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COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another convention date has come and gone. The attendance at the business meeting was approximately 94, and we had 164 for dinner.

Captain James Kenney from the Mine Warfare Group gave a most informative talk on the status of mine warfare in the U.S. Navy and a look at what the future might bring. I believe we all gained from his talk.

Since the convention the secretary informs me we have had a growth of 100 members or more. Tidewater shapter has now formed and our first floating chapter aboard the Enterprise is in the process of forming and has at the present time 51 members.

Admiral Cagle from the Association of Naval Aviation has contacted me and wants to feature the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen in their goals and objectives, in their magazine "Wings of Gold".

Gentlemen we are gaining national attention as an organization and our continued growth will only assure our position as a lobbying group.

In the past week I have visited Ordnance school in Memphis and talked briefly with the ordnance chiefs there, about the organization and our **objectives**. Hopefully we will get some support for the organization from this group in the near future. Maybe a Memphis chapter.

At this time I would like to go on record thanking Bill Davis and commending him on an excellently organized convention. I personally believe it was carried off without a hitch. Thank you Bill.

I am assured our symposium 1985-Las Vegas honoring our 10th year in existence will be a bash to remember. Hopefully all 22 original plank owners will show for the festivities.

Thank you all for your continued support of the organization; and our 1985 symposium chairman is eagerly awaiting 1985 festivity recommendations.

1984 CONVENTION NEWS

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen held it's ninth Annual Convention on 22-24 June 1984 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The turnout was great and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We had 93 members at the General Business Meeting and 164 for dinner and dancing.

The 1984 Convention Committee (Bill Davis & Paul Collins) did an outstanding job in making all the necessary arrangements. WELL DONE. Captain James A. Kenney, Commanding Officer of the Mine Warfare Inspection Group was our guest speaker and gave a very informative presentation.

The General Business Meeting was chaired by our President, Don Baumer and was attended by 95 of our members. Jim Rowe and "Digger" O'Dell were re-elected to the Board of Directors for another three year term. Tom Robins finall convinced the attending members that it was time for him to step down as Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. (See important notice elsewhere in this newsletter). Gerry Gannon was elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for a term of three years. CONGRATULATIONS to all the newly elected officers.

The Association By-laws were ammended to include a Chaplain as an elected official. All other proposed amendments were dis-approved by unanimous vote. Bob Barnhart's proposal, that we donate a sum of money to the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fl. was rejected by unanimous vote.

RENO, Nevada was selected as the site for the 1985 Convention and Jim Rupert, Chuck Atwell, Chuck Onken and Earl Hennon plan on making it the biggest and best convention we have ever held. June 21-23 is the weekend selected, so make your plans to attend now. Details will be published as they become available.

By majority vote it was decided to change the rules of eligibility for our scholarship award to include immediate family (ie brother/sister) of a AAO member or Associate member.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to LISA BOHNSTENGEL of Jacksonville, Fl. and TERESA MICHEL of Whidbey Island, Wa. on being selected as the 1984 winners of our scholarship awards.

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The Motto Selection Committee decided that the motto

PEACE THROUGH POWER - WE ARE THE "ARMS" OF THE FLEET was the best one submitted. The selected motto was submitted by LCDR John T. Buckley USN (Ret.) of San Ramon, Ca.

After the Business Meeting adjourned, Chapter I (Lemoore) gave an outstanding presentation (with slides and narration) on the F/A-18 Aircraft. Excellant presentation. We need more of these from other Chapters.

The DEVAL Corp. hosted a display of handling equipment that they have reworked. It all looked and operated better than new. VERY IMPRESSIVE. We have come a long way since the hernia bar. THANKS DEVAL....

WANT A JOB IN FLORIDA ?

The State of Florida has established a Job Bank called -Cooperative Agency Placement System (CAPS). This facility may be used by all military retirees interested in obtaining employment in Florida.

Contact:	Cooperative Agency Placement System Florida Department of Education Knott Building
Tel. No.	Tallahassee, Fl. 32301 (Florida) (800) 342-9271 (Out of State) (908) 488-0400

A JOB WELL DONE

Our many thanks to the 1984 Convention Committee, Bill Davis and Paul Collins for a superb job in making the arrangements for a very successful Reunion/Convention in Las Vegas.

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AAO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thanks to all who have so generously contributed to the AAO Scholarship Fund this past year. Your generosity continues to make this program successful.

GET IN TOUCH

Any Ordnanceman who attended AO"A" School in Seattle, Wa. during January to April 1942 or AO"B" School in Jacksonville, Fl. during February to May 1944 please contact: Emil LESKO at Rt. 1 Box 5A, Clarksville, DE. 19937.

TAPS

Our Shipmate AOCM Joseph O. Masterson USN (Ret.) passed away on 15 April 1984. Friends and shipmates may send condolences to his wife, Tochiko at 246 Rancho Drive, Chula Vista, Ca. 92011.

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Where can I obtain a set of Combat Aircrewman's wings. I lost mine in a tornado. Contact: EX-AO3 Jerry Dunn, 123 South Main, Valentine, NE. 69201.

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SCHOLARSHIP RULES CHANGE

By majority vote the 1984 Convention attendees decided to allow immediate family members (ie brother/sister) to be eligible for consideration of our Scholarship Awards. Applications may be obtained from the Secretart/Treasurer.

NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER

At the 1984 Convention in Las Vegas we elected a new Secretary/ Treasurer. As of 10 October 1984 ALL correspondance, renewal dues, new membership applications etc should be addressed to:

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Association of Aviation Ordnancemen c/o Gerald F. Gannon 1245 Cunningham Ave. St. Charles, MO. 63301

ATTENTION

IF YOUR ARE BEING TRANSFERRED OR MOVING PLEASE SEND YOUR NEW ADDRESS TO THE SECRETARY/TREASURER. WE CANNOT KEEP IN CONTACT IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE.

CHAPTERS

Our organization is growing by leaps and bounds. We now have Chapters or prospective Chapters in the following locations. If you live in or close to one of these areas -JOIN YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER......

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Chapter 8. San Diego, CA. AOl Mark H. Sawyer NAMTD 4033 NAS North Island San Diego, Ca. 92135 (619) 437-5017

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CHAPTER ONE LEMOORE, CA.

We had one application for Chaptersone's scholarship award, that of Deborah L. Rape. Wife of Thomas S. Rape of Light Attack Weapons School Pacific, NAS Lemoore, CA. She is attending Stanford University Law School, Polo Alto, Ca. Congratulations Deborah. Chapter One wishes to thank those who attended the F/A-18 presentation by SSGT Brian Houtz of VFA 125 and Bob Glanville of Mac Air.

A thanks goes out to AOCM (RET) Don Strong who returned Chapter One's display board that was removed from the convention site in Las Vegas. Thanks to those concerned who removed the board and didn't ask for a ransom. Tuff luck guy's, we were ready to pay.

SUBMITTED BY LCDR CHUCK ONKEN

CHAPTER THREE, WHIDBEY IS. WA.

The president reported that 12 members of Chapter III attended the 9th annual convention in Las Vagas. He also gave a report of items discussed at the annual business meeting which included the secretary's financial and membership report.

Bob Holub gave a presentation on helping the needy during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays through the Help House. Carl Winslow and Bob Holub will get the pertinent facts and report back.

Our first official meeting was held on 2 September 1983 and it does not seem like a year has passed so quickly. Let me say that we have made progress and our membership is at 97.

It was indeed a pleasure to have Charles Horth and his wife at our last meeting and he stayed on for our picnic. Thank you for your generous gift of an Association plaque for display in the CPO Club bar.

Another visitor to our last picnic was AOCM (RET) Jim Wilson from Eugene, OR. and and his lovely wife, who are no strangers to the area but have been absent for a long time. Jim was my old sea dad,

G. L. HERNKIND

CHAPTER FIVE, CHINA LAKE, CA.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

It is all about being proud of being an Aviation Ordnancemen... I have been an Aviation Crdnanceman for 29 wonderful years...13 years as enlisted and if I had it to do over again I would be an "Aviation Ordnanceman". You meet and make lots of wonderful friends throughout your Navy career...Certain individuals will stand out in your memories because they were your sea=daddies...They taught you, kicked your butts when needed and steered you down the right path. You will never forget these guys, never ... Your first shop Chief, your first Gunner, your first POL. A pal you went to AO"A" school with, your hard working, ball busting, liberty crazy ordie buddie whom you served with on your last ship or squadron cruise aboard a ship. It could be any of these people and countless others. Where do you see them??? At the AO Association Reunion each year ... This year there were seven of us at the reunion who served together at FAGUPAC EL CENTRO over 28 years ago ... Remarkable huh??? My first Chief and first Gunner were there, both were the greatest ass kickers and teachers who helped me to get on the right path.. The same for the other Petty Officers who were there .. They game me so much and I cannot describe the good feeling I had when I got to collectively thank them at the reunion for helping to straighten this old boy out... I saw many other friends that I had known over the years and had a most enjoyable time re-living so many of the adventures we shared together ... Although rekindling of old friendships was the highlight we also saw several impressive displays put on by Daval Corp. (Ordnance Handling gear) and McDonnel Douglas on the F/A-18 (video Display); observed interesting business meetings where amendments to the by-laws etc. were discussed/dicided; enjoyed a wonderful happy hour get together where thousands of sea stories were relived; enjoyed the deliciour dinner and dance along with the interesting guest speaker for the occasion. That was just the Association doings .. Many of us did other things on the town..Gambled, caroused etc... GREAT TIME

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The Naval Weapons Center is one of the most challenging billets in the Navy for an Aviation Ordnanceman. The world of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation is one of the most interesting fields that an AO could expect to encounter during a Navy career. It is rich in weaponry history and a teeming pot of new ideas being put to test. It is the greatest collection of minds in the world. Here you find an inordinate quantity of PHDS, Engineers of all types, specialist in every field. An Aviation Ordnanceman will see more ordnance, quantity and variety, at the Naval Weapons Center than any other duty station that he will encounter in his career unless he is assigned to a primary ammunition depot. Where else can a professional come up with an idea for a mew or improved weapon, put the idea on paper, have it accepted and watch its entire path from its inception to fleet utilization. We are proud of our accomplishments; Sidewinder, Skipper, Harm are familiar terms. There are literally hundreds of others that are so valuable to our fleet readiness. Our AO personnel maintain and load numerous aircraft including the A-4, A 6, A-7, F/A-18, F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16, and soon the AV-8B. Our personnel are qualified to load other aircraft including the F-111, several helos and ASW aircraft. It is a challenging place for all, Active Duty and Retired AO'S. Civilian jobs are available and numerous billets for military are continually open..Give China Lake a look before you make your next career move.

Submitted by LCDR Del Oakes

CHAPTER SEVEN PT. MUGU CA.

On 15 June 1984, members of the Point Mugu area requested permission to form a local ghapter pf the Association pf Aviation Ordnancemen. Interim permission was granted by Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas Robins, and the Point Mugu chapter was designated Chapter Seven.

Chapter 7 held its first meeting on 12 Sept 1984. The election of officers and establishing Chapter ôbjectives and by-laws were the scheduled events. Members will be notified for the next meeting. Questions or Suggestions should be directed to either Dave Moore 483-7303 or Lee Dodson 488-8034.

Submitted by Dave Moore

CHAPTER EIGHT SAN DIEGO, CA.

The Associstion of Aviation Ordnancemen is pleased to announce the formation of a local San Diego Chapter. This is our apportunity to pull together and show the rest of the Navy here in San Diego, the pride and commaderie that makes Aviation Ordnance the finest rate in the Navy. Our first and very important meeting was a held 27 Sept 1984 at the CPOMess NAS North Island. Agenda items covered were election of officers, dues, by-law_adoption...SFor further information contact AOI Mark Sawyer or AOC Robert Gaines at 437-5017. Next meeting will be held at the CPOMER 1984 at 1800.

Submitted by Mark Sawyer

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