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From the President

If anyone has been looking for me I have moved. You can now find me in San Diego, my new address is 11029 Ochre Ct., San Diego, Ca. 92128 and my phone number is (619) 679-7342. I would very much like to thank all the folks in Jacksonville for the support and AO spirit from everyone in Chapter 9, a great supportive chapter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. I was very proud of Chapter 9 the three years I spent in Jacksonville as I saw it's membership grow from a half dozen folks showing up for the monthly meetings to a crowd of over 40 almost every month. Too many folks responsible for the turnaround so I hesitate to name individuals. The Tidewater Chapter has also undergone a major recruiting drive with super results. This brings me

to a subject that should be near and dear to us all, recruiting and keeping up with our ship-mates, please read carefully the comments from our secretary/treasurer in this issue and be a responsible member.

The reunion is getting closer and a lot of folks are getting excited and looking forward to another great year so start planing now to attend. Your travel arrangements can be made easy by just giving a call to Jim Thomas, info available in this issue, more to come on the convention.

The Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Message will be hitting the street soon. Please ensure that we recognize our front runners through this program. This is a Navy and USMC award and a most career rewarding selection.

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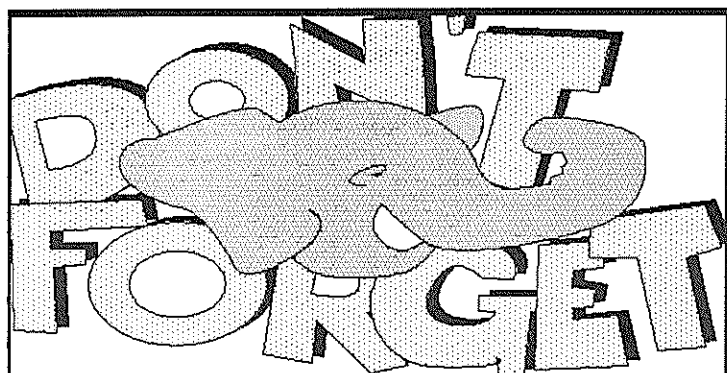
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Again this year as in the past our Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year was selected for commission in the Limited Duty Officer Program. This makes me very proud and I enjoyed being able to congratulate Petty Officer Palumbo onboard Nimitz prior to his deployment to the Indian Ocean and looking forward to his return to the Convention if possible. Again use this medium to promote our Ordnancemen they are the "Fist of the Fleet" and should be recognized as such.

I also solicit your help in nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer, this is a most important position and vital to the well being of the Association, anyone interested please contact me or CDR Ray Ramirez. I cannot express enough our gratitude to the Gannon's for their time and dedication, Jerry and Kathy we cannot thank you enough! There will also be two Board of Directors positions open this year, take a real interest in your Association, run for office.

In closing I would also like to thank Chapter 8 for the warm welcome to San Diego and look forward to working with Chapter 8. I would also like to challenge the San Diego area members to come out to the monthly meetings and renew old friendships and professional knowledge with each other. Come out and bring a friend or new member, our organization is dependent on membership and participation so let's be PROACTIVE.

Gary Laun
President



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17 - 20 JUNE 1993**

See advertisement on page 11 for details and phone numbers!!!

From the Desk of the SECRETARY/TREASURER

It seems like a newsletter cannot go by without me complaining on this subject. Just to make sure that I don't disappoint you, here it is: It is a subject that I continually harp about, members not keeping their addresses current. When members are transferring to new duty stations, discharged from active duty or just moving to a new location, if you do not keep the Association informed of your address change you are wasting Associations money, and ultimately your money. A large part of the Association's money is spent on the four (4) newsletters you receive each year. There is a large cost involved in printing these newsletters, plus the cost of postage. The expense of newsletters start increasing when members have transferred and do not provide a forwarding address to the Association Sec/Tres. If you have left a forwarding address with your old post office, they will forward the newsletter and charge the Association \$.35, provided the time limit has not expired on your change of address notification. If you provide the post office a change of address, but the time limit has expired to forward mail, they will return it to the Sec/Tres and charge the Association \$1.29, but they do provide your forwarding address. I in turn will mail your newsletter to you at your new address at the cost of \$1.21 to the Association. If you have not left a new address, the post office will return the newsletter to the Sec/Tres and charge the Association \$1.29. We then run your name in the next newsletter under "Where Are They Now" in an effort to obtain your current address. If a new address is not received you are dropped off the mailing list and will cease to receive newsletters or any other correspondence or information that is made available to the general membership.

If all this is boring you, please understand the frustration that Kathy, Jeff Sassone and myself go through each time correspondence is mailed to the members and the member has moved but not provided a change of address. Postage is one of our largest expense and I hate to throw your money away.

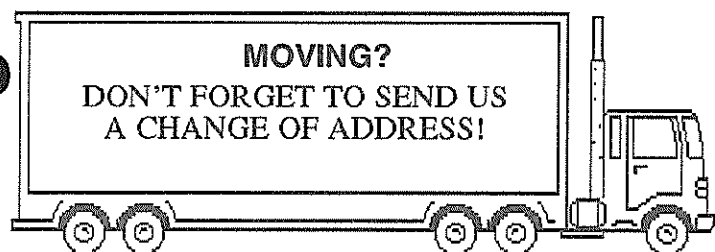
NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

In an effort to make things easier and also serve as a reminder to you, we have added your

expiration date of your membership eligibility to the mailing labels that are used in our correspondence with you and also on the mailing label for your Newsletters. If you are in doubt about when your current dues expire or have expired and you might be on your grace period, just look on the mailing label of this newsletter. When I said easier this format is used for all other Association business and deletes the requirement for multiple formats.

One new subject concerns the upcoming convention. As normal there will be elections conducted for terms expiring. One office open this year is the position of Secretary/Treasurer. I am not a candidate for re-election this year. If some one is interested and has the time to devote to this task please contact the President, Vice-President or the Nomination Committee Chairman, CDR Ray Ramirez, and let your desires be known.

Gerald f. Gannon
Secretary/Treasurer



Scholarship News



It is time to start working hard on your application for the 1993 awards. If you plan to submit an application you should have your package in-work now. Do not wait until the last minute. Use the new application form, it's formatted with blocks and has 7 sections, if you can't find one, write me (Weapons Officer, NAS Cecil Field, FL 32215-0144).

The selection of scholarship winners is based not only on the successful presentation of a person's overall educational program but also on the completeness and neatness of the application package. You can not and should not expect to win an award if you do not answer all the questions, provide the information in a clear and easy to read form and follow directions. The selection board puts a lot of effort into ensuring a

fair process which picks the most qualified and deserving candidates.

While there are many equally outstanding applicants, all need to do a better job of selling themselves. You owe to yourself to put 110% in your package.

CDR Floyd English
Scholarship Committee Chairman

Chapter 1 Lemoore, CA

Hello from the ordies of Chapter 1. We are staying busy as we prepare for elections in February. In November an association patch was flown aboard the space shuttle Columbia. This, along with a mission patch and photos, was framed and presented to the Chapter in December by Captain Michael Baker. It was a fine presentation. In return, Chapter 1 has made Captain Baker an honorary member of Chapter 1. Also presented with honorary membership was Captain Al Gorthy, Commanding Officer of NAS Lemoore.

In December we had an association catered prime rib dinner held at the O'club. The guests of honor were Clyde and Barbara Baker, parents of Michael Baker. The base Chaplain, Captain Putt, delivered a fine invocation. Everyone brought in white elephant gifts for a 'Chinese Auction' which saw valuable gifts such as toilet seat covers being passed from table to table. All done in the spirit of giving. We were also entertained by the Vigilante (VFA-151) ordnance shop with a 'un-authorized' rendition of a special AO song. I'm not sure if it was the beer or if the Chaplain actually did say they were good enough to sing in his choir.

A few of us made it over to Japan in January and were invited by the Ordies from CAG-5 to attend a barbecue put on by Chapter 62. We appreciated the hospitality and meeting some supercharged forward deployed AO's. Thanks guys.

Calendar sales are going along fine for the year as we are out of the red and into the black. A big thanks to all who helped push sales to make this happen. It is a lot of hard work. Calendar sales remain open throughout the year. It's not too late to buy one and send in the stub.

Drawings are held monthly.

As I make preparations to join up with the Indy, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with our chapter activities over the past two years. The list of names is long. Without your unselfish support the many events and functions would never have left the scratch pad. Thanks to all and I hope to catch up with you in the fleet. Have a super summer, keep it safe!

Bill Scoggin
President, Chapter 1

Chapter 3

Whidbey Island, WA

A hearty hello from the Great Pacific Northwest, and Whidbey Island's Chapter Three membership. Chapter Three has been turning and burning, which is more than we can say for the weather as of late.

The Holidays found most of the Island under a blanket of snow but even that didn't slow down the activities (much). Even with the weather against us we still managed to collect and distribute holiday food baskets, and hold the annual Christmas social. A well done to AO2 Jim Grassman, WT1 Roger Horn, AO1 Leo Munoz, CWO2 (RET) Doug Fyfe, AO1 George Guenther, and all of the members of MAWSPAC for the successful Christmas party. AO2 Jerry Sparks did an excellent job of playing Santa. He was a little reluctant though when AOCM (RET) Dave Michel decided to sit on his lap and tell him what he wanted for Christmas. Although the weather kept a lot of people home, those that showed had a good time.

A special congratulations to Ensign Chris McDaniel for his recent promotion to his current rank. Ensign McDaniel is Chapter Three's newest Gunner and has been assigned to the VA-165 Boomers, just in time for their upcoming deployment.

We would like to take a moment to welcome home our members of VA-145, VA-155, and VAQ-131 from their recent deployment aboard the USS Ranger. Not only is this the last full cruise for the Ranger, but the last for VA-155 as well. In the very near future VA-155 will be decommissioning as part of the overall DOD downsizing. For those members in VA-165 and

VAQ-138 going aboard the USS Nimitz, make it the best and safest deployment ever.

A special thanks for those of you in VA-52 and VAQ-134 aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. Your most expert participation and successful completion of the weapons strikes of 13 January 93, remind us all of how important continuous training is and how comforting the results are. Keep up the good work, our hearts are with you.

For general information to the community, the COMMATVAQWINGPAC Weapons Officer seat will be changing in the March 93 time frame. LCDR Don Richardson has decided to retire and LT Rudy Townsell will be filling the seat. It is anticipated that Gunner Townsell will be in place at the Wing, by February.

The Chapter Three meetings have taken on a little different format now. We not only discuss the normal day to day business, but also have presentations and speakers from within our ranks, and the local community. The last meeting activities consisted of a great video presented by CWO4 (RET) Lester Tucker, on carrier and battleship joint operations between 1942 and 1945. Lester's personal experiences and added commentary made the presentation really come alive. A peek into the past as demonstrated by this presentation, shows us just how far the Navy has come, and how much further we have to go.

Upcoming events for the Chapter Three members include the February road clean up, designing a Chapter Three logo, and continuing our community services. We currently provide canned goods to the local food bank, and drivers for cancer and dialysis patients. Chapter Three is also currently involved in a renewed membership drive campaign.

The elected officials of Chapter Three challenge the members to submit their ideas and designs for a unique and fitting logo for the Whidbey Island chapter. They also challenge them to present new opportunities for community involvement, sharing ordnance technology, and passing on their invaluable experiences with fellow Ordies.

Michael Weare



Chapter 4 Tidewater, VA

With the holidays over, Chapter 4 is proud of our efforts in helping needy Navy families through our third annual food drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas. According to the NAS Oceana Chaplain's office there were 211 families on the list for Thanksgiving and 186 needy families for Christmas and our donations were very, very significant. Additionally, the Chapter collected 35 coats and sweaters through member donations for the "Tidewater Coats for Kids Drive". A well done to our President, Don Howard, LCDR Ret, and Tom Williams, CWO-4 Ret for taking them to Albano Cleaners, the turn in point on a Saturday during horrible weather conditions.

A well done goes out to one of our members who was recently selected as the Medium Attack Wing-One Aviation Ordnancemen Supervisor of the Year. He is Petty Office First Class Steve Davenport of Attack Squadron 36.

Also, congratulation to another member LTJG Bill Bindel for selection to his present rank. He is Attack Squadron-34's Ordnance Officer.

Since November, we have had three chapter member retire from Naval service they are AOCS George Porlier who had his ceremony aboard USS Eisenhower (CVN-69). George has left Tidewater to settle up in Wisconsin. In December, Ken Henson, CWO-4 retired, while attached to Attack Squadron 42, the Gunner also left Tidewater and is settling in Loudon, TN. Both are staying in Chapter 4 though and were active in Chapter events. In January 1993, AOC J.C. Edge also retired at AIMD NAS Oceana. Fair winds and following seas to you all.

February 1993, marks Chapter 4's third anniversary since re-establishing. Our Chapter is extremely strong and still growing and a lot of the credit goes to our past president, Bob Borges, AOCM Ret, and our President Don Howard for their dedication to the Association and Chapter. Their excellent guidance and leadership were very instrumental in our growth and organization. In accordance with our Charter, the Chapter will vote for a new President and Vice-President in February. Don Howard has opted not to run for a third term and will be missed at the helm. Well Done Don!

Mark you calendars as Chapter 4 has scheduled our second camp-out for 23, 24 and 25 April at Camp Seneca in the back bay area of Virginia Beach. Our first "Red Shirt Ranch" was well participated in and an outstanding time was had by all. For further information contact Dawn Crosby or Stu Carson. Stu's number is 468-9249.

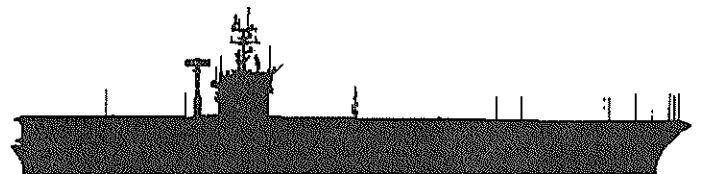
On 17 January, Chapter 4 hosted our second annual AFC/NFC football play-off party at VFW Post 392. A great time was had by all and you can not believe the amount and taste of all the covered dishes brought by members and their ladies.

June 17th through the 20th is the 18th Annual Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Convention at the Sands Hotel in Reno, Nevada. During the convention the Scholarship Committee and the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year (AVORDY) Committee will meet and make their selections. We in Chapter 4 can not impress enough on members to fill out the scholarship applications and get them in as soon as possible. Each award is \$750.00 and there will be three Robert L. Crow scholarship selectees. Please contact Stu Carson Secretary/Treasurer for applications. Now for Commands, please get started on the AVORDY packages, if it hasn't been done already as June 1993 will be here before you know it.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my counterparts at the National level. They are of course, Jerry and Kathy Gannon who at mid-course once again accepted the responsibility as Secretary/Treasurer of our Association. It has been a joy working with them. Their dedication and unselfish efforts are commendable. Again, thanks for all the help and the superb job you have done!

Chapter 4 meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 19:00. Our meetings are held at VFW Post 392 on Bowland Parkway, off of London Bridge Road in Virginia Beach. Come on out and join in!

Stu Carson, AOCM Ret
Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter 4



Chapter 8 San Diego, CA

As Chapter 8 welcomes the New Year, record rainfall, early spring sunshine and warm Santa Ana conditions, we also welcome our new president: Ken Eubanks. Thanks Ken for taking over the helm. As I step down as president I would like to thank all members who supported and worked on Association functions during my tour as president.

Well, Chapter 8 has already planned for and are selling raffle tickets for the **Annual Family Picnic** to be held at Admiral Baker Field **15 May 1993**, additional information will be sent out to the chapter later in the quarterly newsletter. At our January meeting Jim Thomas gave us a report on our Association Convention to be held June 17-19 at the Sands Casino in Reno, Nevada. All members of Chapter 8 are looking forward to seeing everyone in Reno.

Chapter 8 has a new order of hats, t-shirts, and patches on hand. Drop by the Fleet Reserve on the 3rd Avenue in Chula Vista the first thursday of each month at 7:00 PM or the family picnic in May to purchase them. Till next time...

Larry Miller
Past President, Chapter 8

Chapter 9 Jacksonville, FL

Happy 1993 from the membership of Chapter 9. Hopefully this new year will be filled with continued success and safety in all ordnance evolutions. Let's always keep in mind the fact that any violation of explosive safety, we as ordnancemen may commit, may be our last.

November 1992 was again another month of transition for Chapter 9. A new slate of officers was elected to direct our chapter for the next year, except for the Office of Treasurer. Bill Taylor has again volunteered his services to fill the position for another year. We're certainly thankful for his willingness to serve, and he has performed very well for the past three years. The following is a list of Chapter 9 Officers selected for 1993:

- ☐ President - CWO4 Jim Bohac
- ☐ Vice-President - AO1 John Burgess

- ☐ Treasurer - AOC (RET) Bill Taylor
- ☐ Secretary - AOC (RET) Bob Hall

As previously approved by the membership, it was announced that the \$300.00 allocated for Thanksgiving Food Baskets had been purchased in food certificates and distributed by President Bud Clark to Ordnancemen as selected by the Board of Directors.

CDR Gary Laun attended our November meeting and passed out brochures concerning the National Convention site in Reno. Additionally, he spoke briefly concerning the need for all hands to become more involved in the Association in recruiting new and expired members. He also informed us that his tour of duty here in Florida would be ending and that he would be returning to the West Coast in January. We wish him well in his new assignment, and will miss him at our meetings.

CWO4 Jim Bohac presented the chapter a check for \$470.00 and thanked all hands who participated in the operation of the beer booth during the NAS Jacksonville Air Show.

Our December meeting had to be canceled as the Fleet Reserve Branch had scheduled an Xmas Party for our meeting night. We certainly can't complain about missing one meeting as Branch 91 has really been helpful to this chapter. We did have our regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting to discuss issues for 1993.

Two issues discussed, and put into immediate action, were to re-institute the 'phone tree', and distribute more flyers concerning our meetings. Our efforts were certainly not in vain as we had 53 members and guests at our January meeting. Hopefully, with the listing of area Ordies I've received from the National Secretary/Treasurer, we'll be able to contact more members and get them involved in our chapter.

With no applications being received for the \$300.00 worth of Food Certificates we had allocated for Christmas, the Board of Directors decided that we should utilize a portion of the funds to "Welcome Home" the Saratoga crew. AOC Bill Gilbert, a member of both Saratoga and board of Directors, brought at least 10 or 12 men to our meeting. Hopefully they enjoyed themselves and will return.

A membership drive was started at our Janu-

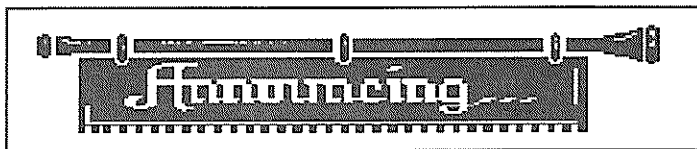
ary meeting for a round trip ticket to the National Convention. I've made a special membership application form, and will keep track of the individuals who sponsor a new or re-instated member. Performance is what counts, so we're hoping that by May we will be a much larger chapter.

Being busy with newly appointed secretarial duties, I missed out on the 50-50 drawing at our last meeting. I believe the winner to have been Charles Soldner who promptly donated his 50% back to the chapter treasury. Thanks so much for this type of spirit and dedication to our cause.

AOC Bud Clark addressed the membership to recognize an individual who's name was not listed among the accolades in support of the Aviation Ordnancemen Memorial Dedication. The one name missing from the Red Shirt write up was that of AO1 John Burgess. As reported by Chief Clark, AO1 Burgess was responsible for the erection of the tent, seating, public address system and planning of the reception. So we are indeed thankful for his efforts. Not only did John perform well during this specific occasion, he's always willing to help with any undertaking for this chapter.

Our safety discussion for this month was on the Mk 46 Decoy Flare accident which happened aboard USS Saratoga. A video tape was made, and has been received at NAS Jacksonville Weapons Department, of this accident. Some of the membership have seen the video, and believe it should be shown at our next meeting. Gunner Gyrion volunteered to bring the VCR and Cdr Driver said that we will have the video available for our February meeting.

Bob Hall
PAO, Chapter 9



Looking for AO's that served in VP-40, 1951 - 1968 (Seaplane area PBM/P5M) for a Reunion in New Orleans, LA May 26 to 30, 1993.

Please contact H.E. Montgomery, (619) 465-1250, 8540 Chevy Chase Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941-5235

Chapter 21

Fallon, NV

Greeting for Ordnancetown U.S.A.

NAS Fallon held the frocking ceremony for the newly advanced Petty Officers, Advanced to there present rate were:

AO1 Jay C. Goodrick
AO1 Skylard L. Janssen
AO2 James E. Stewart
AO3 Jonathan L. Felton

Welcome aboard to our new Association members:

AOC Eddie Tailor NAS Fallon Weapons Department
AO2 James Lombardo NAS Fallon Weapons Department
AO2 Stephen Walker NAS Fallon Weapons Department
AO3 Bradley Randall NAS Fallon Ops/Admin.
AO3 Michael Shower VFA-106
AO3 Steve Chaffee NAS Fallon Weapons Department
AOAN Mark Vanalstine NAS Fallon Weapons Department

Farewell to the following NASF Personnel who are transferring:

AO3 Robert Gilardi USS Tripoli
AOAN Francis Armijo Civilian Life
AOAN Stephanie Bradford VAQ-34
AOAN Adella Menchaca VP-40
CIV Bob Underwood Pt. Mugu
(We'll miss the old 'CRAB!')

If any of you "Red Shirts" are in the area, our meetings are held at the American Legion Hall, 90 North Ada Street, Fallon. On the first Thursday of each month, starting at 19:00 hours.

Jay C. Goodrich AO1 (AW)
Secretary, Chapter 21



Chapter 22 Capitol Area



Greetings fellow Ordies from Chapter 22 and a wish for a happy and successful 1993. Chapter 22 hosted a social for the Fleet Training Conference participants at the Indian Head Powder Keg Club on 9 December 1992. There were over 50 participants present of which 42 were association members. The highlight of the evening was Terry Margenson's invitation to toast from his (sandy/salty) Desert Storm boots. To signify and seal a true team spirit, most participated in the event. Our special guest, CDR Mel Swartz, CDR Gary Laun, and CDR Phil Millings were the daring leaders, followed by our own Chapter 22 mem-

bers Anne Patterson, Shannon Stevens, and Mark Luncher, who wore the largest part of his libation. Other ritual participants included such members as Capt (sel) Don Fox, AOC Hank Webb, Sue Finuf, Bill Jones, and Kristin Fernow. The social ended in true Ordie tradition with LCDR John Corbett, CDR Perry Driver, CDR Phil Millings, CDR Gary Laun, John Olson (CDR Ret), Al Castro (AOC Ret) remaining to ensure proper inflation. Take note of the following, Chapter 22's mailing address:

Chapter 22
Capitol Area AAO
Post Office Box 311
California, MD 20619-0311

Make a note of this so when you order you Chapter 22 Patch (for \$6.00), which is shown above, or want to correspond with us, you know where to write.

AOC Mike Warner
Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter 22

Chapter S-87 Millington, TN

Welcome fellow ordies, from Millington, TN, Chapter S-87. We extend a hearty Merry Christmas and may all who read this have a joyous New Year. Chapter S-87 were all invited to the annual AO'A1' School Christmas party. All who attended had a super time. Just ask Mr. Al Sargent about that special table ornament he got the privilege of taking home. Super job by the staff Christmas Committee, most of all to AO1 Richardson for a great variety for all the different music tastes. We also send a hearty well done by the Millington VFW Post 7175. It was unanimous next years party will be held there also.

Chapter S-87 is getting more and more involved in the community. During November and December we spent time visiting residents of Wesley at Millington Retirement Home. Also, we adopted a children's center called Small World. Chapter members repaired bicycles, fixed some lighting problems and did general cleanup around the school grounds.

I'd like to welcome aboard some new and transfer members. ATC Low a transfer member from USS Enterprise, AO1!(AW) Jim Richardson

from USS Forestal, AO1 Flick from USS Eisenhower and AO2 Palmer from USS Enterprise. Until next time bombs away!!!

M. Gramolini
President, Chapter S-87

Chapter 68 USS NIMITZ CVN-68

Chapter 68 has been extremely busy. With the help and cooperation of CAG-9 ordies we completed our 3M, MRCI, PACEX, LOADEX's and all those other EX's. Thanks CAG-9 ordies! Our work schedule has made it difficult to get involved in the community or plan very many social activities at this time. We have concentrated our efforts on increasing our cash assets by selling coffee cups, ball caps, Association patches, etc. to enable us to sponsor an ordie bash during our upcoming cruise.

Fun was had by all in November when we sponsored a dart tournament enroute back to Bremerton WA from NAS North Island. We're looking forward to having more tournaments in the future.

We said goodbye to AOCM Tom Lord on December 18th when he retired and settled down in sunny southern California. Good luck Tom, you will be missed by all!

AOC (AW) Mike Zimmerman was voted in as Secretary/Treasurer for Chapter 68 in November as Tom Lord's relief. The holiday leave periods are over and we are presently preparing to relieve our shipmates in the Gulf. See you all when we return.

Mike Zimmerman
Secretary/Treasurer Chapter 68



Vice-President Speaks



Subject, again, membership in the Association. Every AO, Active, Retired, and both Navy and Marine Corps is a recruiter for the AO profession and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Please! Everyone take it upon yourself to sign-up one new member or renew an old member that has dropped out or behind in the membership dues. We are getting new members every day, but for every new member, we have one that isn't renewing or paying there dues. This cost the Association money, because of newslet-

mailing costs.

The following is the status of the Association membership as of 31 January 1993:

Honorary members:29
Lifetime members:195
Members in good standing:1578
(Honorary, Lifetime, General)
Members in grace period:549
(This year's dues not paid)
Total Membership 2127

We have 147 members that will go on the grace period within the next six months, if their dues are not paid. So, let us all get busy signing up old and new members.

It is your Association and a very good one, let's all support it.

Chuck Onken
Vice-President

Convention Program Advertisement

Ordies now have the opportunity to place advertisements in the 1993 convention program. The program is distributed FREE to each member attending the convention, and will be mailed to any member requesting a copy (1 month prior to convention).

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY....Ordies providing a product or service to Ordies!

And the Advertising rate are **LOW**:

Business Card (2 11/16" x 2") - \$22.50

1/4 Page (2 11/16" x 4 1/4") - 38.00

1/2 Page (5 3/8" x 4 1/4") - 65.00

Full Page (5 3/8" x 8 1/2") - 115.00

ARTWORK MUST BE CAMERA READY....No Exceptions! Business card ads will be reduced to fit. Artwork must be received NO LATER THAN 1 APRIL 1993. Mail to:

Jim Thomas
1394 Lilac Ave
Chula Vista, CA 91911-3829

Artwork will not be returned. If there is a possibility your artwork will be used in subsequent programs, please make note on a separate paper and include with ad. Funds received in excess of expense, will be forwarded to The Association.

Triple AO's News

I am sure there are several of you wondering just what your Auxiliary is doing.

Being such a new organization we still have much to do. Such as getting a copy of the proposed by-laws printed for all of you to review before convention. Hopefully they are elsewhere in this newsletter.

I also am in the unique position of having access to the mailing list of the newsletter of the Association. I also have a list of all the auxiliary members and did a comparison. I found that several of our auxiliary members do not have access to "The Red Shirt". So to all of you AO's that receive your newsletter at your duty address how about sharing it with your wife. We do not have at this time a means of distributing "The Red Shirt" to Auxiliary members, but we are attacking that problem.

For those of you who want to become more involved in the Association, I recommend that if you live in an area where there is a chapter, to get involved in their objectives and get to know other auxiliary members in your area. We do after all, have a vested interest in the Association.

There will be elections at the convention this year for the positions of Vice-President, and two members of the Board of Directors. Anyone wishing to run for office, or as a member of the Board, or know of someone interested, please contact the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Susette Roberts, at 487 E. Spruce Avenue, Lemoore, CA 93245.

I wish to extend an invitation to all the guests that come to the convention, to join us in our activities. You do not have to be a member, it is just a great way to get to know each other.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. my address and phone number are at the end of this article.

I am looking forward to seeing or meeting you in Reno.

Kathy Gannon, President
1245 Cunningham Avenue
St. Charles, MO 63301-2211
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CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Greetings. Peace and Love to all, and "THANKS" to the "BIG GUY" for keeping us around for another quarter.

My apologies to the BEST V.F.W. Post in Folsom, PA. In the process of my writing the last quarter article and printing the Red Shirt the noun Best got changed to the adjective best. In total, it is the H.W. Best Post, and naturally the Post runs with the name to make the "BEST" of it. You would too!

Of general info, for the spiritual good of all of us, I requested devotional intentions from the Catholic Chaplains of all Navy and Marine activities, active and reserve, on March 2, April 22, and December 4. On these particular days the devotional service is dedicated to Navy and Marine Aviation Ordnancemen everywhere. In your area you can check with the Chaplain to ensure they have it on their schedule. The service is Catholic, but the dedication is non-denominational. Everyone is covered.

Our AO Medal of Honor winner did it again!! A mere 50 years after earning the MOH, Lt. John Finn (Ret) joined the VFW. Just like getting a shipmate to join the AO Association, some are slow to come around. Congratulations John, and God bless!

A short trip through Christian history and the continuing list of patrons of sailors. Eulalia of Barcelona and Eulalia of Merida. She is probably the same person(s). Anyway, she was tortured and put to death about 304, which was a long time ago. Even Jim Irving has a hard time remembering that far back. Most of the story is legend, but as it goes she was a very young Spanish girl, about 12 or so, who sacrificed her life for refusing to surrender her Christian beliefs and worship pagan gods. What this has to do with, or how she came to be associated as a patroness of sailors I have no idea. She just happens to be in my reference book as such, and like I said a while back, we need all the help we can get.

Still working on getting a satisfactory poster produced. I think I'll have it together by convention time. Check next Red Shirt for details.

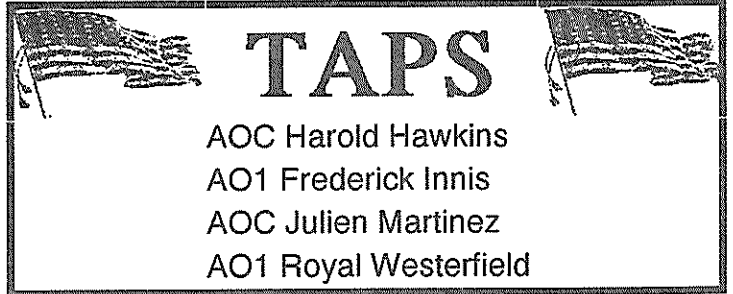
Keep up the recruiting effort. Let's see if we can get some of the younger shipmates to come

around and get involved with whatever your local chapter gets involved with communitywise. Also, some of the senior people that for whatever reason have a tough time joining one of the greatest associations going.

In closing, how about a moment of internal silence to remember those who have passed to the headquarters of the Supreme Commander.

Until next time, Peace and Love to ALL.

Ron Bushita
Chaplain



WHERE ARE THEY NOW????

Anyone knowing the where abouts of the following members please have them forward their change of address to the National Secretary/Treasurer.. Many members lose contact with the Association when they move or relocate and fail to pass on their new address. Mail is returned with "moved and left no forwarding address" or "insufficient address". Please help locate these members so we can sent them their "Red Shirt" and they can see what's going on in the AO community.

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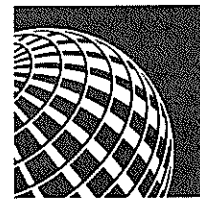
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- 1 Antonio Aficial Virginia Beach, VA
- 2 Chapter 21 Fallon, NV
- 3 Bill Scoggin Lemoore, CA (100)
- 4 Charles Wilson Hanford, CA
- 5 Jody Barnes Clovis, CA
- 6 *Tim Schmid Virginia Beach, VA
- 7 Bruce Lee USS NIMITZ (500)
- 8 Joe Hartz Lemoore, CA
- 9 Stephanie Smith Stratford, CA
- 10 *Dennis Conway Winchester, CA (50)
- 11 Allen Teneyck San Diego, CA
- 12 Scott Alred Ridgecrest, CA
- 13 Greg Norcross Virginia Beach, VA
- 14 *Dennis Conway Winchester, CA
- 15 *Duke Doucette Lemoore, CA
- 16 *Corky & Rick Hanford, CA
- 17 E. Streeter Lemoore, CA
- 18 *Tina Canales Santa Monica, CA
- 19 Kris Ackerbauer Oak Harbor, WA
- 20 *Barry Madsen Oak Harbor, WA
- 21 Earl Reep Oak Harbor, WA
- 22 Bob Jackson San Diego, CA
- 23 Marcie Gomes Laton, CA
- 24 *Carl Fargon Oak Harbor, WA
- 25 Carol Apt Ridgecrest, CA
- 26 Ralph Thorton Oak Harbor, WA
- 27 BFFRS Arlington, TX
- 28 *Barry Madsen Oak Harbor, WA
- 29 Richard Gilman Oak Harbor, WA
- 30 *B. Holland Virginia, Beach, VA
- 31 John Gilbert Indianapolis, IN

January 1993

- 1 *Harold Peterson Ridgecrest, CA
- 2 Alice Kilgore Hanford, CA
- 3 Scott Campbell Lemoore, CA
- 4 Donal Lancaster Moyack, NC
- 5 Robert Paavola Chula Vista, CA
- 6 *H. Petereson Ridgecrest, CA
- 7 Gene Stockton Chesapeake, VA
- 8 Bill Ewing Lemoore, CA
- 9 Daniel LeBlanc Olalla, WA
- 10 D. Klaszewski Oxnard, CAA
- 11 Brent McDonald Oak Harbor, WA
- 12 Robert Schmidt St Peters, MD (50)
- 13 Clifford DeGraw Ridgecrest, CA
- 14 Ray Driesbaugh Ridgecrest, CA
- 15 Hank Price Oxnard, CA
- 16 Fran Hall Quaker City, OH
- 17 Randal Nollan Coupeville, WA (50)
- 18 M. Notarangelo Dana Point, CA
- 19 G. Hemminger El Cajon, CA
- 20 James McNulty Kailua, HI
- 21 Jared Mansfield USS LINCOLN Virginia Beach, VA
- 22 Glenn Hart Chatsworth, CA
- 23 Cathy Douglas Chatsworth, CA
- 24 Bob Walecki NAS Adak, AK
- 25 Ronnie Holub Marion, KN
- 26 Tom Harrold Kaneohe, HI
- 27 Dan Ogar San Diego, CA
- 28 Gilbert Howell Fallon, NV
- 29 Valerie Hartz Hanford, CA
- 30 Darrel Carter Virginia Beach, VA
- 31 Jerry Cripe Lemoore, CA

February 1993

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- 2 Karen Mechem Lemoore, CA (50)
- 3 Joe Palmeno Lander, WY
- 4 Toni Bell Arlington, VA
- 5 Betty Dixon Lemoore, CA
- 6 Garth Vansickle Ridgecrest, CA
- 7 Roger Wigfield Ridgecrest, CA
- 8 Bill Wagner Ridgecrest, CA
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- 10 Robert Dean Lemoore, CA
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- 12 Don Waldon Ridgecrest, CA
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