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Welcome to the fourth edition of the AMMO Chiefs Association "*Shell and Flame*" newsletter. This edition of the newsletter is being sent to you to provide information about the ACA. Please visit the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information at <http://ammochiefs.com>.

stateside information are Jim Wadell, scotsgrey@juno.com and Billie Campbell, Billie.Campbell@wpafb.af.mil. Additional information will be published in the next newsletter as it becomes available.

☛ Another reunion in the planning stages is the Bitburg MMS Reunion scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 3-5, 2005. POC is John Mathews, 906 Prospect Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701, phone (402) 371-4776, e-mail address is bit36mms@lycos.com. The Reunion will be held at the Lodge of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri. If you've every spent time at Bitburg AB, Germany, contact the POC for more information. He has 461's on his mailing list but no AMMO Chiefs.

☛ Solicitation for Request for Proposal to Hold the 2006 ACA Reunion ☛

The ACA is requesting proposals from members wishing to plan, manage, and execute the next ACA reunion in 2006. The reunion should be a fun filled, relaxing weekend held in the September-October time frame. A minimum of two days, Friday and Saturday, of activities must be proposed. More than two days

☛ Upcoming AMMO Events ☛

☛ If you've ever been assigned or attached to RAF Welford, UK, read on. In the planning stages is a 50th **Munitions Mission Anniversary** celebration at RAF Welford, UK, Friday, 8 July 2005. The event opens at 0900 hours in the Welford Museum with a museum tour, followed by lunch at Sporty and the opening ceremony at Memory Garden around 1300 (1pm). There will be a tour of the Munitions Storage Area and dinner at Ibex in Chaddleworth. There's also a horse show near Swindon on Saturday and Sunday, with an Air Show at Fairford the following week. You will have to make you own transportation and hotel reservation. Check the Welford web site at <http://www.megspace.com/politics/greenham/index.html> for telephone numbers of hotels in the area. The POCs for

of substantive fun is encouraged. A before travel breakfast on Sunday should not be counted in the two days of activities. The centerpiece of the reunion should be a dinner dance with entertainment/comedy. Time for a business meeting must be allotted. The business meeting cannot run into the dinner dance. An AMMO Call with spouse/friend in attendance is optional. If you feel up to the challenge of putting on the next reunion, let us know of your interest ASAP.

ACA.BOD@ammochiefs.com is the e-mail address. John Greer will get in touch with you and let you know more of the specifics. The deadline for answering this call is April 15, 2005.

☛ The ACA Awards Night Banquet will be held in the Sept-Oct 2005 time frame at Eglin AFB, FL. If you're in the area, please plan to attend. More information will be provided in later newsletters and on the AMMO Chiefs web site at <http://ammochiefs.com>.

☛ The 12th Worldwide AMMO Bowl softball tournament will be held at Andrews AFB, MD on September 3-5, 2005. If you know of AMMO teams that would like to participate, have them contact CMSgt. Michael Robertson at DSN 227-4270 or commercial (703) 697-4270 or John Matthews at DSN 332-9861, commercial (703) 602-9861 for additional information.

☛ From the AMMO Schoolhouse ☛

Chiefs:

I have interesting news from the schoolhouse for **ALL AMMO Chiefs**, active and retired. It has been decided that the **Block 7 (missile) classroom** will be dedicated to all **AMMO Chiefs**.

This will be your room, and so we seek your inputs.

My first request is only for a moment of your time. **We would like a digital photo and a short biography on your career so we can mount it in the room. Please indicate a timeline of assignments and promotions. If you have any words of wisdom for our newest AMMO troops, please include them as well. If anyone has any information on AMMO Chiefs who are no longer with us, please send this along as well.**

The room will be organized with two primary themes. One wall will be dedicated to active AMMO Chiefs in the USAF. The opposite wall will be for all the retired Chiefs, grouped by "eras" and possibly by Commands. This room will not be static. We want to continually update the information as it evolves and changes.

This room will be **your** room. We highly encourage your involvement and participation. If you have any stories, articles, or memorabilia that you wish to have displayed, we would be very appreciative.

We have steep goals, but with your help, we will achieve them. **We are interested in having a ribbon cutting ceremony near the end of March 2005.** If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the following persons or me:

TSgt Richard Enderlein at Richard.Enderlein@sheppard.af.mil,
SSgt William Ipock at William.Ipock@sheppard.af.mil, or
MSgt Matthew Saganski at Matthew.Saganski@sheppard.af.mil.

You can also mail your Bios with photo to:

363 TRS/TTM

ATTN: MSgt. Matthew Saganski
520 Missile Road
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311

A standard Bio should include:

Photograph

Full Name:

Place of Birth:

Hometown and State:

Dates of Service:

Dates of Promotions:

Assignments: (Dates and location)

Best Ammo Job You Ever Had:

See the AMMO Chiefs web page
for more information at
<http://ammochiefs.com>.



❁ Chapter News ❁

❁ Virginia Chapter

2004 Annual Report

Nearing completion of our second year in operation, the AMMO Chief's Association, Virginia Chapter submitted the following 2004 Annual Report.

During 2004, the membership gathered on five occasions to hold meetings, socialize, and plan the year's events. Our time was dominated by planning effort for the biennial AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion. The event, hoisted by the ACAVC, was a major task well worth the time and effort invested. Unfortunately, participation was hampered by three consecutive hurricanes that ravaged the home turf of the ACA, our most populated membership area. Those that were able to attend had a good time and witnessed a memorable first class ceremony honoring Lieutenant General (Retired) Leo Marquez for the enduring legacy he

helped imprint on the AMMO Community. He is the first recipient of the Shell & Flame Award for his outstanding lifetime support and dedication to the AMMO Community.

During the year, the Chapter collected \$275.00 in ACAVC dues and collected and disbursed \$200.00 in ACA dues on behalf of our membership. In addition, we collected \$1,100.00 in donations from ANSER Inc, VSE, or from private individuals which was primarily used to cover costs associated with the Reunion.

The ACAVC known membership base during 2004 was 23 people, representing all possible members. Of the 23, 11 are members in good standing, 9 are inactive, and 3 have relocated away from the ACAVC membership area. We continue to include all inactive people in e-mailings and information concerning Chapter events and gatherings in the hopes they will join the membership and participate in Chapter activities. Chief Robertson developed and launched the ACAVC web site in early 2004 to help keep the membership informed.

(<http://uk.geocities.com/ammochief/index.html>).

Although not an ACAVC sanctioned event, the ACAVC President, John Matthews and Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Robertson, planned and led activities during the 2004 Worldwide AMMO Bowl Softball Tournament at Andrews AFB, Maryland, 4-6 September 2004. It was an enjoyable event for all with Seymour-Johnson AFB bringing the "big" ACA supplied trophy home. Chief Dave Nickell accepted the trophy at the ACA Reunion in September 2004. A similar event is scheduled for September 3-5, 2005 at Andrews AFB, Maryland for the 2005

☛ Chief's Celebrate Anniversary ☛

The explosion of technology during and following World War II created a need for enlisted leadership with education, technical ability, and broad leadership abilities above those normally possessed by Master Sergeants.

As part of the Career Compensation Act of 1958, Congress created two new pay grades, E-8 and E-9. The Air Force called these new super grades: Senior and Chief Master Sergeant.

The first promotions to Senior Master Sergeant were made on September 1, 1958, when 2,000 master sergeants were promoted to the new rank. On March 1, 1959, another 3,000 were promoted.

These 5,000 new Senior Master Sergeants competed at Major Command level for Chief Master Sergeant in the latter part of 1959. The Air Force Major Commands selected a total of 1,700 for promotion, about 625 to put on their stripes on December 1, 1959, and the remainder on June 1, 1960. The 625 promoted on December 1, 1959, became known as the Charter Chiefs. There are 91 Charter Chiefs still living that have been located. Their average age is about 83.

The Lackland AFB Chiefs Group is sponsoring a formal banquet on March 18, 2005 for the Charter Chiefs to commemorate their 45th Anniversary. Since there were no induction ceremonies in 1959, the Charter Chiefs attending will be formally inducted. CMSgt (Ret) Robert D. Gaylor, will be the guest speaker. All active and reserve Chiefs, Chief selectees, their friends and families are cordially invited to this event.

Further information and reservations may be obtained from CMSgt Glenda S.

Strong at
Glenda.Strong@lackland.af.mil.
(Source: Sergeants Magazine, 2005
Enlisted Almanac)



☛ In Passing ☛

Francis "Butch" Roberts, MSgt
Retired, passed away on Thursday, January 20, 2005, in keeping with the tradition of posting the passing of other AMMO troops. Butch, although he could sometimes be a bit overbearing, always had the AMMO troops' best interest at heart. Butch was probably the biggest proponent for CAS and fought many long, hard and bloody battles to ensure the AMMO troops in the field had the very best Information Management System available. For those that didn't know him personally, or for those that did know him but didn't recognize it, Butch was a truly caring individual, who went out of his way to help those less fortunate than he was. This was shown by the number of times Butch and his wife, Judy, son Joe, and daughter, Deana, sponsored a needy family, during the holiday seasons to ensure that family had a Christmas. Butch was always there whenever someone, whether friend or stranger, needed a hand or were down on their luck. I only knew Butch a little over 20 years while many of you knew him longer, but one thing all of us know is that the day Butch passed from this life into the Hereafter, the AMMO community lost a true friend and comrade.

Bill Sparks



☛ A reminder that annual ACA dues were to be paid during the month of January 2005. Lifetime membership is also available. If you haven't paid your dues, now would be a good time to put your check in the mail. Thanks for your support!

Emergency Registry Helps Locate Family Members, Friends

Mark Cerney, a disabled U.S. Marine veteran, established the National Next-of-Kin Registry, a free emergency contact system that can help citizens find missing loved ones in the event of serious accidents or catastrophic national emergencies. The privately funded NOKR was officially established in January 2004. Four million people have registered to date.

People can input personal data about themselves or loved ones at the registry's Web site. Registry users include families and individuals registering personal information about themselves, their children, other relatives, and friends. Other personal identification organizations exist, but they charge as much as \$200 for their services. The NOKR gives affluent, less-wealthy, and indigent citizens the opportunity to archive personal information in the event that that information is needed. Some organizations linked to the NOKR include the "FirstGov" federal government Web site, the International

Committee of the Red Cross, the National Center for Missing Adults, the National Association of Medical Examiners, the Amber Alert missing children system, homeless care organizations, and several state and local government and police agencies and coroner's offices. For more information, visit <http://www.nokr.org>.

Source: Military Report, February 28, 2005.

Update Your Contact Information

We have a continuing need to keep the AMMO Chief's roster current. Please take a few minutes to update your contact information and return it to: **Joe Dominguez, 2504 Woodland Village Ct, Schertz, TX 78154.** Or you can update this information on our web site at <http://ammochiefs.com>. If you are in contact with an AMMO Chief who's not on our mailing list, please pass this form on to him to fill out and mail in. Thanks in advance.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number: Area Code _____ Number _____

Home E-Mail Address: _____

Work Phone Number: Area Code _____ Number _____

Work E-Mail Address: _____

Date Retired: _____

Date of Rank: _____