

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 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.,?"**

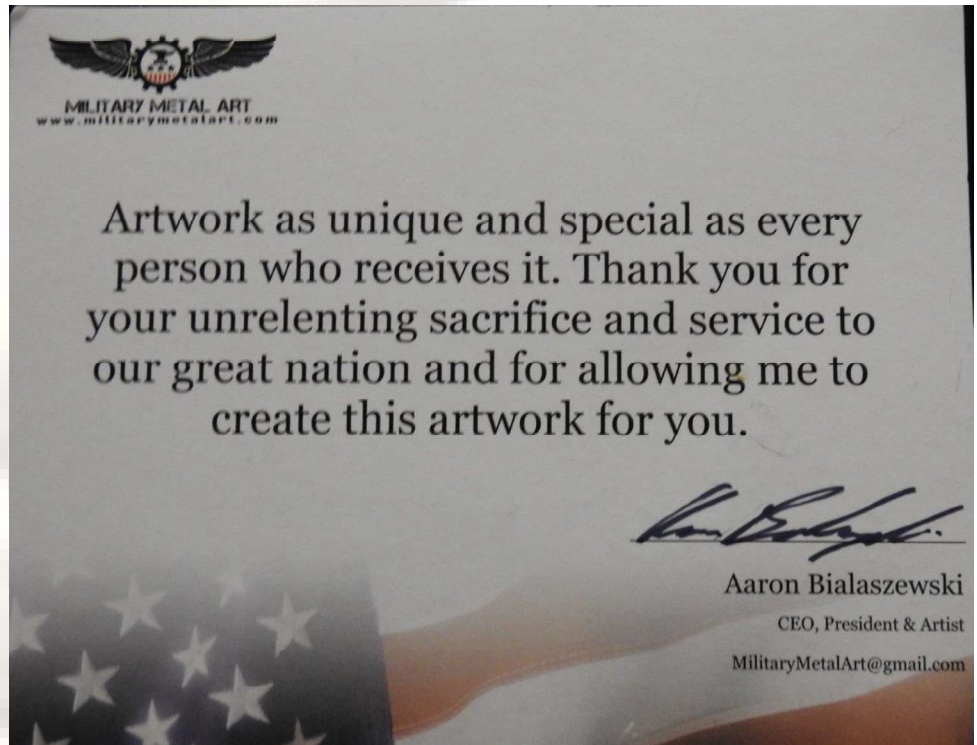
The idea drew immediate interest from several attendees' including Larry DiAmco and Joe Dominguez who both said they would be willing to help with the project if accepted for sponsorship by the ACA. Since the meeting an **"AMMO Heritage Memorial"** committee has formed with Steve and Mike Roylance as 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



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



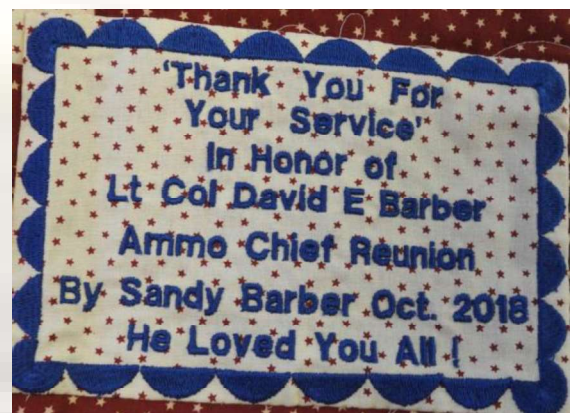
ABOVE LEFT: Colonel (Ret.) John Elle (left) is presented with the 2018 ACA Order of the Shell & Flame by AMMO Chief (Ret.) Bart Ivy (right). Note: Colonel Elle was the 1st “Honorary Chief” member in the ACA.



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).