

THE SHORT FUZE

Quarterly

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Welcome to the 3rd quarterly newsletter, The Short Fuze, produced by members of the Ammo Veteran's Association. Our mission is to proudly serve active duty, veterans, and retired Ammo troops worldwide through camaraderie, fellowship, support, guidance, and mentoring.



Member Spotlights



Here's what I know...

The other day I was at the VA for an appointment and was proudly wearing my new "PissPot" cap while in the waiting room. A veteran wearing an Army vet cap was sitting across from me asked what the bomb looking thing on my cap and the bomb looking tattoo on my forearm meant?

I explained in short form the history of the "Flambeau" and how it is now and has been the symbol of ordnance troops for millennia. I then showed him my coin and relayed that all Ammo troops are required to carry one until the day they die and if asked to show one and fail to do so they owe the challenger and every Ammo troop present a beer and that if you do have your coin then the opposite applies.

I explained that we are a "fAMMOly" and we try our very best to take care of our own. I then went on to describe the AVA National and local Chapters, the various Ammo Calls, Breakfasts, Ammo Bowls and different activities we have all over the globe and more specifically here in the "World". How they are spaced throughout the year and the various regions of the USA. How we get together to BBQ and party, tell lies and bullshit each other and relive our glory days through songs, stories, tears and laughter. How we honor the ones who have gone on to the big bomb dump in the sky and the ones still fighting for our freedoms and we proudly profess our love for our family, our God, our Flag and our great country, the United States of America...

Now, by this time I had the attention of several other veterans from all services and by the look on their faces they were awestruck by my explanations. You know, even the significant others that were with these vets were interested too. As you might guess there were tons of question of how we can do something like this, did we all serve together at the same base, how many are there, were we all the same "MOS" (AFSC)?, etc. Needless to say I answered all of their questions as best I could. Most of them stated that they haven't heard from the soldiers, sailors, marines, coasties, and airman they served with since they left the military. The only thing I can say about that is the ones who haven't been able to connect are the ones who have very limited or no knowledge of how to use the internet which are mostly the older veterans. Younger vets know how to use the available media as it is. So, as you go through your daily lives whether active-duty, happily retired, or still working, remember you are part of an historic organization that has no equals in other services. No matter where you go or where you live there is always fAMMOly nearby ready to give a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on. Use the resources available to you and reach out to one another. Make it a point to attend one of the many activities planned throughout the year. Laugh, cry and enjoy the meaning of being an Ammo Troop...

Love and Peace to all...IYAAYAS!!!....and as you can see, this is what I know.

Joe Santua, MSgt, USAF Ammo (Ret)

Upcoming Events

- Ammo Worldwide Event locator - <https://batchgeo.com/map/Ammo>
- The Mother of All Bashes (**MOAB**) is October 5-7 2017. Ammo troops from all over are invited to the 4th Annual Moody Blues Ammo Call. Beginning October 5th, campers, motels and Moody Billeting starts filling up as folks travel in for a weekend of Ammo camaraderie! Campfires, friendship, spirits, family, playing music, dancing and eating are among the top agendas. The Ammo Veterans Association sponsors the gathering on the Jones Farm near Ray City, Georgia about seven miles north of Moody AFB. All Active Duty are invited as well as anyone that served in Ammo. Sixty-two acres on a functioning pecan farm. The Jones home site becomes ground zero for the festivities with water hookups, some 100 outlets, swimming pool and plenty of room for friends enjoying FAMMOLY. A few RV hookups are available on the farm. Plan on spending the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of October with us or just plan on coming anytime during the Mother of All Bashes! Join our page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472508693025795/?ref=bookmarks>

Moody Blues Ammo



- 32nd Western Ammo Bowl, Nellis AFB, October 6-10. Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472282706400574/>



- 27-29 OCT - 2nd Ammo Monster Bash, Las Vegas, Contact John Lyons

It's Time

2nd ANNUAL AMMO BASH

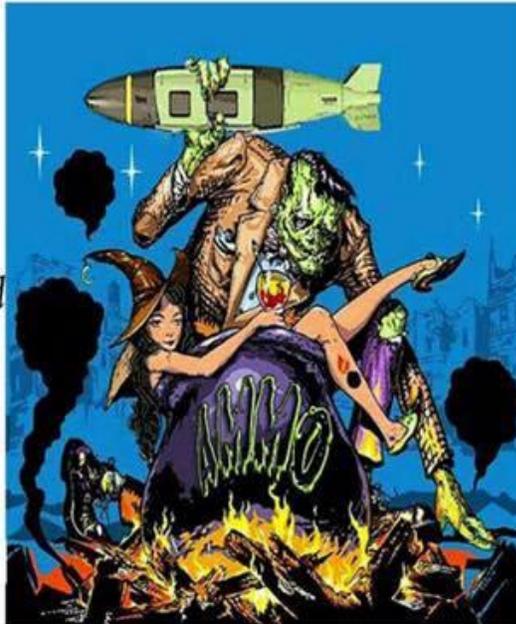
Oct 27-28 2017 Las Vegas, NV

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.



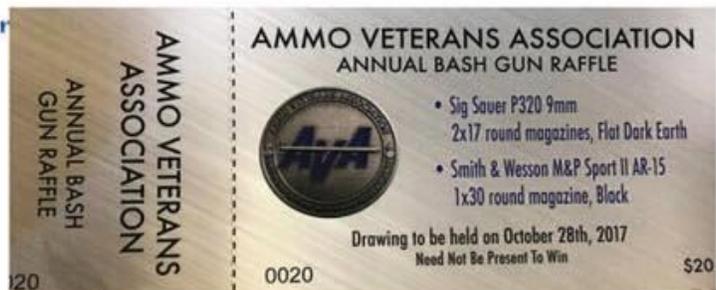
Tickets:
\$50.00 ea

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:
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Ammo Breakfast Clubs

Hill AFB, UT area. POC: Gary Oaks. Meets on the third Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 134, 345 Depot St, Clearfield, UT 84015, starting at 9 a.m.

Nellis AFB, NV area. POC: John Lyons. Facebook groups: AVA BREAKFAST, BASH, & BANQUET WEEKEND Las Vegas, Ammo Veterans Association-Nevada MMS 461-2W0

Langley AFB, VA area. POC: Michael Salinas. Meets the last Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 368, 368 American Legion Dr, Newport News, VA 23608 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Facebook group: ammo breakfast club (langley

Ammo Arizona Chapter. POC: Bret Noe and James Caufield, USAF SMSgt (Ret)

Goldsboro, NC Area. POC: Joe Pliier. Meets the second Saturday of the month at Lantern Inn, 2201 Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Facebook group: Goldsboro AMMO Breakfast

The idea of an AMMO Breakfast all started one weekend at one of the Langley AMMO Breakfast. Joe Pliier from Goldsboro had attended this Breakfast and was talking with Jimmy Taylor about how nice it would be to have a Breakfast around home. Jimmy told Joe that he knew a good friend and AMMOTROOP from his time at Myrtle Beach AFB, that lives in Goldsboro. He told Joe to Call John Crocker, he'd be glad to help with getting a Breakfast started. On the way home from Langley, Joe called John and they talked about starting Goldsboro AMMO Breakfast. Joe and John talked for the next couple of weeks planning out logistics and how to get fellow AMMOTROOPS aware of the breakfast. During this time, Jimmy Taylor had put us in contact with Chief David Jamison. We three met at Lantern Inn restaurant, and discussed getting the veteran's and Active Duty together for fellowship, comradery, sharing experiences and providing assistance for one another when needed. AMMO supporting AMMO!

The co-founders, Joe Pliier and John Crocker had the first Goldsboro AMMO Breakfast in August 2015 with approximately 15 FAMMOLY members attending. Since starting the Goldsboro AMMO Breakfast we've had from 38 attendees being the most, to 7 attendees, being the least. We've been honored to have AMMOTROOPS visit from distances away from Goldsboro, such as, Richard Spalding & Christine Lucente from Boston, Ma; AJ Stubbs and Curtis Durnell from Myrtle Beach, SC; as well as, others from distances; Chief Ed Whitley, Becky Smith, Jim Ward, Jennifer and Cory Harris. We welcome any of our FAMMOLY to attend, our Breakfast. It has been said if you were AMMO whether 1 day or 100 years AMMO is AMMO and you are welcome!

The Goldsboro AMMO Breakfast, as a whole, has participated in helping AMMO on several occasions. We've baked cookies for veteran's that are in assisted living facilities, collected Christmas presents for AMMO Kids, Provided gift cards to AMMOTROOPS needing assistance at Christmas, and taken up donations for AMMOTROOPS that are battling cancer. Doing what we can to help our FAMMOLY!

The Goldsboro AMMO Breakfast has overall approximately 145 members. We meet the second Saturday of each month at the Lantern Inn (2201 E.Ash St., Goldsboro, NC) We can be found on Facebook, which is a great way to pass along information on meetings and events. Our Breakfasts are

open to All AMMOTROOPS, old school 461 & 2WO's, Active, Retired, Veteran; as well as, their family. So come and visit if you will, and meet old and new friends!!

IYAAYAS!!

Shaw AFB Area. POC: Jason Smith. Facebook group: Shaw AFB A.V.A.

April 2016 my family and I left our house in Timmonsville, SC to head to Myrtle Beach for the last night of the AMMO Bash at the Beach 2016. That was a night I will never forget. I reunited with some people I was stationed with during my 9 years of service, and I also made some new friends that night. When the festivities began it was really fun, the Auctions was a blast, and the awards presented to people that have been stepping up and being there for our fAMMOly were well deserved!!!! The ceremony that touched me the most was the Remembrance of our Fallen Ammo Brothers and Sisters from the previous 2 years. After mentioning a fallen troops name if you had memories to share you could get up and share them! I knew of one people on that list, now I'm not usually one to get up and talk to crowd of almost 200 people, but that night I did. I felt the love in that room that night. Something was awoken in me that night I had forgotten all about, being around other Ammo troops and the Comradery that we share amongst one another is just amazing! Being a civilian for 9 years and not seeing other Ammo troops can make one lose that feeling, but I'm glad I was able to get it back. The other thing I did that night was I joined the Ammo Veterans Association.

Over the past several months I was hoping to try to set up something around Shaw AFB similar to what Langley and Seymour Johnson has been doing, a monthly Ammo Breakfast. After reading Joe Santua's article in the last AVA Newsletter, I did exactly what Joe suggested, I reached out to a few of my Ammo Brothers I knew that were here in the area that I haven't seen in years. Talking with my old roommate from Osan, AFB Korea I told him my goal, but little did I know that one was already being set up. During this time I talked with Jimmy Taylor and during our conversation I asked him if there was any way I could help out the AVA he told me as a matter of fact, I'm going to get you in touch with Joe Pliler. That was all she wrote, Joe had called me and told me that there was an Ammo Breakfast scheduled for that upcoming Saturday. I was more than excited to be there, and I also met Leeanne Phillips who had been coordinating with Joe for this Ammo Breakfast. We had it at this Bistro in Sumter, but we had a better attendance than expected, for the first breakfast they were expecting 8 but 18 showed up and the little room was just enough for every one that showed. We are currently having our Ammo Breakfast's on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Golden Coral in Sumter. They've got an awesome breakfast buffet and have the room to accommodate us.

Just like Nellis AFB, we are in the process of setting up a Chapter of the AVA at Shaw AFB. It has been a slow moving process but we will get there. We have some volunteers for a board of directors, who are just as enthusiastic as I am about this. I also was able to talk to CMSgt. Comeford, and he is on board and willing to help in any way! I foresee big things in the future for the Shaw AFB Chapter of the AVA! I invite anyone who wants to attend our events to please come. I also would like to present a challenge to those AVA members out there that are near an AFB that may not have events like this to start them. I personally fell that there should be a chapter in at least every state that has an AFB with Ammo Troops. Although it is called the Ammo Veteran's Association, this Association is for All AMMO

troops, Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Veteran and Retired. Again Thank you to the fAMMOly for bringing back that feeling that disappeared, and Always Remember and never forget I.Y.A.A.Y.A.S

Presentations and Awards

Congratulations to Barksdale AFB, winners of the 2017 Central Ammo Bowl!



Rest in Peace



Jeffrey L. Burke – September 8, 2017 – Goldsboro, NC – Helicopter crash.

Newsletter Shots

News and noteworthy items of interest are welcome and can be submitted to any board member at any time.

Don't want the newsletter in your e-mail in-box? Or would you rather have it via standard mail? Please e-mail salinmi_99@hotmail.com and Michael Salinas will update our records. Feel free to share the below membership form with any other Ammo folks!



AVA Caps are available at ammo-dog.com



Ammo Veterans Association

Application for Membership

You are invited and encouraged to attend meetings and participate in our projects all around the country and join your local chapter in your area. Donations are gratefully accepted and always welcome.

For membership, complete this one-time application and send a check for 10 dollars for a life time membership card or 20 dollars and also receive a AVA coin.

Mail to: James Taylor, 505 Ryans Run, Newport News, VA 23608

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