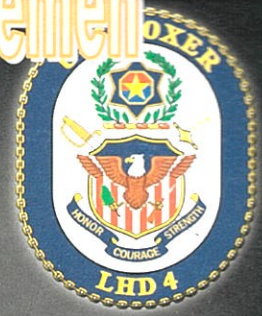


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Aviation Ordnancemen 90TH Birthday

*Photo Ex on flight deck at
0900 on March 2, 2016*

Master of Ceremony - AO1(AW/SW) Casey

Junior AO reads bio on John Finn.

*Senior Ordnancemen will give a brief
outlook on AO traditions.*

THE RED SHIRT

*Cake [Http://aaoweb.org/AAO](http://aaoweb.org/AAO) AO,
most senior AO and CO*

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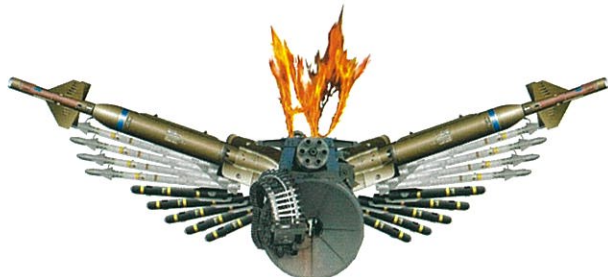
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INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

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<http://www.aoweb.org/AAO/>

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DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ Last 4 SSN: - _____

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SPONSOR: _____

I elect to receive my Red Shirt by downloading it from the Website only. () Please Initial.

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.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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September 2011

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ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT
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IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.

*Does anyone know who the oldest
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Please forward names and ages of
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Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines, two shafts, 110,000 total shaft horsepower.
- AIRCRAFT**
Two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters.
- MISCELLANEOUS**
Displacement: 9,200 tons (15,442 metric tons full load)
Crew: 320-330 (270 crew and 500 Federal)
Length: 180.5 feet
Beam: 38 feet
Speed: 30+ knots

USS John Finn (DDG 113)

Red Shirt

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1 MAY 17

20 SEP 16

Please submit via e-mail when possible

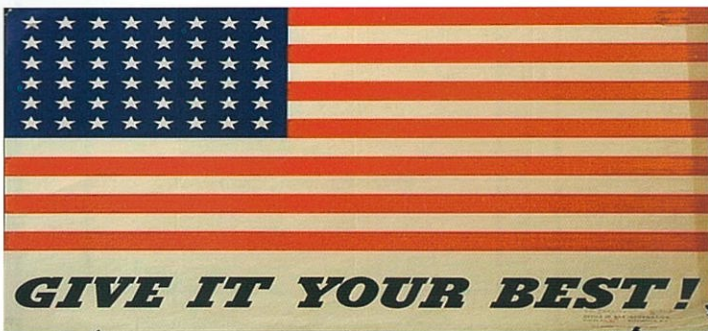


ON THE COVER

The USS Boxer, LHD-4 Gator Chapters Program celebrating the Aviation Ordnance Ratings 90th birthday

BACK PAGE

Chapter 4 personnel supporting the Children's Health Investment Program (CHIP)



IYAOYAS!!

To all chapters,

Please review your information on the Chapter Meetings - Places - Times - Dates section on page 3. E-mail your changes to me and JJ LaMaitre. I know some of the phone numbers don't match up and I also need a few E-mail addresses. I get the occasional call from AO's inquiring about a meeting in a certain area and its nice to give them up to date information. If you don't see your chapter on here let me know that also please.

Thanks for the help, Editor



TAPS

* Info from FRA Today Newsletter ** Info from VFW Magazine
***Other

AOC Charles F. Smith USN Ret*
AO2 Robert M. Meyers USN Ret
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In Memory of LCDR L. Joe Manley USN Ret – Friend and Shipmate

MAJ James & Carolyn Thomas USMC Ret
LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken USN Ret
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2016 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

DEADLINE IS 15 July 2016

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

- 28Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 29 Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee _____
- 29Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee _____
- 29 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee _____
- 29 Jul (Fri) Membership Committee _____
- 29 Jul (Fri) By-Laws Committee _____
- 29 Jul (Fri) Nominations Committee _____
- 30 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 30 Jul (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting _____

**AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

- 28 Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 30 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 30 Jul (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting _____

NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in. If interested in more than one committee, annotate priority by numbers 1-6.

ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

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

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

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY **15 JULY 2016**. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED. (See order form)

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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
Thomas Lord
2888 Iris Ave., #122
San Diego, CA 92154

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

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Name of Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
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(Not including guest or spouse)
Name of Non-Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
3. Spouse/Guests 18 and over \$25.00 \$ _____
Names of Guests _____
(Spouse) (please print)

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

- Friday AAO Social \$40.00 each (\$45.00 after 15 Jul 16) \$ _____
- Sat Awards Banquet \$40.00 each (\$45.00 after 15 Jul 16) \$ _____
- Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable \$ _____
- Total amount enclosed \$ _____**

Name exactly as it appears on credit card _____
Signature _____
Master Card/ Visa # _____ CVV _____ Exp. _____
Credit Card Billing ZIP code _____ Phone # _____
E-Mail Address _____

Credit card payees may also use the registration form on the AO Web Site. If you use this form, the above credit card information does not need to be filled in. Once you send the form, I will receive an e-mail and will, in turn, send you an invoice with the payment requirements. NOTE: This process will not work for military e-mail addresses.

TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES. ALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE EVERY DAY. IF YOU DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE OR POST CARD OR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.



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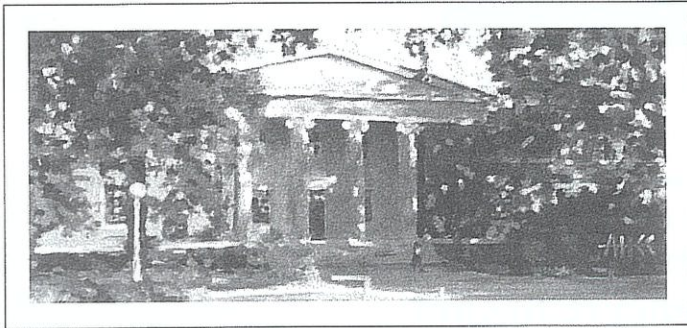
To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

The time has come for celebration! Sydney has worked very hard for many years and success is finally hers. Our family takes deep pride in her accomplishments and we look forward to her bright future. Thanks to the support of friends and family throughout the past few years, we can now call her Dr. Sydney Crosby, D.V.M.

Sydney is beginning a Masters program in June, and sometimes it seems like her formal education will never end, but she is embracing the opportunity to work towards her specialty in the large animal food industry. She looks to change the production processes in the South, and I believe she will be the one to do it.

Our family wants to especially thank the AO Association for all our your kind words, always cheering her on, and of course this would not have been possible without the substantial financial support from the Robert L. Crow Scholarship Committee/Foundation, the AAO Auxiliary and the AO membership. This was Sydneys' dream come true, and you helped make it happen. We are eternally grateful for all you have done for her during this journey. It truly took a village.

With love and gratitude,
The Crosby and Sealy-Leonard Family



*Colleges of Veterinary Medicine
Announces
Sydney V. Crosby
is a candidate for the degree of
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
at the
Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, the seventh of May
Two thousand and sixteen
at ten-thirty in the morning
Hugh Hodgson Hall
Performing Arts Center
Athens, Georgia*

**Check us out on Facebook.....
"The Red Shirt"**

Kevin, here are a couple pictures of our Change of Command that took place on 1 February 2016 in Atlanta, GA. CDR Steve Maxwell takes command at Navy Recruiting District Atlanta.

Max

Another Aviation Ordnance CO , CONGRATS Skipper.

V/R

Joe Thompson



Kevin,
How goes it. All is well from the Southernmost Chapter.
A lot of good things happening here.

Here is a painted sign that is in AWSE Naval Munitions
Command. Could you please put in the next Redshirt.

Thanks
V/r
Gram
Michael Gramolini
Explosive Safety Officer
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305-293-2433

Kevin,
Good afternoon. Attached are a few of the photos that our Intel department
cleared for distribution. VFA-101 CWTPI. Please review and thanks in advance
for the consideration.

V/r,
Gunner

LT Thomas Bumpass
VFA-101 Ordnance Officer
AV/ARM Division Officer
850-885-5099



Kevin.

With all the recent deaths in the AO community, and all the issues the dependents have been having.

Do you have room to put the attached information in the REDSHIRT ? It will help the retired and active duty people on what to do, if there is a death in the family and what papers are needed before hand.

I checked with the COLORS Magazine in the past and they had no problem with the article being reprinted.

There is a lot more info in FEDERAL Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors. You can get the book on the internet. Google it.

Thanks
Chuck

Thanks for providing this Chuck. You can find the information in the back of this magazine. Kevin

Hi Kevin,

Could we please get this in the Red Shirt?

Thank you!

v/r,
Sheryl L. Scanlon
ESSM Logistics Support
© 760.939.8943 (W)
Email: sheryl.scanlon@navy.mil

Certainly Sheryl!! Check out the Chapter Scuttlebutt area. Kevin

Dear Kevin Meagher,

As a reader of the RED SHIRT, I saw in the February issue that you were looking for the oldest Ordie in your ranks.

I would like to add my father's name to that list, who also is one of the original 21 founding members of the Associations of Aviation Ordnancemen.

That would be Thomas D. Robins, LCDR/RET.
They now reside in Paso Robles, California
He turned 91 on May 24, 2016.

He is still in pretty good health. But his travel is limited.
He does not make the Conventions any more.
I have attend the conventions dinners as his guest a couple of times over the years.
Having served as a CTM, the Navy is still part of my family.

He is not online so I keep up with the AAO as much as I can.

Thanks for keeping the AAO an ongoing organization to be proud of.

Any questions, I can be reached at address and phone numbers below.

Also at:
tmrinst@aol.com

Thank you again.
Thomas M. Robins

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Happy Birthday to Tom!!

Who is the oldest Ordie in our ranks? I may qualify as I was born Jan 12, 1926 and am now 90 years old. I was an Ordie in WW II briefly so do I or don't I qualify? I may have given you the story below but if not I shall again.

I went thru recruit training in a PBY Hangar in Corpus Christi, TX. I was later assigned to OS2U Float Planes. We had 2 planes set up for Sub Warfare with depth charges. I volunteered one day to go up when a sub was spotted (this was 1943 and I was 17) so I was told to get a parachute, Flak jacket and .30 cal ammunition. Quite an experience for a young kid!

I then went to ordnance school in Norman, OK. Not too much excitement in the following years but did end up in carrier service. I got discharged in 1946 and went on to become a Civil Engineer. I have continued interest in ordnance, aviation and of course the navy.
I have now been retired for about 40 years and am 90 years old.
(Pete) Al Peterson

Thanks for the letter Al and as always we love hearing stories from those who have been around for awhile!! Congratulations on 90 years! We have had a couple submissions who are a little bit older. Kevin

Nominations for the upcoming elections for the Vice President and Secretary positions and 2 Board of Director positions are due no later than 1 April 2016 to Rob Walecki via email (deeanrob@prodigy.net) or at the below address. Please include the candidates acceptance of the nomination.

Robert Walecki
698 Woodridge Court
Lemoore, CA 93245

Hello Kevin:

I'm enclosing two photos from our recent Chapter III, AAO Meeting held on 30 March, 2016.

AOC Tiffany Allen, Chapter President, led our group in remembering our two recently departed AO comrades. They were LCDR (Ret) Ralph V. (Digger) Odell and LCDR (Ret) Jerry E. Burrows. They had been longtime members. Their pictures and appropriately red candles signified our honoring them. During the meeting AOCM (Ret) Dave Michel likewise eulogized them. All members active and retired fittingly paid tribute. May they rest in peace.

Thanks for all the work you do with the "Redshirt" magazine!

John T, Buckley
LCDR, USN (Ret)

Kevin,

Now that I am in El Centro, we are slowly making a difference out here and keeping our morale as high as we can, not only by volunteering to set-up in recent events, but also to participate and raise awareness. I am attaching a few photos from NAF El Centro's color run that was held last Friday, 22 April, 2016. The run was to raise awareness in Sexual Assault. As you may know, April is the month for that particular observance and this year's theme is "Know your part. Do your part." And we did just that.

I hope you can find a page in the Redshirt for us. This Chapter has been gone for awhile, but we are back with a bang! Take care out there in sunny Florida.

#IYAOYAS
Nanise

Thanks Nanise!



PREZ

Greetings and Salutes to all!
I pray all is well with you and yours and that this – our 130th Newsletter – finds you in the best spirits. I would like to start by thanking Kevin Meagher for the magnificent job that he continues to do for our association. Kevin, we truly appreciate your uninterrupted and faithful support taking our newsletter to print on our behalf. We cannot thank you enough for your selflessness. Thanks my Ordie Brother!

Great Hollywood features, concerts, plays, and military operations are flawlessly carried out by a cast of skilled individuals in background support roles. That's exactly how I feel as your president. We are so fortunate to have "Talented" members embedded in our consortium, at our national and chapter levels, both active duty and retired. From month to month I read and take on board the greatness that our national and local chapters, and committees achieve. This includes our "Taste of Home" supporters who coordinate efforts to bring a little happiness to our deployed Sailors. Your kindness and unlimited support does not go unnoticed. Our collective Thanks!

In my last article I informed members that our 2015 AOY made AOC. Since that time AOC Misty Beck, has been selected for Limited Duty Officer and is now an Ensign (Select). So another congratulation is in order for her. Also, our AOY for 2014, then AO1 Ryan Smith made AOC and is now a CWO (Select). In short, our Association's history for reviewing records and recognizing worthy front runners, continue to shine a positive light on these outstanding individuals and, more than likely, aids in setting them apart from their competition at selection boards. Congratulations to these two and all others recently selected for LDO/CWO. Good luck to all on your continued career successes.

Last month I attended a quarterly luncheon with 10 former individuals. I only knew one prior to my first luncheon with the group... but I had heard the names. I took a photo to share. After asking each for their info we determined we had a cool 338 years of ordnance experience around the table. Most of the group served as COMNAVIAIRLANT Force Weapons and/or Ordnance Handling Officers. Take a gander at the photo and names to see who you know and you may want to reconnect with. I appreciate joining in on the luncheons with prestigious group of fine gentlemen. I am in work to determine how many I can influence to attend guess what?...

That's right... Our 40th AAO Annual Convention in Reno, Nevada. That sounds so awesome! This year, like last year, our convention will follow the AOMLC (Aviation Ordnance Manager's Leadership Continuum), what used to be termed the AO Symposium. Be there or be square! I am so looking forward to seeing you all. We are still in work on a guest speaker. Hoping to know something in the near future and once we do get confirmation, we will post it on our web site.

My personal thanks to TYCOM staffs West and East for their continued support of our Esteemed Association. I have been told to expect our Senior USN Ordie, CAPT Bill Bindel to attend. I am looking forward to having him and several Tycom Ordnance Staff members from USN/USMC in attendance this year. After all this is our 40th Convention, our Auxiliary's 25th year and of course, the 90th year of our AO Rating. Remember our Annual Convention is not only a valuable opportunity to network and catch up with shipmates from the past, it is also a great chance to seek out mentors to assist you with building a

successful career strategy.

Please keep our fellow Ordies who have moved on to the great "Bomb Farm" in the sky and their families in prayer. To all that have experienced the loss of a loved one, know our prayers are always with you. Help Kevin keep our newsletter Taps notifications accurate.

IYAOYAS!!!
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(R-L) All USN Retired: LCDR Mike Cain, AOCS Greg Walker, CDR Bill Nolan, LCDR Don Howard, CDR John Olson, CAPT Ray Fone, LCDR Charlie Rice, LCDR Harry Worwetz, LCDR Jim Temple, LCDR Donald Smith, and National President CDR Dion Edon

VP

Hey Ordies!

Well the Continuum and Convention are right around the corner again and I hope to see you all in Reno @ the Silver Legacy the last week of July. Make sure you don't wait too long to register and get your tickets to the Friday Social and the Saturday Banquet, save yourself a few bucks by doing it before the deadline of 15 July 2016! This is the last Redshirt that will be published before we get there and you can find the registration form inside. Please sign-up for any Committees you would like to serve on, you can do that on the registration form too. There are deadlines for submission of Scholarship Applications, Hall of Fame Nominations, and the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award. I have not received any packages for the AOY as of yet, the message was released back in February, but I am looking forward to receiving a good number of them this year.

In this edition of the Redshirt there is also an Absentee Ballot for those members not attending the Convention so you can vote in the upcoming elections. Please ensure that you fill it out completely or it will not be counted. We have 4 positions up for election this year, Vice President, Secretary and 2 Board of Director positions. The nominations will open again during the General Assembly meeting on Saturday prior to each position being voted on. You must be in attendance to make a nomination from the floor and the nominee must be in attendance to

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accept it. If you are attending this year's Convention, we would like to see everyone make it to the General Business Meeting on Saturday morning, this is an important part of the convention, and it's where we conduct the Associations yearly business and elections and your vote counts!

Lastly, I would like to send my personal thanks to all of you who are out there taking care of our Nation's business at the tip of the spear! Y'all are protecting all of us at home and our families, as well as yours, and you are kicking butt! Thank you so much from me and my family!

V/R
Rob Walecki

SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines –
NOW is the time for you to get your reservations and plans for Continuum 2016 July 24th – 28th and Convention 2016 July 27th – July 31st at the Silver Legacy Resort. It is our 40th Anniversary Gala, and you do not want to miss this year.

Chapter Officers – You need to get into the National By-Laws (Article IX) to see what your responsibilities are. I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your Secretary for the past 2 years. I am up for reelection and asking for your vote to continue to serve you Thank You.

R,
JJ LaMaitre

TREASURER

Convention 2016 is right around the corner. As a reminder, internet registration for the convention is available. Just go to the web site and click on the link, fill out the form, less credit card info, and send it to me. When I receive the registration form in my e-mail, I will send you an invoice, through our Square account, with the fees. However, this process does not work with military e-mail addresses, so make sure you use a personal e-mail address.

NOTE: If you use the AO Web Site link, do not fill in the credit card information. That information will be collected after you submit the invoice.

As usual, get your registration packages in to me as soon as you can so we can start coordinating the events.

Once again, tickets for the Social and Awards Banquet will not be mailed out to the attendees. You will be able to pick them up at the registration table during the day or at the entrance to the event that night. By doing this we not only save postage, but we don't have to worry about reproducing back-up tickets for those that might have forgotten them. If you want to be notified when I receive your

payment, include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or your e-mail address and I will get that information back to you.

For you Ordies who are not members of the National and intend to come to the Convention, DO NOT register as a non-member. Pay the member \$25.00 registration fee and add the \$20.00 for a membership. For you E-4 and below who plan on coming, you get one year membership with your registration fee. If you are a non-member, I will sign you up with your registration. Cut off for pre-reservation is 15 July 2016. Anything mailed after that may not get to me before I leave for Reno.

Chapter Presidents – In preparation for the end of the fiscal year close-out, please update your chapter officer information.

For everybody, please give me a current email address or phone number so I can contact you if there is a problem with the registration.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so I can update your record.

Address changes are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, when I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up, get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaotreas2011@cox.net. Chapter officers, division LPO's, shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materials. If you know their e-mail address, drop them a line to get in touch with me.

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at www.usps.com.

IYAOYAS!

R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

LHD-4 GATOR CHAPTER

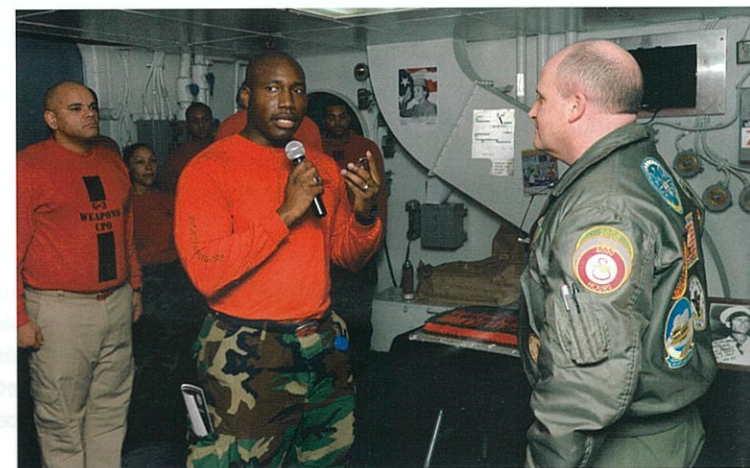
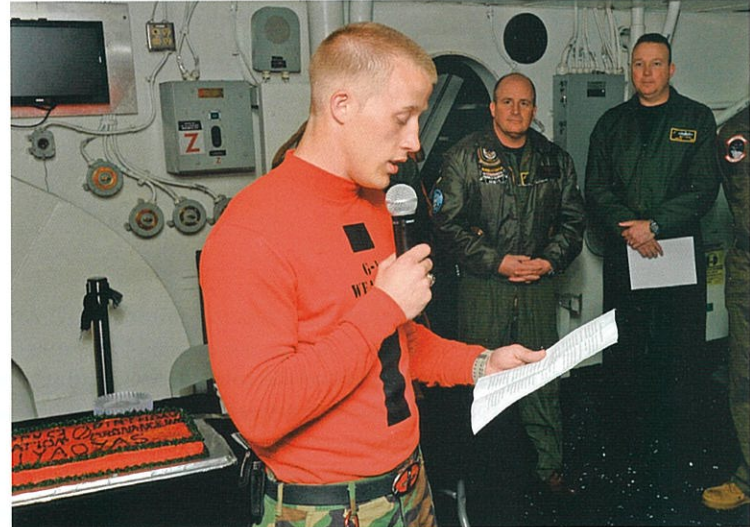
Greetings from AAO Gator Chapter 4!

We hope all are doing well across the fleet. Wow 90 years strong and we have never felt more alive than now!! We have the watch and are making things happen out here. We have had a tremendous celebration of our birth or our rate reflecting on the power and tradition that comes with being an Aviation Ordnancemen. We only hope our brothers and sisters have had time to reflect as well and look forward in hearing about it.

As our rating exams vastly approach we would like to wish every single Ordie out there that are up for advancement a HUGE good luck and to knock that test out of the park. We acknowledge and wish a huge congratulations to Misty Beck; the AOY for picking up LDO and hope she spreads her guidance and wisdom to future AOY's to that we may walk her path of success.

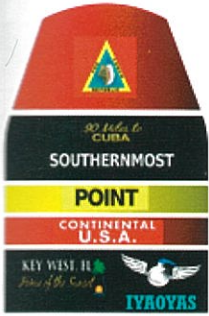
Keep an eye out for our chapter because we are on a mission to flex and show our Ordie pride and to make our rate proud and have a bright future. Until then Stay Strong, Be safe and remember that we are the arms of the fleet. I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S!!

Respectfully Submitted,
AAO Gator Chapter 4 Secretary
AO3 Putman, Stephanie



Above, The most junior AO, AOAN Xavier Williams, cutting the cake with our most senior Ordie AOCS, Dante Robinson, along with our Commanding Officer CAPT Michael Ruth, in the middle, Top Right forming 90, Our commanding officer giving thoughts on how our rate has impacted his career, AO1 Joshua Casey, giving the Ordie Creed charge to the Commanding Officer loud and proud! Bottom right, one of our junior Ordies AOAN Dylan Williams, giving a POWERFUL John Finn Bio to the crew!

SOUTHERN MOST CHAPTER



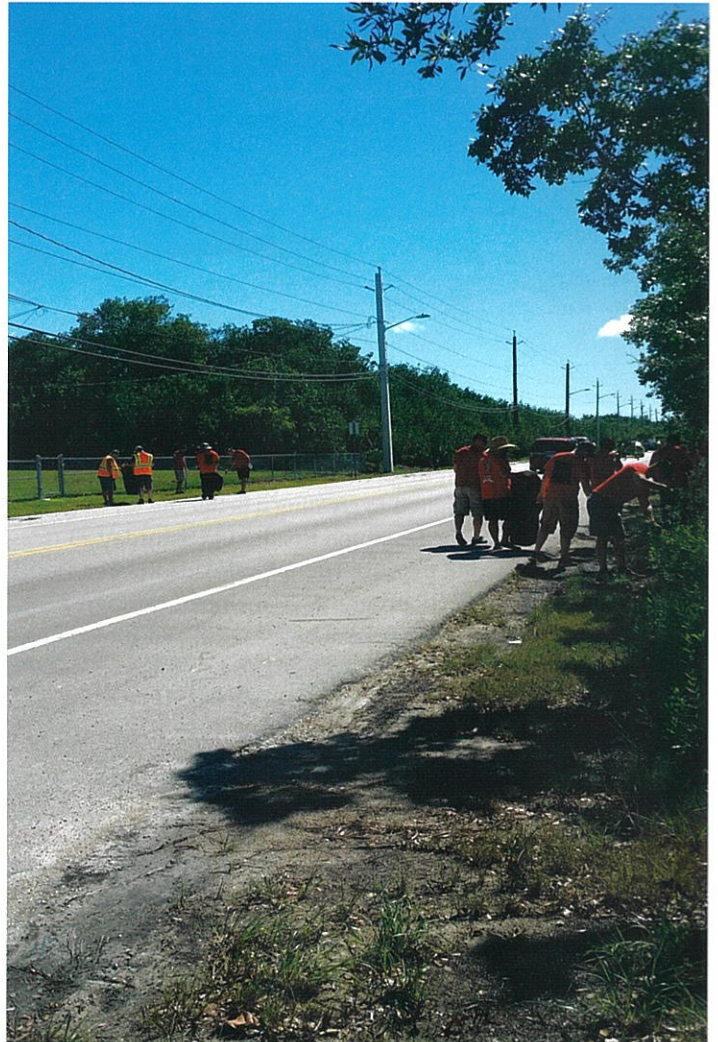
Greetings to all our Brothers and sister in Red from the Southernmost chapter in Key West, Florida.

I would like the opportunity to let you all know that the Southernmost Chapter is now fully operational. Since the beginning of the year we have been getting our name out there and it finally paid off. I want to take a moment to thank one of our members, CWO3 Corey

Grojean for making it so easy for us in helping get our name out in the community. His efforts ensured multiple successes on events such as the Southernmost AAO Car Wash, Blue Angels Air show, and several Volunteer opportunities on and off base.

We started the year strong and are planning on finishing stronger. A couple of ideas are cooking in the pot right now like a special camping/beach cleanup day at the Dry Tortuga National state park. It's continually getting better! To all those ORDIES that visit the Key's, feel free to reach out and joins us. As always stay safe, stay building, and stay humping... I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S!!!

Very Respectfully
AO1(AW/SW) Rodriguez Diaz, Elliot
Southernmost Chapter President



CHAPTER 4

GREETINGS FROM CHAPTER 4, VIRGINIA, "THE 7 CITIES."

Chapter 4 is stronger than ever and we invite you to come out and be part of our local family of Red Shirts. Recently we held elections and we are very pleased to announce our new leadership:

President: AO1 (AW) Alofi Pome'e

Vice President: AOC (AW/SW) Ryan Dooley

Secretary: AO1 (AW/SW) Adam Seba

Treasurer: Mike Cain

PAO: LCDR Joe Thompson

Chapter 4 has been working non-stop in our local community on various projects. Our Adopt-a-Highway Program has been very active. On February 20 and on April 16, Chapter 4 came together and conducted two Highway Clean-up event. Participation has been overwhelming and we continue to live up to our reputation in the community as an association who gives back.

Every year, AO's from all over the Hampton Roads come together to support the Children's Health Investment Program (CHIP) benefiting families who are committed to creating a better life for their children and themselves in the Hampton Roads. On Saturday 23 April 2016, we participated in the 2016 Hampton Roads Rubber Duck Race supporting the CHIP program. 27 members partnered with CVN 69's chapter and spent several hours setting up for the event and then participated in the fundraiser. Last year over \$74,000 was raised and we are hoping to exceed this number this year and at the time of printing the totals were not available. More to following in the next issue.

Chapter 4 meets at 1800 every third Wednesday of the month at VFW Post 392 located at 2408 Bowland Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia. We are currently working on our annual summer cook out, which will be held in June on Naval Air Station Oceana. If you are ever in the area, TAD or for any reason, please know you are always welcome to attend a meeting and any event we are sponsoring. To all our new members, we ask you to bring an AO who has never attended a meeting before and expose them to the greatness of our Chapter and this Association. Keep'em safe and be proactive in the community. Together we can accomplish anything.



CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Happy Birthday to all AO's who have been putting war-heads on foreheads since 1926. We celebrated this occa-

sion by cleaning up 2 miles of highway. And, afterwards we shared a meal including birthday cake with our Chapter members and their families. It seems as though 90 years is a long time, but when you consider many of our careers lasted for 30 years or more, we have contributed as least one third of that time. Here's a real eye opener, our own retired AOC Ed Murphy served on active duty for 20 years; then worked for NAS Jax Weapons Department delivering and handling Ordnance for another 30 years. In December 2015, he retired for a combined total service of 50 years to the Ordnance community. He is still involved with AO's serving on our Board of Directors. Thanks Ed for all you've done!

While thinking of people relating to AO history, two of our members; LT (USN ret) Bob Bohnstengel, born 15 May 1924 and LT (USN ret) Jack Purtee, born 21 Sep 1924, grew up and joined the Navy together on December 1st, 1942. Both became AO's, but where split up after boot camp and reported to different commands. LT Bohnstengel was sent to the Pacific theater, ending up on New Georgia Island via Guadalcanal in 1943. He is Chapter 9's oldest surviving AO by 4 months at age 92.

Bravo Zulu to our newly elected Chapter Officers and to AO1 (AW/SW) Victor Gascot from HSM-48, who was selected as Chapter-9 AO of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2016. Lastly, we offer a special thanks to CWO5 Roddy Wiggins as our outgoing Chapter President.

Sadly, we also had to say farewell to AO1 John Mitchell as he has transferred to Whidbey Island, Washington earlier this year. Best Wishes to John, along with his new wife and baby girl.

Stay safe, follow the checklist, and look out for each other. Till next time, HAPPY AO birthday, IYAQYAS.

AO1 James Peters
AAO9 President



Oldest and youngest AO present cutting the birthday cake

CHAPTER 5



Front row: Angela Heppel, Lacy Paulsen, Sheryl Scanlon
2nd row: Greg Paulsen, Louis Zavec, Jimmy Brantley, Matt Ehler
3rd row: Chuck Jamieson, John Sherry, Dave Titus

2016 Jan 22 - Chapter 5 AO Meeting @ VFW Ridgecrest, CA



CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started." Since January 2016 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added 11 new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and had 22 AOs who attended their first Chapter 8 meeting .

At our 7 January meeting the Chapter focused on getting organized for the year by setting up the following three committees: Fund Raising, AO Birthday/Sports Day, and Annual Picnic. The Chapter had no issues staffing each committee as numerous members stepped up to the plate.

At our 3 March meeting we celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the Aviation Ordnance rate with a cake cutting ceremony with the oldest and youngest AOs present cutting the cake. CWO4 (Ret) Bob Jackson was the oldest (age: older than dirt) and AO3 Ginner Kazo; was the youngest at age 20. A special thank you went out to Tess LaMaitre for her part in providing the party favors (balloons, plates, cake knife, etc.) as well as donating items for our opportunity drawing which brought in \$120 to the Chapter. We also congratulated our President Misty Beck and Member Javier Keyer for their selection to Limited Duty Officers; Additionally, the Chapter took time to recognize AO1 Nanise Schroeder for her many years of selfless support to the Chapter. Nanise's spirit of volunteering has been infectious to the Chapter so we proudly recognized all that she has selflessly done for the men and women of chapter 8 and the Aviation Ordnance community. BZ Nanise.

On 5 March, we held our quarterly Highway Walk on the Coronado Strand.

On 19 March several Chapter members from the USS Makin Island under the coordination of AO1 LaChana Shelton, volunteered to participate in the National Foundation for Autism Research 5K at Balboa Park. BZ went out to those who gave their time.

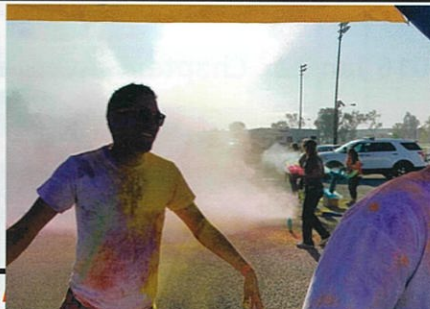
At our 7 April meeting we had the pleasure of LCDR (Ret) Jim Thompson, one of the original AAO Plankowners being in attendance. The Chapter took time to recognize Jim's presence and to thank him for his continued support.

Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!

V/r
CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler
Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



DESERT SOUTHWEST CHAPTER



AAO ABSENTEE BALLOT 2016

DO NOT SUBMIT IF ATTENDING CONVENTION

Vice President

Robert Walecki, CWO4 (RET)

Secretary

John J LaMaitre AOCM (RET) USN

Board of Directors

Timothy Zimmer, AOCS (RET) USN

Board of Directors

David Lepard, CAPT (RET) USN

Note: For BOD vote place a 1 and 2 in corresponding boxes

Print your Name: _____ Membership #: _____

Members Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR BALLOT TO BE ACCEPTED ALL INFORMATION ABOVE IS REQUIRED.

PLACE COMPLETED BALLOT IN ENVELOPE
MAIL ENVELOPE TO ADDRESS BELOW

MAIL TO

AAO NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
698 Woodridge Court
Lemoore, CA 93245

NOTE: Ballots must be received by the Committee Chairman not later than 15 JULY 2016

Aviation Ordnance



"Death from above..."

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS MSG IS A JOINT RELEASED COMNAVVAIRFOR/ASL30 MSG.

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- 2. 2016 AVIATION ORDNANCE MANAGERS LEADERSHIP CONTINUUM(AOMLC) HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR 25-28 JULY 2016 IN RENO, NV.
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- 3. THE AOMLC TARGET AUDIENCE IS USN AND USMC AVIATION ORDNANCE OFFICERS, CVN WEAPONS OFFICERS, CVN ORDNANCE HANDLING OFFICERS, LARGE DECK AMPHIB WEAPONS OFFICERS, SHORE FACILITY WEAPONS OFFICERS, CVW ORDNANCE OFFICERS, TYPE WING ORDNANCE OFFICERS, SQUADRON ORDNANCE OFFICERS, WEAPONS SCHOOL ORDNANCE OFFICERS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN ORDNANCE PERSONNEL, SENIOR ENLISTED ORDNANCE PERSONNEL THAT SUPPORT THE AVIATION ORDNANCE MISSION.
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- 4. THE PURPOSE OF THE AOMLC IS TO ADDRESS FLEET ISSUES AND CONCERNS WHILE PROVIDING UPDATES ON PRESENT AND FUTURE WEAPONS RELATED PROGRAMS. SUB-GROUPS WILL BE ORGANIZED WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL TO REVIEW TOPICS OF FLEET INTEREST.
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- 5. COMMANDING OFFICERS MAY ISSUE ORDERS FOR ATTENDANCE TO THE AOMLC AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE AFTER DETERMINING THAT EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, PER DIEM, AND OTHER COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE AOMLC CAN BE SUPPORTED. IF FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, PERMISSIVE TAD ORDERS MAY BE ISSUED.
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- 6. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE AOMLC WILL BE HELD AT THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL IN RENO, NEVADA 25-28 JULY 2016. ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE RESERVED BY CONTACTING THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL VIA THEIR WORLD WIDE RESERVATION DESK AT (800) 687-8733 OR BY UTILIZING THE HOTEL WEB SITE AT

WWW.SILVERLEGACYRENO.COM. USE GROUP CODE MLC16. ROOM RATES ARE, SUN-THUR \$64.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT AND RENO RESORT FEE OF 15.00 PER DAY. ROOM CONFIRMATIONS MUST BE MADE NLT 2 JULY 2016 TO GUARANTEE RATE.

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- 7. DUE TO THE SILVER LEGACY FACILITY, TO INCLUDE THE BUSINESS CENTER, NOT SUPPORTING INTERNET/WEBMAIL CONNECTIVITY FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ATTENDEES REQUIRING ACCESS BRING THEIR OWN AIRCARDS OR WIFI CONNECTION DEVICES.
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- 8. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE COST SAVINGS, ATTENDEES ON COST ORDERS, NOT RESIDING IN THE LOCAL AREA, SHALL USE THE SILVER LEGACY HOTEL FOR LODGING.
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- 9. TO ALLOW PRE-SCREENING OF PERSPECTIVE ATTENDEES, RSVP TO AOC SKARIN AND MGYSGT SENEAL WITH THE FOLLOWING INFO: NAME, COMMAND AND PHONE NUMBER.
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- 10. UNIFORM FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: USN-SERVICE KHAKIS AND USMC SERVICE CHARLIE. BUSINESS CASUAL FOR CIVILIANS, SHIRT AND TIE FOR CIVILIAN BRIEFERS.
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- 11. FLEET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION THROUGH 15 APRIL 2016.
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- 12. AOMLC AGENDA WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.
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- 13. FOR ALCON: REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION AND ATTENDANCE.
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How to report a retiree's death

Eligibility for Navy retired pay ends with the death of the member. Prompt reporting of a retiree's death can help avoid delay and possible financial hardship to surviving annuitant beneficiaries, family members or executors who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent's military retired pay.

Please follow the steps below to report the death of a military retiree.

Step 1 - Notify the DFAS Casualty Care Team at 800-321-1080. Please have the decedent's Social Security Number and the date of death when you call.

For customers located overseas, the commercial number is 216-522-5955. When calling this number, select option 3 to be directed to the appropriate representative.

Upon notification, DFAS will begin to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments.

Step 2 - Contact your financial institution and inform them of the death of the retiree.

Step 3 - Within 7-10 business days

after reporting the death to DFAS, you should receive a condolence letter.

If the member is due arrears of pay you will also receive a SF1174 Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Service.

If the decedent was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, you should also receive an Annuity Care Package for completion and return.

Step 4 - Complete the SF 1174 you received with your condolence letter and return with a copy of the retiree's Death Certificate that reflects cause of death to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay
P.O. Box 7130
London, KY40742-7130
Fax: 800-469-6559

If you need assistance completing your claim form please contact our call center at 800-321-1080 or OPNAV N135C 866-827-5672 and ask for ext 4308.

Contact List: In addition to notifying DFAS, you should also notify the following agencies/departments as soon as possible:

Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213.

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System at 800-538-9552.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 800-827-1000 for military retirees receiving disability compensation.

Office of Personnel Management at 888-767-6738 if the member was a current or retired federal civilian employee.

VA at 800-669-8477 for retirees enrolled in a VA-sponsored life insurance policy, such as National Service Life Insurance.

Office of Servicemember's Group Life Insurance at 800-419-1473 for retirees enrolled in Veteran's Group Life Insurance.

Families and executors may also receive assistance with administrative requirements from a Casualty Assistance Officer or Retired Activities/Affairs Office if available from a military installation nearby.

Retiree need-to-know info

Replacement DD 214/Service Record

If you need a replacement DD 214, follow the instructions below:

If you retired prior to Jan. 1, 1995, go to www.archives.gov/veterans to request a DD214.

If you retired on or after 1 January 1995 send NAVPERS 1070/882 to:

NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND
PERS-312E
5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE
MILLINGTON, TN 38055-3120

Or fax your request to 901-874-2664 not both.

Contact 1-866-827-5672

Visit www.npc.navy.mil

Medical Record

The Military Health Records (Medical and Dental) are not maintained at Navy Personnel Command (NPC). Records from before January 31, 1994, were sent to the

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Records Management Center (RMC), for management.

For members discharged, released from active duty (**not affiliated with a drilling reserve unit**), deceased, or retired, a request for records should be sent to the VA. The VA recommends you call them first to verify a record is on file. Fax requests may also be submitted.

If a VA Claim was filed, the veteran's health record is sent to the VA Regional Office that serves that veteran's local area.

For questions regarding Medical Records, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Records Management Center
P. O. Box 5020
St. Louis MO 63115-5020
Telephone (314) 538-4500
Fax (314) 538-4571 or 538-4572

Retiree Checklist: What Survivors Should Know

Shift Colors periodically provides a checklist for retirees and their family members. This checklist is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future. The checklist is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools.

1. Create a military file.

- Retirement orders
- DD 214
- Separation papers
- Medical records

2. Create a military retired pay file.

- Claim number of any pending VA claims
- Address of the VA office being used
- List of current deductions from benefits
- Name, relationship and address of beneficiary of unpaid retired pay at the time of death
- Address and phone number for DFAS:
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U S Military Retirement Pay
Post Office Box 7130
London, KY 40742 7130
(800) 321-1080 option #3 (for deceased members)

3. Create an annuities file, to include:

- Information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)
(Additional information regarding SBP annuity claims can be obtained from the DFAS-Cleveland Center office at 1-800-321-1080.)
- Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP)
- Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP)
- Civil Service annuity

4. Create a personal document file.

- Marriage Records
- Divorce decree
- Adoptions and naturalization papers

5. Create an income tax file.

- Copies of state and federal income tax returns

6. Create a property tax file.

- Copies of tax bills
- Deeds and any other related information.

7. Create an insurance policy file.

- Life Insurance
- Property, accident, liability insurance
- Hospitalization/Medical Insurance

8. Maintain a listing of banking and credit information, in a secure location.

- Bank account numbers
- Location of all deposit boxes
- Savings bond information
- Stocks, bonds and any securities owned
- Credit card account numbers and mailing addresses

9. Maintain a membership listing of all associations and organizations.

- Organization names and phone numbers
- Membership fee information

10. Maintain a list of all friends and business associates.

- Include names, addresses and phone numbers

11. Hold discussions with your next of kin about your wishes for burial and funeral services. At a minimum the discussion should include cemetery location and type of burial (ground, cremation or burial at sea). This knowledge may assist your next of kin to carry out all of your desires.

12. You could also pre-arrange your funeral services via your local funeral home. Many states will allow you to pre-pay for services.

13. Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning Navy Mortuary Affairs at (866) 787-0081.

14. Once your decisions have been made and you are comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining specifics.

15. Ensure that your will and all other sensitive documents are maintained in a secure location known by your loved ones.

Organizations to be notified in the event of a retiree death:

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service, London, KY
(800) 321-1080
2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits)
(800) 772-1213
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable)
(800) 827-1000
4. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)
(724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with:
e.g., MOAA, FRA, NCOA, VFW, AL, TREA
6. Any previous employers that provide pension or benefits.

Feedback

Our office is always looking to improve on how information is provided to the retired Navy community. Please send suggestions to MILL_RetiredActivities@navy.mil or:

Department of the Navy
OPNAV N170C
Retired Activities Branch
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6220

Retiree checklist: What survivors should know

Shift Colors periodically provides a checklist for retirees and their surviving family members. This checklist is designed to provide retirees and their loved ones with some help in preparing for the future.

❑ Create a military file that includes a copy of retirement orders, separation papers, DD Form 214, medical records, and any other pertinent military paperwork. Make sure your spouse knows the location and telephone number of the nearest military installation.

❑ Create a military retired pay file that includes the following contact information for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and Navy Personnel Command:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U S Military Retirement Pay
Post Office Box 7130
London, KY 40742-7130
(800) 321-1080 option #3 (for deceased members)

Department of the Navy
OPNAV N135C
Retired Activities Branch
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6220

(This file should also include the number of any pending VA claim as well as the address of the local VA office; a list of deductions currently being made from retired pay or VA benefits. Also include the name, relationship and address of the person you have designated to any unpaid retired pay at the time of death. This designation is located on the back of your Retiree Account Statement)

❑ Create an annuities file. This file should contain information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), or any applicable Civil Service annuity elected by the member, etc. Additional information regarding SBP, RCSBP and RSFPP annuity claims can be obtained from DFAS office at (800) 321-1080.

❑ Create a personal document file that has copies of marriage certificates, divorce decrees, adoptions and naturalization papers.

❑ Create an income tax file. Include copies of both of your state and federal income tax returns.

❑ Create a property tax file. Include copies of tax bills, deeds and any other related documents/information.

❑ Create an insurance policy file. Include life, property, accident, liability and hospitalization policies.

❑ In a secure location, maintain a list of all bank accounts (joint or individual). Include the location of all deposit boxes, savings bonds, stocks, bonds and any securities owned.

❑ In a secure location, maintain a list of all charge accounts and credit cards. Include account numbers and mailing addresses.

❑ Maintain a list of all associations and organizations of which you are a member. Some of them could be helpful to your spouse.

❑ Maintain a list of all friends and business associates who may be helpful. Include name, address and telephone number.

❑ Discuss your plans/desires with respect to the type and location of your funeral service. You should decide about cremation, which cemetery, ground burial, etc. If your spouse knows your desires, it will resolve some of the questions that might arise at a later date.

❑ Visit a local funeral home and pre-arrange your services. Many states will allow you to pre-pay for services.

❑ Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon. Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning the Mortuary Affairs Division at (866) 787-0081.

❑ Once your decisions have been made and you're comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining all your wishes and store it in a secure location with your other paperwork.

❑ When all the decision-making and documenting is completed, sit back and continue to enjoy life.

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4. Office of Personnel and Management (if applicable) - (724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with
6. Any previous employer that provides pension or benefits.

The above information is not all-inclusive and should be used with other estate planning tools to lessen trauma to your loved ones.

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