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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.

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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:

Well, a new year is upon us and with the timeframe comes elections for the ACA. This year will bring host of changes in the leadership of our organization. We sincerely wish for folks to participate in the election by voting or even better, running for an office in the ACA. The ACA is a wonderful organization...we stay focused on making the lives of Ammo folks better...and that is our primary goal. Let's make 2019 a year of participation in the ACA.

Van

From The Vice President:

I'm looking forward to 2019 and continuing the excellent efforts of the ACA to support AMMO Troops and highlight the AMMO legacy whenever we can. Of special note, in this edition you'll read about a new "Desert Mountains Chapter" being formed in the Arizona region and you'll see the video from Chief Hendershot announcing "Approval" of the new AMMO Duty Badge.

Mike
Shell & Flame Editor

From The Secretary:

Greetings to all, hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays/vacations with family and friends - - peacefully and safely. We're well into the New Year and it will be a busy one for the ACA. One of the things we need to address soon is the loss of many of our board members - specifically:

Van Ray is stepping down 31 December at the end of his 4 year term.

Mike Robertson is also stepping down 31 December at the end of his 4 year term.

My 8 year term as Secretary is also up 31 December.

Mike Roylance has served 6 years and has decided to stay for 2 more to meet the maximum term allowed if agreeable to all.

Fred O'Hern's 8 year term is up and he has also voluntarily extended his tenure out to 31 December, 2021.

Bart Ivy's 8 year Director at Large term is up;

"Dusty" Rhodes and John Ray are also stepping down from Director at Large positions at the end of their 4 year terms.

We (the BOD) are considering a revision to our Constitutions Election process to help reduce / eliminate such a big loss of Board continuity in the future. We would first begin by moving our nomination and voting process forward to this summer giving us all a bit more time to put together a broader spread of viable candidates. We would probably start the process in the July - August time frame vice waiting until October. As in the past, we would ask for volunteers from, and nominations for, any eligible ACA member. We would also ask each of the Chapters to nominate members from their respective memberships for the BOD openings, presenting them the opportunity for representation on the BOD with one of their own. Those elected will begin their terms 1 January, 2020.

The remaining vacancies (Treasurer & Chief at Arms) at the end of Mike and Fred's voluntary extensions would require those positions to be voted on / filled in the Fall of 2021 with those elected taking office the 1st of January, 2022. This approach (holding elections every two years) will require changes to the Constitution, concurrence of the BOD and at least 25% of the general membership voting in favor. It'll work, the difficult part will be convincing a couple more current BOD members to extend out for another 2 years! I would welcome anyone's thoughts on this real soon - - before we decide to put it all up for a formal motion / vote.

For those of you who pay dues annually and who have not yet done so are reminded you have been removed from the current and active membership rolls as of 31 January. I'm sure some of you have merrily forgotten it's that time of year again, some others have been in arrears for some time and we'd sure like to have you all back "in the fold." To be reinstated / brought up to date simply send Mike or I a \$25.00 check for your 2019 dues **OR** convert to Lifetime membership by paying whatever your remaining balance is. If you're not sure of the amount remaining for lifetime membership drop Mike or I an email and we'll let you know. Remember, you can now go to the ammochiefs.com website and use the PayPal link to make your payment. Since Mike recently went out to all our Annual Dues paying members reminding them of this option, many have taken advantage of it and we thank you much for doing so.

Finally, I wish you and yours an enjoyable Spring and Summer, stay healthy and be safe.

Jack, **IYAAYAS !!!!**

From The Treasurer:

The books are closed on the financials for 2018 and the annual audit was just completed, no errors or problems noticed. The 2019 Budget is also complete. The Annual Treasurer Report to Members will be out soon.

Also

Please update Your Contact Information.

We continually try to keep the AMMO Chief's database current. With that in mind the next edition of the ACA "All Chiefs and Members Roster" is due to be released at the end of **March 2019**. Please take a few minutes to look at last year's edition, and check your information. If you have not sent us an update in the last year and would like to update our records then either contact Jack or myself and we will ensure the database is correct. And remember we do not share your info with anyone unless you allow it.

Below is a sample of what it will look like. Sharing data is defaulted to NO unless we have you on record for a YES, if you have any other changes then let us know.

March 30, 2016

Ammo Chiefs Association All Member/All Chiefs Roster

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Last Name Rank	First Name Spouse	Member No. Status	Address City State Zip	Email	Home Phone Cell Phone	Chapter Share Data Last Update
Rott CMSgt	Leroy	None Deceased				No None 1/1/9999
Roylance CMSgt	Michael J. "Mike" Bonnie	RL-010 Retired	1525 267th PL SE Sammamish WA 98075	mikeroylance@comcast.net	(425) 785-6084 (425) 785-6084	Yes None 9/2/2013

Jack Seaman

Email: ammo.chiefs.association@gmail.com

Mike Roylance,

Email: acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com

Also

2019 Dues are payable now through the end of January if you are an Annual Member. Check with Jack or myself and we can let you know what it would cost to become a lifetime member.

Also

I went ahead and broke out our new chapter that is in the process of forming now. Desert Mountains, numbers are not truly known yet but the chapter development is encouraging.

Also

We would also like to thank the following people and organizations for the generous donations they made in 2018. Their contributions to our organization exceeded \$4,000. Their assistance helped us fund the \$5,500 plus that we made back to our Ammo Community in 2018 which included four Ammo Bowls, two iterations of Holiday Care Package shipments to deployed Ammo troops administered by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, two Ammo Veterans Association events (Moody Blues & Vegas Monster Bash), one Life Flight, the Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship winner and of course our recent Chiefs Reunion in Branson this past October.

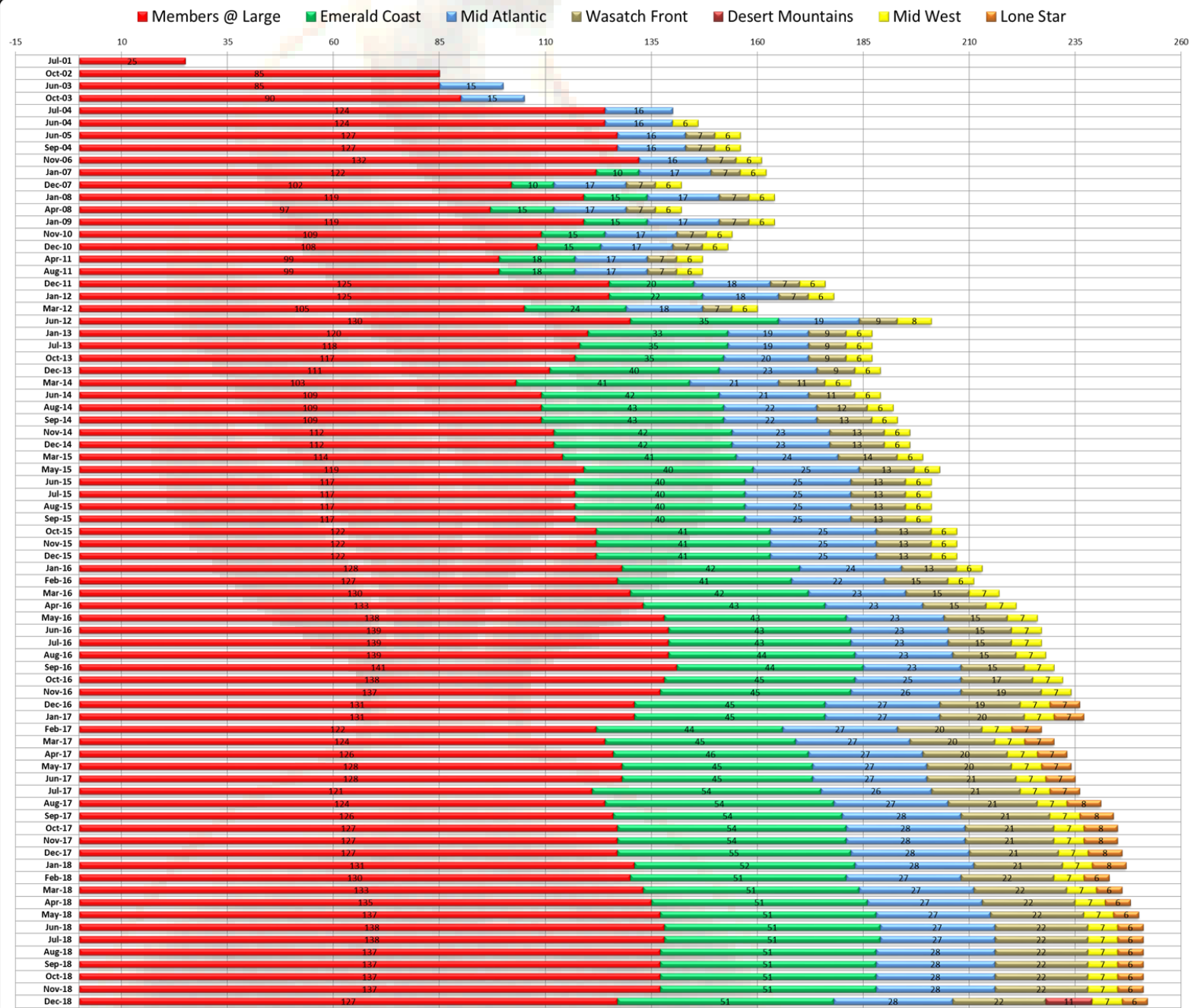
Col Jack Elle
 Col Brady Wilkins
 Col Dave Corley
 Lt Col Dave & Sandy Barber
 Lt Col Bill Sweezey
 Chief Chuck Wills
 Chief Billy Campbell
 Chief Tod Kirkendall
 Robert Parry
 Brian Luessen
 The Corvette Marque Club of Seattle



We would also like to thank the folks at Military Metal Art for the generous donation of the 26 inch Pisspot they donated to our reunion. Checkout their other artwork at: <https://militarymetalart.com/>

<i>Membership Totals by Chapter and Type</i>								
07-Jan-19								
<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Chief Life</i>	<i>Chief Annual</i>	<i>Associate Life</i>	<i>Associate Annual</i>	<i>Honorary Spouse</i>	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Shell and Flame</i>
<i>Lone Star</i>	6	4	2					
<i>Mid West</i>	7	6						1
<i>Desert Mountains</i>	11	9	2					
<i>Wasatch Front</i>	22	17	2	2			1	
<i>Mid Atlantic</i>	28	21	1	4	2			
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	51	29	1	13	3	4		1
<i>At Large</i>	127	90	5	14	3	10	2	3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>252</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>

The Chart on the next page shows you how the ACA has grown over the years and the impact of adding chapters.



From The Chief at Arms:

The ACA has the following items for sale!

You can now use PayPal for purchases! Please use this link to make payment:

<https://www.paypal.me/AmmoChiefs> or acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com

In the "ADD A NOTE" section tell us specifically what you are ordering and quantity.

Ensure your "Shipping Address" is correct.

The new ACA Coin is \$10, an old ACA Coin \$8, or one of our six inch Patches \$6.

Please include shipment cost as follows \$2 per single coin for shipping; \$1 for each added coin.

There is no shipping cost for the Patch.

Note: Numbered coins are only available to new members and new members will continue to receive the old coin until all the old numbered coins are depleted.

New Coin \$10, Dia 1.75", Antique Bronze and Antique Silver, 3D molded with Color.



Old Coin \$8.00, Dia 1.75", Antique Nickel with Color.

ACA Patch \$6, Diameter 6 inches



For Those who do not wish to use PayPal send checks payable to Ammo Chiefs Association
Sales To: ACA Chief at Arms, C/o Fred O'Hern; 6046 SW 98 Loop, Ocala, FL, 34476

Mid-Atlantic Chapter:



ACAMC	BOD
President	Jackie Miller
Vice President	Rich Pennington
Secretary Treasurer	Bill McCullough
Director at Large	Rick Follett



The Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) took the lead in supporting the needs of the Ammo Community within our area of responsibility and our troops deployed abroad. We held our last general membership meeting of 2018 on December 8th at VFW Post #9808 in Mechanicsville, VA. Rick Follett set up the site for us along with a holiday meal. Seven members were in attendance and two used teleconferencing. In addition, we had five proxy votes so we were readily able to conduct Chapter business. Michael “Jake” Jacobsen was the lone Associate member present. John Matthews was our longest traveler who drove down from Upper Marlboro, MD with his wife Myong.



(Front) John Matthews, Eddie Fuquay, Jake Jacobsen (Back) Dave Nixon, Bill McCullough, Rick Follett, Mike Gavin, Rich Pennington



Rita Follett, Sue Pennington, Kim (Eddie's girlfriend), Myong Matthews

Jake updated the group on the award winners. SrA Alexander Keck-Leedy from Shaw won the 2Q2018 ACC Outstanding Munitions Technician of the Qtr and SrA Ann Barnes from Langley won the 3Q2018 ACC Outstanding Munitions Technician of the Qtr. Jack Miller took care of the certificates, chapter coins, and \$50.00 Visa cards for the winners.



SrA Keck-Leedy (deployed) with ACAMC Certificate

Denise Miller had some health issues and the group sent a get-well card to her.

We finally got the check from our last fundraiser at the Richmond International Raceway in September. It was supported by our members, troops from the 1FW Ammo Flight, and some of Jimmy Taylor's fAMMOly. We were able to donate \$245.00 to Jimmy Taylor's group and \$295.00 to the Ammo Morale Team at Langley.

Phil Kennedy spent \$1,881.77 on care packages for the Ammo troops deployed to four austere locations. This was Phil's first effort as care package POC and he did quite well as evidenced by the feedback we received from the deployed units. Jake was instrumental in acquiring data on the locations and troops deployed there.

Our membership continues to dwindle. CMSgt Cam Johnson is retiring this June and will be moving to AZ. George Heinlein will be permanently moving to Florida.

We presented the results of the voting for Chapter Vice President and Rich Pennington is our new Vice President. Dave Nixon served superbly in this capacity the past 2 years. His insight and participation in all of our programs set the bar high.

We reviewed four Sharp Ammo Troop packages and SrA Allen A. Jenlink of the 20 EMS at Shaw AFB was the winner. Jack Miller sent a \$100.00 Visa card, chapter coin, and certificate to his flight for presentation.



SrA Jenlink Receiving ACAMC Sharp Ammo Troop Award

This is the first year we did not receive any Ammo Troops-in-Need packages. The \$62.00 received from raffling off the White House Christmas ornament instead went toward the Holiday Care Package program.

We submitted our 2018 chapter annual report and audit to the ACA.

Our next meeting is tentatively planned for March 9th at the Langley Ammo area. Our biggest endeavor will be to start the biennial review of our Constitution and Bylaws.

IYAAYAS!

Emerald Coast Chapter:

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



No input from Emerald Coast Chapter this Edition.

Wasatch Front Chapter:

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

Over the Holiday Season the Wasatch Chapter AMMO Chiefs collected \$1,450 in donations to support local AMMO troops. Chief (Ret.) Dave Van Ert purchased 29 \$50 Commissary Gift Cards of which 15 cards were provided to the 388th Munitions Squadron and 14 cards went to the 649th Munitions Squadron.

Upon agreement of the Wasatch Chapter membership and unanimous vote of the ACA membership at the 2018 ACA Reunion in Branson, MO, the Wasatch Chapter will be hosting the 2020 ACA Reunion in the Northern Utah (Hill AFB) region. Initial planning has begun and we will provide periodic updates through the S&F newsletter and other communications.

IYAAYAS!!!

Mid-West Chapter:

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

AFMC OUTSTANDING MUNITIONS PROFESSIONAL AWARD for 4th Quarter 2018:

AMN:	A1C Catrice J. Thomas	96 MXS, Eglin AFB, FL
NCO:	SSgt John E. Thompson	AFLCMC/EBH, Hill AFB, UT
SNCO:	MSgt Sabrina I. McCaslin	96 MXS, Eglin AFB, FL
CIVILIAN:	Mr. Douglas J. Riedmiller	412 MXS, Edwards AFB, CA

AMMO folks from the Mid-West Chapter region getting together on National AMMO Day, 4 Dec 2018.



Lone Star Chapter:

<i>ACALSC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	CMSgt Steven West
Vice President	Fred Lee
Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph Dominguez

The Lone Star Chapter (LSC) held its general membership meeting and civic event on 17 Nov 2018 at the Warrior and Family Support Center (WFSC) on Fort Sam Houston (the BAMC side). Both family and members participated in grounds maintenance activities in support of the WFSC. Taking advantage of the great weather, our General Membership Meeting was held at noon on the WFSC patio. We had 100% participation by those in attendance or by proxy. During this meeting we held an election for Vice President - congratulation to Retire Chief Fred Lee on being elected as the chapter's new Vice President. We thanked Retired Chief Fred Schoettler, our outgoing VP, for his leadership and support to this chapter. Fund raising activities and normal chapter business/activities were discussed. Wreathes Across America was discussed and the chapter's annual participation was planned once again. Our chapter's next General Membership meeting will be held this coming March 2019.

On 15 Dec 2018, the LSC Membership, family/friends, little league baseball teams, Boy Scout Troops and countless other organizations helped to lay over 32,000 fresh Christmas wreathes at Fort Sam National Cemetery in support of Wreathes Across America Day. The temperature was in the mid-60s with bright sun shine making it a great day to experience such a worthy event. The LSC Members took on the project of downloading a refrigerated 43 foot trailer holding wreathes for section 23 and handing the wreathes down to family, friends and volunteers who placed them at the grave sites.





Desert Mountains Chapter:

<i>ACADMC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	TBD
Vice President	TBD
Secretary/Treasurer	TBD

After the recent ACA reunion at Branson, Bill Pennington and I decided it's time we started a chapter in Arizona, after all these years. Done talking about, time to do something. We determined there are enough Ammo Chiefs to get this off the ground. We got home from the trip Bill and I polled all 18 Chiefs and happy to report everyone agreed that we ought to get the ball rolling. So, in December we met for the first time, and made the first step towards formation; calling our organization "Desert Mountains Chapter". Now, one would say, not everyone is an ACA member, but they are AMMO Chiefs. Maybe so, but we'll work on that. During our start-up phase everyone's counted in and inclusive in development; everyone has a say and a buy-in.

We've started a draft of our by-laws, sent it to all our members asking for editorial comment and changes. We don't have a president or board of directors, having only one meeting, we believe that to be premature. Our goal is to have a draft to speak to at our March meeting, and by June have something we can submit to the ACA Board of Director. Our members are virtually split between Phoenix and Tucson, getting together presents a small challenge, but doable.

I do want to pass a thanks to Jack Seaman for passing me examples of council documents, a great starting point. We are looking forward to the next reunion and hope to have a contingent from the ACA's Desert Mountain Chapter.

IYAAAYAS,
Tom Cox

363rd Training Squadron **SHEPPARD AMMO**

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AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

SrA Curtis Updegraff

Class: 18-036

Hometown: Arlington TX

Gaining Unit/Base: 301st FW Fort Worth TX



A1C David Larivee
Class: 18-037
Hometown: Redwood, CA
Gaining Unit/Base: Elmendorf AFB, AK



A1C Gabriel Pena
Class: 18-038
Hometown: Heber City, UT
Gaining Unit/Base: Lakenheath AFB, UK



A1C Dustin Henke
Class: 18-039
Hometown: Washington, PA
Gaining Unit/Base: Elmendorf AFB, AK



MSgt Joshua Stifter
Class 19-001
Hometown: Hedgesville, WV
Gaining Unit/Base: Hill AFB, UT



Class 19-002
Hometown: Unknown
Gaining Unit/Base: Aviano AB, IT

Class 19-002

Hometown: Unknown

Gaining Unit/Base: Aviano AB, IT



Class 19-005
Hometown: Lakewood, CO
Gaining Unit/Base: Peterson AFB, CO

Class 19-005

Hometown: Lakewood, CO

Gaining Unit/Base: Peterson AFB, CO



A1C Ryan Wood
Class 19-006
Hometown: Jacksonville, FL
Gaining Unit/Base: Whiteman AFB, MO



AFCOMAC - 9th Munitions Squadron

AFCOMAC: CMSgt Benjamin Padilla



AFCOMAC - ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

Class 2019-001 - SSgt Nathaniel Makiewicz
Unit/Base: 20th EMS, Shaw AFB, SC



AMMO HERITAGE

ACA remains committed to highlighting AMMO history and heritage through articles, pictures and stories from those who came before us.

Subject: BLU-82 at Ton Son Nhut

Contributed by AMMO Chief (Ret.) Joseph Stuart

Here are the pictures I have from our trip to Ton Son Nhut in 1975:









AMMO Heritage Memorial

At the last AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion held in Branson MO in October 2018 there was a proposal made to consider development of an AMMO Memorial. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that any type action would need to garner the support of the Ammo Community as a whole, active duty, guard, reserve, and retired. The ACA is not the owner of this proposal but some of its members have agreed to help guide its initial formation. ***The intent of this document is to reach out to all those in the Ammo Community and to open constructive discussions, seek comments and hear suggestions on the feasibility and support for such a Memorial.*** Further we believe a standalone non-profit organization with a committee to oversee the project will ensure success.

The scope of this initiative is estimated to be on par, but no smaller than something like the Military Working Dog Teams National Monument located at Lackland AFB in San Antonio TX.

Our Goal is to preserve the AMMO Heritage with a Monument or Memorial that depicts or symbolizes the efforts of the USAF Munitions Systems Career Field (461 / 2WO) personnel and their achievements.

Points to consider might include:

- Acknowledge the history of ordnance and specifically the impact of munitions personnel on the use of airpower.
- Recognize the achievements in USAF Airpower and the influence AMMO has had on these achievements.
- Memorialize the grit and determination the field has had to endure in conflicts over the years.
- Become a historical monument to the past and touchstone for the future
- Link the past to the present and enable people to remember and respect the sacrifice of those who participated in or were part of the Munitions Maintenance career field.



It should be noted that although the idea for the AMMO Memorial was conceived within the ACA, we are not to be considered the “owners” of it. When completed, “Ownership” of the Memorial will belong to all USAF AMMO Troops, past, present and future.

Having said that, we are concentrating on creation of a standalone committee to oversee and ensure the Memorials success. Ideally the committee’s structure would include a cross section of AMMO Troops from all USAF organizational levels. We are looking for participation from everyone; Active, Guard, Reserve and including veterans associations such as the AMMO Chiefs Association and the AMMO Veterans Association and their members.

If you would like to be a part of the committee and make this project become a reality please contact one of the following ACA members.

- Steve West: green.steven7911@hotmail.com
- Joe Dominguez: jfdom2504@hotmail.com
- Mike Roylance: mikeroylance@comcast.net
- Larry DiAmco: larryandbillieinla@yahoo.com

The Airman Heritage Foundation

The link below provides a good read on the Airman Heritage Foundation:

http://www.hqafsa.org/uploads/3/8/9/1/38911523/afsa_airmen_heritage.pdf

Source: Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Magazine, Summer 2018 Edition

Note that the ACA supports the Airman Heritage Foundation (AHF) every time we purchase a Memorial Paver for our deceased AMMO Chiefs and Members.

AMMO IN THE NEWS

Rearming Europe: US Air Force receives largest ordnance shipment in decades

Air Force Times

By: Kyle Rempfer, October 30

Source: <https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/10/30/rearming-europe-us-air-force-receives-largest-ordnance-shipment-in-decades/?fbclid=IwAR2ryIguhEoR4saxlI-AQwAuG6JrtcJj6eTqCJNQRUpw1od2yeSxXZhNxHo>



Four F-22 Raptors flyover Warsaw, Poland. (Senior Airman Joshua Magbanua/Air Force)

In mid-October, the U.S. Air Force received its largest shipment of ordnance since the bombing of Yugoslavia in the late 1990s. The measure is part of a lockstep approach by U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. European Command to rearm the continent and bolster its deterrence posture.

Roughly 100 containers filled with munitions rolled into Ramstein Air Base in Germany this month. “A variety of munitions in approximately 100 containers were received,” Auburn Davis, an Air Forces in Europe spokeswoman, said. “For operational security reasons, we cannot discuss specific numbers of items, nor the specifics of the items.”

Davis added that she could not get into the specifics regarding container size, or any other shipment details. Regardless, the shipment is reportedly very large.

Master Sgt. David Head, a section chief with the 86th Munitions Squadron at Ramstein, said in a press release that a delivery of this magnitude has not taken place since the late 20th century.



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 86th Munitions Squadron unpack a fresh shipment of munitions on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Oct. 19. (Senior Airman Joshua Magbanua/Air Force)

“This is the largest shipment of its kind since Operation Allied Force, which took place in 1999,” he said, referring to a two-month NATO campaign bombing Serbian forces to prevent ethnic cleansing during the Kosovo War. “The munitions that we received will be used for future theater operations and the evolving U.S. European Command presence,” Head added.

The stockpile will be used to support NATO’s European Deterrence Initiative and augment the Air Force’s war reserve materiel in Europe, according to a Ramstein Air Base statement. The European Deterrence Initiative, or EDI, began in 2014 — several months after Russia’s annexation of Crimea — to deter Russian aggression against its neighboring countries. The EDI aims to increase the U.S. military’s responsiveness to a crisis on the continent by stockpiling ammunition, fuel and equipment at strategic locations. War reserve materiel, meanwhile, are munitions stockpiles designed to last for a theater of operations until resupply at wartime rates is established.



The effort to counter Russian aggression in Europe is growing daily

Europe continues to be a growth point for the Air Force as concerns about Russian intentions mount. International exercises, base funding and missions on the continent are all on an upward swing.

By: Kyle Rempfer

Since 2014, stockpiling weaponry has been a growth point for U.S. defense policy in Europe, as it rehabilitates a military posture that deteriorated after the conclusion of the Cold War.

Master Sgt. Arthur Myrick, a munitions flight chief with the 86th, said that the munitions will also play a major role outside the European continent.

“We’re a major airlift hub for U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, so our main job is to get munitions where they need to be on time,” Myrick said. “These are real-world munitions to fulfill real-world objectives.” “That’s the reason we are downloading these things, to make sure we have the capability to move the fight forward if need be,” he added.



Staff Sgt. Jeric Hernandez, 86th Munitions Squadron quality assurance inspector, looks at a fresh shipment of large ordnance on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Oct. 19. (Senior Airman Joshua Magbanua/Air Force)

Air Forces in Europe have played an important role in supplying munitions for U.S. military campaigns in the Middle East, to include airstrikes in Libya, Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, a focus on Europe’s own needs appears to be the main motive for the stockpile replenishment. Across Europe, the Air Force has also been reinforcing its basing posture. The Pentagon has pushed funds out to make significant airfield improvements in Eastern Europe, such as new refueling infrastructure, parking aprons and taxiways in countries like Estonia and Hungary.

AMMO NOTAMs

New AMMO Duty Badge Approved

Chief Kevin Hendershot, Munitions Career Field Manager announces approval of the new AMMO Duty Badge. See video here: <https://youtube/zQEotdRDKWI>



Thanks to everyone's hard work and efforts to get this done!

2W0 CAREER FIELD MANAGER
CHIEF "SHOT" HENDERSHOT

21M CAREER FIELD MANAGER
COL VATTIONI

BADGE DESIGNER
(RET) RICHARD "UNCLE MORTY" MORTIMER

SUPPORT WRITER
(RET) CHIEF KULP

CAMERA WOMAN WHO BRAVED THE FREEZING COLD!
(RET) MSGT MELISSA HENDERSHOT

MAJCOM FUNCTION CHIEFS

CHIEF GEORGE
CHIEF KIMBALL
CHIEF CRAIN
CHIEF MENZEL
CHIEF ABNER
CHIEF PARCELL
CHIEF HAZARD
CHIEF PADILLA

AMMO THEC-SCHOOL STUDENTS
OCT 2018

National USAF AMMO Day



4 December 2018

The AMMO Chiefs Association wants to take this opportunity to wish all AMMO Troops a happy and peaceful National USAF AMMO Day!!

Our 2018 day has come and gone. Hopefully next year after some increased publicity of this special day, the USAF AMMO Community will become more aware of, and participate in, planned events, memorials, and festivities.

Since our day coincides with St Barbara's Day, we also want to remember and say a prayer for all of our military and civilian brothers and sisters who have passed and for those presently working with Explosive Ordnance of any kind utilized by the military including those used for mining, construction and demolition operations.

Keep your powder dry and stay safe.

From the ACA Board of Directors



New AMMO Chiefs

The ACA congratulates the newest AMMO Chiefs!



Lance Andrews

Daniel Cain

Michael Delwiche

Adam Guest

Michael MacNeil

Scott Richardson

John Shaw

Kurt Tom

William Weir

Dylan Williams

New ACA Chapter Being Formed “Desert Mountains Chapter”

From: Tom Cox

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018

To: ACA Board of Directors

Subject: Ammo Chief's Association. Arizona Chapter

To the Board of Directors and chapter leadership of the Ammo Chief's Association, we are proud to inform you that we chiefs in Arizona have overwhelmingly agreed to form a new chapter. Informally for now, we are calling ourselves the Desert Mountains chapter.

Based on the list of Chief provided to us by Jack, there are 18 Ammo Chiefs in the state, four of which are not yet members of the ACA, but we'll work on that. Bill Pennington and I took a poll of resident Chiefs and found 12 of 18 responded and all said yes to forming the chapter. We have not yet heard from the remaining six, but continue to include them on all of our communications.

We had our first meeting on Dec 11 in Phoenix, whereby we had seven Chiefs able to attend. Thanks to Jack, he passed us copies of other chapter's constitutions and from that we'll draft ours and forward it to you once we agree. We have not voted any officers as of yet, that'll come in March, our next meeting.

If you have any questions or interested to our formation, please contact us through my e-mail address for now, glad to answer any questions.

Best Regards to the Chiefs, and Happy Holidays to All.

Tom



ACA Recognizes AMMO Troop ‘Winners’ of Air Force Logistics Management Center (AFLCMC) Level Awards

Subject: Congrats! 2018 AFLCMC Logistics Award Winners

Hello Team!

As the year comes to a close, I wanted to share with you some outstanding news from our Logistics team. We had many really outstanding nominations for the EB 2018 Annual Logistics Awards, and I'd like you to join me in congratulating our winners! This award recognizes their hard work, dedication, and multiple accomplishments. What impressed me most of all, is that EVERY single nominee that was reviewed had an amazing year, which is a true testament to the excellent work ALL of you do on a daily basis.

Well Done!!

Logistics Technical Specialist Award-CGO – Capt Lamin Jackson (EBH)

Logistics Technical Specialist Award-SNCO – MSgt Michael Rogan (EBH)

Logistics Technical Specialist Award-NCO/Airman – SSgt Christian Afaisen (EBH)

ANTHONY W. GENATEMPO, Brig Gen, USAF
Air Force Program Executive Officer for Weapons and
Director, Armament Directorate



Chief Christopher Hazard, GACP Superintendent, presents MSgt Rogan with ACA Certificate and Coin



Chief Christopher Hazard, GACP Superintendent, presents SSgt Afaisen with ACA Certificate and Coin

Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Application



The Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund Application for 2019 is available on ACA website at Ammochiefs.com.

Please distribute to anyone you know of in the Fammoly that can take advantage of this opportunity. AMMO helping AMMO....huuaahhh!!!!

Chief Ben Padilla

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The Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) Richard A. Gauvin Ammo Troop Memorial Fund was founded in June 1998 by Class 9806 as a continuing class legacy to pay tribute to Chief Gauvin for his selfless contributions to his country and the Ammo community. Class 9806 contributed the initial funds in the amount of \$400.00, obtained through personal contributions by class members. All class members agreed the fund should be established to award scholarships to children of munitions personnel who held AFSC 461XX, 465XX or 2WoX1 on active, reserve, or ANG duty in the service of the USAF.

The Air Force Combat Ammunition Center (AFCOMAC) Senior Staff will administer the scholarship fund. All future AFCOMAC classes will have the opportunity to raise funds and contribute to expanding the scholarship fund.

The USAF Major Command Functional Managers who act as the AFCOMAC Board of Advisors (BOA) will be the Scholarship Selection Committee to review, approve, and decide on the amount awarded to each applicant. All scholarship applicants will submit their applications prior to 1 June of each year.

The AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA) contributes \$500 annually directly to the AFCOMAC BOA selected recipient of the Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship.

## ***2018 Recipient of Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship “Thanks” the ACA***

**From:** Brittany Crown  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 1, 2019 4:43 AM  
**To:** AMMO Chiefs Association  
**Cc:** CROWN, SEAN T CMSgt USAF PACAF 7 AF/A4W  
**Subject:** Chief Gauvin Scholarship Award

AMMO Chiefs,

First I would like to say Happy New Year and I hope your Holidays were well spent.

This award came as a surprise halfway through my first semester and I would like to express my utmost gratitude to the Ammo Chief's Association for supporting and believing in my academic capabilities. I ended my first semester with a 3.8 GPA and look forward to the challenges next semester will bring.

Again, I would like to thank you for this award will continue to work hard in school.

Very Respectfully,

Brittany Crown

## **LAST CALL**

### **Chief Perry Donald Jones**

**October 8, 1931 – December 17, 2018**



Perry Donald Jones, husband of Deloris "Jeannie" Jones, born October 8, 1931, to Ida Johnson Jones and Benjamin Smiley Jones, joined his heavenly Father on December 17, 2018. He was a true southern gentleman of character and compassion. He was a man of faith that loved God and his family. He especially adored his wife of 57 years.

Perry believed in professionalism, hard work, fairness, and was respected by all that knew and worked with him. He led by example, showing unconditional love, understanding, selfless generosity and kindness. He was a decorated member of the U.S. Air Force for 23 years. The majority of his military career was spent in Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Safety. He retired as CMSgt -- the youngest to ever obtain this rank. He spent 17 years with the U.S. Department of Labor OSHA, the last seven as Area Director. He worked tirelessly to advance safety for state workers and to improve the image of OSHA in

W.Va. He established and ran his own Safety Consulting firm for 10 years. He was a graduate of W.Va. State College and post-graduate student at Marshall University, where he routinely served as guest lecturer, and was awarded Honorary Faculty Status by The Safety Technology Program.

He was preceded in death by brothers Clifton Jones, Hunter Jones, Marlin Jones, Charlie Jones, Benjamin Jones, Collie Jones, Smiley Jones, Durell Jones, Edgar Jones, sister Nancy Houston, and brother-in-law, Tommy Bays. He is survived by his loving wife, Jeannie Jones; two daughters, Tanya Bobo (Steve) and Marisa Main (Harry); three grandchildren, Cassie Mason (Bob), Michael Hooser, Jessica Guill (Cameron); two great-grandchildren, Cole and Jade Guill; three sisters and brothers-in-law Dorothy Price (Doug), Margaret Mai (Don), Glenda Underwood (James); Eddie Bays (Tommie Ann), Dale Bays (Donna), Nell Jones; and many nieces, nephews and many close friends, especially Dr. Bob and Tammy Walker, whom he considered family. He loved his family with all his heart, and they loved him dearly. His spirit, soul and generous heart.

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I was recently saddened to hear of the passing of CMSgt Perry D. Jones. The Chief was a Charter Chief, although much of his career was in EOD, it was in the days when the EOD AFSC was 461X1 and in order to qualify for EOD school you had to be a 46150. In general in many units in the early 1960s (particularly SAC and NATO detachments) EOD took care of inspection, maintenance, storage, etc. Chief Jones was promoted to Chief with 12 years in service. He will be missed by all who served with him as I did from my EOD days. Fred O'Hern

Source: https://www.wvgazettemail.com/obituaries/perry-donald-jones/article_92e265a1-8d1f-562f-92b9-5bdf6060f296.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Note: Chief Jones was a charter Air Force Chief Master Sergeant serving in AMMO and EOD

LAST CALL

CMSGT JOSEPH S. WATA



26 Apr 1931 – 14 May 2018

Last Call for CMSgt Joseph S. Wata was posted in the 31 July 2018 - #49 Edition of the Shell & Flame. Below is an update provided by Chief (Ret.) O'Hearn:

“The remains of AMMO CMSgt (Ret.) Joseph S. "Joe" Wata will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, June 19th at 1300 hours. The family has extended an invitation to all former colleagues and the Ammo community.”

Palm Beach Post, May 22, 2018:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/palmbeachpost/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-s-wata&pid=189073392&fhid=10590>

Chief Wata was among the earliest USAF Ammo troops (he started Ammo Technical Training in January 1949). He was an ACA Member # RL-039 and has been posthumously awarded the Order of the Shell and Flame by unanimous decision of the ACA Board of Directors.

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.

<i>Michael Bachman</i>	<i>James N Elledge</i>	<i>Darrell Mulvany</i>
<i>Larry G. Ballard***</i>	<i>Thomas Everett</i>	<i>Charles "Chuck" Norton***</i>
<i>Dave Barber***</i>	<i>William "Bill" Fick ***</i>	<i>Edward Patry</i>
<i>Wilbur R. Barrentine *</i>	<i>Francis J "Frank" Gamache</i>	<i>James Phinney</i>
<i>Gail Bechtal</i>	<i>Richard Gauvin</i>	<i>William "Bill" Poe</i>
<i>Walter L. Bell */**</i>	<i>Karl J Gershutz</i>	<i>Louis V. Prelip</i>
<i>Frank D. Bolin</i>	<i>Don Hamilton ***</i>	<i>Harold P. Prevett *</i>
<i>Anthony Borzomowski</i>	<i>Gerald "Red" Hess</i>	<i>Erwin G. "Erv" Redman</i>
<i>Jim "Jimmie" Branson</i>	<i>Howard Holt</i>	<i>Robert "Bob" Reinhart</i>
<i>Rennice H "Jim" Bray</i>	<i>Robert N. Ivey</i>	<i>Leander Richards</i>
<i>Shawn P Byrne</i>	<i>Jay A. Jameson</i>	<i>Leroy Rott</i>
<i>Don Carbonneau</i>	<i>Bill Jolly</i>	<i>Neil G. Schaible</i>
<i>Lott S. Carter ***</i>	<i>Perry D. Jones *</i>	<i>Gary Scott</i>
<i>Edward H. "Ted" Costick ***</i>	<i>Paul H. Klein</i>	<i>Robert G Sechler</i>
<i>Preston Craven</i>	<i>Karen Long</i>	<i>Ramsey Stonewall</i>
<i>Bernard C. (Red) Crayne</i>	<i>Paul Long ***</i>	<i>Ben Stubbe</i>
<i>Michael D "Mike" Curran ***</i>	<i>William Lovelady</i>	<i>Addison "George" Wadsworth</i>
<i>James Curtin</i>	<i>Leo Marquez ***</i>	<i>Joseph S "Joe" Wata***</i>
<i>Robert J Delaney</i>	<i>Donald Mayo</i>	<i>Richard Whatton</i>
<i>Phillip Delisi</i>	<i>Arthur L "Lon" McAlister</i>	<i>Kenneth R. Whitley</i>
<i>William R "Bill" Dressler</i>	<i>Alvin "Al" Mercer ***</i>	<i>Bruce Wilson</i>
<i>Larry Eaton</i>	<i>Clifton Mills</i>	<i>George Yarbrough</i>
<i>Charles L. "Chuck" Eaves</i>	<i>William "Bill" Mosier</i>	<i>Michael J. Yurkanin</i>
<i>Kathy Elle</i>	<i>Kevin Mullaney</i>	

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*