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PREZ

Greetings fellow warriors, past and present.

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. I would like to first offer my thank you for the trust you demonstrated in me when you elected me to serve as the National President of this august body. I will attempt to serve this association well. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to grow this association and increase its impact on our profession. I will rely on the members to help chart the course we will navigate.

I offer my congratulations to the new officers upon your installation and offer my thanks for your willingness to serve. I would also like to express the appreciation of the association to the former officers for providing the guidance necessary to keep this organization operating smartly and moving forward. To the national officers who continue to serve I offer my personal thanks for your performance of the yeoman work required to support the association. Finally I would like to express the appreciation of the association to the local chapter officers and members who work diligently to advance the purposes of this association where the rubber meets the road. The success of this association requires that we work together in order to achieve the best effect.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all of the members who selflessly worked to plan and support the execution of another successful annual convention. The success of this endeavor rests squarely upon the shoulders of a small number of our members. They perform this work for very little recognition and even less reward. I will not individually recognize these members, as I am sure I would forget one or two, so I will just offer my thanks for all you do to support this event.

I offer my congratulation to Chapter 35 Lightning upon your establishment onboard Eglin Air Force Base. The Board of Directors approved this establishment just last week. Thank you to all of the officers and members for putting forth the effort required to institute a new chapter. Welcome and I look forward to hearing of all the great things your chapter will do in the future.

In closing I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas. Please keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization and the purposes to which it is dedicated. I look forward to the great works that this association will perform in the future.

IYAOYAS,
Matt

VP

Hello Fellow Ordies!

Well the Continuum and Convention are over and we had a great turnout for both. 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 Ordnanceman of the Year and Runner-up! Your packages were outstanding and the competition was tough, so you can be extremely proud of your accomplish-

ments!

Also, congratulations to our new and/or re-elected officers, President, Matt Arnold, Board of Directors Amber Roth and Steve Kashuba. Next year we will be electing a Vice President, Secretary and 2 Board of Director positions. Nominations are due by 1 April of 2019 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. And don't forget about my Membership Program, recruit 5 or 10 new members and receive the corresponding hat pins. Check the Redshirt for details.

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 – Super Continuum/ AOLMC and Convention in Reno this year. Very busy week and a lot of business was done for your Association.

A big Welcome aboard to our new Association President Captain Matt Arnold. He is AIRFORCES Gun Boss and will be an asset and cheerleader for the Association.

Start NOW making plans for Continuum & Convention which will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV (Continuum/ AOLMC) from 29 July thru 01 Aug 2019, and (Convention) from 01 August thru 04 August 2019. **Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise.**

Chapter Officers – I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a continuing basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. The Board of Directors passed some updated guidance and we will start notifying the Chapters that have not submitted their reports as required. Do NOT let your Chapter be Inactivated! Forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

The following Chapters have not been heard from in the past year: Chapter 39 (3 years) ; Chapter 69 (2 years); Chapter 71; Chapter 72 (2 years); Chapter 74 (2 years); Chapter 75; Chapter 76 (2 years); Chapter 77; Chapter Key West; Chapter USS Boxer (2 years); & Chapter Makin Island. Senior Leadership 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 at the Tropicana (**New Location!**) on January 11th – 14th for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt and Web Site for more details.

R,
John (JJ) LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

TREASURER

Great showing at Convention 2018. The numbers were a little less than last year, but still a good showing. I still had a lot of walk-ups, but once again, not as many as last year. Congratulations to all the Scholarship recipients. By now, your award should have already been received by your School.

Sorry to announce that membership fees will be going up in June 2019. It has been about twelve years since the last increase. Annual and new member fees will be \$25.00. Two years special will be \$40.00. Life memberships will go up about \$5.00 for each age group each except for the last two age groups. The June Red Shirt will have the new forms.

For the Chapters, keep up the good job you've been doing recruiting. You are the tip of the spear for keeping the Association strong.

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. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619)575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aootreas2011@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!
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

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 aootreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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(RS136)

AOC Sean F. Sherrick (RS136)
AOC Howard E. Rolan USN Ret (RS136)

CWO4 Thor Tweet (RS136)
AO2 Eduardo Viera, Jr. (TRN)

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS135/136) = Red Shirt Return

ON THE COVER

On 8 July several Chapter 8 members took a guided tour of the USS JOHN FINN that was set up by member Diane McQueen-Gipson. After the tour, members Jim and Caroline Thomas treated everyone to a brunch at Aunt Emma's restaurant. A great and memorable time was had by all.

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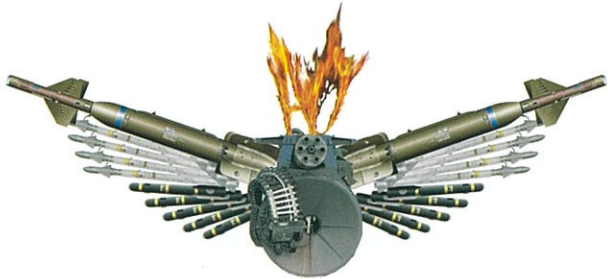
Chapter 78



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Join the **NAVY**



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 Your Change of Address is
 Important . . . Please submit one to the
 national treasurer



AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALLOF 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: _____
 LAST FIRST MI

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.

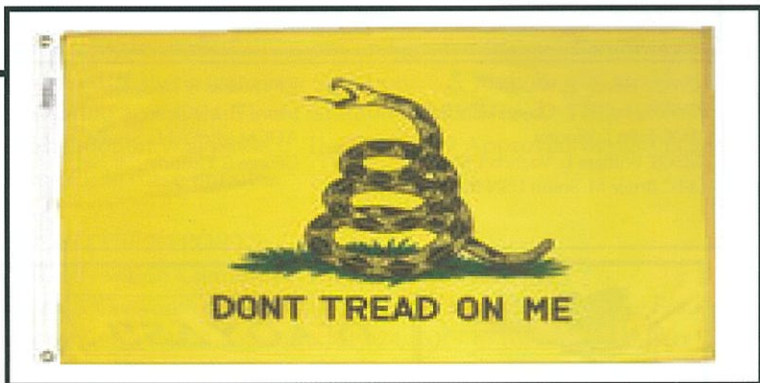
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GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN

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.



- MISSION**
The USS John Finn is a guided missile destroyer designed to create 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 precision and warfighting 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 used to track and engage multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be augmented by two embarked Langston-class helicopter squadrons.
- ARMAMENT**
Harpoon, Tomahawk and Standard missiles, SM-41 VLS, 1 or 2 Mk41 Vertical Launch System (VLS) launchers, 1600 5.25 inch/54 caliber gun, 1600 5.25 inch/54 caliber gun, 1600 5.25 inch/54 caliber gun.
- PROPULSION**
Four General Electric LM2500-30 gas turbines (two shafts, 100,000 and two shafts, 100,000 horsepower).
- AIRCRAFT**
Two Sikorsky Seahawk helicopters.
- MISCELLANEOUS**
Displacement: 8,200 tons (full load)
Length: 225 feet
Beam: 30 feet
Speed: 20 knots

USS John Finn (DDG 113)

Red Shirt

Articles

are due

20 JAN 19

1 MAY 19

20 SEP 19

Please submit via e-mail when possible



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 AOC David R. Weaver
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AAO Chapter 4	AAO Chapter 5
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AAO Chapter 70	AAO Chapter Desert Southwest
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Rick & Dale Nelson	CWO4 John & Shelly Stokely USN Ret



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AO1 Matthew T. Tribou USN Ret*

AOCS William F. Morgan USN Ret

AO1 Howard P. Riddle USN Ret*

AOC Leland "Lee" Connor USN Ret (WWII)

AO1 Jacob Spangler

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

IN MEMORIAM

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 Ret

In Memory of CWO4 Edward E. Scott USN Ret

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**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
2018 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Dion Edon, President, called the 2018 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0905, 28 July 2018, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag (Note: Ordie Song played after first break).

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 68 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 of 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 of order 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 forthcoming, 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 2017 Board of Directors Minutes.
- Approved the FY 2018/2019 Budget.
- Approved the Spartan Chapter, Souda Bay, Crete.
- Approved Chapter 7 (Iwo Jima) Chapter.

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2017 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #134 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 2017 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2017 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2018/2019 Approved Budget and 2017/2018 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room and on the tables. The Treasurer then asked if there were any questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2018/2019 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2018 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

The 2018 Convention is another great success and no major issues have come up. 2019 dates are July 24, 2019 to July 31, 2019 here at

the Silver Legacy. Planning Conference to be held in Laughlin, NV at the Edgewater Hotel Resort (note hotel change) on January 11th – 14th 2019. Reservation Code 'AAO19'.

Membership Committee, Rob Walecki, Chairman –

The Recruitment Award Program was started in June 2018 and the first award went to Angel Ladao Heppe from China Lake. Recruitment was up a little this year. This is mostly due to good recruitment in the stronger Chapters and the addition of the Souda Bay Chapter. There was very little activity in the afloat chapters except for some from the America and Teddy Roosevelt. Active duty membership at the afloat and NMC activities is still not improving and won't until we get the senior leadership involved, especially in the afloat chapters. The following is provided for your information:

	FY16-17	FY17-18
Total of all Current Members	1721	1668
Past Due (01 June – 31 May)	208	174
Life Members (Included above)	887	909
Honorary (Included above)	153	158
Current Dues Paying (Included above)	473	427

During FY17-18 we had the following new members:

	FY16-17	FY17-18
New Regular Members	137	148
New Associate Members	7	4
New Life Members	25	25
Total Inactive Members:	7458	7426
Total Unknown Members	98	99
Total Deceased Members	619	633

AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza, Chairman -

Thanked the Chapters and the Auxiliary for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The committee was comprised of six members, including one active duty and one Auxiliary member, and the members represented over 265 years of Ordnance experience. A total of \$29,000 in Scholarships were awarded. There was 23 packages received, 3 of which were disqualified, leaving 20 applicants up for consideration. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners For 2018:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

Robert L. Crow

\$4,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Tyler R. Moore, Son of John D. Moore

Robert L. Crow

\$3,000 Scholarship Award (2)

Marcella J. Burmeister, Daughter of Shawn Burmeister

James L. Besaw, Grandson of David P. Michel

Robert L. Crow

\$2,500 Scholarship Award (4)

Sara D. Irons, Granddaughter of Gerald J. Thompson
Joseph T. Famularo, Son of Henry J. Famularo
Michela D. Stevens, Daughter of Chadwick D. Stevens
Brad M. Willett, Son of James L. Willett

**2018 Additional
Scholarship Award Winners**

Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News, VA
\$2,500 Scholarship Award (2)

Hannah P. Elrod, Granddaughter of Herman C. Elrod
Michael V. Panis, Grandson of Norman Peters

Memory of James E. Thompson, Founding Father Member 0001
\$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Margaret A. Arnold, Daughter of Matthew E. Arnold

Donation from Envisioneering Incorporated
\$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Megan E. Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary L. Lain

AO of the Year Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

The committee considered 54 packages. 15 Members, including active duty and retired members representing over 412 years of Ordnance experience, participated in the deliberations. 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 2018

SSGT Charles A. White, VMFA-312

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2018
Runner-Up

AO1 (AW/SW) Donald F. Harris, USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78)

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone, Chairman –

There was one package up for consideration. Five members made up the committee and represented over 208 years of Ordnance experience including 3 former Association Presidents and four Chapter representatives. The winner was announced at the Awards Banquet and is presented here for the record:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
AO Hall of Fame Selectee for 2018

CWO5 Michael R. Snider, USN (Ret.)

Nomination Committee, Rob Walecki, Chairman –

The following offices are open for election/re-election:

President:

Dion J. Edon, CDR, USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Board of Directors (Two):

Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)
Angela Sobieski, LTJG, USN (Incumbent)

Nominee for President:

Matthew E. Arnold, CAPT(Sel.), USN

Nominees for the Board of Directors:

Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)
Angela Sobieski, LTJG, USN (Incumbent)
Todd Pendleton CWO4, USN (Ret)
Steve Kashuba, CDR, USN

If no nomination(s) are received from the floor, the President's Office will fill by voice vote by the members present.

If floor nominations are received a ballot will be required. The nominee must be present and accept the nomination. The voting will be conducted utilizing the ballots that were provided as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting and their membership status was verified to be current. The voting procedures will be restated prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

Absentee Voting Status, Rob Walecki, Vice President –

Total ballots received: 01

Invalid ballots due to not being a member or associate member: 0

Invalid ballots: 0

Total ballots to count during voting: 01

Absentee ballots received last year: 07

Reunion Book Committee, Nanise Schroeder, Chairman –

The Reunion Book is \$25, cash or check accepted as payment. The chairman thanked Sheryl Scanlon for her continued willingness to take the pictures. She requested that everyone get their pictures taken early and stated that the evolution will commence at 1500. Looking into a 'Picture Booth' to be set up outside of the Continuum to capture those who cannot attend the Convention.

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

There were no changes to be voted on this year but there may be some next year.

Safety Committee, Unknown Chairman –

President Dion Edon stressed that safety is paramount in our day-to-day business. Air Forces Gun Boss Arnold gave a briefing addressing some of the safety challenges impacting the fleet, including equipment failures, issues with manpower moving from shore duty to sea duty, and training.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll, Chairman – No Report

Newsletter Report, Kevin Meagher, Chairman – Report given by Dion Edon.

A new printer was found after the 'new' printer had issues with printing their first and second Red Shirt issues and so another local printer was found. Red Shirt printing went much better with the price point a bit better. Kevin is engaged and is still putting out a

great Red Shirt and welcomes all inputs from the Chapters. Please submit pictures in 'Portrait' VS 'Landscape', easier to select one for the cover!

AAO Website Report, Johnny Wheat, Chairman –

The Website has been up and running since 1995 under Chapter 1 and transitioned to the national association in 1997. The cost has remained low, at about \$246.00 a year, to run. It has had 12,379 hits in past year for a total of 71,529 since June 2013. The website lists all officers and board members so it is imperative that Chapters keep their officers up-to-date.

Chaplain Report, Mart Vance, Chaplain –

Sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent out in all cases where the NOK info available and current.

The Updated Ordie song was played at this time.

Chapter Reports:

There are presently 29 active Chapters:

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Jeff Coe
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Anthony Grino
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Mike Cain
Chapter 5	NAWC China Lake, CA	Clay Davenport
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Nanise Schroeder
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Linsey Smack
(10 Minute Break)		
Chapter 11	MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI	Justin Jacobs
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV	Mike Anderson
Chapter 22	NAS Patuxent River, MD	Joseph Breault
Chapter 34	NAS Pensacola, FL	Josh Lowery
Chapter 39	MCAS Beaufort, SC	No Report (5 years)
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report
Chapter 68	USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)	No Report
Chapter 69	USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 70	USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)	Darnell Callaco
Chapter 71	USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 72	USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 73	USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73)	(RCOH)
Chapter 74	USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 75	USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75)	No Report (2 years)
Chapter 76	USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN-76)	No Report (3 Years)
Chapter 77	USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN-78)	No Report
Chapter 78	USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN-78)	Read into the Minutes
Desert/SW Chapter	NAF El Centro, CA	Nanise Schroeder
Chapter Key West	Key West, FL	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter Spartan	Souda Bay, Crete	Read into the Minutes
Chapter LHD-4	USS BOXER (LHD 4)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter LHD-7	USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)	No Report
Chapter LHD-8	USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8)	No Report (3

Years)
Auxiliary

Teresa Zimmer

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:

Total donations received is \$30,006.13

Old Business: The President called for any further Old Business.

10 Minute Break

2019 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman – Announced that next year's Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV. The Continuum is scheduled to occur from 29 July thru 01 August, 2019, and the Convention from 01 August thru 04 August 2019. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Communication is the key to the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2019 Convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

CAPT(Sel.) Matt Arnold gave a brief on the changing Continuum requirements and their impact on the execution of the Continuum.

New Business: The President called for any further New Business.

Election of Officers, Dion Edon, President –

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 are those of the President and two seats on the Board of Directors.

The following individuals were nominated for the offices identified:

Nominee for the office of President:

Mathew E. Arnold, CAPT(Sel.), USN

Nominees for positions on the Board of Directors:

- Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)
- Angela Sobieski, LTJG, USN (Incumbent)
- Todd Pendleton, CWO4, USN (Ret.)
- Steve Kashuba, CDR, USN

Election for the office of President, position currently held by Dion J. Edon.

The Nominees are:
Matthew E. Arnold

Matthew E. Arnold was elected via floor voice vote to serve as President, term to expire 2021.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position currently held by Amber L. Roth.

The Nominees are:
Amber L. Roth (Incumbent)
Angela Sobieski (Incumbent)
Todd Pendleton

Steve Kashuba

Amber L. Roth was re-elected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2021.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Angela Sobieski.

The nominees are:
Angela Sobieski, (Incumbent)
Todd Pendleton
Steve Kashuba

Al Dean was nominated from the floor, was present, and accepted the nomination. His name was added to the list of nominees.

Steve Kashuba was elected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2021.

All officers will be installed after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed.

Election of Officers up in 2019, Rob Walecki, Vice President –

The following offices will be open for election/reelection in 2019:

Vice President, office currently held by Rob Walecki, CWO4, USN (Ret.)

Secretary, office currently held by John “JJ” LaMaitre, AOCM, USN (Ret.)

Board of Directors (Two):
David H. Lepard, CAPT, USN(Ret.)
Tim M. Zimmer, AOCS USN(Ret.)

NOTE: Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2019. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligations of the office.

Further Business: The President called for any further business from the floor.

The President announced the establishment of a new temporary committee, chartered for two years, called the Marketing Committee and headed by him. The purpose of this committee is to seek new sources of revenue for our scholarships by exploring advertising opportunities associated with the Red Shirt.

The president then reminded the membership to promote membership at all levels, you never know when or where you will meet an Ordie or former Ordie. Use local base newspapers to get the word out about who you are and what you are doing.

Closing remarks & announcements, Dion Edon, President –

The President announced that next year’s Continuum/AOLMC & 43rd Convention would be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 28 July thru 04 August 2019.

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, Soldiers, and Airmen serving in Iraq, Afghanistan.

Chaplain Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2018 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1143, 28 July, 2018.

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

Submitted by:

John “JJ” LaMaitre
Secretary
Approved by:

Approved by:

Matt Arnold
President



2018 AAO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

His awards include: National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (9 awards) and the

Meritorious Service Medal.

During his extremely successfully 31-year active duty career, moving through the ranks from E-1 to CWO-5, he performed superbly in a myriad of highly demanding billets and was known for his ability to make things happen. A stalwart supporter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, he is a Life Member who has served on the Board of Directors of Chapters 1, 9, and 22.

Some of his specific contributions while on active duty include:

- Instrumental in 573 combat sorties and delivery of over one million pounds of bombs during Desert Storm with VA-36
- Planned for and accomplished the safe handling of over 850,000 pounds of ordnance in support of Operations Southern Watch and Desert Fox with VFA-97
- Ensured the flawless loading and delivery of 278,000 pounds on enemy target in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom
- Planned weapons configurations and led VFA-146 in completing over 300 missions and 1,900 flight hours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- As Curriculum Developer and Instructor for Aviation Ordnance Officer Career Progression (AOOCP) Course he researched, revised, and delivered course curriculum for 35 Naval Ordnance topics. Mentored 151 Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Officers, Senior Enlisted, and Civilian Support Personnel in ordnance supply, logistics, and management

Following his military career, he continues to contribute to the ordnance community as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and Quality Assurance Professional (QAPro) for Logistic Services International (LSI) developing training courseware for the F-35 Joint Services Fighter (JSF) aircraft and the V-22 Osprey.

It my absolute pleasure and extreme honor to announce the induction into the Aviation Ordnanceman Hall of Fame of CWO-5 (RET) Michael R. Snider



China Lake ceremony honors Ross' 45 years of service

By Stacie Lawrence
NAWCWD Public Affairs

"It kind of flew by for me," said Ron Ross of his 45 years of federal service. "I like what I do."

Ross, head of the Logistics Management Integration Department at Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division and WD site lead for Logistics Integration for Naval Air Systems Command, was honored during a Sept. 11 ceremony at China Lake.

After earning a degree in business from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Ross served as a naval aviation weapons officer making deployments aboard carriers such as USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS Enterprise (CVN 65) among others. Later, he served as a weapons officer at Naval Air Station Miramar and for the U.S. Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor Program, better known as TOPGUN.

"It's remarkable the number of very impressive accomplishments that can be fit into an individual's highly successful career," said Rear Adm. Scott Dillon, NAWCWD commander, before presenting Ross with his award. "Thank you for everything that you've done for us. Forty-five years is quite the accomplishment and it really is impressive."

Once he retired from naval service, Ross supported the Aerial Targets, F/A-18 and EA-18G, and Standoff Missile Systems Program Offices until he moved to China Lake in 2003 to accept his current position in Logistics.

"Thank you everyone for coming here today," Ross said addressing his colleagues in attendance. "Whatever time you've given our country and given your service, thank you for that, I appreciate your time."



Rear Adm. Scott Dillon, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division commander, presents Ron Ross, head of the Logistics Management Integration Department, with a 45-year length of service award during a ceremony Sept. 11 at China Lake. (U.S. Navy photo by Paul Kakert)



Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Runner up AO1(AW/SW) Donald Harris from the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).

Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year SSgt Chris White from VMFA-312

The gentleman presenting SSgt White's plaque is LtGen (Ret) Philip Shutler and the other Marine is MSgt King. LtGen Shutler joined the Marine Corps in 1947, served as a platoon leader and as a reconnaissance company commander in Korea. He was designated a Naval aviator in 1952 and served in various fighter and attack squadrons throughout his career before retiring in 1980 as director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.





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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

Check us out on Facebook.....

"The Red Shirt"

Kevin,

How are you? Hope all is well down in Florida. As you may know I am doing my tour as OHO onboard JCS and getting the chapter back moving in the right direction with events and visibility onboard and off the ship. We all appreciate the submission and whole page in this months Red Shirt and it has now and it has now a lasting effect on the entire department and the ship!

One thing could you please make the change for Chapter POC's and our Chapter president is AO1 Benjamin Llewellyn, benjamin.llewellyn@cvn74.navy.mil.

Thanks!!

V/r

Lawrence

LCDR Lawrence Schaffer

Ordnance Handling Officer (OHO)

USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)

Thanks and Done.

Kevin,

Received a question about why we no longer display the motto "Peace through power. We are the arms of the fleet", on the cover of the Red Shirt? Maybe add it to the next edition?

Johnny Wheat

Fixed it, must have removed a while back to make room for a picture.

Good Morning,

I am seeking your assistance in locating former squadron members for a reunion and commemoration event in San Diego, CA February 16-19, 2019. The event will be held aboard the USS MIDWAY Museum and has grown to a point the Museum personnel are now considering it an "historical event".

Many of those we have yet to successfully contact are Ordnancemen and, after all, Attack Squadrons don't do much beyond "boring holes in the sky" without their "Ordies".

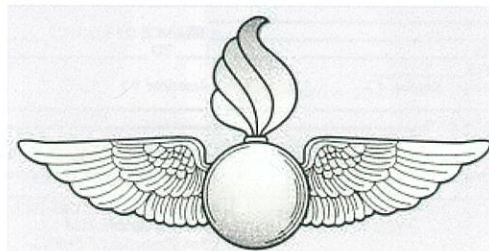
Would it be possible to post a notification for Association members who previously served with the "Arabs"? Point of Contact is Mr. Howard Triggs, (763) 516-0031, hwtriggs@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you may able to provide.

v/r,

T.J. Talley

AZC USN (Ret)



Kevin,

Hope all is well! Emailing you from the Carl Vinson with a picture of the men and women of VFA-192 posing with aircrew in-front of a GBU-10 just before the aircrew launched to participate in an international SINKEX during RIMPAC 2018.

Take care!

V/r,

CVW-2 Gunner



Big Kev,

I have attached 4 photos from CVW-9 Missile Shoot that took place on 27 July, 2018. CVW-9 expended 8XAIM-9M's, 9XAIM-120B's, and 5XATM-88B's. If you could or would can you post in the next Red-shirt?

1. CVW-9 Squadron Gunners – Left to Right – CWO3 Phil Camp (VFA-41), CWO3 Cory Hester (VFA-14), CWO4 Scott Rutledge (VFA-97), and CWO4 Chris Hathaway (VFA-151).
2. VFA-14 Ord Team – AIM-120B Photo.
3. VFA-41 Ord Team – AIM-9M photo with squadron flag.
4. VFA-41 Ord Team – AIM-120B photo with squadron flag.

Very Respectfully,

Tony Craighead

NAWCWD 675500D

Fleet Weapons Support Team (FWST)



BITS OF ORD AND AIR

1947, orders to shore duty from the Heavy Cruiser USS Macon with its SC-2 Float Planes. NAAF Charlestown, RI was home to F-8F, SB2C and A1H aircraft.

One sad day a Midshipman took off in his A1H Skyraider with his wings folded. The result was a tragic crash, huge pall of black smoke and fire fueled by a full load of 145 octane AVGAS.

Set TAD to Otis Field on Cape Cod. A control tower, spotting shacks and a target were used to teach aviators the proper push-over point and dive angle.

The munition was a 2.75" Rocket. Rockets that failed to fire had their lead heads removed and put in a big gravel pit. There were many. The word came down to destroy them. We knocked the 2" thick 1' long Ballistite Propellant out and put about 10 in a pile. Burning newspaper ignited the sticks and they burned vigorously. Too much is never enough. The senior E-6 put a dozen sticks in a 55 gallon drum and dumped a burning one down the bung-hole. Instantly there were violent surges and scary noises from the drum. It fell over and detonated. The top flew off at high speed, sailed out of the pit and not seen again! All the crash and fire trucks came with sirens wailing. The Fire Chief said, "That's Enough". It could have ended in tragedy.

1950, USS Midway CVB-41 in the Med. 900' of nylon cord was flaked out by the port cat, banner target with cord attached to center bomb rack. On launch LCDR Bauer took the Bearcat straight up. The Midway moved under him. The Captain must have thought the Midway was imperiled. On landing LCDR Bauer was summoned to the Bridge and given 10 days "In Hack". We Ordies thought he was a hero.

1953, USS Bon Homme Richard CVA-31, VF-72, F9F-2 off Korea. On landing one of our Panthers crashed its starboard wing into the 5" Gun Mount, scraped its nose along the island structure. As it passed the door to Repair-8 one 20MM Cannon fired 1 round. CAG-7's Flight Surgeon manned his position on every aircraft recovery. The copper rotating band from the round struck him in the eye. He was medevac'd to Yokosuka. There is an annual "Flight Surgeon of the Year" award given in his honor. We all loved him. Dr R.E. Leurs.

The Essex Class Carriers had flight decks of wood sandwiched between steel cross members. Exposed to all weather and jet exhaust they suffered badly. There were no Jet Blast Deflectors. A 10' by 10' steel plate was bolted into this abused wood behind the cat's. Imagine a piece of steel this huge being blown into the air by jet exhaust, tumbling like a piece of cardboard all the way back to the deck-edge elevator. There was no deck-edge power so a 3 wheeled jeep with a generator was used to start the jets. AO2 Bean was waiting at the port cat to pull safety pins on the next plane. The exhaust picked up the jeep and it fell on Bean rupturing his Urology System. Sent to Naval Hospital Boston, multiple surgeries, no cure. When CAG-7 returned to NAS Quonset Point I visited him. There was no hope for recovery. He was put in a room with bars on the window. I could not find enough courage to see him again.

About 1958, USS Tarawa, VS-32. Night deck launch of an S-2F from all the way AFT. Full power and rolling. An "L" shaped device called a "Fosdick" on the A/C belly picked up the barrier. Forward motion stopped, the nose gear collapsed and both props chewed into the flight deck. How many pilots have an arrested takeoff in their log-books?

There is danger in even the seemingly safest places. Be Aware and Safe.

Frank Fogg
AOCS USN (Ret)



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I am honored to be a recipient of the 2018 James E. Thompson Scholarship. Thank you for your incredibly generous support as it will allow me to continue pursuing my Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Seattle University. I am going into my Sophomore year and will be beginning clinicals in the spring quarter of this academic year. The financial support from this scholarship will cover the cost of my clinical and lab fees. This will significantly reduce the financial burden on my family and allow them to assist my other siblings in their educational endeavors. Once again thank you for your investment in not only in my education but that of all of the scholarship recipients you have supported.

Sincerely,
Margaret Arnold



Dear Mr. Lord and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I want to thank you for allowing me to be one of the recipients of this year's Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News Awards. It is a tremendous honor to be chosen as a recipient for the second year in a row. The money I received will help me in my journey of pursuing a college degree. It will also facilitate my family and my financial burden for this coming school year. I am forever grateful to receive such a generous scholarship. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Arkansas where I am majoring in Computer Science. My goal is to use my degree to become a software architect at one of the best technology companies in the world. By receiving this scholarship, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen have given me the opportunity to turn my dreams into reality. I want to once again thank you Mr. Garza and the rest of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Committee for selecting me as a recipient of the Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News Scholarship.

Sincerely,
Michael Panis

CHAPTER 671

Hafa Adai, Ordies!

Chapter 671 began the 2018 summer with a bang; NAWMU-1 completed AIM-9X Series Sidewinder sectional and component removal and replacement training during the month of July. We would like to give a special SHOUT OUT of appreciation to everyone from Raytheon Missile Systems and the FST from PMA-259/AIM-9X, for the great training!

As island ambassadors, we continue to show our support to the local community. We had an excellent show of support during our Dadi Beach and Santa Rita Road clean up, keeping Guam beautiful. A great job by AO1 Justin Oman leading NAWMU-1/Chapter 671 in this year's Memorial Day Flag display. Additionally, AO1 Erick Skoglund, continues show off his great artistic skills improving our adopted local community location restoring NAWMU-1's sponsored Guam Public School's bus stop in Santa Rita. Additionally, NAWMU-1's CO, Commander Folsom meritoriously promoted AO1 Skoglund to Petty Officer First Class via the command's MAP Program.

We recently held elections for new cabinet positions. Congratulations to our new President AO1 Marcus Van, Vice President AO2 Kenneth Adams, Secretary AO2 Gustavo Pro and Treasurer AO2 Sean Balboa.

Congratulations to our Senior Sailor of the Quarter and Junior Sailor of the Quarter for FY18 third quarter AO1 Jeremy Dailey and AT2 John Hennessy! We also would like to welcome aboard AT1 William Cooley, AO2 Zacchaeus Ellis, AO2 Jacob Lee, AO2 Gustavo Pro and AO2 Nicholas Zeitler to the NAWMU-1/CH 671 Team!

Until next time. IYAOYAS!!!

AO1 (AW/SW) Marcus E. Van
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Email: marcus.van@fe.navy.mil / gribble1980@gmail.com

CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in beautiful Jacksonville, Florida.

As I write this article Hurricane Florence is approaching the North Carolina-Virginia coast as a category 4, which means it is going to leave a lot of destruction in its wake. We here in Jacksonville went through similar situation one year ago

with hurricane Irma (our 9/11). I hope all AO's affected will be safe.

All is well here but being spared means others will take the brunt of the storm. That's the price we pay to live on the east coast during hurricane season.

A "big tree" in the AO community has fallen and will be greatly missed. CWO4 (Ret) Ed "Scottie" Scott died suddenly while visiting family in Memphis, TN. This was a shock to all who knew him. He was seemingly in good health, then in the hospital and gone. ED was a great friend to our community and a champion for education. He oversaw the National Education foundation which benefited many including numerous AO family members. The National Association and in particular Chapter-9 has big shoes to fill. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Linda and the rest of his family.

For the second year Chapter Nine participated in a local Fourth of July Parade riding an AO decorated float distributing 1200 small American flags to the crowd all along the parade route.

In August we held our annual AO family picnic, catching up with old friends and a fine catered BBQ lunch. The two youngest AO's present had just five months in the Navy, and our oldest was retired LT Robert Bohnstengle who joined the Navy in early 1942. There were future AO's present the youngest was just a few months old.

Invitations to our annual air rifle and academic competitions have been mailed out to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Army JROTC units nationwide. These fund raisers provide the monies to help the National scholarship program, to help local AO's, and to support our annual holiday food baskets

IYAOYAS, do everything by the check list and watch each other's six at all times. It's still great to be an AO.

AO1 Lindsey Smack, USN
AAO9 President



CHAPTER 1

Greetings from Chapter One!!

We as the Lemoore Ordie's participated in our eleventh Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. Last year we were the number one non-corporate team for the city of Lemoore, and we are on our way for benefiting the community and every cancer fighter out there! Team Lemoore Ordie's are in the following photo's and our Team Captains AO1 Michael Martinez and AO2 Sheona Holmes from Navy Munitions Command are in the green t-shirts. We couldn't be more proud of all the support we receive from all our Ordie's, Families and Friends! Truly blessed! Plenty of us could not be here due to deployments and detachments but, thank you all for your support.



Adopt-a-Highway has been rolling right along with May and June our last ones until summer was over and we are ramping up for October.

Our Annual Chapter One Picnic, 25 August 2018, turned out great plenty of delicious food and treats.

Thanks to AOCS Laura Colby and LT Garcia from CAG 11 for heading up the event and everyone who was able to make it. See everyone next year!



Next event, Chapter One will be having our annual Christmas Party 01 Dec 2018, at the Fleet Reserve in Lemoore, CA.

IYAOYAS!!

v/r

Jeffrey Coe AOCS (RET)

CHAPTER ONE PRESIDENT

CHAPTER 5



AO2 CHRIS LEWIS, AO1 RAYMOND JENKINS, AO2 AVERY JOHNSON, AO1 CHRIS ADAMS, AOAN NATASHA SICILIANO, AO3 DAVID BARWNCZAK

2018 May 28 - Memorial Day, Desert Memorial Park, Ridgecrest, CA
Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter 5, China Lake, CA



IYAOYAS!!

CHAPTER 78

Submitting updates to our Chapter.

Chapter 78 President AO1 Perry, John, AO1 Mabe, Richard (Vice President), AO1 Mason, Gesette (Treasurer), AO1 Perry, James (Secretary). We conduct our monthly meetings at VFW Post 3160 111 A View, Norfolk, VA. 23503. I have attached some photos from a recent Cornhole Tournament conducted onboard USS Gerald R. Ford and our newly selected chapter logo.

Additionally, I attached some photos from our very first AAO Chapter 78 golf tournament conducted at the Pines golf course 3518 Mulberry Island Road Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604 Friday 21SEP18. We plan on holding this tournament every year. We have a chapter website which is www.AAOChapter78.com for everyone to view.

I have also added a photo of AOC Harris receiving his AO of the Year runner-up award onboard USS Gerald R. Ford. From left to right Force Gun Boss CDR Willett, CVN 78 Weapons Department Gun Boss CDR Thompson, CAPT Cummings (Skipper), AOC Harris, CAPT Gaut (XO), Weapons Department DLCPO AOCM Tilm-on, CMDCM Nunley (CMC), LT Klassen (DIVO).

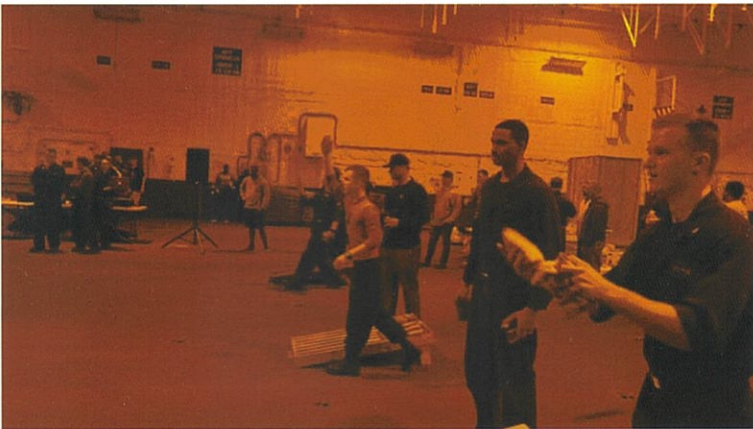
V/R

AO1(AW) Richard S. Mabe

Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78)

Weapons/QA

AAO Chapter 78 Vice President



CHAPTER 8

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

Since May 2018 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added 5 new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and had 18 AOs who attended their first Chapter 8 meeting.

On Saturday, 19 May, the Chapter held its annual picnic. Committee Chair Diane McQueen-Gipson 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 about 100 members, family, and invited guests. Even Chapter 1 from Lemoore was well represented. This was the first year in recent memory that the Chapter brought in more money than expenses thanks to the great ticket sales and generous donations of members who donated cash, paid for the jumpy, ice, beverages and food items.

On 30 May, AAO Founding Father and active AAO Chapter 8 member Jim Thompson passed away due to a lengthy illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and his family.

On 7 June, the Chapter President, John Holdman, announced that AO1 Michael Sheppard was our first Chapter 8 Aviation Ordnance man of the Quarter. Congratulations to Michael and thank you for all the hard work and support provided to Chapter 8.

On 4 July, nine Chapter 8 members partnered up with (the small but mighty) Marine Corps League 1207 and participated in the annual Coronado 4th of July Parade.

On 5 July, Chapter 8 President, John Holdman was re-elected as the Chapter's President for a two-year term. BZ John and thank you for your awesome leadership!!!

On 8 July several Chapter 8 members took a guided tour of the USS JOHN FINN that was set up by member Diane McQueen-Gipson. After the tour, members Jim and Caroline Thomas treated everyone to a brunch at Aunt Emma's restaurant. A great and memorable time was had by all.

The week of 23 -28 July was the AAO Continuum and Convention and was well represented by Chapter 8. Besides the \$250 the Chapter donated to the AAO Scholarship, the Chapter, under the coordination of Tom Lord, raised \$2,000 in order to have a scholarship presented in honor of LCDR James E. Thompson. The winner of the scholarship was awarded to one of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. CAPT (Sel) Matt Arnold. Additionally, Tess LaMaitre coordinated the construction of two flag boxes in which each contained a burial flag and challenge coins that had once belonged to John Finn. At the Friday Night Social and AAO Auction each of these flag boxes brought in over \$500 each. BZ to Tess for all her hard work!!!

On 4 August, the Chapter held its 3rd Highway Walk of 2018. Besides a great showing, this was the first time participants had an opportunity to wear the safety vests that were recently screen print-

ed with the AO logo and Chapter 8 identification. What a great way to show our Ordie Pride.

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

V/r

CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler

Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



CHAPTER 21

CHAPTER 21, Fallon NV.

"WELCOME TO BOOM-TOWN U.S.A."

Awesome Support at the AAO CONVENTION!!!! HOO-YAH RED NATION!!! While supporting daily operations for CVW-2, CVW-7, TOP GUN Class, NAWDC Special "SHOUT-OUT" to all the Squadrons that supported us with the purchasing of "ORDIE-SWAG". The Reed back on the NEW Coin Design was AWESOME.

"CONGRATULATIONS" to the following Ordies AO1 (AW/SW) Orlando Diaz, AO1 (AW/SW) Eric Lano, and AO2 (AW/SW) Henry Schmidt on continuing Naval SERVICE. Special shout out to our outstanding Sailors of the Quarter from NMC Detachment Fallon. #IYAOYAS # ORDIESWAG

NMC Fallon 3rd Quarter SSOQ AO1 (AW/SW) Carlos Guerro, JSOQ AO2 (AW) Samuel Otero

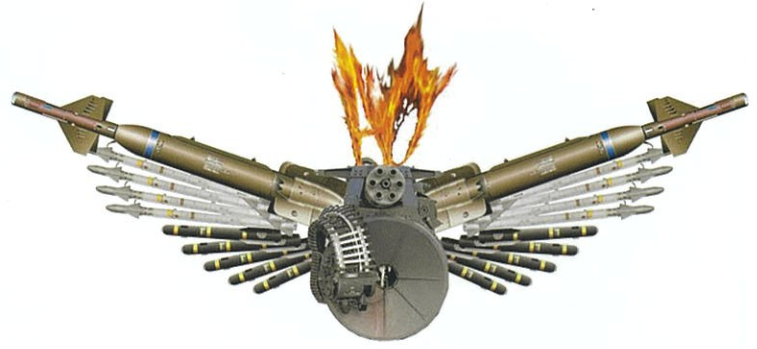
AAO Chapter 21 President

AO1 (AW/SW) Michael A. Anderson

Vice President AO1 (AW/SW) Carlos Guerro

Treasurer AO1 (AW/SW) Orlando Diaz

Secretary AO2 (AW/SW) Crystal Kontny





Kevin Meagher, Chris Ham and Rick Sherman. The Spring Thunder Beach Motorcycle Rally in Panama City Beach, FL. Saw a US Navy patch on Chris's vest. We got to talking and found out he was an AO, and AOCS retired in fact. We new quite a few mutual Ordies!

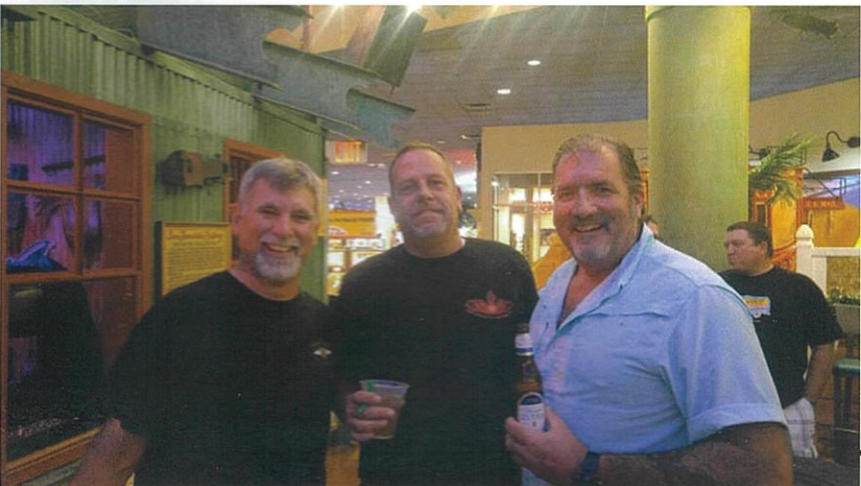
You never know who you'll run into wherever you are in the country!



Kevin Meagher, James "Tommy" Forrester, Mitch, "Ike" Ireton in Stephens, GA visiting Bill Gilberts family and camping on Memorial Day. Tommy lives in the area and stopped over one afternoon to see Mitch and myself. We were all SUNLINER Ordies along with Bill Gilbert back around 1982-1986. Great seeing both of these guys!



AOCS Tommy Robinson, Sid Dwyer, Anthony "Ant" Ferraro, Kevin Meagher at the Bollywood Tavern in Leonardtown, MD while having dinner with AOCS's and my soon to be retired Skipper, PMA-259's CAPT Jim "Stoney" Stoneman. AOCS Robinson has since transferred to VP-8 in Jacksonville, FL



Some VALION Pride right there!! Tom Brouwer, Brian "Duck" Jordan and Kevin Meagher. Three old Valions telling lies at the 2018 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Continuum/Convention. 20 years later and we still run into each other while performing our civilian duties.



A Hero's Welcome

By Robert Longley

Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do

Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need of fear

You have not failed your brothers
You clearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call

So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore



AO1 Jacob Spangler RIP



Leland K. 'Lee' Conner

March 22, 1919 - August 17, 2018

EDMOND, OK — Leland K. "Lee" Conner, 99, was born March 22, 1919, in Dushore, PA. He passed from this life at home in Edmond, OK, on August 17, 2018. Lee retired from the US Navy after having served as an aviation ordnanceman in World War II. He then worked for the US Postal Service, first in Warwick, RI, and later in San Diego, CA. After retiring from the USPS, he was a community volunteer, dedicating his time to maintaining a



high school baseball field. Lee was preceded in death by his parents,

Kemerly & Edna Conner; wife, Mildred; former wife, June; and three brothers. He is survived by his sisters, Iona and Alice; sons, Leland W.C. "Lee" Conner (Joan) and Kemerly Conner (VanNita); grandchildren: Kimerlee Conner (Carl Lindquist), Ryan Conner (Darcy), Matthew Conner (Jessica), Ashley Conner, Kemerly "K.C." Conner-Brunner, and Zachary Conner; 13 great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

A short viewing will begin at 1:00 pm at El Camino Park, San Diego, followed by a graveside service at 2 pm, Saturday, August 25, 2018. El Camino Memorial Park - Sorrento Valley, 5600 Carroll Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92121. Memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Please sign the Guest Book online: obituares.sandiego.tribune.com

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Paul Milam, 92



On Sunday, May 27, 2018, Paul Milam passed away in his residence at Bozeman Lodge with his son and daughter-in-law by his side, along with wonderful nursing staff from the Lodge.

Paul was born March 23, 1926, to Glover and Alberta Milam in Green River, Wyoming. He attended elementary school in Hanna, Wyoming. In 1936 his family moved to Bozeman and established the Milam Floral where he finished his education at Hawthorne and Emerson Junior High School. During his senior year at Gallatin High School he enlisted in the Marines during World War II, taking his Basic Training in San Diego and advanced Aircraft Ordnance School in Norman, Oklahoma. Paul was sent to the island of Saipan for the conversion of a B-25 Bomber Squadron from a radar guided bombing unit to the new radar guided "Tiny Tim" rockets. He received the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with two battle stars for landings on Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He also received Commendation for Expert Rifleman, Good Conduct, Navy Unit Commendation and the Occupation of Japan ribbon. He was honorably discharged from the Marines in June, 1946.

Paul graduated from Montana State College with a teaching degree in physical sciences. While in college he played on the 1947-1948 Bobcat Basketball team coached by the legendary "Golden Bobcat" Max Worthington.

In 1949, on St. Patrick's Day, he married Bernice Myssse. In this union they had two boys, Craig and Gary. His first teaching and coaching position was in Eureka for two years. He accepted a high school teaching and coaching position in Bigfork, where he taught for 28 years and later became the principal at Bigfork High School. While at Bigfork, he started the first eight-man football program, and the first girls' basketball

and track programs. He had over 300 wins as the head boys' basketball coach at Bigfork High School. In 1984 Paul and Bernice, along with their two sons, bought part of the S.O. Myssse Ranch (Cherry Creek Sheep Company) and created the Milam Basin Creek Ranch, which is currently being operated today by his grandson Russell Milam and father Gary Milam.

Paul worked at the Yellow Bay Station on Flathead Lake studying water quality on Flathead and Swan rivers and their tributaries and co-authored a book called "The Stoneflies of Montana" where he has a stonefly named after him "Capnia milami." He loved to restore old cars and was a proud owner of a Model T and a Model A Ford.

After 28 years in the education field he retired and moved to Bozeman to enjoy the area where he grew up and to be closer to the family ranch in eastern Montana.

Since his retirement Paul and his son Gary were able to take part in the Montana Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to visit the nation's memo-

ries. Russell has erected on a hilltop next to his wife and his dog Spear. Memorials may be made to Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital Foundation, 931 Highland Boulevard, Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715; or to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Southwest Montana Chapter 788, P.O. Box 7226 Bozeman, MT, 59711.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahl-cares.com

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Saw this in our local Rag. Interesting I thought. Just maybe someone remembers him.

Billy Earl



The Red Shirt

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