

CHAPTER 9



Greetings from Chapter 9 in beautiful Jacksonville, Florida.

2018 has begun with a bang; everything seems to be back to normal after the hurricane season finally ended. Special thanks go out to FRA Branch 91 who has hosted our meetings free of charge since 1984. The FRA is our voice in Washington D.C.; remember to support them as well.

VP-9 from Whidbey Island, Washington, was in town to transition to the new P-8 aircraft. The entire AO shop from the "Gunner", AOC, and all the troops, attended our January meeting. It was great to get to know them.

CWO-5 Roddy Wiggins, past president of Chapter 9, retired after a career spanning 34 years in a ceremony in late February.

March marked the 92nd birthday of the AO Rate. We celebrated the day with a cake. Happy birthday to all!



Congratulations to AO2 Jacob Garza of VP-30 selected as our AO of the Fourth Quarter 2017 and AO1 Danny Benitez of HSM-48, selected as our AO of the Quarter for the First Quarter of 2018.

New Chapter officers were elected in April for the upcoming year, new officers are:

President-AO1 Lindsay Smack, Vice President- AOCS (ret) Dennis Patterson, and Board of Directors- CWO(ret) John Printy, CWO Bobby Price, CWO Nathan Kisamore, AOC Mas-sard, and AO1 McMinn.

A true hero, AOCM (ret) Jim Swartz has passed away in April from himself pancreatic cancer; Jim was a door gunner with HELATKRON 3 during the Vietnam War. It is quite possible this cancer was the result of Agent Orange exposure. "He got killed in Nam and he didn't even know it" quoting Rambo in "First Blood".

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
President, Chapter 9



CHAPTER 8

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

Since January 2018 our Chapter membership has continued to grow as we added seven new Chapter 8 Life Time Members and welcomed 17 AO's who attended their first meeting.

On 3 February, we held our first Adopt-A-Highway Walk for 2018 with 17 volunteers showing up to support.

In March we recognized AOC Alexis Suarez and AOC Amanda Roth for their selection to the LDO/CWO community. BZ Alexis and Amanda.

Also in March, the Chapter answered the call to help a Navy Veteran, Elmer "Bud" Trevillyan, who was turning 100 years old and lived in a home that was in badly need of repairs. Through the actions of member Diane McQueen-Gipson, the Chapter approved a \$250 donation to help off-set the \$1,500 plus cost for necessary repairs and clean up around Bud's home.

In April we received an e-mail from long time member Jim Saxton, who now lives in Corpus Christie, TX and is a regular volunteer with the Corpus Christie USO. Jim said that this USO feeds between 120-180 troops every week and the only money they get to support this is through fund raising actives. Jim wanted to know if the Chapter would be able to help in some way and the Chapter responded by approving a \$200 donation plus an additional \$100 from miscellaneous donors.

Wanted to make mention that Jim Thompson, our special Chapter member and AAO Founding Father, was admitted to the hospital in late April but has recently been moved to a convalescent home in order to provide him with a strength specialist. Several of the Chapter members have visited him frequently and he even had a surprise visit from several Ordies from the USS JOHN C. STENNIS who brought him some handouts. In closing, we would like to send Jim our prayers and hope he is able to build up his strength so he can get back home.

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

V/r

CWO3(Ret) Barry Stemler

Chapter 8 Secretary/Treasurer



CHAPTER 69

Greetings fellow Ordies!

First, let me start off by stating that I couldn't be more proud of the hard work our Red Shirts have exhibited while in Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY). If you didn't already know, the shipyard environment isn't the most conducive for putting warheads on foreheads – as a matter of fact, it's frowned upon. However, Chapter membership continues to grow and our cabinet members are continuously striving to enhance morale for Weapons Department, IKE Sailors, and the greater Hampton Roads area. Space preservation is coming along nicely and our Sailors and leadership are capitalizing on training and keeping our warfighting spirit strong.

Throughout the past year, our dedicated group of ordnance professionals has contributed over 640 hours of community service within the Hampton Roads community. For the third year in a row, Chapter 69 Ordies were invited to the Norfolk Zoo to provide clean-up efforts around the park. Teams were created to divide the park into sections, with Sailors focusing on de-weeding, planting, mulching, and watering of the different garden areas while others tended to clean sections reserved for private events and celebrations. To say the Norfolk Zoo leadership was pleased with our assistance would be an understatement – they have already asked us to return soon!

Ike Sailors were seen at the Allen Stone Run-Swim-Run Event setting-up and breaking-down the event, serving water to participants, and acting as safety supervisors...because safety is what we do. At the Devon Grube BBQ Classic, our team provided set-up and break-down assistance, served food and drinks, and a few folks even got the chance to hop on the grill and prepare their best barbeque. Both events were in support of fallen Navy SEALs and the SEAL Foundation.

I think every Ordnanceman can agree that there is strength in numbers, which is why we partnered with the outstanding men and women in Chapter 4 (for the third time!), led by AO1 Batimana, to support the Children's Healthcare Incentive Program (CHIP) Annual fundraiser. Since 1988, CHIP has improved upon children's health by ensuring low-income children have medical homes, provisions, and support services for their families. It was an extremely gratifying feeling to see so many Red Shirts helping so many in need. Networking is at the forefront and we open the invitation for any and all Chapters in the Hampton Roads area to partner with us during future events.

The USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER's motto is to be "Greater each day." With the EISENHOWER Chapter still in its infancy, we continue to embrace this motto as our mantra and strive to be the greatest we can be: the greatest of Sailors, the greatest of teammates, and the greatest of Ordnanceman. We look forward to taking advantage of our time at home and will continue to stay involved with our community as we continue to hone our Ordnance skills.

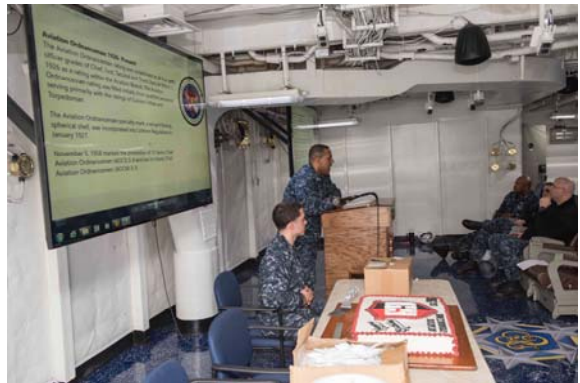
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Chapter 69
President: Osorio Jason AO1
Vice President: Montalvo Daniel AO2



Chapter 69 and Chapter 4 Sailors at the CHIP Duck Race.



Chapter 69 Ordies at the Norfolk Zoo clean-up event



AO2 Alexander Calderon, AOA-69 Treasurer, provides a history lesson during the AO Birthday celebration on-board USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69).



Happy 92nd Birthday AO2!
~IYAOYAS~



AOA-69 Captain's Cup event Champion's Belt.

The Red Shirt

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