

Kevin,

Hope all is well! Emailing you from the Carl Vinson with a picture of the men and women of VFA-192 posing with aircrew in-front of a GBU-10 just before the aircrew launched to participate in an international SINKEX during RIMPAC 2018.

Take care!

V/r,

CVW-2 Gunner



Big Kev,

I have attached 4 photos from CVW-9 Missile Shoot that took place on 27 July, 2018. CVW-9 expended 8XAIM-9M's, 9XAIM-120B's, and 5XATM-88B's. If you could or would can you post in the next Red-shirt?

1. CVW-9 Squadron Gunners – Left to Right – CWO3 Phil Camp (VFA-41), CWO3 Cory Hester (VFA-14), CWO4 Scott Rutledge (VFA-97), and CWO4 Chris Hathaway (VFA-151).
2. VFA-14 Ord Team – AIM-120B Photo.
3. VFA-41 Ord Team – AIM-9M photo with squadron flag.
4. VFA-41 Ord Team – AIM-120B photo with squadron flag.

Very Respectfully,

Tony Craighead

NAWCWD 675500D

Fleet Weapons Support Team (FWST)



1947, orders to shore duty from the Heavy Cruiser USS Macon with its SC-2 Float Planes. NAAF Charlestown, RI was home to F-8F, SB2C and A1H aircraft.

One sad day a Midshipman took off in his A1H Skyraider with his wings folded. The result was a tragic crash, huge pall of black smoke and fire fueled by a full load of 145 octane AVGAS.

Set TAD to Otis Field on Cape Cod. A control tower, spotting shacks and a target were used to teach aviators the proper push-over point and dive angle.

The munition was a 2.75" Rocket. Rockets that failed to fire had their lead heads removed and put in a big gravel pit. There were many. The word came down to destroy them. We knocked the 2" thick 1' long Ballistite Propellant out and put about 10 in a pile. Burning newspaper ignited the sticks and they burned vigorously. Too much is never enough. The senior E-6 put a dozen sticks in a 55 gallon drum and dumped a burning one down the bung-hole. Instantly there were violent surges and scary noises from the drum. It fell over and detonated. The top flew off at high speed, sailed out of the pit and not seen again! All the crash and fire trucks came with sirens wailing. The Fire Chief said, "That's Enough". It could have ended in tragedy.

1950, USS Midway CVB-41 in the Med. 900' of nylon cord was flaked out by the port cat, banner target with cord attached to center bomb rack. On launch LCDR Bauer took the Bearcat straight up. The Midway moved under him. The Captain must have thought the Midway was imperiled. On landing LCDR Bauer was summoned to the Bridge and given 10 days "In Hack". We Ordies thought he was a hero.

1953, USS Bon Homme Richard CVA-31, VF-72, F9F-2 off Korea. On landing one of our Panthers crashed its starboard wing into the 5" Gun Mount, scraped its nose along the island structure. As it passed the door to Repair-8 one 20MM Cannon fired 1 round. CAG-7's Flight Surgeon manned his position on every aircraft recovery. The copper rotating band from the round struck him in the eye. He was medevac'd to Yokosuka. There is an annual "Flight Surgeon of the Year" award given in his honor. We all loved him. Dr R.E. Leurs.

The Essex Class Carriers had flight decks of wood sandwiched between steel cross members. Exposed to all weather and jet exhaust they suffered badly. There were no Jet Blast Deflectors. A 10' by 10' steel plate was bolted into this abused wood behind the cat's. Imagine a piece of steel this huge being blown into the air by jet exhaust, tumbling like a piece of cardboard all the way back to the deck-edge elevator. There was no deck-edge power so a 3 wheeled jeep with a generator was used to start the jets. AO2 Bean was waiting at the port cat to pull safety pins on the next plane. The exhaust picked up the jeep and it fell on Bean rupturing his Urology System. Sent to Naval Hospital Boston, multiple surgeries, no cure. When CAG-7 returned to NAS Quonset Point I visited him. There was no hope for recovery. He was put in a room with bars on the window. I could not find enough courage to see him again.

About 1958, USS Tarawa, VS-32. Night deck launch of an S-2F from all the way AFT. Full power and rolling. An "L" shaped device called a "Fosdick" on the A/C belly picked up the barrier. Forward motion stopped, the nose gear collapsed and both props chewed into the flight deck. How many pilots have an arrested takeoff in their log-books?

There is danger in even the seemingly safest places. Be Aware and Safe.

Frank Fogg
AOCS USN (Ret)



Dear Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I am honored to be a recipient of the 2018 James E. Thompson Scholarship. Thank you for your incredibly generous support as it will allow me to continue pursuing my Bachelor

of Science degree in Nursing at Seattle University. I am going into my Sophomore year and will be beginning clinicals in the spring quarter of this academic year. The financial support from this scholarship will cover the cost of my clinical and lab fees. This will significantly reduce the financial burden on my family and allow them to assist my other siblings in their educational endeavors. Once again thank you for your investment in not only in my education but that of all of the scholarship recipients you have supported.

Sincerely,
Margaret Arnold



Dear Mr. Lord and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen,

I want to thank you for allowing me to be one of the recipients of this year's Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News Awards. It is a tremendous honor to be chosen as a recipient for the second year in a row. The money I received will help me in my journey of pursuing a college degree. It will also facilitate my family and my financial

burden for this coming school year. I am forever grateful to receive such a generous scholarship. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Arkansas where I am majoring in Computer Science. My goal is to use my degree to become a software architect at one of the best technology companies in the world. By receiving this scholarship, the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen have given me the opportunity to turn my dreams into reality. I want to once again thank you Mr. Garza and the rest of the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Scholarship Committee for selecting me as a recipient of the Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding Newport News Scholarship.

Sincerely,
Michael Panis

CHAPTER 671

Hafa Adai, Ordies!

Chapter 671 began the 2018 summer with a bang; NAWMU-1 completed AIM-9X Series Sidewinder sectional and component removal and replacement training during the month of July. We would like to give a special SHOUT OUT of appreciation to everyone from Raytheon Missile Systems and the FST from PMA-259/AIM-9X, for the great training!

As island ambassadors, we continue to show our support to the local community. We had an excellent show of support during our Dadi Beach and Santa Rita Road clean up, keeping Guam beautiful. A great job by AO1 Justin Oman leading NAWMU-1/Chapter 671 in this year's Memorial Day Flag display. Additionally, AO1 Erick Skoglund, continues show off his great artistic skills improving our adopted local community location restoring NAWMU-1's sponsored Guam Public School's bus stop in Santa Rita. Additionally, NAWMU-1's CO, Commander Folsom meritoriously promoted AO1 Skoglund to Petty Officer First Class via the command's MAP Program.

We recently held elections for new cabinet positions. Congratulations to our new President AO1 Marcus Van, Vice President AO2 Kenneth Adams, Secretary AO2 Gustavo Pro and Treasurer AO2 Sean Balboa.

Congratulations to our Senior Sailor of the Quarter and Junior Sailor of the Quarter for FY18 third quarter AO1 Jeremy Dailey and AT2 John Hennessy! We also would like to welcome aboard AT1 William Cooley, AO2 Zacchaeus Ellis, AO2 Jacob Lee, AO2 Gustavo Pro and AO2 Nicholas Zeitler to the NAWMU-1/CH 671 Team!

Until next time. IYAOYAS!!!

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CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in beautiful Jacksonville, Florida.

As I write this article Hurricane Florence is approaching the North Carolina-Virginia coast as a category 4, which means it is going to leave a lot of destruction in its wake. We here in Jacksonville went through similar situation one year ago with hurricane Irma (our 9/11). I hope all AO's affected will be safe.

All is well here but being spared means others will take the brunt of the storm. That's the price we pay to live on the east coast during hurricane season.

A "big tree" in the AO community has fallen and will be greatly missed. CWO4 (Ret) Ed "Scottie" Scott died suddenly while visiting family in Memphis, TN. This was a shock to all who knew him. He was seemingly in good health, then in the hospital and gone. ED was a great friend to our community and a champion for education. He oversaw the National Education foundation which benefited many including numerous AO family members. The National Association and in particular Chapter-9 has big shoes to fill. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Linda and the rest of his family.

For the second year Chapter Nine participated in a local Fourth of July Parade riding an AO decorated float distributing 1200 small American flags to the crowd all along the parade route.

In August we held our annual AO family picnic, catching up with old friends and a fine catered BBQ lunch. The two youngest AO's present had just five months in the Navy, and our oldest was retired LT Robert Bohnstengle who joined the Navy in early 1942. There were future AO's present the youngest was just a few months old.

Invitations to our annual air rifle and academic competitions have been mailed out to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Army JROTC units nationwide. These fund raisers provide the monies to help the National scholarship program, to help local AO's, and to support our annual holiday food baskets

IYAOYAS, do everything by the check list and watch each other's six at all times. It's still great to be an AO.

AO1 Lindsey Smack, USN
AAO9 President



CHAPTER 1

Greetings form Chapter One!!

We as the Lemoore Ordie's participated in our eleventh Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. Last year we were the number one non-corporate team for the city of Lemoore, and we are on our way for benefiting the community and every cancer fighter out there! Team Lemoore Ordie's are in the following photo's and our Team Captains AO1 Michael Martinez and AO2 Sheona Holmes from Navy Munitions Command are in the green t-shirts. We couldn't be more proud of all the support we receive from all our Ordie's, Families and Friends! Truly blessed! Plenty of us could not be here due to deployments and detachments but, thank you all for your support.



Adopt-a-Highway has been rolling right along with May and June our last ones until summer was over and we are ramping up for October.

Our Annual Chapter One Picnic, 25 August 2018, turned out great plenty of delicious food and treats. Thanks to AOCS Laura Colby and LT Garcia from CAG 11 for heading up the event and everyone who was able to make it. See everyone next year!



Next event, Chapter One will be having our annual Christmas Party 01 Dec 2018, at the Fleet Reserve in Lemoore, CA.

IYAOYAS!!
v/r
Jeffry Coe AOCS (RET)
CHAPTER ONE PRESIDENT



CHAPTER 5



AO2 CHRIS LEWIS, AO1 RAYMOND JENKINS, AO2 AVERY JOHNSON, AO1 CHRIS ADAMS,
AOAN NATASHA SICILIANO, AO3 DAVID BARWNCZAK

2018 May 28 - Memorial Day, Desert Memorial Park, Ridgecrest, CA
Association of Aviation Ordnancemen Chapter 5, China Lake, CA



CHAPTER 78

Submitting updates to our Chapter.

Chapter 78 President AO1 Perry, John, AO1 Mabe, Richard (Vice President), AO1 Mason, Gesette (Treasurer), AO1 Perry, James (Secretary). We conduct our monthly meetings at VFW Post 3160 111 A View, Norfolk, VA. 23503. I have attached some photos from a recent Cornhole Tournament conducted onboard USS Gerald R. Ford and our newly selected chapter logo.



Additionally, I attached some photos from our very first AAO Chapter 78 golf tournament conducted at the Pines golf course 3518 Mulberry Island Road Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604 Friday 21SEP18. We plan on holding this tournament every year. We have a chapter website which is www.AAOChapter78.com for everyone to view.

I have also added a photo of AOC Harris receiving his AO of the Year runner-up award onboard USS Gerald R. Ford. From left to right Force Gun Boss CDR Willett, CVN 78 Weapons Department Gun Boss CDR Thompson, CAPT Cummings (Skipper), AOC Harris, CAPT Gaut (XO), Weapons Department DLCPO AOCM Tilmson, CMDCM Nunley (CMC), LT Klassen (DIVO).



V/R
AO1(AW) Richard S. Mabe
Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78)
Weapons/QA
AAO Chapter 78 Vice President

