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## GUEST SPEAKER



### REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL L. BOWMAN

Rear Admiral Bowman was born in St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his commission through the Aviation Officer Candidate Program and earned his Naval Aviator designation in February 1967.

Operational assignments at sea include Operations Officer, Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN and

Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron NINE SEVEN. He commanded three air wings: Carrier Air Wing FIVE, embarked in USS MIDWAY (CV 41); Carrier Air Wing THIRTEEN; and Carrier Air Wing ONE, embarked on USS AMERICA (CV 66).

Shore assignments include Fleet Replacement Pilot Instructor duties in Attack Squadron ONE TWO FIVE, duty as the Principal Deputy to the Secretary of the Navy for Senate Liaison, and three tours in various divisions within the Bureau of Naval Personnel; most recently as Director, Aviation Officer Distribution Division. Rear Admiral Bowman assumed duties as Chief of Legislative Affairs in March 1992.

Rear Admiral Bowman is a veteran of 250 combat missions in the Vietnam and Desert Storm conflicts. He has accumulated more than 4000 accident-free flight hours in 25 different types of aircraft and has logged over 1200 carrier landings.

In addition to campaign and unit awards, Rear Admiral Bowman's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), and the Air Medal (three individual-mission and 22 strike/flight awards). Rear Admiral Bowman is married to the former Sally Porter of San Francisco, California. They reside in Arlington, Virginia. They have two children: Ashley, a Navy Lieutenant (Junior Grade); and Geoff, a student at Virginia Poly Technical Institute.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming convention. George Adams and his committee are making the final arrangements at this time and all indications are that this years convention will be a great success. If you are planning on attending plan ahead and make your reservations through Jim Thomas at Point Loma World Travel and our Sec/Treas Jerry Gannon for the Banquet and all of your travel and hotel requirements. See the Red Shirt for all the details.

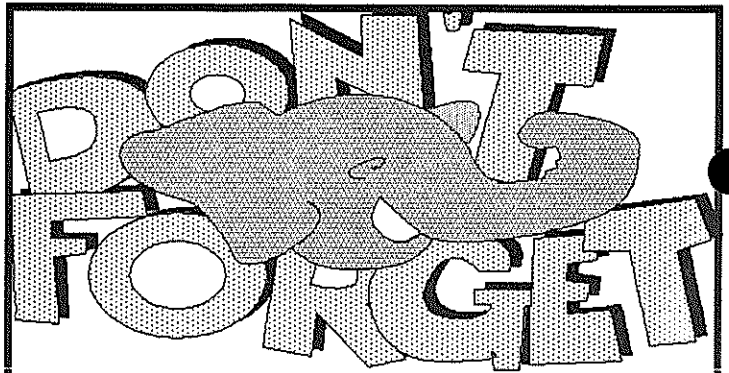
I had the pleasure of attending the February Chapter One Association meeting at Lemoore and really enjoyed the hospitality. Additionally, I drew all of the numbers for the monthly calendar and if anyone is wondering why two numbers came up twice so am I, can't believe that I could do that. I have yet to see my number come up ever! By the way they still have calendars for sale.

Even though we have membership in excess of 2,000 we still have the same old problems of renewal, address changes and monthly participation at the chapter meetings. I would like to challenge all members to update your memberships and the chapters to report the change of address of members when they transfer by notifying the National Sec/Treas Jerry Gannon, 1245 Cunningham Ave, St. Charles, MO 63301, this will enable us to keep up with our membership and save our Association dollars.

For the convention this year I would very much like to see everyone participate in the committees as well as the general assembly so sign-up early and you can also obligate yourself at registration. As you know we also have positions coming open this year in the form of Sec/Treas, and Board Members. As of this writing we have one person nominated and has accepted to run for the office of Sec/Treas, CWO-4 Retired, Billy Earl now living in the Big Sky Country of Montana, thanks Billy for your support.

Once again looking forward to seeing as many of my fellow "Ordies" as I can at the up-coming PIP and convention. Be Safe!

Gary Laun  
President



## MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE 18th ANNUAL AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN CONVENTION

17 - 20 JUNE 1993

See advertisement on page 11 for details and phone numbers!!! Use the enclosed reservation form to make your reservation in advance!!!

## From the Desk of the SECRETARY/TREASURER

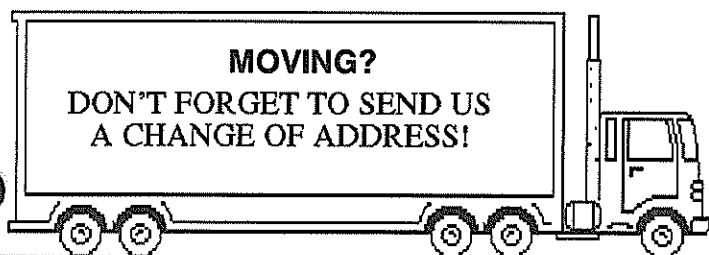
Hope everyone has made their plans or are going to make their plans to attend this years convention/symposium in RENO.

In the last newsletter you were informed that something new had been added to the mailing labels that addressed your newsletters. It was the addition of your memberships expiration date. Additionally you were encouraged to go back to the last sheet of that newsletter and check to see if the expiration date displayed was correct. Also if you were in arrears to please bring your dues up to date. At this time I encourage you to go to the last sheet of this newsletter NOW and check the expiration date on your mailing label. Check to see if it is correct in every way, i.e. expiration date, is it correct or are my records wrong? Do I have the correct address or did this newsletter find you by a fluke? Is your name spelled correctly? Is your rating/rank correct? If there are any errors please let me know. If you are a lifetime member you of course would not have an expiration date, but please take the time to check and see if everything else is correct. I will soon be turning the Association's files, records, etc. over and I want to ensure that the new Secretary/Treasurer has the latest and correct files.

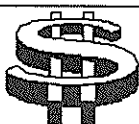
Have your dependents, brother, sisters, spouses, etc. began filling out their scholarship applications yet. If not, get a copy from your Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. If you are not affiliated with a Chapter contact me and I will get one in the mail to you right away. Remember, you must be a member in good standing for the person that you are sponsoring to be considered. A member in good standing is defined as a member whose dues are current, not a member who is in the one year grace period. Once again, if your considering sponsoring someone, turn to the last page of this newsletter and check your dues situation.

That's it for this newsletter, with the convention coming up I'm quite sure the Newsletter Editor needs the space so this is a KISS input. See you all in next month.

Gerald F. Gannon  
Secretary/Treasurer



## Scholarship News



As of this writing, I have only had three requests for scholarship applications. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** Do not be a procrastinator like me - get it done early.

At the 1992 Convention, eligibility requirements for scholarships were extended to include grandchildren along with dependents or immediate family. Now you old-timers have a chance to have someone eligible.

Remember sponsors of an applicant must be members in good standing (dues current) with the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. This is the first screening performed by the selection committee. Read and follow the directions carefully

Floyd English  
Scholarship Committee Chairman

## Chapter 1 Lemoore, CA

The Ordies from Chapter One say hello. We would like to give the ordies of VFA-25 a BRAVO ZULU on winning the BOOLA BOOLA Award for '92. They are the first F/A-18 squadron to win this award which is normally given to the F-14 bubbas. Congratulations are also in order for VFA-94 and VFA-22 who were first and second runners up respectively.

We would like to congratulate the 'MIGHTY SHRIKES' of VFA-94 on winning the coveted Scott Kirby Award. The "VIGILANTES" of VFA-151 were the runners up. This award is given to the best Ordnance shop in Strike Fighter community.

It was election time again for Chapter One. After the mud quit flying and the dust settled John Dawson was elected as president, Lewis Lachney as Secretary, Brian Slater as Treasurer. Board of Director positions were filled by Chuck Onken, Jim Clifton, and Phil Kershishnik.

We would like to wish fair winds and following seas to Master Chief Aviation Ordnanceman Edwin J. Kaczynski who retired on May fifth after serving thirty years.

On thirty April Chief Aviation Ordnanceman William J. Scoggin was Commissioned to the rank of Ensign at Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific. Congratulations Bill. We would also like to thank Bill for the outstanding job he did as President of Chapter One.

Well that's about all from Chapter One. We would like to welcome home all the ordies from CAG 15. We will see you at the convention.

John (Jukes) Dawson  
President, Chapter 1

## Chapter 3 Whidbey Island, WA

With spring well on its way the Chapter Three membership is active as usual. In February we held the quarterly Adopt A Highway road clean up and March saw the membership hard at work with a fund raising car wash. The car wash efforts yielded a reasonable profit that will go toward the



Chapters scholarship and general fund. A special thanks to AOCM Jack Breedlove for coordinating the car wash, and to the Oak Harbor YMCA for the use of their facilities.

Other fund raisers for the Chapter for this quarter included a raffle for a new Mossberg 500 combo 12 gauge shot gun. Congratulations to AOC Randy Nolan for winning the prize. The raffle yielded a tidy profit for Chapter Three. Thanks to AOCM Ed Hannifan for acquiring the shotgun and putting the raffle together. The effort was well worth it.

Chapter Three participated in the March of Dimes walk-a-thon held in Oak Harbor on 17 April. AOC Randy Nolan deserves a hand for being the liaisons and an active participant in the event.

The Chapters members turned out to retire two AO's this quarter. AOC Keith Breeden retired on 26 February from MAWSPAC, and will reside in the Whidbey Island area. LCDR Don Richardson retired on 12 March and has moved to Florence, Alabama. Both retirees and their families deserve a well done for all of the years of dedicated service defending our nation.

With LCDR Richardson's retirement Lt. Rudy Townsell was officially installed as the NAS Whidbey Wing Gunner. Welcome aboard Rudy.

As part of the overall downsizing of the Department of the Navy, NAS Whidbey will soon loose one squadron. VA-155 will be officially decommissioned on 27 April. Chapter Three wish all members of the Silver Foxes, fair winds and following seas.

Congratulations to AOC Jokien of VA-115 and AOC Gohn of NAS Whidbey AIMD. The list is out and AOCS is right around the corner. Well done gentlemen.

Whidbey Island and Chapter Three had a very special treat in April. AOC (LT) John W. Finn, WW II congressional medal of honor winner, and the namesake of the Aviation Ordnanceman of the year award, visited. John attended the 100th anniversary of the CPO designation, at the NAS Whidbey CPO club.

Congratulations to AO1 Carl Fargon and AO2 James Grassman of MAWSPAC. Carl was selected, for the second year in a row, as the

MAWSPAC sailor of the year. James' dedication to duty has won him the distinction of being MAWSPAC's instructor of the year. Bravo Zulu to you both. It is well deserved.

During the March Chapter Three meeting AOCM (RET) Dave Michel gave a presentation on the Navy Memorial at Washington DC. Dave visited the memorial during a well deserved vacation. While there he had the opportunity to see the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen's contribution. The contribution was in the form of a \$1,000 donation which resulted in a placard affixed to one of the seats in the Arleigh A, Burke main theater. The placard recognized the national AAO as a donor to the memorial. Dave is also acting as the AO's information source for anyone wanting to donate to or join the U.S. Navy memorial log. The memorial log is open to all personnel who are now serving or have ever served in the Navy. Dave will have more information and applications available during the '93 AAO convention in Reno.

During Chapter Three's April meeting CWO3 Buck Hansen was nominated, and subsequently accepted the position of Ordnance Safety Committee chairperson. Buck will be selecting his committee to look into and report on ordnance safety related items to the membership. We expect to hear some great things from Buck and his committee in the near future.

Also, during the April meeting, CWO4 (RET) Lester Tucker gave a talk on the history of the Navy PO and CPO rating badges. The talk covered the rating badge history from conception in the early 1800's to the present day. Thanks Lester for the extensive research and interesting bit of history. As usual an excellent job.

In May the Chapter will once again conduct the quarterly Adopt A Highway road clean that will be followed by a family get together at Deception Pass park.

August will bring the annual AAO Chapter Three family picnic. A standing invitation to attend is extended to all of Chapter Three members and any other AO's that may be in the area on business or pleasure. If past picnics are any indication of what this one will bring, a good time is guaranteed to all who attend.

Michael Weare

## Chapter 4

### Tidewater, VA

Hello and best wishes from the TIDEWATER ORDIES of Chapter IV. At our February meeting the Chapter held our annual elections for office and the New Officers and Board of Directors are:

President: LCDR Max Snock USN Ret  
Vice-President: AOCS(AW) Paul Hamann USN  
Board of Directors:

Dawn Crosby Ex-AO2  
CWO4 Jim Dovan USN Ret  
Frank Rough AOCS USN Ret  
CDR Mel Swartz USN  
AO1 (AW) Mark Winn USN

Congratulations and we know the above officers will guide the Chapter through another successful year.

The following members were recently selected for commission through the LDO and CWO programs:

Taking the rank of Ensign are:

AOCS(AW) Paul Hamann  
AOC Ron Chamblis  
AO1 Bruce Witt  
AOC Charles Swilley

For CWO-2 are:

AOC Fred Avery  
AOC Ed Haislip  
AOC Michael Miller  
AOC Ron Thames

Chief Thames was one of the 1991 runner-ups for AVORDY. Congratulations and well done to you all.

Another area of great pride within Chapter IV is the outstanding community work our members in Kuwait are involved in and there are thirty-two members and associate members in Kuwait. CWO-4 "Rick" Walters USN Ret has really organized our ORDIES over there. They have been very busy and below is some of their recent and future projects.

1.They organized and "manned the grills" for a cookout held by the American school of Kuwait, the girls were attending a major JV girls basketball tournament. The affair was a tremendous success and a special thanks to Mrs. Tom

Undset for her help, her husband is Tom Undset AOCS USN Ret and a Chapter IV member.

2.They also assisted the Kuwait Elementary School with their Art Festival and then sponsored a pool party and cookout.

3.Their big event will take place between 24 April and 1 May when the members will be working closely with the American Women's League of Kuwait. This group has invited around two hundred family members of U.S. service members killed in hostile action during "Desert Storm". The event is officially named "Operation Desert Peace". American Airlines is providing free round trip transportation for the event. During the event our members will be assisting the families in settling in, taking them on tours, escorting the families to the receptions and a banquet and helping them with their departure.

During the organizing briefs "Walt" learned that the Kuwait government would be putting out 1,000 small Kuwait flags for the reception and banquet. Not wanting to be out done "Walt" wanted a showing of the American flag, his problem being in a remote area and with a non availability of U.S. flags over there he called home for Chapter help. Chapter IV's Sec/Treas quickly went into action and located 1,000 4X6 inch high quality U.S. flags at a very reasonable price.

The flags arrived in Virginia Beach on 7 April and were rapidly mailed to Kuwait and should arrive in time for a showing of our great flag. Keep up the great work guys it is rally appreciated.

A bravo zulu to the Naval Air Forces Atlantic Fleet Battle "E" winners. At my deadline time some squadrons were not known and apologies for not listing all but USS Dwight D. Eisenhower CVN-69 who won the "E". USS Saratoga CV-60 won the Weapons Black "W" and the following squadrons were "E" winners; the "Sunday Puncher" of VA-75 NAS Oceana, the "Slugger" of VF-103 NAS Oceana and from NAS Cecil Field, FL the "Gunslinger" of VFA-105.

In a somber note though VA-65 was laid to rest, the world famous "Fighting Tigers" disestablished on 31 March after 47 plus years in operation and last years Battle "E" winner. "VA-65, gone before it's time because of a Navy

without a Dime." I guess we better get use to it guys as "Dixie's Own" the Saratoga soon to be decommissioned as is Forrestal and Ranger along with many more squadrons in the future.

At our April meeting the Chapter will commence a raffle on a gas grill and smoker. The raffle will continue at the May and June meetings with all proceeds going to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Fund. Because of the 18th annual Association of Aviation Ordnancemen's convention in June Chapter IV is moving our June meeting up one week to 9 June vice 16 June.

On 17 April the Chapter kicked off our second year on the Virginia Beach Highway clean up program and this was a team work effort, which joined Chapter 65, USS Enterprise (CVN-65) and Chapter IV. It was great to get the two chapters together and the post clean up cookout was outstanding with great grits, cold beer, soda and lots of sea stories. Our thanks to Chapter 65's President AOC Sam Libby and his ordies. We are also planning a lot of dual functions together for the summer and fall.

Recently we had do bid farewell to the USS Roosevelt (CVN-71) and Carrier Air Wing Eight team as they sailed for the "Med". The ship and air wing has a lot of Chapter IV members and are very supportive in the Chapter's events. Have a safe and successful deployment guys. The following best wishes also go out to USS Saipan (LHA-2) which is also deployed to the "Med", even though she's a gator we have five ordies in Chapter IV as ships company and very active in the chapter. Now a hardy welcome home form the "Med" to the USS John F Kennedy CV-67 and Carrier Air Wing-Three team. "Big John" has a lot of members we haven't seen in six months and a Happy 25th Birthday to USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67).

As of this writing we haven't had our second annual camp-out or "Red Shirt Ranch" but it will be 23, 24, and 25 April at Camp Seneca and we are anticipating a great turn out. More on how it went at the convention and next newsletter.

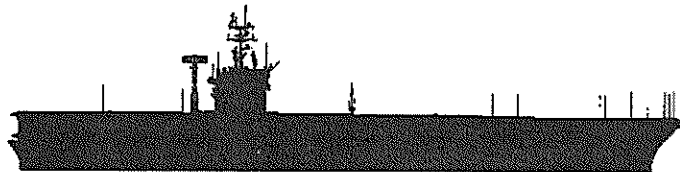
On 3 March we bid farewell at a luncheon to chapter member Del Wather AOC USN Ret, who also retired from Civil Service as a PAWC rep with Airlant. Del devoted 39 years in Aviation Ordnance service and is settling in the Dakotas,

best of luck Del.

On 27 February our President Max Snock accepted an award for Chapter IV during VFW Post 392 awards ceremony. The award (our second) was for community service and support of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

Except for the June 1993 meeting, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday, 1900 at VFW Post 392. Come on out, join up, we'll keep the light on for ya!

Stu Carson, AOCM USN Ret  
Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter 4



## Chapter 8 San Diego, CA

Hello again, from San Diego Chapter Eight in sunny southern California, the record rainfall that we experienced earlier is now giving us a beautiful spring time of green and flowers.

Chapter Eight has already planned our annual picnic at Admiral Baker Field on 15 May 1993, we already have the raffle tickets for the \$300 cash drawing to be conducted at the picnic so be sure you have a ticket or tickets for the event, see any officer for tickets, if you don't buy tickets, you can not win.

Chapter Eight has the honor of having the National President as an active member, and we would like to welcome aboard CDR Gary Laun and his wife Mary Anne.

We would like to extend an open invitation to our Chapter meetings and the annual picnic for those who visit our beautiful city, we hold a monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month at the Fleet Reserve Club on Third Street in Chula Vista at 1900 hours sharp.

Not much has happened this year in Chapter Eight, so we will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the AO Convention 17-19 June 1993 at the Sands Hotel/Casino in Reno, Nevada.

Ken Eubanks  
President, Chapter 8

## Chapter 9

### Jacksonville, FL

Hello again from the membership of Chapter Nine in the sunny south. We're doing well as our membership is increasing, spirits are high and looking forward to a summer filled with more activities to be shared together. There is however a down side to some of our thoughts, and futures, as we are frequently reminded of the proposed closure of NAS Cecil Field. It just doesn't seem possible to hold any conversation without the subject being interjected. Most all of us here in Chapter Nine have fond memories of duty spent aboard NAS Cecil Field. Our Politicians and a Mayor's committee is working on a program to SAVE CECIL FIELD, but we'll just have to wait and see.

On the brighter side, Welcome Home to the Air Wing Ordies who just completed a cruise aboard USS Kennedy. We look forward to their participation in Chapter Nine. At this writing Ltjg Jerry Mitchell is leading in our membership drive for the round trip ticket to the Convention. There is however other members working to catch up and we still have two monthly meetings and a Chapter Nine Picnic scheduled as activities prior to determining the winner.

Speaking of our Picnic, Paul Bernath the President of Branch 91 of the Fleet Reserve Association, and member of AAO Chapter Nine, extended us an invitation to use the Branch 91 facilities for our picnic which we gratefully accepted. We are certainly appreciative of all the support we get from Branch 91. AOC (Warrant Selectee) Ken Ricci, AO1 John Burgess and AO1 Patty Tracy are the committee setting up this event which is scheduled to begin at noon on 24, April. The facility is fenced in, there's plenty of room for the kids to run and play, and hopefully we'll have a good turn out.

Thanks to Cdr P.D. Driver and AO1 John Burgess for their donations of their half of the 50-50 drawings to the Chapter Nine treasury for the months of February and March. I guess a lot of members feel like I do, "we're just waiting to hit the lottery!"

Cdr Floyd English discussed National Association Scholarship applications at our March meet-

ing. He stressed the importance of following directions on the application and making sure that each block is filled in. This is an excellent program and he encouraged everyone to take advantage of it. It's kind of like special liberty, you don't get it if you don't ask. So hopefully Floyd's committee will have more applications to review at this years National Convention.

Congratulations to AO1 Lawrence P. Grabel for his selection as the COMNAVAIRLANT Sea Sailor of the Year. Although the media, both newspaper and television refer to him as Gabriel we in Chapter Nine know him quite well, and feel that he is most deserving of this award.

Our Safety discussion at meetings are going quite well, thanks to AOC Tim Warwick providing the posters with the questions for discussion. Also, at the March meeting I was rather shocked at the response received when I held up a C1.3C placard and asked what it meant. We, at NAS Jacksonville receive 1000 placards by mistake, they should have been 1000 C1.3C labels for packaging which is becoming mandatory for the Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) program. The placards did not come through the supply system so we know that private industry is coming on board with the requirements of Hazardous Materials Regulation (HMR-181) which is to be fully implemented by 1 October 1996. We, as Ordnancemen, must become knowledgeable of explosives materials by Class, Division and Compatibility grouping. Take the time, get into the combined OP 5 Vol 2 and OP 2165 Vol 2, which I now refer to as SAF-010. The information is there, so it's our duty and responsibility to become aware of the content. It also lists weights and measurements in kilograms and centimeters which indicate to me a conversion to the Metric System is coming.

President Jim Bohac presented AAO plaques to the 1992 President Bud Clark, and Secretary Toni Molick for their contribution to the success of Chapter Nine during their terms in office.

Bob Hall  
Public Affairs Officer, Chapter 9



## Chapter 21

### Fallon, NV

We just completed our first CVW Deployment to kick off the good weather months that lay ahead after much snow here at ORDNANCETOWN USA.

Our East Coast "Brothers in Arms" from CVW-1 were in town for a shortened Weapons Det. A well done to Lt. Cruise and his Bomb Builders from the USS America (CV-66) and USS Eisenhower (CV-69) as well as to Gunner Shay and all the CAG-1 Ordies.

We are looking forward to the warm weather and renewing old acquaintances as the workload increases. If any of you Active duty Red Shirts are looking for a good Shore Tour come on down to ORDNANCETOWN USA. The Convention in RENO is not far off and we here at Fallon are looking forward to it.

We had a few new arrivals here at ORDNANCETOWN - AO1 Felix Zamudio from Beeville TX. He will blend in well here. AO2 Brian Langorgen from VF-21 off the USS Independence (CV-62). Of course with new faces we must say "Good Bye" to some: AO1 "Sid" Dwyer to CVW-14, AOAN Adela Menchaca to VP-40, And AOAN Stephanie Bradford to VAQ-34.

At our last meeting in March we had four Ordies join our ranks in the Association: AO1 Felix Zamudio, AO1 Juan Barreto, and AOAN Julie Snodgrass of Weapons Dept. and AO1 Louis Zavelz of VFA-125 Det Fallon. Also Mr. Paul Baca Associate Member from Weapons Dept.

Our meeting in April CWO2 Jeff Maxfield Reenlisted AO2 Ed Sturges of VFA-106 Det Fallon, The Good Gunner was actually a Stand in for Ltjg. Joe Simpson who was still on Det in Florida and unable to return in time to reenlist AO2 Sturges.

We are also planning our Annual AO Family Picnic which will be May 22nd this year. We also donated \$50 towards the Girl Scouts Olympiad at Fallon which is hosted by local Troop 90.

A special election was held for a new Sec/Treas due to AO1 (AW) Jay C. Goodrich receiving orders to the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-

70) in August. AOAN Mark G. Vanalstine will be the new Sec/Treas and complete Jay's term.

That's all from ORDNANCETOWN USA  
AOCM (AW) Jerry Copple  
President, Chapter 21



## Chapter 22

### Capitol Area



Greetings fellow Ordies from Chapter 22. The chapter now has a sponsor to host our monthly meetings. The VFW Post 8810 in Waldorf has graciously allowed us to hold our meetings in there facilities, and we would like to say thanks for their assistance. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ensign(sel) Hank Webb on his selection as an LDO and all of the other Ordies who were selected. Also Congratulations to AOC Tim Carroll of NAVAIR on his selection to AOCS. The Chapter is still growing and we are looking forward to the warmer weather and maybe the opportunity for a Chapter get together. See you at the PIP. Take note of the following, Chapter 22's mailing address:

Chapter 22  
Capitol Area AAO  
Post Office Box 311  
California, MD 20619-0311

Make a note of this so when you order your Chapter 22 Patch (for \$6.00). which is shown above, or want to correspond with us, you know where to write.

AOC Mike Warner  
Sec/Tres Chapter 22

## Chapter S-87

### Millington, TN

Greetings from the ordies of Chapter S-87. March 2nd was the 67th birthday of the AO rating. To celebrate the occasion Chapter S-87 and the AO School house had a cake cutting ceremony and the staff had a get together afterwards at the VFW Post 7175 which turned out to be a blast. Another super job done by Millington VFW, thanks for all your support and help. The cake cutting ceremony traditionally has the oldest and youngest Navy and Marine Ordnancemen cutting the cake.

Chapter member's welcomed aboard a new



member AO2 Clinton Mackenzie transferring to us from NAS New Orleans. At our last meeting P.O. Mackenzie was nominated and was voted in unanimously as Vice President. Thanks go out to his predecessor SSGT Roskom for a job well done. Congratulations go out to President AOC Mike Gramolini for his selection to Ensign and AOC Vince Howell for his selection to CWO2, see you in the wardroom.

P. Walker  
Sec/Tres, Chapter S-87

## Triple A O's News

By the time you receive this newsletter the convention will not be far away. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you, including non-members.

On Thursday there will be an informal meeting of the Board of Directors, but other members are welcome to attend. This meeting is to go over the agenda for the general business meeting and to make sure all old business is covered and what will or may come up in new business. Since all of us are from different areas, it will give us a chance to cover items that have come up in the past year on a face-to-face basis. At present I can foresee no reason for a Friday meeting but one is on the Convention Agenda just in case something comes up.

Our By-Laws are written and each of you should have a copy by now, PLEASE BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION, so all we'll have to do is vote on their approval.

There will be some items for sale by the Auxiliary at the convention to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. Last year we had the largest donation which was all raised right at the convention.

I hope to meet and talk with all of you personally but I'm afraid that's being a little bit optimistic. Hopefully, with three days it will be possible.

See you in June!

Kathy Gannon  
President  
Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen



Union-Tribune / NELVIN CEPEDA

**Feel of the past:** An ex-crewman touches name of his ship on the new Aircraft Carrier Memorial.

## Veterans unveil a monument to the Navy's Aircraft Carriers

John Finn reached up and ran his fingers over the recessed letters spelling out "Hancock" in the black granite - the name of one of three aircraft carriers he served aboard during his 21 year naval career.

"This is history," said Finn, an 84 year-old Medal of Honor recipient. "It means a helluva lot to me."

With the pull of a string, Finn and other veterans yesterday unveiled the U.S. Aircraft Carrier Memorial on a grassy knoll at the old Navy Fleet Landing. Hundreds of people attended the ceremony, including many Navy and Marine veterans wearing ball caps bearing the name of the flattop they served aboard.

"Grown men are not supposed to cry," Finn said. "But it makes me really happy to live to this age and be part of this ceremony."

The memorial, an obelisk, is made of black granite, the same material as the two walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. It is engraved with the names and hull numbers of 145 vessels - fleet, light and escort carriers, and amphibious assault ships.

With the carrier Ranger docked at North Island in the background, speaker after speaker praised the massive flattops for their important role in naval history and as well their future missions.

"It can show the flag; it can convey a serious message of commitment; it can interdict; it can defend; and it can destroy," said retired Rear Admiral Ronald Hays who served as Commander in Chief of U.S. Forces in the Pacific.

"It saved our country during World War II in the Pacific. It has been a player in essentially every major crisis that our country has faced since. And obviously, it's been a major contributor to our victory in the Cold War."

Hays, who served on five carriers during his naval career, said the memorial will immortalize the 145 ships and their crews.

"Generations to come will be prompted to pause and reflect upon the significance of these names to the welfare of our country over an extended period of time," Hays said. "The monument says to the world the carrier and the men who served and fought aboard them are special."

It took more than two years for the Aircraft Carrier Memorial Plaza group to raise enough money and overcome red tape to erect the obelisk on a plot of land on North Harbor Drive near F Street.

"Every day was a crisis," said John Dahl, president of the memorial group. He said at one point he tried to resign because he was so frustrated.

Dahl said the memorial grew out of retired Marine Larry Pepin's vision to honor the carrier Lexington. A group of about 50 veterans decided instead to erect a monument that honored all carriers, Dahl said.

He said the men were motivated by patriotism

and pride.

"We are still Navy and it is very close to our hearts," he said. "We're so proud of it, really. It is a beautiful stone, isn't it?"

Karen Kucher  
Staff Writer, San Diego Union-Tribune

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW????

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following members please have them forward their change of address to the National Secretary/Treasurer.. Many members lose contact with the Association when they move or relocate and fail to pass on their new address. Mail is returned with "moved and left no forwarding address" or "insufficient address". Please help locate these members so we can send them their "Red Shirt" and they can see what's going on in the AO community.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

6 AOCCM and 42 AOCS Selectees.

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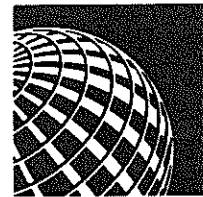


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## Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Calendar Drawing Winners

### March 1993

1	Ron Curry	Arlington, VA
2	S. Lacambal	Oxnard, CA (500)
3	Billy Griffith	Stratford, CA (50)
4	Bill Masterson	Avenal, CA (50)
5	Jackie Meissel	Oak Harbor, WA
6	Aaron Jackson	Hanford, CA
7	Willie Kimblere	Virginia Beach, VA
8	David Malley	King George, VA
9	Daniel Kelller	Santee, CA
10	Bev Onken	Lemoore, CA
11	*Valerie Hartz	Hanford, CA
12	Michael Snider	CVN-71
13	Orville Horner	Ridgecrest, CA
14	Liz Leming	Ridgecrest, CA
15	Ken Clement	El Cajon, CA
16	Bobby Moore	Woodridge, VA
17	Ozzie Tuttle	Coalinga, CA
18	Duke Doucette	Lemoore, CA
19	Robert Russel	Montoursville, PA
20	Paul Baierl	Virginia Beach, VA
21	*Ronnie Holub	Marion, KS
22	Don Bielins	Ridgecrest, CA
23	Daryl Kilgore	Ridgecrest, CA
24	Ron Russo	Hanford, CA
25	Jon Lincoln	Inyokern, CA
26	Lisa Clement	El Cajon, CA
27	Fred Pape	CVN-71
28	Roger Leprozo	Ridgecrest, CA
29	*Don Waldron	Ridgecrest, CA
30	Bob Senneseth	San Diego, CA
31	Judith Nyikes	Fallon, NV

### April 1993

1	Richard Lusby	Hanford, CA
2	*Ray Estis	Ridgecrest, CA
3	Chapter 3	Oak Harbor, WA
4	Danea Passmore	Lemoore, CA
5	Robert Honohan	VFA-192
6	Tina Secrest	Belmont OH
7	*Jeff Dunbar	Lemoore, CA
8	Allen Gordon	San Diego, CA
9	*G.h> Hemminger	El Cajon, CA
10	Dion Edon	San Diego, CA
11	Norman Woods	Jacksonville, FL
12	*Jeff Dunbar	Lemoore, CA
13	John Boyle	USS Lincoln
14	Jeanne Klein	Lemoore, CA
15	Valerie Miller	San Diego, CA
16	Paul Jefferis	Barnsville, OH
17	Pat Coughlin	Virginia Beach, VA
18	*M. Notarangelo	Dana Point, CA (50)
19	Brenda Bastain	Marbury, MD (50)
20	Dick Wales	Chula Vista, CA
21	*Billy Griffith	Stratford, CA
22	Darlene Gragan	Indian Head, MD (500)
23	J.K. Ferguson	Brooklyn, NY
24	Wally Jackson	Hanford, CA
25	Joel Jones	Santa Ana, CA
26	Dave Michel	Oak Harbor, WA
27	Taras Datz	China Lake, CA
28	Mike Edmiston	Ridgecrest, CA
29	Norma Walters	Virginia, Beach, VA
30	*Danea Passmore	Lemoore, CA

### May 1993

1	Ted Barnett	Alameda, CA
2	Rick Cabral	Virginia Beach, VA
3	Robert Jackson	San Diego, CA
4	Ruben Pena	Ridgecrest, CA
5	*Chapter 3	Whidbey Island, WA
6	Percy Wagner	Virginia Beach, VA
7	J.K. Ferguson	Brooklyn, NY
8	Mike Rallas	Camarillo, CA
9	Paul Baca	Fallon, NV
10	Brynn Avila	Hanford, CA (50)
11	Nolberto Moreno	Irvine, CA
12	*Don Waldron	Ridcrest, CA
13	David Sparling	Lemoore, CA
14	G. Waldron	San Diego, CA
15	John Kirk	San Diego, CA
16	*D. Christman	Barnsville, OH (50)
17	Daniel Brewer	Currituck, NC
18	John Finn	Pine Valley, CA
19	Steve Miller	Camarillo, CA
20	M&M Thill	Bainbridge Island, WA
21	Douglas Nelson	Bremerton, WA
22	Brenda Vaughn	Lemoore, CA
23	*Tina Secrest	Belmont, OH
24	F.T. Bunch	Woodbridge, VA
25	Chris Sonderman	Ridcrest, CA
26	Carlos Charvez	Port Orchard, WA
27	James Morrison	Hanford, CA
28	Terry Layton	Ridgecrest, CA
29	*M. Notarangelo	Dana Point, CA
30	Roy Natalie	Ridgecrest, CA
31	Robert Porter	Kailua, HI

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