

# AO NEWSLETTER

NO.7

15 Mar. 1980

## AO CONVENTION IN RENO

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WILL HOLD ITS' 5th ANNUAL REUNION/CONVENTION IN RENO, NEVADA AT THE SANDS HOTEL ON 20,21 AND 22 JUNE 1980.

ALL Aviation Ordnancemen, Navy, Marine Corps, Civil Service, Active Duty, Retired, Ex-AO's, Enlisted and Officer are cordially invited to attend. You need not be a member of the Association to attend, but only members and associate members may vote on motions at the business meeting. WIVES, GIRLFRIENDS and GUESTS are WELCOME.

### CONVENTION SCHEDULE

20 June - Fri.	1300-1800	Check In
	1930-2100	No Host Cocktail Reception
	2100-????	On the Town
21 June - Sat.	0900-1700	Business Meeting
	1830-1930	No Host Cocktail Party
	1930-2100	Dinner
	2100-????	Dancing (Tenative)
22 June - Sun.	0900-1300	Board of Directors Meeting

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A \$25.00 (per person) Convention reservation charge is required from all persons planning to attend the Dinner (Steak or Prime Rib) on Saturday evening (21 June). This charge also includes dancing after dinner and Hors d'ouvres at the Friday evening cocktail party.

RENO/VIRGINIA CITY area tours are available on Saturday for those not attending the business meeting. The cost is \$10.00 per person and this includes lunch.

Fill out the reservation form at the bottom of the last page of this newsletter and send it with your check or money order to: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, c/o Tom Robins Sec./Tres. at 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, California 95008. All Convention reservations must be received by 10 June 1980. DO IT NOW. Don't delay.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a room reservation form from the SANDS Hotel. Room rates at the Sands are \$33.00 single and \$37.00 double. Hotel reservations must be made by you, directly with the hotel (Send in the card) or call the hotel and make your own arrangements (800) 648-3553 or (702) 786-3311. No room deposit is required by the Sands Hotel but room reservations must be in by 6 June 1980. For those of you arriving by trailer, camper or motor-home -- the SANDS has a large parking lot but no hookup facilities. Arrangements may be made at the MGM Hotel which has a mobile park.

1979 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen is pleased to announce that the 1979 Scholarship Award was presented to Miss Lorraine OWEN of Tucson, AZ. Miss OWEN is studying for an Agricultural Science Degree in Animal Science at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Miss OWEN is the daughter of AAO member, Murrel S. (DOC) OWEN. CONGRATULATIONS Lorraine.....

1979 CONVENTION HUGE SUCCESS

The 1979 Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada was a huge success. A big THANKS to Cliff DEGRAW for making all the arrangements. We had 45 members at the business meeting and 90 persons for dinner on Saturday evening. From all reports everyone that was there came away a winner. At the general business meeting, Kirk NELSON was unanimously re-elected as President for another three year term. Frank PARKER and Troy C. MOORE were elected to the Board of Directors for full three year terms and Len PRESTON was elected to replace B.D. HALL on the board for the remainder of his 1 year term.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN  
CURRENT ELECTED OFFICERS

President

Kirk NELSON (805) 484-8968 6/82  
520 Daily Dr. Apt. 205, Camarillo, Ca. 93010

Vice President

Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer

Tom ROBINS (408) 378-0440 6/81  
729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, Ca. 95008

Board of Directors

Frank PARKER 6/82  
P.O. Box 261, Severna Park, Md. 21146

Troy C. MOORE 6/82  
2230 Ledgeview Lane, Spring Valley, Ca. 92077

Jim ROWE 6/81  
CVW-11 Staff, FPO San Francisco, Ca. 96601

Al WHITE 6/81  
P.O. Box 185, Bonita, Ca. 92002

Len PRESTON 6/80  
6172 Hillview Ct., Jacksonville, Fl. 32210

Buck HAFER 6/80  
1600 S. Eads St. 1022N, Arlington, Va. 22202

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

MARCH 1980

ADAMS, George M.	ADAMS, Newt A.	ALLEN, Ricki M.
ANDERSON, Gordon W.	ANDERSON, John A.	AQUILINO, Salvatore P.
ASH, D.L.	ASHWORTH, Robert A.	AUGUST, Fred D.
BANCROFT, H.F.	BARNHART, Robert E.	BARR, Ray W.
BARRINGTON, James F.	BEASLEY, Wayne R.	BENNISON, James H.
BIBBEY, L. Joe	BIELAWSKI, Alexander L.	BLACK, Oscar T.
BLAYLOCK, R.W.	BOHNSTENGEL, Robert	BOVER, Charles R.
BRAHAM, Gerald R.	BRANIGH, Ernest	BRANUM, Robert W.
BRIGGS, Robert D.	BRODIE, Judson M.	BRYAN, Jack H.
BUCKLEY, Daniel E.	BURAS, Henry J.	BURKE, Virgil G.
BURNS, Joseph H.	BURROWS, Gerald E.	BURWELL, Edward L.
BUSHTA, Ronald W.	CADY, Howard P.	CAIN, James M.
CARLSON, Fred A.	CARLTON, Dallas	CARTER, James D.
CARVER, David E.	CARVER, Earl E.	CHANDLER, William L.
CHAPLIN, Stanley	CLANTON, Ronald W.	CLARK, Donald L.
CLARK, William E.	CLELLAND, John P.	COLE, William J.
COLLEY, Larry M.	COLLIER, Carl M.	COLLINS, Paul N.
CONNERS, Edwin J.	CONNORS, John R.	CONQUEST, Arthur S.
CROW, Robert L.	CROWELL, Harry A.	CULLIGAN, Franklin M.
DEGRAW, Clifford W.	DENSLOW, Vernon E.	DIONNE, Edgar W.
DORAN, James W.	DOWNNEY, Harry J.	EARL, Billy B.
EARL, D.L.	EATON, Kenneth C.	ECKARD, Dorothy D.
EINHAUS, Thomas D.	ENLOE, Newton T.	FARRELL, Vincent D.
FEHL, Kenneth C.	FILZ, Dana M.	FINNEGAN, Robert R.
FOOTE, William G.	FOSTER, Kenneth L.	FRANZ, Isaac K.
FRASER, Milton R.	FRENCH, Robert L.	FRY, Donald E.
FUGATE, Robert L.	GADOMSKI, Richard C.	GALLOWAY, Jere F.
GANNON, Gerald F.	GIRKEY, Kenneth D.	GONZALES, Tony
GREEVES, William O.	GRIFFITH, Nelson L.	GUSS, James R.
GUZMAN, George R.	HAFER, Otto D.	HAGEN, Lawrence
HAGERUP, Jack E.	HAKER, Carl L.	HALENZA, Hal R.
HALL, Floyd	HALL, Vincent L.	HANNA, Hugh E.
HARKINS, Billy M.	HARNER, David L.	HARRINGTON, Willis R.
HELLIG, Joseph N.	HENDRICKS, Judson J.	HENSLEY, Doyle W.
HIMES, Alexander	HOCKENBURY, Richard F.	HOFFMAN, Arthur A.
HOLUB, Daniel F.	HOLUB, Robert L.	HORTH, Charles J.
HUDSON, Joseph S.	HUNT, Kirby P.	IRVING, James E.
JENKINS, Robert P.	JENSEN, Johannes M.	JONES, Dexter M.
JONES, Robert S.	JOST, Albert H.	KALL, Alvin R.
KENEMAN, Harry L.	KENNEDY, Bruce H.	KENNEDY, Charles A.
KIRKLAND, Grant F.	KLINKER, Wendell E.	KLISSUS, Anthony J.
KOWALSKI, Joseph	KRAEMER, Wayne W.	KRATZER, Harlan D.
KREAGER, George	KRYCH, John C.	LAMOUREUX, George J.
LANE, Stephen A.	LEE, Delbert C.	LEIMER, Albert J.
LENCE, James O.	LEVICKI, Walter	LINDSAY, Howard B.
LIUPAOGO, Auomanu	LOCHER, William W.	LOGES, Cecilia L.
LUKEY, Myron E.	McBROOM, William	McGRATH, Edward H.
Mc NEILL, D.J.	MAERY, Fred W.	Mac CHEYNE, Michael H.
MACKINS, Arthur L.	MAKI, Weldon E.	MALLORY, H. Pierce
MASTERSON, J.O.	MEEKS, Wilbur L.	Meyer, William
MEYNE, Fritz A.	MILAM, James A.	MILLER, John
MILROY, Donald E.	MOORE, Jackie L.	MOORE, Troy C.
MORRIS, Harry G.	MOULTRIE, Freddie	MUNDAY, William J.

NADEAU, Mark L.  
NAYLOR, William B.  
NORCROSS, W.G.  
OVRE, Les  
PARKER, Frank H.  
PEDERSON, Barry L.  
PORTERFIELD, Glen C.  
REED, James D.  
RITCH, John A.  
ROBINS, Thomas D.  
ROWE, James F.  
SANDERS, Allard H.  
SCHLINDWEIN, Micky C.  
SCRIVNER, Charles L.  
SEXTON, Alan B.  
SIEGEL, Bernard  
SMITH, Richard A.  
SPELMAN, Eugene F.  
SQUIRE, Orin L.  
SUKUP, John P.  
TANNEHILL, Gerald E.  
TOBIN, Billy J.  
UNDERWOOD, Robert E.  
WALES, Richard A.  
WEAVER, A. Doug  
WIGHTMAN, James E.  
WILSON, Jack L.  
WORWETZ, Harry J.

NANNEY, Robert G.  
NELSON, Marion K.  
NORTHUP, Wilmer R.  
OWEN, Murrel S.  
PATTERSON, Dale F.  
PETERS, Norman B.  
PRESTON, Leonard H.  
REED, Thomas B.  
ROACH, Jack  
ROLLINS, William S.  
RUCKER, Seabie P.  
SASSANO, John J.  
SCHOONMAKER, C.J.  
SEITNER, Robert S.  
SHEPARD, Wayne E.  
SIGGS, Roger S.  
SMITH, Wesley R.  
SPENCER, Dana E.  
STEFFEY, Paul E.  
SURLES, Glynn  
TAYLOR, William H.  
TRIMBLE, Robert E.  
VELHO, Ronald R.  
WARD, Leo J.  
WERNER, George  
WILDER, Harold A.  
WILSON, Tex A.  
YEE, Ting C.

NASH, Nathan J.  
NOLTE, Carl F.  
O'BRIEN, Robert E.  
OWENS, James C.  
PAULIN, Leroy  
PIERCZYNSKI, Joseph W.  
PURTEE, Jack W.  
REEP, Earl L.  
ROARK, Floyd R.  
ROMANO, Anthony Q.  
RUPERT, James  
SAWLEY, Elbert W.  
SCHULTZ, Robert J.  
SEKERES, Arthur J.  
SIDDON, Wayne S.  
SMITH, J.C.  
SNOCK, Maximillian R.  
SPERLICH, James L.  
STRONG, Donald L.  
SUTTON, Robert D.  
THOMPSON, James E.  
TROESCHER, Olin H.  
VERSTEEG, Lloyd H.  
WATSON, Tannis R.  
WHITE, Alfred H.  
WILLIAMS, Richard W.  
WOODS, Norman C.  
YOUNG, Gerald L.

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Article IX of our by-laws reads as follows:

Section 1.

Proposals for Amendments to these by-laws will be submitted to the Board of Directors ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2.

These by-laws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of attending members at the Annual Meeting, provided that written notice has been given to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting that the amendment item has been placed on the agenda.

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AGENDA ITEMS FOR 1980 CONVENTION - All persons having agenda items for the 1980 Convention should submit them to the Secretary/Treasurer by 30 April 1980.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND. - In June of 1978 at the Convention in Reno the Association of Aviation Ordnance- men approved and established a Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is for dependents of current members of the Association, dependents of deceased members of the association and dependents of any deceased Aviation Ordnanceman of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps. This scholar- ship is funded by donations, memorials and, when required, by the general fund of the Association. The scholarship, currently \$250.00 annually, may be utilized to pay tuition, purchase books and supplies, and to assist with living expenses of an eligible individual who is in a continuing education program beyond high school level. This may be at a university, college, technical, trade or specialty school level and is not limited to any specific field of endeavor.

Criteria for selection of the individual to receive the scholarship is based on academic record, needs, goals and eligibility. Selection of the individual and award of the scholarship will be accomplished at the annual convention. Nominations for the scholarship must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association no later than 15 June of the year of the award. The nomination shall consist of a personal letter from the applicant to the Association Scholarship Committee outlining the following points:

- o Eligibility
- o Educational goals
- o Other scholarships and educational grants received
- o Monetary needs of the applicant
- o Past academic record

In addition to the personal letter from the applicant, an application form is required. This form may be obtained by requesting same from Thomas D. Robins Sec./Tres. at 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, Ca. 95008.

The award selectee will be notified by letter as soon as practicable after the annual convention and the selection will also be announced in the newsletter.

The scholarship fund is primarily dependent on donations and memorials to the fund. Donations may be forwarded to the Association Secretary/ Treasurer - marked for the Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Fund. Establishment of memorials for the purpose of perpetuating the scholar- ship is encouraged and may be done in the name of an individual or organization. Further details concerning this may be obtained from the President or the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

WW II AIRCRAFT PICTURES WANTED

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECENTLY RECEIVED:

Dear Sir,

I was an AOM2/c and a Martin Upper deck electric turret gunner in mostly PVI - Venturas. I served for awhile with Squadron 83, FAW 11 Hedron at Natel, Brazil in early '43, then transferred to VPB-130 in the Pacific. We reaged all over the So. China sea, Sulu, Borneo etc, and the invasion of Leyte in the Philippines. Our last action was covering the invasion of Zamboanga, then back to the states as we had only three aircraft left.

I switched over to the army in 1950 and was in the 3rd Inf. Div. in Korea.

I almost had my 30 in but Viet Nam was my last. Left there in '66 and was put out on a disabled retirement in '67. Am now a widower and would like to make the re-union if possible, but am not sure, as I'm 100 % disabled. If it is possible I would give anything for any photos of the PV-1 Venturas that someone at the reunion might have.

I am willing to pay for copies or anything pertaining mostly to Venturas or PBM Mariner, PB2Y4's or the old Catalinas.

Sincerely

/s/ Wm. W. GROVE  
318 Post Ave.  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

HOW ABOUT IT SHIPMATES \* ANYONE HAVE ANY PICTURES ETC PERTAINING TO THE AIRCRAFT MENTIONED - SEND THEM TO SHIPMATE GROVE.....

WW II FLOYD BENNETT FIELD AND USS TICONDEROGA SAILORS WANTED

I have recently received an inquiry from Henry J. BURAS, Ex - AOM 2/C. He is trying to get in contact with any Ordnanceman who was stationed at Floyd Bennett Field, New York during 1942 - 1943 and any Ordnancemen who were aboard the USS Ticonderoga CV-14 during 1943 - 1945. If you can assist him in his search - please write: Henry J. BURAS, 5949 So. Tripp Ave. Chicago, Ill. 60629.

Information received indicates that Bob BRANUM, one of our charter members has again retired, this time from civil service. Apparently he has found his wife a job in Lindsay, Calif. so that is where they are now residing. If you pass that way, stop and say hello. ENJOY RETIREMENT BOB.....

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN  
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
 Membership \$10.00 Per Year  
 Assoc. Aviation Ordnancemen  
 THOMAS D. ROBINS, Sec/Treas.  
 729 Buddlawn Way  
 Campbell, CA. 95008

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSAN \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE - HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ DUTY STATION (ACTIVE) \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER: (OPTIONAL FOR MEMBER)  
 USN \_\_\_\_\_ ACTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
 USNR \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 USMC \_\_\_\_\_ EX-AO \_\_\_\_\_  
 USMCR \_\_\_\_\_ RANK/RATE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 POSITION \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATES SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I do/do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

(Witness) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
 Membership \$10.00 Per Year  
 Assoc. Aviation Ordnancemen  
 THOMAS D. ROBINS, Sec/Treas.  
 729 Buddlawn Way  
 Campbell, CA. 95008

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSAN \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE - HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ DUTY STATION (ACTIVE) \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER: (OPTIONAL FOR MEMBER)  
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TEMPORARY RECEIPT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER/ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AT THE 1980 CONVENTION. (X)

DATE	EVENT	AO	GUEST
6-20	COCKTAIL RECEPTION (NO HOST)	_____	_____
6-21	BUSINESS MEETING	_____	_____
6-21	SIGHTSEEING TOUR (\$10.00 per person)	_____	_____
6-21	COCKTAIL PARTY (NO HOST)	_____	_____
6-21	DINNER (\$25.00 per person)	_____	_____
6-22	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	_____	_____

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER #7 Addendum

1. We must make a choice of ENTREE for the Saturday evening dinner. (Steak, Prime Rib or Cornish Hen) Please vote for your choice on the convention reservation form. The majority will rule when all the forms are received. (Deadline 10 June 1980)
  2. A closer Trailer Park has been located. The FOUR SEASONS TRAILER PARK at 13109 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nv. 89500 will accommodate you (full service) for \$7.00 per day. Make your own arrangements by correspondance or Call (702) 825-1423. SEE YOU IN RENO..
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