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1981 RENO CONVENTION NEWS

The 1981 Convention Committee is hard at work trying to make the 1981 Convention the best ever. In order to get the best deals for you, George Adams has requested that you contact him directly if you wish any of the following: golf, bowling, or tours. Would any of the wives like to have a scheduled meeting? Also, if any Retirees are going to stay in Reno before or after the Convention dates, please let him know so he can work on getting you the same room rate for your whole stay. He must have inputs by 15 December, so get a letter to him as soon as possible. GEORGE M. ADAMS CWO4, 767 Rice Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406 Phone: (702) 423-2347

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RETIRED

CDR GEORGE LAMOUREUX retired after 31 years of active duty. He served as Ordnance Officer aboard The USS Enterprise, The USS Intrepid, The USS Essex, The USS Panger, and The USS America in addition to other assignments. SMOOTH SAILING AND FOLLOWING SEAS, GEORGE!

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NATOMA BAY DISPLAY AT SAN DIEGO NEW AERO SPACE MUSEUM

A letter was received from AO JOHN SASSANO, Historian for USS Natoma Bay Association CVE-62. The Association has a display of the Natoma Bay at the New Aero Space Museum in San Diego. Their plaque has an aluminum horseshoe made from the remnants of Japanese suicide planes donated by John. He sends regards to all shipmates.

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CAN YOU HELP ? ? ?

WWII Floyd Bennett Field and USS Ticonderoga sailor Henry J. Buras, 5949 S. Tripp Avenue, Chicago, IL 60629, is trying to contact AO's Joe Esposito, Red Murphy, Hafner, and other Ordnancemen from Floyd Bennett, Uss Ticonderoga, USS Hornet, USS Hancock, USS Bennington, and USS Wasp from 1943-1945.

Want to locate anyone from CASU-4 and CASU-32 from WWII era. Contact: LE ROY PAULIN, 1203 Sixth Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024

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WANTED: APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. For details see page 2.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In June of 1978 at the Convention in Reno the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen approved and established a Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is for dependents of current members of the Association, dependents of deceased members of the Association, and dependents of any deceased Aviation Ordnanceman of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps. This scholarship is funded by donations, memorials and, when required, by the general fund of the Association. The scholarship, currently \$250.00 annually, may be utilized to pay tuition, purchase books and supplies, and to assist with living expenses of an eligible individual who is in a continuing education program beyond high school level. This may be at a university, college, technical, trade or specialty school level and is not limited to any specific field of endeavor.

Criteria for selection of the individual to receive the scholarship is based on academic record, needs, goals, and eligibility. Selection of the individual and award of the scholarship will be accomplished at the annual convention. Nominations for the scholarship must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association no later than 15 June of the year of the award. The nomination shall consist of a personal letter from the applicant to the Association Scholarship Committee outlining the following points:

- o Eligibility
- o Educational goals
- o Other scholarships and educational grants received
- o Monetary needs of the applicant
- o Past academic record

In addition to the personal letter from the applicant, an application form is required. This form may be obtained by requesting same from: Thomas D. Robins, Sec./Treas. at 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, CA 95008.

The award selectee will be notified by letter as soon as practicable after the annual convention and the selection will also be announced in the Newsletter.

The scholarship fund is primarily dependent on donations and memorials to the fund. Donations may be forwarded to the Association Secretary/Treasurer - marked for the Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Fund. Establishment of memorials for the purpose of perpetuating the scholarship is encouraged and may be done in the name of an individual or organization. Further details concerning this may be obtained from the President or the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

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PACEMAKERS DECOMMISSIONED

FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE was decommissioned at NAS Miramar in September, ending over 27 years that the "Pacemakers" have operated from this Station. On 4 February 1953, VF-781 was designated VF-121 flying Grumman F-9F Panthers. In 1958 they were designated a training squadron with instruction of fleet combat replacement pilots in the F11F-1 Tiger and the F3H Demon. Fighter Squadron 121 was the first Navy Squadron to receive the Mc Donnell F-4 "Phantom II" and for 18 years provided a continuous program for training F-4 replacement fleet aircrews and maintenance personnel. The "Pacemakers" brought to a close a significant portion of Naval Aviation History at the decommissioning ceremony 26 September 1980.

NEW MEMBERS

ALSTON, Jerry AO2
CANALES, C. R. AO2
GIROD, K. M. AOAN
JORGENSEN, Frank L.
MC MAINS, Jack W.
ROBINSON, J. C. AO2
WILLIAMS, Frank L.
LUKAS, C. J.

BARNES, J. E. A.
EAST, Reginald C.
HARRIS, Theodore D. AO2
KEVIN, John M.
MILLS, L. D.
TYLER, M. T. AOC
WOLENSKI, S. AO3

BIRD, C. B.
ENNIS, L. R.
HARTZ, J. E. AO2
MARSHALL, Byford, D.
NALL, R. D. AO2
WEIBE, R. L. AOAN
WOOLARD, J. N.

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FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

It looks as though T. C. MOORE has been working overtime as I have received numerous new membership applications from VF-2. Keep up the good work out there T.C.

Thanks to all you good folks out there who have donated to our scholarship fund. Keep the \$\$\$\$\$ coming.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT. . .

On 2 March 1926, the Secretary of the Navy established the AO Rating. It was authorized 14 billets. These 14 AO's started one of the finest traditions of "CAN HACK IT" ever known to the Aviation Community.

The Ordie, affectionately known as "BB STACKER", "BOMB STACKER", "BOMB FUMBLER", and "GUN PLUMBER", is called upon to work long hours. He must be familiar with electricity, chemistry, electronics, hydraulics, and a smattering of literally every rating in the Navy. The main job of AO's is loading bombs, rockets, missiles, pyrotechnics, guns, and every explosive device carried by Naval Aircraft.

Submitted by: LCDR JAMES T. ROWE

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MOVING ? ? ? TRANSFERRED ? ? ?

Don't forget to send your change of address to the Secretary/Treasurer when you move or get transferred.

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BE AN EARLY BIRD

Due to lead time in printing, news items received within 7 days of publishing date may not be included in the Newsletter. Deadline for the March issue will be 21 February 1981.

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PLAN AHEAD - THINK RENO 1981

WE NEED MEMBERS!!!

Each of you know someone in addition to your shipmates now with you, who may have been an Ordnanceman, who is now an Ordnanceman, a person who is associated with ordnance or weaponry, or a retired Ordnanceman that has not been contacted to date. Talk to the guy in the next squadron, talk to a retired buddy, talk to the Tech Rep who helps you out, talk to anyone associated with Aviation Ordnance.

If you need more membership applications, Xerox some more, make some more, or write to your Membership Chairman, LT. Warren G. Seal, 127 Kitty Hawk Avenue, NAS, Lemoore, CA 93245.

Send completed membership applications, along with a check or money order made payable to the "Association of Aviation Ordnancemen" to Thomas D. Robins, 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, CA 95008.

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEN
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729 Buddlawn Way
Campbell, CA. 95008

NAME _____ SSAN _____
ADDRESS _____ PHONE - HOME _____ WORK _____
ZIP _____ DUTY STATION (ACTIVE) _____

TYPE MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: MEMBER _____ ASSOCIATE MEMBER _____

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USMC _____ EX-AO _____
USMCR _____ RANK/RATE _____ OCCUPATION _____
POSITION _____
DATES SERVED: _____ to _____

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I do/do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

(Witness) _____ (Signed) _____

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