



# AO NEWSLETTER

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## 1984 CONVENTION

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WILL HOLD ITS 9th ANNUAL REUNION/CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA AT THE HACIENDA RESORT HOTEL ON 22, 23 and 24 JUNE 1984.

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

### CONVENTION SCHEDULE

22 June - Fri.	1300-1800	Registration
	1700-2000	NO HOST Cocktails
	2000-????	On the Town
23 June - Sat.	0900-1100	Business Meeting
	1100-1300	Luncheon (On your own)
	1300-1600	Business Meeting
	1830-1930	NO HOST Cocktails
	1930-2130	Dinner
	2130-2330	Dancing
24 June - Sun.	0900-1100	Board of Directors Meeting

A \$25.00 ( per person) payment in advance is required from all persons planning to attend the Dinner (Prime Rib) on Saturday evening. This charge also includes Hors D' ouvres at the Friday evening cocktail party and Dancing after dinner on Saturday evening.

Fill out the reservation form found elsewhere in this newsletter and send it with your check or money order to: ASSOCIATION of AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, c/o Thomas D. Robins Sec./Tres. at 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, Calif. 95008. All dinner reservations must be recieved by 8June 1984. DO IT NOW AND BEAT THE CROWD.

Room rates at the HACIENDA RESORT HOTEL for this convention period will be \$32.00 + 7% County Room Tax (Single or Double). Hotel room reservations must be made by you, directly with the hotel. One night's room deposit is required when making your reservation.

HACIENDA RESORT HOTEL & CASINO  
3950 Las Vegas Blvd. South  
Las Vegas. Nevada 89119

Telephone Numbers  
(702) 739-8911  
(800) 634-6655

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ROBERT S. SAGE CWO2  
GARRY D. LUTZ CWO4  
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JOHN T. OLSON Jr. LCDR  
JOSEPH P. ZONKEL AOC

1984 CONVENTION (CON'T)

Reservations made after 25 May, 1984 will be accepted on a space available basis only. Check in time is 1500 and check out time is 1100. These room rates will also apply 2 days prior and 2 days after the convention.

RV spaces are available in the HACIENDA Camperland at \$9.00+ Tax daily for full-service hook up. Reservations are suggested.

Tours are available and can be arranged upon arrival at the Hotel. A FUN BOOK and other FREE BIES from different Casinos will be made available at the Hotel reservation desk when checking in.

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1984 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

It is not too early for your dependents to submit an application for consideration of a 1984 Scholarship Award. Applications and all related correspondence must be received by the Association Secretary by 15 June 1984.

Applications may be obtained by requesting same from:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN  
c/o Thomas D. Robins Sec./Tres.  
729 Buddlawn Way  
Campbell, Ca. 95008

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GEORGE R. TANNER A01  
LAWRENCE W. JOHNSON

NAS MIRAMAR

Lt. Charles Bradford has taken over as COMFITAEWWING Ordnance Officer taking some of the pressure off of AOCM DON SANDERS. COMFIT A/V os 959-2217/2237. No big problems lately. We are still plagued with 20MM and gun problems, but nothing earth shaking. VF-21 and VF-154 are transitioning to F-14 Tomcats from F-4's. We hope to see them with a full bag of airplanes in the near future. Hope to see you all at the "84" Convention in June.

SUBMITTED BY  
JIM IRVING

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CHAPLINS CORNER

TAPS:

A01 NORMAN W. (BILL) BUHROW, 55, died on 20 September 1983 following an extended illness. His last duty station was VA-128 and retired in 1967. Memorials may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, American Deabetes Assoc. or the Punkin Center Volunteer Fire Dept. At Hamilton.

A01 GEORGE M. (MICKEY) WILLOUGHLY 38, died on 14 August 1983 as a result of a motorcycle accident. His last duty station was VA-128 and he retired October 29, 1982. Memorials may be made to Save the Children Foundation C/O Skagit State Bank, 1811 Commercial Ave. Anacortes, Wa.

A03 JUSTIN PAONE of Aurora, Co died 17 November 1983 in an auto accident. A03 Paone was a distinguished graduate of VP-31 Ordnance and was attached to VP-47.

LT. ALBERT J. LEIMER USN RET. passed away 10 November 1983. Friends and shipmates send their condolences to Mrs Martha Leimer, 474 Portman Rd. Butler, Pa. 16001.

CWO-3 RET. ROBERT E. TUTHILL passed away on 13 December 1983. Friends and Shipmates send their condolences to Mrs. Ethel Tuthill. Anyone wishing to send a special message may send it to 928 Fletcher Lane, Apt 4. Hayward, Ca. 94544.

Assoc. member Ernest W. Oakley passed away 31 October 1983. He was the Grumman Rep.

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WANT AD

HELP !!!!!!! NEEDED!!!!!! The AirPac Armament Equipment Pool at North Island is in dire need of a BOX FIN for an old FAT 250 GP we are refurbishing for the Aero Space Museum. If anyone out there knows where one is located please call Ron Bushta at AV951-7940 and have it shipped to:

CNAP/FRREP  
Bldg 42

NAS North Island, Ca. 92135

AAO MOTTO REQUEST

It has been suggested by some of our members that the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen should have a MOTTO. The following is a quote from Ens. Ron Erwin. QUOTE: As with the majority of great countries, flourishing corporations and illustrious assemblages, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen should assume a short expression or phrase indicative of its character and guiding principles. To further illustrate the point, the following examples serve to clarify: The United States utilizes "In God We Trust"; the U.S. Marine Corps employs "Semper Fidelis"; United Airlines coins "We move our tails for you" and promoted by the makers of Kotex-"Stuff It". It is my personal conviction that adoption of an Association "motto" is of paramount importance to enhance the solidity, integrity, clarity and substance of our objectives. UNQUOTE.

It is therefore desired that each and every member receiving this newsletter, fill out the form below and submit it to the Secretary of the Association. All entries must be received by 20 April 1984.

The President shall appoint a committee to review and "cull" all proposed "mottos" submitted.

The review committee shall submit those "mottos" deemed appropriate and in good taste to the general assembly at the 1984 convention. Members attending will select by a majority vote the "motto" they like best.

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MOTTO SUGGESTION FORM

Proposed Motto \_\_\_\_\_

Translation (If motto is not in English) \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to: AAO MOTTO COMMITTEE c/o Thomas D. Robins Sec./Tres.  
729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, Ca. 95008  
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## CHAPTER ONE LEMOORE

On 20 December the first annual Christmas Party for Chapter One was held at the Fleet Reserve, Lemoore, Ca. Branch 261. Our National Secretary, Tom Robbins, provided a very enlightening history of Aviation Ordnance. CDR Dave Park, Commanding Officer, Light Attack Weapons School, Pacific, added a few words with the topic of ordnance being the backbone of the Navy/Marine Corps.

In attendance were 220 members and guests. Following the drawing for door prizes, which were provided by several members of Chapter One and local merchants, music was provided so young and old could trip the light fantastic and impress their wives, girlfriends or acquaintances.

Thanks to AOC Chuck Atwell, A01 Steve Harris, and A01 Ray Trammel from Chapter Two, Moffett Field, who also attended. Chapter One hopes to see all at the Convention.

## VFA-125:

Just a quick look at 1983. Not only were the Ordnancemen of VFA-125 a part of the squadron reaching 20,000 accident free hours, but we tested the Ordnance Systems of the F/A-18 through the freezing Nevada winter to the hot Arizona summer. During 1983, we completed eleven highly successful Weapons Detachments. This put us to the test of our dual role of training fleet personal and maintaining our systems on back-to-back dets. With the successful completion of our mission in 1983, we saw five fleet squadrons stand up with the air crews completing training in Air to Air Gunnery, Air to Ground Gunnery and Conventional Weapons delivery, and Fleet Sailors and Marines ready to maintain the F/A-18 Ordnance Systems.

## CHAPTER TWO MOFFETT FIELD

Election of Officers for Chapter Two  
President- AOC Chuck Atwell  
Vice President- A01 Steve Harris  
Secretary- A01 Hank DeBerry  
Treasurer- A01 Frank Rodriguez

The second meeting of Chapter Two held 15 November 1983 was attended by Tom Robbins, Secretary/Treasurer. Welcome to the first women member of Chapter Two, A03 Patricia Flynn. Chapter Two is looking forward to seeing all fellow A0'S at the National Convention.

## CHAPTER THREE WHIDBEY ISLAND

Election of Officers for Chapter Three  
President- David P. Michel  
Vice President- James A. Fluker  
Secretary- Gary L. Hernkind  
Treasurer- Edwin G. Hammond

The second meeting of Chapter Three was held 20 September 1983 and membership rose to 79 and still growing strong. Chapter meetings will be held every other month that started with the November meeting.

Anyone having a present address on A01 Harold Martz (RET) please forward to Dave Michel, Whidbey Island.



ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
Membership \$10.00 Per Year

Assoc. Aviation Ordnancemen  
THOMAS D. ROBINS, Sec/Treas.  
729 Buddlawn Way  
Campbell, CA. 95008

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSAN \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: HOME/WORK \_\_\_\_\_ DUTY STATION \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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(Witness) (Signed)

TEMPORARY RECEIPT

MEMBER/ASSOCIATE MEMBER

\$10.00 Received By:

NAME

ADDRESS

Chapter One accepted full concessions on AO Association merchandise with a small profit for chapter one and 10% of profits to the national scholarship fund. This will be by mail order, handled by Bob Underwood, 1080 Cinnamon Dr. Lemoore, Ca. 93245. Phone no. (209) 924-2002, A/V949-3451. Orders have already been placed for the items below. It would be appreciated if you mailed in your order ASAP so we don't have to go to the National for front money. Our vender has given us 60 days delayed payment. Make checks payable to ASSOC. OF AVAITION ORD. CHAPTER ONE. The T-Shirts, Ball Caps, Ball point pen/pencil sets, 3/4" tie tacks, patches and decals are full 5 color. The coffee cups are English Ironstone ceramic mugs, white with red logo on one side and Bursting Bomb on the other. The lined Jackets are red with white logo on back with bursting bomb on front left breast.

ORDER FORM

T-SHIRTS @ \$8.00 ea.	QTY _____	SM M LG XLG	(circle size (s))
HAT @ \$6.00 ea	QTY _____		
PEN/PENCIL SET @ \$12.00	QTY _____		
TIE TACKS @ \$3.00 ea	QTY _____		
COFFEE MUGS @ \$5.00 ea	QTY _____		
4" PATCH @ \$4.00 ea,	QTY _____		
DECAL @ \$1.75 ea	QTY _____		
JACKETS @ \$35.00	QTY _____	EX-SM SM LG XLG	