THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

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Newsletter # 78

The Red Shirt

Another Great Convention Is In The History Books

Las Vegas, NV - The year 2000 National Convention was a rousing success thanks to all who gave of their time and talents.

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT
Commander David H. Lepard, USN

AO OF THE YEAR
AO1(AW/SW) Scott Fitzgerald Kesler, USN
USS JOHN C STENNIS CVN 74

AVORDY Runner-UP
AO1(AW/SW) Paul Daniel Smith, USN

AAO HALL OF FAME
CWO4 Robert (Bob) Jackson, USN/Ret.

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

President's Message

I am greatly humbled by and most appreciative for the opportunity to serve our great organization as national president for the next three years. My pledge to you will be to do my utmost to serve the aims and purposes of the AAO throughout my term. Nothing would please me more than to see us thriving and growing in membership each year. I believe we can make that happen. You have placed your trust in me to lead the way. In turn, I place my trust in you to help. I stand at the end of a long line of great leaders, most recently, Jeff Sassone (and his wife and helpmate Cyndy). Like me, they too needed your help, support and commitment in order to move our organization forward. I count on you and believe in you and look forward to meeting the challenges of the 21st century with you at my six.

One of my first official duties is a very pleasant one. Congratulations to AO1(AW/SW) Scott F. Kesler from the USS John C. Stennis, our John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year for 2000. Well Done! Running a close second was runner-up AO1(AW/SW) Paul D. Smith from the USS ESSEX. These men are the best of the best. Keep it going, gentlemen. Our newest inductee into the AAO Hall of Fame is CWO4 Robert Jackson, USN/Ret. Best wishes Bob, for your many contributions to our rate. Finally, we were so pleased to award Robert L. Crow Scholarships to Amanda J. McDonald, Tiffanie R. Myhand and Emily M. Robins. Congratulations, ladies.

Everyone had a great time at the Imperial Place Hotel in Las Vegas. Special thanks to our site chairman, Dennis Costa and Jim and Caroline Thomas for their faithful service. The various committee chairmen also deserve our thanks for their contribution to overall success of the convention. Thank you Dave Moore, Membership and Nominating Committees, Ed Scott, Scholarship Committee, Digger O'Dell, AO of the Year Committee, Chuck Onken, Hall of Fame and Reunion Book Committees, Dave Michel, By-Laws Committee and Jeff Sassone, AO Museum Committee. Vice-President, Dave Moore, Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Grass and your Red Shirt Editor, Steve Cashat all deserve our gratitude and thanks as well.

Our guest speaker, Rear Admiral David C. Nichols, from U.S. Central Command Headquarters, provided us with a war fighting CINC's view of just how we're doing as an ordnance community. It was eye watering to here the boss tell us we were doing nothing short of real miracles to meet today's demanding missions. I also felt the true sense of Navy and Marine Corps pride coming from our retired members. They are the ones that trained us.

See you next year in San Diego where it all began! □

Dave Lepard
President

From The Vice-President

This year's convention is now in the history books. It was a great success! The committee chairmen and the association members sitting on the committees all put forth an outstanding effort. A special thanks goes out to Rear Admiral David Nichols for taking time from his busy schedule to support the Association. Congratulations are also in order for the winner and runner up of the John Finn AO of the Year award and the three scholarship winners. The selection process for these awards is extremely thorough. Each selectee can be justifiably proud of their award.

The results of this years elections are in. CDR David H. Lepard was elected President. Congratulations Dave! This is an extremely challenging position, but one I'm sure you will enjoy. Our Association is sure to benefit from your leadership. Our outgoing President, CDR Jeffrey P. Sassone, did an outstanding job and it was a pleasure to work with him. Good luck Jeff and Cyndy, in all of your future endeavors.

Our new additions to the Board of Directors are Joe Manley and Ed Scott. Leon Stolz was re-elected as our Chaplin. Congratulations to each of you. I'm looking forward to our future "stimulating conversations" in the Board of Directors meetings.

All of our proposed By-Laws changes were approved at the General Business Meeting. These changes include splitting the positions of Secretary/Treasurer into two separate offices and allowing the general membership to vote via absentee ballot. The details of these changes will be published in future editions of the Red Shirt. I also had another meeting of the Membership Committee at the convention but because of the vast amount of information already being published in this edition, I will save the details for a future Red Shirt.
In closing, I would like to remind everyone that my address, E-mail address and phone numbers are all published in each issue of the Redshirt. I do want to hear from you so please feel free to contact me with your suggestions or concerns.

Until next time, enjoy the summer heat and all those wonderful summer activities and be safe. □

Submitted by Dave Moore
Vice President

Absentee Voting

Nominate or allow yourself to be nominated for one of the four (4) offices that will be up for election.

Vice President
Secretary
2 seats on the Board of Directors

1 June 2001 is the cut off date for nominations to qualify for the Absentee Ballot.

Procedures for nominations and getting on the ballot will be published in future Red Shirts.

Scholarship Committee Chairman

This years applications really challenged the Scholarship Committee. As in years past, the competition was keen. For those selected, our "CONGRATULATIONS". Their names appear elsewhere in the RED SHIRT, to all others who submitted, please try again next year. Watch for submission due dates on the application as the time of next year's convention will be in the fall.

I have done some research and located web sites that may help in acquiring student aid, scholarships (not including our own), and loans. The following is provided for your use with the understanding that we are only providing this information to assist the student and parents and not connected to any by our organization.

Federal Aid. Department of Education's Student Financial Assistance pages (http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/)

Scholarships. FastWeb (www.fastweb.com), Students Advantage's Scholaraid (www.scholaraid.com), both are free sites require you to fill out a questionnaire.Other sources for free searches are: College Board's Fund Finder (http://www.collegeboard.org), CollegeNET (www.collegenet.com), Peterson's CollegeQuest (www.collegequest.com) and SRN Express (www.srnexpress.com).

Loans. eStudentLoan.com (www.estudentloan.com) will provide information based on amount requested and time limit for payback (deferred until after graduation) and free quotes from different lenders on private or government-backed loans.

I want to again thank all of you for your continued support of the Scholarship fund. Without your support, we would not be were we are today. □

Edward C. Scott,
Scholarship Board Chairman

Membership

Fellow Ordies, Greetings from the Heartland. For those of you who have never had the pleasure of being stationed 1500 miles from the nearest ocean, you ought to try it. I'll be rolling in July 2002 (or so). I could start my own Chapter out here, but there would never be any more than one member. Associate members are a possibility though...

To get to the point of my article. I had the pleasure of serving on the membership committee for this year's national convention in Las Vegas. Nearly without exception all Chapters echoed the National Association's membership woes. What we, the National Membership Committee have decided to do to get more ordies informed about the association and what we do. We're going to send copies of the Red Shirt out to all commands/ordie shops, we've shifted the location for the conventions to the Fleet concentration areas; 2001 in San Diego and 2002 in Virginia Beach, we're creating tri-fold handouts, we will offer first term re-enlistees one-year free membership, we'll offer a special reduced membership fee for first time members and we've proposed allowing absentee voting at the convention. We are hoping to attract those ordies that aren't aware of the good things we provide to our community.

Folks, today in the Navy we have 224 Aviation Ordnance Officers and 6850 enlisted ordnancemen - fifteen percent of these are wearing Khaki. We are an impressive force. In order to maintain our community's adhesiveness we really need to recruit and keep members in our association. Each one of us can make our association better. Recruit a fellow ordnanceman today! □

LCDR Diann Pape, USN
USSTRATCOM

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Once again it is a very busy time here in Ardsley, PA. With the convention over there is much to do to get the word out about all the positive things that happened both during the Board of Directors Meeting and at the General Business Meeting. In this issue you will find the minutes from the General Business Meeting and in the next issue you will find your copy of the revised By-Laws.

In the coming year we should all be thinking about either nominating or allowing yourself to be nominated for one of the four (4) offices that will be up for election. These offices are Vice President, Secretary, and 2 seats on the Board of Directors. With absentee voting being instituted for the first time, it is more important then ever to get your nominations in on time. The Board of Directors has set 1 June 2001 cut off for nominations in order to qualify for the Absentee Ballot. The procedures for nominations and getting on the ballot will be published in future Red Shirts. If you are thinking about running for the new office of Secretary please contact me and I will be more than happy to fill you in on what the job will entail.

Marleen and I would like to thank those individuals that helped us out during the convention. Without your help we would not have been able to enjoy the convention as much as we did. □

Dick Grass
Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter Meetings - Places/ Times / Dates

Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
President: Robert S. Walecki
559-924-1989
NAS Lemoore, Ordie Shack
3rd Wednesday, 1700

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA
President: John A- Desormeaux
360-240-1758
VFW Post 7392 (Whidbey)
2nd Wednesday, 1600

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach VA
President: Bob Borges
757-486-6789
VFW Post 392, Bowland Parkway
3rd Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA
President: Neely Hall
619-384-1810
CPO Lounge in the Wreak Center
3rd Thursday, 1800

Chapter 7 - PT. Mugu, CA
President: James Richardson
805-9891793
The Point (CPO Club)
3rd Wednesday, 1630

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA
President: J.J. LaMaitre
619-562-8492
FRA, Chula Vista
1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville,
President: Thomas W. Rose
904-268-7756
FRA, Collins Road
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
President: Timothy L. Dorrill
808-254-2120
Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV
President: Pete Quintana
775-428-2173
American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
lst Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River
President: Lee Clark
410-394-0036
Lexington Park FRA
3rd Wednesday, 1900

Chapter 63 - USS Kitty Hawk CV 63
President: Aaron A. Shipley Jr.
Forward Deployed

Chapter 65 - USS Enterprise CVN 65
President: Sheltric Peterson
On Board

Chapter 72 - US S Lincoln CVN 72
President: Barry W. Ehnerd
On Board

Chapter 74 - USS Stennis CVN 74
President: Tracey M. Appleby
On Board

Chapter 75 - USS Truman CVN 75
President: Clovis 0. Ash Jr.
On Board

Chapter Pensacola - Pensacola, FL
President: Joseph A- Elliott
850-453-0428
Call for Meeting Time and Place

Chapter Keystone - Mechanicsburg, PA
President: John Titzel
717-605-2149
On Base
2nd Wednesday, 1130

Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA.
President: Charles J. Baldwin
760-352-4921

Chapter MT ETNA -
NAS Sigonella, Sicily
President: Gloria M. Johnson

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

LCDR Arvid F. Lyons USN Ret.
LT Bradley J. Schwake
CW04 Robert H. Wildermuth Jr. USN Ret.
AOC Lawrence A. Singley USN Ret.
CDR Ray Ramirez USN Ret.
AO1 (AW) Barry W. Ehnerd
AO1 Tirn S. Furbush
AO1 (AW) Richard E. Terrell
George E. Schultze
AQC Murrel S. Owen USN Ret.
AOCM Dennis Costa USN Ret.

NEW MEMBERS

Donald H. Anderson
GYSGT Johnny Rodriguez
Donald L Espenshade
CWO3 James D. Kaefer
AO2 Jason G. S. Chang
TSGT Frederick L Young USAF Ret
Timothy W. Goss
AOC(AW) Jeffrey T. Elliott
CWO2 Harold T. Clarke
AO3 Anthony T. Bond
AOAA Jeremiah J. York
AO1 Janofsky Herrion
AO3 Davod A. Russell
AO3 Thomas A. Diamond
AO1I Herman S. Ratliff USN Ret.
George M. Boyle
AO2 Christopher L. Crichton
AO2(AW) Gall E. Stewart
AOCM Jess E. Bradbury USN Ret.
Dennis K. Menefee
AO1 William J. Regan
AOAN Angelo V. Anzano
AOAA Samuel DeLeon Diaz
AOAA Joseph A. Freeman
AOAN Joseph A. Hinojosa
AOC(AW) Pete F. Quintana Jr.
AO3 Jessica J. Rinehart
AO1 (AW) Vincent L. Rabalais
AO2(AW) Adam J. Bartness
AO2 Tomas S. Wheelock
AO1 Alex Rubalcaba
AO1 Lawrence E. Ferrence
AO3 Michael B. Clossin
AOC Bill M. Svoboda
AO2 Anthony U. Robinson
AO3 Joe R. Padilla
CWO3 Patrick M. Kingsbury USN Ret.
AO1(AW/NAC) Shawn L. Wicks
AO1 (AW) John E. Deitrick
Bruce Kaiser
AO2 Gregory A. Curo
ADCS H.C. Jay Bishop USN Ret.
AOAN Scott A. Keating
AOAA Jeff R. Hayden
AOAA Jeremy D. Perry
AO3 Jeffrey A. Cogswell
AOAN Brian P. Fogarty
AOAA Erich D. Herd
AOAN Donny D. Stinson
AOAN Robert J. Begbie
EM1 (SW/AW) Ruben L. Dionisio
AO3 Daniel R. Rush
LTJG Antoinette L. McMillen
AOC James M. Anderson
AO3 Mark S. Mullen
AO1 Bob Brown
ENS Eddy E. Kelley
LCDR Marvin W. Young
AO1 (AW/SW) Thomas H. Julias
AOCS Michael D. Jensen
AO1 (AW) Randy D. Miller
AO1 Michael E. Neat
AOAN Jeffrey D. Staggs

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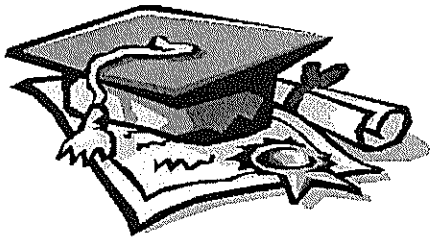

Edward J. Stith
Thomas K. Williams
Steven & Pamela Wrenn
Howard & Doris Pattison
Charles & Jane Thomes
Dennis J. Klaszewski
Kenneth & Sandy Porter
USS Lincoln CVN 72
Gerald & Margarete Olivas
Mary K. Feldman
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Paul & Amy Swindell
James E. Thompson
Donald & Elisa Shirley
Robert & Denise Tom
Frank & Naia Williams
Garry N. Klaus
Wayne & Betty Beasley
Harold & Shirley Henson
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Bryan Downs
John & Roberta Arnao
Sevemo & Cassandra Marshatelli

LOCATOR

Can you help?..... Know where any of these members can be located?

AO1 (AW) Matthew R. Mader
AOAR Ahnika Searles
Roger Kraus
AOC(AW/SW) James C. Short
LTJG John Kline
AO1 (AW) Jefferson B. Mendoza
AO2 Jason Maynard

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Chapter ONE
Lemoore News

Greetings from sunny Lemoore California. It was sure good to see all those friendly faces at the 2000 AAO Convention in Las Vegas Nevada! For those of you who could not attend, you missed a memorable one. We at Chapter One would like to congratulate all the newly elected national officers, especially CDR Dave Lepard, our new President. Even though he has a tendency to use Flying Lady golf balls while relaxing on the golf course, we believe he will serve the association well. We were also happy to see Mr. Finn doing so well and look forward to enjoying his presence at the 2001 convention.

John Finn reenlisting Petty Officer Richard Ogan

I know Petty Officer Richard Ogan was happy and very proud to have John reenlist him after the auction was over (pictured above). John still hasn't lost his touch with the ladies as you can see. Congratulations also go out to the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year and the Scholarship winners, a job well done and we wish you success in the future.

As for Chapter One, we have completed another year of fireworks sales over the long 4th of July weekend. We had a lot of

Natalie's liplock

John and Dee

participation this year and everything went very smooth and safe, as always. In the near future, we will be hosting our annual picnic on the 5th of August starting at 1000 at Hickey Park here in Lemoore. Although this edition of the Redshirt will not be out prior to that date, we hope that if you are in the area you will stop in and have some food and drink on us. In September, Chapter One will be doubling as ushers again for the Tulare County Fair. This year's fair brings John Michael Montgomery, Montgomery Gentry, Reba McIntire, and Bill Cosby to name a few. This is a great fundraiser for us, which of course helps us with our youth sports sponsorship obligations, as well as our yearly scholarship, which is presented at the picnic. Plans are also set in motion for our annual Christmas party, date is TBD. If you are in Lemoore, contact myself or one of our other members and we will be happy to give you all the dates and places so you can attend some of our functions.

Johnny Wheat, the national web master, told me that we will update the memorabilia section of the web site in the near future, so keep an eye on that for changes.

That's about it from Chapter One shipmates. Hope to see ya'all soon. Once again, if you are in Lemoore or the surrounding area, please look us up. We still meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1700 in the "Ordie Shack" in between OP's and Admin side of the base. Stay Safe, Live Long and Prosper! IYAOYAS!! □

Red Shirt Articles

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15 OCT 00
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15 MAR 01
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Explosive Safety

FORKLIFTS AND ORDNANCE

BY AOCS (AW) D. SWARTZ

The Naval Safety Center received 27 Forklift related ordnance mishaps from 1 June 99 until 1 June 00. Forklift operators attributed most of these mishaps to personnel error due to lack of supervision, training, carelessness and inattention. Another major factor, no safety observer (spotters) present during handling evolutions. A sample of mishap report narrative follow:

CATM-65F Maverick stowed in front of elevator on MHU-191 in a ready service configuration. Protective cover for IR dome was not shipped with missile. Certified magazine crew stowing ammo in magazine. Forklift was in front of the missile and blocked access to elevator. Team Leader instructed team member to move EE forklift. Forklift operator waited for spotter but moved forklift before spotter was in position. Forklift operator turned causing rear of forklift to strike IR dome shattering it.
Cause: Inattention to details and no spotter.

Magazine crew was assigned the task of unloading four black Brant V solid propellant rocket motors from a flat bed trailer for stowage. The rocket motors were stacked 1-high on a flat bed trailer. Three of the rocket motors were unloaded without incident. However, as the MHE operator was lifting the last motor from the flat bed trailer, the rocket motor slipped off the forklift tines and toppled over onto its side on the trailer bed.
Cause: Failure to ensure forklift tines were properly extended under load prior to lifting.
Haste/Overconfidence.

Lets pay attention to what we are doing, are people are to valuable and are equipment is to expensive to replace. Lets use ORM (OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT) process, and reduce some or all of these mishap.

Questions: AOCS Swartz is a Weapons Analysis at the Naval Safety Center, give him a call at (757-444-3520) DSN (564) EXT.7142 for comments or if you up with the 00 "E" him at dswartz@safetycenter.navy.mil. □

Chaplain's Corner

Greetings from South Texas!

We made it home from the 25th Association Convention without any problems. We were greeted in Texas by the same hot weather we left just a week earlier.

Sherryl and I had a great time while in Las Vegas. We renewed a lot of old friendships and started some new ones. We left with the understanding that we would all meet again next year, in October, in San Diego, California.

As I mentioned earlier, it was and still is hot here. My lawn has gone "crazy". My old lawn mower broke down so I had to buy a new one. I got the new mower, put it together (without reading the instruction manual) and as you might guess, it would not start!! After a while, I read the instructions, and sure enough I had missed one step. This time the mower roared to a start.

It seems that life is getting more complicated. It is becoming more and more difficult to understand all of the many complex devices that are part of our daily lives. One thing that should not be complicated or hard to understand is our relationship with our maker. Our Lord's instruction book, the Bible, has not changed in thousands of years. His instructions are clear and easy to follow. The Bible gives us many examples and prophecies. It reflects to us the past and lets us know what to expect in the future. In the book of II Timothy 3: 16 & 17 state; " All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." So please read this instruction book of life, the Bible. It will make your life a lot easier.

In closing, we have much to be thankful for. Also, we have many to pray for. Remember these in your daily prayers; our country and its leaders, our shipmates, friends, and families. There are many that gave their lives so that we could live free in this great country; please remember them. May peace and love be with you until we meet again. □

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AO2 Charles M. Stasen Jr. USN/Ret.

Chapter Eight

San Diego Chapter

Greetings from sunny San Diego. It's hard to believe that another convention has passed. Those of you that made it we appreciate you all being in Las Vegas. Get ready for the Silver Convention in San Diego next October. We will do our best to put on a Convention like no other ever held. We are planning (key word there - planning - we need advance notice) on a golf tournament, and a wine tasting trip to name a few events. If there is anything you would like to see now is the time to speak up and let us know what you would like.

A special **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Jim and Carolyn Thomas. Every year they make the sacrifice during the Convention to take care of us. Next year we hope they are able to spend some quiet time together. Again Thanks!!!!!

Welcome Home to the Ordies of the USS John C. Stennis. Thanks for a job well done. Looking forward to hearing about your latest adventures out on the "Tip Of The Spear".

Chapter 8 hosted John Finn's 91st birthday gala out at the Finn Ranch on July 22nd. We had concerns over whether we would be able to get out there. Seems John had one of those famous So Cal wildfires several miles from the ranch. Wind conditions were favorable and we had over 20 people in attendance to sing John Happy Birthday. As you can imagine a lot of sea stories were passed back and forth.

Chapter 8 is helping out the San Diego "Madres" this year sponsoring a Baseball Camp for 8 – 14 year olds. Jim Saxton is actively involved with the Youth of the community and we are proud to give Jim a hand.

Upcoming events include our Highway Walk coming up on September 9th. Afterwards we will head to Johns Ranch and start to get him stocked up for winter with firewood. The Holiday "HAND UP" is getting ready to be kicked off. Our "Can – Do" spirit really helps out providing for the less fortunate families.

That is all for this quarter. Starting with the next "Red Shirt" start looking at what we plan for next years Convention.

Our meetings are held at the Fleet Reserve Branch 61, 288 3rd Street, Chula Vista on the 1st Thursday of each month @1900. See you there. IYAOYAS ! □

"JJ" LaMaitre

San Diego

2001 CONVENTION

October 4 - 7, 2001

QUALITY RESORT
Mission Valley
San Diego, CA

875 Hotel Circle So.

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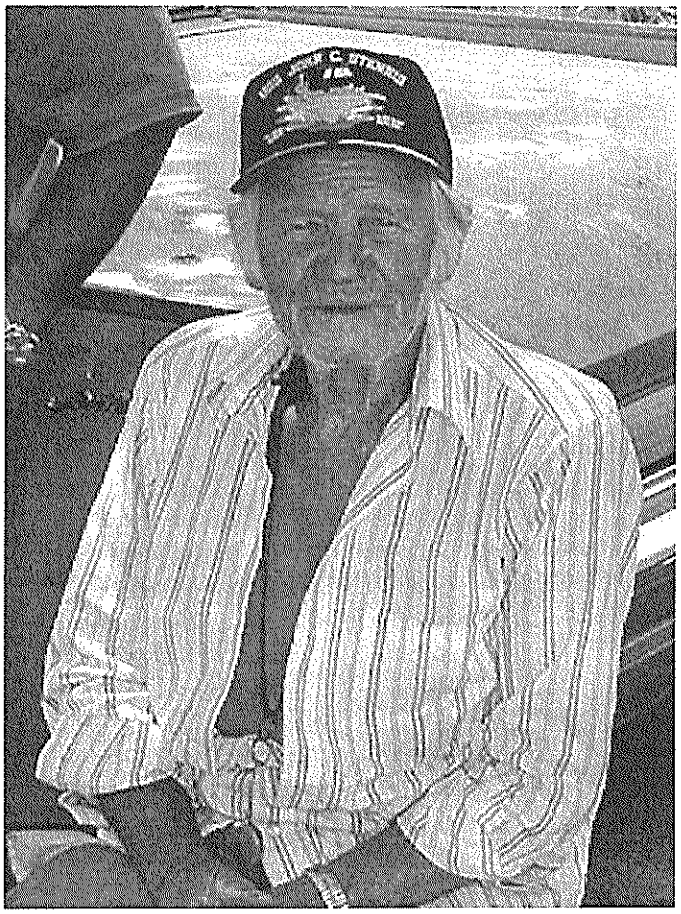
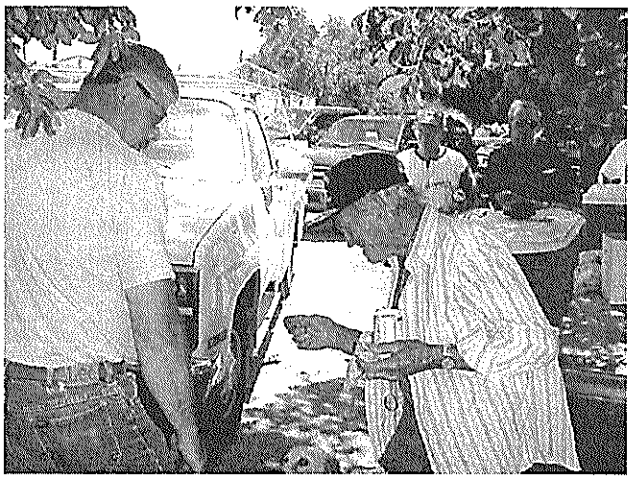
619/298-8282



A National Treasure
Mr. John W. Finn

A Living Bridge To The Future

Happy 91st Birthday



Chapter Eight helps John celebrate his 91st birthday!

Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAAO)

From the President

I would like to add my sincere thanks and appreciation to those of the entire Auxiliary to the outgoing officers. Our President, Stella Collier, Secretary/Treasurer, Gail Hildebrand, Board Members, Pat Castro and Wanda Gould all did a tremendous job to keep the organization active and productive. Congratulations to our new officers, Secretary/ Treasurer, Tom Sawyer and Board Members, Carolyn Thomas and Bette Sharp.

We had a good convention in Las Vegas, had a lot of fun and were able to contribute over $1500 to the AAO Scholarship fund. Many individuals contributed incredible items and crafts for sale and for the auctions. Types of craft items were discussed at the general meeting with the suggestion that AO theme or black and red, and patriotic red, white, and blue colors sold better than others in some items. Please continue to come up with clever ideas and make those special crafts for sale because without them we would not be able to provide the same high level of support for the scholarship fund.

The AAAO is indeed fortunate to have members that are truly dedicated and genuinely devoted to maintaining and enhancing the purposes and activities of our organization. We need volunteers to work on the following committees: Budget, By-laws, Crafts, and Memorabilia. If you are interested and can help, please let me know by mail, phone, or if you have e-mail that works too. We would like to get everyone involved and working together. If we pool our talents we can do great things and accomplish much.

The more people we have involved, the more fun we can have, and the more we can do to fulfill our goal----"WE SUPPORT THE ARMS OF THE FLEET" □

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CHAPTER FIVE CHINA LAKE, CA

Well, another convention has come and gone. They gave me another ribbon. You know, these ribbons look kinda like feathers when they are all put on one button. I wonder how those ribbons would look as feathers in a Sioux war bonnet? Well, no matter.

Anyway , the warriors from a place that is neither a lake nor in China all seemed to have a good time. At least, they didn't look at me and mumble "tar and feathers" this time.

We had our quarterly FOD walkdown last Saturday on the 15th of July. It was a might warm. And, I did hear mumbles about "tar and feathers." Chief Horworka went through the BEQ and kicked out several Weapons Test Squadron Ordnancemen to help. I hope they were talking about him in relation to the tar and feathers.

After the road cleanup, we had a picnic. The Chief had to go back and kick the guys out of the sack again. Then we showed them the secret of feeling cool at China Lake.

We all joined hands and danced in a circle till we got dizzy and passed out. Pretty soon, we were all huddled around the campfire drinking hot sake and singing "Koom By Yar." Well, until the sake ran out.

At our July meeting, we welcomed Lt Toni McMillan, the Gunner from WTS, as a member of Chapter Five. Welcome aboard Gunner. .... Later. Happy Birthday John Finn. □

Neal Hall

THE ODIN GROUP

Arlington National Cemetery, June 4, 2000. AOC Durwood L. Wiley, USN/Ret. (1939-1959) presented a plaque honoring the 97 lost shipmates of "The Odin Group" (1941-1949) - (Patrol Squadrons VPS-1, VB 101, VPB101, PATSUT-2). The Group participated in three (3) major battles: Midway, Guadalcanal, and Munda

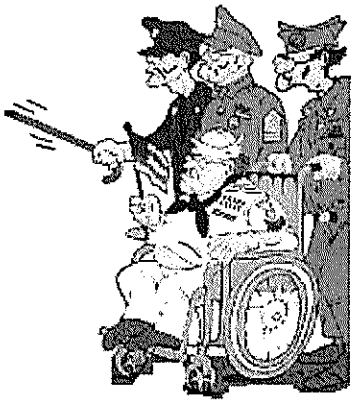
In August 1943 on Guadalcanal while flying as a tail gunner in B24's and PB4Y2's, Chief Wiley was called back to the ordnance shop just prior to a night mission . He was replaced by AO3 "Red" Walter Slacher. This flight, commanded by Lt Fistler was lost to a Japanese Zero fighter.

Chief Wiley spent 34 years spearheading the effort of getting this plaque into the building of "The Unknowns".

Chief Wiley has four (4) sons, seven (7) grandchildren, and resides in beautiful downtown Ridge, Maryland. □

Chief Wiley presenting the Odin Group Plaque on June 4, 2000

Veterans Affairs Information



By
CWO4 Jim Doran, USN (Ret)
Secretary, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers

For the last couple of years, I've been involved in veterans advocacy work at the County, State, and Federal levels. One of the many things I've learned is that there's way too much information NOT being disseminated amongst our active duty brethren, so with the help of Steve Cashat, I thought that I would use the *Red Shirt* to share some of this information.

As a case in point, do you know about your home state veterans programs? Do you know that every state and US Territory has it's own Department of Veterans Affairs that is NOT related to the USDVA? It may not be called the State DVA, but it is there. Are you aware that many states have County Veterans Service Officers that provide services over and above what the feds or states do? Some of these CVSO's are state employees, many are not.

Are you Illini familiar with the Illinois Veterans Grant? Are you aware that if you were an Illinois resident when you enlisted and you return to Illinois within six months of your discharge the state owes you a four year free education at a state supported college or university? This is in addition to the Montgomery GI Bill. Do you Californians know that the California Department of Veterans Affairs has a better home guaranty program then the USDVA?

This is not the forum to discuss the state or county benefits programs, but, for those of you who are interested if you'll contact me I can give you a local POC in your state or county.

How many of you are familiar with exactly what's available through the US Department of Veterans Affairs? Has your career counselor filled you in? How about the base retired affairs office or the TAP people? Would you care to make a wager!

First things first – before you take your discharge or retire, copy your entire service record and your medical record. There are items in those documents that you may need in the future. Today, if you're out of service and you need copies of info from your active duty records you have to contact the NPRC in St. Louis. It could take over six months to get the info. If you file a claim for disability with the DVA without the documentation, they'll give you 30 days to get it!

Do you know what constitutes a disability as far as the USDVA is concerned? Do you know that the loss of an index finger could be worth $288 per month, tax free, to you? A moderate back injury could be worth $413 per month, tax free. (Is there an AO out there that doesn't have a back injury of some sort!) Do you know how to file the claim, or where to go? Do you know if you're married and/or have kids the VA check can be higher? Do you know about secondary injury? For instance if you have a leg injury and you compensate for that by a change in the way you walk – and that in turn causes you to injure your other leg, the second leg can be service connected too!

Do you know that you can get a disability compensation from the VA for Sexually Transmitted Diseases? Do you know the difference between a line of duty injury and one that is not a line of duty injury? In actuality any injury or disease or illness you suffer while on active duty in the United States Armed Forces is considered Line of Duty unless you were doing something illegal. And they are all compensable by the USDVA.

Quite often our shipmates, who are retired for disabilities, are taken care of by the DOD and the DVA, you're right. But more often then not, they are NOT. The key word is retired. If you are separated, vice retired, with a ten per cent disability by the Navy the DVA may, and I've seen them do it, deny your claim. In a growing number of situations the DVA is assisting our active duty service members with separation physicals. Do you think that they are doing this out of the goodness of their hearts? Just a suggestion, about 30 days before you get out, go to a civilian doctor, get a good physical exam and pay for it. It could be worth your while.

Do you trust your squadron corpsman or the ship's doc? Good, but only trust them medically, not administratively. I injured my LEFT ankle a year before my retirement. The ship's doc put a cast on my LEFT ankle for six weeks. Fifteen years later the ankle started causing problems. I filed a claim for disability with the USDVA. The VA doc agreed with everything I told him, the x-rays backed up everything I told him, the offsetting conditions backed up everything I told him. The claim was denied! Why? The corpsman noted in my service medical record that the injury was to the RIGHT ankle and the doctor didn't catch it! As far as the VA is concerned I injured my RIGHT ankle in the Navy and there is nothing wrong with it!

There's not enough room in the *Red Shirt*, as I said, to discuss everything or to give you advice. There are also not enough issues a year to cover all of the programs that are available. The only real advice I can give you is this: Do NOT trust the Department of Veterans Affairs to take care of you. They must be asked, sometimes fought, and occasionally sued. Without going into too much detail – they are sued so of-

ten that the Federal government has created a special Federal Court in Washington (the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims). Once your claim is filed it could take months to get an answer. The DVA may deny the claim, that doesn't mean it's over. You can appeal for a hearing, then you may appeal to the Board of Veterans Affairs, then you may sue through the CAVC. If you win, the claim will be settled back to the date of the original filing. I know of vets who have been awarded disability claims for injuries suffered in World War II and the check was backdated 50 years!! (Try 10% disability at $98 per month times 600 months – and these were 20% and 30% claims!) Are you aware that the VA Regional Office in Chicago has its denied claims reversed on appeal over 30% of the time?

As a last note, there are some internet locations you need to familiarize yourselves with. One of them should be obvious, www.va.gov. Others include (California) www.oc.ca.gov/csa/vso, www.cacvso.org, (Texas) www.tvc.state.tx.us, (Illinois) www.state.il.us/agency/dva, (National Veterans Legal Service Program) www.nvlsp.org, and (National Association of County Veterans Service Officers) http://nacvso.org. You can even contact me at www.mchenrycountyclick.com under Public Access Television, Veterans for Veterans or e-mail me at jwdoran@co.mchenry.il.us or call me at (815) 334-4229. There's also at least one book you may want to purchase. It has nothing to do with the DVA, it's entitled Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Dependents by Gail Ann Schlacter and R. David Weber. It lists many, many of the scholarships and educational grants that are available to you and your kids.

There are many kinds of veterans in our society today, however, IYAOYAS!

Veterans for veterans; it's not just what we do – it's who we are. □

(Jim Doran is a retired Gunner and Plankowner of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen . He is Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County, IL and Regional Vice President of the Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions)

BERT C. EDMONS A01

BORN: MARCH 21, 1919 Longmont, Colorado
DIED: OCTOCBER 16, 1942 (23 yrs old) Killed in Action - Guadalcanal

Received the **Silver Star** - Posthumously.

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as air bomber and tunnel gunner while serving with Torpedo Squadron 8 during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Island area from Sept. 28 to October 16 1942, flying under extreme adverse conditions, Edmonds, by his courageous and skillful performance of duty in the face of sever opposition, contributed greatly to the successful achievement of Torpedo Squadron 8 during numerous attack missions."

He was also entitled to the Presidential Unit Citation given to the First Marine Division, reinforced, for activities in successfully executing forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambago, Florida and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, from Aug 7 to Dec. 9, 1942. The unit, according to the citation, "completely routed all the enemy forces and seized a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific." The reinforce division "not only held it's positions despite determined and repeated Japanese Naval air and land attacks, but by a series of offensive operations against strong enemy resistance, drove the Japanese from the proximity of the airfield and inflected great losses on them by land and air attacks. The courage and determination displayed in these operations was of an inspiring order".

Other Medals Received:
Purple Heart
American Defense Service Medal
Asiatic-Pacific area Campaign Medal

He was credited with over 50 attack missions and with shooting down several Japanese aircraft.

In an article of a local newspaper he was cited as Chief Petty Officer and First Class Airplane Ordnancemen.

He had four other brothers, all in the Navy.

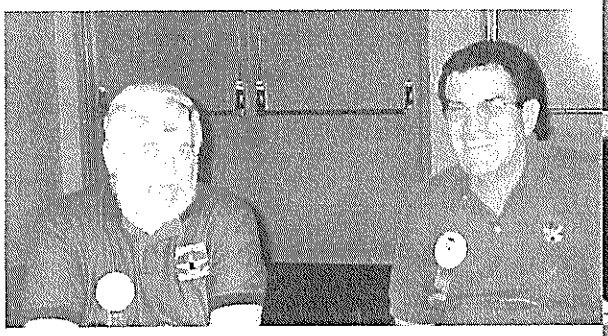
Dick
Glen At Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th
Bert
Bob Twin brother at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th
Hap Stationed on board USS Colorado (Battleship) in Bremerton, Washington on Dec. 7t", He is still alive and living in Colorado.

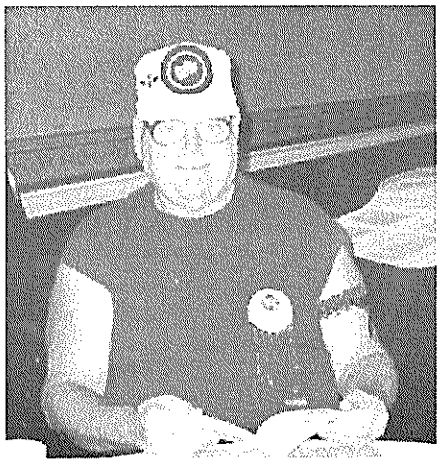
Bert had a Destroyer Escort named after him: USS EDMONS - DE 406
Keel laid: 1 Nov. 1943
Launched: 17 Dec. 1943 (mother launched)
Commissioned: 3 April 1944

His brother Hap was on the Commissioning Crew and served on it for the duration of the war seeing six combat missions. While the ship was in the battle of Iwo Jima, she went to the rescuer of The USS Bismarck Sea (CVE95). The last Aircraft Carrier sunk during WWII. The Edmons rescued 378 sailors. When the ship was decommissioned, Hap acquired the ships bell, which is now on display at The American Legion Post 32, Longmont, CO. □

Article provided by:
AOCS Kenneth S. Claser, USN/Ret.

CONVENTION





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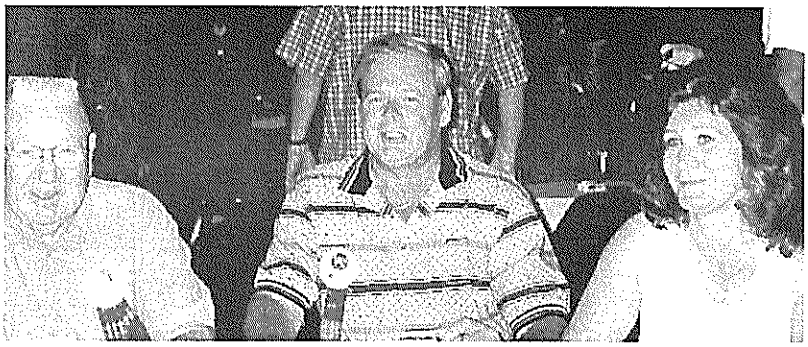

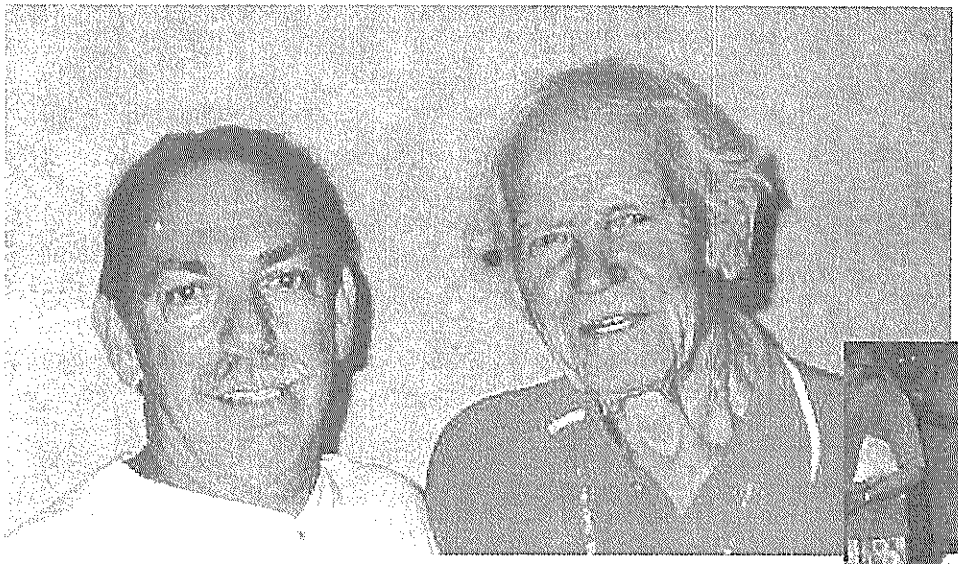

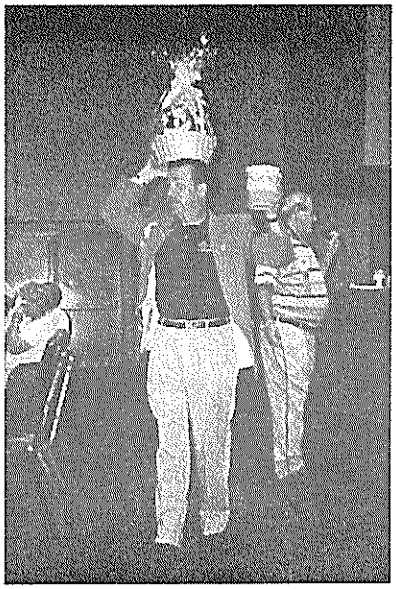

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Jeffrey P. Sassone, President, called the 2000 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0903, 24 June 2000, at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and played the National Anthem and the Ordie song.

Leon Stolz, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were **79 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.

A thank you card from Martha Ussery was passed around for the Membership to read.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2000/2001 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 3 to the By-Laws the privilege of nominating, making motions, debating and voting is reserved for Regular Members of the Association during the course of this meeting.

We have three proposed change packages to the By-Laws to vote on today. The proposed change packages were printed in Red Shirts #76 & #77 and copies are available in the rear of the room. When it comes time to vote on them there will be a limited time for discussion, so make sure that you have read and understand them. The change packages will be voted on as they are. During the discussion we will be happy to talk about them but they must be voted on as formatted; therefore talking about changing them would not be in order.

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

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

Approved the establishment of Chapter 75, onboard the USS Truman CVN 75.

Approved proposed changes to the Scholarship Instruction.

Approved recommended changes to the By-Laws & proposed procedures for absentee voting.

Endorsed Chapter 22's effort to have a Navy Ship named after John W. Finn.

Richard J. Grass, Secretary/Treasurer, reported that the minutes of the 1999 General Business Meeting were

published in Red Shirt #74 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room. A synopsis of the minutes was which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 1999 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection, the motion was passed. The 1999 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Secretary/Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 1999/2000 Approved Budget and Expenditure Report along with the CPA's Financial Report are available in the rear of the room. The Memberships attention was drawn to the Assets & Liabilities page of the Report, which shows our Net Assets increasing by around $6,500 since last year. To further explain the report, the membership was briefed using the 1999/2000 Approved Budget and Expenditure Report. The report shows that for the third year in a row our income exceeded what was expended. This Report also shows that our income was less than projected. This short fall was due to the continuing decline in dues paying members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 1999/2000 Financial Report and the Approved Budget and Expenditure Report are Enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2000 Convention Committee, Dennis Costa Site Chairman –

The convention is going along as planned. He thanked his fellow Committee Members, Inez Rambeau, Asst. Sales Manager, from the Imperial Palace, and Jim Thomas.

2001 Convention Committee, J. J. La Maitre Site Chairman –

The convention will be held in San Diego the first weekend in October.

2002 Convention Committee, H. Steve Cashat Site Chairman –

The convention will be held in Virginia Beach VA. The proposed convention package has been turned over to the Formal Convention Committee for their review and acceptance.

Formal Convention Committee, Jim Thomas CO/Chair –

We have 127 people staying in the Imperial Palace. He talked about Inez Rambeau being written up in one of the local papers and her referring to the Association Plaque hanging in her office as one of the high points of her career. We are on track for the 2001 & 2002 Conventions.

Membership Committee, Dave Moore Chairman –

The membership figures are available in the rear of the room. The bad news is that active membership numbers continue to go down. The only bright spot is that the number of life members is going up. A meeting of the Membership Committee was held Friday afternoon where a number of ideas were discussed to help improve the membership rolls. The committee's recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors tomorrow for their approval. The following figures were presented:

	19 June 1997 Report	12 June 1998 Report
Dues Current	1092	1002
Life	350	389
Honorary	57	62
1 Year Grace Period	442	376
Total	1941	1829
Address Unknown (these numbers are included in the above figures)	47	57
Inactive Members	3998	4291

	17 June 1999 Report	14 June 2000 Report
Dues Current	1006	874
Life	411	443
Honorary	71	78
1 Year Grace Period	310	364
Total	1798	1759
Address Unknown (these Numbers are included in the above figures)	54	57
Inactive Members	4538	4730

Scholarship Committee, Ed Scott Chairman –

The 6 members of the committee reviewed 9 packages. The number of packages was down this year primarily due to the more stringent requirements. Three packages had to be returned because they did not meet the submission deadline. Again this year the President was able to recommend to the Board of Directors that the amount of each award be increased $250 to a total of $2,750. The Board accepted the recommendation and raised the award to $2,750. The ability to raise the Scholarship Award is due to the generosity of the Membership, and the continued support of our Chapters and the unfailing efforts of the Auxiliary. The Winners were announced at the Awards banquet and are presented here for the record.

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2000

1. **Amanda J. McDonald, Daughter of Rodney J. McDonald**
2. **Tiffanie R. Myhand, Niece of Dawn R. Sealy**
3. **Emily M. Robins, Granddaughter of Thomas D. Robins**

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

The committee considered 66 packages. He thanked each member of the committee by name. The committee consisted of active duty, retired and ex members of both the Navy and Marine Corps. They totaled 675 years of ordnance experience. The Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors a few changes to the instruction to help clarify the requirements and hopefully enhance the packages. The winner and runner-up were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record.

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
JOHN W. FINN
AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2000
AO1(AW/SW) SCOTT F. KESLER

RUNNER UP
AO1(AW/SW) PAUL D. SMITH

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Chuck Onken Chairman –

The committee represented over 200 years of ordnance experience. There were three packages submitted and one individual was selected. The application requirements have been redone and were published in the Red Shirt. Anyone needing help in submitting a package should contact the Chairman. The name of the individual selected was announced at the Awards banquet and is presented here for the record.

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
AO HALL OF FAME SELECTEE FOR 2000
CWO4 ROBERT D. JACKSON USN RET.

Nomination Committee, Dave Moore Chairman –

Elections for position of President, Jeffrey P. Sassone, two Board of Directors seats, Floyd English and Mike Porter, and the Chaplain, Leon Stolz will be held today. To date we have 2 nominations for President one of which has declined the nomination, 2 for the Board of Directors seats. We do not have one for Chaplain. We will be taking nominations from the floor during the election.

Reunion Book Committee, Chuck Onken –

Last year's book was in color and we have received many favorable comments on it. Due to problems encountered by the committee with that company we are going with a new company this year. This year's book will also be in color. 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.

By-Laws Committee, Dave Michel Chairman –

There are three change proposals to be voted on today. The first covers changes of an administrative nature, the second is in response to a proposal submitted by Dick Grass to split the office of Secretary/Treasurer, and the third is in response to a request submitted by Chapter 4 to allow absentee voting. The last one has taken over two years and countless hours to put together.

AO Museum Committee, Jeff Sassone –

We have given Joseph Elliott, President of the Pensacola Chapter, authorization to find a suitable site to house and display the Museum. At present it is semi on display at the "A" School. We are hopeful that we will be able to display it in it's entirety at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola. I do not have an up-date at this time and this will be one of the unfinished business items that I will turn over to the next President.

NEWSLETTER REPORT, Steve Cashat Editor –

He thanked everyone for their articles and stressed the need for timely submission. Due to the change in convention dates for the up-coming year some of the article due dates will be changed. The Red Shirt was within budget limits again this year. You can help to keep the overall costs down by maintaining a current address with the Secretary/Treasurer. If you use an APO/FPO address the postal service is not required to forward your newsletter to a new address. This causes you to not receive your newsletter and we do not get a change of address on you. He requested that the Chapter articles lean more towards what is going on in the Chapter in the future versus what has happened in the past. For the seventh year in a row he asked for professional articles dealing with what is really happening out there. This year members will be given the opportunity to request to download their Red Shirt from the Website versus receiving it by mail. The procedures for this will be in place and announced in the Holiday issue of the Red Shirt. Once you opt for download only, you will not receive the printed version until you change your request in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer. Once again please heed the new article due dates. The winner of the Logo contest was chosen during Thursday's Board of Directors Meeting and is presented here for the record:

AO1 TIM S. FURBUSH

AAO WEBSITE REPORT, Johnny Wheat Website Manager –

From 1997 to date we have had 21,921 visitors to the site with 7,786 coming in the past year. Guest book entries total 614, which is an increase of 170 since last year. We are talking about having Chapter web pages on the site and we can also provide a link to a Chapter's site if they have one. Please have your web person contact me for the particulars.

CHAPTER REPORTS

There are presently 18 active Chapters and 1 inactive Chapter.

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA.	Rob Walecki
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA.	Dave Michel
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA.	Bob Borges
Chapter 5	China Lake, CA.	Neely Hall
Chapter 7	Pt. Mugu, CA.	Larry Cowell
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA.	J. J. La Maitre
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL.	Inactive
Chapter 11	Kaneohe Bay, HI	No Report
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV.	Joe Manley
Chapter 22	Patuxent River, MD	Al Castro
Chapter 63	USS Kitty Hawk CV 63	No Report
Chapter 65	USS Enterprise CVN 65	No Report
Chapter 72	USS Lincoln CVN 72	Chuck Onken
Chapter 74	USS Stennis CVN 74	No Report
Chapter 75	USS Truman CVN 75	No Report
Pensacola Chapter	Pensacola, FL.	John McCoy
Keystone Chapter	Mechanicsburg, PA.	National Sec/Treas
MT ETNA Chapter	NAS Sigonella, Sicily	Jeff Sassone
Desert/Southwest Chapter	El Centro, CA.	T. C. Moore
Auxiliary		Stella Collier

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

The President formally recognized LCDR John T. Buckley USN Ret. by presenting him with a letter and Certificate of Appreciation. He was recognized for his contribution to the Association by having his slogan "Peace Through Power, We Are The Arms of the Fleet" selected as the official slogan of the Association in 1984.

OLD BUSINESS

Combined Federal Campaign issue, Jeff Sassone -
Digger O'Dell took on the action for this last year and is still actively working it. He has requested clarification on the paperwork required to be in the program.

AO Hall of Fame picture board Jeff Sassone -
Looking at getting either the "A" school or NAS Fallon to commit to placing the board at their location. We are also looking at design options.

Members names appearing on the Website, Jeff Sassone -
It was determined at the Board of Directors Meeting that we would not post a roster of our membership on the Website. However individuals can sign the logbook if they are interested in having people contact them.

Logo contest, Jeff Sassone -
Last year the Board of Directors approved the running of a Logo contest to recognize the 25 th anniversary of the Association and the 75th Birthday of the AO Rating which takes place in 2001. At Thursdays meeting the Board selected the input from AO I Furbush and awarded him a free Life Membership. The others who entered were awarded a one-year free Membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes to the By-Laws vote –

The President called for voting on the proposed By-Laws changes. He explained that there were 3 change packages to be voted on and reminded everyone that voting was restricted to Regular Members of the Association. To pass, each package has to be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting members.

Package one –
The Secretary/Treasurer explained the package stating, in part, that the package dealt with mainly administrative changes. With no discussion forthcoming from the floor the President called for the vote. The proposed change was approved by a vote of 67 for and 4 against.

Package two –
The President explained the package which would provide for the splitting of the office of Secretary/Treasurer. This split would create two new offices. The first would be that of Secretary who would handle all administrative matters and also act as Historian for the Association. The second would be the office of Treasurer who would manage the Association's funds and also maintain all the membership duties.

He then asked for questions from the floor. J. J. La Maitre asked what the cost to the Association would be. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that we would have to buy a new computer, printer, scanner, keyboard, and mouse which is estimated to cost the Association in the neighborhood of $1,500. We currently own the software and we have a monitor. The yearly cost to maintain another office should be in the neighborhood of $200.

The question was asked about type o's and such. The President explained that since we are voting on each package as a separate entity it is realized that when they are combed into a smooth cut of the revised By-Laws there may be need for minor corrections. These corrections will not affect the intent of the By-Laws as changed. He further explained that if approved the new Secretary will be elected for a three-year term in 2001 and the current Secretary/Treasurer will remain on as Treasurer until that three-year office is up for election in 2002. It is felt that this will allow for an orderly transition of responsibilities.

With no further discussion coming from the floor the President called for the vote. The proposed change was approved by a vote of 67 for to 5 against.

Package three -
The President stated that this proposed change was a result of a Chapter 4 initiative. He then gave the floor to Bob Borges, the President of Chapter 4, who thanked Dave Michel for the work he did to turn what was basically an idea into a well prepared and thought out package. The President than explained the package and again went over the combining of the approved packages. He than opened the floor for discussion. With no discussion coming from the floor he called for the vote. The proposed change was approved by a vote of 58 for to 16 against.

Election of Officers –

The President called for the election of Association Officers and turned the gavel over to the Nomination Committee Chairman, Dave Moore. He announced that the offices open for election are the office of President, two seats on the Board of Directors, and the office of Chaplain.

Election was held for the office of President.

The nominee was:
David H. Lepard by Chuck Onken
There being only one nomination for the office of President **David H. Lepard was elected** by unanimous consent to serve as President, term to expire 2003.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Mike Porter.

The nominees were:

Joe Manley by Chuck Onken
Al TenEyck By J.J. La Maitre
Edward C. Scott by Billy Earl

A vote was held and **Joe Manley was elected** to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2003.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Floyd English.

The nominees were:

Al TenEyck by J.J. La Maitre
Edward C. Scott by Billy Earl
Richard Ogan by Rob Walecki

A vote was held and **Edward C. Scott was elected** to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2003.

Election was held for the office of Chaplain.

The nominee was:

Leon D. Stolz by Digger O'Dell

There being only one nomination for the office of Chaplain **Leon D. Stolz was elected** by unanimous consent to serve as Chaplain, term to expire 2003.

Formal professional presentations –
Presentations were given by:
LCDR John McCoy on the Aviation Ordnance Officer Career Progression course and the Ordnance University.

Bruce Kaiser, PMA 205, on the AIM 9X Sidewinder Program

The presentations were well received by those in attendance as indicated by their standing ovation.

During the convention the following Chapters and individuals made contributions to the Scholarship Fund:

Chapter 1 $100	Chapter 3 $150	Chapter 4 $250	Chapter 5 $215
Chapter 7 $335	Chapter 8 $200	Chapter 21 $250	Chapter 22 $300.10
Pensacola Chapter $250	MT ETNA Chapter $50	Keystone Chapter $500	
Auxiliary $2,500	Desert/Southwest Chapter $100		
John & Alice Finn $300	Billy & Donna Earl $100	Chuck & Bev Onken $150	
Larry & Nellie Cowell $50	Jim Wilkinson $50	Bob Jackson $50	
Tom Robins $50	Ed Ashlock $50	Talton & Janeva Gilbert $50	
Lloyd "Windy" Tracy & Mable $100		Floyd English $200	

Total contributions received for the Scholarship Fund $6350.10.

2000 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDEES

1. DAVE ANDERS	RIDGECREST, CA.	CHAPTER 5
2. OPEL ADDERS	RIDGECREST, CA.	CHAPTER 5
3. ED ASHLOCK	KAPOLEI, HI.	AT LARGE
4. R. WAYNE BEASLEY	LAKE ELSINORE, CA.	CHAPTER 7
5. JAY BISHOP	WALDORF, MD	CHAPTER 22
6. ROBERT BORGES	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.	CHAPTER 4
7. GEORGE BOYLE	CARPENTERSVILLE, IL.	AT LARGE
8. JOHN BUCKLEY	CAMANO ISLAND, WA.	CHAPTER 3
9. VIRGIL BURKE	CANON CITY, CO.	AT LARGE
10. D.L. BUTLER	SAN DIEGO, CA.	CHAPTER 8
11. ALBERT CASTRO	LA PLATA, MD.	CHAPTER 22
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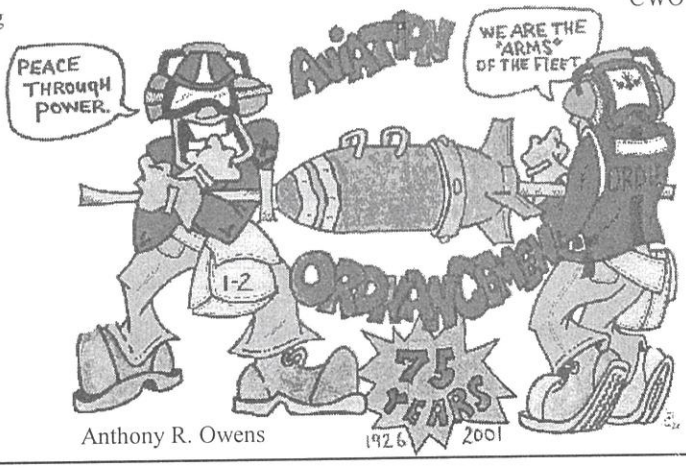

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