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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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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

By Bart Ivy

Small Caliber Ammunition Market to Hit USD 8,808.9 Million by 2027, now if someone can parlay that into AMMO Jobs here in the US we would be in business.

In case you missed the Annual ACA Update, here is an abbreviated version: the ACA is still going strong. Our annual financial audit was completed by the BOD without any discrepancy noted. Kudos to Mike Roylance on keeping it all under control.

Membership – Our organization growth has been slow but steady over the last few years. This is to be somewhat expected with our limited membership base and the lower numbers of new Ammo Chiefs as the Air Force shrinks. So, I urge you if you have not renewed your membership please do so.

Strategic Goals – In 2018 we created a three-year Strategic plan and we have achieved those goals except for AMMO Memorial for all AMMO ranks, which we need to still work on in the coming years. Mark Gossett has some more on this in his comments. But it is time to establish new strategic goals for the ACA, so any inputs from the membership would be helpful.

Reunion – Planning for the 2022 reunion has started and you will be hearing more in the coming months. I hope to see everyone there. First beer is on me. IYAAYAS!
Keep Your Powder Dry

From The Vice President:

By Mark Gossett

I hope everyone is staying as sane as possible under these very interesting times. It looks like the first half of 2021 will be much like the most of 2020. But we will get through it. As we look at the past several months we should keep in mind that in their own way times are always challenging. Remembering where we came from helps drive us to where we want to go. Remembering the past is just as important as forging our future. In the ACA Strategic Plan there is a goal for the AMMO Heritage Memorial. A permanent statuesque to honor and remember all AMMO Troops – past, present and future. The ACA has started supporting this goal by setting aside funds to support the design, procurement and placement of the statuesque. So if you know of any organization, company, group or individual who would like to make a tax deductible donation to support the AMMO Heritage Memorial here is the link <https://ammochiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/>. Otherwise, you can contact any BOD member. Also, if you're interested in co-chairing the AMMO Heritage Memorial committee or being on the committee please let us know. We did have several individuals who reached out a while back and they are still on our list. Information on the program is available at this link <https://ammochiefs.com/ammo-memorial/>. Thanks, take care, and stay safe. IYAAYAS

FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

ACA...it has been a long time dealing with COVID and hopefully getting back to normal. 2020 was a bear and 2021 was a rough start but things seem to be starting to get back to normal. We are discussions with the BOD to figure out where to go from here. All things are pointing in the right direction.

Is there anyone that is wanting to leave a mark for the career field. We are looking for folks to step up and lead the AMMO Memorial Project. The ACA has seed money to start we just need some imagination and drive to get it off the ground. We are looking for a place outside the confines of

bases that folks can come see good old AMMO Heritage. There will be more discussions about this in the coming months as we start to get things going.
Look forward to a tremendous 2021 and hoping to see people at gatherings and reunions in the near future.

From The Treasurer:

By Mike Roylance

<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 & Flame</i>
Lone Star	5	5						
Desert Mountains	10	9				1		
MidWest	10	9						1
Wasatch Front	19	15	1	2			1	
Mid-Atlantic	23	17		5	1			
Emerald Coast	51	30	1	13	1	5		1
At Large	144	105	8	15	1	10	2	3
February 15, 2021 Totals	262	190	10	35	3	16	3	5

Membership: Status. Dues and Contact Roster

At the end of January each year we take a drop in annual membership as members are reminded that dues are payable for the next year. We ended the year with an all time high of 269 members and this dropped to 259 at the end of January but we are back up to 262 in mid-February as annual members pay dues.

Reminder to past annual members, there is no penalty to rejoin the ACA. Just pay current dues and you will be reinstated immediately.

You can convert to Lifetime status at any time by paying any remaining balance toward the \$250. The Treasurer can tell you what that conversion cost would be.

Dues can be paid by PayPal or Check. If you want be invoiced contact the ACA Treasurer at treasurer@ammochiefs.com.

We will be putting out a new ACA Membership Roster at the end of March so it is important that your contact information, ie. Address, phones, etc., is up to date.



MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER:

By Phil Kennedy



ACAMC	BOD
President	Phil Kennedy
Vice President	John Nye
Secretary Treasurer	Bill McCullough
Director at Large	Rick Follett



The Ammo Chiefs Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter (ACAMC) continued to support the Ammo Community during these trying times caused by the COVID virus.

We were not able to hold in-person meetings, so our December 5th business was conducted via teleconference. We had 14 Chief members (1 proxy) and one Associate member participate. We easily made our quorum and conducted all business within 80 minutes.

Michael "Jake" Jacobsen and Jack Miller got the award package sent out to SSgt Cody D. Lasagna, 4 MUNS, Seymour Johnson, selected as the ACC 3rd Quarter, 2020 Outstanding Munitions Supervisor.

Jack is still recovering from his knee surgery and is coping with excessive pain. Sherrie Gavin is dealing with healing issues with the leg she broke last year.

SrA Adam J. Clary of the 1 MUNS was selected as the Sharp Ammo Troop for 2020. Jake and Jack took care of the award package.

We selected two Ammo Troops-in-Need. Vicki Lemke took her troop at Langley shopping and Rich Pennington took care of the troop at Seymour Johnson AFB.

TSgt Nick Francos, an Air National Guard Ammo troop near Baltimore, passed away. A donation was sent to his wife Valerie to help ease some financial stress.

We finalized the election for Chapter Vice President. John Nye will serve for the next 2 years. Our thanks go out to Rich Pennington for his wisdom and guidance during his tenure.

The raffle for the 2020 White House Christmas ornament yielded \$150.00 for chapter programs. Jake was the lucky winner and Bill mailed the ornament to him.

The members decided to hold off on any planning for a BBQ for the troops until the COVID situation is totally settled.

Mike Gavin and Jack will do the chapter audit this year. Bill is running late on this due to getting seriously ill after receiving a shot.

Jake and Phil Kennedy did their magic again and got the holiday care packages out the door to five austere deployed units. The ACA helped us with a generous \$500.00 donation toward this effort. Phil not only donated his personal time and labor but helped pay for shipping costs. Below is some feedback sent to us (personal/official information removed):

From: Anderson, Matthew K TSGT USAF USSOCOM SOCAFRICA JSOTF-SOM (USA)

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 8:47 AM

To: Kennedy, Phillip R CTR DTRA RD (USA)

Subject: Care Package

Good Morning Phil,

Just wanted to reach out and give you and the AMMO Chiefs association a huge thanks for the care package! I was able spread the wealth to my fellow AMMO troops and some of my new Navy brethren over here in Africa. Thanks again for the support and keeping us in your thoughts. Take care! IYAAYAS!

V/r,
Matthew K. Anderson, TSgt, USAF
SOTF-EA, J4 JLOC
Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti

From Chief Andrews and his team of deployed AMMO Warriors! (via Facebook)

“Thank you to the AMMO Chief’s Association Mid-Atlantic Chapter for the care package! IYAAYAS
Take care and have a blessed Christmas!



From: darrell.bordner
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Kennedy, Phillip R CTR DTRA RD (USA)
Subject: AMMO Care Package

Chief Kennedy,

Today, we received your care package, THANK YOU! Please pass our thanks to the rest of the association, too. I managed to take a picture (attached) before the troops annihilated all the snacks.



I hope all is well!

Thanks again!

IYAAYAS!

D-BO

V/r

DARRELL L. BORDNER JR., SMSgt, USAF
AMMO! Flight Chief
332 EMXS/MXMW

Our rolls stand at 18 members and 6 associate members.

Fundraising has come to a grinding halt. Based on this, we will be asking another chapter to take over the summer care package program.

Our next meeting is March 13th. Our big goal is to start the biennial review of the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

Keep the Ammo light shining brightly! IYAAYAS!

EMERALD COAST CHAPTER:

By John Greer

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



Covid has put a damper on our activities. We just awarded the Hurlburt Munitions person of the year, congratulations to Senior Airman Julio Mackin. John Greer presented his Chief Plaque, \$100 Visa card certificate and letter of recognition at the Hurlburt Bomb Dump monthly promotion ceremony. Presentations for Eglin's and Tyndall's award winners will be made by John as soon as we can set them up. A BOD meeting is set for March and an Ammo Call is set for 22 May at the FUBAR pizza bar and grill, Ammo Bar. Our annual charity golf tourney is currently scheduled for 25 June.

Wasatch Front Chapter:

By David VanErt

<i>ACAWFC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Chris Hazard
Secretary/Treasurer	Dave Van Ert

No activities or input for this issue

MID-WEST CHAPTER:

By Mark Gossett and Don Meyers

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

All's fine in the Midwest Chapter and members are staying safe. We've had one who's been able to get their COVID shots. Those of us eligible in Ohio are still trying to get an appointment. Our 2021 year will be much like 2020. We're supporting the recognition program for the HQ AFMC 2020 Outstanding Munitions Performers again this year. Other than that, we'll see how the rest of the year plays out.

2020 AFMC OUTSTANDING MUNITIONS PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR

- A1C Zack C. Davis, (649 MUNS, Hill AFB, UT)
- TSgt Benjamin R. Hall, (96 MXS, Eglin AFB, FL)
- SMSgt Jason L. Whitehead, (96 MXS, Eglin AFB, FL)
- Mr. Jonathan E. Rico, (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



Our general membership meeting was held virtually on 19 December 2020. We welcomed our newest LSC member Tony Lavergne. During this meeting Joe was re-elected as our Secretary/Treasurer. A final review of a proposed amendment to our by-laws was approved for the Secretary to coordinate with the ACA board.

The Lone Star Chapter remains a sponsor organization for Wreaths Across America and you can sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's gravesite at a location of your choosing by visiting our [WEBSITE](#). After 1 April, the website will be updated and the new URL will be [HERE](#). Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

DESERT MOUNTAINS CHAPTER:

By Tom Cox

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



If you haven't heard yet, our chapter will host the next Ammo Chiefs Association reunion in 2022. We were asked, after the unfortunate cancellation of the 2020 event, to hold it this year, but alas we couldn't quite get there so quickly. So, let me start by saying we are preparing for the next reunion to be held October 12th through 16th, 2022; the location is still TBD but save the date. These dates took into consideration things like our heat, the monsoon season, and the migration of snow birds and the prices of venues around here. This would be the start of a beautiful time of year here in Arizona, the best of all worlds.

We are deeply involved with a study for determining the location between Phoenix or Tucson. Our organization is divided nearly in half between the two locations, so we have two teams working up proposals. We will make our presentations to our members and decide by mid-April and notify the ACA BOD then. Our planning has generated some great ideas for both areas, there isn't anywhere in between to take advantage of both.

I want to thank Mike Robertson for sharing his planning material, something this big for such an auspicious group, makes detailed planning a must. Also want to thank Mike Roylance for his helping hand as well. We hope to have a great program for all of you when you get here. Again, SAVE THE DATE: October 12-16, 2022.

With this COVID-19 thing still keeping us restricted, we are still growing the organization. We have been meeting quarterly and being able to conduct business. This year we will be starting our awards program which will consider everyone in the AMMO community in the state, active duty,

guard and reserve. We have some great troops doing great things for their country and they earn our recognition.

More to come and we are looking forward to seeing all of you next year. We will do our best to have another great event.

363RD TRAINING SQUADRON

SHEPPARD AMMO

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AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

SrA Robin A. Penn

Class: 20043

Hometown: Killeen, TX



A1C Evan Olsson

Class: 21004

Hometown: Sierraville, CA **Gaining Base/Unit:** Cannon AFB, NM



AB Ian Pickett

Class: 21005

Hometown: Columbus, GA **Gaining Base/Unit:** Mildenhall, UK



A1C Brendan Carlston

Class: 21006

Hometown: Muskegon, MI Gaining Base/Unit: Barksdale AFB, LA



A1C Alexander Foster

Class: 21009

Hometown: Springboro, OH Gaining Base/Unit: Whiteman AFB, MO



AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

Point of Contact: CMSgt Lonnie Stamper and SMSgt Ulises Sanchez



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

Editor's Note: All AFCOMAC classes after class 2021-001 were cancelled so no Outstanding Performer Awards were awarded since the last issue of the Shell and Flame was published.



CHIEF GAUVIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund Application for 2021 are now available 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 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 Heritage 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.

There are 89 pavers purchased and 78 placed. 24 were purchased by the ACA and the remainder purchased by friends or peers. 10 have been purchased by members for themselves saving the ACA funds. The program has been a success and that is why we want to open it to all of AMMO.

We will 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.



The following AMMO Chiefs have been identified as deceased with no paver.

| Memorial Pavers Needed |               |              |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Last Name              | First Name    | Rank / Grade |
| Fisher                 | James "Jesse" | CMSgt        |
| Johnson                | Steiffel      | CMSgt        |

| Memorial Pavers Needed |            |              |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Last Name              | First Name | Rank / Grade |
| Lane                   | John C     | CMSgt        |
| Obleman                | Michael R. | CMSgt        |

If anyone, group, or chapter would like to purchase one please remember these can be considered a donation to the ACA and therefore are tax deductible – even your own. Information on purchasing a paver and background can be found here: <https://ammochiefs.com/aca-memorial-paver-program/>.

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.



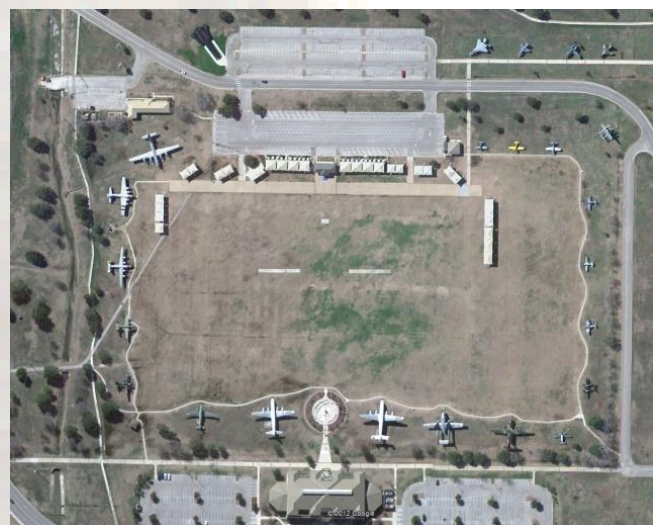
Initially the BOD agreed to purchase a Legacy Paver for all deceased ACA Ammo Chiefs then added all deceased ACA Members. Funding for all other previous Ammo Chiefs was funded by donations, most by ACA members. Several Chiefs have ordered their own.

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 SUPPLY**

Source: Mike Roylance



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**Order today**

***Be ready for the next Ammo Chiefs Association Reunion in 2022***

**All orders benefit the Ammo Chiefs Association and the Ammo Community.**

## **AMMO Heritage Memorial**

Source: Mike Roylance

To learn more about the AMMO Heritage Memorial, please visit our website at <https://ammochiefs.com/ammo-memorial/>

### **The Challenge**

On the 17 of February 2021, Larry DiAmco levied a challenge to the entire AMMO Community to make a donation to the AMMO Heritage Memorial. His challenge is to donate what you can to the cause. He is hoping this will generate renewed interest in the AMMO Heritage Memorial and move it along towards reality. Pat Adams and Lance Andrews were the first to meet the challenge and made their donations via PayPal the very next morning. Phil Kennedy responded with a very generous donation emphasizing Larry's challenge to the Chiefs. A few other AMMO Chiefs responded with pledges. Pledges will be added as they are received. Until this challenge was levied we had been collecting \$5 from the purchase of every Memorial Paver.

Here's what you get if you make a donation to this worthwhile cause"

- The satisfaction of being a donor

- Donations to the ACA are tax deductible (we are a 501(c)19 recognized nonprofit organization)
- For a donation of \$100 or more, you will receive a polo shirt commemorating your donation with the following design. For every \$100 donated, you will get one Bronze Star and for every \$500 donated, you will get one Silver Star. See more information about this recognition below.

### How to Donate

You can donate using PayPal or by mail. Another avenue to check is with your company – many are willing to make matching donations to legitimate nonprofits like the ACA.

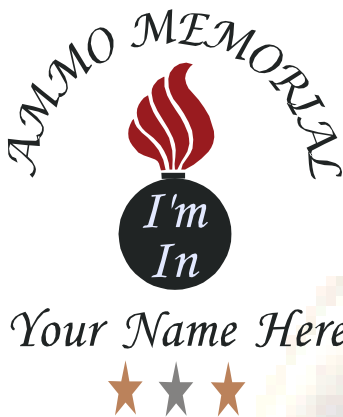
- On line, you can donate directly by visiting <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8xnytFN6VX>. Please note that if you donate by credit card, PayPal does subtract a small fee from the donation.
- Visit <https://ammochiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/> to obtain the mailing address and additional information. You can also email the ACA Treasurer at [acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com](mailto:acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com).

### The Goal

All of the donations to date along with the funds (\$5,085.92) previously donated by the ACA over the past few years are shown below. The goal of \$40,000 is a wag and will be adjusted once the design, construction and other costs become clear.

### Polo Shirt Recognition

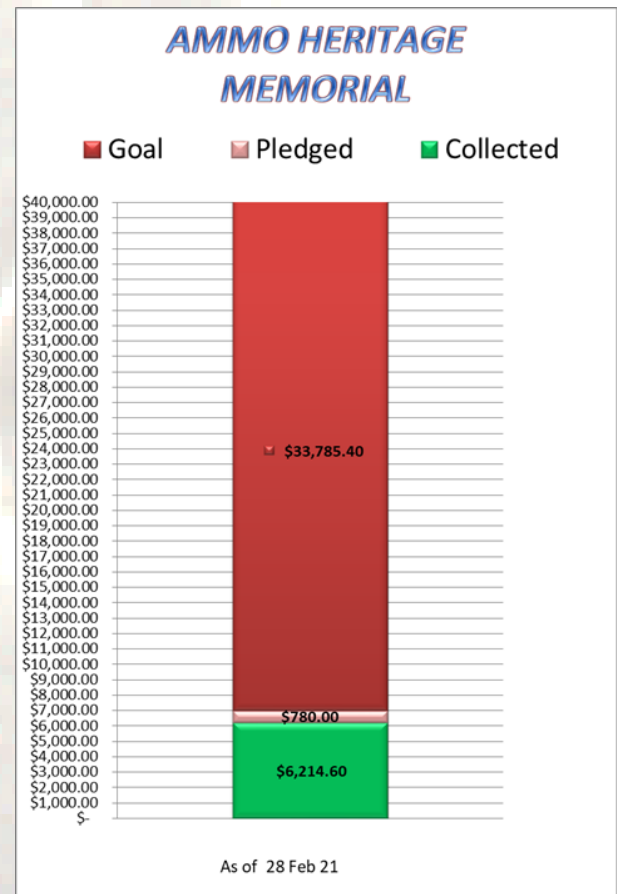
As mentioned above, Make a donation of \$100 or more and get a Polo Shirt with the following design. For every \$100 donated you will get one Bronze Star, for each \$500 a Silver Star. The cost of the shirt, shipping, and embroidery material is being provided at cost by an AMMO Spouse and will be deducted from the donation generally <\$25 depending on shipping cost.



To reduce production cost and impact on the donation amounts, only two shirt colors will be offered, a light colored shirt and a dark colored shirt.

The embroidery will contrast with the color of the shirt, i.e., a white shirt will have black lettering and a black shirt will have white lettering. The Shell & Flame will either be black and red on a light shirt or gray and red on a dark shirt. The size chart below is provided to help order your shirt after you make your donation.

| Women's | S     | M     | L     | XL    | 2XL   | 3XL   |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Size    | 4/6   | 8/10  | 12/14 | 16/18 | 20/22 | 24/26 |
| Bust    | 35-36 | 37-38 | 39-41 | 42-44 | 45-47 | 48-51 |



| Men's | S         | M         | L         | XL        | 2XL       | 3XL       | 4XL       |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Chest | 34-<br>36 | 38-<br>40 | 42-<br>44 | 46-<br>48 | 50-<br>52 | 54-<br>56 | 58-<br>60 |

To order your shirt email the ACA Treasurer at [acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com](mailto:acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com).

*Disclaimer: Our goal is to provide the JERZEES Spotshield 5.6 ounce Jersey Knit Sport Shirt or equivalent. Product chosen must be available from our local warehouse therefore colors and sizes may not always be available immediately.*

## **AMMO NOTAMs**

### **Ammo Joke Book**

By Rudi DiAmco

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, here is a link:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/Bo8BZQKPXS>.

We are working on version 2 which could be an expanded version with more submissions from fellow AMMO Chiefs. If you are interested in contributing, please contact myself, Rudi DiAmco at [rudiandshannon@gmail.com](mailto:rudiandshannon@gmail.com).



## **LAST CALL**

### **CMSgt Thomas M. Zima** **July 23, 1944 – November 27, 2020**



Thomas Meany Zima passed away on Friday, November 27th, 2020. After several months of declining health battling pneumonia, Tom died peacefully surrounded by his wife and children. Tom was born in Yonkers, New York on July 23rd, 1944 to Frank and Agnes Zima. The youngest of four children, Tom had one sister and two brothers-Jay, Billy, and Frank. After graduating from Sacred Heart High School, Tom enlisted in the Marine Corps. After serving four years as a Marine, Tom transitioned into the United States Air Force where he quickly rose through the ranks to Chief Master Sergeant. It was during this time that he became affectionately known as "Chief". A highlight of his career was serving alongside the brave men and women of the AF Ammo community. A veteran of both the Vietnam and Gulf Wars, he retired in 1993 after over thirty years of active duty service. Soon after retirement, Tom began instructing the local Air Force JROTC where he impacted hundreds of bright young minds during his tenure. Throughout his prestigious military career he was stationed all over the world including in Spain, Korea, Thailand, and his beloved Guam. An avid traveler for leisure as well, he collected both stories and parts of different cultures from across the globe. In his later years, Tom could often be found aboard a cruise ship and occasionally found himself starring in an onboard show singing "My Way". A beloved member of his local VFW Post, Tom held various leadership roles to include serving as President. He could often be found there trading old war stories and enjoying time with friends. Tom is survived by his wife, Lois, and three children- Deidre Jessup, Thomas Zima Jr., and Shawn Zima. He was a loving "Pop Pop" to six grandchildren. A visitation was held on Friday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 10:00 a.m., at St. Ann Catholic Church of Gulf Breeze. The committal service was at 1:00 p.m. at Barrancas National Cemetery, NAS Pensacola.

# **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.  
Carboneau, Don  
Carter, Lott S. \*\*\*  
Costick, Edward H. "Ted" \*\*\*  
Craven, Preston  
Crawford, Charles J.  
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.  
Johnson, Steiffel  
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" \*\*\*  
Obleman, Michael R  
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  
Winnicki, Lyle M.  
Yarbrough, George  
Yurkanin, Michael J.  
Zima, Thomas M.

*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*