

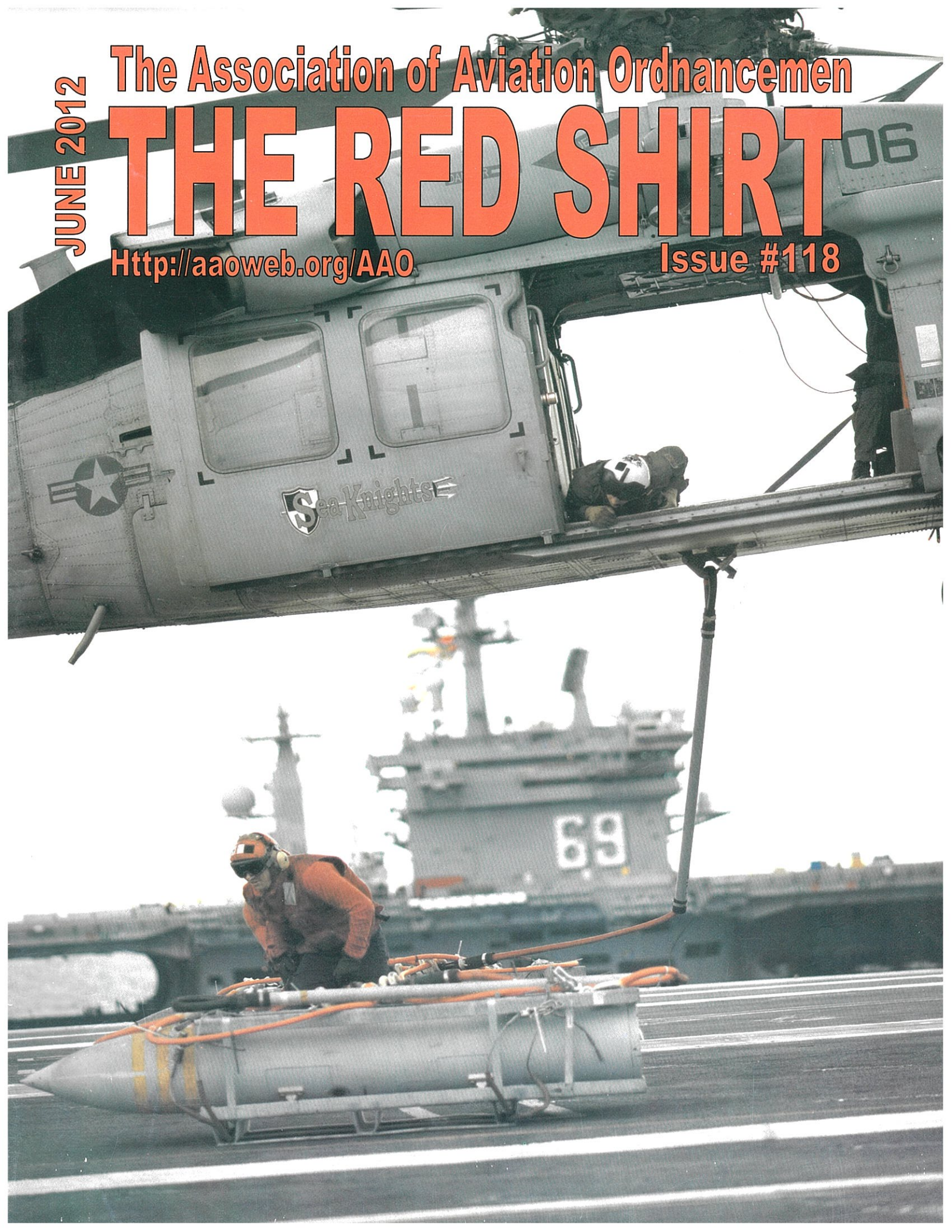
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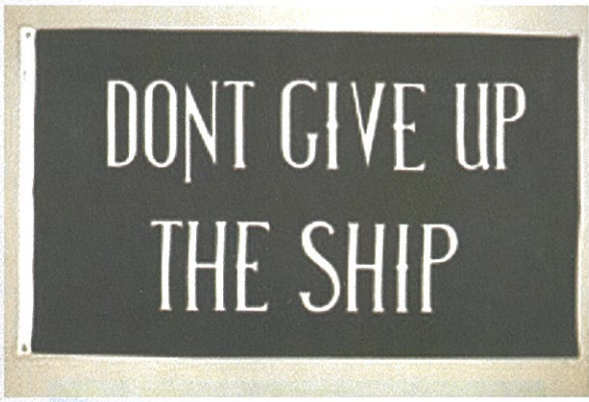
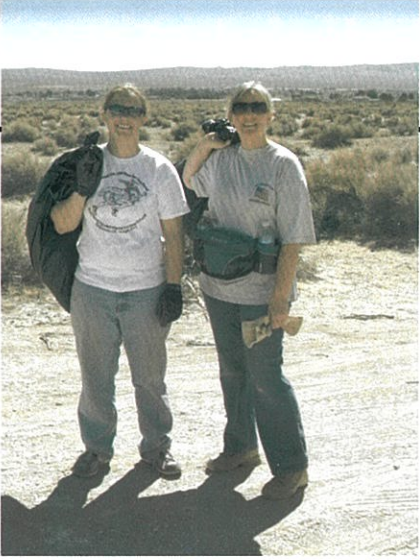
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BUSINESS**

ANY CHAPTER OR AAAO WANTING TO SELL AO ITEMS AT THE 2012 JOINT USN/USMC SYMPOSIUM/ CONVENTION FROM 12 AUG. THROUGH 19 AUG. 2012, "MUST" CONTACT NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM/ CONVENTION COMMITTEE FOR A SPACE AND TABLE (S) BY 1 JULY 2012. THE COMMITTEE "MUST APPROVE MEMORABILIA SALES IN ADVANCE. SALES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED EXCEPT IN ASSIGNED AREAS,

PLEASE CONTACT JIM THOMAS AT 619-421-3991, CHUCK ONKEN AT 559-924-2503 OR J.J. LAMAITRE AT 619-562-8492.

AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALL OF FAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WEBSITE (<http://aaoweb.org/AAO>). THE GUIDELINE FORMAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND THERE IS A SAMPLE NOMINATION PACKAGE TO FOLLOW.

INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, Jeff Sassone (H) 301-757-7307, (C) 240-925-6848 E-mail jeffrey.sassone1@navy.mil

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



Letters To The Editor

I started a Facebook page called "The Red Shirt". If you have access to a computer look us up and LIKE us!

Wanted to pass some photo's and a story about a project that we recently completed here at COMNAVAIRLANT. A special thank you to Bill Glenn, Captain (Ret), Richard "Spike" Pittman, and Matthew Williams for their hard work in getting this fitting tribute on display for all who visit.

V/R,
CDR Bill Bindel
Atlantic Fleet Gun Boss
Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic

Thanks Bill, pics on pg 2

Pics from Saturday, 2012 March 10, Chapter 5 AAOs FOD Walkdown China Lake, CA back gate and some pics from AAO Chapter 5, China Lake, Gas Card Raffle/Scholarship and BBQ on 18 May 2012 at the VWF Post 4084!

v/r,
Sheryl L. Scanlon
ESSM Logistics Support

Pictures on pg 2 Sheryl

Greetings from the Gulf. Attached is a photo from our recent straits transit alert package and G1 division onboard.

President: Chapter LHD-8
AOC(AW/SW) Travis R. Steele

Picture on page 2

I believe I can add further information on Richard Boone, the actor and Aviation Ordnanceman. Back when I was on the CVW-8 Staff 1978/1979, I saw a "tail Hook" magazine (fairly recent issue) with a black and white photo of a person in khakis holding a beer can, the caption under the photo was something like who was this person? The time frame was I'd guess 1944/1945 as the war raged in the Pacific. I kind of recognized him as Richard Boone "Paladin". Towards the back of the periodical was the answer, and if memory serves me correctly, they stated Richard Boone AOTC (Turret) and believe they wrote he was a combat air crewman in either SBD "Dauntless" or SB2C "Helldiver" Dive Bomber. The photo looked to be on an island and was either a squadron and/or ship R and R period. It may be possible to contact the Tail Hook Association to verify the

above from their archives, to possibly include that photo to reproduce in our "Red Shirt."

Congratulations on being selected to this year's Ordie Hall of Fame,

Thanks, Stu
AOCM Stuart W. Carson, USN, Ret.

Congrats to you too Stu! Well Deserved!

If anyone can help with the picture Stu described above. I've done a little googling but have come up empty.

Hey shipmate spell my name right will u lol - you have my engine in the latest Red Shirt, with the name john bruau, it's Braun (if u weren't so big i'd come down there) lol. lets try it again with my new plates if your able, thanks so much Ordie/APML

Hope things find you well these days, THANKS AGAIN

John Braun AOCS Retired

No problem John, you know I did that on purpose!!

We had a mild winter and early spring here in the Colorado Mountains so I was able to get out for a road trip the 1st of April. I have been trying to make a Pensacola trip for a few years. This was about a 3,400 mile bike trip with plenty of wind, rain and hale along with some close tornado calls but all and all it was a great trip. I was able to make Chapter 34 @ Pensacola's April 4th chapter meeting and spend for days in the area.

What a great group of "Ordnance Professionals"® who really made me feel welcome and my visit was a memorable experience. Unlike a lot of retirees I am not around any active military activity so am out of the loop except for the AO Convention. They had a great chapter meeting with a good turnout and it was great to attend.

They also held a retirement ceremony for Chief Dallas Smith at the National Naval Aviation Museum while I was there. I was honored to attend and it was one of the best retirements I have ever attended.

On the rare occasions that I do get to attend functions with any of our members, they always make me proud and honored to be part of our Association!

Sincerely,
Plank Owner, Virgil Burke
CWO4 USN RET



Good afternoon everyone. I was hoping you could assist me with some information regarding the Robert L. Crow Scholarship and Aviation Ordnancemen Convention in Reno Nevada scheduled during the month of August. I have never been invited to attend and I am not sure if I am qualified to be there; however, I would be very interested in attending. I am a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. I have earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University in Fullerton and a Masters of Business Administration degree from Colorado State University. Lastly, my grandfather was Robert L. Crow. Please let me know if I would be welcome to attend the convention and how I may register. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert Tupper, MBA, CPIM, CSCP
Six Sigma Certified Green Belt

Robert,

Though I never had the pleasure of meeting your grandfather; our paths just never crossed, I had been in correspondence with your mother gaining some insight so that I and the Association would be able to continue on to our future generations just who he was and what he believed in. Thanks to her and information, you will find a very brief bio and photo listed on the Association website under scholarship at: [Http://aaoweb.org/AAO](http://aaoweb.org/AAO), this site also contains information regarding registration, hotel connections, tentative meetings and times; just about all one "would want to know, but was afraid to ask". All the formal announcements of "Sailor of the Year", "Scholarship award winners" and "Hall of Fame" is announced at the awards banquet; held Saturday night.

Now as to being "qualified to be there"dispel the thought of not being so. You and your family are more than qualified...your experience & service speaks for itself. I also have prior knowledge of your education endeavors some time ago; I was chairman of the selection committee when your application was presented to us. Not sure if that is a good or bad point at this time, but I also observed that you completed your work and continued on as many others who have received the Robert L. Crow scholarship have also done as well. Well done!

Having said all that, leaves me just one more....See ya in Reno and keep me apprised intentions. Email works, so does phone, number is listed also on the website.

Respectfully,
CWO4 Edward Scott, USN (Ret)
AAOEF President

I am a member of the AO Association, as well as several other military groups, one being The Cruiser Sailors Association here in Las Vegas. Having affiliated with the Cruiser Sailors Assn, I met a fellow AOC (we were the only brown shoes in a black shoe organization) who had been a member

for quite awhile. In January of this year, I found out my fellow AOC had passed away on 6 Dec 2011 at the age of 92. His name is Harry Keneman, and Harry had quite a career, not only as a Navyman and CPO, but also as a civilian working for the Navy in the Bureau of Aeronautics, BUWEPS, and NAVAIR. Harry joined the Navy in 1937, served during WWII and the Korean War, and retired in 1959 after 22 years of active duty. He and his wife Josephine were married for 71 years, and was the father of two sons. I wonder if you could add his name to the TAPS list for the next Red Shirt edition. Thank you.

Del Mitchell
AOC(Ret)

I was a very close friend/shipmate/drinking buddy of Gunner Bruce Kennedy, USN-Retired, who passed away in April 2011. He was a member of the AAO, and If I recall, he was also a Plank Owner of the association. I used to get the Red Shirt from him after he was through reading it, as I'm retired Navy EOD and during my career I was stationed with a great number of AO's and I liked reading about some of those that I knew. Upon his passing, I book marked the AAO website for the purpose of reading the Red Shirt, that he always passed on to me. This past Sunday I brought up the AAO site and read most of the October #116 edition. The first thing that I noted was the front cover, which I believe was of the cemetery here in Fallon where Kennedy is interred. Then at the very back was a picture of his headstone and another picture below it was of his immediate family at the luncheon served at our local American Legion Hall after his grave side services.

I was wondering if I could obtain two issues of that edition for Kennedys children? If necessary I will purchase them myself or make a donation to the AAO Scholarship Fund in Kennedy's name for this request.

Please advise regarding this request.

Respectfully,
B. E. 'Rebb' Rebbetoy
USN-Retired, EOD

Thanks Rebb, I replied back to your e-mail and I do have a couple copies I can mail to you. No need to pay for them but we would definitely not turn down a scholarship donation!

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**Association of Aviation
Ordnancemen Educational
Foundation Election Notice**

At the 2012 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a Board of Director Position in the AAOEF. I, as Foundation President, am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:

Office	Incumbent
Board of Director	Jim Irwin

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. All are reminded of scholarship application or sponsor restrictions imposed to all officers within IRS directives.

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.

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@att.net.

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

Edward C. Scott
AAOEF President

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

AAO President

I hope this article finds all in good health and happiness. This REDSHIRT is the last prior to the upcoming Convention in RENO, have you made your Airline and Hotel reservations yet? If not, we all encourage you to do as soon as you can. Your Convention Committee has been planning for another grand event at the Silver Legacy. The Volunteers for the event sure have been busy getting everything ready. The National Staff also would like to thank everyone involved for all your time and effort you have done well. I know the Silver Legacy staff is standing by to accommodate your needs so hurry up and make your reservation.

As most of the active duty folks have found out we are not conducting the Symposium this year due to budgetary constraints placed on all government services by leadership. Just so you know my staff at COMNAVAIRPAC worked up and submitted the Symposium package with all the required attachments, however on June 3rd Under Secretary of Defense issued a memo stating any Conferences that cost more than \$100,000.00 including travel would require Pentagon approval. Just so you know the CNO also has cancelled his all Flag Officer Conference this year also. I do however expect us to take the lead and ensure we keep our heads about ourselves over this very highly visible issue of the budget.

For sure we all have been busy this year; please take a moment and thank those that are deployed both ashore and afloat and their families for what they have given up to protect us back here at home. They certainly should be in our prayers each night!

We conducted a reset of all our ordnance assets afloat where we inspected 100 percent of assets. For all of us this never stops!!! We must know if and when our assets are bad or questionable, thanks for all the hard work and you also know this never stops. Our Marines have also been working something very similar to our afloat reset, ensuring they have only combat ready assets. HSCWING Pac and Lant have also been deeply involved in upcoming fielding of the Fixed Forward Firing Gun system (FFFG) on the H-60 aircraft, 20MM M197 gun system. We should see the first fleet firing later this summer. Our Marine Air Wings and CVN's schedules sure have been busy this last year as well. From my view point we have done pretty dang good and have accomplished it extremely safely, so it just goes to show you if you are provided the training and you take extreme advantage of the training then follow the written and prescribed procedures we are given we can do it right all the time. I hear all the time train like we fight, I expect us to train so we can fight!

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Well as you most likely know by now, this will be my last REDSHIRT article as your Association President. It truly has been an Honor to lead this organization for the last several years. We have seen the growth of our Chapters and membership, we have seen Ordnancemen participation in many many events for the good of the Aviation Ordnance profession, and this was done right beside our retired and active duty Ordnancemen both Navy and Marine Corps. We have moved our Association to the next level!!! I fully expect the next President of the Association to make us even better, the challenge will be his or hers. I personally want to thank all the past Board Members, as you were key to the success of keeping the sanity in our Board of Directors meetings and keeping the view point of the membership first and foremost in our entire task of running the Association. Joe Manley, JJ, Dennis, Chuck, Dick Grass, Mike Price, Jeff, and certainly our REDSHIRT editor Kevin. Our Committee Leaders for the Hall of Fame, AO of the Year, and Scholarship programs truly impressed all. None of my success would have been possible without your backbone of doing business right. I pass a heartfelt thank you for all you have done for the REDSHIRTS.

As I end my tenure as President I will follow that closely by ending my tenure in the U.S. NAVY. Yep going to retire, don't want to because I LOVE THIS ORDNANCE BUSINESS, Yep LOVED GOING TO SEA, YEP LOVED LOADING THE AIPLANES AND MEETING THE LOADPLAN AND FLIGHT SCHEDULE, Yep LOVED SEEING LOADED AIRCRAFT LAUNCH AND RETURN EMPTY, YEP, HAD TO DO ALL THIS SO PAT COULD BUY MORE SHOE'S (Pat just kidding) YEP IT WILL END WITH 38 YEARS 2 MONTHS AND 1 DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

I truly have loved every single day being an Ordnanceman! So if you're in San Diego on the 14th of SEPT 2012, at 1400 aboard USS CARL VINSON y'all can see the Old Man being PCS'ed to his next career, or you can look at it this way, come see if I really leave. "TYAOYAS"

My Fare Winds and Follow Sea's to all of you!!!
Warmest regards,
CAPT David H. Lepard

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 Chapter Secretary's, please get your monthly minutes to me. I DO pass them to the President so he can keep abreast

of your activities. Please e-mail me at my work or home e-mail address so I can keep the National BOD up to date on your activities.

For those Chapters that can't make it to the Convention please send me what you would like reported to the General Membership.

We are looking for the Officers of the following Chapters!!!!!! Chapters 3, 4, LHD-4, 65, 70, 73, 74, 75, 76, Key West, El Centro. Please send that INFO to me ASAP!!! Also per National BY-LAWS all Chapter officers must be a member of the AAO National. Lets get that part fixed soonest..... See ya at Convention!!!

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AAO Vice President

Greetings Weaponeers,

As I write to you today, I've been thinking about leadership and how much it has changed over the years. One of my most favorite Presidents, Ronald Reagan, is quoted as saying, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." If that doesn't gets your heart pumping as an American what will.

We have seen many things going on in our community, some good some not so good. My question to each of you is what will you pass on to your children? What will be your legacy for them? President Reagan also said, "We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

The key points here are about leadership and accountability. We are all put in positions of authority at times and must remember accountability goes hand in hand with the position. Many of you have been asked to step up and have done a superb job and others have just ridden the waves. As ordnancemen, I would hope our legacy to the next generation of ordies is more than just riding the waves until our time is up. If you are here to only collect a paycheck, move over or go home. A leader, once convinced a particular course of action is the right one, must have the determina-

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AAO Treasurer

CONVENTION – Start making plans NOW for the week of August 12th (Symposium) and 16 August for kick off of Convention. It is imperative that I receive your registrations requests no later than 29 July 2012 if I am to get your tickets back to you before the convention. Don't wait until the last minute. You may want to come in a day or so earlier to see what the latest and greatest equipment the vendors are showing off. See you there!!

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

Address changes have gotten better, BUT are still cost-

ing 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)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aootreas2011@cox.net. Chapter officers, division LPO's, shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materials.

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

YAOYAS!
R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

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By placing Number 1 or
2 beside name)

Timothy M Zimmer

Note: vote for only two (2) Board of Directors

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Members Signature _____ Date _____

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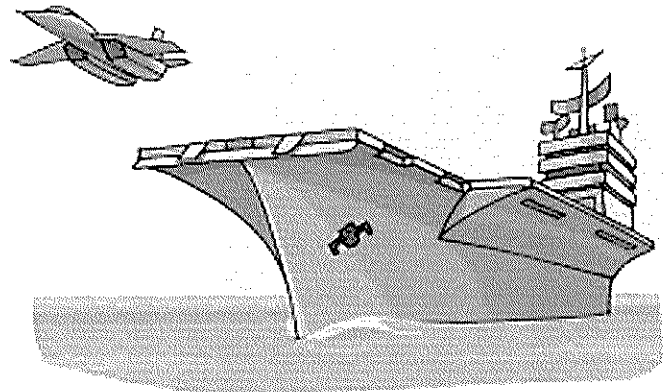
tion to stick with it and be undaunted when the going gets rough. We are ordnancemen tried and true professionals all the time. In this short editorial, I would hope each of you find value. If this speaks to you, do something about it. Don't turn a blind eye to people who are doing things wrong, correct them on the spot, **ESPECIALLY** in our community. Be that Ordie!! You know, the one that counts and makes a difference.

With the convention only a couple of months away, I hope to see each of you there. Take care my friends and God Bless each of you.

AAOVP,
Michael K. Price

As the Chairman of the nomination committee, I am extending absentee voting since the symposium has been cancelled and some of you may not be able to make it to Reno. Nominations for the following positions for the upcoming elections are: President, (CAPT Dave Lepard); two Board of Directors (Rick Garza and Gerald Gladders). If you have a nomination for any of these positions, the formal

nominations must be received by me on or before 31 July 2012. To date, I have received only one nomination. Please hurry and cast your ballots if you do not plan to attend.





Chapter 8

Hello from Sun Diego!

I would like to take a moment of silence for those who lay down their lives each and everyday to defend our freedom and to those who lost their lives in the process.....THANK U!

Next, I would like to give a big "WELCOME HOME!" to the USS CARL VINSON and her battle group and a "WELCOME BACK" to the USS ESSEX who did a crew swap with the BHR and is now homeported here in San Diego from Japan!

A HUGE CONGRATS TO ALL THE NEW AOCMs! We got some current and former Chapter 8 members below that I am so proud of and excited for. Thank you for motivating me and others!!

DYAL SANDRA A 006	HALL MICHAEL 007
HECKER KENNET 011	HOLLY WESLEY 004
HOLMES RICHAR 009	JOHNSON CHRIS 005
MCQUEENGIPSON 002	MONTOYA LAWRE 013
MUNFORD LAVOS 003	PEREZ DAVID J 008
SANCHEZ GERAR 012	SAVILLE MICHA 010
SOILEAU VORIS 001	STEO DAVID DA 014

Female seniority is growing amongst us and it is just so awesome to see the amount of leadership that we are advancing today. I mean who would have known? I only heard of AOCM (ret) Daley (first female AOCM). Now, we have 5 female Master Chiefs!!!(AOCM Vollstedt, AOCM Cotter, AOCM Shepherd, AOCM Dyal and AOCM McQueen-Gipson). I guess the saying "Change will always happen, with or without you" really brings the truth to light. Congrats once again.

May is a very busy month. There is Military Spouse Appreciation, Memorial Day, Armistice Day, Mother's Day, The first half of our annual advancements, and to top it off Chapter 8 is always in the mood to entertain and throw down for their Annual Picnic!! The crowd was a little thin this year due to deployments but it was a great turn out. Only one small ship was in town, so about 50 familiar faces were there. The usual clan from Lemoore came down and pretty much went home with ALL the great prizes. MALS-11 had an awesome set-up crew. (shout out to Master Gunz Senecal and his Marines!!!) and nothing would have been possible if it wasn't for the committee. Also, a special thanks to Theresa who is always putting together children activities year after yearThere is one date in May that we AO's find a little uneasy. When we think about it, some of us get a little teary eyed and our throat starts to get that feeling like there is a

frog in the back of it and you keep swallowing to prevent that dry feeling from happening again and that is the loss of Lt. John W. Finn. (may he rest in love) If there is one thing about us Ordies that no other rate can deny, it's the way we love our rate, our comrades and our job and John Finn was all that.....

Lt. John W. Finn was remembered once again on the 26th of March 2012 at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the JOHN FINN HALL (barracks). It was a major success as well as sentimental. You should have seen these rooms that our young sailors will be able to board when needed. Absolute top dollar appliances in each room and so much brand new technology through out the building. It truly took my breath away.

Our next Highway walk will be the first Saturday of August right before the Symposium/Convention 2012 (have you made reservation?) Highway Walk 905 East, Saturday August 4th, 2012 @ 0900. Directions: Take 5 south to 905/Tocayo, stay right "Tocayo" at the light, turn right we will stage across the street from the 7-Eleven. From 805: Take 905 west to Oro Vista Road at the light, turn right we will stage across the street from the 7-Eleven. We will meet at 0900, we are not out in never-never land anymore so let's join up and knock it out.

Before I sign off for the last time, I would like to thank all of you readers out there for keeping our integrity and accountability in check. It is because of that, that we are able to return home with all limbs that we left with and it is because of that, that we can say that we have Honor, Courage and Commitment. It was and has been a pleasure serving as Chapter 8's President, but my services are needed else where. USS BOXER has my name on it and pretty soon, you will see pictures and stories from a Gator's point of view. So until then, give each other a pat on the back and motivate those that need it. Sometimes it takes a fresh set of eyes to see the "bigger" picture that our young Ordies can't see at this time. See you out in the Fleet.....IYAOYAS!!!

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USS BOXER, LHD-4
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Chapter 4

Greetings from Chapter 4 and the Tidewater Ordies!

It has been a long time since we had an update in the Red-shirt. As of today, we're back. Now that you've been warned, let's get down to business!

It's been a very busy year at Chapter 4. We have had majority of our members deployed throughout the past 6 months. Some maybe sitting next to you as you read this throughout the world.

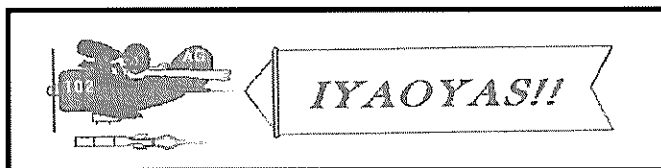
We have had a turnover of Board Members recently. LCDR David Moore was relieved as President by LTjg Mike Gaar. AOC Jen Turney was relieved as Vice President by AO1 Sam Rosenthal. AO1 Tiffany Benesch was relieved as Secretary by AOC Jeff Standley. AO2 Ian Thompson is the current Treasurer. A huge "Thank You" goes out to all our former Board Members for the excellent job they did while serving our Chapter and our Association! We wish you the best of luck at your new commands!

As we make our way through 2012, Chapter 4 has embarked on several projects. We are underway planning our summer picnic at NAS Oceana's front gate park and our annual Red Rock Retreat in North Carolina. We have raised and donated several hundred dollars to contribute to a fellow AO's home transformation in support of his wife after being in a tragic motorcycle accident. Boneshakers Social Club held a poker run in support of these efforts and we had several Association T-shirts flapping in the wind. Our quarterly roadside cleanups are a continued success and our support base gets larger by the month.

Our Chapter membership is up with an average of over 20 members at our monthly meetings. Please feel free to join us on Facebook. You can find us as "AO Association Chapter 4". We look forward to seeing everyone at the convention. If you find yourself in the Tidewater area, come join us at our monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

IYAOYAS!!

From everyone at Chapter 4!



CVN-77

BUSH TOPS OFF IKE

On March 21st USS GEORGE H W BUSH (CVN 77) and USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) rendezvoused off the VACAPES area and conducted ammo UNREP operations. The evolution took about five hours to complete by VERTREP and resulted in the transfer of over 174 tons of ordnance valued at 58 million dollars. It was a total team effort with Weapons and Air department, along with the Sea Knights from HSC-22, working together to get the job done safely and efficiently.

In the end we VERTREPped approximately 200 lifts, about 821 line items, with zero discrepancies. After it was all said and done, OHO Folsom on IKE could not have said it better, "Dave, we are good to go on 20MM (AA22). That concludes the inventories and we are 100% spot on to what your 1348's reflected. Nice job and I love me some BUSH :-)."

GEORGE H W BUSH will offload the remainder of her ammunition with the USNS Lewis & Clark before the scheduled 2012 maintenance period at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Submitted by:
LCDR Dave Fowler
OHO, GHWB
IYAOYAS

Picture on cover and page 2!!!





Chapter 72

Chapter 72 Says Thank you!

Greeting from the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility, CVN-72/ CVW-2 Red Shirts are 4 months into an 8 month deployment. Moral is high, powder is dry and we are providing support to Operation Enduring Freedom as well as various tasking throughout the Persian Gulf region. We have made three ports of call in Thailand, Bahrain and Dubai and are currently underway and serving proudly. Our E-4 through E-6 exams is now complete and we are all eagerly awaiting results so we can frock our new Petty Officer's.

Chapter 72 wanted to take a few moments and thank the Ladies Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnance-men for their kind and generous "Taste of Home" campaign. Chapter 72 received some 40 care packages from all over the United States from proud Auxiliary members who wanted all the Red Shirts on ABE, both ship's company and air wing, to have a break from the day to day life on a carrier and share in some "goodies" from home. Homemade bread and cookies as well as candy, snacks, books and even a few DVD's made their way from the homes of AAO supports to brothers and sisters on the tip of the spear. Your message was loud and clear, "You may not be home, but people back at home love you, support you and keep you in their prayer's every night". There really is no better feeling in the world and from the attached pictures you can see all the smiles on our faces. On Behalf of all the Red Shirts in Chapter 72 onboard ABE, we say THANK YOU to all in the Ladies AAO Auxiliary who sponsor and participate in the TASTE OF HOME program. Thank you for all you have done for deployed sailors and marines all over the world and bless you for all you continue to do each and every day. IYAOYAS! We will arrive in our new home in Norfolk, Virginia in late summer 2012 and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

LCDR Joe Thompson
OHO CVN-72

Fair Winds and Following Seas to LT Donald (Don) Lewis,
CVW-2 CAG Gunner

From all of the Red Shirts onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) and Carrier Air Wing Two, we bid fair well to our shipmate and CAG GUNNER, LT Donald (Don) Lewis, after 28 years of faithful and dedicated service to his country and to the United States Navy. Don enlisted in the Navy in 1984 and his assignments were:

- 1985-1988 USS John F Kennedy CV-67,
- 1988-1991 VF-101
- 1991-1994 NAS Sigonella Weapons
- 1994-1996 VFA-87 Cecil Field(embarked USS Roosevelt CVN-71, USS John F Kennedy CV67)
- 1996-1999 NAS Patuxent River STRIKE
- 1999-2001 USS Enterprise CVN-65
- 2002-2006 VP1 Whidbey Island
- 2006-2008 OIC NMC Whidbey Island
- 2008-2012 CAG Gunner CVW-2 USS Abraham Lincoln CVN-72

Don was proudly selected to Chief Petty Officer in 1999 and commissioned in November 2001, he has completed 10 deployments throughout the world and his leadership and friendship are two trademarks never to be forgotten. I asked Don what highlights he recalls throughout his career and he told me "Standing at the base of the pyramids in Egypt and watching sailors I worked with move up the ranks" were at the front of his thoughts, furthermore he stated, "Working with some great Americans day in and day out who love being part of the greatest rate in the Navy, Aviation Ordnance, Truly IYAOYAS!"

Don will be retiring in the Piqua, Ohio area with his lovely wife Andrea and daughter Lauren and two sons Justin and Stephen. Stephen is in the United States Marine Corp.

Don will be relieved by LT Tracey Appleby. We welcome Tracey to the CVW-2/ABE team and look forward to continued success as we continue on our world cruise. To LT Don Lewis (Gunner) and your family, we thank you for 28 years of dedicated faithful service and wish you nothing but health and happiness in your retirement. You are a true American hero and our brother in arms now and forever. You will always be remembered as a leader, a friend and an outstanding Ordie. It has been an honor to work side by side with you. We all wish you FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS. IYAOYAS

LCDR Joe Thompson
OHO CVN-72





Chapter 1

Hello from starting to heat up Lemoore, CA!

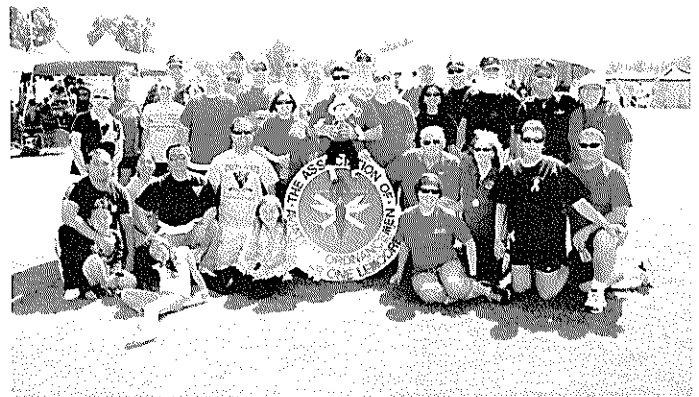
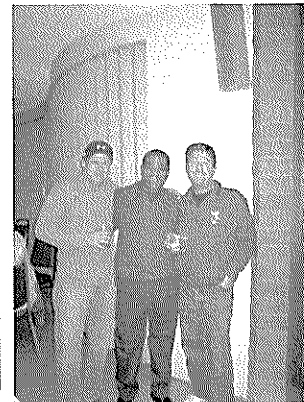
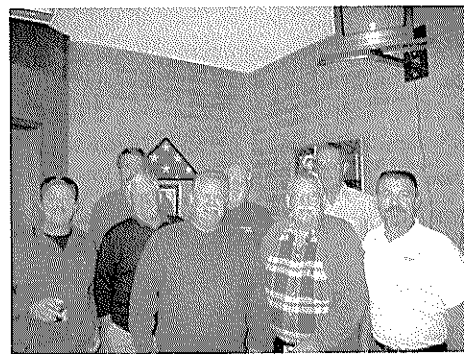
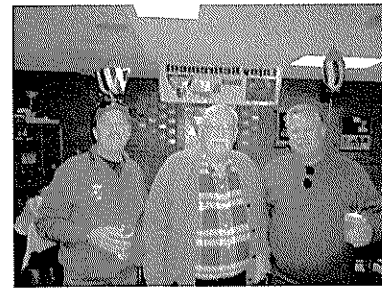
It's been awhile since I've updated last so I'm going to bring everyone up to speed. In November we had a surprise retirement party for Mr. Chuck Onken, after 52 years of active duty military and government service he went out with a "Great Ending" thanks to Mr. Rob Walecki and Mr. Bill Wright for organizing this surprise. Chuck was extremely surprised by all the guest's that came together for this truly amazing event; he had friends and family come in from all over. Mr. Bill Overby, our Chapter Secretary, said it best- "Chuck has earned the respect of many people both in the Ordnance Community and those that can only wish they were a part of it. We are all fortunate enough to have had Chuck give us some direction in our careers and I'm sure he will continue guiding us in one way or another. Thank you Chuck and may you truly enjoy your years in civilian life." I couldn't have said it better myself Bill, Thank you (old man Chuck!). Mr. Onken replied "It has been GREAT working with all of you. I am going to miss the work, but most of all; I AM GOING TO MISS THE PEOPLE!" Chuck it has been an honor working for you. Chuck and Beverly will be staying in the Lemoore area, give them a call if you are ever in the area otherwise they will see you at the AAO Conventions/Symposiums.

We just wrapped up our 2012 Relay for Life on April 28-29th at the Lemoore High School track for our 5th consecutive year. Our team consisted of 38 people made up of Chapter One members, their families, friends and Ordies from the numerous squadrons attached to NAS Lemoore. Chapter One raised over \$7,000 as a team, Mrs. Beverly Onken, as always, placed high in the individual fundraising, raising \$4,317!! Thank you all for your donations and support, without everyone's involvement we would have never succeeded! And thank you AO1 Cindy O'Brien for once again being our team captain!

We had our quarterly ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY FOD walk-down on the 1st of June along our stretch of Highway 198, it was a successful turn out, thank you all for your support. We are getting into our busy months, starting with our 4th of July fireworks booth at our local FRA Branch in Lemoore the 1st week in July. We are also getting ready to hold our annual summer picnic in August and we also have the date for our Holiday party on the 8th of December, so if anyone will be in the area around that time and are interested in attending any of our upcoming events, please feel free to contact myself or any of the Chapter One board members. With that my friends, I and the Chapter One Ordies wish you the best of luck on your summer endeavors, stay safe,

and if you are ever in town on the third Friday of the month, come join us at our monthly meetings at our local FRA Branch in Lemoore.

I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S
AO1 Laura Colby
Chapter One President



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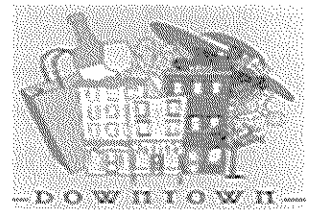
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Advanced Reservations: Email Carolyn Thomas with name(s) to:

carolynthomas01@cox.net

Payment accepted at the convention.

SPACE IS LIMITED – DON'T DELAY!

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Can you help?.....Know where any of these members can be located? If so please contact me at aaotreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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AOAN Heather M. Brown
AO1 Hans Rodriguez
AOCS Jack S. Knapp USN Ret
AO1 Kenneth R. Canfield
CWO3 Stephen C. Berrey USN Ret
AOAR Javan Nedd
Cdr Charles "John" Evans USN Ret
Capt William E. Scarborough USN Ret
AO1 Donnell L. Lewis
TM2 Jarrod L. Herdt
AO2 Brett L. Thompson

LCDR Charles W. McComis USN Ret
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LCDR Arthur R. Gray USN Ret
AO1 Forrest R. Mayne
AO3 Nicholas A. Farda
AO2 Gina M. Middaugh
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AO1 Kenneth M. Davis
AOC William B. Stanton
AO1 Kenneth R. Canfield

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AO2 Bert H. Wilson USN Ret
AOCS John and Linda Cataldi, Jr. USN Ret
A1C James R. & Patricia Manion
MGySgt William & Jaqueline Rice USMC Ret
AOC Joseph P. & Sylvia Crofton USN Ret

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AOCS Stuart W. Carson, Sr. USN Ret
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Mr. Richard J. Peiper
Ms. Mary K. Feldman
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AOCS Terrence V. Miles USN Ret

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Lacy N. Paulsen
AOC Russell E. German

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AOC Roger F. Creamer USN Ret
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AOC Helvin A. Gomez
AO3 Holly E. Colburn
AO2 John N. Bush
AOAA Eliza P. Gross
AO1 Noel Galiano



By Don Shirley Submitted by Jimmy Bishop

As I sit here at O'-Dark-thirty (actually 0255) on a Tuesday morning, I have finally come to the realization that my sleep schedule is all hosed up. To be awake in the watches of the night is not fun. It does, however, give one time to think and remember and reflect. I was just thinking of my last days as a member of the Navy's VA-155 Light Attack Squadron, the Silver Foxes. I am Don Shirley, now an almost seventy-six year-old retired sailor who back then, as a Chief Aviation Ordnanceman, was scheduled to transfer from VA-155 to Instructor Duty at the Naval Air Maintenance Training Detachment (NAMTRADET) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, Ca. before the USS Ranger's 1968 combat cruise to the Western Pacific (read Vietnam) from NAS Alameda at San Francisco began. The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS), however came out with a new policy that stated that if the next cruise started less than three months from when your orders went into effect, they could take you out with them. Guess who got to go to sea on Ranger? When my relief, AOCS (Senior Chief Aviation Ordnanceman) Art Patch came aboard, I went to the Night Maintenance Chief job.

About six months into the cruise, they finally relented and during an in-port period at Subic Bay Naval Station in the Philippines, they let me go home, and I had a traveling companion, too. Aviation Ordnanceman Second Class (AO2) Pat Wallace, one of my best troops and an integral part of my bomb loading crews had completed his enlistment and was due to get out of the Navy. Most of the rest of my crew also served their time, took a well-earned Honorable Discharge, and returned to civilian life to carve out careers for themselves and their families. I like to think that when all of those guys went back home, they took some things with them that they had learned during endless days of toiling on a steaming flight deck, working sometimes around the clock in one of the most dangerous working environments in the world; an aircraft carrier flight deck during flight operations. I am quite sure that they learned that hard work will not kill you but inattention most certainly will, and that learning to work together as a part of a team is one of the most important things one can do in order to be successful in life. That's enough of the philosophy.

AO2 Wallace was known in the Squadron as "Wally". Sometimes your name as used by your peers in the service is some sort of a bastardization of your real name; some times it just is your real name; and sometimes it is just a name made up on the spot. I once knew a fat kid in a previous Squadron who walked kind of funny, and one day someone made the remark that AO3 Richards didn't really walk, he just kind of "ooshed" along. From that day forward, he was "Ooshy" Richards. I think he kind of got to liking it. Wally was a great kid and I was glad to have him travelling

with me. He came from the little town of Mena, Arkansas, and he would regale us with his tales of the country lifestyle, most of it made up of course (but I was never quite sure about the stump-broke cow story). Anyway, when we got to Clark Air Force Base for our flight home, the bird was down, and we had to wait until the next day to leave. We went out the Clark Field Main Gate to Angelese City, got a motel room for the night, and did a little pub crawling. Remind me some day, and I will write you a dissertation on the differences in the bar scenes between Subic Bay's Olongapo City (or simply, "The PO" as it came to be called) and Angelese City at Clark. Then it was back to the room for a good night's sleep.

The next day, we were off on an uneventful trip aboard a Military Airlift Command (MAC, or as they are more commonly known, Screaming Baby Airlines) 747 aircraft. They are called that because of the number of young dependents with young children that they transport, usually unaccompanied by their military spouses. The 747 aircrew must have been really leaning on the throttles, because we landed Northeast of San Francisco at Travis AFB, the West Coast MAC hub only about five hours late from our original arrival time. My wife Lisa was there waiting for me, having left NAS Lemoore in California's Central Valley about midnight for the long drive to Travis. We threw my gear in the car and then Wally's bags, and I said we would take him over to the Shuttle Bus stop for busses going to the San Francisco Airport where he was to catch his flight home. But NO, the wife is not hearing any of this. Why should Wally have to wait to catch, and then get on and ride that nasty old bus down the peninsula, across the Golden Gate, through downtown San Francisco traffic, way out past Candlestick Park to SFO, when we could do the same thing, never mind the almost two hours extra driving time and the over one hundred road miles out of our way? And, there would be no more discussion on the subject. I'm pissed, she is pisserder (if there is such a word), and Wally is becoming damned uncomfortable.

We climb in the car, and I hit the ignition switch and "CLICK".... Nothing. "CLICK"... "CLICK"...Nothing. Lisa had left Lemoore around midnight and arrived at Travis well after daylight, never thinking about turning off the car's headlights. The result was a dead battery from the car setting in a parking lot for about six hours, lights blazing. I couldn't blame her, however, I have done the same thing myself. Well, there was nothing to be done except to make a bad situation better, so I got on the phone to the Base Gas Station/Garage and asked for someone to come out and provide my dead battery with a jump so that we might be on our way. "No problem", he says, and after about ten minutes a young man driving a bob-tailed tow-truck showed up. The young man popped the hood on my 1967 Ford Fairlane, and

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Auxiliary Luncheon

T.O.H. "Box" Lunch

I'll be there - Sign me up!

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	Please list names of attendees:					

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starts to hook-up his cabling, telling me to be ready to "Hit it when I give you the word". I don't know what he had hooked up to what, but all of a sudden, a boiling reddish-white cloud of smoke started rising along with this weird crackling noise as all of the wiring in my engine compartment fried and all of the major components of my ignition system melted. I am so mad I can't think straight, the kid is shaking like a leaf, Lisa is crying, and Wally just really, really wants to go home. I get back on the phone to the Garage Management, and they are profusely apologetic, and say they will do everything they can to help us through our ordeal. And they did.

They towed our car back to the Garage after dropping Wally off at the Bus Stop (never to be seen or heard from again), and installed Lisa and I in a nice room in the "Billets", which I gather is Air Force lingo for the Navy equivalent of a Transient Barracks. There was even a quiet little bar at the end of the building. I have often teased my USAF Retired (23 years)

son that while the Air Force may lack somewhat in the "HUP TOOP TREEP" or the "OOOHRRRAAA" departments, they do take care of their troops on a day-to-day basis. They gave us chits for Lunch, Dinner and the Breakfast meals the next day in the base Cafeteria. About ten o'clock the next day, our car was ready to go. They had worked through the night, replacing the battery, the alternator, starter, distributor and all associated wiring and bulbs, as well as loading us up with a full tank of gas. The car never ran better. The Manager told me he would like to fire the kid who caused the problem but his dad was some big base Master Sergeant or something. We got home later that day, tired but happy. Luckily for us, my oldest daughter Julie was thirteen and a very mature young lady fully capable of handling her younger siblings for one more night than planned on.

Ya'll have a great Navy day now, ya hear?



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2012 AAO CONVENTION

DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING	LOCATION
8-15 Wed	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
	0700-1700	Coffee Mess & Exhibits/Vendors	Expo A
	1200-1600	Convention Registration	Expo A
	1700-2100	Ordie "Hernia Bar"	Rum Bullion Patio
8-16 Thurs	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
	0700-1300	Coffee Mess & Exhibits/Vendors	Expo A
	0800-1200	Convention Registration	Expo A
	0800-1030	Association Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, Committee Chairmen & Chapter Representatives	Boardroom
	1100-1330	AAOEF BOD	Boardroom
	1300-1600	Coffee Mess & Vendors	Silver Baron 1 - 3
	1300-1600	Convention Registration	Silver Baron 1
	1400-1630	AAAO Board of Directors	Boardroom
	1730-2130	Truckee Thursday Trip	Depart at Valet Parking
	1700-2100	Ordie "Hernia Bar"	Rum Bullion Patio
8-17 Fri	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
	0800-1600	Coffee Mess & Vendors	Silver Baron 1 - 3
	0800-1600	Convention	Silver Baron 1
	0800-1500	AO of the Year Committee	Silver Baron C
	0800-1500	Scholarship Committee	Silver Baron B
	0830-1000	Safety Committee	Boardroom
	1000-1130	Hall of Fame Committee	Boardroom
	1230-1430	AAO/AAOEF By-Laws Committee	Boardroom
	1430-1600	Nomination & Absentee Ballot Committee	Boardroom
	1830-2100	Social & AAAO Auction	Silver Baron A & B + 4 - 6
8-18 Sat	0700-1800	Convention Admin	Boardroom
	0800-1130	Association Business Meeting	Silver Baron A
	0900-1400	AAAO Business Meeting/Luncheon	Silver Baron B
	1600-1930	Reunion Book Photos	Silver Baron B
	1630-1830	No Host Cocktails	Rum Bullion Patio
	1830-2130	Awards Dinner Guest Speaker - TBD	Silver Baron A & B + 4 - 6
8-19 Sun	0800-1130	Association Board Meeting	Silver Baron 2
	0800-1100	Auxiliary Board Meeting	Silver Baron 1
	200-1400	AAOEF BOD	Silver Baron 1

PLACE & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
(Check The New Hotel Reader Boards Daily)

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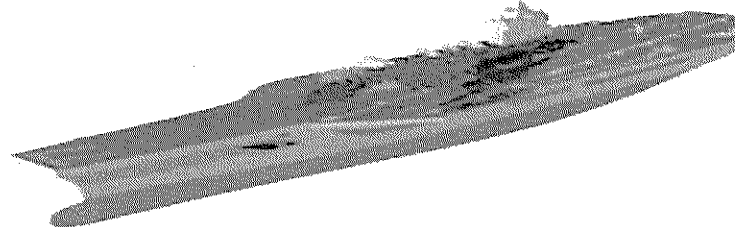
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2012 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

DEADLINE IS 3 AUGUST 2012

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

- 16 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 17 Aug (Fri) AO of The Year Committee _____
- 17 Aug (Fri) Scholarship Committee _____
- 17 Aug (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee _____
- 17 Aug (Fri) Membership Committee _____
- 17 Aug (Fri) By-Laws Committee _____
- 17 Aug (Fri) Nominations Committee _____
- 18 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 19 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting _____

**AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

- 16 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 17 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 18 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting _____

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.

For active duty E-4 and below:

1 year free membership in the Association is included in your registration fee. If you are already a member your membership will be extended one year. To qualify for this special registration package please include a completed application with your registration and or ticket order.

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2012. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED.

Visa/ MasterCard Credit Card Fee's are Non Refundable.

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check, money order, or credit card info made payable to and mailed to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

Thomas Lord
2888 Iris Ave., #122
San Diego, CA 92154

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

- 1. Member \$20.00 (\$25.00 after 3 Aug 12)
Name of Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
- 2. Non-Member \$30.00 (\$35.00 after 3 Aug 12)
(Not including guest or spouse)
Name of Non-Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
- 3. Additional Guests (Spouse) 18 and over \$10.00 \$ _____
Names of Guests _____
(Spouse) (please print)

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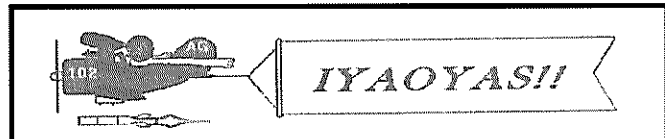
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REPORTING: As a non-profit organization, the Internal Revenue Service requires us to report the number of hours and the amount of money we put in to the organization. Failure to do so could cause loss of non-profit status with the IRS. So ... Please ... Write down your hours and the cost of your activities for the full year – from August 2011 to July 2012. We will be asking for the information at the business meeting on Saturday so we can tally the totals and pass them on to the Association. This is so very important; I cannot stress it too much. Also, it's amazing, when you sit down and start writing it all up, how much time and money you donate in a year's time.

AUXILIARY RAFFLE: The raffle tables will be functioning all week. You may send your items ahead by mailing them to me and I will transport them to Reno. My address is 1130 Courtney Marie Lane, Fallon Nevada 89406. We need lots of items. If you aren't sure what to bring (or send) almost any item will do. Bring a bauble that someone might treasure, something useful or something that is just plain fun; Items to decorate the home with, holiday items from Independence Day to Christmas; something for a garden; toys to be given to someone's child or grandchild; tools for the fix-it person in the family; any other item you come across that would be fun to receive. You don't need to bring a truck full, even one item will help.

Thursday Night Outing: Truckee is on the menu. Catch the bus with us Thursday evening for a short trip to the unique town of Truckee and share in Truckee Thursday! Enjoy live music, arts and craft vendors, a beer garden, sidewalk sales, food vendors and a certified organic Foothill Farmers' Market. We'll be leaving about 1730 hours and hope to return around 2130 hours. You can use the reservation form found in this publication to sign up early - as space is limited.

FRIDAY NIGHT AUCTION: We will be auctioning off

items to bring in cash for the Scholarship Fund. We do need items - Remember, the scholarships are our main purpose and the auction is where we make our dollars to donate.

SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING: Join us in deciding the direction of your Auxiliary. We will be electing a new President, Secretary and two Board members. Please think about taking a position. Not only do you get to work with great people in the other officers, but you assist in making a stronger organization. If you aren't sure, talk to one of the current officers and they can fill you in on the job duties and rewards. Come help us Make A Difference.

Saturday luncheon: Box Lunch – well, not really. Our luncheon will be the Deli Buffet with deli meats, salads and the yummy items that go with them. After we eat, we will be putting together our Taste of Home boxes to be shipped to Ordies who are deployed. Please bring cookies, candy, drink mixes, brownies or any items you think our Ordies would enjoy while they are away from home. If you are flying in and just can't bring items with you, we have some discount stores nearby that we can make forays to. We welcome everyone to our luncheon – you do not have to be a member. Come join us! Cost for members is \$18 and for non-members \$21. You can sign up early by completing the luncheon sign in sheet found below and send your payment to Julie Brado, Auxiliary Treasurer – address on form.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT: Remember to contact BevyJo if you have someone in mind to nominate for our Circle of Support. There are certainly members that have earned the right to be included in our Circle of Support. Nomination criteria may be obtained from BevyJo Myhand. The committee needs the nominees now – so don't delay. Contact BevyJo at BevyJo@Cox.net.

BRING A BOOK: We will be doing a book swap – just for fun. Bring a few of those books that you have read four or five times and trade them for books others bring. Trading books is fun and getting new reading material is always enjoyable.

AGENDA: Below is a quick agenda of our meetings and activities (all are subject to change):

Wednesday, 15 August:

1200-1600 Convention Registration

Thursday, 16 August:

0800-1200 & 1300-1600 Convention Registration

1400-1630 Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting

1700-2130 Truckee Trip

Friday, 17 August:

0800-1600 Convention Registration

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AGM-88 HARM

AO1 Nicolas Romero of VX-23 Ordnance, Steve Smith President of Emergent Technologies Inc, Jay Carbaugh from Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC), and Mike Osbaugh also from LEMC, conducting High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) Block 5A Reprogramming on a HARM Test and Evaluation asset, using a AN/GSM-396 Guided Missile Launcher Test Sets (GMLTS). This evolution enable the closer a Conventional Ordnance Deficiency Report (CODR), allowing the continuation of aircraft integration efforts, and demonstrated GMLTS verification for Technical Directive (TD) compliance, which saved time and taxpayer dollars. HARM Block 5A Software will upgrade all Navy AGM-88C missiles to mitigate known deficiencies. The result of these fixes will improve performance/tactical utility, increased probability of detect/guide, reduced track loss, and improved lethality against modern/complex radar threats.

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1830-2100 Social & AAAO Auction
Saturday, 18 August:
0900-1400 Auxiliary Business Meeting & Taste of Home Luncheon
1830-2130 Awards Dinner
Sunday, 19 August:
Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting

As always, if you find yourself with some extra time, check in with one of the officers or committee people to see when they can put you on the 'volunteer for fun' schedule. People working the raffle table always can use a break or two during the day. 50/50 tickets for the drawings on Wednesday and Saturday need to be sold. I will be asking around for help, but if you know you'll have some time, drop me an email - alchurchillpost@cccmm.net - and we can get you set up for the times you have available.

I'm looking forward to seeing every one of you in Reno.

Jan Clasen
Auxiliary President



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