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Southern Most President:  
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3rd Thursday, 1500

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**PREZ**

**G**reetings fellow warriors, past and present, and all your family members.

I hope that all is well with you and yours and that the beginning of this year has brought you many blessings and opportunities. It is hard to believe that we are already in the first months of 2020. I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to serve each of you and this great organization as its president. I challenge each you to continually 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. 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. I was able to attend one of the days this year and much was accomplished. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the attendees, but especially our Vice President, Tim Zimmer, for covering down in my absence. As usual this event offered the participants a chance to socialize and break bread together. The food and adult beverages were both good and plentiful. I believe a good time was had by all. I hope that my professional schedule will permit me to attend all of next year's event. To the attendees thank you for all you do for our organization.

While reviewing the latest edition of the "Red Shirt" I continue to be amazed by the sheer volume and quality of the work being performed by our members throughout the organization. I noted chapters actively participating in the "Adopt-a-Road" programs, conducting charity events of their own design or supporting the events of other organizations, and offering a helping hand to struggling members of our armed services or the less fortunate in our communities. I commend you for your efforts and offer my personal thank 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 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

**VP**

**G**reetings Ordies,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I hope you were able to spend time with family and friends, make that trip home and basically recharge your batteries. It's 20-freakin-20. Wow. Weren't we supposed to have jetpacks and flying cars by now? It's a very true statement that as you get older, time goes by quicker. So, if

you make the most of every day and every opportunity, you will lead a happy and fulfilling life. I certainly have.

I'm writing this from my hotel room in Laughlin, NV where we are conducting the continuum/convention planning meeting. We hold this every year on Martin Luther King, Jr weekend to discuss all of the efforts that go into hosting the best Aviation Ordnance Leadership Managers Continuum (AOMLC) and Association Convention we possibly can. So, if you want to peek behind the curtain or have suggestions for upcoming events, you are more than welcome to attend. Information is published in the Redshirt each year with everything you need to know to attend.

Speaking of convention, one of the items we discussed was how much room we need for the vendors and chapters that come. We are making a concerted effort to reach out to as many vendors as we can (Raytheon, Huntington Ingalls, NAVAIR program offices, etc...) so they can display information about their products, give demonstrations, and answer questions from the fleet. Chapters can get tables to sell their "geedunk" and help grow their funds. I will tell you that if a chapter wants to maximize their profit potential, have a table set up during the continuum as well as convention. Yes, us retired folks love to get t-shirts and coins from other chapters. But, a room full of active duty sailors and marines REALLY love getting swag! But, the most important thing we need to know is WHO IS COMING!! This tells us how much space we need to plan for. Last year, we had a good turn out during the convention and almost filled up the room. So, if you don't let us know you are coming and just show up, it could be difficult if we have to rearrange everything. For any questions or to get information on having a table, contact our convention coordinator Kirk Brado (kbrado1@hotmail.com)

This year there are (3) offices up for election, Treasurer and (2) Board of Director positions. As per our By-Laws, if you are going to nominate someone for any of these positions, consent of the candidate is required. Candidates must be present at the General Business meeting (during convention) unless their absence has been previously approved by the Board of Directors. Nominations for the above mentioned offices must be received by 1 April 2020 so the candidate's names can be placed in the Redshirt prior to the convention for absentee balloting purposes. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the General Business meeting, the above requirement still applies. The General Business meeting is a very important part of OUR Association, I hope to see everyone there. Until next time,

IYAOYAS!!  
Tim

**SECRETARY**

**C**ongratulations to our Red Shirt Editor for his 50th Issue! Kevin you have done an AMAZING job, a big THANKS from all of us out here in Ordie Land.

Greetings Shipmates and Marines – Hope you all had a safe Holiday Season. We saw great numbers (40+) in Laughlin at the Aquarius Resort for the Convention Planning Meeting over the Martin Luther King weekend, a good time was had by all. A BIG thank you for the

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Norfolk, Fallon, Lemoore, San Diego, Las Vegas, Washington (state), Florida, Arkansas, and Pennsylvania 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 Continuum & Convention which will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV (Continuum) from 25 – 31 July, and (Convention) from 30 July thru 02 August. Chapters need to contact Kirk Brado (POC info in this Red Shirt) to set up tables to sell merchandise. Last year we had several Chapters show up with goodies to sell with NO tables were reserved, we were able to accommodate last year, but cannot guarantee there will be room this year. Our numbers are trending up with folks staying over from the Continuum. We also are trying to set up a 'Truckee Thursday' for their Street Festival. Great time and gets us out of the hotel for a couple of hours. See the flyer in this Red Shirt for more details.

Chapter Officers – Reports (minutes) have been getting better, however, Chapter 35, Chapter 671, Chapter 72 (Welcome home we know you were on deployment), Chapter 74, Chapter 75, and LHD 7 will be on the Board of Directors (BOD) agenda to put these Chapters into an 'Inactive' status. 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 aaosec@cox.net. Our website is going under an update and the new website is www.redshirtnation.com . Johnny Wheat – THANK YOU for all you have done over the past 25+ years with the web site and the dedication it takes to keep it updated. Amber Roth will be the new Web Master please welcome Amber aboard!

It has been a privilege to serve as your Secretary for the past 5 years. Thank you for your continuing confidence.

R,  
JJ LaMaitre  
AAO Secretary

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

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

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

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

IYAOYAS!

R,  
Thomas Lord  
AAO Treasurer

**TREASURER** The Planning Conference for Convention 2020 is complete. It is now time to get ready for the Convention. Now is the time to start planning your itinerary. Don't forget to get me your pre-registration forms and make your hotel reservations.

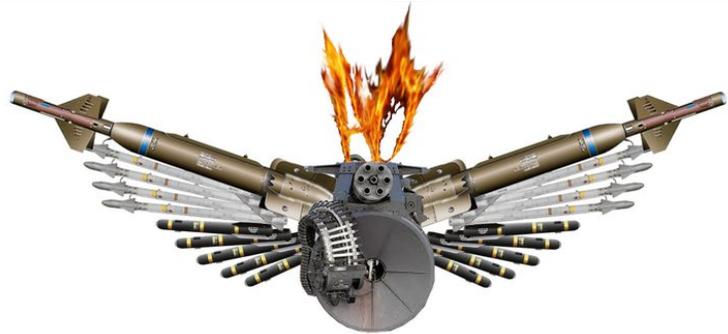
After much discussion, it was determined that we could not sustain a successful convention at the current prices. That said, I'm sorry to have to ask for more money again. The Registration Fee as well as the Saturday Social will go up \$5.00 each (\$30 registration/\$45 Social). The non-member registration went up as well to \$50.00.

If you want to attend, but are still not sure if you can make it, give me a call and we can discuss options. For you Ordies who are not members of the National and intend to come to the Convention, DON'T register as a non-member. Pay the member \$30.00 registration fee and add the \$25.00 for a membership. For you E-4 and below who plan on coming, you get one year membership with your registration fee. If you are a non-member, I will sign you up with your registration. Cut off for pre-reservation is **15 July 2020**. Anything mailed after that may not get to me before I leave for Reno.

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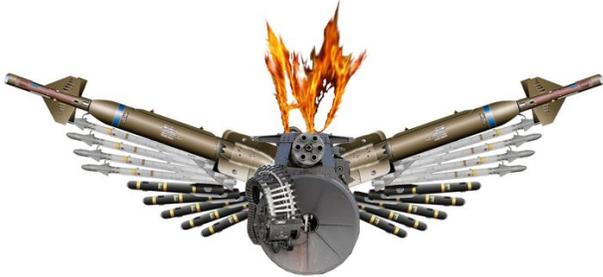
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Your Change of Address is  
Important . . . Please submit one to the  
national treasurer

**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 \$25.00 PER YEAR OR \$40.00 FOR TWO YEARS**  
**PREVIOUS MEMBERS AND ANNUAL RENEWALS \$25.00 PER YEAR**

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RATE/RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ Active ( ) Retired ( )  
DATES SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 SSN: - \_\_\_\_\_  
Marine Corp MOS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

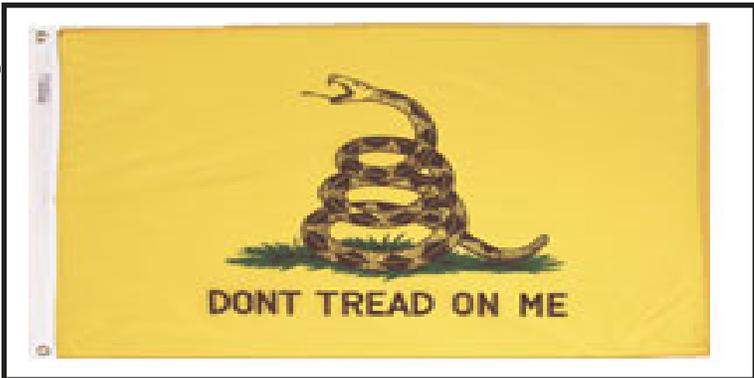
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**SPECIAL**

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 is 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 used to seek and engage multiple enemy targets simultaneously, and it will be augmented by two embarked Langkirk MK III 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 VVTT launchers.
- **PROPULSION**  
Four General Electric LM 2500-30 gas turbines; two shafts, 120,000 total shaft horsepower.
- **AIRCRAFT**  
Two embarked Langkirk helicopters.
- **MISCELLANEOUS**  
Displacement: 8,200 tons (4,847 metric tons) full load  
Crew: 280 (21 Officers and 259 Enlisted)  
Length: 162.4 feet  
Beam: 30 feet  
Draft: 20.5 meters

**USS John Finn (DDG 113)**

# Red Shirt

## Articles

*are due*

20 JAN 21

1 MAY 20

20 SEP 20

*Please submit via e-mail when possible*



## NEW MEMBERS

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AO1 Ean C. Mazzeo  
AOCS Joseph D. Bailey  
Ms. Cheryl T. Grosso  
LT Ryan T. Grogan

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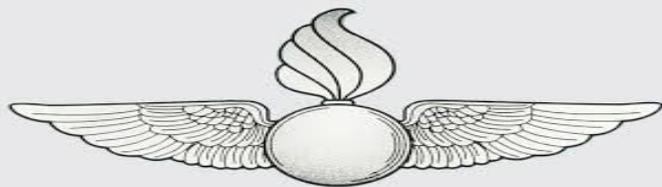
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AOCS William L. Taylor USN Ret

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AOCM Larry & Liezel Adkinson USN Ret

AAO Chapter 9  
Irwin Koniak  
AO1 Michael & Donna Rogers USN Ret  
Mark & Barbara Wendell  
Martin & Hilda Gonzalez



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AO1 Billy G. Moore III USN Ret  
AOC Tony "Speedy" Gonzales

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





**Plan to Attend the 2020**  
**AAO CONVENTION**

30 July – 2 Aug



**800/687-8733**

or online at

**[www.silverlegacyreno.com](http://www.silverlegacyreno.com)**

**Book Code: AAO20**

**Must Make Reservations By 5 July**

**Rates are good from 26 July thru Aug 4**

**Sunday – Thursday**

Standard Room - **\$75**

**Friday & Saturday**

Standard Room - **\$99**

Deluxe Spa Suites Are Available

**Free Airport Shuttle**

For Convention Information, Call:

**Kirk Brado**

619-962-6158 or email: **[kbrado1@hotmail.com](mailto:kbrado1@hotmail.com)**

**Make your Reservations Early**

**DEADLINE IS 15 July 2020**

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

- 31 Jul (Fri) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 31 Jul (Fri) AO of The Year Committee\* \_\_\_\_\_
- 31 Jul (Fri) Scholarship Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 31 Jul (Fri) AAO Hall of Fame Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: AOY Committee restricted to Active/  
Retired E-7 & Above

**AUXILIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF  
AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN**

- 30 Jul (Thu) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Aug (Sat) Auxiliary Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Aug (Sat) General Business Meeting \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Aug (Sat) Board of Directors Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE**

Committee Chairmen will require the assistance from the membership for the above listed committees. Please indicate committee or committees that you wish to participate in. If interested in more than one committee, annotate priority by numbers 1-6.

**ADVANCED TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION**

**Payment of the Registration Fee is required to attend any meeting or convention function. Registration Fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets for the Social and/or Awards Banquet.** Registration Fees are not required for dependents 17 and under. However, they must purchase tickets to attend the Social and/or Awards Banquet.

**For active duty E-4 and below:**

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.

**ORDERS & MONEY FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEES, AAO SOCIAL AND AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 15 JULY 2020. ORDERS & MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE RETURNED OR MUST HAVE LATE FEE'S INCLUDED.** (See order form )

**Visa/ MasterCard Credit Card Fee's are Non Refundable.**

For Registration Fees, AAO Social and/or Awards Banquet send check, money order, or credit card info made payable to and mailed to:

ASSOCIATION OF AVIATION ORDNANCEMEN  
Thomas Lord  
2888 Iris Ave., #122  
San Diego, CA 92154

Registration Fees (choose appropriate category):

1. Member \$30.00 (\$40.00 after 15 Jul 20)  
Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)
2. Non-Member \$50.00 (\$55.00 after 15 Jul 20)  
(Not including guest or spouse)  
Name of Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)
3. Spouse/Guests 18 and over \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse) (please print)

**Advance Social & Awards Banquet ticket prices:**

Friday AAO Social \$45.00 each (\$50.00 after 15 Jul 20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*\*Children See Note

Sat Awards Banquet \$45.00 each (\$50.00 after 15 Jul 20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\*\*Children See Note

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

Credit Card Fee \$10.00 (if applicable) Non-Refundable \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name exactly as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card payees may also use the registration form on the AO Web Site. If you use this form, the above credit card information does not need to be filled in. Once you send the form, I will receive an e-mail and will, in turn, send you an invoice with the payment requirements. NOTE: This process will not work for military e-mail addresses.

**TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED TO ATTENDEES. ALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE EVERY DAY. IF YOU DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PAYMENT, INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE OR POST CARD OR YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.**



**T**o all chapters,



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

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

To the Membership,

As I put together **RED SHIRT** #141 I look back over the last 16 and a half years or so and the 50 issues that I was privileged to be YOUR Editor of YOUR **RED SHIRT** Magazine/Newsletter. The most rewarding part has been all the phone calls and letters I receive from our older Aviation Ordnanceman generation telling of stories of old. I wish I had a tape recorder near by every time someone called!!

I looked back through every **RED SHIRT** issue that was written and pulled out all the past Editors for this esteemed Association;

### Past Editors

- AO Newsletter #3, 1 DEC 1977 requested a volunteer to serve as the AO Newsletter Editor. And also solicited names for the Newsletter. (Who was the original typist for these early Newsletters?)
- AO Newsletter #6, 15 FEB 1975, still looking for an Editor
- AO Newsletter #8, 15 AUG 1980, Jim Irving volunteered to be the Editor of OUR Newsletter for a period of 1 year.
- Jim Erving, Issues #9-15
- Bob Underwood, Issues #16-23
- AO Newsletter #22 stated that during Convention #9 the Membership selected "PEACE THRU POWER—WE ARE THE "ARMS" OF THE FLEET as OUR motto
- Del Oakes, Jr, Issues #24-28
- Edwin Hammond, Issues #29-35
- **THE RED SHIRT** was used as OUR Title for the first time in Newsletter Issue #35
- Jeff Sassone, Issues #36-53

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Chief Meagher:

Thank you for doing such a great job pulling the Redshirt Magazine together every month. Everyone looks forward to reading it each month and it provides a service to all with the most up to date information as possible. When my husband was alive, he was active with the Naval Ordnance Association both locally as well as attending the national Reno conventions - which we always enjoyed. My husband, ADCS Harold (Jay) Bishop, Ret., didn't become a member of AAO until he worked as a Navy Civilian at Patuxent River NAS where he worked professionally with the military and the AAO. He was passionate about the organization and they worked so well together that the AAO made him an honorary member. My husband and I cherished and honored the time we went to the national conventions and we once had our picture taken with LT John Finn before he passed away a few years later. Then, two weeks before my husband died he insisted that I take him to the local AAO Christmas Party even though he could barely walk and was on oxygen. My husband of 40 years - 40 really good years - passed away from IPF in December 2006. He was all Navy to the end and was buried in nearby Arlington National Cemetery on 24 January 2007.

I have been receiving The Red Shirt since that time all through the years. I read it from cover to cover each month keeping up with your news and always looking for someone I may have known. However, I know the time has come for me to move forward and cancel the subscription that the AAO has so generously provided to me. I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you and the all the members of AAO for your dedication and all great work that continues to be performed on behalf of our great Navy each and every day. Long live the AAO!

IYAOYAS,  
Barbara Bishop, YNC (Ret)

Barbara, thanks for the e-mail. I will forward to our treasurer to remove your address from the list. If you ever want to read future issues please see our web site that keeps the most current issue on file.

Kevin

Spreading a bit of Christmas Cheer

Ordnance men and women aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) under the direction of Ordnance Handling Officer (OHO) LCDR Alexa Sandifer received 13 boxes of Christmas goody bags from the Strike Weapons Logistics Team Members at PEO U/W NAVAIRSYSCOM.

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Attached are some photos of some of the ordnance folks aboard the USS Truman receiving our holiday gifts. We sent gift bags to 261 troops aboard the USS Truman (13 boxes in all) and they finally received them. I'm going to draft an article with one of these photos for inclusion in an upcoming Red Shirt edition. Clearly this small gesture made a big impact to those who are defending our freedoms.

THANK YOU to all of you that participated and help make this happen.

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Ellen Bailey, DFMCP3  
PEO(U/W) Technical Support

Good Morning Mary,

We finally got all the packages. All of our HST Sailors were extremely excited and very appreciative. The tide pods came in handy as our Sailors were running low. They loved everything. We can't thank you enough for the amazing gesture and the smiles you provided to our Sailors. Here are some pictures as requested. We are working on something for you and your team, but it will take some time resources are not the best out here, but we will not forget. Thank you and God Bless.

V/r,

LCDR Alexa Sandifer  
USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)  
Ordnance Handling Officer (OHO)

