

CHAPTER DESERT SOUTHWEST



Greetings everyone from Desert Chapter El Centro!

We started the new year off right with a highway walk along-

side I-8 heading westbound.

April was a busy month for us at Desert Chapter El Centro. Started off with conducting an Easter Egg hunt in the housing community on NAF EL Centro. We got together, colored some beautiful eggs and were able to make some kids very happy on Easter Morning.

We also had the chance to show Rear Admiral John T. Palmer, COM-PACFLT N4 around NMCPAC DET EL Centro. He was impressed with the amount of ordnance that moves through our base; he also stayed and barbecued with us in the Pearl of the Desert.

Lastly, we have been participating in many SAPR events that have been taking place during the month of April which included a color run, obstacle course, bowling tournament and grand prix. We may have not finished first in the events but we sure did finish as a team. IYAOYAS!

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for our Desert South West Chapter
 President - AO2 Byron Gradney
 Vice President - AO2 Brendan Tuller
 Treasurer - AO2 Marvin Masolo
 Secretary - AO2 Meghan Bean

Until next time... IYAOYAS!

Very Respectfully,
 AO2 (AW/SW) Meghan E. Bean
 Secretary, AAO Desert Chapter
 Event Planner, AAO Desert Chapter



SPARTAN CHAPTER



Greetings from the Spartan Chapter in Greece, "First In the Mediterranean"!

I am very proud to announce that our coins are here and our logo is complete! Contact information

is below, we are anxious to get them out to fleet and to anyone else that would like one. We are currently working on T-shirt designs and memorabilia.

We are doing big things here in Greece. We are currently going through Explosive Safety Technical Assist Visit (ESTAV) in preparation for Explosive Safety Inspection (ESI), while continuing to support ammo movement by land, air, and sea. Operations have been steady. The weather is warming up and plans are in the works for some outdoor activities for our chapter. To include a community relations project as well as social barbeque.

If you find yourself traveling to our side of the world, please contact us so that you may be able to join us for our meeting or an activity. IYAOYAS!

AO2 (AW) Gabriela Myers
 SPARTAN CHAPTER President

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CHAPTER 74

With much pride in our newly re-established Ordnance Association, we extend our most sincere greetings from the great Pacific Northwest.

We are back on the map undergoing a series of work-ups as we ramp up for deployment, coupled with our CAG-9 Shogun and DESRON-21 team ready to do what we do best and put "Warheads on Foreheads". We have successfully completed our onload with Naval Munitions Indian Island. A strenuous, but admirable and outstanding job by the entire JCS Weapons Department and Indian Island crew!

As we honor Women's History month, the women of the JCS weapons department continue to make strides and with pride, build on the foundation that was laid before us. It is without a doubt that our team continues to serve with some of the best men and women within our Naval service. The teamwork and dedication shown on a daily basis, coming together for a common goal is truly what our association is all about.

Our President, AO1(AW/SW) Benjamin Llewelyn, Vice- President AO1 (AW/SW) Jefferey Goodman, and Board of Directors are working hard at finalizing our logo and memorabilia. We can't wait to have them available for purchase and like the great ordies that we are; we can't wait to show them off!

Until next time - IYAOYAS



The Ordnance women of JCS pose for a picture honoring Women's History month 2018



From left to right: Gunner Johnson, WENG (CWO3 Gardner), Gunner Long, Gun Boss Rodney Moss, OHO Lawrence Schaffer, Ship's Gunner (CWO3 Cumings), and Gunner Relayo



GM3 Garcia supports ordnance rigging operations during the NMII On Load



From left to right: AO3(AW) Cabanilla, AOAN Stroud, AOCS(AW/SW) O'Brien during the NMII OnLoad.



CHAPTER 7



Greeting, from Chapter 7, "USS IWO JIMA".

We just wanted to introduce ourselves. We are the proud Aviation

Ordnancemen from the USS IWO JIMA LHD-7. We are a new addition to The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, founded by LT Joshua Allen, AOC Radames Martinez, AOC Torez Kendrick, AO1 Herson Sanchez, AO1 Rosalie Lashley, AO1 Erwin Autry, AO1 Gabrielle Young, AO1 Brian Polk, AO1 David Brayheafner, AO1 Marcus Terrell, and AO2 Kendrick Wallace.

- President: AO1 Rosalie Lashley
- Vice President: AO1 Erwin Autry
- Secretary: AO1 Gabrielle Young
- Treasure: AO1 Brian Polk
- Master At Arms: AO2 Kendrick Wallace

The USS IWO JIMA, homeported in Mayport, Florida, is on a regularly scheduled deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations in support of maritime security operations to reassure allies and partners, and preserve the freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in the region.



U.S. 5TH FLEET AREA OF OPERATIONS (April 22, 2018) Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Christian Jack, from Buckeye, Az., readies a 50-caliber machine gun on the port-side gallery deck during a live-fire exercise aboard the Wasp-Class Amphibious Assault ship USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7).



Representing for Weapons Department as "Hard Charger of the Day" AOAN Malik Henderson G-1 Flight Deck.

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Jacob Beal from Chicago and Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Dechaun Dobson from Philadelphia, conduct maintenance on an MK38 25mm machine gun system on the fantail.



Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Christian Jack, left, and Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Rosalie Lashley restores .50-caliber rounds in Ammunition Magazine 9.

AO1 Cecilio Zorrilla (left) and AO2 Marcus Ramirez raising their right hand for another term in their Naval Careers. (Reenlisting officer LT Joshua Allen GUNBOSS)



AOAN Samira Kuna receiving a Letter of Commendation for distributing food and water during Hurricane Irma (left) and AO3 Jorge Gomez receiving Letter of Appreciation as "GUNBOSS GRINDER" for the month of February 2018.



Thanks for adding us to the family! IYAOYAS!
 Very Respectfully,
 AO1(AW/SW) Rosalie A. Lashley
 AAO Chapter 7, President

CHAPTER 34



Welcome back to another recap from Chapter 34 Pensacola, FL "AO Schoolhouse"

Well the first thing we would love to talk about is something that is really close to Chapter 34's heart; the faith based organization called "For The Children Of Milton". In Milton, Florida area alone there are 1600 children that are homeless and in displaced homes, so when Liz Gibson found this out, she knew something had to be done. Liz found a 6,000 square foot home that had been abandoned needing much work and began to pray. Since that prayer the community has come together to set this fairy tale story in motion. It's been a long time coming but, in July the first kids will be arriving to their new home. During the process, Chapter 34 and many other organizations have been assisting with projects in and outside the house to get ready for the children. A few of these projects consisted of putting the 16 children's beds together, setting appliances up, building a playground, laying sod and even painting. But none of the work that's been done can ever amount to how these children's lives will be changed for the better. So if you're ever in the area, or just want to find out how you can help, go to their website at www.forthethechildrenofmilton.org or check out their Facebook page to stay informed on what's going on.



Kitchen before rehab



Kitchen after rehab



The Portillo family hard at work



Putting up and fixing some rotten boards on the playground

Next on April 26th we celebrated the Marine Corps "AO" Birthday at Pensacola, FL schoolhouse with our annual "AO" picnic. Commemorating the establishment of the greatest MOS on April 25th 1922. SGT Dolan expertly led the setup of the picnic and the overall success of the day. Students had many events to compete in and many other fun activities to be involved in for the day. Seven teams competed in the

truck pull, tug of war, Ogive toss and a Mk 76 challenge. Other activities consisted of football, basketball, inflatable obstacle course/ jousting and corn hole. If that wasn't enough lunch was catered by Sonny's BBQ serving pulled pork, chicken and brisket sandwiches with sides of potato salad, mac and cheese and baked beans. Towards the end of the day came the dunk tank. Throughout the day students voted (one dollar per vote) to dunk the instructors and the top 5 went in the tank. And with the most money towards him was AO1 Jackson known as the "PT Jesus", raising 99 dollars alone. With a total of over 300 dollars raised going towards the Navy And Marine Corp Relief Society. The last event of the day was the cake cutting and motivational words from MSGT Craig.



Students pulling MSGT Craig's truck. Mk 76 challenge, easy day for this Marine



Ogive toss out on the baseball field. AO1 Watie motivating during tug of war



The last thing for this issue of the Red Shirt from Chapter 34 is the 2018 "AO" Navy and Marine Corp schoolhouse picture. It wouldn't have been possible without the great work of Rose Spencer "Southern Exposure Photography". She has been taking pictures for the schoolhouse for years and always does an amazing job. If you're ever looking for a photographer look no further. Rose's number is (850) 572-4765.

Like always if you're ever in the area stop by the schoolhouse or join us for are monthly "AO" meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 1830 at Beef O Brady's on 22 South Palafox St, Pensacola Florida 32502. Until next time IYAOYAS!

Chapter 34 President Sgt Lowery
 Chapter 34 Vice President AO1 Winters
 Chapter 34 Treasurer AO1 Portillo
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