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From The President:

By Bart Ivy

AMMO HUH! Greeting everyone, I hope this finds you in good health surrounded by family and friends. In case you have not heard the BOD voted to cancel this year's Reunion due to COVID-19 concerns with travel and health issues. Our next reunion is scheduled for 2022, and we are looking to see if it's possible to move this forward. Despite COVID-19, the ACA has been busy, and our Chapters are still doing great things. If you are not involved with a Chapter, I urge you to reach out to your local chapter or to the board. In closing we mourn the loss of a great AMMO Chief this quarter, Leon B (Pete) Aaron and will I raise a toast to a fellow Ammo Chief, who made a difference in many lives and will be truly missed.

From The Vice President:

By Mark Gossett

In my last article I mentioned how much we were looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming reunion. So although it may be a little longer than I hoped that is still true today. As we look to pull together the next reunion I'm hoping everyone is staying safe. As

states move to reopen their economies please keep in mind COVID-19 is still out there, people are still getting seriously sick and some are still dying. We've lost a few more of our AMMO family since Jan 2020, although none to COVID-19 that I'm aware of, we know any losses for any reason is never an easy time. So I'm hoping everyone takes care and by all means Keep Your Powder Dry.

From The Secretary:

By Matt Lingelbach

The first six months have flown by! I can't imagine how busy I would have been if COVID-19 hadn't slowed 90% of the country. However, still here to serve our great community.

As I have disseminated information I have been having a few folks saying they are not getting the information. I have systematically weeded out some of the bad email addresses. Plus, a couple Internet Service Providers (ISP) want me to register to allow emails to be delivered; however, every time I try and do it the page errors out. So if you have Earthlink.net or Digital.net please go into your setting and authorize this email address to receive emails (secretary@ammochiefs.com). I do not send anything but official ACA business through this account.

A short note about TICMS progress. We are progressing the system slowly but surely. We have had a couple issues but nothing we couldn't overcome once notified. Most units have made the transition from CAS and only have a few units need to complete their Semi-Annual Inventory. The HAF has given the approval to work into the next contract and the FMO will continue to deliver additional capability incrementally.

Do you know fellow AMMO Chiefs that aren't members of the ACA? We are always looking for ways to grow our ranks and make a difference to the career field. Any recommendations for things to do, ways to grow members or just a fun activity. Shoot them my way and the BOD can discuss.

Until Next Time!

Thanks and see you on the flip side.

The Secretary

From The Treasurer:

By Mike Roylance

<i>Membership Totals by Chapter and Type</i>								
30-May-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>	19	15	1	2			1	
<i>Mid-Atlantic</i>	24	18		5	1			
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	50	31		13	1	4		1
<i>At Large</i>	142	99	11	15	2	10	2	3
<i>Totals</i>	261	185	15	35	4	14	3	5



Mid-Atlantic Chapter:

By Phil Kennedy



<i>ACAMC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Phil Kennedy
Vice President	Rich Pennington
Secretary Treasurer	Bill McCullough
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In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) was still able to continue supporting the Ammo Community.

Since our meetings and fundraisers have been cancelled, we are pressing on with the doable agenda items on our calendar of events.

Michael “Jake” Jacobsen and Phil Kennedy are diligently working on getting the summer care package program rolling. Once we determine the viable candidate locations, Phil will complete the shopping and get the packages on the way. Our thanks go out to the ACA for their generous \$500.00 donation toward this endeavor.

Jake also received the ACC annual award winners’ information. Our area of responsibility had three winners: Outstanding Munitions Technician - SrA Cameron N. Kosmerick, 4th MUNS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC; Outstanding Munitions Supervisor - SSgt Andres J. Ordaz, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC; and Outstanding Munitions Manager - MSgt Andrew D. Fillow, 1st Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA. Jack Miller generated the award packages and sent them off to the winners’ respective units.

We hope we can get back to business as usual in the near future. Until then, stay Ammo Strong!

IYAAYAS!

Emerald Coast Chapter:

By John Greer

ACAEC	BOD
President	John Greer
Vice President	Dennis Tangney
Secretary	Darrel Beasley
Treasurer	Johnny Long
Chief at Arms	Willie Mothersell



ACAEC had no input for this issue

Wasatch Front Chapter:

By David VanErt

ACAWFC	BOD
President	Chris Hazard
Secretary/Treasurer	Dave Van Ert

Congratulations to Chris Hazard who was elected President of the Wasatch Chapter and our thanks to Shawn Scott for his leadership and support.

Mid-West Chapter:

By Mark Gossett and Don Meyers

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

The Midwest Chapter has been real quite over the past several months since The Ohio Governor issued the Stay-at-Home order.

We were able to finalize the process of acknowledging the HQ AFMC 2019 Outstanding Munitions Professionals. They are:

- SrA Alec M. Couture at the 649th MUNS, Hill AFB UT in the Airman Category
- SSgt Rachel A. Shelly at the AFLCMC/EBH, Hill AFB UT in the NCO Category,
- MSgt Humberto A. Laviera at the 96 MXS, Eglin AFB FL in the SNCO Category,
- Mr. Michael G. Holmes at the 412 MXS, Edwards AFB CA in the Civilian category.

We wish them all congratulations for a super job done during the year supporting their AMMO family and standing up to make a difference in the day-to-day operations.

The 2020 first quarter AFMC AMMO Professionals award winners are:

- SrA Nicholas I. Wingate, 96 MXS, Eglin AFB, FL
- SSgt Tony S. Pham, 96 MXS, Eglin AFB, FL
- SMSgt Brett A. Kemp, 649 MUNS, Hill AFB, UT
- Mr. Richard S. Talamantez, 412 MXS, Edwards AFB, CA

Our heartiest congratulations to all.

Lone Star Chapter:

By Joe Dominguez

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



ACALSC had no input for this issue.

Desert Mountains Chapter:

By Tom Cox

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

What a lack luster year so far, so many plans made, so many cancelled. We hope all of you have remained healthy throughout this ordeal, time to move forward.

With this Corona thing going on, we haven't been doing much. We cancelled our quarterly meeting, which was scheduled for the first part of April, now we wait for the restaurants to open before we schedule the next. Arizona is slowly opening up and hopefully by the end of this month we will be back in the saddle. We had to cancel our first meet and greet with the Ammo Troops of the 355th FW following their return from the AOR. We were really looking forward to this, but fully understand the issues.

Pete Arron lost his battle with cancer on June 1st, he had been battling cancer. If you wish, please send a condolence card to his wife Kim, her address is: 11629 W. Laurelwood Lane, Avondale, AZ 85392.

363rd Training Squadron

SHEPPARD AMMO

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EDITORS NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 situation and that TSGT Chafin had been in quarantine for four weeks, no photographs, hometowns or bases of assignment were captured for the Outstanding Graduates below.

AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

A1C Eric Hite

Class: 20003

AB Travyce Caarnum

Class: 20004

A1C Joel Hilden

Class: 20006

AB Selena Hurd

Class: 20008

AB Blake Merl

Class: 20011

AB Charlene Garcia

Class: 20012

AB Erik Heintz

Class: 20013

A1C Aaron Whitaker

Class: 20014

A1C Dante Monteleone

Class: 20017

A1C Mason Burkholder and AB Treyson Raley

Class: 20018

A1C Benjamin Beecher

Class: 20019

AB Rishi Connor

Class: 20020

A1C Brittany Williams

Class: 20021



AFCOMAC - 9th Munitions Squadron

Point of Contact: CMSgt Lonnie Stamper

Hello fellow AMMO Warriors. It has been a very interesting time at Beale since March. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Class 20-04 was shut down immediately after Pre-Frag Friday and all students were sent home.

Our April class was postponed until September, AFCOCOMP was canceled and the June class was canceled.

Your AFCOMAC team has been hard at work trying to find a way, and get approval, to start classes back up. We are on track to start class on 6 July. At this time, both the July class and the August class will be made up of CONUS students only due to a 14 day quarantine requirement for all overseas students (not including Alaska and Hawaii). Additionally, all students must be tested for COVID-19 at home station prior to departing for Beale.

We understand the concerns from the field about delays in upgrade training. We at AFCOMAC will do everything in our control to limit this delay. We have added a 9th class to the FY21 schedule and once the quarantine requirements are gone you can expect to see classes very heavy with overseas students.

If you have any questions or concerns you should contact your MAJCOMs or you can e-mail me at Lonnie.Stamper@us.af.mil
Stay healthy and keep kicking ass! IYAAYAS!



Air Force Combat Operations Competition (AFCOCOMP)

Sadly we were forced to cancel the 2020 AFCOCOMP. 2021 AFCOCOMP has been scheduled for September 2021. We look forward to getting this awesome event back on the schedule and watching the best from around the world compete for the title! IYAAYAS!!



Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Application



The Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund Application for 2021 will be available in January 2021 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!!!!

2020 Application deadline has passed and applicants will be graded this month. Good luck to all that have submitted!!

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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**

The ACA BOD voted to cancel this year's reunion due to the ongoing pandemic issues. The next reunion is scheduled for 2022, but the BOD will investigate if it is possible to move that reunion forward.

## **ACA MEMORIAL PAVER PROGRAM**

By Mike Roylance

The AMMO Chiefs Association Inc. has recently expanded their Legacy Memorial Paver Program to include all AMMO ranks.

We call it  
**AMMO ROAD**

The price of the pavers is \$70. Our cost is \$65 per paver which is the reduced rate we negotiated and receive from the Airman Heritage Foundation (AHF). Any orders via our PayPal account should include the fees of \$2, so \$72 total. We receive no further reduction for multiple pavers. However, our pavers are grouped together, the first AFSC to do so.

This profit of \$5 per paver would be used to start the funding for a future AMMO Memorial which has been discussed in the past year. The idea for a memorial had such good favor with the past ACA that they put aside \$2,500 into a Certificate of Deposit for construction of this future memorial. This \$5 per paver while small would see that \$2,500 start to grow. The ACA would continue to manage these funds until such time a formal organization is put into place to manage the AMMO Memorial before funds are released.

Today there are 67 memorial pavers in place and another 6 on order for a total of 73. The pavers in place are all AMMO CHIEFS or former members of the ACA. The program has been a success and that is why we want to open it to all of AMMO.

We would continue to administer the Legacy Memorial Paver Program thus ensuring the program remains valid and controlled. Access to our reduced rate via the AHF is controlled by a password. The use of the password also ensures any paver purchased would be placed with our group (AMMO ROAD).

All pavers would be placed as ordered there can be no reserved spaces or special grouping. Orders would remain "First in - First out". Order your own, one for a mentor you respected while on duty, a friend or a spouse. If you place an order and we find it is a duplicate we will let you know.

We would reserve the right to ensure any wording is in accordance with the AHF guidelines and our requirement that the paver have some wording related to AMMO. Remember there are 3 lines of text limited to 14 characters per line including spaces. Acceptable entries might read AMMO (rank), IYAAYAS, KYPD, AMMO Wife, AMMO SPOUSE, etc. Something easily identifiable as AMMO related.

AMMO SSGT  
ROBERT BOOSTER  
IYAAYAS

SENIOR AIRMEN  
PAVEWAY D FLUG  
AMMO TROOP

AMMO WIFE  
BETTY L BOPPER  
1945 - 2020

AMMO TSGT  
SNUFFY SMITH  
1978 - 1983

The focal point for all orders is the ACA Treasurer: [acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com](mailto:acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com).

## Background

At the 2016 San Antonio Reunion ACA members toured The Airman Heritage Museum and later a recommendation was made to purchase a Lifetime Membership @ \$300 and receive a free single Legacy Paver.

Rather than a single one time donation via Lifetime membership, another proposal was made to create a new ACA tradition to perpetuate the memory of deceased ACA Ammo Chiefs.

The pavers are placed in a pathway that encircles the parade grounds at Lackland AFB in San Antonio Texas.

The purchase of Legacy Pavers supports the ACA Constitution and honors AMMO's heritage in a place highly visible to future Airmen and the public; it also supports the Airman Heritage Foundation long-term. Win/Win.



Initially the BOD agreed to purchase a Legacy Paver for all deceased ACA Ammo Chiefs then added all deceased ACA Members. Funding for all other previous Ammo Chiefs was funded by donations, most by ACA members. Several Chiefs have ordered their own.

The Program was adopted by the ACA BOD in mid-2017 and started shortly after.

The first batch was ordered in Nov 2017 with the first 44 being installed in the ground in May of 2019.

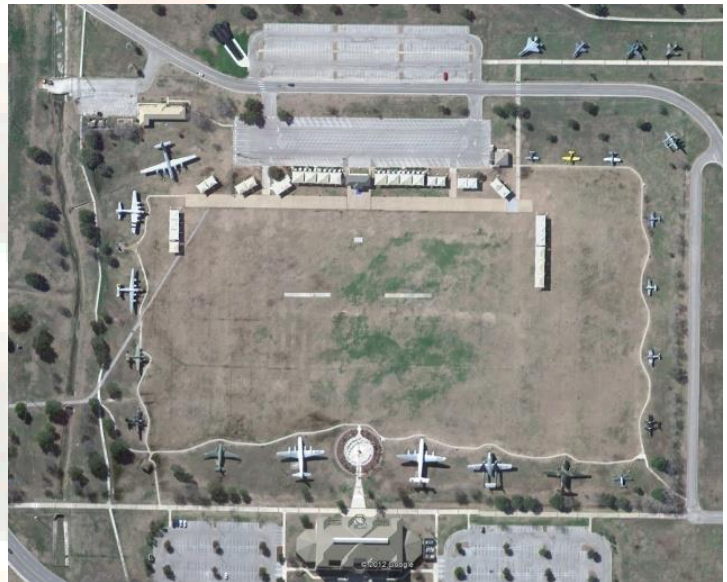
They are installed in front of the B-17 aircraft known as "Heaven's Above" which is right next to the Medal of Honor Monument. You can see the area on a google map below. Top left corner.

As you can see from the pictures the ADA compliant path will be completed with blank pavers and as pavers are purchased the blanks will be removed and replaced with Legacy Pavers. Generally, this is how the entire program works. It is our understanding that there is room for upwards of 1,000 pavers in our area.

Orders yours today with a credit card via PayPal. The price is \$72: <https://ammochiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/>

Or use your PayPal account and send \$70 to [acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com](mailto:acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com).

Paying by check or money order, send an email to [acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com](mailto:acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com). The response will tell you where to send your \$70 payment.



## **AMMO NOTAMs**

Source: CMSgt Vicki Lemke, HQ ACC/A4WC

### ***2019 Annual ACC Munitions Award Winners***

*Editor's Note: Letter was edited to display AMMO Awards only.*

MEMORANDUM FOR: 9 AF/CC  
12 AF/CC  
USAFWC/CC

FROM: ACC/CD  
205 Dodd Blvd, Suite 203  
Joint Base Langley-Eustis VA 23665-2788

SUBJECT: 2019 Air Combat Command Munitions and Armament Awards Announcement

1. On behalf of General James M. Holmes, Commander, Air Combat Command, it is a pleasure to announce the 2019 Air Combat Command Munitions Winners:

a. Munitions Category:

(1) Outstanding Munitions Technician - SrA Cameron N. Kosmerick, 4th MUNS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.

(2) Outstanding Munitions Supervisor - SSgt Andres J. Ordaz, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC.

(3) Outstanding Munitions Manager - MSgt Andrew D. Fillow, 1st Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA.

2. Congratulations to all. The competition was very close and all winners should be proud of their accomplishments.

3. Awards, certificates and congratulatory letters have been sent by official mail to each winner's unit for presentation.

Wedge  
CHRISTOPHER P. WEGGEMAN  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Commander

## ***Yokota AB Airlifter of the Week***

Yokota Air Base  
May 10 at 10:30 PM

Congratulations to Senior Airman Keona Davis, 374th Maintenance Squadron munitions operations technician, on being the Airlifter of the Week!

Since arriving at Yokota Air Base, Davis has quickly mastered her new position with the upmost professionalism, working tirelessly to improve munitions accountability and customer relations across the Wing. In doing just that, Davis has lead 92 stockpile and custody inventories accounting for 27 million USAF munitions assets. It is through her commitment to mission success and eagerness to learn that led Davis and her team to the discovery and subsequent corrective action for expiring munitions that would have resulted in a war reserve material shortfall.

In addition to her outstanding work in the office, Davis has also embodied the whole Airman concept, organizing and leading a toy drive for a local orphanage, volunteer for the Kanto Plains Special Olympics, and also somehow finding the time to complete 12 credit hours towards her CCAF degree.

For all of the amazing work you have done and will continue to do, thank you and congratulations again to Senior Airman Keona Davis.

## **AMMO NEWS**

### ***AF Unveils First Test Of Arsenal Plane Concept And New CLEVER Munition***

Source: Drive.Com – The WarZone Newsletter. Story by Joseph Trevithick. May 27, 2020  
View the story on line [HERE](#).

The U.S. Air Force conducted a test earlier this year of a [palletized munition concept](#) to launch new stand-off precision-guided munitions from its airlifters, allowing the service to relatively quickly turn them into weapons trucks, as necessary. This has also prompted important discussions within the service about command and control issues and other operational considerations that would be involved when rapidly shifting cargo aircraft into a strike role.

The Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) [revealed the test](#), which took place at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah on Jan. 28, 2020 in cooperation with Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), in a press release on May 27, 2020. Air Force Major General Clinton Hinote, the Deputy Director of the Air Force Warfighting Integration Capability (AFWIC) office, offered additional details about the project during an online chat that the [Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute hosted](#) on the same day. Aviation Week's Defense Editor and good friend of *The War Zone* Steve Trimble was kind enough to curate some of Hinote's comments and [post them on Twitter](#). This also a concept that has been [around in various forms for decades](#) and that the Air Force had publicly announced, by way of a contracting notice in February that you can read more about in this [past War Zone piece](#), that it was looking to explore again.

"This successful [demonstration] is evidence of our commitment to evolve innovative weapons concepts and enhance our partnership with AFSOC to meet the needs of the National Defense Strategy," Air Force Colonel Garry Haase, head of AFRL's Munitions Directorate, said in the May 27 press release. "CLEAVER represents a different approach to launching large numbers of long-range weapons, which will bring a new dynamic to the high-end fight."

CLEAVER stands for Cargo Launch Expendable Air Vehicles with Extended Range and the Air Force has described this previously unseen air-launched munition as an unpowered "long-range, high precision weapons [to] destroy moving and non-moving targets."



Two CLEAVER munitions on a single pallet exit the back of an Air Force Special Operations Command MC-130J Commando II special operations transport during the January test at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah.

The sole picture we have of the CLEAVER munitions so far shows that it has four tail fins and streamlined design that is visually similar in some respects of the [AGM-154 Joint Stand-Off Weapon](#) (JSOW) glide bomb. The JSOW has pop-out wings to help them glide across extended distances, but it is not clear if CLEAVER has this feature. The new design is an in-house Air

Force development from AFRL's Center for Rapid Innovation (CRI), which has now transitioned the project to the Munitions Directorate.

During the test at Dugway in January, an [MC-130J Commando II](#) special operations transport from the 27th Special Operations Wing, which is based at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, dropped two pallets, each with two CLEAVER munitions, along with a third pallet with two additional unspecified "simulated munitions." The exact method of deployment is unclear, but it appears that the pallet, also known as a Combat Expendable Platform (CEP), falls into a vertical position with the help of a parachute after leaving the aircraft and then releases the munitions via some form of remote or pre-set triggering mechanism.

AFRL decided to work with AFSOC and use the Commando II for the test given the latter command's decades of experience with dropping large munitions from the back of its MC-130 special operations transports, which you can read about in more detail in this [past War Zone piece](#). Today, these aircraft are the only platforms certified to employ the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB) bomb, which, to date, has been [used in combat only once](#), in Afghanistan's Nangarhar Province in 2017 against ISIS's franchise in that country.

An [MC-12W Liberty](#) intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance aircraft from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 137th Special Operations Wing also supported the test as a chase plane, capturing still and video imagery and making real-time observations about the drops.

There are already plans for additional demonstrations involving more CLEAVERs, as well as "powered vehicles, and full-up vehicles with optional warhead and terminal guidance," according to AFRL. Some sort of powered weapon, such as a cruise missile, would give an aircraft employing the palletized munitions concept true standoff range, something that would be very important in a major conflict against a near-peer adversary with a capable integrated air defense network. It would also drastically complicate an enemy's defense planning.

AFRL's description of the warhead and guidance systems as "optional" also points to CLEAVER being a modular design. If true, this might mean it could potentially accommodate other payloads, including non-kinetic ones, [such as electronic warfare jammers](#).

AFRL's press release also mentioned an ultimate goal to utilize a palletized munitions system to deploy a swarm of "network-enabled, semi-autonomous weapons" that "accompanies remotely piloted aircraft and fighter jets in combat missions." The Air Force has already been working for a number of years on networked munitions concepts as part of the now-canceled [Gray Wolf program](#) and the [current Golden Horde effort](#).

What's interesting is that this test predated, and almost certainly informed, AFRL's Air Force Strategic Development Planning and Experimentation (SDPE) office's request for information regarding potential palletized munition concepts, or "[Bomb Bay In A Box](#)," for Air Force airlifters in February 2020. That contracting notice also made mention of future experiments, though it's not clear how this might be related to AFRL's plans for more demonstrations together with AFSOC.

"What we see is that no matter [how big our bomber force is](#), the capacity that the Joint Force needs is always more and more," Major General Hinote said during the Mitchell Institute talk. "So this is why we think that there's a real possibility here for using cargo platforms, to be able to increase the capacity of fires."

It's also unclear how this might feed into the Air Force's long on-again-off-again relationship with similar concepts, typically referred to as "arsenal planes," which you can read about more in this [past War Zone piece](#). Most recently, in April, General Timothy Ray, head of Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC), had said he was not in favor of converting airlifters, even on a temporary basis, into strike platforms as a flexible and low-cost means of supplementing his command's bombers. Ray instead said he was in favor of a new clean-sheet design to fulfill that mission.

We now know that the January test had already raised some significant questions within the service by that point about how it might actually employ armed airlifters in combat and who would control them. As it stands now, Air Mobility Command oversees the vast majority of the Air Force's cargo-carrying fleets, with AFGSC serving the same purpose for traditional bombers and Air Combat Command being responsible for smaller combat jets, among other aircraft.

This existing command and control structure "actually works against our effectiveness," Hinote noted. "Some sort of extremely streamlined command and control is going to be necessary."

Hopefully, now, more information will begin to emerge about this very interesting CLEAVER munition and AFRL's other continuing work on palletized munition systems. After decades of still-ongoing debate within the Air Force, the service does finally appear to be moving ahead with this concept.

***Update: 5/28/2020—***

AFRL's SDPE office has [told Breaking Defense](#) that it conducted a total of five test flights between January and February related to the palletized munition concept, including ones in cooperation with Air Mobility Command utilizing a C-17A Globemaster III airlifter from the 412th Test Wing. Unfortunately, there are no specific details about the other four test flights.



## **LAST CALL**

### **CMSgt Leon Bernard “Pete” Aaron** **December 13, 1955 – June 1, 2020**



Leon Bernard “Pete” Aaron, 64, of Montgomery, Alabama passed away on Monday, June 1, 2020 in Avondale, Arizona. Funeral services will be held in Avondale, Arizona at 3pm, Sunday, June 7, at Holy Cross Funeral Home. Visitations will be held in Avondale, Arizona at 4pm, Sunday, June 7, at Holy Cross Funeral Home and in Pensacola, Florida at 4pm, Tuesday, June 9, at Faith Chapel South Funeral Home. Pete will be laid to rest at Barrancas National Cemetery, NAS Pensacola at 1pm, Wednesday, June 10.

Pete was born to Eugene Aaron and Corine Little on December 13, 1955. He enlisted in the United States Air Force at 17 and later married Kim, his loving wife in 1982. They spent the next 38 years together traveling the world, honorably serving their nation, raising 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Pete will best be remembered as a father to everyone, the hardest working man, the absolute best grandpa, and last but not least his insane love for Ammo.

He is survived by his wife Kim Aaron, son Shaun Aaron, daughters Lisa Abbott, Alina Carlise, and Tina Aaron. Brothers Kenneth Heaton Sr, Richard Teal, sister Deborah Samel, grandchildren Jalen, Nylah, Ella, Aliyah, Joon, Gracie, and Charlie.

Pete’s family would like to extend a special thank you to Kyong Theison and Kristen Griffin for serving as backup “yobo” whenever needed. To all the Florida family, your love for Petey was always felt and cherished. To Chief Robertson and Chief Calandra, the joy you brought to our father’s face will never be forgotten. To Chief Q, Joe, and Greg, your sincerity and thoughtfulness is appreciated more than words can express. To his mother Jewel, thank you most of all. You gave us a man that gave love freely and asked for nothing in return. A man who felt pride and accomplishment, not in his Bronze Star or 30 years active duty, but rather in the success and fulfillment of his family. A man that always showed respect, led by example, and would freely welcome you into his family. This is our father. Loving husband, father, grandpa, USAF Ammo Chief. IYAAAYAS!

The link below is through Facebook that will allow you leave a note in memoriam and the second tab on the page is the obituary.

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For those that don’t use Facebook, here is the direct link to the same place.

<https://www.hccfh.org/obituaries/Leon-Aaron?obId=14929960#/celebrationWall>

# **SMSgt Gregory J. Osbun**

## **December 9, 1949 – January 10, 2020**

By CMSgt (Ret) Mark Gossett

Greg Osbun passed away on 10 January 2020 in Honolulu HI. He was inurned at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Greg served at the 12 TFW PHU CAT AB Vietnam; 400 MMS (T), Kadena AB, Japan; the 341st Munitions Sq, Malmstrom AFB MT; and HQ PACAF/LGWL, Hickam AFB HI.

After retirement he worked a while at the Navy Magazine Lualualai and eventually transferred back over to the HQ PACAF/LGWL. While there Greg performed numerous functions and supported many operations. He retired out of HQ PACAF/LGMWL as the Division Chief, Theater Ammunition Control Point.

I meet Greg in January 1982 at Kirtland AFB NM while attending a training seminar at the Field Command-Defense Nuclear Agency. I eventually had the privilege of working with him at HQ PACAF/LGW from Dec 1983 – June 1988 and again from Jan 1992 - March 1995. For those who knew, him he was affectionately called 'Buns' and friend. I always cherished his friendship and his words of wisdom. His contributions to the AFK, Munitions Operations, and the Munitions Community are numerous and have made the munitions world a better place.

So we add his name to the Fallen AMMO family but we'll keep him in our hearts forever.

# **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*

**Aaron, Leon B. "Pete"**

**Bachman, Michael**

**Ballard, Larry G. \*\*\***

**Barber, Dave \*\*\***

**Barrentine, Wilbur R. \***

**Bechtal (Bectle), Gail**

**Bell, Walter L. \* / \*\***

**Bolin, Frank D.**

**Borzomowski, Anthony P.**

**Branson, Jim "Jimmie"**

**Bray, Rennice H. "Jim"**

**Byrne, Shawn P.**

**Carbonneau, Don**

**Carter, Lott S. \*\*\***

**Costick, Edward H. "Ted" \*\*\***

**Craven, Preston**

**Crayne, Bernard C. (Red)**

**Curran, Michael D. "Mike" \*\*\***

**Curtin, James**

**Danihel, Thomas E. Jr**

**Delaney, Robert J.**

**Delisi, Phillip**

**Dressler, William R. "Bill"**

**Eaton, Larry**

**Eaves, Charles L. "Chuck"**

**Elle, Kathy**

**Elledge, James N**

**Everett, Thomas F.**

**Fick, William "Bill" \*\*\***

**Fisher, James "Jesse"**

**Freas, Joseph N.**

**Gamache, Francis J. "Frank"**

**Gauvin, Richard A.**

**Gershutz, Karl J.**

**Hamilton, Don \*\*\***

**Hess, Gerald "Red"**

**Holt, Howard**

**Ivey, Robert N.**

**Jameson, Jay A.**

**Jolly, Bill**

**Jones, Perry D. \***

**Klein, Paul H.**

**Lane, John C.**

**Long, Karen**

**Long, Paul \*\*\***

**Lovelady, William**

**Marquez, Leo \*\*\***

**Mayo, Donald**

**McAlister, Arthur L. "Lon"**

**Mercer, Alvin "Al" \*\*\***

**Mills, Clifton E**

**Mosier, William R. "Bill"**

**Mullaney, Kevin**

**Mulvany, Darrell**

**Norton, Charles "Chuck" \*\*\***

**Patry, Edward**

**Phinney, James**

**Poe, William "Bill"**

**Prelip, Louis V.**

**Prevett, Harold P. \***

**Redman, Erwin G. "Erv"**

**Reinhart, Robert "Bob"**

**Richards, Leander**

**Rott, Leroy**

**Schaible, Neil G.**

**Scott, Gary**

**Sechler, Robert G.**

**Stubbe, Ben**

**Wadsworth, Addison "George"**

**Wata, Joseph S. "Joe" \*\*\***

**Whatton, Richard**

**Whitley, Kenneth R.**

**Wilson, Bruce**

**Yarbrough, George**

**Yurkanin, Michael J.**

*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 a single asterisk \* held the distinction of being a Charter Chief in the USAF. Those listed with a double asterisk \*\* were Bataan Death March Survivors. Those listed with a triple asterisk \*\*\* are Shell & Flame Awardees*