



The Red Shirt

PEACE THROUGH POWER - WE ARE THE "ARMS" OF THE FLEET

Newsletter No 55

December 1994

From the President

CDR Gary Laun

HAPPY HOLIDAY'S! I hope that everyone is enjoying the Holiday Season with friends and family. A special "Welcome Home" to all the Ordies returning from deployment on Kitty Hawk and the rest of the Fleet.

I enjoyed a recent visit to the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro where I drove up from San Diego with John Finn. We

were joined by Marine Medal of Honor Winner LtCol Ken Walsh, who was awarded the Medal of Honor as a "Flying Peon" (this is what John referred to Marine enlisted Pilots of WWII). According to John, Mr. Walsh was an enlisted "Ace" with 21 kills. Besides having the honor of these gentlemen, I had the honor of presenting the "John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Award" to SSGT Balwindar Van De Voort, stationed at Marine Fighter Attack Squadron, 101

FREST. It was indeed an honor to present SSGT Van De Voort with her award in such distinguished company. Thanks John and Mr. Walsh for making this such a memorable occasion for the Association, SSGT Van De Voort and myself. Thanks are also in order for the planning and support from Capt Cochran and the crew at 101 FREST for making it all happen, good show. The presentation was also enjoyed by my wife, Mary Ann, AOCM

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The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

Vice President's News

*From the Vice
President*

Chuck Onken, LCDR/Ret

I would like to thank Steve Cashat for the great newsletter. It was his very first one. I know that things will only get better.

The AO Convention Reunion Book is out. If you ordered one and didn't receive it, let Beverly or myself know, and we'll try to get things straightened out. There is an order form in this newsletter, as was in the last one. Home phone (209) 924-2503.

Now to my favorite subject - Membership in the Association! As of 24 October 1994, we had only 1812 active members, down from over 2000 a year ago. 46 members have unknown addresses. There are also between 1200 and 1500 members that have, for one reason or another, not

renewed their membership and have been dropped from our rolls. Billy Earl is sending an invitation out for those members to rejoin. Hopefully, these people will come back to our great Association.

I received another disturbing letter from Billy Earl. As of 1 November 1994, four chapters have been dropped from the rolls of the Association because there had been no activity shown in the last (24) months. This action is taken in accordance with Article IX, Section 8 of the Association By-Laws. Those Chapters are: Chapter 5/China Lake, Chapter 13/El Centro, Chapter 66/USS America, and Chapter 70/USS Vinson. If there is anyone out there interested in getting these chapters going once again, **please** contact Billy Earl/Sec-Treas, CDR Gary Laun/President or myself.

Everyone please, support this " Great "

Association. It does a lot for the AO rate, its members, non-members, dependents, and for the local communities. **Lets all get out and recruit old and new members.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND GOD
BLESS !** From Beverly and Myself.



President

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Miller and CWO Philips, USMC, who traveled up to EL TORO with John Finn and myself. I also extend my congratulations to SSGT Van De Voort for being selected for Warrant Officer and look to hear more from this outstanding Marine in the future.

Since the last newsletter, the San Diego Chapter enjoyed a family camp out at Twin Lakes. A great time was had by all. We all enjoyed the pleasure of Daniel Tennack Boone as he set up camp, a real treat.....just kidding Al. The rest of the crew consisted of the Onkens, Shorts, Thills, Kellers, Seagers, Thomas Rameriz, and Petty Officer Rhodes. We had a great weekend cooking, eating, drinking and playing "Washers" and "Chicken Foot". If you don't know what "Chicken Foot" is, you need to make our next Camp Out in January. Just contact someone from the San Diego Chapter for the info. The more Ordies we have the better it will be.

It was also a great honor for me to attend the Annual Pearl Harbor Breakfast at Naval Air Station, Lemoore. I made the trip along with John Finn. John and I have become pretty good traveling partners. I always look forward to spending time with him, and catching up with what happened in the Navy from 1926 to when he joined the fleet reserve in 1947. We started out the morning at the Club where John was given Honors and piped aboard along with the other Heroes in attendance. Then we proceeded into the club for a social period and breakfast. John really enjoyed seeing and talking to his old shipmates and friends. The event was in honor of all of the Pearl Harbor survivors and was sponsored by Chapter 8 of the Association. A "WELL DONE" to George Segars for working so hard to put on such a great presentation and taking care of all the details. I must say if you ever get the chance to participate in this event, it's a must. The ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN was also recognized, which was very nice. Afterwards John and a large group went over to Strike Fighter Weapons School where a monument in honor of the Pearl Harbor

Survivors was dedicated. John reenlisted one of the Petty Officers from the school then attended a flight demonstration and was provided refreshments. Many thanks to Gunner Leonard, CO, XO, and the men and women of Strike Fighter Weapons School for finishing off a great day that many of us will remember for a long time.

I would like for the Chapters to take a good look at the inactive member list Billy Earl sent out. Please try to get as many inactive members that we can back to a current status. I really believe we can help the Association and Billy to update his records. It should also be noted, as approved by the members at the general business meeting, that the dues will be \$15.00 after the first of the year.

Mary Ann and myself wish everyone a safe and wonderful Holiday Season, and a very Happy New Year. Be careful, be safe and start planning for the 1995 Convention at the Peppermill in Reno, Nv. 29 June - 2 July. See you there.....

Secretary/Treasurer

New Life Members

Iverson B. Pierson	Clifford W. Degaw
William Meyer	David W. Moore
James H. Kostek	Harry J. Downey
Luther W. Lance	Patrick E. Barrett
John C. Crawford	John M. Parker
Pete Preston	George E. Cary
Joseph W. Johnson	Robert M. Miller
Allen V. Smith	Robert L. Sage

Scholarship Contrubitors

F. Winter	P. Tracy	D. M. Smith
R. Reignn	W. Mezu	R. Solomon
J. Rugger	A. Stokke	P. Walters
F. Nelson	O. D. McGee	W. Yarwood
E. Burwell	J. Fagan	F. Fogg
W. Weidenheimer	D. Eckard	C. J. Schoonmaker
J. Barrington	L. Tucker	H. Font
R. Horning	T. Gordon	
G. Lindsay	P. Porter	
J. Gayden	M. Schlindwein	

Chapter - Meetings/Places/Times/Dates

Anytime you are in the area, please stop by and join in. You are always welcome.



CHAPTER 1 - LEMOORE, CA

President: Johnny Wheat
(209) 924-4465
Fleet Reserve
3RD Tuesday @ 1800

CHAPTER 3 - WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA

President: Michael T. Blunk
(206) 675-5796
VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey)
2ND Wednesday @ 1930

CHAPTER 4 - TIDEWATER AREA, VA

President: Max Snock
(804) 340-7191
VFW Post 392 Bowland Pkwy, VB
3RD Wednesday @ 1900

CHAPTER 8 - SAN DIEGO, CA

President: Ken Eubanks
(619) 426-4066

Fleet Reserve, Chula Vista
1ST Thursday @ 1900

CHAPTER 9 - JACKSONVILLE, FL

President: Jerry Mitchell
(904) 292-1147

Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
3RD Thursday @ 1900

CHAPTER 21 - FALLON, NV

President: Jerry Copple
(702) 423-2475
Top Four Club, NAS Fallon
1ST Thursday @ 1900

CHAPTER 22 - CAPITOL AREA

President: Garry Klaus
(703) 971-9232
Meetings rotate Btwn
IH/Pax Riv/CCity
3RD Thursday @ 1700
Call Garry

CHAPTER 62 - USS INDEPENDENCE

President: Terry R. Riley
Forward Deployed

CHAPTER 68 - USS NIMITZ

President: Joel Clayton
(206) 830-5277
Onboard
1ST Thursday @ 0900

CHAPTER 72 - USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

President: John Boyle
DEPLOYED

Chapter News

CHAPTER ONE LEMOORE, CA

President: Johnny R. Wheat

Vice-President: David W. Moore

Secretary: Mark Bristol

Treasurer: George Guenther

ORDIE GRAM

The past few months the Chapter has been involved in many activities. The July camping trip to Hume Lake was a blast. Between picking up after the bears and washing in the lake, I guess you can say we got a good taste of the great outdoors. At least those of us who don't travel with the luxuries of home (like a travel trailer or 5th wheel). I think that I will switch from being a "back to nature" kind of guy, to "take my home with me (gotta buy a trailer) kind of guy". Anyway we all had a super time.

I would like to take this time to congratulate Kate Sawyer for being elected as the President of the AO Association Auxiliary. I understand a good time was had by all at the convention in St Louis. We in Chapter One are looking forward to the 1995 convention in Reno, Nevada at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino from 28 June through 2 July.

Our annual picnic held at Jack Stone's Barn was a huge success. We had a great turn out throughout the day with over 300 people in attendance. Hats off to Dave Moore for setting up the picnic and to all those who helped in setting up, cooking and cleaning up. A special thanks goes to Kate Sawyer and the auxiliary for all the work entertaining the kids.

We had such a great time on our first camping trip, that in September, we all headed out again; some with, some without campers. No, I still don't own one (but I am saving my money). This time we had electrical outlets and showers. Almost like home. Another

great back to nature, away from the phone and get to know the kids time was had by all. I would say "Away from the TV", but rumor has it there were a few in some campsites. After all it was a football weekend. Still everyone had a wonderful time and we can't wait 'till our next trip.

In late September we had an exciting event take place at NAS Lemoore with the commissioning of the Navy's two newest Gunners, Mike Hines and Walt Chaney. They threw one fantastic party at Mikey's house. If you missed it, you missed the party of the year! Any pay raises they get will go to pay for the party set up, plus food and drink for months to come. Congratulations Ens Chaney and CWO Hines.

Our Halloween party was held on 29 OCT at Jim & Glenda Allison's house. We did snacks and refreshments. Well done and thanks to Vic Leonard for setting up the scenery and running the costume judging. Everyone brought a snack of some type.... more food than we all could eat; refreshments were provided by the chapter. A great time was had by all. Everyone that wore a costume put a lot of effort into them, well done to all. Once again Dave and Connie Moore won best couple costume (doctor & patient). I guess they like dressing up in costumes. Tiffany Wheat (movie star) won best kids costume and Suzette Roberts (serving wench) won best adult overall. Honorable mention for couples went to John Hensely and Lori (Star Trek outfits).

This years Christmas party is set for 8 December at the O'club and will be an all you can eat buffet. This is the one big event of the year when, we dress up, and show our spouses that we do clean up well.

Louis Lachney, our chapter secretary, received orders and transferred to sea duty. Farewell Lou, you will be missed in Lemoore. Filling his position until his term is complete is Mark Bristol. Vic Leonard has volunteered to head

up the fund raising committee. Board members include Jim Clifton, Jim Allison, Rusty Stober and Ken Jones.

We still conduct our quarterly highway cleanup in front of the base. We had 17 participants for our last FOD walkdown. Dave Moore found a \$20.00 bill. Now that's twice in a row someone has found \$20.00 dollars. Waylan Williams found \$20.00 last walk. Well worth the one hour of time spent cleaning the highway. Our next walk should be in late November or early December.

Our meetings continue to be held at 1800, the third Tuesday of each month, at the Fleet Reserve Association on D Street in Lemoore. If you are in the area please stop in.

MEMORABILIA NEWS

Chapter One Treasurer

Our belt buckles have arrived and are selling well. The price is down from \$15.00 to \$10.00. They are made of solid pewter. Thanks to the Chapter One Board of Directors we have new improved laser plaques for sale. The price has increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00, but well worth the increase. A big thanks to Dave Moore, AOCM Jones and his better half for making these plaques possible. Our next endeavor will be watches. We should get them in January 1995.

Remember, the only good order form is the one with our new Post Office Box 1148. Any other forms in your possession should be destroyed. Unless NAS Lemoore closes, this address should remain valid no matter who is the treasurer.

Chapter News

CHAPTER IV

TIDEWATER AREA

*Stu Carson AOCM/Ret, Sec/Treas,
Chapter IV*

SEASONS GREETINGS to all from Tidewater.

This is a busy time for the Chapter as we are once again involved in donating non-perishable food items and cash to the NAS Oceana Chaplain's Office for needy military families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. I'd like to thank all Chapter IV members for their generous donations over the past four years. The way our collection stands, we should easily surpass all other donations of previous years.

Congratulations and well done to fellow Chapter IV member, AOCM (AW) David Borne, on his recent selection as Force Master Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Also a big Chapter IV Bravo Zulu to AO1 Tom Brouwer, USS Theodore Roosevelt, G-3 Division on his selection to AO1.

"Red Shirt Ranch V" is history and was our best yet! There were approximately 75 campers for the weekend. Our weather conditions couldn't have been better. We actually got through a camp out without down pours! Camp food again was excellent and plentiful. The "culinary highlight" was the outstanding stir fry prepared by our resident French chef. That's right! CDR (Chef) Del Oakes, USN/ Ret and student of French cuisine. He did a great job decorating his table with a table cloth, fresh whole pineapples, imported French wines, and a nice display of his cutlery. Quite a change from standard camp food. How many chapters can boast of having a real French chef as a member? Tom and Kathy Brouwer organized a great horseshoe tournament with 12 teams, who pitched continuously for 3 hours during eliminations. CWO2 Mike

Snider, USN and AO2 Tom Brouwer, USN (The Roosevelt connection) garnered first place, with AOC Joe Mahachek, USN and BTC Mark Kiem, USN taking second. The "old bubble head", ENC Bob Single, USN/Ret and AOCM Stu Carson, USN/Ret grabbed third place. Four Ordies drove 650 miles from Duval County, Florida to enjoy Chapter IV's hospitality. AOC Ron Adams, USN from Mayport stated, "you guys do it right!" Make your plans now for "Red Shirt Ranch VI" scheduled for 31 March, 1 and 2 April 1995. If any of you Ordies are visiting the Tidewater area then, come on down, we guarantee you'll enjoy it!

On 22 October 1994 the chapter completed our last scheduled highway clean up of the year. The approximate tally of trash and litter collected during the four "FOD walkdowns" was 120 forty gallon trash bags filled and about 300 pounds of bulk trash. We are doing the job, but people are littering as fast as we pick it up. Our new clean up coordinator, AOC Jeff Waugh, USN, has some mighty big shoes to fill. I'm not saying Dawn Crosby has big feet but, she did do an outstanding job in the four years she chaired it. She will be missed in all chapter functions. Jeff picked right up and is also doing great. Our first clean up of 1995 will be 29 April. Come out and "pitch in" with an award winning (twice) clean up crew. Our crews weren't quite as lucky as chapter one finding a twenty dollar bill, but LCDR Jack Wilson, USN found a dollar and donated it to the Chapter treasury. Every bit counts, especially for our ever growing and successful camp outs. Thanks Jack!

On 15 January 1995 Chapter IV will host our Fifth Annual AFC/NFC Championship Party at VFW Post 392 starting at noon. All area Ordies are most welcome to join us. All who are coming are requested to bring a covered dish, the chapter will provide all beverages.

Recently the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) deployed with CVW-3 embarked. She is relieving the USS George Washington (CVN-73) with CVW-7 embarked after her maiden Med/Persian Gulf deployment. The chapter welcomes back GW and CAG seven and wishes a smooth sailing to "IKE" and CAG three.

Please keep in mind as you read this, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen's convention is only six months away (June 1995 in Reno, NV). Now is the time for all Tidewater area commands to start working on their Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year packages. Also, if you have dependents in or accepted to college, get hot on scholarship applications. The Association selects and awards three \$1000.00 scholarships. Contact Stu Carson for information.

Recently, Chapter IV started a new program of offering all E-1, E-2 and E-3 Ordies a year's free membership in the chapter but they must pay their own national dues. So far we have only two who have taken advantage of this program. Come on Ordies, check it out! Also, please note the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (National) dues will go up to \$15.00 annually. Save \$5.00 join early, pay your renewals early as they go up 1 January 1995.

Condolences go out to CWO4 Tom Williams USN/Ret, a very active Chapter IV member, on the recent loss of this Dad, former AO1 Quenin A. Williams of Kimberly, WI. Mr. Williams passed away 8 November 1994.

Chapter IV meets at 1900 the third Wednesday of the month. Our meetings are held in a large, quiet and comfortable atmosphere so graciously hosted by VFW Post 392 on Bowland Parkway in Virginia Beach, VA. Come on out and join up.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

Chapter News

CHAPTER S-87

MEMPHIS, TN

Jim Richardson, President, Chapter S-87

SEASONS GREETING'S fellow Ordies from Millington, Tenn. Yes, its that time again for the big man in the sky, wearing his red coat, scurrying around, preparing to make that big delivery in the silence of the night.

I want to start off welcoming the following new members to the Association: GYSGT Garcia, AO1 Swanson, SSGT Shaheen, AO1 Adams and AO1 Wall.

Our freeway pickup in SEP was a real pain due to being rained out two weekend's in a row. We were finally able to do it on 01 OCT 94 and boy what a beautiful day it turned out to be. We will be doing our next one in DEC.

Well, we all went into the Fall with one more camping trip to Sardis Lake. This time it was only the boys. Bad weekend to be fishing. Nobody caught anything. Even in the rain, wind, and with invading rabbits every night, it was a great time for all those who attended.

Everybody here is preparing for the upcoming Christmas party. Jim Richardson is to head up the party once again. He seems to think that he will out do himself with this years party. After seeing what he's done before, this is hard to believe.

For our November event, we will be going to a Chinese restaurant for dinner and then all of us will go to the "Laugh Factory" for a comedy show. A crew of Ordies at a comedy show ? This ought to be interesting.

This will be the last letter with Jim Richardson as our President. We will be nominating a new President at our next meeting. It is truly a shame to see him go. Jim is an AO at heart. A big plus for USS Carl Vinson.

Hope you all have as big a holiday as we will. Just remember not to drink and drive. We need to keep our AO family together. Never forget, **IYA OYAS!**

CHAPTER NINE

Jacksonville, Florida

Bob Hall, Sec/PAO, Chapter nine

Hello again from all members of Chapter Nine in sunny Florida. All goes well here as we approach the end of another year. Not only are the Holidays just ahead, we will be electing a new slate of officers to head up our activities for 1995. For the past two months AO1 Patty Tracy, AOC Daniel, AOC (Ret) Tony Gonzales and LCDR (ret) Billy Harkins have been working as our nominating committee, canvassing our personnel to come up with a slate which will be agreeable to all hands.

Our Chapter has again been involved in running a booth at the NAS Jax Air Show. President Jerry Mitchell and Vice President John Chandler worked as booth Captains, and were extremely pleased with the support provided by our membership in running the booth. We had asked for a beer booth, but wound up with a food and beverage cart. Could it be that someone knew we had too much fun before?? Anyway, it all turned out well and we made over \$400.00.

Our meeting attendance continues to fluxuate between 25 and 40 members per meeting; and I'm real happy to report that more of our VP community is joining us. Maybe the use of the phone tree and the fax is paying dividends. It would really be nice to see the 100 people at the election this month which President Mitchell is looking for. He and I are providing the keg. Maybe we'll need two!

We recently recieved a nice letter, along with a membership application for both National and Chapter Nine, from a shipmate living way down in Miami. So it's nice to welcome AOC (Ret) Louis Mirowsky to our organization. We know he can't attend every meeting, but we certainly welcome him anytime he's in the area. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 1900 in the Branch 91 Fleet Reserve Hall.

Our Chapter, once again, has shown it's true spirit by caring and giving to our fellow Ordies. AO2 Brigham, a former member of Saratoga, now stationed at Pinecastle, lost his trailer home and all belongings to an act of arson. With \$200 from our Treasury and generous donations at our meeting, we were able to give him \$400 to help him make a new start. Reports were that no one was hurt, so for that we can all be very thankful.

We are again planning to donate food certificates to help some of our Ordies during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. We have approved three certificates for Thanksgiving at \$75.00 each, and three for Christmas at \$100.00 each. Bill Taylor, our treasurer, is maintaining a separate account of personal donations which will be evenly split.

In closing, I would like to say that I have enjoyed working with the Chapter as the Secretary/PAO, but it's now time to step down. I don't feel that I can continue as I will be out of the area quite a bit in 1995. Retirement is something, I guess, we all look forward to ; and my time is almost here. Yes, I've decided to say my good-bye's to this Navy life at the NAS JAX CPO Club at 1930 on 6 January 1995. I know it will be a sad occasion, as tears are coming to my eyes as I write this paragraph. It's just hard to think about leaving a family with whom you've been associated for

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CHAPTER 22 CAPITOL AREA

LtCol Garry Klaus, President

Greetings from the Nation's Capitol. The members here in the Washington, D.C. area want to wish all members of the AO Association a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and hope the coming year is prosperous for each of you.

Chapter 22 area is a large and widely spread area covering NAS Patuxent River, Naval Surface Warfare Center/

Naval Ordnance Center Indian Head, the Pentagon and Crystal City areas as well as MAG 49 Det. "A" located at NAF Washington D.C. The large geographic area that encompasses the Chapter 22 membership area has created difficulties in finding a suitable location to hold meetings that is convenient to all members. The distance between NAS PAX River and the Crystal City/Pentagon Area is about 75 miles. It was decided at our November meeting to try holding meetings at NAF Washington D.C. and MAG 49 Det "A" offered to host, and will locate the appropriate facilities.

Chapter 22 members have been busy with many worthwhile projects, several which are long range and ongoing. The annual Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Drive, has been a resounding success thus far, a very large amount of non-perishable food was contributed/collected by the Chapter and turned over to a Local Agency "Helping Hands" for distribution to needy

families in time for Thanksgiving Dinner. The Drive is ongoing and has a good start on collection for Christmas. Another Noteworthy project involves the work of several Chapter members, AOC (AW/SW) Marcus Quattlebaum, GySgt. Ken Eaton, AOC Al Castro (Ret), John Olson CDR (Ret AO/LDO) and AOCS Rod McDonald (Ret) are involved in a project to assist the AO-A1 School at Millington with obtaining an F/A-18 loading trainer. An F/A-18, that had been in use at NSWC Dahlgren for Hero testing, was located and has been made available for use by the AO School. Chief Quattlebaum, the NAVAIRSYSCOM representative, assigned the responsibility for schoolhouse training, took the lead and coordinated the effort to ensure the aircraft was given a NADEP Quality Paint Job and made ready for transport. He also procured, as excess, from NSWC Dahlgren the appropriate Racks and Launchers for

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CHAPTER THREE WHIDBEY ISLAND

Melvin J. Fenner, Secretary Chapter 3

Greetings from Chapter 3 !

Everyone here is alive and well and our membership and meeting attendance has steadily increased. We've been conducting our monthly Adopt-a-Highway clean ups.

NAS Whidbey Island recently held it's first annual "Sprummer Fest" (Spring/Summer) and Chapter 3 was there to sell ordnance memorabilia and some old fashioned "barbecue on a stick" raising over \$200.00. Special thanks to the men and women who took time out to lend a hand.

Elections were held for new officers and results are as follows:

- President - Mike Blunk
- Secretary - Melvin Fenner

● Treasurer - Danny Danganan

Congratulations and good luck to all the newly elected officers!

Outgoing President, Buckey Hansen, gave a farewell speech expressing his great enjoyment and thanks to everyone for their support during his term in office. Also, he said how proud he was to represent Chapter 3.

THANKS Buckey ! Super job !!

We're holding our annual Christmas party on 17 December at the Dugualla Bay Club House which was a great success last year. This year we're hoping to surpass last years turn out. The individuals who are heading this event are Rodney Briggs and Pat McCollough..

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

CHAPTER NINE

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more that 42 years. Memories of all the good and bad times so many of us have shared keep coming to mind, more and more frequently as my days grow shorter. Yes, there were a few bad times, but there were so many good times, that it's easy to get my thoughts redirected when the bad times come to mind. I do plan to reside here, in Jacksonville and play golf at the bases, so maybe I'll still feel somewhat attached. I just have to say that "I certainly enjoyed being referred to as an Aviation Ordnanceman, and having served with so many wonderful people."



Editor's Notes

● CORRECTIONS

Corrections to Newsletter # 54

Jessica Travis is the daughter of Ex-AO Timothy Holub of Marion, KS. She was one of the 1994 Robert Crow AAO Scholarship winners, not the daughter of AOCS Travis as reported.

NOTICE DUES INCREASE

AS OF 01 JANUARY 1995 THE ASSOCIATIONS ANNUAL DUES WILL BE \$15.00

As determined and approved by the Board of Directors, and announced at the 1994 General Business Meeting, with concurrence of those in attendance, the Association will be raising its annual dues rate to \$15.00 per year.

Members who wish to pre-pay may do so at the old rate of \$10.00 for a period of up to one (1) year. Any dues renewal beyond one (1) year will be at the new rate. New members who join prior to the new rate implementation date, may do so at the old rate and may extend their membership up to one (1) year at the current rate. **Members who join and members who renew after 01 January 1995 will do so at the new rate.**



FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Steve Cashat

This is my second newsletter and as you can see some changes have been made. I'm open to all suggestions and I solicit your inputs and ideas. It's your newsletter. Lets make it look professional in support of a great professional association.

I have a request for all Chapters. Please send a copy of your chapter logo if you have one. I would like to scan them into a file that I can use in the "Red Shirt".

I plan to put articles of interest in each newsletter. If you have something of interest you would like to share, send them to me and I will try to use them. Due date for inputs for Red Shirt # 56 is 25 FEB 1995.

When moving, please don't forget to send in a change of address. Mailing cost keep going up and another postage hike is on the horizon.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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CHAPTER - PENSACOLA

President: Carl Phipps
(904) 457-0448
Lighthouse PT Restaurant
NAS Pensacola
1ST Thursday @ 1830

CHAPTER S-87, Millington, TN

President: Jim Richardson
(901) 873-1092
VFW Post 7175
2ND Wednesday @ 1730

FORMER NWEF'ers

Catch up on what's happening in the "Land of Enchantment"

All former NWEF ordies who are interested in getting a semi-annual NWEF newsletter contact Lou Tafoya at (505) 846-0882 EXT 352.



LAST VA-42 A-6 DEPARTS

The last A-6E Intruder assigned to Attack Squadron 42, which was disestablished Sept. 23, departed Naval Air Station Oceana Sept 26 for Davis-Moahan Air Force Base, Ariz.

The "Thunderbolts" had been considered the training nucleus of East Coast A-6 squadrons since they were first delivered to the Navy in 1963. VA-42's disestablishment ended more

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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 Auxiliary.

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the aircraft. Gunney Eaton and Marines from MAG 49 Det "A", as always, have been at the front, identifying the correct launchers and hardware, etc. and continue providing invaluable assistance in the reconditioning of the Aircraft Armament Equipment required. The effort is not yet complete and will require even more assistance of other ordies, both Blue and Green, Active Duty and Retired.

Another noteworthy event that will affect the lives of every Ordie in the Fleet is the distribution of OPNAVINST 8600.2B. The Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Program (NAWMP) continues to grow and offers more comprehensive information on the maintenance of Airborne Weapons. This Book may be the most widely distributed book in the History of Aviation Ordnance...it goes to Squadrons with weapons capable aircraft, Aviation Capable Ships and Stations and to surface ships which employ the HARPOON Missile.

We here in D.C. are proud of the continuing efforts of all the members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and welcome the opportunity to do our part in helping to promote the Association and its goals.



Chaplains' Corner



Billy Earl sent me a complied list of the members that we know of who have reported to "Supreme Staff Duty": two hundred twenty plus the list in this Red Shirt. I'm sure there are more than that over the last, almost 20 years, but that was all we could find in our archives. Out of those, only 32% were members, which brings up another point that I think you can see coming. Keep up the RECRUITING efforts. This is OUR Great Association; let's make it greater!

In closing, let's take a moment to again remember our shipmates,

CHAPLAINS' CORNER

Ron Bushta, Chaplain.

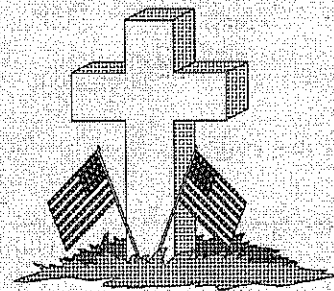
Greetings. Peace and love to all.

Once again a big "THANKS" to the "BIG GUY" for letting us progress ourselves this far, and a short pause to remember those who have passed before. Isn't that something to look forward to, to be remembered? I guess that prospective has a lot to do with it.

I trust your holiday "giving", in whatever method you used, was heart warming. Most of the payback in these endeavors is non-material and worth much more than something you can physically grasp.

My yearly letters for devotional intentions on our AO special dates should be out to all major activities. I hit about 75 command Catholic Chaplains with a request for some sort of extra mention for the spiritual well being of us "Ordies" on our Naval AO anniversary, March 2nd; our Marine Corps AO anniversary, April 22nd; and on the Feast of our Patroness, Saint Barbara, 4 December. The services are Catholic, but the dedication is non-denominational. Maybe those of you who are so inclined can get with your local "GOD Squad" and plan some sort of special service on, or close to, those special AO days. In the past, several chaplains have sent me a copy of the AO prayer service held at their command. That's what I mean about the real "payback".

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spouses, associates, Auxiliary, and others close to us who have reported to the "Supreme Staff". Amen!

PEACE AND LOVE TO ALL



Auxiliary News

AAAO President

Kathryn (Kate) Sawyer, AAAO President

Greetings to members of the Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. I hope this edition of "The Red Shirt" finds all of you prepared for the up coming holiday season.

December promises to be a busy month for the Sawyer household. We start the month by attending a memorial breakfast with the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association on the seventh. Chapter One of the Association holds it's Christmas party on the eighth. On the fifteenth I see my eleven year old daughter, Sara, fly off for Hawaii to join her father on the USS Kittyhawk's Tiger Cruise. Mark returns from a six month deployment just a few days before Christmas. I can't think of anything that will make me happier than having him back in the house with us.

I would like to ask all Auxiliary members to feel free to contact me

with suggestions or questions about fund raisers, ways to increase membership, or any other concerns. Just a reminder to everyone; we have three offices that will need filling at the 1995 Convention in Reno. We need two people to run for two Board of Directors positions and one for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. All it takes is to be nominated for one of these positions, and your willingness to run for an office. My phone number is (209) 923-4586, or write to me at P.O. Box 718, Laton, CA 93242. I will pass to Susette Roberts, our nominating committee chair-person, the wishes of anyone willing to run for an office.

Please, do not forget that we are all recruiters of new members. Applications for membership, to both the Association and the Auxiliary, are printed in each edition of this newsletter. I challenge all members to show their support by finding at least one new member for either organization. I plan to give a year's membership to several family members as a unique Christmas gift. Perhaps you know an Ordnanceman or someone

who supports the Association that would enjoy a gift of membership.

Last, I would like to ask Auxiliary members to let me know what you are doing to support a local Association Chapter with its projects and goals. Any and all inputs will be greatly appreciated and will add more flavor to both "Red Shirt" articles and to the newsletter the Auxiliary is trying to get started.

May peace and joy fill your hearts during this holiday season and throughout the coming year. ?

Seasons

Greetings !

AUXILIARY NOTES

Mary Ann Laun, AAAO Sec/Treas

Warm Holiday Greetings from the Auxiliary officers and board of directors to all our ORDIE friends and relatives. We hope you have enjoyed food and festivities and are now ready to begin the New Year with renewed enthusiasm and a resolution of ever increasing support for your Association and Auxiliary.

Recently the Auxiliary published it's first newsletter and another should be mailed in early March. I would REALY like your comments and criticisms. Plus, I need to hear from the members with chapter and personal input. We had several members volunteer to provide thier own viewpoints and news, even if they were outside a chapter area, but actually heard from very few. Thank you to

everyone who wrote. If your article was not used, it is being saved for future issues. If you would like to submit anything for the upcoming Auxiliary newsletter please mail it to:

**Mary Ann Laun
11029 Ochre Ct
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Looking forward to a better than ever year for the Association and Auxiliary. Plans are being made to make this years convention the best ever. So begin your plans to attend. See you in Reno!!!!

Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul.

Take time to think. It is the source of power.

Take time to play. It is the source of perpetual youth.

Take time to read. It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray. It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to love and be loved. It is a God-given privilege.

Take time to be friendly. It is the road to happiness.

Take time to give. It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to work. It is the price of success.

- Anonymous

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"In each phase of my career, a great chief petty officer appeared at just the right time, guiding me, pushing me and, when necessary, leading me; and when it was appropriate, as I got a little more senior, letting me think I was leading him."

- Adm Jeremy "Mike" Boorda
Chief of Naval Operations



USS CHIEF MCM 14 COMMISSIONED

USS Chief, MCM 14's commissioning at NAB Little Creek on Saturday 5 November 1994 brought more than 1000 active-duty Navy Chiefs together from Italy, Bahrain, Guam, Iceland and bases throughout the United States.

She was built to clear minefields and make harbors, coastlines and other potential hot spots safe for the rest of the fleet.

This is the second USS Chief. The first was a mine sweeper with hull designation AM-315. She fought her way to Japan in the waning days of WW II. The ship is still in service with the Mexican Navy.

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