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1988 CONVENTION "HIGHLIGHTS"

Two hundred and sixty six members and guest enjoyed a prime rib or chicken kiev dinner at Saturday evenings banquet dinner at the Comstock Hotel Casino in Nevada. After dinner, Captain Roger P. Flower gave a very interesting and well received talk concerning the recent News articles and TV commentaries on cutting defence spending. He used the motto of the Association, "Peace through Power, we are the Arms of the Fleet" to get the point home that the best defence posture is from strength of your Armed Forces. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Captain Flower received his Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University and entered the Aviation Officer Candidate Program in 1961. His first assignment was to Heavy Attack Squadron 13, US Whidbey Island, Washington. Following a deployment aboard USS Kitty Hawk, during which he participated in the initial Southeast Asian air strikes, Captain Flower was reassigned to attack Squadron 94 at NAS Lemoore, Calif., and made deployments to Southeast Asia aboard USS Hancock and USS Bon Homme Richard.



Captain Flower's future tours were with VA-125, VA-153 aboard USS Oriskany, Naval War

College, Staff Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare), XO and later CO of VA-56, Command of Carrier Air Wing 5 in 1980, NMPC aviation enlisted assignment Officer, CO of VX-5, Command of Training Air Wing 3 and in March of 1987 reported to COMNAVAIRPAC as Force Weapons Officer. As an Attack aviator, Captain Flower has accumulated 5,400 flight hours, 1247 carrier landings and 507 combat missions. Captain Flower is married to the former Janice R. Breeden of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have four sons - Roger, Jr. (and wife Linda); Christopher; Jeffrey and Brian - and one grandson, Roger III.



LCDR. Chuck Onken
President AAO

I would like to thank everyone who participated in making our 13th Annual National Convention a success. I would also like to thank all the Chapters for their work in improving their chapters and the overall membership, which has greatly improved this past year (1280 payed up members).

I would like to thank the members for their confidence in my performance and electing me for another term as your President. I will try hard to live up to your expectations. Next years convention will be held again at the Comstock Hotel Casino in Reno, Nevada 15 thru 18 June 1989. Our Honored guest speaker will

be Captain Bud Orr CAG-14 (SuperCAG). Before I close I must thank DeVal Corporation for their OUTSTANDING support of our Association, we are deeply indebted to this fine organization. Best wishes in the coming year and hope to see you all at the next convention.



AOCM/Ret. Jerry Gannon
Sec/Treas. AAO

'88 Convention Report

Thursday, June 16, 1988

Early registration took place in the Silver King Saloon area fo the Comstock Hotel Casino in Reno Nevada where free coffee and rolls were provided by the Association. Meetings were conducted of the Association's Officers, Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents or Representatives and Committee Chairmen to review the Convention and General Business meeting agendas for any known additions or deletions. They also reviewed any ongoing business issues from the 1987 convention and formed up their respective committee members for this years selection boards. Noted was the significant increase in the number of early registrations (Thursday) this year compared to past years. Evidently more members are coming early to visit, renew old acquaintances and make an enjoyable trip out of the reunion.

Friday June 17, 1988

Registration continued in the convention room with a total of 375 members, guests and ten non-members registering. A head count tallied to more than 425 at one time. The AVORDY and scholarship committees met to make the 1988 selections.

There were quite a few displays by the associations chapters this year. China Lake, Chapter 5, displayed pictures and brochures of missile programs ongoing in their area. The USS Nimitz (CVN-68) provided a collage of pictures with chapter members depicting their arduous

lifestyle. The USS Enterprise (CVN-65) sent some very impressive pictures of their recent activities (May '88) with some Iranian ships plus a very interesting video cassette of the shipboard activities of the Aviation Ordnancemen serving onboard. It was a nostalgic trip for some and an eye-opener for many of the members who had not been aboard a modern day carrier.



A Bus tour to "Ordnance Town USA" NAS Fallon arranged by CDR. Seal and the Weapons Department of NAS Fallon, took off at high noon. The 58 members and their guests were under the very capable leadership of A01 John A. Boggs. The members and their guests were very appreciative of everyone's effort from NAS Fallon and were very impressed with the tour.

The Safety Committee held a very informative meeting that included presentations, slides and videos. The meeting was conducted by LCDR Joe Manley in the absence of the Safety Committee Chairman. This was the first year that the Safety Committee meeting and Safety presentations were conducted as a stand alone event. While the attendance was small, it is anticipated that it will increase as the general membership and guests become more aware that the Safety Committee Chairman, Committee members and the Association are endeavoring to promote Ordnance Safety as is defined by the Association's By-laws and is one of the Association's stated objectives.

Friday evening there was a social hour(s) in the Convention room area with approximately 400 people in attendance. There were plenty of tasty hors d'oeuvres and a very enjoyable two piece band for our listening and dancing pleasure. This year our convention chairman added a little extra entertainment for excitement. It was one of those "you had to see it to believe it" types.

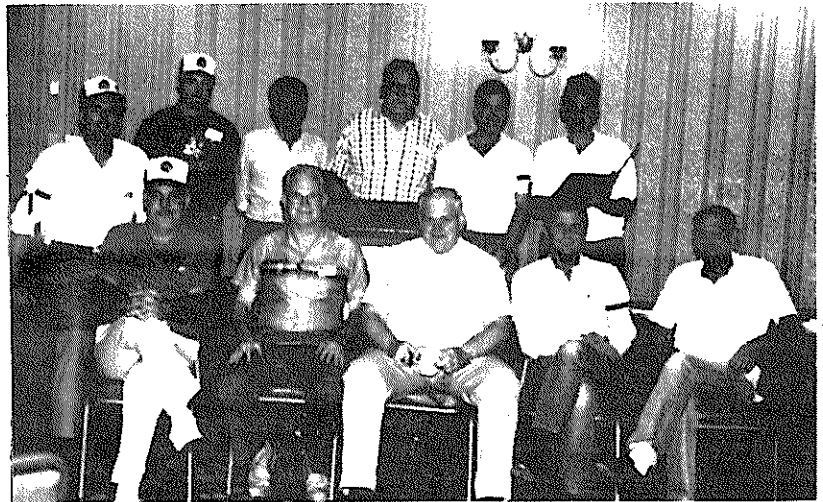
Friday, June 17, 1988 continued

One of the highlights of the evening occurred when LT John W. Finn, USN/Ret., holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, reenlisted A01 William E. Conklin, it's something I'm quite sure that they will both remember for a very long time.



John W. Finn & A01 William Conklin

The Scholarship report was given by the President in the absence of the Scholarship Committee Chairman, LCDR Floyd English. He stated that this years applications were all outstanding, but he also stressed that there was still only a few applications received from the many who are eligible for this award. Joe Manley gave the Safety Committee report. He stated that Chapters are not responsive to requirements for inputs to the committee.



AVORDY Selection Committee

Saturday, June 18, 1988

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1988 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 0800 Hours by the President Charles R. Onken. The President made announcements concerning; pictures for this years reunion book, this years agenda, registration procedures and the availability of tickets for that evenings banquet. He also announced that Jerry Gannon had been selected by the Board of Directors to fulfill the remaining two years of the previously elected Secretary/Treasurer, John H. Baugh. He also provided a brief synopsis fo the events that lead up to this decision having to be made. The minutes of the 1987 General Business Meeting were read by the Sec./Trea., Jerry Gannon, the minutes were approved as read. The Membership report was given by the Vice-president, A0CS Jim Ruppert, he reported that memberships now stands at 1327. He also reported that members need to ensure they send their address changes to the Sec./Trea., and that retention of members was still a problem. R. V. "Digger" O'Dell reported on the AVORDY Committee meeting. He stated that the committee had reviewed over 60 nominees records this year. He also said that the records received this year were much improved from last years. However, they could still use some improvements, and a little bit more professionalism in the preparation of the total package.

Discussion followed on ways and means to improve the situation. The Newsletter Editor, A0CS Ed Hammond, gave the Newsletter report and requested that the Chapters send news reports, not minutes of meetings for inclusion in the Newsletter. It is also requested that the Chapters submit photographs and/or negatives for printing in the Newsletter.

Chapter status reports were called for. Reports were given by Chapters 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 65, and the new Chapters formed since the 1987 Convention; Chapter 12 "MASAYA" of NAS Cubi Point, P. I, Chapter 68 onboard the USS Nimitz (CVN-68) and "S-87" of NATTC Memphis Tennessee. Proposed By-Law changes were presented to the Sec./Trea. which will be provided to the By-Laws Committee Chairman, and his committee, for review in accordance with the existing By-Laws. LCDR Dan Holub of Chapter one gave a presentation on the Association's calenders; the status of current sales and recommended procedures for future controlling and handling. CDR Del Oakes gave a presentation for the establishment of the Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame. After the presentation, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously for the establishment of The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame. The first names to be inscribed on the plaque, if approved by the Board fo Directors, would be announced that evening at the Banquet.



AOCM William Naylor

A very in-depth and informative report was given by AOCM William Naylor of NATTC Memphis Tennessee on the status of the Aviation Ordnancemen Museum that is a part of the new building for AO training at NATTC Memphis. CDR Robert A. Ashworth, NAVAIRSYSCOM, presented to the Association, a large picture of the Patron Saint of Ordnancemen which included the legend of Santa Barbara inscribed on it. This will be displayed at the Museum in Memphis. In addition, Dave Michele provided an original issue of a 1924 Bureau of Ordnance Manual. He also provided a BURORD Flag that used to be displayed at the Bureau Ordnance. These items will also go to the Museum at Memphis.



CDR Robert A. Ashworth, NAVAIRSYSCOM



BURORD FLAG

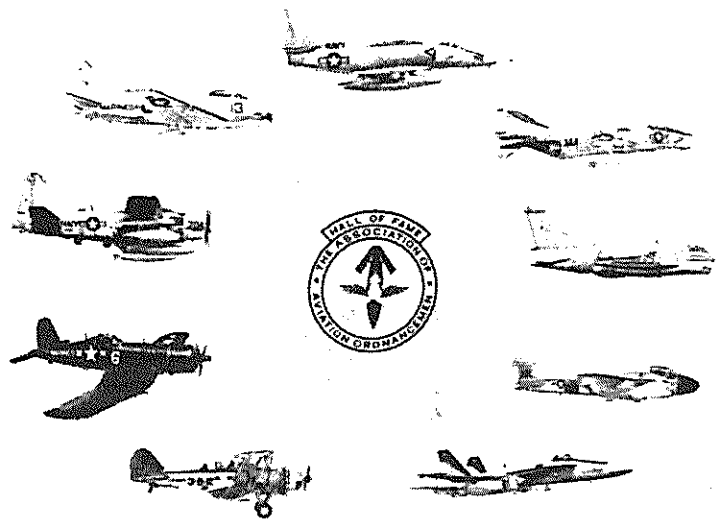
A report was then read from a committee headed up by LCDR Floyd English to investigate potential sites on the East coast for a future city that might be interested in hosting the Associations annual convention and see what they had to offer. The report stated that there was a basic attitude that if we came, it was no big deal. The most negative reply coming from the Atlantic City area.

'88 ELECTIONS

Nominations and elections were held for; President of the Association, two positions on the Board of Directors and the position of Chaplain. Charles R. Onken was nominated and re-elected by acclamation for a second term as President of the Association. Robert E. Underwood and Kenneth L. Foster were elected as the new members of the Board of Directors. James E. Irving was nominated and re-elected by acclamation as Chaplain for another full term. A standing ovation was given to the outgoing Board of Director members; Tony Gonzales and Joe Manley for a job well done on behalf of the Association. Nominations were taken for the Convention site for 1989. Reno, Nevada was elected handily. It was also decided that the Convention would be held on the third week-end of June 1989. Las Vegas, Nevada was proposed as the Site for the 1990 Convention. However, final determination will be made at the 1989 convention. Chaplain Jim Irving lead the membership in a closing prayer and a moment of silence for departed shipmates.



Robert Underwood-Board Of Directors



First Aviation Ordnancemen Hall of Fame Award

Presented at the 1988 Convention with the following 22 original members' names inscribed on a brass plaque.

CDR/ret. Roy Asher

LT Ed Ashlock

LT/ret. Don Buamer

LCDR/ret. Wayne Beasley

AOCM/ret. Robert Branum

CWO-4/ret. Virgil Burke

LT/ret. Joseph Burns

AOCM/ret. Donald Clark

James Correll

CDR/deceased Robert L. Crow

AOCM/ret. Gerald Gannon

LCDR/ret. Jack Hagerup

CDR/ret. Kirby Hunt

John McIlwaine

Weldon Maki

LCDR/ret. Marion Nelson

LCDR/ret. Leslie Henry Ovre

AOCM/ret. Frank Parker

LCDR/ret. Thomas Robins

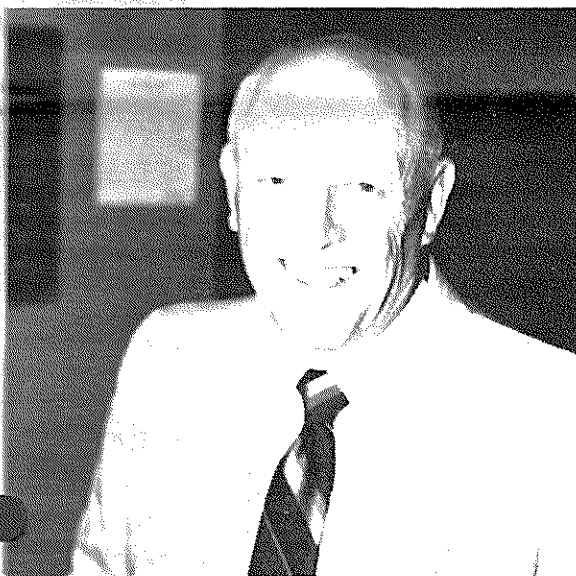
Richard Smith

LCDR/ret. James Thompson

LCDR/ret. Richard Wales



Ken Foster-Board Of Directors



Jim Irving-Chaplain

CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter One-Lemoore, CA President's Report

Hello from Chapter One.

All of us in Chapter One are doing well and hope you are doing the same. We are busily getting ready for our summer picnic. About 250 to 300 people are expected to attend. This picnic is free and will be held August 13, 1988. If you happen to be in the area, stop by and enjoy the fun. After this picnic we will be looking into having a Halloween costume party and our annual Christmas party.

Our 1989 Calendars are ready so get your orders in to get one, two or three. The calendars are still only \$20.00 but instead of 1500 we had 2000 printed. There will be a \$50.00, \$100.00 and a \$250.00 drawing every month. Two \$500.00 and \$1000.00 drawings will be held throughout the year. When you buy your calendar you will see all of it broken down on the last page of the calendar.

When you write in for an individual order please enclose a money order or cashiers/personal check. Make it out to the Association of Aviation Ornancemen Chapter One. Please, do not send cash. Along with your money order or check we need you to send us a good address (street, city, state, zip code, and telephone number). Please print this information legibly so we can ensure that you get your money order if you win. When you receive your calendar send the tear off portion back to us. This will ensure that we have a correct name and address.

Chapters may order calendars in lots of 50. The cut-off date for calendars received in lots is May 1, 1989. By this date I need calendars back or money. This will give us enough time to prepare a report for our national meeting in June of 1989. When a chapter orders calendars I would like to deal with Presidents and treasurers. Don't forget that every calendar you sell your chapter will receive \$5.00 to be paid at the end of the 1989 calendar year. My treasurer has also reminded me that the weather will be starting to cool off and we have sweatshirts and jackets for sale. We are looking into special made jewelry for the ladies, so if you have any ideas send them to Dave Moore, our treasurer. Thanks for all the ideas that were suggested while we were in Reno.

Address for Calendars

Mike Radzik
1169 Beverly Dr. Apt. #15
Lemoore, CA 93245

Chapter Eight-San Diego, CA President's report

Hello from Chapter Eight!

We hope everyone had a great time at this years convention.

We held our picnic on 21 May 88 and had a real good turn out.

CW04 Carl Collier won our Las Vegas Raffle and opted for the \$300.00 cash prize. Due to the success of the last picnic; we're having another one on 6 August, 1988.

Our goals for the coming year were discussed at the July meeting. Increased activity in community functions and charitable events will help get more of our members involved. LT Dave Leppard, NAS Miramar Weapons Officer, gave another informative Safety Lecture at the July meeting.

Until next time, best wishes to all from Chapter Eight.

Gary L. Buse
President

Chapter 11-Barbers Point, HI President's report

Chapter 11 would like to welcome aboard A01 Randy Wagner of NAS Barbers Pt. AIMD 700 Div. to the National Association and Chapter 11 as he joined this meeting.

A01 Wagner jumped right in and volunteered to handle NAS POD notes for the Chapter. Our community activities committee nominated that the Chapter participate in this years "Clean up America day" in Hawaii to be conducted in May. The nomination was second and a vote of "yay" was unanimous. Keith Wiltz will provide the Chapter with the details at the next monthly meeting.

Chapter 11 would like to congratulate three of it's members on some honor's given them since our last meeting.

A01 Walecki: Supervisor of the Quarter
(Jan-Mar)

AOAN Wiltz: Airman of the Quarter (Jan-Mar)
(in their respective commands)

And a special congratulations to A03 Mark Bombatch on his recent marriage, Mark was married in March to Colleen Bray. We wish you all the best in your life together.

A02 John Martinez informed the Chapter membership that prior to his squadron deployment in June he would like to buy a keg of beer and have a Chapter party. The date was tentatively set for the 21st of May at NAVMAG LLL, CMO club. Thanks goes out to John fro his unwaivering commitment to the Association and especially Chapter 11, he has been instrumental in forming Chapter 11 from the start and has never slowed his commitment.

Chapter 11 will be having a chili/sloppy-joe sale in the near future at NAS Barbers Point Hangar 282. The cooks will be Randy Wagner and Bill Preston, while Bob Walecki and Dave Andersen provide the salesmanship. Exact time and date TBA.

Chapter 11 is planning to sponsor 4 children in the Hawaii Big Brother/Big Sister program once a month. Keith Wiltz is finalizing the details and this will start in the month of July. Various places of interest to the children on Oahu were discussed and activities will be planned at the July monthly meeting.

Bob Walecki is gathering the details on Chapter 11 sponsored and coached youth soccer team for the next season. All the members showed a great amount of enthusiasm on this subject. Could be Hawaii champs!

Bob Walecki volunteered to write articles for the NAS Barbers Pointer and Hawaii Navy News newspapers on functions performed by the Chapter in community involvement. Chapter 11 is not only trying to get involved in our community but hopefully this will attract other "Ordy's" and get them involved in our worthy cause.

Robert S. Walecki
Chapter 11 Sec./Trea.

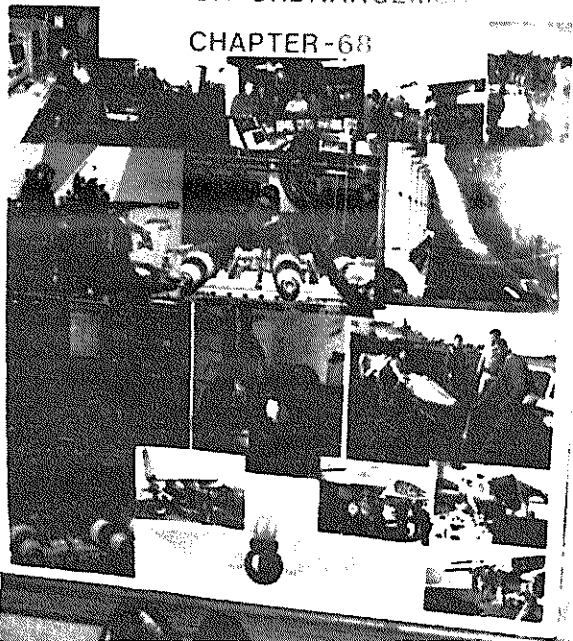
Chapter 68-USS Nimitz (CVN-68) President's Report

USS NIMITZ / CVW-9

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CHAPTER-68



Chapter 68 is off and rolling. 17 April, we held our monthly meeting at VFW Post 239 in Bremerton. With a good turn out we discussed possibilities of fund raisers, picnic, and interaction with the other AOA chapters. This time was also used to elect a new Board Member to replace A02 Tim Douglas. A02

Frank Tiller was elected as our newest Board Member. Then back to sea again mid-April and the month of May for Chapter 68 and Airwing Nine. Adopting the "TEAMWORK" attitude that Nimitz-Airwing Nine enjoys we held our first meeting underway since receiving our charter and selected our Airwing Board of Director member and a replacement for A02 Crook, the results were:

Airwing-Gunner Anderson VA-165
Ship-A01 Mark Kolwyck

Discussion was held on a challenge to Chapter Eight for a softball game for the next San Diego inport period and maybe Chapter Three in August. Chapter 68 also held a raffle for the NAVY RELIEF during our last at sea period which resulted in our presentation of a check for \$815.00 to NAVY RELIEF.

We will miss everyone at Annual Aviation Ordnancemen Convention as we will be at sea. However, we hope you enjoy our picture display as a token of our "TEAMWORK" spirit.

Gary Laun
Chapter 68 President

Chapter Five-China Lake, CA President's report

Chapter Five recently held a general business meeting which was well attended by both current and prospective members, thanks to Roger Andrichs recruiting effort. Roger has really worked hard in promoting Chapter Five and the National AAO. A lot of thanks goes to Roger for keeping Chapter Five alive and still together.

It's with great sadness that Chapter Five reports the passing of a fellow ordnanceman; GORDEN CHESTNUT, USMC, RET. Gorden was well known throughout the ordnance rating from both his active duty and his work at NWC. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Chapter Five recently contributed to the Hi-Desert Sailor of the Year and the local Sea Cadets recruitment program. The contribution was put to good use in both programs.

We all gathered at a local establishment and had a family style get together. A good time was had by all.

The month of April was local election time. The following Officers were voted in:

President-Roger Andrich
Vice-President-John Vick
Sec./Trea.-Lance Yohe
Chaplain-Bob Stockton

Board of Directors-Cliff Degraw, Bob Murray,
Jesus Cavazos
Safety/Security-Scott Gibson

CONGRADULATIONS TO ALL

QUOTE FROM THE AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN'S
ALMANAC

"Never look back unless you intend to go that way!"

SPECIAL CHAPTER REPORT

Chapter 12 "Masaya" Chapter-NAS Cubi Point, R.P.

Greetings from NAS Cubi Point's "Masaya" Chapter #12 of the Association of Aviaiton Ordnancemen. We are comprised of members and associate members from NAS Cubi Point, MMU-1, NAVMAG Subic, VRC-50, VC-5, PMTC Det Cubi, Retired Community and COMFAIRWESTPAC. Our office holders are: President, CDR D. Oakes; Vice President, AOC L. A. Adkison; Secretary/Treasurer, A01 H. A. Webb; Safety Coordinator, LT J. Leadford; Board of Directors, A02 G. Sailer, A02 P. F. Szuba, AOCM (RET) D. A. Dunn, AOCs D. Ennis and A02 P. Wilkinson. We became an official chapter on 26 January 1988 and boast 67 members and associate members. To date, the "Masaya" Chapter, (by the way "Masaya" in the Tagalog language means Happy) Number 12, has met officially a total of nine times. Seven other gatherings were social events. Our social events held in Olongapo City, Barrio Barretto and Subic City Barrio, all were fun, fun, fun. We enjoyed pool tournaments, educational shows and special individual entertainment events including special raffles.

We became actively involved in our local community, both on and off base. One of the many things we do is we meet and welcome arriving Ships and Airwings with a colorful banner depicting our local chapter and assist them during in port visits any way we can. To date we've (1) sponsored one deserving high school student in Olongapo with a one year scholarship. We gave the award through the NAS Cubi Point Officer's Wives Club's American/Philippine Scholarship Program (APS). (2) We donated \$100.00 to the Phil/Am orphanage in Olongapo City. The money was used to pay tuition for five kids to attend a Christian Academy for a full year. (3) We sponsored all mailing costs (\$75.00) for a year for the Cubi Pt. Officers Wive's Club American/Philippine Scholarship Program (APS). The club solicits help by letters from every visiting U.S. ship entering the Subic Bay. (4) From Chapter 12 coffers we provided \$795.00 to the International Children's Advocate, Inc. Program of Olongapo City's Saint Vincent Church. A total of \$379.00 went towards this organization's poor people feeding program, and \$416.00 went to providing medical assistance/care to Philipino children with serious afflictions, i.e. cleft palate, club feet, goiters, hernias etc. Can you imagine a little two year old boy with a grotesque Right Inguinal Hernia hanging from his Scrotum that measures 11 inches? This little boy, when examined for the operation to correct the hernia, was found to have tuberculosis (TB). As a result of our Chapter's interest in this little boy, we not only repaired a painful hernea but we probably saved his life.

Additionally, private donations outside our treasury by our members and their friends have provided an additional 700 dollars to the feeding program (we now feed over 60 people a day, every day of the month). Poor people are brought in from nearby Barrios, hills and valleys and are given a hot, nutritional meal. They are permitted to take food back home to those who could not make the trip into the center. I have personally witnesses many children in third degree of starvation saved by this program. It is hard to describe how it feels to pick up a little seven year old girl that is not fully developed (can't hold her head up and weighs only 27 pounds) because she lacked the basic nutritional foods that are commonplace to us. I held this little girl and many others like her.

Several members of the Chapter were so overwhelmed by what they saw during one visit to the center, that they gave large sums of money on the spot to individuals needing operations and other medical care. One A02, Gregory Sailer, gave \$250.00 to a 13 year old deaf girl with a severe enlarged goiter problem. The goiter was removed and money was left over that was used to purchase a wheelchair for a seven year old cerebral palsy victim. On that one visit our guys furnished two wheel chairs and enough money to do three additional operations on kids. We still need as much as we can to give these wonderful children a helping hand. Will you help us help the kids? You can, by sending your donation c/o CDR Oakes Box 66 FPO San Francisco, CA 96654. Receipts provided for tax purposes.

Chapter 12 enthusiasm is rampant. Retire Master Chief (AOCM) Dave Dunn recently volunteered to build childrens desks and chairs for a local school. Our chapter will buy the material and Dave will do the work. Dave has been an inspiration to us all here in the Philippines. He has and will be a catalyst in keeping this fine organization going.

Last but not least, one of our members recently moved a destitute family of seven from the 100 Islands area to the Subic Area and provided the money (22,000 pesos) to build them a cinderblock home (see photo). He also provided them \$400.00 (over 8,000 pesos) for food until the father obtained a job in the area.

On the professional side we active duty types have appointed a Saftey Coordinator who works to enhance satety in all of our commands and we've begun a reciprocal training program where one command sends a fellow A0 to another command to learn as many aspects of the A0 Rating

as possible. So far it has paid dividends in Safety Assurance and an appreciation for what our neighbor commands do in the Aviation Ordnance World.

CDR Oakes reported back to Chapter #12 on his trip to this year's convention in Reno, Nevada. It was by his words, a magnificent event. He cited a great crowd, much professionalism during committee meetings and business meetings, an outstanding guest speaker, great inspirational words from distinguished visitors and members and a fun time by all who attended.

This next year between conventions we will push to continue recruiting new members, retaining old members, helping those unfortunate people in our area and in community involvement. May God bless you all. See you in Reno in 89!



CHAPTER THREE-WHIDBEY IS. WASHINGTON PRESIDENTS REPORT

Chapter Three has been active in many different areas during this reporting period. We have accomplished a lot and have done many good things. My thanks to all those who participated and made things happen. Among the many events were; A very productive and interesting business meeting, our garage sale which was successful, the community service work which covered two periods. The first was the clean-up of overground paths and trails and the second was the construction of horseshoe pits with wood backstops for campers and picnickers at the deception pass state park. The first period was followed by a pot luck social and cake cutting to celebrate the 62nd Anniversary of the Aviation Ordnance Rate.

Many of the chapters members volunteered to provide transportation to Sedro Woolly's United General Hospital for the Annual Shriners Hospital Childrens screening Clinic.

April came time for the quarterly muster of the membership of Chapter Three to assist our own Ed Hammond with folding, stuffing, addressing and stamping the newsletter prior to the annual convention.

July brought us excellent weather at Rocky Point and the Chapters Annual Summer Picnic. Members with family and guest enjoyed a day filled with fun, games, raffles, and lots of food and cold drinks. A video tape was taken of the picnic which included a presentation to Petty Officer First Ferguson of VA-185 as our Ordnanceman of the year from Chapter Three. AOC Joe Rice and his wife Becky also sang their song 'MAMAS PLEASE LET YOUR BABIES GROW UP TO BE ORDIES'. Some of you may have received a copy of this song at the annual convention. The response was overwhelming at the convention, and were proud of there talents.

Chapter Three would like to congratulate the following individuals on the new advancements.

AOC Charles Calaway to CWO	CPO Selectees- A01's Vic Rossin, T. Sterret, Randy Hall, Robin
AOC Rudy Townsell to ENS.	Hartman, John Pincin, D. Grayer, K. Fouse, and Bob Walecki
Mike Mike Wasman to CWO-2	formally of chapter 3 now in chapter 11. and 2 of only 5
A01 Tim Conrad to ENS.	selected in the naval reserves. Bob weisinger and Jerry
	Goen. Both of VP-69.



"The envelope please"! Cindy Sassone and Captain Flower

The highlight of the annual convention took place at the Saturday evening Banquet when Cindy Sassone, wife of LT. Jeff Sassone handed Captain Flower the envelope containing the name of this years JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

This years award goes to AO1 DENNIS A. COSTA, USN of the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64); first runner-up AO1 David Gomez, USN of Attack Squadron 122; Second runner-up AO1 Donald R. Babb, USN of VF-31; third runner-up AO1(AW) Robert R. Ferguson, USN VA-185.

The following is from COMNAVAIRPAC San Diego to ALNAVAIRPAC

Congratulations to AO1 Costa, AO1 Gomez, AO1 Babb, and AO1 Ferguson for your Professionalism, Performance, and Dedication to duty. Your off duty educational achievements and community involvement mark you as a leader. You can be justifiably proud of you selection from a field of outstanding candidates. ALL nominees are commended for being nominated as Aviation Ordnanceman of the year by their commands. Congratulations to each.

The "ROBERT L. CROW" Scholarship Award is named after CDR. Robert L. Crow (LDO) who was an outstanding supporter of education and training within the U.S. Navy. The AAO Scholarship Awardees are; BRIAN G. WITTE, son of Lcdr. Gary and Mrs. Witte; BARBARA J. WILLIAMSON, daughter of CWO4 Connie and

Mrs. Williamson; and Blanca S. Sullivan, wife of AO1 Robert Sullivan.

All awardees are commended for your selection for the Robert L. Crow Scholarship Awards. Congratulations to all.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

NAVAL SAFETY CENTER-APRIL 1988

The MK 58 (Marine Location Marker) is safer to handle and to operate than most comparable devices. However, there is one little-known danger the marker presents- it can reignite after the marker is removed from salt water and dries out. The MK 58 is used by aircraft when day or night antisubmarine warfare operations call for a long burning smoke or flare reference point. The marker is also used in search and rescue operations, man-overboard marking and other situations where water reference point is needed. One weekend there was only a watch crew aboard a base. A swimmer found a MK 58 marker and called the police. The police, in turn notified the duty watch at a base. Thinking he was doing the correct thing, the watch accepted the MK 58, and believing it to be expended, threw it into the back of a military vehicle and took it back to the base. The marker was put in the ready service locker, along with other pyrotechnics. During a spot inspection the next workday, the marker was discovered. As soon as the flare was removed from the magazine, it reignited. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

In one instance, a civilian policeman picked up a MK 58 from a beach and put it in the trunk of his police car and forgot about it. The flare dried, ignited and destroyed the car.

The ONLY people authorized to examine and pick up suspected ordnance are EOD team members. If you are not qualified, find someone who is.

Send Safety comments and concerns to:
Herman Fleming
1252 Amador Ave.
Vista, CA 92083
Safety Committee Chairman

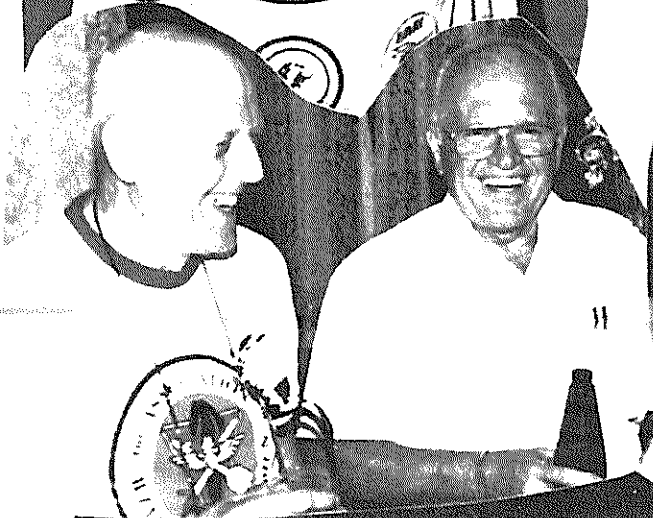
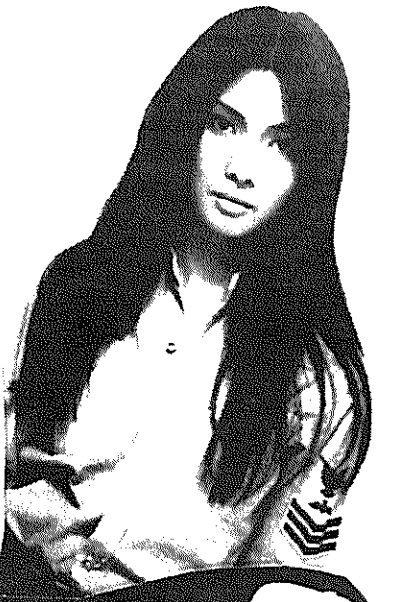


Be "On Target"
when it comes to
SAFETY



We salute the following deceased
comrades and fellow
Ordnancemen

Gorden Chestnut, USMC/Ret.
AOC Ralph S. Pickett
AOC Lewis M. Stupka





MAIL APPLICATION TO: ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
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 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ASSOC. AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
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 Phone: Home/Work _____ Duty Station _____

Type Membership Desired: Member Associate Member

Member: *Check Three* Associate Member: (Optional for member)

USN _____ ACTIVE _____ Employer _____
 USNR _____ RETIRED _____ Address _____
 USMC _____ EX-AO _____
 USMCR _____ RANK/RATE _____ Occupation _____
 Position _____

Dates Served: _____ to _____

Under the Freedom of Information Act: I do / do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

(Sponsor)

(Signed)

TEMPORARY RECEIPT
 Member/Associate Member
 Name _____
 Address _____

\$10.00 Received By: _____