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FRONT COVER:

CVN 70 being the first carrier to break out the SM-6 "Cyclone" missile during RIMPAC.

Greetings, fellow warriors, members of the auxiliary, family, and friends of the association. I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. Another convention in the books. It was great to see everyone who attended. Thank you to each and every one of you who traveled from near and far to attend this event. The total attendance for this year's event exceeded all of my expectations, and I am happy to report that some of our normal attendees, who had to miss last year's event, were able to attend this year's convention. It continues to be my honor to work with each and every one of you in improving our association. I urge each one of you to look for ways to increase the impact of this organization on our profession and our community. We must rely on our members, with the guidance and assistance of our elected leaders, to chart the course we will navigate. The success of this association requires that we work together to achieve the best results.

First, I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the Lieutenant John W. Finn, Ordnanceman of the Year selectee, AO1(AW/SW) Trevor M. Danico, and the Runner-Up, AO1(AW) Timothy S. Sicignano. Congratulations also go out to our newest AAO Hall of Honor Inductees: CDR (Ret.) Johnny King, LtCol (Ret.) Darren Gallagher, CWO4 (Ret.) Ronald Jerasa, MGySgt Christopher McGuire, and AOC (Ret.) Edward Murphy. To all our newly elected and installed national officers, I offer my congratulations and my thanks for your willingness to serve this great organization. I would also like to express the association's appreciation to the former officers for providing the guidance necessary to keep

this organization operating smartly and effectively. To the national officers who continue to serve, I offer my personal thank you for your performance and the work required to support the association. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the association to the local chapter officers and members who work diligently to advance its purpose.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all of the members who selflessly worked to plan and support the execution of another successful annual convention. The success of this endeavor rests squarely upon the shoulders of an extremely small number of our members. They perform this work with very little recognition and even less reward. I will not individually recognize these members, as I am sure I would forget one or two, so I will just offer hearty thanks for all you do to support this event.

In closing I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas. Please keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization and the purposes to which it is dedicated. I look forward to the great work that this association will perform in the future.

IYAOYAS,

Matt

AAO President



Salutations Shipmates!

I hope you all had a good summer. For those of you around the world who actually have winter, break out the coats and battery-powered thermal underwear now (I'm glad we don't have to do that here in SD!!).

The convention was awesome this year. Attendance was up, business got done, and we all had an excellent time. I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it if you've never attended the convention, **WHY THE HELL NOT!?!?!?** You really need to come and see what we're all talking about. You'll see behind the curtain how the Association does what we do by attending the general business meeting and sitting in on one of the Board of Directors meetings. Remember, this is OUR Association, yours and mine; this isn't just for us old farts (yes, I'm there too). So, get involved and help steer us into the future.

I can't thank the Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAAO) enough for all of the efforts they make throughout the year to support the Association. But this year, they went over the top, raising over \$20,000 for the CDR Robert Crow Scholarship fund. The Friday auction was crazier than I can remember and raised more money than ever before. The generosity of our

membership never ceases to amaze me.

This year's John W Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year is AO1 (AW/SW) Trevor Danico from VFA-105 and the Runner Up is AO1 (AW) Timothy Siciignano from the USS Nimitz. Congratulations to you both! We added (5) members to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame. Welcome to the ranks CDR Johnny King, USN (Ret), LtCol Darren Gallagher, USMC (Ret), CWO4 Ron Jerasa, USN (Ret), MGySgt Christopher McGuire, USMC (Ret) and AOC Ed Murphy, USN (Ret). This year, the Association awarded \$23,000 between awardees Abigail Williamson, Lily Schommer, Alexa Horten, Jason Spaccarelli, Dominic Zimmer (MY GRANDSON!!!!!!), and Asher Lagerquist. Congratulations to you all! For those of you who are going to school or have family attending, and you're not submitting a scholarship package, **WHY NOT???** We had more money to give away than we had packages. You're doing yourself or your family members a disservice by not sending in a package.

Until next time, keep your powder dry.

IYAOYAS

Tim- AAO VP



Greetings Ordies—We had a great Convention in Reno this year. It was good to see some new faces and to see Chapters well represented again. The General Business Minutes are elsewhere in this edition of the Red Shirt.

Thanks to our re-elected Treasurer, Todd Pendleton, and BOD members Jeff Sassone and Al Dean for continuing to serve in their positions. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to serving and providing me with a sounding board over the past years.

Start NOW making plans for Convention 2025 to be held at the Silver Legacy Resort Reno, NV from 29 July thru 05 Aug 2025. Chapters need to contact me (POC info in the Red Shirt) or nationalaaosec@gmail.com to set up tables to sell merchandise. Come set up early at the AOLMC starting on Monday 28 July.

Chapter Officers – Chapter Reporting has been an ongoing issue, and we had to disestablish two Chapters this year. I need Chapter Minutes submitted to me on a regular basis. Do NOT put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to nationalaaosec@gmail.com.

Have a safe Holiday Season. I hope to see some of you in Laughlin at the Aquarius Resort (Reservation Code 'GR AAO 25') on January 15th—20th, 2025, for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend. It will be a good time for all and a chance to see what goes into the planning behind the scenes. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt and Website for more details.

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your secretary for the past 10+ years. If there is anything I can do to assist, just give me a shout. I look forward to seeing and meeting some of you all in Laughlin.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if any National Officers can assist you or your Chapter, ASK. IYAOYAS!

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary



IN SUPREME COMMANDERS SERVICE

CDR JOHN T. OLSON***

AO1 JOHN D. GASAWAY***

MR. BOB DUPREE***

CWO4 SAM DUNLAP***

AO1 JOHN W. BOWMAN***

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AO2 JIM WASS***

AOCS JACOB I. MOODY***

LCDR DONALD M. SMITH***

AOC TIM "DUCK" CARTER***

AO1 PAUL W. HEBERT II***

2024 Convention went well. Thanks to all those who attended and supported the scholarship cause this year. Our current finances are in good order.

Please consider now coming to the 2025 Convention, 31 July-3 Aug 2025, but decide early and get registered completed as soon as possible. The hotel reservation under Group Code (found on registration form) cut-off date for hotel reservations is 29 Jun 2024 through the link on www.redshirtnation.com. Don't call the hotel, you probably won't get the Group rate on your final bill, use the link before the cut-off date.

The cut-off for Convention Registration will be 18 Jul 2024. A late fee of \$10 will be charged after that date for Registration only, NOT an additional \$10 for each meal, the meal prices will remain the same. Look for all the updated information on the website after 1 Feb 2025.

Chapter Officers, take a look at your current membership status and encourage your members that are not National members to join National. It is easy now, go to www.redshirtnation.com and join via the website. If you are an inactive member, please contact me via email and get current on your annual dues or consider becoming a Life member. We want you to stay involved and contribute what you can; knowledge, time, expertise or donations. Remember, all elected Chapter Officers are required to be National members in good standing to hold their office, per the National by-laws.

The Annual Chapter Financial Reports are due at the General Business Meeting in Reno. Chapters should submit their annual financial report after the end of May 2025 and before 18 Jul 2025 to the National Treasurer. If your chapter has yet to submit the FY22-23 or FY23-24 Annual reports, do so. Those reports are part of our income tax filing and records. Chapter Treasurer's, if you

need the Form for the annual report, email me as soon as possible and I will send you the format.

Also, a new procedure in Appendix A was approved for all Chapters regarding Chapter Bank accounts. DO NOT open bank accounts in someone's name and SSN. Contact me for the Tax ID (EIN) 501(c)(6) and open an Association account for your Chapter. We do not want the IRS to come to a member or former Chapter Officer again to pay taxes on a Chapter's account income.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or contact info changed? If so, go to the website, print out the membership form, fill out all the information on the form, scan or take a photo of the form, and email to me with a note on the form "Info Update Only." When I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get your Red Shirt electronically via the "Info Update Only" method!! You can make the updates via filling out a membership form from the web site (www.redshirtnation.com) and note "Info Update Only" and e-mail them to me at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com. If you see your name on the Locator list, please send an email with your updated address in order to get the next Red Shirt. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address or email address and can't send them updated materials.

IYAOYAS!

Thanks,

M. Todd Pendleton

nationalaaotreas@gmail.com

National AAO Treasurer



NEW LIFE MEMBERS

AO3 Malcolm H. Hill	CDR Sonny Alexander
MSgt Charles E. Frick, USMC	AOC David E. Lindsey
CWO4 Lawrence C. Hurlbut	LTJG Aaron L. Hisle
LCDR Timothy P. Hutchison	AO1 Steven R. Almerood
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AO2 Chad V. Gieszl	AOC Michael R. Bruns
AO1 Mark K. Winn	AO2 Andrew R. Beisel
CWO2 Samuel T. Kackman, USMC	AO3 Eric M. Downie

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MGySgt Paul J. Schutze	AO2 Martin L. Jackson
AOC Chad D. Lester	AO1 Braiden A. Halcomb
AO1 Artmelyn B. Oclima	AOAN Jarrad T. McClary
AO1 Kevin L. Reuter	AO3 Ward W. Slack
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AO1 Kristen D. Brown	AO1 Roquia D. Flowers
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AO1 Jacob B. Goodwin	AO2 Timothy L. Burnett
AO3 Pedro T. Trombly	AOC Kenneth J. Stanford
AO2 Juan C. Rodriguez	AO1 Paulo J. Silva
MAJ Matthew A. Beard, USMC	AO2 Carlos N. Baez
AO1 Jenna V.M. Hood	
AO3 Alyson N. Cloud	
AO2 Alyssa M. Keefer	

LOCATOR

Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? Let them know to go to redshirtnation.com, fill out the membership form to update contact info and if you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com, snail mail or give me a call.

AT2 TRAVIS G. HERMSEN (RN)	AO2 AMBRILEEN F. LEE (NC)
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AO3 CHROSTOPHER M. NOVAK (RN)	AO1 JONATHAN A. GARZA (NC)
AO3 SARAH A. COWEN (RN)	AO2 TYLER METTS (RN)
AO2 JOSE A. MENDEZ (NC)	AO1 ALEKSEI BORISOV (RN)
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AOAN STACIE A. OLIVELLA (NC)	AO2 HUNTER ENGLERT (NC)
AO3 CHRISTIAN K. DELACRUZ (RN)	AO1 ETHAN T. MITCHELL (RN)
AOC DERRICK S. JOHNSTONE (RN)	

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RED SHIRT

Hello there!

Happy Fall!

Wishing you all the best with your loved ones during the holiday season.

I hope this finds you all well. We missed several of you this year at Convention. You all were greatly missed! So, let's fix that for next year. But meanwhile I would love to see some of you at the January Planning Meeting in Laughlin.

Let's talk about convention this year. Wow the Scholarship Auction made history this year. We raised over \$20K this year due to the generous donations and bids on the fantastic items. We are in such awwwww! We can't Thank You all enough!!!!

I am so excited for what the Auxiliary has planned for the upcoming Continuum and Convention

FY 2025. We will be discussing that in January in Laughlin. Please bring your ideas and suggestions we would love to hear from you.

We are working on auction items for the upcoming year, so if anyone would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate your contributions to our mission of supporting the CDR Robert L. Crow Scholarship fund.

I want send a big shout out to all of the AAAO members that continuously help make our chapter a success. I really appreciate all of the support for you all.

My email is treasz@sbcglobal.net; if anyone has questions, please feel free to reach out.

Regards,

Teresa Zimmer – AAAO President



RED!! What is up?!

I hope you ALL are well and enjoying your career.

The convention was AMAZING, as always. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it! I hope more can come next year!

I don't have much to say other than congratulations to our Scholarship awardees, our HOF, and, of course, our AOY and Runner-up AOY.

Please remember that when sending an article to redshirteditor@gmail.com, you have ONE (1) email containing an article and JPEG or PNG photos at the absolute highest resolution! I want your beautiful, glamorous faces to be seen!

IYAOYAS!

Red Shirt Editor

Web Master

AOY Chairman

BOD seat 1 (who wants it?!)

Amber

Committee	Deadline	Committee Chairmen
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HOF	23 JULY 2024	Jeff Sassone (nationalaaobod5@gmail.com)
AOY	23 JULY 2024	Amber Roth (aoychairman@gmail.com)

*dates subject to change

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MANY CHAPTERS ARE IN DELINQUENT OF MINUTES NOT BEING SUBMITTED.

AS PER THE AAO NATIONAL BYLAWS, IF MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE, AND TREASURER REPORTS
HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED FOR ONE (1) CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE CHAPTER WILL BE SENT A
WARNING LETTER OF DISESTABLISHMENT. IF CORRESPONDENCE IS STILL NOT RECEIVED, THE CHAPTER
WILL BE OFFICIALLY DISESTABLISHED

CHAPTERS IN JEOPARDY ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN **YELLOW**

CHAPTERS WITH WARNING LETTERS SENT ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN **RED**

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

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA

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Vice-President- AO1 Granaas
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Treasurer- Walter Johnson
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Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

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VP- AO2 Chancellor Ellis
Treasurer- AO1 Maggie DeSpain
Secretary- AO2 Ryan DaviesVA
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Pkwy
3rd Wednesday, 1800

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(Ret) Diane Mcqueen-Gipson,
AO1 (AD) Quentin Tabb, AO1
(AD) Max Mistecka
American Legion Post 255,
National City
1st Thursday, 1900

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3rd Thursday, 1900

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Vice President- AO2 Christopher
Bennett
Secretary- AO2 Bailey Kennedy
Treasurer- AO2 Ashley Li
American Legion Post 16 Fallon,
NV.
1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River
President: AO2 Emmanuel (EJ)
Yiaadeyadoga
Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer: Rob Pavel
Secretary: Ellen Bailey
BOD: Tom Brouwer, LT Chris
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Ruskbonilla
Master at Arms: AO2 Jeremiah
Acosta
O'riley's Irish Pub downtown
321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL
1st Wednesday, 1830

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

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Beaufort, SC**

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Vice-President-Chris Hooper
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Secretary-Jason Grayson
After Burners Staff NCO Lounge
1st Thursday 1645

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Molly McGee's onboard Naval
Base Guam
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 805- Point Mugu

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Chapter LHD 4 - Gator Chapter
DISESTABLISHED
Chapter LHD 7 - USS Iwo Jima
President-AO1 Rosalie A.
Lashley
On Board

**Chapter LHD 8 - USS Makin
Island**

President-AO1 Terrance Dukes
On Board
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VP: AO1 Halcomb
Sec: AO1 Oclima
Tres: AO2 Blackmon
MA: AO1 Masolo
On Board

**Chapter CVN 71- USS Theodore
Roosevelt**

President-AO1 Jose Pando
On Board

**Chapter CVN 72 - USS Abraham
Lincoln**

President-AO1 Roden
On Board

**Chapter CVN 73 - USS George
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President- AO1 Derrick
MinnittSharp
Vice President- AO1 Ashley
Ketchup
Secretary- AO1 Wanda
Carrasquillo
Treasurer- AO1 Julian Colbert
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Carter
On-Board

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President-AO1 Benjamin
Llewellyn
On Board

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Truman**

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Master at Arms-AO1 Everett
PAO-AO3 Nichols
Secretary-AO3 Bates
Treasurer-AO2 Crider
On Board

Chapter 76 - USS Ronald Reagan

President-AO1 Justin Fallon
On Board

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Bush**

President-AO1 Rebecca Wright
On Board

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Ford**

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VP - Nicholas Storie
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VFW Post 3160 111 A View,
Norfolk, VA
Last Thursday of every month,
1400

**Chapter Southernmost -
Key West, Fl**

Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee
ANNEX

**Chapter Spartan - Souda Bay,
Greece**

President-AO1 Gilmore Estrill
Meeting Time and Location
Varies
3rd Thursday of the month

Greetings from Chapter ONE in Lemoore, California.

We want to thank everyone who showed up at the convention and stop by our booth to say "HI" or just there to get some Lemoore swag. We appreciate everything you do and all the time and hard work it took to get it altogether. Well as most of you know we didn't have a picnic this year, due to low attendance. Our next meeting will be October the 26th at the Sidewinder Field. So if you're in town and looking for something to do that day come on down.

Congratulations to VFA-94, VFA-146, VFA-137, VFA-22, VFA-2, VFA-113, VFA-192, VFA-97, AND VFA-86 for F-35 on passing their most recent CWTPI's. Your hard work and continuous compliance to ordnance safety is reflected in a job well done.

To all our Squadrons and CAG's here in Lemoore who are training and preparing for deployment, be safe and keep your head on a swivel. We truly do appreciate the sacrifice and hard work that you all do.

Special shoutout to the following personnel on being selected for Chief Petty Officer here at NAS Lemoore, Phillip Bishop, Daisha Veal, David Oldes, Andrew Galindo, Austin Somerville, Devone Harper, Meliza Lombardi, Desmond Murff, Angel Rodriguez, Timothy Petri.

Membership is still low so if you find yourself in our area or need some place to go on a third Thursday of each month. Please spread the word to our Lemoore AO Brothers and Sisters. Take care and stay safe until we meet again.

IYAOYAS, Juan Dominguezgarcia

Chapter ONE Vice-President

AAO Chapter 8 Red Shirt Inputs for May-Aug 24

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

Since May our Chapter's membership has continued to grow, and we have added 22 new Life Time Members.

On May 18th, we hosted our annual Chapter Family Picnic at Mariner's Park, located within Naval Base San Diego. The event drew a commendable turnout of local Ordies from the area. It was a day filled with wonderful moments as we came together with our families and friends, forging strong bonds and creating lasting memories. Bravo Zulu to Diane McQueen-Gipson for all her dedicated work coordinating every aspect of this event.

On Memorial Day, May 27th, the Chapter made a meaningful visit to the gravesite of John Finn and Alice Finn, where we expressed our deep respect to be present at their final resting place.

On July 4th, several Chapter 8 members proudly participated in the Coronado Parade, one of San Diego's most prominent and largest parades. A total of 11 participants marched with unwavering pride, representing our chapter with honor.

On August 1st-4th, 12 Chapter 8 members traveled to Reno NV to participate in the 2024 AAO Convention. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all AOs who joined us at the Convention.

At our August AAO Chapter meeting, AO3 Jose Luna (USS ESSEX) was awarded our AO of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter 2024! We would like to congratulate and acknowledge him for his selection and consistent dedication and hard work in support of the Chapter.

We are immensely honored to announce the establishment of the Chapter's Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year award which was named in honor of AO1 (Diver) Patrick D. Crosby. AO1 Crosby's distinguished service and unwavering dedication to duty serve as an inspiring benchmark for all Aviation Ordnancemen. Our first ever awardee went AO1 (AW/SW) Max A. Mistecka.

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

Until next time, may our chapter continue to flourish and thrive. IYAOYAS! V/R Jane H Park

Chapter 8's current Leadership.

- President: AO1 Tristan Granaas
- VP: AO2 Jane Park
- Sec: AO3 Jose Luna
- Treas: CWO3 (Ret) Barry Stemler

BOD

- CWO4 (Ret) Gunner Goose
- CWO4 (Ret) Lester Gipson
- AOCM (Ret) Diane Mcqueen-Gipson
- AO1 (AD) Quentin Tabb
- AO1 (AD) Max Mistecka



NAVAIR PEO U&W Strike Weapons



Submitted by Bob Tyson/Barry Stemler

John was a very good friend of mine, I met him in the early 70's. He was an AO, worked his way up from E-1 to E-7, then went warrant and then on to LDO. He was in zone to make captain but the other two AO captains never retired so that left John to retire as commander. A very smart individual, well liked by all on the east coast.

There wasn't any mention of him being enlisted in the obituary because he married his second wife just before getting out of the Navy and they really know much about him in the Navy.

He did a tour in Vietnam, was on the precommissioning of the Nimitz where he ended up being as the W division officer, headed up OSAT and was the ComNavAirLant guy to go for in the ordnance field. He retired from active duty in that position and then a billet was made for him as a civil servant.

Would appreciate you seeing that he gets mentioned in the Redshirt. Thanks Barry, Bob T



The Men and Women of NAVAIR PEO U&W Strike Weapons hold various meetings in support of the FLEET throughout the year. During these events, the team holds multiple fund raisers in an effort to raise funds for the Aviation Ordnance Scholarship Fund. These meetings focus on weapons maintenance budget obligation and expenditure, emerging weapons maintenance requirements, and the prioritization of program resources to optimally support Fleet weapons maintenance related requirements. Participation is always impressive and the support received by all participants was outstanding. Participants included teammates from the FLEET; OPNAV N98, OPNAV N4L1, HQMC, MARFORS, CNAF, CNAL, CNSF, NAVAIR, CSS Teammates and PEO(U&W).

The overall fund raising events for 2024 culminated with a total of \$6,500 raised to support the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Fund. A check for \$6,500 was proudly presented by Ms. Ellen Bailey and CAPT Folsom to the Association during the AAO Convention Banquet in August, 2024.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

CONGRATULATIONS



CDR(RET)
JOHNNY KING



LTCOL(RET)
DARREN GALLAGHER



CWO4(RET)
RONALD JERASA



MGYSGT(RET)
CHRISTOPHER MCGUIRE



HALL OF FAME SELECTEES 2024



AOC(RET)
EDWARD MURPHY

RED SHIRT

LT JOHN W. FINN, AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN OF THE YEAR



AO1(AW/SW) TREVOR M. DANICO
STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON
ONE ZERO FIVE
(VFA-105)



CONGRATULATIONS

AO1(AW) TIMOTHY S. SICIGNANO
USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)



RUNNER-UP LT JOHN W. FINN, AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN OF THE YEAR

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 2024 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Matt Arnold, President, called the 2024 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0903, 03 Aug 2024, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Steve Varga, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The Ordie song was then played.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 57 members present for the Business Meeting.

General Announcements:

The President reminded everyone in attendance to fill out a General Business Meeting Registration card.

Official Announcements:

In accordance with ARTICLE VII, Section 2 of the By-Laws, the privilege of nominating, making motions, debating, and voting is reserved for regular members of the Association during the course of this meeting.

Under Roberts Rules of Order Article 31, when we get to the elections, the President will, after giving ample opportunity to make nominations from the floor, with no further nominations forthcoming, close the nominations. A motion to close nominations will be in order.

Report on the Board of Directors Actions During the Course of the Year (since last Convention 2023):

- a. Approved the Board of Directors Minutes from Convention 2023 (November 23, 2023). The minutes are part of Appendix A.
- b. Approved Board of Directors Minutes from January 14, 2024. The minutes are part of Appendix A. (April 1, 2024).
- c. Approved the disestablishment of Chapter LHD 4 Boxer. (May 9, 2024)
- d. Approved the disestablishment of Chapter DSW. (El Centro) (May 10, 2024)
- e. Approved the 2024/2025 Budget. (May 27, 2024)

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2023 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #152 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes was read, after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2023 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2023 General Business Minutes are enclosure (1) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2024/2025 Approved Budget including the 2023/2024 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room and on the tables. The Treasurer then asked if there were any questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2024/2025 Approved Budget is enclosure (2) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024 Convention Committee, JJ LaMaitre, Chairman –

The 2024 Convention is another great success and no major issues have come up. 2025 dates are July 30, 2025 to August 03, 2025 here at the Silver Legacy. Planning Conference for 2025 Convention to be held in Laughlin, NV at the Aquarius Hotel Resort on January 16th to 20th 2025. Reservation Code 'GR AA025'. We are here at the Silver Legacy through 2027. Reminded Chapters to reserve tables for selling their gear. Thanked Kirk Brado for his many years of dedication as Convention Chairman.

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

Major update to the Bylaws has been submitted. They were published in RS154, copies of the changes are available on the tables. A vote will be held to accept or reject during New Business.

AO Scholarship Committee, Jim Fish, Chairman Pro Tem-

Thanked the Chapters and the Auxiliary for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The Committee was comprised of six members, one Auxiliary member, and five retirees. The members represented over 231 years of Ordnance experience. A total of \$23,000 in Scholarships (broken up into 6 Scholarships) were awarded. There were 10 packages received, 3 of which were disqualified, leaving 7 applicants up for consideration. The reasons for disqualification include:

two (2) hand written and one (1) did not have an official transcript. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners for 2024:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow: \$7,500 Scholarship Award (1)- Abigail Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary Lau, \$6,500 Scholarship Award (1)- Lily Schommer, Daughter of Kevin Reuter, and \$3,500 Scholarship Award (1)- Alexa Horten, Granddaughter of Kirk Brado.

2024 Additional Scholarship Award Winners

In Memory Of LT Allen Teneyck Scholarship Donation: \$2,500 Scholarship Award (1)- Jason Spaccarelli, Brother of Bryan Spaccarelli

In Memory Of LCDR Chuck Onken Scholarship Donation: \$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)- Dominic Zimmer, Grandson of Tim Zimmer

Donation from CWO-4 James F. Saxton Scholarship Donation: \$1,000 Scholarship Award (1)- Asher Lagerquist, Son of Scott Lagerquist

AO of the Year Committee, Amber Roth, Chairman –

The committee considered 26 packages. 14 Members, including active duty and retired members representing over 451 years of Ordnance experience, participated in the deliberations. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, John W. Finn Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2024

AO1 (AW/SW) Trevor M. Danico, VFA-105

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, John W. Finn Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2024 Runner-Up

AO1 (AW) Timothy S. Siciignano, CVN-68 USS Nimitz

AAO Website Report, Amber Roth, Chairman –

Amber gave an update, many improvements to the website to make it user friendly. Absentee voting is available on the website.

Red Shirt Newsletter Report, Amber Roth, Chairman – Asked members/ Chapters when they submit an article for the Red Shirt to send different files for the article and any pictures, do NOT embed the picture in the articles. Any address issues must go to the Treasurer, he provides the addresses for the Red Shirt.

Membership Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

Overall, the National Association experienced some active member growth this last fiscal year in Life Members, but Annual memberships are falling off. Local chapter membership has been difficult to monitor as chapters do not report local memberships. National memberships from local chapters are minimal, at best:

The following is provided for your information:

1. Total Association Regular Members	FY22-23	FY23-24	
Total Active Members	1458	1577	
Life (Includes Associate Members)	885	943	
Annual (Includes Associate Members)	428	487	
Honorary (Included above)	145	147	
Past Due (01 June 2022 – 31 May 2023)	149	143	
2. New Membership			
New Regular Members	149	91	-39%
New Associate Members	2	3	
New Life Members	54	66	+22%
3. Other Demographics			
Inactive Members:	8064	8151	+87
Deceased Members	928	941	+13
4. Life Member Demographics			
Life Members making payments	9	12	
Contributing Life Members	391	431	+43 Note 1
Aged Out Life Members (Paid Life Dues have run out)	494	585	+23 Note 2

Note 1: This positive gain is less than the amount of gained Life Members due to losing the Aged-Out Life Members in
 Note 2: This number includes all Aged-Out Life Members and those that were grand-fathered Life Members which makes last year's number short of what it should have been.

Nomination Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

The following offices are open for election/reelection:

Nominee for the office of Treasurer: M. Todd Pendleton (Incumbent)

Board of Directors (Two): Seats presently held by Al Dean and Jeff Sassone. The Bylaws requirement for one seat must be Active duty has been met with Naomi Deppe.

Nominees for the Board of Directors: Al Dean (Incumbent), Jeff Sassone (Incumbent), William 'Bill' Taylor

If floor nominations are received a ballot will be required. The nominee must be present and accept the nomination. The voting will be conducted utilizing the ballots that were provided as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting and their membership status was verified to be current.

The voting procedures will be restated prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone, Chairman –

There were five packages up for consideration. Six members (4 HOF members and 4 Commanding Officer's) made up the committee and represented over 255 years of Ordnance experience. Encouraged Chapters to go find that deserving HOF candidate locally and submit a package. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and is presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen AO Hall of Fame Selectee's for 2024

LtCol (RET) Darren M. Gallagher

CDR(RET) Johnny King

CWO-4 (RET) Ronald Jerasa

MGySgt (RET) Christopher J. McGuire

AOC (RET) Edward F. Murphy

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll, Chairman – Gave an update on the John W. Finn Indoctrination room at the AO "A" Schoolhouse.

Reunion Book Committee, Steve and Sheryl Varga, Chairman –

The Reunion Book is \$25 cash, check, or cards accepted as payment. Requested that everyone get their pictures taken early and stated that the evolution will commence at 1600 until 1800 in Silver Legacy B.

Chaplain Report, Steve Varga, Chaplain –

Each and every AO that passes away will get a letter active member or not. Please keep the members and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Safety Committee, Mike Gramolini Chairman –

Will retire on December 31st and will be looking for a replacement as Safety Committee Chairman. Gave a Safety Review including shipboard forklift mishaps, risk assessment matrix, Explosive Safety Deviations Worldwide, Shore and Shipboard Inspection trends in FY 23 with common findings, and Inadvertent Firings. Stressed that safety is paramount in our day-to-day business.

15 Minute Break

Chapter Reports:

There are presently 26 active Chapters:

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Chris Hathaway
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	No Report
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Ryan Davis
Chapter 5	NAWC China Lake, CA	Greg Paulsen
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Tristin Granaas
Chapter 805	Pt. Mugu, CA	No Report

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Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Lindsay Smack
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV	Arin Felton
Chapter 22	NAS Patuxent River, MD	'EJ' Yiaadeyadoga
Chapter 34	NAS Pensacola, FL	Kylie Love
Chapter 39	MCAS Beaufort, SC	No Report
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report
Chapter 68	USS Nimitz (CVN 68)	No Report
Chapter 69	USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69)	Troy Howard
Chapter 70	USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)	No Report Deployed
Chapter 71	USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN71)	No Report Deployed
Chapter 72	USS Abraham Lincoln(CVN72)	No Report Deployed
Chapter 73	USS George Washington(CVN73)	No Report Deployed
Chapter 74	USS John C. Stennis (CVN74)	(RCOH)
Chapter 75	USS Harry S. Truman (CVN75)	No Report
Chapter 76	USS Ronald Reagan (CVN76)	No Report
Chapter 77	USS George H. W. Bush(CVN77)	No Report
Chapter 78	USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN78)	No Report
Chapter Key West	Key West, FL	No Report
Chapter LHD 1 Stingers	USS Wasp (LHD 1)	No Report
Chapter LHD-8 Raiders	USS Makin Island (LHD 8)	No Report
Auxiliary		Teresa Zimmer

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:

Total donations received was \$59,330.45 including Chapter donations (\$24,390.74), Friday night auction total \$11,425, and walk-up donations at the registration table of \$670.

Old Business: The President called for any further Old Business.

New Business: The President called for any further New Business.

2025 Convention Committee, JJ LaMaitre, Chairman –

Announced that next year's Convention will be held here at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV. The Convention is 30 July thru 05 August 2025. Chapters need to contact JJ LaMaitre (POC's info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Come early and set up for the AOLMC starting on Monday July 28th. Communication is the key to the success of all the planned activities at this convention. Room rates are \$86 Sunday – Thursday, and \$115 Friday / Saturday. Use the key link on the www.redshirtnation.com web site to make reservations.

President: Appointment of Committee Chairmen. Need to find a replacement for the Safety Committee Chairman.

Bylaw Change Proposals, Tim Zimmer VP. Major update to the Bylaws has been submitted. They were published in RS154, copies of the changes are available on the tables. A motion was made, seconded and voted on to approve the Bylaw changes as submitted.

President: Call for any more new business:

Dion Edon is going to explore the possibility of getting a donation button on Redshirtnation.com for the general fund.

Absentee Voting Status, Tim Zimmer, Vice President –

Total ballots received: 5

Invalid ballots due to not being a member or associate member: 0

Invalid ballots: 0

Total ballots to count during voting: 0

Absentee ballots received last year (2023): 0

Election of Officers, Matt Arnold, President –

NOTE: Article V (5) Section 3 states that “A minimum of two officers must be active-duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors” (Requirement met).

The President called for the election of Association Officers, he announced that the offices open for election are those of the Treasurer, and two seats on the Board of Directors.

The following individuals were nominated for the offices identified:

Nominee for the office of Treasurer: M. Todd Pendleton (Incumbent)

Nominees for the Board of Directors: Jeff Sassone (Incumbent), Al Dean (Incumbent), William 'Bill' Taylor

Election for the office of Treasurer, position currently held by M. Todd Pendleton.

The Nominees are: M. Todd Pendleton

M. Todd Pendleton was re-elected via floor voice vote (actuation) to continue to serve as Treasurer, term to expire 2027.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position 5 currently held by Jeff Sassone.

The nominees for the Board of Directors:

Jeff Sassone (Incumbent)

Al Dean (Incumbent)

William 'Bill' Taylor

Lindsey Smack – Floor nomination

Jeff Sassone was reelected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors (position 5), term to expire 2027.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position 6 held by Al Dean.

The nominees are:

Al Dean (Incumbent)

William Taylor

Lindsey Smack

Larry Hurbert

Al Dean was reelected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors (Position 6), term to expire 2027.

All officers will be sworn in at the BOD meeting following the GBM and installed after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed per new Bylaws voted in today.

Election of Officers up in 2025, Tim Zimmer, Vice President –

The following offices will be open for election/reelection in 2025:

President: Matt Arnold Capt. USN

Board of Directors (Two):

Amber Roth - Position 1

Steve Kashuba – Position 2

NOTE: Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2025. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligations of the office.

Matt Arnold deferred his nomination; Steve Folsom accepted his nomination for the office as President.

Steve Kashuba, Larry Hurbert, Lindsey Smack and Lindsey Rodriguez were all nominated and accepted to run for the offices on the BOD for 2025.

Further Business: The President called for any further business:

LTCOL Jesse Tallman USMC gave a state of the Marine Corps presentation.

Capt. Matt Arnold gave a brief of issues affecting Navy operations.

CDR Jim Fish CNAL gave a brief on manpower shortages that is affecting the entire fleet.

Input from the floor – Matt Arnold President:

Todd Pendleton Treasurer – Reminded the Chapters to NOT use their own SSN for the Association financial accounts.

That makes the individual responsible to the IRS for taxes. Call the Treasurer for the EIN of the Association.

Tom Crosby – Held as a POW during WWII as a child from January 1942 through February 1945 addressed the General Business Meeting.

Closing remarks & announcements, Matt Arnold, President –

The President announced that next year's 49th Convention would be held here at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 29 July thru 05 August 2025.

BOD meet to be held at 1330 in Silver Baron B.

A moment of silence was held for those all of our departed Shipmates.

Chaplain Steve Varga delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2024 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1202, 03 August 2024.

Enclosures 1 and 2 are on file with the National Secretary.

Submitted by:

John "JJ" LaMaitre

Secretary

Approved by:

Matt Arnold

President



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REF B IS 2024 AAO ANNUAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT MSG.// POC//M.
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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. AS IDENTIFIED IN REF B THE ASSOCIATION OF
AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN HELD ITS 47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN RENO, NV AT THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL AND
CONFERENCE CENTER FROM 01-04 AUGUST 2024.
2. IAW REF A AND B, THE AAO SELECTED, FROM A FIELD OF 26 OUTSTANDING
CANDIDATES, AO1(AW/SW) TREVOR M. DANICO FROM STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE ZERO FIVE AS THE 2024
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR (AOY) AND AO1(AW) TIMOTHY S. SICIGNANO FROM THE USS NIMITZ (CVN
68) AS THE AOY
RUNNER-UP. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF THESE SERVICEMEMBERS AND TO ALL OF THE NOMINEES FOR BEING
SELECTED AS THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMAND'S AOY.
3. THE ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE NAMED AFTER CDR(RET) ROBERT L. CROW WHO WAS AN
OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER OF EDUCATION AND
TRAINING WITHIN THE AVIATION ORDNANCE COMMUNITY. THE 2024 RECIPIENTS ARE:
A. ABIGAIL WILLIAMSON, GRANDDAUGHTER OF GARY LAUN, \$7500.
B. LILY SCHOMMER, DAUGHTER OF KEVIN REUTER, \$6500.
C. ALEXA HORTEN, GRANDDAUGHTER OF KIRK BRADO, \$3500.
4. A SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF LT AL TENECYK. THE AWARDEE IS:
A. JASON SPACCARELLI, BROTHER OF BRIAN SPACCARELLI, \$2500.
5. A SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF LCDR CHUCK ONKEN. THE AWARDEE IS:
A. DOMINIC ZIMMER, GRANDSON OF TIM ZIMMER, \$2000.
6. DONATION MADE BY CWO4(RET) JAMES SAXTON. THE AWARDEE IS:
A. ASHER LAGERQUIST, SON OF SCOTT LAGERQUIST, \$1000.
7. THE AAO HALL OF FAME INDUCTED CDR(RET) JOHNNY KING, LTCOL(RET)
DARREN GALLAGHER, CWO4(RET) RONALD JERASA, MGYSGT(RET) CHRISTOPHER MCGUIRE AND AOC(RET) EDWARD
MURPHY.
8. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE 2025 ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN ANNUAL CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED FOR 31 JULY-03 AUGUST 2025 AT THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL
AND CONFERENCE CENTER IN RENO, NV.
AN ANNOUNCEMENT MSG WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY 2025.
9. PLEASE FORWARD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO THE AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT, CAPT MATTHEW ARNOLD
(NATIONALAAOPRES@GMAIL.COM).
10. REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION.// BT
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I AM AN ORDIE

I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND NAVSEA OP 4 AND 5

AND I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE ORDNANCE OFFICER APPOINTED OVER ME.

I WILL HONORABLY REPRESENT THE ORDIE CULTURE OF BROTHERHOOD AND COMRADERY

AND I WILL FAITHFULLY FOLLOW THE LESSONS OF THOSE BEFORE ME THAT WERE WRITTEN IN BLOOD

I WILL PROUDLY SERVE MY COUNTRY AND BE FAITHFUL TO MY ORDIE HERITAGE,

A TRADITION OF WORK HARD AND A LEGACY OF PLAY HARD.

I WILL CONTINUALLY REMAIN FLEXIBLE IN ORDER TO MEET THE FLIGHT SCHEDULE.

I WILL HAVE NO GREATER TASK BEFORE ME

WHETHER MY JOB IS TO BUILD, DELIVER OR LOAD ORDNANCE.

IN MY CONDUCT, I WILL ABIDE BY THE SAILOR'S CREED.

I AM COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE AND THE FAIR TREATMENT OF ALL.

WHILE ON LIBERTY I WILL NEVER LEAVE A BEER OR A PASSED OUT ORDIE BEHIND.

I WILL NEVER FORGET MY COIN AND

I WILL NOT FAIL.



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