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THE BELOW MEETING WILL OCCUR ONLY IF CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE

2021 CONTINUUM & CONVENTION

PLANNING MEETINGS

14 – 17 January 2021

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Continuum Meetings on Friday, 15 January at 1300

Convention Meeting is Saturday, 16 January at 1000

The meetings are held to finalize details & plans for the 2021 Events.

Everyone is welcome! Plan To Join Us!! Rates Are Good For 3 Days Prior to 3 Days After



AAO NATIONAL

President

Matt Arnold, CAPT, USN

Greetings fellow warriors, members of the auxiliary, family, and friends of the association. I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. This has been a very difficult and trying year for all of us. Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented us from conducting our normal convention. It also required us, your elected officers and members of the Board of Directors, to take action to address the second and third order of effects of the association not conducting a general business meeting. In one such instance, a motion was made, seconded and passed to extend the terms of all elected officers and members of the Board of Directors for a period of one year. Each of these individuals expressed their willingness to continue to serve for an additional year. By extending all of the officer's and BOD member's terms we will maintain the leadership continuity scheme of the association. I offer a hearty Thank You to all of the elected officers and members of Board of Directors for willingness to continue to serve and for all you do for the association. A Memorandum for the Record is included in this issue to inform the members of all actions taken by the Board of Directors.

The COVID-19 response also presented challenges to the workings of our normal committees. It was our desire that these committees continue to perform their important duties even in these challenging times. To that end, each of our committee heads assembled a committee of eligible members from within their local area to conduct their work. I offer my personal thanks to both the committee heads and all of the members who served on these committees. I would like to offer my personal congratulations to the Lieutenant John W. Finn Ordnanceman of the Year selectee, Aviation Ordnanceman First Class Petty Officer (Aviation Warfare/Surface Warfare) Nicholas Beemer, and to the Runner-Up, Aviation Ordnanceman First Class Petty Officer (Aviation Warfare/Surface Warfare) Marcus Spencer. Petty Officer Beemer was notified by phone of his selection by Vice Admiral DeWolfe H. Miller, The Air Boss. I presented his certificate and plaque during a ceremony onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71). Congratulations also goes out to all of our scholarship recipients. It is our pleasure to recognize their superior scholastic performance and community service and to support their future educational pursuits. Through the generosity of the members of this organization and with the assistance of several corporate sponsors we were able to award \$31,000 in scholarships this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that Amber Roth has been appointed to serve as the Editor of the Red Shirt. Thank you, Amber, for your willingness to serve in this capacity. Words are not enough to convey the gratitude we, as an association, owe to Kevin Meagher for his 17 years of service to this association. He expressed his desire to continue but, regrettably, his current duties with Naval Aviation Systems Command prevent him from doing so. Thank you for all you have done for association while serving as the Editor.

In these trying times I urge each of you to redouble your efforts in looking for ways in which our organization can have an impact on our profession and, especially, our community. We rely on our members, with the guidance and assistance of our elected leaders, to chart the course we will navigate in the coming months and years. The success of this association requires that we work together in order to achieve the best effect.

In closing I wish you and yours Fair Winds and Following Seas. Please keep our Sailors, Marines and civilian employees, wherever they are stationed or deployed, in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to support this organization and the purposes to which it is dedicated. I look forward to the great works that this association will perform in the future.

IYAOYAS~Matt



AAO NATIONAL

Vice-President

Tim Zimmer, AOCs, USN, Ret.

Hello fellow BB Stackers!
Well, here we are in

September (when I'm writing this article) and still living in the coronavirus world. I had hopes that it wouldn't take our entire year away but it's not looking good. Keep your fingers crossed that we'll be able to have a hellacious New Year's celebration to

close out this unimaginable 2020. All joking aside, I sincerely hope all of you are well and adhering to the restrictions that will keep us all safe and end this damned bug.

Even though we weren't able to have the convention this year, the Board and our Committee Chairmen were still busy taking care of business. Look at the Memorandum for the Record posted in this edition from our Secretary, JJ Lamaitre, listing all of the motions that were passed and the results of each committee.

One of the motions made and passed was the approval for Amber Roth (who volunteered) to take over the Redshirt Editor position. First and foremost, I want to personally and professionally thank Kevin Meagher for being our Redshirt editor for last 17 years! You showed your love and enthusiasm for our rate and the association on every page of every edition you put out. You are the definition of a proud professional. Thank you brother. To say Amber has some big shoes to fill is an understatement, but she's absolutely up for the challenge and I'm sure she will put out an excellent product. BZ Amber!

I want to offer my sincere congratulations to this year's John W Finn Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year, AO1 Nicholas Beemer from the USS Theodore Roosevelt and the Runner Up, AO1 Marcus Spencer from the USS Dwight Eisenhower. I fully expect to see both of you in khakis very, very soon. My committee this year was comprised of active duty and retired E7 and above members that had 248 total years of ordnance experience (most of that was JJ). For more information on the AOY or Scholarship committees, visit the Association website, www.redshirtnation.com.

I have been reaching out to the chapters to get personal email addresses from all of the officers. Navy policy frowns upon using .mil email to conduct personal/civilian matters. So, I've been building an officer roster that we will be using to put out information from the National Association of interest to the membership. I have not been able to get in touch with the following chapters:

- *Chapter 35 – Eglin
- *Chapter 70 – USS Carl Vinson
- *Chapter 71 – USS Theodore Roosevelt
- *Chapter 73 – USS George Washington
- *Chapter 75 – USS Harry S Truman
- *LHD 4 – USS Boxer
- *LHD 8 – USS Makin Island

If you are affiliated with any of these chapters please pass the word that we're looking for contact from them. My email address is [n ationalaaovp@gmail.com](mailto:nationalaaovp@gmail.com). In accordance with our bylaws, if a chapter does not submit required reports and/or hold meetings, we must begin disestablishment procedures to remove them from the books, and we absolutely do not want to do that.

The next scheduled event is the Convention Planning conference in Laughlin, NV 14-17 January 2021. Here's hoping we'll be back to some semblance of normal by then and we can get back to business.

Stay safe, watch out for one another, and revel in the fact that you are in the best job in the Navy/Marine Corps.

IYAOYAS!~Tim

Memorandum for the Record

The following actions were taken by the BOD since the last General Business meeting held on August 3, 2019. Individual motions were made, seconded, and passed by the Elected Officers and members of the Board of Directors on the date indicated. Any conflicts with the Bylaws will be addressed at a future date.

- a. Approved the 2019 Board of Directors Minutes on December 2, 2019.
- b. Approved the cancellation of Convention 2020 on May 5, 2020.
- c. Approved the 2020/2021 Budget on May 18, 2020.

d. Affirmed that the COVID 19 National Crisis did, in fact, constitute, in the opinion of a majority of the Elected Officers and Board of Directors, an “Event not covered the Bylaws” and further affirmed the Board of Director’s ability to exercise its authority, as identified in Section I of Article III of the Bylaws, to govern the association as deemed appropriate by a quorum of the Board of Directors or as dictated by Robert’s Rules of Order on May 29, 2020.

- e. Approved the extension all National Officer’s terms of offices by one year on May 30, 2020.
- f. Approved the Appointment of Amber Roth as Red Shirt Editor on June 26, 2020.

The Committee Chairmen of the Scholarship, Hall of Fame, and AO of the Year were directed to conduct their respective Boards (if necessary) locally and report back to the National Leadership and BOD concerning any nominations or selections. No travel funding is authorized and reasonable meal expenses are refundable as needed.

This memorandum shall serve as a permanent record and shall be included in Appendix A.

Submitted by:

John (JJ) LaMaitre

Approved by:

Matt Arnold



2 September · ~ US Pacific Fleet

On the 75th anniversary of World War II's end, we salute the service and sacrifice of the 'Greatest Generation' in fighting for the free and open Indo-Pacific we continue to secure alongside allies and partners to this day



Am writing this in early September this Covid-19 has affected all of us in one way, keep safe out there.

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – The National Leadership has extended ALL National Officers that were up for election this year. There will be a minor Bylaws change in keeping up with the times that hopefully we will be able to vote and implement at Convention 2021.

The January ‘Pre-Convention’ meeting is still on for January 2021 over MLK weekend. We understand if there are restrictions on the Active Duty folks and they are unable to travel. See the flyer elsewhere in this Red Shirt for details.

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):

Chapter	Last Minutes Received
75 Truman	October 2018
76 Regan	March 2019
LHD 7 Iwo Jima	November 2018
LHD 8 Makin Island	Unknown

The following Chapters are in danger of being disestablished:

Chapter	Last Minutes Received
11 Kaneohe Bay	October 2019
39 Beaufort	July 2019
70 Vinson	August 2019
LHD 1 Wasp	October 2019
LHD 4 Boxer	July 2019
Key West	October 2019

I need Chapter Reports submitted to me to me on a regular basis per Article IX of our Bylaws. Do NOT let 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 6+ years. If there is anything I can do to assist just give me a shout. Stay safe out there.

R,

JJ LaMaitre

AAO Secretary

AAO NATIONAL

Secretary

JJ Laimetre, AOCM , USN, Ret



I am a little disappointed with most of the Chapters and their response for the need to submit their Annual Financial Report. These reports are an integral part of our annual income tax filings. We cannot submit an accurate tax report without all the information. Kudos to those Chapters that responded. Furthermore, even if we don't have a convention, your Financial Reports and your scholarship donations are still a requirement.

I have seen a number of notifications of death of Ordies on Facebook. I cannot use that as an official notice to include then 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 pertinents will do.

Hope to see you next year.

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 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 .



*AAO NATIONAL
Treasurer
Tom Lord, AOCM, USN, Ret*

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Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

LOCATOR

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| LCDR Zach MacDonald (RN) | AO1 Mary E. Kesner (RN) |
| GYSGT Anthony J. Warren USMC Ret (RS) | AOCM Adonnia M. Cason (RN) |
| AO1 Ciara T. Poder (RS) | AOC Zoelynn M. Fisher (RS) |

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 nationalaaotreas@gmail.com, snail mail or give me a call.

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

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

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AO2 Sydney R. Boudreau

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AO1 Jason Osorio

AOCS Laura A. Colby

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**THERE WERE NO SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2020 ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION
ORDNANCEMAN HALL OF FAME**

Information on submitting individual(s) for the AAO Hall of Fame can be found on the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen website <https://www.redshirtnation.com/hall-of-fame-nominee>. The guideline format has been updated there is a sample nomination package to follow. 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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2020 JOHN W. FINN

AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR

AO1(AW/SW) Nicholas Beemer

USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN71)

Nicholas Alexander Beemer enlisted in the United States Navy on August 29 2007. Upon completion of recruit training at RTC Great Lakes, he reported to Naval Special Warfare Center, Coronado, CA. He spent several months in training; however, due to a change in commitment, he pursued a different career path and selected the Aviation Ordnanceman rating.

He reported to NATTC Pensacola, Florida to attend AO A-school. Upon graduation, he received orders to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), where he was assigned to 74 series magazine, G-3 Division during a Planned Incremental Availability (PIA). After a successful PIA and training cycle, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf where he was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class.

Tasked with his new leadership role as 138 series Magazine Supervisor, he successfully led seven Sailors in the upload and download of over 300,000 rounds of 20MM ammunition in support of operation ENDURING FREEDOM.



The Red Shirt

After a successful deployment and return to homeport San Diego for another PIA, he was advanced to Petty Officer Second Class. He was hand-selected by the Ordnance Handling Officer (OHO) and re-assigned to G-5 division as an ammo accountant. During his second combat deployment onboard NIMITZ, he served as the Ammo Accounting Night Check Supervisor where he tracked and accounted for over 2,700 ordnance line items valued at \$320 million. For his outstanding performance he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal.

He was detailed to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. Upon arrival, he was assigned as Magazine Crew LPO, leading 14 Marines and Sailors in the receipt, issue and fleet sentencing of numerous ordnance assets. Eagerly accepting more responsibility, he was nominated as the "Logisticians Association President". He planned and coordinated several fundraising events earning the association more than \$5,000. His flawless management of assigned duties earned him recognition as Junior Sailor of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter, FY 2016.



In 2016, Petty Officer Beemer reported to Navy Munitions Command Pacific Conus West Division Detachment Lemoore. Shortly after arriving, he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class and assigned as ammo accounting LPO where he managed 2,800 ordnance line items within the detachment as well as 16 squadrons and three tenant commands. He was later re-assigned as Magazine LPO where he led 12 Sailors in preparation for a successful Explosive Safety Inspection (ESI) and flawlessly tracked \$330 million of conventional ordnance. Additionally, his achievements led to his selection as Senior Sailor of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter FY 2016.

Petty Officer Beemer is currently serving onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) as the G-5 Divisional Leading Petty Officer. His decorations and awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four), and various other unit, campaign and personal awards.

2020 JOHN W. FINN AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP

AO1(AW/SW) Marcus E. Spencer

USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN69)

Marcus E. Spencer enlisted in the United States Navy in 2008.

After graduating from Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, IL in November 2008 and from Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) Aviation Ordnanceman (AO). A" School in January 2009; and reported to the newly commissioned USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN 77). As a member of the 74-magazine series, he loaded and downloaded the Linkless Ammunitions Loading System III, conducted wall-to-wall inventories, and completed two Weapons onloads and one offload and after six months he was promoted to Third Class Petty Officer. In 2011 he was advanced to Second Class Petty Officer and moved to 84 magazine series as the Leading Petty Officer (LPO). There he led over 50 bomb builds in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, earning his position as a Quality Assurance/ Safety Observer.

In 2013 he arrived at his second duty station, NATTC Pensacola, where he served as an AO "A" School Instructor. There he was involved in simultaneously developing new accession Sailors and his peers. He instructed 931 Sailors and Marines through 1,100 course curriculum hours and maintained an attrition rate of less than one percent. In his last year at NATTC, he advanced to Petty Officer First Class and was designated as a Master Training Specialist Program Mentor. Additionally, he served as the Association of Aviation Ordnanceman Chapter 34 Secretary.

Petty Officer Spencer reported to his current command, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) in January of 2017, initially serving in G-3 Division as a Forward Magazine Supervisor before being selected by the Ordnance Handling Officer to lead G-5 as the LPO. The following year AO1 became the G-1 LPO, leading eight First Class Petty Officers and 70 junior Sailors in the upkeep and maintenance of six magazines, 17 ordnance lockers, and 2,540 Armament Weapons Support Equipment assets. His final accomplishment before heading to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) was the safe and efficient onload of 2.4 million pounds of ordnance.

Today AO I displays his versatility while serving as a Quality Assurance Representative in AIMD Quality Assurance where he has also earned his Collateral Duty Inspector in the 731 and 710 workcenters. His collateral duties on board IKE include: AAO Chapter 69 President, Command Mentorship Coordinator, Assistant Command Financial Specialist, Departmental Sponsorship Coordinator, Departmental Security Manager, Quality Assurance/Safety Officer, Qual/Cert Board Member, Weapons Training Team, and Gunnery Liaison Officer.



AO1 Spencer has been awarded three Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medals, three Good Conduct Awards, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He has also earned various unit citations and a Grey Belt in Marine Corps Martial Arts.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY SELECTED LEADERS IN THE FLEET! **I Y A O Y A S I**

AOCM - Master Chief Aviation Ordnanceman

Brooks Ivey L 009	Canup Sammy K 006	Carey Richard 010	Carrero Hiran 002
Catron Michae 008	Evans Edreal 001	Hand Bret Mat 003	Johnson Jamie 005
Kennemore Pat 007	Maldonado Ped 011	Muravez Matth 004	

AOCS - Senior Chief Aviation Ordnanceman

Allen Adam Cl 032	Anderson Kend 035	Boose Ryan Ty 034	Boring Joseph 028
Davidson Jaso 021	Diaz Roberto 019	Downie Justin 014	Duff Christop 036
Gearing Dougl 004	Goguen Sean P 017	Harn Ezra Wil 001	Heinz Christo 002
Heyer Jonatha 024	Honda Kalin G 005	Johnson Ryan 020	Jones Braden 015
Lott Volario 030	Mcgowanturner 013	Merrill Marc 016	Mervin Jason 033
Morales Jose 007	Platt Thomas 027	Pollard Derri 023	Rash John Cha 010
Riffe Willard 026	Salazar Frank 008	Scott Derrick 029	Simer Michael 003
Slusher Georg 006	Solis Jon Hil 018	Szafranec Tr 009	Wanemacher Ma 037
Warthen Besme 011	Weaver David 022	Wesson Jeffre 031	

PEACE THROUGH POWER - WE ARE THE "ARMS" OF THE FLEET!



USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) conducts flight operations in the Philippine Sea in support of Valiant Shield.

Photos by MC2 Erica Bechard



HSC-12 on board the USS Ronald Reagan



VAQ-139 AO shop 2020 on board USS Nimitz



2020 ROBERT L. CROW EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Happy to announce the 2020 AAO Robert L. Crow Scholarship awards. The selection committee members was made up of three active AAO members and one Auxiliary AAO member with over 235 years of DOD service. There was 15 applications mailed in, 3 applications were disqualified and 12 applications reviewed with 11 awards selected.

Selection Committees Members:

1. CYNDY SASSONE – AUXILIARY AAO MEMBER
2. RAY ROWLAND – MAJ, USMC RET
3. JAMES FISH – CDR (SEL), USN
4. JIMMY HARMAN – LCDR, USN RET
5. RICK GARZA – CDR, USN RET (Committee Chairman)

Thank you for your time, and sacrifice providing the scholarship funds to this great cause that we all desire to bless our AO families.

Congratulations to all the awardee recipients.

Stay Well and IYAOYAS!

Rick Garza

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James & Rachel Botting, USN, CWO2	Bruce & Kelly Kaiser	Douglas & Amy Brindle
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AAO Chapter 77	AAO Auxiliary	AAO Chapter 76
		Huntington Ingalls

In Memoriam

AOCM William McCracken USN Ret – In Loving Memory of my wife Rosanna

AAO Chapter 9 – In Memory of CDR Floyd English USN Ret

In Memory of LCDR Thomas D. Robins USN Ret

Lawrence & Barbara Gurule & Family Ms. Vickie Gioffre

In Memory of CWO4 Edward C. Scott USN Ret

CWO4 Steve & Sheryl Varga USN Ret AAO Chapter 9 AOCM Thomas E. Lord USN Ret

2020 ROBERT L. CROW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS TOTALLING \$24,000.00

ROBERT L. CROW AWARD of \$4,500

1. NAME: MARGARET A. ARNOLD (\$4,500) FROM: CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA
DAUGHTER OF: MATTHEW E. ARNOLD

ROBERT L. CROW AWARD of \$4,000

2. NAME: SAVANNAH M. SMITH (\$4,000) FROM: NAPLES, FLORIDA
SISTER OF: RYAN M. SMITH

ROBERT L. CROW AWARD of \$3,000

- 3 NAME: TRACE M. ROBINSON (\$3,000) FROM: WOODLAWN, VIRGINIA
GRAND-SON OF: OSCAR J. ROBINSON

ROBERT L. CROW AWARDS of \$2,500 EACH

4. NAME: JAMES L. BESAW (\$2,500) FROM: OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON
GRAND-SON OF: DAVID P. MICHEL
5. NAME: MACY L. WYMAN (\$2,500) FROM: ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA
GRAND-DAUGHTER OF: RICHARD D. WYMAN
6. NAME: MICHAEL V. PANIS (\$2,500) FROM: GREENWOOD, ARKANSAS
GRAND-SON OF: NORMAN B. PETERS
7. NAME: MONYE M. MORGAN (\$2,500) FROM: LEXINGTON PARK, MARYLAND
DAUGHTER OF: MERCER MORGAN
8. NAME: HANNAH M. ROBINSON (\$2,500) FROM: ELBERON, VIRGINIA
GRAND-DAUGHTER OF: OSCAR J. ROBINSON

2020 HUNTINGTON INGALLS SHIPBUILDING AWARD OF \$5,000 TOTAL. ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS.

9. NAME: DOMINIQUE AMBERS (\$2,500) FROM: VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA
DAUGHTER OF: MELINDA AMBERS
10. NAME: ABIGAIL M. WILLIAMSON (\$2,500) FROM: JOHNS CREEK, GEORGIA
GRAND-DAUGHTER OF: GARY L. LAUN

2020 JAMES E. THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FOUNDING FATHER (AAO MEMBER – 001) OF \$2,000.00. ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

11. NAME: JESSICA L. HOAG (\$2,000) FROM: ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA.
GRAND-DAUGHTER OF: JAMES M. ROPER

AUXILIARY OF ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN

Hello All,

First off, let me start by saying, "Boy, did I miss seeing everyone this year!" I didn't think we were going to lose our entire year due to this pandemic, but here we are. I hope you all are hanging in there and staying safe.

Since we did not have convention this year, we extended each officer's term by one year. We will hold elections at next year's convention as usual. With that said, if you are interested in supporting our mission, please let our Vice President, Linda Pendleton, know.

We also had to suspend our Taste of Home program to our Sailors and Marines out there as it wasn't the time to be sending baked goods etc. But we will be turning back on as soon as we get the thumbs up.

We are looking forward to our Convention Planning Meeting in Laughlin 14-17 January 2021 (subject to change due to the pandemic). We're all keeping our fingers crossed we can get together and take care of business in person.

I can't believe Fall is upon us already. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Take Care everyone and see ya real soon.

Teresa Zimmer- President



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Remembering the USS JOHN FINN Naming Ceremony 7th Year Anniversary,
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Chapter 11 - Kaneohe Bay, HI

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Wing 2 Bldg, (John Finn Bldg) 1st Friday, 1600

Chapter 21 - Fallon, NV

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Hard Corps Café Dude Gilbert Room

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1st Wednesday, 1830

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3rd Thursday, 1500

Chapter Desert/Southwest - El Centro, CA.

President: AO2 Byron Gradney

Call for Meeting Time and Place

Greetings from Chapter One Lemoore, CA.

With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, military FRAG Orders still standing our annual Chapter 1 Picnic for August, was cancelled. I hope back to business next year. The Chapter picnic is always a great time for comradery and seeing new Ordie's to the area and visiting with old Ordie's from home.

On a more solemn topic, we wish to bid "Farewell and Following Sea's" and send our condolences to the family and friends of LCDR Jack F. Hagerup, Founding Father and Life Member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen and CDR Jeffery L. McComb, Life Member of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. Their contribution to the Ordnance Community cannot be expressed, with anything less than exceptional! They will truly be missed, IYAOYAS gentlemen!

I would like to congratulate AO1 Brandon Hudson from Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific as our Chapter 1 George Segar's Scholarship winner this year. Outstanding job AO1, well deserved and keep up the great work! Pictured are AO1 Hudson (center), AO1 Valdivia (Vice-President) and Mr. Jeffrey Coe (President).



I would like to say California was getting back to normal, but it has been a rough road and our blessings go out to everyone.

Stay safe out there.

Jeffrey W. Coe AOCS (RET)

Chapter One President

Greetings from Chapter Nine.

Once again, I am writing this from deep "COVID-19" shelter. At this writing none of our members has been affected which is a blessing.

Since March all regular meetings have been cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. We were able to gather for our quarterly highway cleanup in March which included a meeting of the BOD to discuss chapter business. We plan to gather the same way in September. Even though all fund raising has come to a screeching halt we were able to meet our commitments to National scholarships and taste-of-home.

This is the first time I don't have much to report on. The worst part is not seeing other shipmates in person. So far everyone is healthy and safe. We will really appreciate being able gather monthly once all restrictions have been relaxed. Florida is leading the way in this regard and the end may be in sight.

Stay safe and healthy. Think about and do your part to protect those you love and others who are more vulnerable.

IYAOYAS.

AOCM Richard Wyman (USN ret)





Greetings from Chapter 5, China Lake, CA

“30 Miles to Water and 2 Miles to Hell”

Our President, AO1 Raymond Jenkins reports that VX-9 successfully passed their Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection. Awesome!

Super shout out to Dr. Mercer Morgan III (Special Projects DAPML & Head, Air to Surface Branch) who recently completed the required courses and dissertation for his Doctoral degree in Management specializing in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. Dr. Morgan is a retired LDO LCDR.

More impressive is that Dr. Morgan was diagnosed with colorectal cancer, had two rounds of chemotherapy and radiation with surgical colon resection. All the while he missed no classes and maintained a 3.85 GPA. He is a testimonial to the pursuit of higher education and the Human Spirit. Over 1 year cancer free!

Shout out to Steve Varga and Steven Maxwell who were elected to the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League as Council President and Council Secretary, respectively. Steven Maxwell relieved his predecessor, Dr. Mercer Morgan III, former Council Secretary. The Indian Wells Valley Council sponsors the annual Blue Jacket of the Year Awards and Archie Meyer Memorial Scholarship, both supporting local Sailors and Marines.



Chapter 5 is anticipating returning back to regular meetings as soon as possible.

Respectfully

Sheryl Varga

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To all chapters,

Please review your information on Chapter Meetings (Places, Times, Dates). Email your changes to

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Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, “The Chapter Where It All Started.”

Due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions our normal meeting place was unavailable in May. Like most AOs we quickly adapted and because of our strong Chapter leadership led by President AO1 Victor Ada we started conducting ZOOM virtual meetings in July. Although ZOOM was not ideal it did provide an effective avenue to hold meetings with strong Chapter participation.

Again because of COVID-19 concerns our annual May AO Family Picnic was cancelled. Although a huge disappointment, on the bright side we have raffle tickets already printed and ready for 2021.

On Monday, 25 May, six AAO/AAAO Chapter 8 members paid tribute to John Finn’s graves-site which was the 10th year anniversary of his death.

Although the scheduled July AAO Continuum and Convention were cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, the Chapter still provided AAO Treasurer Tom Lord with two checks for \$2,000 to the 2020 LCDR James E. Thompson Scholarship Award and \$750 to the CDR Robert L. Crow Memorial Scholarship Fund.

All other normal Chapter events such as our quarterly Adopt A Highway walks and Chapter elections have been postponed until our meeting place is once again available. As it currently stands October looks promising.

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

V/r

CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler

Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



Chapter 21

We recently elected AO2 Jocelyn Nicolet to replace AO1 Kayla Slinger who's transferring to Jacksonville, FL.

All things considered Chapter 21 has been fairly busy during COVID from painting all of NMC Fallon's production control doors Ordie red and black, to helping a local Virginia city gun shop replace all of their carpet.

We've still been holding regular meetings whether via ZOOM or out in town socially distanced. Our membership has increased substantially and we're looking forward to the world getting back to normal and hoping to meet up with all the great ordies in Reno next year.



Very respectfully,
AO1(AW/SW) Nesbitt



Great Looking Bunch of Ordies Picking up Trash



Chapter 22

Hello again Ordie Nation all is well at PAX River Chapter 22 and we hope the same for the rest of our brothers and sisters. All though we have had strict limitations on social gatherings and what COVID-19 has brought us we have still managed to stay busy for the Chapter and our community.

We are back to holding our meetings at the local VFW. We were also able to have our annual summer picnic and release some stress from being cooped up. Tom Brouwer was on the grill once again and as usual, the eats and comradery were very enjoyable. Our annual gun raffle is in full swing, which will allow us to continue to contribute to the scholarship fund next year.

Another event returning us to some normalcy was our highway clean-up in June and September. Once again, Chapter 22 showed up in numbers and we conquered our stretch of route 235 here in Southern Maryland.

As you can see we have been very productive and busy so if you get orders to PAX River come join our Chapter and have some fun.

Okay Ordies keep it real, 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

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

Chapter 69 USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN69)

The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower just completed a 7 month North Arabian Sea deployment, one for the record books.

We hit 0 Ports, and had a total of 4 beer days while still maintaining a COVID free environment. Our total days at sea without a port was 206 days, a Navy record. Chapter 69 teammates recognized the need to boost morale on the Ship, and engaged in numerous activities, to include hosting an ice cream social for the command serving over 500 gallons of ice cream. We also spearheaded the cleanup and breakdown of the departmental Appreciation Meal, serving pizza, wings and subs. Due to COVID restraints, ordering Chapter 69 merchandise was a tedious task, but AO1 McManus and AO2 Neuman made something out of nothing, designing and ordering an chapter deployment coin, numerous chapter t-shirts and other merchandise. Our chapter T-shirts quickly sold out, and were visible throughout the command. We also had a great turn out for our AO birthday celebration, which included cake and ice cream for all AO's alike.

Other significant events that took place on board the mighty "IKE" were the crossing the line ceremony. IKE Sailors earned the unique distinction as "Iron Shellback", formally recognized by the Navy Historical Society. We also participated in a swim call. We completed the first ever at sea port call, including various events for the crew to participate in. This was a very challenging deployment that really pushed us to the limit, but with pure grit a determination we made it through.

I Y A O Y A S !

AO1(AW/SW) Cory McIntyre

President, Chapter 69



Iron Ike Weapons Department, 2020 North Arabian Sea Deployment.

206 consecutive days. 0 ports.0 COVID.

Iron Shellbacks.~AOCM Chance Eidson

Kevin Meagher, AOC, USN, Ret.
Turning over the watch.....

First off I want to thank the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen membership for your support over the last 17 or so years. This has been a very rewarding time for me as your Editor of The Red Shirt. I've enjoyed all the calls and letters you've made and sent and really loved hearing all of the stories from days of old and I hope I've been able to portray them properly back to you in these issues. Secondly I'd like to thank AOC (ret) Amber Roth for stepping up and accepting this duty, I know you'll do great at this and I'm always around if you need help with something on this venture! To all the past and current officers and board members of the AAO, thank-you for your support as well!

I joined the Navy and left for Bootcamp at Great Lakes, IL, in December 1981. I was a non-rate because I really didn't know what I wanted to do except get out of Ravenna, OH and see the world! Graduating Bootcamp in February 1982 I started 4 weeks of Aviation Apprentice School and after leave reported to the VA-174 HELLRAZORS at NAS Cecil Field, FL. After completing FRAMP I reported to the VA-81 SUNLINERS, "WHO SAID SUNLINER!!" I was assigned to the Line Shack and became a Plane Captain on the A-7 aircraft. As we were getting ready to board the C-9 to fly home from Fallon, NV AOC Will Pitts grabbed me and sat me next to him for the whole loooooong flight back to Cecil Filed. I was thinking holy crap, I have to sit next to the Chief all the way home!! Chief Pitts said "Listen Son, the 3rd class exam is next week and you will have your butt in the seat taking the AO3 test and I'm fixing to quiz you the whole way". I said yes Chief and the rest is history! I made AO3 off that exam because there was someone looking out for me. I thank Will to this day even though it's been about 2 years or so since I've spoken with him. If not for AOCS (ret) Will Pitts I most likely would not be doing what I am today. So Will, I know you are a Life AAO Member.....thanks again, I think about you all the time and where my navy career would have ended up for me if you had not pulled me aside!!!

After a few deployments with VA-81 I checked into Weapons Department at NAS Cecil Field in 1986 for a great 3 year shore duty tour! Working for Mr. Honcho Paine, Mr. Chris Pires and Mr. Sawley I learned all there is to know about weapons stations. Sadly all 3 of them have departed this earth but I think about them quite often and without their leadership and mentorship I wonder again where my navy career would have ended up if not for them.

In 1989 I became a member of the world famous Bulls of VA-37 and after a deployment with them we transitioned to F/A-18s and became VFA-37. Another rewarding tour. I still keep in touch with quite a few of my old "BULL Teammate's" and it was in this squadron where I learned to become a leader.

In 1992 I lost my father and that was the major decision that led me to Recruiting Duty as a chance to go home and be with family so for the next 4 years I recruited in Northeast OHIO at NRD Cleveland then NRD Columbus. I learned a lot of very valuable skills that I still use today and would never change that time for anything. It probably held me up from picking up AOC but it was a great tour none the less, I even put a few AO's in the navy and was able to serve with them during my next tour which was as a VALION of VFA-15.

1997-1999 VFA-15. I was selected as Sailor of the Year, picked up AOC and served with some outstanding individuals who I still keep in touch with. Gunner Luke Baker and AOC (at the time) Billy Crews recruited me from recruiting duty to join the team. CDR Mark "Guad" Guadagnini conducted my last re-enlistment after He and I and along with the rest of my Ordnance Shop jumped from perfectly good airplanes on an awesome sky dive adventure!! I'll never forget that one! That was 3 more people who were helped guide me in my career.

My final duty station was the NCEA Ordnance Chief at COMNAVAIRLANT in Norfolk. I worked with some other outstanding Mentors like Oscar "Roby" Robinson, CDR Terry Shreiner, CDR Bill Glenn, LT Rick Sherman, Mr. Bill Ardnt, Mr. John Olson AOC Dain Costlow.....This is the office I was in during 9/11 what a great group of individuals to be associated with! Because of those individuals I was able to move on with my career after retirement.....Special thanks to you all!!

I retired in January 2002, CAPT Guadagnini was my guest speaker for this event. After retiring I moved to Fort Walton Beach, FL and took a job with the AMRAAM program as a systems engineer for LTM inc. My job was converted to a Government position thanks to the help of Mr. John Palliotta and Mr. Joe Odom both of who are not with us today.....2 more individuals who helped shape my career and they were both USAF retired. I worked my way up from and LMS to DAPML to the APML of AMRAAM. For the last 8 years I have been the APML for the Advanced Programs Division and continue on there today bringing new weapons and hopefully new ways of thinking to the Joint Weapons World!

After I retired from the navy Steve Cashat was looking for someone to take over the RedShirt and I gladly accepted this duty from him in 2003. What I challenge the membership with is to get involved with your association, bring new ideas, get involved in your local chapters; this is a heritage that we need to pass on to future generations of Ordnancemen and women! STEP UP!

I'll close with some advice to our younger membership. Look back over your career and try to pick out those who have helped guide you, you may not even realize it until later but reach out and thank those people. Find those good qualities they instilled in you and pass it on to your people. Believe it or not, I was one of those very junior sailor shit heads at one time until AOC Pitts pulled me aside on that Journey home from Fallon!

Signing off,
Kevin



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Greetings Red!

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. Thank you to Kevin for guiding me through this processes and to the National BOD for granting me the oppurtunity to take the Newsletter even further.

Please feel free to send me an email concerning the RedShirt to redshirteditor@gmail.com at any time to add submissions of photos, chapter happenings and if any of you are feeling froggy an article on what is happening with-in our community at your platform level or maybe you have an idea that we can incorporate into the newsletter.

I have already begun to put together issue 144 due out February 2021. Submissions are due to me NLT 20 January. The issue (and hopefully future ones) will be featuring "Ordies in the spot light". I have reached out to some but more is always better! This is for ALL Ordnancemen, you can write an article of someone else, or about yourself.

Look forward to hearing from you all you soon and hopefully seeing some of you at the 2021 convention.

I Y A O Y A S~Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN, Ret



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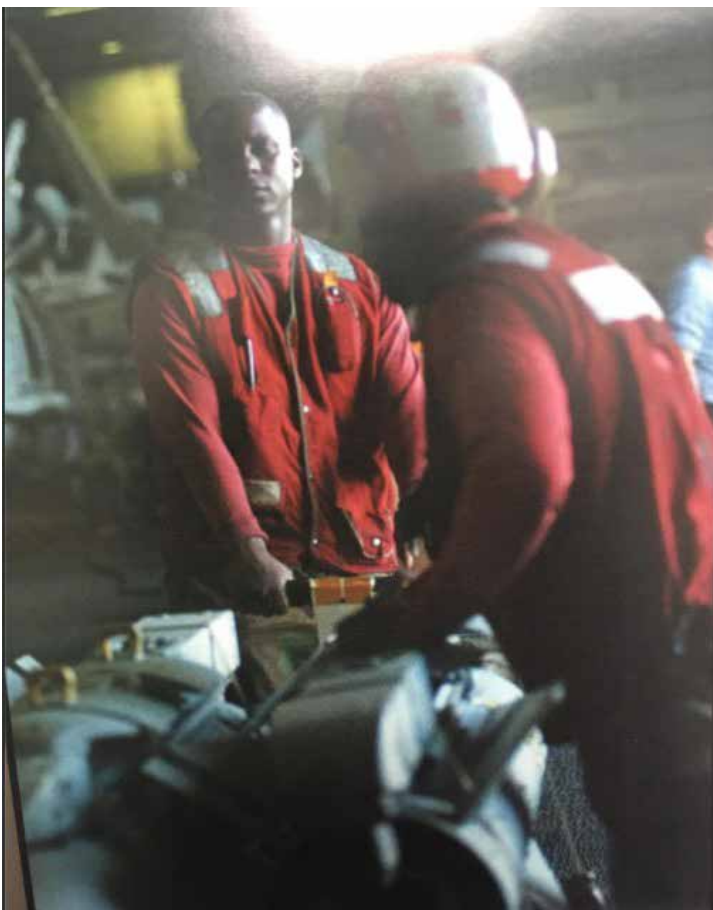
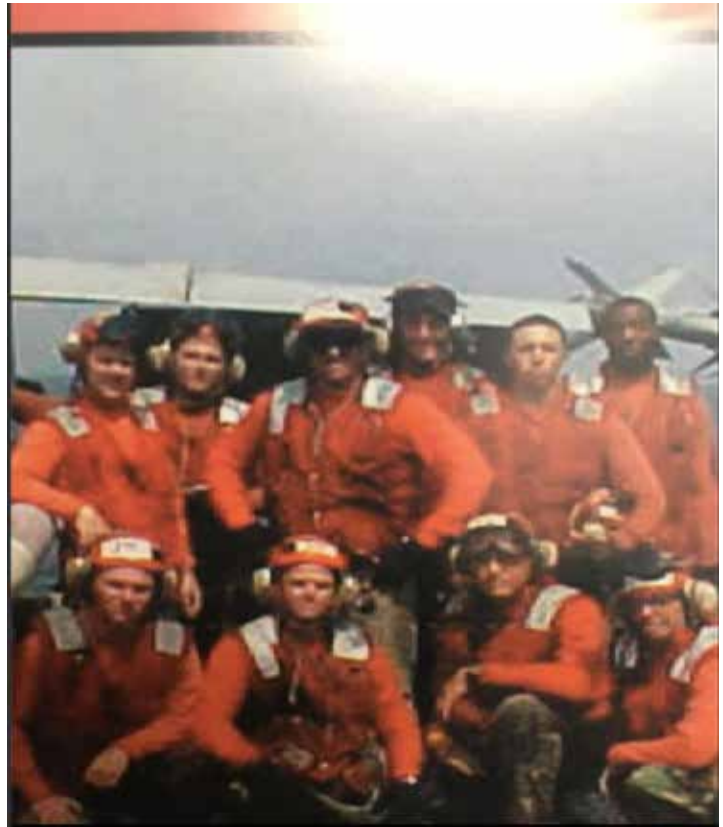
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THIRD JET CRASHES INTO THE PENTAGON

departures were spared within an hour and 40 minutes. The first, American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 out of Boston, was hijacked by two men, one of whom was a pilot. The plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. Within an hour, the U.S. Capitol was in a war zone. The military was put on alert to begin an air war as soon as possible.

In all, 299 people perished in the four planes and several more were injured. Numerous buildings, entire offices and homes were destroyed. The Pentagon was hit by a jet that crashed into the building at 9:03 a.m. Within an hour, the U.S. Capitol was in a war zone. The military was put on alert to begin an air war as soon as possible.



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AN EDGY DAY ACROSS U.S.

WASHINGTON — When the U.S. strikes the world's most powerful terrorist network, no matter how classified they may consider themselves, millions of Americans fear retaliation. Each letter, the signs, how much further punishment the terrorists can inflict on the United States. Clearly, Bush understands that defeating bin Laden, including his associates, is a long and difficult task.

BUSH STATES IN ADDRESS THAT 'TALIBAN WILL PAY'





AAO PRESIDENTIAL HAT HISTORY

I reached out to Mr. Delbert Oakes Jr, CDR, USN, Ret, inquiring about the National Presidential hat. Below is an excerpt of where, how and why it came in to existence, enjoy. ~Amber

Regarding the National AAO Presidential hat: In my bio you will see that on 1 December 1988, MMMU-1 was re-designated an operational unit of the United States Navy and commissioned Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit One (NAWMU-1). In a ceremony officiated by Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific, I became the unit's first commanding officer.

I had invited several folks from local commands including representatives from Naval Magazines Subic. One of the employees, a native Negrito member of the Aeta tribe, presented a ceremonial hat to me, saying that I had become the "Big Boss" since I was now a commanding officer. I brought the hat back to the United States mid-1990 when I was relieved by the next Commanding Officer, Commander Terry Timms. At the 1990 AAO reunion, in a morale-boosting effort, I presented the hat to LCDR Chuck Onken the AAO President, explained the history of the hat, and proposed that our AAO President (Big Boss) wear the hat at all future AAO reunions.

Your interest in the hat is appreciated. Who knew it would live on!! Thanks for the photo of Commander Edon wearing the hat. Do you know if his successors continue the tradition? If so, you may repair the hat as necessary. If interest no longer exists, I would be delighted to have the hat returned to me.



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