

THE RED SHIRT ISSUE 144 FEB 2021



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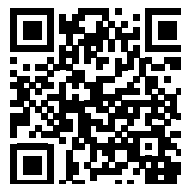
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OUR AUXILLARY HARD AT WORK TO MAKE OUR 2021 CONVENTION AMAZING AS ALWAYS!



Greeting fellow warriors, past and present, and all your family members. I hope all is well with you and yours and that your holidays were as good as they could be under the circumstances. I pray that the New Year will bring you many blessings and opportunities. It is good to see 2020 in the rearview mirror and I am hopefully that 2021 will be much better. I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve each of you and this great organization as its president. I ask that each of you continue to look for new opportunities to improve our Navy and Marine Corps, further promote our great organization, and honor the great Americans who are members of it.

The planning for the next convention has started in earnest. Many of the elected officers and committee members met in Laughlin, Nevada during January to discuss the arrangements while others, including yours truly, participated virtually. A multitude of topics were discussed over the weekend in an effort improve both the convention and the Joint Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Managers and Leaders Continuum. As usual, this event afforded the participants a chance to socialize and break bread together but in a socially distanced manner. The food and adult beverages were reported to be both good and plentiful and I believe a good time was had by all. To the attendees thank you for all you do for our organization.

A majority of the discussion centered on how to safely conduct our events in a COVID-19 environment. While I am hopeful that we will be able to meet in person realistically, we need to face the facts that that may prove impossible. With this in mind, the assembled officers and members of the Board of Directors discussed ways in which we can conduct the essential business of the association, such as electing new officers and changing our bylaws, if we are unable to conduct our convention. In this issue of the Red Shirt, you will see information

involving the process for nominating candidates to serve in our elected offices. This will look familiar to you, as it is the same process we have utilized before for this purpose. Prior to the next edition we will have made the decision whether to execute the convention or not and appropriate voting information will be provided as required.

I continue to be astounded by the sheer volume and quality of the work being performed by our members throughout the organization even in these trying and uncertain times. Our chapters have embraced technology and have harnessed it to allow them to conduct their business meeting and to remain connected with and supportive of each other. Chapters continue to actively participate in “Adopt-a-Road” programs, conduct charity events of their own design or support the events of other organizations, and offer a helping hand to struggling members of our organization, our armed services or the less fortunate in our communities. I thank you for all of your efforts and commend you for your service. I look forward to reading about and recognizing your accomplishments in the coming months. Each of these efforts serves to increase our organization’s visibility and improve our standing within our communities while also enriching the lives of others and making our cities, states, and country a better place in which to live.

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

IYAOYAS,

Matt

AAO NATIONAL PRESIDENT
MATT ARNOLD, CAPT, USN



Howdy!

Well, my hopes of coming out of the pandemic before the new year were smashed and run over by a bus. But, at least we can see the light at the end of this jacked up tunnel now that vaccines are rolling out. Many of the talking heads say we'll be out of it in the fall but I sure as hell hope it comes sooner than that, mainly for the reason I'll talk about next.....

We're in Laughlin, NV right now where we just concluded the planning meetings we hold each year at this time to discuss convention, AOMLC and any other Association business we need to. While none of us have a crystal ball, we have hopes that we'll be able to get back to Reno this year, but no guarantees. The decision was made to continue with our normal planning steps. But, we will make a definite decision by the end of April whether to cancel or not so that we can get that information out to you all in the Redshirt. I spoke to the Silver Legacy Business Director a couple of weeks ago and was told they have a county restriction right now that limits any gathering to a maximum of (50) people. Just one of the hurdles. Stay tuned and keep your fingers crossed.

You will notice a change to the convention registration process. Yes, the registration fee and dinner tickets went up in price. We had a long discussion about it Saturday. None of us ever want to raise prices, trust me. But believe me when I say, every dollar we receive goes towards convention. Many times we have to pull from our operating fund to make up deficits. This year, again due to COVID, the hotel has added safety measures that require more staff. More staff means more money. We're not accepting money right now so that we don't have to refund everyone if we have to cancel or if the added requirements go away.

Due to last year's cancellation, we were unable to perform normal Association business, which led to each office being extended (1) year. With our unknown future, we came up with a contingency plan to hold elections via absentee

ballot if need be. This year there are (3) offices up for election, Treasurer and (2) Board of Directors. If you wish to nominate anyone for one of these positions, send me an email (nationalaaovp@gmail.com) with the nominee in the CC line. I will respond to get the candidate's consent. Nominations for the above mentioned offices must be received by 1 April 2020. If we hold convention, nominations will also be taken from the floor during the General Business Meeting (GBM). Also, if we hold convention, all nominees must be present at the GBM unless their absence has been previously approved by the Board of Directors. Absentee ballots will be included in the next issue of the Redshirt. Our Editor (Amber, you're a rock star) has formatted a page that can be folded in half, taped and mailed like a post card. Naturally, if we do hold convention, the election process will be as normal at the GBM. If you attend the GBM, but had already mailed in an absentee ballot, you will have the option of pulling your ballot out and voting from the floor.

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

Whew, lots going on. If you have any questions/comments/recommendations, ever, shoot me an email.

I Y A O Y A S

Tim

**AAO NATIONAL
VICE- PRESIDENT**



Greetings Shipmates and Marines – Hope you all had a safe Holiday Season. We had some good numbers (25+) in Laughlin considering the various rules concerning COVID at the Aquarius Resort for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend. A BIG thank you for all of the folks who showed up. Was a good time for all of us to catch up and socialize because in Reno, we are pretty busy attending the multitude of things that come up. Looking forward to next year again on MLK weekend.

Start NOW to make your plans for Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV from 29 July thru 01 August. See the flyer elsewhere in the Red Shirt. Continuum plans are in limbo until COVID restrictions are lifted. Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Years past we had several Chapters show up with goodies to sell with NO tables were reserved, we were able to accommodate, but cannot guarantee there will be room this year.

Chapter Officers – You have seen my comments in the last several Red Shirts. Chapter Reports have gotten better HOWEVER the rubber has hit the road, the following Chapters will have disestablishment procedures started by the Board of Directors (BOD) IAW the National By-Laws (Article IX):

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Last Minutes Received</u>
76 Regan	March 2019
LHD 4 Boxer	July 2019
LHD 7 Iwo Jima	November 2018

Do not let this happen to your Chapter. There are several other Chapters that are coming into the window in the next quarter. Please forward the minutes, etc. to nationalaaosec@gmail.com or contact any National Officer.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Secretary for the past 6 years. Thank you for your continuing confidence.

R,
JJ LaMaitre
AAO Secretary



AAO NATIONAL
SECRETARY



Zoom meeting with the other half of the national board members.

Post meeting discussions



THE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO THE NATIONAL BY-LAWS IS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW BY THE MEMBERSHIP AND WILL BE VOTED ON DURING THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING. ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, KIRK BRADO.

PROPOSED CHANGE

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1.

The Officers of The Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Board of Directors.

Section 2.

These officers, with the exception of the Chaplain, shall be elected officials. All must be regular members of The Association. All officers' dues must be current.

Section 3.

A minimum of two officers must be active duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors. (No Change)

Section 4.

The President shall serve for three years. (Removed specific years of expiration)

Section 5.

The Vice-President shall serve for three years. (Removed specific years of expiration)

Section 6.

The Secretary shall serve for three years. (Removed specific years of expiration)

Section 7.

The Treasurer shall serve for three years. (Removed specific years of expiration)

We just finished up the Convention AAO21 pre-planning meeting in Laughlin. A lot was accomplished but, with the COVID-19 issue still looming, some things were still hard to nail down. If you look at the AAO21 pre-registration form, you will see a jump in registration fees. At this time, COVID-19 requirements placed on the Hotel/Casinos are having an impact on pricing. Hopefully, these may go away by convention time. For that reason, we do not want to accept payments at this time. Please, submit your registration forms now but **DO NOT** send payment. All payments will be collected when you check in at the registration table in Reno. In the event COVID-19 restrictions are lessened, we may be able to go back to last years rates.

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

Hope to see you next year.

The last year has been a hard one for the Chapters, as well as the National, when it comes to recruiting. Not only has recruiting been down but, renewals have been down as well. Kudos to those chapters that continue to push memberships. A special shout out to the USS Wasp for their recruiting drive.

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

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

Address changes are still a problem. I need your changes as soon as you know you are moving. The mailing costs associated with Red Shirt returns are 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 nationalaaotreas@gmail.com. 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 NATIONAL
TREASURER**



PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2021 AAO CONVENTION

29JULY - 1 AUG

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(800)687-8733

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STANDARD ROOM - \$77

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AOCS Walter E. Obrecht USN Ret*

AOC John W. Dais USN Ret*

AOC Leonard Larson USN Ret

AO1 Leon D. Stoltz USN Ret

AOC Robert R. Willett USN Ret*

AOCM John H. Taylor USN Ret*

AOC Edwin H. Erland USN Ret*

* Info from FRA Today Newsletter/** Info from VFW Magazine/****Other

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

AOCS B. 'Pete' Sweazy USN Ret

LCDR Brian J. Garcia

LT Joshua T. Willhite

LT Thomas E. Chapman USN Ret

AOCS Michael A. Haberman USN Ret

CWO3 Eric S. David USMC Ret

AO1 Nico Alecco

AOC Christopher W. Carter USN Ret

AO1 Adrian M. Galang

NEW MEMBERS

AO1 Jacob M. Lopez

Mr. Daryl D. Walls

AO2 Chris E. Geschwender

LOCATOR

AO1 Mary E. Kesner (RN)

MSGT Lawrence Sweet USMC Ret (RS)

CWO3 Corey W. Grojean (RS)

Mr. John R. Gulion (RS)

CDR Kevin R. Forbes (RS)

AO2 Elizabeth A. Loyd (RS)

Mr. Henry J. Freimuth (RS)

AOCM Timothy J. Lynch USN Ret (RS)

AOC David M. Smith USN Ret (RS)

Mr. Robert A. Swanke (RS)

WTC Arthur T. Nickel USN Ret (RS)

CWO2 Alphonso L. Hicks

CWO2 David E. Long (RN)

AOC William L. Laur USN Ret (RS)

LCDR Thomas J. Bumpuss (RS)

Ms. Cheryl T. Grosso (RS)

CWO2 David B. Thigpen USN Ret (RS)

AO1 Adrian M. Galang (RS)

CDR Randolph B. Brasfield USN Ret (RS)

Mr. Jude A. Loya (RS)

CWO3 Seabie P. Rucker USN Ret (RS)

CWO4 Jimmie R. Roberson USN Ret (RS)

AO3 Desiree R. Becker (RS)

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS) = Red Shirt Return

HELLO THERE, I hope this finds you all in good health and that you're hanging in there with the COVID times. We have all had to deal with tough challenges this year but keep the positive thoughts and we'll get through this together.

With that said, we need to put our heads together and come up with some wonderful items for this year's Auction. All items are greatly appreciated and go to support the scholarship program.

Also our Auxiliary has decided this year we will hold the luncheon in our meeting room instead of going to the buffet. It will be catered and we will be sending out the particulars as we approach convention time.

I hope you all continue to be safe and have a great Spring.
Thank you all for all your support all year round to the Auxiliary!

Teresa Zimmer-
AAAO President



MEMORABILIA MARKETPLACE

There have been inquiries about purchasing Memorabilia items by mail. Linda Earl will be happy to mail out any items that you are interested in. There will be a 20% shipping and handling fee added to all orders.

Please fill out the order form with a check made payable to AAAO and send to

Linda Earl, 31667 S. Rim Drive, Polson, MT 59860.

Her contact information is lindaearlmt@yahoo.com or (406)531-2711.



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: _____

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Chapter 1 - Lemoore, CA

President: Jeffry Coe 559-998-3536
Fleet Reserve Club, D Street, Lemoore
3rd Friday, 1730

Chapter 3 - Whidbey Island, WA

President: AO1(AW) Shawn Garrett
Meeting Place VFW Post 7392
Fourth Wed of the month, 1130

Chapter 4 - Virginia Beach, VA

President: LT Ray "RayGunz" Bernal
VA Beach VFW #392, 2408 Bowland Pkwy
3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter 5 - China Lake, CA

President: AO1 Raymond Jenkins
VFW 4080, 117 N. Alvord
Last Flex Thursday of Month, 1800

Chapter 7 - USS Iwo Jima

President: AO1(AW/SW) Rosalie A. Lashley
On Board

Chapter 8 - San Diego, CA

President: AO1 Victor Ada, 619-545-0896
American Legion Post 255, National City
1st Thursday, 1900

Chapter 9 - Jacksonville, FL

President: AO1 Lindsey Smack
Fleet Reserve, Collins Road
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI

President: AO1 Alexandria Williams
Wing 2 Bldg, (John Finn Bldg)
1st Friday, 1600

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV

President: AO1 (AW/SW) Michael A. Anderson
American Legion Post 16 Fallon, NV.
1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 22 - Patuxent River

President: AO2 Nicholas Kless 559-572-7701
VFW, Post 2632 California, MD
3rd Wednesday, 1800

Chapter LHD-4 Gator Chapter

President: AO1 (AW/SW) Trenton Hagley
On Board

Chapter LHD-8 – USS Makin Island

President AO1 (AW) Terrance Dukes
On Board

Chapter 671 - Guam

President: AO1 Marcus Van (671) 788-9880
Molly McGee's onboard Naval Base Guam
3rd Thursday, 1900

Chapter Spartan—Souda Bay, Greece

President AO1(AW/SW) Kyle Langerman
Meeting Time and Location Varies
3rd Thursday of the month

Chapter 39 “Dude Gilbert” - Beaufort, SC

President: Del Tingley 843-228-2827

Hard Corps Café Dude Gilbert Room

1st Thursday 1645

Chapter 68 - USS Nimitz

CVN 68 President: AO1 Breaux, Ty’Neisha

On Board

Chapter 69- USS Dwight D Eisenhower

CVN 69 President: AO1 Cory McIntyre

On Board

Chapter 70 - USS Vinson

CVN 70 President: AO1(AW/SW) Jeffrey Anderson

On Board

Chapter 71- USS Theodore Roosevelt

CVN 71 President: AO1 (AW/SW/IW) Jose Pando

On Board

Chapter 72 - USS Lincoln

CVN 72 President: AO1 Roden

On Board

Chapter 73 - USS George Washington

CVN-73 President: AO1 Thurman McDowell

Forward Deployed

Chapter 74 - USS Stennis

CVN 74 President: AO1 Benjamin Llewellyn

On Board

Chapter 75 - USS Truman

CVN 75 President: AO1(AW/SW) Kirk Godair

On Board

Chapter 76 - USS Ronald Reagan

CVN-76 President: AO1 Justin Fallon

On Board

Chapter 77 - USS George HW Bush

CVN-77 President: AO1 Rebecca Wright

On Board

Chapter 78 - USS Gerald Ford

CVN-78 President: AO1 John Perry

VFW Post 3160 111 A View, Norfolk, VA

last Thursday of every month, 1400

Chapter Key West, Southernmost

Southern Most President:

AO1(AW/SW) Carmenta Mesa

Sunset Lounge, at Sigsbee ANNEX

Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL

President: AO1(AW/SW/IW) Quincy Watie,

(850) 452-8384 Chapter34ordie@gmail.com

O’riley’s Irish Pub downtown

321 S Palafox St, Pensacola, FL

1st Wednesday, 1830

Chapter 35—Lightning Chapter

President: AO1 Garrett Ly-Kinhan 850-885-5723

CNATT Det Eglin JSF F-35 ATC

3rd Thursday, 1500

Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA.

President: AO2 Byron Gradney 760-337-4986

Call for Meeting Time and Place

Greetings from **Chapter One** Lemoore, CA.

The state has us back in lockdown again. Military FRAG orders are still in place and our annual Christmas Party cancelled, but I hope everyone was able to spend time with their friends and families over the holidays.

On a positive note NMC PAC DET Lemoore did finish up there new weapons display in front of their Training Facility quite spectacular, and a job well done by all personnel involved. Mr. Mark Geiger the current Deputy Director for NMC PAC DET Lemoore was the lead in coordinating all of the displays and I know his hard work and efforts paid off for all hands and the command.



We all would like to bid, “Farewell and Following Sea’s” to Mr. Robert “Tony” Harris and congratulate him on his 15 years of civil service as an OIS Logistics Specialist for the NMC Weapons Department. Tony you are going to be missed brother, IYAOYAS! Pictured below are LCDR Brian Garcia and Tony Harris.



Best wishes for everyone in the New Year! Stay safe out there.

Jeffrey W. Coe
AOCS (RET)

Chapter One President

Chapter Five, China Lake, CA



“30 Miles to Water and
2 Miles to Hell”

Greetings! Our new President is AOC Casey Wheelock, who took over for AO1 now AOC Raymond Jenkins and a huge “Congratulations”!

AOC Casey Wheelock has been at China Lake since October 2018 and came here from VP-45 Jacksonville. She has been with the chapter since she arrived and participates in meetings, adopt-a-highway, car washes and t-shirt sales since arriving from the coast to the high desert.

Staying extra safe and healthy due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions have prevented us from our regular monthly meetings and events. We are looking forward to the world getting back to normal and hoping to see everyone in Reno July/ August 2021.

Respectfully

Sheryl Varga



Greetings from **Chapter Nine**.

Every New Year I start the same way wishing you all a safe and prosperous new year. It seems anything positive will be a blessing. I am still writing this from deep “COVID-19” shelter. 2020 was not kind in many ways with the pandemic, riotous unrest thru the summer, and complete political upheaval. The nation, as we knew it, has changed. There is nowhere to trend but up once we realize we are not in control but look to The One who is.

Chapter Nine meetings resumed in October, it was great to meet in person after seven months apart. With the restrictions on the active duty members to not gather in groups greater than ten, our meetings, so far are limited to retirees and former AO’s. Thankfully, we were able to resume scheduled highway FOD cleanups as well and our annual goal of providing a financial

helping hand to some needy sailors thru the holidays. We “ORDIES” will survive even this.

Special thanks goes out to the scholarship committee for their hard work in the midst of the pandemic. My granddaughter, Macy, was one of the recipients and is making good use of the money.

Stay safe and healthy. Think about and do your part to protect those you love and others who are more vulnerable. Remember to put our Nation first in all you do.

IYAOYAS.

AOCM Richard Wyman (USN ret)

Greetings from **Chapter Eight**, San Diego, “The Chapter Where It All Started.” As with our last Red Shirt input, we again find ourselves without a meeting place due to COVID-19 restrictions so our virtual meetings through Zoom continued. Although ZOOM is not ideal it did allow us to bring Chapter personnel together and coordinate our quarterly Adopt A Highway walks and our annual AOCs Jason P. May Holiday Hand-up for the Thanksgiving and Christmas periods.

On 5 September we held our quarterly Adopt A Highway walk. Although only seven volunteers could make it we were able to make a huge impact on our assigned area. The low participation was primarily due to the Active Duty personnel being under strict Navy/Command COVID-19 restrictions which did not allow participation.

In November, Victor Ada stepped down as our Chapter President due to being selected for Chief and his transfer to the USS CARL VINSON for sea duty. We congratulate Victor for his selection to Chief selection and thank him for doing such a fantastic job leading the Chapter and keeping us all together during the COVID-19 pandemic. Victor will definitely be missed and was replaced by our Vice President Michael Sheppard who is an up and coming AO2 who shows terrific promise. We wish Victor the very best and

smooth sailing at his new command.

On 7 November we held our last quarterly Adopt A Highway walk of the year. This time we had several more volunteers as the active duty folks were able to participate.

Also in November, we kicked-off our annual AOCs Jason P. May Thanksgiving Holiday Hand-up. We concluded it by giving out \$1,100 in commissary Gift Cards to eleven Aviation Ordnance families from six shore and afloat commands. We’d like to acknowledge Chapter volunteers Diane McQueen-Gipson, Lester Gipson, and Jim Thomas for coordinating this event and the \$650 donation made by several Chapter members to ensure this event was as highly successful as possible.

In December we kicked off our AOCs Jason P. May Christmas Holiday Hand-up and again concluded it by giving out \$1,050 in VISA Gift Cards to seven Aviation Ordnance families. Volunteers Diane McQueen-Gipson, Lester Gipson, and Jim Thomas again donated their time to coordinate this event and ensured its success.

Also in December, member Joshua Casey and nine AOs from Fleet Readiness Center South West Weapons Division supported members Jim and Carolyn Thomas by volunteering to participate in a Toys for Tots working party at MCAS Miramar. BZ for all involved!

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

V/r

CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler

Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



Hope all is well with the rest of Ordie Nation.

Chapter 22 is alive and kicking. Hope everyone enjoyed some relaxation over the Holidays. Even with COVID restrictions, we were able to have some regular in person meetings and represent Redshirt Nation by giving back to the community.

We completed our final Highway Clean-Up for 2020. We also distributed seven food baskets to help our Sailors at NAS PAX River for a more enjoyable Thanksgiving. In November, we held elections for our Vice President and Secretary. Congratulations to Rob Pavel who was re-elected as Secretary and AO1 Albert Bennett re-elected as Vice President. We were not able to hold a Christmas party, but we were able to wrap up our annual gun raffle. So congratulations to the winners and many thanks to those who bought tickets and supported the event. This allows us once again to make our annual donation in 2021 to the National Scholarship fund. Since strict COVID restrictions are in place we are trying a ZOOM meeting for January, so we will see how that goes.

That is a wrap 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 Rob Pavel

Chapter 22 Secretary

CHAPTER 22 Officers

President: AO2 Nick Kless

Vice President: AO1 Albert Bennett

Treasurer: AO1 Vasilisa Bingham

Secretary: Rob Pavel

BOD: Tom Brouwer, Michael Bruns, Mel Schwartz, AOC Shawn Locklear, AO1 Labrandon Russell

Chapter Southernmost, Key West FL

Here in the city of key limes and coconuts, we bring you our voices. COVID-19 has slowed us down, but we have yet to stop. Southernmost

Chapter has made it their priority to assist local non-profits with odd jobs, and muscle power, as well as keeping the Highways clean. We have personally dedicated time and effort to assisting the ladies and Gentleman at Wesley House Family Services, with organization and assistance with any and all projects.

Wesley House Family Services is a nationally accredited not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting and nurturing children and strengthening families with services spanning Monroe County, Florida. Promoting and enhancing the safety, well-being and development of children by educating, supporting and meeting the needs of families.

Us Ordies in Key West, have assisted with Auctions, storage organization, cleaning, Gift distribution/collections and inventory in support of the Wesley House Family Service Mission statement. We plan on keeping the push here in our corner of the world, and are in the process of being of service to more organization like Wesley House. Showing them how it's done, Southernmost Chapter. IYAOYAS

Very Respectfully,

Carmenta Meza

Southernmost Chapter President



Greetings from AAO **Chapter 75!**

We trust that everyone had a great holiday season and we hope that 2021 treats us all better than ever. The Ordies onboard USS Harry S. Truman (HST) are working hard to finish refurbishing our weapons elevators, magazines and equipment during our Extended-Carrier Incremental Availability in Norfolk Naval Shipyard. As we finish up our yard period, we look forward to getting this war ship back in the fight.

We want to take this time to congratulate two of our STELLAR chapter members that were selected this past year for Blue Jacket and Junior Sailor of the Quarter. The competition was tough but these ordies were tougher! Bravo Zulu to AOAN(AW/SW) Monae Kennedy and AO2(AW/SW) Dominique Campbell on their selection, what a great accomplishment and a direct representation of what hard work can accomplish.

During these trying times, we look forward to future community involvement and team building opportunities. Until next time, we wish everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year!

IYAOYAS!

V/R

AOC(AW/SW) Blake, Taylor

Chapter 75 President



Hello Red Shirt,

On behalf of the **Makin Island Red Raiders**, we are excited to inform you that our Chapter is back up and running. We were able to hold our first meeting in November to confirm our by-laws and establish our Cabinet that consists of Board of Directors: AOC Morgan and AO1 Sheley, President: AO1 Aguilar, Vice President: AO2 Sison, Secretary: AO1 Peredo, Treasurer: AO1 Goe, Master At Arms: GM2 Chapman, Event Coordinator: AO3 Dyer. We have gained 30 members and are excited to start raising funds to get some great Ordie gear onboard.

We are currently deployed and have the pleasure of working with VMM-164, VMFA-122, HSC-23, HSM-49 and MEU-15. As far as port calls, well we have had the luxury of looking at two piers from the Flight deck and Hanger bay for a short period of time. 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 assisting in Operation Octave Quartz.

On the MKI we recognize our junior sailors with Weaponeer of the Month. This quarter was AO3 (AW) Fluevog, AO2 (AW/SW) Moore and AOAN (AW/SW) Anderson was selected. Also to be recognized is AO1 (AW/SW) Ron Bobo, who was selected as 2020 2nd Quarter SSOQ.

I have attached some photos for your viewing pleasure.

IYAOYAS

AO1 (AW/SW) Aguilar, DeAnna

AAO LHD-8 Red Raiders President



Chapter 70

Upon completion of DPIA 2019 through January 2021, USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) Weapons Department has done their part to sharpen the spear! Each division worked diligently in their AOR to ensure that their warfighting carrier is ready and well prepared to put warheads on foreheads should the time come! Weapons as a whole has overhauled 1,476 pieces of AWSE gear, reworked and re-installed seven catwalk jettison lockers, 14 ready service lockers and 10 gun lockers, removed/installed 35 magazine valves, refurbished four MK38 MOD2 machine gun systems, completed Tyndall DET, Mt. Home DET, Fallon DET, CREW CERT III, SESA, AORR, MAV-1, TESTA/FEP, and last but not least completed the safe and expeditious movement of 93.1 tons of conventional ordnance and associated components worth \$6.2 million dollars through two critical ammunition on-loads in preparation for WESTPAC 21! On top of all of the many accomplishments, AAO Chapter 70 would like to recognize a few of our Sailor's that have made a major impact on their lives and career. First and foremost, congratulations to LCDR Todd Wild on his retirement! He is hands down one of the best Ordies' that we have had the pleasure of serving with. Enjoy your retirement, farewell and following seas to you Sir! Welcome aboard to our new Ordnance Handling Officer LCDR Ricardo Sanchez!

Additional Congratulations to:

LTJG Corrigan for his promotion to LT

CWO2 Donnie Dowell for his promotion to CWO3

FY-21 AOC selects: Victor Jack Ada, Jason T. Nixon, Roxanne Ruiz, Jeffery Williams and (MMC select) Malcolm X. Pinkston

All Petty Officers that made the next paygrade during 2019-2020

SSOY: AO1 Brian Groll

SOY/SOQ: AO2 Tyler Bradley

JSOY: AO3 Brittany Perez

BJOY/BJOQ: AO3 Nicholas Campbell

SSOQ: AO1 Darnell Callicut

During this pandemic, our Sailors have answered the call when they were needed the most. They took pride and ownership of their equipment and spaces ensuring that as a unit, we can and will do what's needed no matter how hard the tasking or obstacle they may face. To all of the Aviation Ordnancemen, Gunner's Mates, Machinists Mates and Electricians Mates of USS Carl Vinson's Weapons department, Bravo Zulu!

IYAOYAS,

AOC (sel) Jason T. Nixon

CHAPTER 70 AAO President



THE RED SHIRT

NAME: AOAN Dawson Trapp

Current command: USS Essex (LHD2)

Why did you join?

I joined the military because I wanted to travel and keep the military tradition in my family.

Accomplishment so far?

I was selected as a weaponeer of the month, received my EAWS pin and completed one deployment.

What are you doing now?

Fighting off COVID and headed to Hawaii to complete RIMPAC

What are your goals?

To achieve my ESWS, Third Class Petty Officer, and to complete a half marathon.

Why are you proud to be an ordnanceman?

I am happy to be part of a close group of people that I am proud to call my brother's and sister's.



NAME: AO3 Troy Woods

Current command: USS Essex (LHD2)

Why did you join?

I wanted a fresh start away from my hometown of Winter Haven, Florida and to follow in my father's foot steps.

Accomplishment so far?

I earned my EAWS pin.

What are you doing now?

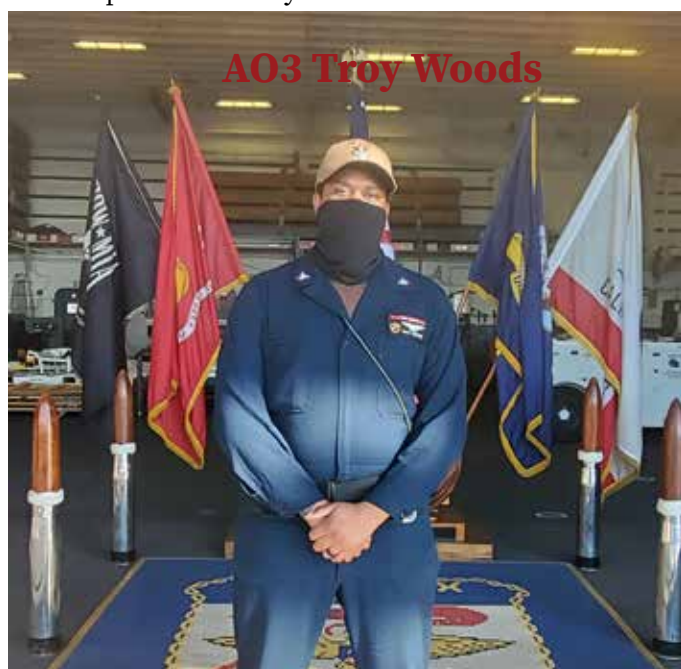
I am a proud AO3, Husband and Father of two beautiful girls.

What are your goals?

To achieve my ESWS and Second Class Petty Officer.

Why are you proud to be an ordnanceman?

My job makes a difference. What we do is vital to the mission and protects the ship and personnel.



NAME: AO3 Freddie Pena

Current command: USS Essex (LHD2)

Why did you join?

I joined the military because I wanted to travel and advance my education by completing college.

Accomplishment so far?

I was selected as a DCPO team of the month, received my EAWS pin and completed one deployment.

What are you doing now?

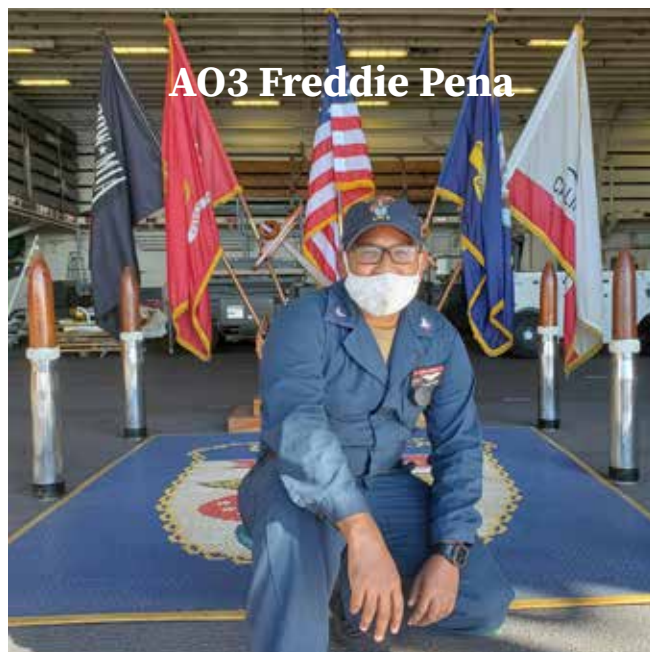
Working on earning my ESWS pin and qualifications to be the work center supervisor.

What are your goals?

To achieve my ESWS pin, Second Class Petty Officer, and to complete college and commission

Why are you proud to be an ordnanceman?

It is one of the few rates that makes the LHD/LHA and CVN ships as deadly as they are. It is because of us that the F35 and F/A-18 can put war heads on foreheads. That makes me proud.



THE RED SHIRT

NAME: AO2 (AW) Cisneros, Edgar

ADSD: 6 JAN 2015

Joined: Alamo, Texas

Current command: Navy Munitions Command Detachment Rota, Spain

Why did you join?

Always wanted to join.

Accomplishment so far?

Making E-5 within 3 years of joining. He was always told if you don't like the way things are then make rank and make the changes, and that is what he strives for!

What are you doing now?

He checked into NMC Det Rota February 2020 from the USS Boxer having the OIS-R NEC, his AWESOME Senior Chief threw him into OIS-R again! He has become active in NAVSTA Rota's CSADD organization and providing volunteer work within the community as safely as can due to COVID restrictions. He is also pursuing online certification courses to better familiar himself with computer technology.

What are your goals?

AO2 wants to make a positive impact during his time in the Navy as well as if and when he gets out. Wants to be a positive role model.

Why are you PROUD to be an Ordnanceman?

Really likes the camaraderie and the family environment.



NAME: AO2 (AW) Monelal, Adria

ADSD: 3 JUL 2013

Joined: Bronx, New York

Current command: Navy Munitions Command Detachment Rota, Spain

Why did you join?

AO2 always felt as a uniformed kind of girl, she went to the recruiting station to challenge herself, and the recruiter showed her some action photos of all kinds of Sailors and she liked how the RED shirts looked! Once she found out what RED shirts did, she thought that would be cool "girls using toys and playing with bombs, making it a bomb a\$\$ job!" She knew right then she wanted to be an Ordie and a part of that brother and sisterhood union she was told about.

Accomplishment so far?

Making E-5 within 4 years of joining. She didn't think it was possible her 1st few years she was not doing Ordie related work. She felt a little discouraged then BOOM she made 2nd during her transfer to FRC Norfolk, got to learn the ins and out of the M197 and became the base SME technician.

What are you doing now?

She checked into NMC Det Rota in November 2020 from FRC Norfolk and hit the ground running learning what a munitions command does for FDNF ship, flights and Marine ground support. She has currently stepped up to the plate to be NMC's YN, a crucial job helping 40 Sailors with all their administrated needs.

What are your goals?

AO2 wants to be that Sailor ALL hands feels comfortable being approached and providing guidance with work and life choices, and well-rounded knowledgeable Sailor!

Why are you PROUD to be an Ordnanceman?

AO2 remembers in "A" School 2013 she had a crazy a\$\$ AOCS that would push you to the limit to better her division and make them stronger and smarter. That drive and motivation that was provided gave her chills, because everywhere her division went on base everyone hated them but yet everyone wanted to be them and that's why she is proud to be and AO and continue that motivation! IYAOYAS!!!



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ANSWERS LOCATED ON PG 31. REF: OPNAVINST 8023.24 (series)

I was an AO from 1972-1984 (the last four years as an EOD tech). My squadrons were VA-212 (USS Hancock) and VA-93 (USS Midway). I spent a year at Barber's Point and my EOD years (after Indian Head and jump school) at Pt. Mugu. I also served with Mike Price on the Midway and have told him that I take full credit for his rather impressive career as I was his first supervisor when he came to the fleet as a fresh-faced young man with a full head of hair.

I have been developing the outline of a book about the last year of the and especially the period known as the Easter Offensive. While ground forces had been drawn down radically by then, the Navy had to ramp up its forces, even bringing over carriers from the East Coast. I have planned this work for along time, but been delayed by a career in local government as well as writing another book (Civil War related; I live in Fredericksburg, Virginia). What I would like to do is invite AAO members who were in the Tonkin Gulf in 1972 to share their memories. I don't need overall info as that is readily available from official histories. What I am looking for are details of the day to day. How many men in the loading crew? How many night check people? Did they use hernia bars or forego them as too time consuming? How did guys handle a full work day and then spend hours detailed to an unrep? How did the East Coast and West Coast guys interact ashore? What were the ordnance loads? How did they handle the extended line periods? How did they handle fatigue? Sea stories would also be welcome.

Thanks,
Erik Nelson

P.S. The first time I heard IYAOYAS was in 1977, on the Midway. Do we know the origin of that rather blunt message to the world?

Please direct all communication for this request to the following:

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CVW-17 “QUICKSAND” Redshirts, 2020-2021 C5F/C7F Deployment

The “Ordies” of Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN onboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) during an unprecedented deployment to the C7F and C5F AOR’s. CENTCOM and INDOPACOM tasking during a worldwide pandemic resulted in the longest carrier deployment since Vietnam with NIMITZ being deployed for over 300 days.



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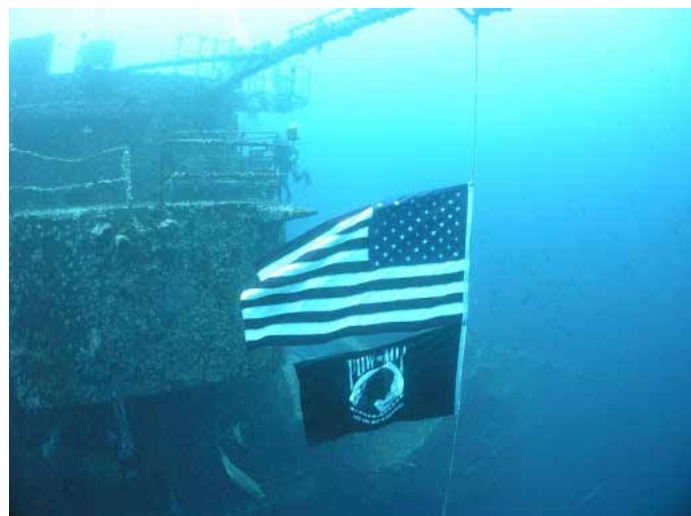


Following the catastrophic ordnance incident involving a Mark (MK) 24 aircraft parachute flare aboard the aircraft carrier USS ORISKANY (CV 34) in 1966 that resulted in a significant loss of life and major ship damage, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) established the explosives handling personnel QUAL/CERT program. The Navy's Flag Board of Inquiry concluded that the accident was attributed to a lack of training, direct supervision, and methods used for assessing and determining a person's qualifications prior to allowing that person to handle AE. Institutionalizing the Navy's QUAL/CERT Program with proper oversight and management can prevent similar accidents. ~OPNAVINST 8023.24C (17 Oct 2014) PG2. PARA3. Background



USS ORISKANY (CV34)

USS ORISKANY suffers a major fire while operating off Vietnam. The fire starts when a crewman panics and throws a flare, which had accidentally ignited while being moved, into a storage locker located at the forward starboard corner of hangar bay 1. The locker contains some 650 other flares which ignite in turn. The resulting fire takes three hours to control, kills 44, destroys or damages six aircraft, and puts the ORISKANY out of action for several months. ~ [HTTPS://WWW.NAVYSITE.DE/CV/CV34.HTM](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=10000)



In 2004, it was decided to immerse Oriskany as an artificial reef off the coast of Florida. Following environmental studies and the removal of toxic substances, it was submerged on 17 May 2006 in the Gulf of Mexico to a depth suitable for recreational diving. It is the largest artificial reef in the world.



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NOTE 1: Registration and dinner fees are predicated on additional costs imposed on all Nevada Hotels/Casinos due to the COVID19 restrictions in place at the time of the January 2021 Planning Meeting. If the requirements change before the start of Convention 2021, fees may be adjusted, accordingly. **DO NOT SUBMIT PAYMENT AT THIS TIME**

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MEMBER NAME (\$50): _____

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Note 2: Please, include your phone number and/or email address to allow notification of any changes that may impact Convention 2021.

SOCIAL & AWARDS BANQUET

Friday AAO Social - \$50.00 each (Children: See Note A)

Total joining us for dinner

(Note 1)

Saturday Awards Banquet - \$50.00 each (Children: See Note A)

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Note A: Children 5 to 12 - \$25/Children 13 & Over - Full Price

Would you like to attend any of the following?

- 30 Jul (Fri) AO of the Year Committee* _____ *AOY Committee restricted to Active/ Retired E-7 & Above *
- 30 Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee _____ 30 Jul (Fri) Hall of Fame _____

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 1-3

- 29 Jul (Th) Board of Directors Meeting _____ *BOD meetings may be attended by Chapter officers
- 31 Jul (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting _____
- 31 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting _____ *It is requested that ALL hands participate in the GBM

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- 29 Jul (Th) Board of Directors Meeting _____ 31 Jul (Sat) Auxiliary Luncheon _____
- 31 Jul (Sat) General Business Meeting _____ 31 Jul (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting _____

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

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