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Happy 100th Birthday

John W. Finn



*USS Boxer AO Chapter LHD4
IYAOYAS
2009*



Chapter 74 completing COMREL projects in Singapore



Chapter 74 completing COMREL projects in Sasebo



Jacksonville Chapter 9 celebrating the Ordie Birthday



Pensacola Chapter celebrating the Ordie Birthday



Chapter 22 Highway Clean-up



From Left to right: LT Joe Thompson, Brigadier General Jalal, Brigadier General Thafer (RET), Mr. Fred Bryant, Mohammed Al Kasisi, Interpreter



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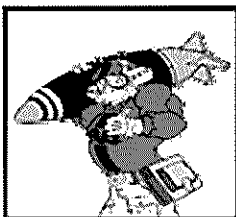
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Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
President: LCDR Gerry Gladders
559-998-3535
Fleet Reserve, Lemoore
3rd Monday, 1730

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA
President: AO1 Dustin "Roy" Edsall
Dustin.edsall@navy.mil
360-257-2077
VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey)
2nd Wednesday, 1730

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA
President: AOC Mike Hayden
757-433-2339
Moose Lodge, VA Beach
3rd Wednesday, 1630

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA
President: AOC Larry Hill
760-939-5430
VFW 4084, 117 N. Alvord
2nd Flex Thursday, 1830

Chapter 7 - Naval Base Ventura County, CA
President: Don Travis
805-385-7222
Weapons Dept. Conf Room Bldg. 68, NBVC
1st Wednesday, 1130

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA
President: AO1 Nanise M. Schroeder
619-545-6221
Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista
1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
President: AOC Robert Price
904-422-6792
Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
President: AO1 Dow
808-839-2226 ????
Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV
President: AO1 T. Hixson
775-217-3457
American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
1st Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River
President: AOC(AW/SW) Christian Saxon
301-997-0036
VFW, Post 2632 California, MD
3rd Wednesday, 1900

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843-228-7827
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Chapter 63 - USS Kitty Hawk
CV 63 President: AO1 Shawn M. Peacock
Forward Deployed

Chapter 65 - USS Enterprise
CVN 65 President: AO1 Julius Carter
On Board

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz
CVN 68 President: AO1 John Hardy
On Board

Chapter 70 - USS Vinson
CVN 70 President: Ryan P. Burton
On Board

Chapter 72 - USS Lincoln
CVN 72 President: AO1 Anthony Diego
On Board

Chapter 74 - USS Stennis
CVN 74 President: CWO4 Eric Richmond
On Board

Chapter 75 - USS Truman
CVN 75 President: AO1 Wes Thompson
On Board

Chapter 76 - USS Ronald Reagan
CVN-76 President: AO1 Gregory Johnson
On Board

Chapter Key West,
Southern Most President: AO2 Ryan Smith
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Southernmost VFW Post 3911
1st Thursday, 1700

Chapter Pensacola - Pensacola, FL
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James.mackie@navy.mil
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Kooter Browns
1st Wednesday, 1830

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Chapter CVW 5 - Deployed
President: AO1 Corey Hester
Forward Deployed



Letters To The Editor

Kevin:

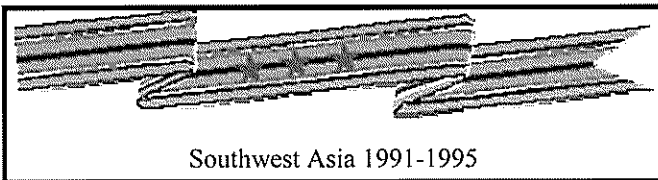
Just a note from an old geezer who graduated from Norman, OK in the summer of 1943. When I called to J.J. in Santee, California to get an application for your organization he asked where I had gone to Ordie School, and when I told him that it was Norman he must have been astounded because he was under the impression that we were all dead. I will be 86 in August. and am still hanging in there. With any luck at all maybe I can work in a few more years.

After leaving Norman I went to Purcell, OK to gunnery school and then on to Cherry Point, N.C. and into B-25s where I became a top turret gunner. Most of the 50 Calibers were my responsibility and I loved every minute of it. I still talk to one of the men from my squadron (622) and it is great to be able to read in the Red Shirt about the men and women in today's service. Not too long ago I found out that my dad had done the same type of work with guns in the first world war in a fighter squadron (Spads) and that really made me feel good. He must have passed the love of guns down to me.

One of the things that I remember about Norman was that Tex Beneke was in charge for all the bands and orchestras on the base and it took a lot to get a dance with any of the girls that were brought on the base for that purpose. There were at least 22,000 sailors and only about 1800 marines so it became a real chore and we had to think very fast to outdo the big challenge.

Thank you for a great publication and I'll keep reading until Taps over takes me.

George E. Tisdale, Sgt.retired U.S.M.C.



Southwest Asia 1991-1995

To all chapters,

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

Thanks for the help, Editor

At the 2009 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer Positions in the AA-OEF. I as Foundation President am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:

Office	Incumbent
Board of Director	LCDR Donald Howard, USN, (Ret.)

Eligibility requirements for these offices and the duties of the office are in the AAOEF Bylaws, which you can find by going to: <http://aaoweb.org/AAO> then clicking on Scholarship Information then scroll down to and click on the Bylaws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Regular Member of the Association nominate them.

I, as President of the Foundation, will be accepting advance nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail for collection and presentation to the Associations President. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting. To make a nomination you must be a Regular Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination. All nominations of individuals received will be verified as current Regular Members of the Association through the National Treasurer. According to AAOEF Bylaws, Article V, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 4 contains specific requirements for individuals that are to be nominated for Treasurer ONLY.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the first meeting of the Association's Board of Directors.

Mail advance nominations to: 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7517 or E-Mail them to: egunner@lightspeed.net.

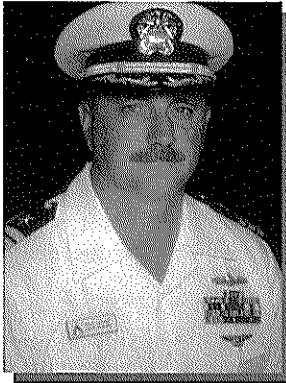
If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (386) 445-0968 (H)/ (386) 405-6940 (Cell).

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AAOEF President

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AAO President



Shipmates, fellow Ordies, Family and Friends,

Hope everybody is ready for summer, it sure showed up fast. Speaking of summer have you made your reservations yet for the Convention? We all would love to see you there. The Symposium and Convention committee sure has been busy taking care of all the details to make this another OUTSTANDING

gathering of the Ordnance Profession. As you know this is an election year and want to tell you all I'm extremely honored that I've had the chance to represent the Association.

Let me tell you a little of the happening here in the DC area. The CNO has once again testified before Congress and if you did not know, the CNO leads about 600,000 Sailors and civilians of the United States Navy. He ensured that our civilian leadership on Capital Hill knew that our Navy and Marine Corps team is making a difference around the world. As you know we are deployed and present in forward areas around the world and defending our nation and national interests in all respects. CNO is making sure we remain ready to fight today, tomorrow and is determined to develop and support our naval service. CNO stated very clearly that we made great progress this past year. Sustaining our Navy's maritime dominance which requires the right balance of capability and capacity to meet the challenges of today and those we will face in the future. For sure it demands our Navy remain ready. CNO also pointed out that we have increased our partnership with our maritime partners on a global spectrum. Our attempt is to ensure that our partners can share some of the responsibilities of a free world.

CNO also reported we are building tomorrow's Navy. USS GEORGE W. BUSH (CVN 77) earlier this year joined the water front in Norfolk and that we have reached several milestones in Naval Aviation over the last year. Recently, the first P-8A Poseidon aircraft successfully completed its first flight. (The P-8A will replace our aging P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft). The delivery of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is just around the corner also. While the CNO is concerned with building our Navy of tomorrow he is focused intensely on today's fight. Our Sailors are fully engaged on the ground, in the air, and at sea in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. On the ground, the Navy has more than 10,000 active and reserve Sailors in Central Command supporting Navy, Joint Force, and Combatant Commander requirements. CNO has stated very clearly that

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AAO Vice President

It is time again to get those Absentee ballots filled out and in the mail to me. You will find in this newsletter an absentee ballot for all of you that will not be able to attend this year's symposium and convention. This allows our members who can't attend the annual convention to still participate in the election and voting process. It is the time again to vote for your selection of the President, and two Board of Directors. The below listed individuals have been nominated for those positions.

President	Dave Lepard, Capt, USN
Board of Directors	Gerald W. Gladders, LCDR, USN
	Kevin Dowd, LCDR, USN

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a brief biography of each nominee to familiarize you with the candidates. You will also find an absentee ballot for your use.

DO NOT SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION

Nomination for the offices will still be accepted from the floor and members who have previously submitted absentee ballots will not be permitted to vote if they attend the General Business meeting. If you do decide to attend the annual convention and have submitted an absentee ballot you may request to have your ballot destroyed and then vote during the elections.

When submitting your absentee ballot, clearly mark your ballot for the nominee(s) of your choice. When marking your choice for board of directors insure that you follow the instruction on the ballot. **Your ballot must have your printed name, membership number and be signed and dated in appropriate box to be valid.** When you have filled out your ballot place it in a sealed envelope. Mail to the address below and included on the ballot. All ballots must be delivered to me postmarked not later than 1 August 2009.

BALLOTS RECEIVED IN ANY OTHER MANNER THAN INDICATED ABOVE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Mail all absentee ballots to the following address:

AAO Nomination Chairman
2099 Thomas Ct
Fallon, NV. 89406

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AAO Secretary

Greetings Ordies,

Our convention is getting close and it looks to be another great event so get your reservations in. As A reminder to all Chapters please get your monthly minutes into me. I do pass them to the President so he can keep abreast of your activities.

Congrats to the new AOCM's. Great job guys!!!!

BLAKE KEVIN C	FOBBS ANTHONY
LASKIE GLENN	LOYOLA LAMBER
PRESSWOOD DAV	

AOCs's

ALLEN JOSHUA	BLUM MICHAEL
BRATCHER JEFF	BURTON DARRYL
CHEVALIER REY	DEWALD ELIZAB
HECKER KENNET	HIRONS ROBERT
HOLMES RICHAR	JIMENEZ STEVE
MONTOYA LAWRE	ROBINSON DERR

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AAO Treasurer

Have you had a promotion, or change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so I can update your record.

CONVENTION – Look for the registration form located elsewhere in the Red Shirt. You can also download one from the web site. We had to raise the Social cost \$5.00 (from \$30 to \$35) due to increasing costs. Any questions please give me a shout.

Address changes have gotten better, BUT are still costing your Association. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaotreas@cox.net.

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

Until next time IYAOYAS.

JJ LaMaitre

AAO Treasurer

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/>

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FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS

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I elect to receive my Red Shirt by downloading it from the Website only. () Please Initial.

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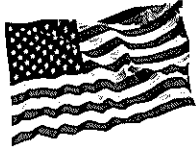
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GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN

SPECIAL !!!!!!!!!!!!!

FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION
ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT
CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.



Southern Most Chapter Key West

TAPS

- *AO1 Eric G. White
- *AOCS Louis S. Treadwell
- *AOC Jerry A. Williams
Bill Southerland
- AOC John C. Crawford USN Ret.
- *AOC Robert N. Mullins
- *AOCM Lee D. Little
- *AOC Felix J. Roberson
- AOCS Robert S. Waldron USN Ret.
- *AOC Ted R. Marshall
- AOCS James F. Love USN Ret. 'Plankowner'
- CDR Wilmer 'Bill' R. Northup USN Ret.
- AOC Felix J. Roberson USN Ret.
- *AO1 Ray F. Nichols
- CWO3 Marty Shulte USN Ret.
- AOCM Kenneth G. Jones USN Ret.
- * Info from FRA Today Newsletter

Mr. Costa ,

The AAO Southernmost chapter adopted a retirement home in Key West. We go by and mingle with the residents by playing board games, bingo, or just listen to their stories. It really makes their day. We also stop by about every three weeks to take care of the grounds keeping. The city usually sends people (prisoners) to take care of the lawn and debris but the residents said it's once in a blue moon. So I told Trish the director of the facility that we would be happy to help them and the AAO would love to do the outside up-keep to the facility. I have enclosed some pictures from the visits. We will be returning to Bayshore Manor on April 20th for some board games. AOAA Bonds has also set up a car wash on April 18th at the VFW post 3911 to raise money for the AAO scholarship fund.. We will send pictures after the event. Thank you and hope all is well.

Very respectfully,

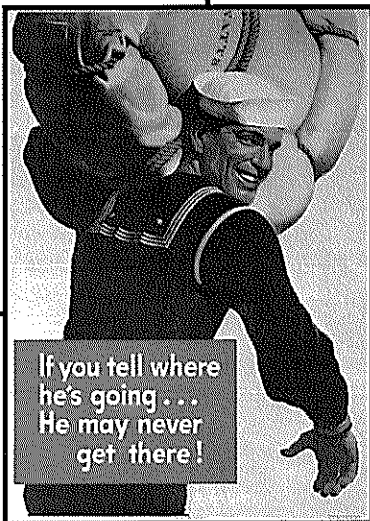
AO2(AW) Ryan M. Smith
Navy Munitions Command Det. Key West

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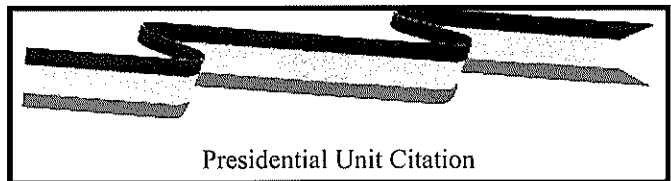
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20 JAN 10
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Please submit via
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If you tell where
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He may never
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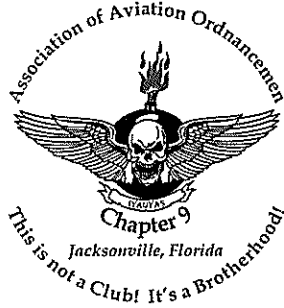


Presidential Unit Citation





Chapter 9



Greetings to all from Chapter 9 Jacksonville, Florida. We have been moving forward in training of our active duty folks; retraining our older and retired folks keeping them abreast of new developments beyond "Dumb bombs and Hernia Bars" thanks to many of our NAVAIR and other folks that provide us these

critical materials for our training.

We had 88 NJROTC marksmanship teams participate in this year's AAO Chapter 9 Invitational Air Rifle Postal competition with the following results: Team #1 from Manzano High School, Albuquerque, MN, first with a 1304; repeat winner; see photo within this issue, Team #1 from Cross Creek High School, Augusta, GA, second with a 1293 and Team #1 from Seneca Valley High School, Germantown, MD, third with a 1253. We recognize all 88 teams that participated and thank all of these young folks for their efforts. Our Board has authorized next year's competition and hope that the number of participants will grow.

We, in support to the ROTC programs, recognize local area high school NJROTC and MCJROTC programs with our CDR Floyd English ROTC Leadership Award, which recognizes a special cadet at each of the local NJROTC and MCJROTC programs. This year, medals and framed certificates were presented to cadets from 13 local high schools at their awards ceremonies by one of our Chapter's Officers or Board of Directors.

March we held our FOD-WALK DOWN followed by our annual picnic and BBQ for all Ordies and families in our area along with our celebration of ORDIES 83rd Birthday. See photo within this issue.

April meeting found us electing new officers and Board of Directors for the Chapter, elected to serve as:

President- AOI Daniel Pratt
Vice President- Dennis Patterson
Secretary- Edward Scott
Treasurer- John Printy

Board of Directors:

Larry Hardin Bill Taylor Tony Gonzales Steve Casett
Bob Bohnstengel Chuck Mach Jack Elrod
Mike Steckley Mike Sklar Bob Soldner Bill Laur Jim
Bohac Lindsey Smack Mike Gramolini Mike Snider

As you all can see, we have been busy and continue to be so with many upcoming events under the guidance of our au-

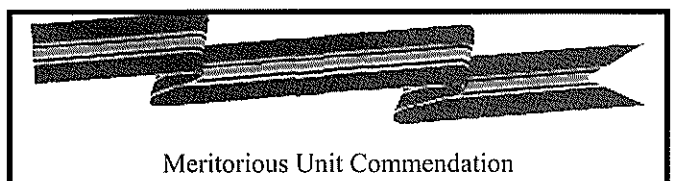
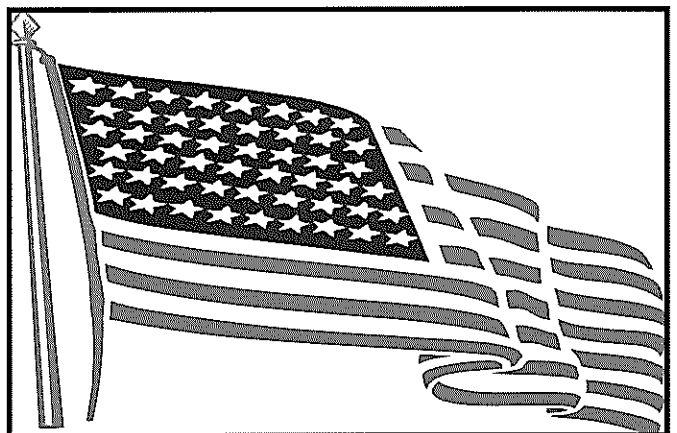
gust Board of Directors and membership. If any of you are in the area, please feel free to drop on by and visit a spell. We have had guests from National, members from Patuxent River to Souda Bay including some who have just returned from IA support or supporting roles elsewhere. Welcome one and all! THANK YOU!

The Associations annual Symposium & Convention is quickly approaching, we are making plans to attend either of these events and it is hoped that many will be able to attend both. See you all in Reno?

Chapter 22

Chapter 22 AO Adopt a Highway Walk was held this past Saturday morning, April 4th. 15 personnel, 8 chapter members and 7 young men and women from Leonardtown High School National Honor Society and Great Mills High School, (special thanks to CDR Bindel's daughter, Jessica, for coordination efforts with the local high school) showed up and we cleaned our portion of Three Notch Road. This event was a huge success and we had a lot of fun collecting 10 bags of trash, plus the weather was cooperative and not cold or rainy.

V/R,
AOC (AW/SW) Christian Saxon
Ch. 22 AAO President
VX-23 Ordnance LCPO



Meritorious Unit Commendation



Chapter 1

Fellow Redshirts,

Greetings from Chapter ONE, only a few feet above sea level located in the Central Valley of California. Summer has undoubtedly arrived as the FOG disappeared only to be replaced by the golden wind also know as DUST generated from the cultivation frenzy on the San Joaquin Valley floor.

Numerous Squadrons, Support Representatives, and DoD Contractors have deployed from NAS Lemoore over the past year ensuring that this great Nation's freedom is never compromised. The sacrifices that these individuals and family members encounter is something that we don't take for granted and each member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter One are truly grateful.

God Bless you, your family, and God Bless America!

Chapter News and Updates: The results from our recent Chapter ONE elections are as follows: LCDR Gladders (President), Ensign (select) Brian Garcia (Vice President), Mr. Bill Overby (Secretary), Mr. Jonny Wheat (Treasurer), Mr. Chuck Onken, Mr. Bill Wright, Mr. Rob Walecki, CWO4 Nanstiel and AO1 Jose France (Board of Directors). It was a close race for Rob Walecki, who won under protest due to a hanging CHAD on one of the ballots.

Chapter ONE continues to support numerous community events such as; Relay for Life® (Cancer Awareness), Sober Graduation (LHS Students), Care Packages for the Troops, American Legion Veteran Memorial, and the Adopt-a-Highway Program. Chapter ONE 's Auxiliary members also played a major role in the support of the local community. We sincerely appreciate the hard work Beverly Onken, Stella Collier, and Dee Walecki provide throughout the course of the year.

Special recognition is in order for the Chapters involvement and collecting \$ 4,351.44 for the Rely-for-life. Mrs. Beverly Onken led our fundraising efforts, single handedly raising \$2,630.34. Second place fundraising honors was awarded to Beverly for her efforts.



Navy Unit Commendation

Chapter 74

Hello to all our fellow Ordies.

Greetings from the CVN-74/CVW-9 Team. It has been a very busy time for all of us since the last Red Shirt article. The Team completed COMPTUEX/JTFX and JCS put a pretty good spanking on COSR. Then we all enjoyed the holidays prior to deploying.

In January, the Team deployed for WESTPAC 2009. During WESTPAC 09 Chapter 74 has contributed to the communities of Sasebo, Japan and Singapore by volunteering off duty time for two chapter sponsored COMREL projects. Our first project was with Seiwa Catholic high school which entailed the clean up and grounds keeping. The Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH) was our second project. For this project we helped with the movement and organization of office furniture as well as ground maintenance and upkeep. Both organizations were extremely pleased and grateful for our contributions.

JCS would like to welcome Ensign Paul to the Team. He is currently our QAO and the G-5 Division Officer. We also had three of our own get selected for LDO and CWO. A huge congratulations goes out to AOC Hutchison and AO1 Duran for picking up LDO and AOC Lee for being selected to CWO. Also, congratulations to our departmental LCPO, AOCM Loyola, for his recent promotion to AOCM.

We are happy to report our new National Members CDR Thomas Armstrong (GUNBOSS), AO2(AW/SW) Philip Goss, AO1(AW) Michael Rumpke, AO2(AW/SW) Crystal Webster, AO2(AW/SW) Travis Bohling, AO1(AW) Daniel Brown, AOAN Sarah French, AOAN Stephanie Griffin. Welcome to our family shipmates!

We would also like to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mr. Finn! We sure hope you're around for many more!

JCS is over the hump for our deployment. Our future endeavors include playing with the Air Force during joint exercise Northern Edge. Then to wrap up our cruise we are ready to welcome aboard the tigers for Tiger Cruise and share the experience of our HOMECOMING! After the leave cycles Chapter 74 will have our 2nd Annual Chapter Picnic and maybe it won't rain this time, but if it does, we'll have a great time anyways! Until next time, keep'em safe out there and continue to build on membership! I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S!!!

Respectfully,

CWO4 Eric E. Richmond
President, Chapter 74
eric.richmond@cvn74.navy.mil



Meet The Men Who Are Responsible For All The Ammunition In The Iraqi Army. Different Uniforms But Still The Same Mission

Anyone who gets the call for an Individual Augmentation (IA) assignment is looking at 6 months to 1 year in Iraq or Afghanistan. The climate and living conditions are very different from what we as Aviation Ordnancemen are accustomed to. A new environment and being away from loved ones are two very difficult aspects to the assignment. Working in a war zone certainly adds to the task and finally working for another branch of service, in this case, the US Army, makes it even that much more challenging. I have been given the privilege to be assigned to Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I). This IA assignment has taken me away from AOOCP School House in Milton, Florida and sent me half way around the world to Baghdad, Iraq. AT MNSTC-I, I am assigned as an Advisor to two Brigadier General's on all matters of ammunition. These men are responsible for storage, and issue/receipt of all ammunition in the Iraqi Army. I was told I would be their Subject Matter Expert (SME) on ammunition matters, but learned very quickly these fine military officers and gentlemen are the Subject Matter Experts and it is me who is learning from them.

Most of us are familiar with Iraq's history from 1990 to present day. The first Gulf War and all the former and current operations bring us to 2009. Prior to 1990, Iraq was in a fierce 10 year war with its bordering neighbor Iran. This was a bloody time in Iraqi history and many of the men who are the leaders of the current Iraqi Army were ground troops and/or young officers during this time period. Experience and education were obtained not in a school house or by workups but by horrific fighting and countless loss of life. 30 years of continuous fighting means lots of ammunition and lots of OJT. There are 3 gentlemen I wish to introduce to my redshirt brothers and sisters; these are the men who have sustained the Iraqi Army with ammo for the better part of 3 decades.



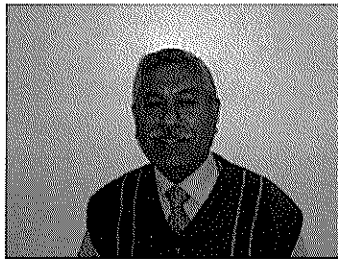
Brigadier General Mohammed Ali Mathloon Al-Rubeiy is the head of the Ammunition Command Directorate. He is responsible for all the storage site facilities and all ammunition in the Iraqi Army. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Military Sciences and a degree from the former

Soviet Union in Artillery Assembly/Inspection. He joined the Iraqi Army in 1973. He has served his entire career in various ammunition assignments and rose to the rank of Brigadier General in 1996. He is the most senior officer in the Iraqi Army directly responsible for ammunition.



Brigadier General Jalal Majid Hussein Mohammed Jawad is the Director of the Ammunition Section of the Ordnance and Supply Directorate. He holds a BA in Administration and a BA in English and is currently working on his Master's degree in English Literature

from Baghdad University. He joined the Iraqi Army in 1981. He attended Military School for Officers in 1982 and has worked at various administrative and ammunition assignments. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 2006.



Mr. Thafer Mahmud Hasson Al Zubeidy works in the Ammunition Command. He earned his BA in 1972 and joined the Iraqi Army. He has worked in various ammunition and administrative assignments and is regarded as an Ammunition Expert

within the Ammunition Command. Mr. Thafer served in the Iraqi Army from 1972 until 2004. He was in command of Ammunition Depots and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. He is highly respected and his opinion is actively sought within the Iraqi Army and Minister of Defense.

These men combine for over 98 years of ammunition experience in the defense of their country and have commanded thousands of men throughout their distinguished careers. Iraq has seen many changes in that time period. Iran and Iraq are now at peace. The United States and its Coalition partners have overturned the dictator that caused so much bloodshed in this country. The planes, ships and tanks and of course people that once fought to overthrow the former ruler are now in partnership with Iraq to make it safe and free for all its citizens to live in peace.

One of the biggest successes during the ongoing reconstruction is Baji National Ammunition Depot (BNAD). BNAD is approximately 40 KM from Tikrit. It was in an area that had strong insurgent activity making its access difficult. BNAD was the largest ammunition depot in Iraq during the 30 years of war. BNAD is a remote site that houses vast amounts of stockpiled ammunition from small arms to 120mm tank ammunition. BNAD is the first Ammunition Depot to be rebuilt and resupplied and is the blueprint for successful partnership. BNAD was rebuilt and resupplied by coalition partnerships in Iraq and is the model for all others to emulate. BNAD is fully self sufficient and is completely operated by Iraqi Army troops under the leadership of BG Mohammed Ali. Coalition personnel like CDR Pete Bashand, USN and LCDR Julian Wyatt, USN along with CWO4 USA (Retired) Mr. Fred Bryant, worked countless



hours solving endless issues of equipment shortages and manning issues. CDR Bashand and LCDR Wyatt are both Surface Weapons Officers and have represented the Navy and the ammunition world with pride for their efforts to assist these great men I have written about. Iraqi's and Americans together working side by side to make this partnership a complete success.

The first night we arrived in Baghdad, I was shocked at the number of huge buildings that were destroyed by coalition aircraft. To think perhaps some of the JDAM used were built by our team on CV-64 USS CONSTELLATION, WEPS G-3 was an incredible experience. Navy AO's don't get much immediate feedback from the work we do at sea every day, until a pilot brings back some bomb damage assessment footage, but still it is not the same as standing in front of a building that was destroyed in a land you have been at conflict with your entire career. Now Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines along with Coalition Partners work side by side with our Iraqi friends to rebuild and restore peace, order and democracy to a land that has not known any for generations. A wise Brigadier General in the Iraqi Army once said to me "This is the first time in my life I can speak what is in my mind" he further went on to say "My son will grow in a place that allows him to speak his mind and let his voice be heard". These words have resonated with me since that day and will for the rest of my life.

Brigadier Generals' Thafer, Jalal and Mohammad Ali are honorable men. They lead by example and they teach their troops to take pride in what they do, be professional and earn your paycheck every day. It is your duty and it is an honor to serve. These words spoke by these honorable men are the exact same words spoken to each of us serving in the Marines and the Navy past, present and future. We may wear a different uniform and come from different places, but we are all Weaponers.

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 LT Joe Thompson
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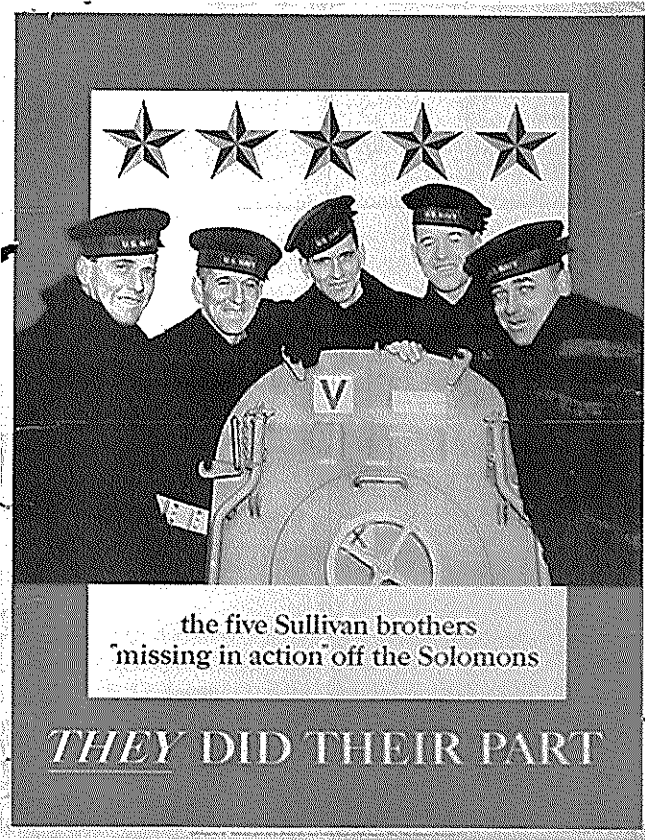
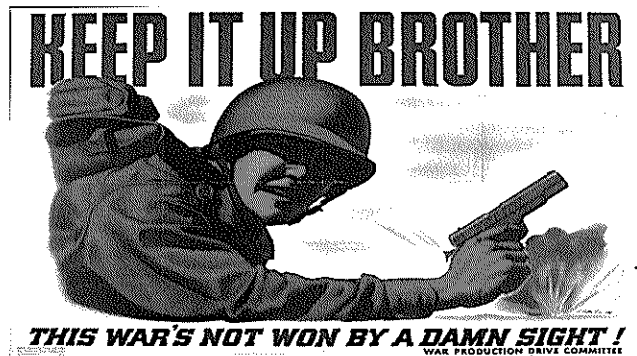
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**TO; ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCE-
MEN NOMINATION**
COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN LARRY JOE MANLEY

FROM; ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCE-
MEN

BOARD MEMBER, CHARLES R. ONKEN, AAO
LIFE MEMBER 0473

SUBJ; NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE ASSO-
CIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN FOR 2009

1. I'M PROUD TO NOMINATE CAPT. DAVID LEPARD FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF ORDNANCEMEN. HE IS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THAT POSITION, KEEPING THE ASSOCIATION VISABLE TO THE FLEET AND BOTH SENIOR NAVAL COMMANDS AND MARINE CORPS COMMANDS. HE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR A GREAT NUMBER OF YEARS, WHILE ASSIGNED TO SQUADRONS, CARRIER AIR WING'S, ABOARD CARRIERS, SHORE COMMANDS, MAJOR STAFFS AND COMMANDING OFFICER OF MAJOR COMMANDS. HE HAS SERVED ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES AT THE LOCAL CHAPTERS AND NATIONAL LEVEL. HE HAS BEEN A CHAMPION OF THE ASSOCIATION, REGARDING SENIOR NAVAL OFFICERS IN BOTH THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS. HE GIVES PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION, EVERY CHANCE THAT HE GETS. HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE NAVY/ MARINE CORPS AND THE AVIATION ORDNANCE FIELD. CAPT. LEPARD HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE IN GETTING MAJOR DEFENSE COMPANIES AND VENDORS TO COME TO OUR YEARLY SYMPOSIUMS/ CONVENTIONS. THOSE COMPANIES AND VENDORS HAVE ALSO, PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR THE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, CDR. ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIPS. IF RE-ELECTED, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, HE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A CREDIT TO THE ASSOCIATION, THE AVIATION ORDNANCE FIELD, THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.

1. CAPT. DAVID LEPARD HAS ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT AND SAID "IF RE-ELECTED HE WOULD DO THE BEST HE CAN FOR THE ASSOCIATION AND its MEMBERS". NOMINATION WAS ACCEPTED 12 JAN. 2009

NOTE: CAPT. LEPARD'S WIFE, PAT IS A MEMBER OF THE AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN.

V/R

LCDR CHARLES R. ONKEN, U.S.N., RET.
LIFE MEMBER 0473

To: Larry "Joe" Manley, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
Nomination Committee, Chairman

From: Charles R. Onken, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
Board Member, (Life Member 0473)

Subj: **NOMINATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, LCDR GE-
RALD W. GLADDERS, USN
LIFE MEMBER (5712)**

1. I'm proud to nominate LCDR Gerald W. Gladders, USN, and Life Member (5712) for the office of Board of Directors, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen for 2009. He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in the Association By-Laws, 22 January 2009.

2. LCDR Gladders joined the Navy in 1987 and advanced through the Enlisted Ranks to Aviation Ordnancemen Chief Petty Officer. He was commissioned through the Limited Duty Officer Program (LDO) to Ensign in August 1999 as an Aviation Ordnance Officer (6360). Since the beginning of his career, LCDR Gladders has been a dedicated supporter and active member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Although a life member of the National Association, he also has been active member of Local Chapters where he was stationed throughout his career. LCDR Gladders was a member and held various positions in the following Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapters; Chapter 7, Jacksonville, FL., Chapter 22, Patuxent River, MD., (Sec/Treasurer), and Chapter 1, Lemoore, CA., currently serving as Chapter President.

3. LCDR Gladders has served on both coasts, East and West in Squadrons, on Carriers, at foreign Naval Air Stations, as Carrier Air Wing Staff and is currently serving as Officer-in Charge of Navy Munitions Command CONUS West Detachment, Lemoore, CA.

4. LCDR Gladders is married to the former Margaret

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Allan, of the Island of Gigha Scotland UK, and they have (2) teen age children.

5. LCDR Gladders would be a valuable asset to the Association as a Board of Director. He wants nothing but the best for the Association and will dedicate his efforts to that end.

V/R

Charles R. Onken, LCDR, USN, (RET)
Life Member (0473)

From: L. "Joe" Manley AAO Life Member 0450
To: AAO Vice-President/Nomination Chairman

Sub: NOMINATION FOR ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, KEVIN DOWD, LCDR, USN

I am nominating Kevin Dowd, LCDR, USN, Member 4881, for the office of Board of Director, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He has agreed to accept the nomination and abide by the requirements set forth in the Association By-Laws.

Kevin enter the U.S. Navy in November of 1984 and has advanced through the ranks to the present rank of LCDR. He has completed tours to included VAQ-130 at NAS Whidbey Island, and VX-5 at China Lake, CA. He arrived at NAS Lemoore, CA in 1992. He completed a tour in VFA-94 before getting his commission as an LDO in 1996. After commissioning, he completed tours at VFA-22, Strike Fighter Weapons School, Pacific, Carrier Air Wing 2, and Strike Fighter Wing, Pacific. He transferred to Fallon, NV in August 2008 for his current tour as the NMC Detachment OIC. He has completed deployments/surge deployments onboard USS Kittyhawk, Lincoln, Kennedy, Vinson, and Constellation. To date, he has 25 years active service.

Over the years he has been active in the Association and held positions as the Chapter 1 President, Vice President, and Secretary. He is currently and active member of Chapter 21.

I have known Kevin for 13 plus years and believe his election to the Board of Directors would be asset to the Association. He wants nothing but the best for this Association and will dedicate his efforts to that end.

Respectfully,

L "Joe" Manley, LCDR (RET)
Life Member 0450

By-Laws Change

In the standardized Chapter By-laws that allow an auxiliary member to vote at the Chapter level office and it is in direct conflict with the National by-laws. A motion was made for the following national By-law change to read

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

"Section 5. Auxiliary members are allowed to vote at the Chapter level only"

There no Pros or Cons to this change.

2009 Convention Schedule of Events

- Mon 10 Aug: Symposium Starts
Registration for the AAO Convention
- Tue 11 Aug: Registration for the AAO Convention
- Wed 12 Aug: Registration for the AAO Convention
- Thu 13 Aug: Registration for AAO Convention
AAO Board of Directors Meeting
AAOEF Board of Directors Meeting
AAAO Board of Directors Meeting
Symposium End
- Fri 14 Aug: Registration for AAO Convention,
AO of the Year Committee
Scholarship Committee
Hall of Fame Committee
By-Laws Committee
AAO Social
AAAO Auction
- Sat 15 Aug: AAO General Business Meeting
AAAO General Business Meeting/Luncheon
Reunion Book Photos
No Host Cocktails & Awards Dinner.
- Sun 16 Aug: AAO Board of Directors Meeting
AAAO Board of Directors Meeting
AAOEF Board of Directors Meeting

NOTE: All times and places of activities will be provide during check-in and registration.



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Board of Directors (Pick 1 st and 2 nd choice By placing Number 1 or 2 beside name)	Gerald W. Gladders, LCDR, USN	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kevin, Dowd, CDR, USN	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S BY-LAWS
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Yes
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FOR BALLOT TO BE ACCEPTED ALL INFORMATION IN BOX BELOW IS REQUIRED.

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AUXILIARY

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Name of Member: _____ Amt of Ck _____

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we as a naval service have many challenges ahead of us and that we must deal with the challenges we face each day because I can tell you they are not going away. As CNO has spoken about many times we must come to a balance among capability, capacity, affordability, as well the ability to execute our mission. It takes us all to do the above mentioned.

My hat is off to all of you that make our Navy and Marine Corps Ordnance team function so smoothly, we have thus far had a pretty safe year in respect to explosive safety, so keep the deck plate and flight line leadership in place, and if you notice a hole, tell the Chief and the Gunner so they can fix it. Congratulations to all the recent promotions for both Marine Corps and Navy our hats are off to you.

Well I must close for this edition. Sincerely, I must thank the National Leadership, Chapter Leadership for all that you do, all of you are the true back bone of making this Association so successful and I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. Pat and I hope to see you all in Reno in August, so please make your plans as soon as you can.

Very respectfully, President

PS Pat has started a new book..... First Chapter is "I bought a new bike and I live at the bottom of two hills" Second Chapter is "I'm at the 7-11 and I don't have a flat but my legs are made of rubber" however no new shoes this week....

(Continued from page 5) AAO Vice President

The Guys and Gals from Chapter 21 are busy getting things ready for us at this year's convention. Make your plans and reservations now and avoid the possibility of being unable to attend the Social and Awards Banquet.

If you need help with travel contact Point Loma World Travel at 800-783-8646.

Save yourself a few dollars and send in your advance order form for Registration, Social and Awards Banquet to Treasurer J J LaMaitre at 9691 Bundy Drive, Santee, CA, 92071.





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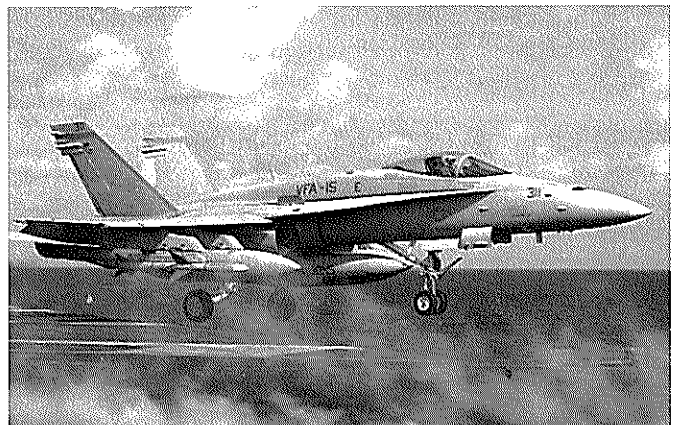
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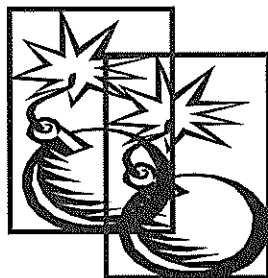
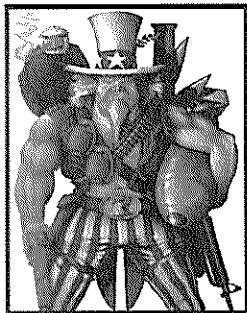
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Congratulations to all of your past scholarship winners; those dating back to 1979 to present, they all are winners. To those who have made your application and not selected, you also are winners in as much as you tried and made that effort to submit your application. There is a Latin saying I would like to leave you with; "*fosan et haec olim meminisse juvabit*"- perhaps this too will be a pleasure to look back on one day.

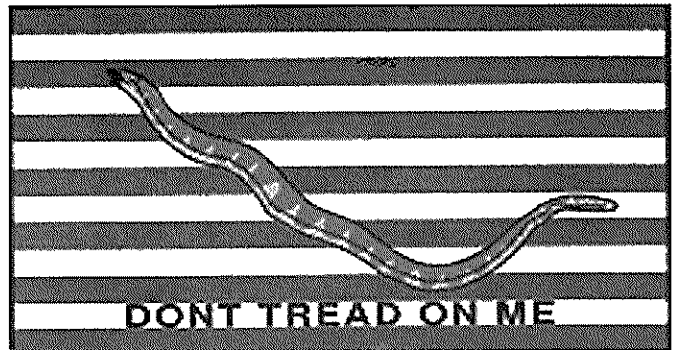
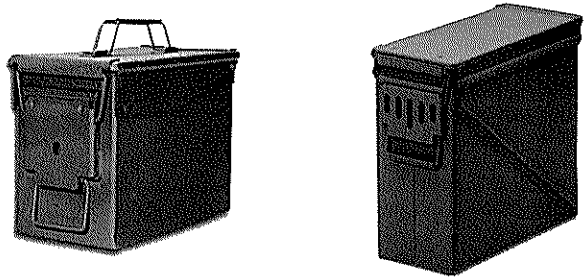
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2009 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

DEADLINE IS 1 AUGUST 2009

I plan to attend the following activities (please check appropriate ones):

- 13 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
14 Aug (Fri) AO of The Year Committee
14 Aug (Fri) Scholarship Committee
14 Aug (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee
14 Aug (Fri) Membership Committee
14 Aug (Fri) By-Laws Committee
14 Aug (Fri) Nominations Committee
15 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting
16 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting

AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

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NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in.

ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet. Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under. However, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

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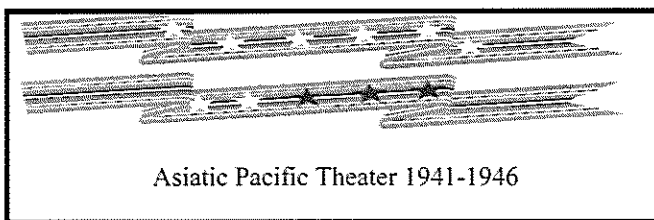
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I hope everyone has managed to "weather" the winter months where you live and is now enjoying some of that wonderful spring sunshine.

It's almost time for the 33rd Annual Association of Aviation Convention and the birthday celebration for our "Hero", **John W. Finn**. The Auxiliary team has been working all year to

make sure this will be another "Convention to Enjoy and Remember".

So, I'll get started with what we have planned.

Raffle: The raffle items will be set up and tickets sales will begin on Monday. The first drawing will be Wednesday morning and will continue on hourly until Friday morning and/or until all items are claimed. We have already received several donated items for the raffle. So far we have a beautiful crocheted afghan, several patriotic items, pictures, etc. We couldn't do this without your generous donations. If you have new items you would like to donate please contact **Linda Robinson** at amraam1@msn.com. Or if you would like to mail them in advance then please send them to me at 2099 Thomas Court, Fallon, NV 89406. I'll make sure they get to the convention. I hope you all purchase winning tickets but the real winners in the raffle are the Scholarship Awardees.

Auction: The Auction will once again be held Friday night during the Social. We already have a couple of really great items but we would be glad to accept any other donations you may have to offer. Your donations may also be tax deductible. The auction is always fun and exciting thanks to the bidders and Auctioneer **Jody Barnes** and his assistant, **Rob Walecki**. The auction is our primary fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund. The items we have so far are a wonderful framed "Ordie" display and a very nice leather jacket with an AAO patch. Another item we are hoping to have is the #100 and/or #1 John Finn Commemorative Medal. The Auxiliary Board of Directors decided to purchase these items from the O'Dell's to be used as a special Auction item. We have sent a request to purchase these if they are still available and are waiting for a confirmation from the O'Dell's.

Copper Coin Challenge: This was a popular fundraiser last year. Bring your pennies and other change (we will also accept the paper money) and look for the "Little Red Wagon" with the 5 gallon containers just waiting for your contributions. This is a competition between the Auxiliary and Association to see who can get the highest "copper count". All funds go to the Taste of Home Project.

50/50: We will be doing two 50/50 drawings this year. One drawing on Thursday afternoon at the end of the Symposium and the other will be Saturday night during the Awards Dinner.

Memorabilia Sales: Dottie Michel and her committee have some

really great new items.

Auxiliary Luncheon: Scheduled for Saturday, Aug 15 @ 11:30 in the Silver Baron B Room. You don't want to miss the great food and especially the Guest Speaker we have arranged for you this year. See advertisement in this Red Shirt. Contact Carolyn Thomas to make reservations at aaa@cox.net.

I'm also working on a John Finn power point presentation to be displayed during the convention. I'd love to have any pictures you may have of John Finn and his "Ordie" friends to include in the presentation. You can e-mail them to me at damanley@charter.net.

Please welcome our new Taste of Home Chairperson, **Ashley Crews**. She is very excited about volunteering for this important project. Please lend a helping hand when she requests help with baking, boxing and mailing these packages out to our deployed "Ordies". **Thank you Ashley!!!**

Thank you to **Joseph & Marie Ruggeri, Deborah Holcomb, Pam Pero, Rosalinda Poutree, Betty Black and Buford Cline** for your recent donations to the Scholarship Fund. Also, Thank You to **Norma Jean Pitzer** for your Taste of Home donation.

A special welcome goes out to our new members. **Rosa Matt, Mary Crews and Jan Sparks** joined as General Members and **Maria Gilvarry** joined as a Lifetime Member. ~ **Maria Comes, Pamela Pero, Nancy Richardson and Julie Clayton** renewed their memberships as Lifetime members. Welcome!!!! We greatly appreciate your support of the Auxiliary. If you know of someone who would like to join us, please contact the Auxiliary Treasurer, **Carolyn Thomas** for a membership application. She can be reached at aaa@cox.net. An application is also available on the Association website <http://aaoweb.org/AAO>.

Maybe some of our new members or the existing members would like to be a little more involved in the organization and run for one of the leadership positions that are open. This year the President, Secretary and 2 Board of Director positions are up for election. If you are interested or know someone who is please contact our nominations chairperson, **Jan Clasen** at shadowwolfservices@charter.net.

We have recently learned that we lost one of our valued Auxiliary members. **Dorothy Cline** passed away on 5 Mar 09. Her husband of 62 years, **Buford Cline** needs your prayers to help him through these sad and lonely times. Buford made a generous donation to the Scholarship fund in Dorothy's name.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, ideas or concerns. I can be reached at 775-423-9205 or e-mail at damanley@charter.net.

God Bless you all!!!

Delores Manley
AAAO President





Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation



This article you will find a bit different from the past in that we will be updating some information previously presented.

First off, we wish to acknowledge all of you in your donations to the CFC this past year. Large or small, it all counts towards the same; that being Foundation and Scholarships.

We as a Foundation want to thank

each and every one of you who participated in the 2008 CFC drive. You all made it happen. Those who will benefit from your donations are those who take the time and effort to make an application. As a reminder, all applications are due by the 15th of July for consideration during our Association annual convention in Reno, NV; August 13-16, 2009.

Your Foundation Vice President, CDR Mike Gramolini is now back in the U.S. serving in Jacksonville, Florida as XO/CO tour at CNATTU; formally NAMTD. He was recently promoted to CDR on May 1st. Well Done CDR. Our Auxiliary Member; Mrs. Shannon Mullins, was recently married in St. Thomas, VI on April 3rd, during an evening ceremony. She will be moving once again to Eads, TN joining her husband, Gary. All will be at the convention and offer your congratulations when you see them all.

As I said above, applications are due this July 15th, now is the time to start; if not already done so, to start making and gathering materials necessary for the application. The application is available on the web at: [Http://aaoweb.org](http://aaoweb.org) then going to the Scholarship link, at your local association local chapters, or through any of the officers of the Association or Foundation listed in the Red Shirt. If all fails, call or email the Foundation President and he will make sure you get a copy by mail or email. There are all types and amounts of scholarships available to all; it takes time and effort to search and locate them. Ask your student advisors or student financial aid advisors for assistance in locating or sources of funding. Most colleges and universities have all sorts of aids and grants available in addition to the Federal Student Aid program. Ask for it! The Foundation has in the past provided many links or sources to look at; dig out the past 3 years issues of the Red Shirt, all are still valid. During these rough economic times we all are currently in,

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NJROTC Manzano HS Marksmanship Team
(L-R) K Fuller, L Serna, D. Quintana & V Montoya
(Not Shown: P. Haney)

From Chapter 9, Jacksonville



Chapter 1



From Chapter 9, Jacksonville, Highway clean-up. Below, oldest and youngest AO cut the cake!



After a few hours with an AAO member, the Iraqi Army wants to be a member of The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. IYAOYAS FROM the Crossed Swords parade grounds, BAGHDAD, IRAQ!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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