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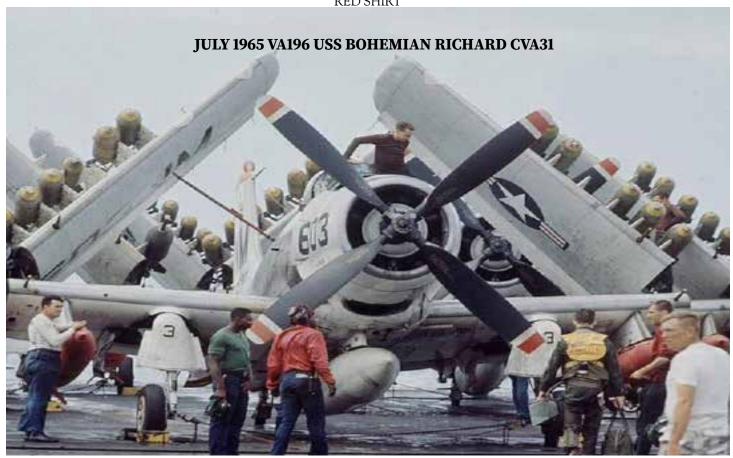
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FRONT COVER:

Top: CVW9 squadron load team aboard

Bottom: VFA-106 Ordies at NMC El Centro

AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAPTAIN MATT ARNOLD

Greeting fellow warriors, past and present, and your family members. I hope that all is well with you and yours and that the beginning of this year has brought you many blessings and opportunities. It is hard to believe that we are already in the first months of 2022. I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve each of you and this great organization as its president. I challenge each of you to continually look for new opportunities to improve our Navy and Marine Corps, further promote our great organization, honor our veterans, and support the citizens of our great nation.

The planning for the next convention has started in earnest. Many of the elected officers and committee members met in Laughlin, Nevada during January to discuss the arrangements. A multitude of topics were discussed over the weekend in an effort improve both the convention and the Joint Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Managers and Leaders Continuum. I was able to attend both days this year and much was accomplished in a short period of time. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the attendees for their efforts in support of our organization. As usual this event offered the participants a chance to socialize and break bread together. The food and adult beverages were both good and very plentiful and I believe a good time was had by all.

I continue to be amazed by both the sheer quantity and quality of work being performed by our members throughout the organization. I continually receive information about our chapters actively participating in "Adopt-a-Road" programs, conducting charity events of their own or

supporting the events of other organizations, coordinating professional development activities, and offering a helping hand to struggling members of our armed services or the less fortunate in our communities. I commend all of you for your efforts and offer my personal and professional appreciation for your continued service. Each of these efforts serves to increase the visibility of our organization within our community while also enriching the lives of others and making our cities, states, and nation a better place in which to live. Please utilize the "Red Shirt" to recognize our members and identify their good works. I look forward to reading about your work in the next issue.

In closing I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas throughout the coming months. I ask that you keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization, its members, and our Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Team. Sail Safe.

IYAOYAS,

Matt



AAO NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT AOCS(RET) TIM ZIMMER

Greetings shipmates!

I hope this finds you healthy and prosperous in this new year. To quote a statement I made in last year's first Redshirt "...at least we can see the light at the end of this jacked up tunnel...". We can still see it, but, unfortunately, the bus slowed way down. Nonetheless, we're going in the right direction.

We just completed the planning meeting in Laughlin where we conducted some convention business, some AOMLC business, and a lot of comradery business! Nobody broke the bank, but we came away rich with good times. This year's convention will be held 21-24 July at the Silver Legacy in Reno. We begin the first year of a 3-year contract we have with them. One of the discussions we had was the requirement to begin the search for a location in 2026. If anyone wants to submit a different location, contact the National Secretary, JJ Lamaitre, or the Convention Coordinator, Kirk Brado, for details. Remember, this entails a lot more than just "let's try this". You have to get cost data for not only the location, but take into account travel needs for attendees (ease of flights, rental car requirements, etc....) I will tell you that the reason we've been at the Legacy for so many years, aside from the outstanding service we get from them, is the low, low cost the Association pays for the event. It's not impossible to move locations, but it will be difficult to match. One unfortunate change we had to make this year is that Friday Social and Saturday Awards Banquet tickets had to be raised. We debated this for quite some time but at the end we had no choice. The hotel raised prices, just like everywhere else in the world, for food. We have our fingers crossed these may go down in the future but there's no way to know. So, while Registration remains at \$50.00, Friday goes to

\$60.00 and Saturday is \$70.00. I know, not what we want to do, what we have to do. Believe me, the Association does not make any profit from Convention. As a matter of fact, the Saturday costs a little more than \$70.00 per person but we figured out how to pay for the extra using other funds. As always, if we can lower prices in the future, WE WILL.

CAPT Arnold stated that he is moving forward with AOMLC, after getting a favorable "nod" from the Air Boss to submit the package. This year will be different in that AOMLC will begin after Convention instead of before. Briefs will begin 25 July and wrapping up on Thursday the 28th. So, if you're attending AOMLC, you are authorized to travel early and attend Convention as well. You would just be personally responsible for your hotel costs through Sunday the 24th.

We did have a couple Board of Director issues to take care of this year as well. One was to ratify the appointment of Mike Gramolini as the Safety Committee Chairman. Mike volunteered to take this position that has been vacant for some time. BZ Mike!! The other issue is not one we wanted to handle. We formally disestablished (2) chapters due to their inability to submit required reports to National as per the by-laws. Chapters LHD 7 USS Iwo Jima and 35 Eglin have been formally disestablished. But, (5) other chapters that were also in danger were able to contact us with the required information and stay active. Those are Chapters 11 Kaneohe Bay, 39 Beaufort, 72 USS Abraham Lincoln, 671 Guam and Spartan Souda Bay.

This year there are (3) offices up for election, President and (2) Board of Directors. If you wish to nominate anyone for one of these positions, send me an email (nationalaaovp@gmail.com) with the nominee in the CC line. I will respond to get the candidate's consent. Nominations for the above-mentioned offices must be received by

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1 April 2022. At convention, nominations will also be taken from the floor during the General Business Meeting (GBM). All nominees must be present at the GBM unless their absence has been previously approved by the Board of Directors. The May Redshirt will contain an absentee ballot for those unable to attend the Convention in person.

As for Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, I'll begin drafting the announcement message soon and hope to have it released by March. But, if you want an early start, there are no changes from last year and there is a sample package on our website (redshirtnation.com).

As always, you have questions/ comments/recommendations, shoot me an email at nationalaaovp@gmail.com

IYAOYAS-Tim



(My retirement in 2005 with my son, now HMC Dustin Zimmer!)



I removed my anchors and handed them to him during the reading of "The Watch". Yep, crocodile tears everywhere.



AAO NATIONAL SECRETARY AOCM(RET) JJ LAMAITRE

Greetings Shipmates and Marines - Hope you all is well with you and yours during this COVID era. Please take the necessary precautions to keep safe. We had really good numbers (30+) in Laughlin for the Convention Planning Meeting considering the mask requirements in the state of Nevada. Meeting was held at the Aquarius Resort over the Martin Luther King weekend. A BIG thank you for all of the folks who showed up. Was a good time for all of us to catch up and socialize because in Reno, we are pretty busy attending the multitude of things that come up. We signed a contract extension for the next 2 vears over the MLK weekend for the preplanning meetings.

Start NOW to make your plans for Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV from 20 July thru 24 July. See the flyer elsewhere in the Red Shirt.

Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Years past we had several Chapters show up with goodies to sell with NO tables were reserved, we were able to accommodate, but cannot guarantee there will be room this year.

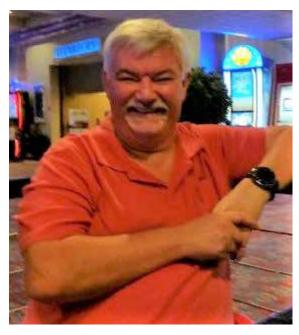
Chapter Officers – It saddens me to report that the following Chapters have been disestablished – Chapter 35 Lightning and LHD 7 Iwo Jima. It was voted on by the Board of Directors (BOD) IAW the National By-Laws (Article IX): Do not let this happen to your Chapter. There are several other Chapters that are coming into the window in the next quarter. Please forward the minutes, etc. to nationalaaosec@gmail.com or contact any National Officer.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Secretary for the past 8 years. Thank you for your continuing confidence.

R,

JJ LaMaitre

AAO Secretary





AAO NATIONAL TREASURER CWO4(RET) TODD PENDLETON

We just finished up the Convention AAO22 pre-planning meeting in Laughlin. A lot was accomplished but, with the COVID-19 issue still looming, some things are still hard to nail down. If you look at the AAO22 pre-registration form, you will see an increase in Social and Banquet dinner fees. At this time, COVID-19 requirements and cost of food placed on the Hotel/Casinos are having an impact on pricing. Please, submit your registration forms now and pay by one of the methods indicated on the form; on the website, by credit card or be invoiced.

I have seen a number of notifications of death of Ordies on Facebook. I cannot use that as an Official notice to include them in the Taps section of the Red Shirt. I will need some sort of formal notification if I am to use it. An email with the pertinent information will do.

Kudos to those chapters that continue to push memberships. A special shout out to Guam for their recruiting drive. If you are an inactive member, please contact me via email and get current on your annual dues or consider becoming a Life member. We want you to stay involved and contribute what you can; knowledge, time, expertise or donations.

Last year, the response to request for the Annual Financial Reports was very disappointing. Those reports are part of our income tax filing and are necessary. Likewise, a lot of the chapter scholarship donations were not submitted. That is having a negative impact on the Robert L. Crow Scholarship Fund. Whether we have a convention or not, the Annual Financial Report and the scholarship donations are still required.

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 still out of hand. We try our best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, we have to pay the post office for its return. With 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 the updates via filling out a membership form from the web site (www. redshirtnation.com) and note contact info update, via snail mail; phone (360)302-7828; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at nationalaaotreas@gmail.com. If you see your name on the Locator list, please send an email with your updated address in order to get you the next Red Shirt. 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 Locater, it means I don't have their current mailing address or email address and can't send them updated materials. If you know their e-mail address, drop them a line and tell them 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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Thanks,
Resp,
Todd Pendleton
AAO Treasurer



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ATTENTION TO ORDERS:

FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER

TO: ORDNANCEMEN WHO SERVED AND THOSE THAT SUPPORTED MR. IRWIN KONIAK (ASSOCIATE MEMBER)*** CWO2 JOHN E. PRINTY (RET)*** AOC JAMES J. BECHTOLD** CDR CARL "BILL" WILLIAM NOLAN*** LTCOL FRED JONES, USMC (RET)*** AMO3 GLENN A. WAHLBRINK (RET)* AO2 EDWARD ZAZESKI (RET)* CWO5 MICHAEL R. LAVOIE (RET)*** AOCS ANDREW W. PITTS III (RET)*** CWO CHARLES Z. ROGERS (RET)*** SSGT HAROLD E. VANDERBAND USA (RET)*** **AOCM ROBERT J. KINGHORN (RET)*** AOC GERALD F. BEACHER USN (RET)* **AOCS ROBERT C. LOEWEN USN (RET)*** MRS. DENISE WALECKI (AAAO)*** CWO3 GEORGE W. LEFFEL (RET)***

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- 2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED 0 DAYS DELAY AND 0 DAYS PROCEED ENROUTE TO YOUR NEW DUTY STATION. LEAVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ORDERS IS NOT AUTHORIZED.
 - 3. ORDNANCEMEN REPORTING FOR DUTY DURING WORKING HOURS SHALL BE IN SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM.
 - 4. SNM SHALL FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH INTERIOR GUARD MANUAL PRIOR TO REPORTING FOR DUTY.
 - 5. UPON REPORTING TO THE STAFF DUTY OFFICER, SNM SHALL STATE:

"...ONE MORE ORDNANCEMEN REPORTING SIR"
GOD'S SPEED OUR FRIENDS. IYAOYAS. YOU WILL BE MISSED.

TILL VALHALLA.

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AAAO PRESIDENT TERESA ZIMMER

Hello,

I hope y'all are doing well and staying warm. Some of you are getting lots of snow. We just returned from our planning meeting in Laughlin. We got lots of business done and had the chance to visit.

We are very excited about convention coming. We always look forward to getting together and supporting our AO's.

Please keep in mind about some really neat auction items for this year. We are always looking for unique and of course homemade items.

Thank you all for you're support it's greatly appreciated.

Our auxiliary will be doing a luncheon again this year, everyone enjoyed the setting last year so we voted to do the same this year.

Hope y'all can join us it's lots of fun.

This has been a tough past year for many of us. Sending good thoughts and prayers to all of you . I hope things get better real soon. We will be promoting our host a junior sailor or marine this year as well. So if you would like to donate the tree will be up in the registration room on convention. Stop by and check it out.

Please keep in mind as well we have a few offices that will be available this year if you are interested please reach out & drop me an email. We would love to have you. Not to mention we are always looking for new members as well to the Auxiliary.

Until next time I wish you all well.

Sincerely

Teresa Zimmer -AAAO President



EDITOR NOTES

HELLO RED!!! I hope you are all well and doing fantastic! Our 2022 Pre-convention planning meeting was a success (as always). Just some annotation for you and your chapter's to remember.

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CHAPTER ONE

Greetings from Chapter One. Lemoore, CA. I want to start off by wishing everyone a safe and happy new year. The past couple of years have been very different with a lot of changes. Let's hope 2022 brings lots of blessings and happiness.

The end of 2021, was very busy for us here in Lemoore. We were able to continue our meetings, do our adopt a highways, welcome new members, and last but not least...We were able to have our Annual Christmas Party.

We had our Christmas party at the Fleet Reserve Association on Dec 11th, 2021. It was nice getting everyone together hanging out, eating and having a good time. Like always, our white elephant game was a success and besides the food and good company...the best/funniest part of the night. A huge shout out to Tiffany Wheat for decorating this year. The venue looked phenomenal. Thank you!

The flight line has been super busy as well. Shout out to VFA-22 and VFA-94 for a successful CWTPI! Both squadrons came in the beginning of the year and showed us how they conduct business. CAG 9 had been prepping for deployment, and just left Lemoore with the following squadrons: VFA-151, VFA-14, and VFA-41!!! We wish you guys a successful deployment... Stay safe out there guys!! Best wishes for everyone in The New year!

AO1(AW) Valdivia

Chapter One President

CHAPTER FOUR

Happy New Year from Chapter 4!

I hope Ordie Nation had a great holiday season. Chapter 4 finished the 2021 year out strong. In late October, we raised over \$3,500 for the National Scholarship fund for 2022. Our monthly park clean-ups have been a success. I'm looking forward to seeing more participation in 2022, despite still dealing with Covid-19. We had our annual holiday party in mid-December which was



CHAPTER 4: CWO3 RYAN SMITH CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

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a tremendous success. A special thanks to those that helped with the planning and those who attended. Also, thanks to all our cabinet members and board of directors, they play a vital role in the many successes of this Chapter. IYAOYAS!

V/R, Jaree D. Cokley

Chapter 4 President

CHAPTER FIVE

This past year was a difficult year for Chapter 5. COVID-19 took our chapter membership from an all-time high and prevented us from having a meeting for over a year. During the "lockdown" we lost our President, Secretary, and Treasurer as they transferred out to other commands.

AOC Casey Wheelock vacated the Vice President office after being elected as Chapter 5 President. At our July 23rd 2021 meeting we elected a new Vice President (AO2 Rudy Ortiz), Secretary (AO3 Isaac Herzog) and Treasurer (AO3 Javion Turner).

CHAPTER EIGHT

Hello from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started." Since September 2021 our Chapter had five new AO attendees, ten non AO attendees, and added four new Ch.8 life time members. With the support of our current active-duty Sailors, and the large number of retired/prior service members, Chapter 5 hopes to return to having 20-30 members at monthly meetings.

We will continue our Adopt-A-Road FOD walk downs four to five times a year and continue to participate in our local Ridgecrest community functions volunteering to help when able.

We had four active-duty Sailors from VX-9 join us in Reno for the 2021 AAO Convention and they had a wonderful experience manning the Chapter 5 Table and attending the Friday night social and Saturday night awards banquet.

In October, Chapter 8 continued to partner with Ordiemart to sell 300 John Finn Medal of Honor Coins which has contributed to \$1,250 financial increase in chapter funds. Also in October, our Chapter President, Michael Sheppard stepped down do to transferring to the east coast.

CHAPTER EIGHT(cont'd)

November was a very busy month. At our November meeting, our Vice President AO1 Chris Geschwender stepped up as our new Chapter President and AO2 Laura Jamerson was selected as the Chapter 8's LCDR James E. Thompson Aviation Ordnanceman of the Quarter, 3rd quarter. President Geschwender presented her with a citation, a \$100, and an AAO coffee mug. We also held our very successful Family Holiday Meal and Raffle. Special thanks goes to:

Diane McQueen-Gipson for coordinating the raffle portion which brought in \$1,011.

Tess LaMaitre for coordinating the party set-up including the awesome table settings and gifts for the kids.

Barry Stemler/JJ LaMaitre/Tess LaMaitre for the dinner menu and pick-up of food.

Chris Geschwender/Laura Jamerson for coordinating the 50/50 which brought in \$165 and the night events including the door prize and raffle drawings.

Donners: JJ and Tess LaMaitre/Jim and Carolyn Thomas/Barry and Amy Stemler who donated \$400 for the door prizes which consisted of 16 \$25 VISA gift cards.

Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

1st Prize: Bob Jackson (Framed picture of AO3 John Finn)

2nd Prize: Sandra Dyal (\$200 – donated back to Chapter)

3rd Prize: JJ LaMaitre (\$100)

Also in November, we kicked-off our annual AOCS Jason P. May Thanksgiving Holiday Hand-up. We concluded it by giving out \$700 in VISA Gift Cards to six Aviation Ordnance families and one AT family from various shore and afloat commands. We'd like to acknowledge

AO1 Geschwender, and AO2 Laura Jamerson for coordinating this event and from the large donation (\$2,926) made by the Mays family which ensured we could reach out to as many families as possible.

In December we kicked off our AOCS Jason P. May Christmas Holiday Hand-up and again concluded it by giving out \$1,170 in VISA Gift Cards to six Aviation Ordnance, two Gunners mates families, and one Culinary Specialist family (USS JOHN FINN).

In December we also raised donations of over 15 box's filled with items for the Holiday Toys for Tots drive coordinated by Ms. Carolyn Thomas and Mr. Jim Thomas, with representation from Joshua Casey's (FRCSW) team and AO1 Deppe, AO1 Geschwender, and AO2 Laura Jamerson's (NMC CWD DET NI) team. A job well done for all those involved!

In December we held our 4th quarterly Adopt A Highway Walk with seven volunteers showing up. Although only seven volunteers could make it we were able to make a huge impact on our assigned area.

Special congratulations go out to the following AAO Chapter 8 members:

AO2 Laura Jamerson for selection as the AOOQ of the 3rd Quarter

AO1 Laura Jamerson for being elected as the new AAO Chapter 8 Vice President

Niomi Deppe for selection to AO1

AO1 Niomi Deppe for being elected as the new AAO Chapter 8 Secretary

Until next time. Putting warheads on foreheads since 1926! IYAOYAS!!!

V/R,

AO1 (AW/SW) Deppe, Niomi

Chapter 8 Secretary



CHAPTER NINE

Greetings from Chapter Nine, where it all began on the east coast in 1984. Still surviving in this new normal.

Cudos to our newest AAO9 "Hall of Honor" recipient AO1 Lindsay Smack, past President who guided Chapter 9 thru all the covid turmoil for two terms. AO3 Mitchell I. Reederfields from VP-16 was recognized as our third AO of the Quarter for 2021, well done.

Since the last report, we gathered for two highway FOD clean ups, in September and November prior to the holidays.

Every Thanksgiving-Christmas season the Chapter commits \$450 in commissary gift cards to help AO's and their families that may be struggling during this time of year.

President AO1 James Simmons devised a plan to reach active duty "Ordies" that have been restricted from our meetings due to covid protocols. We went to them and fed all who showed up pizza onboard NAS Jax. This party took place in a park near the hangars where all past USN Medal of Honor recipients including John Finn are honored with their name and information inscribed on a stone. We used this opportunity to remember his sacrifices, and beautify his area.

Sadly, I must report one of our oldest members, Gunner John Printy, who recently turned 90 passed away. For 89 of the 90 he was spry and very active with our chapter. His health failed rapidly and GOD called him home to be with his wife. John was a hero, joined the Navy in 1948, as an undesignated AN who wanted to fly. Fate intervened and he flew as an AO and the rest is history. He was a Korean War and Viet Nam vet. We will miss his stories and wisdom.

Continue to protect yourselves, your families, and fellow AO's by getting vaccinated! Covid strains are here to stay. Do your part to protect those you love and others who are more vulnerable. Remember to pray for our and be

proud of our Nation and leaders. Be safe.

Congratulations to AO1 James Simmons upon his reenlistment which was held at our November meeting. Thanks for sharing this

awesome event with the chapter.



In times gone by the uniform would have been more like this:

IYAOYAS.

AOCM Richard

Wyman

(USN ret)



CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

Happy New Year Ordies, hope all stayed safe and enjoyed the holidays. Chapter 22 is doing very well. Continuing to attend our monthly meetings, we held elections congratulating our newest Secretary AO2 Stephanie Sandria and BODs LT Mike Bracero, as well as LTJG Everett Peeples.

We were able to carry out our final highway cleanup of 2021. November brought us to a successful gathering and handing out of 18 thanksgiving baskets to sailors onboard NAS PAX.

This year the annual Christmas party was a huge success, great turnout allowed for a good time, amazing food, and wonderful gifts to include the raffle of a donated red w/black stripe knitted afghan courtesy of Tom Brouwer's mom.

All raffles and donations make it possible to make our annual donation to the National Scholarship fund.

All in all, that is it from Chapter 22 stay safe and healthy and as usual, if you find yourself in the PAX River area look us up! IYAOYAS!

V/R Stephanie Sandria

Chapter 22 Secretary



President: AO2 Brian Spaccarelli Vice President: AO3 Symone Gay Treasurer: AO1 Vasilisa Bingham Secretary: AO2 Stephanie Sandria

BOD: Tom Brouwer, Michael Bruns, AOC Brandon Capron, LT Mike Bracero, LTJG Everett Peeples



CHAPTER THIRTY NINE "DUDE" GILBERT

On January 21st, 2022, the "DUDE GILBERT" Chapter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen gathered for a dinner and comradery at the Log Cabin aboard MCAS Beaufort, SC. Active duty Marines from the ranks of Captain to Private First Class were in attendance. Chapter President Rob Farmer opened the evening by welcoming all who came out and thanked those that prepared the food. He spoke of the importance of keeping the Chapter strong and addressed the importance of carrying on the traditions set forth by our predecessors. Vice President Chris Hooper then addressed the many different plans for this year's Annual MCAS Beaufort Aviation Ordnance Party events and encouraged max participation in events. Furthermore he strongly encouraged all in attendance to join the Association by becoming members.

The Chapter Secretary, Jason Grayson, then delivered a slide show presentation on Master Gunnery Sergeant Gaines B. "DUDE" Gilbert. The class was given to re-familiarize the senior leaders of the room and served as an introduction for many of the junior enlisted Marines. The instruction covered the many facets of his life and his service to Aviation Ordnance. It illustrated his importance to the Beaufort Chapter by showing his many achievements, such as being honored by the Aviation Ordnance Hall of Fame and through his dedication of 39 years as an Aviation Ordnanceman.

Del Tingley, Chapter Treasurer, then gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on the History of Marine Aviation Ordnance.

The class covered topics such as how the birth date of Marine Aviation Ordnance was set at 25 April 1922. It further covered the importance of understanding our history, remembering those that came before us and the importance of carrying that legacy forward. It also covered the uniqueness of the traditions of Aviation Ordnance within the Naval Aviation Community. He ended

his class with a loud "IF YOU AIN'T ORDNANCE . . ". The response was enthusiastic!!!

Once the classes were complete, Del Tingley blessed the food and all that participated in the potluck style dinner. Senior Leadership, to include Captain Brian Stinger, Master Gunnery Sergeant Tiffany Guillory, CWO3 David Gibson, Master Sergeants Aaron Silas and Brian Wright and a few others loaded the plates for all that came through the line. The Log Cabin was filled with the sound of fellowship and laughter as Active Duty Seniors, Juniors and Civilian Ordies all came together to celebrate the greatest occupation in the Armed Services!

Chapter 39 will celebrate their 100th Aviation Ordnance Birthday Party with a golf tournament at Legends Golf Course aboard Parris Island Recruit Depot on April 21st. A Social Dinner gathering will follow later that night at the Log Cabin, on the air station and will be capped off the following day with the Marine Aviation Ordnance Birthday Party at Shady Point Picnic area aboard the MCAS. Ordnance Games among the Squadrons, MALS and Station Ordnance will determine who gets to proudly display the Cpl. Tyler Wallingford Ordnance Trophy for the next year. This celebration honors our fallen, past and current Ordies. The oldest and youngest Ordnancemen in attendance, the Ordie who traveled the furthest to attend and the Low Country Ordnanceman and Jr. Ordnanceman of the Year will be recognized.

Jason "LunchBox" Grayson





high order.

Also team Lincoln completed SESA, SESI, WORA, AORR, MPA, MRA and AMI all receiving high marks and praise.

Weapons Department sent 16 Sailors TAD to NMC Fallon Detachment where they contributed to the build-up and expenditure of 298 Air Launched Munitions for CVW NINE and Top Gun Pilots, as well as the loading and expenditure of 5000 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

Chapter 72 is revamping and bringing back our association after a few years of being dormant. Our focus has been on technical knowledge, traditions, command-involvement, community service, and the growth of Chapter 72 and the Aviation Ordnancemen community. We are all interested in what the New Year and the 2022 Deployment holds for us. We have the watch, IYAOYAS!!!!! -Chapter 72 President



CHAPTER SEVENTY TWO

Hello everyone! As Chapter 72 President, we would like to share with you that Weapons Department onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN has been extremely busy throughout CY2021.

Lincoln Ordnance Team had our Major Onload in May 2020 consisting of 4,223 tons of conventional ordnance valued at \$247 Million. With the successful completion of TSTA in July, FRS in August, and COMPTUX in November, we absolutely crushed it.

Lincoln Ordnance built up over 50 Precision Guided Munitions and the breakout inspection and issuance of 8 Air Launched Missiles valued at an estimated 9 million dollars enabling CVW NINE to meet all mission objectives, all weapons going



CHAPTER SEVENTY SEVEN

Greetings from Chapter 77!! Due to COVID-19 our ship decided not to host a Christmas party again this year so Chapter 77 stepped up and hosted a bowling event for Weapons Department where we held a raffle and gave away presents to the Sailors ranging from TVs to the brand-new

more events coming into the new year. Currently we are preparing for ammunition Onload and



CHAPTER LISTING

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Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA
President-AO1 Cindy Valdivia
Vice-President-Bionica Boyd
Secretary-Chris Hathaway
Treasurer-Johnny Wheat
Fleet Reserve Club, D Street,
Lemoore
3rd Friday, 1730

Chapter 3 - NO REPORT Whidbey Island, WA President-AO1 Jennifer Watson VFW Post 3037 Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA President-AO1 Jaree D. Cokley VP-AO1 Jason Young Secretary- AO2 Chancelor Ellis Treasure- Maggie Despain VA Beach VFW #392, 2408 Bowland Pkwy 3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 5 - NO REPORT

China Lake, CA
President-AOC Casey Wheelock
Vice President AO2 Rudy Ortiz
Secretary AO3 Isaac Herzog
Treasurer AO3 Javion Turner
chapter5chinalake@outlook.com
VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord
Last Flex Thursday of Month,
1800

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA

President-AO1 Chris Geschwender

Vice-President AO1 Laura Jamerson

Secretary AO1 Deppe, Niomi American Legion Post 255, National City 1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - NO REPORT

Jacksonville, FL President-LCDR (Ret) Steve Cashat

Vice President-AOCS(Ret) Dennis Patterson

Secretary-LCDR(Ret) Steve Cashat ordy04@yahoo.com

Treasurer-AOCM(Ret) Rick Wyman

Fleet Reserve, Collins Road 3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - NO REPORT

Kaneohe Bay, HI

President-AO1 Wilson Leiva Wing 2 Bldg, (John Finn Bldg) 1st Friday, 1600

Chapter 21 - NO REPORT

Fallon, NV
President-AO1 Brent Nesbitt
Vice President-AO1 Juan Pelayo
Treasurer-AO2 Taylor Jones
Secretary-AO2 Jocelyn Nicolet
American Legion Post 16 Fallon,
NV.

1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River President: AO2 Brian Spaccarelli Vice President: AO3 Symone Gay Treasurer: AO1 Vasilisa Bingham Secretary: AO2 Stephanie Sandria

VFW, Post 2632 California, MD

3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 34 - NO REPORT

Pensacola, FL
President-AO1 Ann Briggs
chapter34ordie@gmail.com
O'riley's Irish Pub downtown
321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL
1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 35 - NO REPORT

Lightning Chapter President-AO1 Garrett Ly-Kinhan CNATT Det Eglin JSF F-35 ATC 3rd Thursday, 1500

Chapter 39

Dude Gilbert Beaufort, SC
President-Rob Farmer
Vice-President-Chris Hooper
hoop9777@gmail.com
Treasurer-Del Tingley
Secretary-Jason Grayson
After Burners Staff NCO Lounge
1st Thursday 1645 When
permitted with COVID
restrictions

Chapter 671 - NO REPORT

Guam

President-AO1 Marcus Van Molly McGee's onboard Naval Base Guam 3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter Desert Southwest -NO REPORT

El Centro, CA.

President-AO2 Georgina Ahumada geenah90@gmail.com

Chapter Southernmost -NO REPORT

Key West, Fl President-Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee ANNEX

Chapter Spartan - NO REPORT

Souda Bay, Greece President-AO1 Gilmore Estrill Meeting Time and Location Varies 3rd Thursday of the month

Chapter LHD 1 --NO REPORT

USS Wasp President-AO1 Niko Batres On Board

Chapter LHD 4-NO REPORT

Gator Chapter President-AO1 Trenton Hagley On Board

Chapter LHD 7 - NO REPORT

USS Iwo Jima President-AO1 Rosalie A. Lashley On Board

Chapter LHD 8 - NO REPORT

USS Makin Island President-AO1Terrance Dukes On Board

Chapter CVN 68 - NO REPORT USS Nimitz

President-AO1 Walter Adams On Board

Chapter CVN 69 - NO REPORT

USS Dwight D Eisenhower President-AO1 Cory McIntyre On Board

Chapter CVN 70 - NO REPORT

USS Carl Vinson
President-AOC Jason Nixon
Secretary-AOC Jeffery V.
Williams
Jefferywilliams085@gmail.com
On Board

Chapter CVN 71- NO REPORT

USS Theodore Roosevelt President-AO1 Jose Pando On Board

Chapter CVN 72 - USS Abraham Lincoln

President-AO1 Roden On Board

Chapter CVN 73 - NO REPORT

USS George Washington
President-AO1 Thurman
McDowell
On-Board

Chapter CVN 74 - NO REPORT

USS John C. Stennis President-AO1 Benjamin Llewellyn On Board

Chapter CVN 75 - NO REPORT

USS Harry S. Truman
President-AO1 Dixon
Vice President-AO1 Flowers
Master at Arms-AO1 Everett
PAO-AO3 Nichols
Secretary-AO3 Bates
Treasurer-AO2 Crider
On Board

Chapter 76 - NO REPORT

USS Ronald Reagan President-AO1 Justin Fallone On Board

Chapter 77 - USS George H.W. Bush

President-AO1 Rebecca Wright On Board

Chapter CVN 78 - NO REPORT

USS Gerald Ford
President-AO1 Marbury
VP-AO1 Campbell
Secretary- AO2 Fetty
Treasurer- AO2 Soberg
VFW Post 3160 111 A View,
Norfolk, VA
last Thursday of every month,
1400

Weapons Logistics Team-

Once again the men and women of Weapons Logistics came together and were able to provide a donation of \$1500 to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home following the 2021 Weapons Maintenance Readiness Review. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who attended and participated in this great cause.

I.Y.A.O.Y.A.S V/R Mary Ellen Bailey, DFMCP3 PEO (U/W) Financial Support







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The following committees will all be held Friday, 22 July. Select the committee you would like to participate in. If interested in more than one, annotate priority (1-3). Committee Chairman decide membership composition:
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Select the AAO meetings you plan on attending:
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**BOD meetings should be attended by Chapter officers
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