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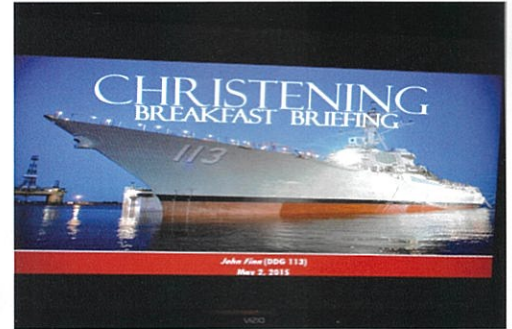


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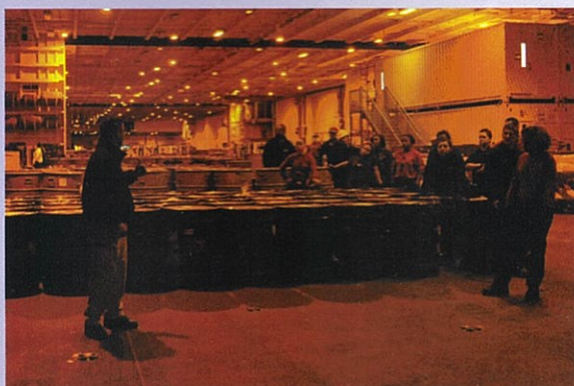
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USS John Finn Christening 2 May 2015. clockwise from right; Capt Dean with students from AO "A" School, breakfast briefing at Garden Inn, MIB!!! CAPT's Price and Lepard (Ret), Waiting for the ceremony to begin, deep discussions, showing off our Ordnance ties after the ceremony, Marian pointing the way for us! Below, CAPT Lepard (Ret), CAPT Dean, CDR (Sel) Parmley, CAPT Bindel, CAPT Price (Ret)



CHAPTER 77



CHAPTER MEETINGS - PLACES - TIMES - DATES



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Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

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Last Flex Thursday of Month, 1800

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American Legion Post 434, Chula Vista
1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL
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3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI
President:
Wing 2 Bldg, (John Finn Bldg) 1st Friday, 1600

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1st Wednesday, 1830

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1st Thursday 1645

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On Board

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz
CVN 68 President: AO1(AW/SW) Marc Merrill
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 (AW/SW) Donnie Dowell
On Board

Chapter 73 - USS George Washington
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On Board

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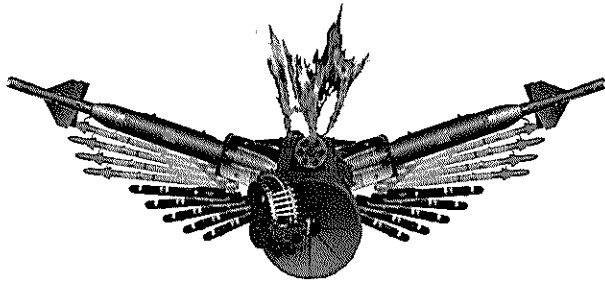
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Beef O Brady's
1st Wednesday, 1830

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Forward Deployed



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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 FORMMATHAS 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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FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS

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DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ Last 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: AOOCM Thomas Lord USN Ret.
2888 Iris Ave., #122
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.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I started a Facebook page called "The Red Shirt". If you have access to a computer look us up and LIKE us!

My name is Kent J. Owens and I may be one of the oldest Ordies in our ranks. I went to ordnance school at Norfolk NAS in 1943 and I was an AO/3. I was born September 29th 1925.

*Sincerely,
Kent J. Owens*

Mr Owens,

*Thank-you for the e-mail. I will include this in our next Red Shirt which is scheduled to be released at the end of May. At almost 90 years young you may be one of our oldest!! Thank you for your service!
Kevin*

Subject: Oldest Living Ordnanceman

Kevin,

Great job with the REDSHIRT! Only problem I have is that since retiring in 1995, all of the Ordies I knew have done the same. Concur with the comment about the picture on the front cover of the new issue, most Captains I have ever seen. As a civilian, I helped Capt. Dave Lepard pin on his eagles at the Pentagon.

I believe that LCDR Charles R. Onken, USN, RET, must be at least 100 and still kicking. (I believe his name was omitted from the Plank Owners List in this issue.) When I was a "nugget" in VA-97 on the USS Enterprise, CVN-65 in 1974, he used to regale us with stories of going T.A.D. as an "Airman Duce" and being assigned to shoveling coal on one of the older, coal fired, straight deck boats. Since he was good to his word and able to back it up, no one ever questioned his claim.

*VIR Dave Park
Captain USN (RET)*

*Thanks Dave.....I agree, Chuck is pretty old!! LOL
Kevin*

Morning Kevin,

My dad, Frank Trevino, enlisted on 2-4-41 and separated in 1-18-47 as AO1 Combat Air Crew and is 93 years old. He served at NTS San Diego, NAS san Diego, NAS Kodiak, Alaska, NAS Pasco Wash., SQD VPB #1 Jax Fl., VPB 197, VPB 200, VPB 118, CASU 6 and Aviation Supply Depot, Pearl Harbor T.H. He flew in the PB4Y2's most of his time.

Let me know if I can help with any more info.

He is also a life member with the AAO.

*VIR
IYAOYAS
Gary Trevino*

Thanks Gary!!

Kevin,

I hope things are going well in your world! Attached are a couple of pictures from HSC-12's ULT DET in Kadena. FYI, I believe this is the first and only squadron to expend HE warhead rockets!

*Cheers,
Todd Covington*





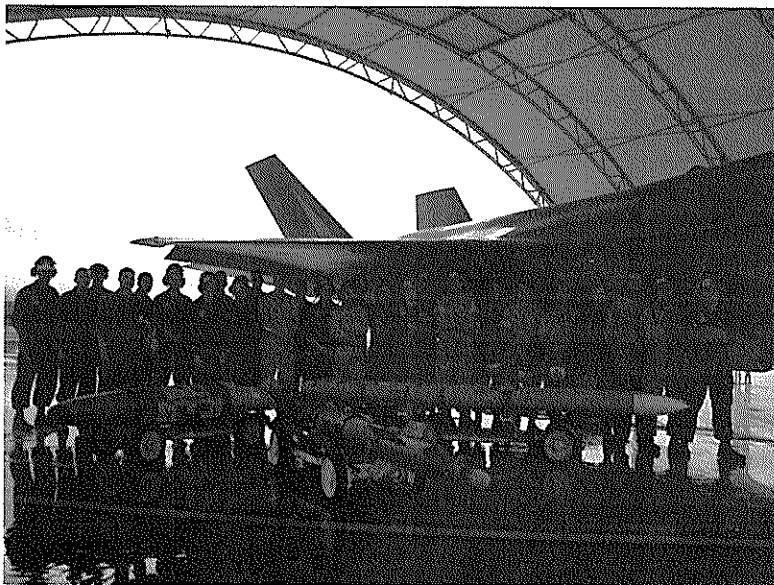
I wanted to take the time on this email to thank all of the Marines that we've been working with. Their enthusiasm and professionalism was second to none. Best of luck during your upcoming OT-1 event! As a result of the Marine feedback, the Manual Drive Assembly (MDA) has a few additions including: a test fixture to make it easy for the "O" level to perform their pre-use inspection to verify operation of both the torque-limiter clutch and the "no-back clutch", a positive lock on the MDA latches, two short wobble extensions, and P/Ns for each individual item. Our Mechanical Lab made up a positive lock and a test fixture, added the 3" extensions with wobble, etched P/N's on each item, and updated the inventory card to support the remainder of the test program (final production versions may differ after the design engineers work on the best way to accomplish the tasks). The MDA case currently weighs 40 lbs. The Marines have strongly requested that room in the case be made for two SE Hoists so that everything is in one case and the design engineers are working on making that happen prior to production.

Lastly I've copied Kevin Meagher who is the editor for the Red Shirt with a photo of the Marines from VMFAT-501, VMFA-121, and VMX-22 that were the first to use the MDA on a USMC F-35B aircraft in the hopes that he can put the photo in one of the upcoming issues.

Thanks

-Ant

Anthony Ferraro (486K00A)
 Chief SE Test Engineer
 Support Equipment Test and Evaluation Branch
 Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division

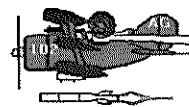


Here is the shipping address for the SILVER LEGACY if you will be mailing anything ahead of your arrival

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The following proposed AAO by-laws change is submitted for vote in 2015. It is a basic clean up caused by the Education Foundation stand down.

Article II Objectives

Getting rid of references to the Foundation. Believe it should read the following.

Section 4.

To support The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Robert L. Crow Scholarship, herein called "The Scholarship", in all efforts to raise funds for the scholarships. The scholarship or scholarships shall be dedicated to the Memory of CDR Robert L. Crow and shall bear his name.

Article VIII Committees

Section 4

Need to add (Robert L. Crow Scholarship)

Article XI AAOEF

Delete entire article and re-identify the remaining Articles.



2015 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION

ADVANCE ORDER FORM

DEADLINE IS 22 July 2015

**I plan to attend the following activities
(please check appropriate ones):**

- 30 Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 31 Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee _____
- 31 Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee _____
- 31 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee _____
- 31 Jul (Fri) Membership Committee _____
- 31 Jul (Fri) By-Laws Committee _____
- 31 Jul (Fri) Nominations Committee _____
- 1 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 1 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting _____

**AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

- 30 Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 1 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 1 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting _____

NOTE

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in. If interested in more than one committee, annotate priority by numbers 1-6.

ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet. Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under. However, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

For active duty E-4 and below:

1 year free membership in the Association is included in your registration fee. If you are already a member your membership will be extended one year. To qualify for this special registration package please include a completed application with your registration and or ticket order.

ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 22 JULY 2015. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED. (See order form)

Visa/ MasterCard Credit Card Fee's are Non Refundable.



For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check, money order, or credit card info made payable to and mailed to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

Thomas Lord
2888 Iris Ave., #122
San Diego, CA 92154

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

1. Member \$25.00 (\$30.00 after 22 Jul 15)
Name of Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
2. Non-Member \$40.00 (\$45.00 after 22 Jul 15)
(Not including guest or spouse)
Name of Non-Member _____ \$ _____
(please print)
3. Spouse/Guests 18 and over \$25.00 \$ _____
Names of Guests _____
(Spouse) (please print)

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

Friday AAO Social \$40.00 each (\$45.00 after 22 Jul 15) \$ _____

Sat Awards Banquet \$40.00 each (\$45.00 after 22 Jul 15) \$ _____

Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name exactly as it appears on credit card _____

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E-Mail Address _____

Credit card payees may also use the registration form on the AO Web Site. If you use this form, the above credit card information does not need to be filled in. Once you send the form, I will receive an e-mail and will, in turn, send you an invoice with the payment requirements. NOTE: This process will not work for military e-mail addresses.

TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES. ALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE EVERY DAY. IF YOU DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE OR POST CARD OR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.



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AAO PRESIDENT

Greetings Ordie Family,

It seems like such a long time since our last letter and I'm always anxious to spread good news, but first, what's going on in our neighborhood. As many of you may know, our men and women continue to support the war on terror through their day to day lives as part of the military. We can all be proud of the job and contributions you are making out there now as well as those of you who paved the way. Now that I am a member of the "Blue I.D. Card" family, I truly feel I left our great Navy at the right time and I have no regrets. Those I have trained will carry on and we can still sleep comfortably at night. God Bless our men and women.

"Thanks to all of you, military and civilian," who continue to support this great nation of ours and especially to those who are deployed. I borrowed these stats from the Gun Boss' newsletter; "U.S. and coalition air forces had conducted a total of 1,676 air strikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria since August 8, 2014, and had used some 4,775 munitions hitting 3,222 targets in air strikes." Many of these were conducted in part because our AOs did their jobs. The Commander is VADM Mike Shoemaker, in case you didn't know. He is a great American and will do wonderful things for the Naval Air Enterprise.

Now for some good news: CDR Kelly Bishop and CDR Dave Moore have both screened for Commander Command and will be slated, by the time you read this, for one of the CNATTU CO billets on the west coast. Commander Command puts our Gunners just one step closer to compete for Captain. Now for a 'Shout Out' to the FY-16 LDO and CWO new accessions! Your selection is a major career milestone and carries with it additional responsibility. Congratulations to our Gunners!!!!

Also, we have lined up a great guess speaker for this year and he does not wear a military uniform. He did however, work for the Secret Service once and will be able to bring a new dimension to our dinner. I don't want to give it away just yet, but if you're curious, come to Reno and hear him speak. I'm sure you won't be disappointed. The convention is just around the corner and it is my hope that more of you will show up and support your organization. We are not just a FITREP bullet, you do such much throughout the year and not to come to the convention, well, it's just sad. Please come out and support your national chapter ...I look forward to seeing you in Reno. God Bless!!!

Mike

AAO VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Ordies,

I pray all is well with you and yours. I will start by saying I hope to see you all at our upcoming AO Convention! Just like last year, I am sure it will be a great success. Lately I have received questions about the re-establishment of an annual Ordnance Symposium. Believe me, we know how important this needed assembly is and how it allows us to mentor our ordnance community and the value of face-to-face information sharing community-wide. We will continue to work towards that end. TYCOM Weapons east and west are working hard to make it happen. All ordnance leaders must continue efforts to express the importance - and vital need - for gathering as professionals to their individual command leaders. Rest assured knowing your leadership will continue to pursue this at our level and will inform our naval AO community when successful.

My hat's off to the Sailors on board USS THEODORE ROSEVELT (CVN 71) and the entire TR Carrier Strike Group. They are on the tip of the spear now on behalf of our great nation. Also worth noting, Sailors and Marines of the USS ESSEX (LHD 2) Amphibious Ready Group and 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit recently deployed and are in route to execute their mission as well. We wish you all the best of safety and success in the execution of your missions. Keep your powder dry! SSC!

This year we have three offices coming due for election. The office of President and two Board of Directors. This is yet another reason we need you to attend the convention this year. If you simply cannot attend, you can use the ballot enclosed in this issue to cast a vote for one of the individuals nominated for office. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Saturday General Business meeting prior to voting. The key is you have to be present to vote for anyone nominated from the floor. Also, those nominated must be present to accept such nominations, and then they will be allowed to participate. Procedures will be explained again at our General Business meeting.

Last, to my Ordie family and friends, my retirement ceremony will be 7 August 2015 at the Shifting Sands on the NAS Oceana, Dam Neck Annex at 1100. If you can make it, we'll be genuinely grateful. Pat and I would love to see you there. Like so many that have paved the way, I will always be proud to have served over a 34 year career with the best NAVY in the world! Take care all and a very loud IYAOYAS!!!

AAO VP
Dion J. Edon



AAO SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates –

Make your plans for Convention 2015 July 30th – August 3rd at the Silver Legacy Resort. There is info on details including an Absentee Ballot in this Red Shirt. Ensure your voice is heard.

Chapter Officers – If you will NOT have a representative at Convention, please forward me a copy of your 'Chapter Report' to be included in the record at the General Business Meeting. Also please 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. See you in Reno!

JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

AAO TREASURER

Convention 2015 is right around the corner. As was noted in the last Red Shirt, internet registration for the convention is now available. Just go to the web site and click on the link, fill out the form, less credit card info, and send it to me. When I receive the registration form in my e-mail, I will, in turn, send you an invoice, through our Square account, with the fees. However, this process does not only work with military e-mail addresses.

NOTE: If you use the AO Web Site link, do not fill in the credit card information. That information will be collected after you submit the invoice.

As usual, get your registration packages in to me as soon as you can so we can start coordinating the events.

Once again, tickets for the Social and Awards Banquet will not be mailed out to the attendees. You will be able to pick them up at the registration table during the day or at the entrance to the event that night. By doing this we not only save postage, but we don't have to worry about reproducing back-up tickets for those that might have forgotten them. If you want to be notified when I receive your payment, include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or your e-mail address and I will get that information back to you.

Chapter Presidents – In preparation the end of the fiscal year close-out, please update your chapter officer information.

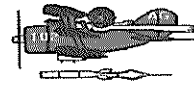
Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so I can update your record.

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 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.

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R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer



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- **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. The Arleigh Burke class will be capable of executing a wide variety of task priorities and warfighting missions.
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- **PROPULSION**
Four General Electric F4B gas turbines, two shafts.
(100 MW total shaft horsepower)
- **AIRCRAFT**
Two MH-60R helicopters.
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
Displacement: 9,000 tons (14,000 metric tons) full load
Crew: 270-310 (200-250) standard
Length: 160 meters
Beam: 20 meters
Speed: 18 knots



USS John Finn (DDG 113)



CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Chapter elections just concluded and once more the senior Ordnanceman in the area, CWO5 Rod Wiggins, was elected President. This means we must bid farewell to LCDR Jeff Hall who is on his way to

the Bon Homme Richard in Japan as "gun Boss." Farewell and following seas, thanks for a job well done. Congratulations to all the incoming officers.

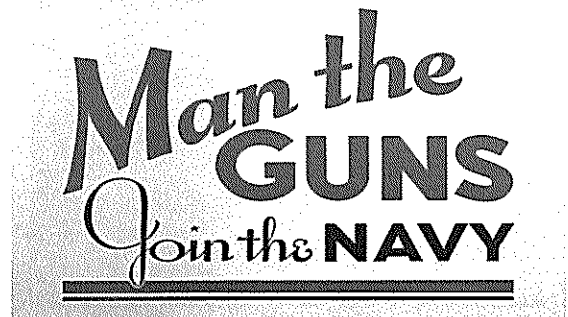
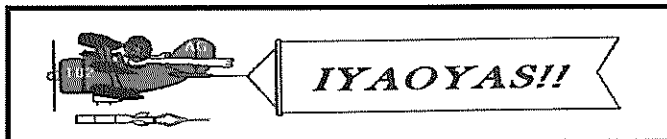
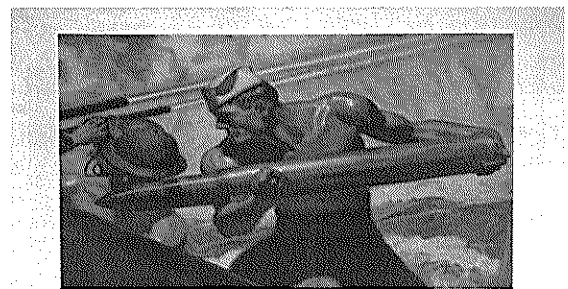
Congratulations to AO1 Matthew Bader, HELO STRIKE WEAPONS SCHOOL ATLANTIC was recognized as the AO of the Quarter for the 4th QTR of 2014. Keep up the good work.

In March, we got together to celebrate the AO birthday with a picnic and cake following our quarterly "FOD walkdown" to clean 2 miles of Blanding Blvd. on the west side.

In conjunction with our latest JROTC air rifle postal match that just concluded we are becoming more involved with their shooting programs by providing scholarships for some cadets to attend a Civilian Marksmanship Program workshop hosted by the Gateway rifle and pistol club, as well as helping with Gateway's move to a state of the art air rifle range which doubles their old facility.

It was good to see so many shipmates listed with the "plank owners," thank you once again for starting the Association. We are curious to see who will be the oldest Ordie.

Remember all the "ordies" local and deployed and their families, as they project freedom to preserve our peace. Stay safe, follow the check list, and look out for each other. Till next time, IYA OYAS!!!





CHAPTER 75



Just wanted to give you some updates on what Chapter 75 has been doing this Quarter. As of right now HST is currently is still in Portsmouth Naval Ship Yards. Hopefully soon we will be doing our Ammo On-load and do what us AO's are supposed to be doing.



I want to say Congratulations to AOC(AW/SW) Tina Calahan, our Chapter 75 AAO Secretary, for being selected for FY15 LDO program along with AOC(AW/SW) Derrick Caplette for being selected for FY15 CWO Program.

We would like to say congratulations to the HST Weapons Department Petty Officer, and Junior Sailor of the (2nd) Quarter. AO2(AW/SW) Clay Lunsford (POQ), and AO3(AW) Jamie Loving (JSOQ).

Chapter 75 had the great opportunity to help the Mobile Ordnance Training Team (MOTT). A few of our AAO members got the chance to help MOTT do some overhaul on the building. Helping with some touch up painting, cleaning and whatever else was needed to be completed.

Picture MOTT 11: AO3 John Hughes- taping off the student class room windows for a black border touch up.

Picture MOTT 4: AO2 Jason Osorio- being trusted with a paint brush to do some black border touch ups.

Picture MOTT 2: AO3 Thomas Amyx- Using the shop vacuum and giving us a Thumbs up.

We wanted to give thanks to LCDR Joe Thompson Force OHO Atlantic for giving us this great opportunity to work hand in hand with the MOTT guys and hopefully get that MOTT building back into its tip top condition.

Hopefully soon I will have some more pictures of our Ammo On-load.

V/r
AO1(AW/SW) Kirk Godair
USS Harry S. Truman
WEPS/G-5 LPO
Chapter 75 AAO President

USS AMERICA LHA 6

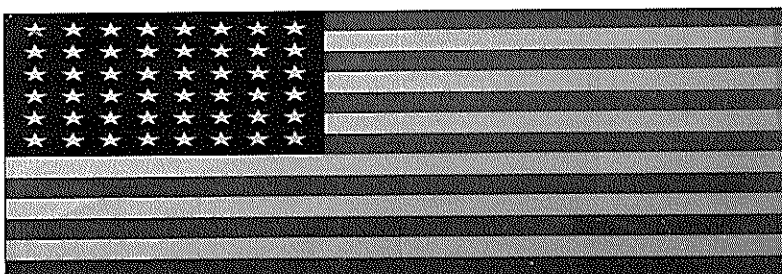
Greetings from the USS AMERICA LHA 6.

I have attached a photo of the Weapons Department of the fleet's newest Amphibious Assault Ship home ported in AMERICA'S FINEST CITY, San Diego California. We have yet to establish a LHA 6 Chapter but are currently attending meetings with Chapter 8.

We are looking forward to joining the great Ordies in San Diego area for years to come.

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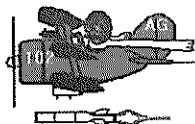
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To all chapters,

Please review your information on the Chapter Meetings - Places - Times - Dates section on page 3. E-mail your changes to me and Dennis Costa. 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



IYA OYAS!!

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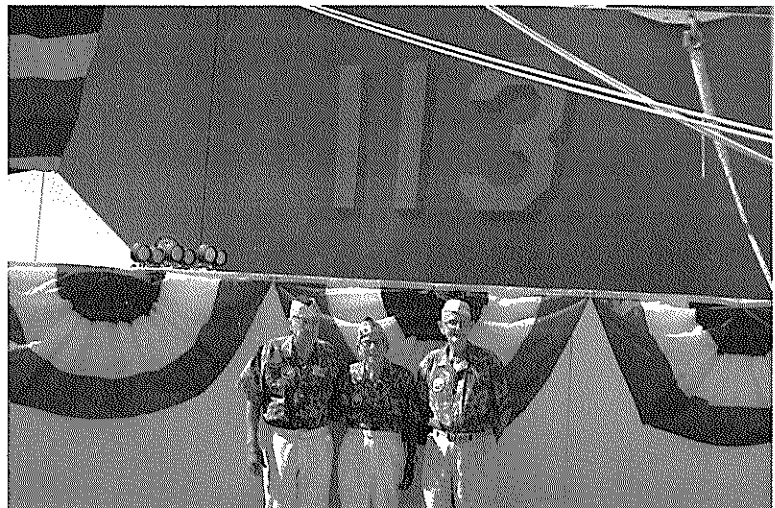


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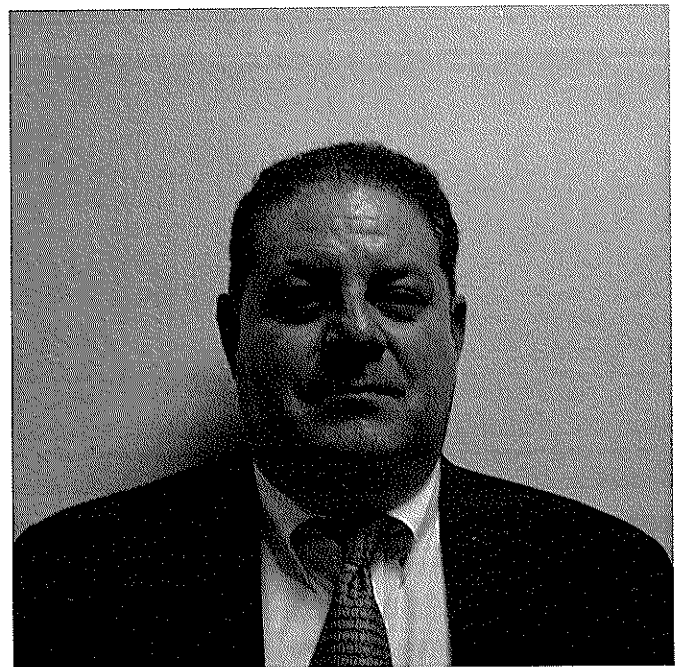
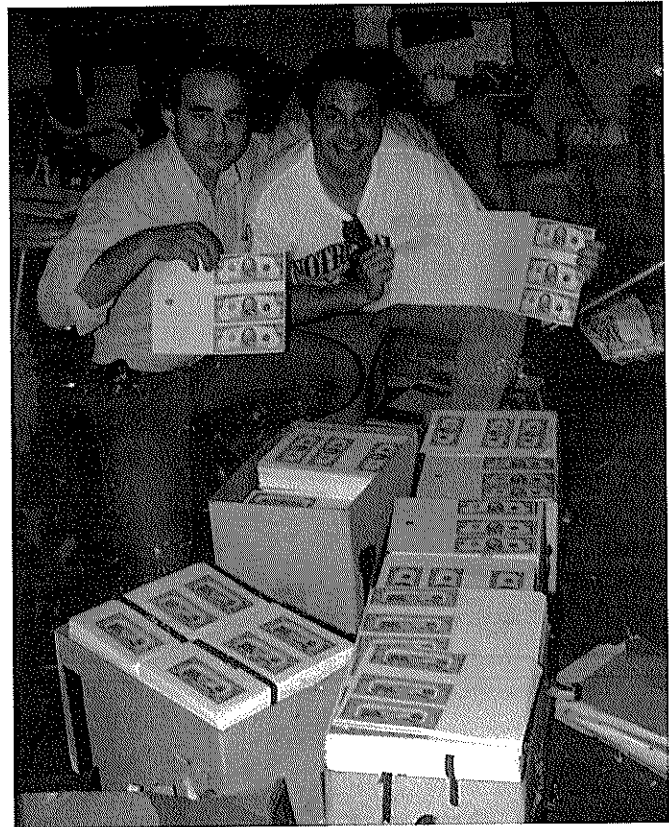
**James D. Deal
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Mr. Deal joined the Transportation Security Administration in September 2004. Assigned as the Assistant Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement, Mr. Deal is TSA Reno's primary Liaison contact for all Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. He is responsible for coordinating all outreach initiatives for the Transportation Security Administration in aviation security matters, as well as maintaining daily relationships with the stakeholders at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Mr. Deal is one of the original and current TSA Law Enforcement instructors for the National Behavioral Detection Officer Program and TSA's Subject Matter Expert for Counterfeit Identifications and Fraudulent Documents.

Prior to joining TSA, Mr. Deal served for over 23 years with the United States Secret Service, preceded by approximately six (6) years as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He accepted an appointment with the U. S. Secret Service in 1981 and worked numerous assignments in both protection and investigations where he achieved the rank of Resident Agent in Charge.

During his career with the U. S. Secret Service, he had been assigned to the Las Vegas Resident Office, Los Angeles Field Office, Ford Protective Division, Indianapolis Field Office, Reno Resident Agency, San Francisco Field Office and the Reno Resident Office. As the Supervisory Special Agent in San Francisco, Mr. Deal initiated and developed the San Francisco Electronic Crimes Task Force as mandated by the USA Patriot Act. Additionally, Mr. Deal has received recognition as the 1990 Indiana-Kentucky Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the International Association of Credit Card Investigators. Mr. Deal has also instructed Law Enforcement and Professional Organizations on numerous occasions which include the International Asian Organized Conference in Hawaii and the International Law Enforcement Academy in Budapest, Hungary.

Mr. Deal holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from San Jose State University, with a minor in Criminology.





Local sailor honored for strength of community service

Pensacola native honored by the Navy League as winner of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award

by Ed Barker Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs · February 27, 2015 @ 1:54pm

A local sailor was selected by the Pensacola Council of the Navy League of the United States Feb. 26 as the winner of the Margaret Flowers Civic Award for 2015.

Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Alexanna Williams, Barracks Military Training Instructor for the Naval Air Technical Training Center was selected from 19 Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard nominees from the greater Pensacola area.

Williams, a native of Pensacola, attended Jubilee Christian Academy and Ferry Pass Middle School here before moving to Tucson, Ariz., with her parents, was recognized for her dedication of nearly 500 volunteer hours to multiple causes and charitable organizations in 2014.

"Pensacola constantly goes through its own struggles, but somehow, some way, with people volunteering, we are always there to get through it," Williams said. "From hurricanes, to crazy ice storms to weird floods, we get through it all thanks to volunteers, and I highly encourage you to get out and volunteer if you're not doing so already."

The award was presented during a Navy League recognition luncheon at New World Landing restaurant and conference center. Williams and the other nominees were applauded for their selflessness and dedication to their jobs and the community.

"These kids are wonderful young men and women who go out of their way, taking their own time to do these things and support our community," said retired Navy Capt. Bill Cuilik, President of the Navy League's Pensacola Council. "It's important to recognize that this country has given us so much, so volunteering is an opportunity for us to give something back for all that we have been given."

In his recommendation to the Navy League, NATTC Commanding Officer Capt. Alan Dean commended Williams for her leadership inside the command and also in the community.

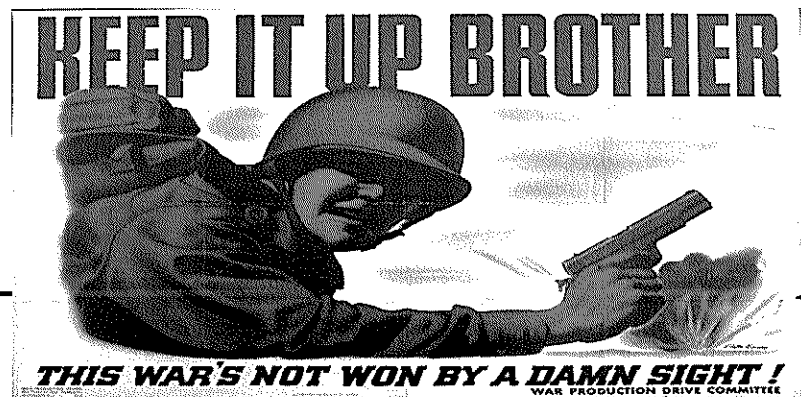
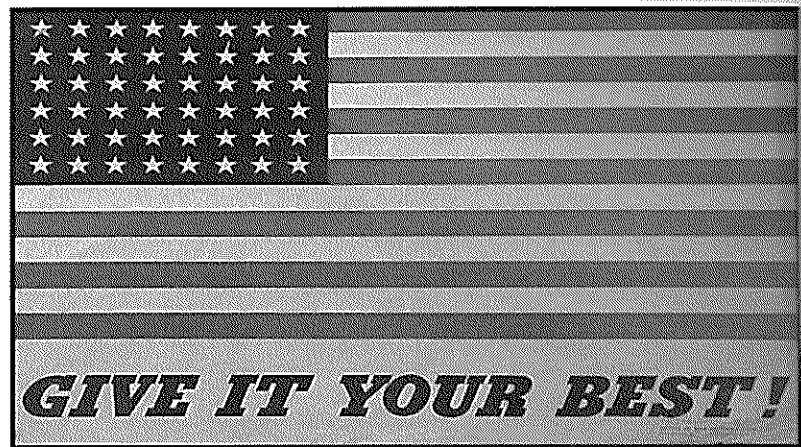
"Petty Officer Williams' tireless efforts have successfully fostered a relationship of trust and cohesion between the U.S. Navy and the local community and has served to advance the causes of various and divergent charitable organizations," said Dean. "She is a consistent, highly-motivated leader and a counselor who displays a genuine concern for people and the community she serves."

Guest speaker for the event was Quint Studer, Pensacola philanthropist and businessman whose father was a Navy veteran.

"We are all pebbles in the waters of life, and when you throw a pebble in the waters of that pond, you impact all the water in that

pond," said Studer. "When you volunteer, you give the most precious gift that you can give – you show people that you care. Never underestimate the impact you have on other's lives; the difference that you can make."

The Margaret Flowers Civic Award is named for a retired civil service employee and recognizes individuals who have done outstanding work for various civic organizations in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Nominees must not only be best in civic achievements, but also display the highest caliber of professionalism in their technical specialties. The Navy League presents the Margaret Flowers Civic Award annually to local service members.





CHAPTER 77

An Offload of the Soul

Bitter sweet is a phrase that comes to mind when describing an ordnance offload. Bitter because we Ordies lose what we hold dear to us, sweet because what we hold dear to us, is given to other Ordies to use when called upon.

An offload in itself is complicated, dangerous, and tedious requiring a significant amount of coordination, planning, and man hours. Come the day of the offload everyone puts their game face on and waits patiently for the start. With steady hands, ordnance is surgically moved from the ships magazines to the hangar bay and flight deck. It seemed to never end, the constant flow of ordnance spewing out of the magazines. It took 36 straight hours to empty our weapons magazines, a huge accomplishment on everyone's part to make it happen in that amount of time.

On the flight deck, ordnance was offloaded via VERTREP, and in the hangar bay via CONREP. As we worked and watched, the ordnance left the ship a small piece at a time. We couldn't help but feel that our ship was changing. It was evident that our ship, no matter how massive or how military it looked, in fact, was no longer a warship.

If the ship's reactor is her heart, then her ordnance is her soul. It is a soul that sleeps quietly, but when stirred can burn with a fury unmatched by no one. A ship with no ordnance is a soulless ship, a ship with no purpose, with no emotion. It is an empty shell that can no longer do what it was built to do, and that is take the fight to the enemy.

It never ceases to amaze me the team work, pride and dedication that burns through when Ordies come together to flawlessly accomplish one of the largest operations we Ordies go through. Over 1742 lifts, equating to over 1782 tons of ordnance valued at over \$298,706,409.75. Absolutely amazing, my hat goes off to the George H W Bush Weapons Department. Your pride and professionalism as Ordnancemen is displayed in all that you do and what you have accomplished! Keep up the great work and remember... IYAOYAS!

AO1(AW) Jeremy M Reed
USS George HW Bush (CVN-77)
Weapons Department, G-3
Chapter 77 President

Greetings from Chapter Seventy-One currently serving in the North Arabian Gulf! Let me begin by saying this has been a very busy quarter and year for our chapter. The Theodore Roosevelt team has recently finished up a 4-year Refueling and Complex Overhaul (RCOH), a cadre of inspections, and a busy work up cycle with Carrier Air Wing ONE.

After finishing up our work up cycle in February, we enjoyed a short POM period and were on our way to relieve USS Carl Vinson at the "Tip of the Spear" in direct support of OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. On April 13th, 2015, we arrived on station and completed our turnover with USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) before transiting the Straits of Hormuz and entering the Arabian Gulf, to include conducting a safe and efficient Vertical Replenishment "top-off" of ordnance (VERTREP).

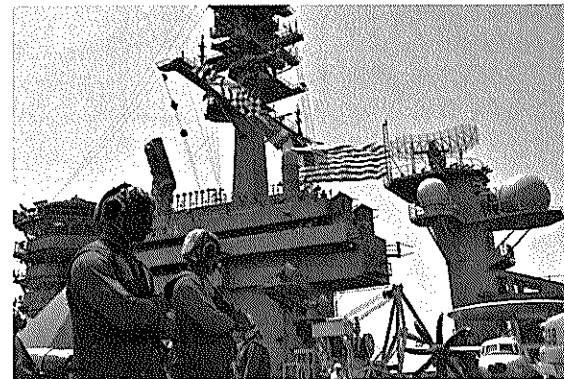
When we are not supporting combat operations, Chapter 71 stays busy supporting the Roosevelt's crew by volunteering for numerous MWR events to boost morale and camaraderie. We continue to make a positive difference!

Chapter 71 AAO is led by: AO1 (AW/SW) Charles Hart (President), AO1 (AW/SW) Patrick Neal (Vice President), AO2 (AW/SW) Jatoya Brunn (Treasurer), AO3 (AW) Brittney Weems (Secretary) and AOAN Alexander Gutierrez (Master-At-Arms).

Chapter 71 will conclude its extended deployment with a homeport change from Norfolk, VA to San Diego, CA. The Association continues to lead the efforts throughout the ship in volunteer efforts to boost morale and continue to build camaraderie throughout the ordnance community.

I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S.

AO1(AW/SW)
Charles Hart
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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

CHAPTER 78



Greeting from the Most Technically Advanced Warship in the Fleet!

As the newest Chapter in the Ordinance community we have been able to link up with other Tidewater Chapter's in the area participating in several different events around the region. The largest event we were able to provide assistance to was the Children's Health Investment Program (CHIP) Annual Duck Race. It was a great event and we were able to raise over \$60,000 in support of under-privileged children's health benefits. Additionally we would like to give a special thanks to those who participated to include Chapter 69, Chapter 4 and Mrs. Beth Warren who helped coordinate this event and allow us to take part.

Gerald R. Ford is currently on schedule to be delivered March 2016, making it the first in its class. There are several unique additions to the carrier and we are extremely excited to share its features with the rest of the Fleet. As some may have already seen or read, Gerald R. Ford has been outfitted with only 2 Hanger Bay's, Advanced Weapons Elevators (Electro-Magnetic), and the removal of a traditional "Bomb Farm". Above all, the new Forward and Aft Weapons Handling and Transfer Area has been the most distinctive transformation to the Weapons Department AOR, changing the way we do business and deliver weapons to the flight deck. In conjunction with Newport News Shipbuilding all of our Sailors are striving every day to work out all of the Ship's new challenges and I can tell you first hand that GRF is going to impress even the "Saltiest of Dogs".

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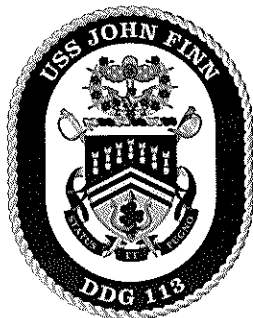
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SYMBOLISM

SHIELD: Dark blue and gold are the colors of the United States Navy. The shield's elements are counterchanged to keep them dominant. The seven aerial bombs represent the date of the attack on Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941). The three black chevronelles allude to John Finn's Navy Chief Petty Officer rank, and the color black recalls that he was the last living Medal of Honor recipient from the Pearl Harbor attack. The trident represents naval authority, and the three spikes stand for the ship's multi-mission capability. The blue barbed shamrock against the yellow field represents John Finn's naval career and his lineage as a tough American-Irishman who embodied the motto, "Status Et Pugno" (Stand Fast and Fight).

CREST: The anchor, the color and stars on the winged bomb, and the superimposed star on the bomb are elements representing the Navy Medal of Honor. (As a Chief Petty Officer, John Finn received this award at the start of WWII.) The winged bomb symbolizes John Finn's rating of chief aviation ordnance man stationed at Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay. The 50-caliber rounds recall his manning a machine gun from an exposed position throughout the attack on 7 December 1941. The winged bomb also represents that DDG 113 is the first ship built with the Aegis Baseline 9 Weapon System that allows simultaneous air warfare and ballistic missile defense capability. The twelve shamrocks recall CPO Finn's Irish heritage and the numerous times he was hit by enemy fire.

SUPPORTERS: The crossed Navy officer's sword and Navy cutlass reflect the fact that John Finn was both an enlisted sailor and an officer in the Navy, and they also represent the teamwork and cooperation of the officer-enlisted crew of DDG 113.

SEAL: The coat of arms as blazoned in full color on a white oblong disc within a dark blue designation band, edged with a gold rope border and bearing the name "USS JOHN FINN" at the top and "DDG 113" at the base.



Feb 21 - AAO Chapter V - FOD Walkdown Lacy Paulsen, Pat Zawchenuk, Greg Harper, Dale Harper, Jake Scanlon, LT Joseph Waltman and AO2 Lemuel Foster



January 29, 2015 Chapter V Meeting @ VFW Ridgecrest, CA—Greg Paulsen, John Sherry, Pat Zawchenuk, Dale Harper, Lacy Paulson, Jimmy Brantley, Jake Scanlon, LT Joseph Waltman, AO2 Lemuel Foster AOAN Magno Alvin, Angel Heppa, AO2 Kenneth Wilkerson, AO3 Junior Delgadillo

CHAPTER 75



NMC Det Souda Bay with Greek Partners at NATO AMMUNTION DEPO, Souda Bay Greece

Left to right: Big 'O', Big 'G', Bob Tyson and Bob Rosette (retired AOC, went into navy in 1944).



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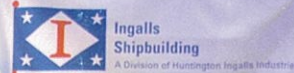
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