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**The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen**

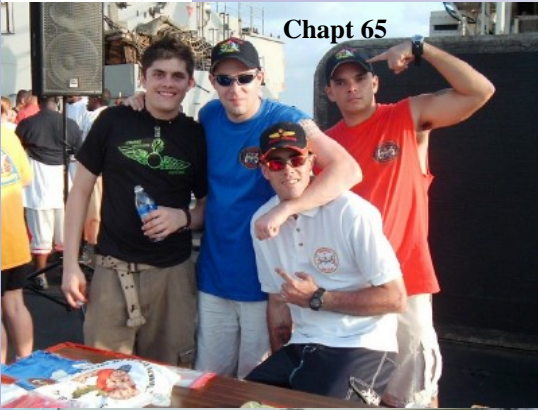
# The Red Shirt

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**Peace Through Power - We Are The "ARMS" Of The Fleet**



**Chapt 65**



**CVN-65 G-3**



**Chapt 22**

**George Spooner**

**Ennis Roper**

**Second Place Team**

**P. S. Both are standing.**



**Big E Tally Board**



**Chapt 22**



**VFA-103**



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**Association of Aviation Ordnancemen  
Chapter 22, Patuxent River  
Annual Horseshoe Tournament  
Chapt 22**

**Rich Barry**

**John Conley**

**Ant Ferraro  
Event Host  
and  
Sanctioned  
Promoter**



**VFA-86**



**VFA-86**



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## Letters To The Editor

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### Chapter 8's Hospitality

Submitted by Malcolm (Mike) Hill, Tallahassee

Just wanted to say a big Red Shirt "Thanks!" to the good folks at Chapter 8, NAS-San Diego. They really made us feel welcome during their October 2006 meeting at Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista. While we didn't get to meet them, we also appreciated assistance from JJ LaMaitre, Dennis Costa and Melissa Lagerquist. They facilitated our efforts to share a beverage with some dedicated shipmates. Thanks.

Now we're old civilians with Ordie hearts. Bill Mimm and I were in sunny San Diego during the enjoyable 2006 "Fleet Week" celebration, and reuniting 40+ years after being shipmates aboard the USS Midway (CVA-41). Although Bill now resides in Minnesota and I'm in Florida, during the early Vietnam years, 1963-64-65, we were much better looking and AO3s in "G" Division on Midway. Now our ship is a permanent, terrific naval museum near the city's downtown Seaport Village and the focus of many tourists and military visitors.

We attended Chapter 8's meeting and met some new friends, especially SSgt. Damon Araujo, Barry Stemler (please check out Barry's great website: [www.ordiemart.com](http://www.ordiemart.com)), John Kauwale, LT Henry Fuentes (Henry, thanks for the beautiful AO coin\*), AOC Keith Andrade, LCDR Kirk Brado and many others. A truly dedicated group of AO ladies and gents, that's for sure. If you're ever in San Diego, be certain to visit the USS Midway and hospitable Chapter 8. It's not a club, it's a Brotherhood. IYAOYAS.

\*the back of the coin has this inscription:

"We are keenly aware that those who are in a position to expend ordnance may only have one chance at the target, so that piece of ordnance must work....the first time every time." RADM Robert Sutton



Editor,

I am again submitting some input to your recent Fall 2006 Red Shirt, for any AAO members who likes this kind of information.

As stated in a past submission (over a year ago), I'm not an AO but a retired EOD Mineman who gets to read the Red Shirt from one of your members who passes his copy on to me after he's finished with his issue.

This has to do with the Letter To The Editor, submitted by Bob Solomon, and the photo on the back page. The item that Bob referred to as the 'Tiny Tim' is correct, but the nomenclature of 14.75" HVAR is incorrect. It is correctly identified as the 11.75" Aircraft Rocket, GP. The use of the term HVAR, High Velocity Aircraft Rocket, refers to the upgrade of the old 3.25" Rocket Motor, to the 5." Rocket Motor, forerunner of current ZUNI. The Tiny Tim in the photo being of the Korean War era is more than likely the MK 3 - 4, Rocket, but could be the Mod 0. The Warhead being of the MK 4 type which contained 148 lbs. of TNT, and was initiated by three MK 163-0 or 1 Base Detonating Fuzes, placed 120 degrees apart in the base of the Warhead. The first Tiny Tim to go into service utilized a modified 500 lb. AN-M 58A1, SAP Bomb as a Warhead and only one MK 157 Base Detonating Fuze.

The method of launching this rocket was correctly identified by Bob, as being dropped from the aircraft and the rocket motor being initiated by a lanyard type firing system which was called the Magneto Firer MK 3. It should be noted that this type of launching for such a large rocket motor was probably designed as result of a fatal ordnance test in which the motor detonated upon attempting to fire a test rocket directly from the wing/station. The local American Legion Post in Ridgecrest and the Airfield at China Lake are both named after the pilot, John Armitage, who was the pilot of that fatal incident.

As stated in the letter, it was developed at China Lake and more specifically designed to be used against Japanese fortifications on the islands in the Pacific, that were constructed of large quantities of sand, corral, and coconut palm logs. These fortifications required a special ordnance item other than the standard surface/air ordnance that were being deployed to defeat them.

An additional comment regarding the fall issue of Red Shirt. I glad to see that you have recognized not only one of your own (AOs) but one of our EOD community shipmates, LCDR 'Digger' O'Dell. I have never served with 'Digger' but know of several who have and they have express nothing but good comments of his leadership.

Respectfully,  
B. E. "Rebb" Rebbetoy  
USN-Ret EOD



Editor,

If I remember correctly you asked for more inputs. Somebody else already has IYOAYAS up here so I had to settle for these. I get a lot of salutes from other people on the road when traveling with the 5th wheel and a lot of comments about the Gunner1 plate on the truck but always have to explain the AVORD on my 2004 RoadKing classic.

B. Earl

*Thanks for the pics. Check out page 27. Do you put the King in the 5th wheel while traveling?*

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Hi Kevin-

Here's some pics for the redshirt.

VFA-103 Ordnance....

One is the Chief loading with the prototype LALS III at NAS Fallon. The other is of the ordies while on CVN-69. The last ones of the jet are ones that the VFA-103 Gunner sent me...taken at Fallon

-Ant

*Ant the pics are great. Included on page 2. When you coming back down?*

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Kevin,

Just want you to know that ORDIE's do live high in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. My name in Ken Clasen AOCS/AW Ret. I was in VF-1 that is why the wolf is on my truck. People keep asking me what IYAOYAS means, my answer, "It is a Navy secret and if I told you I would have to kill you". So right now only 3 people in my town (Estes Park) know what it means and I have a lot of fun with it. Please let me know if you received the pictures.

IYAOYAS

Ken Clasen  
High and Dry

*Hey Ken, page 27 shows off that fine looking truck. Thanks for submitting. Hope those snowstorms didn't keep you too cold up there.*

Hi Kevin -- This is just one poem from a book of them, written by our newest enlisted member of the AAO HOF. It's about his memories of World War II in the Pacific... Any typos are mine, so feel free to correct any you may see.

Royce said it's fine to publish any (or all) of them as you see fit, so anytime you need a page or two in the **Red Shirt**, just ask & I'll get them to you. I just ask you give him the credit he's earned, for each one you use.

Royce is retired from his life as a building contractor (in Central California), now residing with his lovely wife, Faye, in Brunswick, GA. He flew as a combat gunner from the decks of two CVEs during WWII -- until he advanced to Chief in 1944 -- on his 21st birthday. He then followed the rules in place, and became his squadron's Leading Chief. During WWII, it was too hard to live long enough to make Chief, so the Navy no longer let him (or other Chiefs) fly combat missions.

He currently serves as the Parliamentarian of the "Escort Carrier Sailors and Airman's Association" and is a 'life member' of AAO.

I hope you like it. Enjoy. Y'all come.  
Bob

*Bob, as always I enjoy your inputs and try to include as many as possible. Royce's poems are beautiful and am including one in this issue. Also the 2 stories you sent me back in Sept. were originally going into the Holiday edition but since that issue is now after the holidays I have included them here. Thanks again. Kevin*

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An article in the latest issue of Sea Classics has a column on the final delivery of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Six Air medals to the family of Aviation Ordnanceman Second Class Joseph E. Cross, a turret gunner in a TBF from VT 14 of the USS WASP Air Group. The Aircraft was shot down 13 October 1944 over the Straits of Formosa. He was captured by the Japanese and spent the rest of the war in a prison camp where he was starved and severely beaten. He was rescued and viewed the Japanese surrender from a hospital ship. Cross passed away in 1990.

Douglas Weaver

Take note of the new AAO Website address

***Http://aaoweb.org/AAO***



***Anchor Bay and Thoughts of the War***

*As I sat beside the open window,  
With the curtains thrown open wide,  
I saw the waters of my lifetime  
Move, as with the ebbing tide.*

*Voices long forgotten,  
Faces equally remote,  
Came to me across the water,  
As though bridging some distant moat.*

*Another day, another land,  
Far across the azure sea,  
Men of battle,  
Comrades in arms,  
Warriors all, I recalled to me.*

*Come forth, you fallen legions,  
March again, all you that sleep.  
Rise up upon the rip tide,  
Sail once more the bounding deep.*

*As I see you coming closer,  
I perceive a question in each eye,  
"Tell us, oh comrade  
Who walks the mainland,  
Was it right that we should die?"*

*But, as to the right,  
No, brave comrades, there is no justice for  
Your untimely end.  
It's just evil's way of showing its superiority over men.*

*So, sail on you valiant sailors,  
Fly on, you fighting men,  
And when our cruise on earth  
Is ended,  
We shall meet you once again.*

*Tis' there we will talk it over,  
Tis' there we will decide  
If your death was all for naught  
Or if there was a reason that you died.*

*For now,  
Back to your battle stations,  
Guard well the battle line.  
For I know the God of Heaven,  
Will welcome all in His own time.*

*Royce Hall -- June 1965.  
AAO HOF -- July 2006*

Hi Kevin -- The Association of Aviation Ordnanceman **Red Shirt** has really made great strides, and is now a mighty fine paper.

I don't remember if I told you before or not, but Project TRIM (Trails, Roads Interdiction, Multi-Sensor) deployed to it's homeport at the Naval Station, Sangley Point, Philippines, with a permanent detachment at the Naval Air Facility in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam early in the second quarter 1967. TRIM was commissioned as Heavy Attack Squadron Twenty One (VAH-21) in Sept 67 and decommissioned June 68. It was the only Heavy Attack Squadron that **ever** attacked anything, and the only one flying the AP-2H (modified from the SP-2H and previously known as the P2V-7). The website is [www.vah21.org/enter.html](http://www.vah21.org/enter.html), managed by former AX3 and waist gunner Eric Shyer.

Several years ago, the **Red Shirt** published an article about a Cam Ranh Bay Army electronic surveillance squadron, called 'Crazy Cat' (which flew the P2V-5) that carried **no** ordnance whatsoever, other than the personal protection weapons on each crewmember. The article spelled out some of the missions TRIM/21 was tasked with performing, and attributed them to Crazy Cat... Hopefully some of that can be rectified by a few more letters and pictures about TRIM/21 in the **Red Shirt**. The sad part about the Crazy Cat article was that it was submitted by the Gun Boss of NAF CRB... He even submitted a picture of me standing by a weapons trailer loaded with Mk-81s and 82's, saying I was in the Army.....

Due to the extreme shortage of AO's, two of the three TRIM tail gunners were not Ordnancemen. Prior to January '68, TRIM didn't use waist gunners. Shortly after commissioning, I was able to put all AO's in the tail turrets, and shortly after that we installed M-60's in each waist hatch. We then used other ratings as waist gunners, but always tried to ensure one M-60 was manned by an AO.

So, in days to come, I will forward a few photos from the website, originally submitted by some of my tail and waist gunners, that I'll deeply appreciate it if some can be published in future **Red Shirt** editions...

Thanks to you for all you do. Enjoy. Y'all come.  
Bob

*Look at pg 21*

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## Chapter 22, Patuxent River

Greetings to all.

We have been having a good turn out for all our events, including our Chapter meetings, Adopt-a-Highway walks, and parties. Our annual picnic was a fun filled event. Once again Anthony (Ant) Ferraro hosted the event. Ant's brother ordered, cut and seasoned the steaks. Rich Burry our Chapter President donated a wooden sailing ship and Patricia Castro donated two John Finn coins for auction to generate funds for our Educational Foundation donation. Gary Trevino showed his talents as an Auctioneer. We had a ton of fun watching all the kids, young and old, compete in the Air Rifle Tournament. The Horseshoe Tournament was a crowd favorite with 10 teams entering the tournament. But only one team could be crowned the winner. The team of Rich Burry and George Spooner hung on to win over the team of Ennis Roper and John Cooley. Our Chapter Christmas Party was also a huge success as Ordies wives, children, and friends enjoyed good company. Ant Ferraro provided music and Gary Trevino again was the Auctioneer. Chapter 22 Patuxent River is on track to far exceed any of our previous scholarship donations, and will more than triple our average donation amount. Our donation will be the largest in our Chapter history and hopes are to take back the notable lead as the Chapter making the largest donation. Competition is good as we all strive to meet one of our Association of Aviation Ordnancemen prime objectives to support our Educational Foundation, in their efforts to raise funds to support scholarships.

*AL Castro*  
Chapter 22 Treasurer

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### In Memoriam Harold C. Bishop

Harold Bishop, affectionately known as "Jay" died 30 December 2006, just 6 days after his 61st birthday, from complications of pulmonary fibrosis.

Jay Bishop was an associate member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, and an active member of Chapter 22 Patuxent River, Maryland.

He retired as Aviation Machinist's Mate Senior Chief (ADCS), after completing more than 22 years of Naval Service to our country. Fellow Chiefs, active duty and retired (fraternal brothers), and friends participated in his church services held 6 January 2007.

As a Naval Aircrewman, he as most veterans, often only talked about his military duties to other fellow veterans that might relate to his experiences. Jay talked to some about the hazards of flying in arduous conditions to and from countries in war time. He talked about transporting chemicals, explosives, and even coffins filled with fellow servicemen. I am sure Jay said a little prayer for each and every one of those men.

Jay continued to serve his country as a Department of Defense employee for the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIRSYSCOM) Program Manager for Acquisition of Aviation Training Systems (PMA-205). His last assignment was as the Integrated Product Team Lead (IPTL) for Air to Ground Weapons Training to assure that our Navy and Marines received the very best Weapons training possible. Jay applied his vast experience in logistics to systematically aid in the development of training including, curriculum courseware, classroom aids, simulators, and embedded training capability to improve the deployment of airborne weapons. Jay's responsibilities encompassed all NAVAIRSYSCOM Program Executive Office for Strike Weapons and Unmanned Aviation. PEO(W) products. JDAM, JSOW, SLAM-ER, Harpoon, Bombs, HARM, AARGM, Hellfire, Maverick, JCM, AMRAAM, AIM-9, Guns, Rockets, Pyrotechnics, Targets, and Decoys.



*Jay Bishop* is flanked on his right by AOCM Bill Harrison and on his left by MSGT Ken Gitch, the two senior enlisted Aviation Ordnancemen from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) Headquarters Pensacola, Florida





## 2007 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

**DEADLINE IS 15 JUNE 2007**

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

- 12 Jul (Thur) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) By-Laws Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) Nominations Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul (Fri) AAO Social \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sat) Awards Banquet \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

### AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

- 12 Jul (Thur) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Jul (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in.

### ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet. Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under. However, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

For active duty E-4 and below:

1 year free membership in the Association is included in your registration fee. If you are already a member your membership will be extended one year. To qualify for this special registration package please include a completed application with your registration and or ticket order.

**ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2007. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED.**

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

## ADVANCE ORDER FORM

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check, money order, or credit card info made payable to and mailed to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN  
J.J. LaMaitre  
9691 Bundy Drive  
Santee, CA 92071-2771

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

1. Member only \$20.00 (\$30.00 after 15 Jun 07)  
Non-Member \$30.00 (\$40.00 after 15 Jun 07) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member (or non) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

2. Additional Guests 18 and over \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse) (please print)

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

AAO Social \$30.00 each (\$50.00 after 15 Jun 07) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet \$40.00 each (\$60.00 after 15 June 07) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Total amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Quasi War with France Battle Streamer 1798-1801



## The President's Message



Hello Fellow Ordie's

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season and that you were able to take a break to get some rest. Although we certainly, have not taken a break from the global war on terrorism, please keep your faith in our mission, it's a mission for the Nation. Speaking of that, we

must never ever let our guard down, not even for one second. Do all that you can to support our troops'. Always remember those deployed on ship's as well as those ashore, and especially remember those performing in the Individual Augmentee (IA) positions.

To our Marines and Sailors you are performing at an unbelievable pace and thus far flawlessly. I know for a fact our General Officer's and Flag Officer's are extremely proud of the professionalism you all are demonstrating each and every day, and it's all because of the training, your dedication and your un-ending team work. Keep the press on!!!! We are extremely proud of each and every one of you.

Well let me change the subject: Pat and I had the wonderful pleasure of having dinner with your National Chaplain recently here in Virginia, man what an inspiration he is. Christian you're absolutely the best. You have put the Chaplain position at a new level, a level that show's that duty, honor and commitment and caring about your fellow Ordnancemen does not end when you retire. Your Association membership thanks you for what you do each time we lose a fellow Shipmate and Marine. Simper Fi..... And we all know that your wonderful bride has always supported your never ending hours that you have given to the Association.... So Carolyn thanks for your support, we really do appreciate all of it.

From all of us at the National Staff level, we hope that you're starting to think about the upcoming Symposium and Convention in Reno. Your National Staff and many dedicated members met for the annual planning meeting in Laughlin to finalize some of the most important aspects of our symposium and convention. It was a great meeting with a lot accomplished. So start looking now, and planning now, you might just find some real cheap airfares to Reno. We certainly look forward to you joining us in July. Visit one of those many WEB sites and start checking airfares; you might be surprised how cheap you can get a round trip ticket to Reno, also the children are most certainly welcome to attend all functions we have.

Well, life in the beltway continues to be fast paced and with many challenges. If you're in the area give me a call and maybe stop by to see me. Also Pat would like to thank you all for the cards and prayers. Her recent hip replacement went extremely well and is doing lots better now, thanks for all your kind thoughts.

Now for all you Chapters out there, you're doing great, keep the pressure on membership drives and on your community service events. Talk to the young troops and tell them about the goodness that you're doing. Get them involved and let them run with the ball. As you know we all stay pretty busy, Your National Vice-President Joe Manley, your National Secretary Dennis Costa and your National Treasurer J. J. Lamaitre, are always busy supporting the goals of our Association's vision for moving forward. Your Board of Directors are equally staying busy minding to the business of the Association. The Association of Aviation Ordnanceman, Educational Foundation is running full bore and please read the article's you will find in this edition of the Redshirt Good stuff!!!!

I'll close this for now, but before I do if you would, please keep your thoughts and prayers with our men and women that are fighting this war. And for you Ordie's, Marine and Navy, we are all behind you, always remember you're doing God's work, your Association is fully behind you, your Nation is also fully behind you! Don't ever think were not. "IYAOYAS"

Very Respectfully, CAPT Dave Lepard

PS..... Currently and tentatively our guest speaker for the 2007 Convention is going to be, Major General (SEL) Terry G. Robling.

PSS For you Marines, he might be taking a muster and certainly would want to see more Marines in uniform Saturday night for our Awards Dinner. Sound's like a challenge to me!!!!!!!!!!!! .....

For more information on Major General (SEL) Robling please checkout [www.USMC.mil](http://www.USMC.mil)







# Chaplains Corner



**B**oth Christmas and New Year's greetings to one and all wherever you Serve.

We have been blessed with a wonderful Christmas .....blessed sometimes beyond what we deserve. And now we are entering a New Year filled with unknowns that are going to require a lot of thought

and planning on our part. I review the previous issues of the RED SHIRT to make sure I don't "get stuck in a rut " and as I reviewed RS 95 I was very mindful and appreciative of the membership of this Association and how we continue to " take care" of our own loved ones, shipmates, Sailors, Marines and persons we did not know until providence allowed us to.

In that vein, this duty as Chaplain allows me to enter into some very personal aspects of a person's life. I am amazed at how much our individual members care for their spouses and loved ones by preparing for the life ending details of their journey here on this earth. I am impressed by the admiration, love, care, devotion that the family has for their loved one....the stories and details on how they lived their lives and how their husband or wife, father or mother, were such mentors and caregivers. I have made some good "new friends" through my contacts.

Add to this the actions and responses that the AAO Chapters and members individually and collectively take to respond to various situations and needs is indeed noteworthy. How they travel long distances willingly to help those in need of special care, solace or just cleaning up "the ranch" or some highway; collecting toys, food items, coats for needy families and kids or similar details. I appreciate your comments and feedback because it certainly helps when I contact a family member and have some good background . You have made this task easier for the Association and this office. Thank you


Recently Reverend Billy Graham told those assembled to honor him for his role as pastor, evangelist and mentor a story about Albert Einstein, the renowned Physicist. Seems the professor was on a train traveling to a destination. When the conductor approached and asked for his ticket the professor began to search and fumble about....looking nervously back at the conductor and embarrassed by the attention of fellow travelers. The conductor said " don't worry about it sir, I know who you are and that you are honorable and have a ticket" and went on about his task. As he proceeded down the aisle he looked back and saw the professor down on hands and knees frantically searching about and

looking in his in baggage for the ticket. The conductor returned to the exasperated professor and said "don't worry about the ticket, you are O.K.." to which Professor Einstein, replied " I'm not O.K. because I don't remember where I am going." Reverend Graham finished his dissertation by saying "Tonight you see me in a new suit that my wife and children insisted on me wearing. I will probably be buried in this new suit.....and when my journey on this earth is done I know where I am going."

And so it is that by our actions, deeds, caring and paying attention to the details of our individual, family and corporate lives that we know where we are going. Thanks to all of you for teaching me some more lessons on life and living. Until we meet again, may God continue to overshadow and bless us.

What a Great Country We Serve,  
What a Great and Forgiving God We Serve,

Christian J. Eck Jr.  
National Chaplain



## TAPS

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**AO1 Tony Terzich USN Ret.**  
**AOC Del Butler USN Ret.**  
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**CDR Floyd E. English USN Ret.**  
**Capt. J.O. 'Bill' Barnard US Army Ret.**  
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**AOC Burton R. Conner**  
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**Lt Clifford E. Fleetwood Jr. USN Ret.**  
**AOC Douglas L. Davis**  
**AO1 John R. Edmondson**  
**AO2 Tiana Reyes**



American Revolution Battle Streamer 1775-1783



## From The Vice President

Greetings to all,

I can't believe it, but we just finished holding the pre-convention meeting and are in full swing of getting things going for the 09-15 July 2007 symposium/convention in Reno, NV, at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino. We will be providing the use of credit cards for the advance registration and will also be providing again this year a will call for your tickets to the Social, Awards Dinner and registration. For all the details on this, see the Treasurer's article in this Red Shirt. **To avoid any late fee charges get your advanced registration before the dead line!**

We have four offices open for election this year. These are Vice President (Joe Manley), Secretary (Dennis Costa), and two Board of Directors (Chuck Onken & Larry Cowell). If you have anyone you would like to nominate for one of these offices please write up a nomination and get it to me before **1 March 2007**. You can either e-mail ([ljmanley@charter.net](mailto:ljmanley@charter.net)) it to me or mail (**2099 Thomas Ct. Fallon, NV 89406**) it to me. If you nominate an individual you must first get their consent. Also, that candidate must be present at the annual convention to ensure an orderly turnover of the office. In accordance with the By Laws absence of a candidate from the General Business meeting requires approval of the Board of Directors for that candidate to be eligible for election. The nomination package shall include a short synopsis of the nominee's background and a statement indicating why the nominee should be a candidate for office. After the candidate's membership status has been verified and eligibility to run for office established, their name would be included on an absentee ballot which then will be published in each Red Shirt. Remember that the publication of nominees on an absentee ballot in the Red Shirt does not preclude the acceptance of nominations from the floor during the annual General Business meeting. All above requirements still remain a requirement when nominating from the floor, i.e. their consent and a verbal short synopsis of background and why the nominee should be a candidate.

If nominating from the floor, remember that only the people in attendance of the General Business meeting will have an opportunity to vote for that nominee.

Hope to see you at this years Convention. God Bless our Troops.

IYAOYAS  
PRESS ON

Joe Manley



## Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter 65

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#### Chapter 65 Newsletter info

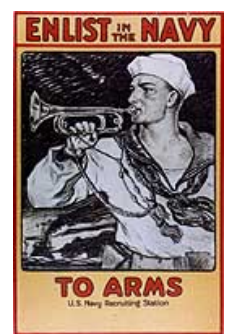
While Weapons Department/CVW-1 has been doing our "duty" here in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet with OEF/OIF, time has rolled by and it was time for our second beer day; yes I said second beer day for the deployment. In conjunction we had a steel beach/swim call and a USO performance from the British band "The International Playboys". Once again amidst all the fun and sun the AO's were the only association to take full advantage of the opportunity for some merchandise sales! Our shelves are almost bare and we have nearly doubled our membership. It has been cool since the CO has authorized a "tally board" on the side of the island for all of the ordnance that has been expended in direct support of OEF/OIF.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Schott  
AO3 USN



## On The Cover

061122-N-0490C-002 Arabian Sea (Nov 22 2006) – Aviation Ordnancemen assigned to the "Jolly Rogers" of Strike Fighter Squadron One Zero Three (VFA-103) transport a Laser Guided Bomb Unit-12 (GBU-12 and two GPS Guided Bombs Unit (GBU-38) to be placed on an F/A-18F Super Hornet aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D Eisenhower (CVN-69). Eisenhower and embarked Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7) are on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of Maritime Security Operations. U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Miguel Angel Contreras (RELEASED)





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## TURBO CADS Rota Spain

Greetings to all. A first-of-its-kind exercise was complete May 1 at Naval Station Rota when the Weapons Division of Naval Station Supply Department participated in TURBO Contained Ammunition Distribution System, a joint munitions exercise with the U.S. Air Force.

More commonly known as Turbo CADS, this exercise is designed to test joint capabilities to transport a large amount of munitions via military 20-foot shipping containers to be put on aircraft. This exercise is unique as it was one of the first ever performed by the Navy. The first was done in Korea in 2001.

Prior to TURBO CADS, the Navy has used a break-bulk system to transport ordnance via ships. While this is the first time for the Navy, TURBO CADS has been standard for the other services and has proven beneficial for Weapons Division training.

"I've been in the Navy for 19 years and I never expected to do something like this," said Lt. Major A. Gooden, Naval Station Rota Weapons Officer. "There's a lot of good training in this, in which the Air Force provided the training and assistance and we got it. That's what I like about this." According to Gooden, previous operations and deployments have demonstrated the need for the Department of Defense (DoD) to continue training programs for more effective use of containers and intermodal transportation systems.

These systems are used for the movement of large volumes of military cargo, especially munitions.

Gooden said given the critical nature of munitions delivery to warfighting combatant commanders, it is vital to use TURBO CADS to train DoD personnel in container operations at depots, ports, intermodal transfer facilities, theater reception, staging, onward movement and distribution facilities.

According to Gooden, the exercise has seven objectives.

1. To ensure that a trained and ready force can conduct containerized munitions operations from Theater Ammunitions Supply Points (ASP) to depots.
2. To engage voluntary intermodal sealift agreement (VISA) ocean carriers for munitions movement and other intermodal services.
3. To access ready reserve fleet (RRF) and other sealift capability if commercial options are unavailable.
4. To evaluate increased throughput requirements and impact to transportation infrastructure.
5. To assess commercial industry's capabilities and responsiveness.
6. To achieve 100 % in-transit visibility (ITV) using DoD and commercial systems.
7. To improve container accountability and management.

Putting all of this together was Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class (AW) Darin Hall, Weapons Division Naval Station

Supply Department, and U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Terry Pritchert, A-4W Munitions Division of Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces Europe (HQ USAFE).

Hall's role in TURBO CADS was managing the supplies and labor, while Pritchert provided much of the training. According to Hall, TURBO CADS is in itself complex and time consuming. For instance, he said they prepared for the whole process "from scratch" in December 2005 and had to get all the wood and tools for the exercise.

"It can be quite complex, in which you have to block and brace to ensure that the ordinance doesn't move around during shipment," said Hall.

Hall said they received all the equipment they needed at the end of March and started building containers, blocking and bracing April 5. He then performed an inspection of the containers to ensure all were operationally ready.

V/r

LT Major A. Gooden Naval Station Rota Spain  
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## Scholarship Scam Tip Sheet

**Y**ou are looking for the most bang for your buck...Just remember....So are the Scammers. Knowing the warning signs can prevent you from becoming a scholarship scam victim.

- 1) **Fees:** You shouldn't have to **pay** to search for or apply for scholarships. Check out the **free** scholarship search @ **www.fastweb.com**
- 2) **Credit card or bank account information:** You should **never** have to give credit card or bank information to award providers.
- 3) **Scholarship guarantee:** No one can guarantee that you will win a scholarship because no one can control scholarship judges' decisions. Also, be wary of "high success rates" – they usually do not refer to actual award winners.
- 4) **No work involved:** You can't avoid putting in time to fill out a scholarship application.
- 5) **No contact information:** Legitimate sponsors should provide contact information upon request. If the sponsor does not supply a valid e-mail address, phone number and mailing address (not a PO Box) upon request, that could be the sign of a scam.
- 6) **Unsolicited Scholarships:** If you are called to receive an award for which you never applied, be alert – it's most likely a scam.
- 7) **Pressure tactics:** Don't allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking for money up front.
- 8) **Sponsor goes out of their way to sound "official":** Scammer sometimes use official sounding words like "national" "education" or "federal" or they display an official-looking seal to fool you into thinking they are legit. Check with your school if you question a scholarship provider's legitimacy.
- 9) **Your questions aren't answered correctly:** If you can't get a straight answer from a sponsor regarding their application, what will be done with your information or other questions, proceed with caution.

### Suspect a Scam?

If you think you are dealing with a Scammer, follow these directions below:

- 1) Save all forms you receive from the suspect company. Keep copies of written details about the offer and any correspondence, e-mails or other paperwork. Make sure all materials are dated.
- 2) Take notes during any seminar or phone conversations. Record the date, time, phone number and the

person's name with whom you spoke. Also include a detailed account of your conversation.

- 3) Report the suspected Scammer to any of the following organizations:

#### Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Fill out an online complaint form or call toll-free: 877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)  
[www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)

#### National Fraud Information Center (NFIC)

Fill out an online complaint form or call toll-free: 800-876-7060  
[www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org)

#### Better Business Bureau

Be sure to have the address of the company about whom you are filing the complaint.  
703-276-0100  
[www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

#### United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

800-654-8896  
[www.usps.gov/postalinspectors/fraud/welcome.htm](http://www.usps.gov/postalinspectors/fraud/welcome.htm)

Follow these tips and enjoy a safe and rewarding scholarship search experience.

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## John Finn Nimitz Visit

WOW!!

"What a great day it was aboard the NIMITZ." Attached are some photo's of Johns visit. He's in great shape and was his usual self. The crew was so pleased to have him aboard. We held Awards Quarters and a Re-enlistment on the Hangar Deck in the company of both AIR & WEPS Depts over 600 crew members in attendance and the standing ovation could be heard across the Bay! It was a cherished event and went off superbly. We all ended the afternoon with lunch in the Wardroom sitting below the picture of then ADM Chester W. Nimitz, almost brought a tear to my eyes as I watched him look at that photo, it was pretty cool. If you have the opportunity when you visit John, request to see his photo book presented by CAPT Branch.

Enjoy

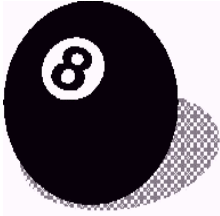
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*OHO, great pictures, included on page 27.*



## Chapter 8



Greetings to all,

The Chapter's annual holiday hand up, which is designed to help local ordies with the holidays, was highly successfully due to no small effort from Ray Ramirez, Jim Saxton, Chapter 8 members, and the local commands. We delivered five Thanksgiving baskets and five sets of Christmas Gift Certificates to local ordie families ensuring they have a memorable Holiday Season.

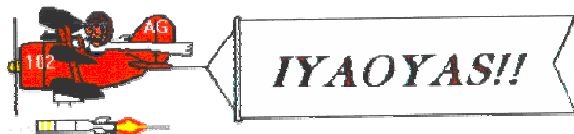
Chapter 8 highway walks continue to grow in number as the months go by. Each walk brings us to John Finn's for anything he needs; this time around we were able to put up clothes lines. Francis Carmichael said it was a tremendous help. We were also able to fix four of the screens and cut a cord of wood.

AAO Chapter 8 invites all active and retired Aviation Ordnancemen and their families to our annual picnic 1000 19 May 2007. At Admiral Baker Park Pavilion 1.

If you are ever in San Diego the first Thursday of the month, I would like to invite you to our meeting. IYAOYAS

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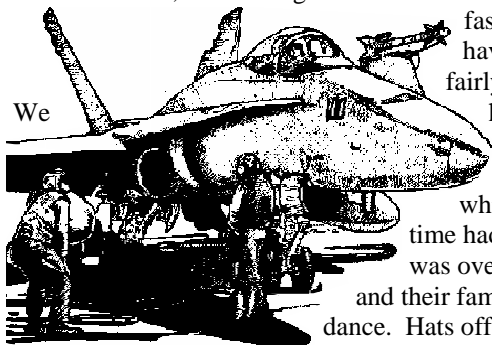
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# Chapter 1

Greetings to all from the Navy's Master Jet Station in Lemoore, CA. Things have been moving along in the



We

fast lane. We have been staying fairly busy here.

held our annual picnic on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August

which was a great time had by all. There was over 200 members

and their families in attendance. Hats off to the TOPHATTERS of VFA-14 who

came out in force. Many thanks to the ones behind the scene who organized the event and put the wheels in motion. With that being said I would especially like to thank AOC George Hanna, AOC Jeff Coe and Bill Overby for all work that you personally contributed to the success of this year's picnic. During our annual picnic we also announce the winner of the AAO Chapter One George Segars Scholarship and this year it was awarded to Kelli Rutledge. Congratulation Kelli and best of luck to you in your future education goals.

We also conducted our Adopt a Highway walk on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. Another great turn out to keep our stretch of 198 one of the cleanest AOR's. Thanks to all the participants who volunteered.

We will be holding our annual Christmas party on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. The gears have been in motion and looking forward to another great event for the chapter. If you are planning to be in the area please contact us for details and info.

Other than that, we are gearing up for the holidays. If you're in the area on the third Wednesday of the month, stop by the Fleet Reserve Association at 1730 for our monthly meeting.

AO1(AW)Scott Rutledge  
President, Chapter One  
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## *Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation (AAOEF)*

At the 2005 convention, you the Membership, voted to create the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation, AAOEF, to take over the running of the Scholarship Program. Recently the AAOEF received its 501(c)3 rating from the IRS and is now considered to be a 'charitable organization'. This article will address how donations, in support of the Scholarship Program, can be made to better serve you, the Member and the AAOEF.

1. To qualify for a charitable deduction on your income taxes you should make your check out to the AAOEF and send it to the address found later in this article.
  - a. For donations less than \$250.00 your name will be listed in the Red Shirt as a donor. If you desire a receipt, for your records, you must ask for it when you send in your donations.
  - b. For donations of \$250.00 or more the AAOEF will send you a receipt, for your records, and your name will appear in the Red Shirt.
2. If you desire to make a donation when you renew your membership you may do so. There are two ways to do this; please choose the one that best fits your desires.
  - a. Send two checks to the AAO's Treasurer. One check made out to the AAO in the amount of your dues and the other made out to the AAOEF in the amount of your donation. The information in 1.a and b above will apply to the check you make out to the AAOEF and the AAO's Treasurer will forward it to the AAOEF.
  - b. Send one check to the AAO's Treasurer for both your dues and your donation. The AAO's Treasurer will forward your donation to the AAOEF. The AAO keeps these funds in its Scholarship Account, which is a segregated account, used only for this purpose. Donors will have their names appear in the Red Shirt but no receipt will be issued. In most cases the IRS does not allow you to take a charitable deduction on your income taxes when donating in this manner.
3. If you desire to make a donation thru your Chapter and would like the ability to use it as a charitable tax deduction, just make your check out to the AAOEF. Your Chapter will forward your check to the

AAOEF as part of their donation. The information in 1.a and b above will apply.

4. For those of you that have an employer that offers a benefit of matching funds for your charitable donations, please consider identifying the AAOEF as a choice for this. If you have any questions on this please consult your Benefits Advisor or Human Resources Manager.
5. For Donations made thru your Chapter, if you receive anything for your donation (goods, services, or money) you cannot use your donation as a charitable tax deduction on your income taxes at this time.

If you have any questions please contact the AAOEF Treasurer:

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## *Secretary's Corner*

Greeting Ordies,

Lots going on, Your National Officers are hard at work setting the agenda for next years conventions. Should be an exciting one for sure. Any questions feel free to contact me..

Once again this plug is for all Chapter officers..... You are required to send you monthly reports to me after each meeting. For those who do keep up the work, as for the rest of you please get those reports in.

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The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that the GI Bill will soon be worth \$38,700 - a total increase of nearly \$1,500 over last year's rate. This total is based on the new monthly full-time student payment rate of \$1,075 multiplied by the 36-month limit. If you are GI Bill eligible you get the increase no matter when you became eligible or begin using it.





## Greetings All From Chapter Nine in Sunny Jacksonville, Florida.

We would like to congratulate our new FY 2007 AO CPO's (even though I wasn't one of them). It was great to find out who did receive the honor of being selected, and I hope to work for you all one day.

We would like to congratulate our recent selections for AO of the Quarter. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter selection was AO3(AW/SW) Roderick Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter was AO2(AW) Jason Keller, and third Quarter is AO1(AW) Joseph Hazel.



Left to right: LT O'Neal (WEPS Dep't Head NAS JAX), AO2(AW) Jason Keller (Chapter 9 AOOQ APR-JUN 06), AO1 Steckley (President, Chapter 9) AO1 Steckley and AO1 Joseph Hazel (Chapter 9 AOOQ JUL-SEP 06)

We would like to thank our guest speakers who took time out to attend our chapter meetings and gave some words of wisdom to their fellow shipmates. Captain Dave Lepard visited in April and talked about the new direction our ordnance leadership was going (thank heavens it wasn't the Fleet Ordnance Command, F.O.C.). He also briefly discussed ESI's and COSR's. Robert Bohnstengel spoke on his daughters' behalf as the first and second recipient of the AAO Scholarship, and talked about what it did for her, and how appreciative she was to receive them. Her first scholarship was awarded in 1979 with a "passing of the hat" that collected about \$250.00 from members present at the convention. Thanks to all of you and your support, it has grown into something much much bigger.

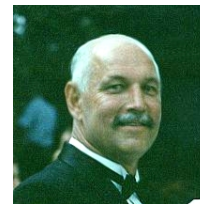
Chapter 9 sponsored their bi-annual AAO Barbeque for our fellow Ordies in appreciation for their contribution to our association and the community. This semester, we held it at Murray's Tavern (which some of you might remember from "A" and "B" school here in JAX). We were also celebrating the completion of our third Adopt-a-Highway effort. Smoked ribs and chicken sure go well with ice-cold beer and a few good sea stories after a hot day of picking up trash.

Sadly, tragic and trying times have fallen upon some of our AO shipmates recently, but it has been great to see our fellow Ordnance members come together to help them and their families out. We were distraught by the death of the wife of Bill Taylor, and the son of Tony (Speedy) Gonzales. We also lost a great friend to our community,

Danny Vinson. There was a tremendous showing from our chapter at Danny's viewing and funeral to say our farewells and provide our condolences to the family. We send our blessings out to the family and friends of those who passed. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. May the Great Gunner in the sky watch over them and their families.



Danny Vinson, second from right, at Bill Keidel's Annual Superbowl Blowout Weekend



**Danny Craig Vinson**  
29 SEP 1948 – 02 SEP 2006

Come out and join the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the Fleet Reserve Center on Collins Rd. Visit our new website at [www.aaoweb.org](http://www.aaoweb.org).

I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S  
V/R,  
AO1(AW/SW) Mike Steckley  
President, Chapter 9





## *Auxiliary To The Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen*



Well, here it is again the holidays are behind us and it's time to start thinking about the 2007 AO Symposium/Convention. In fact, several of our members recently attended a planning meeting in Laughlin in preparation for another great event.

As always the Auxiliary is planning to hold a raffle and auction during the Symposium/Convention. We plan to start the raffle on Wednesday and continue through Friday afternoon. The auction will be held on Friday night during the social. We welcome all donations for these rewarding causes; proceeds go toward the scholarship program. If you plan on donating items please contact our Raffle and Auction Chairman, Linda Robinson at her e-mail address [amraam1@msn.com](mailto:amraam1@msn.com) so she will have an idea of what is coming and plan accordingly. Also, if it is easier to mail your donations prior to convention please send to my home address at 2099 Thomas Court, Fallon, NV 89406.

We also sell memorabilia during the convention and throughout the year. In fact we still have a few of the John W. Finn Medal of Honor coins left to sell. These are limited edition coins and make wonderful gifts for your most loved "Ordie". Father's day is around the corner...Contact BJ O'Dell to purchase your coin or other memorabilia. Order contact information is listed in the AO website [HTTP://aaoweb.org/AAO](http://aaoweb.org/AAO) or contact BJ directly at [bj@galaxynet.com](mailto:bj@galaxynet.com).

Many of us have rewarding professions that involve helping others achieve some type of goal. I have chosen to work as the Housing Director at NAS Fallon for the last 20 years. It is always heartwarming to know that I have had a part in helping a Navy family find a new place to call home during their tour at Fallon. So whether your career involves helping families find homes, medical needs, travel arrangements for that much needed vacation, raising families, retail services..the list goes on and on.. I'm sure it makes you feel good to know that you have helped your fellow Americans achieve their goal and meet their needs. That is the type of satisfaction you will also experience as a member of the Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. We

are a team of family and friends supporting our Ordies and their families. We are a major contributor National's Scholarship fund, our primary fundraisers are the auction and raffle held during the National Symposium/Convention and our only meeting is held during the Convention. And the side benefit is we have fun and make lots of new friends in the process. Dues are only \$10 per year. You can pick up an application from any Auxiliary member or go to the AAO website at [HTTP://aaoweb.org/AAO](http://aaoweb.org/AAO). Come join us, your help and friendship will be cherished.

Always feel free to contact me with any suggestions, ideas or concerns. I can be reached at 775-423-9205, e-mail at [ljmanley@charter.net](mailto:ljmanley@charter.net) or write to 2099 Thomas Court, Fallon, NV 89406.

Delores Manley  
AAAO President

## *AMRAAM Outstanding Performer Dec—Jun 2006*



AMRAAM Outstanding Performer for Jan—Jun 2006 AO2 (AW) Daniel Trombley from the USS Abraham Lincoln. ENS Randy Miller from CVN-72 on hand to present the award at the Raytheon Missile Systems facility in Tucson, AZ.

For more information on the AMRAAM Outstanding Performer award please E-mail me at [kevin.meagher@eglin.af.mil](mailto:kevin.meagher@eglin.af.mil)

On a sad note. We at AMRAAM lost a former APML when John Paliotta suddenly passed away in November. John was retired from the United States Air Force and recently retired from Civil Service. We'll sure miss him here at Eglin.

Kevin Meagher AOC Ret  
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# Treasurer's Report

Simply e-mail me and let me know that the member is no longer onboard. One ship returned 7 Red Shirts to me and at \$2.75 each, it gets expensive.

**G**reetings – It has been a long time since the last Red Shirt was written and a lot is happening with YOUR Association. In an effort to keep costs down the Leadership has decided to print only 3 Red Shirts per year. Costs keep going up, BUT we are producing a better (at least I think) quality Red Shirt. So we are printing a 'Post Convention', 'Post Holiday' and 'Pre Convention' issues. See elsewhere in this issue for the new due dates.

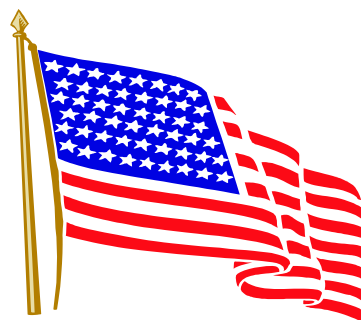
Hope all had a good Holiday Season and spend some quality time with your family's and loved ones. Those of you that were deployed, you were in our thoughts and prayers. Stay safe out there.

Had our pre-convention meeting in Laughlin on 13 Jan 07 in Laughlin. Prices for the Social and Awards Banquet are the same as last year (\$30 and \$40 respectfully). We did have to tweak the 'Registration Fee's' up \$5.00 per person. Again, the cost of doing business. See the Convention Registration form for expiration dates and other details.

Ship Members – If a member has transferred, or is no longer on the ship, DO NOT return the Red Shirt to me.

The Associations Post Office Box has been closed for over 6 months now. Please use my home address at: 9691 Bundy Drive; Santee, CA 92071-2771. I am still having some mail forwarded from the PO Box and the Post Office will start to return the mail to you.

Address changes cost your Association over \$400 per year. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! If you move or have a PCS coming up get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail to the address above; phone (619)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at [aaotreas@cox.net](mailto:aaotreas@cox.net). Until next time IYAOYAS.  
JJ LaMaitre



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## Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation



When I was first approached by the Vice President of our Educational Foundation to write an article for the Red Shirt, I wasn't sure what to write about. In my younger years, I did attend college, but only long enough to get an Associates Degree. And I certainly never applied for nor received an educational grant or scholarship of any kind. Or did I?

Being a newlywed fresh out of the Navy and brand new to private industry, I struggled to make ends meet. I had landed a great job with a defense contractor writing maintenance plans and technical manuals for aircraft armament equipment. The problem was that "great" job just wasn't enough to make ends meet. I needed an additional income. The problem I had at the time was my travel schedule prevented me from taking on a second job. I had no idea what to do until one day it occurred to me that I still had my GI Bill and the VA would actually pay me to attend college.

After a short session with the student counselor at the local Junior College, I learned that I could get as much as \$400.00 a month for attending school full time. All I had to do was maintain a "C" average and work toward a degree which sounded easy enough. As I was soon to learn, it really was a lot of work. Being a full time night student and maintaining a full time day job, I had my hands full. I can still remember burning the midnight oil studying for those mid term and final exams. There were many times I wanted to call it quits. The only thing that kept me going was that I really needed that money I was getting from the VA. After I had paid for my books, the rest was mine to do with as I wanted.

After a couple of years, and to my surprise, I received a notice from the school that I would be graduating with an Associates Degree. I can remember telling my supervisor at work that I wasn't interested in attending the graduation ceremonies and wondered what I would do for extra money now that I was graduating from Junior College. When my supervisor discovered I was receiving the Associates Degree, he gave me an on the spot 10% salary increase. I couldn't believe it! This meant that I wouldn't need to worry about finding another job to make ends meet.

I started my educational career in an attempt to make a few extra bucks to make ends meet. My attitude at the time was that a college degree was just a by-product of earning that

extra money. But when I got that 10% pay raise, I learned how important an education can be to an employer and to a career. These were very valuable lessons in life that I started passing to my daughter at a very early age. By the time she had started kindergarten I was already telling her how important it was to go to college and get that education. I was also saving every dime I could because I knew what to expect when those bills for tuition came in.

Being an active member of Chapter One, I soon became the scholarship committee chairman and worked to establish selection guidelines and criteria that are still used today by that Chapter. When Ed Scott was asked to chair the National Scholarship Committee, he had taken notice of my work with Chapter One and asked for some help in establishing Committee guidelines and selection criteria. I provided him with copies of the documents I had developed. Ed used those documents as a baseline for some of the first scholarship awards. Of course those original guidelines have been changed many times over the years to improve upon the process. The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen continued to expand and improve upon those original processes, which is one of the many reasons why your Educational Foundation was established. The Association membership also realizes the importance of education, as evidenced by their continued generosity and support from 1979 to present, and in addition to all our chapters, Auxiliary and corporate sponsors.

For those of you that are still in high school and considering attending college, I encourage you to get that degree in your chosen career field. I also encourage you to do your homework first. A college education is a very expensive proposition, but it is well worth the effort and expense. Remember that in addition to the Association's Educational Foundation, there are many other scholarship and grant programs available to you. Some are offered by private organizations and others by States and the Federal government. Do your research and put your school to work for you too. Their financial aid office can help point you in the right direction. You can also contact the officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Educational Foundation. We will all help you in any way we can.

Good luck with your endeavors!

Dave Moore  
AAOEF Board of Directors



War of 1812 Battle Streamer



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Can you help?.....Know where any of these members can be located? If so please contact me at [aaotreas@cox.net](mailto:aaotreas@cox.net), snail mail or give me a call.

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Then AO2 Del Bloss (Crew 4 Tail Gunner) died in a boating accident several years ago... Then AN Nick Palko works in an aircraft plant in the north-east... He completed his Vietnam tour by transferring to VAL-4 upon VAH-21 decommissioning...



Del Bloss celebrating making AO3, CRB, Vietnam - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski.



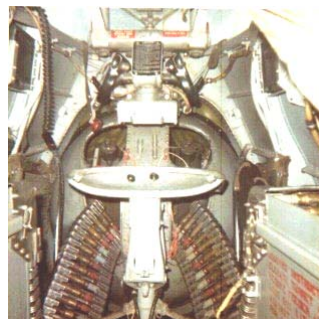
AO3 Rick Barth, Crew 4, CRB, Vietnam - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski.

## TRIM VAH-21

Each of the eight grenade launchers fired @ the rate of 400 SPM, through the cutouts in the port bomb bay door. The belted grenades were in cans in the starboard side...



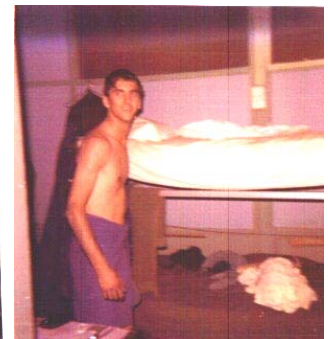
XM-149 40mm Honeywell grenade launchers in the forward bomb bay. - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski



Inside of the tail turret - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski.



AO3 Gadomski standing under a minigun, CRB, Vietnam - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski.



AO2 Al Smith caught in one of those candid poses, Enlisted barracks #7, CRB, Vietnam - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski.



Mk77 500lb. Napalm Bombs - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski



Hard Shell Mk 81 & 82 - photo submitted by Rich Gadomski



TRIM Patch. TRIM was an acronym for Trails and Road Interdiction, Multisensor. - collection of Eric Shyer



VAH-21 Patch. This one is still on my flight jacket.- collection of Eric Shyer.



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### *Bob Hope's 1968 Vietnam Christmas Show*

Shortly before Christmas 1968, the squadron had a rare day, with no mission scheduled. As it happened, it was the same evening that Bob Hope would be presenting his Christmas show to the troops. So, I told the Ordnancemen, if they would expedite the multitude of cleaning and weapons maintenance activities they were doing, that we'd go to the show. I told them we'd leave plenty early so we could make sure we found good seats on the sand.

Taking a blanket, some reading material, a cribbage board and a deck of cards, those of us that could, went to the Cam Ranh Bay US Army base for the 'show'. We whiled away the afternoon of a beautiful day in what we thought were the best seats in the 'house', right in the middle, not far from the stage. All was well, until about thirty minutes

before show time, a crew showed up with the makings of a huge platform for television and movie cameras – and began assembling it about five feet in front of us. We, and the folks behind us were going to be completely blocked out!

It was looking to me that the Bob Hope Show was not really for the war fighters, but for the folks back home to watch on TV. So, we continued to sit there in the sand, grumbling and figuring we could at least listen to the music and a few jokes and then return to the Naval Air Facility. All the while, I was planning to take pen in hand, and write some ugly letters to the USO and to anyone else I could think of, as soon as I got to the barracks.

The show started with what was likely several hundred folks who were not able to see anything except the shroud around the TV platform. About half way through his monologue, Mr. Hope must have noticed what had happened, as we heard him say, "Stop the show!!!" We also heard some-

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## Choosing a Convention/ Symposium Site

One are the days when anyone visits a hotel to set-up these events several months in advance! Large group events are a “huge” business for this industry. Therefore, we must have someone that is experienced and educated to the ends and outs of making site recommendations based on sound perimeters.

We have members who recommend different hotels throughout the US. All of the hotels are initially reviewed and personal contact is made only with each potential hotel with the facilities to handle our requirements. The association’s needs are then identified to the property.

In hotel/site selection, the time of the year drives cost! Most east coast hotels “do not” answer the association’s initial correspondence. Plus, those that do respond quote rates higher than association members are willing to pay (the hotels make top dollar off tourists). The same is true for the southern sites, plus another issue is transportation in & out. And, add to this the west coast sites offering rates that the association members will not accept (again, they make more money off tourists).

Dollar for dollar, the Nevada sites of Laughlin and Reno are the most economical for the association members, even when air fare is taken into consideration.

Following are areas that the national convention committee must address, review and look at before subsequently presenting a specific site or sites to the association national officers and the board of directors for the final selection:

1. Look for site locations that can be traveled to at a reasonable cost and the airport or other transportation means are relatively close to the potential hotel(s).
2. Must find hotel sites that can handle the association’s needs for all meetings and functions (exhibition area(s), meals, registration, etc.).
3. Must identify the cost of the meeting rooms whether a prospective hotel is willing to offset that cost (or a portion thereof), based on identified performance standards?
4. Determine the costs for audio-visual-video equipment and any other equipment required (phones, fax, copier, etc.).
5. Can the hotel support the room requirements for the convention and symposium? Do the hotel room rates

meet government standards for the symposium and what rate will be offered the convention attendees?

6. Will the hotel provide any complimentary rooms?
7. What is the cost for food, beverages, service charges & taxes, plus the required hotel staff during all functions? These costs must be broken down by each event.
8. Are there recreational activities in the area for attendees to visit before, during and after the convention & symposium?
9. Is there an individual or group that will chair or support the day-to- day interface required between the selected hotel, the association convention co-chairmen, and/or association officers?
10. Must select a hotel with a staff dedicated to taking care of the association’s needs. Many hotels “talk a good game”, but then do not perform!!

A tremendous amount of time & effort goes into selecting the correct hotel (after taking into consideration our members needs) and conducting negotiations!

Different cities are recommended at each convention, but when the time comes to “take it to the next level”, the individual who made the recommendation(s) does not want to be involved.

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## Viet Nam Gift Paks

Christmas 1968, I was reading a 'Life' Magazine and noticed an advertisement asking folks to send money to purchase a thing called a 'Viet Nam Gift Pak'. The article said that for a \$20 donation, an 'in country' soldier would receive a gift pak through the mail. Jerry Tripp (one of our waist gunners) and I cleaned out our lockers and came up with something like \$8.75 Military Payment Certificates, \$2 US, \$3.65 Viet Nam dong, and about \$4 in Philippine pesos. We enclosed that in an envelope with a letter saying that while we thought this was a commendable program, we were yet to meet anyone who'd ever heard of a 'VN Gift Pak', much less receive one. We said we realized that what we sent was inadequate for such a fine gift, but we wanted to do our part so some poor front line soldier could receive a gift pak.

A couple of weeks later we received a letter with our money enclosed, thanking us for our concern -- and then the gift paks started arriving!!

Each pak had something like a handkerchief, a half dozen envelopes, a tablet, a ball point pen, a bar of soap, a

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## Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation

January 1, 2007

At the 2007 Convention, during their first Board of Directors Meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer positions in the AA-OEF and as the President of the AAOEF I am soliciting advance nominations for the following Offices:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Vice President	DawnRae Sealy
Secretary	AOCM Dennis Costa USN Ret.
Board of Director	AOC Larry Cowell USN Ret.
Board of Director (Auxiliary Member)	Shannon N. Williams

Eligibility requirements for these offices and the duties of the office are in the AAOEF Bylaws, which you can find by going to <http://aaoweb.org/AAO> then clicking on Scholarship Information then scroll down to and click on the By-laws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Member of the Association nominate them.

I will be accepting advance nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting. To make a nomination you must be a Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the first meeting of the Association's Board.

Mail advance nominations to: 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7517 or E-Mail them to [egunner@lightspeed.net](mailto:egunner@lightspeed.net).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (386) 445-0968 (H)/ (386) 405-6940 (Cell).

Edward C. Scott  
AAOEF President

### **MOVING ?**

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one else say, "Mr. Hope, you can't stop the show. You have a plane to catch."

Bob Hope replied that the show would not continue until everyone in the crowd could see the stage. The folks to the sides made room, we repositioned, and the show began again when everyone could see. Sitting there all jammed together was a little cozier than I liked, but we could care less. I told myself then that I would still write some letters about the show, but they would have a much different tone from my earlier plans. I would thank everyone involved with the show – except for the scaffold builders, that is...

The show was simply the greatest! Near the end, some dignitaries, including the Commanding Officer and the mayor of the Vietnamese village near the base made presentations to the members of the show. Mr. Hope then asked everyone to stand and to join him in singing "Silent Night." The stars and the moon were shining bright as we began singing. Just then, storm clouds appeared and the hardest rain I've ever seen started. It simply poured until the song was over – when the rain immediately stopped and the stars reappeared. No light showers to begin – just water pouring from the sky. No tapering off at the end – it simply stopped! Coincidence??? I don't believe so.

Well, after thirty-six years, this note will have to suffice for the letters I intended to write. So, I thank the USO, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hope, his entourage and anyone else involved with that, or any other entertainment ever put together for the troops – except for the platform builders... Mostly though, I thank God for bringing Mr. Bob Hope to us. There has never been – nor will there ever be – another like him.

Story submitted by  
AOC Robert J. Holdman



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tube of shaving cream & a deck of cards -- all in a nice little ditty bag. Each of us received a couple dozen of the things, that we promptly passed out to our troops -- and were still getting them when we left Cam Ranh Bay for Sangley Point to decommission.

We gave a sackful of them to some beggar child in Cavite City before we left the Philippines. She thought she'd struck gold.

I've never met anyone else who ever heard of the things. They were a mighty fine conversation piece with the two of us though. I often wonder if the 'paks' are still going 'over there' addressed to the two of us...

Story submitted by  
Bob Holdman





## CHAPTER MEETINGS - PLACES - TIMES - DATES

*Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA*

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*559-998-0880*

*Fleet Reserve, Lemoore*

*3rd Wednesday, 1730*

*Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA*

*President: CDR William Bindel*

*757-479-1176*

*VFW Post 392, Bowland Parkway*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 1900*

*Chapter 7 - Naval Base Ventura County, CA*

*President: AO2 Luis Deleon*

*805-385-7222*

*Weapons Dept. Conf Room Bldg. 68, NBVC*

*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1130*

*Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL*

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*904-542-5568*

*Fleet Reserve, Collins Road*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1900*

*Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV*

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*775-423-8893*

*American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.*

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*Chapter 63 - USS Kitty Hawk*

*CV 63 President: AO1 Duncan*

*Forward Deployed*

*Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz*

*CVN 68 President: AO1 Greg Desmet*

*On Board*

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*CVN 72 President: AO1 Robert Gregory*

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*Chapter 75 - USS Truman*

*CVN 75 President: George W. Johnson*

*On Board*

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*President: John G. Cleary Jr.*

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*2nd Wednesday, 1730*

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*3rd Thursday, 1830*

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*President: AO1 Masters*

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Please take notice of the new due dates for Red Shirt article submissions. Due to the rising costs of printing and the quality of the new and improved Red Shirt, the leadership has decided to cut back to three issues per year. These issues will be Post-Holiday, Pre-Convention and Post Convention.

Please keep the inputs coming, it is very appreciated.

Editor



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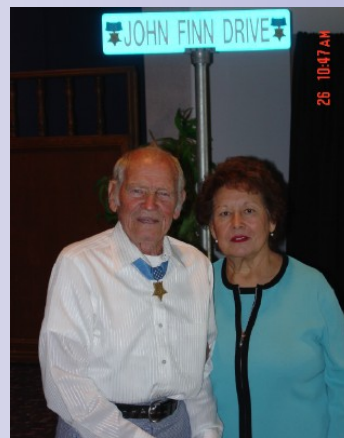
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