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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

Hope everyone got a chance to enjoy the 4th of July. The Ammo community is being impacted by the budget crunch as TDYs for training have been stopped and there's even been discussion of closing down the AFCOMAC school house if things get much worse. Many of the normal meetings and conferences have already been canceled for FY2013. Some of our Ammo troops are going to be impacted by rollback of the high year of tenure; so we need to engage those that will be at risk in the next couple years to ensure they understand there's nothing as a supervisor you can do. There are some that have tested for the last time and will be forced out and more that will be testing for the last time in the coming test cycle. If they haven't completed their CCAF and additional college courses they are going to find it tough in the job market as many of the DoD industry establishments are cutting back as well. This month civil servants will begin the unheard of process of not being allowed to work one day a week in any capacity to offset the budget. Thousands of National Guard troops will be furloughed one day a week for the next three months as well. Many of the weapon systems and flying hour programs are impacted as well. I'll repeat something I stated in my last newsletter "During budget cut drills no one is a winner; everyone suffers at some level. It's during these times we as leaders must keep our Ammo troops informed of the pending actions that could impact them personally."

I put a motion before the ACA BOD to make a minor change to our constitution to better align with the way we as an organization operate. For many years the treasurer has been signing the checks for payments or donations to support the Ammo community; our constitution required two ACA BOD members sign the checks. The ACA BOD is comprised of members spread out across the United States; whereas in the beginning most BOD members were within a few miles of each other. Just so everyone knows how we approve expenditures a motion is presented to the ACA BOD and the ACA BOD members vote either in favor or against. Only if the motion is approved will our treasurer then send a check.

Based on the way we have been operating for several years including before I became president, we had been operating with the treasurer being able to sign checks, make payments on behalf of the organization. In all cases the ACA BOD has been a part of that decision with minor exceptions of paying for the cost of maintaining the website or other associated annual fees.

Over the past few months we have received more bad news than good news. Several of our Ammo brothers have made their last Ammo Call; we extend our deepest thoughts and prayers to their families. You can read more in the Last Ammo Call section of the newsletter. For some good news I've been in email contact with Chuck Norton after his surgery and he is doing very well; in fact he's been enjoying operating his tractor helping the neighbor remove downed trees.

We got some great inputs from our chapters for this edition. We still need historical inputs and old and new Ammo related pictures to share with the rest of the Ammo community.

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Rich Pennington at rpennington7@cox.net

Richard Pennington
ACA President





New ACA Treasurer Mike Roylance. While I have not been actively involved with the ACA over the past several years, I have never lost touch and have enjoyed reading about the association and members via the various newsletters. It will be nice working with the entire ACA membership again. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Mike Roylance
Cell (425)785-6084

We wish Chief Beasley the best as he turns over the reins to Chief Roylance. Darrell has been an ACA BOD member ever since the organization was established and has supported the organization over the years by serving in several different positions on the ACA BOD.

Rich Pennington
ACA President



Words from Our Secretary

Greetings to all my AMMO Brothers and Sisters. May this find you and all of yours in good health, "weathering out" some very high temperatures in many parts of the country. Most of all, hope none of you have been affected by the wildfires accompanying the heat.

Our Membership remains stable right at the 168 mark. Since the first of the year we have added two new Lifetime Members, two new Associates and seven Members have converted their yearly Memberships to Lifetime status. Since my last notification to the 20+ Members still delinquent on their 2013 dues, 16 have gotten their checks in the mail. I'll be contacting those remaining Members and "encourage" them to do the same.

Believe it or not, we are already well within the "window" to put out feelers Membership wide for recommendations for the 2014 ACA Reunion! When Rich gives me the word I will be going out to all of you for your recommended sites and hopefully (and more importantly) some volunteers to take the Reunion on. Enjoy your Summer, be safe and keep in touch.

Jack **IYAAAYAS !!!!**

Heading Out

We send our best wishes to CMSgt Richard Webb (Rick) and Linda, as Rick begins the next phase of his life after retiring this month from what most folks still consider one of the most challenging stateside bases in the Air Force-Nellis AFB NV.



Rick has supported numerous weapon programs over the years and test missions in our efforts to validate and field new weapon systems as well as supporting ongoing DT/OT efforts; not to mention the Red Flag exercises that always need a little extra support.

Rick has always been a strong supporter of the young Ammo troops.

Nice Nellis AMMO shirts.



Chapter News

ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter

The ACAMC membership has held on to the 18 Ammo Chief members and 4 Associate members. Since our meeting in March, we have been quite busy. We sent out an award package to AIC Zachary Winch from Seymour-Johnson AFB for being selected as the ACC Munitions Technician for this past quarter. Additionally, we honored SSgt Jeffrey Plumb of the DC ANG for acing all of his tests at the 2W031 Apprentice Course at Sheppard AFB. Way to go SSgt Plumb!

Frank Waterman finally retired from Federal service. He will be hanging his hat in NJ and wintering in Myrtle Beach, SC. Frank requested we send a donation to the CMSgt Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund in lieu of a retirement gift. Since Frank is retired, we hope to see more of him.

We lost SrA Bryce Powers on April 26th. The chapter visited him on multiple occasions while he was at the Richmond Hunter Hall VA Center. Several of our members attended his services at Langley AFB and Arlington National Cemetery. Our thanks go out to the 1 FW Munitions Flight for their outstanding support of Bryce's services at Langley. Ammo always steps up to take care of Ammo!

The ACAMC submitted the annual audit to the ACA in mid-March. We were able to accomplish this feat during the March meeting and acquired all signatures within a couple of days.

In our March Shell and Flame input, Phil Kennedy submitted a great tribute to Olen Shepard. Olen was a fixture in the Pentagon for many years and a great supporter of the Ammo mission.

During our June meeting, we finalized our review of the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws. Besides fixing a few typos, the main points consisted of better defining our coverage area by adding GA and SC. Additionally, we formalized the decision to not require Associate members to pay chapter dues.

The chapter sent a get-well card and a donation to assist Kyla Murtha and her family. Kyla was involved in a mower accident and suffered serious damage to her feet.

We are monitoring the progress on SSgt Wilhide's daughter at Seymour-Johnson AFB. She has gone through multiple operations for her neo blastoma cancer. The family will be getting financial help through Piper's Fun Run on September 14th at Goldsboro, NC.

Jerry Merichko had shoulder surgery and the chapter sent a get-well card to him. Heal up Jerry so we will see you at our next meeting!

Our June 22nd meeting was attended by six members. With the four proxies we had, we were able to legally conduct business. We were primarily concerned about raising funds to support our upcoming commitments (e.g., Ammo Troops in Need, Sharp Troop Award, and Care Package program for deployed personnel). At the meeting we learned Chris Arnold will be PCSing to Camp Darby in December. His replacement, Kevin Hendershot, should be arriving from Lakenheath in mid-October. We are looking forward to having Kevin on our team. We learned some of our members may be participating with the 1FW munitions Flight in the Southeast Ammo Bowl to be held at Seymour-Johnson AFB, August 3-5. Keep the beer, ice, and BENGAY on hand!

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 14th. We are hoping for a good turnout since summer vacations and graduations will be long over.

Wilbur C. McCullough III
Secretary, ACAMC



ACA Midwest Chapter

In April, the ACA Midwest chapter recognized the 2012 AFMC Outstanding AMMO winners. The winners were:

A1C Evan T. Jackson
SSgt Martin L. Casias
MSgt Donnette S. Dodwell
Mr. Ronald V. VanArsdale

Each one made a tremendous contribution enabling their organization to successfully meet their unit's AMMO mission. We send our best to all who were nominated.

The Midwest Chapter sponsored a hole at this year's Wright Patterson AFB Chief's Golf outing. Each year they display the ACA Midwest Chapter logo at the sponsored hole. We're told it is one of the best displays on the course.

This year the ACA Midwest chapter will celebrate their AMMO brotherhood with a dinner on 4 August at 4 pm. Anyone planning to be in the area and would like to attend please contact Mark at MGossett@Prodigy.net for details.

On a side note, the old retired AFK crews are holding a reunion in Dayton OH on September 13th and 14th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mark at MGossett@Prodigy.net for details.

The ACA Midwest Chapter officers are:

Mark Gossett – President
Don Myers – Vice President
Gary Knighton – Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Gossett
President

ECC Chapter

The Emerald Coast Chapter inputs for Apr-Jun; our last meeting was held on 23 May at Mango's Bar and Grill with 12 members and 3 guests attending.

Our annual Ammo Call was held on 10 May with over 120 plus Ammo troops attending. We had active duty and retired ammo folks from Tyndall, Maxwell, and the Eglin areas. A good time was had by all. We normally have this each year around this time of the year, and all Ammo troops are invited, all you need is a coin. I posted the flyer for this on my face book and someone suggested that I post it on the Ammo web site next year, consider it done. Hope to see more folks there in 2014. The annual ECC picnic has been rescheduled for the 10th of August at the Hurlburt picnic area and we are hoping for a good turnout for the beer butt chickens and plenty of adult beverages.

We are once again hosting an annual charity golf tournament on 19 July with proceeds to benefit the Okaloosa/Walton County Mental Health Association which dedicates their efforts in assisting homeless Veterans, teaching wellness and recovery classes for persons with mental illness and is a resource for substance use treatment referral. They also help to house homeless Veterans, provide depression and anxiety screening year round. They hold annual Veterans stand down day where they provide health screening and VA benefits filing assistance. We were able to donate over \$1800.00 towards this charity last year with the help of many of

our members, but, special thanks goes out to our wives for their efforts in getting sponsors and door prizes for the tournament. We hope to do as well this year.

The Chapter dinner/dance is scheduled for 25 Oct this year at the Holiday Inn (same place as the reunion) with G2 Entertainment (Gene Cox, Ammo troop) providing the music. Social hour will begin at 1800 and dinner will be served at 1900. We will wrap up around 2200. Dinner costs will run around \$35.00 per person, and the room prices will be available sometime in August. They are telling me the prices should be around what we paid for the reunion. I will put the word out when I have a firm price. This is open to all ACA members. Contact Big John if you want to attend, bigjohn461@bellsouth.net.

Chuck Wills have volunteered to host the August chapter meeting at his home in Crestview (Creststuckey). When he returns from his July trip we will finalize the details for food and beverages.

The Emerald Coast Chapter would like to thank/congratulate the staffs at both the school house and AFCOMAC for their continuing efforts to keep the pipeline flowing with quality trained Ammo troops with the necessary skills to meet the ever changing operations requirements. Well done. IYAYAS!

The Chapter had previously donated \$300.00 to the Bryon Cooper family (Eglin AFB Ammo troop) whose 13 year son was diagnosed with a brain tumor and we received a report that he had surgery to remove it and everything went fine and prognosis is looking good for the family.

We also completed our audit for 2012 during this period.

JOHN K. GREER
PRESIDENT
Emerald Coast Chapter

School House Top Graduates



From class 13016S, A1C Lugmao is from Waipahu, Hawaii and is headed to Nellis AFB, Nevada.

The AMMO Schoolhouse Top Graduate Award was presented to Airman First Class Peejay Lugmao and Airman First Class Sean Allen Sachs for Outstanding achievement in their respective Munitions Apprentice Courses, Sheppard AFB, Texas, 7 May 2013. On behalf of the ACA, the AMMO Training Flight Chief, Mr. Byrd, further recognized A1C Lugmao's and A1C Sachs' superior accomplishments with the presentation of the AMMO Chiefs Top Graduate Award along with the ACA Spirit Award coin.



From class 13016T, A1C Sachs is from Montgomery City, Mo. and will be going to Mountain Home, Idaho.



The AMMO Schoolhouse Top Graduate Award was presented to Airman First Class Kyle William Knott and Airman First Class Julian Vanegas for Outstanding achievement in their respective Munitions Apprentice Courses, Sheppard AFB, Texas, 10 Apr 2013. On behalf of the ACA, the AMMO Course Chief, MSgt. Keefner, further recognized A1C Knott's and A1C Vanegas' superior accomplishments with the presentation of the AMMO Chiefs Top Graduate Award along with the ACA Spirit Award coin.



From class 13013S, A1C Kyle William Knott is from Eldridge, Iowa and is headed to Kadena AB, Japan.

From class 13013T, A1C Vanegas is from Medellin Colombia and will be going to Kadena AB, Japan.



The AMMO Schoolhouse Top Graduate Award was presented to Airman First Class Alexandra C. Clayton for Outstanding achievement in the Munitions Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas, 3 Apr 2013. On behalf of the ACA, the AMMO Course Chief, MSgt. Keefner, further recognized A1C Clayton's superior accomplishments with the presentation of the AMMO Chiefs Top Graduate Award along with the ACA Spirit Award coin.

A1C Clayton is from De Queen, Arkansas and graduated with top honors from the Munitions training school house. Her first tour of duty will be at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.



The AMMO Schoolhouse Top Graduate Award was presented to Airman First Class Lisa S. Maples for Outstanding achievement in the Munitions Apprentice Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas, 5 Jun 2013. On behalf of the ACA, the Munitions Flight Superintendent, SMSgt. Ward, further recognized A1C Maples' superior accomplishments with the presentation of the AMMO Chiefs Top Graduate Award along with the ACA Spirit Award coin.

A1C Maples is from Springfield, Missouri and graduated with top honors from the Munitions training school house. Her first tour of duty will be at Whiteman AFB, Missouri.



Munitions systems student earns ACE award

by Airman 1st Class Jelani Gibson
82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

6/18/2013 - **SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** -- A non-commissioned officer has lived up to his name and found his center of gravity grounded in an achievement that few rarely see.

For Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Plumb, 363rd Training Squadron munitions systems apprentice, academic excellence was achieved on a rare level as he earned the ACE award June 12.

The ACE award is given for an individual who achieves a 100 percent grade average throughout the entire length of the course. There are 43 training days in the munitions systems training.

"It's a big accomplishment," Plumb said. "It feels good."

Plumb, who expressed satisfaction with his performance, wanted to represent his unit in the best manner possible.

"I wanted to make the (Air) National Guard proud," he said.

The camaraderie and sense of belonging is one of Plumb's favorite aspects of being in the career field he enjoys being in.

"Our ammo troops are top-notch," he said. "They make you feel like family."

In a job that has potentially life altering decisions, Plumb feels that his performance in the schoolhouse is what will be required of him on the daily basis when he goes back to his home unit.

"You've got to be prepared if you're going to deliver munitions on bad people," he said. "This is serious stuff."

Even after scoring a 100 percent average throughout the course, Plumb feels the need to better himself.

"It puts me on a good footing," he said. "Everybody has got to improve and upgrade; if you're not ready for that, it reflects badly."

As Plumb prepared to graduate he felt assured that he could do his job well.

"Anything I do," he said, "I do to the best of my abilities."



Plumb plans on taking his newly found talent back to Joint Base Andrews, Md., where he is a member of the 113th Wing, District of Columbia Air National Guard.

Chief Hamada Air Force 2W0 Functional Manager presented SSgt Plumb a Personal coin from himself and a chapter coin from the ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter during weekend drill.

AFCOMAC Award Winners

Since SSgt Moore is assigned to Langley I asked her to send me a few lines to go along with the picture.



SSgt Chikindia "Chi Chi" Moore:

Thank you and it's truly an honor to receive this award.

My name is pronounced "Sha-kind-dia", not "Chic-kin-dia" or "She's kind to ya". I've been serving in AMMO for 7 yrs, my first base was Kadena AB, Oki (2006-2008) and I'm currently representing Langley AFB, VA (2008-present). AFCOMAC was an awesome experience and it opened my eyes to the 'big picture' concept. It was truly an honor and a privilege to work with the guys and gals in AFCOMAC Class 2013-005, we were "snot bubbling" and "pissing hot!" One thing I will pass on is "What is your legacy?"; what will it say? and what will it inspire others to do? The standards you uphold, the

traditions you hold on to, and the knowledge you share with others can instill the pride that we all have for AMMO. The greatest legacy you can establish is something that our younger Airmen will see and follow, to carry the torch for when we are no longer here.

SSgt Chikindia "Chi Chi" Moore
Scheduler, Precision Guided Munitions

Update on A1C Kamee Mayfield

Hi Rich,

Kamee did make a trip to China and Japan last month. She had a wonderful time going back to her "hometown" in China. We lived there for eleven years, moving there when Kamee was 6 and leaving when she was 17. She was also glad to be able to go back to Misawa and see the friends she made in her short two months of duty there.

She is done with all her therapy and will hopefully have her driving evaluation this week. She is anxious to get her independence back. We hope they will start a medical board on her soon so she has an idea of what her future holds. She stills has things to work on cognitively, but she has come such a long ways. Last night I looked at a video we made of her beginning physical therapy in Japan and was reminded of how far she has come. Thank you for your continued interest and encouragement for Kamee.

Blessings,
Matt and Robin Mayfield

Piper Wilhide Update

Piper Wilhide was born on September 17, 2012 weighing in 7 lbs. 12 oz and 20 inches long. She had a head full of hair and instantly had her parents wrapped around her finger. At such a young age, Piper has been through more things than most adults. On October 17, 2012 our life changed. My husband's life changed. Our family's lives changed. Our precious Piper, who just days earlier was told she had a perfect 2 week checkup was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma at 4 weeks old. We quickly absorbed that Piper wasn't the only one with cancer; this disease was going to affect and change all of our lives. The battle had begun.



She has been in and out of the hospital and has had follow up visits weekly at her clinic almost an hour away from home almost her entire life. She underwent 4 surgeries; 2 of them were major surgeries. She went through months of chemotherapy, 6 rounds to be exact. Currently Piper is considered NED, no evidence of disease. Doctors do not use the term "cancer free" because odds of cancer returning remains high and she must hit the "five year mark" to be put into a different category where the cancer has slimmer chances of returning. She constantly has monthly check ups of urine and blood. She will be under extremely close observation for the next 6 years, plus.

Our hearts are full of gratitude and sincere appreciation for the endless acts of kindness shown to our family. At the end of the day, nothing matters more than the love you feel from family, friends and even strangers. Through regular checkups, scans and detailed testing, Piper's amazing oncology team and surgeons will continue to give Piper the best care possible so her "monster" does not return. Neuroblastoma is a rare cancer, and is among the top three most deadliest cancers. Piper is a true fighter and continues to show unimaginable strength and courage!

To Date: Piper will undergo her 3 month scans July 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2013. She will have a MIBG injection, MRI, and MIBG scans all three days. We will find out her results Friday at her clinic visit after her scans. She is sedated for all procedures and they last several hours. We continue to pray that her scans will remain clear and we hear the words "NED" on Friday the 12th.

Haleigh Wilhide

From Fred O'Hern, Vice President

On a personal note I would like to express my thanks to all those who supported my Grandson Jacob in the disabled van competition. Unfortunately, we did not reach the semi-final stage. However, we did learn a lot about the gamesmanship required to compete in these on-line competitions. My son Patrick, grandson Jacob, and I were heartened by the outpouring of support from the Ammo Community. Of particular note is retired Ammo Bob Jones who lives in the Valdosta, Ga. area, Bob's support in the myriad of Ammo Facebook sites generated many votes.

A particular thank you to Ammo Chief (recently retired) Gassie Orr. G.O. gave Jacob a high-top Econoline Van that is in the process of being modified to assist his needs. In G.O.'s words: "anytime I can help out a fellow AMMO brother is always a high point for me;" his generosity makes us understand what the Ammo Brotherhood is all about.



Chief O'Hern's son Patrick with Chief Orr and his wife

Veterans Websites

Someone took the time to consolidate a very good listing of veteran's websites and if it helps just one person, then it was worthwhile.

We have posted it on our website in a word document so it would be easier to download and save.

These web-sites provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to every Veteran you know. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR IT!, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.



AMMO BOWL

2013 Southeastern AMMO Bowl, Smithfield, NC

3-4 August 2013

Seymour Johnson Ammo invites everyone to a fun filled weekend of softball as they defend their 2012 championship.

Additional information is on the ACA Website.

We wish all teams best of luck and as they carry on a very long tradition of AMMO BOWL.

Upcoming Events

2013 Southeastern AMMO Bowl 3rd and 4th of August at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatic Center, Smithfield, NC. Contact Seymour Johnson Ammo Chief Dave Nixon david.nixon@seymourjohnson.af.mil.

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Ammo Bash at the Beach (Myrtle Beach) weekend of **April 25th, 2014**; for details contact Jimmy Taylor on Facebook (Ammo Bash at the Beach 2014) Page. Will be held at the Clarion Hotel Myrtle Beach.

Nuclear Weapons Technicians Association is having its Annual Reunion/Convention at the Red Lion Hotel in Aurora, CO on Sept 5-7, 2013. Anyone who was involved as a 331, 463 or 2W2 in the Nuclear Weapons Maintenance career field is invited to attend. Details can be found on the NWTAs website: USAFNUKES.COM or email treasurer@ usafnukes.com."



Chief Nikolas and I had a chance to visit with Langley AFB Ammo Flight during one of their morning Roll Calls; yes some locations still conduct roll calls to pass out the Good with the Bad. During the first week of July we had worked with the 1 FW to bring in some F-22 folks from Wright Patterson AFB and F-22 manufacturing to explain the different daily operations to support the F-22. The afternoon was spent in Ammo area where A1C Ortega, SSgt Yale, and (M)Sgt Puterko provided an outstanding demonstration of the Chaff and Flare operation, difference between the functions of conventional maintenance and precision guided munitions. The trio explained home station support as well as the operations and equipment required to support deployments. Chief Nikolas presented A1C Ortega, SSgt Yale, and Master Sergeant select Puterko with letters of appreciation and coin on behalf of HQ ACC/AZW. As part of the out brief the visitors were very impressed with the professionalism and knowledge of every one of the Ammo troops; and stated they got a much better appreciation for what it takes to support the F-22 and will use the information for any future developments.

Rich,

All these pictures were from the same day. Col King (EMXG/CC) came out and presented a few awards and then he and our sq commander (Major McRae) put on some gloves and safety glasses and helped us build up some GBU-38s.



Col King, TSgt Williams, SrA Fletcher, and SrA Sherman

The majority of the folks here are from Moody AFB 23 EMS except for SSgt Hicks she is from the 476 MXS a reserve unit at Moody. We actually have two from the reserves but she is the only one on the bomb build.

Just another day in the life of AMMO at Bagram

v/r

Robert

ROBERT A. BYRD, CMSgt, USAF

455 EMXS/AMMO Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

I.Y.A.A.Y.A.S.



LAST AMMO CALL

CMSgt Alvin D. Mercer (Ret)

Chief Master Sergeant Mercer retired from the U.S. Air Force, after 26 years of service. He was a Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm veteran. He was a life member of the AMMO Chiefs Association and a member of Shaw Air Force Base Chiefs Group.

Al made his last Ammo haul 14 May 2013; he will always be remembered for his strong leadership and support of the Ammo community. I remember during one of his assignment when there were problems on the flightline and strong leadership was needed; Chief Al was called upon to get the house in order.

His wife Becky was honored by being bestowed with honorary life membership and will be assigned the same Chief Ammo Coin #30.

CMSgt Karl Gerschutz (Ret)

Chief Gerschutz wasn't an active member of the Ammo Chief's Association; however, he had many friends that were Ammo. We were notified of his death through the Ammo network. He died as a result of a cycling accident coming down the winding road off Mount Lemon in Tucson AZ. After retirement he worked for Raytheon in Tucson AZ. The Davis-Monthan Ammo community as well as fellow Raytheon Ammo and co-workers provided support to the family.

MSgt Terry Wills (Ret)

MSgt Terry Lee Wills (Ret) passed away April 15, 2013 in Dayton, Ohio. After he retired from the Air Force he continued to work as a logistics planner for the United States Air Force, at Wright Patterson AFB. His wife Angie also worked in the AFMC AMMO office a few years back.

SrA Bryce Powers

SrA Powers died 26 April 2013, as a result of injuries sustained from POV accident while assigned to Misawa AB Japan. A memorial service was held at Langley AFB VA, 13 May 2013. The honor guards were Ammo, five members of the ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter each read a paragraph from the Ammo Prayer. Chief Hamada also led the last Ammo Call for SrA Powers; and presented the prayer to Bryce's mother.



Ammo Honor Guards SrA DeAnndra Casteel and SrA Joshua Thompson Chief's Arnold, Fuquay, Hamada, Nikolas, and Byrd

Here's the link to the video Misawa's Ammo memorial service for SrA Powwers.

<http://youtu.be/2CszwJqby5U>