



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 CMSgt Richard Gauvin Ammo Troop 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 Top Graduate, 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 at: <http://ammochiefs.com>.

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From the President:

It's been a long and hot summer but fall is arriving and our ACA Reunion is just around the corner. Joe Dominquez and his team have done a wonderful job in organizing and preparing for this wonderful event in San Antonio. The Board of Directors hats are off these Ammo folks...we couldn't be prouder! Our organization continues to grow and we are delighted to welcome aboard new Ammo Chiefs and others who have returned to the fold! We encourage our new and returning members to help us move forward with our mission. See you in San Antonio!

Van Ray
IYAAYAS!!!

From the Vice President:

The ACA is as strong as ever and we've put out another edition of the ACA Newsletter to highlight some of the great things we do to support our AMMO. One of the things I appreciate most about being part of the ACA is the diversity of our AMMO Chief membership. It doesn't matter if you retired 30 years ago, 15 years ago, 1 year ago, or are still actively doing the AMMO business. AMMO Chiefs share a common understanding and bond around what it is to be AMMO and to be an AMMO Chief. For me, being part of the ACA is about perpetuating that bond, legacy, and to honor those that have come before us. We do that by supporting AMMO troops in a positive way; and in any way that we can; and having fun while we do it. I hope you enjoy reading this edition.

Mike Robertson

From the Secretary:

It looks like Joe Dominguez and Team SATX have about finished putting together this year's Reunion. They have worked hard to make sure we all enjoy ourselves in San Antonio, should be a lot of fun.

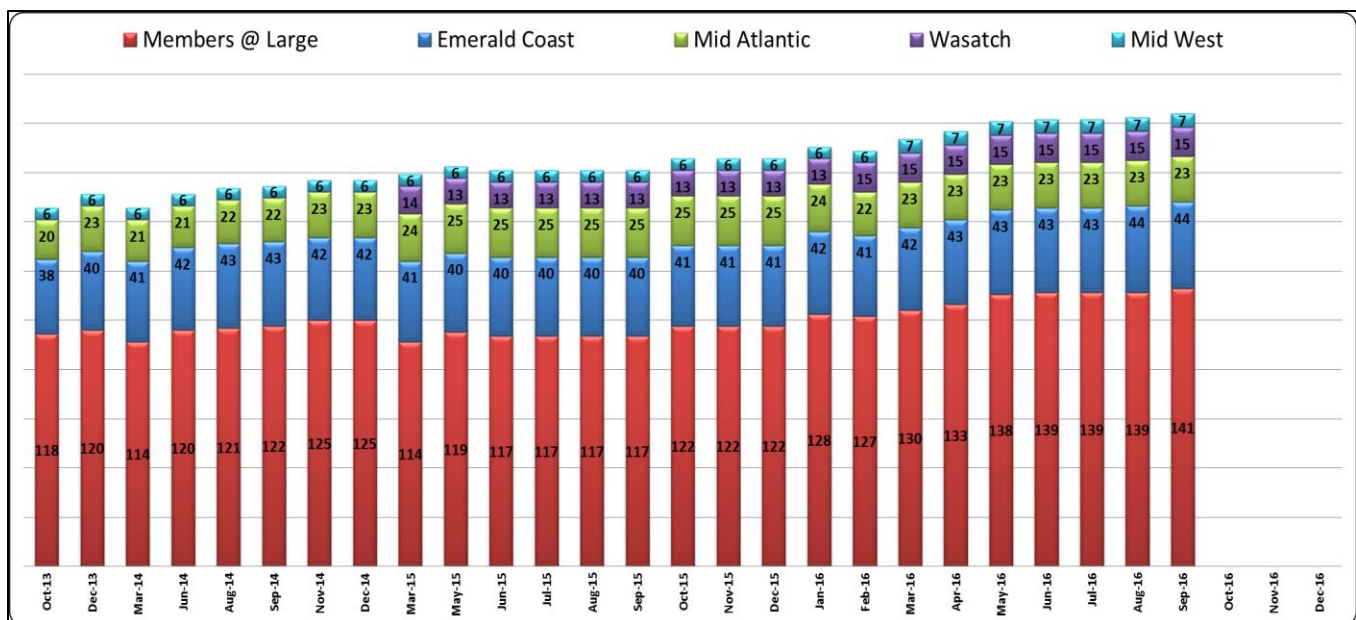
Between the Chiefs who will be at the Reunion business meeting, along with their designations as "proxy" voters, we have more than enough for a quorum. Chiefs attending the reunion are asked to be sure they attend the business meeting Friday afternoon, 28 October, where agenda items will be discussed and / or voted on.

For all those attending the Reunion, we'll see you in the Alamo city!

Jack
IYAAYAS !!!!

From the Treasurer:

ACA Membership Status as of 26 June 2016



Membership								
Chapter	Total	Annual Associate	Life Associate	Honorary	Honorary Spouse	Annual Chief	Lifetime Chief	Shell & Flame
Mid-West	7						7	
Wasatch	15			1			14	
Mid-Atlantic	23	1	3			3	16	
Emerald Coast	44	1	11	1	4		26	1
At Large	141	6	11	2	6	13	101	2
Totals>	230	8	25	4	10	16	164	3

AMMO Chief Locator

The following Ammo Chiefs were previously members of the ACA but for one reason or another have faded away. We solicit each reader that might know one or more of these former members to contact them and tell them about the good things we are doing and encourage them to rejoin. Remember there are no rejoining penalties and any dues paid between October and December this year count for 2017. If anyone has any information on these folks please drop Mike Roylance a line on email: mikeroylance@comcast.net; or any other member of the ACA BOD. We'd like to get these folks back on board the ACA.

Last Name	First Name	Former Member No
Ballard	Larry	040
Christians	Corey J.	224
Copeland	Andrew "Andy"	099
Denning	John P III	148
Duncan	Roy G. "Greg"	180
Ellison	Richard E Jr "Gene"	123
Fallen	Kevin E.	069
<u>Geiss</u>	Paul	056
Graham	George N. Jr	158
<u>Guilbault</u>	Wayne R	157
<u>Heisterkamp</u>	Scott	171
Hill Jr	Melvin E	118
Hofstetter	Gary A.	164
Hough	John T	143
Howard	Carl	153
<u>Hryniewiecki</u>	Kevin	217
Jackson	Kenneth	203
Johnson	Antonio F. "AJ"	226
<u>Kaleikini</u>	Matthew	061
<u>Keil</u>	Calvin	167
<u>Lantry</u>	Roger L.	229


Last Name	First Name	Former Member No
<u>Lawhern</u>	<u>Tolly R.</u>	046
Mauldin	Denny T	071
McConnell	Thomas O	174
McCullough	Charles	133
Mortimer	Richard	181
Munro	Danial J.	200
Nickell	L. David	091
<u>Nimmo</u>	Ronald L.	065
Orr III	<u>Gassie</u>	243
<u>Ouzts</u>	Timothy M. "Tim"	188
Parker	Gary L. Jr	047
Petersen	Steven	161
Smith	Paul B.	125
Trout	Robert "Bob"	141
<u>Wesolowski</u>	Donald	169
<u>Whisner</u>	Ronald W	117
White	Bernard L	119
Wilson	John	109
<u>Winnicki</u>	Lyle M.	254
<u>Zollicoffer</u>	Carroll	116

If any are interested in rejoining please contact Jack Seaman via ammo.chiefs.association@gmail.com or myself at mikeroylance@comcast.net.

ACA received a donation from OFD Foods Inc. out of Albany Oregon. The donation was made in support of the ACAMC's Ammo Troop Care Package program. OFD Foods provided 80 packets of freeze dried foods valued at \$411.

OFD Foods, Inc. produces freeze-dried ingredients for food companies. Its ingredients include various beef, poultry, and seafood products. The company also offers camping, backpacking, and emergency survival food; and food service for assisted living, hospitals, business, and educational facilities in emergency situations. Their Mountain House brand is well known in the Backpacking, Hiking and Camping communities. You can check them out at: <http://www.mountainhouse.com/>.

ACA Treasurer, Mike Roylance sent the following letter to thank OFD Foods for their support.

	THE AMMO CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
	717 Smokey Mountain Avenue Henderson, NV 89012
	Email: Ammo.chiefs.association@gmail.com AMMOCHIEFS.COM
	September 28, 2016
<p>Van Ray <i>President</i> <i>Mississippi</i></p> <p>Michael Robertson <i>Vice President</i> <i>Utah</i></p> <p>Jack Seaman <i>Secretary</i> <i>Nevada</i></p> <p>Michael Roylance <i>Treasurer</i> <i>Washington</i></p> <p>Fred O'Hern <i>Chief at Arms</i> <i>Florida</i></p> <p>Bart Ivy <i>Director at Large</i> <i>Alabama</i></p> <p>Del "Dusty" Rhodes <i>Director at Large</i> <i>Florida</i></p> <p>John Greer <i>Director at Large</i> <i>Florida</i></p> <p>John Ray <i>Director at Large</i> <i>Virginia</i></p>	<p>Jim Merryman President and Chief Operating Officer Oregon Freeze Dry, Inc. 525 25th Ave SW Albany, OR 97321-0407</p> <p>Dear Friend,</p> <p>Thank you for your donation of the 80 Mountain House brand food pouches, a \$411 value. It is charitable donors like you who help make our work in the Ammo community possible.</p> <p>The Ammo Chiefs Association is a Veterans Organization which is classified as a 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization working to foster esprit de corps across the USAF Ammo community.</p> <p>Our membership is composed of active and retired Chief Master Sergeants in the Munitions Systems Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) 2W0X0. Informally we are known as Ammo Troops, assigned around the globe.</p> <p>Your generous donation and the excellent help provided by your assistant Becky Boyer was much appreciated. Becky was communicating with me as soon as you told me that you would support us. She was a great help in guiding me through your process and ensured the product was shipped and now received on time to allow us to meet our goals and support our objectives.</p> <p>Please use this letter as written acknowledgement for your generous donation. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.</p> <p>Thank you again for being so thoughtful of our organization.</p> <p>Michael J. Roylance, CMSgt USAF Retired Treasurer, EIN:59-3738339 Ammo Chiefs Association</p> <p><small>This letter should meet your requirement to make this a tax deductible contribution IAW Section 170(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 1.170A-13(f) of the Income Tax Regulations.</small></p>

ACA Calendar

The ACA Calendar is a new edition to the Shell & Flame Newsletter to provide membership with those key AMMO events being planned throughout the AMMO community in the current year. If we're missing something, please let us know and we'll add it.

KEY: Complete Scheduled

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
March 18, 2016	AFCOMAC 30 Year Anniversary	Beale AFB Ca
March 22, 2016	Middle Georgia AMMO Group Dinner	Georgia Bob's Barbecue restaurant 120 Howland Ave Warner Robins Georgia 31088 at 6PM. Stop by if you can.
March 31, 2016	Shell & Flame Newsletter release	Completed
April 22, 2016	Ammo Bash at the Beach	Clarion Hotel Myrtle Beach, 101 Fantasy Harbor Blvd, Myrtle Beach South Carolina 29579
May 21, 2016	All Ammo Call, ACA ECC	Completed
June 1, 2016	CMSgt Gauvin Memorial Fund Applications Due, NLT	Completed
June 2, 2016	ACAMC Prep and Ship Care Packages Sortie 1, NLT	Shipped 50 plus LBS to 4 different APO's. Thanks Jack Miller and ACA MAC.
June 30, 2016	Shell & Flame Newsletter release	Completed
June 30, 2016	ACA 2nd Qtr Finance Report	Completed
July 2, 2016	USAFE Ammo Bowl, POC Chris Davis	Ramstein AFB Germany,
July 29, 2016	NE Ammo Call	Burlington Vermont
July 29, 2016	South East Ammo Bowl,	Niceville FL, POC is SMSgt Jon Beauchamp, jonathan.beauchamp@us.af.mil , 850-882-5026, TSgt Stephanie Hewlett, Stephanie.hewlett@us.af.mil , SSgt Elizabeth Olney, Elizabeth.olney@us.af.mil . Checks to Richard Olney, 108 Mohawk Trl, Crestview FL 32536 NLT 15 June 16.
July 30, 2016	Wasatch Chapter, 6 th Annual Ammo BBQ	11am Centennial Park, Hill AFB. POC is Richard Leseberg and Tim Matuszak
August 1, 2016	CMSgt Gauvin Memorial Fund Awards Selected and announced.	Completed
August 8, 2016	Ammo BBQ, 6 th Annual	Hill AFB UT, Contact: matthew.mills.12@us.af.mil 586-4392, scott.lauritzen@us.af.mil 775-4331 michael.rosiere@us.af.mil 777-7213 Web Page: BYOB
September 3, 2016	Central Ammo Bowl Sheppard AFB TX	Jason Laferriere. Jason.laferriere@us.af.mil . 9403379823. 4506 university ave. Wichita Falls tx. 76308 James Conner Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/central.ammobowl
September 30, 2016	ACA 3rd Qtr Finance Report	Completed
September 30, 2016	Shell & Flame Newsletter release	Completed
October 1, 2016	Check funding for AFCOMAC Outstanding Performer Award coins and name plates	
October 1, 2016	Moody Blues Ammo Woodstock Fest	Bob Jones Ray City, Ga. First weekend in Oct each year. Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472508693025795/ Contact: Bob Jones. Hotel info: Bring yer Tent Phone Number: (716) 685-2762 Web Page: http://www.mapquest.com/?le=t&hk=6-to9I2kmY&cid=fb_maptitle&vs

October 7, 2016	Western Ammo Bowl	Big League Dreams Field, 4536 E Elliot Rd, Phoenix Arizona 85234. Checks/money orders payable to: Luke AMMO Top IV C/O 2016 AMMO Bowl Entry Fee. Mail to: Howard Suggs, 10937 W Pierson St, Phoenix, AZ 85037 or Matthew Werner, 10609 W Watkins St, Tolleson, AZ 85353 or Michael Bessette, 10912 W Sieno Pl, Avondale, AZ 85395. Fees due NLT 1 August 2016
October 26, 2016	Ammo Chiefs Association Reunion	San Antonio Tx, POC is Joe Dominguez jfdom2504@hotmail.com .
October 27, 2016	RAF Welford Reunion & Ammo Call	Seattle WA. POC is Tina Speer
October 28, 2016	Ammo Monster Mash	Ammo Monster mash in Las Vegas Nevada Saturday night in the ballroom of Fremont 6-10, costumes are recommended it is Halloween lol, entertainment, buffet and ballroom. Cost is 44 dollars a person. Make check or money order to Arthur Stubbs in memo bottom left put "bash Vegas" And send to address 62 smith Blvd, myrtle beach SC 29588 Need money for banquet by October 1, tickets will be at the ice breaker Friday night are at the door we don't trust the mail lol. We will post who payed last weekend in August so get your money in. Iyaayas All ammo welcome more events coming for Saturday to include a party bus Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/events/1639648296314322/
November 1, 2016	Start ACA Budget for next year	Treasurer to BOD
November 4, 2016	Emerald Coast Chapter outstanding munitions performers dinner/dance	
November 16, 2016	AFK Reunion in planning stages	Las Vegas NV, contact Mark Gossett
November 30, 2016	ACAMC Prep and Ship Care Packages Sortie 2, NLT	
December 4 th 2016	Saint Barbara's Day	Patron saint of those who work with explosives.
December 20, 2016	Shell & Flame Newsletter release	
Dec 30 2016	ACA 4th Qtr Finance Report due out	
December 31, 2016	ACA Account Audit, NLT	
January 1 2017	Check funding for ACA Recognition Coins for Ammo Schoolhouse	
January 31, 2017	ACA Annual Dues payable. NLT	
January 31, 2017	ACA Chapter Reports due to ACA Secretary	
March 31 2017	ACA Roster due out	
March 31, 2017	ACA 1 st Qtr Finance Report due out	
March 31, 2017	Shell & Flame Newsletter release	
May 15, 2017	ACA Tax Filing due, NLT	Best if done between Jan and May
September 2, 2017	Morbach Reunion	Branson Mo 49682. Jon Shively 213-357-4546 Facebook Page: http://on.fb.me/1znmaAc
November 10, 2017	Texas Ammo Call	San Antonio, TX. Scott Bishop/Jimmy Taylor http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/the-emily-morgan-san-antonio-a-doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-SATEMDT/index.html
April 27, 2018	Ammo Bash at the Beach	101 Fantasy Harbour Boulevard Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 Facebook Page: http://on.fb.me/1C7pcYA Contact: Jimmy Taylor Hotel info: Clarion Phone Number: (518) 869-3192 Web Page: http://bit.ly/1wg0xL1
October 24, 2018	ACA Reunion	TBD
December 31 2019	ACA Elections, NLT	

Chapter News

Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC)

Since our last input in June, the Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) has been keeping busy to lend support to the Ammo Community.

We finally received our payment for the April Richmond International Raceway (RIR) fundraiser. At our most recent meeting on September 17th, we developed a formula for compensating the Joint Base Langley-Eustis Ammo Morale Team (AMT) for their assistance. Once we get a firm point of contact for the AMT, we'll mail a check for \$825.00 to help the AMT support their local programs

Our President, Jackie Miller, put together and mailed four summer ACAMC care packages to austere bases in combat locations (Kandahar, Bagram, Jordan, and Ali Al Salem). Chief Nielson from Bagram acknowledged receipt of their package and had a flag flown over the installation for us. Rich and Sue Pennington are going to encase the flag and certificate for us so they can be permanently displayed at the 1 FW Munitions Flight.



The most recent RIR fundraising event was held on September 9th and 10th. We had nine members participate and Jackie Miller sweated it out for both days! We hope to receive the check within the next month or so.

We held our last general membership meeting on September 17th at Capt Billy's Crab House in Newburg, MD. Nine members attended along with guests, and a new Associate Member, Bob Yeager. With six proxy votes, we easily were able to conduct Chapter business. Unfortunately, Frank Waterman and George Heinlein are still in the recovery mode from back surgery and were unable to attend. We wish them the best in this long, recovery process. The Chapter treated the group to a fine meal and beverages. Our membership is now 22 Chief and 5 Associate members.



One goal of the meeting was to ensure we stay abreast of the award programs and support of Ammo troops at awards banquets. We will test our new processes this coming quarter.

At the meeting, we set the stage for additional fundraising for the Holiday Ammo Troops-in-Need program. John Matthews donated some beautiful belt buckles and Bill McCullough passed around the 2016 White House Christmas ornament. These items will be raffled off at our December 3rd meeting with all proceeds going directly to the troops' shopping trips.

The ACAMC was the first Chapter of the ACA. Based on this, we are obtaining signatures of the members on a 16" X 20" copy of our charter to ultimately be displayed at the Nellis AFB Ammo Heritage Room. We anticipate completion of this endeavor by early 2017.

Additionally, we are in the process of developing a new Chapter logo that better shows our area of responsibility and our commitment to the Ammo Troops.

Dave Nixon, our awards guru, will be sending out calls for input for the annual Ammo Troops-in-Need and First Term Sharp Ammo Troop awards. We stand ready to run these through the wickets to ensure the most deserving are recognized.

Jack Miller, Rich Pennington, and Phil Kennedy will be attending the ACA reunion in San Antonio. Rich was able to get some time on the docket to air concerns about the ACAMC's Care Package program at the official business meeting.

Bill McCullough
ACAMC Secretary-Treasurer

Emerald Coast Chapter (ECC)



The Emerald Coast Chapter held our annual charity golf tournament on 22 July at the Ft Walton Beach, Pines Golf Club. We had 73 participants and were able to raise \$1,470.08 for the Okaloosa/Walton Counties Mental Health Association benefiting homeless Veterans. We had our last meeting on 8 Sep at the Niceville Helen Back. The following members and guests were present:

John & Doris Greer, President
Darrell & Ronnie Beasley, Secretary
Mark & Donna Dunn
Jesse Alcala
Nick Sims

Dennis Tangney, VP
Johnny Long, Treasurer
Dan Roberts
Mark Madamba

We briefed the members on the upcoming Moody Blues Ammo Call 29 Sep - 2 Oct, and the ACA reunion, 27 - 30 Oct 16.

Our annual outstanding Munitions Performer Dinner Dance is scheduled for Friday 4 Nov 1800 at the Wyndham Gardens Resort where we will recognize top Munitions folks from Eglin, Hurlburt and Tyndall. Big John will get the meal costs and room costs finalized and will put out a flyer with all the information to sign up.

Mark Madamba made a motion that we schedule a breakfast meeting, so John has set up our next meeting at the Asiago Skillet on Okaloosa Island for 17 Dec 16.

Mark also suggested we check with our members to see how many would be interested in having a day at the local shooting range. He will gather more info on cost, location and times and get back with us.

We had our annual picnic at the Hurlburt Field Picnic area on 18 Sep with a good turn out and plenty of covered dishes to go with the roasted chickens (photos below).





Midwest Chapter:

Life is good here at the Midwest Chapter. We had our summer get together on Aug 27 and the turnout was nice. Don Myers was re-elected as the Chapter VP with the new term starting on 1 Jan 2017. Not much more to provide. Most of the membership is working hard taking care of the Air Force while a couple of us are enjoying the life of leisure.

Wasatch Chapter

The Wasatch Chapter held our quarterly General Membership meeting on 16 Sep 2016. Seven members were present and 20 members were absent. Members present were:

Dave Calandra (President)
Mike Eisenberg (Secretary/Treasurer)
Mike Robertson
John Pfromm
Randy "Tymo" Tymofichuk (Honorary)
Tim Culbertson
Joe D'Arco

Mike Eisenberg read the Treasures report. There is \$384.00 and 5 chapter coins remaining. Coins are sold for \$7 each. \$100 was donated to 6th Annual Ammo BBQ, Jack Seaman bought 1 coin for \$7 and donated an extra \$50 to the Wasatch chapter. Thank you Jack! Dave Calandra bought one Chapter coin for 7 at the meeting bringing our new balance to \$391.

The new ACA Wasatch Chapter coin design is still in work by Paul Smith and Chief Lemke. We are working to find out where the original coin was ordered and the proof is maintained. Randy Tymofichuk showed the group a composite coin design that might be a good replacement for our Chapter coin. He agreed to provide some additional data on the coin.

The ACA reunion is 26 - 30 Oct 2016 in San Antonio, Texas. Mike Robertson urged the group to submit proxies to Chiefs that are attending the Reunion.

The following nominations were received to fill the vacant officer positions for our Chapter's upcoming elections:

James Nudd, Antonio "AJ" Johnson, CMSgt Hazard, CMSgt Van Ert, and CMSgt Lemke; a voting email will be sent out shortly.

A motion was made to increase officer term of office to two years effective November. This would require a change to our Chapter Constitution when document is up for annual review in Nov 2016.

The Chapter will be collecting donations again for the upcoming Holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM and the next meeting is scheduled early December 2016.

//Signed//

Mike Eisenberg
Secretary/Treasurer, ACA Wasatch Chapter

The 6th annual Hill AFB AMMO BBQ was held on Saturday, July 30th at Centennial Park. The ACA Wasatch Chapter donated \$100 to the event which was open to active duty, reservist, retired folks; and their families!! Over 200 folks attended and a fun time was had by all. It was a great opportunity to meet and network with our AMMO brothers and sisters across many different agencies here at Hill.

The event was organized by Richard Leseberg and Tim Matuszak and Dave Wedow and Ken Efting were the grill masters. They all did a fantastic job! There was plenty of food served with activities for both adults and kids.



AFCOMAC - ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

Subject: Class 16-007 ACA Winner, SSgt Ditizio, ANG 177th MXS (New Jersey)

SMSgt Dilley,

I wanted to pass on my sincere congratulations to SSgt Anthony Ditizio for his selection as the recipient of the Ammo Chief's Association "Outstanding Performer" award. This award goes to the Airman who demonstrated the most determination, innovative thinking and hard work during the grueling Combat Ammunition Planning and Production Course. The selection process is accomplished entirely by class leadership and I want to point out the rigors of the condensed 2-week straight grind for the ANG only class; making this recognition even more significant.

Being selected for this award puts SSgt Ditizio at the top of his 70-person class. He should be very proud of himself and all he achieved while attending the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center. Anthony's technical knowledge and dedication to accomplish the AMMO mission were clearly demonstrated and have earned him this well-deserved award. Again, my congratulations on an exceptional achievement from your outstanding Airmen!

Respectfully,

CMSgt Mark P. Jackson
Munitions Superintendent
9 MUNS/MXW
Beale AFB, CA



Subject: Class 16-008 ACA Winner; SSgt Burke, 3rd MUNS, JB Elmendorf-Richardson

Chief Barlet (Eric),

I wanted to pass on my sincere congratulations to SSgt Austin Burke for his selection as the recipient of the Ammo Chief's Association "Outstanding Performer" award. This award goes to the Airman who demonstrated the most determination, innovative thinking and hard work during the grueling 3-week Combat Ammunition Planning and Production Course. The selection process is accomplished entirely by class leadership; making this recognition even more significant.

Being selected for this award puts SSgt Burke at the top of his 70-person class. He should be very proud of himself and all he achieved while attending the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center. Austin's technical knowledge and dedication to accomplish the AMMO mission were clearly demonstrated and have earned him this well-deserved award. Again, my congratulations on an exceptional achievement!

Jack

Respectfully,
CMSgt Mark P. Jackson
Munitions Superintendent
9 MUNS/MXW
Beale AFB, CA



From the Sheppard AMMO Schoolhouse training professionals...

AMMO apprentice students are challenges by their schoolhouse flight chief to excel and we are proud to present Sheppard's top Ammo performers for January through March 2016...those who have truly reached the top in the three A's...academics, aptitude and attitude. On behalf of the ACA, the class Top Graduate is presented with the ACA Top Graduate certificate and the ACA Spirit Award coin. Without the deeply rooted commitment of the instructor cadre, these students could not have achieved such high honor...now THAT's AMMO family at its best!

ACA Top Graduates, April 2016 to September 2016



A1C Terrance D. Wilburn

Gaining Base:
649 MUNS, Hill AFB, UT

Class Number:
16026

A1C Ann M. Barnes

Gaining Base:
1 MXS, Langley AFB, VA

Class Number:
16026-2





A1C Trenton E. Rodriguez

Gaining Base:
366 EMS, Mount Home AFB, ID

Class Number:
16027

A1C Sydney Jo M. Morton

Gaining Base:
35 MXS, Misawa AB, JP

Class Number:
16028



A1C Taylor M. Clark

Gaining Base:
2 MUNS, Barksdale AFB, LA

Class Number:
16028-2



A1C Tristian J. Sitz

Gaining Base:
Unavailable

Class Number:
16029



**A1C Rebeca N. Guerrero
Fernandez**

Gaining Base:
509 MUNS, Whiteman AFB, MO

Class
16029-2

AB Andrew P. Johnson

Gaining Base:
57 MXS, Nellis AFB, NV

Class Number:
16030





A1C Carlos J. Rivera

Gaining Base:
509 MUNS, Whiteman AFB, MO

Class Number:
16030-2

A1C Hunter E. Bilder

Gaining Base:
Kirtland AFB, NM

Class Number:
16032



A1C Hayden P. Rannow

Gaining Base:
Unavailable

Class Number:
16032-2

A1C Aaron M. Prue

Gaining Base:
Unavailable

Class Number:
16040



A1C Anthony J. Loprinzi

Gaining Base:
Unavailable

Class Number:
16040-2

AFSOC Munitions Awards System Technician of the Year for 2015

SrA Jenny Sebring earns distinction as the AFSOC Munitions System Technician of the Year - 2015.



AMMO in the News

U.S. Air Force aircrews prepare aircraft to retaliate after a simulated attack by North Korea during Exercise Beverly Herd 16-2 at Osan Air Base in South Korea. This was a week-long exercise held at the end of August 2016. Units included: 25th Fighter Squadron, 51st Munitions Squadron, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, 51st Fighter Wing.



Date Posted: 3 Sep 2016

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Credits: SrA Daniel Robles, SSgt Ashley Manz

U.S. Air Force Ammo in Afghanistan



Source: <http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Air+Force+Munitions+Troops+in+Action&qft=+filterui%3avideoage-lt525600&view=detail&mid=BA3E4483412B3E466940BA3E4483412B3E466940&FORM=VRDGAR>

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Transcript of above Video: “We support the flight line with all their munitions close air support at Bagram Airfield Afghanistan and maintain anything that explodes pretty. On a daily basis we build munitions and maintain munitions that fly and don't get dropped so when they come back we make sure they're checked and good to go before they go into the air again.”

“We provide the close air support with the small arms as well all our guys on the ground anytime they're in trouble they give us a call and anything that we build will guarantee go off.”

“In this job you can't be afraid. Most people in their daily lives don't ever deal with explosives or deal with situations where their life could be in danger you know just by going to work. The person has to kind of have the fortification to realize you know something can go wrong.”

“We signed up for this but we trust each other and we rely on each other and when you're out on a bomb pad building bombs with people then you have to trust the person next to you that's dealing with explosives that they're not going to drop something and possibly put your life and other people's lives in danger.”

“We had one situation where we had a short tasking and we supply the munitions for ground troops in contact and one of our guys that we worked with ended up meeting one of the individuals that was in the situation on the ground who had been injured and he thanked us for the munitions that we built because it saved a lot of his guys lives and it saved his life.”

“I love my job. I've had the opportunity to cross train a few times but I have actually ended up turning it down because the Brotherhood and the camaraderie that's within our career field. I couldn't choose better people to work with.”

2016 ACA Reunion Update

Reservations are made and the events are set. More than 70 folks will be attending this year's reunion in the Alamo City with plenty of planned activities and time to discover and enjoy all that the Riverwalk and the San Antonio area have to offer. If you are looking for information on things to do during your visit, try this website: <http://www.visitsanantonio.com>. Here you can request a visitor's package that will include a coupon book for local venues.

My personal thanks to our SATX Reunion Planning Team consisting of Fred Schoettler, Fred Lee, John Rivard, Steve West and James Biggerstaff. Without their efforts, the 9th ACA Reunion would not be reality. The team would like to thank Jack Seaman and Mike Roylance for their helpful hints and tireless support and the ACA Board of Directors for their guidance, encouragement and support.

I will be putting out an informational email to all reunion attendees around the first week of October that will include anticipated weather during your visit, suggested items to pack, and transportation options between the airport and our reunion hotel – the Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk. Speaking of the hotel, hopefully everyone who needed one, has already made their reservation and taken advantage of the discounted room rate.

On behalf of your SATX Reunion Planning Team, we wish you safe travels to San Antonio and look forward to seeing lots of old friends and meeting new ones.

IYAAYAS!

Joe Dominguez
9th ACA Reunion Boss

AMMO - NOTAMs

Refresher on the 2W0X1 AMMO Specialty Description

When is the last time you thought about or read the AMMO Specialty Description? For you retired folks, if you'd like to bring back a few memories you can read the full description posted at the below link.

Source: <https://www.thebalance.com/air-force-enlisted-job-descriptions-3344312>

Credit: [Rod Powers](#), September 21, 2016

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Ammo Supply Store

We started the Ammo Chiefs Ammo Supply Store in Oct 2013 with Queensboro for the express purposes of enabling each member to order their own embroidered items directly on line taking any middle man out of the logistics loop. You can do that at <http://ammochiefs.qbstores.com/home>. Check it out!

Over the past few months I have heard some concerns about the size and quality of the embroidery logo and took steps to increase the size and improve the quality. Those changes are now done and the store is reopened. With the ACA Reunion coming up at the end of October now is the time to get those orders in.

Mike Roylance
ACA Treasurer

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Selectee for the Chief Master Sergeant Gauvin Scholarship Award

Katie Pauley, the daughter of MSgt Ryan Pauley, who is currently stationed at HQ AFMC at Wright Patterson AFB was selected to receive the Gauvin Scholarship award by the Scholarship Board of Advisors. Consideration for the Scholarship award is based on an Essay and history submitted by each nominee.

This year's award included a \$1,000 Education Scholarship from the CMSgt Gauvin Scholarship and an additional \$500 CMSgt Gauvin Ammo Troop Memorial Fund Award made by the ACA Board of Directors on behalf of the membership each year in memory of deceased Ammo Chiefs.

Ms. Pauley is a 2016 graduate of Beavercreek High School and is presently attending Wright State University as a Freshman – Undergraduate. Her awards, honors, and activities include:

- 2016 - BGCA Ohio Military Youth of the Year
- 2016 - Ohio House of Representatives Resolution
- 2016 - Beavercreek High School, Wright Patterson AFB School Liaison Military Student Support Group, Leader
- 2015 - 2016: Beavercreek High School, Theater Technical Crew, Props/ Stage Crew
- 2015 - President's Volunteer Service Award
- 2015 - Wright Patterson AFB Military Youth of the Quarter
- 2015 - Present: Ohio State University, Ohio 4-H Healthy Living Advocates, Representative
- 2014 - Present: Wright Patterson AFB, Air Force Teen Council, President
- 2014 - Present: Wright Patterson AFB, Keystone Club, President
- 2014 - 2016: Beavercreek High School, Tutor Students with Autism
- 2013 - 2014: Syracuse High School, Tutor Students with Autism
- 2013 - Syracuse Arts Academy Outstanding Technical Crew Award
- 2012 - 2013: Syracuse Arts Academy, Theater Technical Crew, Lights/Sound Board Operator

Ms. Pauley's future goals include attending Wright State University in the Fall of 2016 to major in Sports Science. "My ultimate career goal is to work with military members and veterans as a physical therapist. I enjoy working with people and want to help wounded warriors regain their strength so they can protect this country. I have been fortunate to have many great mentors that have encouraged me to positively contribute to my community and do everything to the best of my ability. I am confident that I will continue to make a positive difference to the Wright Patterson community while I am attending college at Wright State University. The reason that I am requesting this scholarship is to achieve my college education from Wright State University debt free. By working hard and applying for as many scholarships as possible I hope to achieve my education and career goals.

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ACA Receives Donation

Mike Roylance, a member of the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle (CMCS). During the CMCS annual car show they let Mike do a 50/50 drawing with the understanding the proceeds would be used to for deployed military folks. The proceeds were to be split between the lucky person who bought the ticket and the ACA. Mike intended to add this to any monies ACA would normally send to the Mid Atlantic Chapter for their next set of care packages going to deployed Ammo folks.

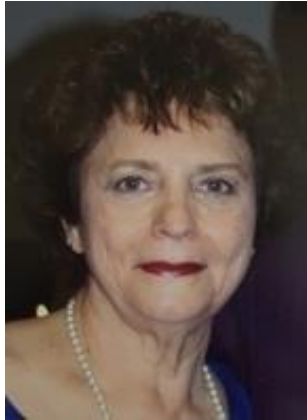
The drawing collected \$532 with the winner getting \$266. The winners, Ken and Jean Farentino, also donated their share to the ACA cause enabling the ACA to send an additional \$532 to the ACAMC for AMMO care packages. CMCS car show pictures are at:

<http://s5.photobucket.com/user/91LSMAN/slideshow/XXX%20Rootbeer%202016>



LAST CALL

Karen Windham Long



Karen Windham Long, age 71, passed away on September 7, 2016, in Ocean Springs. After a two year and one month battle with cancer, she is free. No more illness, tests, surgeries or pain. God was merciful and took her home in his loving embrace. She was so many things to so many people. She was a mom, sister, aunt, friend, wife, nana, Ammo wife and so much more.

She traveled the world with finesse and style and told us she had a beautiful life with everything she ever needed and wanted. She is preceded in death by her parents, Royce and Ocita Windham; her husband, CMSgt. Paul E. Long. Karen is survived by her husband, Bill Barnard of Ocean Springs, MS; her daughters, Kim Thompson (Charles) and Kris Blevins (Kenny), all of Gautier, MS; her step children, Jayne Godfrey (Tom) and Scott Barnard (Jeanette); siblings, Karla

Childs of TN, Kathy Young of AL, Konnie Norris of AL, Edwin Windham of Forest, MS; grandchildren, Elizabeth Ashley Thompson, Brett Thompson, Michael Paul Thompson and Gabriel Hart Blevins; step grandchildren, Katie and Jake Godfrey, Olivia and Anna Barnard; mother-in-law, June E. Long; and numerous extended family and friends.

A celebration of life service was held on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 11:00 am at Wesley United Methodist Church, 8900 Old Spanish Trail in Ocean Springs. To her friends and family in Italy and all over the world who cannot be here, please sit back and have a good glass of Italian wine and salute Mom.

What a wonderful life she lived. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Karen's favorite charities: Operation Mobilization USA, Daniel & Hannah Noren, PO Box 444, Tyrone, GA 30290-0444; Wesley United Methodist Church, 8900 Old Spanish Trail, Ocean Springs, 39564, or to Cornerstone Mission Foundation, Jeff & Rosanne McKinney, 9032 Woolmarket Road, Biloxi, MS 39532.

Source: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sunherald/obituary.aspx?n=karen-long&pid=181353549&fhid=31681>

Karen W. Long was an Honorary ACA Member (Honorary Spouse) membership # HS-021



In Memoriam

Therefore, it has pleased an all wise Providence, to remove from among us, our much esteemed Friends.

We will cherish the memory of those deceased whose memory is ever fresh in our minds.

Though parted from among us we hope to meet them where no farewell tear is shed.

Michael Bachman
Wilbur R. Barrentine *
Gail Bechtal
Walter Bell */**
Frank D. Bolin
Anthony Borzomowski
Jimmie Branson
Rennice H "Jim" Bray
Don Carbonneau
Lott S. Carter
Edward H. "Ted" Costick
Preston Craven
Michael "Mike" Curran
James Curtin
Phillip Delisi
Bill Dressler
Larry Eaton
Charles "Chuck" Eaves
James Elledge
Thomas Everett

Francis "Frank" Gamache
Richard Gauvin
Karl J Gershutz
Don Hamilton
Gerald "Red" Hess
Howard Holt
Robert N. Ivey
Jay A. Jameson
Bill Jolly
Perry D. Jones *
Paul H. Klein
Karen Long
Paul Long
William Lovelady
Leo Marquez
Donald Mayo
Lon McAlister
Alvin "Al" Mercer
Clifton Mills
Kevin Mullaney

Darrell Mulvany
Edward Patry
James Phinney
William "Bill" Poe
Louis V. Prelip
Harold P. Prevett *
Erwin G. "Erv" Redman
Leander Richards
Leroy Rott
Neil G. Schaible
Robert Sechler
Ernest Shamburger
Ramsey Stonewall
Ben Stubbe
Addison "George" Wadsworth
Richard Watton
Bruce Wilson
Michael J. Yurkanin

The Light of the shell and flame will also serve as a reminder of the level of excellence and esprit-de-corps set by those who came before us; the light of the shell and flame will also help us look back to remember those Ammo Troops, both active duty and retired, who are no longer with us and the service they performed for their country and to the Ammo community. In doing so, we will gain strength from the fact that such men and women lived.....FOR WE ARE AMMO!

*Those listed with an asterisk * held the distinction of being a Charter Chief in the USAF.
 Those listed with a double asterisk ** are Bataan Death March Survivors.*