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/1-4 AUGUST 2024 REV-1//

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GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. REF A ANNOUNCES THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN'S
47TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN RENO, NV AT THE SILVER LEGACY RESORT 1-4 AUGUST
2024. ALL

AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, CIVIL SERVICE, ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED,
ENLISTED, AND OFFICERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

2. BACKGROUND: THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN (AAO) WAS FORMED IN 1976
BY A SMALL, BUT DETERMINED, GATHERING OF TWENTY-ONE PROFESSIONAL AVIATION
ORDNANCEMEN. TODAY THE AAO BOASTS A MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 7400 INDIVIDUALS ALONG
WITH 28

CHAPTERS LOCATED WORLDWIDE, ASHORE AND AFLOAT. THE AAO IS A NON-PROFIT, NON
-COMMERCIAL,

NON-SECTARIAN, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION WHOSE OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

A. PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM WITHIN THE AVIATION ORDNANCE RATING OF THE UNITED
STATES NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO
PROVIDE

TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN IN THE FLEET.

B. IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AND INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN ORDNANCEMEN AND
THOSE PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN AND PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS,
COMPONENTS, AND HARDWARE.

C. CONTINUALLY IMPROVE AND PROMOTE ORDNANCE SAFETY AND ENCOURAGE PROPER AND
CONSISTENT SUPERVISION OF ORDNANCE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE FLEET.

D. THIS FORUM IS WHERE MEMBERS CAN ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT AVIATION ORDNANCE
FACES AT SEA AND ASHORE AND FORMULATE WORKING SOLUTIONS TO THOSE CHALLENGES.

E. PEACE THROUGH POWER; WE ARE THE ARMS OF THE FLEET. IS THE ORGANIZATION'S
MOTTO.

3. THIS YEARS AAO CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE 1-4 AUGUST 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

A. FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST 2024 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING; LT JOHN W. FINN AVIATION
ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION BOARD; CDR ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP
SELECTION BOARD;

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN HALL OF FAME SELECTION BOARD; SAFETY
COMMITTEE;

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE AND AN EVENING SOCIAL/AUCTION.

B. SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST 2024 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING; BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AND AN EVENING AWARDS BANQUET.

- C. SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST 2024 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (IF REQUIRED).
- 4. AUXILIARY OF THE AAO AGENDA:
 - A. THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST 2024 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.
 - B. SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST 2024 - GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING; BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.
- 5. FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL, COMMANDING OFFICERS MAY ISSUE NO COST PERMISSIVE TAD ORDERS IAW THE JTR AND DTS.
- 6. REGISTRATION AND ROOM RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY VISITING THE AAO WEBSITE, [HTTPS://REDSHIRTNATION.COM/CONVENTION-INFORMATION](https://redshirtnation.com/convention-information). ROOM RATES PER NIGHT ARE: SUN-THUR \$84; FRI-SAT \$110 PLUS TAX. ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED NLT 07 JULY 2024 TO GUARANTEE ROOMS. REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL ATTENDEES (PER PERSON) IS \$55. FOR PERSONNEL DESIRING TO ATTEND SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS, THE COST WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL/AUCTION (PER PERSON) \$75; AND SATURDAY EVENING AWARDS BANQUET (PER PERSON) \$85. FOR THE BOTH FRIDAY SOCIAL AND THE SATURDAY BANQUET, CHILDREN AGES 5 - 12 \$30, CHILDREN AGES 13 AND OVER ADULT PRICE. NOTE: PAYMENT FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL, AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE AAO TREASURER NLT 19 JULY 2024.
 - A. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE SOCIAL AND/OR AWARDS BANQUET.
 - B. UNIFORM FOR ACTIVE DUTY ATTENDING THE AWARDS BANQUET IS SUMMER WHITES FOR NAVY E7 AND ABOVE PERSONNEL, SERVICE DRESS WHITES FOR NAVY E6 AND BELOW PERSONNEL, AND DRESS BLUE DELTAS FOR USMC PERSONNEL.
- 7. FOR ALCON: REQUEST WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION AND ATTENDANCE.
- 8. POCs:
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