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GUEST SPEAKER



CAPTAIN

ROBERT L. RAMSAY, III

Captain Ramsay, a native of Abilene, Texas, was commissioned in June 1967 after graduating from the United States Naval Academy. After receiving his wings in September 1968, he reported to VA-125 at NAS Lemoore for initial training in the A-4 Skyhawk. In January of 1969 he joined the Mavericks of VA-152 and made one combat deployment to Westpac aboard USS

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From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer

I have been in receipt of what I think is exciting AO information, concerning the MK 2 Bomb Truck that was reworked at Patuxent River, flown to the Pearl Harbor Memorial, participated in the parade at Pearl Harbor and will soon arrive at the John Finn Aviation Ordnance Museum at Naval Air Station, Memphis, TN.

As you know the MK2 Bomb Truck participated in the Pearl Harbor parade, and we had a point of contact in Pearl Harbor to meet the aid lift and even drive the truck from the air lift site to the parking compound, LCDR Ed Ashlock USN, (Ret). He related to me how he enjoyed driving the truck but he really had to do some mental research because it had been several years since he had been behind the wheel of this infamous and great vehicle.

Also, Lt John Finn USN, (Ret) was in attendance in the parade and rode the MK 2 Bomb Truck in the parade. I have requested to have another article and pictures if possible be submitted to the "Red Shirt" so all could see how things happened at the Pearl Harbor Memorial.

Proposed Chapters:

MGYSGT William A. Straddeck passed to me that "We in El Toro are passing out membership applications and hope to get enough members to start a chapter in their area.

SSGT David A. Dahman advised me that some former members of the NAS Barbers Point chapter are very interested in forming a chapter.

CDR Phil Milling has been slowed up in establishing a chapter in the Pensacola area. Seems he was performing some home improve-

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From the President

By the time you read this the message should be on the street for the 1992 convention and hopefully everyone is making plans to attend this year in Las Vegas at the Imperial Palace. Last Year's was great and hopefully this year's will be even better and many thanks to everyone involved in checking all the blocks. Everyone also needs to start early in putting together their inputs for the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year and the three Robert S. Crowe Scholarship Awards. The competition was keen last year and will be just as keen this year. Make sure we make every effort to ensure we represent our #1 Troops. We're also looking for more USMC participation - you're an important element in the USN/USMC team.

I've heard talk about El Toro establishing a new chapter and looking forward to the addition of that chapter.

I also want you to know that our guest speaker for this year Captain Bob (RAMJET) Ramsey is the Program Manager for Conventional Strike Weapons, PMA-201 at Washington, DC. Most of the senior Ordies know him as one of our very best friends in the DC area, as he voices our wants and problems with both existing and new procurement weapons systems. I can assure you he will have you up to date on what's happening and what's to come in the world of conventional weapons. Don't miss it. I would also like to thank Captain Ramsey for joining us for the 1992 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Convention.

As I closed in the last newsletter, keep the chapter involvement, recruiting, finding old members, and the upcoming convention 11-14 June, Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, NV. Also, if you have any questions, our toll free number to the Secretary/Treasurer Bob Ashworth is 1/800/778-1943.

Gary Laun
President

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ments and in the process fractured his leg in a couple of places. Hope the leg heals soon so Phil can get off the cane and go back to something constructive.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please send those changes of addresses to me as soon as you move, arrive at your new destination or even before you depart your old address. It is very important to me to get those changes of addresses so I can send you your Association mail. I am receiving returned mail from individuals

who have left a command/address and did not provide a change of address. When the mail or newsletters are returned because the member has moved with no forwarding address the AAO must pay the returned postage. The past Sec/Treas just sent me an envelope he mailed out on 15 May 1989 and was recently returned to him because it was undeliverable. I just had three Red Shirts returned that were mailed in August 1990 because the individual had been transferred with no forwarding address. Please send in those changes of address so I can send you mail and the AAO will not need to pay return postage. Chapters President, please make this an agenda item at your meetings.

ZIP CODES: The US Postal service says faster and more efficient mail delivery can be effected if postal patrons use the nine digit zip codes. I called the post office and found that my nine digit zip code is 32404-7917. The optical scanners used to read the zip codes are capable to print a code on the envelopes so that local post offices can scan the mail sort it for the postal route service, delete hand sorting and provide faster mail service. Give it a try and obtain your nine digit zip code and see if you receive your Red Shirt sooner.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Applications are available at each Chapter and thru the National Sec/Treas. Get your application early and return them to me by 1 June 1992. There are now three \$750.00 AAO scholarships to be awarded at the Awards Dinner. Get your application as soon as you can to beat the rush.

As you read this Red Shirt you will find the application for the 1992 Convention Reservation. Early you say? Not really. The Convention Chairman, Frank Thill and Jim Thomas have been getting this convention started since we departed the last time. Beverly Onken is also getting the photographer ready and the Yearbook initiated. Lots of work has already been done and there is more to do to make this a successful convention. The application is there so you will tell us what you want and we can prepare to meet your requirements. Let us know as quickly as possible so you will have a good time. We have added a section for the Auxiliary to respond. Ensure Auxiliary members and prospective Auxiliary members are notified that their inputs are requested. To those Association members who may not know about the Auxiliary, they are your wives and or spouses. Yes, it is proper to bring them to the AAO convention.

The United States Navy Memorial Foundation sent the AAO a very nice letter concerning of our contribution of \$1,000.00 for a seat in the Arleigh and Roberta Burke Memorial Theater in honor of Aviation Ordnanceman. Our request to have

certain words inscribed on the brass plate maybe a difficulty, "However, we will work something out and will keep in touch. We will keep you up to date on the progress of the Theater and its official dedication when the movie "At Sea" is completed. Thank you again for your support of Navy Memorial projects". (Note: The works in quotations are exact from the letter.)

23 January 1992. Today on behalf of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen I received a video tape from AOC Al Castro, Secretary/Treasurer of the capital area Chapter 22. The tape shows the renovation of the MK2 Bomb Truck (1942 Ford USN Bomb Service Truck) mentioned earlier. It also show the loading of the MK2 Bomb Truck on an aircraft to be flown to the Pear Harbor Memorial Parade. Plus, Lt John W. Finn, Medal of Honor recipient, riding on the bomb truck in the parade, being interviewed by the media and other parts of the parade, the USS Missouri (BB63), 21 gun salutes, parts of the National Cemetery. Also, the presentation of a plaque to Charles Q. Middlebrook for extremely hard work and dedication in renovating the MK 2 Bomb Truck. This wonderful vehicle brings back many exciting and good memories to us fortunate AO's that were able to drive and utilize this, at the time, state of the art weapons transportation. This tape will be at the 1992 convention in Las Vegas for all to see and enjoy.

See you at the 1992 Convention.

Robert A. Ashworth
Secretary/Treasurer

GUEST...

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SHANGRI LA, flying 110 combat missions in the A-4E.

In January 1971, he transitioned to the A-7E Corsair II with VA-22 and deployed to Westpac aboard the USS CORAL SEA where he flew 119 combat missions, including over 100 to North Vietnam.

In July 1972, Captain Ramsay reported to the US Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, where he received his Masters Degree majoring in Weapons Systems Acquisition Management. After graduating in January 1974, he reported to AIRTEVRON FIVE, China Lake, California, as the Electronic Warfare Weapons Officer. At VX-5 he worked on the HARM, Shrike and Standard Arm development programs as an Operational Test Director. Additionally, he participated in the exploitation of foreign weapons material as part of a joint Department of Defense team.

In October 1976, he reported as a department head to VA-94 where he deployed two more

times to Westpac aboard USS CORAL SEA and USS KITTY HAWK. In October 1979, he received orders to NAS Patuxent River as the Light Attack representative on the Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force F/A-18 test team. While at Patuxent River he flew the F/A-18 in the first operational test flights conducted, and was one of the two non-test pilot school graduates participating in the program.

In April 1981, Captain Ramsay received orders as Executive Officer of the "Raging Bulls" of VA-37. He led the squadron on a 'around the world' cruise while embarked on USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) during her first deployment.

He reported to the Naval War College in July 1984 where he acquired a Masters Degree in Management of International Relations and completed an independent study titled "Tactical Electronic Warfare: The Edge in Combat". He served as Head, Air Warfare Analysis section of Program Planning (OP-90) for two years. After selection to Captain in April 1987 he reported to NAVAIR for duty as the Tactical Training Range Program Manager and Division Director (AIR-423). He is currently serving as PMA-201, Program Manager for Conventional Strike Weapons Program.

He is married to Commander Kathleen Ramsay, JAGC, who is the legal advisor to Commander Recruiting Command, and has two sons, Jake and Scott, living in Herndon, Virginia.

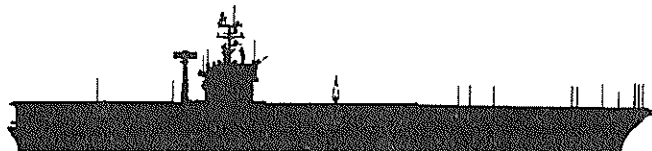
What is a 'Plode'?

Things can explode or implode, but nothing just plain plodes. How come?

That plode with the ex- or the imp- attached is the English version of the Latin plaudere. Plaudere means to clap, and you see its descendants in the English plaudit and applaud.

The original Latin version of explode meant the opposite of applaud. It meant to boo or to hiss. You'd applaud an actor, or you'd explode him, driving him from the stage with catcalls or a type of clapping that wasn't applause. Eventually, someone linked the noise of exploding with the noise of an eruption of catastrophe, and that's why today we think of explosion as some violent event - an explosion of temper, an explosion of war - though sometimes we talk of good explosions, explosions of ideas or explosions of color.

By Michael Gartner of the Gannet News Service.
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TAPS



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 AOC J.A. Brown
 AO1 W. G. Deese
 AOC C. K. Foster
 LCDR E. P. Lowas
 AO2 D. L. Mock
 LCDR J. O'Brien
 AOC J.H. Rockwell
 AO1 H.E. Smith
 AOC E.J. Walton

AOCM R.W. Branum
 AO1 R. Costa
 AOCM T. A. Dominitis
 AOCM O. B. Johnson
 AOC H. Lozeau
 AOC F. J. Myers
 AO2 J.T. Powell
 AOCS F.R. Singer
 AOCS F. E. Stover

AOCM Bob Branum was one of the "Original 22" members of the Association. AOCM Tony Dominitis and LCDR "Pete" Lowas were members in good standing. All were active in support of various aspects of the Association. The spouses of Tony and Pete, Ginger Dominitis and Bette Lowas are now Honorary Life Members.

Please take a moment now to remember fellow Ordies present and those called to the office of the Supreme Commander.

Chaplain's Corner

All thanks to the "BIG GUY" for such things as having AO3 Marty Shad of VFA-192 in the right place at the right time on 2 November 1991 to prevent what could have been a catastrophe for an F/A-18 pilot. These things are especially noteworthy, but even happenings like making rate or receiving letters of commendation call for short acknowledgement to "SOMEONE" for "being" and having it happen.

Little known aspects of naval legend and lore. For us Ordies that were or are part of the 'seagoing' bunch, besides Saint Barbara we also had another helper looking over our shoulder. Saint Erasmus, better known as Saint Elmo, is a patron saint of sailors. Saint Elmo's fire, the electrical discharges that visibly dance around the mastheads and tie-down chains during stormy conditions are believed to indicate that he has taken the ship under his protection. Maybe this is how some of us managed to live through it. Look at all the help we had.

Peace to all.

Ron Bushta
 Chaplain

Scholarship News

With only one more Red Shirt prior to our convention it is time to start getting those

scholarship application ready. This is a good way for you to get \$750.00 to help your dependent or even your brother or sister with educational expenses. There are 3 scholarships available.

Applications are available from and must be completed and returned to our Secretary/Treasurer by 1 June 1992. Selection will be made by committee at the convention with the scholarships awarded by 1 August 1992.

An Open Letter to All Cannoneers and Ordnancemen From CDR Del Oakes

I have never been prouder of the ordnance community than I am today. Desert Shield was frantic time for everyone involved in all phases of ordnance handling. From procuring to preparing for shipment, from transporting to storing, from breaking out to assembling, you conducted every phase effectively, efficiently and safely.

The highly-successful Desert Storm operation proved that the Navy and Marine Corps team was ready. You all have earned a well-deserved pat on the back for the job you did.

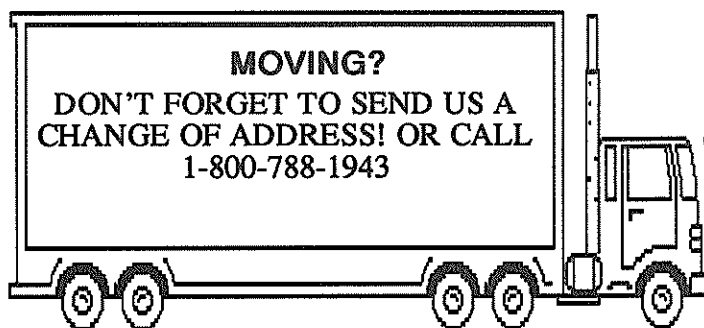
As you return from deployments connected with Desert Storm. I want to express my personal appreciation for your superb efforts. I also encourage all of you to continue safe ordnance-handling practices.

Someone once described safety as a state of mind starting from the top echelons of command down to the lowest working level. Safety is achieved by demonstrating knowledge and awareness of safety requirements and constantly applying that knowledge along with positive action and good leadership on the part of senior personnel.

Most mishaps with ordnance handling can be prevented if every person concerned cooperated. Safety is the responsibility of all hands, not just those who have been designated as "safety personnel". Safety is more than a duty. When explosive munitions are involved, safety is a way of life and the means of survival for you as well as your shipmates. Only by following safety rules on the job can we reduce, and hopefully eliminate explosive mishaps.

CDR Oakes

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The Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award (AVORDY)

Guidelines for selection

1. **PURPOSE:** To fully implement the AVORDY Program and to provide eligibility criteria and organizational responsibilities.

2. **BACKGROUND:** The spirit and intent of the AVORDY Program is to recognize and honor the very best all-around Aviation Ordnanceman from all eligible pay grades with an emphasis on professionalism and performance.

3. **AWARDS:** The award will be presented during the annual Association of Aviation Ordnancemen's National Convention/Symposium.

a. An engraved plaque.

b. An expense paid trip, with spouse, to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Convention/Symposium, the year following selection, for recognition by his/her peers.

c. The placement of a plaque and photograph, appropriately annotated, in the Hall of Honor at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Aviation Ordnance School Museum.

d. One year free membership in the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen for selectee and runners-up.

4. **ELIGIBILITY:** This program is open to all active duty and reserve Aviation Ordnancemen of the United States Navy and Marine Corps serving in pay grades E-4 to E-6. Nominees need not be a member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Race, color, creed or gender will not be considered in the selection of the AVORDY. Nominee need not be serving in a primary billet as an Aviation Ordnanceman (may be career counselor, QAR, line LPO, etc.).

5. **SELECTION COMMITTEE:** The selection committee will consist of Committee Chairman (appointed by the President) and a minimum of 4 committee members. The selection of committee members will be at the discretion of the Committee Chairman. Committee Chairman and Committee Members must be members in good standing with the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

6. **ACTION:** The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen will solicit nominations through the annual message sent to the fleet.

a. All commands are encouraged to submit nominations for the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year to the National Secretary/Treasurer (or as designated by the message to the fleet) for forwarding to the selection committee.

b. Nominations must be received by 1 June of each year to receive consideration.

7. **AWARD SUBMISSION FORMAT:** Nominations should be from the unit Commanding Officer via serialized letter.

a. Cover letter should include the following information:

- 1) Full Name
- 2) Rank/Rate
- 3) SSN
- 4) Date and Place of birth
- 5) Date and Place of enlistment
- 6) Advancement History (dates included)
- 7) Dependents (list names and ages)
- 8) Brief synopsis of significant professional achievements which warrant consideration
- 9) Awards (list dates received)
- 10) Nominee's off-duty community involvement
- 11) Educational Background:
 - a) Years of formal schooling completed/degree attained
 - b) Service schools completed
 - c) Other self-study educational achievements attained while on active duty (included correspondence courses, PACE, etc. and dates completed)
- 12) Any other information considered appropriate to distinguish nominee from contemporaries (may include comments of supervising LPO, NCO, CPO or Ordnance Officer)

b. Enclosure (1) to the cover letter: Biography (narrative form), starting with date and place of birth, schooling, military service, current assignment, awards and medals, family, etc. (Limit to two double spaced typewritten pages).

c. Enclosure (2) to the cover letter: Two 5" x 7" black and white, full length, one front view the other side view, plain background, Service Dress Blue Uniform, uncovered.

d. Additional Enclosures: Information considered pertinent to support the nomination. All copies should be "Certified True".

Chapter 1

Lemoore, CA

The fog has rolled in and Chapter 1 is zipping with the pedal to the metal. Our Halloween party went off with great success. Jody Barnes set fire to the place, Jerry Copple flipped burgers and tri-tip, Mikey Hines, Ronny Thomas, Mark Sawyer, Brad Schwake (and a few others) set the decor up. Best costumes prizes were given to four masqueraders selected out of a long list of qualified mirror busters. One highlight was our "Bash for Cash" 1973 Datsun 710 which was generously donated for demolition by Economy Auto Wrecking of Lemoore. Weapon of choice was the AERO-66 "Doomsday" Hernia Bar. Mix that with 4 kegs of beer consumed by a wild bunch of redshirts and that poor ole Datsun never had a chance. This fund raiser put 100.00 dollars into our scholarship fund.

In November one of our members, George Segars, was presented with the Congressional Medal commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Presenting the Medal was Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Rear Admiral B.J. Smith, on board NAS Lemoore. In December, George, his wife and two grandchildren, traveled on to Pearl Harbor to take part in the 50th anniversary of the surprise attack. George says he ran into John Finn, and really admired the services held at the USS Arizona Memorial. A retired Ordnanceman, at age 74, George hasn't quite figured out how to slow down. AO metabolism!

AAO Calendar drawings are being held a month in advance with prize amounts being mailed out at the end of each month. For example, drawings for the month of March will be held in February and March prize amounts mailed out at the end of February. January and February winners are listed in this "Red Shirt" edition. Chapter 1 will also hold drawings for the month of July at the convention this year in Las Vegas.

Our RANDY HASTINGS Committee Chairmen, Jim Clifton and R. Winklemann, have organized a shotgun raffle with all the proceeds being donated to Mr. Hastings to pay for his seeing eye dog training and to aid with the purchase of additional special needs items. Randy is blind and afflicted with MS. Our goal of \$2,000.00 is nearly complete. The shotgun drawing will be held during our February General Business Meeting.

Superbowl Sunday was a sure kick. A couple of kegs, soda, hot dogs and hamburgers along with a big screen television put us with noses in the turf. Connie Moore did a great superbowl

cake in standard Bud Bowl format. Ronny Thomas won the football pool, 25% of which went into the Scholarship fund.

Chapter 3 has us on their mailing list keeping us informed on their activity. It's great to hear from you Don, and I hope to hear from other Chapter presidents to keep good ideas and information flowing.

Bill Scoggin
President, Chapter 1

Chapter 3

Whidbey Island, WA

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'd like to thank Steve Hall for his efforts in setting up our Xmas party, it was the best one yet! We had over eighty people in attendance and it was really nice to have everyone together. We'd also like to thank Dennis Davis, Tony Horn and Julen Grassman for their hard work in collecting, buying, and delivering the food baskets to some of the less fortunate. Helping each other during hard times is what the association stands for. "Job Well Done".

Now for new business. We just sponsored our first dart tournament and it was a rousing success with everyone having a great time. We're going to sponsor a ST Paddy's day dart tournament Mar 22 at the CPO club. The adopt a highway program is in full swing, we'll be walking the highways and byways on Feb 22 so if your in the area, grab a bag and jump in. There's always a social to follow, along with the "Let's beat Steve Hall at horse shoes". So far Steve's the only winner in town. Congratulations to Dan and Tina Shaunessy on their new arrival, Andee Leigh, and to Mr and Mrs Mark Kolwyck on their new arrival Jacob William.

KEEP IT SAFE!

AOCS Bill Reynolds
Chapter 3

Chapter 4

Tidewater, VA Area

Greetings to all Aviation Ordnancemen from Chapter 4. We would first like to give a 'well done' to Chapter 21 for their hard work and efforts to raise money to assist the bone marrow transplant of a little girl in Fallon, NV.

Chapter 4 once again had a successful Thanksgiving and Christmas food and cash drive for needy Navy families. We turned over \$347.00 in cash as well as canned goods to the NAS Oceana Chaplains, who assigns and distributes

the donations. AOCS Frank Rough chaired the program this year and did an outstanding job. Additionally, a super "Bravo Zulu" to AOC Mike Warner, CVW-7 Ordnance, for his great efforts in raising \$136.00 on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) from CVW-7 squadrons and CAG staff.

Chapter 4 also participated in a greater Tidewater area project called "Coats for Kids", providing used, but clean and serviceable coats and sweaters to needy children.

Chapter 4 has adopted a section of highway in Virginia Beach for periodic FOD walkdowns. No it isn't in front of Dutch Holland and Stu Carson's houses picking up beer cans. We have a two mile stretch of London Bridge Road. Dawn Sealy-Crosby is chairing this program and is soon to attend a one day safety course and will give the volunteers a safety brief prior to clean up. The city of Virginia Beach will place a sign with our title on it at each end of our area of responsibility. Sure hope they spell ordnancemen correctly!

In February 1992, Chapter 4 will celebrate our second year of reestablishment. It is still hard to believe that back in January 1990 Bob Borges, AOCM (RET), made many phone calls and personal visits to muster up ten active members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen with the objective of meeting in February to re-start Chapter 4. Now we are over 130 members strong. Where has the time gone?

In January we got together at the General MacArthur Post #392 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a pot luck dinner and to watch a couple of NFL Play-Off games. We drank a little draft and enjoyed a lot of good old fashioned Ordie fun.

Fair Winds and Following Seas to AOCS Frank Rough, who retired from the Naval service, with 28 1/2 years, on 11 December 1991. It was an outstanding ceremony and ya'll should have seen his retirement cake....complete with the Association of Aviation Ordnanceman logo on it! Of the eight side boys, four were Ordies and all from Chapter 4: Stu Carson, AOCM (RET); Dutch Holland, AOCM (RET); AOCS John Herring and AOCS J.C. Edge. AOC Chris James piped him over the side and the ex-Bos'n mate is also in Chapter 4. The uniform was khakis with leather flight jackets. Best of luck Frank.

Passing of the Aviation Ordnanceman Buckle -- "The tradition continues". Upon Frank Rough's retirement he passed on a hand made, solid brass buckle, with the Aviation Ordnanceman emblem on it, to AOC Mike Snider. Stu Carson fabricated the buckle in the V-6 division metal shop (V-6 division??) on the USS Forrestal (CV-59) in 1965 when he was an AO2. After

retiring in 1986 he passed it on to AOC Frank Rough. Incidentally, the buckle weighs around a pound and was built to last 100 years. Sure hope we still have Ordies then!

Congratulations to AOC Mike Snider and AO1 Joseph Longwell, both from Attack Squadron 36, for being awarded the Navy Commendation Medal during Operation Desert Storm. AOC Snider is the shop Chief and AO1 Longwell the LPO. Both are members of Chapter 4. Well Done guys!

Don Howard
President, Chapter 4

Chapter 8

San Diego, CA

Greetings from Chapter 8. We hope all had an exceptional holiday period. May your worst of 1992 be the best you had in 1991. We had a slow holiday period but are gearing up for the New Year. The following events have transpired in Chapter 8 the past quarter:

** Ron Bushta was elected (unanimously) for Chapter Chaplin.

** A new set of by-laws was adopted for the Chapter.

** Thanksgiving food baskets were distributed to two shipmates in need at North Island. Many thanks to Frank Thill, Ken Foster, Dan Keller, Jeff Sassone, Larry Miller, Myron Lukey, Ron Bushta, Len Larson, Del Butler, Larry Bates, CDR Ramirez, Walt Gould and Ben Franklin for their generous donations.

** Sold 70 plus AAO Calendars. Thanks to those who bought one.

** Adopted a family and played "Santa's Helper" to help ensure their holidays were a little bit better. Thanks to Frank Thill, Phil Krutsinger, Dan Keller, Richard Wales, Doug Poutree, Ron Bushta, and Ken Foster for their donations.

** The Chapter 8 Annual Picnic will be held on 16 May 92 at Admiral Baker Field Area #7. Raffle tickets for a grand prize of \$300.00 are now on sale. Contact any chapter 8 member for one or for more information. Plan on coming out and having a good time with family and friends.

** Sharp looking neckties (with AO emblem) will be available starting in March. Reserve yours now from LT Sassone at (619) 545-2772, A735-2772 (work).

** Books were audited (first time ever!) and found to be in real good shape. Special thanks to Jeff Sassone, Mike Miller and Al Teneyck for taking their time to do it (and not sending JJ to the brig!!).

Our elections for Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer will be held at the March business meeting. All Chapter 8 members are encouraged to be their and make a difference. If I forgot anyone who donated to the Thanksgiving and Xmas funds you have my thanks and an apology. Our meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the Fleet Reserve Branch #60, 288 3rd Ave, Chula Vista, CA. We would like to extend a special invitation to our meetings to those ordies on the USS Ranger and USS Kitty Hawk.

Larry Miller
President, Chapter 8

Chapter 9

Jacksonville, FL

During the last quarter of 1991 Chapter nine continued to grow, and was in a transitional phase to a new slate of officers. New officers elected to lead our chapter in 1992 are as follows:

President - AOC "Bud" Clark
Vice President - CWO4 Bob Wildermuth
Secretary - AO1 Toni Molick
Treasurer - AOC (Ret) Bill Taylor

During President Clark's acceptance speech he express praise for the exceptional leadership exhibited by Billy Harkins in directing the activities of the Chapter during 1991. From a Chapter on the brink of disbandment we've experienced a complete turn around. Membership has increased considerably, motivation is up, activities and participation are more interesting as we're getting more input from the entire membership, and attendance at monthly meetings has really been noteworthy. To have more than forty members at a meeting during the Holiday Season was something very few of us could visualize, but it happened!

As we had hoped and planned, we were able to provide four \$50.00 Shopping Certificates for some of our less fortunate Ordies for Xmas Dinner Shopping sprees, which came from donations rather than our Treasury. I'm sure the recipients are thankful and I don't think it hurt any of us.

There's discussions at each meeting concerning Chapter Nine attendance at the next Annual Convention, and our drive to provide round-trip air fare for one of our Ordies is going well. Cdr. Laun has agreed to keep us advised on the progress of plans for the occasion. Hopefully our plans don't get changed as many of us are looking forward to a good vacation.

Bob Hall
PAO, Chapter 9

Chapter 12

Cubi Point, Philippines

In the Philippines operations are back to normal since our recovery from the "Mount Pinatubo Disaster". We were privileged to assist the AO's from the USS Abraham Lincoln with a well deserved party upon their return from the I.O. Unable to have any liberty on the way over due to their vital assistance in the dependents evacuation from Subic, they were truly ready for a good time. A sincere "THANK YOU" goes out to the ship and airwing for the EXTRAORDINARY job they did!

Our shipmates in the local "AB" association and our chapter have gotten together in some "friendly" bowling and pool match competitions in the last couple of months. We not only had a good time but were able to raise about \$100.00 for the International Children's Advocate Inc. an organization which helps handicapped children in the Philippines. We plan to continue this competition in the future.

Yes, its true, the US Navy will be gone from the bases at Subic and Cubi Point by the end of the year. Truly a disappointment and sadness for so many of us in the Navy that have always had a special spot in our hearts for this unique place. Westpac cruises will never quite be the same again! "How will we be able to cope with the Indian Ocean deployments without a liberty stop in PI coming or going?" I can just imagine all the comments throughout the Navy. We plan to stay active as a chapter as long as we have interest and people. Additionally some of the retired members, who plan to stay here, expressed interest in retaining the chapter after we leave.

CWO4 Jon Juris
Chapter 12

Chapter 13

El Centro, CA

Greeting to all fellow ordies from Chapter 13 El Centro CA. While we have not had much chapter business, we have been a busy chapter. Chapter 13 would like to extend its congratulations to Adam Fisher on the birth of his daughter Crystal Essence. Chapter 13 would like to congratulate AO1 Paul Woods on his recent advancement to AO1. We would also like to congratulate AO2 Pritchett on his recent nomination for "Sailor of the Quarter" for 3 and 4 quarter and for "Sailor of the Year".

We would like to wish fairwell and following seas to AO1 Cox on his retirement and to AO3

McQueen on her recent transfer to Guam. They will be missed by all. Congratulations to CWO4 McCrary for the job well done on the housing Christmas decoration contest receiving first place.

Chapter 13 has also been busy with Captains Cup Sports, taking first place again this year.

At work we have been very busy getting ready for our upcoming inspections and heavy schedule for arriving squadrons. Chapter 13 is now in the process of electing new officers.

In closing, if you are in the El Centro area stop by and see us, you're always welcomed.

AO1 Barb
President, Chapter 13

Chapter 22 Capital Area

The "Capital Area Chapter" (Chapter 22) of the Association, which includes the Pentagon, NAVAIR, NMPC, Andrews, Indian Head, Dahlgren, and the Patuxent River area, currently has over 50 members. We were very busy in the latter part of the year holding elections, contributing goods to our local needy and completing our Bomb Truck restoration. The 1942 Bomb Truck was shipped to Hawaii and driven in the Parade to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. John Finn was a proud and very pleased passenger. Thanks go out to all Association members for your monetary support and to the many people to who assisted in the project. Special thanks to the entire Marines squadron of VMGR-352 for the transportation and assistance. On 3 January 1992, the truck was delivered to the John Finn Aviation Ordnance Museum in Millington, TN. We all should thank Charlie Middlebrook for donating the truck. If you are in the area or require any information please feel free to contact AOC Al Castro (NAMO-442A), Commercial 301/863-4721 or Autovon 326-4721.

AOC Albert Castro
Secretary/Treasurer Chapter 22

Chapter 65 USS ENTERPRISE

We're still here! Enterprise continues to undergo an extensive refueling and complex overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News Virginia, scheduled for completion in late 1994. In an attempt to maintain our weapons handling proficiency (when we take a break from chipping grinding and painting and...) we have

established a close liaison with NAS Oceana and SWATSLANT that allows the ordies to stay familiar with Aircraft Weapons Loading and weapons assembly. This liaison has increased crew morale and overall rapport with the local commands.

Chapter 65 recently held elections for the office of President and Vice President. Outgoing President Lt(jg) Tom Andrews did a superb job as the first President of Chapter 65. AO1 John Pfeifer transferred to NAS Patuxent River and we would like to take this opportunity to wish him the very best for "fair winds and following seas". Congratulations are in order to AOC Sam Libby, elected as the new Chapter 65 President and AO1 Lewis as Vice President. Both have a strong dedication to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and we look forward to their leadership for the coming year. New members elected to the Board of Directors are: AO2 Johnson, WTSN Fairweather, and AOAN Albrecht.

Chapter 65 stays active in the local community. Recently eight members accompanied handicapped veterans from the local VA hospital for a day of fishing. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, even though the fish weren't biting!

As a side note, USS ENTERPRISE just celebrated its 30th anniversary in November. This great ship and crew can't wait to rejoin the fleet.

Charles W. Phillips

Chapter 68 USS NIMITZ

After two months of SRA, things have been extremely quiet for the "ordies" of Chapter 68. While we continue to have our monthly meetings, stand-down leave, holiday leave, SRA and the novelty of being home has spread the membership pretty thin. We haven't been able to get involved in any projects as yet, but we haven't stopped thinking about them either. Hopefully, by the next newsletter I will be able to fill volumes with our accomplishments.

A couple of changes in the Weapons Department took place during December. CDR Pat McCartney was relieved by CDR Neal Oshiro as Gunboss and LCDR Pat Canaday took over the OHO job from CWO4 Wardee Bruce. For you old WESTPAC sailors, you might remember CDR Oshiro from his Gunboss days on USS MIDWAY. As for Wardee, he has relegated himself to the position of Weapons Administration Officer until he can administrate himself ashore for good later this year.

Thomas E. Lord
Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter 68

Chapter 72

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

As the New Year has begun, we in Chapter Seventy Two would like to wish all "Ordies" everywhere a fantastic New Year. Especially the members from Chapter 12 who went out of their way to ensure that our party in the Philippines went off with a great deal of success. Toast yourselves with a cold San Miguel, you guys deserve it.

Our Chapter is just now getting back together from the post deployment and holiday leave periods. As we start to come together, we notice that some of the old faces in the crowd are missing. We would like to wish our Chapter brothers good luck in their new assignments. With their departure brings new faces and new ideas that will help to improve our Chapter in the long run.

We are starting to lay the ground work out and making plans for our journey to the National Convention in Las Vegas. Hope to see you all there.

J.J. Boyle

Chapter S-87

Memphis/Millington TN

We at Chapter S-87 would like to apologize for the absence of our letters to the "Red Shirt". But, we are back and would like to tell you what has been going on.

Our Christmas Party on December 7 was a big hit. There were an estimated 100 people, counting civilians and military, that attended. Great food, door prizes, and live entertainment contributed to the greatest Christmas Party ever, but this year will be even better. The AO School and the Chapter also donated Christmas gifts to the children at St. Judes Research Hospital in Memphis.

We also have a bash scheduled for the 28th of February to celebrate the AO rates birthday. There's going to be plenty of food, sodas, activities and beer, at the Lake house on the north side of the base. It will be a great party, and we wish all of you could attend.

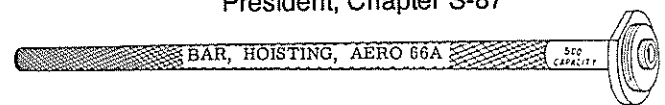
The AO museum is still coming along. We have received new weapons from the Fleet and also recently received a World War II era weapons truck. This truck was used in the 50th anniversary parade in Hawaii commemorating the bombing of Pearl Harbor. We plan to use it in local parades to promote Navy and Marine Corp

Aviation Ordnance.

We have designed a new Aviation Ordnance Association patch in John W. Finn's honor. It is an outstanding patch, and we are very proud of it. Donations for patches will be going to the S-87 Chapter and museum upkeep funds. If you are interested in obtaining a patch, we will be more than happy to send you one. We also have T-shirts, ball caps, and sweatshirts available, and will be sending a sample of the designs and an order form for personnel in the Fleet desiring these items. The donation for a patch is \$6.00.

In closing, we feel that this year is going to be a great one for Aviation Ordnance and the Association. Chapter S-87 hopes all AO's also have an outstanding year.

AOC Vince Howell
President, Chapter S-87



Evolution of the Hernia Bar

A personal perspective from Lloyd Bowman, LT,
USN, Retired

This is an historical analogy of the most versatile piece of handling equipment to ever appear in the Aviation Ordnance inventory. It is probably the most unique piece of handling equipment ever conceived.

CAG-5 was aboard the USS Valley Forge (CV-45) in Hong Kong harbor on 23 June 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea and we immediately proceeded to the Yellow Sea for operations in support of South Korea. On 26 June 1950 we launched all out strikes against all air facilities in North Korea and the North Korean Air Force was virtually destroyed, which was our first strike objective. With the North Korean Air Force eliminated our missions then were in full support of the United Nations ground forces.

Since we had no support ships (i.e. AO, AE, or AK) in WestPac at that time, we were able to sustain flight operations for 4 - 5 days and by then we had depleted our ordnance and aviation fuel supplies. We then headed for the Naval Supply Depot and Naval Magazine at Sasebo, Japan, which was about 18 hours at 30 knots from our operations area in the Yellow Sea.

Upon arrival at Sasebo, we anchored and ammo barges came to the port side at aircraft elevator #2 and floating cranes were used to load ammo onto elevator #2 which was lowered to the hangar deck level. Fuel lighters with AVGAS, Jet Fuel and black oil came to the forward starboard fueling station. Stores were barged to the hangar bay #3 starboard sponson and the ship's crane was used to bring on stores. This replenishing

operation took about 18 hours and we were underway back to the Yellow Sea operations area. We made 3 supply runs into Sasebo before sufficient supply ships arrived for CONUS to support us.

We were the only carrier on station until late July or early August when an east coast carrier transited the Panama Canal and joined us. Another carrier arrived in the latter part of August also transiting the Panama Canal from the east coast. The west coast carrier USS Boxer (CV-21) was in the yards undergoing overhaul. With only four aircraft carriers in commission at that time the navy was spread very thin. With the arrival of the third carrier in late August we operated on station for about 2 more weeks and had our first liberty in Sasebo in mid-September.

Our squadron VA-55 had the AD-2 Skyraiders and our ordnance gang consisted of (listed in seniority): AOC Charles K. Magnusson, AOC Theodore R. Weibe, AO1 Juluis J. Skalka, AO1 Caswell Smith, AO1 Thomas Baker, AO2 Eugene Morrisette, AO3 Lloyd Bowman, AOAN Rex R. Howes and AOAN Jack C. Matthews. AO3 Byrd B. Campbell rejoined in September, he was TAD to the AIRPAC baseball team.

Since the ordnance crew consisted of 9 men including the chiefs who also worked, we were at times supplemented by two yeomen who pushed bomb and rocket skids around for us. The plane captains also assisted us when the line chief wasn't around, since he had somewhat of a dislike for ordnancemen. Several of the plane captains would help with the fuzing of the bombs and rockets which without their help we wouldn't have been able to make the launches.

Chief Magnusson (Maggy) was only 5'5" and weighed about 125 lbs. so out of necessity he had to overcome brawn with brains. He solved several major problems which with a small ordnance gang and the ordnance carrying capacity of the AD-2 was something that carrier operation had never had to contend with before. Our squadron of 16 AD-2 Skyraiders was the equivalent of any 36 to 40 plane squadron of WWII vintage aircraft when it came to ordnance carrying capacity. After a short period we were reduced to about 12 aircraft that were operation, so we stabilized at a 5 - 6 plane launch every 4 hours. The first problem was encountered when we tried to load bombs on the wing stub racks and on the center station of the AD-2 Skyraider. We started using the slings and hoisting bands that were designed for WWII loading and with only 18 ordnancemen in G Division there was no way that they could install these on the bombs and if they had we couldn't have unbolted and removed them in time for launches. To solve the wing stub loading problem Chief Magnusson

came up with the idea of wrapping the hoist cable around the bomb and using a clevis to complete the loop around the bomb. For the center station he came up with the idea, since we used two hoists, of simply wrapping both cables around the bombs using an aircraft bolt through the eyes in the cable ends to secure the cables together. This eliminated the use of antiquated slings and hoisting bands on the 500, 1000, & 2000 lb bombs.

The second problem was that we had to load 100 lb GP and 220 lb Frag bombs on the wing bomb racks. With the 5 inch HVAR (High Velocity Aircraft Rockets, to you young ordies) 2 men could stand on the wing stub and load the rocket, but with the bombs being short and nothing on the nose to get a hold of we couldn't handle the bombs the same as rockets. This required that all bombs for wing loading come on deck as soon as recovery of aircraft was completed. As the AD-2 was towed back for respot we had to spread the wings, load the bombs and tighten the sway braces. This really created a problem and the Air Boss was very vocal about it.

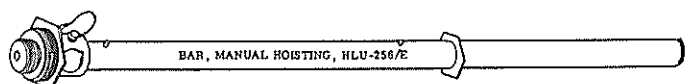
Chief Magnusson took 4 nose caps from the bombs and went to the shipfitter's and had them weld a 24" long 1" diameter galvanized pipe to them. He brought these to us, appropriately he called them "hernia bars" and gave them to our four senior white hats (AO1's and AO2's, I wasn't senior enough to get one). This happened during our second line period which would be early July 1950.

These innovations by Chief Magnusson spread like wildfire throughout the Navy and was used all through the Korean War. I can attest to this as I made 2 cruises in VA-55 (1950 & 1951), 1 cruise in VF-64 (1952) and we used these loading techniques on every cruise.

With these loading innovations we only used hoists on the 1000 lb and 2000 lb bombs. The hernia bar was use to load 500 lb bombs on the Skyraiders and 6 men could load out an AD-2 in 10 minutes or less using the hernia bar.

Chief Magnusson was never recognized for these innovations and if he had been, I believe he would have been embarrassed. He was a man who got satisfaction out of doing a job right and personal satisfaction that he had done a good job was the only recognition he wanted. This to my knowledge is the first use of the "hernia bar" and it is my first hand knowledge of the events as they happened.

Lloyd Bowman, LT (RET)
Member at large



WHERE ARE THEY NOW ????

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

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| AO3 ANTHONY J. ALVEY | AO1 D. W. ANDERSON |
| AO3 WILLIAM M. BRACKEN | AO2 MICHAEL BRADEN |
| ROBERT D. BRIGGS | AA WILLIAM T. BROWN |
| AOAN ROBERT T. BURTON | AO3 MICHAEL S. BUSBY |
| AO2 JOHN CLINE | AO2 DAVID F. CROOK |
| AO1 STANLEY CRUELL | AO3 CRAIG DAVIS |
| AO3 MICHAEL J. DALY | AO2 M.R. DILLON |
| AOAN CHRIS DOBBINS | AOC JAMES C. EDGE |
| E. FISHER | AOC MORRIS L. FLETCHER |
| AO1 L. FORREST | MM3 JOHN M. GRANDON |
| AO2 ROBERT A. GUILLEN | SCOTT V. HARRIS |
| AO2 MYRION L. HAWKINS | CWO3 C.W. HAYNES |
| AO2 JOHN HOWARD | AO2 C. K. HUENFIELD |
| AOCM STEVE A. HUGHES | AO3 BRUCE A. ISI |
| ELROY A. JACOBS | AO2 MICHAEL G. KELLY |
| AOAN TIMOTHY D.T. KEY | AO1 HERBERT R. KILBY |
| AO2 ANDRE L. KNIGHT | K. L. KNOOP |
| KORDEEN L. KOR | TERENCE M. LEONARD |
| AO3 JOSEPH MANRIQUE | AO1 ANDREW B. MENDOZA |
| AO1 R. L. MILLER | PAUL LEE MILLION (RET) |
| AOCM JERRY E. MORGAN | MARLOW D. MOSIER (RET) |
| ENS ROBERT J. MEYERS | A.J. PFAEHLER |
| JEFFERY J. PIAZZA | LCDR JAMES M. PORTER |
| AO2 ERVIN A. POTTER | CDR A. QUADRI |
| KEITH C. QUIMBACH | AO2 J.W. RACHEL |
| AO1 G.L. RASMUSSEN | AOC PHILLIP A. REID |
| GMG2 P.W. RHAME | AO2 R.L. RODRIQUEZ |
| CWO3 JAMES F. SAXTON | AA PATRICK J. SHATTUCK |
| BRYAN SHUBERT | AO3 KARL D. SPIDEL |
| ED STEFANNI | ENS DANIEL STEPHENSON |
| AO1 KEVIN T. STOKE | AO3 LORI THOMPSON |
| DENISE H. TORREFRANCA | AO1 TRACY A. TRUSSEL |
| AOCS TRENT VEACHER | BRYAN C. WELSH |
| T.D. WHIPKEY | AOC TERRY D. WILKINSON |
| AOAN LARRY A. WORDEN | AOC MIKE ZIMMERMAN |

Five members were located and provided their addresses as a result of the "WHERE ARE THEY" article in Red Shirt #43. If you know someone that is listed have them call (800) 788-1943 and pass on their new address or mail it to 133 H.L. Sudduth Drive, Panama City, FL 32404-7917.

Triple A O's News

We survived the holidays and are making plans for June. We hope to have all the membership cards mailed out before the Convention.

Our new members for this period are: Pamela Bennett, Dorothy Burrows, Mary Fousie, Mary Nielson, Michelle Thill and Lois Troescher. We've increase our membership to 52 but we need to do better. Let's try to double this number by convention time.

Doris Irving

Thank You!

The Association again has received good support from it's membership toward the "Robert L. Crow Scholarship Fund". The Scholarship fund was established to assist dependents of a member of The Association, dependents of deceased Aviation Ordnancemen of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps, dependents of Associate members of The Association and immediat family of of an active or associate member of The Association.

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen wishes to express their appreciation for the generosity of the members who have contributed to the "Robert L. Crow Scholarship Fund" this past quarter:

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| Glenwood W. Crampton | Clifford W. Degraw |
| Mary K. Feldman | August A. Galante |
| LCDR Billy Harkins (RET) | AOCS J. N. Heilig Jr (RET) |
| Jackie Hodge | LCDR Don E. Howard (RET) |
| CDR Gary Laun | Edward L. Lechwar Ex-AO |
| Stanely Nawrocki Ex-AO | AOCM William C. Rex (RET) |
| Howard W. Pattison | AOC L. A. Singley (RET) |
| AO3 Herbert E. Smith | LCDR T. R. Watson (RET) |

Again, Thank you for your continued support of the Association Scholarship Fund.

Restoring a Relic

When Pearl Harbor survivor Charlie Middlebrook was stationed at Camp Kaneohe (Miramar, CA) during World War II, he and his Navy shipmates spent many hours loading ordnance onto bomb trucks and hauling it to the old privateer B-24s. When he returned to civilian life he went to work at Dahlgren, VA. There, years later, a friend gave him a bomb truck just like the one he and his mates had loaded so many times during the Second World War. He promised to restore it, but when the project became too massive of an undertaking, two ordnancemen from NAS Patuxent River entered the picture. In

the six months that followed the vehicle was restored to its original state and was the only Navy vehicle to be scheduled to be in the parade on December 7 in Hawaii commemorating the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"I was an Aviation Ordnanceman", Middlebrook noted during a visit to Pax River. "I had the line crew at Camp Kaneohe, which is now called Miramar. That was our daily routine, taking the bomb truck down to the bomb farm and bringing back trailer after trailer load of bombs. We had to load four bomb bays. They called them privateers. The Navy had some single rudder B-24s, and we loaded those things."



The finished MK 2 Bomb Truck painted and ready to go to Hawaii.

"In October of '88 a friend of mine said I could have the bomb truck like the one we used to tote bombs, mines, and torpedoes with", he recalled. "I was just going to fix it up for parades, but then I got this idea when I heard the president might come to Pearl Harbor for the 50th Anniversary parade. I said 'Wouldn't it be neat if we could fix the old bomb truck up and somehow get it out there and tote a torpedo or some form of vintage ordnance in the parade?' It probably was in '89 when I thought about this. I worked on the truck every now and then for about two and a half years. A few months ago these guys heard about the truck and wanted to help."

"I met Charlie Middlebrook at a weapons exposition in Indian Head", Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Al Castro said recently. "I met him through John Finn, who is a Medal of Honor winner, and was the guest speaker up there. We made the connection and became friends, and he said he had a bomb truck and he was going to get it in the parade, but that he didn't need help at the time. He said he would like to keep in touch with us and we said, 'Well, if you need any help, let us know'. Me and Chief Aviation Electrician's Mate Angel Davila were on a trip to Cherry Point, on our way back we stopped by Dahlgren to see Charlie and he said, 'Yeah, I'm not going to make it'. We asked if he needed some help, but he was a real hard-headed old bugger. Finally, he said, 'I need help.' Chief Davila took out a napkin and started writing down what needed to be done, defining how much it would take, manpower and monetary-wise, and he said, 'yup, we can do it,' and I agreed with him. We felt we could do it in a five or six month time frame, and we approached the National Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and they gave us some money and we were off and

running."

When the Pax River crew went to work, it meant six months of dedication, of sometimes sleeping over at Dahlgren, getting up early and going to work. They were fortunate in some respects, because very few bomb trucks like the one owned by Middlebrook exist anymore and those that do aren't running. Although the Ford "straight eight" cylinder needed a lot of work, it was still running. Once they made the commitment to restore the vehicle, it was elbow grease time.

"It required a tune-up, which Charlie had done," Davila recalled. "It was running but not very well. It didn't have a muffler, it didn't a lot of an exhaust system."

"Charlie bought a five horsepower air compressor and we took it down to bare metal entirely," Castro stated. "We took off years of different coatings of paint and grease. Charlie had bought five gallons of original blue gray paint, that's the paint the Navy used during World War II. A lot of things we had to get from antique places from across the country. The tires came from Ohio, the tool box on the side was a \$375 item that was reconstructed. We worked on the truck at Dahlgren."

"There were two Pearl Harbor survivors there Charlie and a retired master chief from the Navy," he added. "Although they went out and bought \$300 worth of manuals for this truck, the manuals don't tell you everything. They had all the expertise in their heads and we were turning to them. They had agreed to sign it over to Pax River, but we said, 'No, we'd rather drive over there because you've got all the expertise in your heads.'"

Middlebrook is hoping that his friend, Finn, will

ride in the bomb truck during the 50th anniversary parade in Hawaii. Both Castro and Davila feel a great sense of accomplishment in having helped to restore the truck.

"There are very few of them left and very few that run," Castro said. "We had to rebuild the water pump, the fuel pump, and we had to reconstruct the radiator. Davila is an electrical engineer and he rewired the entire truck. The lights all work. The owner was an admiral who used to live at Dahlgren. They used it to pull out tree stumps and that's how it got in such rough shape. Charlie has since donated it back to the Navy," where it will reside in the Aviation Ordnance Museum.

Castro said that once they found out there was a chance of getting it in the parade, they pulled out all the stops.

"We were aware that people were doing things for the parade," he concluded. "Eighteen other vehicles were being shipped over to Hawaii for the celebration, many of them from Lee Lococca, because they were made by Chrysler. But out of all of the vehicles of World War II vintage that are going to be in the ceremonies, this is the only Navy vehicle that will be there that we know of."

"When I talked to my boss about getting it to Hawaii, he said 'Will you take the ball and run with it?' I said, 'I got it, sir'" Middlebrook recalled. "I took the ball and then I handed it to Al. He's a good ball carrier."

Joseph Norris
Tester Staff Writer

Official Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Ring

Ring is 10K, 14K or White Palladium with red zircon setting in a fire burst pattern. All raised surfaces are bright with background surfaces antique. Initials on inside band. Ring is also available in ladies style.

Price: Mens 14K - \$378.40

10K - \$279.50

White Palladium - \$149.20

Ladies 14K - \$277.60

10K - \$215.50

White Palladium - \$145.20

Price does not include shipping and handling. An additional amount of approximately \$5.00 will also be included to help pay for the die fee. Orders will be taken in April. Currently the dies are being cut and sample rings made. Order forms will be ready for distribution on April 1st. Individuals ordering rings may do so straight from

the manufacturer. Order forms will be in The Red Shirt #45. For more info contact Bill Scoggin, 202 Crusader Ave., NAS Lemoore, CA 93245, (209) 998-9116.

See illustration on back cover!

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Calendar Drawing Winners

January 1992

- 1 Duke Doucette Lemoore, CA (250)
- 2 Michael Wise Liberty, MO
- 3 Michael Morse Oak Harbor, WA
- 4 Thomas Phelan Lemoore, CA
- 5 Phil Dixon China Lake, CA
- 6 David Osborn Oak Harbor, WA
- 7 John Bogdanovich Laton, CA
- 8 Michael Dennis Virginia Beach, VA
- 9 Roger New China Lake, CA
- 10 Wardee Bruce Bremerton, WA
- 11 Jack Breedlove Oak Harbor, WA
- 12 James Concannon Lemoore, CA (50)
- 13 Steve Davenport Virginia Beach, VA
- 14 Christopher Snoko Agaga, Guam
- 15 Bob Sullivan Lemoore, CA
- 16 Kathy Schallot Oak Harbor, WA
- 17 *James Pyles Valley Center, CA (100)
- 18 Phil Kershnik Lemoore, CA
- 19 Bob Edwards Virginia Beach, VA
- 20 Steven Krause Virginia Beach, VA
- 21 Karen Foster Lemoore, CA
- 22 Norman Spencer Virginia Beach, VA
- 23 N.E. Derovin Lemoore, CA
- 24 Diana Kinney Edison, CA
- 25 Paul Malicoat Lemoore, CA
- 26 Rick Lee Lemoore, CA
- 27 Michael Hassett Lemoore, CA
- 28 Brian Leach VA-52 ORD
- 29 Terry Chevront Oak Harbor, WA
- 30 Dotty Underwood Fallon, NV
- 31 Herbert Gregory China Lake, CA

February 1992

- 1 John Wheat Lemoore, CA
- 2 William Johnson Lemoore, CA (100)
- 3 Don Waldron China Lake, CA
- 4 Bob Gotterson Lemoore, CA
- 5 *Chris Cornelius China Lake, CA
- 6 Mitch Chevront Oak Harbor, WA
- 7 Chapter 8 San Diego, CA
- 8 Cathy Roberts Fallon, NV
- 9 Bob Borges Virginia Beach, VA
- 10 Marivn Meissel Oak Harbor, WA
- 11 Paul Hamann Virginia Beach, VA
- 12 *Chris Cornelius China Lake, CA
- 13 Ron Louisignav Oak Harbor, WA
- 14 David Heinitz Oak Harbor, WA
- 15 Don Hudson Camarillo, CA
- 16 William Darger Virginia Beach, VA
- 17 Alice Finn Pine Valley, CA
- 18 Michael Snider Virginia Beach, VA
- 19 Ken Billick Lemoore, CA
- 20 Maurice Saicon Lemoore, CA
- 21 Gail Hildebrad Oceanside, CA
- 22 Carole Johnson Armona, CA
- 23 E. Thompson Long Beach, CA (50)
- 24 Jack Baerg Armona, CA
- 25 Carl Fargon Oak Harbor, WA
- 26 Jack Gunn Lemoore, CA
- 27 Denise Fuller Lemoore, CA
- 28 Joe Polanka Virginia Beach, VA
- 29 *James Pyles Valley Center, CA

Awards greater than \$25 are indicated in parenthesis following location. Names preceded by an asterisk (*) are repeat winners.

The Association of Aviation Ordnance 1992 Calendar is a 365 day continuous raffle. Each entry is eligible for every drawing for the entire year. 365 chances at the following prizes:

337 days @ \$25.00

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