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ACA holds elections every 4 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.

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### **From The President:**

It was a fantastic reunion in Branson though the weather didn't always cooperate! A truly great effort on the part of Rich McVey and his spouse Renate! We had lots of fun and plenty of discussion on varied topics. We inducted two new Shell and Flame awardees into the fold. Col Jack Elle and Chief Billie Campbell are most deserving and we are delighted to recognize their accomplishments. I'm am encouraging all our members who are interested in serving as an officer in the ACA to step forward in the next year and let yourself be known! The 2020 ACA Reunion will be held in the Salt Lake City area. The Wasatch Chapter has graciously volunteered to host the Reunion!

Van

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

This is our 50<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Shell & Flame! That's no small thing...because it reminds us that we continue to endure, persevere and grow as an organization committed to the legacy and support of the AMMO community. This edition is a bit longer than most because we have a lot to say and show about what the ACA, our Chapters, and AMMO has going on. Hope you enjoy reading through this edition.

Mike  
Shell & Flame Editor - IYAAYAS!

## **From The Secretary:**

Greetings all. Hope this finds you and yours well, preparing for the upcoming Holidays! Another year is almost gone filled with more tragic violence, the worst hurricane to hit the Florida panhandle in decades and the continuing political upheaval dividing our country. Sometimes seems like there is very little good news anymore. But, like they say - - it's not all gloom and doom. The event many of you did enjoy was the Branson Reunion earlier this month. Those of us attending appreciated seeing old friends, sometimes referred to as the "usual suspects," exchanging stories from times gone by and having some much needed laughs. Rich and Renate McVey were our hosts for this gathering and their hard work ensured a good time was had by all. Our most sincere thanks to them, they did good!

The business meeting for all attending Chiefs went well. Specifics will be covered in a separate write up with other Reunion highlights. The one thing I will mention here is the attendee's voted on and approved the Wasatch Chapters Hosting of the 2020 Reunion in the Ogden / Salt Lake City area! You will see more on that as you read through this Newsletter. We want to thank Shawn Scott, Dave VanErt, Mike Eisenberg, Mike Robertson and the entire Chapter membership for taking this on. Remember, it's never too early to begin rearranging your schedules and doing some advance planning so more of you can attend this event.

Finally, want to wish you all the very best as this Holiday Season approaches. Be safe out there and keep in touch.

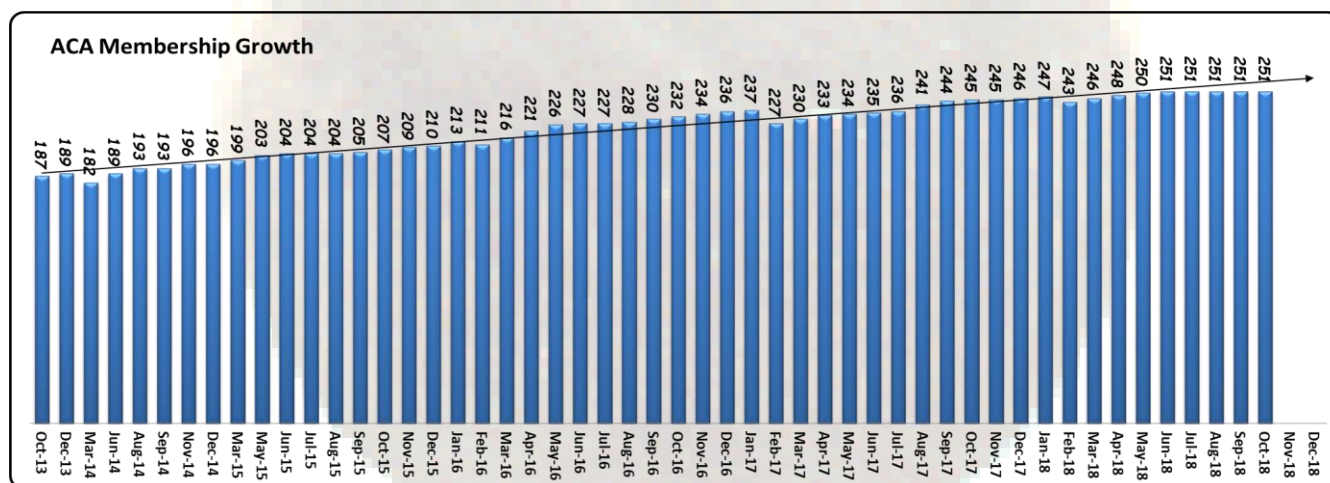
Jack IYAAYAS !!!!

## **From The Treasurer:**

As this is the last newsletter till the end of the year we need to request a few volunteers to act as ACA Financial Auditors in early January 2019. The accounts need to be audited as soon as the books close at the end of December. If you are interested in being one of at least 2 auditors in January please let Van and I know NLT December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also, this is a good time of year to be thinking about making tax deductible donations by the EOY. If you are interested in making donations just don't forget about the ACA, we too are a donor tax deductible organization. Read all about our tax deductibility here:

<https://ammochiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/>.



## Membership Totals by Chapter and Type

21-Oct-18

Chapter	Total	Chief Life	Chief Annual	Associate Life	Associate Annual	Honorary Spouse	Honorary	Shell and Flame
Lone Star	6	4	2					
Mid West	7	6						1
Wasatch Front	22	17	2	2			1	
Mid Atlantic	28	21	1	4	2			
Emerald Coast	51	29	1	13	3	4		1
At Large	137	98	7	14	3	10	2	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

### Mid-Atlantic Chapter:



ACAMC	BOD
President	Jackie Miller
Vice President	Dave Nixon
Secretary Treasurer	Bill McCullough
Director at Large	Rick Follett



The Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) continued its efforts to support the needs of the Ammo Community within our area of responsibility.

We held our last general membership meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Captain Billy's Crab House in Newburg, MD. John Matthews was kind enough to set up the site for us. Six Members were in attendance. With seven proxy votes, we were readily able to conduct Chapter business. Jack Miller was again our longest traveler who drove up from Concord, NC with his wife Denise.



Jack Miller, Bill McCullough, Eddie Fuquay, Dave Nixon, Rich Pennington, and Rick Follett





Sue Pennington, Denise Miller, and Kim (Eddie's girlfriend) joined us for the working lunch.

Dave Nixon updated the group on the award winners. Our latest award winners are MSgt Justin Wimer, 1st Fighter Wing Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2018, and AIC Rachael Hurn, 1st Fighter Wing Airman of the Quarter for the 1st quarter of 2018, both from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA. Jack Miller took care of the certificates and Visa cards for the winners. Michael "Jake" Jacobsen took over the awards program from Dave Nixon and is learning the processes. Jake is another one of our Associate members who steps up to the plate to help out as needed.

John Matthews was having some health issues and was not able to make the September meeting. The present members signed a get-well card for John and we mailed it out September 10th. We just learned John never received the card and he is still trying to find out the root causes of his medical problems at Walter Reed. Kevin Hendershot is still recovering from his back surgery.

Our last fundraiser at the Richmond International Raceway in September was supported by our members, troops from the 1 FW Ammo Flight, and some of Jimmy Taylor's FAMmoly. This was a tough effort due to personnel shortages, booth layout, and running multiple booths on Saturday. We are awaiting the check from Americrown and will donate to our helpers so they can support their programs.

Phil Kennedy is starting the shopping for the Holiday Care Package program. Our chapter budget, coupled with donations of \$500.00 from the ACA and \$287.00 from the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle raffle, allows about \$1,700.00 available for goodies and shipping. Thanks again for the great support!

Our membership is beginning to dwindle. CMSgt Roby Johnson received a short-notice assignment to Korea. George Heinlein will be permanently moving to Florida. We are hoping Chief Lakala will join the chapter after he arrives at Langley in November. CMSgt Victoria Lemke at Shaw AFB, SC expressed interest in joining the chapter.

Rich Pennington and Phil Kennedy attended the ACA reunion. Chapter members passed proxy forms to them for the business meeting portion of the reunion.

Our next meeting will be held on December 8th at the Mechanicsville, VA VFW post. At that time, we will decide of what Troops-in-Need will get our support and evaluate the packages submitted for the Sharp Ammo Troops award program. We'll also elect a Chapter Vice President.

IYAAYAS!

## **Wasatch Front Chapter:**

<i>ACAWFC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Shawn Scott
Secretary/Treasurer	Dave Van Ert

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

120 people, plenty of food, music, played horses shoes, BDU-33 toss, corn hole, ladder ball. Water park for the kids, face painting, chalk coloring.

Good times!!!!

**EIGHTH ANNUAL**

**AMMO BBQ 2018**

**WHEN: 04 AUGUST 18 (SATURDAY)**  
**WHERE: CENTENNIAL PARK (ON BASE)**  
**TIME: 10:30A.M. - ? (FOOD SERVED AT 12:00)**

**COST: \$3.00 PER PERSON;  
KIDS UNDER 12: \$2.00**

**BYOB!**

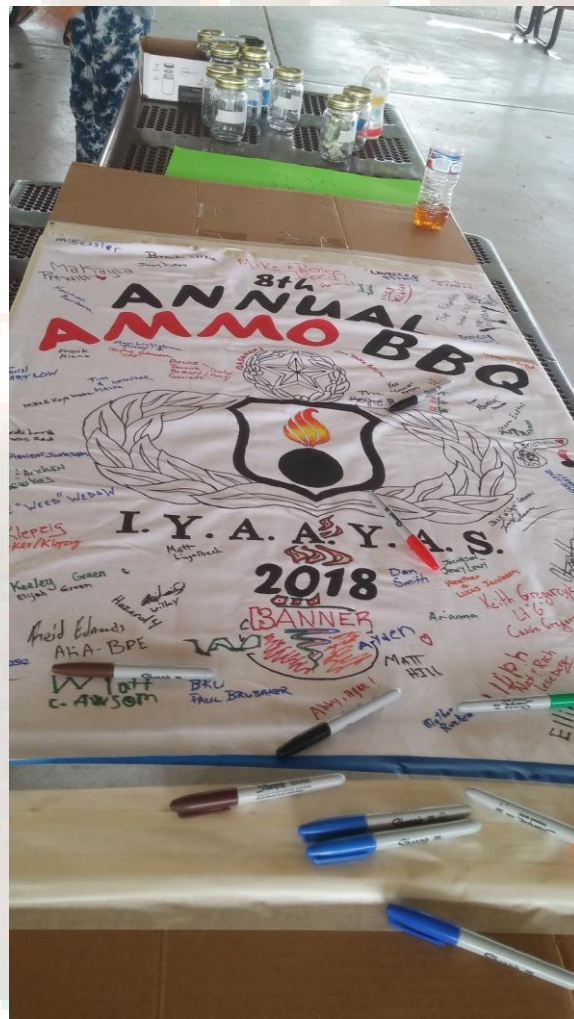
**\*\*\*Each AMMO family will be responsible for bringing one Dish; Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Beer Brats, Chicken, Soda and Water will be provided.**

**RSVP: NLT 27 JULY 18 (# OF PEOPLE AND DISH TO BRING) TO:  
SSGT MATHIAS OR SSGT BARNETTE  
[Kimberly.mathias@us.af.mil](mailto:Kimberly.mathias@us.af.mil)  
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**THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS AND HORSESHOES, CORN HOLE AND MUSIC FOR THE ADULTS**

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## **Emerald Coast Chapter:**

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



During this period the Emerald Coast Chapter held a BOD meeting in Oct at Shalimar Cheers Pub to finalize the annual Outstanding Munitions Person of the year banquet where we recognize the best Ammo Troops from Eglin, Hurlburt and Tyndall. As of this time we have 64 people committed to attend the function but expect more once they return from TDY. Unfortunately, we do not expect anyone from Tyndall due to the damage and displacement from hurricane Michael.

The Dinner/Dance went off without a hitch on 2 Nov, with the social hour starting at 1800 and dinner being served buffet style by Asiago Catering providing an outstanding meal of Mahi-Mahi, Fettucine Alfredo, chicken parmesan, and hand carved prime rib. Also available was an assortment of vegetables and salads. Of the final total of 68 people who showed up and grand time was had by all. We had an all ammo honor guard to present the colors and music was provided by Ammo G-2 Entertainments Gene Cox. The meal was followed by presentation of the Outstanding Munitions Person of the Year Awards to A1C Riley Barnett from Eglin AFB and A1C Brittany Killen from Hurlburt Field. (See pics below) They received Plaques, Certificates of recognition, letters of congratulations and a \$100 visa card.



This function is held on the first Friday of November each year so if you can find time in your busy schedule put this date on your calendar come on down and plan to help us recognize these outstanding young Ammo troops.

Our Chapter also donated \$250.00 to the annual Thanksgiving Beast feast that Eglin Ammo sponsors each year for all Ammo troops and their families in the area.

John Greer – ECC President

### A1C Brittany Killen - Hurlburt Field



## A1C Riley Barnett - Eglin AFB





## **Mid-West Chapter:**

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

No inputs for this edition.

## **Lone Star Chapter:**

<i>ACALSC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
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Vice President	Fred Schoettler
Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph Dominguez

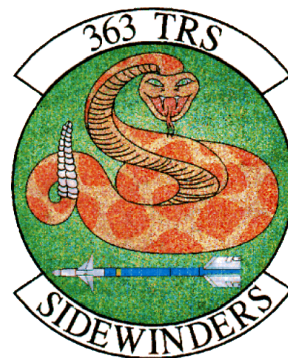
The Lone Star Chapter (LSC) Officers met on 16 Sept 2018 and conducted a business meeting to set a date for the next general membership meeting, civic volunteer events and various fundraisers. Our next general membership meeting will be held on 17 November 2018 at the Warrior and Family Support Center (WFSC) on Ft. Sam Houston. Prior to this meeting our members will help the WFSC staff and other volunteers with various grounds and facility maintenance tasks. During this meeting the LSC members will elect a Vice President per our constitution.



On 15 December 2018, the LSC members along with thousands of volunteers will help lay wreaths on the gravesites at Ft. Sam Houston's National Cemetery as a part of the National Remembrance Day ceremony sponsored by Wreaths Across America program. The LSC is a registered fundraising group with Wreaths Across America to collect donations for the more than 1,500,000 wreaths they expect to distribute this year worldwide. Wreath sponsorships are (and always will be) \$15.00 per wreath. If you wish to sponsor a wreath, please visit our website at: <https://wreathsassamerica.org/TX0561P>. You can conveniently sponsor one or more wreaths and the LSC chapter will be credited for your sponsorship. Your wreath sponsorship places a wreath on a Veteran's grave and helps to fund Veteran and educational outreach. The ultimate goal of Wreaths Across America is to adorn every veterans resting place with a wreath. Won't you help this and every year by sponsoring one or more wreaths? Just visit <https://wreathsassamerica.org/TX0561P> to sponsor a wreath today!

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

**A1C Jon Dyrud**

Class: 18-027

Hometown: Thief River Falls MN

Gaining Unit/Base: Eielson AFB AK





## **A1C Derek LeClair**

Class: 18-028

Hometown: Charleston, SC

Gaining Unit/Base: Shaw AFB



## **A1C Hannah Vitello**

Class: 18-029

Hometown: Dallas, TX

Gaining Unit/Base: Barksdale AFB, LA



**SSgt Trevor Webb**  
Class: 18-031  
Hometown: Springfield OH  
Gaining Unit/Base: Unknown



**A1C Irene York**  
Class: 18-032  
Hometown: Queens NY  
Gaining Unit/Base: Elmendorf AFB, AK





**A1C Luke Byrne**  
Class 18-033  
Hometown: Syracuse, KS  
Gaining Unit/Base: Camp Darby, IT



**A1C Alana Kizanis**  
Class 18-034  
Hometown: Pahoa, HI  
Gaining Unit/Base: Nellis AFB, NV





# **AFCOMAC - 9th Munitions Squadron**

AFCOMAC: CMSgt Benjamin Padilla

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

Class 2018-008 - SSgt Manuel Matias  
Unit/Base: Davis Monthan





# **AMMO NOTAMs**

## **ACA Donates to Support Deployed AMMO Troop Care Packages**



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Re: ACA Donations to Holiday Care Packages

Jack and Bill,

Please find enclosed check totaling \$787 for the ACAMAC to use for the 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration of holiday care packages. Of course \$500 was from the ACA and the other was from the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle (CMCS) Corvette Car Show 50/50 drawing for \$287. The \$287 was the total collected, the winner; Mr Brian Luessen donated his half also. The drawing was held specifically for your Care Package Program.

If your chapter would like to thank Mr Luessen or CMCS directly you can contact them at the following address.

CMCS  
P.O. Box 534  
Kirkland WA 98083-0534

Brian Luessen  
27188 SE 27th St.  
Sammamish WA 98075

The folks in your chapter make a huge difference in the lives of the Ammo Community. Please continue the great work knowing the ACA stands with you in supporting your activities.

Michael J. Roylance  
ACA Treasurer and Life Time Member #10

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On behalf of the ACA's Board of Directors and our entire Membership, it is a pleasure to make our annual contribution to help support this year's Western AMMO Bowl.

We want all the home and visiting Team Members and all their supporters to know the ACA appreciates everyone's efforts in keeping the "AMMO Flame" burning and the "AMMO Spirit" alive and well.

We wish all of you the best of luck in the October games. Remember, to us you are all Winners!!

Play hard, stay "safe" and have fun!!

Sincerely,

Van Ray, AMMO Chief, Ret.  
ACA President

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# ***ACA Donates to Support the AMMO Veterans Association (AVA) “Monster Bash” in Las Vegas***



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Dennis Soukup  
“Doc” Moss

On behalf of the ACA’s Board of Directors and our entire Membership, it is a pleasure to make a contribution to help support this year’s “Las Vegas Monster Bash” coming up in October.

We want all the AVA members and other Ammo folk to realize the ACA’s appreciation for the support you, Dennis, “Doc”, your Wives and all the rest of the Las Vegas AVA provide to the Ammo Community. We appreciate your efforts in keeping the “AMMO Flame” burning and the “AMMO Spirit” alive and well.

We wish all of you the best of times at your event.

Stay safe and have fun!!

Sincerely,

Van Ray, AMMO Chief, Ret.  
ACA President

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## ***Old Bombers, Making History***

### ***B-1s and B-52s have kept the heat on enemies in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan***

The Air Force made the latest rotation in its newest continuous bomber presence—recently sending B-1B Lancers back to the US Central Command area of operations and sending B-52s home after almost two years deployed for the fight against ISIS and the Taliban.

B-52s, deployed to Al Udeid AB, Qatar, since 2016, had been the main bomb trucks for ongoing sorties targeting ISIS in Iraq and Syria and flying over the horizon into Afghanistan as part of the renewed effort there against the Taliban. During their time in the CENTCOM region, B-52s flew more than 1,800 sorties, dropping nearly 12,000 bombs on targets in both theaters, according to CENTCOM.

These B-52s made history in multiple ways. The first deployment of B-52s from the 23rd Bomb Squadron at Minot AFB, N.D., launched 400 consecutive sorties without a maintenance delay, marking the record on the squadron's centennial in June 2017. This beat the previous B-52 record that stood since the legendary Operation Linebacker II in 1972 in Vietnam. Those B-52s deployed from the 69th Bomb Squadron at Barksdale AFB, La., continued this streak, launching a total of 834 consecutive missions without a maintenance cancellation. This number shattered the previous record of 761 missions by B-1s at Al Udeid.

On Nov. 19, 2017, the Barksdale B-52s also became the first BUFFs in Air Force history to employ few bomber's newest weapons capability: the conventional rotary launcher. This upgrade allows the B-52 to carry eight more smart bombs inside its cavernous bomb bay, in addition to weapons carried on the wings.



A B-52 during a mission against ISIS in 2017. B-52s set a record of 834 consecutive missions without a maintenance cancellation while flying strikes for CENTCOM. Photo: SrA. Jordan Castelan



In February 2018, the bombers took this capability to the Taliban as part of Operation Jagged Knife, a new effort by both US and Afghan forces to target the group's drug and financial infrastructure. A B-52 flew from Al Udeid to Tajikistan—on the Afghan border with China—where the bomber dropped 24 guided munitions on Taliban positions and vehicles stolen from the Afghan army that were being transformed into vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices. This bombing mission set a record for most precision weapons dropped by a B-52 in a single sortie.



A 96th EBS B-52 pilot flies a combat mission supporting Operation Inherent Resolve. The old bombers have flown more than 1,800 sorties in CENTCOM's region. Photo: SrA. Jordan Castelan

These “over the horizon” sorties became increasingly common as the B-52 deployment progressed and ISIS's territory waned in Syria and Iraq. The bombers were an important asset to US forces because they could linger for hours and carry more than 30 bombs to help US and Afghan forces. “In essence, if we had 30 targets, we could hit 30 targets,” Maj. Gen. James Hecker, then the commander of NATO Air Command-Afghanistan and the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan, told Air Force Magazine during a 2017 visit to Kabul. “It gives us a fairly large capability.”

The changeover took place in March 2018, with B-1Bs from Ellsworth AFB, S.D., returning to Qatar and sending B-52s home to Barksdale. The Lancers were originally sent home from CENTCOM in 2016 so they could receive a needed upgrade, called the Integrated Battle Station, which modernized its avionics and data links. Before leaving in 2016, B-1s had been continuously flying in CENTCOM since 2001.

“This B-1 that we're bringing back to the fight is different than any other B-1 that has deployed here before,” said Lt. Col. Timothy Griffith, commander of the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, in a release. “It's the first time this upgraded aircraft is going to be employed in combat and we're honored and humbled to lead the B-1 community back into the AOR.”



Guided bombs are readied for a B-52 strike. The bomber could linger for hours and carry 30 precision weapons. Photo: Staff Sgt. Trevor McBride



Maintainers with the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron prepare a B-1B Lancer for a combat operation at Al Udeid AB in May. Photo: 1st Lt. Katie Spencer



The modernized B-1s were immediately put to work and quickly made history themselves. On April 14, a combined US, French, and UK coalition took action in response to a chemical weapons attack by Syrian President Bashar al Assad. US and UK ships and submariners, combined with French aircraft and ships, and UK aircraft targeted chemical weapons production facilities from the Mediterranean Sea. From the south, two B-1Bs from the 24th EBS, escorted by a Marine Corps E/A-6B Prowler and a team of F-22s on standby for force protection, launched 19 Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles that destroyed the Barzeh Research and Development Center near Damascus. It was the first time JASSMs were used in combat.

On May 1, the US-led coalition and its supported Syrian Democratic Forces announced a new initiative called “Operation Roundup,” aimed at getting rid of ISIS’s ground presence once and for all in the eastern Euphrates River Valley inside Syria. Coalition air strikes, led by the B-1, immediately increased, with 132 total strikes within 17 days. Bombers targeted ISIS groups, supplies, and buildings in their final strongholds of Abu Kamal and al-Shaddadi.



B-52s after a CENTCOM sortie. Photo: Staff Sgt. Trevor McBride

These continued air strikes are “compacting what’s left of ISIS in Syria as we deal the final blow,” said UK Army Maj. Gen. Felix Gedney, the deputy commander of strategy for Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, during a May briefing. “As we have said and proven many, many times over the course of this campaign, the coalition will relentlessly pursue ISIS wherever they are until they’re defeated.”

Source: Air Force Magazine, August 2018, Brian W. Everstine, Pentagon Editor

<http://www.airforcemag.com/MagazineArchive/Pages/2018/August%202018/Old-Bombers-Making-History.aspx>



## ***B-52's Update - Bomb Weight Capability to be Quadrupled***

The US Air Force (USAF) is looking to quadruple the weight of bombs that the Boeing B-52H Stratofortress is able to carry externally. According to a request for information (RFI) issued on 21 JUN, Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) is seeking a new external weapons pylon that will take the B-52's current 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) maximum external load (across two underwing pylons) to 40,000 lb (18,144 kg).

"The current Improved Common Pylon (ICP) was designed in 1959 and has been in service since the 1960s. When it was introduced, there wasn't a requirement nor did anyone foresee a need to carry weapons heavier than 5,000 lb. It was modified in the late 1990s and has performed exceptionally well [but] it has limitations when it comes to heavy weight capacity. With current heavy weapons exceeding 5,000 lb there is a new requirement for a replacement external carriage pylon assembly," the RFI said, adding that the new replacement pylon will not exceed 5,000 lb in weight while being capable of carrying multiple weapons in the 5,000 lb to 20,000 lb weight class.

The RFI provided no details as to planned costs and timelines for the pylon upgrade, except to say that the total effort from development to fielding should be accomplished between 36 and 72 months. Responses to the RFI are due by 15:00 hrs Central Standard Time on 20 July. The new pylon would enable the B-52 to carry any of the air-launched munitions in the USAF inventory up to the 22,000 lb Massive Ordnance Air Burst (MOAB) bomb.

Source: IHS Jane's Defence Weekly | Gareth Jennings, London | June 24, 2018

## ***2018 Chief Master Sergeant Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Awarded***

The Major Command Functional Managers awarded the 2018 Chief Master Sergeant Gauvin Memorial Scholarship to Ms. Brittany Crown. Brittany is the Daughter of CMSgt Sean Crown, 7<sup>th</sup> AF Chief of Munitions at Osan AB ROK. Her winning essay is posted below.

Chief Master Sergeant Guavin Ammo Troop Memorial Fund


Thoughts During the National Anthem

Brittany Crown

Robert D. Edgren High School


USAF Major Command Functional Managers

May 18, 2018



## Thoughts During the National Anthem

Softball practice had just ended and I quickly pack my bags, put my headphones on and rushed off the field to head home. It's almost five o'clock and the mist was turning into rain, I needed to hurry home before it started to pour down. As I was walking home, I passed by the base housing and saw cars pull up and people walking to their front doors in uniform, coming home from work. The rain began coming down a little harder and I picked up the pace thinking, "Gotta get home before I get stuck in the rain during the anthem." All of a sudden, everything seemed to stop in time. People around me stood at attention and cars on the road stopped, turning on their hazard lights. It's five o'clock and the anthem had started. I took off my headphones and stood at attention with everyone else around me.



The Japanese National Anthem played first reminding me that I am not in America. Although the base feels like a little America providing American amenities, we sometimes forget that we are a whole ocean away, living in a foreign country. As I listened to the anthem, I think about Japan and all the opportunities I have been given since moving here. I have hiked the famous Mt. Fuji, walked across the world's busiest intersection in Shibuya, been to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park where an atomic bomb was dropped during World War II and so many other things.

I'm suddenly pulled from my thoughts when I hear the drum line signalling the beginning of our national anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*. This time my thoughts wander to my dad, whom I had not seen for 6 months now. I start to wonder what he was doing and if he was doing alright as I stood here in the rain listening to the anthem. He had deployed just before my birthday in October to Afghanistan. Throughout the time he was deployed, I tried not to think too

much about where he was and if he was okay because I knew worrying about him would benefit no one. Standing there listening to the music made me realize how much I actually missed him. I then thought about all the other men and women who serve our countries and those who have made many sacrifices and families who have also had to deal with them. The music stops, everyone unfreezes and seemed to move on with their daily lives. I wondered what they were thinking about during those five minutes.

Everytime I hear the anthem, I stand and think of all the men and women who have served or are currently serving in the military. My problems seem to shrink as I compare them to the hardships other families around the world have had to endure. So many have to deal with their family member constantly deploying and many soldiers have given their lives or become handicapped to serve for our country. I am very grateful to have been able to be immersed in a myriad of cultures and see the world with my parents.





## *If you ain't AMMO, you ain't . . . in the AMMO Fammoly!*

**By Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc** | 633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs | Aug. 29, 2018  
**JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va.**

As the radar-evading, fifth generation fighter supercruises through the sky, the pilot secures the enemy in his sights; he presses the button and the munitions bay opens, followed by the deafening sound of silence.

“Without ‘ammo’ the Air Force would just be an expensive flying club,” said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Michael Brown, 1st Maintenance Squadron munitions storage crew chief. “I’m not saying we are the sole part of getting the F-22 in the air and taking out bad guys, but I’d say we play a crucial part.”

In tech school, the Airmen get an overview of what ammo does as a whole. In eight weeks they scratch at the surface of what the career field carries out for the mission.

There are many shops in ‘ammo’, but all work toward one goal.

“The F-22 is lethal because of the munitions flight,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. Burton Field, 1st Maintenance Squadron commander. “The ‘ammo’ Airmen are trained, motivated, and proud. They make the mission possible.”

According to Brown, ‘ammo’ Airmen are slowly molded and developed by leadership to meet what the Air Force needs through the crawl, walk and run phases much like a parent would.

“They know one day they’re not going to be here; they’re going to retire and need to pass on what they know,” Brown said. “So then you have to have the knowledge to give somebody else.”

From precision guided missiles for the F-22 Raptor to the bullets for security forces defenders, anything that goes bang, boom, is managed by the munitions flight.

“The most important skill one must have here is attention to detail because a mistake could either kill you or not kill the bad guy,” Brown said. “If I don’t do my job correctly someone else can’t do their job correctly down the road.”

As an Airman in ‘ammo’ you are moved from shop to shop during your career. Through on the job training, Airmen learn all aspects of the job, sometimes working in one shop at home station and deploying with a different shop.

“We’re like a small town,” Brown said. “You start with a core group of friends, but all in all, everybody is always helping somebody and you pretty much get to know everyone.”

Even though ‘ammo’ is part of the 1st Fighter Wing’s, 1st Maintenance Squadron, they are located in what many at Joint Base Langley-Eustis know as Ammo Country. But even if they can’t see them, their brothers on the flightline know they can always count on ‘fammoly’.

According to Brown, it’s a culture of looking out for and depending on one another. Being out there by themselves, they learn to lean on one another not just for work but also the day to day.

“We’re always together, doing something, out at someone’s house barbecuing or helping with someone’s car,” Brown said. “We call it a ‘fammoly’, it sounds kind of cliché but we’re a tight-knit group.”



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Michael Brown, 1st Maintenance Squadron munitions storage crew chief stands at the 'bomb dump' at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, May 3, 2018. All munitions are kept mission ready by the 1MXS munitions flight in Ammo Country. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**

U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 1st Maintenance Squadron conventional unit, load 20 mm rounds on to a universal ammunition loading system at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, May 1, 2018. The rounds are shot from an F-22 Raptor with an M16A2 20-millimeter cannon. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**





A universal ammunition loading system is loaded with 20 mm rounds at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, May 1, 2018. The F-22 Raptor can carry 480 rounds. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Dakota Brown, 1st Maintenance Squadron equipment maintenance technician lubricates a trailer for maintenance at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, April 30, 2018. The trailer maintenance unit keeps all trailers mission ready. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**







U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Charles Trim, 1st Maintenance Squadron precision guided munitions supervisor mounts an AIM-9 Sidewinder missile on a trailer at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, April 30, 2018. In air-to-air configuration the F-22 Raptor carries six AIM-120 AMRAAMs and two AIM-9 Sidewinders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**

U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 1st Maintenance Squadron precision guided munitions unit, mount an AIM-9 Sidewinder missile at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, April 30, 2018. In air-to-ground configuration the F-22 Raptor carries up to eight small diameter bombs, two AIM-120 AMRAAMs and two AIM-9 Sidewinders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**





U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Ulysses Rodriguez, 1st Maintenance Squadron conventional maintenance technician drives a forklift at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, May 1, 2018. After loading non-precision guided missiles on a trailer, the line delivery unit will transport them to the flightline. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Ulysses Rodriguez, 1st Maintenance Squadron conventional maintenance technician, picks up GBU39A/B's with a forklift at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, May 1, 2018. The conventional unit manages all non-precision guided munitions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**







U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 1st Maintenance Squadron line delivery unit, bring trailers loaded with chaff to the flightline at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, May 1, 2018. All munitions are kept and prepared by the 1MXS munitions flight and taken to the flight line by the line delivery unit when needed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc) **(Photo by Airman 1st Class Anthony Nin Leclerc)**

Source: <https://www.jble.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1615761/if-you-aint-ammo/>



## *What's New...*

### *Hypersonic missile development coming to Eglin*

NFW Daily News

By Jim Thompson

Posted Aug 15, 2018 at 3:11 PM

Source: <http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180815/hypersonic-missile-development-coming-to-eglin>

EGLIN AFB — The Air Force Armament Directorate at Eglin Air Force Base is managing two fast-track programs, which could total more than \$1.4 billion, to design and build prototypes of hypersonic missiles capable of traveling up to five times the speed of sound — more than a mile per second.

The work is being done under contracts with Lockheed Martin, a Bethesda, Maryland-based defense contractor. One of the contracts sets a 2021 deadline for U.S. hypersonic missile capability. The latest contract, awarded Monday, calls for Lockheed Martin to design and develop an “air-launched rapid response weapon” (ARRW) by Nov. 30, 2021. The contract carries a not-to-exceed cost of \$480 million, with work slated for Lockheed Martin’s Missiles and Fire Control division in Orlando.

Monday’s contract follows a \$928 million contract awarded in April to Lockheed Martin’s Space Systems division in Huntsville, Alabama. That contract calls for design and development of “a hypersonic, conventional, air-launched, stand-off weapon (HCSW).”

Stand-off weapons can be fired at a sufficient distance to avoid return fire. The HCSW already has acquired the nickname “Hacksaw,” based on its acronym.

Lockheed Martin officials offered limited comment on the contracts.

“Our robust experience in high-speed flight has shown us that the addition of hypersonic technology would be the best and most cost-effective solution to addressing potentially dangerous and increasingly mobile threats in the global security arena,” Kaitlyn Arena, associate manager of public affairs and marketing communication for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, said in an email.

An Air Force News Service story on Monday’s contract quotes Secretary of the Air Force Heather A. Wilson on the speed of hypersonic weapons development.

“We are going to go fast and leverage the best technology available to get hypersonic capability to the warfighter as soon as possible,” Wilson said.

The Air Force effort is being conducted under an agreement with the Navy, Army and the Department of Defense to work cooperatively to develop hypersonic “boost-glide” technology. In a boost-glide system, a missile accelerates its weapons payload to high speed, after which the payload detaches from the missile and glides to its target.

“We must push the boundaries of technology and own the high ground in this era of great power competition and beyond,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein told the Air Force News Service.

Russia and China are developing hypersonic weapons. Earlier this year, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced his country had already deployed one hypersonic missile. Earlier this month, according to a CNN report, China announced the successful test of a hypersonic weapon.

Armament Directorate officials were not immediately available for comment, but an Air Force announcement explained that each Air Force missile program is on a different path.

“Hacksaw” is combining existing technologies, while the ARRW effort is “pushing the art-of-the-possible,” according to the announcement.



The Air Force Armament Directorate at Eglin Air Force Base is managing two projects aimed at developing hypersonic missiles, which can travel at five times the speed of sound, or nearly 4,000 mph. This artist's conception shows how one of the missiles might look when attached to an aircraft. [U.S. AIR FORCE GRAPHIC]

## ***The Munitions Sustainment Division supports the Hill Aerospace Museum with a Munitions Display***

**Subject:** INFO: Outstand Effort - Hill Aerospace Museum Open A/C Day

Good Morning EBH!

A little over a week ago, the Hill Aerospace Museum had an open house event and our Division provided outstanding support with a display.

I would like to personally recognize Capt. Emanuel Nunez, Capt. Preston Smith, TSgt Nicholas Ruggles and SSgt John Carter for taking their weekend to be out there and showcase what we do in the Munitions Sustainment Division. We couldn't have done it without their hard work and support!

For those who weren't able to attend, please see the attached pictures of our display and our personnel at work showing off our Airpower!

Have a Great AMMO day!

W. Scott Bell, Colonel, USAF  
Senior Materiel Leader, Munitions Sustainment Division  
AFLCMC/EBH









## ***Moody Blues 2018 - Recap***

Submitted by Fred O'Hern

It was pretty quiet in Ray City, Georgia until October 3rd. The RVs, cars and trucks with campers started the invasion and continued through to the 6th massing Ammo Troops and families on the Jones Pecan Farm. Ammo troops flew in from New England, California and Tennessee. Ammo drove from Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and even Michigan with one goal! The Biggest Ammo Call in South Georgia, Moody Blues Hee Haw Fammoly Reunion! The skinny of attendance came down to we couldn't get everyone to stand still long enough in one place to get an exact head count! We called for the picture, and we still had them in the pool, some were combat napping, some were fishing and some were swimming in the cement pond! The final count we think was 97 adults and children in the picture not including dogs. We figured another 43 was somewhere and missed formation.



We had quite the characters come this year from The Good Doctor and Nurse Goodbody to the the Greers who looked like they came right out the hills of Tennessee. Miss Nani said she was raised in South Korea and come from a long line of hillbillies drinking rice wine, soju and other fine spirits. Speaking of fine spirits, we "seed some different spirits than usual" with a quality jungle juice present that could have been used as a spiritual drink, engine starter, injector cleaner, or rust remover. Plenty of drink for every age and every taste.





We had the golf shooting competition up on Moody Field with an 18 hole team of Dick Whitten, Bob Ammons and "Tiger" Kay Mack. It was said the Tiger can line drive a ball from county line to county line, so he was the winner of the competition at Whispering Pines. Pete Lawler was the Range Officer on the handgun range "Hit the broadside of a barn shootoff". Brett Hilliker became a super instructor introducing many a first time shooters to handguns and teaching formal range safety rules. They told us he could shoot the "wings off a gnat" at a hundred yards, so he was the winner of the award, but a lot of folks were winners because of Chief Hilliker Saturday! Chunking horse shoes never got organized but a lot of folks played several rounds of horse shoes and had a good time.



Did I mention we were honored some of Ammo's Greatest Chiefs with us! Chief Tom Zima, Chief Ray Wilson, Chief Fred O'Hern, Chief Dick Whitten, Chief Brett Hilliker, Chief Darryl Beasley, Chief Bill Perkins, Chief John Greer and Chief Scott Browning of the 23rd TFW Munitions Storage area soon to retire in November 2018! Chief Browning has given tremendous support to the Ammo Veterans Association. We thank all of our Chiefs for their support and leadership over the years.

We recognized our Ammo Sisters, Robbie Burton, LP Owen, Vicki Salo Spitz, Christine Brooks, Kelly Marie, Dolly Witt and Active Duty SrA Shank Frank with her son. The ladies paid us back by giving us a "big ole" Ammo Cheer that could be heard across county lines. Outstanding!





All day and night Saturday food was great. Great thanks go out to everyone that brought dishes and cooked the feast for all to enjoy. Thanks to Joe Santua and Lito for grilling 80 pounds of leg quarters, two pigs, and brisket. Flo went to work cooking as soon as she landed. We love Flo's pancit, tamales, and all she cooks for us. The Greers cooked this crowd breakfast both Friday and Saturday. Scotty Wansor on the grills at lunch with hamburgers, and Ms Terrie Jones for her chili dogs. Everyone who contributed just absolutely rocks! A special thank you goes out to Delores Trescott and Brenda Whitten (nurse Good Body) for ramrodding the food clean up and storage. The raffle and auction went very good Saturday, and of course the proceeds went to help sponsor the event and the Ammo Veterans Association general fund.



We sang kararoke, we danced, we listened to the songs of Joe Santua, Brenda Whitten and Dolly Witt till the wee hours of the night Saturday. Eric Ankelein, our pyro maniac, gave us a fantastic fireworks display. As the night wound down, we caught the President of the AVA winding it all down.



We found out Sunday as we woke from a weekend of outdoor activities that shooting handguns, swimming, fishing, horseshoes, golfing and camaraderie wears you out. Fammoly is magical. Friends who haven't seen each other in 25 years hug and instantly go back to the last time they saw each other. The Ammo Airmen, Sergeants, Lieutenant and the Chief from the 23rd TFW come out to make our day special. We shake their hands and we quickly become friends because they are our youngest fammoly members. We still don't let them call us grandpa or grandma though! We give thanks to these folks for sacrificing for us. How special is it for Dolly Witt to shake the hand of once A1C Browning who became Chief Browning? The reunion gives us a special place for our great Ammo troops who perform around the world as we did.

Sunday was tough as the hugs and see you later began. No one really wanted it to end. John Greer and Doris said they'll just wait a day to push on to Branson. Mark and Donna Dunn with Trevor decided they were in no hurry and waited till Monday to leave. I sat Monday afternoon on the patio feeling sad that my brothers and sisters have all gone back home. This Ammo Call had ended, but I have the memories of a lifetime from the week. I met new fammoly. I had the chance to be with my brothers, sisters and their families once again. What a blessing! With God's will. Moody Blues 2019 Ammo Combat Dining Out will hurry up and get here!



## ***Ammo Chiefs Association 2018 Reunion - Recap***



The AMMO Chief's Association 2018 Reunion went off without a hitch from 14 to 18 Oct in Branson, MO. The outings including the Branson Bell Dinner Cruise and the Dolly Parton Stampede dinner were enjoyed by all who attended.

The ACA extends a big thanks to Rich McVey and the planning committee to include Mike Roylance for keeping books in order for this event as well as Jack Seaman, Joe Dominguez, Van Ray and again Mike Roylance for their help and advice along the way.

A extra hearty AMMO Huh goes out to our 2018 Reunion Boss, Rich McVey and his wife Renate for all their time and effort to make this a superb event!



Reunion Boss Rich McVey and his lovely wife Renate.





Reunion attendees meet and greet in the hospitality suite during the Branson Reunion.

On Thursday, 11 October, eight of the ACAs finest duffers took to the links at Thousand Hills Golf Course in Branson to enjoy a great day of weather and camaraderie. Our golfers were (left to right): George Harding, Joe Dominguez, Dwight Howard, Billie Campbell, Carl Schultz, Wayne Benson, John Greer, and hiding from the camera, Mike Robertson. As Billie can attest to, the course truly lived up to its name! Congratulations to Dwight who turned in the lowest score while Mike managed to count the most strokes during the round.







**Rich and Renate McVey  
Prepping the Fajitas**



**Rich McVey and Jack Seaman  
doin' the cooking...**



**Getting ready for the ACA  
Business Meeting**





**The Commanders in Chief on the Dolly Parton Stampede Outing**



**The entire Reunion Cadre at the Branson Belle Dinner "Cruise"**





**“James, beat the drum every time I ..... James?”**

### **Reunion Business Meeting Highlights:**

After Van called the meeting to order at 1230, October 12, 2018, Jack confirmed we had a combined total of 25 CMSgt attendee's and 40 Proxy Designations (65 Total), exceeding the 48 required for a quorum.

Van gave his perception of how the ACA was doing; discussed and closed out some old business items; briefly outlined the meetings structure and then turned the meeting over to Mike Robertson.

Mike elaborated on how the ACA was making every effort possible to make sure we preserve AMMO heritage and History; explained recent improvements and expansion of the ACA's quarterly S&F Newsletter; asked the attendee's to notify either Jack or Mike of any planned National USAF AMMO Day events for the 4th of December; asked the members present if they agreed with our current \$\$ support of AVA sponsored events and then turned the meeting over to Jack.

Jack briefed 2018 Treasury, Membership and Chief-at-Arms topics due to Mike Roylance and Fred O'Hern not being present. Also discussed was the ACA Memorial Legacy "Paver" Initiative, \$\$ donations made to the ACA, our major expenses already paid out this year and what we estimated our end of year \$\$ balances to be.

Bart Ivy and John Greer, Directors-at-Large present at the meeting were given an opportunity to speak about any subjects they deemed worthy of attendee discussion. This was followed up with each of the 5 Chapter Representatives present discussing any initiatives / programs they considered relevant. "Big John", Johnny Long, Rich Pennington, Phil Kennedy, Mike

Robertson, Mark Gossett and Joe Dominguez all gave informative updates on their respective Chapter(s) activities.

Jack then presented the items needing further discussion and / or a vote before being added to the Constitution. As briefly as possible these included:

- (1.) Adding a Heritage & History statement to Article II, Purpose of the ACA.
- (2.) Prioritization & Clarification of Article V Awards, Sections 4, 5 & 6, for awarding a certificate and an AMMO Spirit coin to the respective recipients of the Lt Gen Leo Marquez Award, the AMMO Spirit Award and the ACA Recognition Award.
- (3.) Adding Section 7, (a) & (b) to Article V Awards, detailing the ACA's Memorial Legacy Paver program.
- (4.) Adding sub-paragraphs (a) & (b) to Article VII, Section 1, Meetings and Elections (Periodic Reunions), detailing when, where, how and by whom the next Biennial Reunion location is determined.

The above four (4) items were voted on and were unanimously approved for inclusion in the Constitution. The entire revised 2018 ACA Constitution is now, or very soon will be, available for all to see on the [ammochiefs.com](http://ammochiefs.com) website.

Mike Robertson briefed his Chapters acceptance for hosting the 2020 reunion. This led to a motion to accept the Wasatch Chapters hosting of the 2020 Reunion, the motion received a unanimous vote of approval, the reunion will be held in the Ogden / Salt Lake City area.

Steve West (Lone Star Chapter) presented the attendee's with the following subject for discussion, **"How do we want to preserve the AMMO Heritage - - with a Monument; by several Memorial Walls over different regions, etc.,?"**

The idea drew immediate interest from several attendees' including Larry DiAmco and Joe Dominguez who both said they would be willing to help with the project if accepted for sponsorship by the ACA. Since the meeting an **"AMMO Heritage Memorial"** committee has formed with Steve and Mike Roylance as the Chair and Co-Chair respectively, Larry and Joe are also part of this committee. We have asked for additional volunteers from the AMMO Community to volunteer to be on the committee with Steve & Mike deciding who and how many more members are needed.

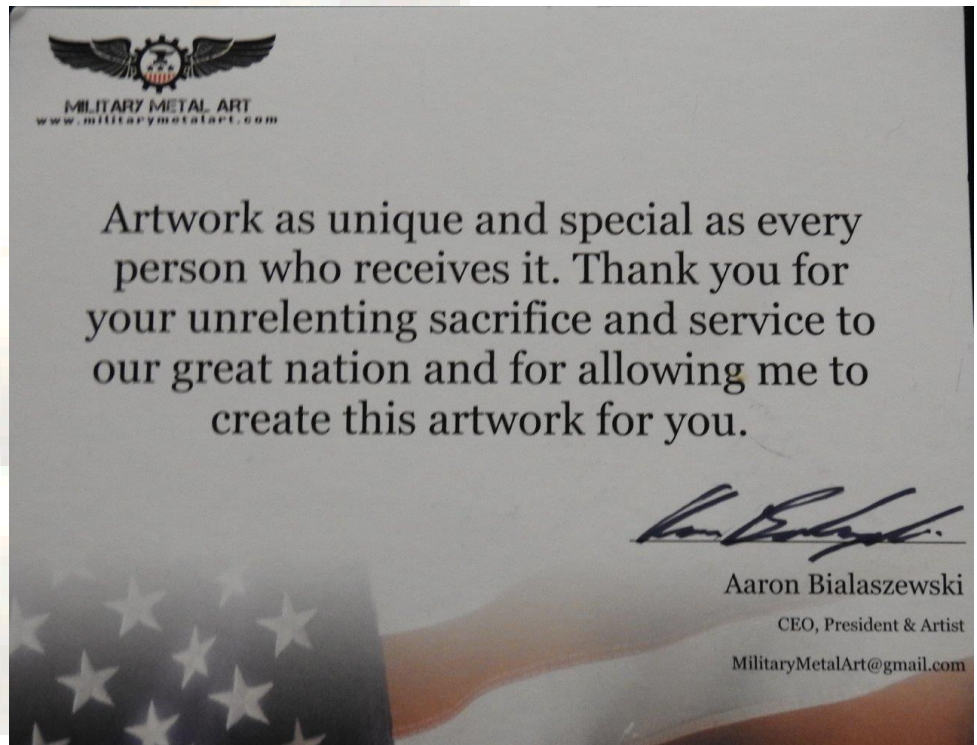
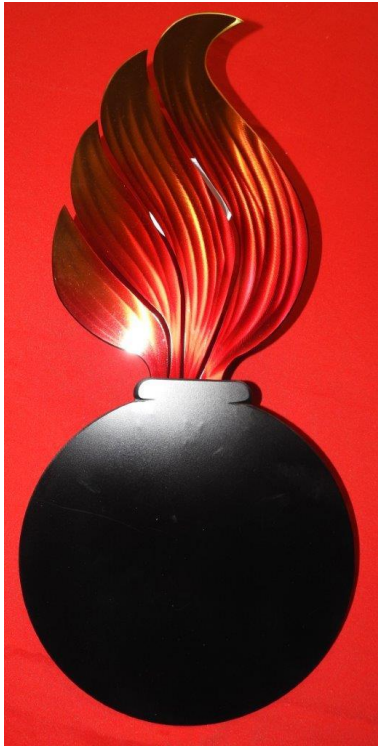
Finally, Jack reminded all attendee's that five (5) ACA BOD positions will need to be filled next Fall. Specifically, the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief-at-Arms and one (1) Director-at-Large incumbent have either reached the end of their allowable terms or have declined serving any longer.

A request for volunteers / nominations to fill the slots will be sent out to the membership October 1, 2019 with voting to take place during November. By December 10th the new BOD members will be announced to the membership and they will fill their elected positions effective January 1, 2020.

Van then called for a motion to adjourn and the meeting terminated at around 1500.

Jack





**This fine piece of “AMMO Art” was donated to the ACA for our Reunion by Military Metal Art. Check out their website at: [www.militarymetalart.com](http://www.militarymetalart.com)**



## **AMMO MATH...**

**Everyone buys raffle tickets to win the esteemed pisspot...**

**Jack wins the pisspot raffle...**

**Jack auctions the pisspot off to the highest bidder – Larry...**

**Jack puts the auction proceeds into the open bar fund...**

**Everyone drinks free for the rest of the night ...**

**Successful Recon!!!**





**ACA honored attendees sharing war stories...**

**Colonel (Ret.) John Elle (left) was one of the 2018 Order of the Shell & Flame Award recipients.**

**Colonel (Ret.) William Corley was a 2016 Order of the Shell & Flame Award recipient.**

## **Shell & Flame Award Banquet and Dinner**



**Air Force ROTC Honor Guard from the local Branson High School opens the Reunion Banquet**



**GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!!**

**ACA honors those AMMO Chiefs,  
Comrades, associates and friends that  
have left us since the 2016 Reunion...**



**Order of the Shell & Flame Trophies**





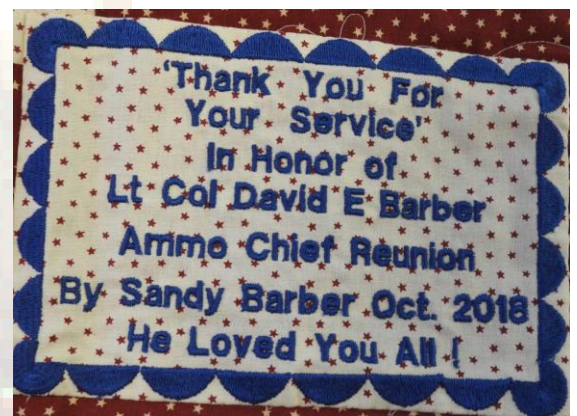
**ABOVE LEFT: Colonel (Ret.) John Elle (left) is presented with the 2018 ACA Order of the Shell & Flame by AMMO Chief (Ret.) Bart Ivy (right). Note: Colonel Elle was the 1<sup>st</sup> “Honorary Chief” member in the ACA.**



**ABOVE RIGHT: Billy “Bombdump” Campbell (left) is presented with the 2018 ACA Order of the Shell & Flame by AMMO Chief (Ret.) Bart Ivy (right).**



**Billy “Bombdump” Campbell and his wife Linda win the Flag Quilt raffle.**



**Note: The quilt was woven and stitched by Sandy Barber and donated specifically for the ACA Reunion in Honor of her late Husband, Lt Col Dave Barber.**

**Thank You Sandy!**





### **2018ACA Reunion - AMMO Chief and Honored Guest Attendees**

From Left to Right: Tom Cox, James Smith, Jack Seaman, Tom Zima, Dwight Howard, Dave Corley, Mark Gossett, Johnny Long, Mike Robertson, Larry DiAmco, Jackie Jones, Wayne Benson, Bob Brown, George Harding, Phil Kennedy, Jack Elle, Carl Shultz, Billie Campbell, Bart Ivy, John Greer, Joe Dominguez, Chuck Wills, Van Ray, Don Bour, Bill Pennington, Rich McVey, Rich Pennington.



### **2018 ACA Reunion - The Important People!**

From Left to Right: Bille DiAmco, Jan Howard, Jean Corley, Daleen Jones, Sherry Kennedy, Myong Robertson, Kim Gossett, Pam Brown, Diana Cox, Jeanne Long, Lois Zima, Sue Pennington, Monique Harding, Alicia Ivy, Lavonne Bour, Lin Cambell, Lucila Wills, Doris Greer, Joyce Ray, Renate McVey (Not Shown).



## **LAST CALL**

### **LT. COLONEL DAVID “Dave” E. BARBER**

**October 24, 1942 - August 13, 2018**



Lt. Col. David E. Barber, (Ret.) USAF, 75, died peacefully in his College Station, TX home on August 13, 2018. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he was awarded the Bronze Star as well as many other meritorious medals for his service. Although he had many achievements during his twenty five year military career, he was most proud of commanding the 7th MMS Squadron out of Carswell, AFB. He retired from his second career as a financial planner with First Command/USPA & IRA in 2014 after twenty four years.

Dave Barber was born on October 24, 1942 in Robstown, Texas. He achieved the Eagle Scout rank from the B.S.A. and went on to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Industry from Texas Tech University in 1965, where he was an active member of the Saddle Tramps organization. He received a Master's degree in Arts in 1973 from Ball State University.

A fierce patriot and Texan, Dave Barber was also a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a loyal friend who always lent a helping hand in times of trouble or enjoyed a good laugh. Truly, he never met a stranger in his life. He married Martha J. McDavid from Waco, TX in 1965 and enjoyed a marriage of 42 years until her death in 2007. He was blessed in marriage once again to Sandra Kirwan in 2008 and they just celebrated their 10th year anniversary.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; her son, Ron Roach Jr.; his son, Barton; his daughter, Carol Feirick; her husband, Jeffrey Feirick; and his two grandsons, Thomas and Roderick Feirick. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Martha, and his son, Phillip.

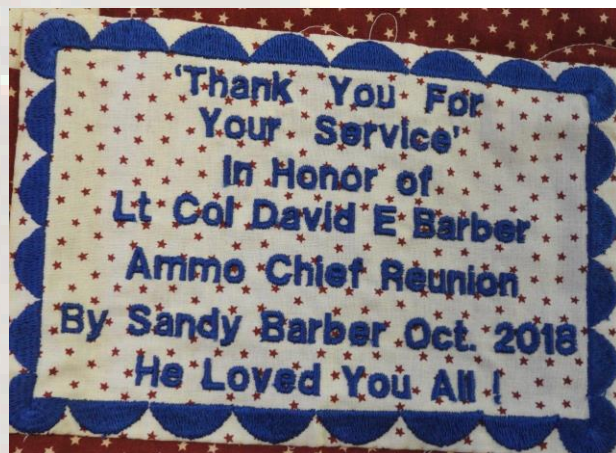
A private interment will take place at a future date at Oakwood Cemetery in Waco, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his memory to Traditions Hospice, [1862 Rock Prairie Road, Suite 202, College Station, Texas 77845](https://www.traditionshospice.com/).

Source: <https://www.hillierfuneralhome.com/tributes/David-Barber>

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It's a sad day in Ammo...we have lost one of our stars.  
Boss Barber was an outstanding munitions officer  
throughout his career.

Van Ray  
ACA President

Colonel Barber was posthumously awarded the  
Shell & Flame by unanimous decision of the ACA BOD



## **LAST CALL**



### **CMSGT CHARLES "CHUCK" DANIEL NORTON, SR.**

**February 16, 1939 - August 3, 2018**

Charles Daniel "Chuck" Norton, Sr., CMSgt (Ret) 79, of Hawkinsville, passed peacefully away on Friday, August 3, 2018. Memorial Services were held on Sunday, August 26, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. A private interment will be held at Andersonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heart of Georgia Hospice Inpatient Care, 1120 Morningside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069, or to the donor's charity of choice in memory of Chuck.

Chuck was born on February 16, 1939, in Dillon, South Carolina, to the late Daniel Charles and Maggie Belle Simpson Norton. Not long after his high school graduation, Chuck enlisted in the United States Air Force. His time spent in Vietnam exposed him to the chemical known as Agent Orange, which unfortunately led to health related set-backs that eventually led to his disability.

Chuck spent many years following his active duty service working at Robins Air Force Base until he finally retired in 1996. Even in retirement, he continued to dedicate his time assisting disabled veterans receive the benefits that were earned through their sacrifices defending our nation. Chuck was also proud to honor veterans through his time as a Service Officer for the VFW Post 6077 in Hawkinsville for twenty years. We thank you for your service.

Left to cherish the memories they shared with Chuck are his loving and devoted wife, Dovie Stewart Norton; his children, Charles D. Norton, Jr., and Trina McDaniel (Danny); his grandchildren, Miranda McDaniel, Christa McDaniel, and Shelby Norton; brothers, Carl Norton and Jim Norton; many loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, and a host of longtime friends.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Chuck and I were at Lakenheath in 1976 as young T/MSGts; he was one of the good guys; post retirement he immersed himself in VA Service Officer programs dedicated to fighting for veterans with service connected disabilities. I recommend the award of posthumous Shell and Flame.

Fred O'hern



## **LAST CALL**



### **CMSGT LARRY G. BALLARD**

**February 15, 1941 – September 27, 2018**

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From: **Carin Moffitt** <[cmoffitt0651@gmail.com](mailto:cmoffitt0651@gmail.com)>

Subject: Ret. CMSgt Larry G. Ballard

To: AMMO Chiefs Association <[ammo.chiefs.association@gmail.com](mailto:ammo.chiefs.association@gmail.com)>

It is with deep sadness that I inform you all that my dad Ret. CMSgt Larry G. Ballard passed away on the 27th of September 2018. He fought a long battle with Alzheimer's but was able to remain at home until the end. His memorial service will be held on October 12, 2018 at The Tennessee State Veteran's Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.

Thank you all for the kind words and beautiful cards we have received. Your thoughts and prayers are definitely helping us during this difficult time. We send our deepest appreciation to all of you. With heavy hearts and our heads held high we will shout IYAAAYAS one last time for my dad!

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Larry was born on February 15, 1941 and passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2018. Larry was a resident of Tennessee at the time of passing.

His career began in 1959 after he graduated high school and after 3 tours in Vietnam, Korea, and countless other tours all over the world, he finally retired back to his hometown of Lexington in 1986. Larry was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force.

A memorial service, with full military honors, will be held at the Tennessee State Veteran's Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads on October 12th 2018 at 1:30 pm with Bro. Mark Pendergrass officiating.

Source: <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Larry-Glenn-Ballard-106484406>

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Chief Ballard was an AMMO Troop his entire Air Force career. He retired around 1984 – 1985 as a Chief Master Sergeant. He was stationed in Sembach AB, Germany in 1968 – 1972, Spangdahlem AB, Germany in 1976 – 1979, and at MacDill AFB, Florida in 1980 – 1984.

He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2004 and was still cognizant for quite a few years after that. Chief Ballard's wife Hanna passed away earlier in 2018.

Chief Ballard was an ACA Lifetime Member holding membership # RL - 40.

# 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 us we hope to meet them where no farewell tear is shed.*

Michael Bachman  
 Larry G. Ballard\*\*\*  
 Dave Barber\*\*\*  
 Wilbur R. Barrentine \*  
 Gail Bechtal  
 Walter L. Bell \*/\*\*  
 Frank D. Bolin  
 Anthony Borzomowski  
 Jim "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 D "Mike" Curran \*\*\*  
 James Curtin  
 Robert J Delaney  
 Phillip Delisi  
 William R "Bill" Dressler  
 Larry Eaton  
 Charles L. "Chuck" Eaves  
 Kathy Elle

James N Elledge  
 Thomas Everett  
 William "Bill" Fick \*\*\*  
 Francis J "Frank" Gamache  
 Richard Gauvin  
 Karl J Gerschutz  
 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  
 Arthur L "Lon" McAlister  
 Alvin "Al" Mercer \*\*\*  
 Clifton Mills  
 William "Bill" Mosier  
 Kevin Mullaney

Darrell Mulvany  
 Charles "Chuck" Norton\*\*\*  
 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 G Sechler  
 Ramsey Stonewall  
 Ben Stubbe  
 Addison "George" Wadsworth  
 Joseph S "Joe" Wata\*\*\*  
 Richard Whatton  
 Kenneth R. Whitley  
 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 \*\*\* are Shell & Flame Awardees