



# **AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA)**

## **New Board of Directors**



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First, I want to thank everyone for their support over the past four years; and taking time to vote for our new ACA Board of Directors. The new ACA BOD will need your continued support and recommendations to continue growing our organization. We will work the transition of the new BOD over the next couple months so they will be ready to take the controls on 1 January 2016.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming our new ACA Board of Directors.

President – Van Ray [vanrayammo@aol.com](mailto:vanrayammo@aol.com)  
Vice President – Mike Robertson [me-rob@verizon.net](mailto:me-rob@verizon.net)  
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Director-at-Large - "Big John" Greer [bigjohn461@bellsouth.net](mailto:bigjohn461@bellsouth.net)  
Director-at-Large - Joel "Dusty" Rhodes [joelrhodes@cfl.rr.com](mailto:joelrhodes@cfl.rr.com)  
Director-at-Large – John Ray [jray206@gmail.com](mailto:jray206@gmail.com)

Facts about the election of new ACA BOD:

We had 111 (68%) of the eligible ACA Chiefs submit their Ballots and Votes. Receipt for any additional ballots was terminated at midnight Thursday, 15 October. I believe we set up and ran a fair and impartial election process following the ACA's Constitutional guidelines.

My personal thanks also goes out to the chapters and individuals that continues to support our Ammo families.

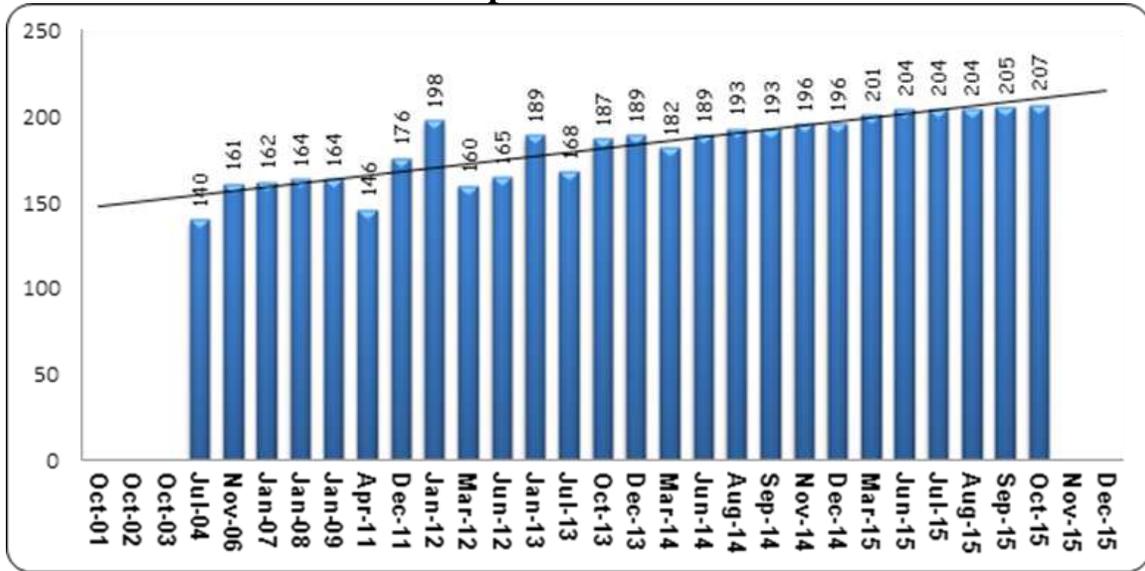
This will be my last ACA Newsletter; John Matthews and I also think those that have provided us articles over the years. The new ACA BOD will work on getting the word out to everyone and a new email address to send inputs on who will be the new POC.

I wish everyone a great Thanksgiving and Christmas; and wish a safe return for all of our personnel serving in harms way.

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Rich



## Membership Status as of Oct 2015



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### Membership by Chapter

Mid West	6
Wasatch	13
Mid Atlantic	25
Emerald Coast	41
None	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

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### Membership by Status

Veteran/Shell & Flame	1
Honorary Spouse	10
Active	22
Veteran	174
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

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### Membership by Type

AA = Associate Paying Annual Dues

AL = Associate Lifetime

H = Honorary

HS = Honorary Spouse

RA = CMSgt Paying Annual Dues

RL = CMSgt Lifetime

SF = Shell and Flame

AA	8
AL	22
H	4
HS	10
RA	10
RL	152
SF	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

## **AMMO Care Packages**

Thanks to the ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter again this year for putting the care packages together for the Ammo troops in the AOR. Jack Miller of the ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is leading the effort again this year buying items and packaging them and getting them in the mail in time to arrive before Christmas. The ACA organization also committed to supporting this worthwhile effort as long as we have Ammo troops serving in harm's way in the AOR. The ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter initiated this project several years ago; later on ACA members and other chapters starting to contributing.

## **Mark Madamba Farewell AMMO – CALL**

**When:** *22 October, Thursday*

**Where:** *Helen Back, Again. (Inside upper-deck bar area)*

*1128 E John Sims Pkwy*

*Niceville (ph: 389-8030)*

**Time:** *1530 hours – until ?*

We wish Mark the best as he tries to retire again.

## **2016 Reunion –We still need your support in this effort.**

That's right, it's not that far off and we're already behind schedule getting some suggested locations on the "table." Hopefully, we'll also have some volunteer's at each location to be next year's Reunion Boss and / or Committee Members.

If we follow the guidelines set for getting the Reunion "ball" rolling by picking a site, we have 30 days to get it done. We established October for everyone to take time and suggest one (1) location for next year's Reunion. We want to nail down the most popular "pick" and identify the Reunion Boss and his Committee well before the end of the year and hopefully, well ahead of the upcoming Holiday season. By doing this we also ease the burden placed on our new BOD Members taking office 1 January 2016.

Please consider the following when submitting your suggested location:

- 1.) What location / venues will best be supported by the maximum ACA member participation?
- 2.) What location / venues will be most cost effective in overall price for the event?
- 3.) What location / venues will be the easiest and most cost effective for travel by the majority of ACA members?
- 4.) What location / venues can be best supported by local ACA Chapters / Members to do the heavy lifting in making arrangements and contracting hotel accommodations and outside events?
- 5.) What location / venues will provide the best available entertainment and allow for Members and / or their wives participation outside of the formal meetings and dinner?

Some of the suggested locations in the past have included Ogden / Salt Lake City, UT; Aurora / Denver, CO; San Antonio, TX; Myrtle Beach, SC; Ft Walton Beach, FL; Williamsburg, VA; Dayton, OH and Branson, MO. It has even been suggested we consider a 3 to 5-day cruise.

I'm sure there are many other locations that could offer our group a great venue. There have also been new ACA Members join us since the last time we put a request out for some Reunion ideas and we look forward to hearing from them.

Your input is important to us and we appreciate you doing so.

Richard Pennington  
ACA President

## **Closing Words**

I haven't received any inputs since the last newsletter and thought I would keep this one short and to the point. We have been successful in many respects over the past four years; our membership has grown to over 200; we've gotten a few more active duty chiefs to become members. We held two reunions, supported the Ammo troops with care packages; Rick Follett took on the management of our website and continues to make improvements. Mike Royslance got the tax exemption status reinstated and worked to establish an account for Ammo supply. We've tried to keep everyone posted on any major issue or Ammo gathering and Ammo Bowls. We proved that you can operate a great organization without having to be in the same room conducting business. That says a lot about the existing ACA BOD. It's great that we will have several of the existing BOD officers continue to serve again; that should go along ways in continuing the process of improving our organization. It's not without saying that if we don't have the support of the membership at large the organization will not be able to maintain the outcome we all desire.

Again, I want to pass on my thanks to the present ACA BOD and wish the next ACA BOD continued success.

Richard Pennington  
ACA President



## LAST AMMO CALL



### **Ben A. Stubbe, Jr.**



We got this notification after our last newsletter had been sent out

USAF CMSgt (Ret) Ben A. Stubbe, Jr., 75, of Valdosta, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, August 22, 2015. He was born in Racine, WI, a son of the late Benjamin A. Stubbe, Sr. and the late Anna Fritzler Stubbe. Mr. Stubbe honorably served in the U.S. Air Force for twenty-nine and a half years, where he received several medals and awards for his outstanding service, including the Meritorious Service Medal with one device, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device. He retired as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Wing Commander at Moody Air Force Base. Mr. Stubbe was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where he had

been Maintenance Supervisor for ten years; a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and had volunteered with their Tootsie Roll Drive and Bingo. He also was a volunteer with Relay for Life and enjoyed golf. He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Claire Cote Stubbe of Valdosta; three children, Patricia Stradley of Guston, KY, Karl Stubbe and wife Julie of West Allis, WI, and Jeanne Crosby and husband Gary of Ray City; five grandchildren, Benjamin Goldsborough, Jared Stubbe, USAF A1C Kristina Stubbe, Raiden Ransburgh and Jayden Crosby; two sisters-in-law, Edna Huelsbeck and husband Dennis of Palmetto, FL, and Joanne Dow and husband Charles of Conway, NH; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Brian A. Stubbe; and four sisters, Alta Stolowski, Shirley Butt, Velma Dittsworth and Nancy Strong.