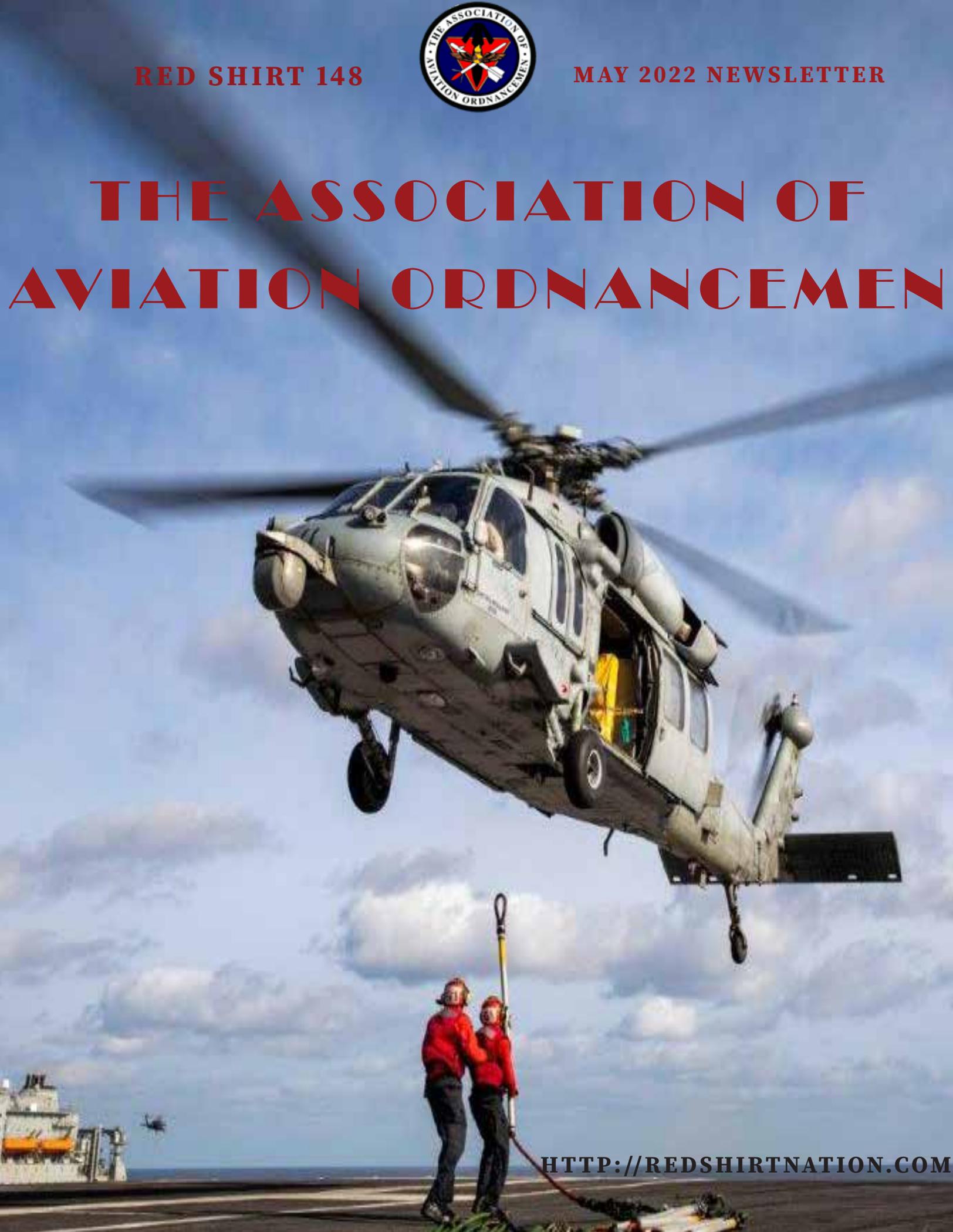


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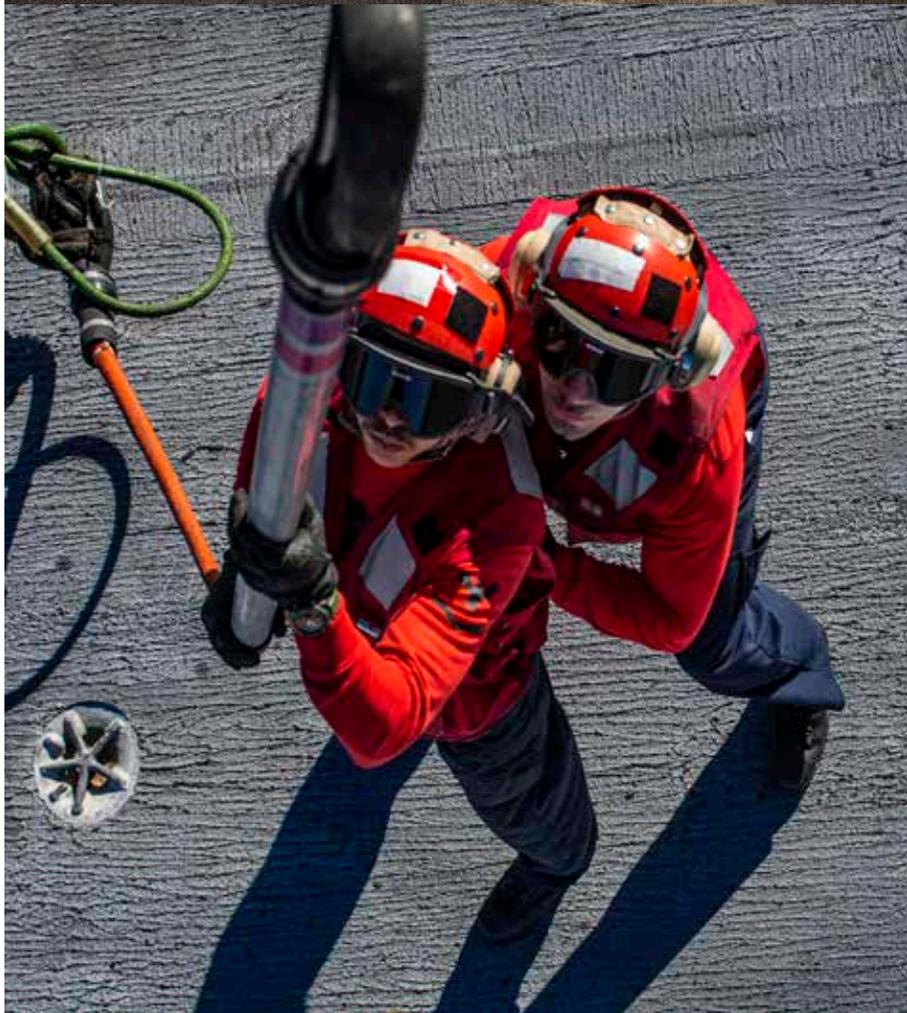
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**AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT
CAPTAIN MATT ARNOLD**

Greeting Ordies,

I hope this issue finds everyone safe and healthy. As I write this article, we are continuing to emerge from the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic and our response to it have truly taken a toll on our members, their families and our nation's population. I am glad that the response has allow us to return to an existence that is closer to the pre-pandemic life we enjoyed. To be sure we have established a new normal and life will never be like it was before the pandemic.

I am happy to report that, as of this writing, the preparations for the 2022 convention are progressing well. Currently there are no COVID-19 restrictions which would prevent us from conducting our activities. All the traditional convention events are planned and will occur as scheduled and all the standing committees will conduct their work as normal. All activities associated with the convention will continue to be conducted in a manner which is both safe and in compliance with all the applicable health regulation much like last year. Information concerning the convention can be viewed on our website, www.redshirtnation.com.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of our brother, Lieutenant Commander (Retired) Charles "Chuck" Onken. He dedicated his whole life to our profession, both in uniform and, later, as a member of the Fleet Weapons Support Team. He was a great man, and he will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace Brother, we have the watch. May God grant his strength and peace to his loving wife, Beverly, and the rest of his family in both this season and those to

come.

I have had the fortune to visit several of our chapters recently including Chapter 9 in Jacksonville, FL; Chapter 21 in Fallon, NV and Chapter 22 in Patuxent River, Md. I want to thank each of the members of these chapters for their hospitality. It was truly my honor and privilege to visit with each of you during my travels.

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. Additionally, I ask your prayers for all who have been and continue to be affected by COVID-19, both in our country and around the world, and for the first responders and medical professionals who continue to perform their duties in support of our nation and its citizens. Please continue to support this organization, its members, and our Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Team. I look forward to seeing you in Reno. Fly, Sail and Steam Safe.

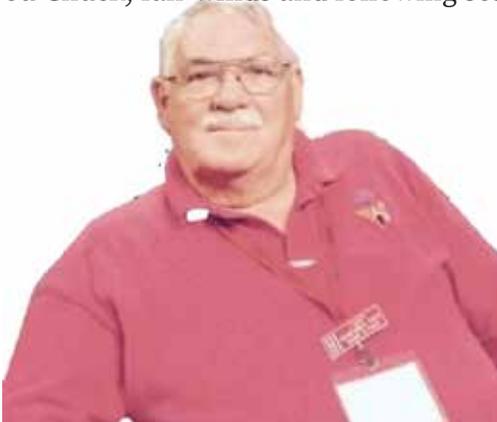
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Matt



**AAO NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT
AOCs(RET) TIM ZIMMER**

Hello shipmates,

This is a sad time for the Ordnance community. We just got word that one of our forefathers/legends/Hall of Famers/mentors/brothers, Chuck Onken, LCDR (Ret), passed away. In one way or another, he has touched the lives, either personally or professionally, of every ordie out there. When Chuck was in uniform, he had a hand in making a lot of policy we follow today. Everything he did was for the benefit of the rate, not himself. After his retirement, he joined the Fleet Weapons Support Team (FWST) in Lemoore and continued his work of training, mentoring, and when required, ass-kicking. He held many offices in the Association over the years, as well as those in Chapter 1 Lemoore. I'm privileged and honored to have known him and benefitted from his tutelage. Whenever I had an issue or question, I couldn't figure out, I knew I could always reach out to him. Being the teacher that he was, more times than not he didn't give me the answer, he guided me in the right direction to find it myself. One of his mantras I will never forget, "If you want to learn something new, read an old book." Believe me, that is a fact. He was known as the Godfather, Papa Chuck and some other colorful names I won't repeat. To many of the Admirals and Captains we've had as guest speakers at convention over the years, he was just "Gunner". We were fortunate that he came to the planning meeting in Laughlin this past January. He was in obvious discomfort and pain, but he was not going to miss the opportunity to be with his brothers and sisters. He was a shipmate and brother to us all and our lives will be less full without him around. I love you Chuck, fair winds and following seas.....



We're full steam ahead getting ready for convention/AOMLC this summer. Convention will kick off 21 July and run through the 24th, preceding AOMLC (if approved) this year due to a scheduling snafu with the Silver Legacy. This year, for the first time, you can buy your tickets on the website (redshirtnation.

com). This would not have been possible without the diligence, hard work and "stick-to-it-ive-ness" of our Webmaster, Amber Roth. Girlfriend, you are the shizzle!! She and our Treasurer, Todd Pendleton, worked long and hard to give us all this convenience. I appreciate all of the effort you both put into this. Remember to register as early as you can so we know how many folks will be attending. If we have people that just show up, it causes a lot of work for a lot of people. The hotel has to break out more tables/chairs and possibly increase the food required. For those Chapters that want to have a table to sell your merch, ensure you contact Kirk Brado (kbrado1@hotmail.com) as early as possible so he can get the room set up for you. Remember, if you don't let him know you want to have a table until you get there, there's a chance you won't get one if we don't have room.

There are (3) Officer positions up for election this year, President and (2) Board of Directors (BOD). I have received the following nominations:

President – Capt Matt Arnold

BOD – Amber Roth, AOC (Ret), Steve Kashuba, CDR (Ret) and AOCM Pedro Maldonado

If you will be unable to attend the General Business Meeting and would like to submit your vote for one of the nominees, there is an absentee ballot on the back page of this issue you can fill out, sign and mail to me at the address provided. Or, you can give your sealed ballot to another member that is attending. During the General Business Meeting, there will be a call for nominations from the floor. All nominees must be present and accept the nomination. If there are (2) or more nominations for a position, ballots will be cast. If there is only (1) nomination for a position, the requirement for voting is null and that nominee will be elected.

Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year (AOY), Scholarship and Hall of Fame (HOF) Committees will proceed on Friday the 23rd. Information about any of these committees can be found on the website. You can also contact the Committee

Chairmen:

AOY – Tim Zimmer (nationalaaovp@gmail.com)

Scholarship – Rick Garza (rgarza511@gmail.com)

HOF – Jeff Sassone (nationalaaobod5@gmail.com)

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Tim



AAO NATIONAL SECRETARY

AOCM(RET) JJ LAMAITRE

Greetings Shipmates and Marines
– Just got back from the Services of LCDR Chuck Onken USN Ret. Chuck was known as the ‘Godfather’ of the Aviation Ordnance community and the Association. He was a mentor and friend to numerous folks, and is going to be missed within the Association. Farewell my friend.

NOW is the time for you to get your reservations and plans ready for Convention 2022 July 21st – July 24th at the Silver Legacy Resort, in Reno, NV. Go to the website for one stop shopping, pay for your registration fees, Social and Award tickets on line. There is also a direct link to the Silver Legacy for hotel reservations. We have elections coming up for 2 Board of Directors (BOD), and President.

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

Chapter Officers – The Association needs your reports. We have been out of COVID restrictions for over a year now. You have seen my comments in the last several Red Shirts and the BOD has disestablished several Chapters. This will be an ongoing agenda item for the BOD at Convention. The following Chapters will have disestablishment procedures started by the Board of Directors (BOD) IAW the

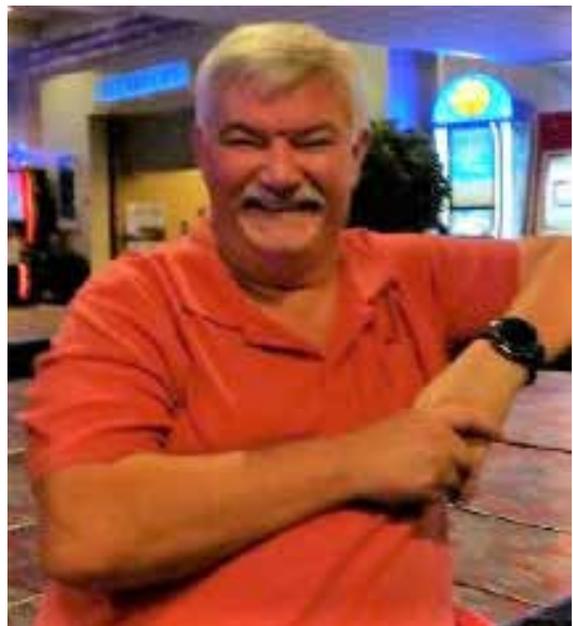
Nationl By-Laws (Article IX):

Chapter Received	Last Minutes
Chapter 5 China Lake	February 2020
Chapter 76 Reagan 2020	August
LHD 8 Makin Island 2021	January
Spartan Souda Bay 2020	September

I need Chapter Reports submitted to me to me on a regular basis so we do not put your Chapter into an ‘Inactive’ status. Please forward the minutes, etc. to nationalaaosec@gmail.com .

It has been a Privilege and Honor to serve as your Secretary for the past 9 years. If there is anything I can do to assist just give me a shout. Look forward to see and meet some of you all in Reno.

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary



AAO NATIONAL TREASURER CWO4(RET) TODD PENDLETON

Convention AAO22 is coming up soon in Reno. 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. There was a type-o in the last Red Shirt, Registration for Members and Guests is \$50 vice \$60. Please, submit your registration forms now and pay by one of the methods indicated on the form; on the website under Convention (the downloadable form is correct), by credit card or be invoiced via PayPal. Remember, Late Registration fees take effect as of 15 July 2022.

Kudos to those chapters that continue to push memberships. Chapter Officers, take a look at your members and encourage all that are not National members to join National. It is very easy now, go to www.redshirtnation.com and join via the website. 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. Treasurer's, if you need the Form for annual report, email me as soon as possible and I will send the format.

Have you had a promotion, change of status (recently retired) or phone number change? If so, go to the website, print out the membership form, fill out all the information on the form, scan or take a photo of the form,

and email to me with a note on the form "Contact Info Update Only." 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 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 via the "Contact Info Update Only" method!! 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 Only" and 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 Locator, 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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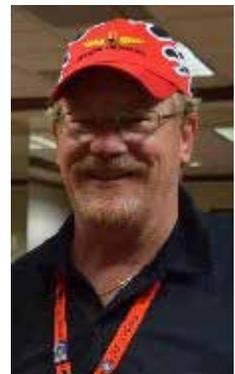
Thanks,Resp,

Todd Pendleton

(360) 632-7828

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AAO Treasurer



ATTENTION TO ORDERS:

FROM: SUPREME COMMANDER

TO: ORDNANCEMEN WHO SERVED AND THOSE THAT SUPPORTED

LCDR JAMES R. CLIFTON (RET)***

LT JAMES "JIMMY" WARBURTON (RET)***

AOC JAY C. HEIFNER *

AO2 JOHN P. KRIEDLER *

LCDR CHARLES "CHUCK" R. ONKEN (RET)***

SUBJ: PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION

1. YOU STAND DETACHED FROM YOUR CURRENT ASSIGNMENT AT 1ST CIVAIRWING AND DIRECTED TO REPORT TO COMMANDING OFFICER, AT BARRACKS HEAVEN, AVIATION ORDNANCE DETACHMENT FOR DUTY.

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.

* INFO FROM FRA TODAY NEWSLETTER/** INFO FROM VFW MAGAZINE/**OTHER



**AAAO PRESIDENT
TERESA ZIMMER**

Hello All,
It's that time of the year, convention is getting closer! Looking forward to seeing you all there. I hope that a lot of you can make it this year.

Things are getting better out there now (COVID). We will have the following positions up for elections this year:

President, Vice President, Secretary and 2 Board of Directors. Please submit nominations to me via email (treasz@sbcglobal.net)

We are always accepting items for the auction we host during the Friday night social at convention to support the scholarship. We have had some beautiful items donated in the past and it is greatly appreciated. The auction is forefront in our hearts and souls to support our Ordies and their families.

Our Auxiliary Spring Newsletter is being worked on now. It includes lots of information we are planning for convention. Please come join

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us at our Saturday General Business meeting to get involved with the Auxiliary and help support our Ordies. We would love to have you and we are always looking for new members. We will have all of the info posted in the registration room at convention.

If anyone would like to make a donation to a Scholarship in Denise Walecki's name please send it to our Treasurer. Thank you to all of you that have already sent donations in.

Cyndy Sassone
AAAO Treasurer
20812 Flour Mill Ct.
Great Mill, MD 20634



A huge thank you to everyone that sent items for our last Taste of Home events. If anyone has any questions please feel free to send me an email at

treasz@sbcglobal.net .

Enjoy your Spring and Summer and hope to see ya'll in July!

Teresa Zimmer -AAAO President

MEMORIBILIA ITEMS FOR SALE

Please choose from items below.

Make checks payable to AAAO and send to

Mrs. Linda Earl 31667 S. Rim DR. Polson, MT 59860.

You can also contact her here at email lindaearlmt@yahoo.com



MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

ITEM	UNIT PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Duffle Bag	12.00		
Bear w/Red Shirt	10.50		
Car Sunshade	10.00		
Red Grocery Tote	4.00		
Red Ruby Lanyard	8.00		
Stadium Blanket	15.00		
			+20% S&H
TOTAL ORDER			

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL: _____

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CITY: _____ ST _____ ZIP: _____

2022 AAO Robert L. Crow

Scholarship Application Guidelines (dated 18Mar2022). Please note that all the AAO RLC Scholarship applications must be **postmarked no later than 15 June 2022.**

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

AOC Robert A. Senneseth

LOCATOR

Can you help? Know where any of these members can be located? Let them know to go to redshirtnation.com, fill out the membership form to update contact info and if you have a mailing address or phone number, please contact the AAO Treasurer, Todd Pendleton at **nationalaaotreas@gmail.com**, snail mail or give him a call.

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS) = Red Shirt Return / (NC) = 2 years no contact

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AO2 Alexander J. Morris (RN)(NC)
GM2 Shannon N. Best (NC)
AO1 Benjamin W. Bradford (NC)
AO2 Shavonn R. Dean (NC)
AO2 Christian Finley (NC)
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AO2 Major J. Kenny (NC)
AOC Torian D. Taylor (NC)
AO1 Joshua O. Aaron (NC)

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AO1 Daniel T. Goe (RN)
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AO2 Marina L. Vega (RN)
AOAN Scott A. Sawyer (RN)
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CWO2 Nikki M. Reiter (RN)(NC)
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AO1 Lindsey J. Smack (RN)(NC)
AO1 Daniel T. Goe (RN)

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

AO1 Erik F. Nelson
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CWO4 Daniel J. Buechler
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Maj. Scott B. Roland
AO1 Joy E. Shelton
AO3 John F. Call

SGT Matthew R. Bussard
AOC John M. Ackermann
AO3 George Hart
AO1 Luis E. Avila
CWO3 Christopher A. Rios, USMC
AOC Johnny L. Vick

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AO1 Austin G. Dunlap
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AO1 Charles Robinson
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AO1 Joshua D. Squires
AO2 Kiana M. Garcia
AO3 Christopher M. Novak
AO3 D'Asia R. Lewis
AO2 Bailey J. Kennedy



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FIND YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER OR START ONE IN YOUR AREA.

[GO TO WWW.REDSHIRTNATION.COM/ FOR THE APPROPRIATE GUIDLINES.](http://WWW.REDSHIRTNATION.COM/)

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 - Jacksonville, FL
 President- AO1 James Simmons
 Vice President- AO1 Mallory Burton
 Secretary- AOCS(ret) Dennis
 Patterson

Treasurer- AOCM (ret) Rick Wyman
 Board Of Directors
 AOC Dani Tilbury, AO1 John Mcminn
 AO3 Chase Spingett, AO1 Patrick
 Williams, AO1 Kayla Stinger, AOC
 (ret) Bill Taylor, AOCS (ret) Tracy
 Townsend, AOC (ret) Ed Murphy
 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 Fallon, NV
 President-AO1 Juan Pelayo
 Vice President- AO2 Jordan Buckner
 Treasure-AO2 Timothy Mathews
 Secretary- A02 Michael Durby
 American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 Patuxent River
 President: AO2 Brian Spaccarelli
 Vice President: AO3 Symone Gay
 Treasurer: AO2 Whittney Porcher
 Secretary: AO2 Stephanie Sandria
 VFW, Post 2632 California, MD
 3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL
 President-AO1 Collins
 chapter34ordie@gmail.com
 Vice President-AO1 Dickson
 Secretary-AO2 Minzlaff
 Treasurer-AO2 Townsel
 Social Coordinator-SSgt Marion
 O'riley's Irish Pub downtown
 321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL
 1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 35 - DISESTABLISHED
 12

Chapter 39 - NO REPORT
 "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 Guam
 President- AO1 Nathan Gibson
 Vice President- AO2 Glenn Novak
 Secretary- AO2 Kendal Scott
 Treasurer- AT1 Travis Hermsen
 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-Key West, FL
 President- AO2 Brandon Hurd
 Vice President- AO3 NiccaRizelle
 VidalPreze
 Treasure- AO2 Juan ColonaRosa
 Secratary- Ann Anderson
 Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee ANNEX
 1st Wednesday, 1730

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
DISESTABLISHED

Chapter LHD 8

USS Makin Island
President-AO1 Alyssa Bruns
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 CVN 76 - NO REPORT

USS Ronald Reagan
President-AO1 Justin Fallone
On Board

Chapter CVN 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

EDITOR NOTES

I apologize to all for the misspelling of the Bon Homme Richard on the previous Red Shirt Newsletter. This and a few other errors were not appropriately caught. For those that reached out, thank you.

I hope all chapters are doing well please remember to not submit photos enclosed in a word document or PDF. If possible, send a single email with your article as a word or PDF and any pictures in jpeg or similar.

FYSA "minutes" & "articles" are 2 different items. Minutes MUST be sent to the national AAO secretary.

Amber L Roth

RED SHIRT ARTICLES are due to me at
redshirtditor@gmail.com

as follows:

20 JANUARY/ 1 MAY/ 20 SEPTEMBER

JOHN W. FINN AVIATION

ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR (AOY)

AWARD FOR 2022

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A sample package can be found on the Association
website at

WWW.REDSHIRTNATION.COM.

Nominations must be received by COB 15 JUL 2022

Email packages to the AOY

Chairman at

NATIONALAAOVP@GMAIL.COM

CHAPTER ONE

Greetings from Chapter One Lemoore, CA
Happy Spring everyone!!! Yassssss VFA-86
'Sidewinders'!!! This group of Ordies was presented
the Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Scott F. Kirby
Ordnance Proficiency Award. Congratulations,
keep up the good work.

Shout out to VFA-137 and VFA-146 for a
successful CWTPI.

We completed our first Highway Clean-Up
2022. Many more to come! Thank you to everyone
that came to help keep our highway clean!

At our February Chapter meeting, AO1
Christopher Masterson officially became our
Chapter Vice President, and Mr. Steve Kashuba
and LT Troy McFadden became our two newest
Board of Directors. Congratulations to our newest
elected Officer and Board of Directors.

Stay safe everyone! IYAOYAS!!!

AO1(AW) Valdivia

Chapter One President

CHAPTER FOUR

Greetings from CH4 AAO,

We hope that everyone is in the best health
and spirits.

Since we last spoke, we've stayed busy
selling merchandise to support the 2022 Robert
L. Crow Scholarship Fund and also constantly
holding volunteer events to support our
community. Back in February we held elections
for two new Board of Directors (BOD). The first
elected was CDR Dion Edon (ret). Mr. Edon is a
staple in the ordnance community and specifically
a major component to the Chapters success. The
second elected was LCDR Sampson Keaton who is
currently the CSFWL Gunner. LCDR Keaton has
brought many innovative ideas to the table and
has major plans for the Chapter moving forward.
Thank you, guys!

Our monthly meetings have been going
exceptionally well. I would like to give a special
thanks to AOC Young and AO1 Despain for making
it all happen! We are looking forward to the
Convention in July. Hope to see you all there!

V/R,

President: AO1 Cokley, Jaree D

CHAPTER EIGHT

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The
Chapter Where It All Started." Since January 2022
our Chapter membership has continued to grow as
we added eight new Chapter 8 Lifetime Members
and welcomed seven AO's, and two additional
rates, who attended their first meeting.

In January, we kicked off our monthly
Adopt-A-Highway walk with six volunteers.
Although only six volunteers could support due
to operational readiness, we were able to make a
huge impact with our assigned area and maintain
environmental cleanliness. Also in January,
the Chapter had a huge showing at the 2022
Continuum and Convention planning meeting
in Laughlin, NV where our Chapter Leadership
provided valuable input to the prizes and food for
the 2022 AAO Convention in Reno, NV.

On Saturday, 5 February, we held our first
quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Walk of the year
with five volunteers showing up to support. In
February, we also began our discussion for the
Chapters Annual Family picnic to be held on May
21st. This year our First-place raffle prize will be a
framed, autographed photograph of John W. Finn
receiving the Medal of Honor as well as John on
a motorcycle with Alice. The second and third
prizes will be \$200 and \$100.

Also in February, the Chapter's very own
AOCM (RET) Diana McQueen-Gipson was awarded
the Quilts of Valor, with special recognition from
La Mesa, CA Women's Club as a big thank you for
her service, sacrifice, and valor in serving our
nation in combat.

In March we celebrated the 96th Birthday of
the Aviation Ordnance rate by having the youngest
and oldest AO present slice a birthday cake. A
special thank you to the Chapters President, Vice
President and Secretary for coordinating the event
and providing the cake, plates, and utensils.

Also, in March the Chapters NMC CWD
DET NI sailors were presented with the Lone
Sailor statue in recognition of their overwhelming
presence at Chapter meetings, volunteer activities,
and overall support throughout 2021. Their
outstanding commitment, Ordie pride, and
proactiveness is what truly set NMC DET NI Ordies
apart from all others.

And lastly in March, we would like to congratulate our Vice President Laura Jamerson who was meritoriously promoted to AO1 through the Navy's MAP program. BZ Laura.

In April, Chapter 8 continued to partner with Ordiamart to sell 300 John Finn Medal of Honor Coins which to date has contributed \$1,550 to our chapter funds.

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

V/R,
AO1 (AW/SW) Deppe, Niomi
Chapter 8 Secretary

CHAPTER NINE

Chapter 9 is solidly into 2022, meeting attendance is returning to normal now that the pandemic seems to be tapering off. So far, none of our members have been adversely affected. This means that active-duty troops can now attend once more, and help us "old farts" tend to business. Welcome back.

Elections for new officers were just completed, we look forward to a prosperous new year. New officers are AO1 James Simmons (second term) President, AO1 Mallory Burton Vice-President, retired AOCS Dennis Patterson secretary, and many new agreeing to serve on the board of directors. Thank you to all who served through this past year, it is great to have so many active-duty members back and assuming key leadership roles.

In March, a large group met to clean our highway and then remount the saluting gun atop the sign in front of FRA branch 91 where we meet. The former sign was destroyed by an impaired driver who went way out of his way to crash into the old one last November. Fortunately, the gun did not fall on the car or driver, everything is restored now.

Congratulations to ao2 Tyler Metts, VP-45, who was selected from 3 strong nominees as our chapter AO of the quarter for the first quarter of 2022.

CAPT Arnold and LCol Gallagher were in town for availability conference and attended our April meeting, updating us on what are the priorities and budget issues that are on the table. The timing worked in our favor and the turnout

was impressive.

Our merchandise has been flying out the door now that credit cards as well as cash are accepted as payment. Welcome to the cashless society. Who says old dogs can't learn new tricks?

When I reflect on how fortunate my decision to make the navy a career was, I realize being an AO, and serving with so many fine AO's, was the main reason. My god had his hand on me even before I knew him, orchestrating it all, and I am so very thankful for how all he orchestrates it for all who love him.

Be proud, safe, and follow those check lists. Put your brothers first.

AOCM Richard Wyman

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

Hooyah Ordie nation, Greeting from AAO Chapter 22. We have been continuing to attend our monthly meetings. kicking it off, we started with Super Bowl weekend hosted by the VFW.

Members of Chapter 22 attended and participated in the Potluck/ Chili cook off. Congratulations to Bod member, Tom Brouwer for winning 1st place in the chili cook off!

Elections were held welcoming our New Treasurer AO2 Whitney Porcher. In April's meeting AAO President, CAPT Matt Arnold was able to attend, also staying to chat afterwards. Shortly after CH22 hosted our annual Easter Egg hunt. Gunner Wilkinson provided the location for the event, allowing photos, rides, feeding and petting of the animals such as horses and mules on the land. The event was a success, bringing in locals as well as CH22 members and families. We ended up raising \$170 in donations allowing us to make our annual donations to the National Scholarship fund. To end this spring brought the start up to our first FOD walkdown of the year. 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

CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

Greetings from AAO CHAPTER 34 NATTC Pensacola. We hope everyone had a beautiful holiday season and a blessed year.

In February, we started our year 2022 by volunteering for a clean-up event at the veteran's memorial park helping out the community by showing support and keeping the environment clean. We also held elections for the new board members. We want to congratulate AO1 Collins, who got elected as President, AO1 Dickson as Vice President, AO2 Minzlaff as Secretary, AO2 Townsel as Treasurer, SSgt Marion as Social Coordinator, and LT Paz as Board of Director. In February, we donated care packages supporting our forward-deployed sailors.

In March, We celebrated the 96th birthday of Aviation Ordnance Rate with our board members, and Mr. Tim Carrol and SSgt Marion took the lead in cutting the cake.

In April, we sent out another care package to support our fellow marine squadron, and we also donated \$500 in support of the sailor 360 Program.

Lastly, we want to congratulate AOCS Washington on his retirement ceremony, and we bid you farewell Senior Chief.

That's it for Chapter 34. Until next time we wish everyone a safe and healthy 2022.

IYAOYAS! V/R, AO2 Joseph

CHAPTER 34 PAO

CHAPTER SIX SEVENTY ONE

HAFADA from Chapter 671 Guam, where America's day begins!

Hope that all is well with the chapters and the members abroad and stateside and those that continue to find ways to continue to meet and provide guidance to our future leaders.

Since the last published Red Shirt we have lost many members of this amazing community and we keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers as we continue to be the ARMS of the Fleet and project Power through Peace.

It has been a while since Chapter 671 has been active, but we are back and fully engaged and will continue to be active in the community.

To get everyone caught up on the Chapter we have been active in the local community supporting Community Morale events all over the island with the support of HSC-25 and Navy Munition Command East Asia Division, Detachment Guam. The support events were recognized by the local community and greatly enhanced the relationship between the military and Guam. We managed to support the USS CARL VINSON and the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN during their port visit to Guam by scheduling a meet and greet with the onboard Chapter it was a great event for all that attended.

The Chapter was able to enjoy some cake and fellowship on March 2, 2022 as we joined hands and celebrated 96 years of the rating. Needless to say this was a very educational event and we highlighted the rates significance and contributions to the Navy.

We would like to give a shout-out to one of our members, AOC (AW/SW) David Morales as he officially retires from the navy in August of 2022 after 21 years of service! "Fair Winds and Following Seas!"

Updated Chapter info:

President- AO1 Nathan Gibson
Vice President- AO2 Glenn Novak
Secretary- AO2 Kendal Scott
Treasurer- AT1 Travis Hermsen

CHAPTER SOUTHERNMOST

The Southernmost Chapter has conducted three Highway clean ups. Volunteered for the MWR Eggstravaganza event running a booth for the children to play a game and win prizes. We will be volunteering for the MWR color run this Saturday throwing colored corn starch on the runners. We will be conducting an election for a new treasurer next month due to our current treasurer leaving.

V/R

AO3(AW/SW) Anderson, Ann
AAO SOUTHERNMOST SECRETARY

CHAPTER LHD EIGHT USS Makin Island

Hello Red Shirt,

On behalf of the Makin Island Red Raiders, we are excited to announce that we have had a Chapter turn over and congratulate our newest Cabinet that consists of Board of Directors: AO1 Aguilar and AO1 Peredo, President: AO1 Bruns, Vice President: AO2 Kim, Secretary: AO3 Crane, Treasurer: AO1 Dean, Master At Arms: AO3 Taylor, Event Coordinator: AOAN Quintero. We have some great Ordie gear that has made it possible to make a donation to the National Chapter Scholarships for convention.

We are currently underway participating in INSURV, and have completed SWATT while assisting the USS Tripoli on their deployment qualifications. Our Ordies and Gunner's Mates have been hard charging on the deck plates by getting trained and qualified on multiple Weapons and Weapon Systems while preparing for our upcoming 2022 deployment.

On the MKI we recognize our junior sailors with Weaponeer of the Month. This quarter's selectees were, AOAN Handsbur, AOAN Zelenka, & AO3 Torres, Diego. Also to be recognized is AO3 Nicholas Haro, born and raised in Riverside, CA. on his 3 year reenlistment!

IYAOYAS
AO1 (AW/SW) Bruns, Alyssa
AAO LHD-8 Red Raiders President

CHAPTER CVN SEVENTY TWO USS Abraham Lincoln

Hello Weapons Warriors, AAO Chapter 72 had its FIRST official meeting! Led by chapter President AO1 Askins and Vice President AO1 Mele, they discussed the exciting new plans for the Sailors onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln.

Topics included the upcoming Chapter 72 merchandise such as belt buckles and t-shirts, they briefed Sailors on volunteer opportunities, future family events, and also conducted in-rate training. The very first meeting we welcomed twenty new members.

Chapter 72 Ordies are excited about the future of the newly reestablished chapter and look forward to building a strong relationship with all of the other Ordnancemen around the fleet!!! USS Abraham Lincoln is currently operating in the 7th Fleet AOR with Carrier Air Wing Nine.

CHAPER SEVENTY SEVEN USS George H.W. Bush

Fellow ordies as USS George HW Bush ramps up for deployment we have successfully completed two major ammunition onloads, integration with CAG-7 during TSTA/FEP in preparation for COMTUEX, and are wrapping up everything for our SESI inspection.

We will be hosting a golf tournament on May 18th which will be open to any other Chapters who would like to attend and will have pictures in the next edition of the redshirt. IYAOYAS!!

Very Respectfully,
AO1(AW/SW) Knight, William
Chapter 77 President

CHAPTER NINE:
REMOUNTING THE
SALUTING GUN
ATOP THE SIGN
IN FRONT OF FRA
BRANCH 91





CHAPTER FOUR HELPING A DEPLOYED SHIPMATE'S FAMILY MOVE





CHAPTER 8



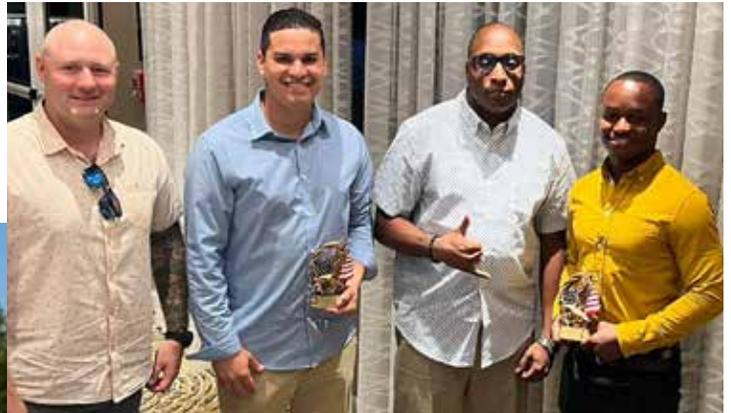


CHAPTER 34 CELEBRATING OUR 96th BIRTHDAY



CHAPTER 9

AO2 COLONROSA AND
AO3 PARAMORE ARE THE
NAVY LEAGUE MILITARY
MEMBERS OF THE YEAR
FOR KEY WEST.



CHAPTER SOUTHERN MOST SHOWING
OFF THAT ORDNANCE PRIDE WITH
MULTIPLE HIGHWAY CLEAN UPS
ALONG US!



RED SHIRT

CHAPTER 34 SHOWED UP AND CLEANED IT UP!!!! GREAT TURN OUT TODAY AT PENSACOLA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK!!! MANY MORE EVENTS ARE IN THE WORKS!!! IF YOU'RE EVER IN THE AREA, STOP IN AND SEE US!! IYAOYAS!!!!



AO CHAPTER 68
CLEANING UP
THE PARKING
GARAGE ON
KITSAP BASE IN
BREMERTON
WASHINGTON.
APRIL2022



CHAPTER 5: RUDY ORTIZ HAD THE PLEASURE OF TEACHING THESE YOUNG LEADERS ABOUT THE AVIATION ORDNANCE RATE. SHOUT OUT TO THE SIDEWINDER SQUADRON- US NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS! IYAOYAS!!! MARCH2022

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CHAPTER 21:
CONDUCTED
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CLEAN UP AT
THE HARMON
RESERVOIR,
FILLING UP
15 BAGS OF
TRASH.

CELEBRATING
THE AO
BIRTHDAY



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CHAPTER 22:
SHOUTOUT
TO AOC
CAPRON!! HE
TOOK HOME
THE TROPHY
FOR THE AAO
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Select the AAO meetings you plan on attending:

21JUL Board of Directors _____ 23JUL Board of Directors _____

****BOD meetings should be attended by Chapter officers**

23JUL General Business Meeting _____ *****It is requested that ALL hands participate in the GBM**

Select the Auxiliary of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen (AAAO) meetings you plan on attending:

21JUL Board of Directors _____ 23JUL General Business Meeting/Luncheon _____

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Steve Kashuba

Pedro Maldonado

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