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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. Our most recent election is complete and the newly elected BOD began their terms on 1 January 2020. The new BOD members are reflected above.		
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From The President:

By Bart Ivy

Fellow Ammo Chiefs,

First I would like to thank you for electing me to serve this great organization as President. Its truly an honor to following in great footsteps of our past Presidents. Now down to business.

The ACA is going strong and continually growing, we now have 6 Chapters. The ACA organization is great because of you and your dedication to each other and our Active Duty Ammo Troops. Each of our Chapters are doing great things, so if you have a few spare minutes reach out to your local Chapter and share your leadership and knowledge to help engage with our Active Duty Ammo troops and fellow retirees.

The ACA board is here to support you and our mission to:

To encourage and facilitate camaraderie and social activities among AMMO Chiefs and members of the AMMO Community retired and/or still serving by:

- a) Promoting and preserving the Heritage and History of the AMMO community and the military occupation related to Munitions.

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

I hope to see everyone at our next reunion that will be at the Courtyard Marriott in Ogden, Utah 9-13 Sept, 2020. So be looking for the signup sheet and updates soon.

If you need anything or have any questions or suggestion please reach out to me or any of the other board members.

Bart Ivy, CMSgt USAF (Ret)
ACA President
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From The Vice President:

By Mark Gossett

I'd like to thank all those who voted for me. It's nice to back on the BOD. It is also real nice to be retired-retired. During these days I often wonder how I ever had time to work. Point being as we're constantly on the go during our active duty time looking forward to retirement so we'll have more time for other things. As we transition from active duty life to retired life we find ourselves just as busy working that second career still not finding time to refresh old acquaintances. As for me, I often think I need to get a job just to get some rest – just kidding. But we find there's never enough time so I encourage everyone to take some time now and keep those old friendships alive. That's why I look forward to the reunions every couple of years. Meeting old friends and finding new ones. Besides, the stories and memories shared are great and get better each time they are told. So Kim and I are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this year's reunion. Until then, keep your powder dry.

From The Secretary:

By Matt Lingelbach

First of all I want to take an opportunity to thank everyone for the chance to serve our great community. I look forward to finding ways that I may improve the ACA and the information it provides to the members. As I learn the way each Chapter works, I look forward to interacting with each and every one of you. If you have any recommendations please send them my way secretary@ammochiefs.com. Finally, hope to see everyone at the Reunion in Ogden.

While I have this opportunity I would like to provide everyone a status on Theater Integrated Combat Munitions System (TICMS) (i.e. CAS replacement.) I'm sure you've seen some fodder

in one form or another on either Facebook or Instagram. The system is in its infant stages and is going through some growing pains, unfortunately, this has caused some headaches for the troops in the field. We are working diligently to improve the experience but as we all know change takes time and money. The Functional Management Office (FMO) is working directly with the vendor to fix, mitigate and improve the system almost every day. As you see or hear the frustrations from the field, please know we understand their concerns and are tirelessly working to make things better as quickly as possible.

Take care and until next time!

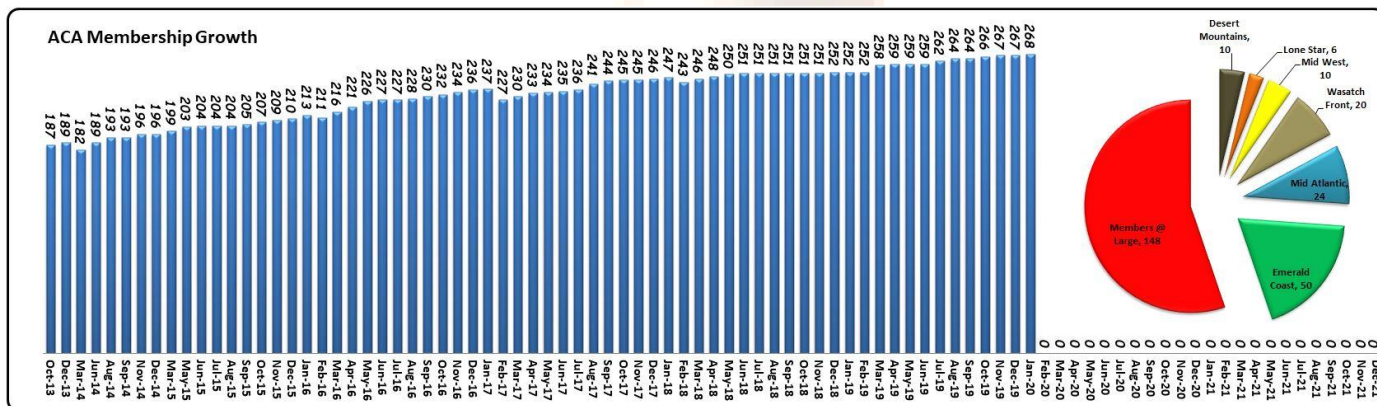
IYAAYAS
The Secretary

From The Treasurer:

By Mike Roylance

The ACA continues to grow, in fact we had our best year since 2004. Another plus is that we had 11 active, guard and reserve Ammo Chiefs join this past year, the most in one year that I can remember. Unfortunately we continue to lose some annual members each year also. We seem to be like most other social clubs, in that we gain new annual members only to have them disappear in later years and I'm not talking about deceased members here. Many get busy building a new career after retirement unfortunately that is probably when we lose the most but I can't be sure. We should probably invest some time and effort in trying to find these past members and see if we could convince them to rejoin. If there are any of you annual members out there that see this newsletter and would like to know what it would take to complete your lifetime dues we can tell you. Just contact Matt or myself and we will let you know. When I look at the 50 plus names of past members I often wonder why they no longer want to stay connected to the Ammo life via the ACA. If you know any of these folks please let them know it only takes one payment to rejoin and annual payments thereafter till you have paid a total of \$250 which makes you a Lifetime member. We do not seek past dues in fact some past annual members are only a few payments away from becoming Lifetime members. At the end of March we will be sending out our Membership Roster which includes all known Ammo Chiefs and current members, but remember it is only sent to active members.

<i>Membership Totals by Chapter and Type</i>								24-Jan-20
<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>Desert Mountains</i>	10	9	1					
<i>MidWest</i>	10	9						1
<i>Wasatch Front</i>	20	15	2	2			1	
<i>Mid-Atlantic</i>	24	18		4	2			
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	50	31		13	1	4		1
<i>At Large</i>	148	99	18	14	2	10	2	3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>



Mid-Atlantic Chapter:

By Phil Kennedy



<i>ACAMC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Phil Kennedy
Vice President	Rich Pennington
Secretary Treasurer	Bill McCullough
Director at Large	Rick Follett



Since the last report, the Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) spent most of its efforts supporting the Ammo Community.

Rick Follett set up the December 7th meeting at Roma's Italian Restaurant in King William, VA.



The Usual Suspects: (Back L-R) Rich Pennington, Phil Kennedy, Jake Jacobsen, Kim, Eddie Fuquay, Bill McCullough, Jack Miller, Rick Follett (Front L-R) Marilyn McCullough, Rita Follett, Sue Pennington, Denise Miller

Michael “Jake” Jacobsen received no Ammo Troops-in-Need inputs again this year. We hope this is a sign that our Ammo troops are coping well with life. Jake got only one Sharp Ammo Troop package and the members deemed it was very worthy of the award. The winner is SrA Ja’Daiza M. Johnson of the 20EMS at Shaw AFB, SC. Jack Miller sent out the \$100.00 Visa card, certificate, and chapter coin to the 20th. Jake also acquired info on two ACC award recipients: 3rd Quarter Outstanding Munitions Technician – A1C Ian D. Clements, 1 MXS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA; and 3rd Quarter Outstanding Munitions Manager - MSgt Joshua J. Dennis, 4 MUNS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. Congratulations to all! Jack volunteered to continue to take care of the award package process for Phil. Jack does a great job getting the certificates processed and the package in the mail.

Phil Kennedy completed the shopping for the Holiday Care Package program. Our chapter budget, coupled with donations of \$500.00 from the ACA, \$366.00 from the Corvette Marque Club of Seattle (CMCS) raffle, and individual members allowed over \$1,800.00 to be spent on goodies and shipping to five austere locations. Thanks again to the ACA and CMCS for stepping up to the plate again with their generous donations! The troops really enjoy receiving the boxes with a variety of items. Below are a few “thank you” notes:

----- Original Message -----

From: robert.carr

Date: December 7, 2019 at 1:27 AM

Subject: RE: Thank you

Chief,

We recently received the care packages you sent and we just want to say thank you for keeping us in your thoughts. We appreciate all that you have done to take the time and effort to send us packages. Words cannot express how grateful we are to receive these packages from the AMMO Chiefs Association.

We have some of the best AMMO troops on this deployment and were kicking ass down here.

Thanks again.

-IYAAYAS-



On December 11, 2019 at 2:02 AM [dustin.miller](#) wrote:

Chief Kennedy,

Just got the 2 packages you sent us and we were overwhelmed with the Ammo Chiefs Association's generosity! Christmas came early to the desert for sure and my guys went wild going through the 2 boxes and everyone got some goodies they were happy with. Thank you again on behalf of my AMMO team over here!!!

DUSTIN P. MILLER, MSgt, USAF
Munitions Flight Chief
386 EMXS/MXMW

January 14, 2020

Chief Master Sergeant Phillip Kennedy
2800 Ringgold Court
Woodbridge, VA 22192-1212


Dear Chief Kennedy,

Thank you very generous care package you and others from the Mid-Atlantic Chiefs Association sent to us this last holiday season. For most of the Airmen, they would never say they needed anything if asked. However, it is awesome so have the support from AMMO leaders past and present, far and wide!

This deployment has been a challenge! We have combined forces with Air National Guard members from Selfridge and Boise with Active Duty from Davis-Monthan and Creech to form a 65-person Munitions Flight, responsible for bringing the fight to our nation's enemies wherever they may be found. We did so with a fleet of 12 A-10 Thunderbolt IIs and 29 MQ-9 Reapers totaling 4.9K sorties and 73K flight hours. Since our arrival, we've expended 118K rounds of 30mm, 342 GBU-38/54s, 654 2.75 inch rockets, 22 AGM-65Ls and 992 Hellfire missiles worth over \$109M and wiped this earth clean of 3.1K enemy fighters. These men and women of AMMO were the driving force behind the pressure campaign to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table in Doha (or destroying them if need be), all while simultaneously eradicating ISIS fighters from their strongholds in Kunduz and Kabul. Recently, we've endured increased aggression from Iran and stand ready to bring the fight if called upon.

These are just a few of the remarkable things AMMO has achieved and life is just a little bit easier with the support we receive from our families, friends and those who footsteps we follow in. Please accept this flag as a token of our sincere thanks for the support you have provided to this team. AMMO makes the mission and I thank you for being there for our Airmen!

Sincerely,



SMSgt David J. Veliquette, USAF
Munitions Flight Chief
IYAAYAS!

At the December meeting, we finalized obtaining nominations for Chapter President and an election was held. Phil Kennedy is our new chapter President. Our thanks go out to Jack Miller for his outstanding hands-on leadership and guidance during his tenure as President.

Jack Miller and Eddie Fuquay performed the annual fiscal audit. Their efforts helped get this report to the ACA without delay. We also submitted the annual chapter report to the ACA.

Our next meeting will be held on March 7th in the Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA area. There we will finalize the roster for the fundraiser in April at the Richmond International Raceway.

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Emerald Coast Chapter:

By John Greer

<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



The Emerald Coast Chapter of the ACA held its Annual Outstanding Munitions Person of the Year Award dinner/dance on 1 November at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in FWB where 86 Ammo folks attended to recognize the three Top Ammo troops from Eglin, Tyndall and Hurlburt.

We were served an outstanding buffet style meal of chicken, fish and carved prime rib with all the trimmings by the great folks of Emerald Coast catering and their excellent staff.

Once the meal was consumed we took a short break then returned to our seats to bring our three awardees up for their presentations. A1C Isaac McIntire (pictured right), a Conventional Maintenance Technician from Hurlburt Field was first to receive his award, a Chief's plaque, a chapter coin, certificate of achievement and a \$100 visa card.

Next was A1C Jarred Bresnahan (pictured below left), a Line Delivery Crew Chief from



It was a pleasure to see such outstanding young troops coming up through the ranks and to know that the future of Ammo is in good hands.

We also made a donation to the annual November Beast Feast where all the local ammo troops and their families attended to dine on turkeys, smoked Boston butts and hams with all the trimmings and desserts.

The ECC members joined the 96th Bomb Dump and Mrs. Powers in a two mile run to support the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. program. The ECC donated \$100 to help with the expenses and their outstanding efforts. Mrs. Powers is the mother of A1C Bryce Powers, one of our fellow Ammo troops who was killed in a car accident while assigned to Misawa AB, Japan. She spoke about the Ammo Fammoly and what it meant to her and how it helped her deal with her loss.

The first Annual Ammo Day was held on 6 Dec. Our Chapter supported a burger burn at Hurlburt, Eglin and Tyndall with members from our chapter volunteering to assisting or taking



Eglin AFB, who received his plaque, coin, certificate and visa card. And last but not least SRA James Blee (pictured below right), a Stockpile Management Crew Chief from Tyndall AFB garnered his swag.



over the duties of burning the burgers. Chuck Wills and Darrell Beasley took over the duties at Tyndall and Bubba Host and Johnny Long held down the post at Eglin, while myself and Tom Zima helped the youngins consume the chili and burgers they had cooked at Hurlburt and we provided the adult supervision. We led them in the world wide Ammo Call at the prescribed time and a good time was had by all, thanks to donations from the ACA and our chapter.

We held a breakfast chapter meeting at the Breakfast Place in FWB on 18 Jan with 21 members and their spouses attending. We discussed our 2020 budget and upcoming events schedule as well as changes to our C&BLs which were approved and will be forwarded to the ACA BOD for review and approval.

John spoke about the ACA paver program and how you could contact Mike Roylance and purchase these pavers for yourself or others.

We also scheduled a Valentine Dinner for 15 Feb at the Bavarian Wiershaus in FWB which was attended by 26 members and spouses where copious amounts of German beer and food was consumed and enjoyed by all.

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Wasatch Front Chapter:

By David VanErt

ACAWFC	BOD
President	Shawn Scott
Secretary/Treasurer	Dave Van Ert

No input for this issue.

Mid-West Chapter:

By Mark Gossett

ACAMWC	BOD
President	Mark Gossett
Vice President	Don Myers
Secretary Treasurer	Gary Knighton

The Midwest Chapter as well as members of the Wright-Patterson AMMO community gather together to celebrate National AF AMMO day. We enjoyed a nice lunch at Packy's Sports Bar & Grill on Dec 4th. We welcomed CMSgt Sean Crown as the new HQ AFMC Command Munitions Manager.

We also enjoyed our annual holiday get together at Gossett's Place in December. We look forward to acknowledge the winners of HQ AFMC Annual 2019 Outstanding Munitions Professional awards in the coming months.

Lone Star Chapter:

By Joe Dominguez

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



LSC Chapter members and spouses helped distribute and lay wreaths on the gravesites at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Saturday, 14 December. Our efforts are year round so please visit our chapter's website to sponsor a wreath or make a donation, located at: <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/TX0561P>. Visit our chapter's Facebook page at [ACALSC. https://www.facebook.com/Ammo-Chiefs-Association-Lone-Star-Chapter-100534424689818/?ref=br_rs](https://www.facebook.com/Ammo-Chiefs-Association-Lone-Star-Chapter-100534424689818/?ref=br_rs)

Desert Mountains Chapter:

ACADMC	BOD
President	Tom Cox
Vice President	Bill Pennington
Secretary/Treasurer	Ricky Quattlebaum

No input for this issue.

363rd Training Squadron **SHEPPARD AMMO**

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EDITORS NOTE: MSgt Brenton Murphy is PCSing this summer and will be replaced by MSgt Andrew Hester. The Shell & Flame editorial staff would like to thank MSgt Murphy for his years of exceptional support and welcome MSgt Hester to his new role.

AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

A1C Andrew Keller

Class: 19045

Hometown: Greenwood, IN Gaining Base/Unit: 122nd FW, Fort Wayne IN



A1C Rylin Hodson

Class: 19046

Hometown: Black Earth, WI Gaining Base/Unit: 115 FW, Madison WI



A1C Kyle Chester

Class: 19047

Hometown: Enfield, CT Gaining Base/Unit: 103rd ALW, Windsor Locks CT



AB Christian Kivi

Class: 20001

Hometown: Lake Tahoe, NV Gaining Base/Unit: Langley AFB, VA



AFCOMAC - 9th Munitions Squadron

Point of Contact: CMSgt Lonnie Stamper



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

Class 2020-001- Big Bombs Pad



Class 2020-002 - SSgt Blake Ritchie
Unit/Base: 4 MUNS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC



Class 2020-003 - SSgt Brianna Stacey
Unit/Base: 115 FW, Truax Field, WI



Air Force Combat Operations Competition (AFCOCOMP)



AFCOCOMP V2 winners, Team Lakenheath, led by the one and only CMSgt Brandon Okura

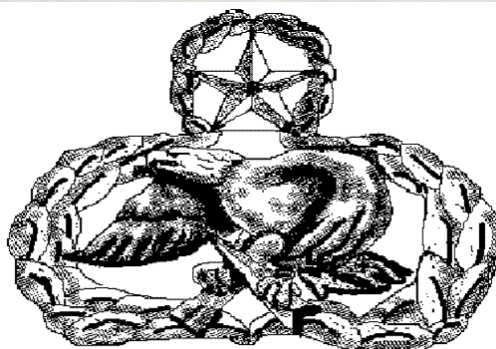
Get ready...AFCOCOMP V3 is on the horizon. Team Selections are trickling in...who will the final 7 be? Will Lakenheath have to pay baggage fees to get all their trophies home again? Will PACAF finally win an event? We'll find out in May!

This year's AFCOCOMP will be at Beale from 18 - 21 May 2020.

Join the AFCOCOMP FaceBook Page for Updates

Last year's overall standings and individual event winners:

1 st :	Lakenheath	MAC Build: Lakenheath
2 nd :	Ellsworth	Line-D Config: Lakenheath
3 rd :	Moody	AMMO Relay: Lakenheath
4 th :	Holloman	Forward Deployment: Lakenheath
5 th :	Tie Luke and Misawa	Adaptive Basing: Ellsworth
7 th :	Seymour Johnson	Big Bomb Build: Lakenheath
		Small Bomb Build: Moody
		Mystery Event: Moody



Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Application



The Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund Application for 2020 will be available in January 2020 at www.rgauvin.org

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

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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 2W0X1 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.

# **ACA 2020 REUNION UPDATE**

By Mike Robertson, 2020 Reunion Boss

ACA 2020 Reunion planning has begun and a contract has been signed for our venue in Ogden, Utah. There will be more information put out over the next year as we close in on September 2020.

Where: Ogden, UT

Venue: Courtyard by Marriott Ogden, 247 24th Street, Ogden, UT 84401

Dates: 9 – 13 Sep 2020

Website: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ogdcy-courtyard-ogden/?scid=45f93f1b-bd77-45c9-8dab-83b6a417f6fe>

Map: <https://www.bing.com/maps?osid=6e02d8b7-62b9-40a1-9801-d8d766e757a8&cp=41.222399~-111.976988&lvl=17&style=h&imgid=22f44816-27f6-4d1e-96a0-ac405dd2a7c1&v=2&sV=2&form=SO0027>

Anticipated Timeline of planning events:

- Feb – Apr 2020: Convene planning committees to work out event details and costs
- 1 Apr 2020: Reunion “Sign-up” sheet will go out to all the ACA General Membership
- 1 Aug 2020: Deadline for Reunion Sign-Ups and to reserve rooms at contracted price
- 9 Sep 2020: Reunion Begins
- 13 Sep 2020: Reunion Ends

## **2020 Tentative Event Planner** (Subject to Change):

| DAY - DATE   | 6-8am                                | 8-10am                                                                                  | 10-12am | 12-2pm           | 2-4pm                                       | 4-6pm                        | 6-8pm                                                                                                   | 8-10pm |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| WED – 9 Sep  | Arrivals, Check-in, Welcome Packages |                                                                                         |         |                  |                                             |                              |                                                                                                         |        |
|              |                                      |                                                                                         |         |                  |                                             | Hospitality Room Open 4-10pm |                                                                                                         |        |
| THU – 10 Sep | Breakfast                            | F22 & F35 Tour; 649 MUNS                                                                |         |                  | Hospitality Suite Open - AMMO Call (4 – 10) |                              |                                                                                                         |        |
|              |                                      | Day Trip – SLC City Creek (Shop/Lunch)                                                  |         |                  | Free Time                                   |                              | Evening Outing (TBD)                                                                                    |        |
| FRI – 11 Sep | Breakfast                            | Option 1: Travel (8-10); Wendover Military Base Tour (11-4); Casino (4-7); Travel (7-9) |         |                  |                                             |                              |                                                                                                         |        |
|              |                                      | Option 2: Golf Tourney Outing                                                           |         |                  |                                             |                              |                                                                                                         |        |
|              |                                      | Hospitality Room Open 9am - 10pm                                                        |         |                  |                                             |                              |                                                                                                         |        |
| SAT – 12 Sep | Breakfast                            | Free Time                                                                               |         | Business Meeting | Free Time                                   |                              | Colors (5:45 - 6)<br>Benson Sisters (6 - 7)<br>Banquet Dinner (7 - 8)<br>S&F Awards (8–9); Music (9-10) |        |
|              |                                      |                                                                                         |         | Free Time        |                                             |                              |                                                                                                         |        |
|              |                                      | Hospitality Room Open 9 – 3:30pm                                                        |         |                  |                                             |                              |                                                                                                         |        |
| SUN – 13 Sep | Breakfast                            | Departures, Check-out, Hospitality Room Closed                                          |         |                  |                                             |                              |                                                                                                         |        |

Reunion Boss: Mike Robertson  
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## **AMMO NEWS**

### ***Air Force selects 530 in 19E9/chief master sergeant promotion cycle; list posts Nov. 25***

By Kat Bailey, Air Force's Personnel Center Public Affairs / Published November 15, 2019

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas** -- Air Force officials have selected 530 senior master sergeants for promotion to chief master sergeant out of 2,529 eligible for a selection rate of 20.96 percent.

The chief master sergeant promotion list will be available on the Air Force's Personnel Center website [Enlisted Promotions](#) page, the Air Force Portal and myPers Nov. 25, at 8 a.m. CST. Airmen will also be able to access their score notices on the virtual Military Personnel Flight via the AFPC secure applications page.

Those selected for chief master sergeant will be promoted beginning Jan. 1, 2020, according to their promotion sequence number.

Commanders will receive notice of their selects from their senior rater's agent starting Nov. 18.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, visit the [AFPC public website](#).

### ***2019 AMMO Chiefs Select***

Source: CMSgt Bobby E. George Jr., USAF, AF-A4

If you have time, congratulate your 2019 AMMO Chief selects!  
Congratulations fellas...it's be a bumpy and windy road, but you stayed on course and now have the privilege and honor of leading the best damn men and women in the Air Force! Do it well and keep it AMMO!!

Bobby Hines - Shady J  
Don Parker - Beale  
Jonathan Taylor - Mt Home  
Brian Sevy - Ramstein  
Anthony Szekeres - Global Strike  
Josh Story - Eglin  
Brian Clark - Barnes Center  
Pat Henry - DM  
William McClannan - Abu Dhab

## ***AIRMEN these Days: Volume 2***

By CMSgt Stefan Blazier

*Editors Note: while not an AMMO story, it remains joyous to know that we have Airman like this serving in our Air Force.*

I've heard the comment, "Airmen these days" quite a bit over the years. It's usually from a negative standpoint; how today's Airmen are not as disciplined, dedicated, or mature as those from "back in my day..." To help others see the greatness in our Airmen who join and stay on our team (no matter what age) – this series of posts called "Airmen these Days" will demonstrate it.

Let me introduce you to Airman Haakon Storm. In September he made the trip to San Antonio to attend Air Force Basic Military Training (BMT). Upon arrival, his Military Training Instructors (MTI) noticed he was somewhat withdrawn from his flight and showed little to no self-confidence. This is overall not uncommon as trainees face the stressors of transforming into Airmen and becoming a team with a group of people who only days prior were complete strangers. To help their flight get passed this challenging period, MSgt Philip Lowery and TSgt Daniel Sayarot ask their trainees to write a letter to explain and reflect why they came in the Air Force, or to share something the trainee would like the MTI to know about them as they begin training.

Here's Trainee Storm's answer to that question: "Why I joined the Air Force - I wasn't really doing anything with my life. I dropped out of college two weeks in because I was depressed. My best friend committed suicide on February 12th, 2018 and everything just kinda seemed pointless. I wanted a fresh start and being an Air Traffic Controller perks my interest. I consider myself a failure even though none of my family or friends did. I feel like I failed my best friend. Joining the Air Force gives me the chance to save people when I couldn't before."

This is the point where you should stop and pause for a minute to really take that in (it gave me chills when I did). What happened next is powerful. His MTIs recognized the fighting spirit within Trainee Storm and immediately began working to use it to shape and motivate him. With every challenge Trainee Storm was given – he excelled. He was named a Tactical Deployment Leader at the Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training (BEAST) exercise, helping fellow trainees work through how to communicate and operate in a combat setting as a team. He scored a 99/100 on his End of Course examination which tests all aspects of the foundational competencies of what it means to be an American Airman. He achieved a perfect score on his physical fitness test. Basically, anything we put in front of him – he absolutely crushed and did it all because of his desire to SERVE OTHERS.

The results of his demonstrated leadership, teamwork, and warrior-mindset culminated in his selection as the Top Graduate from more than 750 Airmen, who completed BMT on 1 November 2019. While this recognition is a very rare and a significant honor, the best part of this story is Airman Storm's heroic journey to fight through the punches life threw at him. It's the definition of what RESILIENCE is all about. Pure grit, determination, and hunger to turn tragedy into inspiration. He made the choice to not sit idle on the sidelines and went out on the hunt to be a better version of himself. And just like how Haakon realized he wanted to be able to help someone else, his Military Training Instructors were fueled by the same internal desire. They played a vital role in his success because they believed in Airman Storm even when he didn't believe in himself. Airmen of different tenures and positions in the team, with a common bond to serve and uplift those around them – there's massive beauty in that.





HUGE salute to Airman Storm, TSgt Sayarot, and MSgt Lowery for making this story possible! It's one that reminds me that no matter how much you feel like you're failing, your ability to stand again is dependent on purpose, will, and help from others. This is something each generation depends on and we'll always be at our best when we cheer each other on to RISE and FIGHT as one Air Force Team.

## **AMMO NOTAMs**

### ***AFMC Outstanding Munitions/Weapons Professional Award for 4th Quarter 2019***

Source:

From: BARRETT, SHANE A Col USAF AFMC HQ AFMC/A4/10/A4M  
Subject: AFMC Outstanding Munitions/Weapons Professional Award for 4th Quarter 2019

Leaders,

Please pass along our sincere congratulations to the winners of the AFMC Outstanding Munitions/Weapons Professional Award for 4th Quarter 2019. The accomplishments of all nominees, and especially of those selected as winners, have made a significant impact on our AFMC mission. Additionally, we will be mailing out a certificate for you to present to the individuals at an appropriate setting.

#### **AFMC OUTSTANDING MUNITIONS PROFESSIONAL AWARD for 4th Quarter 2019:**

|           |                         |                            |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| AMN:      | A1C Michael B. Burnette | (649 MUNS, Hill AFB, UT)   |
| NCO:      | SSgt Taner R. Armour    | (AFTC/SMO, Hill AFB, UT)   |
| SNCO:     | MSgt Michael P. Rogan   | (AFLCMC/EBH, Hill AFB, UT) |
| CIVILIAN: | Mr. Jonathan E. Rico    | (412 MXS, Edwards AFB, CA) |

#### **AFMC OUTSTANDING WEAPONS PROFESSIONAL AWARD for 4th Quarter 2019:**

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|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AMN:      | SrA Brandon M. Atwell         | (412 AMXS, Edwards AFB, CA) |
| NCO:      | SSgt Nathanael A. Butterfield | (412 AMXS, Edwards AFB, CA) |
| SNCO:     | MSgt Vincent B. Sweet         | (96 AMXS, Eglin AFB, FL)    |
| CIVILIAN: | Mr. Troy A. Smith             | (412 MXG, Edwards AFB, CA)  |

NOTE: The AFMC Outstanding Munitions/Weapons Professional of the Quarter and Munitions/Weapons/Missile Maintenance Professional (Airman/NCO/SNCO/Civilian) of the Year Award serves to recognize individual excellence in 2W/2M operations. This award does not distinguish between maintenance and support roles.

The AFMC Quarterly/Annual Award Munitions/Weapons criteria is located on the AFMC/A4MW SharePoint at the following link: <https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/10076/default.aspx>  
Once again, outstanding job!

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# 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 (Beckle)**  
**Walter L. Bell \*/\*\***  
**Frank D. Bolin**  
**Anthony P. 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 \*\*\***  
**James Jesse Fisher**  
**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**  
**John C. Lane**  
**Karen Long**  
**Paul Long \*\*\***  
**William Lovelady**  
**Leo Marquez \*\*\***  
**Donald Mayo**  
**Arthur L. Lon McAlister**  
**Alvin Al Mercer \*\*\***  
**Clifton E. Mills**  
**William R. Bill Mosier**  
**Kevin Mullaney**

**Darrell Mulvany**  
**Charles Chuck Norton\*\*\***  
**Edward Patry**  
**James Phinney**  
**William Bill Poe**  
**Louis V. Prelep**  
**Harold P. Prevett \***  
**Erwin G. Ery 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 Wharton**  
**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*