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## 1981 CONVENTION NEWS

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen held it's Sixth Annual Convention on 18-20 June 1981 in Reno, Nevada. The turnout was a little low this year but everyone still had a great time. There were 74 at dinner this year and only 30 attended the General Business Meeting.

Shipmate George ADAMS did an outstanding job in making all the necessary arrangements. We all enjoyed an excellent dinner and relaxed over coffee or (?) while our VP, Warren SEAL, gave a very interesting presentation on "The U. S. Navy Status and Strength."

At the General Business Meeting, chaired by our VP, LCDR Warren SEAL, CWO T. C. MOORE presented the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen with a flag with our insignia on it. It is truly a beautiful work of art. Jim ROWE was re-elected to another term on the Board of Directors and "Digger" O'DELL was elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors. Tom ROBINS was re-elected to the post of Secretary/Treasurer for another three years. Some changes and amendments were made to the BY-LAWS. These will be incorporated into the Second Edition of our BY-LAWS and will be sent to all members as soon as they are received from the printer. Our Newsletter Editor, Jim IRVING was persuaded to keep up the good work for another year.

SAN DIEGO was selected as the site of the 1982 Convention. Dates and place will be announced as soon as our new Convention Committee, Tom SHELTON, Digger O'DELL, and Jim RUPERT can make some arrangements.

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Lorraine OWEN of Tucson, Arizona, and Miss Lisa BOHNSTENGEL of Jacksonville, Florida, on being selected as the 1981 winners of our scholarship awards.

Submitted by: Tom ROBINS

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FROM MIRAMAR

LT MANLEY has taken over as COMFITAEWINGPAC Weapons Officer and welcomes all aboard to drop in for a cup of coffee and a straight talk on his views on Safety and Loading Practices on the Station. Be happy men, he understands shipboard problems as well as the ones at NAS MIRAMAR.

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Don't forget to send your change of address to the Sec./Tres. when you move or get transferred.....

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#### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

First, I'd like to give a personal "well done" to all participants, committees, and attendees to the Great Reno Conference. It was great.

As a new board member, representing you, I'd like to say thanks for the opportunity to serve. All I'm missing now is your input. Next convention - San Diego - mid-June 1982. A big report on specifics in the 1 December Newsletter.

PLAN TO ATTEND - PARTICIPATE - ENJOY...

Submitted by: Digger O'DELL

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#### ATTENTION!!!

In order to get the best reservations, prices, and entertainment set up for the 1982 Convention, we must be able to give an estimate as to the number of people who will be participating. A tentative date if from mid May to late June, with prices slightly lower in May.

There is a form on the last page of the Newsletter to help us gather information as to your pleasure for the SAN DIEGO 82 CONVENTION. Please send the form to Tom SHELTON or Tom ROBINS as soon as possible or call Jim IRVING at NAS Miramar, (714) 271-2217 or Aud. 959-2217 and give him the information verbally. This is not a commitment, just a way to give us a more educated guess when dealing for prices and reservations.

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#### ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN SCHOLARSHIP

It is not too early to submit an application to the AAO Secretary for consideration of an AAO Scholarship Award. Last year there were a total of 3 applications for the committee to consider and 2 awards to be made. The rules are relatively simple and the reward is substantial to the deserving, eligible awardees. It could be your son or daughter that submits the selected application and receives the funds to help defray the cost of books, supplies, dorm rent or whatever rough spot may otherwise be a financial disaster.

Check it out...Advise the eligible...Submit early...

Submitted by: Digger O'DELL  
Scholarship Committee

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#### NOTES FROM MIRAMAR

VF-51 and VF-11 are at sea on the USS KITTY HAWK and VF-114 and VF-213 on the USS AMERICA. The remaining air wings are doing local operations in gunnery and missile exercises.

GUNNER T. C. MOORE has given up on Liars Poker and is now concentrating on Hidden Corners.

NEW MEMBERS

BUSHTA, R. W. AOCM  
DEUBNER, A.  
LAVIGNE, D. E.

COLLIER, C. M. AOC  
HALL, N. C.  
SEGARS, G.

CONKLIN, W. E. AO2  
HAND, T. L. AOCs  
WILLIAMS, J. A.

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FROM THE EDITOR.....

Still not getting any news items from you members at large to put in the Newsletter so you'll have to put up with my selections. Remember, send any inputs to Jim Irving, 510 Douglas Street, Chula Vista, CA 92010 or call (714) 421-5272.

While in Washington I saw Frank Parker and Kirk Nelson. Both appreciated their name tags and send their thanks to the membership. Kirk guaranteed me a few lines from him for this issue so I'll include what I received:

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I'll try to get to Oceana and Patuxant River before the December Newsletter comes out. They may not write very well but they do pretty well with Sidewinders!!!

AOCs SANDERS (VF-2) had the most hits for one shooter on any banner I've scored even though it was in the tunnel at NAS Miramar.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Fund is for dependents of current members of the Association, dependents of deceased members of the Association and dependents of any deceased Aviation Ordnanceman of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps.

Criteria for selection of the individual to receive the scholarship is based on academic record, needs, goals, and eligibility. Selection of the individual and award of the scholarship will be accomplished at the annual convention. Nominations for the scholarship must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association no later than 15 June of the year of the award. The nomination shall consist of a personal letter from the applicant to the Association Scholarship Committee outlining the following points:

- o Eligibility
- o Educational goals
- o Past academic record
- o Monetary need of the applicant
- o Other scholarships and educational grants received

In addition to the personal letter from the applicant, an application form is required. This form may be obtained by requesting same from Thomas D. ROBINS, Sec/Tres. Further details concerning the scholarship fund may be obtained from the President or the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

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SAN DIEGO 1982 CONVENTION  
INFORMATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NO. IN PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

BEST DATE - CHECK ONE  16-31 MAY  1-15 JUNE  16-30 JUNE

ACTIVITIES DESIRED - PLEASE CHECK

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAN DIEGO ZOO | <input type="checkbox"/> WILD ANIMAL PARK | <input type="checkbox"/> SPACE MUSEUM & BALBOA PARK                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TIJUANA TOUR  | <input type="checkbox"/> HARBOR CRUISE    | <input type="checkbox"/> OLD TOWN AND/OR MISSION                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEA WORLD     | <input type="checkbox"/> GOLF             | <input type="checkbox"/> VISIT TO NORTH ISLAND, MIRAMAR OR OTHER BASES |

OTHER INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP US PLAN FOR YOU \_\_\_\_\_

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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
Membership \$10.00 Per Year  
Assoc. Aviation Ordnancemen  
THOMAS D. ROBINS, Sec/Treas.  
729 Buddlawn Way  
Campbell, CA. 95008

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSAN \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE - HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ DUTY STATION (ACTIVE) \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE MEMBERSHIP DESIRED: MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER: (OPTIONAL FOR MEMBER)

USN \_\_\_\_\_ ACTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
USNR \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
USMC \_\_\_\_\_ EX-AO \_\_\_\_\_  
USMCR \_\_\_\_\_ RANK/RATE \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
DATES SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 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.

(Witness) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

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