

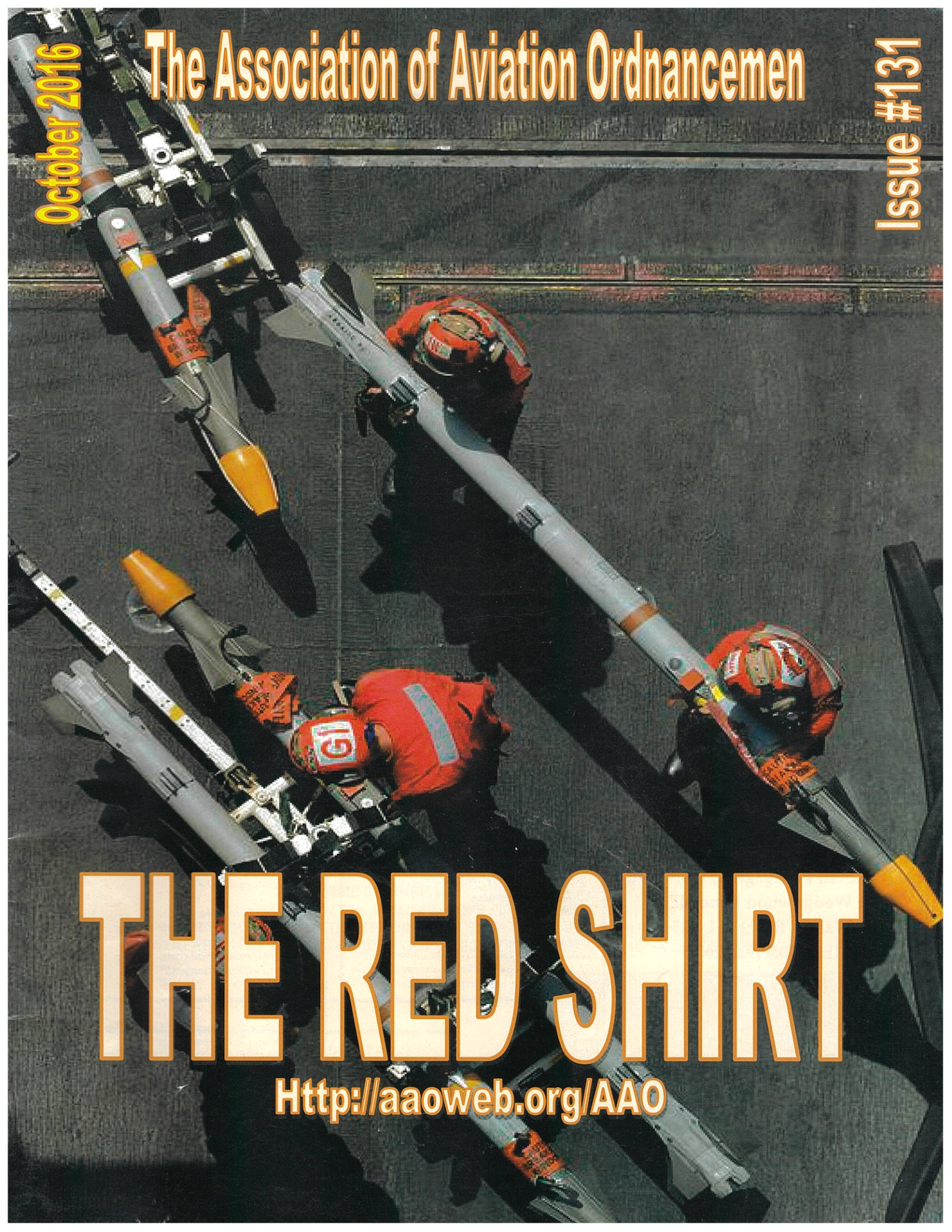
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3rd Friday, 1730

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Meeting Place Bakerview Restaurant (CPO Club)
Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

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3rd Wednesday, 1800

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Last Flex Thursday of Month, 1800

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1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
President: AO1 James Peters
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3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
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On Board

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Hard Corps Café Dude Gilbert Room
1st Thursday 1645

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On Board

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On Board

Chapter 70 - USS Vinson
CVN 70 President: Ryan P. Burton
On Board

Chapter 71- USS Theodore Roosevelt
CVN 71 President: AO1(AW/SW) Charles Hart
On Board

Chapter 72 - USS Lincoln
CVN 72 President: AO1 Roden
On Board

Chapter 73 - USS George Washington
President: AO1 Thurman McDowell
Forward Deployed

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On Board

Chapter 77 - USS George HW Bush
CVN-77 President: AO1(AW) Jeremy Reed
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Chapter 78 - USS Gerald Ford
CVN-78 President: AO1 Chris Tysor
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1st Wednesday 1700

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Beef O Brady's
1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA.
President: Christopher Crone
760-337-4986
Call for Meeting Time and Place



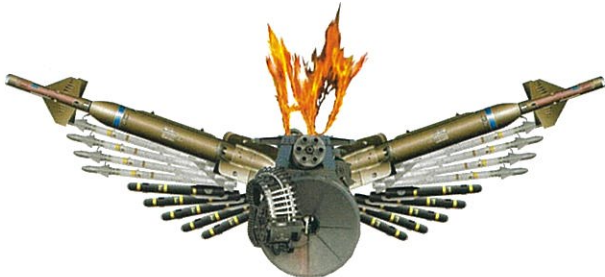
Moving? PCS?
 Your Change of Address is
 Important . . . Please submit one to the
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AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALL OF FAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WEBSITE <http://aaoweb.org/AAO>. THE GUIDELINE FORMAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND THERE IS A SAMPLE NOMINATION PACKAGE TO FOLLOW.

INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
<http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/>
 MEMBERSHIP DUES:
 FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS
 PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$20.00 PER YEAR

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____
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ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: home: () _____ - _____ cell: () _____ - _____
 RATE/RANK: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE _____ Active () Retired ()
 DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ Last 4 SSN: - _____
 Marine Corp MOS: _____
 Type of membership: Regular () Associate ()
 SPONSOR: _____

I elect to receive my Red Shirt by downloading it from the Website only. () Please Initial.
 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.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MAIL TO: AOCM Thomas Lord USN Ret.
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 San Diego, CA 92154

September 2011

GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN

SPECIAL !!!!!!!!!!!!!
 FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION
 ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT
 CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP.
 IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.

*Does anyone know who the oldest
 Ordie is in our ranks? That is the
 question for the next few issues.
 Please forward names and ages of
 those you think may fit the bill*

- **MISSION**
The Arleigh Burke class destroyer is a guided missile destroyer designed to counter threats from the air and from the sea, from aircraft, ships, and submarines. USS John Finn will be capable of executing a wide variety of both peacetime and war-fighting missions.
- **FEATURES**
USS John Finn will be one of the U.S. Navy's most advanced, state-of-the-art warships in the fleet. Its extensive array of weapons will include the world famous AEGIS system, which is second to none in engaging multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be equipped by the enhanced Long Range Anti-Air Warfare.
- **ARMAMENT**
Horgans, Tomahawk and Standard missiles, Mk41 VLS, 1 or 2 Mk15 Phalanx CIWS, 1 Mk37 5-inch/54-caliber gun, 1 Mk45 5-inch/52-caliber gun, Mk32 dual VVT launchers.
- **PROPULSION**
Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines; two shafts, 110,000 total shaft horsepower.
- **AIRCRAFT**
Two helo deck, helicopter.
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
Displacement: 9,500 tons (18,000 tonnes) full load
 Crew Size: 23 Officers and 300 Enlisted
 Length: 182.5 feet
 Beam: 30 feet
 Speed: 30 knots

USS John Finn (DDG 113)

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Articles

are due

20 JAN 17

1 MAY 17

20 SEP 17

Please submit via e-mail when possible



NEW MEMBERS

AO2 Meliza M. Barraza
AO1 Daniel Ventura
AO2 Valerie J. Castrellon
AOAN Rebekah D. Erritt
AO3 Martique N. Johnson
AO1 Jeffrey Rosario
AO2 Consuelo M. Hoopiimiller
CS3 Upton J. Fisher
DCFN Jasmine D. Higgins
CS3 Devon E. Charles
AO1 Andrew Yoakum
AO2 Jose A. Cortez
AO3 Amanda K. Agle
AO2 Aubri Woody
Mr. Jeffrey J. Hartkopf
Mr. Chad Senecal
AOC John J. Vincent
AO1 Eric M. Winters
AO1 Richard B. Harris
AOAN Nofaoasao T. Noa
AO1 Adam M. Aguinaldo
AOAN Kykeitha V. Banks
Mr. John Bradley
AOAN Sharonda B. Burkes
ENS Jeff D. Comstock
AO2 Trevor M. Danico
AO1 Gerardo R. Fargas
AOAN Cassidy K. Harris
AO2 Sterling M. Ingram
AO2 Donovan L. Leavens
AOAN Christian B. Mazo
AO1 Dylan R. McDaniel
AO1 Brenda Perez
AOC Justin Radabaugh
AOC Ricky E. Spooner
AO2 Carlos J. Guerrero
AO1 Aaron D. Ammons
AO2 Joseph A. Wondolowski

AOAN Anna Y. Ceja
AO2 Raymundo Herrera III
AO3 Angel M. Astorga
AOAN Marquese D. Walker
AO1 Danielle M. Tilbury
AOAN Xavier M. Williams
ET3 Elijah J. Abdulah
HM2 Randall A. Brown
BM2 William E. Rosales
CSSA Stephan A. Neemar
AO1 Justin D. Hendren
AO2 Christopher M. Crone
AO2 Paul D. Delridge
AO2 Lindsay Tillman
LTCOL Josh Roberts USMC
Mr. Jake Senecal
AO2 Deanna D. Aguilar
CWO3 Michael R. Patterson
AOAN Zachary s. Vavauquiroz
AO2 Mitch R. Simpson
AO1 Victor Aquino
AO1 Nicholas A. Beemer
Ms. Savana R. Bradley
AOCM Darryl E. Burton
LCDR Paul K. Cooper
AO1 Daniel R. Davison
CAPT Daniel H. Flick USMC
AO1 David A. Hubbard
AO1 Rosalie A. Lashley
AO1 Emmanuel Martinez
AO2 William C. McCreary
AO1 Brandon C. Miller
AO2 Samuel O. Pere4z
AO2 Ronnell L. Reeves
AO3 Luis A. Vallardes
AOCS Gerald J. Thompson USN Ret
AO3 Frankie R. Williams

To all chapters,

Please review your information on the Chapter Meetings - Places - Times - Dates section on page 3. E-mail your changes to me and JJ LaMaitre. I know some of the phone numbers don't match up and I also need a few E-mail addresses. I get the occasional call from AO's inquiring about a meeting in a certain area and its nice to give them up to date information. If you don't see your chapter on here let me know that also please.

Thanks for the help, Editor



TAPS

AO1 Darrell D. Hingst USN Ret*
AO1 Walter S. Tidwell USN Ret*
AOC Don M. Burt USN Ret
AO1 Leonard C. Hadd USN Ret
AOC Claude M. Breeding USN Ret*
AO1 Donald F. Potter USN Ret*
LCDR Donald E. Howard USN Ret "Plankowner"
AOCM Robert Borges USN Ret
AVCM Armando "Bill" Notarangelo USN Ret
AOC Harry S. Able USN Ret*

* Info from FRA Today Newsletter ** Info from VFW Magazine

IN MEMORIAM

LCDR Robert Solomon USN Ret - In loving memory of my wife Nobuko Kiyono Solomon
Ms. Doris L. From - In loving memory of my husband CWO3 Roy A. From USN Ret
CWO4 Gary & Robin Howorka USN Ret - In memory of CWO Donald W. Ellis USN Ret
AOCM Joel & Julie Clayton USN Ret - In memory of LCDR Ralph "Digger" O'Dell USN Ret
AOCM Kirk & Julie Brado USN Ret - In memory of LCDR L. Joe Manley USN Ret
Ms. Delores Manley - In loving memory of my husband LCDR L. Joe Manley USN Ret
CWO4 Billy & Linda Earl USN Ret - In memory of LCDR Gerry Burrows, LCDR Don Howard & CWO4 Carlos Charvez



Man the
GUNS
Join the **NAVY**

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

LT Patricia "Sam" Moye AO1 Michael R. Steckley USN Ret
AO1 Joseph L. Wiseman USN Ret Ms. Crystal Y. Jackson
AOC Gilbert N. Trevino USN Ret LCDR Jewell L. Leadford USN Ret
AOC Michael A. Sasser USN Ret

2017 CONTINUUM & CONVENTION PLANNING MEETINGS

12 – 15 January 2017
TROPICANA LAUGHLIN
Laughlin, NV

Must call to make reservations:

(800) 343-4533
Ask for Code: AAOM

Sun-Thu @ \$33.99 to \$43.99 (Promenade Tower)
Fri & Sat @ \$67.99 to \$77.99 (Resort Tower)

***** (Cut-Off Date is 29 Dec 16) *****

Join Us in the Sport Hospitality Suite

For Socializing And:
Continuum Meeting on Friday, 13 January at 1300
Convention Meeting is Saturday, 14 January @ 1000

Meetings are held to finalize details & plans for the 2017 Events.

LOCATOR

Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located?
If you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me
at aaotreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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Mr. Rusling L. Reighn (RS129)	LCDR Scott Kessler USN Ret (RS130)
AO2 Marcus Spencer (RN)	AOCM Alan Schiftner (RN)
AOC Bing Arciaga (RS130)	AOAN Claire E. Logan (RS130)
Mr. Archie Garlock (RS130)	AOAN Dylan D. Williams (RS130)
Ms. Norma Beach (RS130)	AOC Eric J. Adolph USN Ret (RS130)
AO3 Brent W. Nesbitt (RS130)	AO2 Ynoconcio J. Martinez (RS130)
Mr. James G. Yaple (RS130)	Ms. Ramona Hanna (RS130)
AO3 Kristina L. Clemens (RS130)	Ms. Gladys Levitt (RS130)
Mr. John M. McMurray (RS130)	AOCS Heidi Martin (RS130)
AO1 Megan McConahy (RS130)	AOAN Cheyenne Douthett (RS130)
AO2 Alpha Uzoma (RS130)	AO2 Chelsea Coots (RS130)
ADM Michael White (RS130)	Mr. Edison Barnhart, Jr. (RS130)
Ms. Benneta Eubanks (RS130)	AO1 Madeline P. Connors (RS130)
LTCOL Balwinder Van De Voort (RS130)	AOC Micah J. Marbra (RS130)
AOC John R. Porter USN Ret (RS130)	AO1 William E. Conklin (RN)
AO1 Michael E. Evans USN Ret (RS130)	

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS129/RS130) = Red Shirt Return

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AO1 Matthew T. Tribou USN Ret	CDR Kevin & Phyllis Dowd
CWO4 Mario & Heidi DosSontos	AO1 Gerald O. Terrell USN Ret
Mr. Bruce Kaiser	CDR Jason & Julie Ann Parmley
James & Alice Winkler	AOCM Rich & Linda Hastings USN Ret
CWO4 Frank & Naia Williams USN Ret	
Mr. John Call	AOC Thomas & Charlotte Rose
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AAO Chapter 4	AAO Chapter 5
AAO Chapter 8	AAO Chapter 9
AAO Chapter 21	AAO Chapter 22
AAO Chapter 34	AAO Chapter 75
AAO Chapter Desert Southwest	AAO Chapter Key West
AO Auxiliary	NAVAIR/PEO(W)
Huntington Ingalls	AOCM Dave & Dottie Michel USN Ret AOCs
Ken & Jan Clasen USN Ret	LT Al TenEyck USN Ret
MAJ Ray Rowland USMC Ret	CAPT Dave Lepard USN Ret
AO1 Victor Aquino	LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken USN Ret AOC Rick
& Gracie Baxla USN Ret	AOCM Don & Thelma Sanders USN Ret
CWO4 John & Sheila Stokely	Ms. Mary K. Feldman
Doug & Amy Brindle	



ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
2016 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Dion Edon, President, called the 2016 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0910, 30 July 2016, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the 'New' Ordie song that was updated.

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 70 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.

Official Announcements:

In accordance with ARTICLE VII, Section 2 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.

Under Roberts Rules Article 31, when we get to the elections the President will, after giving ample opportunity to make 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 FY 2016/2017 Budget.

Approved the 2015 Board of Directors Minutes

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported the minutes of the 2015 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #128 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes were given after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2015 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2015 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2016/2017 Approved Budget and 2015/2016 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room. Any questions please feel free to ask. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2016/2017 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2016 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado –

The 2016 Convention is another great success. I would like to thank the Silver Legacy Team for all their help and hard work before, during, and after each year's convention.

AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza Chairman -

There was twenty four packages received of which eight were invalidated leaving sixteen up for consideration. Five members including one active duty and one Auxiliary member made up the committee and represented over 219 years of Ordnance experience. Chairman is looking for volunteers to assist and take over as Chairman over the next 1 – 2 years because of conflict of duty issues with his employment. A total of \$25,000 in Scholarships were awarded. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners For 2016

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
 Robert L. Crow
 \$4,000 Scholarship Awards

Joseph T. Famularo, Son of Henry J. Famularo
 Mikayla Howorka, Daughter of Gary A. Howorka
 Sydney V. Crosby, Daughter of Dawn Rae Sealy-Leonard
 Megan Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary L. Laun
 Marcella J. Burmeister, Daughter of Shawn L. Burmeister

Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding
 \$2,500.00 Scholarship Awards

Kimberly R. Zimmer, Daughter in Law of Timothy M. Zimmer
 Stephen T. Michel, Grandson of David P. Michel

Membership Committee, Rob Walecki – We had an extremely good year for new and life members. These are the best numbers we have posted in the last five years. A lot of this can be attributed to successful membership drives on the USS Truman, USS Boxer and El Centro. Chapters 3, 5, and 21 posted good numbers also. The following is provided for your information:

	FY14-15	FY15-16
Total of all Current Members	1665	1718
Past Due (June01 – May 31)	223	175
Life Members (Included above)	852	864
Honorary (Included above)	149	153
Current Dues Paying (Including above)	471	526

During FY15 -16 we had the following new members:

New Regular Members	116	239
New Associate Members	3	12
New Life Members	24	46

Total Inactive Members:	7232	7328
Total Unknown Members	92	96
Total Deceased Members	579	600

AO of the Year Committee, Rob Walecki Chairman – The committee considered 56 packages. 18 Members including 12 active duty were there to grade the packag-

es representing over 425 years of Ordnance experience. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
John W. Finn
Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year For 2016

AO1 (AW/SW) AMANDA J. ROTH

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year For 2016
Runner-Up

AO1 (AW/SW) LAMONTE J. MILLER

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone Chairman – There were five packages up for consideration. Seven members made up the committee and represented over 298 years of Ordnance experience including 3 former Association Presidents, and representatives from Chapters 1, 3, 4, 22, and 34. Recommended local Chapters get involved as a project in nominating Hall Of Fame candidates. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
AO Hall of Fame Selectee's for 2016

LCDR GERALD E. BURROWS USN (RET) (DECEASED)

AOC DAVID C. OVERSTREET USN (RET)

DAVID W. MOORE GS-14 (RET)

Nomination Committee, Rob Walecki Chairman – The following offices are open for election/reelection:

Vice President:

Robert S. Walecki, CWO4 USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Secretary:

John (JJ) LaMaitre, AOCS USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Board of Directors (Two):

David H. Lepard Captain, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Timothy M. Zimmer, AOCS, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Nominee Vice President:

Robert S. Walecki, CWO4 USN (Ret)

Nominee Secretary:

John (JJ) LaMaitre, AOCS USN (Ret)

Nominees Board of Directors:

David H. Lepard Captain, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Timothy M. Zimmer, AOCS, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

If no nomination(s) from the floor, the Vice President

Office will be fill by Voice vote and Seconded by members present.

If floor nominations are received a ballot will be required, the voting will be conducted by the ballots that the Vice President has made up that were handed out as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting, and their membership was verified to be current.

I will go over the voting procedures prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

Absentee voting status – Rob Walecki

Total Ballots Received: 09

Invalid Ballots due to not a member or Associate Member: 0

Invalid Ballots: 0

Total Ballots to count during Voting: 09

Last Year's Ballots received: 05

Reunion Book Committee, Chuck Onken Chairman –

We are STILL looking for someone to take our place as the Reunion Book Committee Co-Chairs; we have been doing it for 31 years, time for new blood. Beverly Onken has done a great job with AAO REUNION BOOK Editor. Reunion Book is \$30 cash or check, no credit cards this year. 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, Kirk Brado Chairman –

There were no changes to be voted on this year, just a minor standardized Chapter By-Laws change eliminating the AAOEF from them.

Safety Committee, UNK Chairman – However Dave Lepard gave a report on issues that were Navy/ Marine Corps wide not following written procedures and consequences of not following them. These incidents were mostly in the Surface community. President Dion Edon stressed that safety is paramount in our day to day business.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll Chairman – No Report

Newsletter Report, Kevin Meagher Chairman – No Report

AAO Website Report – Johnny Wheat Chairman

The Website is up and running since 1995 as Chapter 1 and in 1997 was switched over to National. The cost has remained at about \$203.00 a year to run. Have had 15,480 hits in past year. Unfortunately NMCI is blocking the Web Site, working to see if possible to get unlocked.

Chaplin Report – Mart Vance - A total of 12 sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent in all cases as long as NOK info available and current.

Chapter Reports:

There are presently 27 active Chapters.

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Cindy Valdina
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Jennifer Watson
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Alofi Pomee
Chapter 5	China Lake, CA	Angel Heppe
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Breanna Coachman
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Jack Elrod
Chapter 11	Kaneohe Bay, HI.	No Report
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV.	Joanna Goodell

Chapter 22	Patuxent River, MD.	Jeff Sassone
Chapter 34	Pensacola, FL.	Rich Harris
Chapter 39	Beaufort S.C.	No Report (3 years)
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report
Chapter 68	USS Nimitz CVN 68	No Report
Chapter 69	USS Eisenhower CVN 69 (Deployed)	Justin Sims
Chapter 70	USS Vinson CVN-70	No Report
Chapter 71	USS Roosevelt	No Report
Chapter 72	USS Lincoln CVN 72	No Report
Chapter 73	USS Geo Washington CVN-73	Jose Paz
Chapter 74	USS Stennis CVN 74	Deployed
Chapter 75	USS Truman CVN 75	Kirk Godair
Chapter 76	USS Ronald Reagan CVN 76	No Report
Chapter 77	USS George Bush CVN 77	Deployed
Chapter 78	USS Gerald Ford CVN 78	No Report
Desert/Southwest Chapter	El Centro, CA.	Derek Morado
Chapter Key West	Key West Fl.	Elliot Rodriguez
Chapter LHD-4	USS Boxer	Deployed
Chapter LHD-8	USS Makin Island	No Report
Auxiliary		Teresa Zimmer

Old Business: Called for any more Old Business.

Tim Zimmer is working to get the AAO Website unlocked for NMCI users.
AO1 Nixon representing Atsugi Japan and the efforts to stand up a Chapter there.
AOCS Szoke spoke about the establishing a John W Finn room at AOOCP.

2017 Convention Committee – Kirk Brado Convention Chairman –
Announced that next year’s Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV (Continuum) from 23 July thru 27 July 2017, and (Convention) from 26 July thru 30 July. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Communication is a real key for the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2017 convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

Call for any more new business from the floor- Dion Edon

Phil Catlett (AOC Ret.) talked about what retired Ordies are doing outside of the fleet areas for community involvement. Lots of opportunities out there to get involved.

Angela Sobieski thanked the Ordie Families brothers and sisters for support over the years.

Election of Officers – Dion Edon

NOTE; Article V (5) Section 3 states that “A minimum of two officers must be active duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors.” (Requirement met)

The President called for the election of Association Officers. He announced that the offices open for election of the President, and two seats on the Board of Directors.

The following individuals were nominated for the Offices:

Vice President:
Robert S. Walecki, CWO4 USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Secretary:
John (JJ) LaMaitre, AOCS USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Board of Directors (Two):
David H. Lepard Captain, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)
Timothy M. Zimmer, AOCS, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)

Election for the office of Vice President, position held by Rob Walecki.

The Nominees are:
Rob Walecki
Jim Fish (Floor Nomination)

Rob Walecki was re-elected via ballot vote to serve as Vice President, term to expire 2019.

Election for the office of Secretary, position held by John (JJ) LaMaitre.
The Nominees are:
John (JJ) LaMaitre

John (JJ) LaMaitre was re-elected via floor voice vote to serve as Secretary, term to expire 2019.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Dave Lepard.

The Nominees are:
David H. Lepard

Dave Lepard was re-elected via floor voice vote to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2019.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Tim Zimmer.

The nominees are:
Timothy M. Zimmer

Tim Zimmer was re-elected via floor voice vote to serve as Board of Directors, term to expire 2019.

All Installation of Officers will be sworn in after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed.

Election of Officers Up in 2017– Rob Walecki

The following offices will open for election/reelection in 2017:

Treasurer Currently Thomas E. Lord, AOCS, USN

Board of Directors (Two):
Jeffrey P. Sassone, Commander, USN (Ret)

Laura A. Colby, AOC USN

NOTE; Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2017. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligation of the office.

After the Elections the President announced that he will appoint the Parliamentarian position that was held by Joe Manley who passed away with Mike Price. Mike accepted the appointment and the Board of Directors ratified the appointment.

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund total received:

Huntington Ingalls,	NAVAIR/ PEO(W),
Chapter 1,	Chapter 3,
Chapter 4,	Chapter 5,
Chapter 8,	Chapter 9,
Chapter 21,	Chapter 22,
Chapter 34,	Chapter 75,
The Auxiliary,	Dave & Dottie Michel,
Doris From*,	Joel & Julie Clayton**
Ken & Janice Clasen	Al TenEyck
Gary & Robin Howorka***	Ray Rowland
Billy & Linda Earl****	Billy & Linda Earl*****
Billy & Linda Earl*****	Kirk & Julie Brado*****
Chuck & Bev Onken,	Dave Lepard
Victor Aquino	Delores Manley*****

* In the memory of Roy From

** In the memory of Digger O'Dell

*** In the memory of CWO4 Donald W. Ellis

**** In the memory of Gerry Burrows

***** In the memory of Don Howard

***** In the memory of Carlos Charvez

***** In the Memory of Joe Manley

Total donations \$28,041.00

Call for any more new business from the floor- Dion Edon

Closing remarks & announcements – Dion Edon

The President thanked the Chapters for their inputs and exchange of information.

The President also thanked Mike Price in his effort for the \$5,000 donation from Huntington Ingalls.

The President announced that next year's Continuum & 41st Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 23 Jul thru 30 July 2017.

A moment of silence was held for those who have gone to the Gun Boss in the sky. Let's think about the Marines, Sailors and Soldiers serving in Iraq, Afghanistan.

Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2016 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1150, 30 July 2016.

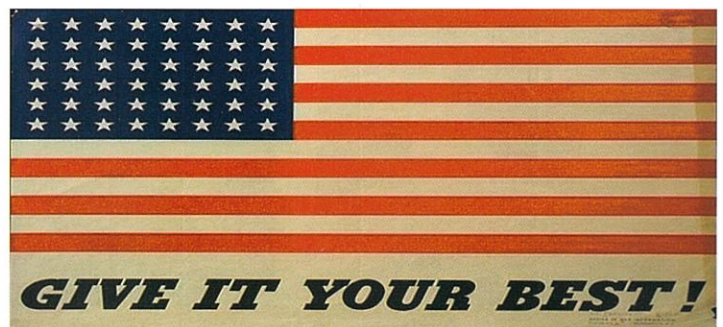
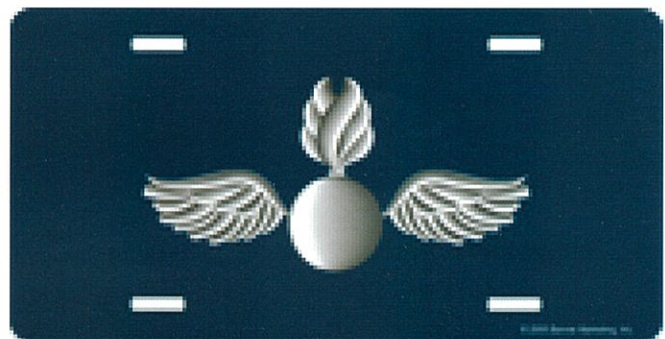
Enclosures 1 thru 3 are on file with the National Secretary.

Submitted by:

John 'JJ' LaMaitre
Secretary

Approved by:

Dion Edon
President





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2016 AWARDEES
DELORES MANLEY AND
DOTTIE MICHEL

2016 AO OF YEAR
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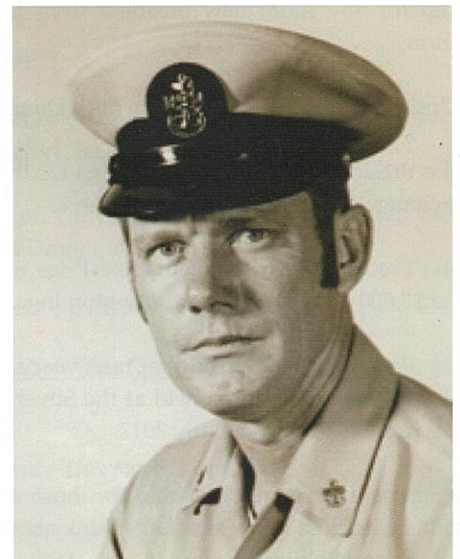
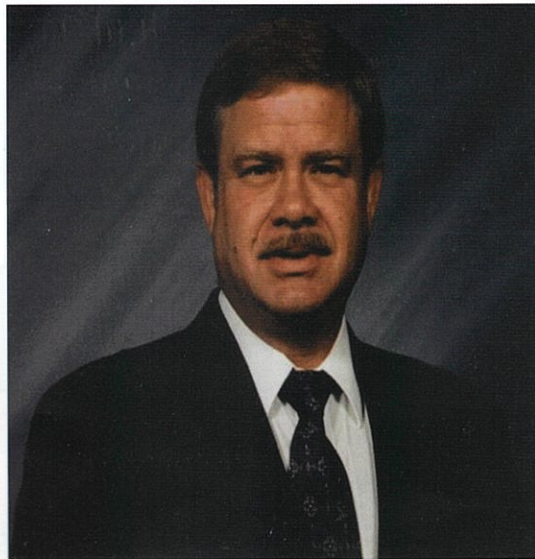
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RUNNER-UP AO1
LAMONTE MILLER
U.S.S. ROOSEVELT

2016 AO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

LCDR RET. JERRY
BURROWS DECEASED

AO2/GS-14 RET
DAVID W. MOORE

AOC RET. DAVID
OVERSTREET



Kevin,

Good morning! Just wanted to share a picture VFA-101 Ordies took while visiting VMFA-211 during their Tyndall missile shoot. The "Wake Island Avengers" successfully expended a total of four AIM-120C-5 during the detachment without issue and provided VFA-101 Ordies with some valuable training on Infrared Red Countermeasure (IRCM) build-up and aircraft loading procedures. We are all proud that we were there to observe their historical moment.

Oorah Marines, Semper Fi!

V/r,
Gunner

LT Thomas Bumpass
VFA-101 Ordnance Officer
AV/ARM Division Officer
850-885-5099
NIPR: thomas.bumpass@us.af.mil



Good Morning Gentlemen,

Thank you Thomas for submitting the picture to Red Shirt and it is always awesome to have our Ordnance brethren together!, but just wanted to clarify we (VMFA-211) are the first operational F-35 squadron to shoot 2 C-5 missiles and to attend NWSEP. I wish NWSEP could have given us 2 more but we are happy with the huge milestone we accomplished for the F-35 community and Naval Aviation!

Thank you once again!

V/R,
Hugo A. Paniagua
Chief Warrant Officer 2, USMC
Aviation Ordnance Officer
Aviation Life Support Systems OIC
VMFA-211 Avengers

Check us out on Facebook.....

"The Red Shirt"

Hi Kevin,

Just received Issue #130 of the Red Shirt and would like to comment on the Article on How to report a retiree's death, Retiree need-to-know and Retiree Checklist: What Survivors should know. All good information.

What I found missing, is what a lot of veterans are not aware of, that upon discharge or retirement, they should contact a Service Officer and file a VA Claim for any possible disability. Now if the veteran is rated with the VA for Disability, and the cause of death could possibly be connected, the Spouse is eligible for Dependence and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), this is over \$1200 a month.

I have never advocated that a veteran file anything with the VA themselves, that process is only frustrating. I recommend they contact a Service Officer with the DAV, VFW, or the American Legion, and have them assist in their claims and follow ups if needed. This works best for both the veteran and the Surviving Spouse, I know, as I was a Service Officer with the DAV for 12 years.

Hope this helps,
Dave Michel AOCM/Ret

Thanks for the info Dave!

Kevin,

If it is not too late to get in REDSHIRT, just received word that the 2016 AAO REUNION BOOKS should be mailed out by the end of this week.

2016 REUNION BOOKS
Can be ordered from
Dunning Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 10, Gauthier, MS. 39553
Phone: 251-653-7486
Price: \$30.00 plus \$5.00 S&H

If people ordered books and do not receive by end of Oct 2016, Contact the company or contact Beverly Onken, 559-924-2503

or

E-Mail: onkenc@sbcglobal.net

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL CONVENTION TO SAY YOU DID NOT GET A BOOK.

Thanks
Chuck Onken

LCDR (RET) Gerald E. Burrows

He was designated an Aviation Ordnanceman in September 1958. His assignments include VS-2; NAS North Island, 2 tours aboard USS Midway (CVA/CV-41); USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63); Pearl Harbor, HI; NAS Fallon, NV; USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31); VA-25, AIMD Lemoore, CA; VA-196; COMFAIRWESTPAC; COM-MATVAQWINGPAC; COMFAIRWESTPAC DET CUBI; and MMU-ONE.

His awards include

Viet Nam Service Medal (7 stars), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3 awards), Navy Achievement, Navy Unit Commendation (3 awards), and Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards).

His accomplishments include:

-Transitioned the A-6A to A-6E, ensuring that both new and old personnel received the necessary training on the new armament system.

-Resolved the problems in design, siting, and configuration of planned high explosive magazines approved for design at NAF Misawa and played a major role in the completion of the red label area and ready service magazines at the facility.

-Initiated improvements to the Navy's Rapid Rearm system in order to provide standardized weapons loading throughout the fleet and instituted computerized management of all armament equipment.

-Instituted dual bomb assembly procedures, doubling the weapons output and established cycle of maintenance of weapons elevators and magazines as a result, the USS Midway was praised by TYCOM for being the best in PACFLT.

Following his military career, he continued to support the Navy by opening the Anacortes/Sea-Tac airport shuttle service to pick up sailors from the base and take them to the airport in Seattle.

He has been a stalwart supporter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and was actively involved with the association; he was a life time member since 1978. He was an inspirational and devoted member of Chapter 3. He died suddenly on Sunday February 28th this year.

AOO (Ret) David C. Overstreet

Enlisted in the Navy in January 1962. His assignments include VP-48 flying P-5M/AP5B flying boats; VT-22; NAVMAG Subic, Republic of the Philippines; NAMTRADET 4033 NAS North Island, CA; VP-22; NAS Cubi Point; and USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70).

His awards include: Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (4 awards), National Defense Service Medal (2 Awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation

(3 awards), Navy Unit Commendation Medal, and was NAMTRADET 4033 Instructor of the Year in 1975.

Some of his specific contributions include::

-As an Aviation Ordnanceman Third and Second Class Petty Officer in PSM-2 aircraft, he was assigned as Flight Crew Ordnanceman earning Naval Aircrew Designation while accumulating over 1500 hours flight time, including over 700 hours of combat related maritime patrol and reconnaissance flights in support of Operation Market Time.

-As an Aviation Ordnanceman First Class at VT-22, established the Consolidated Target Crew for the launch/recovery of aerial targets and aircraft arm/de-arm procedures.

-While assigned to VP-22, he directed the squadron through two "No Deficiency" Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspections (NTPI), one Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI), and two Conventional Technical Proficiency Inspections (CTPI) in preparation for squadron deployments.

After retiring in 1984, he continued to support his community and government. While his military service was commendable, his greatest impact in the Aviation Ordnance community is in his role as both a government and contractor employee. He was responsible for the implementation and training requirements, as well as Fleet training for the Airborne Weapons Support Equipment Program (AWSEP).

In his more than fifty-four years of support to the Aviation Ordnance community, he was seldom in the forefront, always in the background ensuring Fleet Readiness. He has been a Member of the Association since 1984

Mr. David W. Moore

Entered Naval Service in on 25 March 1976. . His assignments while on active duty included: VF-161 and USS Kitty Hawk.

After honorable discharge from the Navy, he went to work for VSE corporation and then was subsequently hired into Federal Civil Service. The exemplary performance of his duties throughout his military and civilian career have made a positive impact on the Aviation Ordnance community. His accomplishments include:

-Hired as technical writer for armament equipment maintenance plans and technical manuals his exemplary performance quickly resulted him being promoted to supervisor of a technical writing team.

-At Pacific Missile Test Center he was the cognizant logistics engineer for aircraft armament equipment. He was responsible for the leading the effort that successfully reengineered the AERO-5 launcher into the LAU-118 launcher, saving the government millions of dollars in development and acquisition costs.

-First assigned to Lemoore as the Conventional Ordnance Navy Technical Specialist for the F/A-18 Armament System and Equipment he later became the lead Fleet Weapons Support Team representative at NAS Lemoore and ultimately became regional Manager for all West Coast FWST reps. His unequivocal and long lasting positive impact on F/A-18 community in Lemoore is without question.

-He later became the Program Manager responsible for FWST, Shipboard Weapons Integration Team and Naval Air Warfare Center Warfighter Response Center. He is the recipient of two NAVAIR Warfighter Support awards.

He has served as Chapter 1 President (2 terms), Chapter 1 Vice-President (3 terms), Chapter 1 Treasurer (2 terms), Chapter 1 Board of Directors (2 terms), AAO Educational Foundation Vice President & Board of Directors, National Association Board of Directors and served as National Association Vice-President .

Hey Kevin,

Red Shirt press coverage requested, first fleet F-35 AMRAAM shoot. At NWSEP, 14 September 2016, Tyndall AFB FL.

Some photos from VMFA-211 "Wake Island Avengers" from MCAS Yuma, AZ

Sgt Pratt's re-enlistment by CWO2 Paniagua before loading the second AIM-120.

Thanks- R/ Bill

Bill Vachon
F-35 Joint Program Office
Weapons Integration



Kevin,

The attached photos are VFA-131 Ordie Wildcats led by LtJg Pat Cremin, AOCS Moe Gentry and AO1 Christopher C. Johnson on board the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. If possible please place these in the next red shirt. I left this command on 30May checked in 31May to Sailors deployed (most for the first time) on 01June. After 5 and half years with the wildcats those Sailors are my family I'm so very proud of them! They are doing god's work and loving it!

Amber

Very Respectfully,
AOC(AW) Amber L. Roth
NMCLANT Det Oceana AWSE LCPO
AAO National BOD





Dear Mr. Garza and the 2016 Robert L. Crow Scholarship Committee,

I wanted to Thank you all for selecting me as a recipient for this year's Robert L. Crow Scholarship. I am extremely honored and grateful for being selected this year. Because of your generosity and unselfish support to the educational endeavors

of students like myself, this scholarship will allow me to be more focused on the most important aspect of school: learning.

I am currently a Health Sciences major, and my future goal is to continue my studies working towards a doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT). The vision I have of my future is providing cancer patients with the necessary therapy needed to assist them in their recovery from associated treatments/surgeries. I also can envision being a member of Physical Therapy staff that supports a professional sports team, as I know first-hand of their importance since I am also a current NCAA athlete running cross country/track for my college. Thanks to the members of the Aviation Ordnance Association, I am another step closer to my collegiate goals. Again, thank you for being so generous. I hope I can do the same to other students in the future as you have done for me.

Sincerely,

Mikayla Howorka

Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

It's an honor to receive the Robert L. Crow Award from such a prestigious association. Your organization is directly responsible for a large part of my success at Virginia Tech. The support you all have given me will allow for me to graduate on time and pursue a masters degree in water resources management. I hope to be able to continue my education and eventually help improve water resources in impoverished areas within the United States. Thank you for everything you have done for me, but more importantly thank you for your service.

Best Wishes,
Joe Famularo



Dear AAO Chapter One and Scholarship Committee,

I received scholarships from your organization my first two years at Sierra Valley College of Court Reporting, and I want to update you on where I am with my education and career and what it took to get there.

In March 2015, I was blessed with a daughter, Harlyn, who was born with a rare disease called Hyperinsulinism (basically, the opposite of diabetes) which is accompanied by

some very demanding medical problems that required my constant round-the-clock attention. We spent a lot of time in the hospital, so I wasn't able to go to school for about four months. Once I returned, I was more determined than ever to finish successfully. The medical problems didn't stop once I went back to school, so I had to juggle them, extreme sleep deprivation, chronic fatigue and attending school, homework, and practicing stenography. There were many times when I didn't think that I could continue.

In March 2016, I finished school on my birthday. It was one of the best birthday presents I've ever received. I took the three state exams required to obtain a court reporting license and passed all three on the first try. I have received my license and am now working as a Certified Shorthand Reporter.

I want to thank you and my Ordie family again for easing my financial burden and making my journey through court reporting school successful. Your support will always be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
JeanAnn DeWees, CSR

Kevin,
Hello from the Southern Most Chapter.
Thank you for all you do in Keeping the REDSHIRT looking good. Southern Most Chapter is doing Great!!
Can you please post this picture in the next REDSHIRT.

Thanks

V/r

Gram

Michael Gramolini
Explosive Safety Officer
NAS Key West

Thanks Gram, its back in the Chapter ScuttleButt Section!

Kevin,

I hope all is well. I am ENS David Harris VAQ-139 Gunner. I would like to know if we can get an editorial in the next redshirt? In this picture is the AV/ARM division of VAQ-139. We completed our CWTPi on Sept 20, 2016 with a perfect score of 170 out of 170 with zero discrepancies and zero adverse comments. These Sailors deserve a shout out to the Ordie community. They worked very hard to achieve this goal.

Everyone is listed from right to left in the photo attached.
AOC Blackmon, AO2 Kalbacher, AO1 Nitta, AO2 Medina, AO2 Anderson, AO-AN Succaw, AOAN Reyes, AO3 Blassingame, AT3 Porter, AT1 Caughlin, AT3 Ellis, AT2 Hawkes, AT3 Garcia, AT2 Kapuga and Gunner Harris.

V/R
ENS David L. Harris
VAQ-139 Gunner



The COMNAVAIRLANT WEAPONS Staff wanted to let the CVW-3 Arm/De Arm Team (currently deployed on CVN 69 in the 5th Fleet AOR) how much we appreciate the efforts. We look at the as unsung heroes and we all chipped in to send 2 care packages to give them a taste of home and remind them they are so very much appreciated for their efforts. The Smile on their faces makes it even that much more special to us all. Keep em safe and hurry home.

V/R
CDR Joe Thompson
AIRLANT
Force OHO



Kevin,

I know you remember Bill Arndt our PMA-201 AAE DAPML Rep for CNAL, Bill recently accepted a position in Norfolk as our new H-60 FWST DET Norfolk Rep. The attached pictures are of Bill Arndt receiving his a letter of appreciation from the PMA 201 Unmanned Aviation and Strike Weapons program Office. In the attached, pictured are Bob Buckley (PMA-201 AAE APML), Gary Cox (PMA-201 AAE DAPML), Troy Riehm (PMA-201 AAE Supply Support Manager). The presenter in the photos is Bob Buckley.

Upon Bill's departure from PMA-201 & CNAL, the Program Office expressed in the letter to Bill its sincere appreciation for his leadership, professional and technical expertise and the many contributions Bill made to the AAE Program spanning nearly 18 years of service from Sept 1998 to May 2016. Bill will still be serving the Fleet but in a new way as an FWST rep for the H-60 community in Norfolk. Bill has already made his valuable presence felt along the flight line and is making difference supporting our War Fighters. A job well done.

v/r Bill

BILL GLENN
AERIAL & SEABORNE TARGETS MANAGER
DSN: 836-8261
COMM: (757) 836-8261



COMNAVAIRLANT Weapons recently hosted CVN 75 Weapons Department to a burger burn at the Mobile Ordnance training team (MOTT) Building on Naval Station Norfolk. The AIRLANT Weps Team passed the hat and raised over \$300 to sponsor the burger burn. This was our way of saying "THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE" CVN 75 recently returned from a 8 month deployment in the 5th Fleet AOR and built and expended over 800 tons of ordnance during combat operations. All of CVN-75 team came home with 10 fingers and 10 toes. WELL DONE TEAM TRUMAN.

CDR Thompson
COMNAVAIRLANT
Force OHO



Kevin,

A little red shirt input for you bother!

Cpts Bindel & Dean at the promotion ceremony's for CDR Joe Thompson & CDR Steve Folsom at the MOTT East building Norfolk VA. As well as GUN Boss Ray Parham & newly promoted LCDR Lawrence Schaffer, WAST East lead.

Hope all is well down in your area after all the weather last week.

Take care.
v/r Bill

BILL GLENN
AERIAL & SEABORNE TARGETS MANAGER



PREZ

Greetings and Salutes Members!

As always I pray all is well with you and yours and this Newsletter finds you in the best of spirits. Our continued thanks to all of our dedicated Marine and Sailor Ordnance men and women, as well as, all defenders around the globe defending our magnificent homeland.

If you attended our 40th convention this year I am sure you agree that our members and the Silver Legacy Resort staff surpassed our expectations once again providing us with elite support. Also, one last enormous thank you is in order for Rear Admiral Brian K. Corey and his lovely wife Debbi for their attendance this year as our guest speaker. We genuinely appreciate his appearance and support of our esteemed association. Thank you Admiral! Thank you to "Ordie One" CAPT Bill Bindel for his assistance helping me secure our guest speaker. We appreciated having a "Flag" presence again.

I will say, and hope those in attendance this year feel the same, I had a blast during my first convention at the helm! Thank you to the entire team for all of your hard work. We cannot say that enough. It was another amazing year and it was so great seeing the convention "regulars" and especially so many new faces. We had to add tables to support the Friday night social and the Saturday night banquet. A great glitch to have, though I will add we should get tickets sooner to prevent last minute hustling if possible.

Congratulations to our 2016 AOY, (now) AOC (AW/SW) Amanda J. Roth from the Aviation Ordnance Schoolhouse in Pensacola, FL and our 2016 AOY Runner-up, (now) AOC (AW/SW) Lamonte J. Miller on board USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

Congratulations to each of our 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees and Robert L. Crow Scholarship recipients. The competition was tough and your accomplishments are well deserved. Congratulations to our newly elected Officers and Board members as well. Look for the General Business Meeting Minutes in this issue. Please take the time to review the minutes and know that your officers and board members are standing by to answer questions.

On behalf of our members, Thank You Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding for your steady and generous support of our Association's Scholarship program. Likewise, thank you to NAVAIR PEO U/W, our Chapters, Auxiliary, and all other individuals who give so kindheartedly to our scholarship. Every donation is cherished and helps provide financial aid to curtail member's educational expenses. Remember, anyone can make donations to our scholarship program and/or to our National Organization's General Fund. So remember to include your very own association as you sit down to write your donation checks to donate to all the worthy

programs you donate to annually. Send donations to our very own Secretary, Mr. Tom Lord. He won't mind. (Smile)

*** Please pass the word ***

The John W. Finn Statue initiative has been postponed. I previously reported there would be an unveiling of a bronze John Finn statue in San Diego near the USS MIDWAY Museum December 7, 2016. That date has been postponed for now due to zoning issues. I'm told the delay is substantial and could be a year or up to a year in a half. Of note, any donations made online via USS MIDWAY's Museum site in support of the John Finn statue initiative, those funds will sit in a "partitioned" account and not use for any other purpose. I will pass any further updates as I get them.

The Naval Order is still on track to receive their statue for 2017 at this time. Recall that the statue is scheduled to be placed in the vicinity of the Admiral Chester Nimitz bronze statue already in place near the USS MISSOURI on Ford Island in Hawaii. They will initiate a fund raiser of their own soon. We'll notify all when that happens in case members would like to make donations.

Since we know our next Red Shirt will not be out until after January, Pat and I wish you all a good Spooky Night, a blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Years'.

IYAOYAS!!!
Dion



Rear Admiral Brian Corey, Debbi Corey, Patricia Edon with National President Dion Edon

L-R: Michael Price, CAPT, USN (Ret.); National President Dion Edon CDR, USN (Ret.); "Ordie One" CAPT Bill Bindel; Dave Lepard, CAPT, USN, (Ret.)



Hello Ordies!

Well the Continuum and Convention are over and we had a great turnout for both. I especially noticed all of the members that attended our General Business Meeting on Saturday, there were a lot of younger AO's in the room stepping up to lead our Chapters and National Association into the future, good on y'all! I want to thank everyone who attended the Convention and took the time to help with all of the Boards and Committees, the help and interest in those types of things are very much appreciated. Congratulations to all of the scholarship awardees, the Hall of Fame inductees and the Aviation Ordnance-man of the Year and Runner-up! Your packages were outstanding and the competition was tough, so you can be extremely proud of your accomplishments!

Also, congratulations to our new and/or re-elected officers, Secretary JJ LaMaitre, Board of Directors Tim Zimmer and Dave Lepard, and myself for Vice President. Thank you all that voted for me at the business meeting as well as by absentee ballot for having the confidence in me to continue in this position, it is truly an honor to serve our Association in that capacity. Next year we will be electing a Treasurer, and 2 Board of Director positions. Nominations are due by 1 April of 2017 and remember that the person you nominate must accept that nomination in writing. More information on this will be in the next Redshirt edition.

As far as membership goes, we did really well in the past year showing a significant increase in most areas. I would like to see that increase in the future and there are many of our Chapters that have the ball rolling to do just that. It only takes a few hard chargers in each area of the country or on board our war ships to either start a new Chapter or boost the membership in your current one. I challenge all of you to do just that. Word of mouth is always the best way to recruit new members but please use all of the options available to you, which includes networking with others for new ideas or old ones that have been working.

As always, I would like to thank all of you who are on deployment or overseas doing our country's business in harm's way! We here back on the home front are extremely proud of you and wish nothing but the best for you and your families. Stay Safe and God Bless.

V/R
Rob Walecki

SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – First off THANK YOU for your continuing support in allowing me to continue as your Secretary in this fine Association, I am indeed humbled.

GREAT Continuum and Convention in Reno this year. Was good seeing you all there, start NOW to make your plans for the Continuum & Convention that will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV (Continuum) from 23 July thru 27 July 2017, and (Convention) from 26 July thru 30 July. Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Our numbers trended up again this year with folks staying over from the Continuum. We are seeing more families attending and that is a good thing!

Chapter Officers – A minor change has been made to the Chapter Standard-

ized Bylaws. Please go into your bylaws Article II; Section 4; 1st sentence; and delete the words 'Educational Foundation'. Our 'Educational Foundation' was shut down 2+ years ago. We are still supporting the Scholarship Program. Additionally, you need to get into the National By-Laws (Article IX) to see what your responsibilities are. I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

The following Chapters have not been heard from in the past year: Chapter 11; Chapter 39, Chapter 70; Chapter 72; and Chapter 76. If your Chapter is listed, please get a hold of National to so we know you are still alive.

Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin in January for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt for details.

R,
John (JJ) LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

TREASURER

Convention 2016 has come and gone. It is now time to start thinking about Convention 2017. There were some problems with walk-up registrations, though. I had roughly 30 people show up at 1600 on Friday to register. I know a lot of the active duty people don't know until the last minute if they can make the convention, I would appreciate if you could try and let me know as soon as you decide to come. Call me or text me.

I want to give a special "shout out" to AO1 Josh Casey on the USS Boxer. Thanks to Josh, The Boxer chapter is alive and well. In the last year, Josh has recruited over 50 Boxer sailors and Marines into the chapter. Thanks Josh.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so I can update your record.

Address changes are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, when I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up, get those address changes to me prior to the move.

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CHAPTER 21

Greetings, to all of our Brothers and Sisters sporting Red from Ordnance Town USA in beautiful Fallon, Nevada. We would like to take the opportunity to let you all know that Chapter 21 is still fighting the good fight proving that Ordies are the best Sailors and Citizen's this country has to offer. By offering our talents and services to the local community we have maintained a positive and professional relationship throughout.

Chapter 21 AAO has been tenacious in various projects to include; Rattle Snake Raceway, Gas and Glass fund raisers, Ordie Poker Night, Meals on Wheels, Chapter 21 Family Day BBQ, and several other events. The two events that were the most near and dear to our hearts were the Memorial Day Flag Laying held at Churchill County Cemetery and the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony held at Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. We are proud and honored to have participated in such an extremely important and memorable event. We vow never to forget those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to us all.

All Ordies understand the importance of team work, so at this time we would also like to take an opportunity to give a special thanks to all visiting CAG's. Your help and support during your detachments are greatly appreciated and will always be welcomed.

Chapter 21 meets at 1800, every first Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post 16 Fallon, Nevada. If you find yourself in Ordnance Town, our doors and arms are always open to our fellow Ordnancemen and their families. To all of our new members, we ask that you to bring an AO who has never attended a meeting and expose them to the greatness of our Association. We would like to say in closing, IYAOYAS!



CHAPTER 21 AAO MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLANTING EVENT. The price of freedom is not cheap and comes with tremendous sacrifice and courage. It is for these reasons that we are proud and humble on Memorial Day. We are proud of our fellow service members for their sacrifice in the service of our great nation and we are humbled in the reality that we all still have so much to give. It is Chapter 21's and every American citizen's responsibility to ensure that their memories live on forever.



On the left: CWO5 Mike Lavoie, and LT Jeremy Sartain presenting AOC Amanda Roth with her AO of the Year award at NATTC Pensacola, FL.

On the right; LCDR Tracey Appleby, USS Theodore Roosevelt OHO presenting the AOY Runner Up certificate to AOC Lamonte Miller.



USS AMERICA LHA 6

Greeting's Red Shirt,

From the Mighty Warship that bears the namesake of our great country, USS AMERICA (LHA 6),

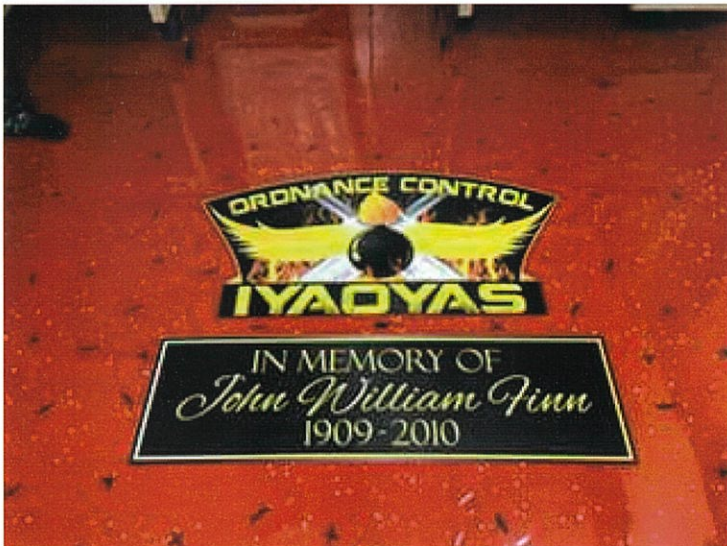
Although we will be missing this year's Continuum and Convention, AMERICA's Ordies are looking forward to the Rim of Pacific Exercise to show our allied nations how the "Arms of the Fleet" do business.

We have been very busy here; completed a successful First-In-Class Sea Trials, Post Shakedown Availability, Magazine Sprinkler Certification, Explosive Safety Inspection, and many other firsts for the entire crew.

We would also like to welcome aboard LCDR Blackman as AMERICA's GUNBOSS and wish LT Eaton fair winds and following seas.

Here are a couple of pictures we would like to highlight, for all the hard work that our Redshirts put in to make USS AMERICA our home.

From AMERICA's Ordies, we appreciate all you do.



CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started."

Since May 2016 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added 8 new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and had 29 AOs who attended their first Chapter 8 meeting .

On Saturday, 14 May, the Chapter held its annual picnic. Com-

mittee Chairs Diane McQueen-Gipson and Breanna Coachman did an outstanding job coordinating all the details. The whole Chapter rallied around to support with the set-up, cooking, clean-up, buying supplies, etc. The unofficial attendance was easily over 100 members, family, and invited guests. Even Lemoore and China Lake Chapters were well represented.

On 2 June, the Chapter held its election for President and AO1 Breanna Coachman was declared the new Chapter 8 President. A hardy congratulations went out to Breanna as well as a thank you to our outgoing President Misty Beck who has played such a pivotal role in bringing the chapter to the high level it currently is.

On Saturday, 4 June, we held our quarterly Highway Walk on the Coronado Strand.

On Saturday, 16 July, several Chapter members, led by Jim Thomas, showed up in force to do yard work at the Chula Vista Veterans home. After four hours of intensive labor pulling weeds, the grounds around Building F looked spectacular. A big BZ goes out to HSC-23 for their awesome command leadership participation which included Gunner Curry, AOCS Eugene, AO1 Pranger and several others.

The week of 25-30 July was the AAO Convention and Chapter 8 had a huge showing. Not only did the Chapter show up in big numbers but we donated big to the AAO Scholarship program. Besides the \$913 check that President Breanna Coachman presented to the AAO Treasurer but members Nanise Schroeder, Gunner Marano, JJ and Tess LaMaitre, and Jim Thompson brought in an additional \$2,000 with the items they donated to the Friday Night Social and AAAO Auction. BZ to all who supported.

On Saturday, 30 July, Chapter 8 Member, AOC(Ret) David Overstreet was inducted into the AAO Hall of Fame. The Chapter would like to congratulate Dave for his many noteworthy contributions and faithful service to the AO Community. BZ!!!

In September, the Chapter held its monthly meeting on 1 September, conducted our quarterly Highway Walk on 3 September, and afterward's showed up in force to the home of JJ and Tess LaMaitre for an awesome social gathering. The pulled pork and brisket prepared by JJ and Tess were extraordinarily good. While the adults just had a great time socializing, the kids took advantage of the LaMaitre's well maintained swimming pool. Thank you JJ and Tess for being such awesome hosts.

The Chapter would also like to recognize the regular and most welcome attendance of AAO Founding Father, LCDR (Ret) Jim Thompson. The Chapter would also like to thank Jim for the steady donations he makes to the monthly drawings we often hold directly after the 50/50.

Until next time, keep it safe out there and IYAOYAS!!!

V/r
CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler
Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer

AAO AUXILLARY



Happy Fall everyone,

I Hope everyone that made it to Convention this year is well rested and revived. We had a great turn out. We took care of business and also had lots of fun. I really hope you all can make it next year, which will be July 27-

July 30, 2017. Save the date!

Also we will be having the Planning Meeting in Laughlin in Jan. Details are included in the Redshirt.

Auxiliary News

We had elections and I want to say Congratulations to all of the new board members. I really look forward to working with you all and putting all of our efforts together in supporting our Ordies.

Auxiliary Fundraisers Auctioneer Rob and his assistant Tim did a great job this year and we appreciate all of your efforts. It was a great auction this year and we are very appreciative of how deep you all reached to support our Robert L. Crowe Scholarship. Without you and all of the AWESOME donated items we can't Thank you enough... Thank you to all of the Auxiliary members that spent many hours behind the Game tables and all the AO's that bought tickets and supported the cause. Thank you to our Memorabilia Chair Tess she did an outstanding job and planned so many fun activities during convention.

Circle of Support

We would like to say Congratulations to Delores Manley and Dottie Michel as our newest inductions into the Circle of Support.

It gives me great pleasure to represent such a fine group of people in our Auxiliary. It was great to see everyone at Convention. We missed those of you that weren't there but hope to see you next year. We would love to have you join the auxiliary, build memories and help us make things happen for our Ordies....

Teresa Zimmer - President

SOUTHERN MOST CHAPTER



Greetings to all our Brothers and sisters in Red from the Southernmost chapter in Key West, Florida.

Keeping the ball rolling down here in Key West. In the past month a lot has happened down in the Keys . We had the opportunity of assisting Sigsbee Charter School in a classroom Rehab. More than five rooms completed by the Southernmost Chapter.

Like every other quarter, our chapter also completed their Highway Clean Up picking up trash that was on the side of the road but mostly brought in by the rising tides.

I want to take a moment and express my sincere appreciation to all members who played a role in the Symposium. This was my first time assisting and it was an honor because representing a chapter like Key west who was in a dormant status meant a lot. Reno better watch out next year because Key West will be there present and at its full potential.

I would like to invite all my brothers and sister out there to come visit us when they are in town. Our meetings are held on the Sunset Lounge over at Sigsbee ANNEX the first Wednesday of the month at 1700. In the next couple of months we have a camp/beach clean-up over at Dry Tortuga and multiple car washes.

Like always to all those ORDIES out there stay safe, stay building, and stay humping... I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S!!!

Very Respectfully
AO1(AW/SW) Rodriguez Diaz, Elliot
Southernmost Chapter President



CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Thanks to our webmaster, Steve "Pocket Gunner" Cashat, our website has been updated and is better than ever. Our goal as a chapter is to encour-

age each member to join the National AAO Organization.

Congratulations and welcome aboard to all the new AOC's.

As the school year came to a close, Chapter 9 had the opportunity to recognize one outstanding cadet from 12 local NJROTC units and one MCJROTC unit. The cadet was presented with a certificate and a medal in recognition of their leadership and contributions to their individual programs. This is a great way to give back to the community and say thanks to some fine young adults. Who knows, some of them may become AO's.

Thanks goes out to LCDR Steve Cashat, USN (Ret) and CWO5 Mike Snider, USN (Ret) who collects un-used toiletries from motel/hotel rooms while traveling and donates them to battered women's shelters.

We will have completed the fourth annual AO family picnic. Good food and fellowship was shared by all. It is always great to see old shipmates and meet new ones and of course tell sea stories.

19 August was the 35th anniversary of the "Guns of August" which occurred in 1981 in the Gulf of Sidra. Just before dawn, two alert 5 aircraft from VF-41 "Black Aces" launched to meet an inbound threat detected launching from Libya. In just a few minutes, both Libyan SU-22 "fighters" were fireballs and it turned out to be a great day for the "Black Aces", CVW-8, the USS Nimitz and AO's everywhere. What is the moral of the story? The job you do day to day may seem mundane, but you never know when that ordnance you handled and loaded must work perfectly to save your butt! Build it, load it right every time.

Stay safe, follow the check list, and look out for each other. Till next time IYAOYAS!!!

AO1 James Peters
AAO9 President

DESERT SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

Greetings from El Centro, California, also known as "The Pearl of the Desert."

It has been years since we have had something to say but we are slowly making a comeback. Since our recent reestablishment we have been busy and our chapter has continued to grow. We have elected into office Christopher Crone as our president, Jose Cortez as VP, Derek Morado as treasurer, Carolyn Turner as secretary and Daniel Ventura, Marqueta Grant, Joshua Willhite as Board of Directors.

In May, the Chapter held a "float down" picnic where approximately 35 members, family and friends hopped in their tubes and cruised down the Colorado River. BZ to Valerie Castrellon for her efforts in collaborating with the base to get the tubes and transportation; also BZ to Derek Morado and Meliza Barraza for making delicious tortas and providing food and drinks. We quickly got the El Centro Chapter name out on base and took in more applications for membership. (SEE PICTURE)

During the month of June, in efforts to build a relationship with the community, the Chapter decided to adopt a two mile portion of west bound Interstate 8. Thank you to Nanise Schroeder for donating the sign and handling the paperwork, PPE and permits. The first Highway walk will be held sometime in November, when the weather is not so obnoxiously hot. (SEE PICTURE)

On Thursday, July 14th, the chapter held its monthly meeting at Chili's for the restaurant's "give back night." Approximately 27 members and family were in attendance to discuss the Association's annual convention and upcoming events. July 25-30 was the AAO Convention; big thank you to Derek Morado and Nanise Schroeder for representing the Chapter. Besides their \$250.00 cash donation on behalf of the chapter, our beautiful hand-made AAO quilt brought in an additional \$900 for a grand total of \$1150 for the scholarship fund. BZ! (SEE PICTURE)

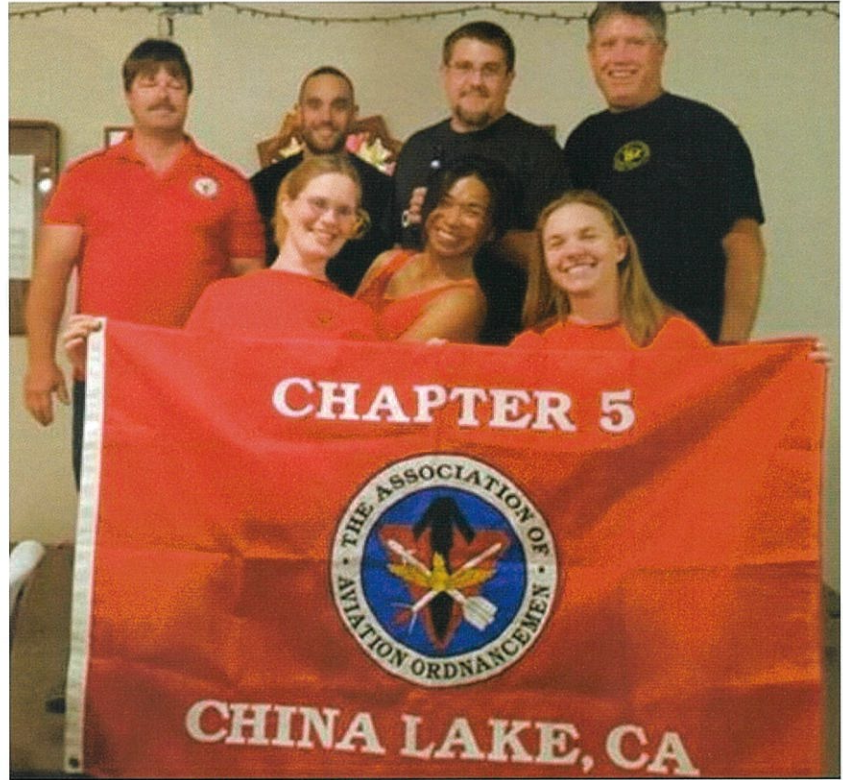
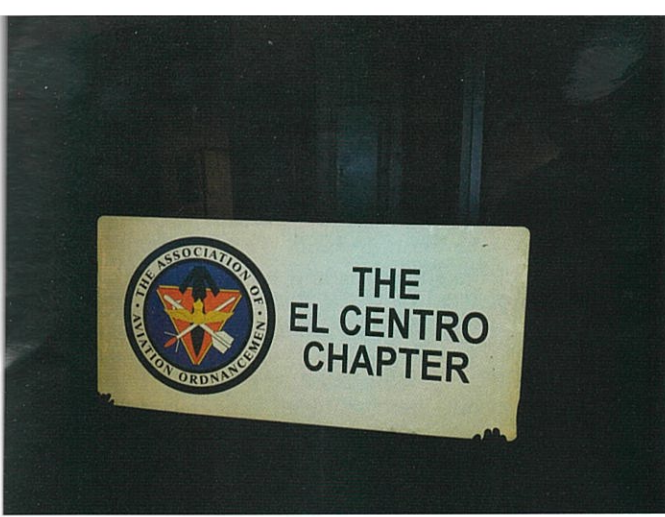
In August, efforts to build camaraderie, the Chapter hosted a "Weapons Movie Day." We took time out to have our family and friends spend a day at the movies so we could get to know each other better. The movie of choice was Independence Day. Big thanks to Gunner Joshua Willhite for making it all happen and to Mitch Simpson for organizing the event,

Before we go, we would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the new Chiefs that were tried, tested and accepted! BZ. We would also like to acknowledge our third Sailor of the quarter awardees; SSOQ-AO1 Ventura, SOQ-AO2 Crone and JSOQ-AOAN Bodiford (third quarter). SSOQ- AO1 McGillin, SOQ-AO2 Cortez and JSOQ AOAN Ceja (fourth quarter). Finally, we would also like to recognize our first ever meritoriously advanced Sailor, now, AO1 Ernesto Rivera. BZ shipmate! (SEE PICTURE) Until fingertip meets key board...IYAOYAS!

Submitted by Nanise Schroeder

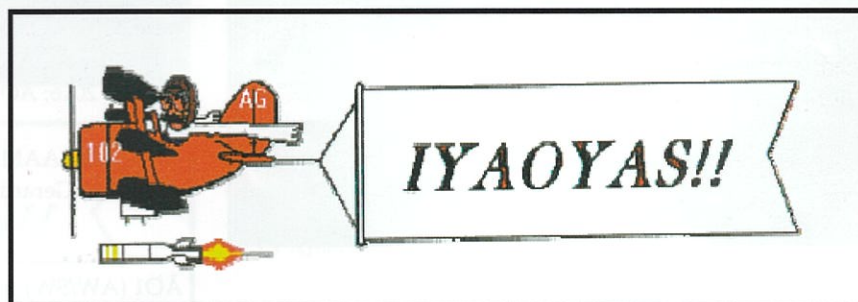
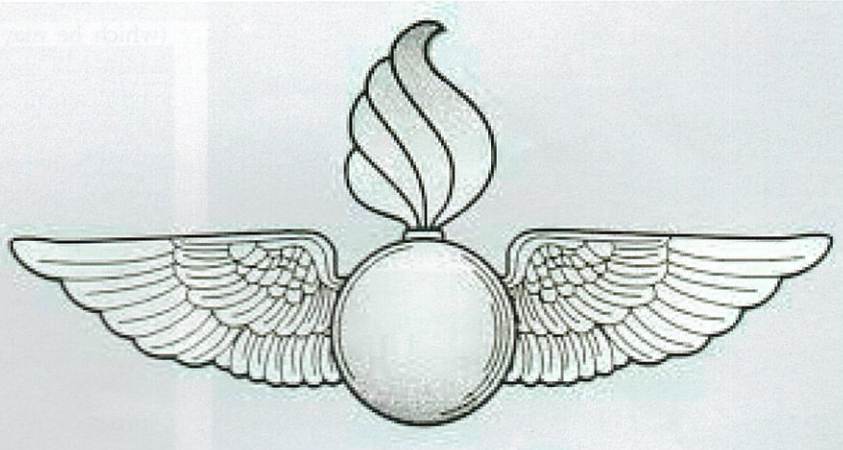
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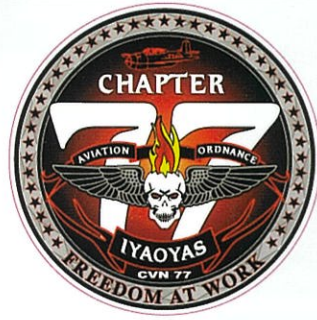


Front row: Amanda Ehler, Angela Heppe and Lacy Paulsen
Back row: Pat Zawchenuk, Matt Ehler, Greg Paulsen and Jimmy Brantley

2016 June 24 - Chapter 5 AO Meeting @ VFW Ridgecrest, CA



CHAPTER 77



IYAOYAS SHIPMATES!! We have finally made it out of the shipyards and we are now fully operational!

Chapter 77 would like to say hello to all the fellow Ordies out there scattered amongst the fleet! We hope that you are all doing well!

At this time we have completed Fast Cruise and Sea Trials and we are currently on TSTA/FEP. But most importantly, we have a renewed spirit and the ship has her soul back after our on-load of 2,000 tons of ordnance that consisted of 350 line items worth over \$300 million dollars, and let me tell you, it was done flawlessly! A great job was done by all that were involved with getting all ordnance onboard safely and stowed effectively and efficiently. I would like to give a special shout out to the Weapons Department onboard the USS George H. W. Bush! From the saltiest to the youngest Ordie, your performance and execution was absolutely spectacular! With the challenges that arose and the unique situations that presented themselves, YOU conquered them and you came out on top at every opportunity until the job was done. The Ordnance community could not be more proud; we look forward to showing the enemy our ship's true soul, her fighting soul!

Besides the operational side of the house, we have accomplished a great deal during our shipyard period and our Sailors have been doing exceptional in all that they do. Promotions this year were well deserved with the advancement of 11 Third Classes, three Second Classes, one First Class and the selection of three Chief Petty Officers. Great job to all and congratulations to all other Ordies in the fleet for your advancement!

In August we held our annual Chapter77 picnic. The families and friends along with the members enjoyed a great time. The weather was great, the food was excellent and the events were spectacular. From the dunk tank with LT Paul Castillo (which he may have needed a tetanus shot afterwards), to the pie in the face which will remain forever a jaw dropping moment! We are looking forward to having our next annual Ordie event in the near future.

Well, it's that time. We hope the best for you all in the fleet, and from our Chapter to yours and all our fellow Ordies active duty and retired... IYAOYAS and God bless!

Awards:

Mag Rat of the Month
March 2016; AOAN Justin Long
April 2016; AOAN Trevor Andersoncooper
May 2016; AOAN Elijah Cluff
June 2016; AOAN Jaime Loya
July 2016; AOAN Apiffany Caldwell
August 2016; AOAN Kristian Ward

Navy AMRAAM Outstanding Performance Award for FY16 went out to AO1 (AW/SW) Gerardo Fargas; A huge accomplishment, congratulations Shipmate!

AO1 (AW/SW) Jeremy M. Reed
Chapter 77 President

CHAPTER 75

We have some pictures for the Red Shirt we would like to submit. As you can see we have been doing some pretty serious stuff out here while we been on our deployment. I also attached our 2015-2016 Deployment coin. Hope all is well!

Thank you

V/r
AO1 Godair



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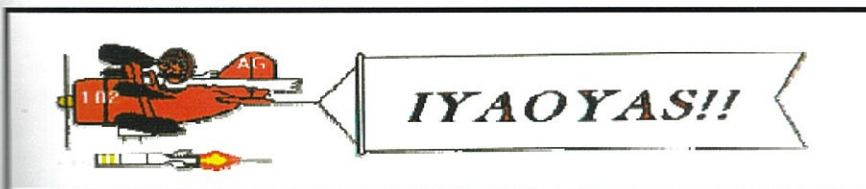


ON THE COVER

120523-N-NB694-038 ARABIAN SEA (May 23, 2012)
Aviation ordnancemen move ordnance on the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Lincoln is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Joshua E. Walters/Released)

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USS America Ordnancemen



CHAPTER 4

Greeting from Hampton Roads.

From all the members of AAO Chapter 4. We hope you had an amazing summer. As we endured the heat and humidity of a Virginia Summer, we certainly didn't let it slow us down.

At our June Chapter meeting, we discussed our contribution to the National Scholarship Fund. CWO4 Rob Pavel, VFA 213 Gunner, reached into his wallet and pulled out a \$100 Bill and challenged the others in the room to donate. At the end of the meeting there was over \$900 raised. The following day LCDR (sel) Zac MacDonald, HSC Atlantic WING Gunner walked the flight line in Norfolk and raised another \$500. Chapter 4 was proud to donate \$1500 to the national Scholarship Fund this year surpassing last year's donation by \$500.



Chapter 4 held its annual summer picnic in early AUG. The picnic was held on NAS Oceana and over 50 redshirts from all over Hampton Roads Attended. The annual fund raiser for the Chapter was held during the picnic, and the AIM 9 M lamp was raffled off. AOCS (ret) AOCS Tee Tuisamatatele (Ret.) from San Diego, CA. Was the lucky winner. CONGRATS Senior.

Chapter 4 would like to congratulate all the new CPO selectees and all the newly selected LCDR's. Locally, the following LCDR were selected:

- LCDR (Sel) Chabonnie Alexander CVW-7
 - LCDR (Sel) Charles Carter NMC SIG - LCDR (Sel) Paul Castillo, CVN 77
 - LCDR (Sel) Zachary Macdonald
- HSC WING LANT
- LCDR (Sel) Sheltric Peterson CVN 72
 - LCDR (Sel) Travis Semones CVN 73

Congratulations to you all. When is the wetting down?????????



CHAPTER 1

Greetings from CHAPTER ONE, Lemoore CA.

27 August 2016, Chapter One annual picnic, went off without a hitch and what a great time!! What a great turn out for everyone just coming back from detachment or deployment. I have included a few photos and appreciate everyone's assistance and hope to see even more Ordies next year.

Congratulations to Shelisa Williams our Chapter One Scholarship winner this year, we are all very proud of her. I do want to recap on our Lemoore Relay for Life which took place on 30 April - 1 May 2016 the Lemoore Ordies team and Chapter One raised \$7,996.01 placing the team in First Place for Non-corporate Teams this is our ninth consecutive year. Special thanks to Mrs. Beverly Onken for all her time, efforts and lead in donations!

We are grateful for all the community support and for each and every Ordie that helps to make our community stronger! Next up Chapter One Holiday Party 10 December 2016.. IYAOYAS!!

V/r
AAO Chapter One Vice President
Jeffrey Coe AOCS(RET)

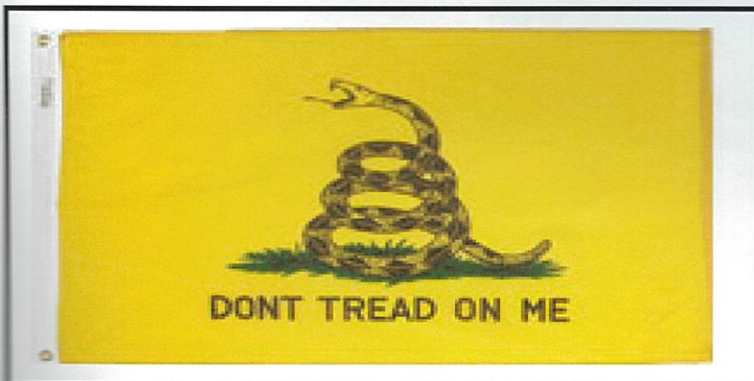




AIRLANT/AIRPAC ESSO's—Bottom row: Left to Right: Troy Westphal, Maria Benton, Douglas Huling, Darleen Griffin, Raphael Monell, Tom Thomas, & Brad Schwake
 Back row: Left to Right: John Reed, Jeff Wilson, Mark Mitchell, Curtis White, Ron Whitfield, Heartsille 'Bones' Reynolds, Michael Price, & Mike Netzel



CDR Rick Sherman, GUNBOSS USS GERALD FORD Retirement Ceremony at NAS Oceana Virginia



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can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaotreas2011@cox.net. Chapter officers, division LPO's, shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materials. If you know their e-mail address, drop them a line to get in touch with me.

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at www.usps.com.

IYAOYAS!
 R,
 Thomas Lord
 AAO Treasurer

HLU-421

The HLU-421/E change 6 package (17-1-127) has been developed and is ready for print. NAVAIR Lakehurst was notified May 24th that the P&D (\$900) was pulled back by PMA259, but will be covered by PMA260 funds. All the necessary steps have been completed except for printing. Once the MIPR gets issued it will be forwarded to Defense Printing Office and uploaded to NATEC for web posting. This effort will be completed NLT 10 June.

As of this writing, fleet activities can now load test their HLU-421s by downloading or printing the new change 6 package off the NATEC website.

Thanks to Mark Nitzsche at PHS&T NSWC IHEODTD DET Picatinny, Kevin Moriarty AMRAAM APML, Dalyn Dunn AMRAAM Production/Sustainment Branch and Charles Puleo NAVAIR Lakehurst for getting this effort pushed thru!



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