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"The Countdown has started"



CAPT. ROGER P. FLOWER-COMNAVAIRPAC FORCE WEAPONS OFFICER-TO ADDRESS ANNUAL 88 CONVENTION IN RENO.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A lot of things have taken place since the last newsletter. First, we have approved the formation of a new Chapter in the Philippines (PI) and paperwork is being processed for a new Chapter aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz. I have given talks about the association at NAS Fallon, NAF El Centro, U.S.S. Nimitz, U.S.S. Vinson and the San Diego area. We have gotten a lot of new members and renewed others. The BIG event is just around the corner and most of the plans have been completed. Information on the convention is in this Newsletter. The convention is the 16-19 June 1988 at the Comstock Hotel/Casino, Reno, NV. I hope to see you all there. The guest speaker is Captain Roger P. Flower, COMNAVAIRPAC FORCE WEAPONS OFFICER. I would like to congratulate CDR Del Oakes for starting the new Chapter in the PI and recruiting over 44 new members. WELL DONE!

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

The time is rapidly approaching for this year's shoot-out at the Comstock Hotel. Have you made your reservations yet? If not you'd better get going. Jim Ruppert has most of the hotel reserved for you, however he can only hold them so long, after that it's catch as catch can. Just make sure you tell them your wish with the Aviation Ordnancemen Assoc. when making your reservation, otherwise they'll tell you there are no vacancies. Don't wait until the last minute.

This quarter has been a busy time in the membership recruitment department. If there were awards handed out to recruiter of the quarter, then CDR Del Oakes would be the hands down winner. Del sent 44 applications and a request to form a Chapter at Cubi Point in at the same time. Runner up and winner of the previous quarter would have been Lcdr. Gary Laun if the U.S.S. Nimitz, CVN-68. Gary's request to form a Chapter onboard the Nimitz is being processed now. CDR Oakes's request has already been approved by the Board of Directors and will be known as "MASAYA" Chapter 12. By the time you read this newsletter I fully expect the Nimitz request to be approved and will be known as Chapter 68. Before I get off the recruitment kick I have to say that as normal, Bob Underwood and Dave Moore of Lemoore continue to do their normal outstanding recruiting job. To all of you signing up new members please make sure ALL blanks are filled in and LEGIBLE. A lot of times we have to guess and we are not always right. This not only cost the association money for making two sets of membership cards, certificates and postage, but it also makes us look very unprofessional.

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Unfortunately there is good news and some bad news. Several Chapters were sent letters under the new BY-LAW, Article IX section 7, because they had presented no proof of activity over the last year. If there is a Chapter in your area I'm quite sure they would appreciate your assistance to get re-established. I'm talking about the areas of Moffett Field, Jacksonville, Beaufort, Norfolk, Pt. Mugu, China Lake, Pendleton, and the U.S.S. Enterprise.

New Buisness. At every Convention, one of the last things to be done is to select next years site and time for the convention. At this time a variety of places are nominated, however very few have any backing or the information needed to make a selection is not presented. Consequently the members present elect to stay with the tried and true areas where experience has shown that it is a desirable area. There are a variety of things to do and see, the accommodations are good and available at a reasonable price and transportation is easy and accommodating to the majority of the attendees. If you desire to see the convention in your area, show up with your paperwork done.

I don't know if other members have received requests for scholarship applications, but to date I've received a request for two(2). Don't forget your single members, your brothers and sisters are eligible also. This is not just for the married members dependents.

For Chapters who will not be attending this years convention, please send your inputs to me so they can be read into the official General Business meeting minutes. Kathy and I are looking forward to seeing you in Reno. Let's make this one the BIGGEST EVER.

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The following is a list of members that have failed to give us there current address or left the service. If you know there whereabouts or address please contact the Sec/Trea.

CPL D.C. Abernathy	AO2 LP. Adams
AOC RF. Andrich	CPL JR. Bailey
AO1 LP. Borden	J.N. Brune

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AOAN T.B. Grauger	CPL J.Q. Leckemby
AO1 R.H. Mathews	AO2 S.L. Metcalf
AOC C.L. Mobley	AOAN T.M. Moore
CWO-3/USMC	
DL Moser	CPL R.A. Ponton Jr.
Lt. J.M. Porter	AO3 K.C. Shaw
Lcdr. D.M. Smith	AO2 R. Stock
AO J.R. Warnoff	AOC D.D. Wiley

OS2U KINGFISHER

By Mr. Dave Lusk

I would like to take a few moments, and ask for your help in my research campaign. At the present time, I am conducting research for a book I am writing on the OS2U Kingfisher of World War II. Since this is the first book of its kind ever written on the Kingfisher, it is crucial that I contact as many Kingfisher veterans as possible to obtain their stories and experiences. These veterans can be from the US Navy, US Marine Corps or Coast Guard; officers or enlisted men, flight or service personnel. In addition, it makes no difference if their experience was ship or shore based, float or wheeled version. Also encouraged to contribute, are those pilots and crewmen who were rescued by the Kingfisher, those who flew escort for these rescue missions (RESCAP), and former members of SOSU units. Quite literally, anyone having contact with the OS2U, IN ANY CAPACITY, NO MATTER HOW BRIEF, is asked to contribute. As of this date I have invested over 21/2 years into the project. During this time, many contacts have been made and much material exchanged, but there is still much to be learned. EX-AOM's of your association would be of great help.

Write to: Mr. Dave Lusk
1710 1/2 Market St.
Lewisburg, PA 17837



"It's time to leave Boy's
"The Ordies are in town"

CHAPTER REPORTS

CHAPTER ONE

Ted Schmidt-President

Hello from Chapter One! We are doing GREAT. Meeting attendance is up to an average of 60 people. In Feb. we were honored with a visit from our AO detailer, AOCM Steve Hughes. He had a lot of good information to put out. We still have calendars for sale. A list of calendar winners for the months of Jan. and Feb. is included in this newsletter. The winner for the \$1000.00 drawing on March 2nd was AIMD Ordnance here at NAS Lemoore. We will continue to publish a list of winners in the newsletter. However, if you want to receive a list of winners please send a self addressed stamped envelope to Dave Moore 161 W Glendale, Lemoore, CA 93245.

We are beginning to make preparations for our annual picnic. To defer the cost, we are organizing a raffle for a video camera and we have put our name in the hat for a booth at the local Air Fair on April 16 & 17.

Our Treasurer has been busy trying to get our stock of hats, jackets, etc. back up to par. We should receive all of our orders by 1 April. I am including our latest price list with both the good news and the bad news. First the good news. Sweat shirts are now available for only \$18.00. Now the bad news. Due to the cost of boxes and postage we are going to reluctantly charge a 10% shipping and handling fee on all mail orders. As soon as we receive our orders, we will be taking care of the last of the unfilled back orders. If you are one of these unfortunate people, again I apologise for your inconvenience.

CHAPTER EIGHT

Gary Buse-President

Greetings! from all the members of Chapter eight. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets were given to deserving "Ordie" families from the U.S.S. Constellation. Our annual picnic is scheduled for 21 May 1988 at Admiral Baker Field and plans are being made now to have another picnic in August. We're presently selling tickets for our Las Vegas raffle. The trip includes airfare, hotel accommodations three days and

two nights for two or \$300.00 cash. The drawing will be made 21 May 1988 at our annual picnic.

Our membership has been growing and we're now alternating our monthly meetings between the Chula Vista Fleet Reserve near North Island and the Moose Lodge in Mira Mesa near NAS Miramar. This has really increased the numbers at our meetings.

Recently, Gary L. Buse was nominated and elected President. The following is a list of Chapter eight officers:
President-AOC Gary L. Buse,USN
V. President-AOC Kenneth L. Foster USN/Ret
Secretary- AOCs Frank L. Thrill,USN/Ret
Treasurer- AOC Leonard D. Larson,USN/Ret.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Bill Preston-President

At the 16 March meeting of Chapter 11 the following AO's joined both the National and Chapter. John K. Philpot, Keith A. Wiltz, Todd S. Fortier and Richard A. George. Mark Bombatch, who previously joined the National ranks also became a member of Chapter 11. We at Chapter 11 welcome them to the Association and Chapter 11. Their enthusiasm and membership will most definitely benefit our organization.

Various community functions to enhance Chapter 11's involvement in the area were discussed as were things to do to get more involvement from other AO's in our Chapter. A committee was formed to come up with some ideas and submit them to Mike Randall,(standing in as Board Chairman in Dave Anderson's absence), for voting on by the membership at the April monthly meeting. The following members volunteered for the committee: Mark Bombatch, Todd Fortier, Richard George and Keith Wiltz. With this very enthusiastic crew we expect some great ideas. Bill Preston brought up a recent visit to Hawaii by Ed Hammond of Chapter 3 Whidbey Is. Ed gave Bill some valuable information that Chapter 3 is doing to get more AO's at the meetings and involved. Bimonthly social meetings are a great idea. Thanks Ed for the inputs and I'm sorry I missed seeing you while you were out here, maybe next time.

John Martinez stressed the importance of what the Association was all about and asked the committee members to keep that in mind when coming up with ideas

for community involvement activities. Bob Walecki suggested that Chapter 11 members should all make an effort to attend this years convention in Reno. The possibilities exists that if enough of our members are planning to attend we could get one of our squadrons to fly us to California or even Fallon and back. The next meeting of Chapter 11 will be at 1700,20 April 1988 at Barbers Point Enlisted mess PO Lounge.

The following isa list of Chapter 11 Officers.
President- AO1 William Preston
V. President- AO2 John Martinez
Sec/Trea- AO1 Bob Walecki
Chairman Board of Directors- AO1 Anderson
A special thank you to Bill Preston and his lovely wife for the warm hospitality and the outstanding dinner. I apologize for the short stay and hope to see you all again in Reno.- Ed Hammond-Editor.

CHAPTER SIXTY EIGHT Gary Laun-President

After a lot of talk in the Weapons Department, enough interest was generated to submit a letter of intent to the Association requesting to be designated CHAPTER 68, hull number of the USS NIMITZ. The 38 Chapter members held elections with the following results.

President-LCDR. Gary Laun
V. President- AOCS(AW) John Hughes
Sec/Trea- AO1(AW) J.J. O'Rourke
Chaplin- AO1 Rick McCall
Board of Directors- LT. Bruce



AO1 (AW) John Hill
AO2 Timothy Douglas
AO2(AW) Dave Crook

It was also our good fortune to have LCDR. "We're here to help and we're glad to be here" Onken and the CNAP Safety Team aboard during REFTRA, for a good look and taking some time to give a super presentation on the AO Association. LCDR. Joe Manley, AOC Buse and AOC McCoy also added to the presentation which was opened up to LT. Mike Taylor of Chapter One in LeMoore, CA and all of the CVW-9 Ordies. Chapter 68 has extended an open invitation to all Ordies who come aboard NIMITZ to share the spirit of "NIMITZ ORDIE TEAMWORK". Chapter 68 intends to be an active Chapter within the Association

and we're aggressively working towards getting a firm foot on the ground. We would also like to express our sympathy to CW04 Charlie Irwin for the recent loss of his wife to cancer. Charlie urges everyone to be sure to get regular checkups and help, by giving to the National Cancer Society. Our thoughts are with you Charlie.

On the bright side we wish former AOC now "Gunner" Mean Gene Boatman the very best with his new commission in VA-34.

CHAPTER THREE Dick Liljegren-President

Active would be the appropriate word to describe Chapter three this reporting period. Leading off the events was our Christmas Social compete with Christmas tree trimming and Tree ornament exchange for the ladies. Coupled with a White elephant gift exchange for the ordies followed with a Pot-Luck dinner and socializing.

The Self-Help committee again put together two compete Christmas dinners with turkey and all the trimmings and provided them to two less fortunate families making their Christmas a bit brighter.

January brought our General business meeting and lots of agenda items to be discussed. Among them were the decision to: Have an all occasion card made up with the Association Logo on them to be sent to Chapter members or their families with appropriate notes inside for the occasion, and to establish an enviroment proof "War Chest" for keeping all our artifacts, correspondance, photos, treasures and memorabilia, and to have a unit or squadron "Sponsor" a meeting to try to maximize attendance of new personnel. Many discussions were held but the one that was the strongest and most interesting was on the objectives of the Chapter By-Laws. There is a strong feeling that we should add to our objectives to include more comradery, Fraternal brotherhood and functions for the good of the order thus including more activities for other then Active Duty Ordies. Good points with more to follow. February held several social functions in store for us. Among them were our spring garage sale which managed to seperate some of our ordies from a few of their long held treasures and allowed others to clean out the attic and garage. Anyway we were able to put some needed "Ordie Bucks" back into our coffers. On the 28th we held a working social at the local (Deception Pass)

State Park clearing a trail that had become overgrown the past several years. With about 30 members and family members working with the tools provided by the Park Rangers we were able to hack the bushes and growth back so two ordies could walk abreast (How do you walk abreast? thats another story) After all the hard work we retired to the pavilion for a pot luck picnic. The days activities were topped off with a cake cutting in honor of the 62nd anniversary of the Aviation Ordnancemen Rate.



March brought a general business meeting at which we were finally able to present AOI Mike Murphy his Chapter Three Aviation Ordnancemen of the year plaque. We are glad to have him back off cruise and active in the Chapter again. We were all waiting anxiously to hear the Safety Committee chairmans (Doug Fyfe) report but he couldn't make it due to going to the hospital with a broken elbow. Well an example is worth a lot of words! one of the highlights of the meeting was when AOC Joe Rice and his lovely bride Becky sang Chapter Three's theme song "Mamas Please let your babies grow up to be Ordies" (Also written by Joe and Becky) with Joe strumming his guitar. It was well done and we thank them.

We have gotten several new members each month and new interest is being generated within some long time members. We are striving to expand our membership and we hope the interest continues. With June fast approaching most of the talk is now centered around the up-coming annual Convention. Hope to see all you ordies there. Last but certainly not least congratuations are in order for two Chapter members: AOC Rudy Townsell selected for LDO and AOC

Chuck Calloway selected for Warrent. Bravo Zulu to you well deserving Ordies and congratuations to all those ordies who were selected From Chapter Three "Wishing you the Best in all you do" See you at the Convention.

Chapter One Calendar Drawing Winners for Jan-Feb 1988

DATE	AMOUNT	TICKET NO.	WINNER
1 JAN 88	\$200.00	1359	R. A. MALES
2 JAN 88	\$25.00	1310	* CARY WOLJANWIK
3 JAN 88	\$25.00	584	JOSEPH FIERCEN
4 JAN 88	\$25.00	600	BOB JACOBS
5 JAN 88	\$25.00	1188	SHIRLEY NELSON
6 JAN 88	\$25.00	099	TERESA MICHEL
7 JAN 88	\$25.00	499	J. W. McDOWELL
8 JAN 88	\$25.00	662	JAMES MESSER
9 JAN 88	\$25.00	278	E. NYERS
10 JAN 88	\$25.00	089	CHARLES R. COLE
11 JAN 88	\$50.00	1497	FRANK BOYMAN
12 JAN 88	\$25.00	1239	DAVID MELNERS
13 JAN 88	\$25.00	725	JOSE CLOTES
14 JAN 88	\$25.00	1308	EDWITE L. LUCI
15 JAN 88	\$25.00	429	JOHN ROEDER
16 JAN 88	\$25.00	374	AOS BEYTHE
17 JAN 88	\$25.00	493	DOS HOLLEMAUER
18 JAN 88	\$25.00	395	LOCKHART
19 JAN 88	\$25.00	619	JAMES BOYTMAN
20 JAN 88	\$25.00	1303	GLEN OGLEH
21 JAN 88	\$25.00	797	VALERIE VALDOTTI
22 JAN 88	\$25.00	1196	JONGRA BROOKS
23 JAN 88	\$25.00	200	PAUL McKEINCKY
24 JAN 88	\$25.00	1047	LARRY BEARD
25 JAN 88	\$25.00	184	E.F. O'NEILL
26 JAN 88	\$25.00	1209	RON KILGORE
27 JAN 88	\$25.00	408	BILL REIDER
28 JAN 88	\$25.00	067	DIGGER COELL
29 JAN 88	\$50.00	276	TINA CAMPBEN
30 JAN 88	\$25.00	611	B. E. LITTLEJOH
31 JAN 88	\$25.00	902	LYLE LEONH
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1 FEB	\$50.00	850	DANNY VINSON
2 FEB	\$25.00	993	RUSSELL ALLEN
3 FEB	\$25.00	542	J.R. DICKS
4 FEB	\$25.00	904	JOSEPH WOLL
5 FEB	\$25.00	1324	JEFF TRUDE
6 FEB	\$25.00	124	ANOC CASSMAN
7 FEB	\$100.00	214	DOS VAN FELT
8 FEB	\$25.00	214	DOS VAN FELT
9 FEB	\$25.00	840	L.C. RIBBOUT
10 FEB	\$25.00	1211	BILLY BOWET
11 FEB	\$25.00	1367	P. PUGILLIO
12 FEB	\$25.00	281	CHARLES LIBERT
13 FEB	\$25.00	507	AL STELARI
14 FEB	\$50.00	321	JAMES L. KIDD
15 FEB	\$25.00	1323	JOE HARLEY
16 FEB	\$25.00	1397	LEI CONER
17 FEB	\$25.00	1104	FRANK MONTREY
18 FEB	\$25.00	438	DEBBIE WARDROCK
19 FEB	\$25.00	1364	J.D. BOSEY
20 FEB	\$25.00	1363	BOUD AMARTE
21 FEB	\$25.00	063	CHRISTOPHER

22 FEB	\$25.00	544	R. GOLDSBERRY
23 FEB	\$25.00	1231	POLLY WARE
24 FEB	\$25.00	1224	DENNIS ALLEGREZZA
25 FEB	\$25.00	1142	LUKE DUNLAP
26 FEB	\$25.00	823	GARY CRAIG
27 FEB	\$25.00	1215	TWILA TRENT
28 FEB	\$25.00	676	JIM ALLISON
29 FEB	\$25.00	740	BRENDA CHAMBLIN

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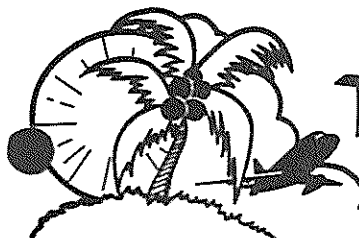
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FLYING THE COLORS THAT WE ALL KNOW, OUR COUNTRY IS FILLED WITH LAWS, LAWS THAT GOVERN, LAWS THAT PROTECT, LAWS THAT STAND. JUST AS SHE STANDS WITH ALL HER COLORS. CRIMSON FOR THE BLOOD OUR VETERANS SHED, WHITE FOR THE PURITY OF OUR HERITAGE THAT SHALL STAND FOREVER, AND BLUE FOR THE SKIES THAT SHALL ALWAYS SHINE ON THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS.

OUR SYMBOL OF THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE IS A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND UNITY, BORN WITH THE EASE OF MOVEMENT AND THE AURA OF POWER SHE FLIES THE AMERICAN SKIES, FREE, THAT IS WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS ALL ABOUT.

FREEDOM.

IT'S SOMETHING WE ALL TAKE FOR GRANTED, MOST OF US DON'T EVEN REALIZE IT'S THERE. IF WE STOPPED FOR JUST A MOMENT AND THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE, AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE, FAMINE, DISEASE, DICTATORSHIPS, WARS AND POVERTY, WE MIGHT LEARN TO APPRECIATE FREEDOM JUST A LITTLE MORE.

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By ADAN GERALD WOOD
 Wx DIV.
 USS NIMITZ CVN-68

THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

1988 PROPOSED AGENDA

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING TO CONVENE AT 0900 18 JUNE 1988		PRESIDENT	REVIEW THE PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND SYNOPSES OF ACTIVITIES IN THE MAKING
PRESIDENT	CALL MEETING TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG	OLD BUSINESS	INPUTS FOR NEWSLETTERS HISTORIAN/MUSEUM REUNION BOOK PUBLISHING OF THE NEW BY-LAWS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF
CHAPLAIN	OPENING PRAYER		
PRESIDENT	ANNOUNCEMENTS BOTH GENERAL AND OFFICIAL	NEW BUSINESS	SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEMORABILIA OF THE ASSOCIATION BONDING OF MEMBERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE/AUTHORIZED TO/FOR HANDLING OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS INPUTS FROM THE FLOOR
SEC/TREA	READ THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING		
PRESIDENT	CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE MINUTES CALL FOR VOTE OF ACCEPTANCE	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	PRESIDENT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAPLAIN
SEC/TREA	READ THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURY AS PREPARED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S ACCOUNTANT		
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS	1988 CONVENTION STATUS MEMBERSHIP STATUS JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN OF THE YEAR ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SAFETY BY-LAWS HISTORIAN	CHAPTER ONE	BRIEFING ON ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN CALENDARS
NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT		CDR OAKES	PRESENTATION BY CDR OAKES ON HIS PROPOSAL FOR AN ASSOCIATION'S AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN HALL OF FAME AWARD
CHAPTER REPORTS	CHAPTER PRESIDENTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES	PRESIDENT	CHOOSE NEXT CONVENTION SITE, DATES AND COMMITTEE INPUTS FROM THE FLOOR CLOSING REMARKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED SHIPMATES
		CHAPLAIN	CLOSING PRAYER
		PRESIDENT	ADJOURN THE 1988 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ SSAN _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 DATE OF BIRTH _____ MEMBER NO. _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ representing one-tenth of the total fee for my age group, as the first installment toward Life Membership in The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Please bill me for the remaining installments on a monthly basis.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ in full payment for Life Membership in The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

_____ Date _____ Signature _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
 ASSOC. AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
 GERALD F. GANNON, SEC/TREAS.
 1245 CUNNINGHAM AVE.
 ST. CHARLES, MO. 63301

Return this form with your first payment.

JUNE 1988

CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 JUNE-THURSDAY	1300 - 1600	REGISTRATION/INFORMATION PAMPHLETS
	1500 - TBA	BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING
	1700 - 2000	NO HOST COCKTAILS (SILVER KING SALOON)
	2000 - ?????	ON THE TOWN
17 JUNE-FRIDAY	0900 - TBA	BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AS REQUIRED
	0900 - TBA	AVIATION ORDNANCE SAFETY MEETING (MEETING ROOM)
	1000 - 1800	REGISTRATION (MEETING ROOM AREA)
	1000 - TBA	SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IN SESSION
	1000 - TBA	AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE IN SESSION
	1200 - TBA	TOUR OF NAS FALLON WEAPONS DEPARTMENT
	1800 - ?????	AO SOCIALIZING TIME - NO HOST COCKTAILS (MEET OLD & NEW FRIENDS PLUS DANCING) IN THE MEETING ROOM
18 JUNE-SATURDAY	0900 - 1200	GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
	1000 - TBA	LADIES GET TOGETHER (COFFEE & TOUR INFO) IN GOLD SUITE ROOM 1614
	1200 - 1300	LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
	1300 - TBA	GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING (CONTINUED)
	1700 - 1930	REUNION PHOTO BOOK SESSION (MEETING ROOM)
	1830 - 1930	NO HOST COCKTAILS (IN MEETING ROOM)
	1930 - TBA	DINNER GUEST SPEAKER CAPT ROGER P. FLOWER ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN OF THE YEAR AND FIRST RUNNER-UP ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE THREE ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
	TBA-	ON YOUR OWN
19 JUNE - SUNDAY	0900 - 1100	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOTE: AOCM STEVE HUGHES, AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN DETAILER, HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE AAO CONVENTION/SYMPOSIUM. HOPEFULLY HE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TALK ABOUT DETAILING OF AVIATION ORANANCEMEN.

1988 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AT THE 1988 CONVENTION:

DATE	EVENT	MEMBER	GUEST(S)
17 JUNE	COCKTAIL RECEPTION (NO HOST) AO GET TOGETHER/DANCING	_____	_____
18 JUNE	GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING	_____	_____
18 JUNE	LADIES GET TOGETHER	_____	_____
16/18 JUNE	COCKTAIL PARTY (NO HOST)	_____	_____
18 JUNE	DINNER (\$25.00 PER PERSON)	_____	_____
16/19 JUNE	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	_____	_____
17 JUNE	BUS TOUR TO NAS FALLON WEAPONS DEPARTMENT (THE COST FOR THIS TOUR WILL BE APPROX. \$5 to \$8.00 DEPENDING ON NO. OF ATTENDEES)	_____	_____

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR INTENTIONS ABOVE. IT'LL ASSIST THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO BETTER ENJOY YOUR CONVENTION.

THE PRICE FOR THE TRIP TO NAS FALLON'S WEAPONS DEPARTMENT WILL DEPEND ON THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE ATTENDING. THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO SEE SOME OF THE LATEST AND GREATEST WEAPONS HANDLING FACILITIES: WHERE THEY BLEND THE AIR WING AND SHIP'S COMPANY ORDIES INTO A LEAN MEAN FIGHTING MACHINE READY FOR HIGH TEMPO OPERATIONS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT ON EITHER COAST.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ NAME: _____
FOR DINNER

SEND TO: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
GERALD F. GANNON SEC/TREA
1245 CUNNINGHAM AVENUE
ST CHARLES, MO 63301

Our special group rates apply two days before and two days after the actual date of your function. Any reservations required past that time should be handled through our Reservation Department. All rates are subject to 7% Washoe County Room Tax.

All reservations require first night's room rent as a deposit. Deposits are refundable if cancellation notice is given 72 hours in advance of arrival. Please send this card and your check to:

COMSTOCK HOTEL AND CASINO
200 WEST SECOND STREET
RENO, NEVADA 89501
TELEPHONE: (702) 329-1880
800-648-4866

ATTENTION: Reservation Department

We look forward to serving you.



GROUP NAME: ASSOC. OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

NAME: _____ NAME OF PERSON _____
SHARING ROOM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL: _____ ETA: _____ DATE OF DEPARTURE: _____

ACCOMMODATION REQUESTED: King Double Queen One Bedroom Parlor Suite

986HOTEL10

Advance Reservation and Deposit must be received 30 days prior to arrival



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Sierra Street,
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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

June 16-18, 1988
Proposal

I. M.S. DIXIE LUNCHEON CRUISE

Recognized as a grand Tahoe tradition, the glass-bottomed M.S. Dixie paddlewheeler combines her renowned Southern hospitality, charm and service with a variety of scenic cruises and outstanding cuisine.

The Dixie features two enclosed and heated decks, an open promenade deck for panoramic viewing, two full-service bars, dance area, dining room and a galley in which all of her meals are prepared.

Time on this paddlewheeler is both relaxing and exciting. It's the melodic churn of the paddlewheel through the water and the splendor of nature's vistas, and it's the sights you'll soak in along with Tahoe's history and lore.

And it's all complemented by a crew and staff eager to satisfy your every need. It's that touch of Southern hospitality, service and attention to detail that makes the Dixie's visitors feel so special.

On this 2-1/2-hour cruise, the Dixie paddlewheels from Zephyr Cove Marina across the south shore of Lake Tahoe to beautiful Emerald Bay, the Lake's most photographed area; Vikingsholm Castle and the quaint stone Tea House atop Fannette Island can be viewed from the deck of the Dixie.

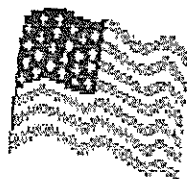
- Includes: -Motorcoach transportation
- Tour guide
- Historical narration
- M.S. Dixie Emerald Bay cruise

Tour duration: . Approximately 6 hours.

Based on a 40-person minimum guarantee, the price per person would be. . \$19.50.

NOTE: There are two daily sailings in June. This tour can be either noon-6 pm or 9 am-3 pm.

NO LUNCH OR REFRESHMENTS!



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