

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN



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RENO! RENO! RENO!-Comstock Hotel Casino June 16-19,1988

FROM THE PRESIDENT

First I would like to say "Well done" to Chapter Three and Ed Hammond for the newsletter. I know you will continue to give the members a quality product.

A lot of things have happened since the last newsletter. First, John Baugh submitted his resignation as Nat. Secretary/Treasurer he also submitted his resignation as Treasurer/National AO Concession Representative for Chapter One. Jerry Gannon and wife Kathy have agreed to continue as National Secretary/Treasurer until the next convention and I have given him an appointment letter stating same, with the approval of all officers and Board of Directors. Chapter One will provide information in this newsletter on their new officers and how to order concessions.

My wife, Beverly, has submitted the reunion book to the printer and it should be available soon. If you have not ordered a reunion book, there will be a form in this newsletter for you to order one.

I would like to thank the chapters that are working hard to improve their chapters and the National Association. For those chapters that are not active, you will be receiving a letter soon, notifying you to get your chapter back in an active status. If you do not respond, you will lose your Chapter!
ENOUGH SAID!

Start making plans NOW for the National Convention 16-19 June 1988 at the Comstock Hotel Casino Reno, Nevada.



Chuck Onken
President AAO

FROM THE SEC./TREA. DESK

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who sent flowers, get well cards, or called during Kathy's recent medical experience. She is recovering fine and resuming most of her previous activities (mainly Sec/Trea.).

For the members who are not aware, I was not released from the duties of Sec./Trea. There were some difficulties that occurred with my relief, and I was appointed by the Board of Directors to retain the duties until appropriate action can be taken at the next convention. Until such time, all correspondence and normal functions of the Sec./Trea. will continue from my address indicated below.

Association of aviation Ordnancemen
Gerald F. Gannon, Sec./Trea.
1245 Cunningham Ave.
St. Charles, MO 63301

It has been a busy time since the last edition of the newsletter. In addition to Kathy being in the hospital and getting prepared to turn the position over, the association has purchased a new computer system for the newsletter editor's use (it was in use for the last newsletter), and 3000 copies of the new By-Laws have just recently been published. The computer system was easy for me, all I had to do was write the check. When you get your new copy of the By-Laws, you will notice that there are blank pages in them. This was done purposefully to better accommodate any future changes that might occur prior to the next printing. Distribution of the new By-Laws will be as follows: Life-Time members have already been sent, current

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current members will receive their's upon renewal of their membership. New members will receive their's in new membership package.

The total cost of the above was \$2936.11 and additional \$500.00 was advanced to AOCs Jim Rupert to begin construction of the Association's sign at NAS Fallon as approved at the last convention. The reason for the mention of the expenditures is to let you know that despite this large cash outlay there is in excess of \$19,000.00 in the General Fund and \$1924.45 in the Scholarship Fund. and as rumors tend to abound, the National Associations (Your Monies) funds are in good shape.

Also under New Business; PLEASE PLEASE ensure you forward any change of addresses when you move or transfer. Also as a reminder, there are three (3) Scholarship Awards to be made next year. Get your dependents, brothers, sisters or wives to submit their applications NOW and make the Scholarship Committee feel that their time is well spent. Application blanks are available from the above address or if your in the area of a local chapter they will have them also.

Things are starting to take shape for the next convention. Avoid the rush and start your planning now. SEE YOU IN RENO.

Jerry Gannon
Nat. Sec./Trea.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

What is an Acceptable Risk

Each of us has a different threshold level for risk, or Ordie Able will willingly take more risks than Ordie Baker. Ordie Able would parachute out of a perfectly good aircraft for fun. Ordie Baker would jump out of the same aircraft, but only if it was on fire. Therefore, two different ordies would jump from the same aircraft under different conditions for a different reward, accepting the same risk. The reward for Ordie Able is the thrill of plunging uninhibited through the air, and the reward

for Ordie Baker is that he concludes that the risk of parachuting was less than the risk associated with staying with the burning aircraft.

Ordies as a whole will probably willingly take more risks than the average sailor. Why do I say this? In selecting their career fields Ordies have willingly accepted the risk of working with explosives and on the flight decks. From this, I come to the conclusion that Ordies are risk takers and that some Ordies will take more risks than others.

Different organizations also have different levels of risk they believe to be acceptable. The fact is there are risks involved in everything that we do. If NAVSEA was interested in having no explosive accidents OP-4 and OP-5 would tell us to never remove ordnance from the magazines. This is not the case because we have a job to accomplish. Some level of risk is acceptable to the Navy and NAVSEA in order for us to accomplish that job. It is important for an organization to define the limits of acceptable risk taking behavior for each hazardous work activity. NAVSEA does this in their publications and instructions.

What would Ordie Able say if NAVAIR put out an instruction which stated "Never parachute from an aircraft that is not on fire"? He would probably say that this is a dumb instruction because his level of acceptable risk is higher than NAVAIR's. Ordie Able's instincts tell him that it is OK to parachute from a non-burning aircraft. This is now you can compare your level of acceptable risk to NAVAIR's or NAVSEA's. If you don't see the necessity for a step in the check list, you either don't have complete information on the risk involved or your risk threshold is higher than NAVAIR's.

Know the hazards involved, and follow your checklist, not your instincts.

Send Safety comments and concerns to:

Herman Fleming
1252 Amador Ave.
Vista, CA 92083

Safety Committee Chairman



Be "On Target" when it comes to Safety.

Chapter Reports

Chapter One-Lemoore, Ca

Chapter one has had many problems with the handling of the Association's paraphernalia. Measures have been taken to alleviate the problems and we are taking the necessary actions to fulfill all back orders. If you have placed an order and not received your merchandise (be prepared to show proof of purchase), or you just have a question, please write to:

David Moore
Lemoore, CA 93245
(209) 924-9085

Currently, our inventory is depleted. However, we expect to have our orders filled in the next few weeks. The following is a price list that includes shipping and handling. Please mail all orders to the above address and make check or money order payable to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, Chapter One.

Hats	\$7.00
Pen/Pencil sets	\$14.00
Tie Tacs	\$3.00
Charms	\$3.00
Key Rings	\$3.00
Kool Kups	\$3.25
Coffee Cups	\$6.25
Beer Mugs	\$7.25
Decals	\$1.00
Patches	\$4.00
T-Shirts	\$8.00 (Specify size)
Jackets	\$40.00 (Specify size)

Other items such as desk sets and belt buckles MAY be made available on a special order basis. Contact Dave Moore for more details.

Have you heard about the Aviation Ordnance Associations 1988 Calendar?

Chapter One is selling 1988 calendars that have several features. The most significant being a 366-day continues raffle with nearly \$12,000.00 in total cash prizes. How does it work? SIMPLE.

Each day of the year has a dollar amount printed on the calendar. These dollar

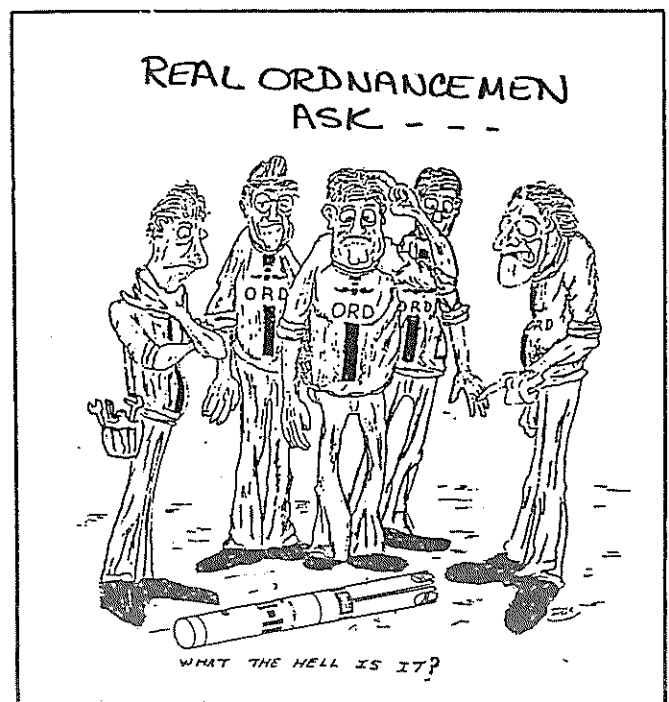
amounts range between \$25.00 and \$1000.00. If you have the winning ticket for January 1st. for example, you would win the dollar amount for that day (which just happens to be \$200.00). Since its a continous raffle, your ticket goes right back into the hat and you are eligible for january 2nd and EVERY day throughout the year, regardless of how many times you win. You therefore have 366 chances at the following prizes:

330 DAYS X \$25.00
24 DAYS X \$50.00
10 DAYS X \$100.00
1 DAY X \$200.00
1 DAY X \$1000.00

The cost of each calendar is only \$20.00 (approximately 6 cents per day) and only 1500 have been printed. That makes your chances of winning about 1 in 5. The calendar also identifies significant days in both aviation and ordnance history. Example: March 2nd, 1926 the aviation ordnance rate was established and is our \$1000.00 GRAND PRIZE day.

To order your 1988 calendar, send check or money order made payable to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, Chapter One to:

David Moore
161 W. Glendale
Lemoore, CA 93245 (They are going fast so you better hurry)



Chapter Three- Whidbey Is. Wa.

A hardy HELLO, MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all ORDIES from Chapter Three. A very special thank you and well done to our out going officers:

President: AOCs Mike Tucker, USN RET.
 Vice President: CWO Doug Fyfe, USN
 Secretary: AOC Dick Ferguson, USN RET
 Treasurer: AOCs Ed Hammond, USNR

Welcome Aboard and a pledge of support from the chapter to our newly elected officers:

President: AOCM Dick Liljegren, USN
 Vice President: CWO4 Earl Reep, USN RET
 Secretary: AO1 Mike Murphy, USN
 Treasurer: LT. Jeff Sassone, USN

Ed Hammond our National Newsletter Editor has been putting his computer and Chapter Three to work. Once Ed received the printed newsletter he put out the call for assistance and a large group of ORDIES and their wives mustered at the CPO club to collate, fold, stuff and stamp envelopes. Never let it be said ORDIES are not organized (were talking teamwork). Rumor has it we were trying to impress the ladies. What ever it was it worked.

Again this Thanksgiving two deserving shipmates and their families were selected to be the recipients of a large turkey and all the trimmings. Special thanks to Digger O'Dell and Howard Gilmore for heading up the committee. Carl Windslow works closely with the local HELP HOUSE in Oak Harbor and says that our efforts are greatly appreciated. Digger mentioned that families just don't get hungry during the holidays and there is a need for special assistance for those families that suffer from fires and personnel tragedies. The general membership overwhelmingly supports this effort and looks forward to helping families this Christmas.

Our Chapter holds its business meetings every other month in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov. During the Nov. meeting we voted on and passed a motion to establish a social committee to organize and host a social

event during the non-business months of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct and Dec. These socials are to promote the objectives of the By-Laws, meet and greet new shipmates and spark comradery among ORDIES and our LADIES. We are all looking forward to our first social on Dec. 18. Max participation is encouraged as a Chapter is but a mirror image of its membership.

During the months of November and December we wish Fair Winds and Following Seas to three of our shipmates who retire with a total of 86 years of active duty between them:

LCDR. Gerald Burrows
 AOCM David Michel
 AO1 Bud Day

Wishing you the best in all you do. We'll see you at all the chapter and association functions.

Chapter Eleven-Barbers Pt, HI

Interest in Chapter 11 is still very low. During the Nov. meeting there was not enough members present to hold elections for new officers. The present officers will hold there positions until the next Chapter meeting in order to boost attendance for elections. AOC Poore from NAS Weapons, (previously USS Midway and AO of the year 1986) attended the October meeting and will try to generate interest at NAS Wpns to boost membership. AO1 Walecki suggested an informal talk at Weapons to explain the purpose of the chapter and National Association.

It was brought up that maybe changing the time of the meeting to 1700 might bring out more AO's. The November meeting will be at 1700 and is a special meeting to make a last effort to keep chapter 11 alive. Chapter officers have tried numerous ways to increase membership and they all have failed. If the November and December meetings do not show some success toward increase in membership the Charter for Chapter 11 is in serious trouble.

Turnout for the Nov. meeting was an improvement over the last two chapter 11 meetings. "Welcome Aboard" to AO2 Jeff Hawes to our Association and to Chapter 11.

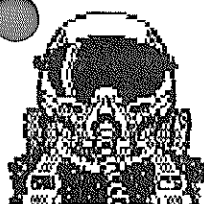
He is presently attached to Patron Special Projects Unit 2. Hawes enlisted in May 1981 and is a prior A-7 Ordy.

Chapter 11 elections will be conducted during the regular Bi-Monthly meeting in January.

A motion was made and tabled to order Chapter 11 T-shirts until all dues were paid to date. Chapter President Bob Walecki will be the point contact for the shirts. The next meeting of Chapter 11 will be 20 January at 1700.

Editor's Note: A special thanks to Bob Walecki president of Chapter 11 for his determination and dedication to the Association and Chapter 11. I've always appreciated your ON TIME reports. Unfortunately for the members of Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 39 and 65 your Chapter reports were never sent to the Editor for the newsletter.

ORDNANCETOWN USA



CDR. Warren Seal
Wpn's Department
NAS Fallon, NV 89406

A trip to the Annual Convention wouldn't be complete without a visit to NAS Fallon, NV. If your interested in seeing today's facilities for aviation Assembly and Loading, contact CDR. Seal at the above address.

Tours will be offered 0900 - 1500 16 & 17 June 1988 depending upon demand. Be sure to contact CDR. Seal by 15 May 1988 to reserve you seat.

Emerald Bay Day Cruise



South Shore
Lake Tahoe

For those of you that plan to be in Reno early for the convention and would like to do a little siteseeing around beautiful lake tahoe, here's just the ticket. The M.S. Dixie

(Sternwheller) cruise from Zephyr Cove

Marina across the south shore of lake Tahoe to beautiful Emerald Bay, the lake's most photographed area. Vikingsholm Castle and the quaint stone Tea House atop Fannette Island will be viewed as the Dixie passes close by. Cocktails, hot and cold lunches and salads are available on this 2 1/2 hour cruise.

The cruise is planned for the 15th of June on a Wednesday.(based on interest)and boarding begins at 1330. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Those parties interested are to contact:

Jim Rupert

VFA-125 Det Fallon

NAS Fallon, NV 89406-5000

(Don't send money, but I need a head count)

Convention Information

Once again "ORDIES" it's time to be thinking about convention Planning/Reservations. We will have (pre-reservation cards) in the next newsletter but for now you can call toll free 800-648-4866. "You MUST tell them you are with the Association of Ordnancemen, if not they will tell you the Comstock is BOOKED-UP.

The AGENDA will run about the same as last years. 16 June (thur) Board of Directors and Chapter President meeting. No host cocktails that evening. 17 June (Fri) scholarship/AO of the year Committee's in session. That night we'll have cocktails/Hors D'oeuvres and dancing. Saturday 18 June the Ladies will have a Hospitality Suite while our business meeting is going on. Later that day Reunion Book photo session. And to top it all off our dinner/guest speaker (TBA) with the announcements of the Robert L. Crow Scholarship Awards and the John W. Finn, Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year Award Sunday we have the Board of Directors Meeting while most of you head home with wonderful thoughts about another great convention.



OUT OF THE DARK AGES

By AOCM W.E. Naylor
Course Supervisor

April 17, 1987 marked a historic day for Aviation Ordnancemen. On this day the groundbreaking ceremony for MILCON Project P-094, Aviation Ordnanceman Applied Instruction Building/Operational Trainer Facility took place. The 6.8 million dollar, 132,360 sq ft training complex, when completed in October 1988, will be the newest and largest schoolhouse at NATTC. As currently planned the operational trainer facility (Phase 1) is scheduled for completion on 15 July 1988. Ultimately it will house 12 generic aircraft ordnance trainers, (device 3B64), one F-14 and one FA-18 aircraft. Also there will be a complete facilities for bomb buildup utilizing bomb tables and overhead Gardner-Denver hoist and missile canning/de-canning. The 3.68 million dollar training devices are being developed and manufactured by the Dynalantic Corp. of Deer Park, NY. Each trainer will have four wing stations, one fuselage station and a replicated M61A1 palletized gun system. The various configurations of the fuselage and wing stations, tied into a generic cockpit, will allow for electric/electronic troubleshooting, release control and jettison checks, fuze function control checks utilizing the AWW-42/54 and 464A test sets. Coupled with the actual F-14 and FA-18 aircraft students will receive loading training on a wide variety of weapons. The entire training evolution will be controlled by the instructor utilizing and intergal computer system which is capable of inducing up to 40 electronic/mechanical malfunctions and tracks student progress thru the induced problem. Phase II of the MILCON Applied Instruction Building is scheduled for completion on 9 October 1988. The environmentally controlled building will contain 4 electric/electronic training and troubleshooting laboratories, 22 classrooms, instructor work spaces/lounges, physical training room and various office and support spaces. The classroom portion will be audio and visually interconnected to allow for entire or selected classroom VCR presentations, controlled from a central VCR library/control room. We expect to be completely on-line with the

new building and course by March 1989. The demand for dedicated, highly motivated instructors is ever present. I will not Bravo Sierra anyone, duty here is demanding both militarily and professionally. If you meet the requirements of TransMan Chap 10, art 10.01 give us a call at A/V 966-5393/94. We need top notch people now to ensure top notch AO's are available for the future.

AVIATION ORDNANCE MUSEUM

By AOCM W.E. Naylor, Museum Curator

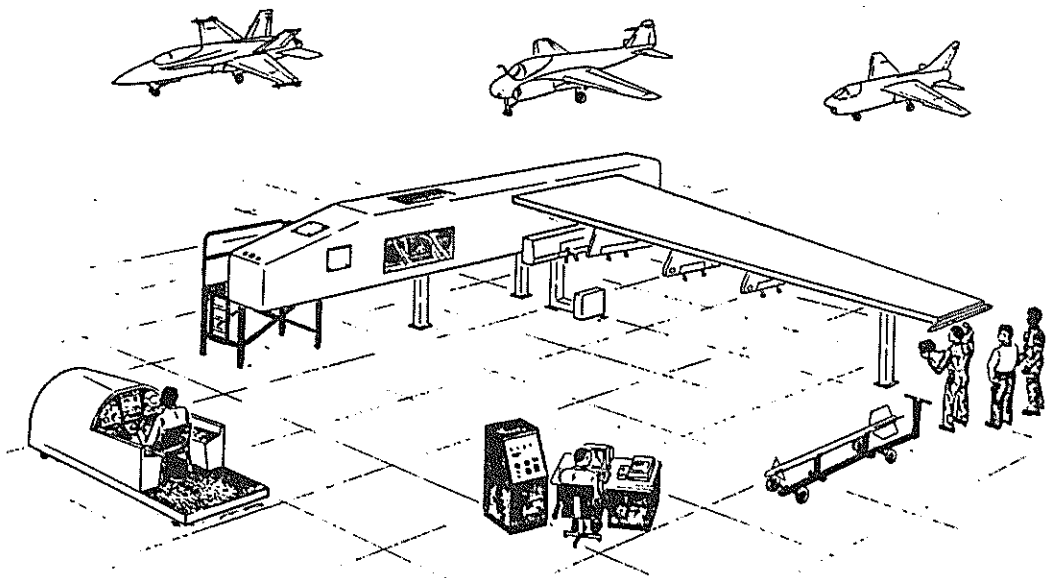
The museum was established on 14 April 1982 and is currently located in Bldg S-87, AO"A" school, NATTC, Millington TN. The museum is dedicated to all Aviation Ordnancemen, Navy and Marine, past, present and future. The initial work of gathering material and refurbishing the quarterdeck area was accomplished by an all volunteer group of 20 people both active duty and retired. LT J.L. Nuss was the driving force behind the effort and in essence is it's founder. The museum and its upkeep is a totally self-help project maintained by the staff instructors. The course supervisor assumes the responsibilities as curator. All items which are donated by individuals or activities and placed on display are identified and donater listed. Most of the items currently on display were donated by staff personnel and retired AO's living in the area. The main purpose of the museum is to assemble in one location a in-depth collection which tracks the history and development of the AO rating both Navy and Marine. The items on display include numerous photos dating back to the 1920's, letters and newspaper articles, inert training devices, DST, preloaded MER, Shrike, Sidewinder, Standard Arm, Harpoon, LGB and M61 gun.

Although somewhat confined by available space at the present time, the new schoolhouse will allow ample room for a very large collection. One of the items donated by AOC Butch Roaldson Ret is a 5' X 7' Bureau of Ordnance flag which is in excellent condition. Since the museum was opened the schoolhouse has become a major visiting place for the numerous educator groups which tour the Navy Memphis Complex. But without a doubt its most useful purpose is the motivation that it

instills in the young students. The instructors use the museum articles to explain how certain systems or devices progressed over the years.

Unfortunately our supply of historical items has been depleted in the Memphis area. We would like very much to expand the museum with the help of the rest of the AO's in the fleet and probably more important with the help of the retired active and reserve community. We are particularly interested in plaques, shop patches or any memorabilia significant to the history/development of the rate. Any old no longer used training aids/devices, regardless of condition can be used. Several of the instructors enjoy restoring items for display. Anyone sending any item should supply as much background data as possible. Mail to:

AOCM W.B. NAYLOR
AO TRNG DIV CODE 13, S-87
NATTC
Millington, TN 38054-5059



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"JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN TRAINING COMPLEX"

AOCM W.B. Naylor

"Plankowner President" Retires with 30 years service.

Friends and shipmates gathered on the 25th of Nov. at the CPO Club at NAS Whidbey Is. to bid a fond farewell to AOCM David P. Michel USN. Dave was one of the original leaders in helping form Chapter Three and was elected the first president of the Chapter. His leadership and dedication has been instrumental in creating many of Chapter Three's successes. Dave presently serves as the official Parliamentarian for the National Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

AOCM David P. Michel enlisted in Boston, Mass. on 27 Sept. 1957 and retired on 1 Dec. 1987. He is presently employed by VSE Corp. assigned to COMMATVAQWINGPAC working on Air Launch Missiles and Conventional Weapons Training.



TAPS



We salute the following deceased comrades and fellow Ordnancemen.

- AOCM Jack Swift
- AOC John P. Thompson
- AOC William E. Marchant
- A02 James S. Bryant

Message from the Editor

After reading this newsletter some of you may ask "Why is Chapter Three getting all the Limelight"? My answer is because they are ACTIVE and submit articles and reports to the editor ON-TIME. I personally would like to see more input from the other Chapters. I realize that some chapters are having a hard time with attendance at their local meetings and something is needed to spark enthusiasm. Everyone enjoys recognition whether it's in the form of verbal or written. As a Chapter president it's your responsibility to your chapter members that they are represented in THEIR Newsletter. Example: New Chapter members, Promotions, Awards, results of Chapter elections, chapter social or community functions, articles of interest from members or Associates. Lets pull together and make this a newsletter we can be proud of. Ed.

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