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1983 CONVENTION NEWS

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen held it's eighth Annual Convention on 24-25 June 1983 in Reno, Nevada. The turn-out was overwhelming and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We had 96 members at the General Business Meeting and 191 for dinner and dancing.

The 1983 Convention Committee (Don Baumer) did an outstanding job in making all the necessary arrangements. WELL DONE. Rear Admiral Paul Gilcrist, our guest speaker at the dinner gave a very informative presentation.

The General Business Meeting was chaired by our President, Don Baumer and was attended by 96 of our members (list elsewhere in this newsletter). CWO Troy C. Moore was elected to serve as Vice-President for a term of three years. Len Preston and Jim Rupert were re-elected to the Board of Directors for another three years. Bob Crow was selected to serve as Chaplain of the Association for a period of two years. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers. The membership present decided to increase the value of each scholarship award to \$300.00.

Las Vegas, Nevada was selected as the site for the 1984 Convention and Bill Davis, Paul Collins and Charles Atwell plan to make it bigger and better than 1983. June 22-24 1984 is the weekend selected, so make your plans to attend now. Details will be published as they become available.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to Edmond D. Farrell of Garden City, NY. and David Vasques of San Jose, CA. on being selected as the 1983 winners of our Scholarship Awards.

Submitted By:
Tom Robins Sec./Tres.

It seems John Delaney convinced his wife that AO'S talk shop 100% of the time at conventions, so he went to Reno alone.

(Editors note) Nancy, AO's DO NOT talk shop 100% of the time. Hope to see you in Las Vegas in "84".

LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

To: All Members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

As you may or may not know - The Congress of the United States has before it a number of bills that should be of great concern to you as an active duty officer or enlisted man or as a retiree. Some of our representatives in Washington are determined to reduce our pay and privileges ie: Commissary, Medical, COLA etc.

I have recieved the following letter from one of our shipmates and I would like to see each of you use it as aguide and write to each of your Congressmen and Senators and let them know how you feel about the subject.

Thomas D. Robins
LCDR USN (Ret.)
Sec./Tres.

Dear Senator/Congressman:

I am a member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, an organization dedicated to promote the professionalism of the Aviatichn Ordnance Rate within the United States Navy and Marine Corps. All of my fellow members are either presently on active duty, retired or discharged service members. Many have served 20 or 30 years and many more are career orientated.

We are the men who handle all the weapons used in Naval Aviation and know full well the need for preparedness and the need for new weaponry to keep abreast with changing times.

I am concerned about the outcome of the many studies being conducted by various committees concerning the reduction of benefits of the active duty serviceman and those actions already taken in regards to the retired military. The reduced COLA for retirees under age 62 is of particular concern to me and to many active duty personnel planning on 20 to 30 year careers. It could cause some to consider other careers where even the base pay is much higher.

You have done much to promote and restore the prestige of all the military services. PLEASE, do not, for the sake of cost reduction, let those who are for slashing the military pay, retirement pay, commissaries, medical care and other benefits, undo what you have worked so hard to achieve.

To start with, I understand Congressman Bill Chappel (FL) has introduced legislation to repeal the provisions of reconciliation dealing with cost of living allowances and to restore the bi-annual COLA provision. These measures are H.R. 493 and H.R. 494 respectively. I ask your support on these bills.

I and my fellow members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen have been proud to serve our country in many conflicts, in peacetime and in war. I want to feel that my country will continue to support the Armed Forces and not demean our dedication.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONNEL ATTENDED THE BUSINESS MEETING AT THE 1983 CONVENTION HELD IN RENO, NEVADA.

Donald G. Baumer	Thomas D. Robins	Robert L. Glanville
John Haster	Gerald F. Gannon	Harry Quinlan
Larry Witt	George Segars	Carl Tegfeldt
Digger O'Dell	Paul Collins	Bill Davis
Lloyd Bowman	Jim Soots	Milo Benson
Les Ovre	John T. Delaney	John T. Delaney IV
Richard J. Quinn	Lee Dodson	Al White
Ken Girkey	Len Preston	Hank Holman
Tom Shelton	Bud Enloe	Frank Thill
Larry Hathcock	Carl Swartzendruber	Abie Kall
Opel Anders	Bob Branum	George Furze
Robert E. Tuthill	Dave R. Banks	D.L. Butler
Harry J. Downey	Spike Payne	Dick Wales
Neely C. Hall	John Buckley	J.L. Mc Comb
Ed Beach	Ron Ross	Bill Foote
Frank Culligan	Walt Frazier	Tan Watson
Howard Cady	Jim Rupert	Don Strong
George R. Guzman	Kenneth L. Foster	A.J. Sekeres
Virgil G. Burke	Murrel S. Owen	John H. Baugh
Robert E. Underwood	Charles R. Onken	Harry G. Self
William N. Overby	Jim Irving	Carl Winslow
Troy C. Moore	J.L. Vick	Del Oakes
Joe Manley	Nash J. Flores	Charles W. Atwell
Edward C. Worman	R.J. McCowen	George M. Adams
Robert L. Crow	Jimmy W. Willard	Bradley J. Tilgner
Oscar T. Black	Jack L. Wilson	Fred D. August
James J. Bechtold	Marvin G. Davis	Robert E. Barnhart
Fred A. Feakes	Clifford DeGraw	Glynn Surles
M.J. Taylor	Murle R. Wilson	L.M. Tucker
E.G. Hammond	Howard C. Gilmore	Ronald W. BUSHTA
David P. Michel	James A. Fluker	William L. Dunnam
Dominic Durinzi	Buddy R. Hembree	Earl D. Hennon

This list was taken from the General Business Meeting Registration Sheet.

MOFFETT FIELD CHAPTER

The AO's from NAS Moffett Field have decided that they want to be Chapter #2 in the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Their letter of intent has been received and is being processed at this time.

Anyone wanting info contact Charles Atwell, VP-31 Staff, NAS Moffett Field.

WHIDBEY ISLAND CHAPTER

Not to be out done by Lemoore or Moffett the AO's at Whidbey Island have submitted their letter of intent and it also is being processed. They will be Chapter #3.

Anyone wanting info contact David Michel, 6270-60th NW Ave. Oak Harbor.

NEWS FROM CHAPTER ONE LEMOORE

ELECTION OF OFFICES: LCDR CHUCK ONKEN PRESIDENT, AOC RON THOMAS VICE PRESIDENT, LTJG MIKE TAYLOR SECRETARY, AO2 TED DISTEFANO TREASURER.
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AOL M. KHARRL.

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AUSTIN, ROGER A. A01
TOWER, WAYNE C. A02
WOODINGTON, G.S. A03
MUNDAY, LEO T. PFC
WALDEN, JAMES E. AOAN
LEE, BRUCE P. A01
DANIELS, PHILIP E. ENS
HENNON, EARL D. Assoc
WEISS, JOHN C. A01 Ret
BINGHAM, JAMES H. AOC Ret
SCHROEDER, RONALD D. A03
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CUNNINGHAM, JOHN G. AOC RET
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EDGINGTON, DONALD A02
OWENS, MICHAEL A02
THOMPSON, JOSEPH AOAN
ROCKWELL, JOSEPH AOAN
BOND, JOSEPH AA
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HUFF, JEFFREY W. A02
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JONES, B.R. Jr. SGT
JUBB, JOHN D. A01 Ret
KECK, DALE P. A01 RET
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DOWDY, ROBERT A. A02
LOGAN, THOMAS K.
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SHIRE, JOE E. A03
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ALT, WALTER L. Assoc
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FURZE, GEORGE F. AOC RET
SENNESETH, ROBERT A. AOC
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LOGAN, BARTLETT W. LCDR Ret
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ROBERTS, DONALD AOC
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CRONEY, RICHARD A01
SALCIDO, PHILIP A02
ROBERTS, ROBIN A02
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REEVES, DANIEL A02
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CARTER, WARREN E. A01
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KREIS, JACK A. CW04
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COLOMBO, PETER P. A03
WILLIAMS, BRIAN
DISTEFANO, THEODORE E. A02
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CLAYTON, JESSE L. A01
THOREN, GLENN E. AOAA
HAMMER, TOBIAS A03
BILLICK, KENNETH A01 RET
KENNEDY, WAYNE F. GY/SGT
SMITH RICHARD T. CW03
JONES, RICKY C. A03

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AUTRAND, JAMES D. AOC	LELAND, DONALD G. AO	CRAWFORD, JOHN C. AO Ret
JENSEN, DONALD A.	BATTERMAN, GEORGE K. A01	PRESTON, WILLIAM A. A01
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CALAWAY, CHARLES C. AOC	BEYER, DONALD J. CW04	MUNOZ, LEO A.
HURST, ROBERT W. AO3	DAVIS, MICHAEL P. AO3	ROBERTSON, ROBERT R. A01

WOULD LIKE TO LOCATE:

AOC DOUGLAS JOE WHITAKER, last known duty station was NAS MOFFETT FIELD.
Please contact LCDR RALPH SPANGLER, COMNAVAIRPAC Code 92. NAS NORTH ISLAND, SAN DIEGO
CA. 92135.

JOB HUNTERS:

Any Retired or EX AO's seeking employment.
Marv Davis has supplied me with a list of contractors from the Pt. Mugu area. If
interested send me a stamped self addressed envelope for the list, or to Marv Davis,
VSE Corp. 3410 South "A" Street, Oxnard, Ca. 93033-6199
Space not available to place list in newsletter.

R.E. UNDERWOOD

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

LIFE MEMBERSHIP costs are based on your age and are:

29 and Below	\$295	55 - 59 inc.	\$140
30 - 34 inc.	\$265	60 - 64 inc.	\$120
35 - 39 inc.	\$235	65 - 69 inc.	\$105
40 - 44 inc.	\$210	70 - 74 inc.	\$ 80
45 - 49 inc.	\$180	75 and above	\$ 20
50 - 54 inc.	\$160		

You may pay the full LIFE MEMBERSHIP fee in one payment or in ten (10) equal monthly installments. If you prefer to pay monthly, you should send an initial installment of one-tenth of the total cost for your age group with this application. We will enter your LIFE MEMBERSHIP, send your Life Member card and bill you each month until the full fee is paid. You will then be a member of The ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN for life at no further cost.

In the event a member paying on the installment plan finds that for some reason he is unable to complete full payment within the time allowed, all monies paid will be credited toward paid up annual membership at the standard annual rate. (Presently \$10.00)

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ SSAN _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ MEMBER NO. _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ representing one-tenth of the total fee for my age group, as the first installment toward Life Membership in The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Please bill me for the remaining installments on a monthly basis.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ in full payment for Life Membership in The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

_____ Date _____ Signature

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

Return this form with your first payment.

NEWS FROM MIRAMAR

Fightertown has been busy since the convention with alot of detachments to Fallon and El Centro. The gunnery runs have run well except for a rash of case neck separations on some lots of ammo. All hands should check on this prior to any gun detachments.

AOCM SAM ROBERSON retired on 7 Sept. with 30 plus years active duty. His last duty station was at COMNAVAIRPAC CODE 90. Good luck Sam on your future.

AOCM BOB HOLDMAN will be relieving him.

AOCM DON SANDERS is still carrying the load a COMFITAEWINGPAC, but we expect an ordnance officer to come aboard at any time.

The USS CARL VINSON, CVN-70 will be back soon and start operating out of San Francisco, this will get us back on another onload/offload at S. F. but it will be worth it for the additional deck.

Congratulations to the new chapters being established. How about you guys on the East coast.

EDITORS NOTE.

HOW ABOUT MIRAMAR? DID T.C. FORGET TO MAIL THE LETTER OF INTENT AGAIN?

JOE McNALLEY, our PMTC Rep. is getting set for a tour at Okinawa. We picked up two more PMTC Reps for our MAT team. CHUCK MUSCATO and JOHN DeVRIES.

Submitted by Jim Irving

DRAGON SAVES SHIPMATE.

A01 Mitch A. Heskett VA-192 was recently credited with saving a shipmate from severe injury. During a night recovery aboard the USS Ranger, Heskett was standing on the left side of a squadron A-7E which was at idle power, Heskett noticed a crash and salvage man approaching the aircraft from the other side. Instantly the suction began to pull the man into the intake. Acting instinctively, Heskett dove in front of the intake and pulled the man to safety.

Since the pilot could not see the crashman's proximity to the intake, only Heskett's brave action saved his shipmate from a terrible fate. Recognizing his heroism, the Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific Fleet, named Petty Officer Heskett "Pro of the Week," and sent him a special letter of appreciation.

A01 James Allison was awarded a Letter of Commendation for life-saving efforts while on the flight deck of the USS Coral Sea. Royal Mace Allison Quite possibly saved the life of ship mate by pulling him from the intake of turning A7E aircraft. A01 Allison was also nominated for AIR PAC Pro-of-the-Week.

AOAN JOHN GARY NOLAN VA-147 was nominated for COMNAVAIRPAC Pro-of-the-Week for his unhesitating response to a dangerous situation, preventing possible fire, explosion, chemical burns or toxic fume inhalation.

TAPS

AOC (Retired) Earl E. Carver passed away on 16 July 1983. Friends and shipmates send their condolences to Mrs. Dorothy Carver. Anyone wishing to send a special message may send it to 1515 E. Reno Ave. Apt. A-105, Las Vegas, NV. 89119.

Captain Ralph Graef USMC (Retired) passed away 13 April 1983. Anyone desiring to may make contributions to the heart fund in Ralphs name.

A01 Gregory F. Oliver died 15 July from injuries sustained in a car accident in Nevada. He was assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 125 NAS Lemoore.

LEMOORE, Cont

At our last meeting by unanimous vote Chapter One will award a \$100.00 Scholarship to a Lemoore/ Hanford area student. This was matched by AOC Don Walker VA-94 and AOC Royce ~~Dunn~~ NAS WEAPONS.

Chapter One accepted full concessions on AO Association merchandise with a small profit for chapter one and 10% of profits to the national scholarship fund. This will be by mail order, handled by Bob Underwood, 1080 Cinnamon Dr. Lemoore, Ca. 93245. Phone no. (209) 924-2002, A/V949-3451. Orders have already been placed for the items below. It would be appreciated if you mailed in your order ASAP so we don't have to go to the National for front money. Our vender has given us 60 days delayed payment. Make checks payable to ASSOC. OF AVIATION ORD. CHAPTER ONE. The T-Shirts, Ball Caps, Ball point pen/pencil sets, 3/4" tie tacks, patches and decals are full 5 color. The coffee cups are English Ironstone ceramic mugs, white with red logo on one side and Bursting Bomb on the other. The lined Jackets are red with white logo on back with bursting bomb on front left breast.

FOR CHAPTERS: at no extra charge, add your chapter number, and city to T-shirts (min 24), Hats (min 24), coffee mugs (min 72, and Jackets (min 12).

FOR SURVEY ONLY: Belt Buckles at \$8.00 ea. Would you buy one? Comment on order Form. For detailed info contact Bob Underwood. If we get 100 yes's we will order them.

ORDER FORM

T-SHIRTS @ \$8.00 ea.	QTY _____	SM M LG XLG	(circle size (s))
HAT @ \$6.00 ea	QTY _____		
PEN/PENCIL SET @ \$12.00	QTY _____		
TIE TACKS @ \$3.00 ea	QTY _____		
COFFEE MUGS @ \$5.00 ea	QTY _____		
4" PATCH @ \$3.60 ea.	QTY _____		
DECAL @ \$1.75 ea	QTY _____		

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