



## AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA)

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Welcome to the third edition of the AMMO Chiefs Association "*Shell and Flame*" newsletter. This edition of the newsletter is being sent to you to provide information about the ACA.

### The President's Corner

#### State of the Association Message

Dear Members:

The ACA is more than alive and well! We are growing bigger and stronger! Thanks to AMMO Chiefs: **Darrell Beasley** for his super job as Treasurer and getting our school house and AFCOMAC awards programs underway; to **Rich McVey** our VP for his tremendous efforts to keep up our web site with not only informative but entertaining production; to **John Greer** who while hampered with ill neck health and a broken computer, kept us moving along as Secretary; to **Bill Poe** who kept us honest and prodded us to do well in all our efforts; to **Dave Osborn** and **Dwight Howard** for their social activity efforts, and also to **Dwight Howard** for that unenviable duty as Sunshine Coordinator sending cards of condolences and get well wishes; to the rest of the BOD for their help and support; to **Mark Gossett**, **Robert Trout**, **Ron Ruff** and all the members of

the Midwest Chapter for establishing another chapter, and mostly to **John Matthews**, **Mike Gavin** and **Mike Robertson** and the Virginia Chapter for organizing our reunion.

There were those that responded to my challenge of the last state of the association message which was to get next to a few or another AMMO Chief and start your own Chapter. I salute the **Virginia** and **Midwest Chapters** for having done so. I now go on record to state that there are others out there to be made. That is the theme for the remainder of this year and next. Chapters need not necessarily be limited to the CONUS. If there are two active duty or retired AMMO Chiefs in an overseas location, they theoretically could start a chapter. Throw in an association member or two and next thing you know you got something going!

The word is momentum. We have a great start and we need to keep up the momentum. We currently have 137 members. Twenty-four are lifetime members. So far for 2004 we have had 13 new members sign up. Since we began in 2000, we have bestowed four honorary memberships to retired AMMO Colonels, Elle, Sweezy, Timmons, and Underwood. We have one of the finest Air Force Generals that ever-commanded AMMO troops slated

to speak at our reunion. So we're doing well. Next time you run into another AMMO Chief, mention the ACA and if they are not a member, let them know who we are, what we do, and afford them an opportunity to join up. We are all recruiters and we should try to encourage eligible Chiefs to join and if possible, start a local chapter. It is very easy to do. We also need to continue the good job of recruiting active duty AMMO Chiefs. I realize these folks are extremely busy. Therefore I am soliciting ideas where we as an organization can do more to aid and interact with the active duty force. The active duty force is our membership life-blood. Helping them now pays dividends for our future. We all should be proud of the fact that the association contributes money to:

- The Rich Gauvin Memorial Fund
- The USAF Enlisted Widows Village
- The Southeast AMMO Bowl
- The Worldwide AMMO Bowl
- The AMMO School House
- The Air Force Combat Ammunition Center (AFCOMAC)
- The Welford AMMO Museum

If you have a worthwhile endeavor and it pertains to helping AMMO troops and you need support, let us know and we will see if we can help.

Now, we have a major social event this year. We have the reunion every two years. In the off year, we hold an AMMO Awards Night. The awards night is a semi-formal dinner dance that includes recognizing outstanding AMMO troops, deeds, and entities. This event is held about the same time of year that our reunion is held except in the year that there is no reunion. It gives us a chance to recognize folks, keep social momentum going in the off year, and to

offer a chance for out-of-towners to come to the Eglin area and join us in a party. I encourage the chapters to do the same so that folks can travel to their closest hub of AMMO social activity should they desire.

So, our organization is in good health, in spirit, financially, and professionally. Our next reunion will be in 2006. Exactly where - we are not sure. Eglin seems to be a favorite. In 2005, Sep-Oct time frame, we will have our AMMO Awards Night. After this reunion, we will begin to emerge ourselves in the fall and winter holidays. I once again thank John Matthews and the Virginia Chapter for their sponsorship, hard work and hospitality.

With this being the last issue of the Shell & Flame newsletter for 2004, I'd like to personally wish all of you and yours a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a safe, prosperous, and Happy New Year!

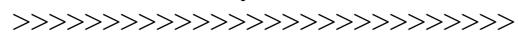
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🌟 Chapter News 🌟

**Midwest Chapter**

We are proud to announce the establishment on June 5<sup>th</sup> of another Chapter of the ACA, the **Mid-West Chapter** in Ohio, by Mark Gossett and Billie Campbell. Members include: Mark Gossett, Billie Campbell, Ron Ruff, Gary Knighten, Bob Trout, and Bart Ivy. A well deserved AMMO IYAAAYAS for our new chapter!! We wish them the very best.



On 25 October 2004, the **Midwest Chapter** of the ACA recognized nine airmen assigned to



and Flame Banquet, the 11<sup>th</sup> Worldwide AMMO Bowl trophy was awarded to the 4<sup>th</sup> EMS AMMO at Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC. The award was presented to CMSgt. Dave Nickell to display during the year until the 12th Worldwide AMMO Bowl tournament, September 3-5, 2005 at Andrews AFB, MD. On Sunday we had breakfast and the chance to see each other one more time before the ACA Awards Night dinner to be held at Eglin in the Sept-Oct 2005 time frame or the 4<sup>th</sup> ACA Reunion in 2006. By any standard, a good time was had by all!!



### 🎆 Deceased Members 🎆

#### **William (Bill) Jolly**

William Marion (Bill) Jolly, age 50, of Columbus, MS passed away May 3, 2004 at Baptist Memorial Hospital with family and close friends at his side.

Visitation was Sunday, May 9, 2004 from 5-7 pm at Lowndes Funeral Home, Columbus, MS. A memorial service, with full military honors, was held on Monday, May 10, 2004, at Lowndes Funeral Home Chapel, Columbus, MS. With Rev. Celia Cox officiating.

Mr. Jolly was born July 22, 1953 in Marion, N.C. to the late Clarence and Merle Davis Jolly. He joined the United States Air Force in 1971, serving in Vietnam, Korea, and the Panama Canal Zone. His profound dedication and his love of country earned him numerous medals and awards. His 21 years of service rewarded him with so many cherished memories and lifelong friendships throughout the AMMO community. In 2002, Mr. Jolly became an associate member of the AMMO Chief's Association. Upon his retirement

as a MSgt., he continued in the AMMO field as Leadman over Munitions with DynCorp at Columbus Air Force Base, where he was employed until the time of his death. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Chris Jolly.

Bill's wonderful spirit and enjoyment of the Christmas season were felt by everyone around him. He had many other interests, some of which were flower gardening, NASCAR, the Atlanta Braves, Florida State University football, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Survivors include his loving wife, Reida Kay Jolly of Columbus, MS, formerly of Anniston, AL; one brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Debbie Jolly of Newport, N.C.; one sister, Patricia Williams of Marion, N.C.; two nieces, Faith Jolly of Newport, N.C., and Lee Ann Bartlett of Marion, N.C.; his mother-in-law, Mildred Kay of Anniston, N.C.; and a sister-in-law, Judy Kay of Columbus, MS.

Honorary pallbearers were Avery Phillips, Don Hardin, Tony Davis, Mike Purcell, Larry Ballard, Gene Geiger, members of the AMMO Chief's Association, management and employees of DynCorp, John P. Whitecar Jr., MD FACP, Tammy L. Miller, MSN APRN-BC, and the entire staff of Whitecar Cancer Care Center.

Flowers were accepted or memorials should be made to the American Cancer Society, 1380 Livingston Lane, Jackson, MS 39213.

#### **Paul Edward Long Jr.**

CMSgt. Paul Edward Long Jr., USAF, Retired., age 61 and a resident of Ocean Springs, MS, died Monday, May 17, 2004, in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mr. Long was a native of Harrisburg, PA, and graduated from Steelton High School in Steelton, PA. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Troy State University. He served in the U.S. Air Force from October 5, 1961, until his retirement on April 30, 1992.

During his military career, his first assignment was Columbus Air Force Base, MS, where he met his future wife, Karen Windham of Forest who was attending MSCW. They wed in August 1964. Of his 30-1/2 years of military service, twenty years were spent in Europe, including England, Germany, and Italy. Mr. Long served during the Vietnam War through Desert Storm. He was a member of the Ammo Chief's Association and Wesley United Methodist Church.

He was devoted to God, his family, his church, and his work. He loved to travel and has friends all over the world. He was an entrepreneur and visionary. He opened Jackson-Hewitt tax service in September of 1996. He will be sadly missed by many, family, church friends, business associates, and Ammo Troops all over the world.

Mr. Long was preceded in death by his father, Paul Edward Long, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Karen W. Long of Ocean Springs; Daughter, Kim L. Thompson of Gautier and her husband, Charles; Daughter, Kris Blevins of Gautier and her husband, Kenny; Mother, June E. Long of Williamsburg, VA; Grandchildren, Ashley and Brett Thompson, and Gabriel Blevins, all of Gautier; Sister, April Coleman and her husband, Randy, of Williamsburg, VA; and nephews, Randy Coleman, Jr., Brian Coleman, and

Michael Paul Coleman, all of Williamsburg, VA. A memorial service was held on Monday, May 24, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorials be sent to the Wesley United Methodist Church special fund of your choice, 8900 Old Spanish Trail, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.



### 🌟 Upcoming AMMO Events 🌟

🌟 If you've ever been assigned to RAF Welford, UK, read on. In the early planning stages is a **50<sup>th</sup> Munitions Mission Anniversary** celebration at RAF Welford, UK next year (2005). It's open to anyone who's ever been assigned or attached to RAF Welford. The POC for information is Jim Wadell, [scotsgrey@juno.com](mailto:scotsgrey@juno.com) or Billie Campbell, [Billie.Campbell@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:Billie.Campbell@wpafb.af.mil). Date(s) and additional information will be published in this newsletter as it becomes available.

🌟 The ACA Awards Night Banquet will be held in the Sept-Oct 2005 time frame at Eglin AFB, FL. If you're in the area, please plan to attend. More information will be provided in later newsletters and on the AMMO Chiefs web site at <http://ammochiefs.com>.

🌟 The 12<sup>th</sup> Worldwide AMMO Bowl softball tournament will be held at Andrews AFB, MD on September 3-5, 2005. If you know of AMMO teams that would like to participate, have them contact CMSgt. Michael Robertson at DSN 227-4270 or commercial (703) 697-4270.

☛ **From the AMMO Schoolhouse:**

Chiefs:

I have interesting news from the schoolhouse for **ALL AMMO Chiefs**, active and retired. It has been decided that the **Block 7 (missile) classroom** will be dedicated to all **AMMO Chiefs**. This will be your room, and so we seek your inputs.

My first request is only for a moment of your time. **We would like a digital photo and a short biography on your career so we can mount it in the room. Please indicate a timeline of assignments and promotions. If you have any words of wisdom for our newest AMMO troops, please include them as well. If anyone has any information on AMMO Chiefs who are no longer with us, please send this along as well.**

The room will be organized with two primary themes. One wall will be dedicated to active AMMO Chiefs in the USAF. The opposite wall will be for all the retired Chiefs, grouped by “eras” and possibly by Commands. This room will not be static. We want to continually update the information as it evolves and changes.

This room will be **your** room. We highly encourage your involvement and participation. If you have any stories, articles, or memorabilia that you wish to have displayed, we would be very appreciative.

We have steep goals, but with your help, we will achieve them. **We are interested in having a ribbon cutting ceremony near the end of March 2005.** If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the following persons or me:

TSgt Richard Enderlein at [Richard.Enderlein@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:Richard.Enderlein@sheppard.af.mil),  
SSgt William Ipock at [William.Ipock@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:William.Ipock@sheppard.af.mil), or  
MSgt Matthew Saganski at [Matthew.Saganski@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:Matthew.Saganski@sheppard.af.mil).

You can also mail your Bios with photo to:

363 TRS/TTM  
ATTN: MSgt. Matthew Saganski  
520 Missile Road  
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311

A standard Bio should include:

**Photograph**

**Full Name:**

**Place of Birth:**

**Hometown and State:**

**Dates of Service:**

**Dates of Promotions:**

**Assignments: (Dates and location)**

**Best Ammo Job You Ever Had:**

See the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information at

<http://ammochiefs.com>.



Finally, a reminder that annual ACA dues are due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2005 and become delinquent on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. Lifetime membership is also available. Now would be a good time to put your check in the mail. Thanks.

**We Wish You A  
Merry Christmas**



**And A Happy and  
Prosperous New Year**

**From Your ACA Board of Directors**

## **Bagram Airmen Build Bombs**

by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
455th Expeditionary Operations Group Public Affairs

11/23/2004 - **BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFPN)** -- Building up flares and guided bombs is all in a day's work for ammunitions troops here, as it is for conventional munitions technicians throughout the region.

Being assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron ammunitions unit is about keeping the munitions supply lines flowing, officials said. "Ammo" Airmen work around the clock daily to keep the A-10 Thunderbolt IIs here stocked with the powerful payload that convinces insurgents to think twice about attacking U.S. and coalition ground troops.

Working such real-world missions with about half of the manning ammo units typically function with at home station means that they must work twice as hard.

"Every person here counts for two people and each of us must think ahead to maintain a clean safety record and stay ahead of demands," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Adams, unit superintendent deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

What makes being deployed here special is that there is a high sense of purpose, said Tech. Sgt. David Hamilton, conventional munitions crew member.

"Back at home Airmen are assigned to specific shops, but here troops experience all aspects of the job," said the Airman deployed from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans. "We also have a higher sense of purpose. At home, we practice doing what we actually execute as part of the daily mission here."

Accuracy is the highest calling for ammo units. Maintaining 100 percent accountability of every munition is not optional -- it is mandatory. Following instructions down to the most minute detail is one step in minimizing collateral damage when pilots must pull the trigger, he said.

"We check and recheck every munition to ensure that it will land on target," Sergeant Hamilton said. "When we see an A-10 return without its bombs, it's pretty cool because we know it was used for a good purpose."

At times it gets tough, especially when the monotony takes hold, but thinking about family and their support helps ammo troops stay on target themselves, Airman 1st Class Daniel Sewell said. The equipment maintainer's father is a fireman who assisted in the initial cleanup of the former site of the World Trade Center in New York.

"He's very supportive of my job here," said the Airman deployed from Spangdahlem AB. "(My job) isn't glamorous, but it's important -- without ammo, (Bagram) would just be an airport."



## Update Your Contact Information

We have a continuing need to keep the AMMO Chief's roster current. Please take a few minutes to update your contact information and return it to: **Joe Dominguez, 2504 Woodland Village Ct, Schertz, TX 78154.** Or you can update this information on our web site at <http://ammochiefs.com>. If you are in contact with an AMMO Chief who's not on our mailing list, please pass this form on to him to fill out and mail in. Thanks in advance.

Name (Include Spouse)

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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