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- Steve Cashat, Issues #54-90

I'm in the process of looking for a new Editor for OUR Magazine. As much as I enjoy putting these issues together every 4 months I'm finding less and less time to do it. Who out there is interested? Whoever is selected will have to be approved by our AAO Leadership.

We have a great Print Shop in Pensacola and you can submit everything directly on line with them. No middle man to go thru and they've done a great job for us over the last few years!

Thanks
Kevin



SMSgt Vince Hernandez, USMC (Ret), CDR Richard Sherman, USN (Ret), Kevin Meagher ,AOC USN (Ret) Donning the uniforms for MSgt Jake Wise, USAF retirement ceremony.



SMSgt Vince Hernandez, USMC (Ret), Maj Joseph Thibault, USMC (Ret), Col Amy McCain, USAF, Program Manager Advanced Programs Division, MSgt Jake Wise, USAF, CDR Richard Sherman, USN (Ret), Kevin Meagher ,AOC USN (Ret)



Advanced Programs Division ILSMT at Nellis AFB, JAN 2020. USN, USMC, USAF participation.



ON THE COVER

CWO2 Tiffany Walsh and LT Marshall on a site visit to 5th Fleet AOR.

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Chapter 3 Holiday Party



CHAPTER 1

Greetings from Chapter One Lemoore, CA.

Just finished up, the Holiday Season which was terrific. Chapter One Christmas Party went off without a hitch and everyone had a fantastic time. We set our party for the second Saturday in December, and even though personnel are deployed, we have an outstanding time every year.



Chapter One and Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific completed two Adopt-A-Highway projects in October and November for total of 41 bags of trash and a couple of ID Cards to boot, I am sure the Sailors were happy to get them back, unfortunately no money picked up.

Ramping up for our annual Relay for Life Event taking place at the end of April. All Ordie support is welcome for this event. Support Team Lemoore Ordie's if you get a chance.

Best Wishes for the New Year!
Jeffrey W. Coe AOCS (RET)
Chapter One President

CHAPTER 8

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

Since September 2019 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added 11 new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and had 19 personnel show up to their first Chapter meeting.

On 5 September, Chapter President John Holdman presented AO1

Victor Ada with the LCDR James E. Thompson Aviation Ordnance man of the Quarter, second quarter with a citation and \$100.

During November we got a new Chapter President. Out-going President John Holdman decided that since he was now wearing the Chiefs uniform that he would give up being the Chapter President to a deserving First Class. That person was our former Vice President AO1 Victor Ada. Our congratulations to Victor and a hearty thank you to John for being such an awesome President the past three years.

In November we had several members donate items to support the AAAO Taste of Home project. A total of six boxes were packaged up by Carolyn Thomas and shipped out to support our Brothers and Sisters afloat.

November was also the kick-off of our annual AOCS Jason P. May Thanksgiving Holiday Hand-up. We concluded it by giving out \$900 in commissary Gift Cards to nine Aviation Ordnance families from seven commands. We'd like to acknowledge Chapter members Diane McQueen-Gipson and Lester Gipson for coordinating this event and the generosity of the AOCS Jason May Family for their continued donations which helped make this highly successful event possible.

In November, we also had a huge showing of volunteers from the Chapter who participated in the 18th annual Veterans 6K/4 Mile Run/Walk, the Marine Corps League (1207) Veteran's Day Event, Susan G. Komen San Diego, Race for the Cure, and our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Walk.

December also proved to be a busy month as we focused on our annual AOCS Jason P. May Christmas Holiday Hand-up and again concluded it by giving out \$1,100 in VISA Gift Cards to ten Aviation Ordnance families. Members Diane McQueen-Gipson and Lester Gipson again donated their time to coordinate this event.

In December we also had several volunteers participate in the Toys for Tots working party at MCAS Miramar under the superb coordination of Chapter Board of Director Jim Thomas.

On Saturday, 14 December, the Chapter held its annual Holiday/Christmas Potluck. The food selections were fantastic, we had a great time with a White Elephant Gift Exchange, and we were able to bring in some extra funds through a raffle and a 50/50 drawing. We'd like to thank Tess LaMaitre for the raffle donations as well as a herself and Carolyn Thomas for their take charge support in setting the event up.

In December, President Ada took time to present several end of the year recognition awards to the following personnel who regularly attended AAO Chapter 8 meetings, participated in volunteer events, and contributed their leadership skills to better the Chapter throughout the year: Lester Gipson and Diane McQueen-Gipson, John (JJ) and Tess LaMaitre, Jim and Carolyn Thomas, John Holdman, Victor Ada, Tom Lord, and Al Ten Eyck.

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

V/r
CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler
Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer

CHAPTER 9



Happy 2020 from Chapter nine.

As I sit down to pen this article, Jacksonville is experiencing the mildest winter weather I can remember, setting records highs daily. What a blessing and the reason we choose to live in northeast Florida. Where does the time go? The Christmas season has just passed and I

know the next will be bearing down before you know it. At this rate, we all should begin your 2020 Christmas shopping.

The chapter finished out the past year as we always do with a final highway FOD walk down, the Blue Angel Air Show, and giving a hand up to needy AO families during the holidays. We look forward to a successful 2020.

Congratulations to AO2 Jasmyne Mack from VP-30. She was named AO of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2019.

I always reflect on past events at this time of year. Does anyone remember the "Millennium bug" scare? Desert Storm happened almost 30 years ago. The Tomcat; Naval Aviation's poster child, has been retired over 10 years. Viet Nam vets are getting long in the tooth. Time flies and your time as an "Ordie" will pass before you know it. Enjoy every day and cherish the shipmates you meet along the way. Thank those from the past while you can.

I'm sorry to report that since our last article, retired AOC Tony "Speedy" Gonzales passed away. Speedy was a charter member of Chapter 9.

We voted to endow an annual scholarship in memory of Gunner Ed Scott. Education was so important to him and he demonstrated this with his work with National's Scholarship program. This memorial is over and above Chapter Nine's annual donation to the scholarship program.

As 2020 begins, may this year be peaceful and good to each of you. 2020 promises to be a great year. Continue to work safe and smart, always look out for each other. "IYAOYAS".

AOCM Richard Wyman (USN ret)



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The attached picture is of AOOA Torres, Sheila from Puerto Rico who has created art work in our spaces onboard USS GERALD R. FORD (CVN 78). This is just one of many she has painted.

Wanted to let all the red shirts know that we will be holding our 3rd annual AAO Chapter 78 golf tournament at Eaglewood golf course 630 Weyland Road Langley AFB on 24 APR 20 with a back-up date of 01 MAY 20. Tournament is open to anyone that would like to participate. There will be first, second, and last place trophies. If you would like to join us please RSVP to richard.mabe@cvn78.navy.mil or by our AAO Chapter 78 Facebook page. Hope to see everyone out on the course and make this one our biggest to date. IYAOYAS

V/R

AOC Richard S. Mabe
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