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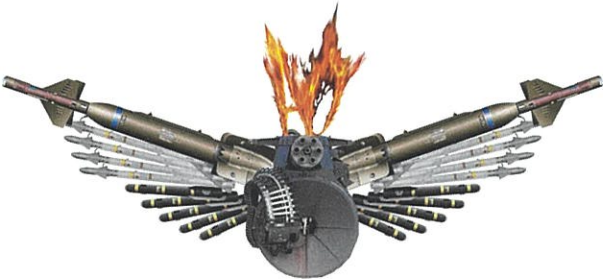
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Your Change of Address is
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national treasurer



AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALLOF 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,

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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
<http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/>
MEMBERSHIP DUES:
FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS
PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$20.00 PER YEAR

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____
 LAST FIRST MI

ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: home: () _____ - _____ cell: () _____ - _____

RATE/RANK: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE _____ Active () Retired ()

DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ Last 4 SSN: - _____

Marine Corp MOS: _____

Type of membership: Regular () Associate ()

SPONSOR: _____

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

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.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MAIL TO: AOCM Thomas Lord USN Ret.
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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.



- MISSION**
The Arleigh Burke class destroyer is a guided missile destroyer designed to combat threats from the air and from the sea, from aircraft, ships, and submarines. This class has the capability of executing a wide variety of both offensive and defensive missions.
- FEATURES**
USS John Finn will be one of the U.S. Navy's most advanced, state-of-the-art warships in the fleet. Its extensive array of weapons will include the SeaViper defense AEGIS missile, which is needed to meet its engaging multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be equipped to launch and launch 100 missiles.
- ARMAMENT**
Missiles, Tomahawk and Standard missiles, Mk45 VLS, 1 x 2 Mk45 Phalanx CIWS, 1 Mk45 5 inch/55 caliber gun, 1 Mk46 3 inch/70 caliber gun, Mk12 dual 50 FT Rocket.
- PROPULSION**
Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines; two shafts, (100,000 total shaft horsepower)
- AIRCRAFT**
Capable of launching helicopters.
- MISCELLANEOUS**
Standard hull number 113
Crew Size - 25 Officers and 108 Enlisted
Length - 160.5 feet
Beam - 30 feet
Draft - 30 feet

USS John Finn (DDG 113)

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Articles

are due

20 JAN 18

1 MAY 18

20 SEP 17

Please submit via e-mail when possible



NEW MEMBERS

AO2 Joshua R. Burns
AO1 Brian M. Groll
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AO2 Maria-Alicia Ferreira
AO3 Alexander J. Morris
AO2 Alyssa L. Bruns
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GM1 Matthew W. Cullen
AO1 Roonie Deves
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LOCATOR

Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? If you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me at aatreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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AO2 Jake C. Lebendig (RN)	AO1 Michelle C. Olaz (RN)
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CWO4 William C. Crews USN Ret (RS132)	LCDR E. "Stan" Gibson (RS132)
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AO2 Joseph R. Hypes (RS132)	Ms. Mary Miller (RS132)
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AO1 Anthony R. Aaron (RN)	Mr. Frederic V. Winter (RS132)
AO2 Laweisha T. Spears (RN)	AOCS Elison J. Talabong (RN)

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS132) = Red Shirt Return

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CWO2 Carl & Sandra Fargon USN Ret	AOCS Johnny & Ann Oates USN Ret
Mr. Richard J. Peipert, Jr.	AO1 Matthew T. Tribou USN Ret

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 JJ LaMaitre. 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



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Mr. Rusling Reign

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AOCS Keith Purcell USN Ret

* Info from FRA Today Newsletter ** Info from VFW Magazine ***Other



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GUNS
Join the **NAVY**

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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AO3 Lauren R. Barones
CWO3 Jeff S. Thompson USMC Ret
AOCM Gregg A. Erwin USN Ret

AO1 Jeffrey L. Anderson
LCDR Paul K. Cooper
LT Joshua D. Allen



Plan to Attend the 2017

AAO CONVENTION

27 July – 30 July



800/687-8733

or online at

www.silverlegacyreno.com

Book Code: AAO17

Must Make Reservations By 4 July

Rates are good from 25 July thru August 1st

Sunday – Thursday

Standard Room - \$69

Friday & Saturday

Standard Room - \$93

Deluxe Spa Suites Are Available

Free Airport Shuttle

For Convention Information, Call:

Kirk Brado

619-962-6158 or email: kbrado1@hotmail.com

2017 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

DEADLINE IS 15 July 2017

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

- 27Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
28Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee
28Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee
28 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee
28 Jul (Fri) Membership Committee
28 Jul (Fri) By-Laws Committee
28 Jul (Fri) Nominations Committee
29 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting
29 Jul (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting

AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

- 27 Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
29 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting
29 Jul (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting

NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the member-ship for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in. If interested in more than one committee, annotate priority by numbers 1-6.

ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meet- ing or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid pri- or 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 FRIDAY 15 JULY 2017. OR- DERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED. (See order form)

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

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

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 \$25.00 (\$30.00 after 15 Jul 17)
Name of Member (please print) \$
2. Non-Member \$40.00 (\$45.00 after 15 Jul 17)
(Not including guest or spouse)
Name of Non-Member (please print) \$
3. Spouse/Guests 18 and over \$25.00 \$
Names of Guests (Spouse) (please print)

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

Friday AAO Social \$40.00 each (\$45.00 after 15 Jul 17) \$
****Children See Note

Sat Awards Banquet \$40.00 each (\$45.00 after 15 Jul 17)\$
****Children See Note

****Note: Children 5 to 12 - \$20/Children 13 & Over - Full Price

Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable \$

Total amount enclosed \$

Name exactly as it appears on credit card

Signature

Master Card/ Visa # CVV Exp.

Credit Card Billing ZIP code Phone #

E-Mail Address

Credit card payees may also use the registration form on the AO Web Site. If you use this form, the above credit card information does not need to be filled in. Once you send the form, I will re- ceive an e-mail and will, in turn, send you an invoice with the pay- ment requirements. NOTE: This process will not work for military e-mail addresses.

TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES. ALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRA- TION TABLE EVERY DAY. IF YOU DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE OR POST CARD OR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.



AAO ABSENTEE BALLOT 2017

DO NOT SUBMIT IF ATTENDING CONVENTION

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Board of Directors	Laura Colby, AOC	
Board of Directors	Jeff Sassone, CDR (RET) USN	

Note: For BOD vote place a 1 and 2 in corresponding boxes

Print your Name: _____ Membership #: _____

Members Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR BALLOT TO BE ACCEPTED ALL INFORMATION ABOVE IS REQUIRED.

PLACE COMPLETED BALLOT IN ENVELOPE
MAIL ENVELOPE TO ADDRESS BELOW

MAIL TO

AAO NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
698 Woodridge Court
Lemoore, CA 93245

NOTE: Ballots must be received by the Committee Chairman not later than 14 JULY 2017

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
ROBERT L. CROW
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

March 30, 2017

This application is to be used to apply for the annual scholarship(s) awarded by the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee Chairman must receive the complete application by, or it must be postmarked no later than, the 15th day of the month in the month preceding the start of The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen's Annual Convention/Symposium. Applications received in any other manner will not be accepted. All applicants will be notified of their selection or non-selection as soon as practicable after the selection(s) is made. Those selected will receive their award package no later than 60 days after selection.

Mail completed application to:
ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

Robert L. Crow Scholarship

Rick Garza, Committee Chairman
10213 Rolling Green Way
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Please see the AAO Website for application

ON THE COVER

Ordie poster courtesy of Barry Stemler, Chapter 8. The artist is: Wesley Cristman

BACK PAGE

G-3 Sailors from the USS Carl Vinson build up 20MM belts for WESTPAC 2017 fight ops load plan.

SUBJ/2017 ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN ANNUAL CONVENTION

/27 - 30 JULY 2017//

REF/A/MSGID:DOC/AAO 132/YMD:20170201//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. REF A ANNOUNCED THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN'S

41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION IN RENO, NV

AT THE SILVER LEGACY RESORT 27 - 30 JULY 2017.

ALL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, NAVY, MARINE

CORPS, CIVIL SERVICE, ACTIVE DUTY,

RETIRED, ENLISTED AND OFFICERS, ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

2. BACKGROUND: THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN (AAO) WAS FORMED IN 1976 BY A SMALL, YET DETERMINED GATHERING OF TWENTY-ONE PROFESSIONAL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN. TODAY THE AAO BOASTS A MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 6000 ALONG WITH 27 CHAPTERS LOCATED WORLDWIDE ASHORE AND AFLOAT. THE AAO IS A NON-PROFIT, NON-COMMERCIAL, NON-SECTARIAN, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION WHOSE

OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

A. PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM WITHIN THE AVIATION ORDNANCE RATING OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN IN THE FLEET.

B. IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AND INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN ORDNANCEMEN AND THOSE PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS, COMPONENTS AND HARDWARE.

C. CONTINUALLY IMPROVE AND PROMOTE ORDNANCE SAFETY AND ENCOURAGE PROPER AND CONSISTANT SUPERVISION OF ORDNANCE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE FLEET.

D. THIS FORUM IS WHERE MEMBERS CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT AVIATION ORDNANCE FACES AT SEA AND ASHORE AND FORMULATE WORKING SOLUTIONS TO THOSE CHALLENGES.

E. PEACE THROUGH POWER; WE ARE THE ARMS OF THE FLEET, IS THE ORGANIZATION'S MOTTO.

3. THIS YEARS ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE 27 - 30 JULY 2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

A. THURSDAY 27 JULY 2017 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

B. FRIDAY 28 JULY 2017 - LT JOHN W. FINN, AVIA-

TION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION BOARD; CDR BOB CROW SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION BOARD

/ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SELECTIONS; AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN HALL OF FAME SELECTION BOARD; BY-LAWS

COMMITTEE; MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE; NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE; AND AN EVENING SOCIAL.

C. SATURDAY 29 JULY 2017 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING; BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING; EVENING AWARDS BANQUET.

4. AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN AGENDA:

A. THURSDAY 27 JULY 2017 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

B. SATURDAY 29 JULY 2017 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING; BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING.

5. FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, COMMANDING OFFICERS MAY ISSUE NO COST PERMISSIVE TAD ORDERS IAW THE JFTR AND DTS.

6. ROOM RESERVATIONS MAY BE ARRANGED DIRECTLY WITH THE SILVER LEGACY VIA THEIR WORLD-WIDE RESERVATIONS AT (800) 687-8733, REQUEST GROUP CODE AAO17. ROOM RATES ARE, SUN-

THUR \$69 DOLLARS, FRI-SAT \$93 DOLLARS PLUS TAX PER NIGHT. ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED AND A DEPOSIT RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NLT 4 JULY 2017 TO GUARANTEE ROOM. FOR THOSE PERSON-

NEL DESIRING TO ATTEND SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS THE COST WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. REGISTRATION - MEMBER - \$25 (ADVANCE), \$30 (AT THE DOOR); NON-MEMBER - \$40 (ADVANCE), \$45 (AT THE DOOR); SPOUSE/GUEST

18 AND OVER - \$25

B. FRIDAY SOCIAL/AUCTION - \$40 (ADVANCE), \$45 (AT THE DOOR)

C. SATURDAY EVENING AWARDS BANQUET - \$40 (ADVANCE), \$45 (AT THE DOOR)

NOTES: ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AAO TREASURER NLT 15 JULY 2017. VISA/MASTERCARD FEES (\$10) ARE NON REFUND-

ABLE. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SOCIAL AND/OR AWARDS BANQUET.

7. UNIFORM FOR THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY DESIRING TO ATTEND THE AWARDS BANQUET WILL BE SUMMER WHITES FOR NAVY E7 AND ABOVE PERSONNEL, SERVICE DRESS WHITES FOR NAVY E6 AND BELOW PERSONNEL AND CHARLIE UNIFORM FOR USMC PER-

SONNEL.

8. FOR ALCON: REQUEST THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION AND ATTENDANCE.

9. POC: NATIONAL AAO PRESIDENT, CDR (RET) DION EDON AT (559) 362-0856. NATIONAL AAO VICE PRESIDENT, CWO4 (RET) ROBERT WALECKI AT (559) 816-0082. NATIONAL AAO SECRETARY,

AOCM (RET) J.J. LAMAITRE, (619) 545-2585. NATIONAL AAO TREASURER, AOCM (RET) THOMAS LORD AT (619) 302-3166.// BT

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Brief Memories

23 Wonderful Years

7 December 1943—17 years and one day old at Boot Camp, Newport, Rhode Island. My Company Commander was a Seaman Second Class, the nastiest ever born.

Got Cat Fever, went to Naval Hospital, recued by Warrant Officer Hansen, took me to 50' Whaleboats where I taught 36 year old unhappy draftees to row on ice covered Narraganset Bay, no appreciation for my advanced age!

AO School Memphis, Morse Code flashing light and primitive radar. Troop Train to Gunnery School, Yellow Water, FL. Last Meal on train, Chicken A La King! All Hands sick, Cattle Car ride to Yellow Water, several ship-mates supported me as I hung the necessary parts out the door and repainted the yellow line on the asphalt.

NAS Banana River for Bombardier school. Very big deal for a young sailor. Norden Bombsight was secret and had awesome capabilities.

Seven day Troop Train to Whidbey Island, assigned to VPB-100. Brand new PB4Y-2's. Six turrets, two .50 cal's in each, lead computing gunsights in all but the bow and tail. Bigger bomb bay than a B-24, no Norden Bombsight.

The Erco Bow Turret (mine) was as nice as any Lazy Boy. Best view in the house, lots of Ammo and wherever we went I got there first!

Deployed to Shemya, one of the furthest islands in the Aleutian chain. Shemya was ½ mile long and the runway ended at the Pacific Ocean. The targets were the northern Kuriles of Japan. The Skippers crew shot up a Japanese Landing Craft and killed the crew. My crew was assigned the island of Oneketan, it was covered with clouds. I reported barrage balloons to the pilot off to our right, he quickly corrected me "That's anti-aircraft explosions!" The war ended soon after, no heroes.

Back to the east coast. Assignment Yeoman asked what I wanted, I said "Big Boats", I meant PBM's, he got me a "Big Boat" CA-132, the heavy cruiser Macon. It had SC-2's, a neat little float plane.

No one ever ate a meal in dungarees. You changed into the uniform of the day for every meal. You aired your bedding even when the waves were breaking over the bow.

Two years of shore duty (nice) followed by VF-72 an F8F-1 squadron, the fastest and best prop plane ever. Four 20mm cannons. Deployed to the Med on USS Midway CVA-41. Returned to Quonset Point on one of the 2 huge Constitutions, she took all the sailors, tool and cruise box-

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"The Red Shirt"*

es in one trip, WOW!

Transitioned to F9F Panthers and joined the Bon Homme Richard CV-31 for the Korean War, yes WAR, 55,000 American dead. Sometimes there was no wind and the seas were flat. The bombs we loaded had to be removed and stacked between the Cats. The Panther didn't have enough power and there was no room for a bomb farm.

VC-4 Det from NAS Atlantic City was a most unfortunate outfit, F4U's night interdiction role. Problems started with a plane into the barrier, prop change, test hop, back into the barrier. Prop and engine change. Bombs failing to release. Finally after catching the wire a 500 pounder released and came bouncing end over end down the center line shedding nose fuze parts. Time to Pucker, disposal crew put it over the side. Unpucker too!

Nine month cruise over. The 1mc played "California Here I Come", much cheering. Back to Quonset, assigned to VU-2. Towing targets for the surface navy. JD-1 A/C, a very powerful WWII light bomber was the principal tow plane. Air Force designator B-26, TBM-3U also used. Learned to make 30' splices in 1/8 by 19 strand tow cable, Bosn' Mates work.

Towing for a Destroyer Squadron one day. Lead Ship call sign "Budweiser". There 3" 50 rounds were exploding under us instead of at the sleeve target. The pilot, a chief AP, called and cautioned them he would not complete the exercise unless they were more careful. We made another pass, looking down out of the rear hatch you could see many winking and blinking lights and small puffs of smoke. The Chief called them again in a serious voice Threatened to break off! The Chief was a brave and patient man. A third pass same result. We went home! "Budweiser" will be in my mind always.

Godparents came to Quonset for the Christening of my number two son. I took them to the USS Antietam tied to the pier. Logged into the visitor book, two weeks later I received orders to, you guessed it. The Antietam had been in the "Mothball Fleet" and very poorly prepared. It was taken out of mothballs and given the first Angle Deck.

I was granted 63 spaces. All the water tight doors and hatches had deteriorating rubber seals and every one needed scraped and painted. 14 sailors, one of them a second class Ordie, and a warrant officer, missing for weeks at a time. The ordnance handling gear, "yellow gear", had been overhauled and stowed under the stacks in a compartment on the main deck. One day I opened the door and was greeted by 10" of water sloshing around the former pristine yellow gear. The Damage Control officer, a LCDR and I became familiar. He was overwhelmed with the ships repair needs. When I left that problem had not been fixed.

Next, anyone know how to tow targets? Yes. A TBM with a MK 5 Tow Reel was checked out of the "Pool" at NAS Norfolk. Beware of "Pool" A/C. We deck launched and the pilot called "MAYDAY" The prop governor failed. Next day launched again. Threw out a target and grabbed the brake----woops, no brake. The impeller outside is starting to speed up rapidly. There were horror stories about blades failing and coming thru the skin. Looking down inside the MK 5 I could see that the turnbuckle for the brake had been backed off all the way.

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Two choices: wait for the prop blades to come thru or put your arm down inside this spinning device. I reached down and turned the turnbuckle with my fingers. Success, Brakes! Balance of Hop uneventful.

Took my discharge and signed up with VS-32 at Quonset. Twin engine S2F A/C sub hunters. Very capable A/C. 4 1/2 years of chasing subs. Never caught one unless it let us. A typical fleet exercise; Task Force Commander announces "COMEX" over the 1mc, the next sound is the thump of a practice torpedo against the carriers hull.

Transfer to NAS Miramar, put on "The Hat". Two years shore duty, transferred to VF-193 on the Bon Homme Richard CVA-31. No official war was on but lots of ordnance dropped on Laos and Thailand. Back to Miramar, picked up F4H aircraft, joined the USS Constellation CVA-64 and proceeded to Vietnam. Arrived on site the day after the USS Maddox was attacked in the Tonkin Gulf. Our F-4's attacked the North Vietnamese Torpedo boats Many tons of ordnance expended during the nine month cruise.

Made E-8 and was made the Leading Chief, I was happy with E-8. Post cruise, transferred to NAS Lemoore. Leading Chief of weapons department, good job, good crew, good weapons officers. Passed the test for E-9, didn't get it. Shore duty cut to 18 months. Is the navy sending me messages? Put my papers in. **Sayonara**---

Kevin, I don't know if you want any of this or not. You may do what you like. I know every Ordie has stories about every outfit He or She served in. You and I have hundreds I know. Kept 99% to myself for brevity.

Sincerely
Frank Fogg, AOCS USN Ret
Life Member

Frank, wonderful memories! This is one of the main reasons that I enjoy putting together the Red Shirt 3 times a year, the stories that I hear and receive from those that came before us. Thank-you for your service Sir, spanning 3 wars!
Kevin

Kevin,
Can you put this in the next RED SHIRT. Picture of CWO4 Wayne Slack and his family. Gunner Slack retirement Ceremony after 30 years of Service.

V/r
Gram



Hi Kevin,

I actually scanned and sent that photo (of CDR Robert Crow on the cover of RS #132) to, I believe it was **Chuck Onken**. I'm not for sure. But it was many years ago and it was a lot grainier than what you guys have done with it.

I'm so happy that you are keeping my dad's memory alive. Myself, my sister and my son have been to several conventions over the years. We've just gotten pretty busy now that there are Grandkids! I'm sure we will be visiting again.

We really appreciate your kindness. If you could send me 3 copies, that would be wonderful!

Regards,
Rhonda

National Officers, BOD, and all,

Received the information below from Ordie One. There is a DDG-113 web site individuals or groups can use to donate to if they feel so compelled. The site is www.johnfinncommissioning.org and pretty much has great info about how the donations will be used.

Thanks all.
Dion

Sir,

I'm not sure if we need anything from you guys at this point. Is the Association aware that there is a commissioning website? If not, it is: www.johnfinncommissioning.org

Thanks,

V/r
Mike

CDR Mike Wagner
Commanding Officer
USS JOHN FINN (DDG 113)
co@ddg113.navy(.smil).mil

So sorry to learn of Charley Bovers death.

Charley was one of the Navy's best shooters. He was the Atlantic Fleet "Hardball" Champion .45 auto when an AO2. He was designated one of the "Presidents One Hundred" with an M1 rifle and a winning competitor at Trap and Skeet. He was a fine man.
God Rest Him.

Frank Fogg AOCS USN Ret



Chapter 69 Running Bingo



USS Makin Island



VAQ-132 Scorpions



VFA-86 USS Dwight D Eisenhower



Glenn Vannoordt sent in a picture of his golf cart. Guess I need to put my order in!! Great job Glenn, IYAOYAS and Semper Fi



VFA-137 West Pac 2017



Ordnance Officers in Pax River, MD



VFA-27



VA-81 Circa 1984, Cruise Cuts!!!



COMNAVAIRLANT 2001



VFA-195 Fallon Det 2017

The last remaining teammate (not counting Bill Glenn, CAPT USN Ret who came back to work as a civilian) from this picture is retiring on May 23rd 2017. Mr. Oscar "Roby" Robinson. Roby, Fair Winds and Following Seas to you my friend. I know I'm not the only one who owes you debts of gratitude for the knowledge you imparted on us. If it weren't for you I wouldn't be here today doing what I'm doing now. Thank-you from the bottom of my heart and good luck to you and Linda as you head off into retirement!!!

Kevin

Back Row L to R: John Olson, Oscar "Roby" Robinson, Bill Arndt, Gary Cox, Kevin Meagher, Chip Whipkey, Rick Sherman
Kneeling L to R: Dain Costlow, Ben Priester, Don Millburn, Pat Walker Bill Glenn



Right to left: CWO4 Bill Johnson, LCDR Roby Robinson, LCDR Jim Harman, LCDR Bill Cole, LCDR (Sel) Zak MacDonald (Chapter 4 President), LCDR Mike Cain (Chapter 4 Treasurer), CDR Bill Nolan, LCDR Charlie Rice, CDR John Olson, CWO4 Ron Jerasa, AOCS Greg Walker.



PREZ

Greetings and Salutes to all!

I pray all is well with you and yours and hope you have had, or will have time during the upcoming warmer season, to enjoy quality time with your family and friends. As I write this article I am personally looking forward to commemorating Memorial Day and our Day of Independence. Enjoy them all as you prep to attend this year's annual convention and as always, we pray for the best in mission success and for the safe return of our active duty deployed Marines and Sailors.

Congratulations to all those selected for advancements, promotions, commissioning's, college graduations, or any other special accomplishments you or your family members have achieved. I have seen so many mentioned on social media that I simply want to say congrats to all. One special "tip of the hat" goes out to CAPT Select Matthew Arnold who is currently serving as Gun Boss on the mighty USS RONALD REAGAN CVN-76. Matt, we send our sincere congratulations to you and your family on this most esteemed accomplishment. We'll be looking forward to seeing you soon.

The Naval Order of the United States (NOUS) recently shared with me via email a photo of the John Finn bust (sculpture) they ordered for the USS JOHN FINN, DDG -113. Recall I previously informed members the NOUS commissioned a bronze statue of John Finn to represent past, present and future Navy Chief Petty Officers.



The full-size statue could not be ready in time for the ship's commissioning so the NOUS had the bust made (see photo) to present to the ship during the commissioning ceremony being held in Pearl Harbor on 15 July 2017.

The NOUS plans are still in place to support the full-sized bronze statue of John Finn which will eventually be placed on Ford Island in Hawaii - at a future date and time to be determined - and placed in the vicinity of the existing Admiral Chester Nimitz bronze statue.

The Naval Order Foundation is providing funding for this project. However, for those that feel compelled to do so, the address below is where individuals or groups can send "tax-deductible" donations (specifying "Chief John Finn Bust") to help support costs. Remember, even 5, 10, or 20 dollars will add up to help this worthy Navy memorial. Send to:

Naval Order of the U.S. Foundation
ATTN: A. Serafini, Treasurer
416 Sycamore Street
San Carlos, CA 94070-2018

I suspect later the NOUS may request me to relay additional information to members requesting donations to help offset the costs for the full-size John Finn statue. I also suspect the same will be true of the USS MIDWAY Museum when they determine when and where the San Diego John Finn bronze statue will be complete and ready for unveiling.

I am ready for our 41st AAO Convention and hope as many of you as possible are making your arrangements to attend. There is no better gathering for us Ordies to come together in the true spirit of camaraderie.

IYAOYAS!!!
Dion

VP

Hey Ordies!

Well the Continuum and Convention are right around the corner again and I hope to see you all in Reno @ the Silver Legacy the last week of July. Make sure you don't wait too long to register and get your tickets to the Friday Social and the Saturday Banquet, save yourself a few bucks by doing it before the deadline of 15 July 2017! This is the last Redshirt that will be published before we get there and you can find the registration form inside. Please sign-up for any Committees you would like to serve on, you can do that on the registration form too. There are deadlines for submission of Scholarship Applications, Hall of Fame Nominations, and the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award, please make sure you get any packages in on time.

In this edition of the Redshirt there is also an Absentee Ballot for those members not attending the Convention so you can vote in the upcoming elections. Please ensure that you fill it out completely or it will not be counted. We have 3 positions up for election this year, Treasurer and 2 Board of Director positions. The nominations will open again during the General Assembly meeting on Saturday prior to each position being voted on. You must be in attendance to make a nomination from the floor and the nominee must be in attendance to accept it. If you are attending this year's Convention, we would like to see everyone make it to the General Business Meeting on Saturday morning, this is an important part of the convention, and it's where we conduct the Associations yearly business and elections and your vote counts!

And last but not least, thanks to all of you who are at the tip of the spear! You're doing a great job! Stay alert and stay safe out there. We all send our thanks!

V/R
Rob Walecki

SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines –NOW is the time for you to get your reservations and plans for Continuum 2017 July 24th – 27th and Convention 2017 July 26th – July 30th at the Silver Legacy Resort. See the other info in the Red Shirt for reservation info, etc.

Chapter Officers – You need to get into the National By-Laws (Article IX) to see what your responsibilities are. I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your Secretary for the past 3 years. If there is anything I can do to assist just give me a shout. Look forward to see you all in Reno.

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

TREASURER

Convention 2017 is right around the corner. As a reminder, internet registration for the convention is available. Just go to the web site and click on the link, fill out the form, less credit card info, and send it to me. When I receive the registration form in my e-mail, I will send you an invoice, through our Square account, with the fees. However, this process does not work with military e-mail addresses, so make sure you use a personal e-mail address.

NOTE: If you use the AO Web Site link, do not fill in the credit card information. That information will be collected after you submit the invoice.

As usual, get your registration packages in to me as soon as you can so we can start coordinating the events.

Once again, tickets for the Social and Awards Banquet will not be mailed out to the attendees. You will be able to pick them up at the registration table during the day or at the entrance to the event that night. By doing this we not only save postage, but we don't have to worry about reproducing back-up tickets for those that might have forgotten them. If you want to be notified when I receive your payment, include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or your e-mail address and I will get that information back to you.

For you Ordies who are not members of the National and intend to come to the Convention, DO NOT register as a non-member. Pay the member \$25.00 registration fee and add the \$20.00 for a membership. For you E-4 and below who plan on coming, you get one year membership with your registration fee. If you are a non-member, I will sign you up with your registration. Cut off for pre-reservation is 15 July 2017. Anything mailed

after that may not get to me before I leave for Reno.

Chapter Presidents – In preparation for the end of the fiscal year close-out, please update your chapter officer information.

For everybody, please give me a current email address or phone number so I can contact you if there is a problem with the registration.

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 I can update your record.

Address changes are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, when I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. 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 aotreas2011@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. If you know their e-mail address, drop them a line to get in touch with me.

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

IYAOYAS!

R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer



AMRAAM CONTAINER INTERLOCKS DON'T LEAVE US HANGING

The AMRAAM container Interlock device was adopted as a quick method of assembling Fleet Issue Unit Loads. It eliminates the cost, time and risks associated with banding. Since the interlock's inception, increasing numbers of

containers with missing pins have been noted. Both pins have to remain in place whenever a CNU-415 series container is moved. A dangling pin can quickly turn into a missing pin, and if that happens you must once again break out the banding cart. An upgrade to the interlock is being implemented to replace the lanyard. But it will take time for all the containers to be retrofitted. In the meantime, don't leave the pins hanging. The time and effort you save may be your own

TION ORDNANCE LOGISTICS AND SUSTAINMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS WHILE PROVIDING UPDATES ON PRESENT AND FUTURE WEAPONS SUSTAINMENT RELATED PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVE. SUB-GROUPS WILL BE ORGANIZED WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL TO REVIEW TOPICS OF FLEET INTEREST. ADDITIONAL FOCUS WILL BE ON LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES FROM RETURNING DEPLOYERS THAT WILL POTENTIALLY BE COLLATED INTO A COMMUNITY MESSAGE OR NEWSLETTER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL WEAPONS PERSONNEL. VALUABLE AVIATION ORDNANCE AND LOGISTIC TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE MAXIMIZED UTILIZING OUR SENIOR AVIATION ORDNANCE AND AVIATION ORDNANCE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, E6 AND ABOVE PARTICIPATION IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.

5. COMMANDING OFFICERS MAY ISSUE ORDERS FOR ATTENDANCE TO THE AOMLC AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE AFTER DETERMINING THAT EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, PER DIEM, AND OTHER COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE AOMLC CAN BE SUPPORTED. IF FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, PERMISSIVE TAD ORDERS MAY BE ISSUED.

6. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE AOMLC WILL CONVENE AT THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL IN RENO, NEVADA, 24-27 JULY 2017. ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE RESERVED BY CONTACTING THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL VIA THEIR WORLD WIDE RESERVATION DESK AT (800) 687-8733 OR BY UTILIZING THE HOTEL WEB SITE AT WWW.SILVERLEGACYRENO.COM. USE GROUP CODE MLC17. ROOM RATES ARE, SUN-THUR \$65.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT AND RENO RESORT FEE OF 18.00 PER DAY. ROOM CONFIRMATIONS MUST BE MADE NLT 2 JULY 2017 TO GUARANTEE RATE.

7. DUE TO THE SILVER LEGACY FACILITY, TO INCLUDE THE BUSINESS CENTER, NOT SUPPORTING INTERNET/WEBMAIL CONNECTIVITY FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ATTENDEES REQUIRING ACCESS BRING THEIR OWN AIRCARDS OR WIFI CONNECTION DEVICES.

8. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE COST SAVINGS ATTENDEES ON COST ORDERS NOT RESIDING IN THE LOCAL AREA SHALL USE THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL FOR LODGING.

9. TO ALLOW PRE-SCREENING OF PERSPECTIVE ATTENDEES, RSVP TO AOC DOWELL AT DONNIE.DOWELL(AT)NAVY.MIL AND MGYSGT SIBLEY AT SCOTT.D.SIBLEY(AT)USMC.MIL WITH THE FOLLOWING INFO: NAME, COMMAND AND PHONE NUMBER.

10. UNIFORM FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: USN-SERVICE KHAKIS AND USMC-SERVICE CHARLIE. BUSINESS CASUAL FOR CIVILIANS, SHIRT AND TIE FOR CIVILIAN BRIEFERS.

11. FLEET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION THROUGH 31 MAY 2017.

12. A DETAILED AOMLC AGENDA WILL BE DISTRIBUTED VIA SEPCOR.

13. FOR ALCON: REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION AND ATTENDANCE.

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS MSG IS A JOINT RELEASED COMNAV AIRFOR/HQMC ASL30 MSG.

2. THE 2017 AVIATION ORDNANCE MANAGERS LEADERSHIP CONTINUUM(AOMLC) HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR 24-27 JULY 2017 AND WILL CONVENE IN RENO, NV

3. THE AOMLC TARGET AUDIENCE IS USN AND USMC AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICERS, USFFC & PACFLT AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICERS (USN & USMC), CVN WEAPONS OFFICERS, CVN AVIATION ORDNANCE HANDLING OFFICERS, LARGE DECK AMPHIB WEAPONS OFFICERS, SHORE FACILITY WEAPONS OFFICERS, CVW AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICERS, TYPE WING AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICERS, SQUADRON AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICERS, WEAPONS SCHOOL AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICERS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN AVIATION ORDNANCE PERSONNEL, SENIOR ENLISTED AVIATION ORDNANCE PERSONNEL.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THE AOMLC IS TO ADDRESS FLEET AVIA-

CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started." Since January 2017 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added six new Chapter 8 Life Time Members. We are also happy to report that our average meeting attendance for the past four months has been 34.

At our 5 Jan Chapter Meeting, we once again re-activated our annual Chapter 8 Picnic Committee with AOIC Diane McQueen-Gipson taking charge of getting this event jump started. Her take charge attitude was already a head of the game by having a solid plan of what actions needed to be taken to ensure our May picnic was successful. BZ Master Chief!!

At our 2 Feb Chapter Meeting, President Breanna Gorski announced that this would be her last meeting due to receiving an early transfer to VFA-143, Oceana VA. Because Breanna had 16 months left at the Chapter President, her position was opened up for nominations and a closed vote. Member AO1 John Holdman, HSC-23, received the majority of votes and took over as our new President starting with the March meeting. We would like to thank Breanna for her leadership while acting as our Chapter President and congratulate John for becoming our new Chapter President.

On 4 Feb we held our first Adopt-A-Highway walk of the year with a great showing of 17 members coming out to support.

On 10 Feb the Chapter held a fund raiser at Chili's Bar and Grill and raised \$348 towards our many charitable causes. The Chapter thanks all who came out and supported.

In February, the Chapter acknowledged the commissioning of AOC Misty Beck. The Chapter would like to thank Misty for all her support and leadership while acting as our Chapter President and wish her well as she embarks on her new journey as a Navy LDO.

At our 2 Mar Chapter Meeting, Member Michael Sheppard chose to have his re-enlistment ceremony. Michael re-enlisted for four years and his re-enlisting officer was Gunner Curry (his Division Officer). The Chapter congratulates Michael and wishes him continued success in his naval career.

At our 6 Apr Chapter Meeting AOIC McQueen-Gipson continued to update the Chapter on the progress with planning our annual Chapter picnic. We would also like to thank all those selling raffle tickets. This not only helps pay for the picnic expenses but allows the Chapter to raise money for the many charitable causes we support throughout the year.

Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!

V/r
CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler
Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer

Barry,
I used your poster for the cover.....looks great in my opinion!!
thanks
Kevin

SOUTHERN MOST CHAPTER



CAPT (Ret) Mike Price was in attendance at The Southern Most Chapters AAO meeting. We had a great meeting and it was a great privilege to have Mike talk with all the AO's.



Naval Munitions Command Key West. AO1 Elliot Rodriguez Diaz awarded Sailor of the Year for all Navy Munitions Command.

CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9;

all is well as we once again settle into the routine of another year. May this year be the best ever?

Each year brings changes, primarily with our active duty members. The NAVY has a habit of transferring people and this means saying goodbye to some great friends who have contributed to Chapter 9. AO1 James Peters, outgoing President, his Squadron

has deployed. "Gunner" Derrick Coach, BOD member, is now in Japan. New members have come on-board and we look forward to their contributions in the future.

Happy 91st Birthday all you AO's, 95 ordies celebrated March 16, with a pizza party and cake. Capt. Bill Bindel, "Ordie ONE", was our special guest, he recognized AO's of the Quarter, presented LOA's to those that made the air show fund raiser so successful, then talked to the group about the latest developments in the AO world. Also in attendance was the AIRPAC "OHO". The future sounds bright and is in good hands.

Reflecting on birthday celebrations; the oldest living "Ordie" is 95 years old. Our oldest members, Jack Purtee and Bob Bohnstengel are young pups at only 92. They joined in 1942 on the buddy program. What stories they share of their experiences in early WW II. Chapters are fortunate to have members like this with ties to so much history.

Chapter elections have concluded, the incoming officers are AO1 Ricky Cull-President, AOCS (USN RET) Dennis Patterson-VP, LT (USN RET) Jack Elrod-Secretary. New Board of Directors: Ed Murphy, Bill Taylor, Tracy Townsend, Alpha Uzuma, Joey McRary, and Chuck Mach.

2017 promises to be a great year. Work smart and safe, look out for each other.

AO1 Ricky Cull,
President

CHAPTER 5



Capt. Bindel addressing our members



Capt. Bindel presenting letters of appreciation

CHAPTER 70

USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) Weapons Department has been extremely busy this year so far. We successfully completed our Board of Inspection and Survey Assessment (INSURV), Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection (SESI), Mine Readiness Assessment (MRA), Aviation Ordnance Readiness Review (AORR), and CVN Weapons Operational Readiness Assessment (WORA), all directly contributing to winning the Weapons BLACK W for the 14th consecutive year. Additionally, we have conducted multiple ammunition on loads/off loads and are currently operating in the 7th Fleet AOR/KTO at the "Tip of the Spear". During this hectic year full of inspections and operations, we still managed to reestablish CHAPTER 70; it has made for a fast deployment and caused the year to fly!

CHAPTER 70 proudly introduces its cabinet members: President AO1 Jeffery Anderson, Vice President AO1 Scott Lane, Treasurer AO1 Jason Nixon and Secretary AO1 Brian Groll. We are highly anticipating our return to home port so we can get started on the projects we have been planning and release of our Chapter 70 Association of Aviation Ordnance (AAO) coin that is currently in the design phase. Stay tuned for more news from CHAPTER 70 AAO!

We would also like to give a huge shout out to USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78) Weapons Department for all of the Sailors that embarked with us on WESTPAC 2017. Your help has been greatly valued out here and it has been a pleasure working side by side with these professionals you have sent us.

IYAOYAS
AO1 (AW) Brian Groll
CHAPTER 70 AAO Secretary



G-1 personnel rush to unhook retro during WESTPAC 2017 Ammo Onload near Guam



Air Gunner, CWO2 Miller looks on as G-1 Sailors prepare to handle a deck hit during WESTPAC 17 Ammo Onload



AO1 Lemuel Foster QAs a bomb build during WESTPAC 2017 with AOAN Devian Coulton of the USS GERALD R. FORD



USS CARL VINSON G-1 Flight Deck executes a successful ammo onload, rain or shine!

CHAPTER 77

Greetings Ordies!

We aboard the George H. W. Bush recently conducted elections and I'm proud and honored to be selected as the President of this great association. It has been a strenuous but great year preparing to get where we are now and that is DEPLOYMENT.

As most throughout the fleet know, we (GHWB) and CVW 8 have taken the watch and boy can I tell you we are excited; excited that we get to go out and do our job, the job that we've tirelessly trained for. We have fine tuned our craft and it's definitely showing; with a ton of landscaping going on, we're giving them hell and I mean that in a literal sense, expending 298,000 pounds of ISIS vanquishing material in less than two weeks.

There's no better feeling than knowing you're building a quality product, and when that weapon goes to the roof and is loaded onto an aircraft that it's not coming back. We've built more 2000 pounders in one week than I've ever built in my 12 years in the Navy; as LT Castillo and Chief Stockdale would say "we are making money" and if we continue to do what we are doing now, with the consistency, precision, and professionalism, then we'll be some rich ass AO's.

Now with all the building that we're doing comes knowledge right? Maybe, maybe not; so of course we've kicked off AO University and the turn out for that has been amazing; both ship's company and squadron AO's from the lowest E1 to the E7 has been in attendance. "Steal sharpens Steal" right? Well that's all for now but I can tell you that there will be plenty more to come!

AWARDS:

Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist:

AOAN Elzy, Amie

AOAN Bell, James

Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist:

AO2 Sutton, Saudia

AOAN Jackson, Shakira

Enlisted Information Warfare Specialist:

AO2 Pickens, Brita

Mag Rat of the Month:

January: AOAN Pettit, Zachary

February: AOAN Bell, James

LY.A.O.Y.A.S!

AO1 (AW/SW/IW) Roderick Jolla

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