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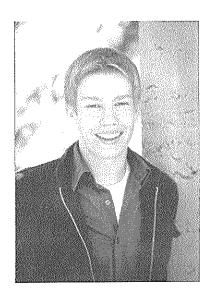
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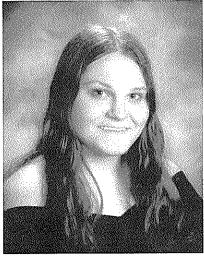
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Chapter 75 - USS Truman CVN 75 President: AO1(AW) Ryan Smith On Board

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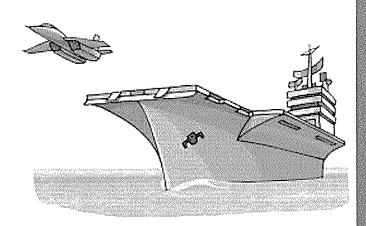
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#### AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALL OF FAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WEBSITE (http://aaoweb.org/AAO). THE GUIDELINE FORMMAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND THERE IS A SAMPLE NOMINATION PACKAGE TO FOLLOW.

INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

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#### ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/ MEMBERSHIP DUES: FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$20.00 PER YEAR SPOUSE: NAME: FIRST LAST ADDRESS: ZIP: CITY: cell: ( PHONE: home: ( ) BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ Active ( ) Retired ( ) RATE/RANK:\_\_ DATES SERVED: \_ \_\_\_ Last SSN: -\_\_ Marine Corp MOS: Type of membership: Regular ( ) Associate ( ) SPONSOR: I elect to receive my Red Shirt by downloading it from the Website only. ( ) Please Initial. I do / do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. SIGNATURE: DATE: MAIL TO: AOCM Thomas Lord USN Ret. 2888 Iris Ave., #122

#### GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN

SPECIAL !!!!!!!!!!

September 2011

FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.

San Diego, CA 92154



#### Letters To The Editor

# I started a Facebook page called "The Red Shirt". If you have access to a computer look us up and LIKE us!

Dear Mr. Scott,

As a recipient of AAOEF scholarships in the past, I thought you would like to hear about my most recent accomplishment.

Just a few weeks ago I traveled to Ethiopia with my professor and a few students to work on a global reporting project. I came back with an excellent story and it was recently published! Yahoo's sports website, The Post Game, loved the story and made it the lead on Monday, August 13. This was a huge step in my educational and journalism career. I wanted to share the story with you because I wouldn't have gotten this far without the AAOEF.

Thank you. Danielle Manley

Awesome Danielle!! Check out the link everyone http://www.thepostgame.com/features/201208/kababaalemu-ethiopia-running-olympic-dreams-empty-pockets

#### All:

Last night was one of the most memorable nights that I can remember. My Grandfather was a proud Ordy; he would have loved to come back to be a part last night's festivities. I met so many great people and I plan to return year after year. I would still enjoy hearing sea stories involving my Grandfather, many of you were able to spend more time serving with him than I was able to spend with him. Thank you for welcoming my family and allowing us to be a part of the ceremony. I mentioned my interest to be a part of the association and the scholarship to many people, I would welcome the opportunity to assist in any way. If you have any openings within the Scholarship committee please let me know how I could be involved.

Mr. Scott-It was an honor to introduce my family and announce the winners of the Robert L. Crow scholarship award last night. It was a very emotional moment for me. Education was very important to him; I was proud to announce the winners. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

If there is anything I can do to assist please let me know. My contact information is listed below.

Robert Tupper, MBA, CPIM, CSCP Six Sigma Certified Green Belt (562) 243-3377

#### Robert,

It was indeed my pleasure to first meet you and your family and was agreed upon by the Foundation that if you were there; at the banquet, we all wanted you to make the announcement of this year's recipients in respect and regards to your Grandfather, secondly; what a better way to introduce you to what we are all about. We all view education and prime goal to each individual we assist in achieving "their dreams". As a note, please go to the AAO website, check on the link and observe its history from its start to now of numbers and dollars "Scholarship" has benefited. You will note that there have been several repeat award winners over many years; a tribute to determination of success by these individuals, a majority have gone on to further their degrees with and without scholarship funds; we average a success rate of completion in the 90%+ range. Tribute to your Grandfather and Association dedication and to the selection committee of members who review all applications making their decision a real challenge. We have provided scholarship funds even to those who are seeking education benefits' in Wales and Italy as well as a majority to varying colleges and universities across the U.S. Yes, even a Masters degrees scattered throughout from Environmental to Education over the years.

By having you and your family at the banquet, you all observed first hand just what the Association works at all year long. Recognizing; after selection, our Sailor of the Year, Scholarships, Hall of Fame, etc. As your Grandfather would attest to "we work hard and we also play hard". Believe me, ask Grandma. Emotional for you, as it was for all of us in attendance, it is each and every year we make these announcements...it does affect the individual as well. We are all just a small part in their lives and make our decisions with that thought in mind.

Regards to all, Ed Scott

I knew being an Ordnanceman was something special from the first day in A school. We had our marching song, you heard everyone yell AO in the club, at morning muster, when we left the school house. Got to my first command and started to learn the rate, what a fun and rewarding job, that first duty station set the tone for my career, my LPO, Chief and Gunner were awesome leaders and builders of men.

Early on I didn't go to meetings but sure did take advantage of the picnics and kegs back then. How tight we were, teamwork, leadership and friendships meant a lot to me. I didn't (Continued on page 7)

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know that it meant the world to me to be a part of the Aviation Ordnanceman rate and the association until two weeks before I was to retire when my wife was killed during a robbery attempt. I didn't call my CO, XO or CMC I called my shop and had them get ahold of my Senior Chief. I knew that I needed him to help me and I knew he would be there for me and my kids during this tragedy. Chapter 9 and my shop was one of the biggest reasons I didn't lose my mind.

At the funeral of course my command was there to give their support but it was the AO's from past commands and Chapter 9 that were there that touched my family's hearts and mine. Until I moved, the chapter and old AO shipmates checked up on us, just to be there and help us recover and heal. Yes being an AO and having the association is a special thing and a privilege. Get your young men and women to those meetings, it is a important part of the rate.

P.S. I think this would be a good letter for the red shirt, an example of what being a Ordnanceman is, always having each others back. train and support your shipmates

Harold Walker

Thanks for the letter Harold and We're sorry for your loss.

#### Kevin,

I got my Red Shirt magazine last week and brought it to work to look at as the night shift is rather long. I was reading the letter to the editor section and have some info on Richard Boone.

Like you I started googling and found on Amazon a biography on Richard Boone. Titled Richard Boone A knight without armor in a savage land.

On page 13 of the book there are question and answers about his career. He served as an aerial gunner on aboard SBDs and Avengers. There is also a picture of him with 2 other crewman.

There are several sites that say he was an Ordnanceman. Best I could come up with right now.

Respectfully David P Fortner

Thanks David, I also received a call from Douglas Weaver who was stationed with him for a time. His e-mail follows this one.

After boot camp and A school at Norfolk I was sent to Corpus Christie Where we built the Ranges. Chief Gnnbber Ripley supervised the constructing. He had served 42 years of service at that time, having enlisted as an Apprentice Boy at age 12.

After 3 years at Corpus I was sent to FAW 8 Who sent me to CROWS LANDING to join CASU 51 being formed to go to the Philippines. I was senior ordie because the Chief stayed at home in Alameda and when called he caught the mail plane to come ( he had won a Navy Cross and was recovering).

One day we received two second class's, one was Richard Boone, the actor who ignored me. In June CASU-51 was broken up and I was sent to FAW4 at ATTU. Here I remained until the end of the war and then moved with the Wing to Kodiac (CHGUN ranked with LCDR during the war)

Douglas Weaver

#### Kevin,

Richard Boone popped up in the mid/late '70's as a former AO. He was contacted by either Kirk Nelson (deceased) or Sam Robins, the original Sec/Treas. No response we received so we considered it a closed issue.

P.S. I think you are doing a super job!

R/ Frank Parker, AOCM USN Ret Member #1

Thanks Frank!! I appreciate the letter. To answer your question on the back. Yes I think there would be some interest in the origins of the association. I for one am very interested!!

#### Kevin

I was wondering if you could provide me with a Email add. for Bill Overby. or could forward mine to him and see if he would contact me. He was my first LPO back in1967,68,69 with the Mighty Shrikes onboard USS BonHomme Richard. Great Job you are doing and have done

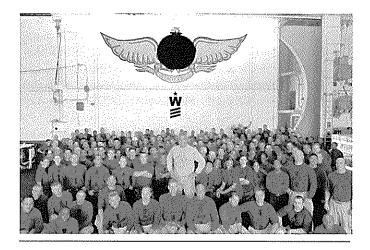
#### IYAOYAS AOCM(AW) RET.Richard (ROCK) Hastings redshirt@windstream.net

Rock, I don't have his e-mail so maybe one of our readers can help.



Sir, just completed off load, had to do a little redecorating in the Hangar bay to make it "AO" worthy, Handler was a pretty good sport. I told him AB's and AO's are the same only AO's ASVAB scores were higher. Off load is in the books, all ordnance swung across with zero incidents and all of us have our 10 fingers and toes. I love this job! IYAOYAS,

V/R LCDR Joseph L. Thompson ORDNANCE HANDLING OFFICER USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72



Dear AO Scholarship Committee,

My name is Jennifer Parmley Flanary. I was a recipient of the AO Association Scholarship in 2006, 2008 and 2009, I wanted to express my gratitude to the AAO for the role it played in my education, and give you an update as to my progress. I graduated with honors from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in May 2010. In August 2011 I graduated from the same school with a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision with a concentration in Library Science. I have since gained teacher licensure in both K-6 education and K-12. The AAO scholarship helped immensely in easing my financial burden during school, and for that I am very grateful. Thank you so much for all that you've done, and all that you continue to do in providing educational opportunities.

Sincerely, Jennifer Parmley Flanary

Hey Kevin,

AO1 (AW/SW) John F. Damiano Ret. Here. Just wanted to send you this picture of the new license plates I got for my new vehicle here in New York. Was wondering if you would like to put it in the next Red Shirt. I know I have seen

vehicles and Motorcycles in the Redshirt before. Just wanted to show off my Ordie Pride here in NY. I am sure I will be getting asked a lot what it stands for since there are no bases anywhere close to me!!

Thanks a lot and if you want more pics just let me know.

IYAOYAS!! Iohn

Thanks John, see page 27

To the Editor of the RED SHIRT,

Thank you for printing my December letter and picture in your February issue. I realized, after I mailed the letter, that I'd left out the names of the three officers that were there with me in the picture of the "Sink Bomb." The picture is very poor quality but here are the names, left to right. Admiral Ralph A. Ofstie, Captain W.R. Hollingsworth, the pilot, Bordelon (last name only), who dropped the bomb, and myself. The three of them shook my hand and congratulated me for the humor that I had produced.

Here's a quick rehash of the "Sink Bomb" incident. One day the Captain said to me and my crew, "You guys are throwing everything at them but the kitchen sink." That gave me an idea. I went out and bought a kitchen sink in Yokosuka, Japan and fastened it to the bottom of a 1000 pound bomb that we dropped on North Korea in 1952.

This is just a quick post scrip to my first letter. I just wanted you to know who the officers were and how special I felt at the time.

Sincerely, Lawrence A. Singley AOC, USN (RET)

Kevin,

Tom Sawyer here, AAO Lifetime member. Early on I got involved saving the Hornet CV-12 Aircraft Carrier from the junk heap with help from many navy folks and others. Hornet has been moored at pier 3 Alameda since 1999 for visitation to anyone to come aboard and learn navy stuff on carriers.

Enclosed is a news item I sent to my daughter Pamela Knotts who is a civil servant at Lemoore NAS Weapons School to help wake up some shipmates and help save the (Continued on page 9)

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Hornet with possible donations that are needed.

Hornet is not asking for much, just enough to keep the lights on and the pumps working. Neither the US Navy or Government contribute. My son, Mark Sawyer AOCS Ret suggested I send this to you. (He too is a Plankowner on Hornet)

CV-12, USS Hornet aircraft carrier is struggling to meet expenses, but is currently maintaining its National Historic Registration Land Mark. The Pacific Naval War is exemplified by Hornets actions, most notably the only carrier that had 12 aces "in a day" in the "Turkey Shoot" of the Marianas Philippine Sea action.

In 1998-99 we saved the Hornet from the scrap heap. We?? Plankowners who went to work for donations to make available for a visit to an historical ship of the US Navy.

For more information or how to donate please contact CEO Randall Ramien, CAPT USN Ret USS Hornet Museum 707 W Hornet Ave Pier 3 PO Box 460 Alameda, CA 94501

Tom Sawyer AAO #22

To the Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Committee,

It is with greatest gratitude that I write this letter in regards to the 2012 Newport News Shipbuilding Award. I am honored to have received this award, and greatly appreciative of the generosity of the scholarship committee that awarded me with such an amazing opportunity. As a freshman at the University of Mary Washington, I am studying the path of Biology and plan to graduate with a major in my chosen subject, with a minor in German. As I do so, this award will go directly towards my education, helping me with book buying, tuition fees, and more. I look forward to exploring the field of Biology with the support and confidence the AAO has provided me with, and intend to take every opportunity to further my knowledge so I may one day become a vet.

I am truly grateful for this wonderful scholarship opportunity, and would like to thank every member on the scholarship committee for his or her support on my scholastic endeavors.

Sincerely, Mary O'Dell To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

When I was in the fourth week of my Dietetic Internship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, I found out that I had been awarded the Robert L. Crow scholarship. I had paid for the first semester of the program and was worried about how I was going to pay for the next semester. I can't fully describe how relieved, blessed and grateful I felt to be awarded this scholarship! I am currently in my sixth week of the internship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and absolutely love everything I am learning! I can't believe that 8 months from now, when I finish this internship and pass my exam, I will be a Registered Dietitian.

As an association, you have made such a difference in my education. I am so grateful that you have awarded me a scholarship for the past three years. Receiving the award not only meant that I had financial support, but also that there was a whole organization that supported me in my educational efforts and goals. The support you have provided means so much to me. Thank you so much for your financial assistance and support of my education and future as a Registered Dietitian.

Sincerely, Nicole Famularo

To the Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Committee,

I am deeply honored and thrilled that the AAO Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee has selected me to receive one of this year's Robert L. Crow Awards (in the amount of \$4000.00)! Since I first applied for the AAO award (July 12), I have requested and received from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama a one-year deferral to begin my program January 2014 rather then January 2013. The RWCMD has demonstrated their belief in my potential by granting me this deferral and giving me additional time to earn financial support to pay for this 12-month graduate program.

This one-year deferral will give me the additional time I need to raise funds to pay for my program without having to take on huge debt. Recently, I have begun two jobs and am working on obtaining a third job, as well as applying for additional scholarships that will apply to my international masters program. I am working as a dance instructor for Beaumont Ballet Theatre and as a graduate vocal performance intern for the Wesley United Methodist Church while living at home in order to save towards my year at the RWCMD.

On August 10, I made my 1000 GBP (\$1600 USD) deposit for (Continued on page 10)



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my deferred MA Musical Theatre Course and received my electronic confirmation of deposit from RWCMD/ Western Union. I also received my new Guaranteed Unconditional Acceptance certificate from the CUKAS (Conservatories United Kingdom Application Service) as well as my letter of Deferred Entry from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. The RWCMD has also given me a bursary award in the amount of 2000 GBP (\$3200 USD). For the program beginning January 2014, I now must demonstrate proof of sufficient funds by the August 10, 2013 deadline. The \$4000 Robert L. Crow Award from the AAO Educational Foundation will go a long way towards helping me achieve my financial goals over this next year!

Although I had hoped to start January 2013, I am obviously thankful to have been granted deferred entry. Because I graduated from Southwestern University one year early, I will be 22 when I begin my MA program at the RWCMD January 2014. I am providing you with proof of my deferred acceptance and contact information for the Admissions and Finance Offices of RWCMD. I am grateful for the interest the Scholarship Committee has shown in me, and your belief in my potential, by offering me the AAO award.

Sincerely, Laura Katherine Platt

Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

Thank you very much for your scholarship award. I am very excited to have been chosen by your association for this award. I will put this award and the education it helps me to achieve to good use.

Sincerely, Stephen Michel

Dear AAOEF,

I would like to take the time to thank you for the opportunities you've given me. Being the recipient of a scholarship is giving me opportunities I wouldn't otherwise have. Receiving scholarship money gives me the chance focus on school and to engage in more extracurricular activities.

This year, I am a senior at Utah State University with a double major in Journalism and Speech Communication Studies. I'm a teaching assistant for a public speaking class, on the student council for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and am a staff writer for my school paper, The Utah Statesman. Being able to participate in on-campus activities is important to get the necessary experience before I leave

college and I wouldn't be able to do it without the aid of the AAOEF.

I am extremely appreciative for the scholarship award and I want to express my sincere gratitude — thank you.

Danielle Manley

To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation:

Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Robert L. Crow Scholarship. It has alleviated the financial burden associated with attending the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. I had the ability to purchase textbooks, required laboratory materials, and apply the majority of the award towards my tuition. It is an honor to receive a scholarship from an educational foundation that values scholastic achievement, and awards scholarships based on merit. It has already been a challenging and successful fall semester, and I will continue to proudly represent the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Thank you,

Sydney V. Crosby The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine DVM Candidate Class of 2016

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#### AAO President

Greetings Fellow Weaponeers and Families,

I hope this news letter find each of you in the best of health. I am humbled by your confidence in me to run this great organization and it is my pledge to you to do my very best in the interest of our Association. Again, thank you!! I don't know about those of you who were in attendance, but I had a great time. Though it was evident our numbers were down, we seemed to pull off another great event. Congratulations to all those were elected and selected this year!! I don't won't to steal anyone's thunder, so again, CONGRATS to all. If you have time and it's published, please read our newest Hall of Fame selectee's story, you will be in awe.

Thanks to all of our retirees who could attend, as well as the military men and women who probably had to foot the bill out-of-pocket. You guys are awesome and this is the kind of stuff that keeps the dreams and visions going for all generations. RDM Vance did an awesome job as our guest speaker and has a deep appreciation for all Ordies as could be heard in the speech he gave. The Silver Legacy again hosted the convention in fine fashion as always and we never can never thank them enough for the many behind the scenes things they do to make our event a success. Speaking of behind the scenes... Jim Thomas, Kirk Brado, Tom Lord, Dennis Costa, Chuck & Bev Onken and the entire Auxiliary...thank you so much for all the hard work to make this year's convention a complete success.

I hope and pray to continue the extraordinary tradition of our association and make next year's symposium and convention a wonderful experience for everyone. Next year we intend to forge ahead with both events once guidance is given by our superiors. So, what can you do? Start planning and saving now for next year's events, and just in case another unforeseen circumstance pops up. Think of it this way, \$100.00 per month, starting now, will ensure you are there next year. Just a thought!

The Associations Chapter's wrapped up a busy year and I would ask all the Chapter President's to continue to keep up the great work. We need to continue our membership drives and as I said at the convention, ensure we do not lose those

o all chapters,

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

Thanks for the help, Editor

new members you just signed up. We do a great job at recruiting, but we're not retaining our new members. I know some of you have gone as far as to pay for the new member's first year and that's a great way to get them involved. What happens afterwards? How do we lose so many? I challenge each of you to retain your new members for an entire tour and then ensure they are picked up at their next command. This will take some work, but I know you can do it. Everyone has a mentor! Mentor; take this on as a way to train up your relief. We can do this "together".

I'll close by thanking all Ordnancemen past and present for all the things you do and have done to make our rate strong and in turn our Navy and our Nation. Your accomplishments have not gone unnoticed and you sons, daughters, mothers and fathers benefit from your dedication and hard work. May God Bless You and your Families always.

IYAOYAS!!!! Mike

#### AAO Vice President

As this is my article to you, please accept my heart-felt thanks for the confidence you have placed in me as your Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Vice President. I know I have some big shoes to fill (literally) as I attempt to fulfill the duties of the office, but rest assured I will strive to earn the trust you have placed in me. I would also like to congratulate CAPTAIN Price on his nomination and selection as our Association President. He too has some big shoes to fill but with our collective support, he will be successful and continue to push the Association to bigger and better things.

I'm sure you have heard by now that CAPTAIN Dave Lepard retired on 14 September after more than 38 years of service to our Navy and Marine Corps team and our Nation. He has had an outstanding career in more places than space allows me to mention, but did you know he has been the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen President for the past 12 years? He has taken the Association to new heights and has been the driving force behind its many accomplishments. He has been OUR advocate to anyone who would listen (and some that didn't want to listen) on issues that would make the job of our Sailor's and Marine's easier and safer. His professionalism, knowledge and friendship will be missed yet he leaves a legacy that will carry on for years to come. We wish him many more successes and happiness as he and Pat embark on the next chapter of their lives. Thanks CAPTAIN Lepard!

Keep beating the bushes for new membership and talk to those folks who may have let their membership lapse...see

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what we can do to get them back. Our association is only as strong as its membership and every current member should be getting the word out and recruiting new members. Let me know what I can do for you!

As I close my first Red Shirt article, I again would say "thanks for your support". I look forward to serving you as your vice president. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. If there are issues you need me to discuss in future articles, again let me know. Take care and stay safe.

AAOVP Alan D. Dean

#### AAO Treasurer

Well, Convention 2012 has come and gone. It is now time to start planning for Convention 2013. One of the changes already made is we started using a different credit card processor. The new system requires the addition of the three-digit CVV code in order to process the cards. The registration form for next year will be amended to reflect that information. But in the mean time, if you anticipate using your credit card for membership renewals, I will need that code. To Dave Lepard, thank you for twelve good years. Everyone likes to think that, sometime in their life, they were able to make a difference. In my opinion, you did! Thanks Dave!!

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

Address changes have gotten better, BUT are still costing your Association. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up, get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)575-1895; or (preferred) e-mail them to me you can Chapter officers, division LPO's, aaotreas2011@cox.net. shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locater, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materi-

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

**IYAOYAS!** 

R,

Thomas Lord

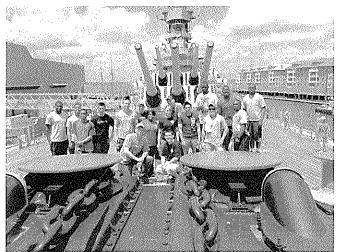
**AAO** Treasurer

#### Chapter 77

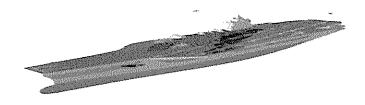
Chapter 77 on USS WISCONSIN

On May 29, 2012, twenty Aviation Ordnanceman from the USS GEORGE H W BUSH AO Chapter 77 conducted a community service day onboard the USS WISCONSIN in downtown Norfolk, VA. CVN 77 Ordies dedicated their time in volunteering with the assistance of inventory and cataloging of publications, ship drawings, maintenance requirement cards and instructions. Their effort assisted the USS WISCONSIN'S restoral crew with shipboard rehabilitation and visitor tours procedures. Chapter 77 exudes the true meaning of "FREEDOM...AT WORK".

AO1(AW/SW) Enrique Rios AAO Chapter 77 President









#### Chapter 671 Guam

#### AAO Welcomes Chapter 671 Guam

The association is pleased to announce the establishment of Guam/Northern Marianas Island's first AAO chapter. Guam Chapter 671 was approved by the AAO National Chapter on February 23, 2012.

The chapter was established due to the hard work and dedication of Chapter President AO1 Marlon Blackmon, Vice President AO2 Quindric Woods, Board of Directors CDR. Dion Edon, CWO2 Rey Chevalier and AOC Chris Miller, Secretary AO2 Marlena Sanchez, Treasurer AO2 Jerald Parkos, MAA AO2 Jackie Johnson and American Legion Mid-Pacific Post 1 representatives John Deschamps and Roy De Ville, who provided the chapter meeting facility.

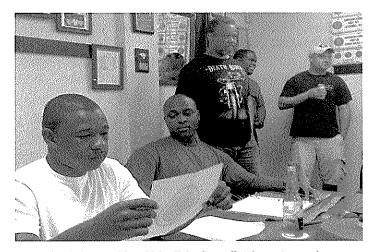
Chapter 671 was established to preserve the strong tradition of the Aviation Ordnance Rating, build a partnership between the local Navy Ordnance activities, provide guidance and support to visiting Aviation Ordnancemen and activities, support the National AAO Chapter and provide volunteer service in the local community. There are currently 22 members in the Chapter and growing stronger each month. Guam's U.S. military installations remain among the most strategically vital in the Pacific Ocean. When the United States closed its Naval and Air Force bases in the Philippines after the expiration of their leases in the early 1990s, many of the forces stationed there were relocated to Guam.

NAWMU 1 is a munitions maintenance activity and combat support unit manned and operated to conduct intermediate and selected depot level maintenance. The command tests and repairs air and select surface-launched missiles and guided weapons and components in support of the U.S. Navy worldwide. HSC-25 is a forward deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron that provides armed helicopter capability to support permanently assigned detachments to Commander Task Force 73 and US SEVENTH FLEET. They also perform logistics, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance for Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands.

Chapter 671 proudly welcomes all Aviation Ordnancemen deployed in and around the 7th fleet AOR. If you are Deployed, TAD or on leave and need assistance or you would just like to visit, please contact us at: NAWMU-1: Comm: 671- 349-9050/ DSN: 315-349-9050 HSC-25 Ordnance: Comm: 671-366-5218/ DSN: 315-366-5218



Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Guam Chapter 671



President/Vice President kick off the first official meeting at the Guam American Legion



LT. M. Eaton, LCDR. M Morgan, CWO2 R. Chevalier, CDR. D. Edon proudly wearing their U.S.S. John Finn Covers.





#### Chapter 76

Greetings from the USS RONALD REAGAN, Chapter 76!

It's with a heavy heart that we start this article today to pay tribute to one of our fallen brothers. Aviation Ordnanceman Airman (Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist) Bryan Tingle joined the Navy on 2 November 2010 out of Texas. Airman Tingle reported aboard 18 May 2011 and immediately hit the deck plates running. He quickly earned his Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist designation along with many other qualifications. On 29 Aug 2012, Airman Tingle suffered a brain aneurism and was hospitalized in Seattle, Washington with high hopes of recovery. Unfortunately Airman Tingle passed on 6 September 2012. With his passing left a reminder for the AO's of Chapter 76 to live every day to the fullest and to never take for granted the time we are given. Airman Tingle is survived by his wife and three children. Rest in peace brother!

On a positive note, we are currently pushing through Dry Dock Plan Incremental Availability in the Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton, Washington Shipyards. All is well and production is flowing smoothly. We are currently working towards our upcoming AORR and COSR inspections where things are moving at a very fast pace. Currently as it stands we should be steaming towards California soon in 2013. We are all very excited to get the ship back in the water so that we can get back out to sea and do what we do best, "put warheads on foreheads."

Despite the long days and demanding shipyard environment, the association continues to grow strong in numbers and our activity in the community is persistent. As a result many young AO's have been inspired to support the cause. At our last monthly meeting we mustered 40 AO's, 32 more than the prior meetings. Out of the 32 new attendees 15 became members that same day.

On 21 July 2012 and 8 September 2012, with strength in numbers, the association showed up and successfully chipped, pressure washed, sanded and painted three main deck cannons aboard the USS Turner Joy located at the Naval History Museum in Bremerton, Washington. Our contributions to the museum greatly enhanced the overall appearance of the ship and left a great impression within the community. Since the project was such a success, as an association we have decided to unofficially adopt the ship during our time here.

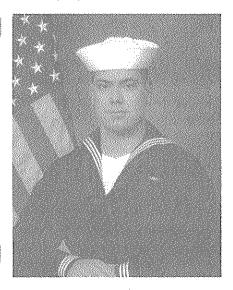
In conjunction with community service, the association has also been active in raising money through various events and through the selling of AO coins. We recently voted on a new design for our chapter's shirt and plan to have them printed and delivered in the very near future. So far with the money raised by the association we were able to support the family of our fallen sailor during his hospitalization as well as other events within the community. We will still continue to raise money to show our support to our fellow AO's as well as the community.

There will be more to follow as we continue to shape and mold the association for the better. For now farewell and stay safe. IYAOYAS!

AO1 Sean P. Daly USS RONALD REAGAN, CVN-76 Chapter 76 President



IN MEMORY OF AOAN(AW) BRIAN JOHANN TINGLE



December 13th, 1989 -September 7th, 2012

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#### Chapter 75



Fellow Ordies!!!

Greeting's from Chapter 75! It has been a long time since CVN-75 has been in the Redshirt, but we are proud to say "WE ARE HERE TO STAY!"

The new officer's for Chapter 75 are AO1(AW) Smith, Ryan (President), AO1(AW/SW) Parker, Rion (Vice), AO1(AW/ SW) Spencer, James (Treasurer), and AO2(AW/SW) Handlos, Gretchen (Secretary). The Truman has been going through a lot lately. We just completed our 2011/2012 DPIA, and it was the first time that Norfolk Naval Shipyard completed a major overhaul here in Portsmouth! As busy as we were with getting this warship back to sea, our Ordies found time to give back to the community through Habitat for Humanity. We assisted in building, painting, and yard preparations for the Shirley family, logging over 80 hours of volunteer work in Portsmouth, VA (see attached photos). Joe Neuman from Habitat sent us an email below, thanking us for our help in ensuring that the family moves in on time. Our Chapter meetings will be conducted on board as we roll into fast cruise, sea trials, and head back over to Norfolk. I wanted to give a shout out to our newly frocked personnel in the finest Weapons Department in the Navy, congratulations on your advancement- AOCS Deiulio, AOCS Gelinas, AOCS Morgan, AOCS Talabong, AO1 Howell, AO1 Turner, AO2 Barcia, AO2 Bonner, AO2 Gale, AO2 Scott, AO2 Ward, AO2 Yerger, EM2 Fendlay, AO3 Altringer, AO3 Barreto, AO3 Buchanon, AO3 Drayne, AO3 Gilmore, AO3 Howard, AO3 Irizarryvillanueva, AO3 Laroe, AO3 Lee, AO3 Mendez, AO3 Newberry, AO3 Osario, AO3 Riley, AO3 Spates, AO3 Thomas, AO3 Walling, GM3 Janssen, GM3 Sterling, GM3 Ramkowsky, GM3 Smith, and GM3 Bush. On a side note, the Navy just retired one of it's top Gunner's,

CWO4 Eric Richmond.
Gunner Richmond ran G4
here on the Truman and
will be missed by his
"HARD CHARGER'S!" Fair
winds and following sea's
Gunner! Well Ordies, that



sums up what has been going on here, be safe out there and take care of your sailors.

I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S.

V/r,

AO1(AW) Smith, Ryan, Chapter 75 President

Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads (Habitat SHR) is a nonprofit, faith-based affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat SHR seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the seven geographical entities that make up South Hampton Roads; Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Smithfield and Isle of Wight County.

Habitat SHR has built and renovated more than 180 homes in our communities since 1988.

The current projects, three, include the Webster Ave project, A second home in Portsmouth on Garfield near the shipyard and a duplex home in Norfolk in the Ocean View area.

The Webster home was originally built in 1905. The house was vacant for a number of years before SHR Habitat began work. This led to some unique challenges as the restoration moved forward including a complete rebuild of the back 22 feet of the home due to rot and termite damage and remediation of lead paint on most of the painted surfaces.

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen came aboard the project starting in June. Their help, in a not so exciting phase of construction but has immeasurably helped Habitat in their goal of dedicating the home on Saturday, 30 June 12. Without them we wouldn't have met our goal! The pictures for CVN 75 AAO are up on SHRHABITAT.ORG website.

Being a retired Navy Chief it makes me proud that young Sailors today still have the drive to get out and help.

V/R Joseph Neuman FCC Ret. CACI Inc. NAVSUP AMMO 757-443-5224 (DSN 646)



## ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN 2012 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

David Lepard, President, called the 2012 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0800, 18 August 2012, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, played the National Anthem and the Ordie song.

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 59 Members present for the Business Meeting. The Registration list is Enclosure (1) to these minutes.

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The President reminded everyone in attendance to fill out a General Business Meeting Registration card.

#### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In accordance with ARTICLE VII, Section 2 to the By-Laws the privilege of nominating, making motions, debating and voting is reserved for Regular Members of the Association during the course of this meeting.

Under Roberts Rules Article 31, when we get to the elections the President will, after giving ample opportunity to make nominations from the floor, with no further nominations coming, close the nominations. A motion to close nominations will not be in order.

## REPORT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR:

Approved the FY 2012/2013 Budget.
Approved the 2011 Board of Directors Minutes
Established Chapter Iron Nickel Chapter- USS PELELIU
Established Chapter 671 Guam
Approved AAOEF 1.C.3 By-laws change; Merge Sec/Treas office

Dennis Costa, Secretary, reported the minutes of the 2011 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #153 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room. A synopsis of the minutes were given after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2011 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2011 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2011/2012 Approved Budget and 2011/2012 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room. Any questions please feel free to ask. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2011/2012 approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

2012 Convention Committee, John LaMaitre --

The 2012 Convention is another great success. I would like to thank Jim Thomas and Kirk Brado for all there help and hard work before, during, and after each year's convention.

Membership Committee, Mike Price Chairman – We currently have 1,792 Active Regular Members and 132 Honorary Members (which are included in the total number of active regular members).

Total Life Members are 825 (which are included in the total number of regular members).

New Members in 2012 Regular Members: 227

Associate Members: 11

Life Members: 42

We currently have 5,448 members in the inactive file and continue to work with the various chapters to re-introduce those individuals back to our active roles. We also have 1,480 unknown members. These are members who have never provided the association with a forwarding address. We publish a list of these individuals in each red shirt and would ask if you know anyone listed, please get them to update their status. It is important we maintain our active roles because there is strength in numbers. Please contact the National Treasurer and/or Secretary to update your information.

We've had 11 members this year join the Supreme Commander's service.

Membership is always important and we can't have and organization without its members. We are holding steady and expect to an increase in members with your help. As always, thank you for your hard work and especially those chapters that continue to beat the drum in their respective areas. Remember the best way to recruit new members is by word of mouth.

AO of the Year Committee, AI Ten Eyck Chairman -

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The committee considered 74 packages. 11 Members were there to grade the packages. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record.

#### ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2012

#### AO1 (AW) MATHIS J. JENKINS

#### ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2012 Runner-Up

#### AO1 (AW/SW) MATHEW A. RENNINGER

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone Chairman – There was one package up for consideration. The committee represented over 176 years of ordnance experience.

## ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN AO HALL OF FAME SELECTEE FOR 2012

#### CWO1 CARL E. (ED) CREAMER USN (RET)

Reunion Book Committee, Chuck Onken – We are looking for someone to take our place as the Reunion Book Committee Co-Chairs; we have been doing it for 26 years, time for new blood. Beverly Onken has done a great job with AAO REUNION BOOK Editor. He requested that everyone get their pictures taken and he reminded all that you do not have to buy a book to get your pictures taken.

Nomination Committee, Michael Price Chairman – The following individuals were nominated for the Offices:

Mike Price, CAPT., USN: President

Tim Zimmer, AOCS, Ret: For Board of Directors

If no nomination from the floor the following office will be fill by Voice vote and Seconded by members present, President.

The two Board of Directors positions to be filled are: Rick Garza and Gerald Gladders

NOTE; Article V (5) Section 3 states that "A minimum of two officers must be active duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors."

The following are currently on the Board of Directors

Rob Walecki, CWO4, USN, (Ret) Bill Bindel CDR, USN Rick Garza, CDR, USN (Ret) Mike Gramolini, CDR, USN Jeff Sassone, CDR, USN (Ret) Gerald Gladders, LCDR USN (Ret)

NOTE; Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later Then 1 May 2013. The Nominee must except the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligation of the office.

The following offices will open for election/reelection at the 2013 Convention.

Vice President Currently Al Dean, CAPT, USN Secretary currently Dennis Costa, AOCM USN (Ret)

Board of Directors (Two) currently: Bill Bindel, CAPT, USN Mike Gramolini, CDR, USN

Absentee voting status - Michael Price

Total Ballots Received: 8

Invalid Ballots due to not a member or an Associate mem-

ber: 0

Invalid Ballots: 3

Total Ballots to count during Voting: 5

Last year Ballots received 27

Unless there are nominations from the floor for President a voice vote for that office will be taken. A ballot vote for the Board of Directors will be required and it will be conducted by ballots the Secretary has made up. They will/have been handed out as the Members check in for the General Business meeting and their membership dues are verified to be current.

I will go over the voting procedures prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

#### By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado Chairman -

The Committee serves as the Bylaws Committee for both the Association and the Foundation.

## **AO Museum Committee,** Tim Carroll – No Report

#### Educational Foundation President - Ed Scott

Members, the Foundation remains active throughout the year. As we are drawing to closure, we remain focused toward best practice towards all applicants, supportability and, sustainability throughout transition to the Association after 2013 convention and scholarship award payout. Your Association Scholarship fund increases; due to your support, as the Foundation decreases.

This year, the Foundation and its Board of Directors approved an increase to the Robert L. Crow Scholarship



from last year of \$3,750.00 each to \$4,000.00 and will select 5 applicants to receive this award; 5x\$4,000.00=\$20,000.00. Additionally and thanks to our two corporate donors; Newport News Ship Building and Raytheon Missile Division, our Board of Directors also approved 4x\$2,000.00=\$8,000.00, as we have done in the past years. Quick math shows the Foundation will be providing a total of \$28,000.00 to 9 well qualified individuals that the Scholarship Selection Committee will select.

This rate of awards and value is supportable from the Foundation only through the 2013 selection cycle. The corporate numbers may or may not remain based upon their corporate directions, DoD constraints, and Symposium activities; all of this is well beyond Association or Foundations control. Corporate funding while provides greater numbers of scholarships that are available each year, is a pass-through in the accounting basis; dollar in-dollar out within the same year. We all hope they will continue to support the Association and Foundation efforts toward education in the out years. We were lucky this year in that requests for corporate donations were requested and received prior to cancellation of the Symposium.

I have asked that the membership, thusly your BOD, of the Association assume the responsibility of corporate educational donation correspondence/requests for scholarship use exclusively. This process will ensure designated funds flow directly to the Associations Treasurer. Since the establishment of the Foundation, corporate and all other donations flowed into the Foundation Treasurer. With your vote to "Stand Down" the Foundation, we as a Foundation have requested scholarship donations be made out to the Association noted "for scholarship". We have had limited success in redirecting funds. The Foundation views and approves this request of Association responsibility commencing 2013.

I have to admit that I am disappointed in the overall support of nomination for any of the Foundation elections as requested these past 6+ years. Joe Manley; then nomination committee chairman, and I worked long and hard to develop procedures for nominations to Foundation Officers and Board of Directors yet would not interfere with the normal Association nominations and voting. We came up with procedures listed in each and every "Red Shirt" and insured appropriate By-Laws text. I can and will go on record that "to date" I have received zero, none, zip, nada, and nominations since the first to current listings of the Red Shirt for Foundation elections. The Foundation has NO membership, to hold a Foundation position; you must be an Association member! Even though the Foundation is in the process of "Stand Down", we simply cannot ignore the continued normal process of business as per Association and Foundation By-Laws and more important IRS directives. I, as President of the Foundation and the Association Officers encourage "side bar" from any individual at any time regarding your concerns and issues.

We continue within the Foundation; as long as we re-

main in body, to hold the goals long ago established for the continuing of "Robert L. Crow Scholarship" both in text and our continued activities. While it is difficult in mind to be active; like knowing your unit will be decommissioned shortly, we continue as we have since our formation several years ago within this body.

This year our BOD approved five (5) Robert L. Crow scholarships for \$4,000.00 each and four (4) corporate scholarships for \$2,000.00 each thanks to Newport News Shipbuilding and Raytheon Corporations for their continued support. I have additionally received 24 scholarship applications and removed 3. The scholarship committee will be reviewing 21packages and making their decisions will be once again, tuff decisions for these nine (9) that will be awarded a total of \$28,000.00 this year. We thank you for your continued support on behalf of our applicants.

# ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ROBERT L. CROW \$4,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2012

Nicole Famularo, Daughter of Henry Famularo Danielle Manley, Granddaughter of Larry Manley Sidney V. Crosby, Daughter of Dawn Rea Leonard Alyssa A Petrongelli Daughter of James Petrongelli Laura K. Platt, Grand Daughter of Robert Northrup

The Women and Men of the NAVAIRSYSCOM WEAPONS PROGRAM \$2,750.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Gabriella Famularo, Daughter of Henry Famularo

HUNTINGTON INGALLS \$2,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Mary E. O'Dell, Granddaughter of Ralph V. O'Dell Jean DeWees, Daughter of Tim Nanstiel

> RAYTHEON MISSILE SYSTEM \$2,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Stephen T. Michel Grandson of David Michel Alyssa Pratt Daughter of David Pratt

Newsletter Report- Kevin Meagher

I would like to say on behalf of the Red Shirt is that I've been doing this for about 9 years now and I want to again thank every member that makes it possible to keep this going with all the inputs and E-mails. The Red Shirt magazine would not be possible at all if it were not for your inputs. I really enjoy all the phone calls from our older members who relay

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their stories to me as young Ordnancemen, I wish I was able to somehow tape the phone calls because it is very hard to concentrate on what they are saying while I'm trying to write things down, then I forget what I was writing because I get so engrossed in the story! If anyone has any suggestions on different views or columns for the Red Shirt please feel free to contact me. I would also like to have a discussion on possibly incorporating Adds in the Red Shirt. We may need to see if there is anyone willing to solicit these; could possibly be a way to pay for the Red Shirt in the coming years which would save more money for our scholarship fund. I don't know the first thing about advertising, but I'm sure there is someone in the membership who does. Maybe this is the next level we can take our magazine too.

#### AAO Website Report- Johnny Wheat

The Website is up and running with little or no problems at all. The cost has increased slightly now costs about \$287.88 a year to run. All the forms for the AAOY, Scholarship, and HOF are available on the website.

#### Chaplin Report - Mart Vance

Eight members passed, Sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent in all cases where there was sufficient information available.

#### CHAPTER REPORTS

There are presently 23 active Chapters.

Chapter 1 NAS Lemoore, CA. Dave Moore

Chapter 3 NAS Whidbey Island, WA.AOC Angela Sobieski

Chapter 4 Tidewater Area, VA. Chapter 5 China Lake, CA.

Dennis Costa Greg Paulson

Chapter 8 San Diego, CA.

Al TenEyck

Chapter 9 Jacksonville, FL. Chapter 11 Kaneohe Bay, HI Dennis Patterson Dennis Costa

Chapter 21 NAS Fallon, NV. Chapter 22 Patuxent River, MD No Report Al Castro No Report

Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL. Chapter 39 Beaufort S.C

No Report Dennis Costa

Chapter 65 USS Enterprise CVN 65 Chapter 68 USS Nimitz CVN 68

No Report No Report

Chapter 70 USS Vinson CVN-70 Chapter 71 USS Roosevelt

No Report

Chapter 72 USS Lincoln CVN 72

Dennis Costa

Chapter 73 USS George Washington CVN-73

Deployed

Chapter 74 USS Stennis CVN 74 Deployed Chapter 75 USS Truman CVN 75 Dennis Costa

Chapter 70 USS Carl Vinson CVN 70 No Report

Chapter 76 USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76 AOCM Rich Terell

Chapter 77 USS George Bush CVN 77 Dennis Costa Desert/Southwest Chapter El Centro, CA. No Report Chapter LHD-4 USS Boxer

Chapter LHD-8 USS Makin Island Chapter 671 Guam

Deployed AO2 Sanchez

Deployed

Key West Key West Auxiliary

No Report Janice Clasen

The Chapter reports are Enclosure (4) to these minutes.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2013 Convention Committee, Jim Thomas Co-Site Chair-

The Symposium & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 28 Jul - 4 August 2013. Get your reservation in early. This will help get more active duty people to your convention.

#### Election of Officers -

The President called for the election of Association Officers. He announced that the offices open for election are two seats on the Board of Directors and President.

Election for the office of President, position held by Dave Lepard.

#### The Nominees are:

Mike Price

Mike Price was elected to serve as President, term to expire

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Rick Garza.

The nominees are:

Rick Garza Dion Edon

Tim Zimmer

Rick Garza was re-elected to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2016.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Gerald Gladders.

The nominees are:

Dion Edon Tim Zimmer

Dion Edon was elected to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2016.



Capt. (SEL) Al Dean was appointed to Vice President to fulfill the term of Mike Price who was elected President.

#### Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:

Raytheon \$4,000.00

Huntington Ingalls \$4,000

Chapter 1 \$400.00

Chapter 5 \$970.00

Chapter 8 \$300.00

Chapter 9 \$2000.00\*

Chapter 22 \$250.00

Chapter 34 \$1500.00

Chapter 72 \$1000.00

Chapter 671 - \$101.00

Chapter 65 \$1000.00

NAMU 1 CPO Mess - \$380.74

Joe & Delores Manley \$200.00 Clayton Jones \$100.00

Chuck and Beverly Onken \$200.00 Larry and Nellie Cowell

\$100.00 Francis Carmichael - \$588.00

Women & Men of PEO (U&W) - \$2750.00 Architectural Metal Products \$1,000.00

MISC Donation \$15.00

The Auxiliary \$4410.00

\*In the memory of Floyd English

#### Total donations \$25,345.74

The President announced that next year's Symposium & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 28 Jul thru 4 Aug 2013 Pre-registration will be a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2013 convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

The President called for any more input from the floor.

The President informed the membership of several recent accidents and that we will start conducting a formal safety brief to all in attendance.

A moment of silence was held for those who have gone to the Gun Boss in the sky. Let's think about the Marines, Sailors and Solider serving in Iraq, Afghanistan

Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2012 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1055.

18 August 2012.

Enclosures 2 thru 4 are on file with the National Secretary.

Submitted by:

Dennis Costa

Secretary

Approved by:

Mike Price

President

#### ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN **EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OFFICERS**



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#### Chapter 65

Greetings from Chapter 65 and the Ordies of CVW-1.

It has been a while since Chapter 65 has submitted an update to the Red Shirt but we are back for one final ride!

It has been an unbelievably busy year for the Enterprise and CVW-1. As you know we returned from deployment on the 15th of July, 2011 and quickly turned around and deployed for our 25th and final time on the 11th of March, 2012 at exactly 11:48 A.M.

During this deployment the Big "E" has continued to meet all challenges head on with unbridled success! Whether it's meeting the load plan, assisting with the reprogramming of 42 HARM Missiles, or completing the Fleet Reset with 100% accountability of all ordnance the results are the same... safely, efficiently and on time! It is truly an honor to work along side such a group of professionals as we have on board this legendary ship.

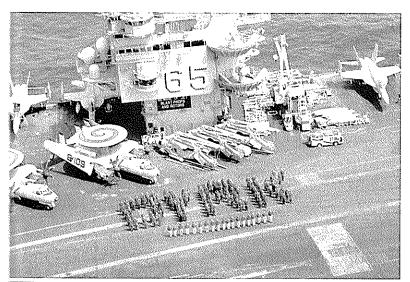
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We would also like to congratulate all it file the Charles on there as well as the ones who were seemed an interprise and Carrier Air Wing One.

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AOC Ben Porter AOC Patrick Cremin Facility
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AOC Charles Martin AOC Joseph Milles & Facility
AOC Ryan Dooley

Stay safe and we look forwarded to seeing everyone when we get back home! And as always...IYAOYAS

LCDR Tommy Hinnant OHO CVN-65





#### **NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

LTJG Michael B. Gaar AOCM Terrence V. Miles USN Ret CWO2 Lester Gipson AOI Andrew J. Pletzke ADJ1 Edward M. Kmiec USN RetCDR George R. Aguilar AO1 Jamie A. Ransey

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### LOCATOR

Can you help? Know where any of these members has be located? If you have a mailing address or phone marriber phase contact me at anotreas 2011/2000 per social mail or give the a call.

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#### Chapter 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in beautiful Jacksonville, FL where most of you seasoned AO's learned your trade. Our last submission was not published so this article will cover all of 2012 to date.

Our fourth annual NJROTC/ MJROTC air rifle postal was complet-

ed, 65 teams from across the country competed. Awards have been mailed, congratulations to all... Winners in the Mixed Category 1st place - Dallastown MCJROTC unit from Dallastown, PA; 2nd place - Montrose NJROTC unit from Montrose, CO; 3rd place - Oviedo NJROTC from Oviedo, FL. In the First Year Shooters category 1st place - Redmond MCJROTC unit from Redmond, OR; 2nd place - Oviedo NJROTC unit from Oviedo, FL and 3rd place - Troy NJROTC from Fullerton, CA. Pictures are posted on our website. 800 invitations for next year's competition were mailed out in August. "TYAOYAS" to all the schools that participated in last year's competition. We look forward to another successful postal this year.

In January, we helped Ed Kmiec, Pearl Harbor survivor and shipmate of John Finn celebrate his 95th birthday. Ed rarely misses a chapter meeting and is still "going" but not necessarily strong these days.

Congratulations to our latest AO's of the Year and Quarter: AO1 Michael Atkinson, AO of the Year, from VP-10; AO3 Debra Zamora, Fourth Qtr 2011, from FRCSE at NAS JAX; AO2 (AW) Michael Widdrington, First Qtr 2012, from NMC; and AO2 Charise Gladney, Second Qtr 2012, from HSM-70. Chapter President Jack Elrod presented each a certificate and the current AOQ gets to display a "traveling plaque" in their work center for the quarter.

Each spring, members go to the local High School award ceremonies to honor a cadet from each NJROTC/ MCJROTC Unit. This spring, fourteen awards were presented, the award is named in honor of Cdr. Floyd English, to recognize heir leadership and contributions to their local JROTC man's success.

Chaired by AOCS (ret) Dennis Patterson, the chapter instiused a "Hall of Honor" similar to the National "Hall of to recognize members who have made significant contributions to the Chapter. The initial class of honorees were inducted at the picnic to celebrate the AO birthday in March. Visit our website (aao9.com) to see who was inducted.

Some sad news to report, LCDR (RET) Billy Harkins, former OinC of AO Schools at NATTC Jax in the late 1960's passed away in March after a long illness. In August, CWO Ed Creamer, just inducted into the AO Hall of Fame, passed away. Ed spent the war from early 1942 to VJ day as a POW on the Japanese home islands (not as an honored guest) and went on to have a celebrated AO career. Our WWII heroes are now passing away at an alarming rate.

A big thank you goes out to the following: CWO (ret) Ed Scott and his wife Linda for their ongoing efforts to give locally deployed AO's a "taste of home" while deployed. Past President Mike Gramolini, who transferred to Yorktown after completing his CO tour at CNATTU, for all his efforts helping AAO9 as well as local active AO's. CWO Bland has volunteered to track community service hours for the active AO's. CWO (ret) Mike Snider's continuing efforts collecting left over toiletries after a member travels, these items are collected and donated to local homeless shelters.

Chapter community service opportunities to report: AAO9 has volunteered to assist homeless veterans with housing deposits not covered anywhere else; the first needy vet happened to be a former AO2 who is down on his luck and needed a helping hand. We also helped sponsor a fishing expedition and picnic for the "Wounded Warriors." Chapter 9 continues to do their quarterly cleanup of Blanding Blvd.

As this article is printed, our second annual "all AO" picnic will have taken place on 22 September, at NAS Jax.

Lastly, I invite each of you to check out the chapter web site; aao9. com. Our "webmaster" LCDR (RET) Steve ("Pocket Gunner") Cashat continues to do an absolutely phenomenal job with it. Don't miss the pictures looking back to how it was in the "old days."

Average attendance at monthly meetings has grown to 34, with a high of 50 in February. The members make it happen.

Submitted by Lt. Jack Elrod President AAO9



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#### Cellulube

In the late 70's/early 80's, Cellulube used in weapon system elevators as well as in many other pressurized hydraulic systems was identified as a carcinogenic and was ordered removed from shipboard hydraulic systems.

During the years it was used in weapons elevator systems, several Ordnancemen and other ships personnel were exposed, ( in some cases soaked ), with Cellulube. Some personnel have experienced health issues that they believe may be linked to Cellulube exposure. When attempting to get the Veterans Administration to acknowledge that Cellulube "could" be a contributing factor in their health issues, they were met with denials similar to those experienced in the "Agent Orange" issue years earlier. The National toxicology Program (NHP) conducted tests of Cellulube during the 70's, 80's and 90's and published data that animals and birds in laboratory tests often experienced paralysis, severe dyspnea, and sometimes death. The NHP then stated that no deaths or severe medical problems attributable to Cellulube had been experienced by humans. They went on to state that no humans had been tested.

To my knowledge, there is no data documenting possible Cellulube exposure health problems experienced by Navy personnel. To date, efforts by individuals to link Cellulube to their health issues have basically been ignored by the DOD and VA. I would like to know how many Aviation Ordnancemen and other Navy personnel have health issues that they believe might be linked to Cellulube exposure.

I would like your comments/inputs on this subject, and for those with health issues that you feel might be related to Cellulube, please provide the time frame, place, circumstances of exposure, and the health issues that you suspect might be linked to that exposure. I will attempt to put together a listing/history of Ordnancemen exposed which might be beneficial to everyone that might be dealing with health issues that you believe are attributable to Cellulube.

You can contact me by email at dash63@verizon.net, or by letter to Don Smith, 6214-B Pardue Court, Virginia Beach Va, 23464



#### IN MEMORIAM CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>Francis Carmichael</u> – For and in the name of Lt John W. Finn, beloved friend and companion.

B.E. 'Rebb' Rebbetoy USN Ret - In memory of his good friend and shipmate 'Gunner' Bruce Kennedy.

<u>Chapter 5 China Lake</u> – For and in the name of George Nehr, friend, mentor and fellow Ordie.

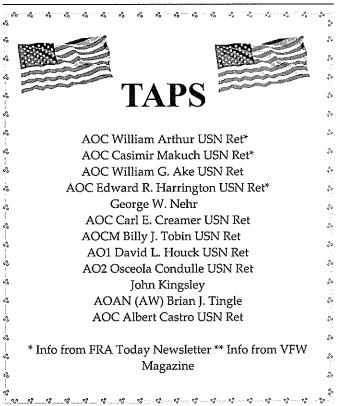
<u>Doris L. From & Sons</u> - In Memory and Honor of her husband CWO3 Roy A. From.

Chapter 9 - In memory of CDR Floyd English USN Ret

#### Albert Atanacio Castro



March 1, 1950 - October 13, 2012





## Auxiliary To The Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen



My name is Teresa Zimmer and I am your newly elected Auxiliary President. I would like to start off by thanking you for entrusting me with this office and ensuring you that I will do my best to lead us into the future. I look forward to many rewarding moments and, of course, lots of fun. If you ever need assis-

tance with Auxiliary issues or just want to chat, feel free to contact me. Now on to business.

I Hope everyone that made it to Convention this year is well rested and revived. We had a great turn out overall considering the Symposium was cancelled this year. We took care of business and also had lots of fun. I really hope you all can make it next year, which will be July 31- Aug 4, 2013? Save the date .....

#### Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary is happy to have 2 new Lifetime Members: Christine Harvey Shirley Singley

We're also very happy to welcome 11 new General Member's:

Christy Christen Carmel Decker
JeanAnn DeWees Linda Folks
Vicky Grader Sherrie Laskie
Lora Lee Smith-Nanstiel Ruby Rutledge
Megan Willhite Brenda Wright
Brittny Zimmer

It gave the Auxiliary great pleasure to bestow an Honorary Lifetime Membership to Frances Carmichael. Her value to the association is immeasurable.

We would like to say congrats to the following recipients of their 5 year pin from the Auxiliary:

Mary Ellen Bailey Ashley Crews
Liza Holdman Rosemary Laur
Alisa Muller Jackie Rice

#### Auxiliary Fundraisers

Even with attendance down this year, it was still profitable and we want to Thank you for all your donations to the Scholarship Fund. And a special thanks goes out to Al Ten Eyck our Auctioneer and his assistant Rob Walecki. Without you we couldn't accomplish what we did for the night.

Thank you to all of the Auxiliary members that spent many hours behind the Raffle tables and all the AO's that bought tickets and supported the cause. Thank you to the following for their donations to the Scholarship.

Elaine Southerland Tom and Janet Sawyer

Charlotte Rose Amy Stemier Sylvia Ashlock Janice Clasen

J. Sassone

#### Taste of Home

The Auxiliary met Saturday to assemble boxes, mostly filled with appreciation for our Ordies. A very big Thank you to all of you that donated items and your time to build all of the boxes that were sent to MALS 16. As of Sept 3rd we were notified that all of the boxes had been received and very appreciated. MSgt Brown will be sending photos soon to Carolyn Thomas and she will share. Carolyn, Thank You for making the Taste of Home program such a success. And a big thanks to Jan Clasen for taking care of shipping them out. Thank you to the following for their donations to the Taste of Home.

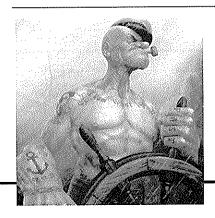
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Amy Stemier Sylvia Ashlock
Ann Robins Beth Kershisnik

#### Circle of Support

We would like to say Congratulations to Betty Clark and Ann Robbins as our newest inductions into the Circle of Support.

It gives me great pleasure to represent such a fine group of people in our Auxiliary. It was great to see everyone at Convention. We missed those of you that weren't there but hope to see you next year. We would love to have you join the Auxiliary, build memories and help us make things happen for our Ordies....

#### SUPPORT THE ARMS OF THE FLEET!



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#### AIM-9X

AIM-9X Cutting Edge Award was presented to AO2(AW) Richard Roux in recognition of sustained superior service to the United States Navy and his unequivocal commitment to providing mission ready assets to embarked Air Wing on USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77). As missile maintenance team lead he played a vital role in the testing and reprogramming of over 80 AIM-9X missiles in preparation for the 2011 Combat Deployment. His keen attention to detail was instrumental in identifying damaged wiring harness on 48 AIM-9X missiles which would have prevented the missiles from firing. He then identified procedures to avoid future reoccurrences of this damage. AO2 Roux also dedicated over 200 hours of on-the-job training to divisional personnel in AIM-9X maintenance and handling procedures.



CAPT John Martins (PMA-25) & Mr. Dave Adams (Raytheon AIM-9X Program Manager) present AO2 (AW) Richard Roux (USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77)) with the 2011 AIM-9X Cutting Edge Award.

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#### *NA VAIR*

A Big Thanks goes out to Ellen Bailey, Connie Wells and their gang for organizing and putting together raffle baskets with help from all of the PMA's and individual weapon programs to raffle off during the July edition of the Weapons Readiness Review (WRR). The thought process was that since the Symposium was cancelled this would be a great way to raise funds for the scholarship program.

A total of \$2750.00 dollars was raised and this was turned into an extra scholarship in the name of "The Women and Men of the NAVAIRSYSCOM WEAPONS PROGRAM" being awarded at the annual AAO Convention!

Outstanding job by all who were involved. We thank you very much!!!

Pictures of some of the baskets are below and on page 27.



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The Symposium Meeting is Friday, 18 January at 1400. The Convention Meeting is Saturday, 19 January at 0900.

The planning meetings are held to finalize details/plans for the Symposium & Convention.

Everyone is welcome to exchange ideas.

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