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President's Notes

Jimmy McLaughlin

Spring Greeting AB's! I hope this newsletter finds each of you doing well. Many great things are happening in our community. We just got a number of LDO billets added which allowed the commissioning of alternates from the FY02 In-Service CWO/LDO Procurement Board and possibly will lead to commissioning the FY03 alternates as well. The alternates that will be commissioned to ENSIGN 6310 this year are:

ABHC Curl **ABHC Sparkman**
ABHC Mackey **ABEC Cedillos**
ABHC Pitts

Congratulations to each of you on your commissioning and welcome to the AB Mustang ranks!

Another major milestone for us is the promotion of CAPT McFarlane on 31 May. He is only the 2nd AB to achieve the rank of CAPTAIN, and is currently the only AB Captain on active duty. Congratulations and well done to CAPT McFarlane, your community is proud to have you as our Senior AB.

We have two of our National Chapter Officers stepping down after many faithful years of service to the ABMA. Our secretary, Marie Vines is turning in the notebook

after this symposium. Marie has been the continuity for the ABMA for the past several years. She is really the one that keeps our association running smoothly (keeps the President straight). Another long time supporter of the ABMA, Wally Hamaker, will also be vacating his position as our National Chapter Membership Chairman. Wally has been National Vice President, ABMA President, and now membership chairman. He has given many years of support and service. Speaking on behalf of the ABMA, I am grateful to each of you and thank you for your devoted service. Nominations and election/appointment to fill these demanding positions will take place at the symposium.

The symposium planning is in full swing, Mike Yaskin, this year's Symposium Chairman, is hard at work finalizing details to make sure each of you have a fun and productive working group conference in Silverdale, Washington. See the Symposium Plan of the Week in this newsletter for more information on the symposium. Submit your agenda items to the workshop coordinators identified in the message dated 201753Z MAR 02. Please don't forget, the symposium is not just for active duty. Retirees, spouses, ex-AB's and anyone interested are always welcome. I look forward to seeing you in August, until then stay safe and healthy.

REMINDER!!!
ABMA MEMBERSHIP RATES INCREASE
AT 2002 SYMPOSIUM

1-YEAR - \$13.00
 3-YEAR - \$36.00
 5-YEAR - \$60.00
 REINSTATEMENT - \$15.00
 \$2.00 INITIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLIES

AVOID THE INCREASE NOW!
RENEW ON -LINE OR SEND EMAIL TO:
 Membership@abma-usn.org

To reduce newsletter expenses, this newsletter has only been mailed via USPS (snail mail) to those who responded to the Fall Newsletter notice. Newsletters can be downloaded from the ABMA website. You must contact me if you want to continue receiving a paper copy via USPS. Comments are welcome at secretary@abma-usn.org or 903-967-2965.

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Secretary Comments



Marie Vines

Wow! Where has the time gone? After Lanny's retirement ceremony in late March, we have relocated to Texas and are still settling in. As a quick update, we are no longer home owners (our home in Pensacola sold to the first

looker and before it was officially released on the market), we are jobless (feels great!), and Lanny officially transferred to the retired list on June 1st (I have a few years to go yet). We have not actively searched for employment — we are toying with the idea of joining the fleet of RVers and traveling while we have the opportunity. We remain very busy here assisting with my parents — shuffling between doctor appointments — but will enjoy traveling and visiting friends along the way.

As the ABMA President said in his article, this will be my last symposium as Secretary. I have enjoyed working with every member and each board of directors. I will remain active at the symposiums as Lanny and I do plan to attend as many as possible. Once again, I'll include the ABMA Secretary requirements and responsibilities so you can get your resume/nominations in as soon as possible.

Requirements:

- Attend annual symposium (funded by ABMA if necessary)
- Good English and grammar skills
- Good organizational skills
- Internet access
- Proficient or capable of learning Microsoft Word and Excel

Responsibilities:

- Record and publish Board of Directors minutes
- Publish semiannual newsletter (Spring and Fall)
- Maintain records (hard copy and/or electronic)
- Other duties as requested by the ABMA President.

Very rewarding position! Great way to support your organization. Active duty, retired, and family members are all eligible. Submit your nominations today to: president@abma-usn.org

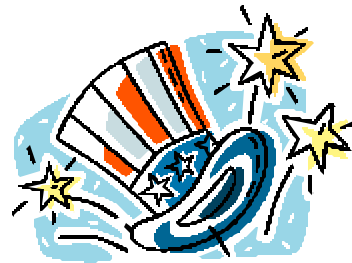
Isabella M. Gillen Memorial ABMA Scholarship



Lanny Vines

Scholarship applications were due June 1st. I have allowed a couple extra weeks due to our move to Texas.

Announcement of the individual selected will be made at the Friday night banquet in Silverdale. See ya'll there!



Treasurer comments

Stoney Burke

According to Mike Yaskin in the great northwest, preparations are well underway for Silverdale. Looking forward to another Outdoor Banquet and a trip to the Indian Island for salmon along with seeing the myriad of friends in the great Northwest. Have been contemplating re-assuming the Membership Chair in order to maintain some continuity. Wally Hamaker has done a superb job and we have worked well together. I shall miss him being around. Thanks Wally!!

To those on the front line, keep your wits about you if something goes down. You are important and we do not want to lose you. Watch out for the younger ones, keep them safe from harm. I think of all of you often and want to see you the next time we meet. All the BEST!!!!!!!!!! SEE YOU SOON IN SILVERDALE!!!

If you experience difficulties with PayPal when ordering merchandise on the web, please contact Jim Neary personally. He will make it right!

His e-mail is handlerjpn@aol.com.

2001 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Determine if E4 and below (and) spouses will be subsidized for banquet tickets. Motion made and carried to continue to discuss this at the first BOD meeting at each symposium. Continue to require purchase of banquet tickets with reimbursement only if they attend the banquet.
2. Request for inclusion of the ABMA Isabella M. Gillen Memorial Scholarship Fund in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) still has not come to resolution. Treasurer will finalize with submission of IRS Form 990 for CFC approval. Item open until CFC decision is made. Treasurer will submit application NLT 1 December. Secretary will provide 25-word summary for inclusion in the application.
3. Officer duty updates tasked to each individual BOD member. Inputs are due to the Secretary 1 February 2001. No changes received to duties distributed. Item readdressed in new business.
4. Guidelines and standard procedures for establishing new chapters of the ABMA. Limited guidance is available in the By-laws. Motion made and accepted that a line item be included in Admin Policy that prospective chapters must provide a letter of intent to establish local chapters to ensure proper guidelines are following. The Secretary will provide a welcoming package, followed by appropriate recognition at the next symposium and on the web. Item closed.
5. Donations collected for a proposed "Crash Memorial" remain in the ABMA operating budget. LCDR Persutti will reenergize donations and establish an account separated from the ABMA and provide a letter of intent to continue the memorial prior to ABMA releasing funds. LCDR Persutti for action. CDR Tony Spires advised the BOD that a bank account in Tidewater had been established to receive the funds and would like the memorial funds transferred to that account. ABMA would determine if funds were available to make full restitution. If not a repayment plan would be developed to return all the funds. Item open until money is refunded in full.
6. Motion made and carried that all Living Legends be presented a blazer patch similar to the ABs of the Year and Past Presidents. ABCM Vines has for action to find a vendor to make the patches. Patches were designed, purchased and presented to each Living Legend. Item closed.
7. Motion made to present Maroon Blazers to Living Legends. Item tabled for more research and funding provided. Item closed due to lack of adequate funding.



Items for consideration at Board of Directors are always welcome. Submit to secretary@abma-usn.org

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pres Jones presented a SOP generated for each ABMA office/position to serve as the organization operating procedures. Each person holding the position will review his or her respective section and provide input to the Secretary by 1 December 2001. Pres provided the Secretary with information on disk; Secretary will distribute via email/mail.
2. Motion made to provide ABMA web site recognition to vendors who contribute to the ABMA symposium. Recognition would consist of current year plus two following years. Recognition would cease on the third anniversary if ABMA Symposium support is not received. Motion seconded and accepted. Admin Policy amended to reflect new policy.
3. Dave Deese presented proposal to increase membership dues and make due 1, 3, and 5-year memberships available. Motion made, seconded and approved. Membership rate increase will become effective at 2002 Symposium. Rates will be:

1-year - \$13.00
3-year - \$36.00
5-Year - \$60.00

Admin Policy updated to reflect new rates.
4. Mike Weeks motioned that the ABMA create an operating budget. Each board member/committee chairperson requiring an operating budget must submit an annual budget with justification. Secretary will research/present the BOD a proposed format for budget submissions NLT 1 September. Treasurer will present BOD with quarterly budget for approval. Mike Weeks will schedule an audit of the current budget, followed by 2-year review to provide recommended improvement to record keeping. Motion was seconded and accepted that an annual independent review be conducted at each symposium.
5. LT "Cracker" Chorlton presented an item regarding membership of European counterpart AB-equivalents. Motion was made to consider European counterparts (deck plate rates) as a regular member versus associate member through regular application procedures and U.S. funds. Motion was seconded and accepted to amend Admin Policy and By-laws to allow ABMA membership of European counterparts (deck-plate rates) as members through regular membership procedures. Applications will be in U.S. funds. Item closed.

Silverdale Hotel Reservations
1-800-544-9799
(360) 698-1000
FAX (360) 692-0932
ABMA point of contact: Chris Sena

Northwest and Symposium News

Mike Yaskin

A busy time of year around here. Planning for the ABMA Symposium in August is well underway with CVN70 leading the charge with the help from Whidbey Island AB's and the retirees. The Silverdale hotel is eager to help in any way. They have an 800 number direct to the hotel for those desiring to make reservations. **Please use 1-800-544-9799**. Our point of contact at the hotel is Chris Sena.

Tentative plans are shaping into; a bus for a Casino Night, a Harbor Cruise, a Golf outing, a Salmon Bake Dinner Cruise, an AB 'Fre Disco (Alcohol Free DJ Dancing), lots of ladies activities and a Saturday picnic at Camp McKean. There should be lots to do and lots to see for all-hands. See the ABMA website for the NAVAIR and CNAP messages: NAVAIR 201753ZMAR02; CNAP 221011ZMAR02.

For those afloat, CVN72 is busy with work ups putting final touches on ABE before they head West. LCDR Paul Erickson has been busy balancing work with fund drives selling T-shirts, cups and they now have a contact for monkey pod items in the Philippines. He can just about get anything you may want. They have been a great help. CVN70 is heavy into their availability. Hard hats really do come in handy with all the stuff hanging in hatchways. The crew has responded well and morale is really high; a number are living in the BEQ/BOQ. When coupled with the renovation projects on base, rooms are at a premium.

For those ashore, the folks at Whidbey Island celebrated a marriage in February. ABF2 Justin Bollinger took the plunge and was married to Jennifer. A hearty congratulations goes out to the newly weds and the ladies at Whidbey get a new member. Whidbey Island also has a new Division Officer — CWO2 Mark Van Ort checked in for a well deserved tour ashore. Welcome aboard Mark.

So, while Dave and Pat Deese shuttle up and down the coast, Odie putts in the yard and rids his gutters of sludge and pine needles that birds love to mess in and toss all over his clean sidewalk, Rich continues to do odd jobs for the county, Mike - Clancy - and Ernie keep moving office spaces, Lonnie Murray, John Killmer and Tony Lacross start a new career in shop 38, Kevin Hobson delivers the mail, we all welcome Lonnie Murray and his bride Robin, Mark Futch and his bride Arlene to CIVPAC NORWEST.

A reminder to all — renew your ABMA membership early since rates will be going up and remember to let Marie know if you want to keep receiving the ABMA newsletter in print otherwise the only way you can get it is online from the ABMA web page.

Again, the Silverdale Hotel number is (360) 698-1000, FAX (360) 692-0932. Their web site is www.westcoasthotels.com/silverdale. EMAIL can be addressed to sdhotel@silverlink.net.

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Tidewater's Turn

Doug Thornton

President: LT Doug Thornton
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Greetings from the Tidewater Chapter! We'd like to extend a hardy "Welcome Home" to our fellow AB's from the USS Theodore Roosevelt and the USS Bataan. It's so good to have you back home. Thanks for doing such a great job!

We'd also like to say "thanks" and "Job well done" to the Jacksonville Chapter for the super job setting up the "Spring Jamboree" at The Spirit of the Suwannee River Music Campground. Those who attended

had a fantastic time.

The Tidewater Chapter is alive and kicking. At our meeting in March we had 51 personnel for a luncheon meeting at the "Pier 26 Club" at Naval Station Norfolk. In April meeting we had over 200 personnel for a hot dog cook at NAMTRAU Norfolk Virginia. May we met at Breezy Point Park with a Hamburger and Hot Dog Sale prior to the meeting. If you're in the area please stop by, you're always welcomed.

Tidewater Chapter also hosted a golf tournament in May and on the 15th of June, we will have our Summer Picnic at Fentrice Field starting at 1100. We hope to see you there!

Stay safe; keep your head on a swivel. God bless his fellow AB's and God bless America!

Gulf Coast Gazette

Virgle Culberson

President—ABHC(AW) R. L. Crawford
Vice President—Terry Sneed
Secretary—Mrs. Virgle Culberson
Treasurer—Mrs. Betty Brock
Additional BOD members: Jim Brock and William Wakkace.

Hello Shipmates and Friends! Well another year has passed us by, they sure seem to go by fast anymore. But we know that Silverdale is ready and waiting for the symposium and we look forward to a great time. We know they have great plans and things for folks to do. Those who have made plans from Pensacola to go are ready.

The Gulf Coast Chapter has lost two of our members to the great State of Texas — our loss and their gain. We wish Lanny and Marie Vines the best in their new home. However, we will certainly miss them; Lanny was our Biloxi trip coordinator.

The Spring Jam on the Suwannee with the Jax Crew and friends was a great success as usual, and we have to give an attaboy to the cooks, Jack Nix and Joe Santiago, for a great feast.

The Fall Jam which will be hosted in Pensacola at the old Bronson Field which was renovated by MWR for RV's with full hookups also has cabins & trailers will be held 17-20 October. Smokey McDonald & Bos'n Brock are spearheading the event.

So, until next time from our house to yours, may God Bless You!

**Thirty-Second Annual
Aviation Boatswain's Mates Association
Symposium/Professional Working Group
August 05-09, 2002
Silverdale, Washington
Plan of the Week**

Monday, 05 August—Travel Day/Open

0700 ABs of the Northwest Meeting/Vendor Set-up Admiral Ballroom
1200-1700 Registration/Membership
1730-2300 No-Host Cocktails in Hotel Bar

Tuesday, 06 August

0730 Registration/Membership/Event Sales
0845 FLIGHT QUARTERS, All hands to muster
0900 Introductions, Welcome aboard, ABMA Officer Nominations, Vendor Recognition
1100-1230 Lunch
1230 FLIGHT QUARTERS - All hands to muster ** UNIFORM OF THE DAY **
1230-1245 Admin/Opening remarks/nominations
1245-1300 Presidents call to order, Parade the Colors, Invocation (ABMA Chaplain *****TBD*****)
1300-1330 Welcome Address and guest speaker
1345-1600 Workshop Procedures/Convening of Workshops ** Appropriate Civilian Attire **
1800-2400 Hospitality Room Open - Last Call 2330 (50's Night)

Wednesday, 07 August

0730 Registration/ Membership/ Event Sales
0830 FLIGHT QUARTERS, All hands muster ** UNIFORM OF THE DAY **
0845-0900 Presidents call to order/Announcements/Nominations
0930-1000 Guest Speaker: The Honorable Mayor of Bremerton (***TBD*****)
1000-1030 Tour Vendor Exhibits
1030-1100 Guest Speaker and announcements
100-1230 Lunch
1100 Ladies muster in main lobby for luncheon transportation
1115 Transportation departs for Ladies Luncheon
1230-1600 Workshops ** Appropriate Civilian Attire **
1600-1800 Vendor/BOD Social
1800-2230 Muster/Depart for Blake Isl Salmon Trip (****TBD*****)
1800-2300 Muster/Bus Departs for Casino Night (Emerald Queen)
1800-2400 Hospitality Room Open - Last Call 2330 (60's Night)

Thursday, 08 August

0730 Membership/Event Sales
0830 FLIGHT QUARTERS, All hands to muster ** UNIFORM OF THE DAY **
0845-0900 Presidents call to order/Announcements/Nominations
0900-TBD Retiree's Muster/Depart for Golf Outing
0900-1000 AB LDO/CWO Detailer Briefs and guest speaker
1000-1030 Tour Vendor Exhibits
1030-1115 Guest Speaker and announcements
1115-1245 Lunch
1245-1600 Convene Workshops** Appropriate Civilian Attire **AB Detailer Private Scheduled Sessions
1800-2400 AB Party Dance/Disco/DJ - (Non-Alcohol) Last Dance 2330
1900-2000 Muster/Depart for Harbor Cruise

Friday, 09 August

0830 FLIGHT QUARTERS, All hands to muster ** UNIFORM OF THE DAY **
0845-0900 Presidents call to order/Announcements
0900-0930 Workshop Summaries: Workshop Coordinators
0930-1130 Nominations Closed/Elections of 2002-2003 Officers/Recognition Awards
1130 Closing Ceremonies, Benediction, Retire the Colors, Secure from Flight Quarters
1230-1600 AB Detailer Private Scheduled Sessions

AWARDS BANQUET

1700-1800 No Host Cocktails, Cruise Book Photographs (Lobby)
1830 Presidents Call to Order, Introductions, Head table, Guest Speaker/2001-2002 Officers
1900-2000 Dinner **BANQUET MENU** *****TBD*****)
2000 Guest Speaker: Honorable Lena Swansen, (TBD******)
2030 Banquet Awards presentation//Eternal and Final Flight Quarters
2100-2400 Entertainment/Dancing

Saturday, 10 August

1100-1700 ABMA Picnic, Camp McKean, Bremerton MWR Area, Kitsap Lake

From the Desk of the VP

Roy Harrison

First and foremost it's a pleasure and honor to have this opportunity to share my cut on things. For as we look back, as well as ahead, we can only begin to see that it has been hard and will get harder, easy made easier. For the actions of a few have really changed the way we do business out in the big Old World.

A great thing happened on June 1, 2002, we gained Captain Anthony McFarlane as the second AB Captain in this Navy. Congratulation Captain MAC and may God Continue to Bless you and yours.

I had the opportunity to sit on the FY-03 Limited Duty Officer-Chief Warrant Officer In-service Procurement Board, and boy was it any eye opener. I had the privilege and rare opportunity to be part of this fascinating selection process. The applicants selected were those whom the majority of members in each panel considered the best qualified. This process was thorough and complex, but most of all FAIR! Numerous check and balances were in place to give each candidate a fair selection chance without prejudice or partiality. Due too restrictions, I cannot provide specific grading criteria.

PERFORMANCE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS POTENTIAL

** Review the latest OPNAVINST 1420.1 and all NAVADMIN's for information on eligibility and application procedures. Order your microfiche and Personal Summary Record (PSR) at the earliest opportunity. *These were the Official Records reviewed by the Selection Board.* **DO NOT**, send information that is already in your microfiche and PSR.

** Appraisal Sheets, **ALL THE SAME DESIGNATORS is not always good.** Show us that others can appraise you.

** Some CO's elected NOT TO RANK their applicants. CO's endorsements and or appraisal sheets not matching one another. We saw many Sailors of the Year(s) that were NOT RANKED NUMBER ONE.

** Many FITREPS-EVALUATIONS had no higher than Promotable.

** Saw many Flag-CVW-Type Wing endorsements; all were taken into consideration, however, all were not selected.

** Our rating is Sea intensive; you **NEED TO GO TO SEA!** Get out of your so called "comfort zones".

** College Degrees are not required to compete in this program, however, education has never hurt selectees.

** CO Recommendation: When an applicant applies for both LDO and CWO Programs, the command recommendation must separately address applicant's qualifications for each program and required designator.

** Several applicant write-ups truly spoke from the heart and were inspirational.

** Many great Sailors were not ranked.

** Collateral duties is good but be careful not to work so hard on them you lose the purpose of your real job.

** Application(s) not serialized.

My recommendations:

Remove "Fiche 5" stamp from record cover unless it is to reflect an infraction of UMCJ/Navy Regs within the past 10 years.

Recommend that CO's soft rank large groups of "MPs/EPs" in the comment section of the fitness reports.

In closing there are many **outstanding** LDO/CWO candidates out there. We can only hope that the ones that are selected will continue to bring pride and show professionalism to us all. MY CUT.

AB's WIN AND NEVER STOP TRYING!!!!

AVIATION BOATWAIN'S MATES ASSOCIATION			
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION			
(Please print or type all information)			
Make check or money order payable to ABMA; mail to Wally Hamaker, 9280 Los Coches Road, Lakeside, CA 92040			
NAME _____			RATE/RANK _____
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE INITIAL	
MAILING ADDRESS _____			
CITY _____		STATE _____	ZIP CODE _____
HOME ADDRESS _____			
CITY _____		STATE _____	ZIP CODE _____
WORK PHONE _____		HOME PHONE _____	
SERVICE STATUS	USN ACTIVE	USN RETIRED	OTHER (specify) _____
(see other side for membership rates)			



Have a happy and
safe
Fourth of July



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ABMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
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AUGUST 2002

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Note: \$2.00 initial entrance applies

ABMA TICKLER

Upon announcement—ABOY nominations
1 April—Spring/Summer Newsletter inputs
1 May—Posthumous Legend Nominations
1 June—Living Legend Applications
1 June—Scholarship Application
5-9 August—2001 Symposium, Silverdale, WA
1 October—Fall Newsletter inputs



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration