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“Shell and Flame”



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We are the Ammo Chiefs Association, a not-for-profit; fraternal Association dedicated to the promotion of camaraderie among active duty and retired **USAF AMMO Chiefs**. Our members work throughout the year to raise funds for worthwhile charitable causes such as the Richard Gauvin Memorial Fund, the Enlisted Widows Foundation, and to respond to members of the Ammo community in time of distress. The ACA contributes to the morale of active duty AMMO troops at the Chapter level through recognition and sports programs. The ACA sponsors awards programs for the AMMO School House Outstanding Performer, and AFCOMAC Outstanding Performer. ACA has contributed to cultural enterprises such as the RAF Welford AMMO Museum. ***We are AMMO, and proud of it!*** Please visit the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information at <http://ammochiefs.com>.

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You can reach ACA Officers by email at the addresses above if you would like their snail mail addresses contact the Secretary. Please contact any of the members of the ACA Board of Directors if you have any items of interest or information you feel would be of benefit to the organization.

Membership Application can be found on our website, if you know of anyone that would like to renew membership or join please pass on the application.

If you have something you would like to have posted on the www.ammochiefs.com website send to one of the ACA BOD members for approval! A special thanks to Rick Follett our Web-Site Manager.

From Your President

Election of Next BOD

Great news for the membership: Jack Seaman our Secretary and Mike Roylance our Treasurer have committed to serving another four year term.

The following positions will need to be filled: President, Vice President, Chief-at-Arms, and four Directors-at-Large.

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may not hold the same elected officer positions at the Chapter level.

The ACA President will appoint and chair an Election Committee consisting of three Directors to administer elections. All Officers will serve concurrent terms.

- (a) ACA Directors and candidates for Directorships must be AMMO Chief Members. The Secretary will confirm to the Election Committee that candidates are members in good standing.
- (b) The Secretary will notify AMMO Chief Members of the date for an election, positions to be filled, and solicit nominations for those positions no less than 30 days prior to the election. Notification will be by mail and/or e-mail. Details will be posted on the web site.
- (c) A period of 30 days will be allowed for nominations. Nominations may be submitted by mail, email, or a form provided on the Association web site. The Election Committee will contact nominees and confirm their acceptance. Notification of nomination closure will be posted on the web site. The Secretary will mail ballots to members without email addresses and allow 21 days for return.
- (d) Members may also vote in person (i.e. at a Membership Meeting, Reunion or AMMO Call), by mail, by email, or on the ballot provided on the ACA web site. Members may also assign their proxy to an AMMO Chief member. Assigning your proxy to vote must be done in writing (email is acceptable) to the Secretary prior to the opening of voting. No member may hold more than 5 proxies.
- (e) At least 25% of the voting membership must cast a ballot (or proxy) for an election, referendum, or initiative to be valid.
- (f) The Election Committee will review and certify election results to the BOD for final approval and the President will announce the election results.

Election of new ACA BOD

Rick Follett our Web-Site Manager will also continue to maintain our website. We need your support in the coming months to consider volunteering for one of the vacant positions and consider talking with other members about accepting a nomination from their fellow Ammo brothers and sisters if so nominated. The new ACA BOD will take office on 1 January 2016.

We need to have the names of those interested in taking on a position or nominations completed by 1 September 2015, in order to establish the ballot sheet. We would send out the ballot sheets 1 October 2015, and cut off the voting 30 October 2015.

Rich Pennington



We still need historical inputs and old and new Ammo related pictures to share with the rest of the Ammo community. It's always good to have articles and pictures from the past as well as the present on events the Ammo community is engaged in. Our career field is represented by a lot of outstanding Ammo troops who compete for Air Force level awards, as well as many local level awards. I would like to include these types of recognition in our newsletter, so send them in with a picture and a short article.

We continue to wish those serving overseas a safe return; we truly appreciate what you are doing to keep the Ammo flame burning and making the world a safer place to be.

Last of the M117 on Guam

Andersen AFB, Guam—A B-52 bomber [deployed here](#) from Barksdale AFB, La., as part of the Air Force's continuous bomber presence mission will drop the base's last M117 general-purpose bomb in June, said officials during a recent visit. Lt. Col. Scott Maytan, commander of the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, told *Air Force Magazine* there were some "31,000 M117s in the bomb depot" during the first CBP rotation in 2004. Since then, each bomber rotation has dropped an average of 700 of the bombs. "That signals a lot of good training over a decade for a lot of good weapons," said Lt. Col. Sean Walker, deputy commander of the 36th Operations Group. "It's 40 to 50 years in the making, this last drop," he added. The M117 is [a 750-pound general purpose bomb](#) that the United States used extensively during the Korean War, Vietnam War, and against Iraq in 1991. "It is uncertain as to when M117s were first present at [Andersen], although through word of mouth, it's been said that many were dropped during Operation Linebacker II missions over North Vietnam," said 36th Wing spokeswoman 1st Lt. Jessica Clark. The bombs became the weapon of choice on CBP sorties because they provided valuable training to bomber crews and their use prevented officials from having to spend a "significant amount of money to ship the munitions" to the continental US for demilitarization, she said.



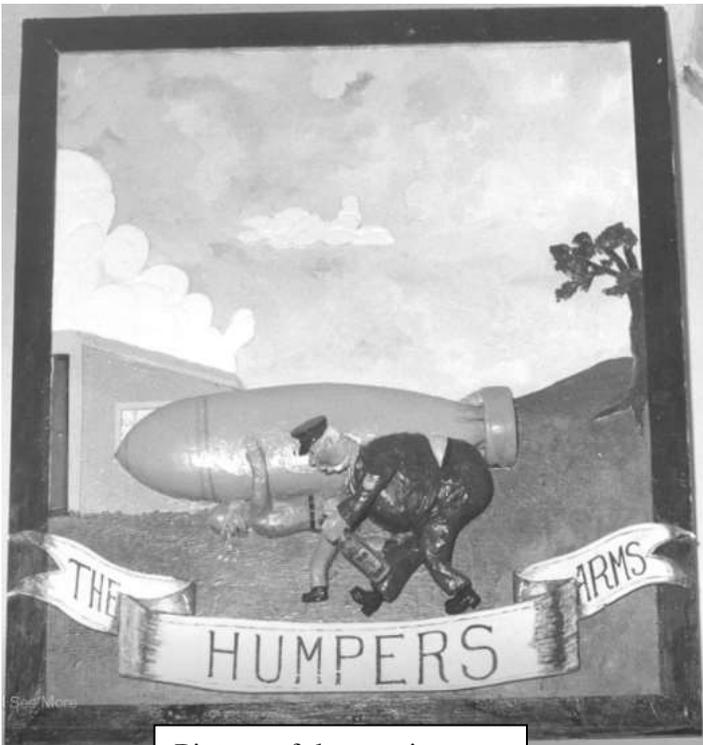
Another outstanding group of Ammo troops from Hill AFB ready to support the mission.

The Humpers Arms

This is a picture of the wood carving that hung in the NCO club at RAF Welford from the early 1960s till the late 80s when the club was torn down. Sadly the humper arms carving disappeared and no one could recall where it went or if it was destroyed when the club was cleared away. But it was found safe in the small museum on RAF Welford and is still there to this day. Carving was done by two firemen that worked on the base MSgt John G. Lee and Tommy Merrill from Newbury England showing Ammo humping bombs the Welford way.

Thanks go out to Gwytha Lee Tucker who is the daughter of MSgt John G Lee who passed away November 14, 2014.

James Taylor
IYAAYAS!!!



Picture of the carving



Picture of the drawing made from the picture on the left

We are looking for a home to display the drawing of "The Humpers Arms." There was a suggestion made to send it to Nellis Ammo to hang in their heritage room. I'll work with Chief Elliott to see if they will accept it for display.



Airmen at Andersen AFB, Guam, sign the 'Last Blast,' the final M117 general-purpose bomb in Pacific Air Forces' inventory, June 24, 2015. *Air Force photo by AIC Joshua Smoot*

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan The 18th Munitions Squadron opened their gates to allow more than 400 Okinawans the opportunity to visit family tombs for the annual Shimi celebration here April 12.

Shimi is a week-long festival to celebrate the New Year's Day for the dead. In the old days, Okinawans celebrated on the Lunar New Year in January, but the timing changed with the adoption of Chinese customs.

Normally during the festival, the tombs are cleaned by younger family members about a week before the celebration. Since the munitions area is only open for one day for the families due to security, locals sped up the process by cleaning in the morning and gathering the remainder of the family around lunchtime.

"The visit provided an opportunity for the Airmen of the 18th MUNS to physically interact and experience firsthand the culture, religion and tradition of our host nation," said 2nd Lt. Lyneth Ann Battle, the 18th MUNS' material flight commander. "It also helps bridge the relationship between service members and Okinawans."

The extensive 5,900-acre munitions area's dense jungle is home to 20 family tombs, some of which have been around since before World War II. The visiting locals were welcomed into the area by 18th MUNS volunteers through gates not open to the public. Once inside, the volunteers escorted the visitors to their respective family tombs in order to maintain accountability.

"I have been coming on base to pay respects to my ancestors for the last five years," said local national Uehara. "This is a great event, because the whole family comes together to do this."



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD A. GAUVIN
 AMMO TROOP MEMORIAL FUND
 Air Force Combat Ammunition Center 5890 A. Street, Beale AFB, CA 95903



26 March 2015

On behalf of the men and women at AFCOMAC as well as the AMMO Troops abroad, thank you for your contribution of \$500.00 to the CMSgt Richard A. Gauvin AMMO Troop Memorial Fund. Your contribution will help guide the young minds of future generations and inspire them to become something great and possibly contribute in some form or fashion to their future generation.

A brass plate noting your contribution will be added to the memorial located at the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center Marquez Academic Hall, Beale Air Force Base, California.

*Chief's,
 Thank you for this!*


 John Shaw, MSgt, USAF
 Scholarship Coordinator

AMMO Supply

The Ammo Chiefs Association now has an on-line store, we call it Ammo Supply. You can check it out here: <http://ammochiefs.qbstores.com>. Queensboro will handle all the details and all we have to do is advertise within our group. They handle all the orders, inventory, shipping, returns, etc, everything. You can read more about them here: <http://www.queensboro.com/welcome-queensboro-shirt-company.html>.

Your support for this store helps us support the ACA and our causes. Five percent of all orders come back to the ACA, that's about \$1.00 for every \$20 spent. Also if there is something you would like added or a particular line you prefer, let me know and I'll see if they carry it.

So support the ACA with an order today and show off our association. Again, the monies we collect go toward our causes. You can see it and order here: <http://ammochiefs.qbstores.com>.

Mike Roylance
 ACA Treasurer

Membership by Status

Veteran/Shell & Flame	1
Honorary Spouse	7
Active	23
Veteran	172
Total	203

Membership by Chapter

Mid West	6
Wasatch	13
Mid Atlantic	25
Emerald Coast	40
None	119
Total	203

18th MUNS Airmen host sacred sites tour

by Airman 1st Class Lynette M. Rolen, 18th Wing Public Affairs

6/30/2015 - **KADENA AIR BASE, Japan** -- Thirteen Airmen from the 18th Munitions Squadron hosted approximately 40 Okinawan visitors for a sacred site tour throughout Kadena's munitions storage area June 28.

The tour, one of several community outreach events held around Kadena each year, took the local community members onto the base to visit seven different locations of historical and cultural significance to the participants.

Yoshiaki Kamiyama, Kadena Town deputy mayor who also attended the tour, said the visits are important because it gives Okinawans and Airmen a glimpse into the local community.

"This tour offered local Okinawans the opportunity to pass on their heritage, share knowledge to their children, look at their ancestors' land and where they used to live, pay respect to their ancestors, learn about town history and to look at the current status of the sites," Kamiyama said.

In addition to learning about their past, the Okinawans were able to spend time with Kadena Airmen. Stories about the sites were exchanged throughout the group and members from the 18th MUNS assisted them throughout the tour.

One of the numerous stops along the way held significant importance to one of the tour members -- a cave in which local Okinawans fled to during the bombings of World War II. The visitor, who was a child when this happened, remembered seeking shelter in the cave.

While the cave was one of several sites from World War II, many of the sites predated the war.

"Some of the sites are over 300 years old," said Mitsutada Iha, 18th MUNS Tactical Air Munitions Rapid Response Package foreman. "These sites have a history of hundreds of generations of ancestors visiting them."

Because of the deep cultural and historical significance of this tour, Kamiyama expressed his thanks to the 18th MUNS for providing this opportunity to the Okinawans.

"I am thankful to the 18th MUNS volunteers for supporting the tour," said Kamiyama. "I was especially pleased that the volunteers cleared the pass to the cave, installed new ropes and assisted the elderly visitors down and up the cave."



Chapter News

ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter



ACAMC presents SrA Winch a Certificate of Appreciation and ACAMC Chapter coin for Sharp Ammo Troop Award.



We welcomed CMSgt Dave Jamison from Seymour Johnson to his first chapter meeting. Dave will be a great asset in helping connect with the needs of Troops when he deploys downrange this fall for our Holiday Care Packages for Deployed AMMO Troops. We also reviewed the ACAMC Constitution and By-laws and two changes were submitted. The chapter will hold elections during the September meeting. After the meeting, the members and their spouses enjoyed a low country boil prepared by TJ Jensen. The next chapter meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2015 in a TBD location.

ACA Emerald Coast Chapter

The Emerald Coast Chapter of the ACA hosted the 15th annual event and would like to thank all those Ammo troops who made it to the Emerald Coast Ammo Call at Helen Backs on 13 Jun 2015. There were approximately 125 ammo folks attending. We appreciate your support of the event. We, the Emerald Coast Chapter of the Ammo Chiefs Association are proud to sponsor the event each year to provide an opportunity to have a get together where Ammo troops and try an out lie, out drink and just plain enjoy Ammo company. We hope you will return next year and make it a better event in 2016. Thanks, IYAAYAS.

Our chapter had a meeting on 25 Jun to finalize issues on the annual charity golf tournament we will be hosting on 17 July at the municipal course in Ft Walton Beach where we raise funds for the Mental Health Association of Okaloosa/Walton Counties supporting homeless Veterans. If you are interested in playing you can contact John Greer 850-939-6659.

We will also be having our annual outstanding Munitions Performers recognition Dinner/Dance at the Wyndham Gardens Resort in FWB on 6 Nov, 1800 this year where we recognize the best from Eglin Hurlburt and Tyndall AFBs. Again if you are interested in attending contact John Greer at bigjohn461@bellsouth.net, 850-939-6659.



Upcoming Ammo related Events

I received these announcements from retired Ammo troop MSgt James Taylor jimmytaylor1963@gmail.com. Feel free to contact him for more details if you are interested in attending these events. I've heard nothing but great feedback from the past events.

24-26 July Denver Colorado

8 August Hill Utah Ammo BBQ

14-15 August Manchester NH

3 October Moody AFB GA

20-21 November Det 40 San Antonio TX

4-7 September Suttons Bay MI

2015 AMMO BOWLS

This is a great time to see many old friends and make new ones as well.

Southeastern Ammo Bowl Myrtle Beach 14-16 Aug

Midwest Ammo Bowl Wichita Falls, TX Softball Sports complex 4-6 Sep

Western Ammo Bowl Nellis AFB 10-11 Oct.

Note: Additional information on the Ammo Bowl games is posted on the ACA website.

ACA Emerald Coast

Annual charity golf tournament 17 July at the municipal course in Ft Walton Beach

Annual outstanding Munitions Performers recognition Dinner/Dance at the Wyndham Gardens Resort in Fort Walton Beach on 6 November.

Also check out the ACA website for other event postings; if you have something Ammo related please send it in and we'll get it posted.

On the next page you will find an article written by Mike Roylance about Don Carbonneau. The United States Air Force, and especially the Ammo community is very proud to have had Don's leadership and support with two critical areas; the JASSM weapon system and MMHE Focal Point. His contributions supporting the Ammo mission over the years while in and out of uniform will be everlasting.

Rich Pennington



LAST AMMO CALL



In the early 80's I was stationed with Don at England AFB in Louisiana. We had a great bunch of folks there and the Esprit and team work ran high. Many of the folks I remember were Wayne Dunkeson, Kenny White, Mark Chastaine, Henry Kerr, Harvey Coward and of course Don Carbonneau. Too many years to even try to remember all of them. We had a lot of great times out at Cotile Lake fishing, drinking and telling war stories. One such story had been shared with me about Don and Henry Kerr. I hope you find it as funny as I did at the time it was told to me. And 35 years later I still remember it.

Henry Kerr was a tall thin fellow from Mississippi who chewed, talked slow and walked even slower. He was like the rest of us an amateur fisherman. I thought we were all amateurs but some might disagree. I'm



told Henry and Don were at Coltile Lake fishing one day and about noon had not caught much and decided to switch to Crappy fishing as the Bass were not biting.



Now if you remember Cotile Lake is a man-made lake and half of it had all the trees removed so folks could enjoy water sports with fast boats and skiing. The other half still had all the tree tops sticking out and brush growing all along the banks.

Henry and Don knew that the Crappy would be along the banks under the brush and they also knew that the wasp nested in the brush also. They also tended to nest in the tree tops of these long dead trees sticking out of the water. So you had to be careful when moving in and around them. But the fishing was best in these areas.

Don on the tiller and throttle and Henry up front, they pulled into a bush and Henry gave it a shake and Don backed the boat out in case the wasps came out. No wasp, Don headed the boat into the brush again so Henry could tie off on a branch. The plan was to sit in the shade, drink a few beer and catch Crappy.



About time Henry cinched the knot, here they come, a whole heard of wasp, too late to untie the knot and the engine had been turned off so there were few options. Don took the lead and jumped in the lake and started breathing thru his baseball cap so the wasp could not get to him. Henry however...Must have been Henry telling me the story now that I remember it. As he was telling me this in a slow Mississippian accented drawl said he could not swim, took a second or two, spit a big chaw out and continues. "Owned this hat for 4 years", wore it out in 4 seconds!



I can still imagine Don and Henry on this expedition, one in the water and the other swatting wasp as quick as he could. Rest in Peace Don.

Mike Roylance