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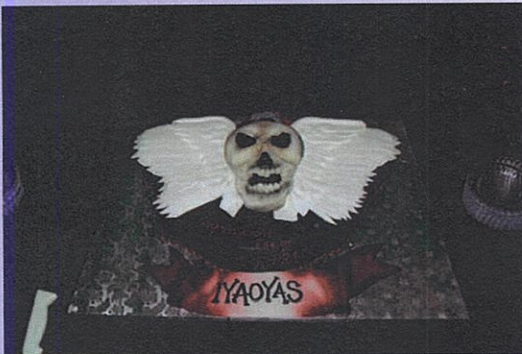




Chapter 9, AO2 Romero and CDR Mike Gramolini



Chapter 5, China Lake, CA



ENS Dan Pratt's Commissioning Cake



Chapter 22, Pax River, MD Christmas Party



LCDR Ret Bill Keidel at Dan Pratt's Commissioning







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## 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!***

Thanks, Kevin. I always enjoy the Red Shirt.

I recently went down to G-4 on the carrier and hung with some of the heroes. The Ordies out here are doing great work, because we are getting fuzed ordnance on target! Pass to Dave that the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen patch he gave me is proudly displayed on the new flight jacket I got made up as the Strike Group commander...and I have gotten rave reviews from the Ordnancemen who have seen it.

At altitude, guad  
Rear Admiral Mark Guadagnini  
Commander, Carrier Strike Group 9

Kevin,  
I hope your Christmas was a wonderful one and here's to a fantastic 2011. May it be all that you wish for.

I'm not sure if Al Castro submitted any photos from the Chapter 22 Christmas party for the Red Shirt but I would like to submit any of the attached. I will let you pick and choose, if you pick and choose. :) Our party was a great success and everyone seemed to have a good time. We even got Santa to make an appearance. He was played by my husband, Tom, and he did a nice job, only one kid cried. Ha ha ha.

Thanks for the consideration,  
Tracy

Thanks Tracy, he did send them as well, check out page 2

**T**o all chapters,

Please review your information on the Chapter Meetings - Places - Times - Dates 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

I have just finished reading Mike Hill's letter to the editor in the Oct. Red Shirt. Thanks for the kind words Mike. After reading your letter I had to go out and buy a new hat, 2 sizes bigger than the one I have now. As all AO's, I just tried to the best job I could and take care of the troops. I remember you, but sorry I don't remember Sandy Satler. He may have come aboard after I was fortunate to advance to AOCA and become Ens. Mangan's assistant in Ordnance Control. I left Midway in Dec 1965 just before it went into the yards for four years. I was transferred to a Chinese Air Force Base in Tianan, Taiwan. But that's another sea story. Thanks again, your kind words warmed this old sailor's heart.

Sincerely,  
Bob Solomon

Kevin,  
Here are some photos of a few "old" A-6 Ordies and "new" F/A-18 ordies loading a static display A-6 in front of the JSF hangar here in Pax River, MD. It was a great time but the grassy knoll did present a challenge while loading stations 1 and 2. Nothing that needed a "pull forward" just some extra muscle on the hernia bars.

R,  
Bill

CDR Bill Bindel  
Gun Boss  
PEO Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons

Bill, you made page 22 and the back page!



While marching in this years New York City Veterans' Day Parade I was able to take this photograph of Medal of Honor holders. The photo-

graph shows the picture of John W. Finn, Aviation Ordnancemen Chief and Pearl Harbor survivor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walt Stinner,  
Former AO-3, Attack Squadron 106  
1966-1968  
USS Forrester, Westpac 1967





A few words to add to Gunner Doran's fine input on page 6 of the October 2010 Red Shirt, from one who will hear his ears until I'm put into the earth... As the Gunner stated, ensure you visit sick bay for virtually all work related injuries and have the visit recorded. You'll need that when filing for benefits upon departing the Service...

That also applies for tinnitus... When taking all those hearing tests over the years, I'd move the device over my ears around until I was able to hear the high frequency sound being emitted, ignoring the ringing that was always there... It never occurred to me that everyone's ears didn't ring as mine did (and still do)... So, during a pre-retirement briefing, it was mentioned that ringing in the ears was a problem from being around too much noise for too long. So, when I was getting my retirement physical, I mentioned it to the doctor and was told it didn't apply, as I had no record stating it was service connected... Had I ever gone to sick bay or even mentioned it during my many earlier physicals and had it documented in my health record, I'd be receiving some 15% service connected disability, come income tax time, forever...

Bob Holdman

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Aloha CAPT, Kevin,

I pray all is well on your end. Things here in the sunshine state are tracking along well. I'll be out of here real soon and then over to NAWMU-1 in Guam. I've been looking forward to taking command there for the past year and a half.

I wanted to send you the attached photo for consideration for inclusion in the next Red Shirt Issue. I'm sure you do not hear from us folks in Hawaii too often. The attached photo is special to me because it was the first time, without a CVN in port, that I had the pleasure of eating dinner with 7 Aviation Ordnance Officers on the island. I really miss being in an area with a big concentration of my Ordie Brethren.

This photo was taken two months ago right after VP-4 completed an outstanding CWTPi inspection. Back row you have (L-R) CWO4 (Ret) Randy Ford K-Bay ASP, LCDR Jason Parmley CPRG, CDR Dion Edon CPF, COW2 Joe Makaratad VP-4. Front row (L-R) LT Tracey Appleby (C7F), LT Steve Carpenter (MAL-24), and our newest addition on island ENS Chris Tucker (VP-47).

For the record I truly believe that between CWO2 Mak and ENS Tucker they will be the two individuals to get the Hawaii Chapter up and running. They told me they want (and will) make it happen. That has been my biggest issue, finding P-3 Gunners with young Ordies in their commands will-

ing to step to the plate. I think all we need to do is get our esteemed AAO President to give them the guidance and encouragement to take it forward.

Currently I know we have at least 10 die-hard AOs willing to play an active role and be a part of an AAO Chapter... and with the participation of the two new VP Gunners on the island, I think we can rejuvenate the island's dormant chapter.

R/ Dion

CDR Dion J. Edon  
Aviation Ordnance Logistics  
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Ordies,

Here are the dates:

Thursday, April 28th is the Golf Tourney and Social. Of course, that means the picnic will be Friday, April 29th. as added incentive, the Air Show will be Saturday and Sunday, April 30th and May 1st.

Details are to follow but this is a good start.

Mark your calendars and start spreading the word.

Semper Fi and IYAOYAS,  
Dawg

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Kevin,

I've seen a number of license plates in several Red Shirts lately and just thought I'd pass mine along in case you'd like to include it in a future Red Shirt.

R,  
Dave Moore

*Thanks for the picture Dave, its on the second to last page!*





Dear Kevin,

I am a member of the Association of Aviation Ordnance men, and for the past year several of my ex squadron mates from VP65 have been working at Edwards Air Force Base, CA restoring an old Douglas A-3D1 Skywarrior that has been sitting abandoned on the base on an unused runway for over 40 years.

Please see attached photos of the plane as we found it in Jan of 2010, and how she looks today with our continued work.

We are restoring the airplane to present it to the Edwards Museum for the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation, hopefully in November of 2011. Since removing the airplane from the abandoned runway, we have moved it to a hangar which we share with a Marine helicopter detachment out of Miramar Marine Air Corps Station, CA. To date, besides giving the airplane an overdue bath, we have completely cleaned out the bomb bay, drained water from the wing tanks, installed three new tires, sanded the oxidized paint, repaired corrosion on the fuselage and engine cowlings, removed, cleaned, and reinstalled both engines, replaced both front cowlings, replaced oil coolers, installed ATM's, repaired the cockpit canopy with new glass, partially restored the cockpit, installed original avionic boxes, repaired and sanded the nose and aft radomes, currently seeking two M3 20MM machine guns, sandblasted the main mount struts, repaired the tailhook, locked the JATO hooks into the fuselage, and many other minor jobs too numerous to mention. 135434 will be painted in its original color of Midnight Blue when completed.

This particular A-3, BuNo 135434 was built in 1955, was assigned to VAH3 in Sanford, FL, was then used in Operation Redwing to monitor and collect radiation data at Bikini Atoll, Eniwetok Atoll, and Kwajalein Atoll. It was then sent to PAX River for testing, then to Edwards Air Force Base for barrier tests, and airfoil tests. It was declared excess to the Navy in 1968, and has been parked at Edwards ever since.

The picture of the crew doing this work is of AFCM Mike Glenn and PR2 Pete Nowicki, kneeling, standing, ADC Andy Barbre, ADJ1 Ty Wilcox, AOC Delbert Mitchell, AMSC Bill Grant, and AO1 Delwynn Mitchell.

If you can use this story in your next issue of The Redshirt, I would appreciate it. Please give credits for the photos to AOC Delbert Mitchell.

If further information is needed, contact me at (702) 251-0149 begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting or email at dmitchc121@cox.net. Thank you.

Del Mitchell  
AOC (Ret)



*photos by AOC Delbert Mitchell.*





Hello Kevin,

I'm sure you don't know who I am but no biggie. Just another old retired guy.

I refrain from social networking mostly because I'm just plain not into it but I gotta let you know how impressed I am with what you do for the Association. The Red Shirt is awesome.

I'm a retired CWO4 life member who grew up with Dave and J.J from when we were dungaree wearing pups sporting "pre tool control" tool pouches on the "roof" while choking down actual stack gas. I moved from San Dog about 6 years ago and now live in Spring Creek NV., a small, very rural community a little south of I-80 between Reno and Salt Lake City. The importance of the geographic is to emphasize how much I look forward to the Red Shirt.

The "Shirt" has come a long way since infancy and you've had a major hand in that. The task must be horrendous. I've read the messages commending your work and want to add myself to a long list of Ordies who sincerely appreciate the truly outstanding results.

Thank You Kevin,

Mike Smith

*Thanks Mike, I could not do it without yours and everyone's input!*

The inductions were held Friday AM 5Nov, onboard the USS Yorktown (CV-10) museum in Mount Pleasant, Charleston Harbor, SC... Some 99 heroes from World War 2, Korea, Vietnam & the Middle East wars, as enlisted Combat Aircrewmen, were honored including many from Helicopter Light Attack Squadron Three (HAL-3) and Observation Squadron Sixty Seven (VO-67). It amazes me that it's taken so long to identify and honor many of these inductees, but of course late is plenty better than never... And it's obvious that many more are 'out there' & need to be so honored...

Included Friday, was Ollie Gross, a first class (E-6) that I knew while attending a 6 month long school (AO'B' School) in Jacksonville, FL in '67 & '68... Ollie volunteered for his second combat tour w/ HAL-3 and was killed in action shortly afterward he returned...

And, to watch Bill Grayson be inducted, and to see his lovely daughter Terry @ the ceremonies were the reasons that Liza and I attended... Bill was my old running mate & drinking pardner from earlier days in the Philippines. He &

his wife Marylyn adopted the beautiful Filipina Terry following his tour w/ VO-67.

I'm attempting to identify each of the Aviation Ordnancemen who have been inducted into the CAC ROH over the years, & to pass the info on to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAO), but haven't yet been able to do so. I'll keep on keeping on...

As the Yorktown was my first Ship so many years ago, it's always good to go back aboard her, but she's getting a mite ragged in outward appearance these days... I sure hope something can be done to come up w/ the many \$\$\$s needed to restore her...

Highly recommend that anyone who happens to be in the Charleston area take the time to visit The Fighting Lady... You'll be glad you did...

Bob Holdman

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## *Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation Election Notice*

At the 2011 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a number of Officer Positions in the AAOEF. **I as Foundation President, am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:**

Office	Incumbent
President	CWO4 Edward C. Scott, Ret.
Treasurer	LCDR Richard Grass, Ret.
Board of Director	David Moore

Eligibility requirements for these offices and the duties of the office are in the AAOEF Bylaws, which you can find by going to: <http://aaoweb.org/AAO> then clicking on Scholarship Information then scroll down to and click on the Bylaws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Regular Member of the Association nominate them. All are reminded of scholarship application or sponsor restrictions imposed to all officers within IRS directives.

I, as President of the Foundation, will be accepting advance nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail for collection and presentation to the Associations President. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting. To make a nomination you must be a Regular Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination. All nominations of individuals received will be verified as current Regular Members of the Association; if applicable, Auxiliary through the National Treasurer or Auxiliary Treasurer.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the first meeting of the Association's Board of Directors. All are reminded of scholarship application or sponsor restrictions imposed to all officers within IRS directives.

Mail advance nominations to: 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7517 or E-Mail them to: [egunner@lightspeed.net](mailto:egunner@lightspeed.net).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (386) 445-0968 (H)/ (386) 405-6940 (Cell).

Edward C. Scott  
AAOEF President

### *In Search of Information for the AAO Hall of Fame*

I have been working with CAPT Leopard, JJ LaMaitre, Dennis Costa, and Chuck Onken to try and collect information on certain individuals personal information for the Hall of Fame. Out of 60 individuals we have narrowed it down to the following individuals:

Robert W. Branum - AOCM, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Jack E. Hagerup - LCDR, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Kirby P. Hunt (Deceased) - CDR, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Weldon E. Maki (Deceased) - LT, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Richard A. Smith - AOCS, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Alvin R. Kall - LT, USN - Inducted 1989 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX) Photo (Military if Possible)

Royce Hall - ACOM - Inducted 2006 - Need Photo (Military if Possible)

If anyone has the information we are searching for contact me via e-mail [wtcarrroll@cox.net](mailto:wtcarrroll@cox.net) or my cell phone 850-572-5317

Thanks  
Tim Carroll





## *AAO President*

Hello fellow Ordnancemen,

Well once again time is just flying by. Lots of planning and hard work has been occurring on your behalf in preparation for our upcoming Symposium and Convention. Your fellow members that put this together certainly deserve a hardy well done. Each and every year, year after year they simply make it better for all of us to enjoy. So in this edition of the "REDSHIRT" you can obtain all the information for your planning needs for joining us this summer in Reno.

Around the fleet and ashore we certainly need to remember those that are in harm's way. Our Marine brothers and sisters as well as our Navy brothers and sisters are doing it by the book and with safety in ordnance handling being in every movement they make. Please take a moment and remember those that we have deployed either onboard ship and ashore, they are truly doing the will of the nation.

All of us are part of history this year as we celebrate the 100th year of Naval Aviation. On February 17, 1911, inventor and aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss taxied his seaplane to the battleship USS PENNSYLVANIA anchored in San Diego Bay. Later, it was lowered to the water and Curtiss flew back to North Island. This historic event, more than any other, prompted the Secretary of the Navy's decision to purchase the Navy's first aircraft. We have come a long way since then, and you all are part of making the next 100 hundred years of Naval Aviation historical as well. All of you Ordnancemen should be extremely proud of your contribution, yes those contributions from yester year, the contribution you're making today and those that you're thinking about for the future. As we all know, us Ordie's are a proud lot of folks, every facet of what we do requires team work, from RSL inspections, to conducting Pre-operational use of our weapons support equipment, to team leading the bomb build, to conducting the weapon inspection prior to loading the aircraft, team work is what it all about. Our team work is a foundation of leadership, in doing our business by the book all the time. Leadership is about not letting one of your team members make a mistake and it does not matter if that mistake is going to happen in the shop, on the flight line or off base. As Ordnancemen we have our rules that are written from past in blood, I ask each and every one to take a mo-

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## *AAO Vice President*

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the fullest of the New Year. If you have decided to make a resolution or two, I do hope it is one you intend to fulfill. Resolutions are hard to keep and in some cases impossible. One we can all keep is to be the best we can given the talents we have. Let this year's resolution be to make it to the convention and support your local chapters throughout the year. Now to shift gears.

I know I am suppose to write regarding ordnance related material and our great association, but I felt compelled to write regarding "life and how precious it is." I have been in command in Pensacola at NATTC (A-School) for a year by the time you read this and what a year it has been. As an AO, I took command of the Navy's largest enlisted training school with about 2,600 personnel on deck at any given time. I have attended numerous events, even got to meet the President and host him at my facility. None of that compares though to the two students I lost to suicide this past year. I had two young men take their lives nearly two months apart. In my 34-year career, I can honestly say nothing really prepares you for that. We all know it could happen we just do not expect it to happen on our watch.

We held memorial services for each of these Sailors at the base Chapel and to speak to the students, staff and parents in attendance is not something I ever care to do again. As I looked out into the rows and rows of young Sailors and Marines in the pews, all I could see were the faces of my own two young adult children. Sure, I wrote out my speech, which seemed totally useless at the time because so many emotions came in to play. What words do I tell the parents who had lost their Sons, what I tell the friends of these Sailors that would bring comfort and silence the weeping? This is when we dig down deep and ask God for strength. I did ask those in attendance, "did we do all we could, did we see the signs, how could we have prevented this?" As you read this short piece from your Vice-President, please take a proactive role in preventing suicides. Parents, listen to your kids and really hear what they may be saying. Know the signs, and ask yourself, what can I do and then act immediately. Don't wait until it's too late! Thank you all for allowing me to share this moment with you. I am looking forward to the year to come pray all our safety and prosperity. To all, have a safe and blessed New Year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention.

Mike Price





## AAO Secretary

Greetings Ordies,

Our convention is getting close and it looks to be another great event so get your reservations in. As a reminder to all Chapters Secretary's please get your monthly minutes into me. I do pass them to the President so he can keep abreast of your activities. Hey Chapter Secretary.... Please e-mail me at my work or home e-mail address so I can keep the National BOD up to date on your activities.

Also.... Chapter Presidents... Need all your Meeting information... I have most of it but am missing some of you guys!!!

Dennis

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CONVENTION – Start making your plans NOW for Convention 2011 at the Silver Legacy. Registration forms are located elsewhere in this Red Shirt or on line. **NOTE:** Prices have been reduced again this year, please swing by and see and THANK our vendors. We will be there a week PRIOR to Hot August Nights starting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Symposium starts on August 1<sup>st</sup>. See you there!!

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 I 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)562-8492; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at [aootreas@cox.net](mailto:aootreas@cox.net).

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

Until next time IYAOYAS.  
JJ LaMaitre

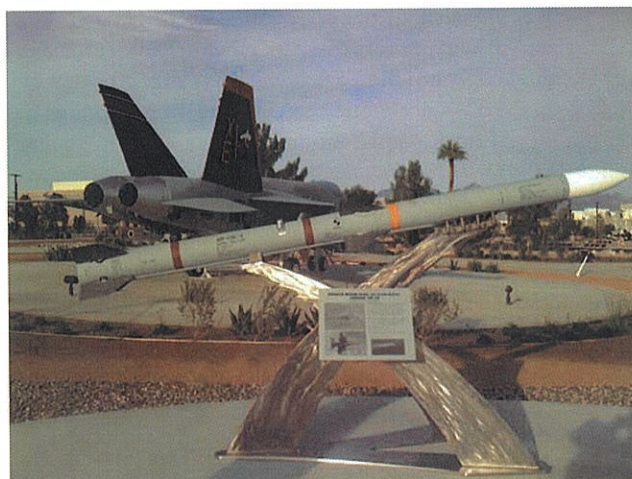


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ment each day and ask yourself, can I and will I give 100 percent today, if you can't, make sure your leadership know you're not at peak performance, let your leadership know so you don't jeopardize the mission of your command.

I salute all of our membership; thanks for all that you do in support of this Outstanding Association. Start your planning now for Reno it's never too early.  
Warm Regards and very respectfully

Dave Leopard, "REDSHIRT ONE" and the "Silver Eagle"







## Chapter 76

As 2010 wraps up, so does another year of hard work for Chapter 76 Weaponeers. The year began with two new additions to our team - CDR Allmon (GunBoss) and LCDR Bishop (OHO). Taking lead and charging ahead, the Ronald Reagan has completed the 2009 post deployment Offload, a six month Planned Incremental Availability, a 2.6 million pound onload, Rimpac Deployment (it was a pleasure NIMITZ), INSURV/AORR, and will finish up the year with COSR. 2010 has been nothing short of a hard pressed year, but if anyone can tackle these tasks and set high standards for another to match, it is this great group of Weaponeers.

Most importantly, the Chapter never fell short through all of the demanding tasks and Mission Requirements. They even managed to have a little fun and maintain high morale. Led by President AO1 Botting (CPO Selectee) and Vice President AO1 Venable, the year started off right with a Weapons Dept Picnic hosted by CHAPTER 76. But this was just a taste of what was to come. Following the picnic, the chapter hosted its first annual paintball trip to Camp Pendleton where participants met on that fateful Saturday morning and let the paint fly! All challenges will be accepted! With a short pressed inport period, impact was kicked off with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL for the crew. And finally, during Rimpac the ship was able to make not just one, but two stops in Hawaii.

On our second visit to the beautiful state of Hawaii, this great group of Weaponeers came together at Dave & Busters to celebrate the end of Rimpac. It was an honor to be met by RET. LCDR Ed Ashlock, one of the original 21 members of our National Chapter and Founding Fathers. Accompanying him was (former CVN 76 OHO) CDR Dion Edon. All hands on deck were overwhelmed with his presence as he sat down to have dinner and a drink with the group. His stories of old captivated all ears and eyes. The gathering was initiated with the intent to raise money for the Robert L scholarship fund. Believe it or not, the 50/50 raffle was drawn by CDR Edon who unselfishly donated all money back to the chapter and scholarship fund - the chapter of 76 greatly appreciates your commitment. For all who never had the privilege to meet Robert L Crow, it was a great experience to socialize with Mr Ed Ashlock and know that he once came together with Mr. Crow to establish the BEST ORGANIZION. It was a memory that will never be forgotten by all in attendance.

The chapter will be looking forward to another successful deployment with CVW14 in 2011. We will reunite for our 5th deployment in five years. Lastly, our chapter elections are coming up soon and we are excited for what is to come.

## Chapter 21

Hello,

On 12Dec2010 The AAO Chapter 21 decided to do their Quarterly FOD walk down and immediately following roll into a fundraiser. Every year we donate to the NASF Angel Christmas Tree Program. We Were having a hard time trying to come up with the money to support both our Christmas Party and The Angel Christmas Tree Program. We as A Chapter decided to do a fundraiser called Gas and Glass. One of the Members Chief McNamer coordinated with Maverick Gas Station in Fallon so we could pump gas and clean windows for donations. With that we set up a table outside the Gas Station with baked goods and AO Apparel. The Event was a total success between the donations from pumping gas, baked goods and selling our apparel we put 1.500 dollars in the pot. Chapter 21 was able to match last years 2 Angels plus 18 more Angels and put money towards The AO Christmas Party. Once Again AAO Chapter 21 pulled together to get things done.

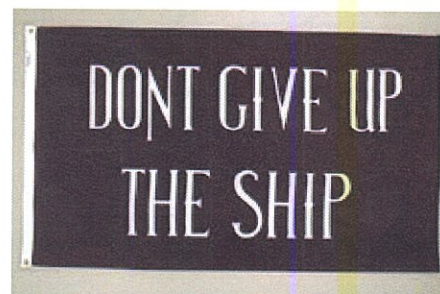
I.Y.A. O. Y. A. S. !!!!!

V/R

AAO CHAPTER 21 PRESIDENT  
AO2 GINA MIDDAUGH  
NMCDF



AO1 Hixson, AO2 Middaugh







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## *Life Saving Helo Gunner*

*Submitted by Bob Holdman*

Former AO3 Neil William McDonald served two tours as a door gunner flying UH-1 Hueys with the HAL-3 Seawolves in Vietnam as a member of Det Six at Dong Tam. he logged over 650 combat missions during two in-country tours. he also served as both a second gunner and first gunner/crew chief on Det Two Army gunships. While all missions were high risk, two stand out in memory.

On 7 January 1969 two Vietnamese Regional Force Companies, known as Ruff Puffs, were ambushed and pinned down by the Viet Cong. They had sustained heavy casualties, both KIA and wounded, and were in imminent danger of being overrun. Det 6 scrambled two helos in support of the Ruff Puffs. Executing repeated tree top level strikes, McDonald laid down deadly fire against the concealed enemy. His helo drew continuous heavy weapons fire from the enemy.

Since no medevac team was available, McDonald's craft landed in the hot zone to evacuate the dead and wounded for transport to medical facilities. McDonald left his aircraft to provide covering fire, and also assisted in loading the casualties. he continued shooting as the gunship became airborne. The casualties were rushed to a medical unit where prompt medical attention saved the lives of many of the wounded.

Even though both gunships took numerous hits they re-armed and refueled several times which enabled the friendly forces to consolidate their position, regain control of the battle, and secure the area.

For this action, the Army awarded Neil McDonald the Distinguished Flying Cross.

On 26 March 1969 VC ambushed a unit of riverine patrol boats near Dong Tarn. Fire teams from Dets 4 and 6 launched and made repeated attacks against the VC, causing heavy casualties. The enemy disengaged after nightfall but later that night commenced a heavy barrage of mortars and rockets onto the base where the gunships were parked. An Army ammo dump where 172 tons of ordnance were stored, located 75 meters from the flight line, was hit and began burning.

In order to man their Hueys, the Seawolves raced through hails of flying shrapnel and hot cinders created by the incoming mortar and rocket rounds as well as the exploding ordnance from the ammo dump.

Just as the lead ship became airborne, the ammo dump ex-

ploded, slamming the lead bird to the ground. The pilot was ejected to the ground and pinned beneath the Huey.

In the trail helo McDonald was sitting just aft of the two pilots in the cockpit in order to expedite engine start procedures. An enemy round hit this aircraft, compressing the cockpit area and trapping the three airmen. Although stunned, McDonald extricated himself and crawled through the wreckage to his copilot. The second gunner helped shove the metal and debris away from the copilot and pulled him out and away from the wreckage. But the copilot died shortly thereafter. Next, the two crewmen pulled the badly wounded pilot out to a safe location.

Both crewmen then ran to the lead bird where the pilot was pinned beneath it. Fuel was dangerously flowing from a ruptured fuel cell. Standing ankle deep in the fuel, large chunks of shrapnel and fire rained around them. Aware the aircraft could explode at any moment, Det 6's gunners were joined by several others who helped raise the chopper off the pilot, saving his life.

Inexplicably, the fuel did not ignite and both rescues were completed. After the crew left the area, the gunship caught fire. Neil McDonald had been badly burned during the rescue and was evacuated for treatment of his injuries. For his heroic actions, McDonald was honored with the Silver Star. Combat Aircrewman McDonald was inducted into the Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll Of Honor in November 2003.

By CAPT Ray Schulte, CHC, USNR (Ret.)







2011 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

DEADLINE IS 24 JULY 2011

I plan to attend the following activities (please check appropriate ones):

- 4 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
5 Aug (Fri) AO of The Year Committee
5 Aug (Fri) Scholarship Committee
5 Aug (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee
5 Aug (Fri) Membership Committee
5 Aug (Fri) By-Laws Committee
5 Aug (Fri) Nominations Committee
6 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting
7 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting

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- 4 Aug (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting
6 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting
7 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting

NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in.

ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet. Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under. However, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

For active duty E-4 and below:

1 year free membership in the Association is included in your registration fee. If you are already a member your membership will be extended one year. To qualify for this special registration package please include a completed application with your registration and or ticket order.

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2011. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED.

Visa/ MasterCard Credit Card Fee's are Non Refundable.

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check, money order, or credit card info made payable to and mailed to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
J.J. LaMaitre
9691 Bundy Drive
Santee, CA 92071-2771

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

- 1. Member \$20.00 (\$25.00 after 24 Jul 11)
Name of Member (please print) \$
2. Non-Member \$30.00 (\$35.00 after 24 Jul 11)
(Name including guest or spouse)
Name of Non-Member (please print) \$
3. Additional Guests (Spouse) 18 and over \$10.00 \$
Names of Guests (Spouse) (please print)

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

- AAO Social \$25.00 each (\$30.00 after 24 Jul 11) \$
Awards Banquet \$30.00 each (\$35.00 after 24 Jul 11) \$
Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable \$
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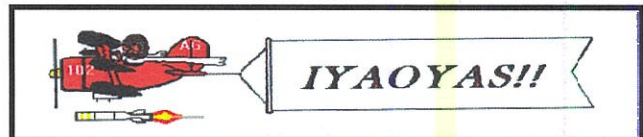
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## Red Shirt

Articles  
*are due*

20 JAN 12

20 MAY 11

20 SEP 11



If you tell where  
 he's going . . .  
 He may never  
 get there!

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Can you help?.....Know where any of these members can be located? If so please contact me at [aootreas@cox.net](mailto:aootreas@cox.net), snail mail or give me a call.

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To all that were in attendance during the last Chapt 34 AAO meeting, 5 Jan 2011 I want to personally thank you for the opportunity to give a quick presentation about Navy/Marine Corps Voluntary Education Programs and the on-line educational opportunities available at Columbia Southern University. As I travel to

the different commands and review with service members their SMART and career goals, I encounter many who do not realize how close they are to obtaining a college degree as a result of their military training and rate. I then show them how they can utilize CLEP and DANTES to validate what they already know for additional college credit.

If you would like for me to review your SMART for errors and omissions in an attempt to maximize your American Council on Education (ACE) credits please do not hesitate to contact me. The last 11 years I spent as the manager of the Navy College Center onboard Saufley Field and I am extremely well versed in all areas of Navy College Programs. So again, if I can help you please do not hesitate to call me.

What a pleasure it was to be among ORDIES again.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

With the Holidays behind us, it is time to look forward to the 2011 Convention.

We are looking forward to some interesting items for the raffle and some exceptional items for the auction. Please make sure to either bring your items with you or send them to Jan Clasen at 1130 Courtney Marie Lane in Fallon, NV 89406 or to Sally Vance at 421 Whitaker Lane, Fallon, NV 89406. We need all the items we can get to help raise as many funds for scholarships as possible.

Because of some 'technical difficulties' my old eMail account is not a safe place to send information to me. 95% of all of my incoming and outgoing eMails wound up in that Great Dead Letter Box in the Internet. My new eMail address is: Clasen2011@hotmail.net. This address will be checked on a weekly basis. If you need to reach me immediately my telephone number is 775-428-1484. Also, because of the 'technical' difficulties, no entry was received for the Red Shirt. My article is "Somewhere Out There". Therefore, I am including information again from the convention in this article.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the people who donated items. Your generosity is amazing! Also HUGE THANKS to the lucky winning bidders. We could not accomplish our scholarship donation goals without every one of you!

#### RAFFLE DONORS

Sally & Mart Vance, Jan & Ken Clasen, Beverly & Chuck Onken, Chapter 1, Beverly Jo Myhand, Pat & David Lepard, Linda & Ed Scott, Shannon & Gary Mullins, Delores & Joe Manley, Chapter 21.

Raffle Assistants were: Julie Hixson, BeverlyJo Myhand, Cyndy Sasooone, Julie Brado, Teresa Zimmer and Linda Scott. Marie helped with 50/50, memorabilia and raffle. Each and every one was a trooper and life saver once again! We had so much fun doing the raffle that Chairman Delores Manley seemed to carry off without a hitch.

All totaled up, we brought in \$8,516.25 for scholarship! Thank you to all of you.

The last Taste of Home shipment consisted of about 25 boxes of goodies being mailed to the USS Harry S Truman (CVN-75). Great Job!! Thanks to Busy Bakers: Patti Ausman, Linda Scott, Betsey Cremin, Sally Vance, Dorothy Michel, Deana Hinnant, Kaye Saville, Mary Crews, Sharon Lee, Connie Wells and all of the volunteers that she had from PMA-259.

While in Laughlin, we made decisions on how we were going to make this upcoming 20th Anniversary convention special. Beverly Jo Myhand suggested a "Circle of Support" similar to the Associations' Hall of Fame. She'll be working on the credentials for inclusion to the "Circle" and present it to the membership for approval at convention. A trip to Lake Tahoe combined with a Poker Walk is being organized for The Thursday night activity. It is beautiful there and we hope to be able to provide it at a cost all can afford. Our luncheon will be centered on our Taste of Home project along with a Birthday Party for our Auxiliary. Make sure you make plans to attend.

Until next time, thank you all for everything you do to support our AO's. The AO's are our cause, our motivation and our focus.

We Make A Difference!

Jan Clasen  
AAAO President \*

#### 2010 AUCTION LIST OF DONORS & BIDDERS

##### ITEM:

Small Lap Quilt	<u>Donated by:</u>	<u>Winning Bidder:</u>
Signed John Finn Computer Portrait	Sandra Robins	Gary Mullins
3" Hand Painted Aviation Ordnance Coin	Barry Stemler	Keith Fontano
John Finn "Final Good-Bye" Picture	Barry Stemler	Dion J. Edon
Cross Stitched Vietnam Wall Memorial	Barry Stemler	Shannon Mullins
Cross Stitched USMC Iwo Jima Memorial	Dottie Underwood	Kirk Brado
Signed John Finn picture in hand crafted Solid oak frame w/oak projectiles and 20mm Brass shells & 2- 50 cal brass shells	Dottie Underwood	Jim / Carolyn Thomas
	Carl Collier	CAPT Michael Price
AO Assn Barrel & Shine w/2 Bottles	Rob and Denise Walecki	Leon Stolz
An American Hero T-Shirt (John Finn)	Rob and Denise Walecki	Tim Zimmer
Steel laser engraved AO wings	Ken Clasen	Maryls Flores
Steel laser engraved AO Skull / Rose	Ken Clasen	Joseph Erlach
Black COACH Purse w/ Red Scarf	Shannon Mullins	Zachary MacDonald
Large Wooden Piggy Bank	Dave Moore & Bill Wright	Barbara Collier-Dean
2 Signed John Finn License Plates	AOCS (AW) Brenda Cotter	Tom Robins/ Ray Rowland
Signed John Finn Drive sign w/article	Chuck Baldwin	Bill Bindel
Feather Ink Pen Writing Collection	Jan Clasen	Robert Ferreira
Glass Pen Set	Jan Clasen	Maria Comes
Let Freedom Ring Eagle Set	Ken Clasen	Linda Scott
"Master Blaster" Jerry Copple Plaque	John Chester	Dale Burns
Wine & Cheese Box	Glenn Israel	Tess LaMaitre



## AO NEWSLETTER

We, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, are now a duly chartered non-profit organization. Our Charter was filed in, and approved by the State of Delaware. Our Charter reads in part:

"The objectives of the Association shall be to promote the professionalism of the Aviation Ordnance rate within the United States Navy, Marine Corps and the Department of Defense, and to provide technical and professional support whenever possible to the Ordnancemen of the Fleet."

Additionally, the by-laws of the Association have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Association, and are available upon request by any member from Tom Robins, address below.

The second annual convention of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen is tentatively scheduled for Jacksonville on the 24th to the 26th of June. Back-up date is the 17th to the 19th of June. The site selection was the result of the poll taken on the membership applications, and coupled with the present Association policy of alternating the convention site from coast-to-coast resulted in the site selection. There will be a separate flyer on the convention, hopefully about two weeks behind this newsletter. Firm plans, (exact location, dates etc.) are presently being finalized. Some high-lites from the tentative agenda for you to start thinking about are: An election of two members to the Board of Directors; Life membership criteria; Establishment of standing committees for membership, newsletter, '78 convention, Scholarship Fund, Technical, and any others that are recommended prior to the General Meeting. We request that any other agenda items to be brought before the General Meeting be submitted in writing prior to 1 June so that background and impact studies can be completed prior to the General Meeting, thus reducing the time required to discuss the issue on the convention floor. Submit agenda items to any one of the '77 committee members listed below. The agenda item drafter will be given ample time at the convention to present their item. Now, we need some HELP!! Due to the infancy of our Association, and the first convention being held on the West coast, the entire '77 convention committee lives in California. In the interest of not expending Association funds on unnecessary travel, we sorely need a leg man in the Jax area. A couple of phone calls would be much better than a round-trip ticket. Somebody, anybody, close to the Jax area, please help us out! The '77 convention is going to be in your area, you know the ropes. We are blind as far as facilities selection, banquet location etc. goes. Anyone interested in helping, please contact one of the following '77 convention committee persons:

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Camarillo, CA 93010  
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Frank Parker  
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
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Tom Robins  
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If there are enough of us west coast Ordies that plan to attend the Jax blowout, we may be able to get substantially reduced air-fare group rates



## FROM THE GUNNER

### ORDNANCEMEN UNITE!!!

That is the call heard from coast to coast! It is gratifying to know that there are so many AO's, from AOAA to Admiral, wanting to become a part of our fledgling group. We have grown considerably since our last newsletter, and I am confident that this growth will continue.

While we must still consider the Association as newly formed, the foundation is solidly in place, and we are now ready to move forward in bigger strides. The Association is Incorporated, our management structure is sound, and most important, we are operating in the black. As with all new organizations, problems confront us daily, but with your participation and patience, the officers of the Association will do their utmost to provide a viable and beneficial solution to these problems.

Our organization is unique in that confidence in our shipmate is our primary asset. That confidence is leading to a bigger and better Association.

The Association has become known even in Australia, and we in turn are recognizing our counterparts "Down-Under". The photos and certificates provided to me by the "Down-Under Armorers" will be exhibited at the convention, and then made a part of our Historical File. Who knows, maybe we can swap delegations within the next few years? Any volunteers?

It is anticipated that the convention will be a roaring success. Be assured, we are striving to make it an enjoyable and beneficial get-together. I am looking forward to seeing you all again and swapping a few sea-stories.

It has indeed been a pleasure to serve as President during the past year. I have not reached as many of the goals as I had hoped, but with your continued support and indulgence, I am confident that all our goals will be accomplished in a timely manner.

The Association will soon be entering it's second year of existence. I anticipate a good year. At the convention in June, I shall outline the goals for the Association as I see them for the next year. I am confident of your wholehearted support and continued participation. I sincerely believe in our objectives. If we promote them in a positive manner, our Association will prosper, and we will indeed contribute to the defense of our country.

Kirk.



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2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

ON 17, 18 & 19 June 1977 the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen will hold it's second Annual Convention at the Hotel ROBERT MEYER in Jacksonville, Florida.

ALL Aviation Ordnancemen, Navy, Marine Corps, Civil Service, Active Duty, Retired, Ex-AO's, Enlisted and Officer are cordially invited. You need not be a member of the Association to attend, but only members may vote on motions at the business meeting. Bring your membership card (or buy one at the convention) so that you too may vote.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

17 June - Friday      Registration  
 1600 - 1730 Welcome Aboard - No Host Cocktail Hour

18 June - Saturday    0900 - 1130 Business Meeting  
 1130 - 1300 Luncheon (On your own)  
 1300 - 1600 Continue Business Meeting  
 1830 - 1930 Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)  
 1930 - 2100 Dinner  
 2100 - ???? Dancing

19 June - Sunday      0900 - ???? Committee Meetings and Business  
 Meeting for Board of Directors

A \$25.00 (per person) Banquet and Dancing reservation charge is required from all persons planning to attend the Dinner (Prime Rib) and Dance on Saturday evening (18 June). Fill out the reservation form at the bottom of this page and send it with your check or money order to: Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, c/o Tom ROBINS Sec./Tres. at 729 Buddlawn Way, Campbell, Calif. 95008 prior to 10 June 1977.

Personnel desiring hotel room accommodations must make their reservations directly with the hotel.

If you have agenda topics for the business meeting please submit them to Tom ROBINS ASAP - don't wait until the last day.

COME TO THE CONVENTION AND JOIN IN ON WHAT WE HOPE TO BE A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING ASSOCIATION. GUESTS ARE WELCOME. SEE YOU IN JAX .....

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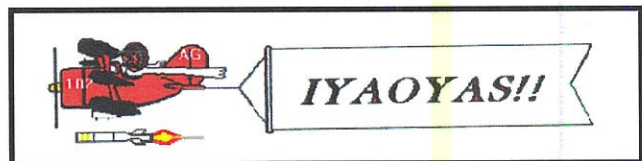
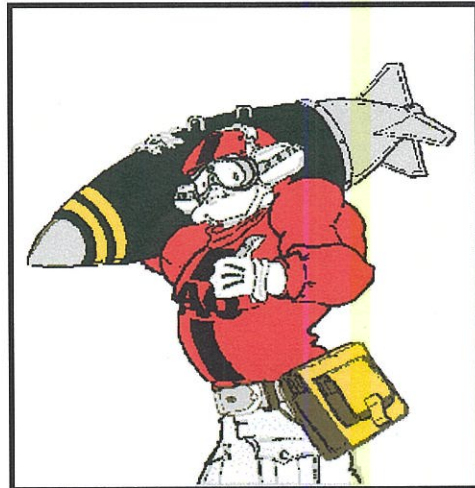
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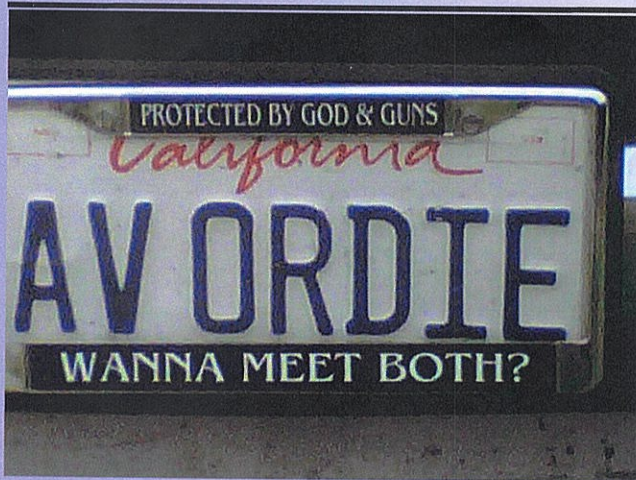
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- Are aircraft armament (weapons) specialists in charge of storing, servicing, inspecting and handling of all types of weapons and ammunition carried on Navy aircraft.
  - These technicians may also volunteer to fly as Naval aircrew. Aircrew performs numerous in-flight duties and operates aircraft systems in turbojet, helicopter, or propeller aircraft.
  - The duties performed by AOs include:
    - Inspect, maintains and repair aircraft mechanical and electrical armament/ordnance systems;
    - Service aircraft guns and accessories;
    - Stow, assembles and load aviation ammunition including aerial mines, torpedoes, missiles and rockets;
    - Service bomb, missile and rocket releasing and launching devices;
    - Load supplementary munitions;
    - Assemble, tests and maintain air-launched guided missiles;
    - Supervise operation of aviation ordnance shops, armories and stowage facilities;
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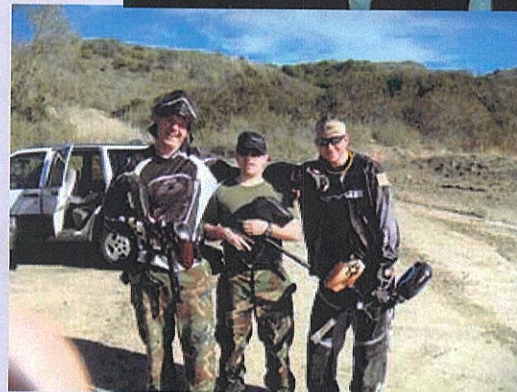




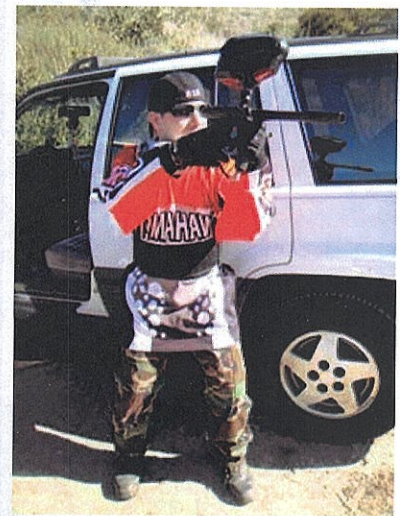
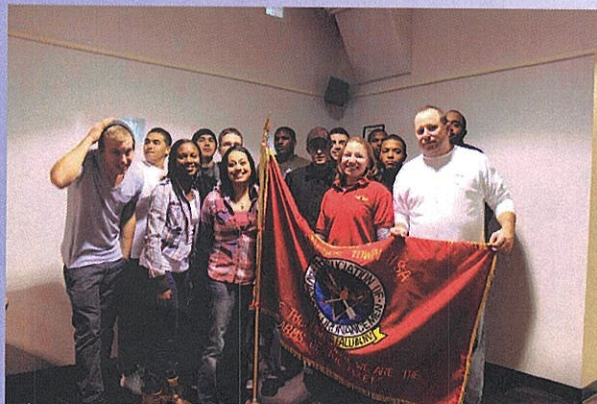
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