



# *AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA)*

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# **“Shell and Flame”**



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

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

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

If you have something you would like to have posted on the [www.ammochiefs.com](http://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

This year is noted for many key anniversaries for many conflicts our nation has taken part in; most noted are WWII and Korea. Many of you had parents or grandparents that served during WWII and Korea. Most of these veterans have been laid to rest across our nation as well as many locations overseas where they gave their life in battle for the liberation of many nations or countries. One group of Americans played a key part in the success of the battles that took place in the Pacific theater; they were the Navajo Code Talkers. The last Navajo Code Talker from WWII passed away this month, some of you might have seen the movie based on their unique codes (language) used during the war. The enemy was never able to break the code.

The next major conflict is the one that really impacted many of our lives on a very personal level, for those that served in country are still fighting the battle due to being exposed to many chemicals. As many of you, I also lost many friends and schoolmates during this conflict.

Most of our Ammo troops have been engaged in some level of effort to support current operations since August 1990, when we deployed some of our first fighter squadrons and Ammo personnel. The Ammo community has and continues to play a critical role during all of these operations.

The training and pride of Ammo troops have proven to be perilous in getting the right munitions to our operators to carry out successful close air support missions. Many of the close air missions saved the lives of our sister service members.

On a sad note, over the past couple months we have lost several of our Ammo troops. We tried to get the word out as soon as we could as they occurred soon after our last newsletter had been sent out. I've added them to this newsletter as well.

There are a lot of events taking place in the coming months and we've tried to put as much detail into this newsletter to spread the word. We know that everyone will not be able to make it to the reunion this year; however, maybe you can make it to one of the other Ammo related events taking place.

The ACA Reunion is still a few months away; however, we want to thank everyone for getting their signup sheets into Mike. A special thanks to active duty Chief Elliott, and retired Chief's Seaman and Roylance for their super effort to pull all of this together. I know everyone attending the reunion will enjoy the event and a chance to enjoy friendships that have evolved over the years. I'm sure there will be a few stories to be told and shared, good Ammo stories never get old they just get better with age.

Rich Pennington

## Words From Fred

Marion and I would like to thank the Worldwide Ammo Community for their support in the recent attempt to win a fully equipped handicap capable van for our grandson Jacob. Unfortunately he failed to qualify as a semi-finalist. However, your support and well wishes were significant morale boosters.

Fred and Marion



## **Jack Seaman, ACA Secretary & Reunion "lead"**

Greetings to all. Hope you are ready for the upcoming Summer heat and fire season, seems many areas have already had their share of both already.

For those of you coming out here for the Reunion, I'd like to say **Thank You** for getting your Signup Sheets and \$\$ sent in. I'd also like to offer the following schedule and event information as we now have it lined up. Keep in mind the time remaining until the 15th of October and world events that might possibly "muck" things up between now and then. Barring any of those happening, our Reunion calendar looks like this:

**Wednesday, 15 October:** Attendee arrivals and for those staying at the South Point, check-in beginning at 3:00 pm. The "Mixer" will be in a room nearby from 7:00, to 11:00. We plan to have your Welcome Packs at the Hotel Registration Desk so be sure to ask for them, they will also be available in the "Mixer" room during its operating hours. The Packs will have a hard copy of Reunion event timing(s) and locations; you and your Wife's or Guest's clip on name tags; color coded Dinner selection placards; local information booklets, etc, etc,. We promise to not load you down too much! The first hour of bar service will be hosted by Mr Gaughan, Owner of the Southpoint, then for the final 3 hours it becomes a pay as you go "Cash" bar. A wide selection of "Finger Food" / snacks will also be available.

**Thursday, 16 October:** The morning and afternoon are completely open for whatever the Attendee's desire. Some may want to shop at the nearby Las Vegas Outlet or Town Square Mall's, do some touring, sightseeing, etc,. The ladies who said they were interested in a "night out" are pretty much on their own. We decided not to try setting something up to satisfy the entire group. There are just too many good choices to pick from. One thing to remember here is that most of the shows tend to be higher priced on Friday & Saturday night's, so Thursday is a good time to go.

For the guys, the AMMO Call will be in the Hotel, probably in the same room as the Mixer, from 6:00 to 9:00. Nothing fancy here, keg beer and Pizza. When that runs out, the Hotel has excellent "watering holes", a variety of restaurants / snack bars, as well as a Sports Book and all other forms of casino gaming.

**Friday, 17 October:** For the Nellis AFB Bomb Dump tour and cookout, the 57 Pax Motor Coach (bus) will depart from the Hotel at 9:00 a.m. sharp, returning NLT 3:00 in the afternoon. CMSgt Clark Elliott and his troops are hosting this event and it promises to be the high point of the Reunion. The rest of this day and evening are open for Attendee's to relax some and to do what they wish.

**Saturday, 18 October:** The morning is open for all Attendee's. Our Business meeting is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, hopefully we can wind it up in much less time than that. All attending ACA Members are invited, keeping in mind only CMSgt ACA Members are allowed to vote and it takes a minimum of 25% of the entire population of eligible ACA Members (a quorum) to approve / disapprove Agenda items. If any ACA Member has an Agenda item they would like to have discussed at the meeting, please forward them to me ASAP so I can begin working them into our schedule for the meeting. CMSgt Members **not** attending may submit their "Proxy" to one of the voting Member Attendee's by using the format Rich is providing with this Newsletter. These proxy designations must be in the form of an email or hard copy your designated Proxy must have it their hands prior to the start of the meeting.

The Dinner is the second highlight of the Reunion starting with cocktails from 6:00 to 7:00 Saturday evening. The first hour of bar service will again be hosted by Mr Gaughan, then from 7:00 to 10:00 it becomes a pay as you go "Cash" bar. Attendees have already indicated their individual Dinner selections and to help the waiters / waitresses out, the Hotel has asked each person to place his / her color coded card at the top of their individual place settings. Remember, these cards will be in your Welcome packs, please don't forget them. There will be no "head table," and no guest speaker - - we are still waiting for an MC volunteer to keep things on track - - anybody interested? Seating will be an individual choice at one of the 6' round tables set up for this occasion,

and there will be 10 persons seated at each table. Remember, dress for the dinner will be either Western or Business Casual, ties are definitely optional!!

An Honor Guard made up of AMMO Troops (all voluntary members of the Nellis AFB Honor Guard) will post / retrieve the colors and they will be joining us for Dinner courtesy of the ACA. The POW/MIA table honoring those individuals from all Wars will also be formally presented. There will be a DJ & Photographer available to provide after Dinner music and a small dance floor will be available courtesy of the Hotel. Photo's will be an individual choice of the Attendee's, we can also have them added to our website or they can be ordered individually from the Photographer, or both, your choice. We're in the process of maybe obtaining / showing some of the latest "whiz / bang" stuff from Eglin or from Nellis "Flag" exercises - - they will all be AMMO orientated, and we promise to keep them short if we have them at all.

**Sunday, 19 October:** Finally, a number of Attendee's have indicated they'd like to eat breakfast before most of them depart. And again, this will be an individual choice. The Hotel offers a breakfast buffet opening at 8:00 and the coffee shop / cafe is open 24/7. Our Hotel contact says there are normally lines for both, especially on weekend days. I've eaten at both places and I can tell you the food is great! Hopefully close friends and associates not seen for a long time will be able to "break bread" together one last time before saying Good Bye. And that pretty much is where we stand on the Reunion for now. Probably way too much information especially for those not attending, but I thought it was important to put out as much known info as possible early. All Attendee's will be receiving a complete list of the names and email address's of all others coming to the Reunion for the purpose of making early contact(s) and then making group plans for golf, shopping excursions or tours. You all have a safe Summer, stay as cool as possible and do stay well.  
Jack **IYAAYAS !!!!**

Final tally on the number of folks planning to attend the ACA Reunion

| <i><b>Event</b></i>             | <i><b>Numbers</b></i> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i><b>Attending Reunion</b></i> | <b>86</b>             |
| Ammo Call                       | 45                    |
| Mixer                           | 67                    |
| Nellis tour                     | 54                    |
| General Meeting                 | 28                    |
| Wives Night Out                 | 20                    |
| Dinner Total                    | 82                    |
| <i>Prime Rib</i>                | 55                    |
| <i>Panko Chicken</i>            | 10                    |
| <i>Ginger Halibut</i>           | 17                    |
| Breakfast Sunday                | 31                    |



Chief Master Sgt. Edward Hauschild talks to a member of the Royal Jordanian air force after a load competition during exercise Eager Tiger May 11, 2014, at an air base in northern Jordan. For 10 years, the Colorado Air National Guard and Jordan have been paired under the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership program, which aims to partner states and countries for a mutually beneficial relationship. Hauschild is the munitions superintendent from the 140th Maintenance Squadron from the Colorado Air National Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brigitte N. Brantley)

group of seven personnel assigned from Buckley AFB participate as the White Force during the 2014 Falcon Air Meet. This years' Falcon Air Meet consisted of crews from the United States Air Force, The United States Marine Corps and the Royal Jordanian Air Force who participated in several competitive events. The crews were evaluated for time and overall performance during an aircraft generation, an alert scramble, a load competition, and a live drop event.

As lead for the Maintenance evaluators, it was my job to ensure that all competing teams were accurately timed and evaluated for effectiveness and accuracy for each competition. It was an honor not only to participate in this great event but also in representing the Colorado Air National Guard and fellow maintainers as well as continuing the long standing relationship we have with the Country of Jordan.

Thanks  
Ed  
Edward Hauschild

## Update on Membership

17-May-14

**Membership by Chapter**

Includes 4 Shell and Flame awardees

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| <b>Emerald Coast</b> | <b>42</b>  |
| <b>Mid Atlantic</b>  | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>Mid West</b>      | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>No Chapter</b>    | <b>119</b> |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>189</b> |

17-May-14

**Membership by Type**

AA = Associate Paying Annual Dues  
AL = Associate Lifetime  
H = Honorary  
HS = Honorary Spouse  
RA = CMSgt (Regular) Paying Annual Dues  
RL = CMSgt Lifetime  
SF = Shell and Flame Awarded \*

\* Includes 3 deceased members

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| <b>AA</b>    | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>AL</b>    | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>H</b>     | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>HS</b>    | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>RA</b>    | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>RL</b>    | <b>144</b> |
| <b>SF</b>    | <b>4</b>   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>189</b> |



## 2014 Ammo Bash at the Beach



The "Boys from the Beach" sponsored the bi-annual Ammo Bash at the Beach 25th and 26th of April 2014. Retired Ammo Brother Jimmy Taylor, aka JT, organized the first Ammo Bash 2012 which proved successful, and this year was in no way less than spectacular! With over a hundred Ammo troops coming in from all over the United States for the reunion, the weekend was a memory that all of us will carry forever. Retired Ammo Troop, Joe Santua, roasted a pig to perfection for the picnic on the site of our old Myrtle Beach AFB now city softball fields. One of our Ammo Brothers, Wade Ward, owns a brewery in New England and was kind enough to bring four kegs of his special brew for us. Jimmy Taylor works hard to "Keep the Flame Burning" in Ammo, and that became the theme for the reunion this year. Retired Ammo Brother Art Stubbs served as the on-site organizer months ahead of the bash to get alcohol consumption permits, organized scenic water way tours and taking care of tightening all the nuts and bolts before the reunion kicks off. Ms. Flo Stubbs was busy whipping up cole slaw. Retired Ammo Brother Scott Wansor puts it all together for our memorial ammo coins for attendees. JT had t-shirts made up for the occasion, and Ammo-Dog.Com was on scene at the picnic and hotel for ammo pins, flags, hats, shirts and license plates. A special memorial service for our fallen ammo brothers and sisters over the past two years, active, inactive and retired, was read by Retired Ammo Brother Roger Puffer. Saturday was spent picking and grinning by the hotel



pool with picker/singers Retired Ammo Brother Bill Brown, aka Bronco and Retired Ammo Brother Joe Santua. Many Ammo troops and their families went on a scenic waterway boat tour. Some Ammo troops got a couple of rounds of golf in. After a superior banquet meal put on by the hotel, it was the "Ammo Auction" whereas coins, mugs and souvenir 30mm "inert" look like real rounds, provided by Retired Ammo Brother Earl Blansfield, brought over \$1500 for the Wounded Warrior Project. Chief Ricky Hamada handled the check on behalf of the Ammo Bash. Special awards went to several folks including the "Oldest Ammo Troop Present" which went to Retired Ammo Brother Mike Sperling, age 73, who led us in an old fashioned Ammo Cheer. The Ammo Spirit was felt loud and clear in Myrtle Beach that evening as Ammo was heard over the ocean waves once again! The dancing began and the party got underway to the wee hours of the evening. Sunday morning came too soon. Over a hundred Ammo troops and families didn't want to say good-byes, but just said we'll be back in April 2016 for the next Ammo Bash at the Beach my Ammo Brothers and Sisters!



After Action Report of the Ammo Bash at the Beach 2014 submitted by Bob Jones, Ammo Retired



## Update on Amn Mayfield

A1C Short has continued to support Kamee while she continues in her recovery. Kamee is providing outstanding support to other service members through the Wounded Warrior Program.

A special thanks to A1C Short for her support and keeping us up to date on Kamee's status. Another example of Ammo taking care of Ammo.

We continue to wish her the best and hope she will be allowed to continue her career.



I have been in contact with Amn Kamee Mayfield. She is doing great, and she's actually a part of the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program and is participating in all kinds of sport activities such as track, field, volleyball, cycling and archery. I am trying to plan a small hiking trip with her here soon, but she will be out of town to Oklahoma and New York for these sporting events!

She is currently unsure if they are going to medically retire her in the fall but I will keep you updated with that as she updates me. The Med Group moved her from filing to logistics so she's been enjoying work a lot more since then.

V/R,  
Tatiana H. Short, A1C, USAF  
Munitions Training  
Luke AFB, AZ

## From the ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter

The ACAMC donated \$50.00 to support MSgt (R) Steve White in an ALS Association walk-a-thon. Mike Gavin took the lead on this for the chapter.

- The ACAMC combined forces with the Joint Base Langley-Eustis Ammo Morale Team to work a fundraiser at the Richmond International Raceway April 25th and 26th. The ACAMC had five members and one spouse supporting the effort. Some of the team members do not ever want to see another burger or french fries! We are still waiting on the final tally from the vendor.

- The membership is planning for the next meeting on June 21st to be held in the Langley AFB area. A barbeque is to follow the meeting.

Bill

Wilbur (Bill) McCullough



## AFCOMAC Class 2014-005



Class 2014-005 Chief was Chief William E. Wilkinson Jr. from Davis-Monthan AFB AZ.

Sir,

What I thought of AFCOMAC going in changed greatly from my aspect of it leaving. I ended up taking a lot of knowledge with me, more than I ever anticipated. My whole career I've been stuck in shops where I haven't been able to have a good hands-on experience with munitions. Once at AFCOMAC, I was stuck straight into Breakout but I jumped on every opportunity I got to help out at all the bomb pads.

It was amazing to watch all of my AMMO brothers and sisters come together as a team and accomplish the mission, whatever the cost was. We all had great camaraderie as a class and it definitely played into our success rate. Having to build up our "bare base" was something that was a challenge as well. The long grueling hours (and heat!) definitely played a toll on everyone and our drive, but we all kept truckin' along.

AMMO plays a very important role in the all-round mission of the Air Force and the war on terrorism, and any chance that we get to become more proficient will only make us better and stronger at what we do, every day.

AMMO isn't what we do, it's who we are. IYAAYAS!

v/r

KATIE E. ZORNES, SSgt, USAF  
Munitions Inspection Crew Chief



AFCOMAC Class 2014-005's  
ACA Award winner is SSgt Katie  
Zornes from 388 EMS, Hill AFB



## From the Sheppard AMMO Schoolhouse - 31 Mar 2014

AMMO Top Performers continue to abound. We are happy to present eight more AMMO troops who have truly reached for the top in the three A's....academics, aptitude and attitude. Along with the Top Graduate Award that each of these individuals received, they were also presented with the ACA Top Graduate certificate and ACA Spirit Award coin.



Class 14010S, A1C Austin B. Woods, graduated 9 Oct and is headed to Hill AFB,



Class 14010T, A1C Steve C. Rasmussen, graduated 24 Oct and is headed to Kadena AB.



Class 13040, A1C Sawyer, graduated 14 Nov and is with the 148th ANG in Duluth Minnesota.



Class 14K01, A1C Bria S. Howze, graduated 22 Jan 14 and is stationed at Keesler AFB.



Class 14014T, A1C Nipper, graduated 25 Mar 14 and is headed to Barksdale AFB, LA.



Class 14014S, SSgt Holmes, graduated 25 Mar 14 and is with the NJ ANG in Atlantic

**Congratulations to all for a job well done!!**



Class 14015S, A1C Griffin, graduated 27 Mar 14 and is headed to the 649th Muns Sq, Hill AFB, UT.



Class 14015T, SrA Matlock, graduated 27 Mar 14 and is headed to the 164th ALW, Memphis Tn.

**2014 Southeastern  
AMMO Bowl, Myrtle Beach SC  
15-17 August 2014**



**2013 Champions – Seymour Johnson**



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## AFK 2014 Reunion Info

The 3rd Annual AFK Munitions Supply reunion has been reserved at the Dayton House Resort, 2400 N. Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC. on October 10 - 12, 2014. (Rooms also available on Oct 9)

This page provides information about the 3rd Annual AFK Munitions Supply Reunion.

### Reservation DEADLINE - 8 September 2014

If you will be flying the following airports can be used.

Myrtle Beach International - Minutes away from the hotel.

Charleston International - 2hr drive from Charleston, SC to Myrtle Beach

Charlotte - approx 4 hr drive to Myrtle Beach.

Dates: 10 – 12 Oct 2014 (Rooms available on the 9th at the reunion rate)

Hotel: Dayton House Resort  
2400 N Ocean Blvd  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Reservation Number: 1-800-258-7963

Group Name to state at the reservation: AFK Ammo Munitions Supply

(See Breakfast below if wanted)

Reservation Times: Daily from 0700 - 2300 hrs (Eastern Time)

Rate: \$79 per night (**Limited number of rooms with a King and Queen bed (make reservations ASAP)**)

Rate is available a day or two before and after if needed. Room has full kitchen, living room oceanfront balcony (2 double beds if King and Queen if king or queen is not available) Ocean Front balcony

Hospitality Room: A Hospitality Room is available (provided we book at least 10 rooms) where we can have our own beverages (Open on Friday and Saturday) - Cost per person TBD. (More info to be provided)

NOTE: With 10 rooms booked - there is a \$50 per day clean up fee otherwise it will be up to \$200 per day

- Ice Breaker: 10-11 Sep - Cost: per person - TBD

- Breakfast – 10, 11, 12 October – cost: \$8 per meal per person. Notify Reservation clerk the number of breakfast required and a breakfast ticket will be in your welcome packet and added to your hotel bill. Breakfast - ordering from the menu is also available.

- Dinner: 11 Sep – Cost \$18.00 per person all inclusive.

Low Country Dinner Buffet

\*\* Tossed Fresh Garden Salad

\*\* Virginia Ham

\*\* Baked Macaroni & Cheese

\*\* Fresh Baked Rolls

\*\* Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee

\*\* Baked Chicken Breast

\*\* Mashed Potatoes with homemade gravy

\*\* Seasonal Fresh Vegetables

\*\* Chef's Choice of Homemade Dessert

Again - Reunion information can also be found at: [www.afk-ammo.com](http://www.afk-ammo.com)



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MIDWEST AMMO ROUNDUP



**This is the event of the year for all AMMO troops past and present and their families! A full weekend of activities for all ages!**

**DOUBLE TREE HOTEL:  
DISCOUNT RATE  
AVAILABLE!**

The planning committee  
needs volunteers!  
Next meeting: 6/5/14  
1830 VFW Post on Colfax

**2014**

**FRIDAY 22 August**

"Meet and Greet" Karaoke, Silent Auction, Darts, Pool Table, Smoking Upstairs, Non-Smoking Downstairs food, cash bar (two of them!)\*(Adults Only Please)\*  
**Jack Swiegert VFW Post 3631,  
18545 E Colfax Ave, Aurora, CO  
7pm-?**

**SATURDAY 23 August**

Softball, Rodeo Games, Kids Activities, Raffle, BBQ, BEER, Tshirts, Coins, and More!  
**Lowry Park Sports Complex  
11am-4pm**

**SUNDAY 24 August**

Goodbye Brunch, pictures and Awards  
**10am-? \$7 cook to order  
breakfast, \$3 Bloody Marys  
American Legion Post 1992  
16050 E Dartmouth Ave,  
Aurora**

## IYAAYAS

FACEBOOK: BILL EDLEMAN  
Or msg/text 720.288.9437

**Reservations keep cost down and help us ensure plenty for everyone so let us know if you are coming! DD's will be available. Be safe and have fun!**



## **Outstanding Performer for AFCOMAC Class 1404**

SSgt Smith,

Congratulations on being selected the Outstanding Performer at AFCOMAC. SSgt Angel Smith is the recipient of the Ammo Chief's Association "Outstanding Performer" award for Class 1404. She is assigned to the 57 MXS Munitions flight at Nellis AFB





## LAST AMMO CALL



### Airman 1st Class Nicholas Nadeja

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — An airman assigned to the 31st Munitions Squadron died



while hiking in the mountains above Aviano Air Base. The 31st Fighter Wing identified him as Airman 1st Class Nicholas J. Nadeja, a line delivery crewmember. “Airman 1st Class Nadeja was an outstanding airman and a valued member of our Aviano family,” Brig. Gen. Jon A. Norman, the wing commander, said, according to a Wing news release. “Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and loved ones affected by this loss.”

Nadeja is the second member of the squadron to die in the last 10 days. Staff Sgt. Heber Rosales died March 26 while undergoing treatment at the base hospital.

Airman 1st Class Nicholas Nadeja, 31st Munitions Squadron line delivery crew member, reviews technical orders for delivering procedures at Aviano Air Base, Italy, on June 26, 2013. Nadeja was identified Saturday as an airman who died Friday, April 4, 2014, while hiking in the mountains above Aviano Air Base

### Staff Sergeant Aaron Parker

Staff Sergeant Aaron Parker was in Tremonton, Utah. He was assigned to the 18th Munitions SQ, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa Japan. He remained there for 3 years and worked as an ISO Maintenance Fabrication Crew Member and TARRP Crew Member. In November of 2009 Sergeant Parker deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and forward deployed with the 33rd Special Operations Sq. Sergeant Parker and his family arrived at Luke Air Force Base, October 5, 2011. While assigned to the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron he served as a Conventional Munitions Maintenance Crew Chief. During his time at Luke, Sergeant Parker opted to cross-train and successfully completed training into Special Missions Aviation aboard CV-22 Osprey and had an assignment to Hurlbert Field, Florida.



# LAST AMMO CALL

## **SSgt HEBER ROSALES**

Staff Sergeant Heber Rosales served as the Bay Chief for the Munitions Support Equipment Section, 31st Munitions Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy. Sergeant Rosales was born in El Paso Texas, on 21 November 1986. Staff Sergeant Rosales entered the Air Force on 5 July 2005 and began his career in the Munitions career field in November 2005 at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico as a Munitions Systems Specialist.

After 16 months in New Mexico, Staff Sergeant Rosales was assigned to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, his first of two tours (2007, 2012). In between these tours, he served as an Operations Crew Member at RAF Fairford, England and as a Munitions Controller at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. In April of 2013, he relocated to Aviano Air Base, Italy.



## **SrA Dustin Howard Owens**

Was called home Wednesday March 19, 2014 while serving his country in Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Dustin was a very happy go lucky man. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help anyone with anything. He loved to go camping, hunting and fishing in the White Mountains of Arizona. He served in the United States Air Force in the 355 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, specifically as an Ammo troop. He was stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base from 2009-2014. Most of all, Dustin loved his family and made that very apparent to anyone he met. He is survived by his wife Brianna, children Amy Lynn, Mavvrick, EllyMae and expected daughter TessieAnn, his mother Cheryl Skiles Owens, father Joseph Owens and sister Kalyne Owens. Interment will follow at Mountain View Memorial Gardens, 7900 E Apache Trail Mesa, AZ. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Dustin Owens Memorial fund at any Wells Fargo Bank or via PayPal with the email address [stelarammojunky@gmail.com](mailto:stelarammojunky@gmail.com)

