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President:
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Call for Meeting Time and Place



PREZ

Greetings fellow warriors, past and present.

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. I would like to first offer my thank you for the trust you demonstrated in me when you elected me to serve as the National President of this august body. I will attempt to serve this association well. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to grow this association and increase its impact on our profession. I will rely on the members to help chart the course we will navigate.

I offer my congratulations to the new officers upon your installation and offer my thanks for your willingness to serve. I would also like to express the appreciation of the association to the former officers for providing the guidance necessary to keep this organization operating smartly and moving forward. To the national officers who continue to serve I offer my personal thanks for your performance of the yeoman work required to support the association. Finally I would like to express the appreciation of the association to the local chapter officers and members who work diligently to advance the purposes of this association where the rubber meets the road. The success of this association requires that we work together in order to achieve the best effect.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all of the members who selflessly worked to plan and support the execution of another successful annual convention. The success of this endeavor rests squarely upon the shoulders of a small number of our members. They perform this work for very little recognition and even less reward. I will not individually recognize these members, as I am sure I would forget one or two, so I will just offer my thanks for all you do to support this event.

I offer my congratulation to Chapter 35 Lightning upon your establishment onboard Eglin Air Force Base. The Board of Directors approved this establishment just last week. Thank you to all of the officers and members for putting forth the effort required to institute a new chapter. Welcome and I look forward to hearing of all the great things your chapter will do in the future.

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

VP

Hello Fellow Ordies!

Well the Continuum and Convention are over and we had a great turnout for both. I want to thank everyone who attended the Convention and took the time to help with all of the Boards and Committees, the help and interest in those types of things are very much appreciated. Congratulations to all of the scholarship awardees, the Hall of Fame inductees and the Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year and Runner-up! Your packages were outstanding and the competition was tough, so you can be extremely proud of your accomplish-

ments!

Also, congratulations to our new and/or re-elected officers, President, Matt Arnold, Board of Directors Amber Roth and Steve Kashuba. Next year we will be electing a Vice President, Secretary and 2 Board of Director positions. Nominations are due by 1 April of 2019 and remember that the person you nominate must accept that nomination in writing. More information on this will be in the next Redshirt edition.

As far as membership goes, we did really well in the past year showing a significant increase in most areas. I would like to see that increase in the future and there are many of our Chapters that have the ball rolling to do just that. It only takes a few hard chargers in each area of the country or on board our war ships to either start a new Chapter or boost the membership in your current one. I challenge all of you to do just that. Word of mouth is always the best way to recruit new members but please use all of the options available to you, which includes networking with others for new ideas or old ones that have been working. And don't forget about my Membership Program, recruit 5 or 10 new members and receive the corresponding hat pins. Check the Redshirt for details.

As always, I would like to thank all of you who are on deployment or overseas doing our country's business in harm's way! We here back on the home front are extremely proud of you and wish nothing but the best for you and your families. Stay Safe and God Bless.

V/R
Rob Walecki

SECRETARY

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – Super Continuum/ AOLMC and Convention in Reno this year. Very busy week and a lot of business was done for your Association.

A big Welcome aboard to our new Association President Captain Matt Arnold. He is AIRFORCES Gun Boss and will be an asset and cheerleader for the Association.

Start NOW making plans for Continuum & Convention which will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV (Continuum/ AOLMC) from 29 July thru 01 Aug 2019, and (Convention) from 01 August thru 04 August 2019. **Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise.**

Chapter Officers – I need the Chapter Reports forwarded to me on a continuing basis so we do not put your Chapter into an 'Inactive' status. The Board of Directors passed some updated guidance and we will start notifying the Chapters that have not submitted their reports as required. Do NOT let your Chapter be Inactivated! Forward the minutes, etc. to aaosec@cox.net.

The following Chapters have not been heard from in the past year: Chapter 39 (3 years) ; Chapter 69 (2 years); Chapter 71; Chapter 72 (2 years); Chapter 74 (2 years); Chapter 75; Chapter 76 (2 years); Chapter 77; Chapter Key West; Chapter USS Boxer (2 years); & Chapter Makin Island. Senior Leadership if your Chapter is listed, please

get a hold of National to so we know you are still alive.

Have a safe Holiday Season, hope to see some of you in Laughlin at the Tropicana (**New Location!**) on January 11th – 14th for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time for all. See the info elsewhere in this Red Shirt and Web Site for more details.

R,
John (JJ) LaMaitre
AAO Secretary

TREASURER

Great showing at Convention 2018. The numbers were a little less than last year, but still a good showing. I still had a lot of walk-ups, but once again, not as many as last year. Congratulations to all the Scholarship recipients. By now, your award should have already been received by your School.

Sorry to announce that membership fees will be going up in June 2019. It has been about twelve years since the last increase. Annual and new member fees will be \$25.00. Two years special will be \$40.00. Life memberships will go up about \$5.00 for each age group each except for the last two age groups. The June Red Shirt will have the new forms.

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

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

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

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

IYAOYAS!
Thomas Lord
AAO Treasurer

LOCATOR

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 aaotreas2011@cox.net, snail mail or give me a call.

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AOCS Kent A. Schoeff (RS136)

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LCDR Robert L. French USN Ret
(RS136)

AOC Sean F. Sherrick (RS136)
AOC Howard E. Rolan USN Ret (RS136)

CWO4 Thor Tweet (RS136)
AO2 Eduardo Viera, Jr. (TRN)

Notes: (RN) =Renewal Notice Return / (RS135/136) = Red Shirt Return

ON THE COVER

On 8 July several Chapter 8 members took a guided tour of the USS JOHN FINN that was set up by member Diane McQueen-Gipson. After the tour, members Jim and Caroline Thomas treated everyone to a brunch at Aunt Emma's restaurant. A great and memorable time was had by all.

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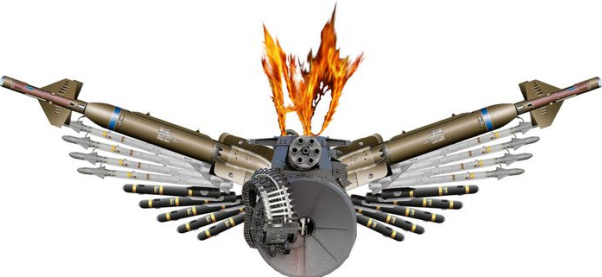
Chapter 78



Man the
GUNS
Join the **NAVY**



Moving? PCS?
Your Change of Address is
Important . . . Please submit one to the
national treasurer



AO HALL OF FAME INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING INDIVIDUAL(S) FOR THE AAO HALLOF FAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN WEBSITE <http://aaoweb.org/AAO>. THE GUIDELINE FORMAT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND 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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ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
<http://www.aaoweb.org/AAO/>
MEMBERSHIP DUES:
FIRST TIME MEMBERS \$20.00 PER YEAR OR \$30.00 FOR TWO YEARS
PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$20.00 PER YEAR

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____
 LAST FIRST MI

ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____
PHONE: home: () _____ - _____ cell: () _____ - _____
RATE/RANK: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE _____ Active () Retired ()
DATES SERVED: _____ TO _____ Last 4 SSN: - _____
Marine Corp MOS: _____
Type of membership: Regular () Associate ()
SPONSOR: _____
I elect to receive my Red Shirt by downloading it from the Website only. () Please Initial.
I do / do not authorize release of my name, address and telephone number to other members or prospective members of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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GIVE THIS FORM TO A FELLOW ORDNANCEMAN

SPECIAL

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



- MISSION**
The John Finn-class destroyer is a guided missile destroyer designed to destroy threats from the air and from the sea, from aircraft, ships, and submarines. USS John Finn will be capable of executing a wide variety of both precision and warfighting missions.
- FEATURES**
USS John Finn will be one of the U.S. Navy's most advanced, state-of-the-art warships in the fleet. Its extensive array of weapons will include the most advanced AEGIS system, which is suited to work in engaging multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be augmented by two embarked Langkirk-class helicopters.
- ARMAMENT**
Harpun, Tomahawk and Standard missiles, Mk41 VLS, 1 or 2 Mk15 Phalanx CIWS, 1 Mk48 3-inch/54 caliber gun, 1 Mk16 5-inch/55 caliber gun, Mk27 dual VVVT launchers.
- PROPULSION**
Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines; two shafts, 120,000 total shaft horsepower.
- AIRCRAFT**
Two Langkirk-class helicopters.
- MISCELLANEOUS**
Displacement: 8,200 tons (4,842 metric tons) full load
Crew: 280 (110 officers and 170 Enlisted)
Length: 162.4 feet
Beam: 30 feet
Draft: 20.5 meters

USS John Finn (DDG 113)

Red Shirt

Articles

are due

20 JAN 19

1 MAY 19

20 SEP 19

Please submit via e-mail when possible



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 AO3 David W. Barwinczak, Jr.
 AO2 Ryan M. Hallett
 AO2 Jordan Mocny
 AO3 Destini D. Smith
 AOAN Adonnia M. Cason
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 AO3 Justin E. Oursler
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 AO3 Maria G. Ayon
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 AO3 Justin C. Parsons
 AO1 Jasmine J. Turner
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 LCDR Alexa Sandifer
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 AO3 John Weekly
 AOC Kenneth P. Fouse ISN Ret
 AO3 Nicholas F. Kless
 AO1 James R. Westbrook
 Ms. Marissa L. Valdez
 LT Justin Duran
 AO1 Alexis L. Dunson
 AO3 Stanley D. Burch
 AO1 Eric M. Cooper
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 AOAN Chase C. Hayes
 AOAN Quantrell L. Johnson
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CWO4 Edward C. Scott USN Ret - Hall of Fame

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AO1 Matthew T. Tribou USN Ret*

AOCS William F. Morgan USN Ret

AO1 Howard P. Riddle USN Ret*

AOC Leland "Lee" Connor USN Ret (WWII)

AO1 Jacob Spangler

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

IN MEMORIAM

Ms. Doris From – In Loving Memory of CWO3 Roy A. From - Husband & Friend
 AOCS Bob Underwood – In Loving Memory of Dottie Underwood
 LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken – In Loving Memory of Dottie Underwood
 AOAN John & Tess Lamaitre – In Memory of CWO4 Frank L. Williams USN Ret

In Memory of LCDR James E. Thompson USN Ret

Wayne & Terrie Debord
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 CWO3 Barry & Amy Stemler
 AO1 Victor Ada
 ENS Misty Beck & AO1 Tiffany Tribble

Maj Jim & Carolyn Thomas USMC
 CWO3 Lester Gipson
 AO1 John Holdman
 LT Al TenEyck USN Ret
 AOAN John & Tess Lamaitre USN Ret

AOCS Leonard Eugene

In Memory of CWO4 Edward E. Scott USN Ret

CWO4 Steve Varga USN Ret
 MAJ Jim & Carolyn Thomas USMC Ret
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 Mr. Larry Hardin

LCDR Chuck & Bev Onken USN Ret
 AOC William H. Taylor USN Ret
 LT Jack & Rachel Elrod USN Ret
 AOAN Kirk & Julie Brado USN Ret

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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 CWO5 Harold T. Clarke USN Ret
 AOC John J. Vincent
 MSGT William L. Vachon USMC Ret
 ATC Bruce M. Smith USN Ret

LT Thomas B. Hodgson
 James H. McClain
 AOAN Michael L. Saville
 George E. Grundy



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**ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN
2018 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Dion Edon, President, called the 2018 Association of Aviation Ordnancemen General Business Meeting to order at 0905, 28 July 2018, at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV. He then led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag (Note: Ordie Song played after first break).

Mart Vance, Chaplain, gave the opening prayer.

The business of the Association was then initiated.

There were 68 members present for the Business Meeting. The Registration List is Enclosure (1) to these minutes.

General Announcements:

The President reminded everyone in attendance to fill out a General Business Meeting Registration card.

Official Announcements:

In accordance with ARTICLE VII, Section 2 of the By-Laws, the privilege of nominating, making motions, debating and voting is reserved for regular members of the Association during the course of this meeting.

Under Roberts Rules of order Article 31, when we get to the elections the President will, after giving ample opportunity to make nominations from the floor, with no further nominations forthcoming, close the nominations. A motion to close nominations will not be in order.

Report on the Board of Directors Actions During the Course of the Year:

Approved the 2017 Board of Directors Minutes.

Approved the FY 2018/2019 Budget.

Approved the Spartan Chapter, Souda Bay, Crete.

Approved Chapter 7 (Iwo Jima) Chapter.

John (JJ) LaMaitre, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 2017 General Business Meeting was published in Red Shirt #134 with additional copies being available in the rear of the room and on the tables. A synopsis of the minutes were given after which the President called for any required corrections or deletions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2017 General Business Meeting Minutes as published. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2017 General Business Minutes are enclosure (2) to these minutes.

The Treasurer then gave the Financial Report. Copies of the 2018/2019 Approved Budget and 2017/2018 Expenditure Report are available in the rear of the room and on the tables. The Treasurer then asked if there were any questions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report as delivered. Without objection the motion was passed. The 2018/2019 Approved Budget is enclosure (3) to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2018 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

The 2018 Convention is another great success and no major issues have come up. 2019 dates are July 24, 2019 to July 31, 2019 here at

the Silver Legacy. Planning Conference to be held in Laughlin, NV at the Edgewater Hotel Resort (note hotel change) on January 11th – 14th 2019. Reservation Code 'AAO19'.

Membership Committee, Rob Walecki, Chairman –

The Recruitment Award Program was started in June 2018 and the first award went to Angel Ladao Heppe from China Lake. Recruitment was up a little this year. This is mostly due to good recruitment in the stronger Chapters and the addition of the Souda Bay Chapter. There was very little activity in the afloat chapters except for some from the America and Teddy Roosevelt. Active duty membership at the afloat and NMC activities is still not improving and won't until we get the senior leadership involved, especially in the afloat chapters. The following is provided for your information:

	FY16-17	FY17-18
Total of all Current Members	1721	1668
Past Due (01 June – 31 May)	208	174
Life Members (Included above)	887	909
Honorary (Included above)	153	158
Current Dues Paying (Included above)	473	427

During FY17-18 we had the following new members:

New Regular Members	137	148
New Associate Members	7	4
New Life Members	25	25
Total Inactive Members:	7458	7426
Total Unknown Members	98	99
Total Deceased Members	619	633

AO Scholarship Committee, Rick Garza, Chairman -

Thanked the Chapters and the Auxiliary for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund. The committee was comprised of six members, including one active duty and one Auxiliary member, and the members represented over 265 years of Ordnance experience. A total of \$29,000 in Scholarships were awarded. There was 23 packages received, 3 of which were disqualified, leaving 20 applicants up for consideration. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

Scholarship Winners For 2018:

Association of Aviation Ordnancemen

Robert L. Crow

\$4,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Tyler R. Moore, Son of John D. Moore

Robert L. Crow

\$3,000 Scholarship Award (2)

Marcella J. Burmeister, Daughter of Shawn Burmeister

James L. Besaw, Grandson of David P. Michel

Robert L. Crow

\$2,500 Scholarship Award (4)

Sara D. Irons, Granddaughter of Gerald J. Thompson
Joseph T. Famularo, Son of Henry J. Famularo
Michela D. Stevens, Daughter of Chadwick D. Stevens
Brad M. Willett, Son of James L. Willett

**2018 Additional
Scholarship Award Winners**

Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News, VA
\$2,500 Scholarship Award (2)

Hannah P. Elrod, Granddaughter of Herman C. Elrod
Michael V. Panis, Grandson of Norman Peters

Memory of James E. Thompson, Founding Father Member 0001
\$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Margaret A. Arnold, Daughter of Matthew E. Arnold

Donation from Envisioneering Incorporated
\$2,000 Scholarship Award (1)

Megan E. Williamson, Granddaughter of Gary L. Lain

AO of the Year Committee, Tim Zimmer, Chairman –

The committee considered 54 packages. 15 Members, including active duty and retired members representing over 412 years of Ordnance experience, participated in the deliberations. The winners were announced at the Awards Banquet and are presented here for the record:

**Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
John W. Finn**

Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2018

SSGT Charles A. White, VMFA-312

**Aviation Ordnancemen of the Year for 2018
Runner-Up**

AO1 (AW/SW) Donald F. Harris, USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78)

AO Hall of Fame Committee, Jeff Sassone, Chairman –

There was one package up for consideration. Five members made up the committee and represented over 208 years of Ordnance experience including 3 former Association Presidents and four Chapter representatives. The winner was announced at the Awards Banquet and is presented here for the record:

**Association of Aviation Ordnancemen
AO Hall of Fame Selectee for 2018**

CWO5 Michael R. Snider, USN (Ret.)

Nomination Committee, Rob Walecki, Chairman –

The following offices are open for election/reelection:

President:

Dion J. Edon, CDR, USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Board of Directors (Two):

Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)
Angela Sobieski, LTJG, USN (Incumbent)

Nominee for President:

Matthew E. Arnold, CAPT(Sel.), USN

Nominees for the Board of Directors:

Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN (Ret) (Incumbent)
Angela Sobieski, LTJG, USN (Incumbent)
Todd Pendleton CWO4, USN (Ret)
Steve Kashuba, CDR, USN

If no nomination(s) are received from the floor, the President's Office will fill by voice vote by the members present.

If floor nominations are received a ballot will be required. The nominee must be present and accept the nomination. The voting will be conducted utilizing the ballots that were provided as the members checked in for the General Business Meeting and their membership status was verified to be current. The voting procedures will be restated prior to the voting and again before each vote is taken.

Absentee Voting Status, Rob Walecki, Vice President –

Total ballots received: 01

Invalid ballots due to not being a member or associate member: 0

Invalid ballots: 0

Total ballots to count during voting: 01

Absentee ballots received last year: 07

Reunion Book Committee, Nanise Schroeder, Chairman –

The Reunion Book is \$25, cash or check accepted as payment. The chairman thanked Sheryl Scanlon for her continued willingness to take the pictures. She requested that everyone get their pictures taken early and stated that the evolution will commence at 1500. Looking into a 'Picture Booth' to be set up outside of the Continuum to capture those who cannot attend the Convention.

By-Laws Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

There were no changes to be voted on this year but there may be some next year.

Safety Committee, Unknown Chairman –

President Dion Edon stressed that safety is paramount in our day-to-day business. Air Forces Gun Boss Arnold gave a briefing addressing some of the safety challenges impacting the fleet, including equipment failures, issues with manpower moving from shore duty to sea duty, and training.

AO Museum Committee, Tim Carroll, Chairman – No Report

Newsletter Report, Kevin Meagher, Chairman – Report given by Dion Edon.

A new printer was found after the 'new' printer had issues with printing their first and second Red Shirt issues and so another local printer was found. Red Shirt printing went much better with the price point a bit better. Kevin is engaged and is still putting out a

great Red Shirt and welcomes all inputs from the Chapters. Please submit pictures in 'Portrait' VS 'Landscape', easier to select one for the cover!

AAO Website Report, Johnny Wheat, Chairman –

The Website has been up and running since 1995 under Chapter 1 and transitioned to the national association in 1997. The cost has remained low, at about \$246.00 a year, to run. It has had 12,379 hits in past year for a total of 71,529 since June 2013. The website lists all officers and board members so it is imperative that Chapters keep their officers up-to-date.

Chaplain Report, Mart Vance, Chaplain –

Sympathy cards and letters of condolence were sent out in all cases where the NOK info available and current.

The Updated Ordie song was played at this time.

Chapter Reports:

There are presently 29 active Chapters:

Chapter 1	NAS Lemoore, CA	Jeff Coe
Chapter 3	NAS Whidbey Island, WA	Anthony Grino
Chapter 4	Tidewater Area, VA	Mike Cain
Chapter 5	NAWC China Lake, CA	Clay Davenport
Chapter 8	San Diego, CA	Nanise Schroeder
Chapter 9	Jacksonville, FL	Linsey Smack
(10 Minute Break)		
Chapter 11	MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI	Justin Jacobs
Chapter 21	NAS Fallon, NV	Mike Anderson
Chapter 22	NAS Patuxent River, MD	Joseph Breault
Chapter 34	NAS Pensacola, FL	Josh Lowery
Chapter 39	MCAS Beaufort, SC	No Report (5 years)
Chapter 671	Guam	No Report
Chapter 68	USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)	No Report
Chapter 69	USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 70	USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)	Darnell Callaco
Chapter 71	USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 72	USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 73	USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73)	(RCOH)
Chapter 74	USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter 75	USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75)	No Report (2 years)
Chapter 76	USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN-76)	No Report (3 Years)
Chapter 77	USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH (CVN-78)	No Report
Chapter 78	USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN-78)	Read into the Minutes
Desert/SW Chapter	NAF El Centro, CA	Nanise Schroeder
Chapter Key West	Key West, FL	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter Spartan	Souda Bay, Crete	Read into the Minutes
Chapter LHD-4	USS BOXER (LHD 4)	No Report (2 Years)
Chapter LHD-7	USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)	No Report
Chapter LHD-8	USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8)	No Report (3

Years)
Auxiliary

Teresa Zimmer

Contributions to AAO Scholarship Fund received:

Total donations received is \$30,006.13

Old Business: The President called for any further Old Business.

10 Minute Break

2019 Convention Committee, Kirk Brado, Chairman –

Announced that next year's Continuum & Convention will be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV. The Continuum is scheduled to occur from 29 July thru 01 August, 2019, and the Convention from 01 August thru 04 August 2019. Chapters need to contact Kirk (POC info in the Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Communication is the key to the success of all the planned activities at this convention. The 2019 Convention Site Chairman is John LaMaitre.

CAPT(Sel.) Matt Arnold gave a brief on the changing Continuum requirements and their impact on the execution of the Continuum.

New Business: The President called for any further New Business.

Election of Officers, Dion Edon, President –

NOTE: Article V (5) Section 3 states that "A minimum of two officers must be active duty personnel, one of which must be on the Board of Directors" (Requirement met).

The President called for the election of Association Officers. He announced that the offices open for election are those of the President and two seats on the Board of Directors.

The following individuals were nominated for the offices identified:

Nominee for the office of President:

Mathew E. Arnold, CAPT(Sel.), USN

Nominees for positions on the Board of Directors:

Amber L. Roth, AOC, USN (Ret.) (Incumbent)

Angela Sobieski, LTJG, USN (Incumbent)

Todd Pendleton, CWO4, USN (Ret.)

Steve Kashuba, CDR, USN

Election for the office of President, position currently held by Dion J. Edon.

The Nominees are:

Matthew E. Arnold

Matthew E. Arnold was elected via floor voice vote to serve as President, term to expire 2021.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position currently held by Amber L. Roth.

The Nominees are:

Amber L. Roth (Incumbent)

Angela Sobieski (Incumbent)

Todd Pendleton