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## AMMO CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

*We are the AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA) established and operated by retired and active duty AMMO Chiefs dedicated to preserving our AMMO heritage. A fraternal, not-for-profit organization, our members consist of combat veterans and their spouses. The purpose of the ACA is to encourage and facilitate camaraderie and social activities among AMMO Chiefs and members of the AMMO Community by supporting and sustaining worthwhile AMMO related initiatives and programs.*

***We are AMMO, and damn proud of it!***

Visit our web page at: [AMMOCHIEFS.COM](http://AMMOCHIEFS.COM)

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### **From The President:**

A big pat on the back to Rich McVey (lead and boots on the ground guy), Joe Dominquez, Mike Roylance and Jack Seaman. Looks like we've just about closed all the loopholes for the big event this October in Branson, Missouri. It's time to start making reservations (10-14 October)...the sooner all our members get their reservations the better. Believe we are doing very well with gaining new members and hope that they are able to make the Reunion. If there's any problems on the reservations please give us an email or a call.

Van

### **From The Vice President:**

As the summer approaches and plans are made for AMMO BBQs, picnics, and family fun, please consider making plans for and signing up for the Fall Reunion. The 2016 Reunion in San Antonio was a great event and we'd love to see you in Branson. Please review the write up from Rich McVey and sign-up sheet below or on the ACA website for more details. Hope you have a safe and enjoyable Spring and Summer.

Mike – IYAAAYAS!

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## **From The Secretary:**

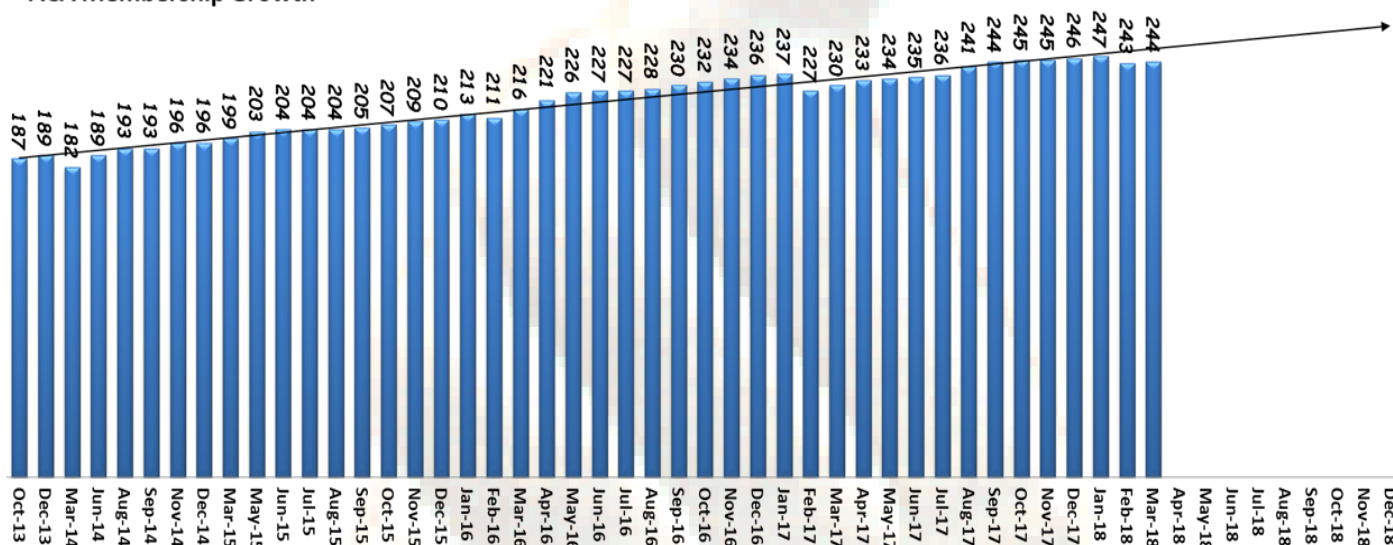
Hope this finds you all well and for at least some of you, enjoying the spring weather. I have to pass on a personal experience of mine, I'm sure many of the other more "elderly" members have done the same thing. The wife and I just returned from a road trip down to Tucson, Tombstone and Prescott Arizona. While in Tucson I spent a couple of hours in the DM Bomb Dump with the newly promoted Chief, Jason Schmitz. It was the first time I had seen it since I retired out of there 29 years ago. What an experience and many good memories recalled! Jason gave me a great tour of the maintenance areas, outside facilities for bomb build up ("the MAC") and introduced me to quite a few of the AMMO Troops working there. Was able to shake hands with some of the youngest from a "1 striper" at the gate to a senior NCO retiring this fall. I've got to say it was a pleasure meeting them all and of course - - passing on a little of the history associated with the area when I first arrived there in January, 76' on my first tour and then again on my second before I retired in 89'. I don't think I bored them too badly, at least they didn't appear to be! Thanks again Jason for taking the time out of your day to make mine!!

Rich McVey our 2018 "Reunion Boss" has been working hard to get things set up for us in Branson. Be sure to read his article in this Newsletter. We owe a big **Thanks** to Rich for taking this on pretty much by himself and from what I've seen so far he has done a great job. Hope to see many of you in Branson!! Stay well and be safe out there.

Jack **IYAAYAS !!!!**

## **From The Treasurer:**

ACA Membership Growth



Each year the membership falls off then starts to pick up again as annual members pay their dues. Dues payment is now easier than ever through the use of PayPal especially if you are out of country. PayPal payment links are also on our website. Or if you have a PayPal account you can make a payment to: [acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com](mailto:acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com).

## The Board of Directors:

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ACA holds elections every 3 years. The next scheduled election is due to occur in the winter of 2019. Some of the current BOD members will be ineligible to run again so we will be looking for a few folks to throw their names into the ring once the Secretary announces the election dates.

## The AMMO Chiefs Sales Store (AFK):



The ACA has the following items in inventory for sale! To order make checks payable to Ammo Chiefs Association (AFK) send to ACA Chief at Arms, c/o Fred O'Hern; 6046 SW 98<sup>th</sup> Loop, Ocala, FL, 34476.

## ACA Coin

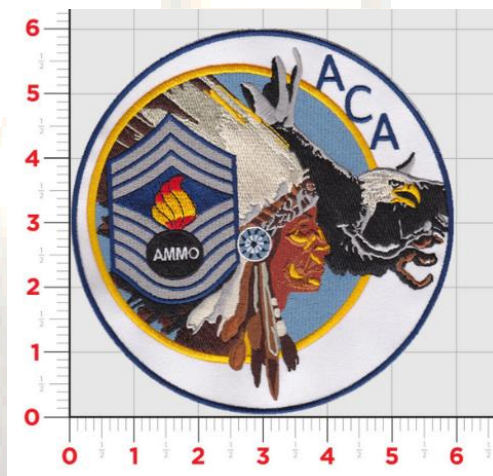
(1.75 inches in diameter)



\$10 each includes postage; 10% discount for orders of 5 or more!

## ACA Logo Patch

(6 inches in diameter; embroidered, can be ironed on)



\$6 each includes postage; 10% discount for 5 or more

We also have auto window decals

(4 x 6 inches)



\$3 each includes postage; specify ACA or Chief

10% discount for 5 or more

For these make checks payable to Fred O'Hern address as above!

Proceeds for the sale of these will go to the  
Ammo Veterans Association!

### **Mid-Atlantic Chapter:**

<i>ACAMC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Jackie Miller
Vice President	Dave Nixon
Secretary	Bill McCullough



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

In mid-December, our fellow Ammo Chiefs took care of three Ammo Troops-in-Need (one Langley, two Seymour-Johnson) during the holiday season. They did this by helping them pay off some debts and taking them on shopping trips. Each recipient received at least \$375.00 worth of aid.

In January, we submitted the Annual Audit Report and Annual Chapter Report to the ACA. A special thanks goes out to Frank Waterman and Rich Pennington for their diligence in performing the audit.

We held our last general membership meeting on March 17th at the VFW, Post #9808, in Mechanicsville, VA. Seven Members were in attendance. With eight proxy votes, we were readily able to conduct Chapter business. Rick Follett did a great job setting up the meeting. The group was joined by Sue Pennington, and Rita Follett for lunch after the meeting. Rick Follett treated the group to beverages.



(L to R: Rick Follett, Eddie Fuquay, Mike Gavin, Bill McCullough, Jack Miller, Dave Nixon, Rich Pennington)

At the meeting, Jack Miller accepted material goods from some of the members for the Summer Care Package program. He will spearhead the effort and keep Phil Kennedy in the loop so Phil can learn the process when he takes over the program this coming holiday season. Thanks for volunteering, Phil!

Dave Nixon is awaiting word on whom within our area of responsibility may be a recipient of an ACC-level award. Dave received no inputs on any wing/base-level awards Ammo troops may have won.

Our membership is currently 22 Chiefs and 6 Associate members. Jennifer Jones is PCSing to Korea. In lieu of a farewell gift, Jenn requested we send a \$50.00 donation to the CMSgt Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund. We sent the check and letter out on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

We sent a get-well card to Kevin Hendershot wishing him the best as he is coping with some serious back issues. We also sent a condolence card to Jimmy Taylor since Jimmy's mother, Elizabeth, passed away on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

The ACAMC is gearing up for the next Richmond International Raceway fundraiser on April 20-21 (Friday and Saturday night races). Rick Follett is taking the lead on the effort and we anticipate the team will make some good money to support our various programs.

Our next meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 1 FW Munitions Flight at Joint Base Langley-Eustis. Since this is an Air National Guard weekend, we will hold a BBQ for the troops prior to the meeting. Eddie Fuquay and Mike Gavin already volunteered to burn some burgers!

## **Mid-West Chapter:**

<i>ACAMWC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Mark Gossett
Vice President	Don Myers
Secretary Treasurer	Gary Knighton

No input for this Edition.

## ***Emerald Coast Chapter:***



<b><i>ACAEC</i></b>	<b><i>BOD</i></b>
President	John Greer
Vice President	Dennis Tangney
Secretary	Darrel Beasley
Treasurer	Johnny Long
Chief at Arms	Willie Mothersell

The Emerald Coast Chapter held one meeting during this first quarter of 2018. We held our meeting at AJ's on the Bayou with our lovely spouses and significant others. Billie Campbell and his lovely bride Miss Lin were down from Ohio for their annual road trip. We were also blessed with the presence of our ACA President Van Ray and his wife Miss Joyce. Bill Swezey drove up from south Florida to share in the fellowship. In all we had 23 folks in attendance who enjoyed the fine meals and adult beverages served by the great folks at AJ's.

### **ATTENDEES:**

John/Doris Greer	Dennis/Pam Tagney	Darrell/Ronnie Beasley
Billie/Lin Campbell	Van/Joyce Ray	Danny/Janice Bridges
Dave/Gigi Bressler	Chuck/Lucille Wills	Lupe/Sunshyne Ruiz
John/Stacie Diesel & son	Johnny Long	Bill Swezey

We recognized John Diesel and his wife Stacie as friends of Ammo because of their contributions to enhance the morale and welfare of the local USAF Ammo Community and its programs. Both John and Stacie are active supporters of our charity golf tournament, Ammo Calls and Ammo Bowl softball tournaments. It was our pleasure to present them both with our chapter coin and officially welcome them into our FAMMOly.

Big John briefed the plans on when and where to schedule the annual Ammo Call that is normally held at Helen Backs on the Island, however it is under renovation and new management and the last word we received was they are to reopen on 13 April. So we have set up a tentative date of Saturday, 19 May at 1800/6pm. Flyers will be posted on Facebook and sent throughout the community when the date and time is firm.

We also discussed our upcoming annual charity golf tournament benefitting homeless veterans to be held in conjunction with the Ammo Bowl on 8 Jun, 0800, shotgun start, at the Hurlburt Field Gator Lakes Golf Course. Flyers and donation request letters will be forthcoming. We ask all our members and any ammo troops to get a team together to support this worthwhile charity event.

John also briefed everyone about the upcoming reunion in Oct at Branson. Once the dates are finalized we hope to have a good turnout from our chapter.

John Greer – ECC President

See attached pictures below:









## **Wasatch Front Chapter:**

<b>ACAWFC</b>	<b>BOD</b>
President	Shawn Scott
Secretary/Treasurer	Victoria Lemke To Be: Dave Van Ert

The Hill AFB AMMO Community will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AMMO BBQ on 4 August 2018 on Hill AFB at Centennial Park.





# EIGHTH ANNUAL AMMO BBQ 2018



**WHEN:** SATURDAY (4 AUG 2018)  
**WHERE:** Centennial Park (ON BASE)  
**TIME:** 10:30 TO ?????  
**FOOD SERVED:** 12:30  
**COST:** Per Person = \$3.00  
\$2.00 PER KID UNDER 12 YEARS

**FOOD & DRINKS:** Hamburgers, Hotdogs,  
Beer Brats, Chicken & Soda, Water  
Anything else is up to each family  
**COVER DISH:** Bring a dish to share (each AMMO family)

**ACTIVITIES:** Kids - water park, swings, slides  
Adults - horseshoe pits, Corn Hole, music, games

**RSVP by 27 July 2018, family size and type of cover dish**  
**Pay by 4 Aug 2018 , Contact Richard or Tim**

Richard Leseberg ([richard.leseberg@us.af.mil](mailto:richard.leseberg@us.af.mil) or 775-2504)  
Tim Matuszak ([timothy.matuszak@us.af.mil](mailto:timothy.matuszak@us.af.mil) or 775-4966)

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USAF AMMO Community  
Past - Present - Future  
"Keep your powder dry!"



AMMO BBQ 2018

The ACA Wasatch Chapter will hold our next meeting on 3 May 2018, at Wingers in Clearfield, Utah.

## **Lone Star Chapter:**

<b><i>ACALSC</i></b>	<b><i>BOD</i></b>
President	James Biggerstaff
Vice President	Frederick Schoettler
Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph Dominguez

The LSCACA Officers met on 10 March 2018 to discuss upcoming elections, a general membership meeting, fund raising activities, and community event planning.

On Saturday, 21 April 2018, we will hold our first chapter general membership meeting of 2018 starting at 12:30 PM, at the Warrior and Family Support Center (WFSC) on Ft. Sam Houston (on the BAMC side). Pizza and drinks will be furnished. This will be an important meeting as we will be electing a President in accordance with our chapter constitution. Any AMMO Chief in The Great State of Texas, retired/active duty, is encouraged to attend.

Our first community event will also take place this same day (21 April) in the morning before our meeting, supporting the WFSC. We will be part of a larger group of volunteers that help maintain the gardens and grounds at the WFSC starting at 8:00 AM. Happy Spring Time to all!

Fred Schoettler  
Lone Star Chapter Vice President



## **Sheppard Ammo**

### **363rd Training Squadron**

ACA Point of Contact: 363 TRS/TTMB, MSgt Brenten K. Murphy,  
<mailto:brenten.murphy@us.af.mil>



## **AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates**

AB Alec B. Wilberg  
Class: 18-002  
Hometown: Lewisville, TX  
Gaining Unit: Camp Darby, IT



A1C Clayton Lanford  
Class: 18-003  
Hometown: Sparturbury, SC  
Gaining Unit/Base: Whiteman AFB, MO



A1C James Boehm  
Class: 18-008  
Hometown: Phoenix, AZ  
Gaining Unit/Base: Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ



# **AFCOMAC**

## **9th Munitions Squadron**

ACA POC: CMSgt Benjamin Padilla



## **AFCOMAC - ACA Outstanding Performer Awards**

Class 2018-004: SSgt Jacob Klein  
Unit/Base: 1<sup>st</sup> MXS, Langley AFB, VA





## **AMMO IN THE NEWS**

### **Faces of BAF: AMMO**

Source: <http://www.afcent.af.mil/News/Photos/igtag/Ammo/>



Senior Airman Clayton Sherrill, 455<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, aligns a guided bomb unit to the aircraft it will be attached to at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Aug. 4, 2017. Munitions systems Airmen are responsible for the accountability of everything from small arms ammunitions to large-scale guided bomb units.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Gonsier)



Munitions systems Airmen, commonly referred to as "AMMO," conduct a bomb build at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Aug. 4, 2017. AMMO Airmen are responsible for the accountability of everything from small arms ammunitions to large-scale guided bomb units. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Gonsier)



## Armed to the teeth: Deployed munitions Airmen set forces up for success

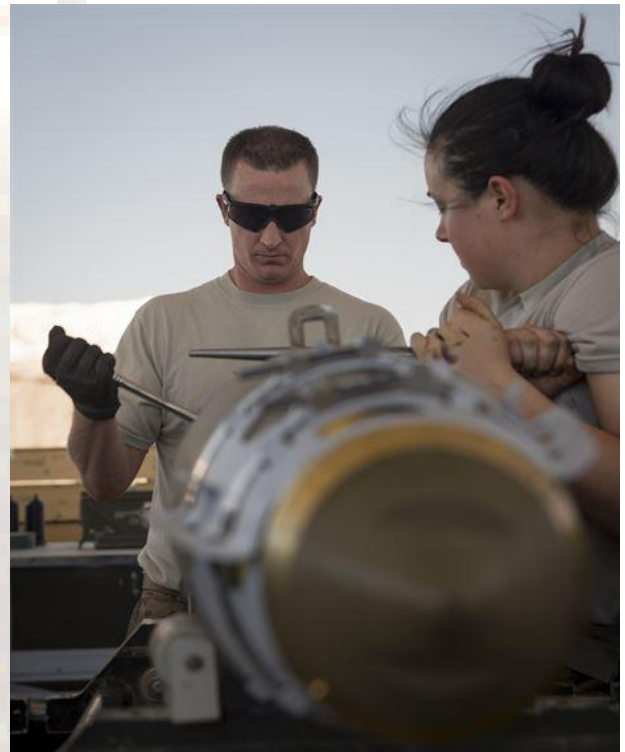


Airmen with the 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron munitions flight prepare small diameter munitions at an undisclosed location in southwest Asia, May 26, 2017. Munitions Airmen recently helped to set a record of SDMs dropped by an F-22 Raptor squadron in a single month, letting loose 84 of them in support of the fight against the Islamic State group.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Marjorie A. Bowlden)

Tech. Sgt. Chris Brunsman installs a tail fuse, as Staff Sgt. Ahbree Wetzel-Lee holds the bomb body steady at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Aug. 4, 2017. Brunsman and Wetzel-Lee are munitions systems specialists, commonly referred to as "AMMO," assigned to the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Gonsier)



## **AMMO NOTAMS**

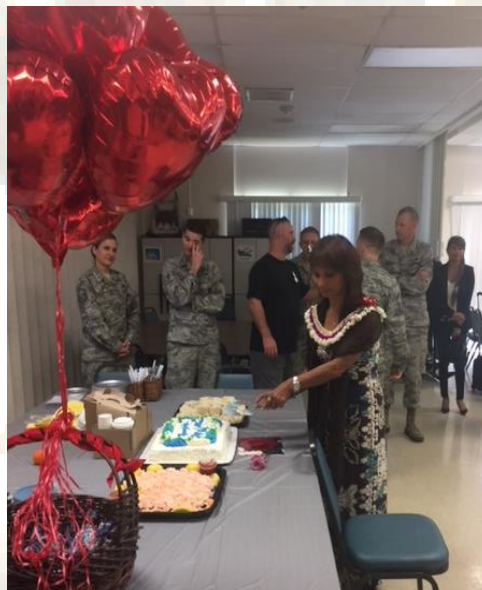
### **20<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for CMSgt Rich Gauvin**

On 13 February 2018, several of the PACAF AMMO personnel attended the 20<sup>th</sup> year memorial service for CMSgt Rich Gauvin.

It was a great service attended by Chief Jay Menzel and a bunch of Ammo troops. This is the 20th year since Rich passed and his wife Remy is forever faithful to him and Ammo.

For our younger AMMO troops, Rich was selected to be the PACAF functional manager just a couple months before he had a heart attack and never got to do all of the great things he had planned for PACAF AMMO.

The AMMO Community and AFCOMAC host an annual educational Scholarship for dependents of AMMO Troops in his honor.



# Airman Heritage Foundation, Airmen Heritage Museum and the Ammo Chiefs Association

At the 2016 ACA Reunion held in San Antonio several members took a side tour and visited the Airman Heritage Museum on Lackland AFB. Many were impressed with the museum and what they hoped to achieve as they progressed. During our 2017 budget call one of our ACA members asked that the ACA purchase a Lifetime Membership and a Legacy Paver to show ACA support for the Museum and Foundation.

As we looked into this we determined that a better idea might be to purchase Legacy Pavers for our deceased members thus starting a new tradition. These purchases would also support the Museum with an ongoing basis but with the added benefit to the ACA of perpetuating the memory of our departed Ammo Chiefs, Associate Members and those conferred our Shell & Flame Award.

This new tradition would:

- Allow the ACA to purchase Legacy Pavers for deceased members in good standing with the ACA.
- Preserves our ACA past, meeting Art II of our Constitution “(d) perpetuating the memory of deceased AMMO Chiefs.”
- Honors our members in a place where future Airmen and visitors will be able to view our own Ammo Heritage. Capturing the essence and the spirit of the career field.
- Send the Certificate to spouse or living relative.
- Be announced in the Shell & Flame Newsletter.
- Be easily tracked in our database to ensure no duplicates.
- Encourage others to purchase pavers for any deceased AMMO Chief who died prior to advent of the ACA and have them grouped with ACA

An ACA budget proposal was submitted to purchase pavers for those past ACA members who are now deceased, that proposal passed. Each year we will consider a line item in the budget to cover anticipated Legacy Pavers.

We negotiated with the Airmen Heritage Foundation and asked that any pavers purchased be grouped together, that our designated area be located on the grounds near a Bomber or Fighter Aircraft and that we receive a group discount for each paver purchased.

They agreed to the discount and adjusted their online purchase program so that we might be able to obtain the discount. This discount code also links each purchase to the ACA ensuring each paver is placed with our group.

**The Foundations intent is to rebuild the current pathway around the parade grounds with a new walkway made with pavers. Placement of the pavers will be determined at a later date as they go through construction and modification of the parade grounds to meet ADA compliance.**



As indicated earlier we intend to have the ACA members pavers grouped under an initial paver that will look like this. It has already been purchased and was included in the initial purchase of 15.

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Here is an example of what one of our Legacy Pavers will look like.

CMSGT  
MICHAEL CURRAN  
AMMO CHIEF

A certificate of authenticity is provided with each legacy paver. Our intent would be to provide the certificate to the nearest living relative. If no family members are located the certificate would remain on record with the ACA Secretary. Here is what it would look like.



In November 2017 we purchased the first 15 Legacy Pavers, 5 of those were purchased by other members for Ammo Chiefs who never had the opportunity to belong to the ACA. These were purchased as a donation and all were for deceased ACA Ammo Chiefs. Since then we have purchased an additional 5 Legacy Pavers to cover the Shell & Flame deceased and other members who were in good standing at the time of their deaths.



The ACA Membership Database has been updated and is tracking all purchased pavers. The entire pathway once completed will be set with blank bricks and as ACA Legacy Pavers are purchased they would replace the blanks.

The Legacy Pavers carry a lifetime warranty. Once a paver is purchased and placed the foundation would replace any that might be damaged.

The ACA is the first organization to do group buys and therefore they are offering us some preference on pricing and paver placement within limits.

You too can purchase a legacy paver for a deceased Ammo Chief. Please consider past friends and mentors. Or purchase your own and have it included with the group. As a reminder, there are three (3) lines on each paver limited to 14 characters on each line, includes spaces.

We hope this relationship with the Airman Heritage Museum and Foundation is a long one and that it meets with your approval as a way to increase our own AMMO heritage. It is important to note that all ACA members' pavers who are current on dues at the time of their death will be funded by the ACA.

Legacy Pavers Spoken For or Ordered				
Last Name	First Name	Rank / Grade	Legacy Paver	Date Paver Ordered
Barrentine *	Wilbur R.	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Byrne	Shawn P	CMSgt	Yes	
Carbonneau	Don	SMSgt	Yes	13-Feb-18
Carter ***	Lott S.	Lt Col	Yes	13-Feb-18
Costick ***	Edward H. "Ted"	Sqdn Ldr	Yes	13-Feb-18
Curran ***	Michael "Mike"	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Eaves	Charles L. "Chuck"	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Elledge	James	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Fick ***	William "Bill"	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Gamache	Francis "Frank"	CMSgt	Yes	
Hamilton ***	Don	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Hess	Gerald "Red"	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Klein	Paul H.	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Long ***	Paul	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Marquez ***	Leo	Lt Gen	Yes	13-Feb-18
Mercer ***	Alvin "Al"	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Mullaney	Kevin	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Patry	Edward	CMSgt	Yes	
Poe	William "Bill"	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Reinhart	Robert "Bob"	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Richards	Leander	CMSgt	Yes	04-Nov-17
Scott	Gary	CMSgt	Yes	15-Nov-17

Some BOD members expressed a desire to purchase their own legacy paver, thus saving the ACA of the cost at some future date. In some cases members also expressed a desire to purchase pavers for past friends who were Ammo Chiefs and passed away prior to the start of the ACA. In either case this would be a tax deductible expense as it fits our organizations purposes.

Right now we can control the process by having the Treasurer place orders. If you want to order a Legacy Paver please contact the treasurer at: [acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com](mailto:acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com). He can also provide a list of deceased Ammo Chiefs who have not had the benefit of being able to join the ACA from which you can choose.

We will be notified once the pavers start going into the walkway around the parade grounds.

ACA Legacy Pavers are \$65 each, a savings of \$15 per paver.

Below is a representation of what the pavers might look like once placed. We have no way of knowing at this time what the width of the path will be and that will determine the final layout. Pavers will be placed in the order of purchase date and in no way reflects any other agenda.



The following deceased AMMO Chiefs do not have Legacy Pavers and are not spoken for:

Deceased AMMO Chiefs w/o pavers	
Last Name	First Name
Bachman	Michael
Bechtal	Gail
Bell */**	Walter L.
Bolin	Frank D.
Borzomowski	Anthony
Branson	Jimmie
Bray	Rennice H "Jim"
Craven	Preston
Crayne	Bernard C. (Red)
Curtin	James
Delaney	Robert J
Delisi	Phillip
Dressler	Bill
Eaton	Larry
Everett	Thomas
Gauvin	Richard
Gershutz	Karl J
Holt	Howard

Deceased AMMO Chiefs w/o pavers	
Last Name	First Name
Ivey	Robert N.
Jameson	Jay A.
Jones *	Perry D.
Lovelady	William
McAlister	Lon
Mills	Clifton
Mulvany	Darrell
Phinney	James
Prelip	Louis V.
Prevett *	Harold P.
Redman	Erwin G. "Erv"
Rott	Leroy
Schaible	Neil G.
Sechler	Robert
Stonewall	Ramsey
Stubbe	Ben
Wadsworth	Addison "George"
Whatton	Richard
Wilson	Bruce
Yarbrough	George
Yurkanin	Michael J.

## **Ammo Chiefs Association Reunion Update**

Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to give all of you a brief update of what we have been doing to get ready for our Reunion in Branson. We first started out looking at a number of hotels that might serve as a venue for our group. When I say we I am talking about Joe Dominguez, Jack Seaman, Mike Roylance and myself. I provide the local feet on the ground here in the Branson area and share and discuss all of the various aspects of the reunion with the other members of this group who have the experience of previous reunions under their belts and experience with how to get the widest dissemination of what we are doing.

We got the number of places down to 5 and I visited the various places to see how well they could accommodate our needs. There were a couple of nice hotels that would have been really nice to hold our reunion though they would be on the pricier side: Big Cedar Lodge and The Chateau on the Lake. Unfortunately, we are not the only ones who liked these places as they no longer had either the rooms or the meeting spaces to meet our needs by the time I (we) came around looking. The lesson here for future reunion planners, particularly in popular locations, is that a year out or more is none too soon to reserve the rooms and spaces you need. We were lucky enough however to get the hotel rooms and meeting spaces we need at the Westgate Resort.

[https://www.westgateresorts.com/hotels/missouri/branson/westgate-branson-woods-resort/?cmpid=ppc-google-bransonwoods\\_wgbwd&utm\\_medium=ppc&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_campaign=bransonwoods\\_wgbwd&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI9JXL7uuz2gIVAsNkCh01IQ8sEAAYASAAEgLfuvDBwE](https://www.westgateresorts.com/hotels/missouri/branson/westgate-branson-woods-resort/?cmpid=ppc-google-bransonwoods_wgbwd&utm_medium=ppc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=bransonwoods_wgbwd&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI9JXL7uuz2gIVAsNkCh01IQ8sEAAYASAAEgLfuvDBwE)

I particularly like the hospitality suite that will be ours to use throughout the reunion and the patio right outside also for our exclusive use. The hotel was also able to provide an even larger space for our banquet. I had the opportunity to see the variety of rooms being offered to us and I am sure you will find something among them to meet your needs.

At the same time, we have been planning a variety of programs and food for our stay. Most attendees expressed an interest in taking a dinner cruise on the Branson Belle. This cruise takes us around Table Rock lake and includes entertainment throughout the cruise and dinner. We've also included the traditional things you are used to: Ammo Call, Ladies Night Out, our Banquet, and golf. We will also have our membership meeting.

During any free time there is an abundance of shopping areas in Branson as well as a variety of other amusements ranging from a ride on the Branson Scenic Railway, Silver Dollar City, or shopping on The Landing. For Ladies Night Out, Jack has been working plans for our better halves to go to Dolly Parton's Stampede.

There are many more details to all of this and if you visit our web site and Facebook page you'll learn even more than I've mentioned here. I have signed the contract with the Westgate and some of our members are even now testing the reservation system to make sure it works as planned. Mike Royslance has prepared the signup sheet to get out to all of you and it is provided below. I think you will find plenty to like on your visit to Branson and look forward to seeing you there.

Rich  
Rich McVey  
Reunion Boss



**10<sup>th</sup> Ammo Chiefs Association Reunion**  
**10 – 14 October 2018**  
**Westgate Branson Woods Resort**  
**Branson, Missouri**



# Sign Up Sheet

Your host for this reunion is Rich and Renate McVey, cell: 417-848-9764, email: rich.mcvey@gmail.com			
First Name	Last Name	Spouse Name	Cell Phone
Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address:			

**EVENT SIGN UP MUST BE COMPLETED NLT 10 June 2018**

Would you like an AMMO Chief Polo for the Reunion? We have gear for the whole family. Order online here: <http://ammochiefs.qbstores.com/>

Event	Description		Number Attending	Cost Per Person	Total
Reunion Fee	Associated with administrative and miscellaneous cost of reunion		#	\$25	
Reception Mixer	Hors d'oeuvre's, bar setup		#	\$15	
Spouse Nite Out Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner	\$50 for dinner & show plus \$11.50 each way for shuttle, total with shuttle is \$73/pp		#	\$73	
Ammo Call	Rich's Famous Fajitas, Hors d'oeuvre's, bar setup		#	\$15	
Golf	Thousand Hills Golf Course Branson. \$49/pp Club Rentals are available for additional fee		#	Just need number attending	
Showboat Branson Belle Dinner and show	\$59 for dinner and \$8.50 each way with bus. Total with bus is \$76/pp or without \$59/pp		#	Bus Yes No	
ACA Membership Meeting	ACA Members Annual Meeting		#	Just need number attending	
Banquet Dinner	A - Herb Roasted Chicken	#	#	\$44	
<i>Sales tax and gratuity <u>included</u></i>	B - House Smoked Brisket	#			
	C - Grilled Salmon	#			
Breakfast	1 - Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links and Pancakes	#	#	Just need number interested in breakfast each day otherwise only available off-site 5-10 mins away. Pay as you go.	
<i>Sales tax and gratuity <u>NOT</u> included</i>	2 - Scrambled Eggs, Bacon and Biscuits & Sausage Gravy	#			
	Breakfast includes fruit, assorted juices and coffee. \$8.50pp				
<i>Event fees are <u>non-refundable</u>. Individual Emergency Situations will be the only exception considered</i>	Make Check Payable to: ACA Reunion Mail Sign Up Sheet and Check to: ACA Reunion C/O Mike Roylance 1525 267 <sup>th</sup> PL SE Sammamish WA 98075			Total \$ ➔	\$

**Blocked rooms will be reduced if sufficient reservations are not made by 10 June and again on 10 July\***  
**All Room Reservations MUST be made NLT 10 Sept 2018**

We have a block of 47 rooms set aside until **10 Sept 2018**. Westgate Branson Woods Resort, 2201 Roark Valley Rd. Branson, MO 65615. For room reservations please call: 1-877-502-7058 use Group Code : 63-674. Choice of rooms; traditional queen guestroom \$60, one bedroom villa \$112, one bedroom deluxe villa \$121, one bedroom grand villa \$128, two bedroom villa \$178. Room rates do not include taxes; rate is 11.6%, subject to change. If you call after the cut-off date there is a chance they could be sold out or you could be charged higher rates. \*Please book your reservations early as the resort holds the right to reduce the numbers of rooms available for our group at the 120 and 90 day mark.

<https://www.westgateresorts.com/hotels/missouri/branson/westgate-branson-woods-resort/accommodations/>

# ACA Says “Thank You” for Generous Donation



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April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,000 dollars to the Ammo Chiefs Association dated April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018. 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 focus areas are:

- Organizing and conducting periodic reunions, social events, and sporting events.
- Assisting AMMO war veterans, members of the AMMO Community, their dependents and surviving spouses and / or orphans of deceased AMMO veterans.
- Providing assistance to hospitalized AMMO troops.
- Perpetuating the memory of deceased AMMO Chiefs.
- Sponsorship of, and active involvement in, patriotic programs.
- Sponsorship of, and active involvement in, the AMMO community and recognition activities for AMMO troops in uniform.
- Providing professional development information to members and assisting with professional Networking.

Our membership is composed of active and retired Chief Master Sergeants plus associate members in the Munitions Systems Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) 2W0X0. Informally we are known as Ammo Troops, assigned around the globe. Your generous donation allows us to meet our goals and support our objectives.

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.

Van Ray, CMSgt USAF Retired  
President, EIN:59-3738339  
Ammo Chiefs Association



## Central Ammo Bowl POC

AMMO,

I am organizing Central Ammo Bowl this year. We have made an agreement with Barksdale (last year's winner) to send out the flier and to contact all of the bases. Central will be Labor Day weekend (1-2 Sept) with the Ice Breaker being 31 August.

V/R,

JC

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## **LAST CALL**

### **CMSGT GEORGE YARBROUGH**

**5 JANUARY 2018**

George Yarbrough passed this Friday morn, 5 January 2018, of natural causes. He is survived by his darling wife and two fine sons and their families.

The family has “asked for prayers and time alone to heal from this loss”. There will be no traditional funeral or memorial service.

George served in all Theaters – SEA, USAFE, PACAF, and the SWA. He even had a couple CONUS Short Tours.....One of the original Team Members of the Focal Point.

George was a dear Friend for 4 decades, a decorated AMMO Veteran admired by all his peers, an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church FWB, and a loving Family Man.

His bride said to me today “He is now resting in PEACE”. Another AMMO Angel!

Provided by Glenn A. Riley

George was a retired AMMO Chief Master Sergeant

An obituary or picture was not available



## **LAST CALL**

### **SMSGT SALVATORE “SAL” FINA**



On 14 January 2018, the AMMO community learned of Sal's passing. Sal was well known in AMMO for many years as "A good man and a dedicated AMMO professional".

"None of us ever had to worry about accountability or audit trails when Sal Fina was watching over the "books".

In the 1997 picture above, Sal is working with the CAS-B system in the AFK office while stationed at Osan Air Base, Korea.

Sal continued to do AFK work while assigned to the 607<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing under 7th Air Force. He played a key part in keeping the books on all of the munitions at the Magnum sites.

Sal was a retired AMMO Senior Master Sergeant

May he Rest in Peace!

## **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  
Robert J Delaney  
Phillip Delisi  
Bill Dressler  
Larry Eaton  
Charles L. "Chuck" Eaves  
James Elledge

Thomas Everett  
William "Bill" Fick \*\*\*  
Francis "Frank" Gamache  
Richard Gauvin  
Karl J Gershutz  
Don Hamilton \*\*\*  
Gerald "Red" Hess  
Howard Holt  
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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  
Robert "Bob" Reinhart  
Leander Richards  
Leroy Rott  
Neil G. Schaible  
Gary Scott  
Robert Sechler  
Ernest Shamburger  
Ramsey Stonewall  
Ben Stubbe  
Addison "George" Wadsworth  
Richard Whatton  
Bruce Wilson  
George Yarbrough  
Michael J. Yurkanin

*The Light of the shell and flame will 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, 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 asterisk \*\*\* are Shell & Flame Awardees