

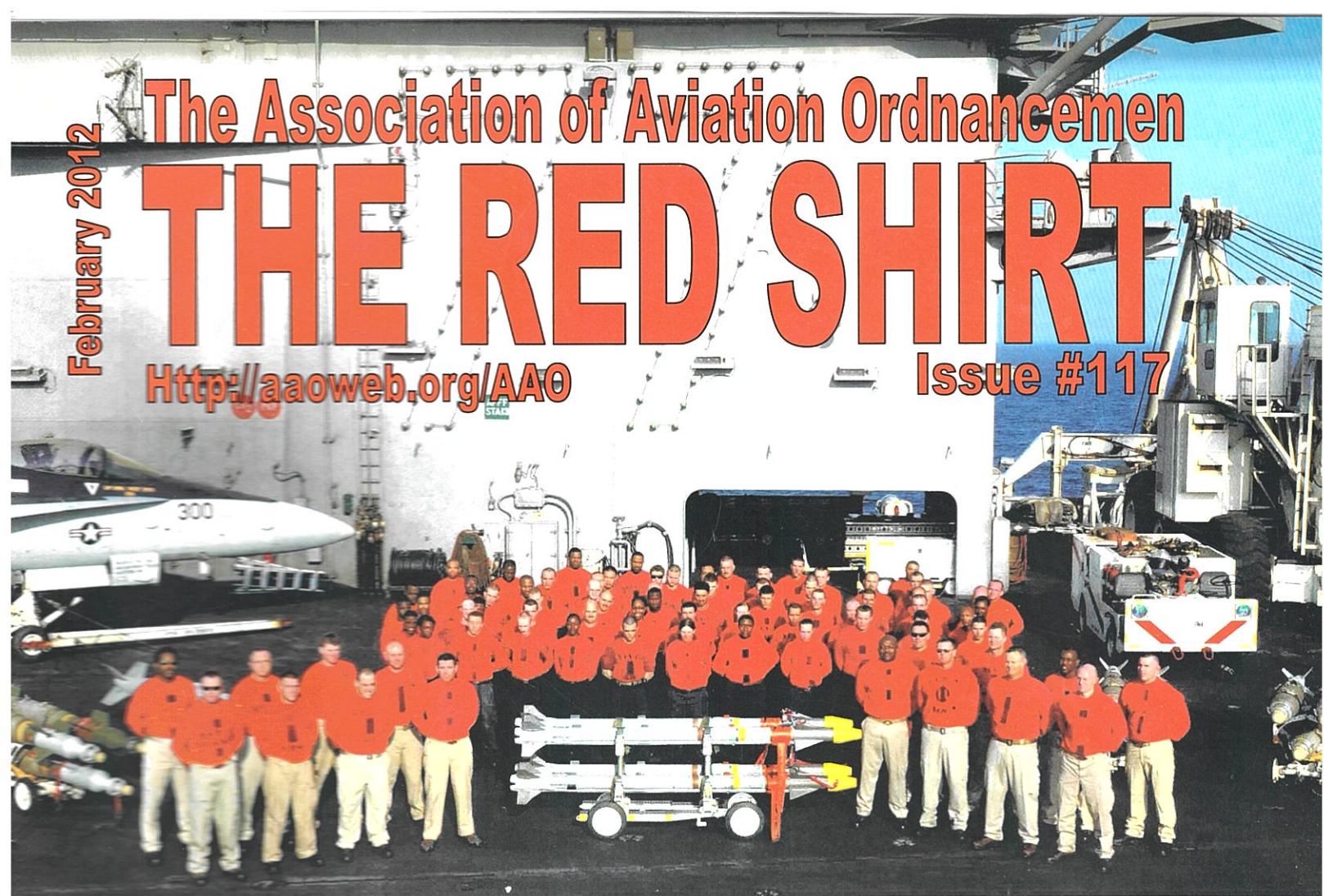
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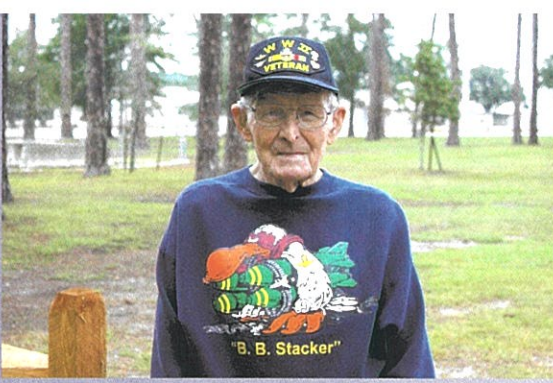
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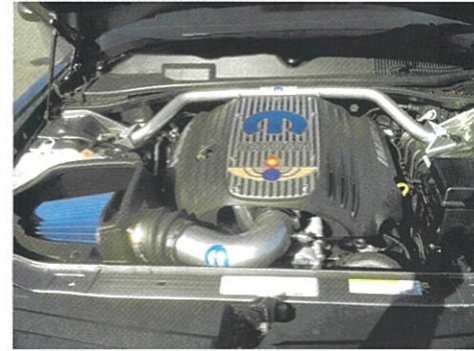
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*John Bruan's Challenger*



*From left to right AO1 Mark Everett, AOC Wes Thompson, LTjg Joe Waltman, MGySgt Joe Brown*



*From left to right AO2 Carlos Olvera, LTjg Joe Waltman, AO1 Shakira Smalls, CWO2 Joe Makaratad, AOAN Schulze, AO2 Ryan Robinson, Bob Neville (CDR Ret.), AOC Wes Thompson, Dr. Michael Smith, Randy Ford (CWO4 Ret.) Kneeling from left to right AO1 Mark Everett, AO1 Ray Gibree.*



*From left to right LTjg Joe Waltman, AOC Wes Thompson, Dr. Michael Smith, Ms. Frances Carmichael.*



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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, CHUCK ONKEN 559-998-3568: E-mail [charles.onken@navy.mil](mailto:charles.onken@navy.mil)

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FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION  
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## 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!*

Kev,

Hope all is well with you and yours. I'm contacting you in reference to the article and picture that Dave Fowler sent mentioning my impending retirement. Dave sent it in the night my cigar smoking buddies and I were having my farewell smoke. However, as the editor I wanted to bring to your attention the egregious spelling error in the article stating no "red shit" vice "red shirt" walks the flight deck. I didn't know whether to laugh or be mad. Good thing I have a thick skin.

Holla.  
Kev

*Kev, that's funny, I didn't even notice it. Thanks for bringin it to my attention!!! They were the OHO's words though.....we'll have to have a talk with Dave! Congrats though!!!*

Victor Leonard graduated from Chattahoochee Technical College December 15th 2011 with an A. S. in Management and Supervisory Development. Victor has elected to continue his education while seeking employment, and has registered for classes in January. Sydney V. Crosby, daughter of DawnRae Sealy-Leonard graduated from University of Georgia on December 16th 2011 with a B.S. in Animal Science, Cum Laude. Sydney elects to continue her education and has made application to the UGA Veterinary School. Best Wishes to the graduates!!!! We are so proud of you!!!!

DawnRae Sealy-Leonard

*Thanks Dawn, Congrats to both of them!!! Picture on pg 23*

Marine Corps Base Hawaii held its annual Klipper ceremony on December 7, 2011. The ceremony is held every year to recognize the men who were killed at NAS Kaneohe on December 7, 1941. As part of this year's ceremony, the John Finn Historical marker (that you made possible) was unveiled and dedicated. The marker will be attached to the outside of hangar 103 next to the door that marked the entrance to John's ordnance shop. This historical marker was long overdue and I only wish John had been here to see it

come to fruition. Somehow I think he was with us. Frances Carmichael was there and helped unveil the marker. I have attached some photographs and the dedication speech that I gave. I know I don't have everyone on the "to" line who helped raise money so please pass this around our community.

I want to personally thank everyone who helped,  
MAHALO.

Mike (da bomb, IYAOYAS)

DR Michael Smith (MGySgt Aviation Ordnance retired) Navy Region Hawaii  
N7 Training and Readiness

*Pics on pg 23*

Kevin,

I just read the October issue of The Red Shirt, and saw my article on the A3-D restoration that our crew did at Edwards Air Force Base, and I wanted to thank you for including it in this issue. Thanks to publications like the Red Shirt, and other newsletters and magazines, our restoration project has garnered a lot of attention, and it has helped the A3 Association with new members, as well as donations. Thank you again for your help, and I am proud to be a member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

Del Mitchell  
AOC(Ret)

Recently, I was surfing my television channels, and came across a program called Encore Westerns. They were running a late 50's TV series called, "Have Gun Will Travel", starring the late actor Richard Boone who died in 1981. Not having seen or heard much about Boone for a long time, I Google'd him, and below is what Wikipedia.com had in part on him for his early years. I did not know he was an Ordnanceman, or that he had been in the Navy during WWII. Do we have anything on him in The Red Shirt, or any history of his combat missions, ships, etc? Has his name ever been mentioned in The Red Shirt, or any AAO records or archives?

Del Mitchell

AOC (Ret)

Boone was born in Los Angeles, California, the middle child of Cecile (née Beckerman) and Kirk E. Boone, a well-to-do corporate lawyer. He was descended from Squire Boone, younger brother of frontiersman Daniel Boone. Richard's nephew is actor Randy Boone (born 1942); his cousin is actor-singer Pat Boone; his first cousin once removed is actress-

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I am an AAO member of Chapter 22, Patuxent River, MD, a PUFL. I would like to run an article in the Red Shirt about my father, Charles Candy Middlebrook, an ex Slickarm Chief and his part in the testing and development of the famous Norden Bombsight of WWII.

The booklet was written originally in 1987 by his Grandson, my nephew Charles H, Leith. (his dad was a Navy Chief). I have just recently had it reprinted with some minor revisions and added photos.

I want to note that John finn was a friend of both my dad and my older brother Charles Q. (on the West Virginia 7 Dec 1941) here at "old NPG" Dalhgren during the thirties.

I've enclosed a clipping from our local county paper, The Journal

Respectfully  
Carlton G. Middlebrook, Sr

To the Editor,

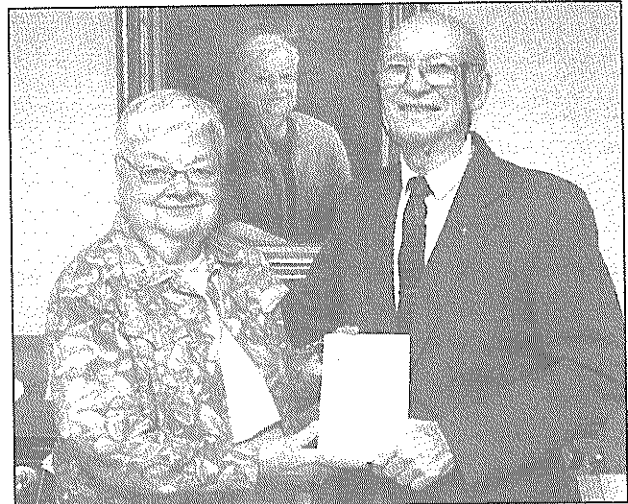
The magazine, Friends and Neighbors, is a quarterly, mostly a local publication devoted to our senior citizens in Tulumne and other surrounding counties.

On page 48 you will find an article written about me, I was an inductee into the Naval Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame in 1999. I thought this article might be of interest to our association. It is of particular interest to most people that I served on ten air craft carriers, the USS Renova, Siboney, Boxer, Princeton (twice), Oriskany, Kearsage, Ranger, Valley Forge and Coral Sea. Also during my 21 years in the Navy I was given credit for 17 years of sea duty.

Hope you enjoy the article and the picture that most people find interesting since I can still fit into my uniform, Ha Ha. Enclosed is a photo of me giving a talk to the Masons about my Navy career. It was well received.

Sincerely  
Lawrence Singley

Thanks for the magazine copy. For all those who want to read the article go to [www.seniorfam.com](http://www.seniorfam.com) scroll down to the Who Writes section and click on Mike Morris' name. Look for the article titled " A Three-War Veterans Explosive Career" Kevin



Ruth J. Herrink, publisher of The Journal, presents Carlton Middlebrook, Sr., with a current reprint of the booklet on his father Charles "Candy" Middlebrook, and the latter's part in the Norden bombsight development at Dalhgren, written by his grandson, Charles H. Leith.

## Book on Norden bombsight reprinted by Middlebrook

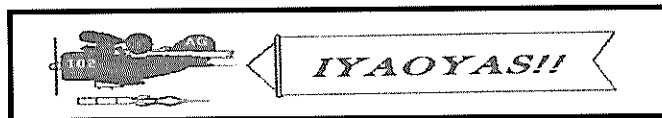
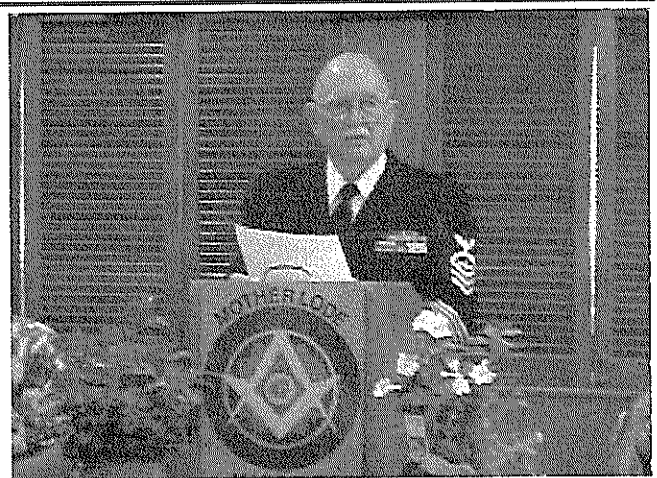
It took a good year and was a labor of love, but Carlton Middlebrook, Sr. has now reprinted a book about the Norden bombsight and his father's part in its development and testing at the Dalhgren Navy base. Charles Candy Middlebrook, Esquire, known at "Middy" was born in 1896 and lived until 1965. He was brought to Dalhgren by Carl Norden to oversee the development of the Norden bombsight and participated in that effort for years. The book carries the words Our First Bomber on the cover and shows a cartoon depiction of life before the bombsight. It is dedicated to Charles Candy Middlebrook for his part in the Norden Bombsight of World War II.

The Norden bombsight enabled bombs to be dropped from airplanes with some hope of hitting

the target and was the catalyst to the development of modern warfare.

The book was originally published in 1987 and was written by Charles Leith, the nephew of Carlton Middlebrook and son of Virginia Leith, Middlebrook's daughter. Carlton Middlebrook decided on reprinting the book to keep alive the story of the bombsight and his father's work on it. The book is updated with additional photographs.

It is for sale \$15.50 which includes tax and shipping and is here just in time for Christmas giving to all those interested in the history of Dalhgren. It was reprinted by The Journal with oversight by Ruth Herrink, Publisher. You may call Bonnie at The Journal 775-2024, Ext. 105 to order or Carlton Middlebrook at 540-207-4945.





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singer Debby Boone (Pat's daughter). Boone graduated from Hoover High School in Glendale, California. He attended Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, but left prior to graduation and tried his hand at oil-rigging, bartending, painting and writing before joining the United States Navy in 1941. He served on three ships in the Pacific during World War II, seeing combat as an aviation ordnanceman and gunner on TBM Avenger torpedo bombers.

If anyone has any info please contact me, Thanks, Kevin

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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.

### Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Educational Foundation Election Notice

At the 2012 Convention, during the first Association Board of Directors meeting, the AAO's Board of Directors will hold elections for a Board of Director Position in the AAOEF. I, as Foundation President, am soliciting advance nominations for the following offices:

Office	Incumbent
Board of Director	Jim Irwin

Eligibility requirements for these offices and the duties of the office are in the AAOEF Bylaws, which you can find by going to: <http://aaoweb.org/AAO> then clicking on Scholarship Information then scroll down to and click on the Bylaws section. All individuals seeking election should familiarize themselves with this information and then have a Regular Member of the Association nominate them. All are reminded of scholarship application or sponsor restrictions imposed to all officers within IRS directives.

I, as President of the Foundation, will be accepting advance

nominations by U.S. Mail or E-Mail for collection and presentation to the Associations President. The deadline for submitting advance nominations is 30 days prior to the first AAO Board Meeting. To make a nomination you must be a Regular Member of the Association and a written acceptance by your nominee must accompany your nomination. All nominations of individuals received will be verified as current Regular Members of the Association through the National Treasurer.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the first meeting of the Association's Board of Directors.

Mail advance nominations to: 35 Palmyra Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7517 or E-Mail them to: [egunner@att.net](mailto:egunner@att.net).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (386) 445-0968 (H)/ (386) 405-6940 (Cell).

Edward C. Scott  
AAOEF President

### In Search of Information for the AAO Hall of Fame

I have been working with CAPT Lepard, JJ LaMaitre, Dennis Costa, and Chuck Onken to try and collect information on certain individuals personal information for the Hall of Fame. Out of 60 we have narrowed it down to the following:

Robert W. Branum - AOCM, USN - Inducted 1988 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX)

Kirby P. Hunt (Deceased) - CDR, USN - Inducted 1988 - Photo (Military if Possible)

Weldon E. Maki (Deceased) - LT, USN - Inducted 1988 - Photo (Military if Possible)

Alvin R. Kall - LT, USN - Inducted 1989 - Need Date of Military Service (From 19XX to 19XX)

If anyone has the information we are searching for contact me via e-mail [wtcarroll@cox.net](mailto:wtcarroll@cox.net) or my cell phone 850-572-5317

Thanks  
Tim Carroll



## *AAO President*

Hello Ordnancemen!

Hope your new year is going well. Lot's going on in the world for sure, and I know our Marine and Navy Ordnancemen are doing a superb job. I sure have been busy with the day job.

The pre Convention meeting in Laughlin went extremely well this past month, with what looks like all the details covered and preparation for the Convention is now in full swing. So read all the details in this REDSHIRT for getting you plans set to join us in Reno in August.

As I write this CAPT Mike Price has had his change of Command and is headed to NOSSA in Indian Head MD. Mike congratulations on a very SUCCESSFUL COMMAND tour!! We all are very proud of you.

For all the active duty Marines and Navy Ordnancemen, I want to thank you for continuing to be the true professionals you are, and always remember to do all that you do by the book, your leadership demands it.

I'll close for now, please be safe and I look forward to seeing you all in Reno.

Very respectfully,  
CAPT Dave

P.S. The Symposium planning is also currently in full swing so we look forward to having a great Exhibit and Vendor venue again this year.

## *AAO Vice President*

HELLO WEAPONEERS!!

Who said an ordie could never make it through command, obviously they don't know us very well!!! Thanks to all my fellow ordies who took time out of their schedules to come to Pensacola and really make my ceremony a lasting memory for me. I am moving on to NOSSA for my final tour and last 3 years in the Navy and am looking so forward to being back in the community.

Again, as the nomination committee Chair, I will be accepting nominations for the following positions for this year's election; President, (Dave Leopard); two Board of Directors (Gerald Gladders and Rick Garza). If you have a nomination for any of these positions, the formal nominations must be

received by me on or before 01 June 2012. I have received a couple of nominations to date and expect more to roll in as we get closer. We have had a great run with our active and retired ordies stepping up to fill critical positions in "Our" association, so let's not slow down now. As our senior weaponeers get a little saltier, it is up to the rest of us to step up! If you desire to mail correspondence to me please send to my NOSSA address:

3817 Strauss Ave Ste 108  
Indian Head, Md. 20640-5555  
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Now to address membership...I would again like to ask the membership if they know of anyone who has dropped their membership and to please try to get those individuals back in the Association. Please if you move let the Treasure know what your new address is!!!! The symposium and convention is just around the corner, so invite a friend and get those ordies back on track. Join us at this year's gathering in Reno, it is sure to be a great time by all and I hope to see you there.

Keep the Powder Dry,  
Mr. Vice  
Michael K. Price

## *AAO Secretary*

Greetings Ordies,

Our convention is getting close and it looks to be another great event so get your reservations in. I know I seem like a broken record, but Chapter Secretary's please get your monthly minutes into me. I do pass them to the President so he can keep abreast of your activities!!!! Hey Chapter Secretary.... E-mail them to me at my work or home e-mail address so I can keep the National BOD up to date.

ATTENTION!!! CHAPTER PRESIDENTS... Need all of you to update our monthly meeting information including a good e-mail address... Lots of information coming from the President

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# AAO Treasurer

It has now been four months since I assumed the position of your National Treasurer. What an eye opener. Thanks to J.J., the transition was extremely easy. But, I never knew just how big a role he had in the running of the organization.

We just successfully wrapped up the pre-symposium/convention planning meeting. Once again, I was amazed at how much effort your leaders put in to making everything work.

CONVENTION – Start making plans NOW for the week of August 12<sup>th</sup> (Symposium) and 16 August for kick off of Convention. It is imperative that I receive your registrations requests as soon as possible. Don't wait until the last minute. You may want to come in a day or so earlier to see what the latest and greatest equipment the vendors are showing off. See you there!!

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently re-

tired) or phone number change? If so give me a shout at the contact info below so he can update your record.

Address changes have gotten better, BUT are still costing your Association. 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 Tom at [aaotreas2011@cox.net](mailto:aaotreas2011@cox.net).

FYI the US Postal Service has an on-line Change of Address section, see it at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

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R,  
Thomas Lord  
AAO Treasurer

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## Chapter 8

**Pull Not Away**  
**By Royce Hall**  
**February of 1977**

Happy New Year to ALL Ordies out there and a big WELCOME HOME from Chapter 8 out of Sunny San Diego!!!

I would like to take a moment of silence for all service members and especially our mighty AOs whom we have lost here recently. We may have lost some heroes but we are gaining angels. May they rest in peace.

Now, down to business!!

-Chapter 8 has finally turned our BOMBS FOR BOOBS money into the Komen foundation. We participated in the Making Strides for breast cancer walk and Race for the cure run. \$1128.00 was made solely off of t-shirt sales and donation which all 100% profits were donated. (Big thanks to Chad Foster for designing the shirts). This was our first annual event and we are definitely looking forward to next year's.

-Currently the chapter is preparing for the John William Finn Hall dedication later on in March on NAS North Island. For those interested in attending please go to the chapter's Facebook page for new updates.

-We have our annual bbq set for Saturday, May 19th 2012 starting at 1000 @ Mills Park, MCAS Miramar. If you are reading this, consider this your invitation to attend. We always have room for Ordies and their families. The more the merrier!

-I would like to introduce our somewhat new Vice President Joshua DeGhetto, announce our new BOD member Barry Stemler and our "once again" treasurer/secretary Al Ten Eyck. Josh is an instructor at the Weapons School on North Island, Barry is the base ESO and Al had previously been our treasurer for over 5 years who has been called back to "active duty" as our treasurer. I am so proud of each member of this chapter. I am proud of their pride in our rate and their perseverance to continue make things possible and allow us to grow in numbers and grow as a family. Nobody does it better than AO's!

-Before I sign off I want to wish everyone a Happy 86th birthday to the Navy AO's in March and Happy 90th birthday to the Marine AO's in April. I would also like to thank each and every one of you who has made a difference in my life and continues to do so now and will forever more. It is because of you that I was selected as this year's AO of the year runner-up. It is because of you that I strive to be the best that I can ever be and it is because of you that I am who I am today, a proud service member and a proud Ordie!!! Thank you.

Very Respectfully,  
AO1(AW/SW) Nanise Malia Schroeder  
AAO Chapter 8 President  
(619) 545-6221

Pull thee not away from me, because we are growing old,  
Comfort me with your love when we are infirm and gray,  
As you did when your hair was radiant and gold.

I regret my step is not so quick as it was in days gone by,  
Although I cannot keep pace with the young,  
Nevertheless I shall surely try.  
I shall walk with thee in dignity,  
Though the pain of trying is enough to make my body cry.

Touch my flesh with your loving hands--  
I can still feel your love you know--  
Though my body is old and infirm,  
Thr heart remembers love of long ago.

When you gaze upon my face  
Don't show pity in your eyes.  
I am still a proud man, my love.  
I still know the beauty of the skies,  
So look at me tenderly and with love  
As you did in the younger days of our lives.

Stay by me as the curtain closes,  
Do not pull away from my side.  
For I remember thd days of wine and roses,  
And I must know you love me still  
When I cross over to the other side.

I am so sorry, that I must be the first to go,  
but grieve thee not, my true love,  
For we shall be separated only for a short while,  
For I go to prepare a home for us above.

So pull thee not away from me,  
Stay close to me in my waning days.  
Hold me ever so close to your heart  
As the final life scenes we play.

Remember always the days of our youth,  
Remember the times of love and joy.  
I remember a fair wee bit of a girl--  
I hope you remember a happy boy.

When you join me we shall be born again, to romp in meadows so green.

There shall never pain of death for us, There shall only be the beauty of Heaven's scene.



## Chapter 9



Greetings and here's wishing all of you a safe and prosperous 2012 from Chapter 9 in beautiful Jacksonville, FL.

The chapter hosted our first annual all AO picnic 29 October aboard NAS Jax. True to form, the day dawned with pouring rain and doubts

about our plans for a 1000 start. As the preparations continued the rain cleared away and over 70 AO's with their families started arriving. The day was a huge success with great fellowship and barbeque for lunch despite cool, damp weather. The youngest in attendance was a new born less than 6 months old, the oldest was retired AOC Carl Creamer, a spry 90 year old who was a gunner on a PBY crew shot down in early 1942 by the Japanese as they attacked the Aleutians Islands during their attack on Midway. He said he was getting a cup of coffee in the after station then found himself sharing a one man life raft with two others in the Bering Sea. Carl spent all of WWII as a guest of the Japanese at Ofuna POW camp. He is a true American hero. Two of his sons went on to retire as AOC's..

AO2 Raymond Jenkins, VP-30, was recognized as our AO of the Third Quarter 2011.

The Fleming Island High School NJROTC unit hosted a free dinner during Veteran's week to honor vets and recognize one veteran from each of the organizations in attendance. Congratulations to our treasurer, CWO2 (RET) John Printy who was recognized for his service during the Korean "police action."

Active duty means transferring and we had to say farewell to three strong supporters of the chapter: AOC Edrick Smith, AOC Terry VanKampen, and AO2 Raymond Perry, also transferred was AOC Coach. We wish them all the best as they serve at their new duty stations.

Our quarterly road cleanup continues to be a chance for the Ordies of Chapter 9 to provide a strong community service and to socialize afterwards with our fellow ordies and enjoy some rollers and sliders.

Attendance remains strong with an average of 32 at each meeting, because of this the Chapter is able to do some great things. IYAOYAS!

## Chapter 11

Aloha from Kaneohe Bay, HI.

We have recently revitalized Chapter 11 or as we like to call it Aloha 11. In the short time since we stood the Chapter back up in October we've been busy. In January we had the first of what will become our annual camp out at Bellows Air Force Base Camp Ground. There was a good turnout and plenty of laughs as well as our business meeting.

In December we had the honor of dedicating the John Finn historical marker that many of you contributed to. The dedication was held in conjunction with the annual Klipper ceremony in remembrance of the sacrifices made here at MCBH Kaneohe (then NAS Kaneohe) as well as Pearl Harbor and the rest of the island.

Here is a short description of the ceremony:

The Klipper ceremony was at hangar 101. In addition to the traditional wreath laying ceremony to recognize those who lost their lives at Kaneohe on 7 December 1941, the 2011 ceremony also included the dedication of a historical marker in honor of John W. Finn. The Historical marker will be unveiled by Ms Frances Carmichael (long time friend of John's.) Following the ceremony, the historical marker will be affixed to Hangar 103 (VP14's original hangar and the location of John Finn's action). The historical marker was the idea of Dr. Michael Smith (retired MGySgt Ordnanceman) and made possible by the generous donations from Ordnanceman around the world. Word of this project spread like wildfire across the internet, donations were received from AAO chapters across the nation and from individuals who knew John. Together, more than \$1900 was collected, enough to pay for the marker, shipping, installation and flowers. Now Sailors and Marines walking past the hangar will know what John did on the fateful morning.

We have established a Community Relations Committee and a Fund Raising Committee so there will be more to follow on our upcoming projects. Mahalo for all the support with the historical marker and getting Chapter 11 started up again.

V/R  
AOC(AW/SW) Wes Thompson  
AAO Chapter 11 President  
VP-4 MCAS Kaneohe Bay

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## Chapter 21

The AAO Chapter 21 with the help of NMCD CWD DET Fallon volunteer efforts over the years have grown in the community and have spread throughout the whole state of Nevada. We have put forth efforts to continue our volunteer work and always to try to do and give more. The AAO Chapter 21 with the Mighty help of the AO's at NMC CWD DET FALLON has set a positive mark in the community and laid the foundation for a long lasting relationship with the Churchill community..

From the AAO Chapter 21 and NMC CWD DET FALLON as far as volunteer work goes you name it we do it. From coaching little league sports, coaching high school sports, after school tutoring, habitat for humanity, adopt A highway, meals on wheels, angel Christmas tree program, special Olympics, various sponsorships, relay for life American cancer society, and numerous of community relations projects.

The Lonhantan Valley news every Veterans day recognize and pay tributes to the past, fallen and the Veterans still fighting the good fight today. This year Steve from Lahontan Valley news wanted to interview some young Veterans still serving our country and who take the time to give back to the community. Steve heard from Ron (coordinator at THE FALLON DAILY BREAD) about the many community projects that the AO's at the weapons command on NASF base and the AAO Chapter 21 are heavily involved in. Steve came out to the weapons command to interview some the AO's who are highly involved in the AAO Chapter 21 and the community. Here is the write up Steve wrote for Veterans Day. Steve wrote a great article and did his best to write it, some of contents of the material got misconstrued on some of the interviews held. The article great is a great way to recognize all the AO's here at the command and the good work they do to train the fleet and there valiant efforts to better the community..

Our next big projects coming up; Meals on wheels program held at the American Legion Thanksgivings Day @ 0800. The AAO Chapter 21 will be teaming up with the American Legion to take Thanksgivings day dinner to the less fortunate in the Churchill community. The time to kick off the meals on wheels project will be 0800 but anyone will to show up a little early to help set up will greatly be appreciated. Meals on wheels program held at the American Legion Christmas Day @ 0800. The AAO Chapter 21 will be teaming up with the American Legion to take a little Christmas cheer to the less fortunate in the Churchill community. The time to kick off the meals on wheels

project will be 0800 but anyone will to show up a little early to help set up will greatly be appreciated. Angel Christmas Tree Program. Last year we were able to pick 15 Angels off the Christmas tree. Our goal this year is to match last years efforts

Thanksgivings Day and Christmas Day @0800 the AAO Chapter 21 will be assisting the American Legion with their Meals on Wheels project. The past three years we have had a great turn out and hope for the same this year. It's a great volunteer opportunity for your junior troops and a good way to get involved in the community. Over the course of threeyears we have developed a great relationship with the Churchill community and they have recognized and commended the command and the AAO Chapter 21 for all that we do.

AO2 GINA .M. MIDDAUGH  
CHAPTER 21 PRESIDENT

## Chapter 72

SEASONS GREETING'S from the Red Shirts on board ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72). The CVN-72/CVW-2 Team departed Everett, Washington on 7 DEC 2011 and is headed out on a world cruise. We hope that all our brothers and sisters deployed around the world had a safe and happy holiday season and we wish you all a healthy, SAFE and prosperous 2012.

AAO Chapter 72 held its first meeting of the 2011/2012 deployment onboard and our Chapter President, AO2 (AW/SW) Brian Johnson greeted all the air wing and ship's company Ordies and we began to discuss our goals for deployment. We have set many goals for this deployment, with our focus on conducting daily operations by the book, bringing all our shipmates home with 10 fingers and 10 toes, earning a warfare pin or two and being promoted to the next pay-grade, while having a little fun doing them all.

Team CVN-72/CVW-2 is headed to Thailand for a port call as we make our way around the world to conduct operations in support of this great country. We have begun preparations for an AAO Chapter 72 pig roast in Thailand and are looking forward to sharing a little down time with our team. It was established that CVN-72/CVW-2 would start a Training Night once a week. Training Night will consist of cross training Red Shirts from all divisions and aircraft platforms, focusing on in-rate train-

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ing to help better prepare our Red Shirts for the up-coming rating exam and give exposure to aircraft and weapons magazines otherwise not readily available while on the beach. We are looking forward to our training and excited to see all the new Petty Officers we will make in 2012.

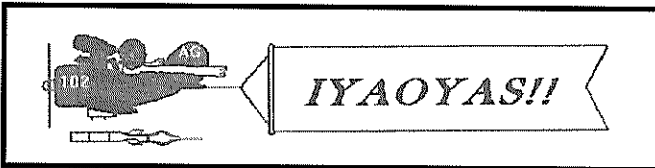
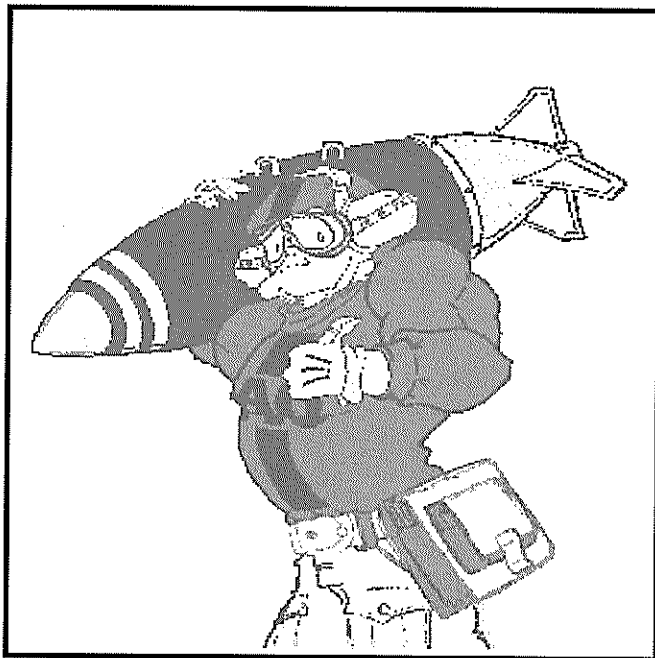
Again, we wish you all the very best holiday season and we ask you keep us and all our brothers and sisters deployed around the world in your prayers and we will see you in the summer of 2012 in our new home port, Norfolk, Virginia. Keep it safe, IYAOYAS

LCDR Joe Thompson  
OHO CVN-72

# KEEP IT UP BROTHER



**THIS WAR'S NOT WON BY A DAMN SIGHT!**  
WAR PRODUCTION DRIVE COMMITTEE



## Chapter 22

Over Labor Day weekend in September, NAS Patuxent River hosted Air Expo '11, celebrating 100 years of Naval Aviation. AAO Chapter 22 was proud to be a part of this celebration by providing 11 volunteers to sell burgers and hot dogs over the course of the two day event. A special thank you goes out to Tom Wheelock who spearheaded the efforts and did a great job working with MWR and organizing the volunteers. Under his leadership the Chapter was able to optimize its efforts, and with the help of the following volunteers we raised a total of \$1145 over the course of two 11 hour work days. Our volunteers had a great time and worked hard to provide service with a laugh to the patrons who attended the air show.

A big thank you to: CDR (Ret) Jeff Sassone, CDR Bill Bindel, LCDR (Ret) Chago Ortiz, LCDR Dean Rodriguez, AOCS (Ret) Pete Sweazy, AOCS (Ret) Paul Crabtree, AOC (Ret) Mike Bruns, Debbie Bruns, AO2 (Ret) John Cooley, AO1 Mark Walk, AO2 Oliver Lee, AO2 Josh Grimes, AO2 Brandon Cuffee, AO3 Chris Reed, AO3 Jamie Hetherington, AOAN Joseph Hernandez, George and Chris Spooner, Tom Wheelock, Tracy Forehand, Julie Gore, and Quan Brumsey (daughter of AOC Crocker).



With the exception of one wayward AO2, our efforts to provide food to the masses went off without a hitch.

Tracy Forehand  
Chapter 22 Secretary  
NAS Pax River, MD



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## AAOEF

### Ask-Communicate

Greetings to one and all from your Educational Foundation. In review of the many articles that many of our officers have provided to you over the past 7+ years and Scholarship Committee Chairman prior to the establishment of the Foundation, a common place of education financial information remains our goal. Not only through the Association is there aid, one need to do the most important thing; that being, "ask or communicate". To those individuals who have made applications, many awarded since 1979/1980, you "asked or communicated" either from parents, grandparents, self, individual chapter support or, membership. You all know just how this happened and supported; by our membership, chapters, Auxiliary and, corporate donations. Thank You one and all for your past and continued support even during these trying times; our future and future leaders in all fields knows of your efforts to achieve their goals.

In communications with 2 area high schools and 4 local colleges, and reading newspapers I am in awe of the number and amounts of scholarships available. When questioned about number available vs. granted annually also left me in awe, but for other reasons. In reply, "less than 15% awarded was the average" response from many questioned by myself. Shocking percentage. Yet, if one looks at the many state, private or grants, scholarships, apprentice and or other aid programs available and under explored is amazing. As many financial aid counselors indicate there is more available than applicants across the board. As I look in today's newspaper I read of 5 listed:

- ⌈ Woman's Club, multiple of \$1,000.00, applications available at area high schools and library.
- ⌈ AAUW (American Association of University Women), applications available at area high schools and library.
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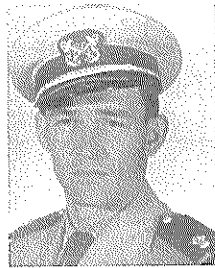
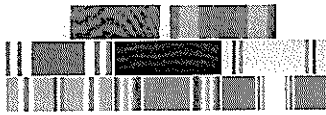
These are published, think of those that are not or still unpublished. Have you and/or applicant checked your papers lately? Are there eligibility qualifications and deadlines? Sure, as there is to ours. Also shocking too is the response to a question on our own applica-

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**Carl Edward Creamer**  
 United States Navy Retired  
 3 Sep. 1940 - 01 Jul. 1960



**Carl Edward Creamer**

\* Born 26 January, 1921.

- Parents, Lola and Forrest Creamer. Portis, Kansas (Forrest Creamer, US Army, EX-POW Germany WW-1)
- Completed education to grade 8 in Kansas, Moved to Idaho in 1935 and completed 4 years of High School.
- 03 September, 1940, joined the US Navy in Twin Falls Idaho. AFEES in Salt Lake City, Utah. Boot Camp and Ordnance "A" School in San Diego, California. - Seaman Apprentice, S 2/c, S1/c
- 03 March 1941, Ordered to VP-41 Seattle Washington – PB4 Beaching "Boot" crew and short deployment to Sitka, Alaska - AOM3
- June 1941, Deployed with VP 41 Kodiak, Alaska. On Kodiak Island December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941. - AOM3
- 24 May 1942, VP 41 receives PB5A aircraft and moved to Dutch Harbor, Alaska.
- 02 June 1942, Assigned to a VP 41 flight crew.
- 03 June 1942, VP 41 PB5A On patrol, shot down by Japanese fighters. One of three survivors of a nine man crew continued to stay afloat in the Bering Sea for four hours. Picked up by the Japanese cruiser *Takao*, and taken as prisoner of war, to Ofuna, Japan. (Note: Petty Officer Creamer's father, Forrest Creamer had been a Prisoner of War of the Germans in WW I) - AOM3
- 09 September 1945, US Naval Hospital, Seattle Washington. For rehabilitation. - AOM3
- 10/1944, Presidential Appointment to Chief Petty Officer. - AOC
- 03/1946, Transferred to NAS Sand Point, Seattle Washington as Asst. Base MAA and Ordnance Chief in Charge of Pistol, Rifle, Machine Gun, Skeet Ranges and Magazines. Also Chief of Transportation, Vehicles and Driver testing. - AOC
- 10/1948, Fleet Composite Squadron Five. Transferred to NAS Moffett Field California as Special Weapons Chief in charge of all ABC, including crew training, records and ABC handling equipment. Also ABC Defense Chief. - AOC
- 02/1951, Heavy Attack Training Unit One, Norfolk, VA. Chief of Ordnance records in Special Weapons and ABC Handling Equipment, including Inventory, maintenance and repair. - AOC
- 01/1952, Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 51, NAAS Sanford, Florida. - AOC
- 03/1953, Temporary Presidential Appointment to Gun-

- ner, Warrant Officer Pay Grade One. Designator as 7212. Transferred to USS Cabot CVL 28, Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard as Aircraft Ordnance and Training Officer. - Gunner
- 04/1954, Reversion to Enlisted Status, Aviation Ordnance Chief, to be continued on active duty. Transferred to NAS Quonset Point for processing. – Gunner/AOC
- 06/1954, Fleet Composite Squadron 62, Jacksonville, FL, Leading Chief and Training - AOC
- Attack Squadron 106, NAS Cecil Field, Jacksonville, FL, Ordnance Chief - AOC
- USNAAS Barin Field, Foley, AL, Ordnance Chief and CPO Club Manager – AOC
- Attack Squadron 196, NAS Moffett Field, Sunnyvale, CA - FFT Attack Squadron 152, NAS Alameda, CA - AOC
- 01 July 1960, Transferred to Fleet Reserve

AOC Creamer maintained association with Shipmates while attending American Legion, and American Ex-Prisoner of War functions immediately following his transfer to the Fleet Reserve. He also attended PatWing 4 and VP-41's final squadron reunion in 1999, where he met and shook the hand of the Japanese Zero pilot that shot him and the crew of his PB5A from the sky on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1942.

There have been books written about his capture and interment in Japan.

*We Stole to Live* – Joseph Rust Brown

*The Thousand-Mile War, WW II in the Aleutians* – Brian Garfield

*War Comes to Alaska, The Dutch Harbor Attack* – Norman Rouke

He has continued to volunteer to speak at ceremonies and recognitions of Ex prisoners of War and MIA's, most recently aboard NAS Jacksonville, FL and Kings Bay Naval Submarine bases.

AOC Carl Edward Creamer has two sons; both retired US Navy Chief Petty Officers. He and they share a combined US Navy affiliation of 66 years between 1940 and 1995.

AOC Creamer who will be 90 years old January 26, 2011, lives in Jacksonville, Florida with his wife Jeanette.

\* 04/05/2011- Selected as one of the 6 first Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) Hall of Honor recipients' at the Annual symposium, marking the centennial of Naval Aviation, held aboard NAS Jacksonville, Florida.

\* 04/06/2011 - PB5A BUNO 6582 (Side number of the aircraft AOC Creamer and crew lost in the Bering Sea) dedicated onboard NAS Jacksonville, Florida, to honor all those lost

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**2012 CONVENTION RESERVATION APPLICATION**

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**I plan to attend the following activities  
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- 17 Aug (Fri) Nominations Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Aug (Sun) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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- 18 Aug (Sun) 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.

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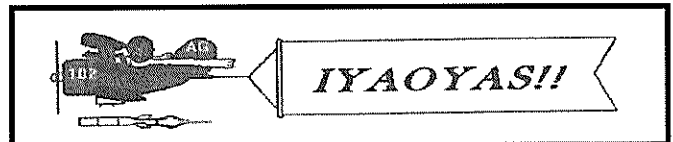
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## Auxiliary To The Association Of Aviation Ordnancemen



Welcome to the Year of the Dragon! Holidays are over, the New Year is going forward and it's time to dig in and get things together for convention in August. Our meeting in Laughlin was not only fun, but we actually got a few things completed! It was very nice seeing everyone again and thanks to all

who were able to make it.

We will be doing a book exchange at convention this year. Bring along those books that you have read seven or eight times, gifts books that just were not your genre or if you just have too many to fit into your bookshelves. We will display them and you can pick and choose books that others have brought to take home with you.

Our Saturday luncheon will be Taste of Home "Box" Lunch. We had so much fun last year building the Taste of Home boxes after lunch that we decided to do it again. It's a good feeling spending our time doing something special for our Ordies, and they appreciate it so much. If you will be driving, bring along 'stuff' and if you are flying, we will organize a trip to Sam's Club, Costco or our local Cash & Carry to purchase items for the boxes.

Please remember to start gathering items for our raffle and maybe something special for our auction. This is where we make all of our scholarship money, so we need as many items as we can get.

We will be electing a new President, Secretary and two Board members this year at our Saturday Business Meeting. Please give a thought to filling an office and being an integral part of the decision making of our organization. You get to work with a great group of ladies and have fun while making our organization stronger. We will be forwarding more details of the August convention in the next Red Shirt in June, including a detail agenda. We need a photographer combined with someone who will help with the annual Convention Book. Please contact Beverly Onken at [onkenc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:onkenc@sbcglobal.net) for information on all that is involved in this position.

If you have someone you feel should be considered for our Circle of Support, contact Beverly Jo Myhand at

[bevyjo@cox.net](mailto:bevyjo@cox.net). This is our new program for recognizing our members who give above and beyond. Contact BevyJo for more information.

Our Taste of Home chair, Carolyn Thomas, is very busy this year. She has scheduled a send-out for February and would like to get as many 'bakers' as possible. If you don't bake – like me - you can still send out items that our Ordies ask for: small games, puzzle books, individual drink mixes, etc. Carolyn can steer you in the right direction with what to include in your boxes and where to send them. Just as a reminder, please do not send out boxes without contacting Carolyn. We need to keep good records of what was sent and to whom. Carolyn has worked very hard to get names and addresses of Ordies that have not yet received boxes. You can contact her at [carolynthomas01@cox.net](mailto:carolynthomas01@cox.net).

Thanks to all of you for supporting our Ordies. Please write down all those wonderful things you do during the year and bring them to convention. Everything you do, every dollar you spend and every hour you give is important – not only to the Ordies we care for, but to the organization. As a 501 (c) corporation, we report our dollars and our time to keep our non-profit status. So...keep track and bring the information to convention so we can let the Association know what we do.

Until Next Time, Making a Difference,

Jan Clasen  
AAAO President

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### Taste of Home

The Auxiliary has been busy sending out care boxes to our deployed Ordies. In July, Mary Crews was in contact with her local Dollar General store in Crestview, FL. They donated enough items for Mary to ship out 10 boxes to the GHW BUSH. Then in August, in lieu of a luncheon program at the Convention, everyone was asked to bring donations of baked goods, snack items, disposable razors, shaving cream, and other items to send to the MALS-40 detachments in Afghanistan. The hotel donated 17 dozen brownies and a case of playing cards to help the cause. Our efforts netted 43 boxes which were enthusiastically received and appreciated. To show their gratitude, GySgt Damon Araujo sent the Auxiliary a flag that was flown at Bastion Airfield in Helmand Province, Afghanistan on September 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Auxiliary to the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He included a very impressive certificate along with it. THANK YOU to everyone who attended the luncheon and helped with this project.

In October, we had a request from HSM 71 aboard the Stennis. I put the word out and we shipped 16 boxes of goodies.

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tion; page 2, Section 6 and prior to signatures; "Is the applicant in competition for or have received other scholarships, grants, or awards for the upcoming academic year? Include any applied for or received Federal Student Aid (FSA)."

We as sponsors prior to signing need to ask the applicant "Have you asked the high school counselors/ financial aid counselors; where do I further look or seek further financial aid or programs?" "Have you communicated your needs to...?" Those that have prior to signatures, Congratulations, you have done your part.

It has been known and commented upon by many that "those individuals who ask and communicate often walk across getting their degrees with no financial debit to follow them for many years." This also, I am happy to report is the case with many of ours as well. Time to "ask and communicate" is now for that high school Junior or to those enrolled in any trade/ vocational or above educational program; sooner the better to become prepare the individual to meet today' or tomorrow's challenges.

Respectively,  
Edward Scott  
Foundation President  
P.S. See you in Reno?

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aboard a PBY aircraft.

Comments from Rear Adm. Michael Hewitt "The markings on this particular PBY-5A honor a crew from VP-41 that flew in the Battle of Dutch Harbor during the Aleutian Islands Campaign in Alaska June 3-4, 1942. During the seventh hour of their patrol, the crew of BUNO 6582 was overwhelmed by Japanese fighters. With one engine destroyed, the Catalina crash-landed at sea with three of its nine-man crew surviving in a life raft. They were picked up by a Japanese vessel and spent the remainder of World War II as prisoners of war," concluded Hewitt. Retired AOC Carl Creamer, a surviving crew member of VP -41 BUNO 6582, was an honored guest at the ceremony.

Submitted by:

CDR Mike Gramolini  
Commanding Officer  
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Gunner Frank Marano was very pleased with the response. Many thanks to Dottie Michel, Melissa Fecht, Linda Scott, Sally Vance, Kelly Kubiak, Vicky Peters, Mary Ann Laun, Julie Brado, Chapter 8 and Carolyn Thomas for supporting this effort.

I have had a few ladies tell me that they don't bake. Please don't let that stop you from helping us. You can send a box that contains any type of snack items, candies, playing cards, crystal light, word puzzle books, etc. (I try to send individually wrapped snack packs). If the Ordies have requested a specific need, I'll list that in my email to you. We will reimburse you for your shipping expenses.

If you have a suggestion for sending packages to a deployed Ordie unit as an Auxiliary Taste of Home project, please contact Chairperson, Carolyn Thomas at [carolynthomas01@cox.net](mailto:carolynthomas01@cox.net) or phone 619/227-9567.

Our project is supported by donations received at the Convention and those offered by our members. Chapter 9 has been very generous the past couple of years and the attendees of the 2011 Symposium and Convention pulled the change from their pockets and filled our Wishing Well with over \$500.

Our Ordies Thank You!



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# Navy Names Five New Ships

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced today the next five Navy ships; three Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyers, the USS John Finn, the USS Ralph Johnson, and the USS Rafael Peralta, and two littoral combat ships (LCS), the USS Sioux City and the USS Omaha.

Mabus named the three destroyers after Navy and Marine Corps heroes whose actions occurred during different conflicts which spanned several decades, but were united in their uncommon valor. The littoral combat ships were named after two American communities.

John Finn, who retired as a lieutenant, received the Medal of Honor from Adm. Chester Nimitz for displaying "magnificent courage in the ace of almost certain death" during the Japanese attack on military installations in Hawaii during Pearl Harbor. Marine Corps Pfc. Ralph Henry Johnson was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for shouting a warning to his fellow Marines and hurling himself on an explosive device, saving the life of one Marine and preventing the enemy from penetrating his sector of the patrol's perimeter during the Vietnam War. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Rafael Peralta was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for selflessly covering a grenade with his body to save his fellow Marines from the blast during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Finn, Johnson and Peralta have all been recognized with some of our nation's highest awards," said Mabus. "I want to ensure their service and sacrifice will be known by today's sailors and Marines and honored for several decades to come by a new generation of Americans and people from around the world who will come in contact with these ships."

The Arleigh Burke class destroyers will be able to conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis management to sea control and power projection. All three ships will be capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously and will contain a myriad of offensive and defensive weapons designed to support maritime warfare in keeping with the Navy's ability to execute the Department of Defense' defense strategy.

"The littoral combat ship is a major part of the future of our Navy," Mabus said, pointing out LCS is fast, agile, and operates with a smaller crew and can perform operations in both shallow and deep waters.

"I chose the name for our two new littoral combat ships after Midwestern cities from America's heartland, to honor the

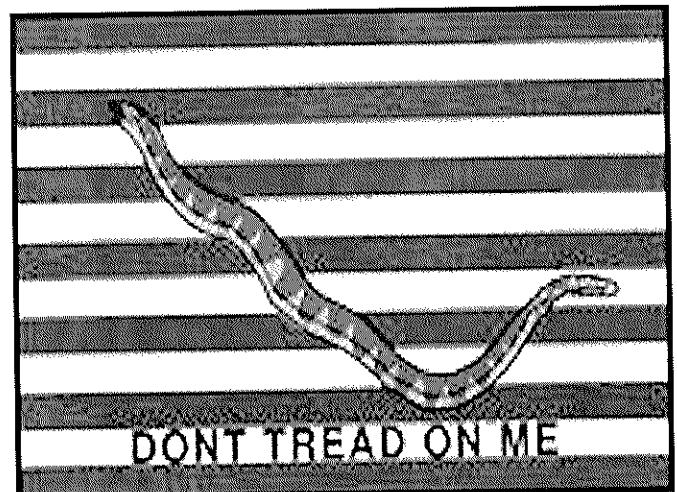
patriotic, hard-working citizens of Sioux City, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, for their support of and contributions to the military."

Sioux City and Omaha will be outfitted with reconfigurable payloads, called mission packages, which can be changed out quickly as combat needs demand. These mission packages are supported by special detachments that will deploy manned and unmanned vehicles and sensors in support of mine, undersea and surface warfare missions.

Marinette Marine in Marinette, Wis., will build the Freedom variant, the USS Sioux City, which will be 378 feet in length, have a waterline beam of 57 feet, displace approximately 3,000 tons, and make speed in excess of 40 knots. Austal USA in Mobile, Ala., will build the Independence variant, the USS Omaha, which will be 419 feet in length, have a waterline beam of 103 feet, displace approximately 3,000 tons, and make speed in excess of 40 knots.

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**USS John Finn (DDG 113)**





# CHAPTER 22

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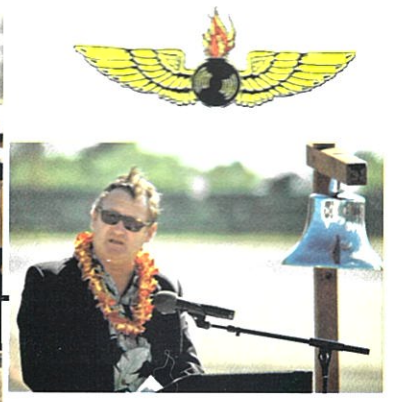


This picture was taken in 1982 on board the USS AMERICA. It is G-1 Flight Deck and Hangar bay Ordnance crew. Submitted by CDR Mike Gramolini

Victor Leonard , Sydney V. Crosby



Marine Corps Base Hawaii held its annual Klipper ceremony on December 7, 2010. The ceremony is held every year to recognize the men who were killed at NAS Kaneohe on December 7, 1941, the John Finn Historical marker was unveiled and dedicated. The marker will be attached to the outside of hangar 103 next to the door that marked the entrance to John's ordnance shop



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