

Steve Kashuba

Amber L. Roth was re-elected via ballot vote to serve on the Board of Directors, term to expire 2021.

Election was held for the Board of Directors position held by Angela Sobieski.

The nominees are:
Angela Sobieski, (Incumbent)
Todd Pendleton
Steve Kashuba

Al Dean was nominated from the floor, was present, and accepted the nomination. His name was added to the list of nominees.

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All officers will be installed after the Awards Banquet Dinner is completed.

Election of Officers up in 2019, Rob Walecki, Vice President –

The following offices will be open for election/reelection in 2019:

Vice President, office currently held by Rob Walecki, CWO4, USN (Ret.)

Secretary, office currently held by John “JJ” LaMaitre, AOCM, USN (Ret.)

Board of Directors (Two):
David H. Lepard, CAPT, USN(Ret.)
Tim M. Zimmer, AOCS USN(Ret.)

NOTE: Nominations for these Offices must be submitted to the Vice-President No Later than 1 April 2019. The Nominee must accept the nomination in Writing and be willing to fulfill the obligations of the office.

Further Business: The President called for any further business from the floor.

The President announced the establishment of a new temporary committee, chartered for two years, called the Marketing Committee and headed by him. The purpose of this committee is to seek new sources of revenue for our scholarships by exploring advertising opportunities associated with the Red Shirt.

The president then reminded the membership to promote membership at all levels, you never know when or where you will meet an Ordie or former Ordie. Use local base newspapers to get the word out about who you are and what you are doing.

Closing remarks & announcements, Dion Edon, President –

The President announced that next year’s Continuum/AOLMC & 43rd Convention would be held at the Silver Legacy, Reno, NV from 28 July thru 04 August 2019.

A moment of silence was held for those who have gone to the Gun Boss in the sky. Let’s think about the Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen serving in Iraq, Afghanistan.

Chaplain Mart Vance delivered the closing prayer.

There being no more input from the floor and no more business to conduct the President closed the 2018 General Business Meeting of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen at 1143, 28 July, 2018.

Enclosures 1 thru 3 are on file with the National Secretary.

Submitted by:

John “JJ” LaMaitre
Secretary
Approved by:

Approved by:

Matt Arnold
President





2018 AAO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

His awards include: National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (9 awards) and the

Meritorious Service Medal.

During his extremely successfully 31-year active duty career, moving through the ranks from E-1 to CWO-5, he performed superbly in a myriad of highly demanding billets and was known for his ability to make things happen. A stalwart supporter of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, he is a Life Member who has served on the Board of Directors of Chapters 1, 9, and 22.

Some of his specific contributions while on active duty include:

- Instrumental in 573 combat sorties and delivery of over one million pounds of bombs during Desert Storm with VA-36
- Planned for and accomplished the safe handling of over 850,000 pounds of ordnance in support of Operations Southern Watch and Desert Fox with VFA-97
- Ensured the flawless loading and delivery of 278,000 pounds on enemy target in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom
- Planned weapons configurations and led VFA-146 in completing over 300 missions and 1,900 flight hours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- As Curriculum Developer and Instructor for Aviation Ordnance Officer Career Progression (AOOCP) Course he researched, revised, and delivered course curriculum for 35 Naval Ordnance topics. Mentored 151 Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance Officers, Senior Enlisted, and Civilian Support Personnel in ordnance supply, logistics, and management

Following his military career, he continues to contribute to the ordnance community as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and Quality Assurance Professional (QAPro) for Logistic Services International (LSI) developing training courseware for the F-35 Joint Services Fighter (JSF) aircraft and the V-22 Osprey.

It my absolute pleasure and extreme honor to announce the induction into the Aviation Ordnanceman Hall of Fame of CWO-5 (RET) Michael R. Snider



China Lake ceremony honors Ross' 45 years of service

By Stacie Lawrence
NAWCWD Public Affairs

"It kind of flew by for me," said Ron Ross of his 45 years of federal service. "I like what I do."

Ross, head of the Logistics Management Integration Department at Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division and WD site lead for Logistics Integration for Naval Air Systems Command, was honored during a Sept. 11 ceremony at China Lake.

After earning a degree in business from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Ross served as a naval aviation weapons officer making deployments aboard carriers such as USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS Enterprise (CVN 65) among others. Later, he served as a weapons officer at Naval Air Station Miramar and for the U.S. Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor Program, better known as TOPGUN.

"It's remarkable the number of very impressive accomplishments that can be fit into an individual's highly successful career," said Rear Adm. Scott Dillon, NAWCWD commander, before presenting Ross with his award. "Thank you for everything that you've done for us. Forty-five years is quite the accomplishment and it really is impressive."

Once he retired from naval service, Ross supported the Aerial Targets, F/A-18 and EA-18G, and Standoff Missile Systems Program Offices until he moved to China Lake in 2003 to accept his current position in Logistics.

"Thank you everyone for coming here today," Ross said addressing his colleagues in attendance. "Whatever time you've given our country and given your service, thank you for that, I appreciate your time."



Rear Adm. Scott Dillon, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division commander, presents Ron Ross, head of the Logistics Management Integration Department, with a 45-year length of service award during a ceremony Sept. 11 at China Lake. (U.S. Navy photo by Paul Kakert)



Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year Runner up AO1(AW/SW) Donald Harris from the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78).

Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year SSgt Chris White from VMFA-312

The gentleman presenting SSgt White's plaque is LtGen (Ret) Philip Shutler and the other Marine is MSgt King. LtGen Shutler joined the Marine Corps in 1947, served as a platoon leader and as a reconnaissance company commander in Korea. He was designated a Naval aviator in 1952 and served in various fighter and attack squadrons throughout his career before retiring in 1980 as director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.





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To 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"

Kevin,

How are you? Hope all is well down in Florida. As you may know I am doing my tour as OHO onboard JCS and getting the chapter back moving in the right direction with events and visibility onboard and off the ship. We all appreciate the submission and whole page in this months Red Shirt and it has now and it has now a lasting effect on the entire department and the ship!

One thing could you please make the change for Chapter POC's and our Chapter president is AO1 Benjamin Llewellyn, benjamin.llewellyn@cvn74.navy.mil.

Thanks!!

V/r

Lawrence

LCDR Lawrence Schaffer

Ordnance Handling Officer (OHO)

USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)

Thanks and Done.

Kevin,

Received a question about why we no longer display the motto "Peace through power. We are the arms of the fleet", on the cover of the cover of the Red Shirt? Maybe add it to the next edition?

Johnny Wheat

Fixed it, must have removed a while back to make room for a picture.

Good Morning,

I am seeking your assistance in locating former squadron members for a reunion and commemoration event in San Diego, CA February 16-19, 2019. The event will be held aboard the USS MIDWAY Museum and has grown to a point the Museum personnel are now considering it an "historical event".

Many of those we have yet to successfully contact are Ordnancemen and, after all, Attack Squadrons don't do much beyond "boring holes in the sky" without their "Ordies".

Would it be possible to post a notification for Association members who previously served with the "Arabs"? Point of Contact is Mr. Howard Triggs, (763) 516-0031, hwtriggs@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you may able to provide.

v/r,

T.J. Talley

AZC USN (Ret)

