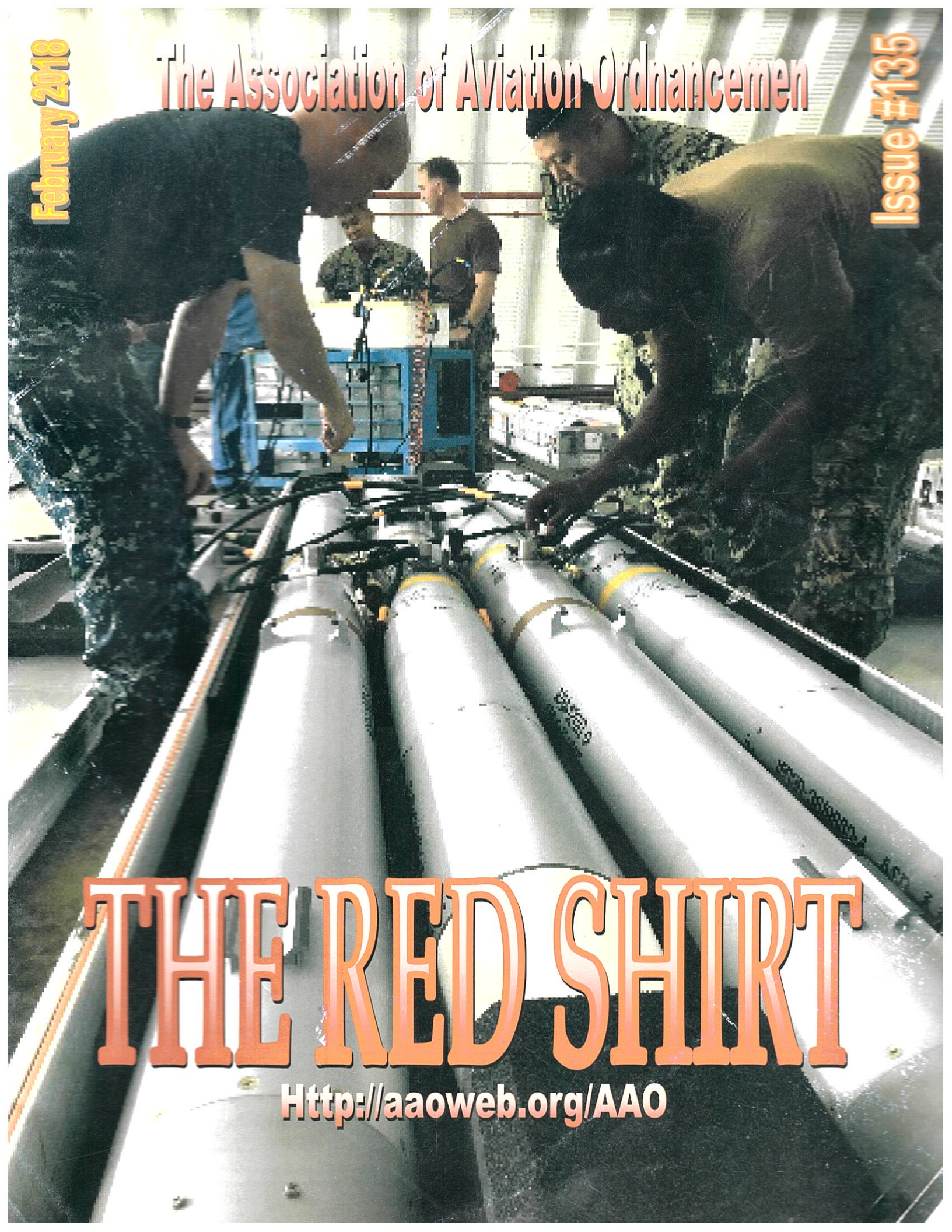


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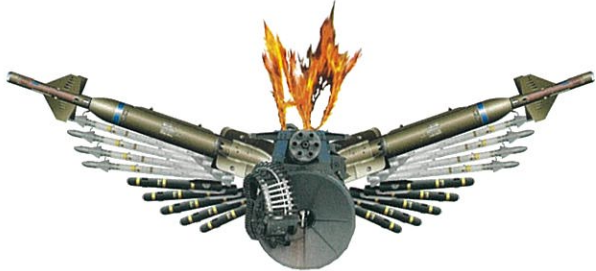
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INFORMATION REQUESTED IN GUIDELINES "MUST" BE WITH PACKAGE OR IT "WILL" BE RETURNED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO WORK ON PACKAGES, GET STARTED "NOW" AO HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,

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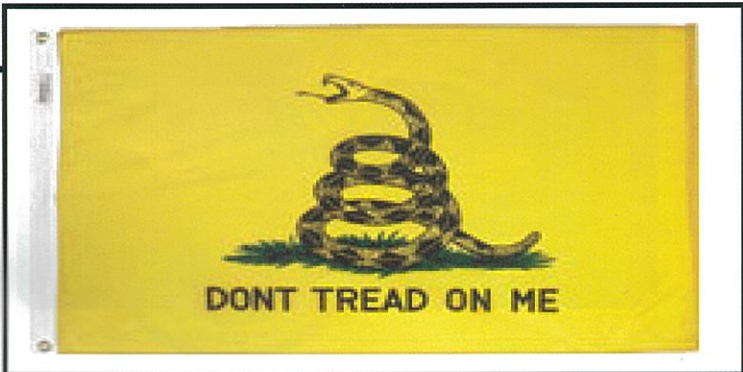
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FIRST TIME RE-ENLISTEES SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION
 ALONG WITH A SIGNED COPY OF YOUR RE-ENLISTMENT
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 IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER YOUR EXPIRATION DATE WILL BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR.



MISSION
 The USS John Finn is a guided missile destroyer designed to counter threats from the air and from the sea, from aircraft, ships, and submarines. The John Finn will be capable of executing a wide variety of both precision and warfighting missions.

FEATURES
 The John Finn will be one of the U.S. Navy's most advanced, state-of-the-art warships in the fleet. Its extensive array of weapons will include the most advanced AEGIS system, which is used to track and intercept multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be equipped by two advanced Long Range AHAH II helicopters.

ARMAMENT
 Harpoon, Tomahawk and Standard missiles, Mk 41 VLS, 1 or 2 Mk 15 Phalanx CIWS, 1 Mk 48 Block II cruise gun, 1 Mk 56 5 inch 62 calibre gun, Mk 7 and Mk 117 launchers.

PROPULSION
 Ford General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines, two shafts, 110,000 total shaft horsepower.

AIRCRAFT
 Two Mk 48 Seahawk helicopters.

MISCELLANEOUS
 Displacement: 9,200 tons (9,247 metric tons) full load
 Length: 220 ft 6 in (67.2 m)
 Beam: 30 ft 8 in (9.4 m)
 Draft: 20 ft 6 in (6.3 m)

USS John Finn (DDG 113)

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Articles

are due

20 JAN 19

1 MAY 18

20 SEP 18

Please submit via e-mail when possible



NEW MEMBERS

AO1 Christopher Crabtree
AOAN Moises Braunstein
AO2 Christopher S. Lewis
AO1 Christopher Johnson
AO2 Jeremy Babbs
AO1 Marcus Terrell
AO2 Reon Branche
AO1 Frankie Mockenhaupt
AO2 Kendrick L. Wallace

AO1 Siah B. Elrington
AO1 Adam B. Deboer
AO1 Adam J. Seba
AO3 Mickayla M. Kaszubowski
AO1 Joshua J. Vanderschaaf
AO1 Gabrielle Young
AO1 Herson Sanchez
AO1 Erwin Autry

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Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? If you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact me at aootreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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MSGT Robert Garland USMC (RN)	GYSGT Samantha Garland USMC (RN)
AO2 Donovan Leavens (RS134)	RADM Donald Bullard (RS134)
Mr. Kent Owens (AOM3)(RS134)	AO1 Richard C. Lott (RS134)
AO1 Barry Ehnerd USN Ret (RS134)	CWO4 Russell Hayward USN Ret (RS134)
AO1 Terrence D. Britt (RN)	

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MGYSGT Marvin "Gene" Vickers USMC Ret AO2 Joshua R. Burns
CAPT(Sel) Matthew F. Arnold



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DEADLINE IS 16 July 2018

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

- 26Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 27Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee _____
- 27Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee _____
- 27 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee _____
- 27 Jul (Fri) Membership Committee _____
- 27 Jul (Fri) By-Laws Committee _____
- 27 Jul (Fri) Nominations Committee _____
- 28 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 28 Jul (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting _____

**AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

- 26 Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 28 Jul (Sat) Auxiliary Lunch _____
- 28 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting _____
- 28 Jul (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.

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ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY **16 JULY 2018**. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED. (See order form)

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ADVANCE ORDER FORM

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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
Thomas Lord
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San Diego, CA 92154

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

1. Member \$25.00 (\$30.00 after 16 Jul 18)
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(please print)
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(Not including guest or spouse)
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(please print)
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Names of Guests _____
(Spouse) (please print)

Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:

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****Children See Note

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****Children See Note

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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.

AUXILIARY TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS JULY 28, 2018

All Amendments will be effective immediately upon approval. Proposed additions are underlined. Proposed deletions are ~~struck through~~. All Amendments have the Provision that appropriate Sections will be renumbered or deleted.

AMENDMENT 1 ARTICLES V and VI REMOVE CHAPLAIN AS AN OFFICER

Submitted by the Board of Directors.

Change: Section 1: The Officers of The Auxiliary shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, ~~Chaplain~~, and six Directors. All Officers shall serve as voting members of the Board of Directors.

Change: ~~The Chaplain shall perform non-sectarian devotional services at the general business meeting and such other duties as the President shall prescribe.~~

AMENDMENT 1A CHANGE CHAPLAIN TO AN APPOINTED POSITION

With the PROVISION that this Amendment will only be considered if Amendment 1 is approved.

Reference AAO Bylaws.

Change Article VI Section 2: The President shall preside at general business meetings of The Auxiliary and of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint a Chaplain and the chairpersons of committees with the ratification of the Board of Directors.

New Article: APPOINTED OFFICIALS Section 1. The Appointed Official of The Auxiliary shall be Chaplain. Section 2. The privilege of holding this position shall be limited to active members of The Auxiliary. Section 3. The President shall appoint a Chaplain with ratification of the Board of Directors. Section 4. The Chaplain shall perform non-sectarian devotional services at the general business meeting and such other duties as the President shall prescribe.

AMENDMENT 2 ARTICLES V and VI REMOVE PARLIAMENTARIAN AS AN OFFICER

Submitted by the Board of Directors.

Change: The Officers of The Auxiliary shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, and six Directors. All Officers shall serve as voting members of the Board of Directors.

Change: ~~The Parliamentarian is one who is versed in the rules and procedures of parliamentary law. He/she advises the Presiding Officer on questions of procedures in transacting the business of the assembly legally, efficiently and impartially.~~

AMENDMENT 2A CHANGE PARLIAMENTARIAN TO AN APPOINTED POSITION

With the PROVISION that this Amendment will only be considered if Amendment 2 is approved.

Reference Robert's Rules of Order 10th Edition page 451.

Change Article VI Section 2: The President shall preside at general

business meetings of The Auxiliary and of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint the chairpersons of committees with the ratification of the Board of Directors.

If needed the President shall appoint a Parliamentarian with the ratification of the Board of Directors.

New Article: APPOINTED OFFICIALS Section 1. The Appointed Official of The Auxiliary shall be Parliamentarian. Section 2. The privilege of holding this position shall be limited to active members of The Auxiliary. Section 3 or 5. The Board of Directors shall decide if there is a need for parliamentary law advice and when necessary the President shall appoint a Parliamentarian subject to the approval of the Board. Section 4 or 6. The Parliamentarian should be versed in the rules of parliamentary law and shall advise the Presiding Officer of procedures in transacting the business of The Auxiliary. The Parliamentarian has the duty to maintain a position of impartiality, therefore, does not make motions, participate in debate, or vote except by ballot. If a member feels that he/she cannot forego these rights then he/she should not accept this position.

AMENDMENT 3 ARTICLE V Section 13 REMOVE TERM LIMITS

Submitted by the Board of Directors.

Current Bylaws: Officers shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

Change: ~~Delete this Section. Officers shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.~~

AMENDMENTS 4 thru 8 do not change procedures or the way that we do business. Additional phrases are added to each Section to ensure standardized interpretation of Auxiliary Bylaws and to conform to AAO Bylaws as we are required to do in AAO ARTICLE X Section 2.

AMENDMENT 4 ARTICLE VI Section 9

With the PROVISION that this Section will be moved to Article VII Section 2 MEETINGS which is more appropriate.

Submitted by the Bylaws Chair. Reference AAO Bylaws.

Change: Six (6) Officers shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors. A written proxy may be used only to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors. A vote may be conducted between meetings with a written record of each Officer's vote read into the minutes of the next meeting of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and must be held upon written request of three or more Officers of the Board.

AMENDMENT 5 ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Submitted by the Bylaws Chair. Reference AAO Bylaws.

New Section: Board of Directors meetings are open to all active members of The Auxiliary, however, the privilege of making motions and voting is reserved for the elected Officers. The Presiding Officer of a Board meeting shall withhold his/her vote in order to break or cause a tie, whichever is in the best interest of the Auxiliary. Special meetings may be conducted by phone or other electronic means.

All issues discussed at a Special Meeting and a record of each Officer's concerns and/or vote must be read into the minutes of the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT 6 ARTICLE V Section 10 OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Submitted by the Bylaws Chair. Reference Robert's Rules of Order 10th Edition page 557.

Change: The privilege of holding office shall be limited to active members of The Auxiliary. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time.

AMENDMENT 7 ARTICLE V Section 12 OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Submitted by the Bylaws Chair. Reference Robert's Rules of Order 10th Edition page 557.

Change: Vacancy in office shall be filled by appointment of the President with approval ratification of the Board of Directors. This appointment will be effective until the next general meeting where an election must be held for the remainder of the term. Notice of filling a vacancy and the need for a special election must be given to the members. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President automatically becomes President for the remainder of the term and the vacancy arises in the office of Vice President.

AMENDMENT 8 ARTICLE V Section 10 OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Submitted by the Bylaws Chair. Reference AAO Bylaws.

New Section: Installation of Officers shall take place at the Board of Directors meeting following the general meeting. Newly elected Officers will be sworn in and upon taking the Oath of Office will assume the duties of the office.

AMENDMENTS 9 thru 11 do not change procedures or the way that we do business. Additional phrases are added to each Section to ensure standardized interpretation of Auxiliary Bylaws and to conform to AAO Bylaws as we are required to do in AAO ARTICLE X Section 2.

AMENDMENT 9 ARTICLE VI Section 1 DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Submitted by the Bylaws Chair. Reference AAO Bylaws.

Change: The Board of Directors shall conduct necessary business between regular meetings and any other business as may be referred to it by The Auxiliary. The Board shall make all decisions in the best interest of The Auxiliary and no act shall conflict with any action taken by The Auxiliary. The Board will approve an annual budget and authorize the Treasurer to expend funds. Funds or items bequeathed to The Auxiliary but not designated for a specific use shall be distributed by the Board in the best interest of The Auxiliary. The Board shall create any Standing

committee deemed necessary to conduct the business of The Auxiliary. At the general meeting the Board shall present to The Auxiliary a report of all action taken by the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT 10 ARTICLES VI and VIII DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Submitted by the Board of Directors. Reference AAO Bylaws.

Change: The Vice President shall act as aide and advisor to the President and in the absence of the President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall be the chairperson of the Membership and Nominating Standing Committees.

Change: The chairpersons of the Bylaws, Audit, Historian and all other committees required to conduct the business of The Auxiliary shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

AMENDMENT 11 ARTICLE VIII Section 4 COMMITTEES

Submitted by the Bylaws Chair. Reference AAO Bylaws.

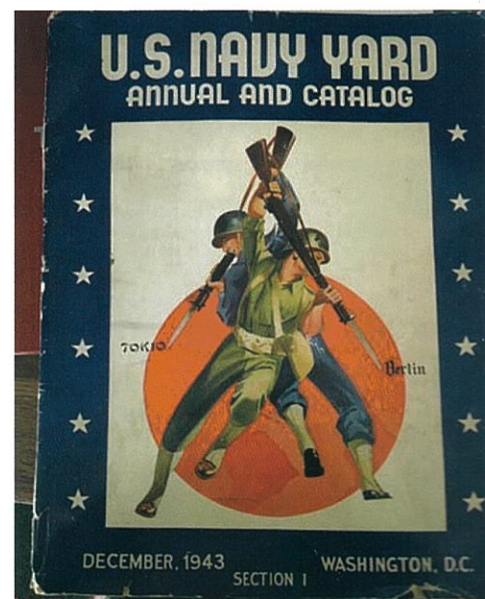
Change: Periodic reports shall be compiled by the chairperson of the committees, submitted to the President, and presented to The Auxiliary at the general meeting.

ON THE COVER

NAWMU-1 Sailors connecting CMBRE + to the AIM-120 AMRAAM.

BACK PAGE

AOC Swartley mans the rails while leaving for WESTPAC 2018. USS Carl Vinson left home port San Diego January 5th, 2018 exactly one year later to the day from WESTPAC 2017.



To all chapters,



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

Thanks for the help, Editor

Check us out on Facebook.....
"The Red Shirt"

Kevin,

Greetings from the USS KEARSARGE, A picture for the Red Shirt

THE WEAPONS DEPARTMENT IN DEFENSE SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES DISASTER (DSCA) RELIEF EFFORTS FROM HURRICANES IRMA AND MARIA IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO ONBOARD USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3) FROM SEPTEMBER 2017 TO NOVEMBER 2017

Hope all is well, take care.

Thanks,
Gun Boss
Daniel J. Pratt
USS Kearsarge (LHD 3)

VFA-2, part of CVW-2 currently embarked on CVN-70 recognized as the shop of the quarter for their squadron. Outstanding showing during both AMI and MCI inspections. Kicked ass during SUSTEX and now deployed in the C7F theater.

V/r,
CAG Gunner

LT Douglas A. Kesterson
CVW-2 "GUNNER"





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PREZ

Hello AAO Family,

I pray all is well with you and yours. I will start by saying I hope your holiday season and plans went well and that you are enjoying a great new year to date. Things are progressing well with our association and I remain honored to be at the helm of our esteemed organization.

Pat and I were fortunate to attend the 2018 mid-year planning meeting January 10-14 in Laughlin, NV. I am extremely appreciative to every individual who made it out this year to participate in detailed forecasting and planning for our continuum and convention preparation efforts. You know who you are and so do we.

This year at the planning meeting we felt privileged to also have CAPT (Sel) Matthew "Matt" Arnold in attendance. In my previous Red Shirt article I informed members that CAPT (Sel) Arnold now sits in our Senior AO TYCOM "operational" billet at COMNAVAIRPAC. CAPT, thanks for your continuous transparent support of our cherished professional association. It was a pleasure having you and your charming bride Melissa with us.

In this article you will find the flyer that pinpoints dates for our 2018 AAO Convention in July. I get very excited this time of year and hope you are making plans to attend. Our TYCOMs east and west, in concert with HQ USMC, are also working to gain approval for this year's Aviation Ordnance Manager's Leadership Continuum (AOMLC). AOMLC usually precedes the AAO Convention in Reno, NV. If our request is successfully approved, the tentative dates for the AOMLC are 23-26 July 2018.

I have a specific request for Chapters. Please keep in touch with National Secretary JJ LaMaitre AO CM (Ret). His information is provided in every issue of our Red Shirt.

I want to make sure you are represented at the National AAO level. We need your assistance keeping your reports and current officers on an incoming vector. Also, in 2017 we did not receive annual reports from 14 of our 27 Local Chapters (note page 14 of our last RS issue #133). I am personally requesting for assistance from Chapter Officers and/or our outstanding Ordnance Community Leaders to provide a little oversight and encouragement where necessary to close the gap on timely reporting responsibilities. Thanks in advance for your assistance. IYAOYAS!!!

For those who do not already know it, Ordie #1, CAPT William "Bill" Bindel, now serves as the LDO/CWO Community's "SILVER EAGLE", meaning he is the senior LDO in the Navy! Bill, Congratulations!!! We look forward to seeing you at this year's AOMLC and Convention. I have Intel he is planning to attend (smile).

As always, we salute the Marines and Sailors continually protecting our great nation. Every AAO and AAAO member understands the challenges deployment presents you and your families. As you execute your duties, know that we are appreciative of the sacrifices you make. Thank you for the protective shield you provide.

How many people know the individual in the first photo below? Allow me to inform those who do not. I am standing next to one of our very first LDO Captains, CAPT (Ret) Ralph Spangler. Ralph was my Gun Boss on board USS RANGER (CV 61) many moons ago that took our Weapons Department to war during the first Desert Storm. Recently he visited Norfolk, VA and I had the pleasure of escorting him and a few of his friends on board our newest aircraft carrier USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78). I was ecstatic to see him following quite a few years. I believe we may be fortunate to see him at this year's convention. Fingers crossed. I would really like to see plenty of our 1991 Ranger Combat Ordies attend this year.

Take care all and IYAOYAS!!!

Dion J. Edon



AAO National President Dion Edon with CAPT (Retired) Ralph Spangler on board USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78)



Denise Walecki, Teresa Zimmer, and Patricia Edon, AAAO Leadership, 2018 Convention Mid-Year Planning Meeting Laughlin, NV



Commanding Officer CNATT-U NAS Oceana CDR Dave Moore with CWO4 (Ret) Redd Manor and AAO National President Dion Edon Command



Tim Zimmer, Rob Walecki, and Dion Edon, AAO Leadership, 2018 Convention Mid-Year Planning Meeting Laughlin, NV

VP

Hello Ordies!

I hope this edition of the Redshirt finds you all in good health and spirits and I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. By the time you read this article we will have already conducted the Pre-Convention meeting in Laughlin NV over MLK day, I'm sure it will have been a productive meeting as usual. It's part of the business end of the Association and I would like

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to thank all that attended this year for your support to the Association. Only about 5 months left before we hold this year's Symposium and Convention at the Silver Legacy in Reno NV. For those of you that have never attended one, you are missing out on some valuable information, as well as seeing old friends and making new ones. I cannot stress enough to everyone, please get involved, it's YOUR Association, and you'll enjoy yourself as well! In addition, it is time to start thinking about your inputs to the various Committees that will meet at the Convention, such as the John W. Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, Hall of Fame, and the numerous scholarships that are available. We had a pretty low number of packages for the AOY last year and I hope that'll increase this year. Recognize your hard chargers and submit them for this honor. If you would like to see how these committee's work and select the winners, check the box next to the committee you want to sit on when you submit your convention ticket letter. The committee's meet on the Friday of the convention. Times will be posted in Redshirt as well as at the convention.

We will also be voting on National Officers during our Saturday General Business meeting. The Office of President, as well as 2 Board of Directors positions will be open to nominations. As per our By-Laws, if you are going to nominate someone for any of these positions, remember, prior consent of the candidate is required before the name is placed in nomination. Candidates must be present at the General Business meeting unless previously approved by the Board of Directors. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the Business meeting, the above requirement still applies. Absentee ballots will be included in the next Redshirt prior to the Convention. Nominations for the above mentioned offices have a submission deadline date of 1 April 2017 so the candidate's names can be placed in the Redshirt prior to the convention for absentee balloting purposes. The General Business meeting is a very important part of OUR Association, I hope to see everyone there.

Keep an eye out in the next edition of the Redshirt for a new Membership Program that will start in June and run through the Association Year (June 18- May 19).

Hope to see everyone in July and tip a few brews with ya! Stay safe out there, especially those of you who are in harm's way and IYAOYAS!

Rob (NVP)

SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – Hope you all had a safe Holiday Season. We saw record numbers in Laughlin at the Aquarius Resort for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time was had by all. A BIG thank you for the east coast folks (Norfolk and Jacksonville) who showed up.

Start NOW to make your plans for Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV (Continuum) from 23 July thru 26 July 2018, and (Convention) from 25 July thru 29 July. Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Our numbers have trended up last year with folks staying over from the Continuum. We are seeing families with children attending.

Chapter Officers – BIG CHANGES are coming. Currently we have 28 'Active Chapters' HOWEVER I have only received reports from 9 Chapters since June 1st (FY)! The Board of Directors (BOD) is aware that we have many Chapters not reporting the minutes or the annual financial report to the Treasurer. You need to get into the National By-Laws (Article IX) to see what your responsibilities are. I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to

aaosec@cox.net.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Secretary for the past 3 years, thank you for your confidence.

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

TREASURER

Convention 2018 is fast approaching, time to get your pre-registration forms to me. We just completed our planning meeting in Laughlin and it looks like prices will stay the same as last year. For you Ordies who are not members of the National and intend to come to the Convention, DON'T register as a non-member. Pay the member \$25.00 registration fee and add the \$20.00 for a membership. For you E-4 and below who plan on coming, you get one year membership with your registration fee. If you are a non-member, I will sign you up with your registration. Cut off for pre-preservation is 16 July 2018. Anything mailed after that may not get to me before I leave for Reno.

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

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

Address changes are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are getting out of hand. I try my best to make sure those entitled to a Red Shirt get it. But when I don't have an updated address, I have to pay the post office for its return. That said, in the future, when I get a Renewal Notice or Red Shirt returned to me, I am removing that person from the Red Shirt list until I have a current mailing address. If you see someone's name on the locator list, let them know. Sign up to get yours electronically!!! All you have to do is go to the web site, and download the Red Shirt. If you move or have a PCS coming up, get those address changes to me prior to the move. You can make them via the web site, via snail mail; phone (619) 575-1895; or (preferred) you can e-mail them to me at aaotreas2011@cox.net. Chapter officers, division LPO's, shipmates, if you know a member is transferring, talk to them about submitting an address change. If you see somebody you know on the Locator, it means I don't have their current mailing address and can't send them update materials. If you know their e-mail address, drop them a line to get in touch with me.

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

IYAOYAS!
R,
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

HAZE GRAY FROM OVERSPRAY

Mark Nitzsche, Project Engineer - Air Warfare Group
NSWC IHEODTD DET Picatinny Naval PHST Center

You have to obliterate some markings from a container. You grab a can of spray paint and make quick work of it. The result to the nameplate below is something like this:

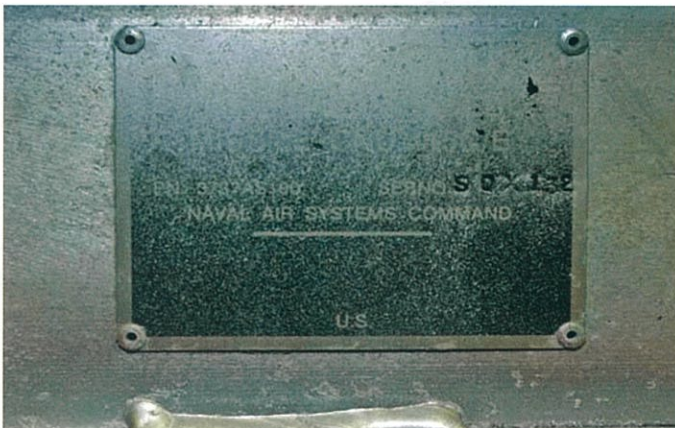


The nameplate is still legible, but after a few more sprays maybe not. From P805:

Content markings (loading date, lot/serial numbers, MDD and DOT/CG markings) shall have been removed/obliterated. As containers are intended for reuse, take care to avoid stenciling over, marking over, removing or obliterating permanent markings associated with container identification.

NOTE

Serviceable, emptied containers are intended for re-use. To prevent increased maintenance costs, stenciling shall be accomplished neatly and in a reasonable size. Avoid stenciling or marking over permanent markings. Also, take care to ensure permanent markings are not removed or obliterated



A little overspray can add up. Tape or even just a piece of paper or cardboard in a strategic position can help avoid the time and cost associated with replacement of a nameplate and/or other re-marking.



va-45 ao's. (l to r) atc d. lawrence, ao3 j. barker, aoan c. proctor, ltjg g. tideman, ao3 k. glover, ao2 s. hoover.



CHAPTER 671

Haf Adai From Guam!

Both NAWMU-1 and Chapter 671 have been busy this month. Recently the AMRAAM Program Office visited NAWMU-1 to conduct training for O/I and some D level maintenance on AIM-120 C / D missiles. This included servicing nitrogen, reprogramming and training for future work. NAWMU-1 sailors received some on the job training (OJT) to increase productivity and to keep these much needed assets in the AOR for quick turn-around to re-issue back to the fleet. This was a first for NAWMU-1 as it looks to add the AIM-120 Series to the command's test and repair capabilities.

Recently, the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) made a port visit to Guam during a routine deployment to the 5th and 7th fleet AORs. Chapter 671 hosted a cookout at Gab Gab beach for all Ordnancemen onboard. There was corn-hole, volleyball, horse shoes, hamburgers and hotdogs. It was a great time to catch up with some new and old shipmates. We had a great turn out and would like to wish all the Ordnancemen on board CVN-71 the best! Keep them safe and Fair Winds and Following Seas!!!!



Chapter 671, NAWMU-1 Skipper CDR Folsom and USS Theodore Roosevelt Gun Boss CDR Maxwell with Sailors at the Gab Gab Beach cookout.



AO1 Dailey and AT2 Hennessy from NAWMU-1 assembling the cables to test AMRAAM.

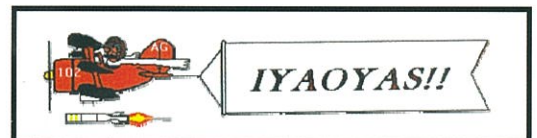


NAWMU-1 Sailors receiving training for the AIM-120 AMRAAM.

CHAPTER 5



January 19, 2018 - Aviation Ordnance, Chapter 5 Meeting @ VFW Ridgecrest, CA
Front Row: Lisa Harper, Amanda Ehler, Roque Aaron, Bennie Aaron (CW04 Ret.), AOC Chris Aufderhar & AO2 Avery Johnson
Middle Row: Angel Lado, Tatiana Walters-Mihalic, Savana Bradley, Mike Kenicki, Lucy Paulsen, AO3 Michkayo Kaszubowski, AO2 Justin Hilton & AO1 Christopher Johnson
Back Row: Paul DeJulio, Dale Harper (USMC Ret.), Johnny Bradley, Greg Paulsen, Gunner Steve Varga (CW04 Ret.), Jimmy Brantley, AO2 Chris Lewis, AO1 Raymond Jenkins & AO1 Christopher Adams



CHAPTER 70



G-1 Flight Deck personnel strap up jettison lockers prior to performing scheduled maintenance.



Weapons SSOY
GM1 (SW/AW) Matthew Cullen



Weapons SOY
MM2 (SW/AW) Tena Grant



GM3 Young of G-2 prepares to fire shot line before a replenishment at sea during WESTPAC 2018.



Weapons JSOY
AO3 (AW) Joshua Harrison



Weapons BJOY
AOAN (AW/SW) Forrest Connors

AAO AUXILIARY



Hello there!

It was another great time at Convention this year and I sure did enjoy seeing everyone that was able to come. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported our outstanding organization! We raised a large amount of money for the Scholarship program

thanks all of you that donated items for the auction. There were some amazing items this year. It would not have been a successful event without you.

I can't express the appreciation that we have for all of you!! For those of you that were not able to make it, we missed you. Hopefully next year you will be able to join the fun and help support our mission.

Congratulations to our officers that were elected this year:

Vice President – Linda Pendleton
Myrna Marks – Board of Director
Amy Stemler – Board of Director (re-elected)

And a very big Congrats to our Circle of Support recipients this year, Beverly Jo Myhand and Susette Sylvester- Ecker.

We had our planning meetings this month in Laughlin and it was a great turn out. We took care of a lot of business and look forward to seeing you all @ convention.

Please take note as well about the By- Law changes we will be voting on @ convention this year. Thank you.

Take Care....
Teresa Zimmer
AAAO President

CHAPTER DESERT SOUTHWEST



Hello everyone, from Desert Chapter El Centro! Happy-belated Holidays and we hope your year has started off great! Let's get started!

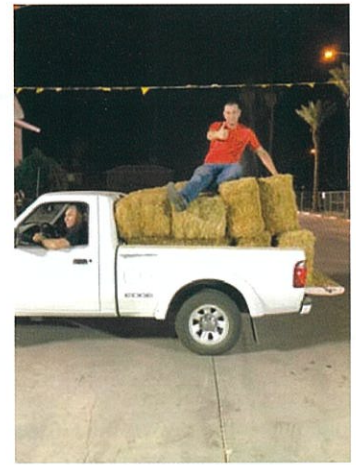


Community service was a big deal for us this past fall! In the month of October, we volunteered at First Christian Church for their "Celebrate Light" festival by helping with the breakdown and enjoyed some of the festivities beforehand. In December, we participated in NAF El Centro's Annual Christmas Parade. Our float was decorated with the beautiful colors of red and black, and a homemade bomb for display. IYAOYAS! In the same month, we commenced our last highway walk for the year on our I-8 Westbound portion, and collected up to 15 bags of trash along the road. Lastly, we were able to donate to the "Taste of Home" foundation for the shipment of care packages to the USS Theodore Roosevelt during this past holiday season. We were able to send out 21 large boxes of goodies! We look forward to getting more involved with our community this year, and we can't wait to tell you all about it.

We would like to say welcome to our new members: AO1 Hamilton, John; AO1 Kuhn, Troy; AO1 Matkins, Corneluis, AO2 Delada, Rheyana; AO2 Masolo, Marvin; AO2 Bean, Meghan; and AO3 Baldwin, Amanda. As well as fair winds and following seas to our retirees: AOC Allen, Zachary (Retiree); and AO1 Ventura, Daniel (Retiree).

Until next time... IYAOYAS!
Very Respectfully,
AO2 (AW/SW) Alexis A. Taboada
Board Member, AAO Desert Chapter
Event Planner, AAO Desert Chapter

*P.S.: We now have coins! We are selling them for \$10.00. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact our Vice President, AO2 Jose Cortez, at (760) 339-2606. IYAOYAS!

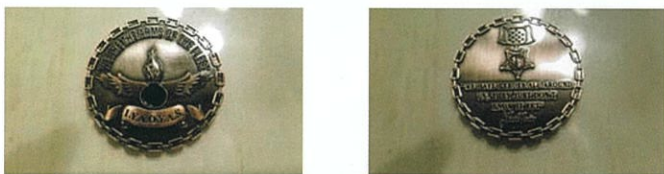


CHAPTER 34

Greeting from Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL "AO Schoolhouse"

It's been awhile since you have heard from Chapter 34, but we have been hard at work not only in the schoolhouse but throughout the community as well.

Chapter 34 came together and voted to develop and fund a challenge coin that would be given to the students after completion of AO core class during their graduation ceremony. The design of the challenge coin was a collaboration between the Chapter 34 members and H2H coins. Students receiving their first challenge coin upon graduation symbolizes an important memento for completing their in-rate training and a job well done. It represents the hard work the students have invested to be officially called an Aviation Ordnanceman and to keep the challenge coin tradition going for the new sailors and marines.



Chapter 34 purchased \$2,700 worth of coins to hand out to graduating classes in the schoolhouse. If you're interested in purchasing a coin come to the schoolhouse in Pensacola, FL

Being in the Military and missing the Holidays is nothing new to a seasoned Sailor or Marine, but for the young Sailors and Marines at Naval Air Technical Training Center it can be hard being away from home for the first time during the Holidays. So on Wednesday November 22nd we held our annual Thanksgiving event for all students, staff and family members in the AO schoolhouse. There were roughly 250 personnel who attended the event. The evening before the event staff members showed up to prep and cook twenty five turkeys; the meal consisted of: turkey, the fixings and variety of drinks and desserts. For fun, there was corn hole and an inflatable gladiator pit for the students to let off some steam. And the day ended with an abundance of door prizes ranging from gift cards, G-shock watches to a Bose Bluetooth speaker all donated by Chapter 34. The Thanksgiving event would not have been such a success without the leadership and direction of AO1 Joshua Jackson and the support of the Navy and Marine Corp staff.

On December 16th we got to assist many other volunteers in honoring our fallen military personnel by laying down wreaths for Wreaths Across America. This is a day to show the world how much the fallens sacrifice truly means to us. With over 40,000 graves in Barrancas Cemetery it took a while but no time could amount to the sacrifice the men and woman sacrificed for us.

A few days later we got to honor one of our own and show AOAA Bryan Grosso's family and friends that AO's honor their own, by rendering honors in memory and celebrating his life and how he impacted us forever. The family and friends were escorted in by the Patriot Guard on December 19th, 2017.

AOAA Bryan Grosso was born in Portsmouth naval hospital, 13 JAN 1999.

Brian knew when he was just a young boy that he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father and become a Navy Master Chief. Bryan had memorized the Sailor's creed by the time he was 10 yrs old.

In high school Bryan played on the Lacrosse team that he helped organize.

He was also an avid fisherman and he loved scuba diving. He was certified in diving by the time he was 14.

Bryan loved animals especially dogs and he also loved a good cigar.

He graduated from west Florida high school of Advanced Technology in the spring of 2017 and then reported to Naval Station Great Lakes for recruit training. After graduating from boot camp, he attended "A" school in Pensacola where he received the rate AO after which he received orders to CVN 76 USS Ronald Reagan. He arrived at Yokosuka, Japan to begin his preparation to join his first ship underway.

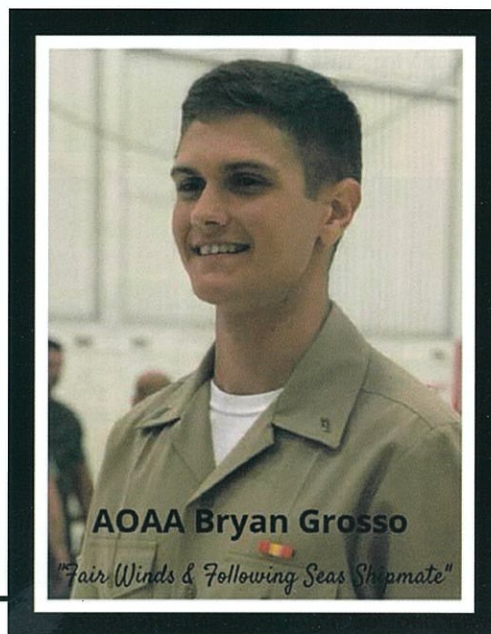
There were 11 crew and passengers aboard the C2A Greyhound when it crashed into the ocean approximately 500 miles southeast of Okinawa. Eight Sailors were rescued within an hour.

Bryan's friend and classmate SHSA Byron Arndt said, Bryan Grosso was someone that was not only a good shipmate but a good friend to me and many other members of our class. What I like about Bryan was that he was a kind and caring person, always willing to be there for his friends and shipmates.

He is survived by his father Jeff, mother Kimberly, brother Jeff Jr, and girlfriend Jessica.

If your ever in the Pensacola area we have are monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at Beef 'O' Brady's and the address is, 22 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL 32502. Or come visit the schoolhouse at 230 Chevalier Field Ave Pensacola, Florida 32508.

SGT Joshua lowery Chapter 34 President
AO1 Eric Winters Chapter 34 Vice President
AO1 Joshua Portillo Chapter 34 Treasurer



CHAPTER 34 CONTINUED



AOAA Bryan Grosso with his graduating class in Pensacola, FL from AO "A" school



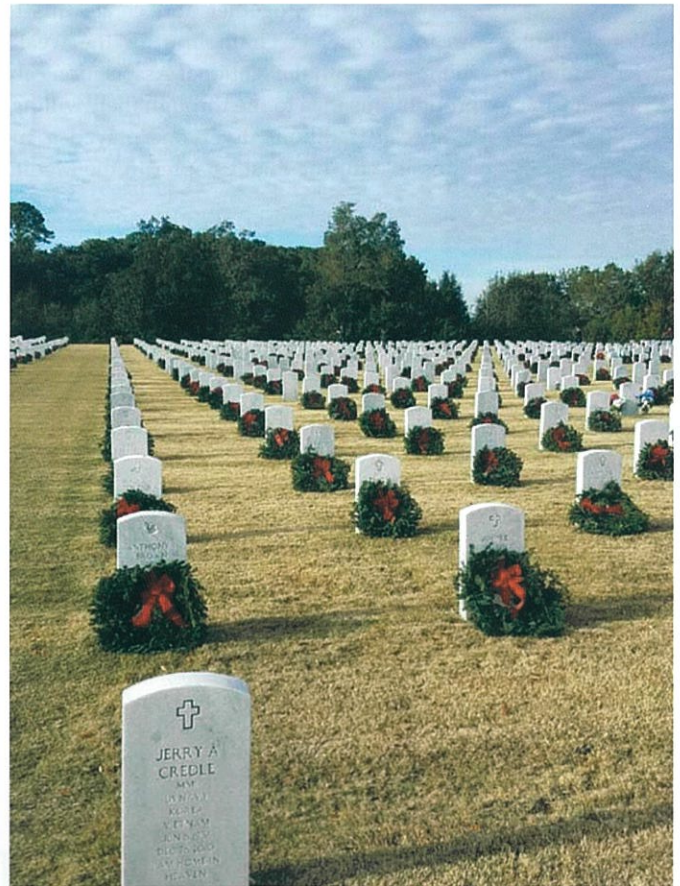
The Thanksgiving event for the students wouldn't have been possible without the help of chapter 34 members.



GYSGT FORD, AO1 JACKSON and SSGT GLENN prepping the turkeys at 0200.



MSGT CRAIG and the NATTC staff Serving the students and family.



Just a portion of the men and woman we got to honor by laying wreaths



SPARTAN CHAPTER

Chairetismata (Greetings) from the Spartan Chapter in Souda Bay, Greece.

We are so excited to be a part of this tradition and worldwide Ordnance family. We would like to express our appreciation to The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen for the opportunity to represent our proud history and heritage here in the Mediterranean. Thank you so much for all the support and answering all the questions we had building our Chapter.

We have held elections and our very First Cabinet is as follows: President- AO2 (AW) Gabriela C. Myers (also named JSOY of 2017 for all of NMCLANT), Vice President- AOC (AW) Justin A. Roach, Secretary- AOC (AW/SW) Franko B. Lukis, Treasurer-AO2 (AW) Guillermo Alba III, Board of Directors- CWO4 B. Keith Turnipseed and Michael P. Gramolini (Ret). Special recognition goes to AO2 (AW) Myers for getting the ball rolling and putting all the pieces in place to form the Spartan Chapter. She dedicated countless hours to ensure success, from recruiting members even outside of our rate and to organizing all meetings and events to bring us together and create this team. Additional thanks goes to Michael P. Gramolini, for the wealth of knowledge and correspondence with the National Association cabinet. The Spartan Chapter brought this idea to life through their willingness and support of such a special tradition. Everyone played a special part in making this all possible for the First Chapter in the Mediterranean region.

Our emblem is finished and a coin is in work, which we are excited to share with you all here in the near future! Of course, shirts and memorabilia will follow that. The Spartan Chapter plans to support the local area through community relations projects and charity drives all over our island of Crete. Our President plans to represent the newest addition to the global Ordnance family at the 2018 Convention.

If anyone gets the opportunity to visit us here at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece, you are cordially invited to our monthly meeting every 3rd Friday of the month. Time and location varies, so please be sure to contact anyone in the organization for that information. We look forward to seeing you there!

AO2 (AW) Gabriela C. Myers
Spartan Chapter President
IYAOYAS!



New Stand up Chapter Spartan Chapter Elected Officers.
From left to right: AOC Roach Vice President, Mike Gramolini CDR (RET) Board of Directors, AO2 Myers President, AO2 Alba Treasurer, CWO4 Turnipseed Board of Directors



Navy Munitions Command Sailor of the Year was announced and AO2 Gabriela Myers our President for the Spartan Chapter here in Souda Bay Crete won Navy Munitions Command Sailor of the Year.

CHAPTER 9



Happy 2018 year from Chapter Nine.

With the exception of the three hurricanes that pounded the south east and Caribbean Islands. 2017 was a good year. NE Florida has pretty well recovered and our chapter continues to do all we can to assist the active duty AO's, clean two miles of highway for community service, work with local high school JROTC Units, call on those AO's with major illnesses, and most of all,

keeping in contact with great friends and shipmates.

Hurricane Irma proved why our association is unique and I can think of no other rate I would rather be a part of. During the hurricane clean-up, a check for a \$1000 dollar from a retired AO in Virginia arrived to meet any AO's emergency needs resulting from the storm. Thanks to this generous gift, sailors locally as well as family members in Puerto Rico indirectly received needed help. AO's have always looked out for each other.

On a lighter note, a gentleman noticed my AVIATION ORDNANCE tag frame and said he had been an "armor" on A-7D's and A-10's while in the Air Force. We talked the similarities, but when he had never been exposed to the working end of a hernia bar I realized we really had very little in common. Maybe he was a remove before flight "pulling" specialist? This encounter got me thinking how fate intervened in my life, out of all the aviation schools available, I was sent to become an AO in 1966 and how proud I am of this today. I hope all of you feel the same way and take advantage of the opportunities given you as well. "IYAOAS"

Well done to AO2 Joseph Garza, named VP-30's maintainer of the year after only being in the Squadron 8 months.

At the November Chapter meeting a copy of an OP-5 dated 1926 as well as a loading manual from 1947 were produced. Needless to say, neither publication was very lengthy. We have come a long way through our history.

This world is not a safer place, wars and rumors continue. There is a continuing need for resolve and strength. Keep doing your part, safely.

AOCM Rick Wyman

CHAPTER 21

Greetings from CHAPTER 21, Fallon NV.

During this Holiday Season we continued to spread some Ordie "Love and Cheer" around the Churchill County community. While supporting daily operations for CVW-1, TOP GUN Class, NAWDC and GTI, we volunteered to "Meals on Wheels", William N. Pennington Life Center, Special Olym-

pics, and provided much needed concession assistance for Fallon Greenwave Football games. We were honored to assist the Veterans associations in the placement of wreaths for, "Wreaths across America" Ceremony. "Had a blast at the Chapter Social". We recently wished "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to a few of our friends and leaders. On the 17 November 2017, "GUN BOSS" CDR Kevin Dowd retired after 33 years of Faithful Naval Service. Special shout out to our outstanding Sailors that advanced this cycle from NMC Det Fallon and Naval Air Warfare Development Center. #IYAOYAS

NMCPAC Fallon
AO1 Eric B Lano
AO3 Leslie Powell
AO3 Karina Sigliano

NAWDC
AO1 Jacob Learned
AO1 Brandon Hoaglin
AO1 Bryce Ward

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CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started." Since September 2017 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added three new Chapter 8 Life Time Members.

On 29 September, the retirement ceremony for AOCM Diane McQueen-Gipson was held onboard the flight deck of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. All Chapter members were invited to celebrate her 30 years of faithful and honorable service. We wish her "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

During our October meeting President Holdman took time to congratulate Gunner's Frankie Marano and Scott Lagerquist for their selections to CWO4 and to CWO5. Congratulations went out to them both as well as a thank you for their past leadership contributions to the Chapter.

On 11 October, President Holdman accepted an award from CALTRANS District Office in recognition of our 30 plus years of faithfully participating in the CA Adopt-A-Highway Program. Only two organizations a year get selected so it was quite an honor for Chapter 8 to be a 2017 recipient.

On 15 October, several Chapter members supported the San Diego Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk at Balboa park. Volunteers handed out t-shirts and water. Chapter efforts were coordinated by AO1 Nanise Schroeder.

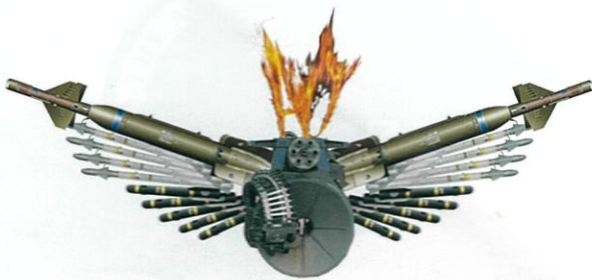
November was a busy month for the Chapter as we kicked off our annual AOCs Jason P. May Thanksgiving Holiday Hand-up and concluded it by giving out \$1,300.00 in Gift Cards to 13 Aviation Ordnance families. The continuous generous donations from the AOCs Jason May Family made this highly successful event possible. We also had a combined 50 Chapter members actively volunteer to support the 16th annual Veterans 6K/4 Mile Run/Walk, Marine Corps League (1207) Veteran's Day Event, and our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Walk.

December also proved to be a busy month as we focused on our annual Christmas Holiday Hand-up and again concluded it by giving out \$600 in Gift Cards to 6 Aviation Ordnance families. We also had several volunteers participate in the Wreaths across America and the Chapter President took time to present Certificates of Appreciation to Tess LaMaitre, Lester Gipson and Diane McQueen Gipson, and HSC-23 Ordies for all the support they provided the Chapter throughout 2017. BZ to all and thank you for all you do!

On Saturday, 9 December, we held our annual Holiday/Christmas Potluck with approximately 45 individuals in attendance. The food selections were fantastic, we had a great time with a White Elephant Gift Exchange, and we were able to bring in some extra funds through a raffle and a 50/50 drawing. Tess LaMaitre deserves a special thank you for her raffle donations as well as all her help and take charge support in setting the event up.

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

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



CHAPTER 1

Greetings from CHAPTER ONE, Lemoore CA.

Finished off a great 2017! Were glad to have fall and winter here in Lemoore, who could ask for more.

As always, finishing off the year means plenty of work for squadrons and weapons departments alike. In doing our regular jobs we do find time to help out our community and November was a great time to do an Adopt-A-Highway project. We ended up with one of our larger groups with 36 personnel and cleaned up two sections covering approximately ten miles, thanks to everyone that helped especially Strike fighter Weapons School Pacific, Navy Munitions Command and VFA-86. I apologize for no photos for everyone that helped I ended up with a phone accident, now resting with Davey Jones. I am looking forward to our next one in February.

In support of all the Ordnancemen in the Lemoore area, our Chapter Holiday/Christmas Party was held at the Fleet Reserve on 9 December 2017. We had a great turn out as always and yes plenty of Shenanigan's! One I was able to throw in for everyone to enjoy. Next year we will be doing the party the first Saturday of December if you are in area.



Chapter One will be supporting the Lemoore Relay for Life on 28 April 2018, at the West Hills College Facility. This is a big push for a lot of us in support of cancer awareness and prevention with the American Cancer Society and our local community.

Stay safe out there. IYAOYAS!!
AAO Chapter One President
Jeffrey Coe AOCs(RET)

Life after the Uniform

After a discussion with Kevin Meagher about transition for our former Military folks into roles within the Civil Service ranks, I decided to submit an article to the Red Shirt to offer some information to potential / future candidates for employment as Logisticians within the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD). All Assistant Program Managers for Logistics (APML's) and their Deputy Assistant Program Managers for Logistics (DAPML's), reside within Code 6.6 Department which is a part of NAWCWD for Weapons Programs. The Model currently puts APML's primarily at NAVAIR Headquarters, Patuxent River, MD within the PMA's responsible for managing those Weapon Programs. Joint Program's that have another Service as the Lead Component, such as AMRAAM, the APML will reside at the base where the Lead is established, in this case, Eglin AFB, FL. Deputy's (DAPML's) will usually reside at NAWS China Lake, and be collocated within the Technical Project Office's (TPO's) for the product they support.

NAWCWD 6.6 employees Logisticians at 12 Geographical Locations as a rule, but the three main places that our Weapon Loggies reside are at NAS Patuxent River, MD (HQ / NAVAIR), NAWS China Lake, CA (NAWCWD) and NAS Pt. Mugu, CA (NAWCWD). Our largest employer for Logistics at Pt Mugu is Targets (Airborne / Surface), Navy Mission Planning (NavMPS) and the F-35 (JSF) Foreign Reprogramming Laboratory (FRL).

Former Service Members currently will have to wait 180 days from exit of their Service Component before being considered for a Federal Government Position. However, NAWCWD often utilizes a Government Contracting agency to hire individuals with a proven track record to fill various Logistics Vacancies as Contractor's until they have met the 180 day post service requirement.

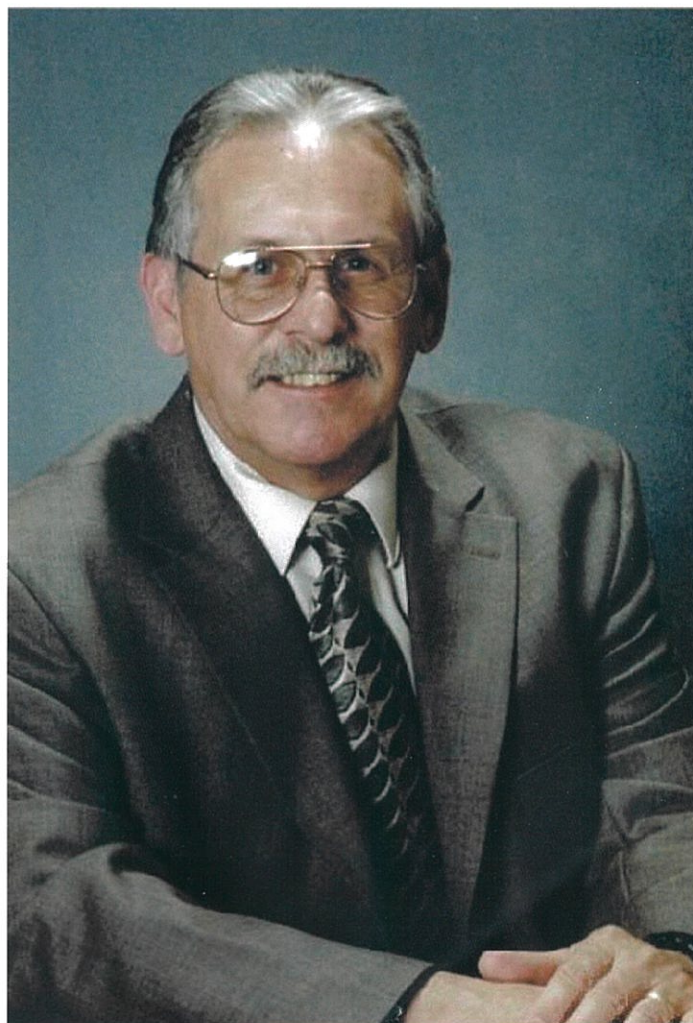
Here are a couple of education tips that may ease an individual's selection for a position in our organization as a member of our Life Cycle Logistics workforce team. Life Cycle Logisticians (LCL) do not currently need a college degree but the DON Life Cycle Logistics Workforce FY 2018-2023 Strategic Implementation Plan does call out a requirement for a degree for GS-13 and higher-level employees. A degree is desirable for LCL employees at the GS-12 level. The strategic planning guide is only a guide, but we can expect future policy to require a college degree in the future. Preferred areas of study would be Logistics, Program, Business or fiscal Management for the 6.6 Department and Logistics or Supply Chain and Data Management for the 6.7 and 6.8 Departments. The disciplines listed above or only suggestions and higher-level education is not limited to the subjects.

The other tip or suggestion is to attempt to begin a certification in Life Cycle Logistics in accordance with the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act of 1990 (DAWIA). This public law was enacted to improve the Department of Defense's overall acquisition process and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent on the best products at the best price. DAWIA gave birth to the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) that enables the DoD to provide training to its military and civilian workforce in performing acquisition functions in accordance with DoD directives. Not all active duty assignments

or positions are authorized to participate in DAU training, but if you are in one of these positions, it is recommended you take full advantage of DAU and pursue certifications in DAWIA, Life Cycle Logistics. Check with your local command on your authorization to attend and participate in DAWIA and DAU.

Lastly, a good Point of Contact for consideration is a must. For NAWCWD 6.6 Management you should contact Mr. Jeff Thompson at (760) 939-8963 for more information. You should also have a current Resume on file with USAJOBS. Do not forget that there is 12 Elements of Logistics and all elements reside within three Departments. They are Codes 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8.

Thank You,
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USS ESSEX (LHD-2) IRON GATOR



USS ESSEX (LHD-2) Weapons Department, spearheaded the command holiday food, clothing and toy drive. Collected 255 articles of clothing, 70 non-perishable food items, and a pallet of children's toys. The clothing and food were donated to the Veteran's Village of San Diego, and the toys were donated to the Children's Center of San Diego.



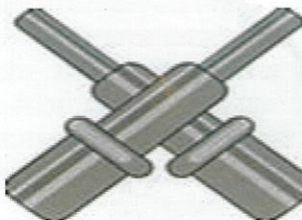
AO2 Muhammad, AO2 Graves, AO3 McCall, and AO2 Nkwocha represented the Southwest Navy Region while parading the colors at the 2018 NCAA Holiday Bowl game played in San Diego, CA. This strengthened and built esprit de corps between US Navy and its fellow San Diegans.



GM2 WARD (MK-38 Loader) conducting gun shoot in preparation for upcoming Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials (CSSQT).



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