

# SPARTAN CHAPTER

Chairetismata (Greetings) from the Spartan Chapter in Souda Bay, Greece.

We are so excited to be a part of this tradition and worldwide Ordnance family. We would like to express our appreciation to The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen for the opportunity to represent our proud history and heritage here in the Mediterranean. Thank you so much for all the support and answering all the questions we had building our Chapter.

We have held elections and our very First Cabinet is as follows: President- AO2 (AW) Gabriela C. Myers (also named JSOY of 2017 for all of NMCLANT), Vice President- AOC (AW) Justin A. Roach, Secretary- AOC (AW/SW) Franko B. Lukis, Treasurer-AO2 (AW) Guillermo Alba III, Board of Directors- CWO4 B. Keith Turnipseed and Michael P. Gramolini (Ret). Special recognition goes to AO2 (AW) Myers for getting the ball rolling and putting all the pieces in place to form the Spartan Chapter. She dedicated countless hours to ensure success, from recruiting members even outside of our rate and to organizing all meetings and events to bring us together and create this team. Additional thanks goes to Michael P. Gramolini, for the wealth of knowledge and correspondence with the National Association cabinet. The Spartan Chapter brought this idea to life through their willingness and support of such a special tradition. Everyone played a special part in making this all possible for the First Chapter in the Mediterranean region.

Our emblem is finished and a coin is in work, which we are excited to share with you all here in the near future! Of course, shirts and memorabilia will follow that. The Spartan Chapter plans to support the local area through community relations projects and charity drives all over our island of Crete. Our President plans to represent the newest addition to the global Ordnance family at the 2018 Convention.

If anyone gets the opportunity to visit us here at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece, you are cordially invited to our monthly meeting every 3rd Friday of the month. Time and location varies, so please be sure to contact anyone in the organization for that information. We look forward to seeing you there!

AO2 (AW) Gabriela C. Myers  
Spartan Chapter President  
IYAOYAS!



New Stand up Chapter Spartan Chapter Elected Officers.  
From left to right: AOC Roach Vice President, Mike Gramolini CDR (RET) Board of Directors, AO2 Myers President, AO2 Alba Treasure, CWO4 Turnipseed Board of Directors



Navy Munitions Command Sailor of the Year was announced and AO2 Gabriela Myers our President for the Spartan Chapter here in Souda Bay Crete won Navy Munitions Command Sailor of the Year.

## CHAPTER 9



Happy 2018 year from Chapter Nine.

With the exception of the three hurricanes that pounded the south east and Caribbean Islands. 2017 was a good year. NE Florida has pretty well recovered and our chapter continues to do all we can to assist the active duty AO's, clean two miles of highway for community service, work with local high school JROTC Units, call on those AO's with major illnesses, and most of all,

keeping in contact with great friends and shipmates.

Hurricane Irma proved why our association is unique and I can think of no other rate I would rather be a part of. During the hurricane clean-up, a check for a \$1000 dollar from a retired AO in Virginia arrived to meet any AO's emergency needs resulting from the storm. Thanks to this generous gift, sailors locally as well as family members in Puerto Rico indirectly received needed help. AO's have always looked out for each other.

On a lighter note, a gentleman noticed my AVIATION ORDNANCE tag frame and said he had been an "armorer" on A-7D 's and A-10's while in the Air Force. We talked the similarities, but when he had never been exposed to the working end of a hernia bar I realized we really had very little in common. Maybe he was a remove before flight "pulling" specialist? This encounter got me thinking how fate intervened in my life, out of all the aviation schools available, I was sent to become an AO in 1966 and how proud I am of this today. I hope all of you feel the same way and take advantage of the opportunities given you as well. "IYAOAS"

Well done to AO2 Joseph Garza, named VP-30's maintainer of the year after only being in the Squadron 8 months.

At the November Chapter meeting a copy of an OP-5 dated 1926 as well as a loading manual from 1947 were produced. Needless to say, neither publication was very lengthy. We have come a long way through our history.

This world is not a safer place, wars and rumors continue. There is a continuing need for resolve and strength. Keep doing your part, safely.

AOCM Rick Wyman

## CHAPTER 21

Greetings from CHAPTER 21, Fallon NV.

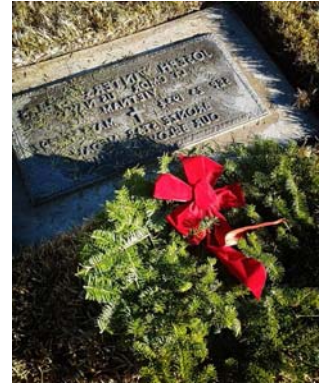
During this Holiday Season we continued to spread some Ordie "Love and Cheer" around the Churchill County community. While supporting daily operations for CVW-1, TOP GUN Class, NAWDC and GTI, we volunteered to "Meals on Wheels", William N. Pennington Life Center, Special Olym-

pics, and provided much needed concession assistance for Fallon Greenwave Football games. We were honored to assist the Veterans associations in the placement of wreaths for, "Wreaths across America" Ceremony. "Had a blast at the Chapter Social ". We recently wished "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to a few of our friends and leaders. On the 17 November 2017, "GUN BOSS" CDR Kevin Dowd retired after 33 years of Faithful Naval Service. Special shout out to our outstanding Sailors that advanced this cycle from NMC Det Fallon and Naval Air Warfare Development Center. #IYAOYAS

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## CHAPTER 8

Greetings from Chapter 8, San Diego, "The Chapter Where It All Started." Since September 2017 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added three new Chapter 8 Life Time Members.

On 29 September, the retirement ceremony for AOCM Diane McQueen-Gipson was held onboard the flight deck of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. All Chapter members were invited to celebrate her 30 years of faithful and honorable service. We wish her "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

During our October meeting President Holdman took time to congratulate Gunner's Frankie Marano and Scott Lagerquist for their selections to CWO4 and to CWO5. Congratulations went out to them both as well as a thank you for their past leadership contributions to the Chapter.

On 11 October, President Holdman accepted an award from CALTRANS District Office in recognition of our 30 plus years of faithfully participating in the CA Adopt-A-Highway Program. Only two organizations a year get selected so it was quite an honor for Chapter 8 to be a 2017 recipient.

On 15 October, several Chapter members supported the San Diego Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk at Balboa park. Volunteers handed out t-shirts and water. Chapter efforts were coordinated by AO1 Nanise Schroeder.

November was a busy month for the Chapter as we kicked off our annual AOCS Jason P. May Thanksgiving Holiday Hand-up and concluded it by giving out \$1,300.00 in Gift Cards to 13 Aviation Ordnance families. The continuous generous donations from the AOCS Jason May Family made this highly successful event possible. We also had a combined 50 Chapter members actively volunteer to support the 16th annual Veterans 6K/4 Mile Run/Walk, Marine Corps League (1207) Veteran's Day Event, and our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Walk.

December also proved to be a busy month as we focused on our annual Christmas Holiday Hand-up and again concluded it by giving out \$600 in Gift Cards to 6 Aviation Ordnance families. We also had several volunteers participate in the Wreaths across America and the Chapter President took time to present Certificates of Appreciation to Tess LaMaitre, Lester Gipson and Diane McQueen Gipson, and HSC-23 Ordies for all the support they provided the Chapter throughout 2017. BZ to all and thank you for all you do!

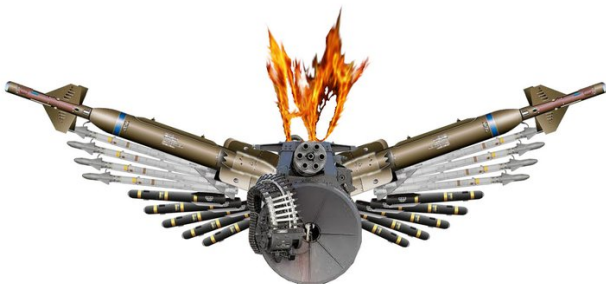
On Saturday, 9 December, we held our annual Holiday/Christmas Potluck with approximately 45 individuals in attendance. The food selections were fantastic, we had a great time with a White Elephant Gift Exchange, and we were able to bring in some extra funds through a raffle and a 50/50 drawing. Tess LaMaitre deserves a special thank you for her raffle donations as well as all her help and take charge support in setting the event up.

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

V/r

CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler

Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



## CHAPTER 1

Greetings from CHAPTER ONE, Lemoore CA.

Finished off a great 2017! Were glad to have fall and winter here in Lemoore, who could ask for more.

As always, finishing off the year means plenty of work for squadrons and weapons departments alike. In doing our regular jobs we do find time to help out our community and November was a great time to do an Adopt-A-Highway project. We ended up with one of our larger groups with 36 personnel and cleaned up two sections covering approximately ten miles, thanks to everyone that helped especially Strike fighter Weapons School Pacific, Navy Munitions Command and VFA-86. I apologize for no photos for everyone that helped I ended up with a phone accident, now resting with Davey Jones. I am looking forward to our next one in February.

In support of all the Ordnancemen in the Lemoore area, our Chapter Holiday/Christmas Party was held at the Fleet Reserve on 9 December 2017. We had a great turn out as always and yes plenty of Shenanigan's! One I was able to throw in for everyone to enjoy. Next year we will be doing the party the first Saturday of December if you are in area.



Chapter One will be supporting the Lemoore Relay for Life on 28 April 2018, at the West Hills College Facility. This is a big push for a lot of us in support of cancer awareness and prevention with the American Cancer Society and our local community.

Stay safe out there. IYAOYAS!!!

AAO Chapter One President

Jeffrey Coe AOCS(RET)

# Life after the Uniform

After a discussion with Kevin Meagher about transition for our former Military folks into roles within the Civil Service ranks, I decided to submit an article to the Red Shirt to offer some information to potential / future candidates for employment as Logisticians within the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD). All Assistant Program Managers for Logistics (APML's) and their Deputy Assistant Program Managers for Logistics (DAPML's), reside within Code 6.6 Department which is a part of NAWCWD for Weapons Programs. The Model currently puts APML's primarily at NAVAIR Headquarters, Patuxent River, MD within the PMA's responsible for managing those Weapon Programs. Joint Program's that have another Service as the Lead Component, such as AMRAAM, the APML will reside at the base where the Lead is established, in this case, Eglin AFB, FL. Deputy's (DAPML's) will usually reside at NAWS China Lake, and be collocated within the Technical Project Office's (TPO's) for the product they support.

NAWCWD 6.6 employees Logisticians at 12 Geographical Locations as a rule, but the three main places that our Weapon Loggies reside are at NAS Patuxent River, MD (HQ / NAVAIR), NAWS China Lake, CA (NAWCWD) and NAS Pt. Mugu, CA (NAWCWD). Our largest employer for Logistics at Pt Mugu is Targets (Airborne / Surface), Navy Mission Planning (NavMPS) and the F-35 (JSF) Foreign Reprogramming Laboratory (FRL).

Former Service Members currently will have to wait 180 days from exit of their Service Component before being considered for a Federal Government Position. However, NAWCWD often utilizes a Government Contracting agency to hire individuals with a proven track record to fill various Logistics Vacancies as Contractor's until they have met the 180 day post service requirement.

Here are a couple of education tips that may ease an individual's selection for a position in our organization as a member of our Life Cycle Logistics workforce team. Life Cycle Logisticians (LCL) do not currently need a college degree but the DON Life Cycle Logistics Workforce FY 2018-2023 Strategic Implementation Plan does call out a requirement for a degree for GS-13 and higher-level employees. A degree is desirable for LCL employees at the GS-12 level. The strategic planning guide is only a guide, but we can expect future policy to require a college degree in the future. Preferred areas of study would be Logistics, Program, Business or fiscal Management for the 6.6 Department and Logistics or Supply Chain and Data Management for the 6.7 and 6.8 Departments. The disciplines listed above or only suggestions and higher-level education is not limited to the subjects.

The other tip or suggestion is to attempt to begin a certification in Life Cycle Logistics in accordance with the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act of 1990 (DAWIA). This public law was enacted to improve the Department of Defense's overall acquisition process and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent on the best products at the best price. DAWIA gave birth to the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) that enables the DoD to provide training to its military and civilian workforce in performing acquisition functions in accordance with DoD directives. Not all active duty assignments

or positions are authorized to participate in DAU training, but if you are in one of these positions, it is recommended you take full advantage of DAU and pursue certifications in DAWIA, Life Cycle Logistics. Check with your local command on your authorization to attend and participate in DAWIA and DAU.

Lastly, a good Point of Contact for consideration is a must. For NAWCWD 6.6 Management you should contact Mr. Jeff Thompson at (760) 939-8963 for more information. You should also have a current Resume on file with USAJOBS. Do not forget that there is 12 Elements of Logistics and all elements reside within three Departments. They are Codes 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8.

Thank You,  
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