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CARRIER AIR WING FOURTEEN GUEST SPEAKER AT RENO 89 CONVENTION

COMSTOCK



CASINO



Degree in Public Relations and Advertising was commissioned in Newport, Rhode Island, in the Reserve Officer Candidate (ROC) Program that same year and was designated a Naval Aviator in February 1967. After completing training in VA-125 in Lemoore, California he joined the VA-113 "Stingers", flying A-4F "Skyhawks" from the USS ENTERPRISE, with deployments to the Western Pacific and Vietnam. In 1969, VA-113 transitioned to the A-7B "Corsair II" and joined Carrier Air Wing THREE aboard the USS SARATOGA for the first Mediterranean deployment of the A-7.

Captain Orr was next assigned as a flight instructor and LSO in VA-122 flying the A-7E. After 10 months, he was chosen as the Navy's first AV-8A exchange pilot with the U.S. Marine Corps flying the "Hawker Siddeley Harrier" from 1970 to 1973 with VMA-513 in Beaufort, South Carolina. He deployed to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean aboard the USS GUAM. Captain Orr then received orders to the U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, where he also attended Troy State University and graduated with a Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance in 1974.

After completing a refresher syllabus at VA-122 in Lemoore, California, Captain Orr reported to VA-97 "Warhawks", again aboard the USS ENTERPRISE, making two deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean. From 1977-1980, Captain Orr served as Flag Secretary to the Commander, Light Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In 1980 Captain Orr reported to VA-146. Captain Orr was assigned as a student at the National War College, FT Leslie T. McNair, in Washington, D.C. He then reported to Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, where he served as Executive Assistant to the Commander until March 1984.

In June of 1984 Captain Orr assumed command of Attack Squadron 122. During that sixteen month tour the "Flying Eagles" were accident free, as well as having the most successful fleet replacement pilot completion rate in the history of that command. He spent the next two years as assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Commander, Carrier Strike Force, Seventh Fleet, home ported in the



CAPTAIN

WILLIAM S. ORR, JR. USN

Captain William Stewart Orr, Jr. a native of Oregon and 1965 graduate with a Bachelors

Philippines. In July 1988 Captain Orr assumed command of Carrier Air Wing Fourteen deployed aboard USS Constellation.

In addition to various theatre medals and service ribbons, Captain Orr has been awarded two Meritorious Service Medals, the Air medal with gold star and numeral nine, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V". He and his wife Fran reside in San Diego, California.



Lt. Charles Onken
President AAO

I hope everyone had a very joyous Holiday Season and looking forward to a very productive New Year.

A lot of paperwork has crossed my desk in recent months concerning the Association and hopefully we can complete everything before the convention.

There are new guidelines for the CDR. Robert L. Crow, scholarship Award. For a copy, contact our Sec/Treasurer Jerry Gannon or Lt. C.R. Onken at COMNAVAIRPAC, Force Weapons Department, Code 93, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA 92135-5100. Copies will be mailed to local chapters.

The 1988 AAO Reunion book has been mailed, if you have not ordered one, there will be a form in this newsletter for you. Price \$10.00.

I strongly recommend that everyone order an AAO calendar; either from your local chapter or chapter one. The profits go to support our chapters and the CDR. Robert L. Crow, scholarship Award. Plus someone wins at least \$25.00 everyday of the year.

I will be sending messages out after the first of the year announcing the convention and requesting nominees for AO of the year. There will be information in this newsletter on the convention which will be held in Reno at the COMSTOCK Hotel/Casino 15-18 June 1989. Make

your arrangements NOW! so you won't be disturbed later, when you have waited until the last minute and no rooms are available. The Travel & Tour Company of San Diego has a flyer in this newsletter for you or you can make your own hotel arrangements.

I've carried on long enough, hope to see you all at the convention in June and Happy New Year!

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Compiled from letters and phone conversations to the editor.

Jerry and Kathy Gannon have been busy getting their Associations computer system up and on line. Kathy has been taking numerous night school courses on computers and looking for the best software for organizing the Associations business and correspondence needs.

Some of the concerns of the Sec/Trea are that there is a lot of returned newsletters due to bad addresses, no forwarding address or no such address. It's especially important that the chapter officers insure that anyone joining the National Association PRINT their name, rank and address complete, including their zip code, and stress notification of any change of address. The last newsletter had over 40 returned letters at a cost of over \$20.00 in postage alone. The Sec/Trea, and newsletter editor are in constant contact by letter or phone in order to keep on top of any changes in addresses or current membership standings. If anyone has a complaint, please contact your board of directors, chapter officers or National officers as soon as possible. Unfortunately some members in the past have waited months and even years before voicing their complaints to anyone that can do anything about it. "Lets all pull together on this issue".

CALENDAR DRAWING WINNERS

Chapter One

The following list of people have won on the calendar drawing out cannot be found. Their money orders have been returned to Dave Moore.

Craig Brocker #660 \$25.00 13 Apr drawing
A03 Moore #957 \$25.00 19 Apr drawing
Charles Gomph #1426 \$50.00 20 Nov drawing

This is their last known address

Brocker-VA-147 NAS Lemoore
A03 Moore-VF-154 NAS Miramar
C. Gomph- HS-16 NAS North Island

Anyone knowing their whereabouts please contact: David W. Moore
161 W. Glendale
Lemoore, CA 93245

CHAPTER REPORTS

CHAPTER ONE

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the members of Chapter One. This past summer we planned a FREE picnic on the 13th of August and invited all ordies in the area to stop by and have some fun. Plans were made for a Halloween costume Party and our annual Christmas Party.

Our 1989 calendars are ready so get your orders in to get one, two or three. The calendars are still only \$20.00 but instead of 1500 we had 2000 printed. There will be a \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$250.00 drawings every month. Two \$500.00 and \$1000.00 drawings will be held throughout the year. When you buy your calendar you will see all of it broken down on the last page of the calendar. When you write in for an individual order please enclose a money order or cashiers/personal check. Make it out to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter One. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. Along with your money order or check we need you to send us a good address (Street, city, state, zip code and telephone number). Please print this information legibly so we can ensure that you get your money order if you win.

When you receive your calendar send the tear off portion back to use. This will ensure that we have a correct name and address. Chapters may order calendars in lots of 50. The cut-off date for calendars received in lots is May 1, 1989. By this date I need calendars back or money. This will give us enough time to prepare a report for our National Meeting in June of 1989. When a Chapter orders calendars I would like to deal with Presidents and Treasurers. Don't forget that every calendar you sell your chapter will receive \$5.00 to be paid at the end of the 1989 calendar year.

My Treasurer has also reminded me that the weather will be starting to cool off and we have sweat shirts and jackets for sale. We are looking into special made jewelry for the ladies, so if you have any ideas send them to Dave Moore our treasurer. Thanks for all the ideas that were suggested while we were in Reno.

Address for Calendars.
Ron Thomas
1015 Laurel Lane
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(209) 924-1322

(See order form on page 5)

Editor's note: I just bought my calendar and 365 chances at winning \$25.00 or MORE. This is an excellent way to support the Association and your chapter. If you like historical trivia pertaining to Ordnance, you'll enjoy the wealth of information and dates each month.

CHAPTER THREE

Chapter three held elections of officers in Sept. with the following results:
President- AOC/Ret Dick Ferguson
V. Pres. - CWO Doug Fyfe-2nd term
Secretary- A01 Mike Murphy- relected
Treasurer- AOCs/Ret Mike Tucker

This past few months has seen chapter three involved in a lot of activities such as rebuilding some horseshoe pits at Deception Pass state park which the chapter received a letter of appreciation from the states parks department and a well done from the local ranger.

The chapter has reorganized there meetings into a business meeting one month and a social meeting the next. This gives a break to some of our members and a chance for the wives to be involved in potlucks and special events. This Christmas Chapter Three had a White Elephant Party/Potluck/Christmas tree ornament exchange. AOCM Dick Liljegren did a excellent job of MC for the second year. There was a lot of knee slapping, scratchen n' laughen the whole evening. Not to mention the "George Smith Comedy Hour".

This season the Chapter voted to donate \$250.00 towards food baskets to those families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

A Special "Welcome Aboard" to A03 Danita R. Mills as the first female AO to join Chapter Three. A03 Danita R. Mills was advanced to her present pay grade on 19 July 1988. Assigned to NAS Whidbey Island AIMD-700 Division Bomb Rack Shop. She is now the supervisor of the bomb rack shop with her motto of "No bomb rack too hard to handle" Welcome aboard.



CHAPTER EIGHT

Howdy! From all the members of Chapter VIII

Thanksgiving time is upon us once again and our annual food drive was a great success. Extra large baskets of food were given to a shipmate from NAS Miramar and USS Constellation.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of AOCM Bill Weyandt, ret. Please contact David Overstreet, COMNAVAIRPAC at A/V 951-5811, COMM (619) 437-5811.

We held a second Chapter Picnic for 1988 at Admiral Baker Field. The food and drink were outstanding. A special thanks to Frank Thill and Kenny Foster for all their efforts to make our picnics a real success.

Chapter Eight got together on 27 September for a Padres and St. Louis ball game. We had a private box with all the food and soda a person could eat. Again, a special thanks to Kenny Foster for setting up all the games this year for next summer.

A Chapter camping trip was held at Protero Lake and everyone had a great time. The chili that Art Sekeres made was excellent and of course the refreshments were extra fine.

LT. Dave Leppard, NAS Miramar's Weapons Officer has continued to present us with some outstanding safety lectures. Keep up the good work Dave!

Until next time, best wishes to all from Chapter Eight.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Congrad's are in order for 10 AO's selected for Chief Petty Officer aboard NAS Barbers Point. Only one chapter member, Bob Walecki was selected from Chapter Eleven.

A pre-deployment party for A02 Martinez brought out a couple new faces and a good time was had by all. The august meeting had 2 new members that joined prior to the Sept. meeting which was changed to the 23rd at 1200.

Bob Walecki showed pictures taken at the last convention and relayed the good times to be had there. Strong promotion for attendance at the 1989 convention was urged. Members that attended and ordered reunion books are still waiting for their arrival.

A membership drive/beer bust was voted on and approved by the membership and will take place on 21 October at White Plains Beach cabana #1796 at 1400.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Greetings fellow members and associate members, a real big HOWDY from way over here in the beautiful Philippine Islands. Our chapter has been busy-as a chapter and on the job in our respective units. Newsworthy events include our recent change of certain chapter officials i.e., A02 Gregory Sailer was elected as Vice President, CW04 Billy Blake Earl was elected as Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Kordeen Kor was elected as Safety Coordinator and A01 T.L. Reyes was elected to the Board of Directors. We've held several successful business meetings and social gatherings, continued to actively support the International Childrens Advocate, Inc. Program for poor Filipino families and have sponsored two additional handicapped children for corrective surgery. Chapter 12 was recently honored by Mrs. Iris Sweeney, founder of the Children's Advocate Program at a reception given in Mrs. Sweeney's honor. Chapter 12 will proudly display at the 1989 convention in Reno. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Jim Bingham and to Mr. Dan Siddens of COMNAVAIRPAC for their contributions to the International Children's Advocate Program. Their money fed a lot of hungry children.

Other news- Chapter 12 hosted the Nimitz/CAG-9 Chapter 68 in October, during their port visit. The place will never be the same. Chapter 68 (get this) consumed five large roasted pigs, hundreds of pounds of Lumpia, Olongapo Barbecue, Pancit and (Shudder) 6,704 bottles of San Miguel Beer. That's what I said- 6,704 bottles of beer. This was accomplished by about 300 Ordies in 28 continuous hours of party. A special tribute is due Nimitz, especially LCDR. Gary Laun. Not one adverse incident occurred during the party. "Bravo Zulu" to a great chapter. Lastly, we just dug ourselves out after a devastating Typhoon (Ruby) and we ordies now have a Commanding Officer Billet. CDR. Oakes became the CO of Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit ONE on 30 September 1988. Guess you know that makes me XO! I CAN HACK IT OF COURSE!

We bid goodbye to several shipmates who supported our chapter with distinction: They are-

LT Jewell Leadford (PCS) USS Constellation
A01 Henry Webb (PCS)
A01 Scott Britton (PCS)
A01 James Smith (PCS) USS Enterprise
A0C Gary Stout (PCS)
A02 Thomas Hodgson (PCS) USS Midway
A0C Larry Adison (PCS)

Warm Regards
CW04 B.B. Earl

CHAPTER SIXTY-EIGHT

Chapter 68 along with CVW-9 are on GONZO station after relieving Vinson and CVW-15. Our visit over brought us in contact with Chapter 12 in Subic Bay and the greatest host one could ask for (speaking of CDR. Del Oakes, his board and AAO members) chapter 68 had along with every red shirt on Nimitz, the greatest "ORDIE BASH" ever in the P.I. a 28 hour party with all the trimmings. Thanks Chapter 12 for your help and support. After leaving the PI Chapter 68 and the Nimitz crew collected everyones extra pesos and made a donation of over \$300.00 to chapter 12's effort to feed and house the homeless and starving kids of the PI through the International Children's Advocate, Inc. A program of Olongapo city & Saint Vincent Church. We challenge other chapters to donate to this most worthwhile organization.

With the cruise half over we are working on getting an "ORDIE OLYMPICS" going and set up a few AO related events, the competition should be fun.

Also we in chapter 68 would like to wish all of you stateside AO's a safe and HAPPY HOILDAY SEASON.

LCDR. Gary Laun

CHAPTER "S-87" MEMPHIS

The "Mid-South" Chapter is alive and well but doing heavy battle with the alligators. The hangar portion of the new schoolhouse has been accepted and the installation of the Aviation Ordnance Trainer (Device 3B64) has commenced. The electric/electronic package for the trainer has passed the initial in-plant testing. After several software changes are completed, shipment should commence in December. The first five trainers should be on-line by Feb. 1989. The classroom portion of the building should be ready for turnover as you read this newsletter. For everyone who attended AO "A" school MTRP here in millington, the recommendations were approved by OPNAV and a total re-write/re-structure of the course has commenced. A on-line date for the new course has not yet been set but late 89 is a realistic goal.

The Aviation Ordnance Museum is going great. However our request for Squadron/Ship/Station plaques or pictures is not getting the response that we expected. A super "SIERRA HOTEL" to VA-34 who sent an excellent picture and decals of their squadron, solicited by all the AO's. Any pictures showing ordnance "Working as advertised" will be greatly appreciated. Please supply any identifying data. The "Hall of Fame" has been established and 8 1/2X 11 photo's of the past AO of the year are needed. Additionally pictures of AO's who were first at something within the

rate are needed. Due to local postal regulations our mailing address is;

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W.B. Naylor
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Millington, TN 38054

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AO Trng Div. Code 13
NATTC, Building S-87
Millington, TN 38053

LOST IN THE MAIL

The following members have moved or transferred without a forwarding address. If you know their whereabouts please contact the Sec./Trea or the newsletter editor.

AOAN E.S. Allen, D.R. Anderson, AO1 H.R. Barber
AOC G.H. Boatman, V.R. Carabillo, T.J. Carr
D.G. Chouteau, AO3 T.J. Creighton, AO1 J.T. Cruz
AO2 J.A. Desormeaux, T.W. Douglas, LT. James
L. Fisher, AO3 D.E. Forbes, AOAN J.R. Galloway,
AO2 M.W. Gettys, AO3 J. P. Glover, J.E. Hawkins,
AO3 James Hedges, AOC/Ret G.L. Hoggard, AO2
Charles K. Huenefeld, AO1 C.L. Ingram, Alan K.
Jenson, AO2 D.E. Jokinen, AO1 R.M. Jonah, AO2
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William D. Webster, AO3 Edward Welshons and
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Please keep us informed as to your current mailing address. Send any changes to:

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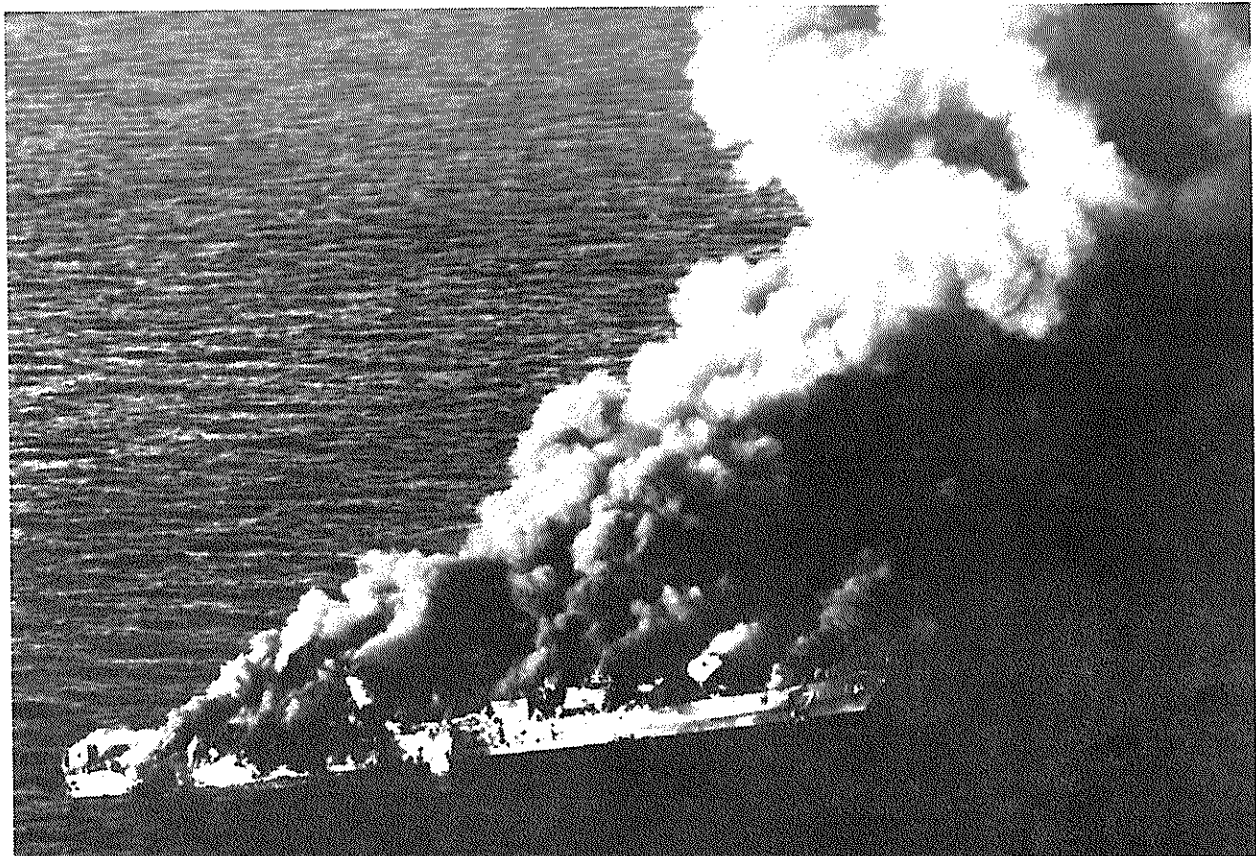
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CHAPTER 65- SPECIAL REPORT

April 1988, USS ENTERPRISE was tasked to provide air support to operation "Praying Mantis", the bombardment of two Iranian oil platforms/radar sites in the Persian Gulf. CVW 11 A-6 and A-7 Attack aircraft launched with MK 23 Walleye II, AGM-123 Skipper, AGM-84 Harpoon, MK 82 LGB, MK 83 bombs and MK 20 Rockeye. F-14 and A-7 aircraft were packing a full load of 20mm HEI as well. Upon arrival in the battle zone the A-6 aircraft were fired upon by the Iranians. At that time the Battle Group Commander ordered "Weapons Free". A-7's and A-6's painted a bulls-eye on an Iranian frigate with Walleye, Harpoon and Skipper. A second Iranian frigate found that the MK 82 LGB can be delivered down its "stack" by an A-6. Three speeding "Bog-hammer" armed patrol boats found they were unable to dodge the spread of the MK 20 Rockeye and 20mm HEI. USS Enterprise and CVW 11, plus the surface units of "Battle Group Foxtrot", tallied a score of 2 oil/radar platforms, 2 frigates, 1 PTG missile patrol boat and 3 Bog-hammer speed boats against the Iranians. Iran forfeited with the score 8-0 in the first half of the first inning. To say morale is high aboard USS Enterprise is an understatement. Once again the Aviation Ordnancemen "Redshirts" responded professionally. Building, handling, loading and arming of weapons was performed both safely and correctly. The end result was obvious. All ordnance was on target and worked as advertised.

Most recently Chapter 65 has been having car washes in order to raise funds for expenses to attend the annual convention in 1989. The chapter goal is to pay for all transportation and lodging for all Chapter 65 members that wish to attend.

Currently we are experiencing S.R.A. at pierside in Alameda and though we're not underway, the work must go on. The officers and members of Chapter 65 wish each and every member of the Association the "Happiest of Holidays"

Ron Ross
President, Chapter 65

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