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SGT Joshua D. Quigley VMFA-121



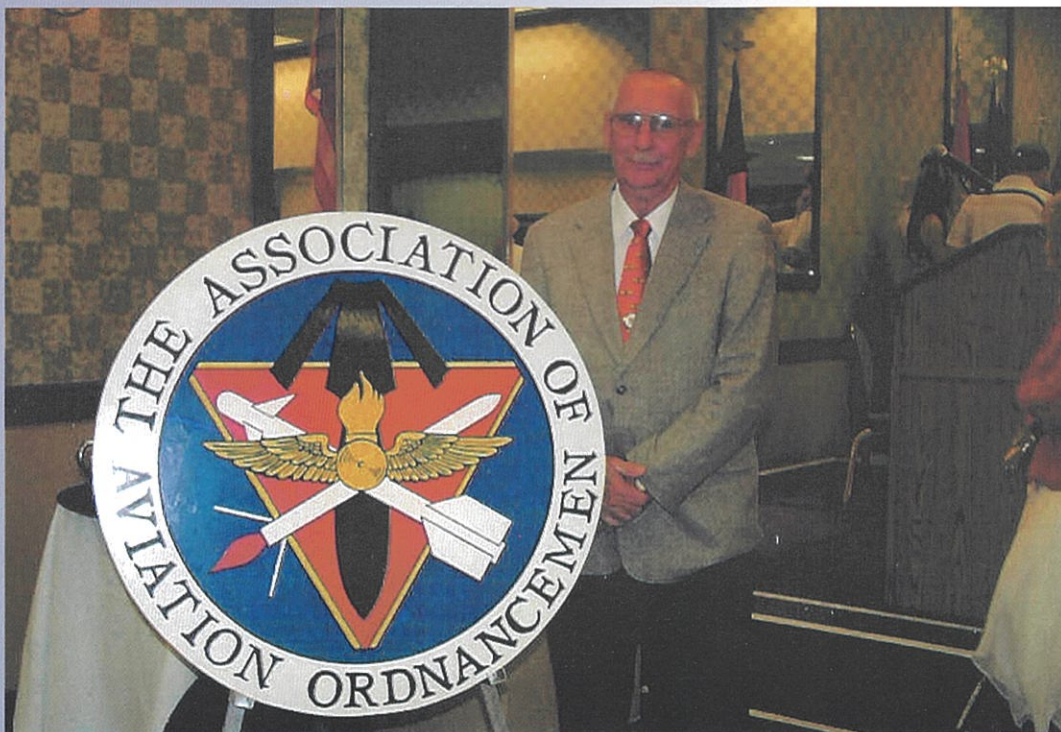
Peace Through Power - We Are The "ARMS" Of The Fleet



2007 AO Hall Of Fame Inductees



LCDR Larry "Joe" Manley, USN Ret.



AOCM Robert "Bob" Holdman, USN Ret.



Letters To The Editor

To: All RedShirts, Dwelling on the Planet Earth

From: Chief Hall & Faye

Subject: Status of health and message to all addicted smokers

Dear Bob & Liza

Kindly advise all that we are grateful for their Prayers and calls. For your collective information, I am suffering from the ravages of cancer radiation to the right side of my face. Since I never smoked, the medical profession determined the cancer in my right tonsil was from inhaling second hand smoke from my office staff, who had to have a fix all day long.

The first results of the radiation to kill the cancer in 1977 was the loss of my taste buds, saliva glands, and 35 lbs of muscle from my previously healthy body.

The second and latest results of the damage from the radiation began in 2004 when I developed dysphasia which is, inability to swallow & damage to my tongue and larynx, which affects my ability to talk. Since I cannot swallow I will have to survive on 8-8 oz. cans of food supplement poured through a feeding tube in my stomach for the rest of my life.

The third event manifested itself with the fracture of my lower right jaw bone in late March this year. The fracture and staph infection of the bone is the cause of considerable pain and inability to open my mouth to enjoy the culinary expertise of beloved GA. Peach, who just happens to be the best cook on the planet.

The Medicos tell me the radiation caused neurosis and fracture of the jaw bone which will have to be repaired after months of Hyper baric Oxygen therapy to assist in the healing process from the surgery.

In summary, the good news is that I will be given a few more years to walk the mainland with all those that I love, and all the blessed friends and families that love us.

My purpose in telling this story and my admonition to all REDSHIRTS living and breathing is; "DON'T LIGHT UP, INJECT, OR INGEST ANY PRODUCT THAT CAN RUIN YOUR HEALTH AND INABILITY TO ENJOY LIFE IN THE SUNSET OF YOUR LIVES."

In closing, we thank you all again for your friendship, for your prayers, and for the honor of belonging to this wonderful association of men and women.

As always, we Pray for all REDSHIRTS WHO NOW DEFEND THE GATES OF FREEDOM, we Pray for their families and friends, and we Pray God's Blessings on each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Royce and Faye Hall

Hello,

Just a note to say a gigantic Thank-you to a wonderful organization. The "Ordies" presence at Tony's services the inspiring condolences and calls from Chaplain Eck, our cordial welcome at Admiral Baker, the many good memories are very meaningful to our family. I'm honored and privileged to be an honorary "Red Shirt" and a life member of the Auxiliary.

Somehow I'm very remiss in saying Thank-you all, this note is long over due.

Love and prayers
Tony Terzich Family

Editor,

Please accept this photo of my license plate for the next edition of the Red Shirt. I have it on disc. This was taken in January at my biker wedding. I hope to see it in the next edition, as well as my name as a new member.

Thank-you!
Respectfully submitted
Sgt Russell S. Hayes Sr

Sgt Hayes, congrats on your wedding! As you see your name made it in issue 103 but the pic you sent did not scan very good. If you can E-mail the picture to me I will try and run it in the next edition 105. My e-mail is at the end of this column.

I noticed the item for "Association of Aviation Ordnance-men" in the June issue of the American Legion. I will not be able to attend the meeting in July in Reno. I was assigned to NAS Jacksonville; FL and nearby Yellow Water gunnery school from 1943 to 1946. I would like to make contact with others who also were at Yellow Water then. When discharged I was an AOM 2nd class. My residence before and after Navy service was in Schenectady, N.Y. I would appreciate any assistance you might offer.

Charles W. Jefts,
17 Old Post Rd., Lake George, NY.
Tel. 518 668 5342



Dear Editor,

Recently we finished restoring a WW II SBD-Dauntless Dive Bomber for display in the USS Midway CV-41 museum. I just could not resist sitting in the Gunners seat. I'm not of the WW II timeframe, but I have to tell you, as I was sitting there I wanted to shoot the hell out of something! Once an Ordie always an Ordie. I've enclosed 2 photographs to go with the letter. I hope the photos will bring back mostly good memories to our WW II Ordies. The AO3 crew you see on my coveralls I found in the old G-3 berthing area when we cleaned it out to make a maintenance shop. When I found it I realized its been over 50 years ago when I made AO3!

Request for information: We are in need of information on photoflash bombs that were around in the mid-fifties. Size, color, markings, ect. I think I remember them being white with black markings and weighing about 100 pounds? Any information, photographs, ect., or even an inert one would be a big help. Also we are looking for the old AO3 & 2 / AO1 and AOC course books from the early fifties. As always, if any of my fellow Ordies are in San Diego, look me up and I'll give you a FREE behind the scenes tour of Midway. Places we never were in during our active duty days. The Captain and Admiral quarters, war room, and brig.

As we used to say in the old Navy, "See you around the fleet."

Bob Solomon, AO (Ret)
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Bob, thanks for the letter and pictures. I was only able to get 1 in this issue. The other would not scan properly for me. Check out page 27!

Kevin,

We just returned from the AAO reunion in Reno & was truly impressed by all we saw & participated in. Thanks to all who had anything to do with Joe Manley's and my selection to the AAO HOF.

After a kazillion or two times driving up & down US HWY 395 to/from Fallon, we did it a little different this time. While we always knew Yosemite was good enough to be named a National Park, we could never grasp how truly breathtaking it truly is, if we hadn't taken time to drive through it this time. For those of you who go the same route from San Diego or Lemoore or wherever, I can't recommend strongly enough to you, to take a little detour & look at one of God's greatest creations. For the rest of you, do what it takes to go there. Thanks to you for all you do.

Bob & Liza Holdman

AO HALL OF FAME BIO's NEEDED

Do not have Bios' on the following members. If any one has information on these individual please forward to LCDR Charles Onken, 291 West Spruce Place, Lemoore, CA. 93245-1970 or e-mail to onkenc@sbcglobal.net. If I can get the information I will put a write up together.

CDR. Kirby Hunt	Plankowner	
AOCM Frank Parker	Plankowner	
LCDR Leslie Ovre	Plankowner	Deceased
AOCM Robert Branum	Plankowner	Deceased 1992
AOCS Richard Smith	Plankowner	
CDR. Roy Asher	Plankowner	Deceased
LT. Weldon Maki	Plankowner	Deceased
CWO 4 Billy Earl	1990	Is sending BIO
Chairman AO HALL OF COMMITTEE		
Charles R. Onken		

INTERIM CHANGE 3 TO AAO BYLAWS 7TH REVISION DATED 6-24-00 WITH I.C. 1 & 2 INCORPORATED

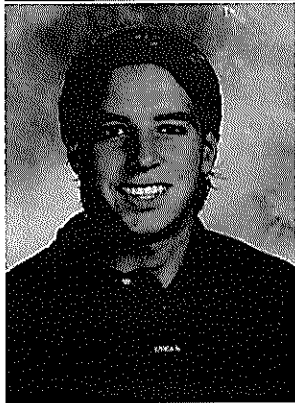
Make the following pen and ink changes to subject Bylaws:

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS Section 4.

Delete the fourth sentence, which reads, "the new budget will include expenditures authorized during the convention."

Section 5. *change the second sentence to read:*
"The Board of Directors will approve the Annual Budget."

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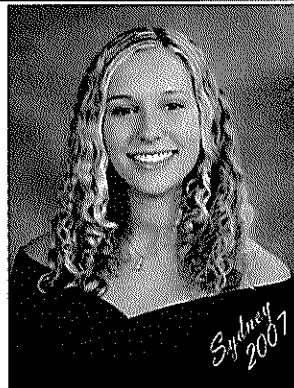
Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Committee,

I am honored to be awarded the AAO CDR Robert L. Crow Memorial Scholarship because I have such admiration for the sacrifices of all who work toward the military defense of our nation, such as AAO members. Your generous \$3500 award will bring me closer to my dream of applying my Mechanical Engineering skills in an industry in which I, too, will be at the forefront of strengthening and defending this great nation. Having worked internships at both an aerospace company and at a refinery, I have witnessed that both industries are critical to the protection of our nation.

I am sure that all of you lead very busy lives and I appreciate that you use your valuable time to raise funds to support higher education. In addition, I want to thank those of you who devoted so much time to evaluating applications and selecting recipients. When I am a professional, I intend to live up to the honor of your award and to help the next generation with their college expenses, as you have.

Very respectfully,

Anthony Gurrola

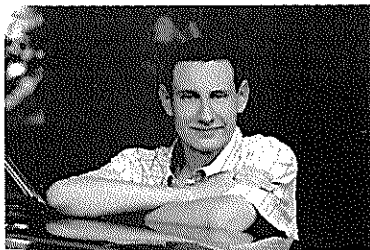


To the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

Thank-you again for selecting me as a recipient of the Robert L. Crow Scholarship for the 2007—2008 school year. I cannot stress enough the gratitude I have for the Association. The financial aid provided by the association will definitely benefit my education this fall and help me with the large and most vital expenses such as housing and meal plans.

The move in day is just weeks away, and I am already excited and anxious to begin my freshman year of college at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia. I am even more thrilled that I can be completely focused and concentrated on school without worrying about financial issues, and this scholarship has made that possible. I will succeed in school and pursue my dream of gaining admission to the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine, and continue on to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. I will study and work my hardest to make the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen proud and confident in the selection they have made of not just one, but all of their many deserving scholarship recipients. Thank-you for supporting me in my education and having the confidence in my scholastic achievements!

Sydney Victoria Crosby



To The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen:

I would like to express sincere appreciation for being selected to receive The Robert Crow Scholarship Award. By lifting

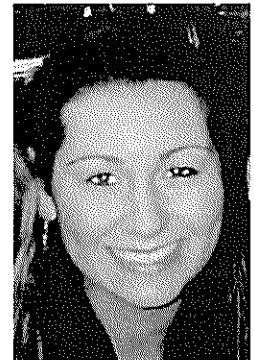
some of the financial burden of my tuition from my shoulders, focusing on my studies at Old Dominion University will be much easier. I am currently enrolled and looking forward to pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

Once again, thank you for the incredible opportunity that you are making a reality for me. I appreciate the generosity of the members of Raytheon Corporation as well, and I am both honored and grateful to be one of the few recipients chosen.

Sincerely,
 Karl Swygert



Brandon Jones



Leeza DosSantos



Justine Crutchfield



Terri Lindsey



Association of Aviation
Ordnancemen
Education Department
722 E. Avenue
Coronado, CA 92118

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen
of the AAO Educational
Foundation:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the Robert L. Crow Scholarship, and thank you for selecting me as one of this year's recipients! I am truly honored to be supported by you, the

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

As I move forward down the road to my dream of becoming a Physical Therapist, I see an ocean of challenges as well as amazing, fun, and interesting experiences ahead of me. I am grateful for the assistance you have offered me along that road and I can assure you that your efforts will not be wasted. The contribution you have chosen to make toward my higher education will greatly ease my personal financial burden as I enter into graduate school and the professional world beyond. It makes the future brighter to know that there are organizations such as yours that are so devoted to assisting in and encouraging the education of upcoming generations.

Again I wish to thank you for your time, consideration, and for all of your generosity.

Sincerely,

Hillary Robins

THE REAL PILOT'S CALLING

While briefing for the night's mission with VAH-21, the NAF Cam Ranh Bay base chaplain came into the duty office, asking to see the pilot. Chaplain asked pilot if he could ride with us that night, so he'd be better able to understand any stress our squadron members were experiencing. The pilot agreed, but directed the chaplain to do precisely what he was told to do by the crew members, and to do it immediately. Chaplain agreed and we continued the briefing.

Chaplain went with me while I preflighted the ordnance loadout, so I showed him around the tail turret. I turned him over to the Radioman who gave him a safety briefing, showed him the 'way out', his station on the 'flight deck', and directed him to remain there throughout the mission -- and gave him a flak vest to wear.

Treasurer's Report

Greetings – Membership expiration dates are now in the Month/ Year format. We decided to do away with the 'date' portion. Sometime in the future we will have to replace our membership program (Day Timer) that we use to track membership. It will help the transition once we get to that point.

CONVENTION – OUTSTANDING job again to TEAM Fallon for their tremendous support. It gets better every year. Rex Gallino and crew my hat is off to you. Looking forward to August 08 and beyond.

Membership fee's are going up starting 01 June 2008 (new FY). The cost's have been going up since our last dues increase in January 1995. With regret I asked the Board Of Directors for an increase and it was approved. Dues are going from \$15 per year to \$20 per year. The 2 year 'first time membership' will go from \$25 to \$30. Additionally the Life Time cost's are going up \$50 across the board for each age group, except for the 75 and above folks. That age group is going from \$20 to \$50.

Address changes cost 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)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aootreas@cox.net.

On a sad note – I was just notified of the passing of Mila Suarez. Ray Ray, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family on the passing of your wonderful bride.

Until next time IYAOYAS.

JJ LaMaitre

As a tail gunner, I figured that most of the incomings I'd have to worry about would be small arms fire from below, so I'd shuck my vest and sit on it while 'on station'. As a waist gunner, I'd stand on it. Chaplain was to wear his...

While over 'friendly' territory enroute to the assigned target area, the pilot invited the chaplain to come to the cockpit before we went 'guns hot', which he promptly did. Chaplain returned to his seat about five minutes later -- to find a single bullet hole had come through the bottom and out the top of the aircraft, and leaving a reminder in his seat on the way. I figured the REAL Pilot was telling us something and left us a reason to be listening.... At any rate, the chaplain surely accomplished his mission of better understanding the flight crew members' stress.

AOCM Bob Holdman USN (Ret)

2007 AO Of The Year Runner Up



*AO1 (AW/SW) Mark C. Wilkinson
Selected for AOC*

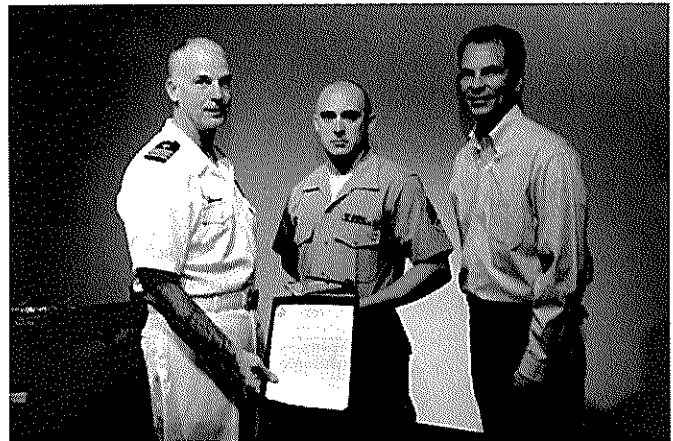


2007 Hall of Fame Winners



Navy, Marine Corp and Air Force AIM-120 and AIM-9X award winners at the Joint Air to Air ILSMT held at the Raytheon Missile Systems facilities in Tucson, AZ.

AMRAAM Outstanding Performer Jul—Dec 2006



AMRAAM Outstanding Performer for Jul—Dec 2006 SGT Kristopher M. Burchett from MCAS Miramar. CDR Robert Neville from CNAP and Mr. Craig Lilecoff from Raytheon on hand to present the award at the Raytheon Missile Systems facility in Tucson, AZ during the joint PMA-259 Air to Air ILSMT

For more information on the AMRAAM Outstanding Performer award please E-mail me at kevin.meagher@eglin.af.mil

Kevin Meagher AOC Ret
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The President's Message



Greetings fellow Ordnancemen,

Well, the 2007 convention is now in the books and all that attended had a wonderful time. As you might know, we once again started our week with the Symposium and had around 400 in attendance. During that portion of our week, with four full days of briefings and relevant sidebar discussions, and yes

many action items were generated that our TYCOM Staffs are working to resolve. As the week progressed we once again were very pleased that RADM Heely from PEO(W) joined us in Reno. The Admiral once again gave a very informative and up to date briefing on current issues we face as the Aviation Ordnance war-fighter. Capt "Comet" Halley and Capt. "Sky" Crane gave an up to date brief on the accomplishments of the Air Launched Weapons Team (ALWT). I will confirm that the workings of the ALWT has brought the Aviator and Ordnance team closer than I have ever observed in my 35 years of service working our Ordnance issues. Special thanks must go out to Oscar J. Robinson and to Richard "Spike" Pitman Director of Visual Support Information Services for CNAL. Great job gentlemen! Making sure we were completely supported and stayed on schedule.

The turn out for the Convention was a little low this year; however that certainly was based on the high number of deployed Commands. We did see the some new faces and we are always glad for that Thanks! As our Friday always goes it was a busy one. All committees met and certainly had their hands full with the selection process for the Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year, Hall of Fame selection, as well as the Associations Educational foundation which had some very wonderful applications received which made the competition extremely difficult. I personally want to thank all that participated in sitting on a committee, thanks for your hard work and drive to find the best of the best we have that were selected this year.

Friday evening social was an outstanding turn out where we celebrated LT John W. Finn's 98th birthday. We also welcomed RADM Moffit and his wife Megan to our Social on Friday night; I do believe they had a wonderful time as they met and mingled with our Ordnance family.

Saturday kicked off with our General Business meeting that was attended by many. In this addition of the REDSHIRT please see who all you're newly and re-elected officials are for your Outstanding Association.

Saturday evening led us into one of the finest awards dinners we have had to date. RADM Moffit honored all in attendance with remarks that touched our hearts. The Admiral engaged the audience with class by not standing at the podium but by moving around the ballroom and speaking with many individuals on a one on one level. He captivated the attention of all by speaking to us as a family of Ordnancemen, he certainly acknowledge the past leaders in the ballroom as wells as our future leaders in the Ordnance community. I would like to say on behalf of the entire Association of Aviation Ordnancemen; Admiral and Megan thank you for taking the time out of you busy schedule to spend some time with us. At the end of the evening Admiral Moffit, announced all of the selectee's for the Hall of fame inductee's, AAOEF scholarship recipients followed by the announcement of the 2007 LT John W. Finn, Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year. Congratulations to all who were selected and honored this year. As I close my remarks for this addition, be it known that your Association had another highly successful year. Our chapter's all worked very hard on community service events this year as well as growing our membership, but most importantly you all accomplished great work taking care of our sailor's and marines.

My hat is off to you all for doing so well. As always Jim and Carolyn you both once again made the stay at the Silver Legacy for the Symposium and Convention flawless. Joe, JJ, and Dennis, Dick, Chuck and way too many others to mention here, thank you for you selfless dedication to the National organization. To the Board of Director's keep up the Great work and listen to the membership they are who we all represent. Now to all you deployed Marines and Sailors we all are extremely proud of the mission you're accomplishing, you're doing it right and you're doing it on time. Be strong and know that your Nation is fully behind you! And I've said it before most of us wish we were standing beside you in this GWOT.

From Pat and I we hope you have a wonderful year ahead, and we look to seeing you through out the year as we travel around this great country.

Very respectfully and serving you, your President
CAPT Dave Lepard

Duty in VAH-21

Our predecessors in 'Project TRIM' (Trails, Roads Interdiction, Multi-sensor) received real stateside training for the aerial combat roles they were to face in Vietnam, actually flying in the four aircraft that had been modified from the anti-submarine SP-2H (P2V-7) to the night attack/reconnaissance AP-2H, plus the AO's received factory training on the tail turret and mini-gun. Their problem was they didn't have enough Ordnancemen to fill all four tail-gunner positions, so other ratings (an ATC & an AEC) filled the

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From The Vice President

This year's convention is in the history books and it is written as one of the best. I would like to thank AO1 Gallino, President Chapter 21, and his committee who did an outstanding job assisting me with this year's convention. Thanks to our Guest Speaker Rear Admiral Matthew G. Moffit for his outstanding speech at the dinner. If you weren't there you missed an inspiring speech by one of our great Leaders of the Military. During the Awards Dinner LT, USN, (RET) Al TenEyle announced that SGT Joshua D. Quigley was selected for John W. Finn AO of the Year award, he also announced that AO1 AW/SW Wilkinson was name AO of the Year Runner Up... I'm sure that big and better things are in the future for both of the awardees. Chuck Onken announced that AOCM, USN, Retired Bob Holdman and myself were inducted into the AO Hall of Fame. Ed Scott announced that Sydney V. Crosby, Daughter of Dawn Rea Shay, Anthony E. Gurrola, Son of Tim Gurrola and Hillary A. Robins, Granddaughter of Tom Robins were winners of the AO Robert L Crow Scholarship Award. Also announced was the winner of the Northrup/Grinnan Scholarship award to Brandon Jones, Son of Clayton Jones. Raytheon Missile System Scholarship awards were provided to Justine B. Crutchfield, Daughter of David Houck, and Leeza M. DosSantos, Daughter Mario DosSantos, Terri R. Lindsey, Wife of David Lindsey and Karl Swygert, Son of Stewart Swygert. Welcome back to Board of Directors LCDR, Retired, and Chuck Onken. Welcome aboard to the Board of Directors CDR Mike Price. I also want to thank AO1, Retired Larry Cowell for all his years of service as a Board of Directors. Larry decided to run and take a position as a Board of Directors in the AAOEF. Dennis Costa was reelected by unanimous consent for his third term as Secretary. I was reelected by unanimous consent for my third term as Vice President. President CRD Dave Lepard appointed AO1, Retired Mart Vance as our new Chaplain. Congratulation to all the new elected and reelected for their elections. The By-Laws change concerning the budget was passed and will be included in the By-Laws.

I cannot miss an opportunity to talk about the Membership. Membership with paid-up dues has held steady this year while our lifetime membership has grown. I would like to thank all the Chapter personnel who are responsible for a great year of recruiting. Don't forget to use the first time reenlistment free membership when one of our young sailors reenlists and take advantage of the two year for \$25.00 option. If you see a shipmate that seems interested in the Association, get him/her to the local meeting and get him/her involved. Thanks again for all those members that are out there working to bring in our new members. I would like to ask the membership if they know of someone who has drop their membership please try to get that individual back in the Association. We have several hundred past members that we don't have current address for so if they were a member and transferred we may have lost them because of not giving us a their new address.

Next year's convention will be at Silver Legacy in Reno, NV, 12 to 15 July 2007. Rooms are at exceptionally good rates of \$65.00 Sun-Thru and \$90.00 Fri-Sun. The Silver Legacy is a top-notch hotel so get your reservation in early. When registering for 2007 convention the code will be AAO8. The Senior Aviation Ordnancemen Leadership will be holding their Symposium starting the 11th of August. I have raised my hand to be the Site Chairman again and Chapter 21 has volunteered to provide assistance again. We have already started planning a great convention. Don't forget register early as it is the key to a successful convention.

As the Chairman of the nomination committee I will be taking nominations for the following positions for next years elections; **Treasurer**, (John J LaMaitre), **two Board of Directors** (Al Castro and Rob Walecki). If you have a nomination for any of these positions, the formal nominations must be received by me on or before **01 March 2008**. Along with the nomination a written letter of acceptance from the nominee is required. Letters of nominations will be posted in the Red Shirt prior to the convention.

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Press on Joe Manley

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bill. AOC AL Doggett (original crew 1) and AO1 Stan Sanders (crew 4) manned the other turrets. All four did a great job.

Stan stayed on until we went away in June '69. He saved my bacon many times by passing to us 'new guys' what we had known so little of. AO3 Sam Lopez was a TRIM original who did a fine job on the ground, and stayed with us until the end... A foot soldier in the Korean War, Sam is the only AO that I ever met who rated the Combat Infantry Badge.

The eight grenade launchers and the infra-red protectors ('trash cans' on the back of the jet engines, to reduce infra-red and exhaust visibility) were installed after TRIM's arrival in-country. These were something special; the first as offensive weapons and the latter helping us hide from really grouchy folks.

The 'project' became Heavy Attack Squadron Twenty One in September '68, not long before the original TRIM Sailors were nearing PRD. Meanwhile, Observation Squadron Sixty Seven (VO-67) was flying Vietnam missions from Thailand. Their troops were also nearing PRD, with most of us 'reliefs' still in training stateside -- when word came down that the squadron was to be disestablished.

So, many of us holding orders for VO-67 were left wondering what would happen next. We were undergoing flight and ground training in VP-31 at NAS North Island for the OP-2E aircraft [modified from the SP-2E (P2V-5)]. '67' had

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**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN
2007 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES**

David Lepard, President, called the 2007 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0810, 14 July 2007, 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, Acting Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 64 **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:

The 2007/2008 Proposed Budget was approved by the Board of Directors Thursday and copies are available in the rear of the room.

In accordance with ARTICLE VII, Section 2 to the Bylaws 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.

The Chapters will be limited to 3-5 minutes to give their reports.

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

1. Approved BY-LAWS request to bring before the general membership for vote; this change is required to allow the annual budget to be approved in time to meet the fiscal year dates of 1 June through 31 May.
2. Approved BY-LAWS for Chapter 39.
3. Approved the change of REDSHIRT editions

from 4 to 3, as well as the dates of publications.

4. Approved the AAOEF LOGO.
5. Approved dues increase effective FY 08/09, General Membership from \$15 to \$20, first time two years General Membership \$25 to \$30. All life memberships would increase \$50 each, except 75 years and older would rise to \$50.
6. Approved the start-up of Chapter 76 USS RONALD REAGAN.
7. Approved the 2007/2008 Budget.

Dennis Costa, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2006 General Business Meeting were published in Red Shirt #101 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room. A

synopsis of the minutes was given after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2006 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2006 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2006/2007 Approved Budget and 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 2006/2007 approved Budget and Expenditure Report is enclosure (3) to these minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007 Convention Committee, Joe Manley –

The Committee Chair thanked everyone for attending, and hopes everyone is having fun. The Social was a success with 222 guests attending, and 212 signed up to attend the awards dinner. He also thanked Jim and Carolyn Thomas for all the hard work they have done. He also thanked the entire Chapter 21 staff for their continued support.

2008 Convention Committee, Joe Manley Co-Site Chairman –

The Convention/Symposium will be held at the Silver Legacy in Reno NV 11-17 Aug 2008. Room rates are at exceptionally good rates of \$65.00 Sun-Thur and \$90.00 Fri-Sat. The Silver Legacy is a top-notch hotel and this should be another good one. Get your reservation in early. The senior Aviation Ordnancemen leadership is going to hold their symposium starting the 11th of Aug. This will help get more active duty people to your convention.

Formal Convention Committee, Jim Thomas CO/Chair –

Everything is on track for the years to come. We may be moving down below to even bigger spaces. The Board of



Directors of the Association voted to have the convention at the Silver Legacy through 2012.

Membership Committee, Joe Manley Chairman –

We currently have 1645 Active Regular Members, 83 Associate Members and 101 Honorary Members for a total of 1829, we have 33 New Life time Members. Total Life members are 668 which are included in the 1645 Total Regular Members.

We currently have 4856 Members in the Inactive file and are working on bring some of those back to the Active roles. We also have 1298 unknown members. These are members who never provide the Association with a forwarding address.

We have had 13 Members check-in and join the Supreme Commander's service.

Membership this year seems to be holding steady with no major gains and or losses.

AO of the Year Committee, Digger O'Dell Chairman –

The committee considered 55 packages. He thanked all 17 members of the committee by name. The committee consisted of active duty, retired and former members of both the Navy and Marine Corps. They totaled 425 years of ordnance experience. We need to get the word out to the Commands that this award is the way we recognize our very best. Packages showing up late, we need to have them in sooner to ensure they are recognized. The winner's were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
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Runner-Up

AOI (AW/SW) Mark C. Wilkerson

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Chuck Onken Chairman –

There were two packages up for consideration. The committee represented over 197 years of ordnance experience.

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN
AO HALL OF FAME SELECTIONS
FOR 2007**

LCDR L. JOE MANLEY USN (RET)

AOCM ROBERT J. HOLDMAN USN (RET)

Reunion Book Committee, Chuck Onken –

The reunion book is alive and well, it continues to pay for itself. Beverly Onken has done a great job with the AAO REUNION BOOK. 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. If you have any pictures that you wish to be included please mail them to Chuck Onken at 291 W Spruce Place, Lemoore Ca 93245-1970.

Nomination Committee, Joe Manley Chairman –

Elections for position of Vice-President, L. Joe Manley, and two Board of Directors seats, Larry Cowell and Chuck Onken, Secretary, Dennis Costa will be held today. To date we have 2 for the Board of Directors seats and 1 for Vice-President and 1 for Secretary. We will be taking nominations from the floor during the election. Absentee balloting seems to be working well. If you have a nomination get it in to Joe Manley early, don't wait until the last minute to do this. Make sure the individual you are nominating accepts the position and responsibility of that job.

Bylaws Committee, Richard Grass Chairman –

The Bylaws change that you will be voting on today is a procedural vote to bring the budget approval process in line with the fiscal year. The Bylaws Committee has had a very busy year, regarding the Bylaws issue you will be voting on today, and with discussion concerning funding issues that go with the new Education Foundation. We also did an approval of Chapter 39's Bylaws and a preliminary review of Chapter 76's Bylaws. We have a busy upcoming year as we do a complete review of the AADEF and AAO Bylaws.

Safety Committee, Dave Lepard–

We have had a few incidents, that include flares blowing up in a sailor's face, and an IWT team failure to properly ensure that an aircraft was properly de-armed, and they ejected a live LGB into the safety nets onboard a deployed CVN. We will make a concentrated effort to ensure that a member of the Weapons Safety team gives a proper brief next year.

Combined Federal Campaign Committee, Joe Manley –

We have made great strides in establishing the Education Foundation as a participant in the CFC program. The AADEF received its 501(c) 3 status from the IRS as a Public Charity on 1 September 2006. As the individual tasked with



submitting the CFC application I reviewed the requirements and realized I would need the help of the AAOEF Treasurer. Although we met the objective of submitting the CFC application we were not successful in being accepted for the 2007 campaign. The primary reasons for not being accepted were the lack of financial and administrative history of the AAOEF. We learned a lot from the submission process and will use this information to prepare and submit the application for 2008.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll –

It is about our turn in the hat for the displays at the Naval Aviation Museum. I have met with Buddy Macon, who is working to get our space at the museum. We are still receiving items and please continue sending them. We are now at the point where we need people to identify the items that we have gotten, so if you have any photos or information please let me know.

Educational Foundation President – Ed Scott

The Foundation's Board approved the 2006/2007 Budget and Expenditure Report, copies are on the back table. You will also find copies of the 2005/2006 Annual Report and the 2006/2007 Annual Report. The Board also approved the Presidents appointment of Richard Grass as the Bylaws Committee Chairman, the AAOEF LOGO, removal of grading criteria specifics from the Instruction and Guidelines for use by the Scholarship Selection Committee, change to the Scholarship Grading Criteria for the Year 2007 selections making point assignments a function of the Selection Committee, and the Scholarship Application for 2007. The AAOEF Treasurer discussed the ways that individuals and Chapters could donate to the AAOEF. The AAOEF Treasurer would like all Chapters to contact him to discuss the best ways to get a bigger bang for their donation bucks. We received 16 application packages but 2 had to be rejected because they did not meet the requirements. The 6 members of the Scholarship Selection Committee reviewed the remaining 14 packages. The ability to maintain the Scholarship Award at \$3,500 is due to the generosity of the Membership, and the continued support of our Chapters and the unfailing efforts of the Auxiliary. Through the generosity of Northrup/Grumman Shipbuilding Company we were able to award a \$3,500 scholarship in their name; also through the generosity of Raytheon Missile Systems we were able to award 4 \$1,000 scholarships in their name. The Winners were announced at the Awards banquet and are presented here for the record.

**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2007**

Sydney V. Crosby, Daughter of Dawn Rea Shay

Anthony E. Gurrola, Son of Tim Gurrola

Hillary A. Robins, Grand Daughter of Tom Robins

**NORTHROP/GRUMMAN
\$3,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Brandon Jones, Son of Clayton Jones

**RAYTHEON MISSILE SYSTEMS
\$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Justine B. Crutchfield, Daughter of David Houck

Leeza M. DosSantos, Daughter of Mario DosSantos

Terri R. Lindsey, Wife of David Lindsey

Karl Swygert, Son of Stewart Swygert

NEWSLETTER REPORT, Dave Lepard –

The RED SHIRT is becoming a real top-notch newsletter as noted by the Association Officers. The membership gave a round of applause to Kevin for the job he has done. We are beginning to step up our publication from a newsletter to a magazine with full-page color sheets. Any ideas, pictures, questions please send them to Kevin for inclusion to the next newsletter. He reminded all concern that Kevin needs to keep the deadline for all articles.

AAO WEBSITE REPORT, Johnny Wheat–

The Website is up and running with little or no problems at all. The cost has increased slightly to about \$239.40 a year to run. We are getting more hits daily than ever before, and we have had to remove the guest list due to increased SPAM attacks. All the forms for the AAOY, Scholarship, and HOF are available on the website. Any problems feel free to contact Johnny Wheat.

CHAPTER REPORTS

There are presently 23 active Chapters.

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA.	Kevin Dowd
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA.	James Irwin
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA.	Shawn Burmiester
Chapter 5	China Lake, CA.	No Report
Chapter 7	Pt. Mugu, CA.	Jake Scanlon
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA.	Al Teneyck
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL.	Ed Scott
Chapter 11	Kaneohe Bay, HI	No Report
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV.	Rex Gallino
Chapter 22	Patuxent River, MD	Richard Burry
Chapter 39	Beaufort S.C	No Report



Chapter 63	USS Kitty Hawk CV 63	Deployed
Chapter 65	USS Enterprise CVN 65	Deployed
Chapter 68	USS Nimitz CVN 68	Deployed
Chapter 70	USS Carl Vinson CVN 70	No Report
Chapter 72	USS Lincoln CVN 72	Deployed
Chapter 74	USS Stennis CVN 74	No Report
Chapter 75	USS Truman CVN 75	No Report
Chapter 76	USS Ronald Reagan	George Johnson
CVW 5	CVW 5	Deployed
Pensacola Chapter	Pensacola, FL.	Jonathan Walton
Desert/Southwest Chapter	EI Centro, CA.	No Report
Key West	Key West	No Report
Auxiliary		Delores Manley

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Larry Cowell.

The nominees were:

CDR Mike Price

There being only one nomination for the office of Board of Director, **CDR Mike Price was elected** by unanimous consent to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2010

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Chuck Onken.

The nominees were:

Chuck Onken

There being only one nomination for the office of Board of Director **Chuck Onken was re-elected** by unanimous consent to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2010.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2009 Convention Committee, Joe Manley Co-Site Chairman

The Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy from 16-22 August, more to follow in the Red Shirt newsletter. Members who would like a tour of the Grand Expo spaces down below please see Jim Thomas who will arrange tours. Rates will be the \$67.00 week days and \$92.00 weekends.

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 Vice-President and Secretary.

Election was held for the office of Vice President, position held by L Joe Manley.

The Nominee is

L. Joe Manley

There being only one nomination for the office of Vice President, **L. Joe Manley was re-elected** by unanimous consent to serve as Vice- President, term to expire 2010

Election was held for the Secretary position held by Dennis Costa.

The nominees were:

Dennis Costa

There being only one nomination for the office of Secretary **Dennis Costa was re-elected** by unanimous consent to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2010.

One By-Law Change proposal was voted on. The Membership approved the change which requires allowing the annual budget to be approved in time to meet the fiscal year dates of 1 June through 31 May.

Appointed Mart Vance AO1 USN (RET) to Chaplain.

During the convention the following Corporations, Chapters, and individuals made contributions in support of scholarships:

Chapter 1 \$400	Chapter 3 \$200	Chapter 4 \$500
Chapter 5 \$250	Chapter 7 \$500	Chapter 8 \$250
Chapter 9 \$676	Chapter 21 \$1,000	Chapter 76 \$100
Chapter Pensacola \$1,000	Raytheon \$4,000.00	
Northrop Grumman \$3,500.00	Tom & Ann Robins \$500	
Chuck & Bev Onken \$200	Bob Jackson \$200	
Bill Laur \$100	Al TenEyck \$200	

Total contributions received for Scholarships \$13,576
The Auxiliary raised \$6,486 during the auction and raffle.

GRAND TOTAL RAISED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS \$20,062

The President announced that next year's Convention/Symposium would be held at the Silver Legacy in Reno NV. August 11-17 2008. Pre-registration will be a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2008 Convention Site Chairman is Joe Manley.

There was discussion as to the AAOY selection process, regarding the CPO Selection Board. This will not affect the AAOY Committee selection, as we will select the best candidate from the packages that the Committee reviews. The



President asked all Gunners, OHO's, and Gun Bosses to get the word out to put your candidates in for AAOY.

The President called for any more input from the floor.

Al Castro requested that all members and chapters help the Auxiliary sell the John Finn silver coins.

The President recapped the week's events and announced that daily there were 303 who attend the symposium, plus the carry over is sitting out in the business meeting. He asked all to look into staying for the convention to help be part of the convention and Association.

The President talked about present and future Aviation Ordnance issues, mainly discussing how NAVAIR will do business smarter. He talked of how the rate is evolving constantly into the 21st century.

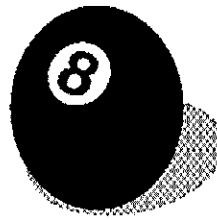
A moment of silence was held for Floyd English, Sam Roberson, Don Baumer, C. Q. Middlebrook and other's who have gone to the Big Gun Boss in the sky. Let's think about the Marines, Sailors and Solider serving in Iraq, Afghanistan.

Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2007 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1105,
14 July 2007.

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

Submitted by:	Approved by:
Dennis Costa	David H Lepard
Secretary	President



Greetings to all,

Chapter 8 continues to support the needs of John Finn and represent all Ordnancemen; this summer, with the help of SBU303, MCAS Miramar and USS Ronald Reagan, we put new tar paper, shingles and skirting on John's porch. In John's own words "this will outlast me". We also cleared the items that were surrounding the exterior of the house, to minimize the oncoming fire threat of the California fall season. The chapter has also provided John with over 5 chords of fire wood, for the cold months ahead. We have conducted two highway walks since the convention that were well attended, when we finished it was off to John's house for more work.

The Chapter's annual holiday hand up, which is designed to help local ordies with the holidays, is gearing up. This year there will be a couple of changes. We will not be giving food baskets, made from collected food. We will be giving gift certificates to the commissary along with turkeys and hams. This way, families can purchase their own Thanksgiving or holiday meals. Names of eligible families are submitted by their commands and donations are collected from Chapter 8 members, and local commands. As always, these two programs are spearheaded by Ray Ramirez and Jim Saxton.

If you are ever in San Diego the first Thursday of the month I would like to invite you to our meeting. IYAOYAS

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The Indian Wars 1835—1842

CWO4 Richard L. Green USN Ret.
AO1(AW/SW) Frederico Lewis
AOC Paul Lapinsky USN Ret.
AOCM(AW) Timothy A. Falls
AOC(AW) Thomas Grader
Jeffrey P. Tellechea NAVAIR FWST Ret.
CDR. Knarvell Dailey
CDR Dion J. Edon
AOC John R. Porter USN Ret.
AOC George W. Brady Jr. USN Ret.
Lee G. Holley
James C. McAllister
Robert B. Casey
LCDR Thomas Phillips III
SGT Lewis H. Entz USMCR

AOCS Dennis W. Patterson USN Ret.
CWO2 Donald M. Cotta USN Ret.
AOC(AW/NAC) James W. Cotter
Stanley E. Suess
CWO3 Joseph E. O'Brien
AO1 Thor Tweet
AOCM James F. 'JT' Truman USN Ret.
LCDR Thomas W. Brown USN Ret.
AOC Christian Saxon
CWO2 Charles Z. Rodgers USN Ret.
LT Tyrone Lockwood USN Ret.
AO1(AW/SW) Christopher M. Masters
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Every year, a planning meeting is held to discuss plans for that year's Symposium & Convention. Attendance at the meetings is growing. Everyone is welcome to exchange ideas for improvement.

The Symposium Meeting will be held on Friday, 18 January at 1400. The Convention Meeting is on Saturday, 19 January at 0900 (for a couple of hours).

For those who wish to go, we will be making our traditional trip to Granny's Gourmet Restaurant for their fabulous Sunday Brunch on Sunday, January 20th. Carolyn Thomas will be taking reservations, so plan on joining us!! Please let her know by 15 December 07 @ aaaa@cox.net.

LOCATOR

Can you help?.....Know where any of these members can be located? If so please contact me at

aaotreas@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

AO1(AW) Charles D. Jamieson, AO2 William C. Mikell
AO1 Robert W. Hendrix USN Ret., AO2 Janet E. Kaatz
AOC John S. Newman, AOAN Jacob L. Mandell
AO3 Jason Z. Marks, AO2 Jonathan C. Dinger
Mansueta Shablack, CWO2 Gregory S. Longworth
Lois Troescher, LT Thomas A. Brower
AO2(AW) Ronald W. Gwyn Jr., AOAN Matthew B. Cary
AO1 Ken S. Brown, AO2(AW) Matthew G. Dotson
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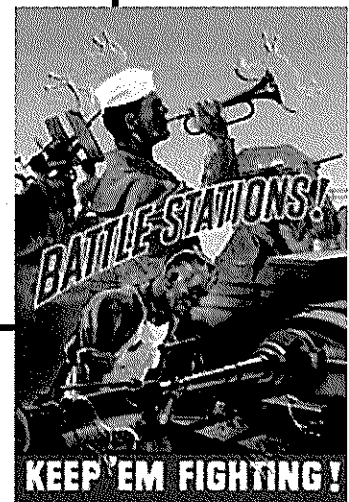
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done some mighty fine work, mostly providing surveillance data from areas near the Ho Chi Minh Trail. They had two wing mounted mini-guns (that fired aft) and used waist gunners with M-60s... The training we received on that aircraft would be of little help for what we would actually be exposed to on the AP-2H, as they had no tail turret and carried no external bombs or napalm, and we received no stateside training as waist gunners.

Then came the 'whoops'... Those of us who were nearing the end of training for the OP-2E quickly received ordmods and found ourselves transPacing to Sangley Point in the Philippines -- and flying in VAH-21 aircraft over some really mad people in Vietnam a very short time later.

So, we 'new guys' [AO3s Perry Young (crew 1), Al Smith (crew 2), Del Bloss (crew 3), Rick Gadowski and Rick Barth (the two new crews, 5 and 6) and me] had to learn to operate, load and maintain the Aero-11 Tail Turret, SUU-11 Mini-Gun and XM-129 Grenade Launchers after we arrived in-country. I had received some turret training a dozen years earlier in 'A' School, but had never actually seen one operate -- certainly not at night and with bad guys shooting at me.

We all had a measure of weapons experience while hunting in our youth, and from earlier ordnance training -- but our knowledge of leading a moving target while we were standing still, and what we had to do flying backwards at night were direct opposites. Lead angles were reversed and changed with each movement of the turret or the aircraft... Targets arrived from behind where we were looking, and the only way we even knew incomings were on the way was via radio calls from the plane captain (who was laying on strategically located flak vests in the plexi-glass bow) -- or from the cockpit, telling us what to expect -- if they saw it... We also learned the slow moving, straight flying ASW aircraft that most of us had laughed at over the years, could really do attack stuff and make evasive moves. My first mission had me laying on my starboard side & wondering why... I quickly learned the answer to that when the aircraft reversed position and I found myself laying on my port side -- and immediately heading back to starboard. Try to keep working a target during that and with the aircraft's nose going up and down like a bronco... And while you're flying so close to the ground that it seemed the wing tip fuel tanks would touch the targets.



By the time we arrived in-country most of the enemy shooters had figured out if they simply laid low when the 'Gray Plane That Flew In The Dark' came, and when the mini-guns, bombs/napalms and grenades had passed them by -- or caused them to stop breathing as was often the case -- that they had the after half of the aircraft and the turret to shoot at, before the tail gunner could see a target... And there was plenty of ground fire, ranging from rifle fire to machine guns to RPG's and on to anti-aircraft weapons. We flew so low that RPG's often detonated above us.

Soon after our arrival, Perry and Smitty came to me and said that if we had waist gunners to suppress ground fire, maybe we wouldn't have so much battle damage. The earlier TRIM crews had correctly determined the additional weight and limited M-60 firepower, and exposing additional crewmembers to combat, outweighed any value waist guns would provide. Times had changed...

I asked the Weapons Officer and the Skipper about doing just that, and was told that if I could make it happen, to get it on. The VP squadron detachment in Cam Ranh Bay loaned (gave) me some unused waist hatch gun mounts they had found in a cruise box. We could locate no aircraft M-60s, but we did convince a bullet counter on the 'Army Side' to 'loan' us some infantry weapons so he wouldn't have so many to count. He even found a box loaded with spare parts. Amazing what a case or two of San Miguel could do to Army B-B counters... The weapons were returned to him when the war ended for us -- in not nearly as good condition as they had been a few months earlier.

So, now we had waist guns -- and daylight to train prospective gunners, a few of whom were from other ratings...

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TAPS

*AOC Alden A. Race
 AO1 Bruce Coffin
 *AO1 Maxwell D. Birkholz
 LT Otto 'Buck' Hafer USN Ret. (Plankowner)
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* Info from FRA Today Newsletter



Auxiliary To The Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen



The year is speeding by and summer is just a memory now. The Auxiliary has some wonderful memories of a great convention this past July in Reno. The main function of the Auxiliary is to support the goals of the Association and to raise monies for the Scholarship Fund (the AAOEF).

We accomplished this with a successful Raffle and Auction, thanks to the efforts of Chairman **Linda Robinson** and her assistants. The Raffle more than doubled last years' amount for a total of \$1750! Of course, it couldn't be done without help from everyone who donated raffle items and those who so generously purchased raffle tickets.

The Auction on Friday evening is our major fundraising event. This year, we earned \$4081. Again, without great items to auction, this would not happen. Sincere thanks go to donors: **Dale Keck, Ordie Apparel, Kid & Chris McCoy, Carl and Stella Collier, Ken Clasen, Joe Manley, Sylvia Nash, Glenn Israel, Monna Walters and Northrop Grumman.** We also thank the generous bidders: **AOC Eric McWright, Brian Garcia, Dave Moore, Shannon Williams, RADM Moffit, Monicka Spoon, Joe Manley, Laura Richardson, Ken Clasen, Lisa Crocker, Dion Edon, Julie Clayton and Brenda Cotter.**

The Auxiliary held it's General Business Meeting and elections. A vote was held on the proposal to rescind the use of proxy voting. After considerable discussion, the proposal passed. The financial report showed an overall cash balance of \$15,542 at the end of the fiscal year (May 31, 2007). A total of \$22,600 was turned over to the AAOEF for the Scholarship Fund. To date, the Auxiliary has raised over \$61,300 for scholarships for deserving men and women of Association members. If anyone would like a copy of the financial report, please contact treasurer, Carolyn Thomas at aaaa@cox.net.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers and board of directors. **Sally Vance** was elected as the new Parliamentarian, while **Marleen Grass** and **Cyndy Sassone** join us as new board members. **Carolyn Thomas** was elected Treasurer. **Janice Whitley** was appointed the new Nominating Chairperson.

Following the Business Meeting, we enjoyed a luncheon with guest speakers from Ultra Diamonds, Merrie Sevarage and Kathy Cassinelli. They discussed the quality of various gems and how to care for our valuable jewelry. They also had some very nice door prizes. We greatly appreciate their time. The Auxiliary also had a special raffle of an exquisite plate hand painted and donated by **Susan Leopard** and a beautifully hand crafted bracelet donated by **Linda Robinson**.

Of course the backbone of any organization is their members, and we are fortunate to welcome eight new General members: **Susan Bailless, Carolyn Andrepont Earl, Jill Gahr, Rosemary Laur, Alisa Muller, Bonnie Pfeifer, Jackie Rice and Chris Spooner.** Also, we welcome seven new Lifetime Members: **Mary Ellen Bailey, Abby Charvez, Doris From, Tess LaMaitre, Laura Richardson, Sherryl Stolz and Connie Wells.**

The Auxiliary sported a beautiful new flag this year which was donated by **Delores & Joe Manley** and **Beverly & Chuck Onken.** It adds a classy touch to our organization. Thank You!

The Auxiliary is saddened by the loss of two of its' members. **Lillian Lechwar** was a plankowner and generous supporter. **Andrea Stovall** was also a dedicated member. We will miss them both.

Please contact our Chaplain, **Sandra Howard** if you know of a member who is ill, had surgery, lost a loved one or just needs our support. She can be reached at howard579@cox.net.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge the generous individual donations the Auxiliary received for the Scholarship Fund. **Tom & Janet Sawyer, Susan Bailless, Dottie Michel, Thelma Thill, Carolyn & Billy Earl, Nancy Richardson, Frances & Loren Sorenson, Jackie Rice, Phyllis Terzich & Family (in memory of Anthony Terzich), Mary Ann Laun (in memory of Lillian Lechwar), Col Bruce Porter USMC (Ret), Kristine Veitch, CAPT David Leopard, Bonnie Pfeifer and Joanne & George Adams.** Thank you so much!

Delores Manley
AAAO President
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Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation



What a GREAT Association Symposium & Convention this year in Reno, if you were not there, you missed a great experience.

Your Educational Foundation was at work in the background throughout the year with many goals completed and like number still in work during

this year and a few stretching to the "out years". Many of this year selection committee members brought their previous years experience with them as well as a few new members provided valuable time and thoughts to the table during this years selections. Once again, Raytheon and Northrop Grumman Corporations provided additional funding for additional scholarships as well as YOU throughout this past year in your individual, chapter and Auxiliary donations continue to raise the Foundations scholarship bar. Thank you all for your support. This year the Foundation approved the awarding of 3 Robert L. Crow Scholarships of \$3,500.00 each, Northrop Grumman provided an additional \$3,500.00 check, Raytheon also provided an additional \$4,000.00 check at the Symposium to the Associations President who then turned them over to me as your representative to the Foundation. Based upon the number of applications received that would be reviewed by every selection committee member, corporation support and requests, the committee could now select a total 8 awards. They had their job cut out for them. Each of the 7 committee members performed an extremely through review and evaluation of every application expending 6+ hours selection time prior to making their final selections and awards. The Foundation wants to thank each selection committee member for your time and efforts. The award winners names are located elsewhere in this issue of the RED SHIRT. The Foundation, Association and our corporate sponsors' congratulate them on their fine efforts as well as to those who were non-selected took the time and effort to make an application. All were winners in our books! Want to see your Association and Foundation at work first hand? Next year, volunteer some of your "Friday" and become a committee member.

This is the first year that the Foundation has issued the award checks directly to the winners account at the college or universities vice individuals as in the past and as anticipated, there have been some very minor communications glitches that our Treasurer, Dick Grass, has worked out with each. Dick in conversation with me, told me that the colleges and universities contacted this year was impressed

with the detail and accountability of YOUR funds awarded to each. The funds have been already deposited to each account and available as of this publication date. Some of these "minor glitches" experienced this year have led to some minor changes to the 2008 scholarship application form, check the Associations WEB site, or check with any Association or Foundation Officer for the latest version. Each chapter should also have them available to those requesting a copy.

During this year's convention, the Association's Board of Directors held elections for open positions within the Foundation as announced in prior RED SHIRT issues. Mike Gramolini was elected as Vice President, Dennis Costa was reelected as Secretary, Larry Cowell was reelected as Board of Director and Shannon Williams was reelected as the Auxiliary representative also to the Board of Directors. Congratulation to one and all, we have a very busy year ahead of us all and thank those members who provided valuable guidance and experience during our formation. Next year elections will be held for President, Treasurer and one Board of Directors position. Watch the next issue of RED SHIRT for full information of advanced nominations as well the Associations WEB site under the Scholarship link to the Foundation Bylaws for duties and responsibilities of these positions.

In closing, I and the Foundation want to thank each of you for your support and confidence you all have provided to us, it is our continued goal to advance the Foundation while we serve the Association.

Respectfully,
CWO4 Edward C. Scott, USN (RET)
President, Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation.

Take note of the new AAO Website address
[Http://aaoweb.org/AAO](http://aaoweb.org/AAO)





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"A War Story You Haven't Read Before"

While it's common knowledge that the Japanese fleet was detected on by a VP-44 PBY crew (flown by Ens Robert A. Swan, USNR) as it neared Midway Island during World War II, what follows are some things that have been suppressed for the following 65 years. Contrary to what has become popular opinion, Patrol Squadrons were in the war - - as this occurred before U.S. aircraft carriers arrived at Midway.

Ens Swan returned to base after the sighting. Four crews promptly departed NAS Ford Island, Hawaii for the eleven hour flight to Midway, immediately volunteering to make torpedo runs on the Japanese fleet. Four aircraft were each fitted with the then highly classified Norden Bomb Sight and two Mk-8 torpedoes. The one Ordnanceman aboard

each PBY was known as the 'air bomber', as he actually controlled the aircraft during weapons runs through the auto-pilot, while he operated the Bomb Sight. After weapons release, control was returned to the pilot, most of whom were ensigns or LTJG's.

Meanwhile, the squadron Ordnance Chief, ACOM Arcia O. Turner had set up a 50 caliber machine gun position between the community showers and the Supply Quonset hut. Manning it during the fight that followed, he shot one attacking aircraft down, and ruined the day for several others!!!

Neither Chief Turner nor the flight crews who returned from the strike received anything more than a pat on the back for 'doing what they were paid to do'. The lone exception was

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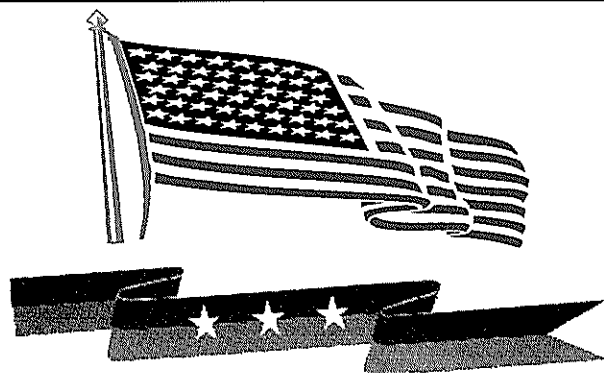
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Civil War 1861 — 1865



Chapter 9

We have continued to recognize local Ordnancemen as Chapter NINE AO of the Quarter, conducted FOD walk-downs, supported by donations to varying individuals of food baskets and other items, and supported our local community and city by many hours of work and to the Associations Auxiliary since our last report. Our Chapter has attended the POW/MIA recognition day observance at NAS JAX by invitation of the Commanding Officer and the Memorial Day Observance at the Jacksonville Memorial Wall by invitation of the Mayor of Jacksonville.

Steve Cashat continues to do an excellent job maintaining an up-to-date Website for our chapter. Much kudos to him for all the efforts and countless hours he spends to ensure it is maintained. CDR(Ret) Johnny King donated a John W. Finn Medal of Honor coin that he had purchased to Chapter 9, of which 50% of the profits would go to the AAO Scholarship fund, and 50% to Chapter NINE.

We have had a few guest speakers at our monthly meetings. Bob Bohnstengel spoke on behalf of his daughter, Lisa, who was the 3rd recipient; 1981, of the AAO Scholarship and what it meant to her. CDR (Ret) Perry Driver discussed the future in CVN Carrier Operation. LCDR Berthume discussed new and innovative ways to help boost attendance at our meeting. If any one will be in the Jacksonville area and would like to be a guest speaker to enlighten our members with new information regarding the fleet, feel free to contact us, via our website www.aao9.com, and let us know when you will be there.

The past President of the AO Auxiliary frequently attends our meetings and brought a gift basket to be raffled off to offset the cost of shipping the "Taste of Home" care packages to our shipmates overseas. Chapter NINE donated \$300.00 for the basket. Thanks MaryAnn for all of your and Auxiliary efforts.

We are still selling chapter t-shirts and TAP Coins, and now have available shot glasses with an illuminated die in the bottom of it. Money raised from the sales have gone to our now Bi-Annual gathering, Chapter NINE web site, and for fellow Ordies who were stricken with sickness or death in their families.

Elections were held and the following personnel were Elected/re-elected to office:

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Sadly, tragic times fell on our chapter as well this year. Danny Vinson passed toward the end of last year after a struggle with cancer. Over Christmas, Floyd English passed after his bout with illness as well. May they all seek comfort in the hands of the Great Gun Boss in the sky. Presently Tony (aka "Speedy") Gonzales is ill and has been in and out of the hospital. Keep him in your hearts and prayer.

Bill Keidel held his annual "Super bowl Bash", which was a three-day long festival of events open to all Ordnancemen who happen to be in the area. As usual, it was a great success. He won't allow nor accept donations to support the function, as this is his donation giving back to the Chapter and the Aviation Ordnance Community.

Thanks again for all the support from the Association and Auxiliary. If you are in JAX, please visit us at the Fleet Reserve Club on Collins road the third Thursday of every month at 1900.

AO1 (AW/SW) Mike Steckley
President, Chapter NINE

Tidewater Chapter IV

Hello from the Tidewater area. We have had several events to wrap up the summer and looking forward to more. Chapter IV continued its road side clean up project on London Bridge with 15 members in attendance. AO merchandise can now be purchased from the Strike Fighter Weapons School Staff. We were able to sell some merchandise and get some AO patches and shirts spread throughout the area during the Oceana Air Show in September. Our summer picnic was a big hit. AO1 Tuggle from Strike Fighter Weapons School and AO2 Page from AIMD put in some good work roasting a 186 pound pig. We had well over 100 ordies from NAS Oceana and attached squadrons and many other commands from the region like USS NASSAU and USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. AO1 Crocker reported that we gained 48 new members to Chapter IV during this event. We hope to see everyone back at upcoming events and meetings.

V/R,
LT Shawn Burmeister
Chapter IV President



NEW MEMBERS

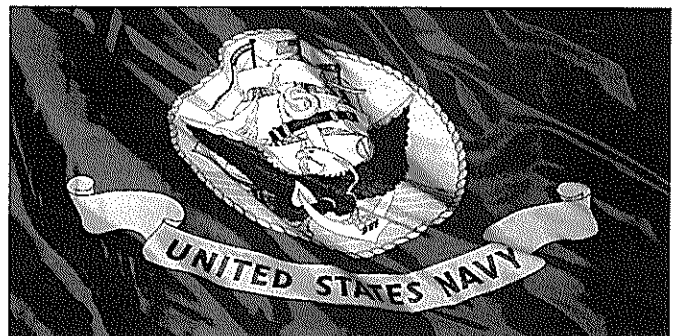
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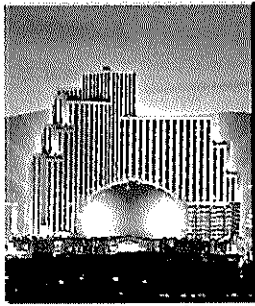
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AOM2c Fulghum, who rescued the survivors of his aircraft that had been shot down. Fulghum later received the 'Navy Cross' from Admiral Nimitz.

How do I know these things? Because I was there.

Dick Watson, WWII PBY Flight Engineer and Combat Aircrew Gunner. {Editor's note: Dick Watson was an Aviation Chief Machinists Mate [ACMM] at that time. He retired as a LTJG USNR, and resides in Hilton Head, SC.





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Chapter 1

Greetings all Ordies from beautiful Lemoore CA, situated here in the heart of the idyllic San Joaquin valley, breadbasket of the west. Ideally located just two short hours from pretty much anything, the stunningly beautiful 112 degree summer days are slowly giving way to chilly, 98-degree fall weather. But on the bright side, the hordes of bugs that make driving a car at dusk reminiscent of driving through a Texas hail are feeling that 98 degree chill, and so are making a concerted effort at getting into homes where its warm, instead of wasting their energy throwing themselves at windscreens.

The fireworks stand was a great success, with the Chapter doing significantly more business this year over the last couple. Jim Kelly over at the weapons school threw himself on this one, and did a fine job with it. One simple request to the squadron Gunners and AOC's and our all volunteer watch bill for the 5 days we were selling quickly filled up with motivated, hard charging men and women. Ah, that Ordie "can-do" attitude, its refreshing I tell ya!!

We held our annual summer picnic on 25 August, and it truly was a wonderful effort, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Bill Wright traded a family member for a 75lb brain damaged pig (not kidding), and promised to have him ready for eatin, mainly because we assured him the picnic would be held late June. Expecting to keep and feed it for just two short weeks, he sprung for premium pig feed. While he was at the feedlot, Chapter One board members held an emergency meeting and changed the picnic date to August 25th. Voila - one 297lb pig!! The pig volunteered to present himself at the picnic, deep pit cooked and apple in mouth, proud to go to the happy pigpen in the sky, comfortable in the knowledge that he would eventually pass through the digestive tracts of a good number of Lemoore Ordies and families.....IYAOYAS PIG. Kevin Dowd and Brian Garcia helped him along on his journey, with assistance from a local butcher. Rob Walecki and his band of misfits wrapped the pig in banana leaves, burlap and chicken wire. Kevin Dowd, George Hanna, Bill Wright, Brian Garcia, Bill Overby and Dave Yates, using the fleet reserve facilities, built a fire visible from space, and after suffering 1st degree burns on all exposed body parts, eventually had a bed of coals worthy of our MK-1 MOP (MK-1 Mound of pork). As luck would have it, every drunk in Lemoore was at the fleet that night, and it turns out they are all descended from a tribe of Hawaiian pig cookers. Each and every one con-

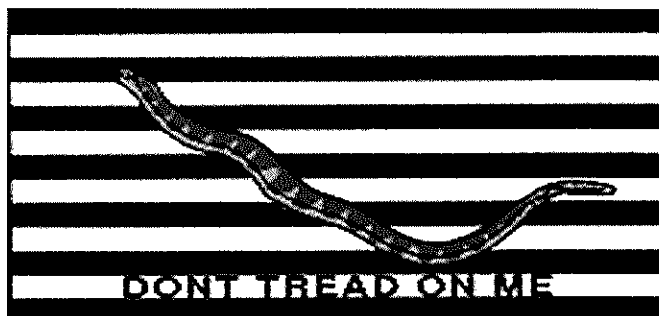
tributed individual snippets of wisdom as the ordies, grunting and straining, lowered the MK-1 MOP into the pit. Only the quantity of free flowing sweat prevented each of them from spontaneous combustion from working near the insanely hot pit. But it all worked out, and the picnic was a huge success, with a massive turnout. 200 lbs of pork, countless burgers and dogs, beans by the bucket, and two kegs of beer were polished before the Ordies and families headed home. Special thanks to George Hanna, Brian Garcia, Bill Wright, Jeremy Sartain, Rob Walecki, Chuck Onken, and all the others who made it such a memorable event. So impressed with the pig was he, that George Hanna volunteered to raise turkeys for the Christmas party. Though we've warned him that a dozen turkeys will not do well in his apartment, he won't be dissuaded. So, its turkey for Xmas, boys and girls. And George is looking for a new girlfriend, one that owns a steam cleaner!

A big welcome back to CVW-9, who spent the last 7 months onboard Stennis, CVW-14, who spent 6 months onboard Reagan, and VFA-94, who spent the last 6 months deployed UDP with the Marines. Hard working Ordies out fighting the good fight, so that the rest of us can go to Disneyland, BBQ, and raise pigs. We appreciate all you did. CVW-11 are still out, hopefully they will be home safe and sound before we all read this article in the Redshirt. Again, thanks for a job well done.

As always, Chapter One continues to do its part with and for the local community. We continue to collect clothing and amenities for the local women's shelter (my wife appreciates it!!), send needed items overseas to our Individual Augmentee's, participated in Lemoore Cancer Society Relay for Life, and numerous other items.

With that, I'll sign off. God bless CVW-11, and all others deployed around the globe. You all kick ass. IYAOYAS and IYAMOYAS!!

Kevin Dowd
President, Chapter One.





Bob Solomon on USS Midway, San Diego, CA



*Memorial Service
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AO2 Bill Laur and AOAN Mike Slavin were now able to do the flying and shooting they had asked me many times to let them do.

Each prospective waist gunner gained firing and weapon cleaning experience. But we had trained over water, in daylight using Mk-6 Drift Signals as targets... The training worked pretty well -- except the 'smokes' didn't shoot back and the new gunners didn't get a chance to see what a night combat mission really looked like. I found that I was much better suited as a waist gunner, as getting my oversized frame out of a turret was difficult enough when I had plenty of time. I surely didn't want to HAVE to do it in a hurry... The M-60s also gave us a warm and fuzzy as possible defensive weapons in case we ever had to walk home...

So while on a mission, the gunners who hadn't had the opportunity to see the beautiful red fire and the shiny cartridges that followed a firing mini-gun pod..., well Mike Slavin explained that very well in an earlier 'Red Shirt' article... Incoming ground fire dropped considerably when the waist guns were installed, but there was still enough to ensure we all maintained a real pucker factor. Often some special things happened, even when enroute to or from our assigned target areas... Seeing and feeling what happens when you pass over the battleship USS Missouri, firing her big guns at targets far inland -- or see eight to ten 'Spookie' gunships flying in a circle, each unloading its eight 20mms @ 4000 shots per minute, per gun at the same target... Just the tracers made it appear to be raining fire. And there were four rounds that couldn't be seen. Flying over where the B-52s had downloaded their 750# bombs just moments before, making the whole area look like a flaming surface of the moon was also special. I always chuckled at the thought that the one dedicated shooter down there who was trying to get us to come join him was experiencing some serious hearing problems, and we quite often were able to convince him that shooting at us was not a good thing. Impressive stuff!!!

Bill, Mike and AOAN Nick Palko volunteered to stay in-country with Light Attack Squadron Four (VAL-4) when we decommissioned, and Rick Gadomski did a second tour in country at NAF Binh Thuy Weapons, supporting the attack helos of HAL-3. The rest of us either went back to sea, or finished Navy tours and went home.

'Earthman I' has been partially restored and is on display in the Pima Air Museum in Tucson, AZ. 'Look-alike' guns were installed into what had been an empty turret, a few years back. Many thanks to former AZ3 Hank Parker for his talent, time and efforts, and to several of the aforementioned AOs who made that happen. It still needs six Aero 14 Bomb Racks (no, not BRU-14s), one MK-81 inert, two MK-82 Inerts and two MK-77 Napalm tanks, plus inert fuze extenders and fuzes, and it will look like the true warfighter she was..

AOCM Bob Holdman (USN Ret)

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