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“Shell & 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 Air Force Heritage 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 another fall season with plenty of football, sunshine and approaching holidays. I am quite impressed with our continued increase in membership! There is obviously a lot of interest in our organization and its good work being done. We truly want to sustain our current members and find those new folks desiring membership. Our tentative dates for next year's reunion have been set and the planning is well under way. A tip of the hat to Rich McVey and some superb assistance from the San Antonio crew. We are looking forward to another wonderful get-together in Branson, Missouri. We hope to receive some more inputs on Ammo history...the Shell & Flame is an excellent place to capture Ammo history! Stay healthy and be safe.

Van

From the Vice President:

Here's another great edition of the Shell and Flame and inputs just keep rolling in! Everyone knows the VP don't have a real job, so gathering the inputs and putting them together in between the "Honey Do" chores is a good way for me to support the ACA and help to get the word out to our members on things going on, and I enjoy doing it. On a personal note, 31 Oct 2017 marks my 40th anniversary continuously doing the Air Force AMMO business. I showed up at Basic on 31 Oct 77 with a guaranteed AMMO job, never stopped... It's been a good run, I've enjoyed every bit of it, and still do.

IYAAYAS!

Mike

From the Secretary:

Hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. It's been an eventful past few months since the last Newsletter went out to you all. Hurricanes, floods, mass shooting in Las Vegas and fires in California have all been sobering reminders of how fragile our world is, how fast it can all be turned upside down and just how precious life really is. If you haven't done so already, give your family members an extra big AMMO hug, pray for all the victims / survivors and thank God for looking after the rest of us.

On a happier note, the Western AMMO Bowl, "Moody Blues" or "MOAB" get together at the Jones farm, "AMMO Bash at the Beach" celebration and the upcoming "AMMO Monster Bash" are among the many successful and enjoyable events that have already taken place or are about to happen (see articles below). The important thing to remember here is - - life does go on and AMMO Troops past and present will do what needs to be done to ensure our "Fammoly" endures!

Also below in this Newsletter you will find some narrative pertaining to the kickoff of "National USAF AMMO Day." Jimmy Taylor (AVA) is in the process of getting "AMMO Day" formally entered into the National Registry with a starting date of 4 December, 2018. This date (St. Barbara's Day) has special meaning for the entire AMMO Brotherhood. Although the date falls outside the more "weather friendly" months of the year, we believe it offers a special time when some younger AMMO Troops could really use some cheering up. Besides that, why would a little "nasty" weather deter AMMO Troops from getting together, having some fun?

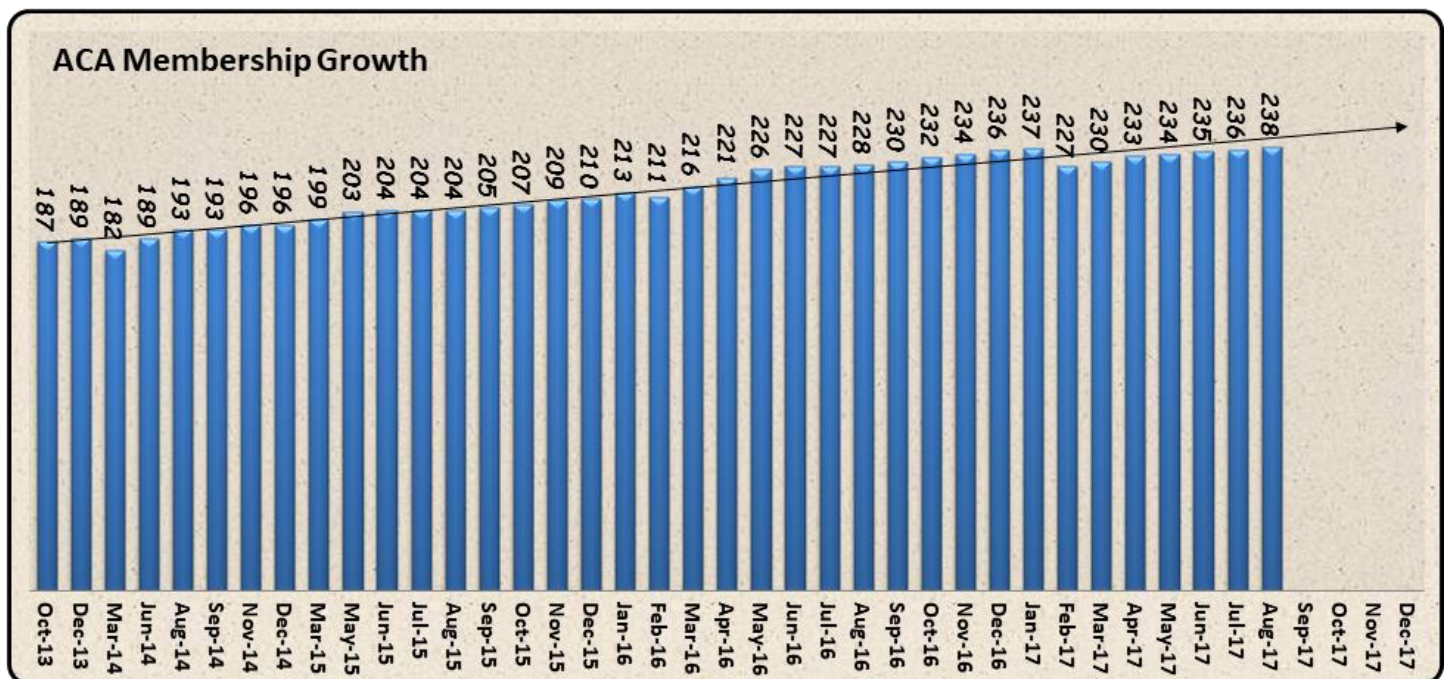
Enjoy the Fall weather, stay well and be extra safe out there.

Jack

IYAAYAS !!!!

From the Treasurer:

As of 15 Aug 2017, ACA membership reached a new all-time of 238 members.



DONATIONS, TAX EXEMPTION, AND DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

I wanted to remind membership about our Tax Exemption and Deductible Contribution ability.

Dues and donations are about our only income aside from the few dollars interest we earn on our accounts. To date we have had \$539 in donations made to the ACA in 2017. That's \$\$\$ given to us. My thanks to all who donated.

Plus we have donated a total of \$2,514 to a variety of Ammo causes namely the CMSgt Gauvin Scholarship Winner and the fund via the SMMC, four Ammo Bowls, and the Holiday Care Packages for Troops program administered by the Mid Atlantic Chapter. This does not include the cost of coins presented to AFCOMAC or School House award winners. This is \$\$\$ we gave to others so far this year.

We qualify in the eyes of the IRS as an **IRC 501 (c) (19) Tax-Exempt Organization** because **75 percent** of our members are past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States. This makes us **TAX EXEMPT**.

To take it a step further we are also considered as a **IRC 170(c)(3) War Veterans Organization** because **90 percent** of our members are war veterans and for the purposes set forth in our ACA Constitution which was reviewed by the IRS. This makes our Donors Donations **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

If you are a relatively new member than you remember upon joining we asked you for your Date of Enlistment and Date of Retirement, it is through these dates that we can attest to the 75% and the 90% marks by comparing your time in service against the periods of war specified in U.S.C. 38. We have been doing a good job in collecting these dates on new members since 2013 but we have gaps on many older members. We may be asking for your dates soon if we don't have them.

We are approaching the last quarter of the year and it is a perfect time to think about any contributions you might like to make in 2017 especially those that might be tax deductible. Also, if you are still working and you think you might want to make a donation, it might be a good time to ask your employer if they do an employee match on contributions to tax deductible organizations!

You can see more about our IRS status and donations and how to make one on our web page: <http://ammochiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/>.

Mike Roylance
ACA Treasurer and Lifetime Member #10.

From the ACA Webmaster

Not much new going on with the ACA site, so I thought I would remind everyone of a few things about the site. The ACA web site has some great AMMO stories in the Heritage Area. It's a great place to read up on our AMMO Heritage and pass on those great stories to the new troops. There is information on the history of the 461X0 AFSC, history of the Ordnance Insignia, history of the Missile Shop at Lakenheath and even a post on "*The Creation of the AMMO TROOP*". If you have a good story to share, send it to me at siteadmin@ammochiefs.com.

In addition, the site has a jobs board that allows us to share available jobs. Anyone can post a new job that may be a good fit for a retiring or separating AMMO troop. You can also email the information or send me a link to the job offer and I'll post it to the site.

Another part of the ACA site that is working out well is the upcoming events. This section attempts to keep up with all the AMMO events around world like AMMO Bowls, reunions, and all the different AMMO calls, so be sure to let us know if we are missing something.

The ACA website is a great place to share information with the AMMO community, so be sure to send us your inputs.

Bob Yeager
ACA Webmaster
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Chapter News

Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC)



Since our last input in July, the Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) continued to support our Ammo Community.



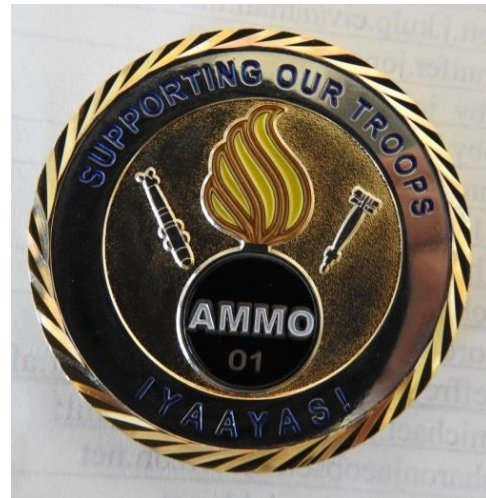
We worked the September 8-9 Richmond International Raceway (RIR) fundraiser with the help of 12 Ammo troops from the Joint Base Langley-Eustis bomb dump. Hopefully the check will come in soon so we can send a donation to the Ammo Morale Team at Langley. The funds we earn from this effort go a long way in supporting our chapter programs. Rick Follett again led the team in this important endeavor.

We held our last general membership meeting on September 23rd at Captain Billy's Crab House in Newburg, MD. Eight Members and one Associate Member were in attendance. With six proxy votes, we easily conducted Chapter business. John Matthews did a great job setting up the meeting. The group was joined by Sue Pennington, Myong Matthews, Denise Miller, and Kim (Eddie Fuquay's significant other) for a lunch social.



During the meeting, we finalized the biennial review of the chapter Constitution and Bylaws and the members approved it for ratification. The significant changes include adding the position of Director-at-Large and giving more latitude in allocating funds.

Our efforts to have Ammocoins.com to make a new coin with the chapter logo John Matthews developed finally came to fruition. The new numbered coins were presented to the members at the meeting. We purchased 100 unnumbered coins and have 50 numbered coins for the members.



Jack Miller got the Holiday Care Package program underway. He collected some material goods at the meeting and was front loaded funds to start the shopping process. A big thanks goes out to the ACA for their \$500.00 donation. We also received a generous donation of \$214.00 from the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle. Mike Roylance is working on getting some freeze-dried ice cream from Oregon Freeze Dried to add to the package.

We sent out \$50.00 Visa cards, certificates, letters, and ACAMC coins to the following award winners: MSgt Charles McDaniel, ACC Outstanding Munitions Manager, and TSgt Adam Caves, ACC Outstanding Munitions Supervisor for the second quarter of 2017. Both of these outstanding Ammo troops are from Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC. Our awards guru is Dave Nixon, and he sent out an e-mail to the Munitions Flights in our area of responsibility asking them to help us get the word more quickly on award winners. That resulted in CMSgt Jennifer Jones, from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA, informing us that TSgt Victoria Yale was selected as the 1 FW NCO of the Quarter for 2017, second quarter, and SSgt Mark Korell is the 2016 AMRAAM Outstanding Performer. Way to go!

Our membership is currently 22 Chiefs and 6 Associate members.

We are in the process of accepting nominations for the offices of chapter President and Director-at-Large. The goal is to have everything lined up for a vote at the December meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on December 2nd at the VFW in Mechanicsville, VA.

Emerald Coast Chapter (ACAECC)



The ECC had one function this quarter on 17 September which took the place of our annual picnic due to weather issues. We had a Sunday brunch at the Hurlburt Field NCO club where our members enjoyed the buffet, one in particular devoured the crab legs.

Our annual recognition dinner/dance is scheduled for 3 Nov at the Wyndham Garden in Ft. Walton Beach, where we will recognize the most outstanding munitions performers from Tyndall AFB, Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field.

Anyone interested in attending can contact me at bigjohn461@bellsouth.net or Darrell Beasley at Ammobeasley@cox.com. There are rooms available too so you can call 850-244-8686 and book under the Ammo chiefs function for the \$79, \$89, \$99 prices.

The menu is: \$35 per person

Warm Bread & Butter
Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaig & Ranch dressings on tables
Prime Rib of Beef with Horseradish on side
OR
Parmesan herb crusted chicken w/ Mornay sauce
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Southern Style Green Beans
Carrot Cake w/ Cream Cheese Icing
Coffee, Decafe, & Iced Tea

We also have vegan/vegetarian meals available for \$25.

We hope to see you there as this is a worthwhile opportunity to recognize some of our outstanding Ammo troops. IYAAYAS!

AFCOMAC - ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

Class 17-004 ACA Winner

SSgt Kelsey Loy, 140 MXS ANG Buckley AFB, Colorado



Class 17-005 ACA Winner

SSgt Justin Frank, 18 MUNS Kadena AB, Japan



Class 17-006 ACA Winner

SSgt Christian Peterson, 355 EMS Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona



Class 17-007 ACA Winner

SSgt William Jernigan, 442 MXS Whiteman AFB, Missouri



Class 17-008 ACA Winner

SSgt Wesley Ford, 86 MUNS Ramstein AFB, Germany



AFCOMAC Says Farewell to SMSgt Jason Yoder

SMSgt Jason D. Yoder, AFCOMAC Curriculum Flight Chief, is retiring after 26 years of dedicated service to the USAF and AMMO. Thank you for your outstanding leadership and guidance, which has impacted countless Ammo Troops throughout the world. Congratulations on a much deserved retirement and best of luck in your future endeavors!



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363rd TRS Sheppard AMMO Schoolhouse

AMMO apprentice students are challenged 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, July to October 2017



A1C Jeremy Harris
Class Number: 17029-1
Home Town: Westfield, MA
Gaining Base: Barnes ANG, MA



A1C Derrick French
Class Number: 17030-1
Home Town: Tuscaloosa AL
Gaining Base: Barksdale AFB LA



SSgt Jerrad Keesling
Class Number: 17030-2
Home Town: Harlan, IA
Gaining Base: Hill AFB UT

A1C Rishiram Ramjit
Class Number: 17030-3
Home Town: Austin, TX
Gaining Base: Aviano AB IT



A1C Shelton Kingston
Class Number: 17031-1
Home Town: Great Falls, MT
Gaining Base: Buckley AFB CO

A1C Joshua Henning
 Class Number: 17031-2
 Home Town: Crestview, FL
 Gaining Base: Homestead AFB FL



A1C Zachary French
 Class Number: 17032-1
 Home Town: Eagle River, AK
 Gaining Base: Ellsworth AFB SD

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AMMO in the News

F-35A to fly during WSEP; 388th MXS Munitions Flight builds bombs for evaluations

By Paul Holcomb, 75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs / Published August 04, 2017

Ammo Airmen here spent the first week of August building munitions for evaluation testing. The 388th Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight built over 50 GBU-31 and GBU-12 bombs for employment by Hill AFB's F-35As during this WSEP exercise.

Munitions Builds Underway



Airmen assigned to the 388th Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight assemble GBU-31 bombs at Hill Air Force Base, Aug. 1. The 2,000-pound bombs will be dropped by Hill AFB's F-35A Lightning II aircraft at the Utah Test and Training Range during Combat Hammer, an evaluation which determines the effectiveness, maintainability, suitability, and accuracy of precision-guided munitions and other high technology air-to-ground weapons. (Paul Holcomb/U.S. Air Force)

The fact that operational F-35As are participating in WSEP for the first time is not lost on the 388th MXS Munitions Flight.

"Our Airmen are definitely aware that what they're doing for this WSEP evaluation is going to directly impact the Air Force and the F-35," said Tech. Sgt. Theopolis Austin, a munitions crew chief assigned to the 388th MXS Munitions Flight, "so we're highly excited to be involved and to get our munitions out there and onto the jets."

While the evaluation exercises are critical to readiness and provide valuable information to Air Force leadership, 388th MXS Munitions Flight Airmen are well prepared.

“Our build operations are actually no different,” said Austin, talking about the difference between building munitions for day-to-day operations and for WSEP. “As far as we’re concerned, this is regular everyday business.”

The above article was contributed by Chief Victoria Lemke, 649 MUNS Superintendent and Chief Keith Jackson, 388 Maintenance Squadron, Munitions Flight Chief. Both from Hill AFB, Utah

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AMMO NOTAMs...

"National USAF AMMO Day"

Proclamation.

The AMMO Veterans Association and the AMMO Chiefs Association are both pleased to announce the kickoff of "National USAF AMMO Day" (or more simply known as "AMMO Day") to be held annually on the 4th of December beginning in 2018, contingent on whether the day can be approved and finalized to be included in the National Registry.

*Selection of this day was chosen because the 4th of December happens to be "**Saint Barbara's Day**" the patron Saint of armourers, military engineers, gunsmiths, tunnellers, miners and anyone else who worked with cannon and explosives. St. Barbara is invoked against thunder and lightning and all accidents arising from explosions of gunpowder. St. Barbara's day is celebrated by the British (Royal Artillery, RAF Armourers, Royal Engineers), Australian (Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, (RAAF Armourers), Canadian Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians (EOD), Canadian Air Force Armourers, Royal Canadian Artillery, Canadian Military Field Engineers, Royal Canadian Navy Weapons Engineering Technicians, New Zealand (RNZN) Gunners Branch, RNZA, Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps, RNZAF Armourers) armed forces. Additionally, this day is celebrated by Irish Defence Forces Artillery Regiments, Norwegian Armed Forces Artillery Battalions, United States Army and Marine Corps Field and Air Defense Artillery, many Marine Corps Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians and last, but not least, St. Barbara is also the patron saint of US Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Ordnance men and women.*

*Therefore it is further proclaimed that **United States Air Force AMMO Troops** past and present who held, or are now serving in, Air Force Specialty Codes 461 and 2W0 (Munitions Systems Specialists) are equally qualified candidates to have their USAF Specialty added to this impressive listing of Foreign and Domestic Ordnance & Explosive orientated Military and Civilian occupations / organizations all holding this day in such high reverence.*

*The primary purpose of this day is to bring all **AMMO Troops** together who have served for any length of time, and those who have either Retired or are now on Active Duty to participate in a day of camaraderie and celebration. AMMO Call's, softball games, horseshoes, social gatherings / visiting with new*

/old AMMO troops and their families, enjoying some cold beer and throwing some meat on the grill are but a few of the ways envisioned to do this. Or it can be something as "low key" as inviting an unmarried / unaccompanied AMMO troop to one's home for dinner and some conversation with family members. We should all remember this day comes each year between two of our major holidays and is a time that can be especially difficult for younger guys and gals to be away from their own families. This is especially true in overseas locations and in remote areas at any one of the many AOR's.

It is the AVA's and ACA's profound hope "AMMO Day" becomes a part of our lasting heritage and all AMMO Troops around the globe grow to appreciate and actively participate in its activities. After all - - they "Own It" as its architects envisioned.

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Mother of All Bashes (MOAB) - 2017



Ammo Troops and their families from near and far converged in Ray City, Georgia for the 4th Annual Moody Blues Ammo Call, nicknamed this year, the Mother Of All Bashes or the MOAB! Campers began bedding down as early as Tuesday, October 3rd and continued arriving all the way up to the 7th of October, 2017. Of course, this year we had a very special guest called Hurricane Nate that threatened to put a damper on the festival. Afternoon, thunderstorms off the feeder bands slowed things but never stopped them. Saturday evening brought a gully washer just after dark but not before we got to pay our respects to our fallen Ammo Chief William "Bill" Fick. Some of us knew he kept pushing "ole Nate" to the west and sparing us. Friday and Saturday Breakfasts were prepared and served up by our own Chief John Greer. Fresh Morning Coffee was flowing freely.

The Ammo Veterans Association (AVA) sold T-shirts, ammo coins, sponsored a raffle and even an auction to support its efforts to bring fellowship, brotherhood, sisterhood to the Fammoly. This gathering also had a huge showing from the Ammo Chiefs Association Emerald Coast Chapter. Retired Chiefs Fred O'Hern, John Greer, Tom Zima, Stuart Nikolas, Darryl Beasley, Raymond Wilson, and Ed Whitley were present. Chief Scott Browning from the 23rd Munitions Storage Area visited Friday night along with many of the "Flying Tiger Ammo Troops" from Moody AFB. What a special treat when our Active Duty brothers and sisters join us for the event.



This year's reunion had a Hawaiian theme, and we were blessed with beautiful dancers. What luau wouldn't be complete without the Famous Joe Santua Pig Picking smoked pig, along with sausages, smoked butts, Pat Conlin's famous fall off the bone ribs, Reedy's Carolina hash and chicken bog, and all the wonderful side dishes and desserts everyone brought to the biggest feed in the South. The heavy rain came just after dark Saturday night but not after we had made a day of it. Sunday morning saw folks packing up and moving out. Everyone promises to keep in touch and try to make the Bash at the Beach 2018. These reunions are ever so necessary to connect and support one another.



Everyone needs to join the Ammo Veterans Association (AVA) or the Ammo Chiefs Association (ACA) to keep track of when the next event will be coming to you.

Next year's Moody Blues Ammo Weekend will be October 4th thru the 6th of October, 2018. We hope to see everyone there! Bob Jones IYAAAYAS!



Source: The above MOAB write-up was submitted to the ACA by Bob Jones.

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It's Time

2nd ANNUAL AMMO BASH

Oct 27-28 2017 Las Vegas, NV

Icebreaker

Fri 27th 18:00

Atomic Liquor

917 Fremont St

pub crawl follows

costume recommended

Banquet

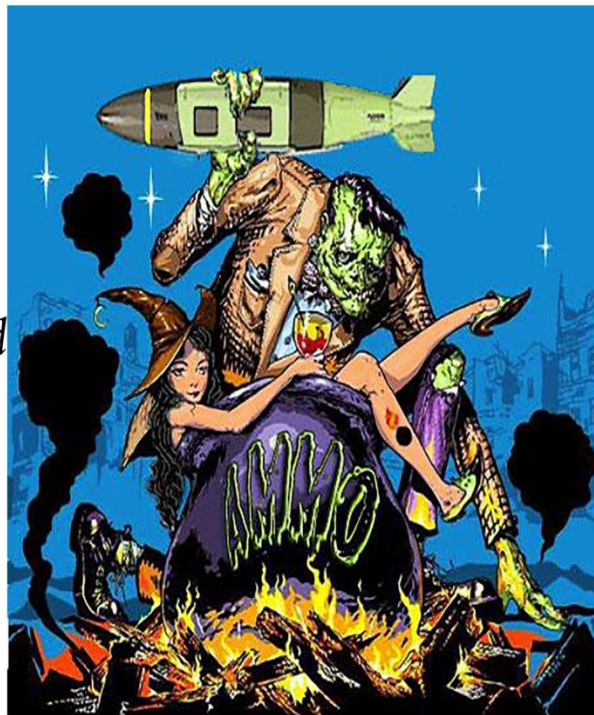
Sat 28th

cocktail 18:00

dinner 19:00

Fremont Hotel

200 Fremont St.



Tickets:
\$50.00 ea

send payment/ make
checks to Ammo Veterans
Association of Nevada

Mail to:

Shelley Lyons

1710 Teardrop St.

Las Vegas, NV 89142

tickets must be purchased by
Oct 15th, 2017

Listed below are hotels downtown for
reservations call now:

Fremont Casino- 702-385-3232

The D- 702-388-2400

El Cortez- 702-385-5200

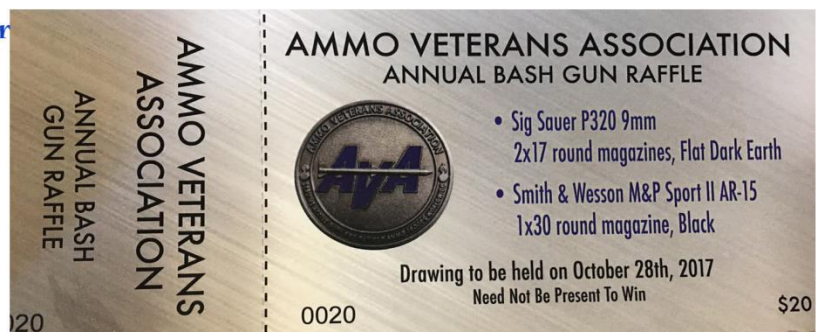
California Hotel- 702-385-1222

Main Street Casino- 702-387-1896

Plaza Hotel Casino- 702-386-2110

Golden Gate Casino- 702-385-1906

Golden Nugget- 702-385-7111



For more details email questions to:
avalasvegas2016@gmail.com

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2017 Winner of the CMSgt Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship

On 19 Sep 2017, AFCOMAC Board of Advisors (BOA) announced the winner of the 2017 CMSgt Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship as Jordan Mashburn.

Jordan Mashburn is the daughter of MSgt Mark Mashburn, who is stationed at Ramstein AG, Germany.

Annually, and In memory of all our deceased Ammo Chiefs, the ACA contributes \$500.00 or as funded by budget, a scholarship with accompanying certificate to the top scholarship applicant selected by the AFCOMAC BOA for the CMSgt Gauvin Ammo Troop Memorial Fund Award.

The ACA Board of Directors and membership congratulates Jordan Mashburn on winning this prestigious award.



ACA Says Thank You for Donated Goods...



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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your donation of the 87 Mountain House brand food pouches, a \$260.13 value. It is charitable donors like you who help make our work in the Ammo community possible.

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.

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.

Your generous donation and the excellent help provided by your assistant Becky Boyer was much appreciated. She ensured the product was shipped and now received on time to allow us to meet our goals and support our objectives.

Your donation last year was added to our Care Packages, each totaled over 60lbs, and sent to different overseas addresses, Ali Al Salem Kuwait, Kandahar Afghanistan, Bagram Afghanistan, and an undisclosed location in Jordan. See likeness of at least one acknowledgement attached.

Please use this letter as written acknowledgement for your generous donation. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

Thank you again for being so thoughtful of our organization.

Michael J. Roylance, CMSgt USAF Retired
Treasurer, EIN: 59-3738339
Ammo Chiefs Association

This letter should meet your requirement to make this a tax deductible contribution IAW Section 170(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue

Dedicated to the Camaraderie of Munitions Systems Specialist (Ammo Troops), Past, Present and Future
IYAAYAS



The donated goods above were provided to the ACA Mid-Atlantic Chapter whose members packaged and shipped to various locations in the AOR. The ACAMC continues to dedicate it's time and efforts to this worthy endeavor. The response below from SMSgt Jovanovich is a certain testimonial the ACA Care Package program is meeting the objective of supporting AMMO Troops wherever they may be and is appreciated by all!

From: Jovanovich, Michael I SMSgt USAF (US)
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 1:29 AM
To: Jacobsen, Michael M CIV USAF (US)
Subject: RE: AMMO Care Packages
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

We received the care package yesterday. THANK YOU! Wow, package was absolutely stuffed to the gills with amazing stuff. It definitely put a smile on all of our faces and almost lets us feel like we're home for a few minutes. Everything was perfect.

Please pass our thanks on to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Ammo Chief's Association. We are truly Brateful and appreciate that our Ammo family is out there thinking of us.

V/r
MICHAEL J. JOVANOVIICH, 5MSgt, USAF
Munitions Flight Chief/ 1st Sergeant
62 EATKS/AM MQ
Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan

Corvette Marque Club of Seattle nets \$214 for Deployed Troops

Mike Roylance, ACA Treasurer, holds 50/50 drawing at the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle (CMCS) at their annual Corvette Car Show on 27 Aug 17 and nets \$214.00 to support deployed troops.

This \$214.00 plus another \$500.00 from ACA was sent to ACA Mid Atlantic Chapter to contribute to their Holiday Care Package program.

If you are interested in Corvettes photos are at: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!AkAF9Ek2xg2h4lspI4n11hAKJIN1Q>.





ACA Supports 2017 Western AMMO Bowl...

Chiefs,

First off, thank you for your donation to the 2017 Western Ammo Bowl. The event was a HUGE success, we had over 300 people at the ice breaker and 12 teams participating. The event took place on 7-8 Oct in Las Vegas.

Tournament Directors:

MSgt Andrew Clancy - Nellis
Jake Taylor - APU

1st Place: ORFs
2nd Place: Light Box
3rd Place: APU
4th Place: Hill A

Other Teams Attending:

Nellis A
Nellis B
Hill B
Mt. Home
Holloman
DM/Luke combined
Minot
Beale

FIRST PLACE – ORFs





MVP – CJ - ORFs

MVP – CJ – TEAM ORFs

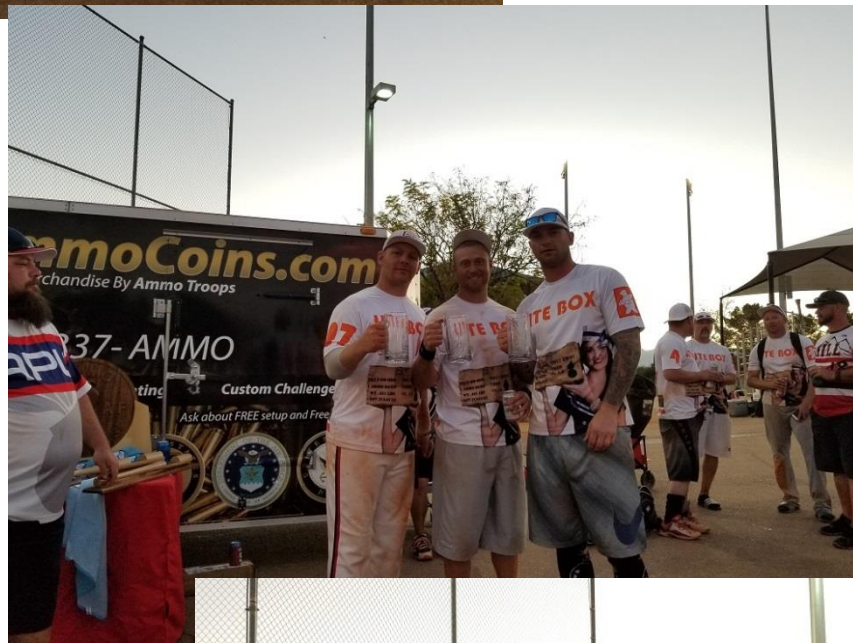


WESTERN BOWL TROPHY



SECOND PLACE – LITE BOX

LITE BOX MVP



THIRD PLACE - APU





BIG STICK - CJ - ORFs



AMMO BOWL

eNuf Said...

**Matt Warner
Clinton Erdric
Rob Hoffman**





AMMO Heritage – RAF Woodbridge...

Former Home of America's A-10 tank-buster jets

By Paddy Dinham For Mailonline; Published: 07:18 EDT, 24 August 2017 | Updated: 08:38 EDT, 24 August 2017

RAF Woodbridge was used as a station for A-10 'Tank Buster' planes during the Cold War but it is now rotting. USAF returned it to British Ministry of Defence in 1993; site will be demolished in 2027. A group of aviation experts have provided a fascinating insight into the dilapidated former US air base.

The USAF returned control of Woodbridge to the UK Ministry of Defence and since 2006 it has been split up and the two parts officially renamed as Woodbridge Airfield and Rock Barracks, with a group of aviation experts going behind the scenes to reveal its secrets. In November last year the Ministry of Defense announced that the site would close in 2027.

A series of stunning pictures reveal an abandoned airbase in the heart of Suffolk which has been left to rot for 24 years since it was abandoned by the United States Airforce after the Cold War.

The images show decaying and crumbling aircraft hangars on the site of RAF Woodbridge, a military airfield constructed in 1943 to assist damaged aircraft returning from raids over Hitler's Germany.

The base - to the east of the eponymous riverside town - was later taken over by the United States Airforce during the Cold War with the legendary A-10 'Tank-Buster' bombers stationed there.

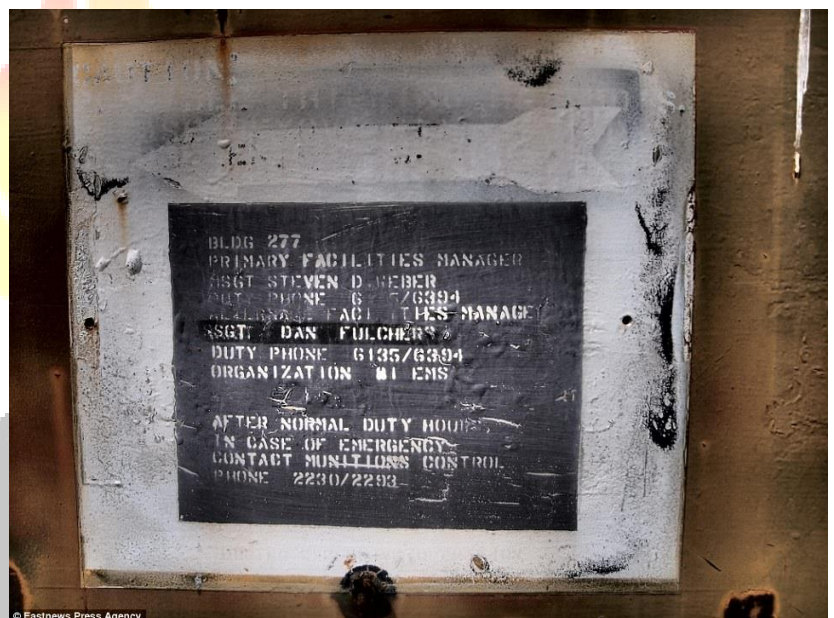
But its hangars are now gathering dust, paint peeling from the decaying walls with just a pair of pigeons calling them home.

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A sign inside one of the buildings lists old contact details for air force officers who served at RAF Woodbridge during the Cold War, which began after the Second World War and lasted until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991



Brightly colored paintings of A-10's sending down bombs on Soviet tanks adorn the walls of the hangars which lie low against the skyline. RAF Woodbridge was offered to the United States Airforce in 1952, with President Harry Truman seeking to expand its military presence across America's western European allies as tensions with the Soviets increased

Some of the hangars seen from the exterior. In November last year the Ministry of Defence announced that the site would close in 2027. Because it was designed for struggling planes to land on, the runways were built with extra-long runways - just like fellow repair sites RAF Manston in Kent and RAF Carnaby in Yorkshire



The airfield has been divided into two parts since the United States Airforce left, Woodbridge Airfield and Rock Barracks. The former is used by Army Air Corps for training and the latter are home to the 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault) of the Royal Engineers

The interior of one of the bunkers on the now abandoned portion of the base is still filled with old crates and boxes from its days of service. The military airfield was constructed in 1943 to assist damaged aircraft returning from raids over Hitler's Germany





Another painting on the wall, this time of the plane's targets rather than the aircraft themselves. The last of the A-10 planes - which could carry powerful bombs and had devastating guns - departed Woodbridge 24 years ago in August 1993 and the airfield was closed as a US military facility

RAF WOODBRIDGE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND COLD WAR

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Following the end of the Second World War, tensions between America and the Soviet Union began to rise after the publication of the Truman Doctrine, a policy document pledging to aid all countries threatened by the USSR's expansion across Eastern Europe and Asia.

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The 79th Fighter-Bomber Squadron was the first from the US to use the airfield, taking to the skies on October 1 of that year. Woodbridge was operated as twin base with RAF Bentwaters, also in Suffolk, and as a single unit with Bentwaters under the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing.

The first A-10 Thunderbolt was deployed from Woodbridge in 1979, which led to an expansion of the 81st TFW was expanded. For more than 50 years US planes were stationed in Suffolk, and USAF presence at Woodbridge was gradually phased down following the end of the Cold War and the disbanding of the USSR. The 81st TFW was officially inactivated on 1 July 1993.

It has now been split into two sections, Woodbridge Airfield and Rock Barracks - the former is used for training exercises despite its dilapidated state and the latter is home to a Royal Engineers regiment. Woodbridge is also open to the public for track days for cars, but the Ministry of Defense announced in November the site would close in 2027.

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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
 Shawn P. Byrne
 Don Carbonneau
 Lott S. Carter ***
 Edward H. "Ted" Costick***
 Preston Craven
 Bernard C. (Red) Crayne
 Michael "Mike" Curran ***
 James Curtin
 Phillip Delisi
 Bill Dressler
 Larry Eaton
 Charles "Chuck" Eaves
 James Elledge

Thomas Everett
 William "Bill" Fick ***
 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. Preliop
 Harold P. Prevett *
 Erwin G. "Erv" Redman
 Robert "Bob" Reinhart
 Leander Richards
 Leroy Rott
 Neil G. Schaible
 Robert Sechler
 Ernest Shamburger
 Ramsey Stonewall
 Ben Stubbe
 Addison "George" Wadsworth
 Richard Whatton
 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 single asterisk * held the distinction of being a Charter Chief in the USAF

Those listed with a double asterisk ** were Bataan Death March Survivors

Those listed with a triple *** are Shell & Flame Awardees