body.

"It didn't have that much of an effect. It was like I didn't have any feeling but I could hear it crackling and popping, and felt something go through me," he said.

Smith broke away from the youth, and the boy and his companions fled into nearby woods. By then several people had begun stomping on the flag to try and put out the flames, he said.

Smith said he then patted out the remaining flames with his hands. He estimated the fire destroyed half the flag.

The three youths were later arrested. However, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that burning the American flag is legal and protected under the U.S. Constitution as freedom of expression.

"I had no choice... When I saw what they were doing I had to do something to try and protect our flag. I'd do it again," Smith said.

Bill Smith was an Aviation Ordnanceman onboard the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65) during the Vietnam War.

Excerpted from an article by Teresa Stepzinski, staff writer for The Florida Time-Union, printed on January 23, 1991.

THANK YOU BILL SMITH



Chapter 1 Lemoore, CA

Hello from the Ordies of Chapter One! Recently our chapter held elections during our general business meeting in March. AOC Bill Scoggin was elected president replacing AOC Mark Sawyer, LT Wayne Brovelli was elected Secretary replacing Phil Kershisnik, Phil then spun around to be elected Treasurer replacing AOCS Ron Thomas, AO2 Brad Scwake was elected Parliamentarian replacing LT John Wheat, AOC Mark Risser and Chuck Onken were both elected to the Board of Directors replacing CWO3 Larry Lambert and AO1 Bill Hudson.

The summer months are fast upon us as we busily prepare for increased activities. Among these is our Adopt a Highway Program. Once CalTrans has completed our signs we will affix the AAO emblem and have them posted. This community services project will bring Chapter One members out on a 2 mile trek each month picking up trash and saving recycleables. Our monthly meetings at the river continue as we are out looking for an indoor location. Once we find one we will send out fliers to all local addressees informing them of the new locale and upcoming events. A lot of fun is in the works also for the 4th of July airshow. That and outdoor chapter activities will keep the tan on our skins.

April brought on standing committee chairman appointments in the areas of Safety, Scholarship, Community Services, Recreation, Airshow, Membership, and By-Laws. Our By-Laws committee chairman, Chuck Onken, drafted amendments to the Chapter One By-Laws which will be voted on during a chapter general business meeting soon. This about sums it up for RED SHIRT #41.

In closing, I would like to personally thankeach and every member here at Chapter One for your active involvement and support. Special thanks to Mark Sawyer and Phil Kershisnik for organizing our Adopt a Highway Program, and once again to Mark for actively pursuing additional community service programs by trying to get Chapter One some air time on channel 18 during phone-athons.

Chapter One would like to congratulate AOCS Ron Thomas for the outstanding job he did as AAO National Memorabilia salesman. He introduced several new items, ensured every item was top-quality and spent many thankless hours at the conventions and at home. AGAIN, THANKS RON FOR A SUPER JOB!

Until we muster at the convention, so long! AOC Bill Scoggin President, Chapter 1



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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 1991 CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JOHN ASCUGA'S NUGGET, SPARKS, NV

	12 JUNE WEDNESDAY	1300 - 1700	REGISTRATION, INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, & TOUR INFORMATION (TAHOE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
	13 JUNE THURSDAY	0900 - 1700	REGISTRATION, INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, & TOUR INFORMATION (TAHOE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
		0800 - TBA	EXHIBITS (ALPINE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
			BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (GENOA ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
			BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING
		1700 - TBA	(WAHOE ROOM 2nd FLOOR) NO HOST COCKTAILS - TRADER DICK'S BAR/ LOUNGE (MAIN FLOOR)
		2000 - ???	ON THE TOWN
	14 JUNE FRIDAY	0900 - 1700	REGISTRATION, INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, & TOUR INFORMATION (TAHOE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
		0930 - 1630	BUS TOUR TO NAS FALLON NV
		0950 - 1050	(ORDNANCE TOWN USA)
		0800 - TBA	EXHIBITS (ALPINE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
			BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN,
			AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS (AS REQUIRED) MEETING (WASHOE ROOM)
		0800 - 1700	BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (GENOA ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
		0800 - 1700	SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE (TRUCKEE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
		0800 - 1700	AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE (FREEMONT ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
		0800 - 1700	AVIATION ORDNANCE COMMITTEE AND AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICER CAREER PROGRESSION MEETING (DONNER ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
		1800 - 0100	AO SOCIALIZING TIME - NO HOST COCKTAILS, HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES PLUS DANCING. MEET OLD AND NEW FRIENDS. (PONDEROSA ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
)	15 JUNE SATURDAY	0900 -TBA	REGISTRATION, INFORMATION PAMPHLETS, & TOUR INFORMATION
		0800 - TBA	(TAHOE ROOM 2nd FLOOR) EXHIBITS (ALPINE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)

15 JUNE SATURDAY	0900 - 1500	GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING (BONANZA ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
	1000 - 1200	LADIES SOCIAL (PONDEROSA ROOM 2nd FLOOR)
		REUNION BOOK PHOTOS - CONTACT BEVERLY
		(PONDEROSA/BONANZA BALLROOM 2nd FLOOR)
	1830 - 1930	NO HOST COCKTAILS
		(PONDEROSA/BONANZA BALLROOM 2nd FLOOR)
	1930 - ???	
		GUEST SPEAKER - CAPT DAVID V. PARK
		ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOHN W. FINN AVIATION
		ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR AND RUNNER-UP
		ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE
		ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
		AO HALL OF FAME (AS REQUIRED)

16 JUNE SUNDAY

0900 - 1100 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (WASHOE ROOM 2nd FLOOR)





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1991 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

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DATE 13 JUNE (THUR)	ACTIVITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	MEMBER	<u>GUEST</u>			
14 JUNE (FRI)	TOURS TOUR OF NAS FALLON WEAPONS (\$7.00) SAFETY MEETING AND BRIEF ON ORDNANCE OFFICER CAREER					
	PROGRESSION COURS AO SOCIALIZING TIME (NO HOST) COCKTAILS/HOR D'OUVRE/DANCING (\$5.00 PER PERSON)					
15 JUNE (SAT)	TOURS GENERAL BUSINESS MEETTING LADIES SOCIAL AWARDS/BUFFET DINNER (\$25.00 PER PERSON)					
16 JUNE (SUN)	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS					

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR INTENTIONS ABOVE. IT WILL ASSIST THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS AND MAKE THE CONVENTION THAT MUCH MORE ENJOYABLE.

NOTES:

1. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WILL BE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEARS SELECTION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR AND TO PICK SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. IF YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO SERVE, BE THERE ON 14 JUNE 1991 AND BE A PARTICIPATING MEMBER.

2. SEND MONEY ONLY FOR THE AO SOCIALIZING TIME AND AWARDS DINNER

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EXCURSIONS

FRIDAY - JUNE 14th

LAKE TAHOE / VIRGINIA CITY DELUXE Adults \$35 - Includes Lunch - 8 Hours Hotel pick ups begin at 0800



Your tour will include a stop in the bustling little logging town of Truckee, view highlights of Nevada's state capital, Carson City, walk the boardwalk of Virginia City, home of the historic Comstock Lode, take pictures along the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe and enjoy a special luncheon. Don't forget your camera!



EMERALD BAY DAY CRUISE - LAKE TAHOE aboard the M. S. DIXIE



1200 - 2 1/2 Hour Narrated Cruise Adults - \$12 (<u>Provide own transportation</u>)

Cruise from Zephyr Cove Marina across the south shore of Lake Tahoe to beautiful Emerald Bay, the lake's most photographed area. Vikingsholm Castle and the quaint Tea House atop Fannette Island will be viewed as the Dixie passes close by. Cocktails and hot and cold lunches are available.



SATURDAY - June 15th

VIRGINIA CITY / CARSON CITY Adults \$16 - 5 Hours - 1000

Take an exciting trip to Virginia City, the Silver Capital of the 1860's. Enjoy the hospitality extended by shops, saloons, museums and casinos as you stroll the boardwalk in the "Liveliest Ghost Town in the West". Also see the Governor's mansion and other highlights of Nevada's historic state capital in Carson City.

EMERALD BAY DAY CRUISE - LAKE TAHOE

Same as above, except M.S. Dixie departs at 1100



CRUISIN' LAKE TAHOE

FOR ADVANCE TOUR RESERVATIONS - CALL <u>JIM THOMAS</u> AT 1-800/628-8487 OR 619/463-3030. TOURS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE DURING REGISTRATION AT THE CONVENTION.

<u>NOTE</u>: There will be a tour to NAS FALLON on Friday, June 14th. See the "Red Shirt" for details and reservation information.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 1991 PROPOSED AGENDA JOHN ASCUGA'S NUGGET, BONANZA ROOM CONVENE AT 0900, 15 JUNE 1991

- PRESIDENTCALL MEETING TO ORDERPLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAGPLAY AO SONG
- CHAPLAIN OPENING PRAYER

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (BOTH GENERAL AND OFFICIAL)

SEC/TREAS READ SYNOPSIS OF THE 1990 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING. COPIES OF THE COMPLETE MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP'S REVIEW.

PRESIDENT CALL FOR ADDITION/DELETIONS TO THE MINUTES CALL FOR VOTE OF ACCEPTANCE

SEC/TREAS READ THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURY AS PREPARED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S ACCOUNTANT

PRESIDENT CALL FOR VOTE OF ACCEPTANCE

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NEWSLETTER REPORT EDITOR

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NEW NAMING OF SAFETY AWARD BUSINESS 1994 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN CONVENTION TICKET COST INPUTS FROM THE FLOOR

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Chapter 3 Whidbey Island, WA

A well done to the troops participating in Desert Storm! You have made us all proud, keep up the good work, keep it together, and get home safely. A special thanks to PMTC Rep. MR. George Smith, who has been in Saudi Arabia since early January, and is still there providing technical support.

Chapter Three has adopted a section of State Highway 20 for a project called "Litter Control". This is an ongoing community project state wide that will help ep the trash under control, and Whidbey Island beautiful. The



TEAMWORK — Balance, speed, precision, safety and teamwork are all rolled into one when VA-35's ordnance men arm the A-6E Intruder. AO2 Mark Kruse (l) attaches cable to cable adapters while AOAA Scott Harper and AO3 Manuel Nagar transport the MK-84 bomb into position. Once the PH2 Bruce Davis)

State will erect a road sign that this section of highway is cleaned by the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Digger O'Dell headed up this effort and coordinated our work with the State Highway Commission.

The Chapter's softball team is off and running with 23 ball players showing up for practice. Good luck guys in the NAS Whidbey Island Captains Cup Competition.

March 16 and 17 was a busy weekend for us, a car wash and garage sale helped boost the treasury. Along with the raffle, held for a shotgun, we are becoming financially sound.

Spring is in the air and the baseball season is underway, we are off to watch the Seattle Mariners play ball May 4th and see our names in light at the Kingdome in Seattle. See you at the Convention!!

> Doug Fyfe President, Chapter 3

Chapter 4

2,000 pound bomb is in position, AO2

Todd Shuttleworth (c, foreground) and

AO2 John Henderson (r) will raise and

secure the weapon. VA-35 was a part

of numerous missions launched from

USS Saratoga against Iraq as part of

Operation Desert Storm. (Photos by

Tidewater, VA area

March 28th was definitely a big day in Tidewater with the return of the USS John F. Kennedy CV-67 and simultaneously the USS Saratoga CV-60 returned to her home port in Mayport, Florida. Both ships had seen extensive combat and experienced a very high tempo of operations.

The previous day Tidewater residents watched an unprecedented Seventy Aircraft arrive at NAS Oceana, VA from the fly-offs on the "Big John" and "Super Sara". They were from CVW-3 and CVW-17 and landed within a two hour period.

The homecomings brought most of Chapter IV's members back from the combat zone. They were from the Kennedy, VA-35 and VA-75, VF-14, VF-32 and last but not least the XO of USS Thomas C. Hart FF-1092 he had been an Aviation Ordnancemen for eight years prior to receiving his commission through OCS.

We are glad to have them back for a much needed stand-down as they worked extremely hard, they were very professional and did the job incident free.

Chapter IV has planned an appreciation day for all the Aviation Ordnancemen involved in the Gulf war. We are holding a family picnic on May 25, 1991, at picnic area number one at NAS Oceana, VA. The chapter is anticipation two hundred and fifty Ordies and their families. The only requirement is that they bring "twenty gallons of war stories" to the picnic. Chapter IV is providing everything else and our friends in Chapter 65 (USS Enterprise CVN-65), as well as all Aviation Ordnancemen, are cordially invited to join in the celebration.

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter IV now has one hundred seven members and growing. We also must not forget we still have a lot of members deployed to the Gulf in Attack Squadron Thirty-six and USS Roosevelt (CVN-71).

Hope to see you all on May 25, at the picnic and "Welcome home and a job well done".

Stuart W. Carson AOCM Ret. Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter 4

Chapter 8 San Diego, CA

Greetings from sunny (dry) Southern California. Plans are in full swing for our annual chapter picnic which will be held Saturday May 18, 1991 at Admiral Baker Field Area #7. If you're in the area make plans to stop by! We'd like to see everyone that can make it.

As you know, we hold our monthly meetings at the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 61 in Chula Vista the first Thursday of each month. In grateful appreciation for the use of the Ladies Auxiliary meeting room at the FRA, Chapter 8 has donated new American flag with flag pole and stand to the FRA Branch 61 Ladies Auxiliary. The formal presentation is set for June 7, 1991.

We would like to congratulate: our chapter president Brian Leach on his selection to Senior Chief, our chapter Secretary/Treasurer J.J. Lamatrie on his selection to Master Chief, and both Ray Viau & Ray Ramirez on their selection for Commander. Unfortunately our chapter president is in receipt of orders to cloudy (wet) Whidbey Island, so in the very near future our current vice-president Larry Miller will be assuming the office of Chapter 8 president and we with then hold a special election to select a new vice-president.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our chapter picnic May 18, 1991 or at the Convention in Sparks.

Jeff Sassone Member-at-large, Chapter 8

Chapter 9 Jacksonville, FL area

Chapter Nine is alive and well. Our membership and meetings have steadily grown under the able leadership of our new President Billy Harkins and his new staff of officers; Vice President Tim Baird, Secretary Al Dennis, Treasurer Bob Taylor, Master-at-Arms Trent Jansen, and Board of Directors: Bob Hall, Tony Gonzales, Billy Earl, Larry Hardin, Barbara Baird and PAO Gary Laun.

Recent activities with Chapter Nine have consisted of a wreath presentation for the Pearl Harbor Anniversary onboard the Mayport base USS Hancock. Sawly and Billy Earl did the honors. We also bade farewell to AOC Greg Sawyer (Gun Boss) and AO2 Rod Ledger (OHO) who left for Desert Storm on the SS Cape Archway.

Chapter President Billy Harkins explained the goals of our chapter and his desire to promote our local AO's as a family with the focus on local activities and participation in the National Association. Chapter Nine also became a member of the North East Florida Veterans Council, other members include the VFW, FRA, and American Legion.

Chapter Nine continues to grow and support our National Association. We welcomed back USS Saratoga and her Mayport supported battle units from 'The Storm' and are planning a bash of some magnitude whenever everyone gets their homework done. Chapter Nine would also like to congratulate AOC Jeff Maxfield SARA's bomb assembly CPO for being selected for CWO Good Job "Gunner Max".

Chapter Nine also enjoyed a great Florida sunshine weekend on the 23rd of March when we

had our "AO Birthday" BAR-B-QUE. It was great and if you're in the area next year come on by for some great grits, as this will be an annual event.

The first weekend of April had Chapter Nine 'flippin sliders' at the NAS Cecil Field Air Show. A good money maker for our Chapter and a lot of fun was had by everyone who participated.

Closing on a serious note, one of our local citizens, and a former Ordnanceman MR. Bill Smith of Orange Park, was cited for his heroic efforts by stopping a group of teen-agers from burning our flag. As a result of the incident, Bill is lobbying congressional members to change the Constitution and stop the desecration of our flag. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that burning the American Flag is legal and protected under the U.S. Constitution as a freedom of expression. Bill spoke at our Chapter meeting and was very well received. Additional information will be sent to the National Association about his effort called "SAVE OUR SYMBOL" which is growing support in the local area and Florida. A valiant effort by one of our own.

Gary Laun PAO, Chapter 9

Editor's Note: Congratulations are also in order for Gary Laun and Phil Milling on their selection to Commander.

Chapter 12 Masaya Chapter - Republic of the Philippines

Greetings from Chapter 12 in the Philippines. We have elected all new officers since our last newsletter. Officers and Board of Directors are as follows:

OFFICERS

President - Gary Husman Vice President - Paul Million Secretary/Treasurer - Jeff Currens PAO - Kordeen Kor Safety Coordinator - Osceola Condulle <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u> Joe Delutis Dave Dunn Tom Reyes Jesus Fernandez Jim Stewart The Chapter was dying a slow death late in 1990, so it was decided to elect a Public Affairs Officer to promote the Association and to encourage the general public to attend our official functions. So far, we have held a Scuba Diving Contest, a Pool Tournament, and a picnic for the Members. We are having the second Pool Tournament in April 91. We plan on making this a quarterly event.

We have continued CDR Oakes project of supporting the International Children's Advocate Program. The Chapter donated \$150.00 from our general fund and in addition passed the hat and donated another \$80.00. This will enable two children to have some severe physical deformities corrected.

We are having our monthly meetings at the American Legion Hall in Olongapo on the first Saturday of every month. Anyone passing through is always welcome.

Chapter 12 salutes everyone who participated in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Couldn't have been done without the ORDIES!!!

That's it from the Philippines, stop by and see us anytime.



Chapter 65 USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65)

March and April proved to be very productive months for Chapter 65 aboard the USS ENTERP-RISE (CVN-65). Plans were made and executed for a very successful 'bake sale' and 'car wash'. Proceeds of these events were used to sponsor a local Denbigh Little League Baseball Team. Further, a unanimous decision was made to provide financial assistance to Enterprise's 'AO of the Year' nominee so he can attend the 1991 AO Convention in Reno, NV.

A special word of thanks is in order for the American Legion, Newport News, VA, Post 25 which has graciously volunteered the use of their Legion Hall for Chapter 65 to conduct our monthly meetings. Here are the results of our recent elections: <u>OFFICERS</u>

President - LTjg Tom Andrews Vice President - AO1 John Pfeifer Secretary - AO1 Eddie Silva Treasurer - AOCS Richard Drum BOARD OF DIRECTORS AO1 Scott Haag AO3 Michael Palmer

AO3 Shannon Rogers

As the newly elected Chapter 65 President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the previous office holders, especially CWO3 Ron Ross for providing three years of loyal dedication and devotion to Chapter 65.

The AO Association is truly a worthwhile organization and I am looking forward to serving as President and carrying out the time honored traditions of Chapter 65.

> Tom Andrews President, Chapter 65







The time is drawing near to submit applications for a scholarship, <u>Don't</u> wait to the last minute to get an application. They are available through your local Chapter of by contacting one of the following:

Bob UnderwoodBob Ashworth3160 Dallas DR133 H.L. Sudduth DRFallon, NV 89406Panama City, FL 32404Home: (702)423-5102 Home: (904) 871-1943WK: Autovon 830-2877

Comm (702) 426-2877

Eligibility requirements:

1. Dependents or immediate family (brother/ sister) of a member or associate member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

2. Dependents of a deceased Aviation Ordnanceman of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps.

This year there will be three (3) \$500.00 cash awards available. All correspondence must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer by the first day of the Association's Annual Convention. This year the deadline is 13 June 1991. Please note: if you plan on mailing the application to the Secretary/Treasurer he must receive it no later than 10 June 1991 to allow for his travel time to the Convention.

Bob Underwood Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman

Chapter 68 USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)

Greetings from Chapter 68, we are presently on WestPac and steaming for the Indian Ocean (Gonzo Station) to relieve the USS Ranger. We have already had two good liberty ports, five days each in both the Philippines and Singapore. Two days out of the five in the Philippines were spent doing our traditional Ordie Bash, which was held at Willie's bar in Olongapo city. A good time was had by all who attended. Singapore was a good liberty port, a little more expensive than P.I. but good shopping. The chapter has not been to busy here lately since the beginning of cruise. The opportunities for projects are just not available like they are back in the states. Plans are already being made for getting back into the swing things once the deployment ends. Until the new newsletter.

Timothy J. Lynch President, Chapter 68

C.A.S.U. #10

If you served with or know someone that served with C.A.S.U. #10 in the New Hebrides, Edward "Runt" Lechwar is interested in making contact to brush up on "old times". You can reach him at:

13130 RT 173 Zion, IL 60099 (708) 872-8496







Hope this edition of "The Red Shirt" fine everyone happy, in good health and making plans to attend this year's convention. They get bigger and better each year, so make your plans to go to Reno and be a part of it!. Congratulations to all Desert Shield/Storm participants you have performed magnificently. "Peace through power, We are the 'Arms' of the Fleet'' is as true to today as it ever was. Welcome Home Saratoga, Kennedy and Midway! To all of you still out there or on the way over to provide relief, you are pour hearts and minds, rest assured we'll tip a few in your honor at the convention.

If your getting ready to move, <u>PLEASE</u>, remember to send a change of address to either myself or the Secretary/Treasurer. From the last mailing of "The Red Shirt", 16 newsletters were returned with no forwarding address and 35 address corrections were received at a cost \$32.89. We could put that money to better use with your help. Hope to see you at the Convention.!

Jeff Sassone Editor

A snapshot of last years convention



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There will be a bus tour from the Nugget to Naval Air Station Fallon. Cost for the bus ticket will be 00. Currently we have only 1 bus reserved, which will hold 45 people. Sign ups for the tour will be taken at convention registration. The tour will stop at the NAS Fallon Officer's club to allow those who desire to purchase lunch. Please indicate on your advance reservation for if you intend to take this tour.



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