



# AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA)

## Christmas

### “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 a Sunshine Committee to respond to members’ 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 the 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/ammochiefs.com>.

### From the gavel...

I would like to thank everyone for their support and hard work in supporting our AMMO family this year. As we draw a close to 2010 and especially this time of the year we need to continue to remember our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen who are in harm’s way and their families. They are doing the deeds we all have done and we need to keep them in our prayers. If you have not had a chance to see the new AMMO Chiefs list please take the time to review and send these folks a congratulations. I have already sent out my congratulations and of course a welcome to the ACA so hopefully we will increase our membership and chapter activities for 2011.



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- CMSgt(sel) Robert Byrd, 731MUNS/MXW, Aviano AB IT.
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- CMSgt(sel) Robert M. Pellosma, 18MUNS/MXM, Kadena AB Japan.
- CMSgt(sel) Richard Velasquez, AFGSC/A4MW, Barksdale LA.

Finally, Ronnie and I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Holidays and Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. IYA AMMO YAS!

Darrell

## From Your Vice President



ACA Members,

As we close out the year 2010, I pass on my thanks to the membership for their continued support of the ACA organization, without your candidate support we would not be able to do what we are so proud to do as an organization—taking care of our own. This has been an Ammo motto as far as I can remember. It's still alive and well today. Many of our chapters support Ammo troops located many miles across their region. The ACA has also reached out to Ammo troops and families around the globe this past year. To sustain our organization we must continue to grow through new memberships and support from current members. For those that may have let their membership go dormant, there's no late fee just sent in your dues for the 2011 or consider paying up for life membership.

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Richard Pennington  
ACA Vice President

## Secretary's Section

The membership roll on the web-site is current as of 20 November 2010! Please check it and if you believe there is an error let me know. If you have paid your dues continuously you are eligible to convert/upgrade from Annual Membership to Life Membership by paying the additional years to receive credit for 10 years payments. Please contact me for the balance of your pro-rated payments.

If you are shown as an Inactive Member (IA) or you previously joined or submitted an application to the ACA and you are not listed, your membership has lapsed! We would welcome you back, you may be reinstated by paying 2011 dues, \$25; send checks to ACA Secretary, 6046 SW 98 Loop, Ocala, Florida, 34476.

Please check the roster and use it to recruit those active duty or retired Ammo Chief's who have lapse or are not yet members. Send applications to ACA Secretary, 6046 SW 98 Loop, Ocala, Florida, 34476 with a check for \$25 (or life membership \$250)!

PS-All annual members are reminded that dues of \$25 are payable by 31 Jan 2011.

Please keep your address and contact details current. A quick e-mail to me will suffice.

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## Minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, November 6th, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. The meeting was coincidental with the 6th Bi-Annual Reunion of the ACA. A quorum as required by the Constitution was present for the conduct of business.

The GMM opened with a report on the State of the ACA from President Darrrell Beasley.

Treasurer Danny Bridges reported that the financial balance is \$16,942.65 and that an FY2011 budget has been prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors for comment/approval.

Secretary Fred O'Hern noted that a thank you from AFCOMAC for our contributions to the Gauvin Fund has been received; current active membership is 154 (102 life and 36 annual); the ACA is a 501 (c ) 19 tax exempt organization, incorporated as a Not for Profit Florida Corporation, and exempt from Florida Sales Tax.

A motion was made (FO, 2nd LD) to allocate \$2,000 in the upcoming budget for the procurement and presentation of Ammo Memorial Plaques at the Enlisted Heritage Museum (Gunter AFS); and the Rocky Mountain Aerospace Museum (Denver, old Lowry AFB hangar). Approved AIF Note: originally \$4,000 had been allocated for the plaques at the AF Museum and Armament Museum, \$2,137 remains unspent and will be earmarked for these plaques.

Mike Curran motion, 2nd DB that we investigate outsourcing management of the web-site; Dwight Howard to action for the BOD. Approved with AIF Note: Rich McVey was thanked for his efforts at maintaining the site for the last 10 years. The site has recently had problems with virus infection, these appear to have been resolved as Google, Internet Explorer, and AOL now do not block access.

VP Rich Pennington made an appeal for inputs to the upcoming edition of the Shell and Flame; Note: the newsletter will only be mailed to those who do not have an e:mail address.

A proposed change to the Constitution was discussed at length.

The following motion (MG, 2nd MC) passed with all in favor: Extend the term of office the the incumbent President, Treasurer, Chief @ Arms, and two Directors to 31 December 2011 (from 31 December 2010). Thus all current incumbents terms of office will expire 31 December 2011.

A second motion (FO, 2nd DB) to change the constitutional terms of office was approved by majority vote: i.e. Amend the ACA Constitution by establishing the term of office fo all officers as four (4) years; all offices to be elected and serve concurrent terms of office; officers to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms (for the same position). **Note: All members are invited to vote and/or comment on the proposed amendment; please comment not later than 13 December 2010.**

The floor gave a hearty round of thanks for the Reunion Committee and in particular to Big John and Doris for their efforts in making this the best Reunion ever.

Fred O'Hern, Secretary, IYA Ammo YAS

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You can reach ACA Officers by email at the addresses below 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.

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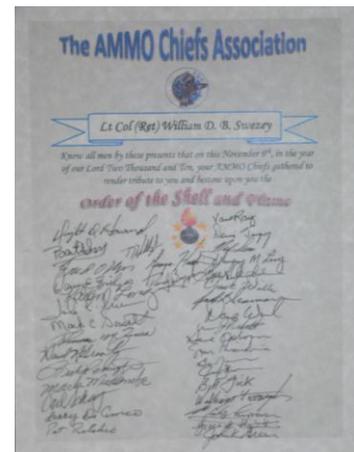
**New ACA Website Manager Rick Follett E-mail: [Rfollett@egginc.com](mailto:Rfollett@egginc.com)** We appreciate Rick stepping up to take over the website from Rich McVey.



## Shell and Flame Award

Lt Col William Swezey's Air Force career spans over two and a half decades ranging in assignments throughout Europe, the United States, and Southeast and Southwest Asia. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corp program in June of 1956.

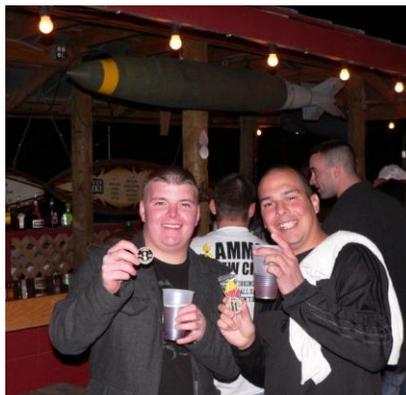
After completing the Munitions Officers School at Lowery Air Force Base Lt Col Swezey was assigned to the 4538<sup>th</sup> Fighter Weapons Squadron at Nellis AFB Nevada as the F-4 Weapons Loading Services Branch Officer. In this assignment he was responsible for loading and successful aircraft integration of all new electronic fuzes and cluster munitions being introduced to support combat operations in Southwest Asia. In 1969 Lt Col Swezey was assigned to the 56<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing, NKP Thailand as the Weapons Loading and Services Branch OIC. It was in this capacity that Lt Col Swezey developed a close and personal relationship with the AMMO gang which helped provide the expeditious breakout and delivery of a variety of ordnance to support daily combat FRAGS and Search and Rescue operations. Working with senior AMMO storage personnel, Lt Col Swezey established the first flightline holding area for NKP, ensuring various munitions were immediately available to support rapid turns and changes in FRAG requirements. In August of 1970, Lt Col Swezey was reassigned to the 7236<sup>th</sup> Ammunition Supply Squadron, Morbach, Germany as the Squadron Maintenance Supervisor where among other duties was directly responsible for the outload of the largest munitions shipment of M117's in squadron history in direct support of Operations Linebacker I and Linebacker II in Southeast Asia. Lt Col Swezey was reassigned in 1974 to the Ninth Air Force, Shaw AFB, South Carolina as the Chief of the Munitions Branch and in 1976 was assigned as Chief, Weapons Programs and Procedures Branch Directorate of Munitions, Headquarters Tactical Air Command (TAC), Langley AFB Virginia. It was in this capacity that he developed the Single Manager Approach (SMA) to improve the hands-on management, accountability and inventory security of conventional munitions stockpiles across TAC. In 1979, Lt Col Swezey assumed command of the 3<sup>d</sup> Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 3<sup>d</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark AFB, Republic of the Philippines. Lt Col Swezey was reassigned in 1982 as Chief, Conventional Munitions Branch, Munitions and Missiles Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics and Engineering, Headquarters the Pentagon. It was during this assignment that Lt Col Swezey was tasked to bring the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center (AFCOMAC) from concept to boots on the ground. He worked tirelessly with the best people in the AMMO business to push this initiative through the Air Force Board structure to muster the necessary funding and forged agreement among Combatant and Material Commands to ensure their senior leadership support for the proper manning and equipage. AFCOMAC is clearly recognized across the Air Force as the most important logistics initiative ever brought to fruition in direct support of the AMMO Community. After his Air Staff assignment, Lt Col Swezey was sent to Eglin AFB as the Deputy Program Manager Logistics for the Air-to-Surface Weapons Systems Program Office (SPO). In 1989, Lt Col Swezey was assigned as Director Armament Control Focal Point where his staff worked directly with the various weapons SPOs at the Munitions Systems Division to ensure the real concerns of the Munitions Community were considered and properly addressed during weapons development process. In 1990, Lt Col Swezey was selected by TAC to be the Director of Munitions for the Central Air Forces (CENTAF) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Returning to the CONUS, he resumed his duties at Eglin AFB prior to retiring in June 1992. Lt Col Swezey is authorized to wear the Master Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Badge. His many decorations include: The Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze service stars, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars, the Saudi Arabian Liberation of Kuwait Medal with device, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.



## 6<sup>th</sup> AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion



The reunion was successful with about 80 members and guest attending. One of the highlights was the awarding of the Shell and Flame to Lt Col Swezey. The second Ammo plaque was also dedicated at the Air Armament Center Museum. The Ice breaker event was well attended by local and TDY Ammo personnel. The Helen Back Bar has established an Ammo Bar with Ammo coins and related Ammo hardware; for those that might remember Ammo Roads picture they have one. Due to size of this Shell and Flame we will have to post additional reunion pictures in coming newsletters.



During general membership meeting the following two topics were addressed.

**ACA BOD Officer Positions.**

The ACA BOD term of office was extended for incumbent President, Treasurer, Chief @ Arms, and two Directors to 31 December 2011 (from 31 December 2010). Thus all current incumbents' terms of office will expire 31 December 2011.

**Additional Ammo Plaques.**

A motion was made and passed to dedicate two additional Ammo plaques. ACA is looking for POCs to work with Gunter Enlisted Heritage and Denver museums. The cost per plaque will be \$376.00 and there will be an \$11.00 charge to ship to the Denver area and a \$9.00 charge to ship to Montgomery area. There were enough funds left over from what was allocated to purchase first two plaques to pay for two additional plaques.

Rich Pennington



## 7<sup>th</sup> AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion

Where will it be held? We need our membership to start the communication process to start identifying some candidate locations. Once a location is nailed down a reunion committee will have to be formalized to start the planning. Some of the key areas/options for consideration, location, time of year, combine it with a major munitions conference. We look forward to hearing back from you with ideas—at this point everything is open for discussion.

Rich Pennington



**Obituary & Life History**

Kenneth L. Owens, 54, of Stanford, passed away Saturday, November 13, 2010 at University of Kentucky Medical Center. He was born Sunday, January 8, 1956 in Corbin. Kenneth was a retired US Air Force veteran and in his 19 years of service, he was a munitions systems specialist and a member of the honor guard. After his years with the Air Force, Kenneth went to work at Corning in Harrodsburg as a fork lift operator. He was a Baptist and enjoyed fishing and hunting. But most of all, he will be remembered for his love of his grandchildren and doing special things with them, especially go-Kart racing.

He is preceded in death by, Hershel Owens; and a sister, Peggy Pagliarulo. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Debbie Owens of Stanford; his daughter, Kelly Ammons of Stanford; his grandchildren, McKenzie and Collin; his parents, Betty and Kenneth Jones of London; his brothers, Harold (Sherry) Jones of London, Kenneth (Brenda) Jones, Jr. of Corbin, Bill (Violet) Jones of Corbin and Mike (Diane) Jones of Waynesburg; and his sister, Leslie (Chris) Stanley of London.

An Appreciation of Life Service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 17th at Fox Funeral Home by Bro. Chris Stanley. Burial will follow in Buffalo Springs Cemetery with full military honors provided by the US Air Force. Visitation will be 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may go to American Cancer Society or D.A.V. Johnny Clark, Jeff Long, Colby Long, Ralph Coffee, G. B. Thomas, Michael McClary, Lou Siano, Glenn Madison and Michael Kuhaneck will serve as Pallbearers. Jimmy Sowers, Noah Kirkpatrick, Eddie Sowers and Harold Jones will be Honorary Pallbearers. You may leave online condolences and share memories on Kenneth's wall tribute located on our website at [www.fox-funeralhome.com](http://www.fox-funeralhome.com).

Cemetery Details  
**Buffalo Springs Cemetery**  
 Ky Why 78  
 Stanford, KY, 40484

**Misawa community mourns  
Loss of Airman**

*Posted 7/30/2010*  
by Senior Airman Jessica Lockoski  
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

7/30/2010 - **MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan**  
-- Misawa community members gathered to mourn, remember and celebrate the life of Airman Robert Hasley, a 35th Maintenance Squadron precision guided munitions crew member, during a memorial service at a Collocated Club ballroom July 30.

Airman Hasley, 24, from Des Moines, Iowa, passed away while swimming in the waters of Tanahashi Cove July 24 in Northern Japan.

During the service, Maj. Todd Wydra, 35th MXS commander, spoke of the close relationship Airman Hasley had with his family and how his father referred to Hasley as a jack of all trades. He was a skateboarder, rollerblader, bike trickster and amateur gymnast, said the major. But out of all his talents, self-taught drumming was his best, he added.

Airman Hasley enjoyed playing the drums, and in his short time at Misawa frequently practiced and played with fellow servicemembers at the Misawa's junior Airman's center. The major also said Hasley's family said it was a dream for him to come to Japan. Airman Hasley enlisted in the Air Force in November 2009 and graduated basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas, in January 2010. After becoming a qualified munitions systems apprentice at Sheppard AFB, Texas, he came to Misawa for his first duty assignment on April 26.

"In the past few months we had a lot of good times here, said Senior Airman Michael Browne, one of Airman Hasley's closest friends who spoke at the service.

Airman Hasley truly experienced life and everything it had to offer, he added. He enjoyed all of it. In the three months Airman Hasley spent at Misawa, he made a significant impact on the lives he touched everyday while on and off duty.

Airman Hasley was posthumously awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his accomplishments with the 35 MXS munitions flight from April to July. Those accomplishments included preparing and loading 20 missiles for safe and timely delivery. He also identified and repaired 36 faulty missile couplers and recently supported the deployment of 18 F-16 aircraft to exercise REDFLAG- Alaska.

Airman Hasley is survived by his father Anthony W. Vestal and his grandmother Barbara D. Vestal.



MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan – A memorial service was held today for Airman Robert Hasley, of the 35th Maintenance Squadron. Fellow Airmen, The Misawa Air Base community and friends attended the memorial, which was held at the Misawa Collocated club. Airman Hasley, 24, was reported missing July 24, while swimming with five other service members, according to witnesses. Japanese responders found his body July 25. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Russell J. McBride)



AMMO,

We lost an iconic AMMO Troop. MSgt-Retired Brian "Hoss" Murphy passed away this weekend in California. Funeral details, contact info is below. Ruben Serna has offered to present any stories or statements about Brian at his funeral in California, so if you knew Brian, please take the time so his family and friends can fully understand the measure of a man he was in the AMMO community--forward directly to Ruben at his email address below.

Please share this unfortunate news with your units.

Respectfully,  
Chief Heisterkamp  
AMMO

Hoss's funeral service will be:

Date/Time: Saturday 18 December at 1100.  
Location: Nativity of Lady Catholic Church  
Address: 221 Daly Ave, San Luis Obispo, Calif 93405

Ammo Coins and cards can be sent to Hoss's parents house.  
Bill and Freda Murphy  
1768 Royal Way  
San Luis Obispo, Calif 93405

Mr. Murphy has asked me that if there are any stories or statements about Brian that I would like to say at his funeral. I do have a story to address and if you or any Ammo Troops out there would like for me to address I will make sure he gets them and I can relay for you at the service memorial.

Just email to me and I will carry them with me to the funeral service.

Thank You,  
Ruben M. Serna  
[Ruben.Serna@RANDOLPH.AF.MIL](mailto:Ruben.Serna@RANDOLPH.AF.MIL)  
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## **ACA Web Page News**

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## **🎆\*Chapter News\*🎆**

### **Mid-Atlantic Region**



The Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) accomplished the following during 2010.

- The ACAMC maintained its membership status of 18 Chiefs and 3 Associates. We lost Rich Bussell, Pat Bowen, and Ken Jackson this year. New members include Pat Barcus, Steve Bowersox, and Rick Follett. Dan Munro may be moving to New York.
- We donated \$250.00 to the CMSgt Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship fund. In addition, CMSgts McConnell and Munro requested a cash donation of \$50.00 each be donated to the fund in lieu of them receiving a retirement plaque from the ACAMC.
- The Chapter had four general membership meetings in 2010 (March, June, September, and December). Prior to the June meeting at Mike Gavin's house, a yard sale was held and it netted a total of \$439.00 for the chapter. Each meeting was followed by a social.
- The chapter dispersed chapter coins and \$50.00 checks to each of the six base-level quarterly award winners, and one Gen. Leo Marquez winner. All winners were at Seymour-Johnson and Langley Air Force Bases.
- In support of the deployed Ammo troops, the ACAMC collected funds and material items to send to CMSgt Ed Weisheit in Afghanistan. Ed dispersed the goodies among the troops and the package was well received.

- The sale of our chapter coins went well and we had to make another order.
- The Ammo plaque dedication at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB became a reality on July 9th. The original idea came from Phil Kennedy in 2009.
- Retired MSgt Terry "T.C." Connor passed away and the chapter donated \$50.00 toward the flower fund collected at the 1FW.
- John Matthews and George Heinlein had some health issues this year. The chapter sent "get well" cards to them.
- The chapter sent out the annual nomination packages for the Ammo Sharp Troop Award but received no inputs from any of the units.
- The chapter selected two personnel from Langley AFB to receive assistance during the Christmas holiday season. Each of the Ammo troops in need was taken on a shopping trip with a \$200.00 or so limit.
- The chapter ended the year with \$781.45 (as of this date) compared to the 2010 budget estimate of \$763.45. Due to donations at the last meeting and more dues coming in, we anticipate being well over \$1000.00 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Elections were held for a new Chapter President and CMSgt Pat Barcus was selected. We thank Mike Gavin for his outstanding service as President these past 2 years

Bill McCullough

### **2010 December Emerald Coast Chapter report**

New Emerald Coast Chapter President John Greer started off 2010 by welcoming the other new officers, VP, Jim Shelingoski, and, CAA, Chuck Wills. We had our first chapter meeting and reunion meeting in January at our home meeting place, Skully's on the Bayou where everyone enjoyed great pizzas and adult beverages.. Members Jim Shelingoski, Tom Zima, Danny Bridges, Darrell Beasley, Johnny Long and Nick Simms all volunteered to work on the reunion Committee and start preparing for the reunion scheduled for 4-7 November. Charity golf tournaments to aid the Okaloosa County Special Olympics and St Jude Children's Research Hospital were scheduled for April and October. Portions of the proceeds went towards these charities as well as the reunion.

We scheduled our next in March here at Skully's and then a dinner meeting in May with the wives at Magnolia Grill where we finalized some of the reunion activities and 24 members and wives enjoyed a great meal and had a good time.

Jim Shelingoski was responsible for setting up the chapter's annual Ammo Call for all the ammo troops in the area. This was hosted by the chapter at the Helen Back Café in May where over 150 active duty and retired Ammo troops participated. Owner of the Bar Chris Seaman has dedicated the Deck Tiki bar as the AMMO BAR and told us to make it our own and we have done just that hanging various pieces of INERT Ammo all over the bar. A copy of the Ammo creed and Ammo road now hang proudly from the bar. When you are in the area stop by and have a look see.

Johnny Long and Nick Simms headed up the Memorial Dedication to honor the Ammo Community at the Air Armament Museum during the reunion, scheduling the Eglin AFB color guard to post the colors and Ammo's own SRA Kalney to sing the National Anthem. This ceremony was held on 4 Nov and attended by numerous Ammo troops from the surrounding communities. Ret Lt Col Jones, Director of the Air Force Armament Museum accepted the plaque and thanked the Ammo community for their service and dedication.

The reunion, 4-7 Nov was the high point for the year for the Emerald Coast Chapter and its members with 81 members and spouses attending. Although bad weather caused the fishing trip to be cancelled most all attendees had a great time, and if they didn't it was their own fault. Seriously, starting with the Memorial Dedication Ceremony on Thursday afternoon and the Icebreaker that evening, reunion attendees had plenty to keep them busy. Friday's Ammo Call and the Ladies nite out were both hailed as great successes.

Saturday morning's golf outing was attended by brave souls who bundled up in the 40 degree weather and finished in time to attend the business meeting at 4pm. After that everyone retired to get ready for the dinner festivities which started at 1700 with an open bar and socializing. A great dinner of prime rib and chicken cordon bleu was served by Asiago Catering and Jessica Young and her staff. After dinner the ACA honored ret Lt Col William D.B. Swezey by presenting him with the Shell and Flame Award. After the ceremony door prizes were handed out and everyone enjoyed music and dancing provided by our Ammo DJ Gene Cox. For those who managed to avoid the hangover and get up early Sunday morning were treated to great country breakfast meal, served by Asiago Catering. As we said our good-byes and wished all well, another reunion closed and everyone headed home. Just to let you folks who didn't make it this year, we want to let you know, you need to take the time to put this on your calendar for 2012 wherever it is and make plans to attend. Hope you all have a great Holiday Season.

John Greer  
Emerald Coast Chapter

## Midwest Chapter

Here are a few pictures from our September meeting. Elaine Hulme was nice enough to offer rides on her horse. Ernie Valencia took her up on the offer but as you can see he required a little guidance and assistance. The person leading the horse is Elaine Hulme. While on active duty Ernie handled AMMO assignment where I suspect he received a lot of AMMO guidance and direction. The other picture is Butch Paskewitz who demonstrates how it is supposed to be done. Everyone had a great time, the weather was wonderful and the Oktoberfest beer was great. We also get together for lunch and the next one is on 15 Dec, so if anyone is in town and wants to join us just let me know (937-258-6747).

Mark Gossett



## **ACA Purchased American Flag for Deployed Ammo Troops.**

The 379th Munitions Flight provides unrivalled munitions to B-1 bomber, tactical and strategic airlift operations from an undisclosed Southwest Asia location supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. The Flight is comprised of 58 Active Duty AMMO troops. The core composition of personnel comes from the deployed B-1 wing (currently Dyess and will be replaced by Ellsworth in Jan 11), six Expeditionary Combat Support (ECS) personnel from various MAJCOMs, and one permanent party AMMO Chief. However, this production focused Flight could not do what it does every day, providing lethal combat air power, without two additional critical members of the AMMO Team; USAFCENTCOM A4 Det 5 and DynCorp munitions personnel.

Det 5 is comprised of permanent party personnel (authorized 1 SMSgt and 2 MSgts) performing the MASO duties and Quality Assessment and Evaluation functions for the contracted munitions personnel. The contracted (DynCorp) munitions personnel provide WRM storage and maintenance to the most diverse and largest stockpile in the USAFCENTCOM AOR. Together this unique team operates one of the busiest locations in the USAFCENTCOM AOR; providing over 35 percent of the air assets for the daily Air Tasking Order and preparing resupply munitions to the entire AOR via airlift.

A few other interesting facts: currently there is four major construction projects on-going within the MSA (restricted to night build ops), highest expenditure rate in over 2 years with 100 percent weapon functioning, and just broke ground on the west expansion of the MSA. Also, we have a retired AMMO Chief running DynCorp munitions operations (Harold Carter).

CMSgt Tim M. Ouzts  
379 EMXS, Munitions Flight Chief

The Ammo Chief's Association was honored to send the Ammo troops a large American flag (10'X15') to hang in the bomb build up clamshell so AMMO troops can see the flag every time they build bombs. Thanks to Darrell for purchasing and getting it mailed.



## **AFCOMAC Class 1101 ACA Outstanding Performer**



SSgt Nicholas F. Rau  
Unit: 7th MUNS / Dyess AFB, Texas

## **AFCOMAC 25 Years Later**

AFCOMAC will be celebrating their 25th year of operation in 2011. They seem to have found a permanent home at Beale AFB, which have some of the best facilities for conducting class room training and living quarters, not to mention the nice dirt field they have to play with setting up the MAC operation. The plan at this time is to have the 25<sup>th</sup> year ceremony at end or beginning of a class. There will be additional information provided in coming months. We will continue to update in the following Shell and Flame Newsletters.

The 25th Anniversary of AFCOMAC is scheduled for 12-16 Sep 2011 at Beale AFB. As the date gets closer, Chief Hryniewiecki will provide everyone a preliminary agenda of AMMO festivities to commemorate this AF milestone.

## **Chief Scott Heisterkamp**

After serving as USAF (AF/A4LW) Ammo Functional Manager, Scott has found the next best job after Ammo. He was selected for a position with the Forest Service in North Idaho (Sandpoint Ranger District) and will be retiring in the next few months. If you have ever spent any time talking with Scott you know it's been a dream of his for a long time to live and work in the woods and in a place like where they will be posted. Scott and Mollie are super excited and looking forward to the next adventure in their lives.

Scott will stay busy with his new job since he will also do Forest Fire Fighting, Search and Rescue and volunteering at the Animal Shelter. I'm sure he will also be seen blazing down and making new trails on his mountain bike.

Scott, the Ammo community wishes you the best as you transition into the next phase of your life and we wish you and Mollie nothing but happiness and good health during your next adventure. We hope you will continue to stay in touch with the Ammo community.

Rich Pennington  
ACA Vice President



# AMMO Chiefs Association

6 November 2010

**TO:** ACA Membership

**FROM:** ACA President

**SUBJECT:** State of the AMMO Chiefs Association, Inc

My Fellow AMMO Chiefs, since the last stated meeting of the ACA, we have had a few events and actions that should be reported to the membership. Our Treasurer, Chief Bridges has done an outstanding job in keeping track of our finances. We currently have \$16,942.65 in our coffers and the attached CY11 budget is submitted.

Our secretary, Chief O'Hern, has done an outstanding job in keeping the president straight and the current membership of active members is 153 Active Members in good standing; 101 Life (7 Associates, 9 Honorary); 36 Annual (7 Associates). One of our efforts is to continue to solicit membership from the active duty AMMO Chiefs. On a positive note we have had the European members of the ACA request a Chapter Charter but this has been put on hold until the European membership can meet and complete the prescribed documents.

Next, I would like to thank our Vice President, Chief Pennington, for re-energizing the ACA Newsletter, "The Shell and Flame" along with the help of Chief Matthews. This important document will help us keep in contact with our ACA membership and also spread the word of what we have done, can do and need to do to support the AMMO community. I would also like to thank Chief McVey for his continued support over the years to maintain our website...his efforts have been phenomenal and I hope we can find a replacement that can keep up the great work.

One significant event for this period is the establishment of the AMMO Memorial Plaques at the Museums at Wright Patterson AFB and the Eglin AFB, both dedicated to the "AMMO Troops...Past, Present and Future". The work of Chief Gossett and Chief Long to make these events come to fruition is appreciated by the membership.

Our current challenge is to propose a change to our constitution to determine terms of office for our Board of Directors (BOD). Along with this change we will determine the elections of our next BOD. This proposed change is recommended to stabilize the BOD so they can provide the continuity to help the ACA provide the base for the development of new chapters and new membership.

Finally, I would like to ask each member to look at what the ACA needs to do and what we can do to continue to support of the AMMO Community.

The AMMO Chiefs Memorial Fund, which is the offspring of Grace Hamilton's request to donate to the AMMO troops after Chief Hamilton's passing, has provided funds for those AMMO troops who have passed and we will continue this fund with the help of donations from all AMMO Chiefs. We would like to thank Grace for generously supporting and starting the fund.

I want to thank all the BOD and membership for their support and hard work in keeping the ACA the organization it is that will support the AMMO community. We are AMMO and we need to support those who continue our long traditions...IYA AMMO YAS!

Darrell Beasley  
President

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**Membership Application**

**Dues: \$25.00/year or \$250 Life Membership  
(Note: Applications for Associate Membership must be submitted  
and endorsed by an active AMMO Chief Member.)**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

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

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Service Status: Active Duty: (Circle one)    Yes    No

Present Grade/Rank or Rank at Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Entered Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

War Veteran: (State War or Conflict) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief history of your AMMO work, i.e., duty/unit assignment, dates, bases stationed at, etc.