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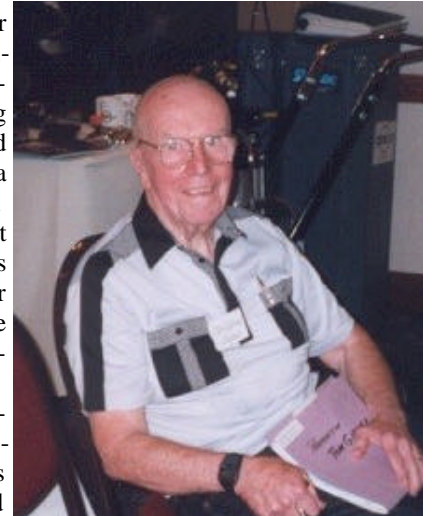
## Honorary Living Legend Recognized

Lanny Vines  
**D**uring our last symposium, we were proud to have the opportunity to present the first Honorary Living Legend Award. We had the distinct pleasure of awarding this prestigious award to Mr. Thomas Gibney, ABMA Chaplain for many years. It was with great pleasure that I had the privilege to personally present the beautiful plaque.

Tom's contributions to the AB rate were not only operational, but nurturing. He nurtured many young AB's, several who are now our senior leadership. His daughter, MaryLu, says it best in a letter to all ABs, "One of Daddy's strengths was his ability to *lead* — not by *brawn*, but by *example*; and to *teach* — not by *dictating*, but by *inspiring*."

Tom worked on over fifty ships ensuring non-skid was applied correctly and providing training to the skid crews. He donated a collage to the ABMA Hall of Honors that identifies all the ships he worked on. Look for it next time you visit the Hall of Honors in Pensacola.

Tom was also an extremely devoted husband and father. As his lovely wife, Mary, and daughters, Tommie Ann and MaryLu will attest, he always made sure that while away from home assisting AB's, his family was foremost on his mind. His family was his biggest fans and supporters allowing him to give us AB's so much of his time and caring. For that we will always be grateful.



Although Tom left us to be with our Lord (The Big AB Up Topside) in November, we will always carry his memory with us and our prayers go out to Mary and the girls. God Bless (See page \_\_\_ for a letter from Mary, MaryLu,, and Tommie Ann.)

## 2001 Symposium — In July This Year

2001 Symposium Publicity Chairman—ABHC(AW) R. L. Crawford

**G**reetings from the Gulf Coast Chapter of the ABMA. We are extremely excited about hosting this year's symposium in Pensacola, Florida. The dates for this year's symposium have been adjusted, from the traditional first week of August to the third week of July. The confirmed dates are Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>

of July. The host location for this years event will be the Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel, (formerly the Pensacola Grand Hotel) located in the Historic District, and close to a multitude of Pensacola's finest dining and entertainment establishments. For those of you traveling to Pensacola via air, transportation will be available from the airport. If you are planning on driving your RVs, we have

RV parks available through MWR on NAS Pensacola (850-452-2535) and The Moose Lodge (850-476-0868) on Davis Hwy.

Hotel prices have been set at an affordable \$65.00 a night for active duty and \$80.00 per night (plus taxes) for everyone else. Please remember to mention that you are attending the ABMA Symposium. All meetings and workshop

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2001 ABMA Symposium set for 16-21 July 2001 at the Pensacola Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel

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Jimmy McLaughlin

Greetings AB's, I hope this Spring newsletter finds you all doing well. The days and months are passing quickly as we ready for yet another great gathering in Pensacola for the 2001 AB Working Group Conference. I look forward to seeing you all there, I know we will have a great time renewing old friendships and reminiscing about days gone by. As you know, our objective for the symposiums is improving the way of life for AB's, both

active and retired. With your input, participation, and knowledge, we can achieve a promise of better days through better ways; to do this, your concerns and problems are addressed as agenda items. Please, make sure that your ideas and suggestions are heard, fill out an agenda item and get it to the workshop coordinators. If you have an agenda item and are unsure of which shop it belongs in, address it to the Board of Directors. We will figure out the appropriate workshop. No voice,

concern or problem is too small to be heard by the ABMA. Please, submit agenda items, the form is available on the ABMA website <http://www.abma-usn.org>.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big CONGRATULATIONS to our newly selected CWO/LDO's, MCPO's and SCPO's. As always, the competition was extremely tough — BZ TO ALL OF YOU. See you soon.

## 2001 Symposium

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conferences will be held inside the hotel. For active duty members traveling on No Cost TAD orders, there will be limited lodging available on NATTC Pensacola BOQ/BEQ. We encourage you to use the hotel lodging due to renovations to the BEQ/BOQ during that time frame.

This year's awards banquet will be held on Friday evening the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Festivities will begin at 1700 - till completed for photographs. Social hour will commence at 800-348-3336, and the dinner will be served beginning at 1900. Those with certain dietary restriction need to inform the kitchen staff prior to the banquet. The hotel has assured us,

they will accommodate those requests. The dress code for this year's dinner is either Service Dress Uniform, coat and tie or appropriate civilian attire.

The Gulf Coast famous and beautiful beaches, Pensacola Beach, Gulf Shores in Alabama, and the casino-laden Mississippi beaches of Biloxi are all within driving distance of the hotel. We have tours arranged to take you to some of Pensacola's finest attractions such as the National Museum of Naval Aviation located onboard NAS Pensacola. (The National Museum of Naval Aviation is one of the largest and most illustrious museums in the world. It contains more than 130 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation.)

A tour is also scheduled for Naval Air Technical Training Center, where we will introduce some of the newest technological advances available to our young Sailors and fleet returnees.

Those of you with "lady luck" on your side, we will have a tour to some of Biloxi, Mississippi's finest casinos. Our events committees are busy preparing several activities such as a golf tournament, on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>, ladies luncheon and shopping trip, and retirees luncheon. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at DSN 922-7262 / Commercial (850) 452-7262.

ABHC (AW) R.L. Crawford  
Public Affairs Symposium 2001

## Treasurer Report

Stoney Burke

Well, another year has just about come and gone. My, where does the time go. We will all meet again in Pensacola in about 8 weeks. It will be here before we know it.

A bit of bad news floating around in regards to the dissolving of the Far East

Chapter. This is a hard one to understand. They have always been a strong supporter of the ABMA. My mind is wide open for a solution. I wish I were independently wealthy as I would fly over there and ask some serious questions. I will help in anyway I can. I hope that by Conference timeframe, this will only be a memory.

I am looking forward to a grand time at the Crowne Plaza Grand Hotel in Pensacola. Many friends/shipmates are in Pensacola. The big question is "will we see Willie?" Hope so. See you there.

# Membership News

Wally Hamaker

It's hard to believe that it's been nine months since the symposium. Which means we have less than three months until the next one and time to kick in gear with the membership drives.

Membership recruitment has been slow since the symposium. We will have a lot more people being dropped from the membership rolls if they don't renew their dues. I am looking at dropping 225 annual members who have not renewed their dues since 1999, which if my memory is correct (which it's usually not) was in San Diego. So time to get out there and remind those to renew

their dues. Following this news article is a list of members being dropped because their dues have not been renewed in three years. If you believe there is a discrepancy, please contact me. See page 1 for my phone number and email address.

A major change has been made to the Recruiter of the Year Award. No longer

will there be a recruiter from the East Coast, West Coast and Shore Duty. It will just be the top three recruiters. That means, no matter where you are from, and that includes spouses who recruit members, eligibility is the same for all.

One last word on membership. Hopefully by the next symposium I will have completed a listing of all members who have ever joined the ABMA starting from day one. When this is turned over to the Association, we should have it located on the web site once the Board of Directors reviews and approve it.

That is all for now. Hope to see everyone at the symposium in Pensacola. See you then.



## Members being dropped—renewals are accepted online

<u>MBR NO</u>	<u>RENEW</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>
A-6095	1999	ABH3	ABDULLATIFF	HASSAN K.
AA-784	1999		ALEXANDER	ROBERT P.
A-6067	1999	ABE3	ATKINS	RYAN R.
A-5978	1999	ABH3	BASSELL	JEFFERY A.
AA-835	1999	IC1	BEDNARSKI	EUGENE J.
A-5959	1999	ABE2(AW/SW)	BELSON	RODERICK S.
A-5580	1999	ABHC	BLACKMON	BRIAN J.
A-5621	1999	ABFC	BOLTON	JEFFREY W.
A-5981	1999	ABHC(AW/SW)	BORK	GEOFFREY P.
A-0150	1999	CWO4 (RET)	BOWMAN	I.A. "BUTCH"
A-5961	1999	ABH2	BOWMAN	SCOTT A.
A-6012	1999	ABH2	BOYD	ANNIE R.
A-5979	1999	ABE3	BRAUN	JAMES I.
A-6044	1999	ABF1	BROWN	MARIO L.
A-6070	1999	ABE1	BROWN	TROY W.
AA-830	1999		BROWN	VICTOR L.
A-6094	1999	ABE3	BURNEY	WILLIAM T.
A-5990	1999	ABE2	CALDWELL	JEFFREY S.
A-5034	1999	ABE3	CALVERT	SEAN E.
A-5635	1999	ABFC(AW)	CAMPBELL	DARRIN R.
A-6101	1999	ABF1	CAOGAS	NAPOLEON M.
AA-840	1999	HTCM	CARDENAS	ALBERT
A-6059	1999	ABH1	CARRINGTON	PEGGY S.
A-5025	1999	ABHC(AW)	CARSTENS	MARK A.
A-6069	1999	ABHC(AW)	CARTER, JR.	VERSA A.
A-6019	1999	ABHCS(AW)	CECIL	DALE LEE
A-0878	1999	ABECS	CHARLES	KELY
A-5962	1999	ABHC(AW)	CHRISTMAN	WILLIAM J.
A-6081	1999	ABH3	CINTRON	LANCE N.
AA-836	1999		CLEMONS	BILL E.
A-6088	1999	ABH2	CLINE	THOMAS J.
AA-806	1999		COLE	ROGER B.
A-4791	1999	ABF2	COLLINS	JOHNNY E.

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# AB Hall of Honors Needs Your Help/Input

Val Cumberbatch, Hall of Honors Curator

Shipmates, the project to improve our Hall of Honors is at a standstill because I have only received four Past Presidents and three Legends photos. I would still like to have this project 50% complete by the symposium. So, I am again appealing for your assistance in gathering the photos and Bios of our Living and Posthumous Legends, Past Presidents, and ABs of the Year.

I would prefer 8x10s in uniform but would settle for one in civilian clothes. As a last resort, I will accept 5x7s. Please write your name and date the



CWO4 Ed Hayes (left) and CWO4 Bob Henderson (right) at the dedication of a Firefighting Pad in their honor during 2000 AB Appreciation Day activities at NATTC AB School, Pensacola, FL.

photo was taken on the back.

Note: If you are a Past President and a Legend, I need two photos. If you were a Past President, a Legend and an AB of the Year, I need three photos.

If anyone has photos of Past Presidents, Legends or ABs of the Year who have gone to serve on the Staff of the Supreme Commander, I would appreciate them. The earliest response of all concerned is appreciated. AB PRIDE, Val..

## Letter of Gratitude to all ABs

MaryLu Gibney Korkuch

"I wanted to send you a note to thank you and the other AB's who were so instrumental in honoring Daddy at the 2000 Symposium with the Honorary Living Legend award —he was so proud and joyful and he had good memories to sustain him through the past several difficult years. He died peacefully at home on 11/17 [2000] — I was holding his hand, reading to him and playing his favorite Strauss Waltz CD — but the miracle in the midst of all the sorrow that day was that my sister, who had given birth to his first grandson (Aidan Thomas Gibney Ryder) on 11/13, was released from the

hospital the morning of 11/17 and got to Mom and Dad's at 11:30am, and introduced Daddy to Aidan — an hour later, Daddy was gone. So his soul, we are convinced, went straight into his grandson? Make no mistake, I am heartbroken over losing Daddy, but am consoled by the fact that, in Heaven, Daddy is himself again: free from the chains of Parkinson's and the pain of cancer.

The funeral was beautiful — we sang "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and I had Stoney Burke, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Mutie as honorary pallbearers. Never forget that Daddy is watching over us right now, smiling that big, kind Irish smile. Thinks of him often

and he'll always be with us — he lives forever in our hearts and memories.

Thanks for all the effort you put into Daddy's award and that special evening — Mom's purple roses, etc. I saw the program — great pix. Did anyone videotape the presentation? If so, I'd love a copy — Daddy's last public appearance!!

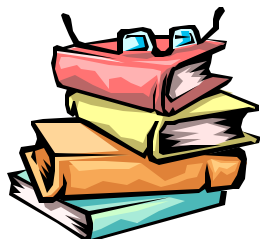
Take care and please keep in touch —  
Love, MaryLu Korkuch"

If anyone has videotape of the Honorary Living Legend Award presentation at the Norfolk 2000 Symposium banquet, please contact anyone on the Board of Directors. See page 1 for BOD list.

## Scholarship News

Lanny Vines

It's that time again for packages to be submitted for the 2001 Isabella Gillen Memorial (ABMA) Scholarship. Information and guidelines are available on ABMA web site, in the Administration Policy and by contacting the ABMA



**Scholarship applications are due 1 June**

National Secretary. The application form is also available at the website or by contacting the secretary.

As we grow bigger and stronger, the quality and quantity of the packages increases, so it is prudent to submit early and include all of the accomplishments in

the package of the nominee.

As an additional resource for scholarships, go to [www.winscholarships.com](http://www.winscholarships.com). Be sure to visit "Scholarship Surfer" for 12-14 scholarship search engines. Good luck to all!

I look forward to seeing you all in Pensacola at the 2001 symposium.

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## SAN DIEGO

President—ABHC (RET) John Otten

Vice President—ABE2(RET)Greg Fiske

Secretary—ABCM (RET) Randy Weiss

Treasurer—ABCM (RET) Gary Worley

**H**ello to all from “not so sunny San Diego”. We are in the last few weeks of our winter storm season and some much needed rain has been falling all over the county.

We all hope that everyone enjoyed the Holidays and returned safely. The San Diego Chapter hosted a Christmas party at the Amphib Base “O” Club in Coronado last December. It was a great time, we all had fun and shared in the Holiday spirit. Now we are looking forward to a spring picnic get together for all AB’s in the San Diego area.

Congratulations to the new AB LDO/CWO, Master Chief and Senior Chief Selectees. We wish you all the best in your future careers as leaders in our community. If any of you make it out this way remember our monthly meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 1930. The place is the VFW in Chula Vista so come on down and join us! The San Diego Chapter wishes all the ABMA chapters around the globe a happy new year and reminds every AB to keep it safe!

## JACKSONVILLE

President—ABHCS(RET) Keith Burt

The Jax Chapter had the usual huge turnout at our annual JAM at the Spirit of Suwannee. A great time was had by all. We are looking forward to many more! We meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month here, you may contact Keith Burt at 904-724-7096, or Joe Santiago at 904-221-4760 for details. We would like to have you come to any meeting. We will see you all in P’Cola for the Symposium in July.

## WEST TEXAS

President—ABH1 Randy Stroman

Vice President—ABH1 Brian Gaffney

Secretary—ABH1 Eric Tomczak

Treasurer—ABH2 Bonnie Wilson

**T**he West Texas Chapter would again like to inform everyone about our new chapter. We are located at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas. It is the new shore-based Crash School for ABH’s (NEC 7012).

So far our chapter has had a few fundraisers to build up our operating funds. We have also gotten involved with an Adopt-A-School program. This is where we go to a school and join with young students to help them with reading and coloring or to just be a big brother or sister.

Our chapter flag is about 75% complete and should be finished soon.

My new e-mail address is strorsv33@cox-internet.com

## GULF COAST

President—CWO4(RET) Ed Hayes

V. President—LCDR Val Cumberbatch

Secretary—Ms. Virgle Culberson

Treasurer—Ms. Patty Knauber

**W**e recently held elections and have the privilege of having a great group as our new officers. We are looking forward to a super year. Our symposium publicity chairman has a update in this issue— good info there.

We recently had the honor of voting Skip Lopez (2000 ABMA Living Legend) in as a life member of the Gulf Coast Chapter.

We are having a yard sale to raise money for the up coming symposium. It will be held on the 5th of May starting at 0700 and going until everything is gone. We will be at the corner of Mobile Hwy and Old Saufley Field Rd.

We are also getting ready for our annual fireworks sale. This year we will be across from the Wal-Mart on Hwy. 29. Ron Crawford is the Fireworks Chairman and with him at the helm, we know we’ll do well.

We hope to see you at the symposium.

## LAKEHURST

President—ABE1 Joe R. DeBonis

**W**e here at Lakehurst are doing fine. The winter was kind of hard on us. We lost some members of our chapter. One being Tom Gibney who was a dear friend to all who was associated with the ABMA. The other member we lost was Jeannie Bulvulinski who was like a mother to us. Both of these great people will truly be missed.

We are awaiting all our member’s return trip from Florida. As you know it gets cold up here, so most of our members go South for the Winter.

I am happy to say that I extended one more year here at Lakehurst as an instructor. As I see new students come and go, I always ask them if they know about the ABMA. Some will say “yes, some say “no”. I can tell you there are people out there that want to get involved, but they would rather wait until they get to their permanent duty station. So I say, get the word out to our AB’s — let our association grow. One member a month per chapter, that’s all it takes. New people make new ideas.

Good luck to all chapters and hope to see you soon.



**Thirty-first Annual  
Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association  
Symposium/Professional Working Group  
July 17-21, 2001  
Plan of the Week**

**MONDAY, 16 JULY**

Travel Day/Open

0800 Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting //Vendor Set-up  
1200-1700 PRE-REGISTRATION  
1700-2300 No-Host Cocktails in Hotel Bar

**TUESDAY, 17 JULY**

0730 Registration/Membership/Event Sales  
0900-1100 All Hands Quarters//Introductions//Vendor Recognition  
1100-1230 Lunch  
1100 Ladies Luncheon  
1230 FLIGHT QUARTERS, ALL HAND \*\*UNIFORM OF THE DAY\*\*  
1230-1245 Admin remarks/nominations  
1245-1300 Opening Ceremonies//Welcome Address: CDR Mike Weeks  
1300-1330 Guest Speaker — TBD  
1330-1600 Workshop Procedures//Convening of workshops: LCDR Jimmy McLaughlin  
1800-2400 Hospitality Room Open — Last call 2330

**WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY**

0730 Registration/Membership/Event Sales  
0800 ABMA Golf Tournament  
0830 All Hands Quarters \*\*UNIFORM OF THE DAY\*\*  
0845-1100 President's call to order  
1100-1230 Lunch  
1100 Retiree Luncheon  
1230-1600 Reconvene workshops \*\*APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN ATTIRE\*\*  
TBD Buses Depart for Biloxi  
1800-2400 Hospitality Room Open — Last call 2330

**THURSDAY, 19 JULY**

0830 All Hands Quarters \*\*UNIFORM OF THE DAY\*\*  
0845-0920 President's call to order//Guest speaker// 2002 Symposium Brief//Detailer briefs  
1100-1230 Lunch  
1230-1600 Reconvene workshops \*\*APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN ATTIRE\*\*  
1400-1600 AB School Tour and Demonstration  
1600-1800 Naval Aviation Museum Tour  
1800-1900 Cubi Bar Social (No Host)  
1800-2400 Hospitality Room Open — Last call 2330

**FRIDAY, 20 JULY**

0830-1130 All Hands Quarters//Workshop Out-briefs//2002 ABMA Officer Elections//Recognition Awards  
1200 CLOSING CEREMONY  
1700-1830 Cruise Book Portraits and No Host Cocktail  
1830 President's Call to Order//Introduce Head Table/2000-2001 Officers  
1900 Dinner  
2000 Guest Speaker: TBD  
2030 Banquet Awards presentation//Eternal and Final Flight Quarters  
2100-2400 Entertainment/Dancing

**SATURDAY, 21 JULY**

1100-1700 ABMA Picnic, NAS Whiting Field Recreation Area, Bar-B-Q, Swimming, water sports and games  
Family and friends invited.

**ENJOY YOUR STAY IN PENSACOLA!**

## Members dropped—continued

AA-815	1999	LT	COLMAN	MIKE J.
AA-756	1999		COWDEN	THOMAS "BEAR"
AA-751	1999		CROSS	FLOYD M.
A-6023	1999	ABE1	CROWDER	GEORGE L.
A-6079	1999	ABH3	CRUZ	LESTER C.
AWA-175	1999		CUMBERBATCH	ANECIA V.
AA-671	1999	MAJ(USMCR)	CUMMINGS	JOHN R.
A-0358	1999	ABEC (RET)	CUTLER	FREDERICK H. "RICK"
A-6057	1999	ABH1	D'AMATO	MICHAEL J.
A-4808	1999	ENSIGN	DANCER	SCOTT R.
AA-523	1999		DAVIS	CHARLIE W.
A-5999	1999	ABEAA	DEFORGE	MICHAEL J.
A-6055	1999	ABE1	DEWEESE	MATTHEW D.
A-6058	1999	ABFC	DUNNINGS	KEVIN M.
A-5985	1999	ABH2(AW)	DUZENSKI	MICHAEL E.
A-5905	1999	ABE1(AW)	DYKES	HOWARD D.
A-5955	1999	AME3	ENGEL	PAUL B.
AA-823	1999		FARMER	DAVID A.
A-6046	1999	ABF2	FAULKINBURY	BRIAN H.
A-5684	1999	ABEC	FEAL	VICTOR M.
A-6005	1999	ABF2	FELDMAN	MICHAEL S.
AA-811	1999	CAPT USMC RET	FELNER	TED K.
A-6039	1999	ABF1	FENTON	MICHAEL J.
A-5906	1999	ABH1(AW)	FERRERA, III	JOSE
AA-839	1999	LT	FITZGERALD	BRADY
A-6011	1999	ABF2	FLORDELIZA	JOSEPH G.
AA-814	1999	LCDR	FLYNN	JOSEPH D.
AA-458	1999		FORD	J. RECE
A-6009	1999	ABEC	FOREMAN	CLAUDE A.
A-5965	1999	ABE2	FORRESTER	BOBBY J.
A-6074	1999	ABF3	FRANCIS	THOMAS J.
A-6016	1999	ABF1	FRYE	RANDY B.
AA-829	1999		FYFFE	STEVEN P.
A-5605	1999	ABECS(AW)	GAINES	WILLIAM J.
A-6056	1999	ABHCS	GALBISO	JERRY
AA-812	1999		GALLEGAN	BONNIE L.
A-5991	1999	ABE3	GEARY	FRANCIS J.
A-5593	1999	ABH1	GHOLSTON	WILLIAM L.
A-5940	1999	ABH2	GIBSON	ROBERT J.
A-5976	1999	ABF1	GLENDON	JOHN W.
A-5846	1999	ABH2	GOLDSTEIN	NICHOLAS B.
A-6007	1999	ABF3	GONZALES	MIRNA L.
A-6034	1999	ABEC(AW)	GONZALEZ	LUIS A.
A-5058	1999	LT	GRIFFIN	DONALD
AWA-203	1999		GUETHERMAN	MARY M.
A-4397	1999	ABHC (RET)	GUETHERMAN, JR.	WALTER C.
AA-816	1999	SCPO	GUETHERMAN, SR.	WALTER C.
A-6028	1999	ABF1	GUEVARA	RENATO N.
A-6026	1999	ABH1(AW/SW)	GUILANO	ANTHONY M.
A-6035	1999	ABFC	GUNN	GREGORY L.
A-6099	1999	ABHC(AW)	HALINSKI	PATRICK J.
A-6024	1999	ABH1	HAMILTON	RANDY J.

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A-6018	1999	ABH3	HAYNES, JR.	JAMES L.
A-5695	1999	ABEC(AW)	HOBSON	KEVIN W.
A-5581	1999	CWO2	HOCTOR	THOMAS
A-5622	1999	LT	HOO	FREDERICK B.
A-5956	1999	ABE3	HOOK	STEVEN
A-0940	1999	ABCM (RET)	HOOKFIN	FRANK
A-5966	1999	ABE2	HYATT	ALVIN L.
AA-710	1999	CWO4 (RET)	ISON	LARRY W.
A-5176	1999	ABE1 (RET)	JANKEWICZ	EDWARD J.
AWA-115	1999		JANNEY	DEBORAH
AA-546	1999		JANNEY	JAMES C.
A-6049	1999	ABHCS	JIMENEZ	RAMON Y.
A-6090	1999	ABE2	JIMENEZ	WELLINGTON J.
A-5980	1999	ABH1	JOHNSON	HENRY
A-5175	1999	ABHC	JOHNSON	JOSEPH C.
A-6033	1999	ABE2	JOHNSON	KEVIN J.
A-6030	1999	ABHC	JONES	AUGUSTUS E.
A-5465	1999	ABE2	KELLER, II	DENNIS M.
A-4800	1999	ABEC	KELLY	RUSSELL
A-5987	1999	ABH1	KENNEDY	CHARLES L.
A-5972	1999	ABF1(AW)	KENNEDY, JR.	EUGENE
A-5982	1999	ABHC	KEYES	ROBERT L.
A-6015	1999	ABEAN	KIFFE	DAENA R.
A-5970	1999	ABE1(AW) RET.	KIMLER	DANIEL L.
A-4146	1999	ABHC(AW)	KNAUBER	TIMOTHY J.
A-6051	1999	ABHC(AW)	KORDA	DAVID A.
A-6020	1999	ABE3	KOTOWSKI	KARA L.
A-4431	1999	CWO-2	LACROSS	ANTHONY J.
A-6004	1999	CWO4	LANCE	EDWARD B.
A-6017	1999	ABE2	LATHE	MICHAEL K.
AA-824	1999		LEDDER	JOHN D.
A-3651	1999	ABCS RET.	LEVAC	JOSEPH E.
A-5988	1999	ABH1	LOGAN	VINCENT
A-5994	1999	ABF3	LOMELI	DAVID B.
A-5957	1999	ABE2	LOSOYA, JR.	HECTOR H.
A-6021	1999	ABE2	LUCAS	MICHAEL C.
A-6075	1999	ABF3	LUCAS	PAUL J.
A-5963	1999	AN	LUMPKINS	BRANDON T.
AA-791	1999		LUNDGREN	DEBORAH A.
A-3292	1999	ABEC(AW)	MACHABY	JOHN E. II
A-5967	1999	ABE2	MADONNA	PAUL A.
A-6093	1999	ABH3	MALLUM	JOHN T.
A-5178	1999	ABH2	MARCUM	MICHAEL P.
A-6031	1999	ABHAN	McCLAIN	DANNY D.
A-6032	1999	ABE2	McCLASKEY	MARK P.
A-6102	1999	ABE1	McCRAY, JR.	ROBERT
A-6073	1999	ABH1	MEEUWSEN	CHARLES J.
A-6043	1999	ABH1	MENENDEZ	RICHARD M.
A-5886	1999	CWO4 (RET)	MITCHELL	JAMES F.
A-6071	1999	ABH2	MITCHELL	RONALD N.
A-5986	1999	ABH3	MIX	SHANE A.

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AA-295	1999		MODICA	WILLIAM S.
A-5128	1999	ENSIGN	MORRIS	JEROME D.
A-5261	1999	ABH1	NEELY	PATRICK L.
AA-808	1999		NICHOLS	DENISE
AA-813	1999	EMC	NICHOLSON	ALESIA M.
A-6096	1999	ABH2	NORTON	COREY A.
AA-828	1999		O'KEEFE	MICHAEL J.
A-4835	1999	ABHC	OPOLSKY	ROB C.
A-5012	1999	ABH1	PATE II	CHARLES S.
A-6048	1999	ABECS(AW)	PATNODE	MICHAEL T.
A-6013	1999	ABH1	PAUL	CHARLES R.
A-5534	1999	AB3	PENDERGAST	THOMAS J.
A-5992	1999	ABE1	PETERSEN	DUANE A.
AA-818	1999		PINSON	KATHY
A-6065	1999	ABH3	PRIEST	JAMES K.
AA-817	1999		QUARLES	JOHN
AA-826	1999		QUEENAN	ROBERT M.
A-6072	1999	ABH3	RAMSEY	ROBERT C.
A-0811	1999	CWO4 (RET)	REITERMAN	PHIL
A-5998	1999	ABE2	REPKO	JOHN J.
AA-831	1999		REYNOLDS	JASON A.
A-6077	1999	ABF3	RICHARDSON	RONALD D.
A-5968	1999	ABE2	RICHMOND	TONY H.
A-6068	1999	ABEAN	RIOS	MARIO S.
A-5715	1999	ABEC(AW)	ROBERTS	BRIAN N.
A-5066	1999	ABECS(SW)	ROBINSON	ROYLN
A-5974	1999	ABFC(AW)	ROGERS	GALEN K.
A-5360	1999	ABFC (RET)	ROGERS	KEVIN J.
A-5256	1999	ABF2	ROSSER	DAVID J.
A-5623	1999	ABHC(AW)	ROWE	ANTHONY G.
A-6042	1999	ABE2	RUNYON	TIMOTHY A.
A-6038	1999	ABFC	SALIDO	HEGINO N.
A-6040	1999	ABF2	SANTANA	BRETT S.
A-6076	1999	ABF3	SAPINOSO	GASPAR B.
A-6103	1999	ABFCS	SCHULTZ	STEVEN D.
AA-819	1999	ICC (RET)	SCOTT	MELVIN
A-6036	1999	ABE1	SEVERSON	PAUL J.
A-6092	1999	ABH3	SHARP	NATHAN J.
A-5875	1999	ABHC(AW)	SHAW	MICHAEL J.
A-5873	1999	ABFC	SHIELDS	ROBERT W.
A-6045	1999	AN	SHOVLIN	PATRICK
A-6082	1999	ABH3	SIBLEY	JOHN E.
A-6078	1999	ABE1(AW)	SMITH	LEONARD C.
A-6008	1999	ABF3	SORIA	EVERADO
A-4975	1999	ABH1	SPAULDING JR.	CHESTER L.
A-6060	1999	ABFAN	SPOHN	CHRISTOPHER L.
A-6025	1999	ABFC	STOTT	MICHAEL L.
A-6080	1999	ABH3	SUASTI	CHRISTOPHER A.
A-5958	1999	ABE3	SUTHERLAND	PETE D.
AA-834	1999	ICC(SW/AW)	SWEENEY	JEFFREY P.
A-5973	1999	ABF1	SWIFT	ROBEN L.

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# Secured Flight Quarters

I am convinced, our Father, that your fondest feelings are reserved for the least pretentious and most genuine of us. I am sure that Aviation Boatswain's Mates are some of your favorites. Certainly Aviation Boatswain's Mates have yet to find the virtues of humility, or soft-spokenness or gentleness...they do lead with their jaws...and seem always ready to fight than to switch. They can be singled out by their red eyes, and by a grubbiness, which is a mark of their trade. But their wills match their strong backs...and their love of each other is a wondrous thing to behold. They are the salt of the deck...and their saltiness is honest and open...and they are uniquely your sons. We are grateful to them...as you love them specially, we mark them particularly tonight. Bless them every one...and forever keep them from harm and hurt. In Christ's name...A men.

R. W. Bedingfield, Chaplain (USN)



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- AB1 CHARLES D. DETILLA**
- ABEC WESLEY J. DIBERT**
- RETIRED CHIEF RAYMOND "RAY" DOOLEY**
- ABE2 LeROY DYKES**
- ABC JACK F. EVANS**
- ABH1 ROBERT L. FENTRESS**
- ABFC JOHN A. FREEMAN**
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- ABCS HAROLD W. SORRELLS**
- ABFC SAMUEL E. THOMAS**



"We, who remain to carry on, should not think of our shipmates as departed from us,  
but rather as having been transferred to a celestial ship or station, where we hope  
all of us may be shipmates again."

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A-5730	1999	ABF1(AW)	SWINSON	CONNERY
A-5971	1999	ABH1(AW)	TARVER	LARRY E.
A-5997	1999	ABFC(AW)	TEH	RONALD A.
A-6054	1999	ABHC	THEODORE, JR.	WILSON
A-6085	1999	ABH3	THOMPSON	ROY L.
AA-797	1999	MMCM (RET)	THORSFELDT	DENNIS A.
AA-798	1999		THORSFELDT	JOANN G.
AA-838	1999		TOBY	LONNIE
A-5630	1999	CWO4	TORRANCE	ALEXANDER R.
A-6006	1999	ABE1	TORRES	LUIS J.
A-6014	1999	ABFCS	TOWNSEND	GARY E.
AWA-206	1999		TROVATO	DEE
A-5883	1999	ABEC	TUVERA	GILBERT L.
A-6087	1999	ABH2	TYER	CHARLIE L.
A-6050	1999	ABFC	TYLER	JOE B.
A-5983	1999	ABHC	URNOWEY	BARTON E.
AA-822	1999		VAN BUSKIRK	STEPHEN J.
A-5989	1999	ABH2	VANMETER	STEPHEN D.
A-5393	1999	ABE1	VEHON	TOMMY R.
A-6029	1999	ABF1	VILLANUEVA	EFREN S.
A-6010	1999	ABHC	WARD	RICHARD A.
A-6022	1999	ABE2	WATTS	ROBERT D.
A-5732	1999	ABF1	WIEGER	LEO F.
A-3289	1999	ABFC	WILLIAMS	ALAN R.
A-6066	1999	ABH2(AW)	WILLIAMS	CEDRIC
A-5739	1999	ABEC	WILLIAMS	CLIFFORD J.
A-5993	1999	ABE1	WILLIAMS	KENNETH L.
A-5969	1999	ABEC	WILLIAMS	NORMAN P.
AA-832	1999		WILLIAMS	RANDY
A-4718	1999	ABHC(AW)	WILLIAMS	TODD L.
AWA-193	1999		WOODS	MOLLY B.
A-5966	1999	ABHAN	WOREK	JASON A.
A-6083	1999	ABH3	WRIGHT	RONALD R.
A-6061	1999	ABCM(AW)	YAGER	CLIFF E.
AWA-208	1999		YAGER	JUDITH
A-6084	1999	ABH3	YATES	MARK A.
A-6053	1999	ABH1(AW)	YOUNG	RICKY L.

## Historian news

Vic Pinion

Several people have asked me to provide a written history of the ABMA. Such a history was researched and is on the ABMA web page. I will download it and have hard copies available at the symposium for people who do not have on-line computers.

I have a written story of my own involvement in the development of the ABMA which I will provide at the symposium. Any who wants to tell of their involvement in the development

of our fine organization, please write it up and sent it to me.

Only two people have sent me their stories to put in the AB Sea Stories book. The idea is to collect sea stories in four different categories: 1) Management; 2) Jury Rigs; 3) Leadership; and 4) Liberty stories (keep it clean please.)

I need more sea stories if this book is to get off the ground. I plan to write it and present it to the ABMA Leadership for decision making for its usage. So far I have written a dozen stories for inclusion,

most of which are mine. I don't want the book to be "The Exploits of Bos'n Pinion" but rather of Aviation Boatswain's Mates. I am certain that our collective sea stories can be both instructive and entertaining to many ABs.

I will have printed copies of what I have written so far available at the symposium. Please sent inputs to:

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## Letter of Gratitude to all ABs

ABHC(RET) Bud Snyder

"To all ABMA members and their wives that remember my wife, GG Snyder, who always attended the symposiums when I did. The enclosed obituary will do my talking.

She will be sorely missed, by me especially. Happy landings and Smooth Seas, ABHC RET Bud Snyder, USN"  
"On August 5, 2000, Mrs. Marlyn Sny-

der passed away at home after an extended illness, with family members in attendance.

As a very supportive "Navy wife" who lived on both the East and West U.S. coasts and Hawaii, she was a resident of Oxnard for over 40 years. Her most recent activities included membership in The Oxnard Activity Club., Fleet Reserve Association Ladies Auxiliary, playing cards with close friends, reading and being a good listener to family members sharing their activities

and news, and even the entertaining antics of our pets. We are so privileged to have had the enjoyment of her as a beloved family member and true friend.

She will always be remembered by friends and family for her sense of humor, and no-nonsense way of handling life."

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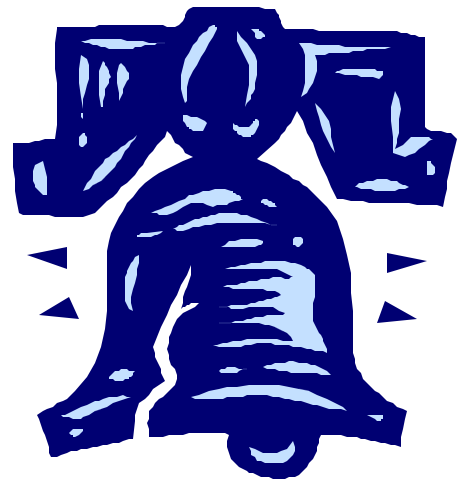
## The Prez Sez!!

Mike Weeks

As we approach our next working group meeting and the 31st year of the ABMA it is one that we can look back on and be very proud of our accomplishments. We have been very successful in making many changes for the improvement of our Sailor on DECK. It is because the many dedicated Shipmates who have served OUR Country and OUR Association with pride and is what makes the Navy's Air Force the best in the world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many retirees of the ABMA who have set the example, fought the hard battles and paved the way to bring us into the 21st Century and the age of technology. Today's men and women can single-handedly complete the task in minutes what took many lost hours of sleep to do. We have many new items to work through during the week of this year's ABMA Symposium/Working Group and even a few sea stories to tell.

I am very excited to be working with Danny Woods and Lanny Vines from the Pensacola Chapter and our host for this year's Working Group. In review of the Plan of the Week, the Pensacola Chapter has many exciting things on the agenda and they are working very hard to make this year's symposium the best ever. Please make your arrangements and reservations early. We want to fill the meeting hall and the workshops with Fleet personnel. It is OUR Association and only WE can make it better. In conversation with other rates within the Navy, I can only say they are jealous of what we have and they have often ask me how we are so successful. I tell them it is easy: you first have to be an "AB."

TO ALL: May GOD be with you and keep you SAFE on DECK. See you in Pensacola!



**Have a safe 4th of July!!**

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To the GREATEST  
country in the  
WORLD!!**