



THE RED SHIRT



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Newsletter No. 36

January 1990

From The President -

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and that everyone has a great new year.

Things are starting to move very fast for the 1990 Convention at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas, NV. Frank Thill and his committee will have information in this "Red Shirt" on making all your reservations for a rental a car, travel and rooms. Also, a message announcing the convention and AO of the year will be on the street this month.

The guest speaker for the 1990 convention is Captain Louis Robert Canepa, COMNAVAIRPAC, Chief of Staff. More information on him is in "The Red Shirt".

George Adams, the 1991 Convention Chairman has made reservations for the 1991 convention at the nugget in Sparks, NV it is about 3 miles from downtown Reno, NV. Frank Thill has volunteered to be the 1992 Convention Chairman. THANKS FRANK!

I am still looking for 3-4 individuals for a nomination committee to accept nominations for Association Offices. The following offices are up for election this coming convention: Secretary/Treasurer, held by Jerry Gannon; Board of Directors Wayne Beasley and Ralph "Digger" O'Dell. Lets get out and beat the bushes for nominees, its your association, so be part of it !! I will accept nominations until I can get a committee.

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Guest Speaker



**CAPTAIN
LOUIS ROBERT CANEPA**

Chief of Staff

Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Captain Canepa was born in Eureka, California. He graduated from Chico State College in 1962

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PRESIDENT . . .

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The reunion book is out, and if you didn't get one an order form is in this issue of "The Red Shirt". Lt. Jeff Sassone and his wife Cyndy are the new co-editors of the "Red Shirt". Thanks to both! We should give a big hand to Ed Hammond for the outstanding job he has done with the newsletter. Ed, you have my greatest appreciation! There will be one more "Red Shirt" before the 1990 convention, let's hear from all of you out there.

LCDR Charles C. (Chuck) Onken

President

GUEST . . .

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and entered the Navy in the AOC Program and was commissioned in June 1963. He received his wings as NAS New Iberia, Louisiana in June 1964.

Captain Canepa's first tour was with VS-29 at NAS North Island. His first shore tour was with VF-126 flying the A-4 Skyhawk. In 1970, following F-4 Phantom transition training, Captain Canepa reported to VF-96 as Maintenance Officer, where he completed 235 combat missions. During his next shore tour in VF-121, he completed his Master of Science Degree with the University of Southern California.

In 1975, Captain Canepa returned to sea duty as Operations Officer of VF-21 followed by a tour as Executive Officer of VF-121. In 1978 he again reported to VF-21 and assumed command in October 1979. At the completion of his tour in October 1971, VF-21 received the COMNAVAIR-PAC Battle "E" and the CNO Safety Award for Pacific Fleet Fighter Squadrons.

In November 1981, Captain Canepa reported to COMCRUDESGRU THREE as Air Operations Officer for the first Pacific Fleet CRUDESGRU CV deployment. In April 1983, he assumed command of Carrier Air Wing FIVE at Sasebo, Japan. During his 17 month tour, CVW-5 was embarked in USS MIDWAY (CV-41) for 14 months. He subsequently has served on the staff of COMNAVAIRPAC as Air Training Officer and in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he established the Advanced Air Warfare Training Branch (OP-05G).

He assumed command of Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN in May 1987. During this tour as Strike Warfare Commander of Battle Group FOXTROT, he was responsible for the planning and execution of A Wing strikes against Iranian Naval combatants in operation Praying Mantis.

Captain Canepa has completed ten deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean areas and over 1200 carrier landings and 6000 flight hours. He is the recipient of the 1988 Naval Aviation "Tallhooker of the Year" Award.

On 16 May 1989, Captain Canepa reported as Chief of Staff, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Air Medal (15), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V and various campaign medals.

Captain Canepa and his wife, Patty, and children, Julie and Joanna reside on NAS North Island. Their son, Jeff, is a college student at Chico State University and their daughter, Janel, lives in Santa Clara, California.

REUNION BOOK ORDER FORM

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 1989 REUNION
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From The Desk Of The Secretary/Treasurer

Kathy and I hope this Newsletter finds you and your loved ones in fine shape to take a running start at the new year and the new decade.

If you have already read the input from the Newsletter editor you will have noticed the Lt Jeffrey P. Sassone has assumed the duties of the Association's Newsletter Editor replacing AOCS Edwin G. Hammond. I welcome Jeff and his wife Cynthla (Cyndy) onboard. I know that the membership will give you all their support (Plus have a sigh of relief that they were not called upon to do the job).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed Hammond for a job well done. Ed's hard work and innovation to produce a top quality product has been greatly appreciated. I know Ed spent long hours constructing the Newsletter and agonized over inputs that were not forthcoming in a timely manner. But Ed and Chapter Three, Whidbey Island, can always be counted on to put out a quality product. Thank you Ed and Thank you Whidbey Island.

It is time to start making your plans for the 1990 convention. Once again it is to be held the third weekend of June. But, this year there is a change. This year's convention/symposium will be held in Las Vegas, NV. This was purposely done to ease the burden and encourage more members for the East Coast to make the effort to attend the 1990 convention. Please make the effort. More about the convention from this year's convention Chairman, Frank Thill, elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

I am happy to report to you that the Association has been recognized as an official sponsor of the Aviation Ordnancemen Museum. This museum will be located at the new AO school building onboard NATTC Memphis, Tennessee. The Museum will be named after John W. Finn, LT/Ret, and is scheduled to be dedicated in March 1990. More on the AO Museum will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

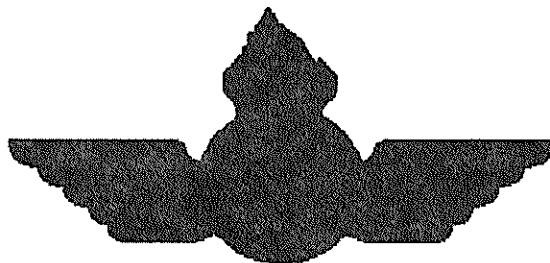
Don't forget, if you are going to sponsor someone for the Robert L. Crow Association Scholarship award program, you need to have

them start working up their applications now. If your local Chapter Secretary/Treasurer does not have blank applications send your request to me.

At this time of the year I need to remind all Chapter Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers that their end of the year financial reports are due. As you know the start of a new year also signifies income tax time for the past year.

That is all for this edition. Remember to make your plans early and I'll see you in Vegas.

Gerald F. Gannon
Secretary/Treasurer



CHAPTER 3

Whidbey Island, Washington. We welcome back Steve Hall who is now assigned to COMMATVAQ-WINGPAC Staff weapons. Also welcome back Rich Pack.

On December 11 we held our annual Christmas Potluck at Rocky Point. Fun was had by all!

We gave a turkey and canned goods to a needy family for Thanksgiving. Did the same at Christmas for another family. Other turkeys that were donated by Chapter members were given to the "Help House".

We have lost one of our valued members, Mike Tucker, to VSE Corporation, in Camarillo, California. Mike was one of our most active members. Good luck Mike!

Our meetings are now being held at the V.F.W., the second Thursday of every other month, starting January 11, 1990 at 7:30PM.

Looking forward to seeing all you "Ordies" in Las Vegas in June.

David "Snuffy" Smith
President Chapter 3

15th ANNUAL AO CONVENTION
Imperial Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
June 14 thru June 17, 1990

1990 CONVENTION
RESERVATIONS
INFORMATION

Reservations for the 1990 AO Convention at Imperial Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, NV can be made in one of three ways:

1. Call Jim Thomas of The Travel and Tour Company of San Diego at 1-800-733-1268. **"ONE CALL DOES IT ALL!!"** See enclosed flyer.
2. Fill out the enclosed, postage paid, reservation envelope and drop it in the mail..
3. Call the Imperial Palace Hotel at 1-800-634-6441, ask for the group reservations desk and be sure to tell them you're with The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

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Convention Agenda
Proposed changes to the By-Laws
The Aviation Ordnance Museum
Life Membership Application



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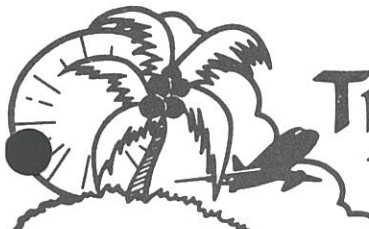
- 1989 Reunion Book Ordered
- 1990 Convention Reservations
- Dues Renewed
- Article/Information for next issue of "THE RED SHIRT"

Popular term for cold has origin in Navy

We've all heard the term "It was cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." While you may think that term refers to a particular part of the anatomy on the statue of a jungle primate, it actually is an old nautical saying.

Back in the days when warships were powered by sail, and a ship's main armament was cannons, cannonballs were stacked neatly upon a brass plate next to the gun. These brass plates, called "brass monkeys," were indented to prevent the cannonballs from rolling freely. However, when it got very cold, the brass plates contracted, causing the cannonballs to spill onto the deck.

Therefore, when it was cold enough to prevent the stacking of cannon balls on the gun deck of a warship, it was literally, "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey."



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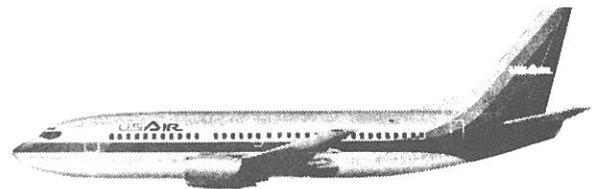
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CONVENTION INFORMATION

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

14-17 JUNE 1990

IMPERIAL PALACE
HOTEL & CASINO • LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
\$45 Per Night
(Plus 7% Tax)



(Official Carrier)

First night's room rent required as a deposit. Provide a credit card number at time of reservation or send a check, cashiers check or money order to the Hotel or The Travel & Tour Company.

You can fly to the Convention and **SAVE** money on your air fare. Call **THE TRAVEL & TOUR COMPANY** and buy your tickets at a **GREATER DISCOUNT** than those offered by other travel agencies and airlines. Special fares have been negotiated for you that ensure you a savings on USAir to Las Vegas.



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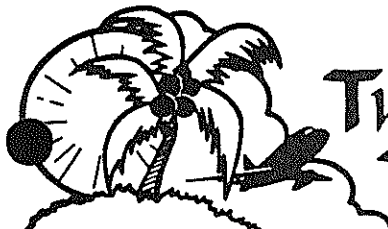
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Approx 4.5 Hours

Hotel pick-up for trip to Boulder City, where you will see an excellent movie on the Dam construction, then on to the Power Plant & Dam (\$1 Guided Tour Optional). Next is a view of Lake Mead Marina enroute back to hotel. COST: \$19

HOOVER DAM & OLD WEST MUSEUM (Lunch Included)

June 15 & 16
10:00 AM
Approx 5.5 Hours

Deluxe Motor Coach to Clark County Museum where you will see relics of Frontier Nevada. Enjoy a great Buffet Lunch at Railroad Pass Casino near Henderson, Nevada. Drive through picturesque Boulder City enroute to Hoover Dam (\$1 Guided Tour Optional). Tour includes stop at Sam's Town Western Emporium. COST: \$23

GRAND CANYON



June 15 & 16

"West Rim Tour" offers a 1-hour birds eye view of the Western Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. Various flight times from 8:00 AM to 4:20 PM. COST: \$70 (\$4 Tax Incl).

"Air Tour" is a complete 2.5 hour aerial sightseeing to and through the Grand Canyon. Hotel pick-up and return. Various flight times from 6:00 AM to 3:10 PM. *COST: \$118 (\$7 Tax Incl).

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FOR ALL FLIGHTS!

All Tours Narrated

"Deluxe Air/Ground Tour" is 7-hours of outstanding aerial sightseeing, to include a bus excursion through the National Park with plenty of time to enjoy the view from Yauapai Museum & Bright Angel Lodge, the exciting IMAX Theatre experience, and a Buffet Luncheon with time for shopping. Hotel pick-up and return. Various flight times from 6:00 AM to 11:35 AM. *COST: \$157 (\$7 Tax Incl).

* Childrens Rates Available.



Wet'n Wild
=America's Water Park=
June 15 & 16

ALL DAY
Adult \$13.50/Child \$9.50

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Adult \$9.75/Child \$6.75

There's no better way to play on the Las Vegas Strip! Voted the locals' favorite place, Wet'n Wild is an adventure for all ages. Absolutely hours of fun on the world's highest and fastest water-slide to the quarter-mile journey 'round the Lazy River to the mini-waterpark for the little ones. Flumes, lagoons, slides, rides, waves and rivers, Wet'n Wild has it all....to include great food!

Featuring 26-acres of pure fun to include the Pepsi pavilion, Hydra-maniac, Suntan Lagoon, Banzai Boggan, Der Stuka, Blue Niagra, and the proposed addition, "Willy-Willy". The Las Vegas Trolley will drop and pick you up at the water park entrance....only \$1 each way.

SHOW RESERVATIONS

HOTELS DO NOT ACCEPT SHOW RESERVATIONS MORE THAN ONE (1) DAY IN ADVANCE. SINCE SHOW SCHEDULES ARE ONLY PRINTED EVERY 2 MONTHS, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK. THE IMPERIAL PALACE SHOW RESERVATION DESK WILL ACCEPT YOUR RESERVATIONS AFTER CHECK-IN.



Chapter 65 Group Photo 29 NOV 89

photo by PH1 Kiriny

CHAPTER 65

USS Enterprise and CVW-11 made a clean-sweep through the pre-deployment work up schedule followed by a highly successful "Pacex 89" exercise starting 17 September. "Pacex 89" ended with a multi-battle group fire power demonstration which included USS Carl Vinson and Battleships New Jersey and Missouri. A short but much enjoyed break was found in Hong Kong on 1 November 1989.

The morning of 11 November 1989, Veterans Day, found USS Enterprise and CVW-11 Airwing steaming into port at Subic Bay, Philippines. The ship and airwing team was warmly greeted by CDR Delbert Oakes and company of Chapter 12, "Misaya".

While in port Philippines, Chapter 12 and 65 gave a farewell extravaganza for CWO4 Billy Earl, who transferred back to his Duval county code number. Chapter 65 presented Chapter 12 president with a donation of \$198.00 for their relief fund efforts in the Subic Bay area due to recent damage from several typhoons.

Mr. James R. Townley, the city librarian of

Lubbock, Texas recently contacted Chapter 65 for material to use in a display of Naval Aviation Ordnance in their city library. The city chose to use USS Enterprise as its feature aircraft carrier for the display. Chapter 65 provided an assortment of photographs, patches, and memorabilia in support of this endeavor. Mr. Townley wrote the ship expressing their City's greatest thanks for the aviation ordnance memorabilia which will be kept on display at the main city library at Lubbock, Texas.

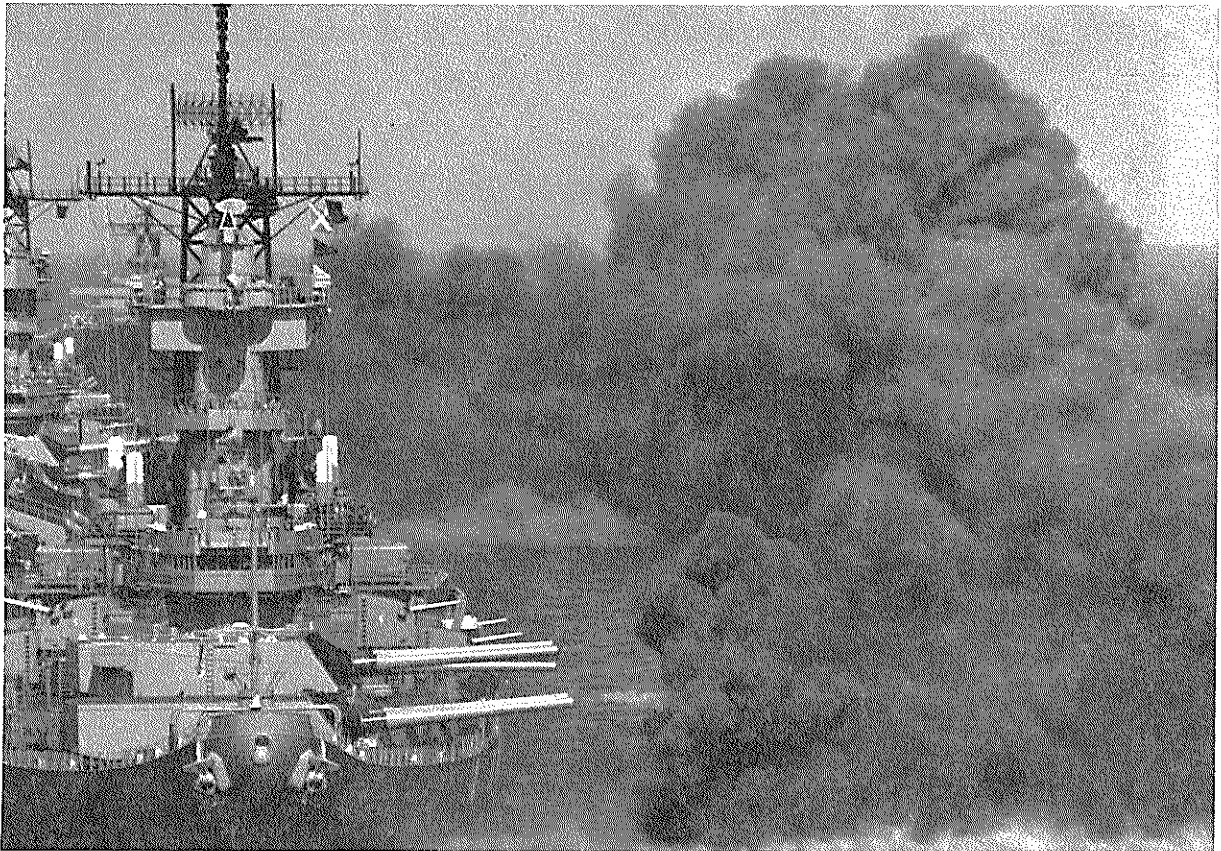
Latest membership efforts for the Battle "E"/Black "W" chapter brings the active membership list to 122. All the Red-Shirts here are looking forward to future port visits in Thailand, Singapore, and Rio De Janeiro. We're further looking forward to the annual convention this coming year in Las Vegas.

In the meantime we wish all of you fellow Red-Shirts the safest and most enjoyable seasonable holidays and are anxiously awaiting our arrival to our new homeport of Norfolk, VA.

From the South China Sea,

CWO2 R. D. Ross

President, Chapter 65



BROADSIDE from battleships New Jersey & Missouri during "PACEX 89"

photo by PH1 Kira

CHAPTER 8

Howgozit from Sunny, Warm San Diego. As the year came to a close we again provided Thanksgiving food baskets that went to deserving AO shipmates from "Connie" and "Fightertown"

Elections for Chapter officers were held in November with the following results:

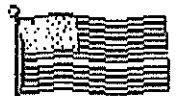
- President: AOC Brian D. Leach
- Vice President: Mr. Larry E. Miller
- Treasurer: ENS George J. Chipman
- Secretary: Mr. Tomas Rangel

Thanks to Gary, Frank, Kenny and Lenny for fine service and a healthy Chapter.

Brian D. Leach
President Chapter 8

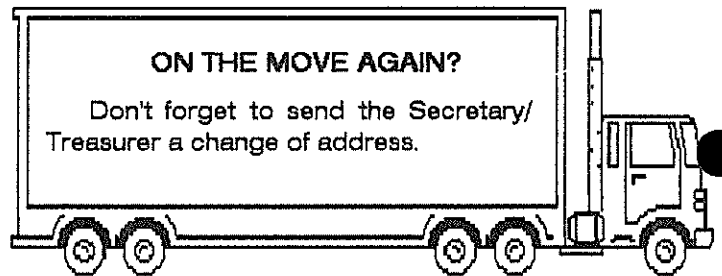


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AOC JOHNNIE J. DAVIS USN, RET -
December 9, 1989

A veteran of WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam, he is survived by his wife, Geraldine, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 13 grandchildren, and 2 greatgrand-children. Chapter 8 cherished his friendship and will miss him dearly. The family suggested donations to the Disabled American Veterans Association.



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