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CDR Gary LAUN

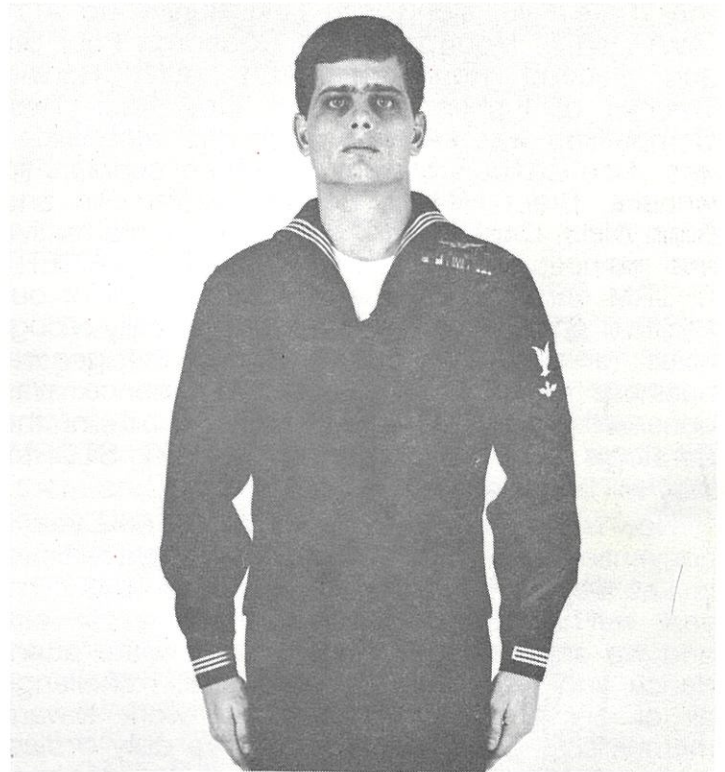
From the New President

I can't tell you how proud I am to serve as the new President of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. The very first thing I would like to do is thank LCDR (RET) Chuck Onken, outgoing President, and his wife, Beverly, for doing such a great job for the past six years.

For all those who missed the convention this year, it was absolutely super. A special thanks

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AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR



AO1 (AW) Thomas C. BENHE

Winner of this year's John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award is AO1 Thomas C. BENHE attached to Attack Squadron 35. The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year committee selected the winner and two runners-up after a seven plus hour "Bloodletting" by nine dedicated active duty and retired ordies ranking from CDR to AOC and representing over 210 years of AO experience.

A total of 85 nominees representing Ships, Air Wings, Air Stations, and Squadrons submitted

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PRESIDENT . . .

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must go out to George Adams, who again tossed his name in to organize the 1995 Convention, and all the wonderful folks who helped him to make this year a most festive occasion. Special thanks also from myself and The Association, to Captain David Park and his lovely wife, Rita, for sharing their evening with us at the awards banquet.

Captain Park announce our new Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, Ordnanceman of the Year, AO1 (AW) Thomas Benhe of Attack Squadron Three Five, along with First Runner-up AO1 (AW) Dan E. Moon of Attack Squadron Four Six and Second Runner-up, AO1 (AW) Ronald Thames of Fighter Squadron One Four Two. Competition was stiff and packages were excellent. Also announce were the three scholarship winners, Brent Healey, Barbara Williamson and Brian Witte. Captain Park gave a most informative and patriotic view of DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM and the super effort given by all of our DESERT STORM ordies, you were formally recognized for a job well done. During the general business meeting a moment of silence was observed for those ordies who died in the Saratoga ferry accident and DESERT STORM, they will be missed by us all.

Now is the time to start planning for next year's convention to be held at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, 11 - 14 June 1992. This year we had 238 people, representing 19 state and we are looking for bigger and better attendance and representation next year. I challenge all of our Chapters to set and work toward membership goals for all our active duty ordies, as this is a CNO recognized professional organization that we should all support and be most proud of.

I would also like to congratulate our new Chaplain; Ron Bushta, Chapter 8, and new Board of Director members; Frank Thill, Chapter 8 and Billy Harkins, Chapter 9. Thanks to outgoing Chaplain Jim Irwin and board members Bob Underwood and Ken Foster. I would also like to announce that we have a complimentary addition to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen in the name of: 'Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen', with Charter Officers: Kathy Gannon - President, Beverly Onken - Vice President, Dottie Underwood - Secretary/Treasurer. Welcome Aboard to the Auxiliary.

In closing, I'll be transferring in August to XO, Strike Fighter Weapons School, Atlantic, so if you're by Cecil Field, stop in and say hello.

Gary Laun
President



AVORDY . . .

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some of the best packages ever reviewed in the six years the program has been in effect. The selection process and criteria used once again proved itself. There were 18 AO2's, 66 AO1's and 1 SSGT USMC nominated.

The Runners-up in this year's competition were extremely close, AO1 (AW) Dan E. Moon attached to Attack Squadron 46 and AO1 (AW) Ronald Thames attached to Fighter Squadron 142 were also honored at the Convention/Symposium and are to be commended on their outstanding professional performance as are the other 82 nominees in the 1991 Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Program.

As good as the submitted packages were, it was still extremely disheartening to open a package for a nominee and determining it is incomplete due to an oversight or careless omission of a photo or other item as stipulated in the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year submission request message. The omission of award documentation or other package criteria makes it very difficult for the nominee to be competitive. It is not up to the committee to guess that the nominee is PQS Qualified, EAWS or ESWS, has been a shop supervisor or has been a loading team leader or is a member of the AO Association of other Professional/Community groups. The package must stand alone, on its own merits. You're nominating your best ordnanceman, give him the chance he deserves at a most prestigious award, being selected the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year. **Make sure his nomination package is complete!**

R.V. "Digger" O'Dell
LCDR (RET)

AVORDY Committee Chairman

THANKS!

To all the members who sent in their change of address to the National Secretary Treasurer. Your assistance has helped keep the records correct and has ensured that you will continue to receive Association mail at your new address.

TO ALL:

Please send in a 'Change of Address' when you move. Write on the renewal card, send in scratch paper, a phone call is nice, especially with our new 800 number, but any method is great just as long as we get your new address. Change of Address packets are available at your post office and it won't cost you anything to mail it in.

FAX: (904) 871-0888

PHONE: 800-788-1943

Bob Ashworth

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings from the relieving "God Squad"!

The convention was GREAT!! It was very warming to see a lot of prior shipmates, some again, some for the first time in a long time. God bless us all!!

The first order of business is a call for HELP from everyone. Please keep me informed when you know or hear of an occasion that you think is fitting for a note or card from "US" as an organization. Besides the usual condolences for shipmates that have reported to the Big Weapons Office, I would like to offer "OUR" congratulations and best wishes for other moments of celebration such as special anniversaries, birthdays, births, weddings or any such occasion for which thanks to the "BIG GUY" may be in order.

For example, I would like to give thanks for the inspiration that initiated the forming of the Auxiliary. The initiative came from Kathy Gannon, Dottie Underwood, Bev Onken, and several others I'm sure, but ahhh, where did the inspiration come from? The Auxiliary will be GREAT boost to the Main Battery.

For those who are interested I'll have some info on a Santa Barbara medal next time around. I have a very inexpensive (cheap) one I had worn before that got a bad case of body salt corrosion. I know better quality medals are available. I can be reached (if I'm not traveling) thru the following phone numbers:

AUTOVON 735-1427

COMM 619-545-1427 OR 619-435-1435

HIOME 619-585-1726.

Address:

664 Landis Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Drop a line anytime. Peace to all.

Ron Bushta
Chaplain

Reunions

Reunion of 'south base,' Norman, OK, (Navy & Marines) Aviation Ordnance Trainees and Instructors, Sep 27,28,& 29, 1991 at Sheraton-Norman, in conjunction with "All Hands" conclave for alumni of NATTC, NAS, and NATC bases, WWII era, Norman, OK. For agenda, reach:

J.E. Stiles Jr

Rt 1 Box 309

Adair, OK 74330

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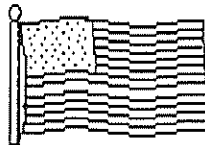
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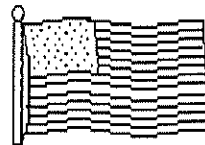
Loveland, CO 80537

(303) 669-6083

If you served in PB4Y Liberator or PB4Y2 Privateer Squadrons during WWII or in later years and would be interested in a reunion, please contact: Ronald R. Sathre 31262 San Andreas DR, Union City, CA 94587; (415) 471-7727



TAPS



CDR Roy ASHER, USN , RET - 24 MAR 91

AOC Homer D. BENTLEY

AOC Anthony J. DRAB

AOC Charles G. GALLAGHER

AO1 Raymond F. LINDSAY

AOC Charles V. MIKLUS

AOC John F. SCHMIDT

AOC Donald B. DEGER

AO3 Harry C. FISHER Jr.

AOC Innocenzo P. LATTERI

AO1 Arnold G. LUND

AO1 Aurthur W. OFSTAD Sr.

AOC Glenn WILLIAMS

If anyone knew any of these gentlemen I would appreciate some background.

Thanks, Ron Bushta.



CVN

FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Well, the 1991 convention is in the history books and it was one of the best we have had to date. A great time was had by all! I would like to thank everyone that was involved with the convention, but especially George Adams, Bob Ashworth, and Jim and Carolyn Thomas who did an outstanding job! I've said it before and I will say it again, if you don't use the Travel & Tour Company of San Diego, Jim and Carolyn Thomas, you are missing the boat! They are two great people and they provide the best service possible to The Association. I would like to thank everyone for the outstanding support you have given me the last six years as your president. The Association would not be where it is today without you all. I'll not try to give names, because I'm sure I would leave someone out, but I must thank Jerry and Kathy Gannon, you both are great people to work with and true friends. Thanks! I would like to thank Capt. Dave Park and his lovely wife Rita, for being a part of our convention, you both were great! Please come and join us again.

You have elected an outstanding ordnanceman as your new president and I know he will do a great job for you and The Association. Please give him all the support that you gave me. I would like to congratulate the ladies for starting the auxiliary, your being a part of The Association has helped make us an outstanding association.

Chuck Onken



TRIPLE A O'S NEWS



On June 15, 1991, Kathy Gannon addressed a group of women in the Nugget Hotel in Sparks to see if there was any interest in forming an auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. There was a show of hands and thirty seven women joined. (Two more joined after the meeting and another one joined during the convention.)

The following officers were elected: President, Kathleen Gannon, (three years), Vice President, Beverly Onken, (two years), and Secretary/Treasurer, Dorothy Underwood, (four years).

The following Board of Directors was selected: Susette Roberts and Kate Sawyer, (two year term), Beth Kershnik and Ethel Foster, (three year term), B.J. O'Dell and Shirley Bushta, (four year term)

The plankowners as of July 1, 1991 are: Elaine Ashworth, Betty Black, Lorraine Borges, Sherry Buse, Shirley Bushta, Kathern Campbell, Betty Clark, Betty Crow, Sharon Curry, Irene DeMuth, Ethel Foster, Kathleen Gannon, Doris Irving, Nell Hatfield, Frances Kenzer, Sandra Howard, Fran Keller, Beth Kershnik, Lillian Lechwar, Mage Marvel, Connie Moore, Beverly O'Dell, Beverly Onken, Jeanette Parker, Helen Prince, Maggie Ramirez/Rangel, Nancy Richardson, Susette Roberts, Ann Robins, Kate Sawyer, Betty Sharp, Thelma Siebert, Frances Sorenson, Elaine Souterland, Thelma Thill, Carolyn Thomas, Dorothy Underwood, Martha Werner, Lois Wilson, and Joanne Moss (Associate Member).

Plankowner membership will be open until the end of the convention in 1992. Redshirts, please talk this up and help us get all the wives or girlfriends signed up.

Doris Irving
Auxiliary Newsletter Editor

STATE DEFENSE FORCE ASSOCIATION

There are thirty one (31) states that have military forces or militias that are open to retirees of all services, all ranks, and rates. For those who desire to continue a semi military life and assist their state, please write to the State Defense Force Association of the United States, 9140 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114, or phone (816) 444-3500 for state/city listings.

The California State Military Reserve (CSMR), first organized in 1940 by an act of the California Legislature as the Southern California Home Defense Force, is looking for retirees to join its ranks.

Organized throughout California as a cadre force. The primary peace-time mission is to support the California National Guard in the event the National Guard is mobilized. The state military reserve is tasked with organizing, training and equipping its personnel to secure and maintain National Guard Armories and to provide internal security and perform such other duties as directed by the governor.

A part of the State Defense Force, CSMR consists of prior-service and non prior-service men and women who serve in a non pay status and wear the U.S. Army uniform. The grade received upon entering depends on the grade held when retired, if prior service. There is no commitment to serve any specific length of time, and one can resign at any time.

Anyone up to age sixty (60) can join. Excellent health is not a prerequisite. All that is required is to attend one Saturday each month and two week-ends per year for training. Units are located throughout California. Continue to serve you country and your state in the California State Military Reserve.

Contact: Maj. Milton Feir, 2255-26th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405 or call (213) 450-0545.

Approximately one fourth of the reserves are retired USN/USMC.

L. O. Sorenson
Member-at-large



"WE'VE COME A LONG WAY BABY"

In June of 1976 twenty-one AO's got together in San Diego to have a few beers, shoot the breeze and reminisce about old times. In the course of conversation and in between lies it was decided that it would be good to get together again every year and to invite all AO's. It was also decided that we should have a formal organization with some worthwhile goals.

Thus the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen was born. By-laws were written and approved, Officers were elected and a insignia was adopted.

Today we have over 1,800 members, the majority of which are active duty personnel. We have thirteen (13) active Chapters, spread all over the world. They have greatly contributed to the success of our organization.

We contribute to the John Finn AO Museum at NATTC Memphis, where we have also established a AO Hall of Fame. We award three scholarships each year to deserving dependents. We select and honor a "AO of the Year" from active duty personnel and actively encourage safety in all ordnance evolutions.

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Association of Aviation Ordnancemen 1991 General Business Meeting

President, LCDR Charles P. Onken (RET), called the 1991 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business meeting to order at 0902 hours 15 June 1991, and led the general membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chaplain James E. Irving AOCM (RET), led the general membership in prayer.

The general membership remained standing while the recording 'Mama Please Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Ordies' was played. The song received an enthusiastic round of applause.

There were 92 registered members in attendance. The Registration list is Enclosure [1].

The President appointed Digger O'Dell as Parliamentarian during this General Business and the Board of Directors Meetings.

Following the opening ceremonies the President commented on these general subjects:

1. You must be a member in good standing to be eligible to vote.
2. Thanked everyone for attending the convention and noted there was an excellent turn-out last night at the AAO social, with 261 tickets sold.
3. The guest speaker for tonight attended the social and stated he and his wife Rita enjoyed the social event immensely.
4. Pointed out to the attendee's what printed general information was available to them:
 - a. Individuals nominated for office
 - b. Minutes of the 1990 General Business Meeting
 - c. Proposed changes to the AAO By-Laws
 - d. 1991 - 1992 Budget and 1990 - 1991 Financial Report
5. Recognized DEVAL Corporation again for supporting the Association and for their continued support.
6. Thanked Jim and Carol Thomas and George Adams for their tremendous effort that they have put forth for the Association in making these superb arrangements.
7. Thanked NAS Fallon for providing the missile and weapons display for the membership.
8. Thanked Chapters 1, 3, and 21 for their display of memorabilia.
9. Thanked all Committees for working so hard to make their selections for; AO of the Year and the Scholarship Awards.
10. CDR Del Oakes requested anyone who has ordnance safety articles to send them to him at the Navy Safety Center. Also, look at the magazine MECH, this issue is all about Aviation Ordnance.

The Secretary/Treasurer, CDR Robert Ashworth (RET) to read the minutes of the 1990 General Business Meeting. Secretary/Treasurer reported that the minutes of the 1990 General Business Meeting were published in 'The Red Shirt' #39 and were available on the floor. Everyone should have read these minutes unless they are a new member and proposed to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as published. A motion was taken from the floor to suspend the reading of the minutes and accept the published copy. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer to read the 1990-1991 Financial Report. Secretary/Treasurer first explained the bank accounts and how the Association funds were distributed:

<u>Type Fund</u>	<u>Type Account</u>
Scholarship	Certificate of Deposit + Savings
Lifetime	Certificate of Deposit + Savings
General(operating)	Checking + Savings

Second, read the 1990-1991 Financial Report. Dick Wales stated "the Association should show an obligation of funds on all revenue or the Association could become a profit making organization possibly changing the IRS status." The Secretary/Treasurer said he would take that for action, Enclosure [3]. Third, read and explained each item of the proposed 1991-1992 budget, Enclosure [4] to the official minutes. A motion was taken from the floor to accept the Financial Report as written, seconded and approved unanimously.

The Newsletter Editor has been authorized by the Board of Directors to make inquiries as to the price of a laser printer and obtain the best price. The Editor is loosing his access to the laser printer he is currently utilizing.

1991 CONVENTION REPORT: George Adams Convention Chairman

We are not finished yet so I don't have a formal report. Sorry about the shortage of tables at the AAO social, we remedied the situation as soon as possible. The problem arose when only two people were sitting at table for eight and wouldn't get cozy. Those who need dinner tickets for tonight must purchase them now. The convention committee is required to provide the catering service a final number as to how many will be seated and fed. We projected 240 and only have 22 tickets unsold. After 240 are sold the doors will be closed until the dinner is completed and then reopened so those individuals who did not purchase a ticket for dinner may listen to the guest speaker.

The President requested George to tell the membership what they received for their \$5.00 social event ticket.

The Association spends about \$18.00 per person for the Social event which included: food, Disc Jockey and Caricature Artist. I don't believe anyone should have any complaints about the social, it's one hellavu deal....

We kept the Awards Banquet meal at \$25.00 for that amount is almost what the meal costs. But, the Association puts forth over \$700.00 for the audio visual equipment that will assist the guest speaker with his presentation tonight. I request any comments to the Association on the hospitality of the NUGGET and their people.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Membership: Tom Robbins

The Association is no longer a small activity and I have the privilege to report, we now are over 1800 in membership and as of today the Association membership stands at 1,849.

Safety: Charles Onken - verbal report

By-Laws: Dick Wales - verbal report

Historian: William Naylor - No Report

Museum: Debra Newton - No Report

1992 Convention: Chapter 8

The 1992 Convention is on schedule and initial contracts will be signed in the near future with the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas, 11 - 14 June 1992.

1993 Convention: Chapter 21

The 1993 Convention is on schedule and preliminary arrangements have been made with John Ascuaga's NUGGET. More details to follow.

Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year (AVORDY): Digger O'Dell

There were 81 candidates, all with excellent packages. There were 9 AVORDY committee members both active and retired with a combined 216 years of Aviation Ordnance experience. The final selection was very hard and the committee members had a difficult time making the final selection, in fact the runner's-up were so competitive we decided to have two. The selectee will be named at the Awards Banquet tonight. Winners were announced during the Awards Banquet and are as follows:

Winner	AO1(AW) Thomas Carry BEHNE	VA-35
1st Runner-Up	AO1(AW) Dan MOON	VA-46
2nd Runner-Up	AO1(AW) Ronald Thanos	VA-142

Scholarship Committee: Bob Underwood

We had several applicants. All the applicants were very deserving but we could only select three. The winners as announced at the Awards Banquet were:

Barbara Williamson	Daughter of CWO C.L. WILLIAMSON (RET)
Brent Healy	Son of CWO4 Gregory C. HEALY
Brian Witte	Son of LCDR Herman G. WITTE

Newsletter Editor: Jeff Sassone

Since the last convention four [4] editions of 'The Red Shirt' have been published, with over 6800 Newsletters being distributed via bulk mail. Total cost for production and distribution of 'The Red Shirt' for last year was \$4826.00. This was only the second time in which we've had 4 editions of the newsletter in one year.

The recent postal rate increase for third bulk mail was \$.066 per piece, which averages out to approximately \$112.00 per edition of the newsletter. Our application to mail at special non-profit bulk mail rates was denied.

While the submission of Chapter articles for the newsletter has improved, we have yet to have a newsletter with reports from all the active Chapters. If you are a member of a Chapter and you see an edition of 'The Red Shirt' without a report from your Chapter, hold your Chapter officers accountable at the next Chapter meeting. It is my goal this year to publish an edition of 'The Red Shirt' with reports from all the chapters.

Change of Address continues to be a problem..... If you move please send me or the Secretary/Treasurer your change of address. This is especially important to those of you on active duty who use your military address to receive your newsletter. More often than not, newsletters are returned with "transferred" written on them instead of being forwarded or having address correction notices issued. Enclosure [6].

The President called for the Association's Chapter Reports. They were as follows:

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Bill Scoggins, Enclosure [7]
Chapter 2	NAS Moffet Field, CA	None
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Doug Fyfe, Enclosure [8], donated \$100.00 to scholarship fund.
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, Va	Don Howard, verbal
Chapter 5	China Lake, CA	Jim Willard, verbal, donated \$452.00 to scholarship fund.
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	AO1 Hite, verbal, donated \$150.00 to scholarship fund.
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Billy Harkins, Enclosure [9]
Chapter 12	'MASAYA' Cubi Pt. P.I.	None
Chapter 13	NAF El Centro, CA	None
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV	LCDR Joe Manley, Enclosure [10], Repaid \$1000.00 loan, donated \$88.16 to scholarship fund.
Chapter 41	'SHOGUN' USS MIDWAY	Larry Adkinson, Enclosure [11], donated \$500.00 to scholarship fund.
Chapter 65	USS ENTERPRISE	Chuck Onken, verbal report.
Chapter 68	USS NIMITZ	Chuck Onken, verbal report.
Chapter 70	USS CARL VINSON	Chuck Onken, verbal report.
Chapter "S-87"	NATTC Memphis, TN	None

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

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PATCHES	\$4.00	QTY _____	
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(BLACK w/GOLD or RED EMBLEM)	\$7.00	QTY _____	SPECIFY COLOR
WATCHES (LADIES or MENS w/ EMBLEM)	\$25.00	QTY _____	SPECIFY TYPE
TIE TAGS (ASSOC. EMBLEM)	\$3.00	QTY _____	
HAT PINS (ASSOC. EMBLEM)	\$3.00	QTY _____	
(GOLD AO WINGS)	\$4.50	QTY _____	
(PEWTER AO WINGS)	\$3.00	QTY _____	
CHARMS	\$3.00	QTY _____	
KEY RINGS (BLACK or RED w/ EMBLEM)	\$4.00	QTY _____	SPECIFY COLOR
(LADIES - GOLD w/ EMBLEM)	\$4.00	QTY _____	SPECIFY COLOR
STICK PINS	\$3.00	QTY _____	
BELT BUCKLES (LARGE ASSOC. EMBLEM)	\$15.00	QTY _____	
(AO, USN, USMC)	\$8.00	QTY _____	SPECIFY TYPE
DESK SETS	\$10.00	QTY _____	
(ASSOC. EMBLEM w/ PEN/PENCIL HOLDERS)	\$15.00	QTY _____	
PEN/PENCIL SETS (CHROME)	\$17.50	QTY _____	
(GOLD & CHROME)	\$20.00	QTY _____	
(BLUE & GOLD)	\$10.00	QTY _____	
ASSOCIATION PLAQUES	\$3.50	QTY _____	
KOOL KUPS (RED or BLUE)	\$5.00	QTY _____	
COFFEE CUPS	\$6.00	QTY _____	
MUGS	\$8.00	QTY _____	SPECIFY SIZE
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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name _____ SSAN _____
 Address _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: Home/Work _____ Duty Station _____

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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 Avlation Ordnancemen.

 (Sponsor) (Signed)

TEMPORARY RECEIPT
 Member/Associate Member
 Name _____
 Address _____
 Received By: _____ \$10.00

Mail Application to:
 Bob Ashworth
 133 H. L. Sudduth Drive
 Panama City, FL 32404

AOC Castro stated that he is working with AOC Carrol in NAVAIR to establish a "CAPITOL AREA" chapter, so that those ordnancemen in the PAX river and washington area can get together. Additionally a request from AO's at NAS Adak to start a chapter has been received. Information was returned to them so they can get started.

The Reunion book is alive and well. The Association should thank Beverly Onken, because she is the person that makes it happen. The Reunion book doesn't cost the Association anything. Please have your picture taken. The more people that have their picture taken means the more pages that'll be in the Reunion Book. Beverly has been sick lately and hasn't hooked a rug. As you know any funds that are raised by her goes to the scholarship fund. If anyone would like a Reunion Book, please contact Beverly, she has a few remaining from past years.

The proposed By-Laws have been published in 'The Red Shirt' #40 and copies are available on the desks for each member to review. Is there any discussion from the floor concerning the proposed By-Laws as written? Is there any discussion from the floor? Is there any discussion from the floor? A motion was taken from the floor to accept the proposed By-Laws as written, less typing errors. The motion was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Status on Patent and Trademark: Robert Ashworth reported the status has basically not changed since our last meeting in June 1991. However, there have been several events that have taken place. The original request was rejected by the Patent office and returned to the attorney. The attorney then conversed with the Patent office and resubmitted the request to the Patent office. On May 31, 1991 the attorney had not received any information from the Patent office. When the Patent is obtained, a letter will be sent to the chapters authorizing the use of The Association's emblem.

Status of Navy Memorial: Digger O'Dell reported that The Association originally requested to have 1140 members @ \$25.00 per name be placed on the plaque representing The Association. The Association has resubmitted and will be logged on a single plaque as "The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen". We are presently awaiting a reply and will submit the response to the Board of Directors with the dollar cost.

Status of Honorary Members: Robert Ashworth reports:

- 18 Honorary members on the roster
- 3 Lost - No address to maintain contact
- 3 Ladies who have been very supportive
- 8 Wives of deceased members
- 4 New Additions - Guest Speaker, Irene Demuth wife of deceased member, Betty Asher wife of CDR Roy Asher deceased, and Beverly Onken for her support of The Association.

22 Total

NEW BUSINESS

The Association is in receipt of a letter requesting The Association to entertain naming an annual Safety Award, to be presented each year by The Association, 'The Judd Hendricks Aviation Ordnance Safety Award'. Chapter 4 has not received a reply; the Board of Directors will provide Chapter 4 a formal reply as requested by Bob Borges.

Are there anymore volunteers for the 1994 Convention Chairman? Jerry and Kathy Gannon have volunteered to be the 1994 Convention Chairpeople and will probably recommend St Louis, MO as the convention site. A show of hands was requested to indicate how many people would be interested in participating in attending a convention in St Louis. As judged by the podium approximately 3/4 of those in attendance would be willing to attend. Jerry Gannon accepted the 1994 Convention Chairman and will get back to The Association with the recommended site of the 1994 convention.

Digger O'Dell read a stirring nomination, Enclosure [11], recommending Mr. Marvin Haines be made an Honorary Member of The Association for his many worthy contributions to Aviation Ordnance. Digger O'Dell then made a motion that Mr. Marvin Haines be made an Honorary Member of The Association. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Lester Tucker wished to thank the Board of Directors for the letter acknowledging him for the history of the Aviation Ordnanceman. He recommended that The Association duplicate their existing copy and provided them to the membership. He also stated there should be no copyright difficulties for he had procured those rights. Those individuals that would like a copy, place your request with the Secretary/Treasurer.

Del Oakes proposed no smoking sections in the conference rooms and the general business meeting. This proposal will be passed to the new President and the Board of Directors.

Tom Robbins proposed that we increase the scholarship award to \$750.00 vice \$500.00 beginning next year. Robert Ashworth recommended that the \$750.00 begin this year and recommended that change to Tom Robbin's proposal. The recommendation was accepted by Tom Robbins. A motion was taken from the floor to increase the scholarship award as stated. This motion was seconded and unanimously agreed to.

Gary Laun proposed that The Association should recognize the six Aviation Ordnancemen killed in the Saratoga boating accident in Haifa. This proposal was referred to the Board of Directors for actinon and working with the By-Laws committee.

The President turned the podium over to the Vice President in order to conduct the business of electing a new President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

For President - Nominees are: CDR Gary LAUN. No other nominees. Who nominated CDR LAUN? Chapter 9 in mass, Bill Harkins gave the

nomination speech. A second was received from the floor and a voice vote was taken and CDR LAUN was unanimously elected as the new President of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Term to expire June 1994.

The Vice President turned the podium back to the President to conduct the remaining agenda.

Gary Laun the newly elected President requested time to make some comments. "I would like to thank the members of The Association for electing me to this most prestigious office. To the members present, Thank You. To the East and West Coast members and all those in between, overseas and at sea, Thank You. I think a lot of this organization and as far as I'm concerned, OLD ORDIES ARE THE BEST ORDIES. I will do everything I can to keep this organization the best. We will miss Chuck as our President. He is a person that I have respected for a long time and we all wish him well. Again, Thank You All.

The President assumed the podium from the Vice President to resume the Agenda.

Election of the Board of Director to replace Bob Underwood. Nominees for the position were:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NOMINATED BY</u>
Dave Moore	Bill Scoggins
Frank Thill	Ken Foster
Billy Harkins	Gary Laun

Frank Thill was elected. Term to expire June 1994

Election of the Board of Director to replace Ken Foster. Nominees for the position were:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NOMINATED BY</u>
Dave Moore	Bill Scoggins
Billy Harkins	Gary Laun

Billy Harkins was elected. Term to expire June 1994.

Election of Chaplain to replace Jim Irving. Ron Bushta was nominated by Chapter 8. No other nominees. Ron Bushta was elected. Term to expire June 1994.

The next convention sight is the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas, NV, 11-14 June 1992.

Jerry and Kathy Gannon will be working on the 1994 convention site and will be in contact with the Board of Directors as to that recommendation.

Jim Thomas made the following announcement: The ladies formed "The Ladies Auxiliary of The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen". Kathy Gannon - President; Beverly Onken - Vice President, Dottie Underwood - Secretary/Treasurer.

Kathy Gannon addressed the membership. She requested use of The Association's LOGO. A motion was taken from the floor to allow the 'Ladies Auxiliary' to utilize the LOGO, seconded and voted to agree to allow the 'Ladies Auxiliary' to use The Association's LOGO. A motion was received from the floor to assist the 'Ladies Auxiliary' by entering their articles in the newsletter until they can make other arrangements. The motion was seconded and a voice vote agreed unanimously to the motion. Kathy Gannon further requested, those ladies that did not attend the social today to come to the 'Ladies Auxiliary' Board of Directors meeting tomorrow.

The podium has just received a sad note: CDR Roy Asher USN RET passed away Mar 24, 1991. He was one of the original 21 ordnancemen to start The Association.

Mike Taylor thanked Chuck Onken for his leadership as President of The Association and requested a round of applause for the outgoing President. A rousing standing ovation was given to Chuck Onken.

Chuck Onken: "Thank you all very, very much. I have really enjoyed being your president. Several people have called me a worry wart, but I have always had this Association in my heart and I will continue doing that and I will support any of you in any endeavor. I am still very active in Chapter 1 at Lemoore and will support all you gentlemen and the new President. Please call me and I will help you with anything. It was time to put some new blood on the podium. I haven't run out of ideas, but I think you need some new ideas and believe me you will get those ideas from the new President. I was aboard his ship and saw how he had things organized and running smoothly. He will do well as President of this organization. Give him your full support. Beverly thanks you too. She has been a big part of this organization also. When I was on travel she answered the phone and read the mail, took the heat and I got chewed on when she next saw or talked to me. I do thank each and everyone of you for your support, for without you, I couldn't have done well as President. IT' BEEN GREAT !!!

Comment from the floor: It is easy for us to stand out here and I know what the committees and officers have done. They have been working for the last three or four days. I think they deserve an official round of applause for all their efforts for all of us. There was an exceptionally loud round of applause from the floor.

Please stand for a moment of silence for our departed shipmates. Chaplain James E. Irving, AOCM (RET) then delivered the closing prayer.

A motion was taken from the floor to adjourn the 1991 General Business Meeting, seconded and unanimously agreed to by voice vote. The 1991 General Business Meeting of The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen was closed at 1246 hours 15 June 1991.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The enclosures to these minutes are on file with the National Secretary/Treasurer.

BABY...

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This year at our general business meeting our ladies informed us of their desire to form a "Ladies auxiliary. The attending membership approved their request and offered any support we could furnish.

So as you can see we have come a long way since 1976 and as I envision the future we will continue to grow and do good things for AO's, their dependents and the United States of America.

Tom Robins
Vice President

CHAPTER 1

Greetings from Chapter One! a great time was had by all of our members who were able to attend this years convention. After we returned Chapter One held our General Business meeting on 19 June at FRA club #261 in Lemoore. A brief summary of convention highlights was presented. Also, addressed was the Chapter One AO annual picnic to be held at Hickey Park in late August. Plans were also finalized to sell memorabilia at the 4th of July Blue Angeles air show. Our sales booth will be right next to the Strike Fighter schools loaded static display FA-18 Hornet. A lot of hard work put in by the school to have a static display loaded, and to perform hoist loads for the crowds will definitely be an eye catcher. Bravo Zulu to the ordies involved! This year Chapter One volunteered to produce calendars and to have calendar sales for 1992. This was presented to the National Board of Directors and a motion was accepted. Dave Moore volunteered his services to chair the calendar committee and is currently at work on cost estimates and sales rules. Once we have this information we will contact each chapter president with details and will ask how many calendars you would like to obtain. We will mail our this info in August.

Our scholarship fund has been raised to \$250.00 beginning this year. All Chapter One members who are interested in applying can get applications from Phil Kershisnik or Dave Moore. Family members are eligible. This years scholarship will be presented at the annual picnic in August. Apply today!

A reminder to ordies on deployment or to any member passing through Lemoore. Our meetings are held every third Wednesday of every month at the Fleet Reserve Association #261 in Lemoore. Feel free to stop in anytime between 16:30 and 18:00. We will enjoy having you down. God Bless

Bill Scoggin
President, Chapter 1

CHAPTER 3

A well done to the 1991 AO Convention, we had a great time in Reno and are looking to see you all again in '92 at Las Vegas.

We had a great 4th of July Parade in Oak Harbor with a military theme of Desert Storm, which included two munitions trailers presented by NAS Weapons with smart bombs and missiles, and obvious pride!!

July 27 and 28 is the annual Air Show at NAS Whidbey, and MAWS assisted by members of the chapter will put on a static display of an A-6 with all of its awesome fire power. We also have lots of t-shirts and cups to sell to the public.

Our softball team has had its ups and downs throughout the season, but have had lots of fun. They now enter the Captains Cup playoffs.

We have a Community Project where we adopted two and a half miles of Highway 20. We have found that it gets easier the second time around, and could finish in half the time spent the first time picking up trash. We are obligated to pick up our area every two months. After the cleanup, we have a potluck picnic at Cranberry Lake and pitch horse shoes. This time we had a fishing derby with prizes, and guess what? Nobody caught a fish!! So come out and join us in September.

August 17th is our annual picnic at Rocky Point picnic area. We encourage any of you who may be in the area visiting at the time to come on out and join us for food, suds, fun and games. Because the sale of memorabilia was good this year, the price of the picnic is \$1.00 per person, \$5.00 max for the entire immediate family.

The chapter screened seventeen candidates for AO of the Year, and was very happy to endorse AO1(AW) Marc R. Simon of VAQ-137 from the Prowler family. The runner up was AO1 (AW) Chris E. McDaniel of the FIT team and the Intruder side of the family. All seventeen candidates then went on to the AO Convention in Reno for selection of the John W. Finn award of AO of the Year.

The Chief's list is out and Whidbey had ten (10) selectees from our community, that is an awesome number of selectees, congratulations to the all!!

Dave Michel
Vice President, Chapter 3

Chapter 8

Greetings from (gloomy) San Diego and Chapter 8. All is going well out here, we just wish summer would finally arrive. We have been busy for the last quarter, starting with our election to replace our Vice President, Larry Miller, who

assumed the duties as President when Brian Leach transferred to Whidbey Island (Send back our sun Brian!). Ken Heidt was elected as our new Vice President. One of the first duties Larry and Ken had was to host our Annual Picnic in May. The picnic was a roaring success - attended by about 100 AO's, family, and friends.

Congratulations to VF-154's Gunner, Bill Maxwell, who was the grand prize winner for our raffle.

Next was the annual AO Convention where many of us saw old shipmates, we haven't seen in years and took care of some business at the business meeting. The Chapter wants to thank all of those who put together another successful convention. See you next year in Vegas!

Finally, WELCOME HOME to USS RANGER and AIRWING 2, Thanks for a job well done. We extend an invitation to you and all the other's in the San Diego area to join us at our monthly Chapter meetings held at the Fleet Reserve Branch #61, 338 3rd St, Chula Vista on the 1st Thursday of every month. Until next time, See Ya!

J.J. LaMaitre

Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter 8

Chapter 9

Greetings from the First Coast and Chapter 9. Since our last report Chapter 9 held a Welcome Back Picnic for all of our JAX area "Storm" ordies and families at Cecil Field, a great turnout and good time was had by all. Our President, Billy Harkins, also made his annual 6,000 mile trek out west to the convention, along with Bill Tanner, Gary Laun, Price Malory, Elbert Sauly and his wife. We had a great time and were well represented with Chapter 9 coming back with the National President, Gary Laun, and new Board of Director member, Billy Harkins.

We are looking to contact every orrdie in the JAX area to come out and help enjoy our Chapter as it is growing everyday.

Don't be a stranger, we meet the third Thursday of each month at Fleet Reserve, Post 91, on Collins Road at 19:00. See you there.

PAO Chapter 9

Chapter 12

As most of you know the Phillipines is still suffering the effects of the eruption of MT Panitubo. Our prayers and profound best wishes go to the members and families of the MAYSAYA chapter. Hopefully things will be cleaned up and restored to normal by the next addition of The Red Shirt so we can hear from you.

Editor

Chapter 13

El Centro, CA. While we have not had much Chapter 13 business, we have been a busy chapter. Chapter 13 would like to extend it's congratulations to: AO3 Whitaker on the birth of his daughter, Ashley Elizabeth; AO3 Gonzalez on the birth of his daughter, Cheleyka Lynn, and AO3 Burgess on the birth of her son, Joseph Anthony. Congratulations also go to AOAN Teeple on his recent marriage and AO3 McQueen (Booth) for her second 'Sailor of the Quarter' award.

Chapter 13 would also like to congratulate AO1 Tom Gaskey on the birth of his new daughter, Harley.

When Chapter 13 hasn't been out adding to their families, getting married or making 'Sailor of the Quarter' again, we have been busy with Captain's Cup Sports, it is reported to me that weapons is doing well. We took 1st place last year, the first year of captain's cup competition!

At work we have been active, as well. The NAF Weapons Department has branched off to become bigger and better. We have begun an AWSE Program that is headed by AO1 Czemerys. AWSE is responsible for issuing the yellow gear to squadrons on det, and receiving it when they leave. We also do the periodic maintenance on most of our gear.

As I said in the beginning, we've been busy, but at least we try to write.

Kelly Burgess

Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter 13

CHAPTER 21

Greetings to all Ordies from Chapter 21 Ord-nancetown USA. We have elected several new officers since our last newsletter. Officers and Board of Directors are as follows:

Vice President - AOCS Gary Buse

Board of Directors: AOC (RET) John Williams
AO1 Wayne Bollin

The Chapter has been real busy helping George Adams with some last minute items for setting up the 1991 Convention in Sparks, I would like to thank a few people for there help. LTJG Ed Joye who volunteered to be the tour guide for the tour of NAS Fallon (the tour went very well). Also, I would like to thank AOCS Ako, AO1 Raymond, AO1 Dwyer, AO3 Brown, AO3 Abrahamson, AOAR Hickman for their efforts in setting up the static display at the Nugget for the 1991 Convention.

The Chapter has enrolled in the Adopt A Highway Program, our highway will be a two mile portions of highway from Fallon to Fernly.

I would like to congratulate the following people

on their advancement: AO1Kerakes - NAS Weapons, AO1 Mounts - STRIKE Warfare Center, AO2 Pautler - NAS Weapons, AO3 Brown - NAS Weapons, AO3 Abrahamson - NAS Weapons, AO3 Poe - AIMD, AO3 Parker - STRIKE Warfare Center, and AO3 Davis - STRIKE Warfare Center.

In closing if you are in Fallon stop by and see us, we hold our monthly meetings at the American Legion Hall in Fallon on the first Thursday of every month at 19:00.

John Hill
Secretary./Treasurer, Chapter 21

CHAPTER 68

Greetings from the Central Arabian Gulf! Since late April the NIMITZ/CVW 9 team has been operating out here supporting the withdrawal of our ground forces from Kuwait and Southern Iraq. Even through the cease fire slowed the offense down quite a bit, we are still putting a lot of ordnance into the air, just in case Saddam feels like getting "froggy". Last May, we had the opportunity to host some Omani "ordies". We spent two days showing them everything we do, from bomb build-up/assembly to aircraft loading and everything in between. Needless to say, they were impressed with the Nimitz/9 team.

In the last couple of months we have added some new face to the chapter. They include; AOCM T. Lord, AOCs Frank Jenkins, AO1 Bob Sherman, AO1 Scott Benton, AO1 Cesar Cervantes, and AO2 Matt Scott.

During the June meeting, some long overdue elections resulted in AOCM T. Lord being elected the new Secretary/Treasurer and CWO3 John Aldrich and AO1 Bob Sherman being elected to the Board of Governors.

In the next couple of weeks we will begin winding down from this deployment. We are already "over-the-hump" and looking forward to returning to the Pacific Northwest and Bremerton. In the mean time, we will be searching the horizon for the Abe Lincoln so we can pass the baton and make like sheepherders.

Thomas E. Lord
Secretary/Treasure, Chapter 68

Capitol Area

We are establishing a "Capital Area Chapter" of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, which will include the Pentagon, NAVAIR, NMPC, Andrews, Indian Head, Dahlgren, and the Potomac River Area.

Efforts are underway to establish contact with all interested parties in the region. We will conduct our first meeting in August. If you are in the area or want more information about becoming a

Chapter member please contact:

AOC Castro (NAMO-342M)

Autovon: 326-4721

Commercial (301) 863-4721.

Additionally, some of us will be assisting Life Member Charlie Middlebrook in refurbishing a 1942 Bomb Truck. Charlie, a Pearl Harbor Survivor had hoped to drive the Bomb Truck in the parade commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The parade will occur this December, however, Charlie needs some help financially and also getting it to Pearl. After the parade the Bomb Truck will be given to the Aviation Ordnance Museum in Millington. If you would like additional information contact:

Al Castro of Charlie Middlebrook directly at (703) 663-2913, or P.O. Box 1119 Dahlgren, VA 22448.

AOC Al Castro
Member-at-Large

WHERE ARE THEY NOW????

The Association is continually losing members in good standing because we loose contact with them. The main reason for losing members is returned mail and no forwarding address. Also, they forget to notify members. Get in touch with them and request they send a change of address so I can ensure they receive their Association correspondence and "THE RED SHIRT".

ALLEGREZZA, DENNIS	ANDERSON, WILLIAM A.
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WERRE, ARMON M.	

The 1992 Convention will be June 11 - 14 at the Imperial Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Start making your plans now!

Deadline for submission of articles for the next newsletter is October 25, 1991.

Jeff Sassone
Editor, THE RED SHIRT



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