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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.com>.

As we draw another year to a close we look back on this year's accomplishments. The highlight of the year has to be another successful ACA Reunion. Though it was a bit smaller in comparison to other years a good time was had by all. Some of the pictures I took are in a separate PDF attachment. The ECC hosted the event and did an outstanding job. The association has provided support to several Ammo families at the national level and at the chapter level as well as many of our members donating directly. The ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter led the efforts again with getting care packages to five forward operating locations; separate article later will go into more detail. We saw another group of SMSgts get selected for Ammo Chiefs and we look forward to them joining us in supporting the young Ammo troops and families around the globe. We still need to work on getting past members back into the association as well as our active duty chiefs that never joined. There will be a survey sent out early next year and we need to have some good honest feedback on what we can do to continue to better the organization. Without new folks getting engaged with the association and making recommendations on how to improve, our organization will become regimented in our activities. One of the coming events we really need help on is the organization of the 2014 reunion; some would say it's a bit early to start talking about a 2014 reunion. I've heard some discussions on trying to find a different location than Fort Walton Beach; it's not the area or the weather as both have always been great. When you look at other organizations, they often pick a different location for their reunions; by doing so you tend to get people from different regions to take part. As the Air Force has greatly reduced the number of conferences held in the CONUS, many of the overseas Ammo Chiefs don't get a chance to attend these types of events. One thought was to try and schedule one of the future reunions during a major conference; however, the only one being held today is the conference held by HQ ACC/A4W. The other MAJCOMs do attend and most of the field units chiefs get a chance to attend this conference. Due to reduced, funding this conference is being held at Langley AFB. So you can see the difficulty in trying to appeal to everyone on a timeframe and location; and we need to keep in mind the spouses that normally attend the reunions. The ACA BOD needs your support and ideas in this effort.

I will close by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Richard Pennington
ACA President





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the entire Ammo Community

As we begin a new year there are a several issues for the ACA BOD to take action on in order to move the Association forward. Among them are Membership and Reunion 2014. These were discussed at length at the Membership Meeting held during Reunion 2012 at Fort Walton Beach and it was decided to survey the membership.

Membership: Participation and membership renewal by members has declined markedly over recent years and at the same time the recruitment of new members, particularly active duty and newly selected Ammo Chiefs, has been minimal. Additionally, one of our chapters has folded and potential new chapters have not gotten off the ground. **The question is why and what can the BOD do to reverse this trend and revitalize the ACA?**

Reunion 2014: The question is where will attract maximum participation and who will come forward to take the lead in planning, organizing, and hosting! Some thoughts: San Antonio, Reno area, Las Vegas, Denver, Orlando, Myrtle Beach or perhaps even a cruise? Keep in mind if we plan to have it in an area that doesn't have a significant local membership population, we will need to involve professional reunion planners.

We will be sending out formal surveys in the New Year; however, please give some thoughts to these issues and solicit input from other ACA supporters and Chapter Members. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, by all means contact any/all members of the BOD and pass them on.

Fred IYA Ammo YAS (Chief.OHern@gmail.com)
ACA Vice President

Holiday Greetings to all my AMMO Brothers!

Hope this finds you and yours in good health & spirits - - both the mental and liquid variety!! Since moving to Kansas last month, have been adjusting to a "little cooler" weather than what we had in Florida. So far though, it's all been good.

I want to remind all ACA Members who pay their dues yearly that they are due in January. I've opened up a PO box here for ACA business. The new address for New Membership applications, yearly dues and any other ACA "snail mail" correspondence is:

ACA Secretary
P.O. Box 104
Phillipsburg, KS 67661

You can also reach me anytime at: ammo.chiefs.association@gmail.com .

You all have a very Merry Christmas and nothing but the best this coming New Year.

Jack **IYAAAYAS !!!!**
ACA Secretary



Chiefs and Members of the ACA,

The AMMO career field remains healthy with over 9,200 active duty, guard, and reserve currently serving. Overall manning is above 94 percent. We are light in first term Airmen, but will have no problems sustaining the NCO and SNCO ranks. We have 44 active duty Chief positions with 45 Chiefs and 11 new Chief selects to fill them. This imbalance will correct itself throughout 2013 as projected retirements take place.

We continue to support the high operations tempo with deployments to the AOR, across Asia, Alaska, and other locations in the states. We haven't missed a mission due to the lack of AMMO. And if there was a dud, it was the Loader's fault. Besides local unit exercises and inspections, the AMMO Airmen continue to perfect their trade at MAJCOM events.

PACAF continued the tradition of hosting CAPEX at Andersen AFB, Guam, incorporating stand-off weapons. And AFGSC's GLOBAL CHALLENGE tested our bomber and missile forces on their strategic missions. We completed a prepo-ship replacement at Military Ocean Terminal Concord, CA. While awaiting MV Fisher was preparing to come on contract, MV Bennett cycled through the Pacific to deliver call-forward assets and pick up retrograde and unserviceable assets for return to depots for disposition.

We are bringing CAS into the 21st century. The green screen system made its way to the internet several years ago. The original code and computer language from the '80s went with it. Today we are redesigning CAS and will transform it to current business practices. Today's technology is being integrated into munitions management so our intuitive Airmen have a management system that auto-populates the long list of other systems that use CAS data.

2012 has been a busy year. 2013 already looks to be just as busy with some additional challenges. As you have in the past, we will make the mission. IYA AMMO YAS!!

Merry Christmas and best wishes in the New Year.

RICKY S. HAMADA, CMSgt, USAF
AMMO Career Field Manager

Website Email Address Change

To send information for posting on the ACA Website please forward to Rick Follett at the following email address Richard.Follett@analyticstrategies.com

ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter

"The ACAMC had a busy fall. We had a temporary spike in membership to 19 Chiefs when CMSgt Stuart Nikolas joined. However, we lost Pat Barcus when he found a job at Wright-Patterson AFB. Pat served as our Chapter President and he and Chong will be missed. Since Pat left, Eddie Fuquay took the helm as our Chapter President. We should be holding elections for the Vice President at our next meeting on March 16th. We gained a new Associate member, Michael "Jake" Jacobsen. We are looking forward to having him as an active member of our team.

Mike Gavin retired from his position at ACC Munitions and we sent him off with a parting gift to help support his new profession as a master hunter. Mike will still be a big part of our chapter.

Our Ammo Troops Care Package program expanded dramatically. Jack Miller and his JROTC unit put packages together for five remote locations in Southwest Asia (Bagram, Kandahar, Mansa, Djibouti, and Camp Bastion). With donations from our membership, the ACA, and the Midwest Chapter, about \$1,100 worth of goodies were sent across the pond. Our hats off to Jack and his team!

SrA Paul M. Smith of Seymour-Johnson AFB won the Sharp Ammo Troop award for 2012. He had an impressive Ammo history this past year and is well deserving of this honor.

Two more of our Ammo troops have hit upon hard times this Christmas season and we are here to help. One troop in Charlotte, NC and another at Langley AFB, VA will be taken on a shopping trip by our members to bring a little holiday cheer to them and their families.

A few of our Chapter members attended the ACA reunion and had a good time. Ricky Hamada was one of the few active duty Ammo Chiefs there and he commented on the Ammo spirit from our older members.

Participation at our December meeting was low due to three of our members having health issues. However, with six of us present and four proxies, we conducted another successful meeting at Bill McCullough's house. Marilyn put out a spread of food to satisfy any dietary needs."

Bill McCullough

ACA Midwest Chapter

The Midwest Chapter held its Fall/Winter meeting yesterday, 8 Dec, and as always everyone had a great time. Here are a few notes from our meeting:

We discussed the ACA membership and encouraged attending AMMO folks who are not yet ACA Members to consider submitting an Associate Members request

I was re-elected as the Chapter President with a new three year term starting on 1 Jan 13.

We'll support the HQ AFMC FY2012 Outstanding AMMO performers again next year as we have done in the past several years.

We'll also support the AFSA and WP Chiefs Group's Golf tournaments next year by sponsoring a hole. We try to do this every year as these organization do good things for the local troops and their families.

We welcomed our newest member, Kevin Halderman who took over as the HQ AFMC AMMO Functional Manager.

Roger Lantry retired earlier this year but is still working in HQ AFMC/A4MW as a support contractor.

We supported the Care Package program this year to help out those deployed AMMO troops at various contingency locations in hopes to make their holiday time a little brighter.

Thanks
Mark



TSgt Wilhide, Piper, and SSgt Wilhide

Piper Wilhide was born on September 17th, 2012. She was a very happy baby with a head full of hair. Just shy of 4 weeks old, Piper was taken to her Pediatrician by her mother because her “gut feeling” told her that something was wrong with her baby. Piper had no fever, no rash, no cough, no symptoms other than getting “sweaty” sometimes. In fact, Piper was just checked out at two and a half weeks old and the Pediatrician had reported that Piper was a “perfect baby!” On October 16th at approximately 8:45 a.m., the doctor noticed that her heart rate was fast at 190 so he ordered Piper to be taken to the ER to get an EKG done. Piper’s EKG came back normal, but the Pediatrician

cardiologist was not going to be there until the following day to see Piper. Therefore, the adult cardiologist that read Piper’s EKG decided to send Piper to the nearest specialist almost an hour away to get it taken care of THAT day. Piper arrived at a Heart Institute where another EKG was done. Again, the same results, everything was fine. Piper and her parents were packing up and getting ready to leave the facility when last minute the doctor ordered an ultrasound. He wanted to confirm that nothing was going on with Piper’s heart. The ultrasound tech found no problems and the doctor came in to review the results. As he was reviewing the images, the cardiologist spotted something...a possible cyst! The “cyst” was very large and was sandwiched in between her heart and spine. Piper was then sent to the hospital to have a CT done to confirm the cyst. Piper was admitted that night because it was so late in the day and the test would take place on October 17th, 2012. This is the day that changed everything. The CT was done and it was confirmed, Piper’s parents were notified that it was not a cyst, in fact, it was every parent’s worst nightmare Piper has Cancer. Several tests and images took place over a couple week period and Piper was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, stage III, intermediate risk. She must undergo 4 rounds of chemotherapy and surgery to follow. Chemotherapy will more than likely take place even after surgery once the tumor/most of the tumor is removed.

UP to date (December 5th, 2012): Piper will start cycle 3 on Friday the 7th. She will be administered her chemo over three-four days in the hospital through her line. (December 14th) Clinic visit didn’t go as planned. Piper’s hemoglobin was way too low and she was admitted to the hospital for a blood transfusion.

She remains a brave little hero and her parents could not be any more proud of her! **TEAM PIPER, WE BELIEVE!!!!** Piper’s family would like to say **THANK** you so much to the **AMMO** family and friends that have reached out during this difficult time!

SSgt Haleigh Wilhide

We wish Piper the best as she continues her fight; she is already showing indications of a true Ammo troop - never give up. The Ammo community looks forward to hearing more about Piper in 2013.

Rich Pennington



F-35A conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL) aircraft AF-01 completed the first in-flight weapons release of a 2,000 pound GBU-31 BLU-109 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) 16 Oct. 2012



CMSgt Mark Madamba (ret) (Weapons Acquisition Lead, F-35 Joint Program Office) - acquired and furnished all of the munitions components and telemetry system to Edwards Bomb Dump for assembly and delivery to the Jet AF-01. (Edwards bomb dump manned with civilians).

CMSgt Jim Shelingoski (ret) (Armament Lead, F-35 Joint Program Office) - Supervised the development of the Suspension & Release equipment and the Loading procedures and equipment.

CMSgt Jack Shields (ret) (Wing Munitions Functional Manager, 40th FTS Eglin AFB) Assisted in munitions forecasting and allocation transfer to the 412 Test Wing at Edwards. Also imparted telemetry systems assembly and check-out expertise to insure bomb release and free-fall behavior data was captured.

Ammo Chief's Award Recipient



The AMMO Schoolhouse Distinguished Graduate Award was presented to Airman First Class Jason Ervin for Outstanding achievement in the Munitions Apprentice Course, at Sheppard AFB, Texas, on 11 October 2012.

Ervin is from Edmond, Oklahoma and graduated with top honors from the Munitions training school house. His first assignment is with the 49th Maintenance Squadron, Munitions Flight, Holloman AFB, NM.

A1C Ervin was extremely thankful and appreciative for the recognition.

Respectfully,
Clayton 'Gary' Byrd, GS-13, DAF
Chief, Munitions Training Flight
363 TRS/TTM, Sheppard AFB, TX

The B-52 has been operational for more than 50 years; we need it for forward projection. It's still providing power projection in the Pacific as well as in the Middle East; it's still a workhorse playing a big role in today's as well as tomorrow's call to duty. I think one of its biggest roles was when it took part in one of the largest operations during the Vietnam War called Linebacker II. The B-52 might not be able to penetrate the modern world's defenses; however, with modern weapon systems, it doesn't always have to fly over the target to get the mission accomplished.

Andersen Air Force Base in Guam was the site of the most massive buildup of air power in history. More than 15,000 people and more than 150 B-52s lined all available space on the flightline. During Operation Linebacker II in December 1972, bombers stationed at Andersen flew 729 sorties of the 741 planned in 11 days. I'm pretty sure in those couple of weeks there were days that stretched the 12 hour rule to ensure no sortie was missed due to Ammo's part of the effort.

Operation Linebacker II operations were initiated on 18 December 1972, and would be considered one of the defining factors in getting the opposing forces back to the peace table. The Air Force lost 15 B-52s during this campaign. Linebacker II formally ended on 27 January 1973.

General facts for comparison: it was estimated that over 15,000 tons of munitions were dropped during this operation. If you consider one of the main bombs of the day was the M117; that equates to 40,000 of them. Using the MK-82 for comparison would equal to 60,000.

I'm sure some of our Ammo Statesmen have some stories about the massive buildup of bombs to support such an operation. It would be great to have some of those stories written and posted on our ACA website along with some pictures of the elephant walks that must have taken place.



The December 2012 issue of Air Force Magazine has a nice article on Linebacker II; however, the focus is on the operational side of the story. This is why we would like to get some of our Ammo troops that took part in this historical effort to provide their perspective on the operation. Send inputs to

my home email address rpennington7@cox.net and I'll consolidate and generate a PDF for our website that will be easy to share and easy to download if desired.



Airmen from Team Andersen gather with veterans and the local community attendees for the Operation Linebacker II Remembrance Ceremony at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Dec. 14, 2012. The ceremony commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Linebacker II campaign that led to the end of the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class [Adarius Petty/Released](#))



AMRAAM Outstanding Performers



SSgt Thompson and SrA Jacobs from 325th Munitions Flight were selected as 2011 AMRAAM Outstanding Performers. Both are prime supporters of WSEP operations. These highly trained individuals perform teardown and build-up of tactical missiles to support operators taking their first live fire as well as validating new software for the missile and OFPs for our fighters. SSgt Thompson has spent several years at Tyndall and has been selected for reassignment to Sheppard AFB Munitions Tech School. SrA Jacobs is in his fourth year of duty with first duty assignment at Tyndall.

ORF's 2012 Western AMMO Bowl-2nd Place

In the last newsletter this team was misidentified, so we wanted to set the record straight and provide a little more of the details about the ORF team.



First row - Left to right Bill "Cappy" Capetillo, JT Livesay, Ross James, William "Skeeter" Johnson, Martin Gonzales
Middle row Mike Potratz, George Salyer, Ron Kramer, Marc Strohofer, Mark LePino, Dave Carbajal
Last row Mike "Biscuit" Brown, Ivan "Kahuna" Kuapahi, Tim "Tuz" Matuszak, Eric "Meat" North, Doug Guerette, Dave Leoni, Greg Western

I started the ORF Team after I retired in 2004. Our first year playing was in 2005 at the Western AMMO Bowl hosted by D-M. We have been attending 1 or both AMMO Bowls in the West and East Coast every year since. Our recent successes include winning the Western AMMO Bowl in 2010 at Nellis, 2nd place at Luke in 2011 and 2nd at Hill in 2012. We consistently finish in the top 5 at the Eastern AMMO Bowl but have not gotten over the "Hurdle" to place there. I've attached a roster of "ORF's", not all play and certainly not all show up each year at the Bowl's. We usually have anywhere from 16-25 show up each year. A small group of them show up each year to Play golf with fellow ORF's and to also support the team. The team consists mostly of retired AMMO troops but we do have some on the team who are Ex AMMO and opted for civilian life after 4-8-12 years. We are always recruiting recent retirees to join the Team. All they have to do is contact me at richard_m_potratz@raytheon.com or richardpotratz@cox.net

Richard "Mike" Potratz
Raytheon Missile Systems

Statement Presented During the 7th Reunion Business Meeting

I'm proud to announce that the ACA is in good health, good spirits, and good financial status for supporting the Ammo community. However, we need to pursue growth in our membership with a focus on active duty members. Since the last reunion, we have elected a new ACA BOD, updated the ACA Constitution, reestablished commitment to the Ammo School House and AFCOMAC for outstanding performer recognition for each class. Thanks to Chief Fred O'Hern for leading efforts to get new coins designed for the association and awards programs at the Ammo School House and AFCOMAC. I would also like to recognize the ACA membership for their continued support and contributions for without their commitment, we as an association would not be able to support the goals we established. A special thanks to Chief Rick Follett for the outstanding job on getting our ACA website back on line and maintaining it with up to date postings. We continue to publish the Shell and Flame Newsletter to spread Ammo news around the globe. We can use your help in getting items of interest, historical Ammo stories or events for future editions. Our chapters continue to do outstanding things for local communities and Ammo troops serving our country. I truly believe that it's not how much money the association provides to our young troops—it's the knowing we care about them and knowing we are there in the good times as well as in the time of need. Our young Ammo troops are experiencing many of the same things we went through in the 70's and 80's. They need to know their Ammo Chief is looking out for them. In closing I would like to pass special thanks to the ECC for hosting the 7th ACA Reunion in October.

Rich Pennington
ACA President

Opening Remarks at Reunion Dinner

First and foremost a big thanks to Big John, and Doris Greer; and Ronnie Beasley for being the ring leaders for what's to be another outstanding event. Welcome to the 7th Ammo Chief's Association Reunion. It's been two years since we last came together to honor those that came before us and we have lost many of our charter Ammo chiefs over the years. In the busy day-to-day life most of us live today we sometimes get caught up in the events of the day and forget to pause to pay tribute to those that guided our careers.

Many of us don't wear the uniform any longer physically; however, in our hearts we wear it every day to work. It's rewarding to see the next generation of Ammo troops taking on the challenges they face in the continued fight for America's freedom at home and abroad. Those around during the earlier 70's recall the drawdown and funding issues. Today those same events are challenging the Ammo community; the repeated deployments, personnel reductions, lack of funding to procure support equipment and Ammo. It's the Ammo spirit that keeps them moving forward and not once do they say it's not my job or we can't do it.

It's not about us, but about them. We need to maintain communications to the young Ammo troop on the front lines that's giving their Blood, Sweat, and Tears so no mission is busted because the frag didn't get built, delivered, or didn't function. We might not always agree on issues; however, we never let personal issues get in the way of doing the right thing. The benefits to all outweigh the benefit of a few.

We would also be amiss if we didn't express our thanks to the spouses of the Ammo troops for without their support and dedication to our careers, we most likely wouldn't have been so successful during and after our Air Force career was over. Again welcome to a very special event and thanks for your continued support.

Rich Pennington
ACA President

We will run a follow-up on the ACA 7th Reunion in the March Shell and Flame Newsletter with a few more pictures.



**C/Col. James Ledbetter
C/lt. Col. Brittney Rivera
C/lt. Col. Andrew Villarreal**

Thank You Note From AOR Ammo Troops

Chief,
We received a care package today from the Ammo Chiefs association. Please pass on to all the members that we sincerely appreciate the package. It is great to know that our Ammo brothers and sisters are thinking about us this holiday season.

Care Package Support for Ammo Troops

The Ammo community truly appreciates the outstanding work by the Vance High School Air Force Junior ROTC program led by retired CMSgt Jack Miller for purchasing, packing and mailing care packages to five forward operating locations. The ACA sent a Certificate of Appreciation as well as an individual thank you letter. The ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter will also supply them with chapter coins to be presented by Jack. With donations from ACA Mid-Atlantic and Midwest chapters and ACA, the Vance AFJROTC was able to send over \$1,000 worth of goodies. Chief Miller has taken on this project several years and looks forward to doing it again next year if we still have Ammo troops serving in the AOR. We wish C/Col. James Ledbetter, C/lt. Col. Brittney Rivera, and C/lt. Col. Andrew Villarreal continued success as they prep for life challenges; there's no doubt they will be ready for the future.

Life As A Child Growing Up In Oklahoma...

Around age 10 my dad got me one of those little badass compound bow beginner kits. Of course, the first month I went around our land sticking arrows in anything that could get stuck by an arrow. That got boring, so being the 10 yr. old Dukes of Hazard fan that I was, I quickly advanced to taking strips of cut up T-shirt doused in chainsaw gas tied around the end and was sending flaming arrows all over the place

One summer afternoon, I was shooting flaming arrows into a large rotten oak stump in our backyard. I looked over under the carport and saw a shiny brand new can of starting fluid (ether). The light bulb went off in my head. I grabbed the can and set it on the stump. I thought that it would probably just spray out in a disappointing manner. Lets face it, to a 10 yr. old mouth-breather like myself ether really doesn't 'sound' flammable.

So, I went back into the house and got a 1 pound can of Pyrodex (black powder for muzzle loader rifles). At this point, I set the can of ether on the stump and opened up the can of black powder.

My intentions were to sprinkle a little bit around the ether can but it all sorta dumped out on me. No biggie, 1 lb. of Pyrodex and 16 oz. of ether should make a loud pop, kinda like a firecracker you know? You know what? Screw that, I'm going back in the house for the other can. Yes, I got a second can of Pyrodex and dumped it too. Now we're cookin'.

I stepped back about 15 ft. and lit the 2 stroke arrow. I drew the nock to my cheek and took aim. As I released I heard a clunk as the arrow launched from my bow. In a slow motion time frame, I turned to see my dad getting out of the truck... OH SHOOT! He just got home from work. So help me God it took 10 minutes for that arrow to go from my bow to the can. My dad was walking towards me in slow motion with a WTF look in his eyes.

I turned back towards my target just in time to see the arrow pierce the starting fluid can right at the bottom. Right through the main pile of Pyrodex and into the can. Oh shoot. When the shock wave hit it knocked me off my feet. I don't know if it was the actual compression wave that threw me back or just reflex jerk back from 235 fricking decibels of sound. I caught a half a millisecond glimpse of the violence during the initial explosion and I will tell you there was dust, grass, and bugs all hovering 1 ft. above the ground as far as I could see. It was like a little low-to-the-ground layer of dust fog full of grasshoppers, spiders, and a worm or two.

So here I am, on the ground blown completely out of my shoes with my Thundercats t-shirt shredded, my dad is on the other side of the carport having what I can only assume is a Vietnam flashback: ECHO BRAVO CHARLIE YOU'RE BRINGIN' EM IN TOO CLOSE!! CEASE FIRE. DAMN IT CEASE FIRE!!!!

His hat has blown off and is 30 ft. behind him in the driveway. All windows on the north side of the house are blown out and there is a slow-rolling mushroom cloud about 2000 ft. over our backyard.

There is a Honda 185 3-wheeler parked on the other side of the yard and the fenders are drooped down and are now touching the tires.

I wish I knew what I said to my dad at this moment. I don't know - I know I said something. I couldn't hear. I couldn't hear inside my own head. I don't think he heard me either... not that it would really matter. I don't remember much from this point on. I said something, felt a sharp pain, and then woke up later. I felt a sharp pain, blacked out, woke later ... repeat this process for an hour or so and you get the idea.

I remember at one point my mom had to give me CPR, and Dad was screaming "Bring him back to life so I can kill him again." Thanks Mom.

One thing is for sure... I never had to mow around that stump again. Mom had been complaining about that thing for years and dad never did anything about it. I stepped up to the plate and handled business.

I still have some sort of bone growth abnormality, either from the blast or the beating, or both.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, get your kids into archery. It's good discipline and will teach them skills they can use later on in life.

Two old warriors meet at the bar again



Chief O'Hern and Chief Cecere reflect back on the old days of Ammo during the ACA 2012 Reunion held this year at Fort Walton Beach. The picture on the right was taken at an Order of the Sword event circa 1988, at the Ramstein|O-Club

A few more old warriors from the past



Ammo Chiefs at Surefire 89

We need your support to submit articles and picture new or old to share with the Ammo community. Send to my home email account at rpennington7@cox.net that way you don't have to worry about sending through military system.

Job Opportunity

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