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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

By Bart Ivy

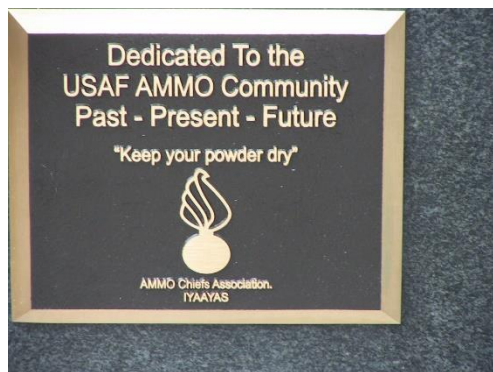
Things are picking up! The Desert Mountain Chapter has set the location and date for the 2022 reunion: 12-16 Oct in Tucson AZ. So, mark your calendars and I hope to see everyone there. They will send out a survey and hotel information as it becomes available. If all the stars align during our reunion, I hope to kick off an AMMO history capture event to document our members AMMO history before its lost. I am still working full time plus, but this will get started this year. We will be contacting everyone for some written info to questions and during the reunion we will setup and record some scripted interviews. I would say we should record the AMMO Call but somethings are best left off the record. IYAAAYAS!

Our AMMO Monument committee has been making great progress on getting it established as you will read further down. So, if you have an opinion and I know you do, please let them know. Keep Your Powder Dry and toss back one for all those we have lost this year.

From The Vice President:

By Mark Gossett

In my last article I talked about the AMMO Heritage Memorial program the ACA has in its strategic goals. They are now referring to the effort as the AMMO Heritage Monument. I thought it appropriate to give everyone an update on other memorial initiatives the ACA has undertaken. It all started in late 2009, when the ACA embarked on the challenge to honor and pay tribute to the AMMO community, past, present and future. To accomplish this, they decided to acquire AMMO Memorial plaques.



The acquisition of the plaques was initiated by the Midwest Chapter on behalf of the ACA. The design and plaques were created by the Dayton Stencil company in Dayton, OH. The first two plaques were delivered in May 2010. The first plaque was presented to the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The second plaque was delivered to Chief Johnny Long and presented to The Armament Museum at Eglin.

In July 2011, it was decided to acquire two more plaques. Through the efforts of Chief Fred O'Hern one plaque was delivered to Ron Holliday and presented to the Wings Over the Rockies Museum in Denver, CO. The other was shipped to

CMSgt Grant Embrey and is now displayed at the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall at the Gunter Annex, AL.

So, the ACA continues to pay tribute to the AF AMMO community. To those who have contributed to the AMMO Heritage Monument fund – I thank you. To those who have donated their time to make it a reality by supporting the committee, I appreciate you stepping up.

On another note, we are looking for volunteers interested in filling some very big shoes: our Treasurer's term in office expires at the end of 2021 so we are actively looking for his replacement. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact myself or any BOD member.

Lastly, a noteworthy milestone - this October marks the 20th anniversary of our ACA Reunion and we'll celebrate accordingly during our next reunion in Tucson, AZ.

Take care and have a great AMMO Day!

FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

Man, 2021 is flying by and things are getting back to normal in Utah! I hope that everyone is having the same luck wherever they are! As for the ACA, we are still full-speed ahead for the AHM and could use your help! Hopefully as we get back to normal the activities for the ACA Chapters will resume as well. I know there are always AMMO Troops in need and without fundraisers and activities it is hard to support. If you need anything from the ACA please don't hesitate to reach out and we will assist in any way that we can!

I know the ACA AMMO reunion is progressing and you should be able to read more about it later in the newsletter. Plus, I've also started to see AMMO Bowl packages in the email which means it's softball season and hopefully they will get to play and have good participation. Other AMMO organizations are starting to host events too, let's get out and support them where we can.

Have you seen all the Munitions Squadrons, finally breaking free from MXS & EMS! Congrats to Nellis, Dyess, Langley, Whiteman, Mountain Home, Hill, Seymour Johnson, Hurlburt Field, Tyndall, DM, Shaw, Andersen, Eielson and JBER. Sorry, I may have missed a couple of units, but the AMMO community is finally getting their due.

From The Treasurer:

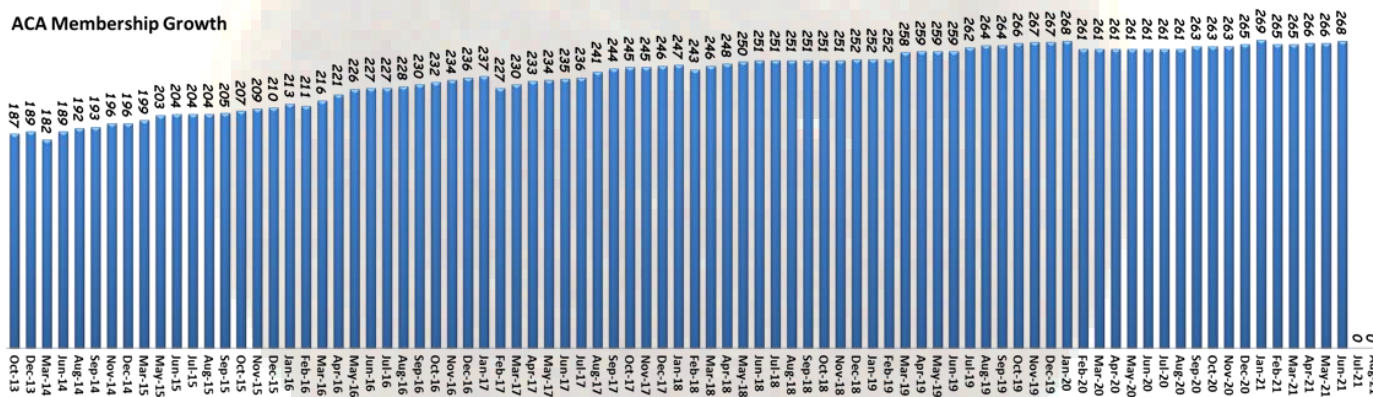
By Mike Roylance

Membership Totals by Chapter and Type

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<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>	8	5	3					
<i>Desert Mountains</i>	10	9				1		
<i>MidWest</i>	10	9						1
<i>Wasatch Front</i>	21	17	1	2			1	
<i>Mid-Atlantic</i>	23	17		5	1			
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	51	30	1	13	1	5		1
<i>At Large</i>	145	105	8	15	2	10	2	3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>

ACA Membership Growth



Membership: Status and 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 to be invoiced, contact the ACA Treasurer at treasurer@AMMOchiefs.com.

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER:

By Phil Kennedy



<i>ACAMC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Phil Kennedy
Vice President	John Nye
Secretary Treasurer	Phil Kennedy
Director at Large	Rick Follett



The pandemic has slowed us down but has not stifled the Chapter's ability to support the AMMO Community during these difficult times. Hopefully, things will lighten up to the point where we can start more in-person meetings and activities.

On June 19, 2021, the Chapter held its very first hybrid (in-person and telecommunication) meeting since the last in-person meeting held on March 14, 2020. There were nine (9) Chief Members (two [2] proxies) and one (1) Associate Member in attendance. Met the quorum and conducted all business within 90 minutes.

Chapter did not have any award packages since the last March 13, 2021, meeting.

The annual audit is still not complete... Mike Gavin and Jack Miller have volunteered to do the audit as soon as Bill McCullough transmits the information to Mike and Jack. Bill is running behind due to medical issues.

The Chapter rolls stand at 16 members and five (5) associate members. The Chapter has shrunk due to the departure of CMSgt. Christopher Lakkala (Nellis) and Jeff Bunny (HQ PACAF). They will be missed. On the upside, CMSgt. Anthony Szekeres is the new AMMO Chief at the 1st MUNS. Phil will send CMSgt. Szekeres an invitation to join the Chapter.

Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, the Chapter's fundraising ability has ground to a halt. Based on this premise, the Chapter notified the ACA to temporarily suspend this year's summer care package program until further notice. The pandemic restrictions are coming down so things should improve in the near future. Only time will tell. The Chapter plans to readdress resuming the summer program in 2022. However, the Chapter will continue to support the 2021 Holiday care package program.

The Chapter sent "Get Well" cards to Phil Kennedy, recovering from back surgery and to Yvonne Watts, recovering from a broken arm. Both are healing and doing well.

After many, many years of dedicated and faithful service to the Chapter as Secretary-Treasurer, Bill McCullough has decided to call it a day...effective immediately. Now the hunt is on for a replacement... until further notice Phil is picking up his duties until the end of the calendar year.

The Chapter decided not to fill Bill's position right away until the end of the year since the 2022 election is around the corner. At that time, the Chapter will solicit nominations for Bill's position or unless someone steps up beforehand. Bill plans to stay active in the Chapter as best as he can. He is going to be extremely missed and the Chapter extends its best wishes to him in his retirement.

Phil presented an incased certificate of appreciation and flag that was flown during a MQ-9 mission in the AOR as a token of appreciation for the Chapter's 2019 Holiday care packages. Rich will work with 1st MUNS to have it displayed. The certificate and flag were received, uncased, in a normal postal shipping box... the case was made afterwards by Phil's brother.



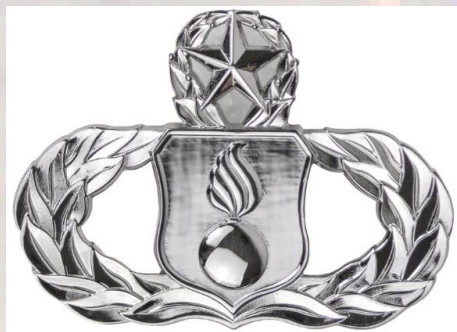
Rich provided an update for the ACA' planned reunion which is happening October 12-16, 2022. The Desert Mountains Chapter is in the final planning stages for next year's reunion. They are looking for the best hotel deal before announcing the location either in Tucson or Phoenix. Rich indicated the location announce will most likely happen by mid-July.

Phil provided update of the latest status of the AMMO Heritage Monument (AHM) Project. Presently the AHM committee is in the process of soliciting monument designs, finding a permanent home for the monument, and donations for the project. The committee usually meets on a monthly basis and anyone that wants to help with this effort is welcome to join group. A design completion is in the works as well as choosing the final location for the monument. AHM project has reached 36% of their fund-raising goal. Anyone that would like to donate to the project, go the ACA web site or contact Mike Roylance for more details.

Phil started the biennial review of Chapter Constitution and Bylaws (C&B). After starting, the group realized they did not have a copy of the last ratified C&B to compare it with the draft. Phil took an action item to send the membership a copy of the ratified C&B along with the draft so everyone would be prepared to discuss at the September meeting.

The next meeting is September 25th at the 1st Munitions Squadron.

Keep the AMMO flame shining brightly!



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



My AMMO brothers and sisters, it has been a long hard year of uncertainty, lock down and frustration. On top of all the sacrifice and hardship we had to say goodbye to a dear friend and AMMO legend, Tom Zima, who passed on Thanksgiving morning. He will be missed by all and cherished in all the great memories and stories told where AMMO troops gather.

The Emerald Coast Chapter finally had ITS first members meeting of 2021 and it was a great turn out of members and their spouses. The meeting was held at the Bavarian Wirsthaus in Fort Walton Beach. We had a great turn out with the following folks attending: John & Doris Greer, Pres; Dennis Tangney, VP; Rick & Kellie Velasquez; Chuck/Lucille Wills; Dwight/Jane Howard; Bubba/Gloria Host; Larry/Billie DiAmco; Pat/Christine Oliver; Jack/Linda Shields; Tim/Mary Culbertson; Dave/Gigi Bressler; Sam/Beth Giardina; John/Brigitte LeGault.

The staff there was awesome and served us a great selection of the German Cuisine which for many of brought back many long-ago memories.

Larry DiAmco briefed the group about the AMMO Memorial idea that was conceived at the AMMO Chiefs Reunion in Branson MO in Oct 2018. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that any type action would need to garner the support of the entire AMMO Community as a whole, active duty, guard, reserve, and retired. The ACA is not the owner of this proposal but some of its members have agreed to help guide its initial formation. Further, we believe a non-profit organization with a committee to oversee the project will need to be formed at some future time to ensure success.

We held our annual AMMO Call at the FUBAR Pizza Bar and grill Ammo Bar with over 200 folks attending. It was great to see all the young Ammo troop and their families attend and enjoy the food and adult beverages. Thanks to all the Chiefs who attended as well showing their support to this annual event for the troops. It could not have been possible without the help of the many sponsors who donated to make this a great event.

The Chapter also held the annual Charity golf tournament co-sponsored by the Okaloosa/Walton Mental Health Association, benefitting homeless Veterans in June with 21 teams participating. We had a moment of silence to recognize our departed friend Tom Zima. With several previous days of rainy weather, Big John put in a request for fair skies and cools breezes, and we had super weather for the tourney. A final tally has yet to be made but we should be able to make a considerable donation for homeless Veterans. Many thanks to all our volunteers especially the ladies and Mark for herding the cats. We want to thank all our many sponsors who helped make this event a success and we could not have done it without your help.

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The Southeastern Ammo Bowl softball tournament will be held at the Niceville Sports Complex, 31 Jul-1 Aug. The Icebreaker/Coaches meeting will be at the FUBAR Pizza Bar on 30 July.

Our Annual Awards Dinner is scheduled for 5 Nov at the Wyndham Hotel where we will honor the outstanding AMMO troops from Eglin, Hurlburt and Tyndall bomb dumps. We will have the buffet and the cost will be the same as last year, \$40.00 per person, E-7 and above and \$30.00 E-5 and below. We will put out a flyer in August with all the information to start collecting the headcount. Celebrate National AMMO Day. National AMMO Day is 4 Dec, but we had discussed doing a Burger Burn at each Bomb Dump 3 Dec, Friday afternoon to allow more folks to attend and socialize for the afternoon. More to follow.

It great to get back to normal operations and back to supporting the troops. Many thanks to Jim Shelingowski for holding down the fort until we can get a permanent Secretary. As always ya'll keep your powder dry and have a fine Ammo Day.

Wasatch Front Chapter:

By David VanErt

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

No input for this issue

MID-WEST CHAPTER:

By Mark Gossett

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

The Midwest Chapter bid farewell to its long time Secretary/Treasurer Gary Knighton. Gary and his wife, Becky, moved to San Antonio in May. They are both looking forward to spending more time with those wonderful Grandchildren.

Overall, the Chapter is doing well and looking forward to being able to get together again.

LONE STAR CHAPTER:

By Joe Dominguez

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



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 [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



SAVE THE DATE: October 12th through 16th, AMMO Chief's Reunion, in Tucson Arizona. By October, the temperatures will be beautiful, fall weather, the monsoon will be history, and the snowbirds will still be enroute to their winter homes here in Arizona. Later this year, we will be sending out a questionnaire listing potential activities for the reunion. We have already contacted potential hotels and found a couple which can meet our needs. Tucson and the surrounding area have a lot to offer so we will have an excellent list of choices to provide. We hope you plan on coming.



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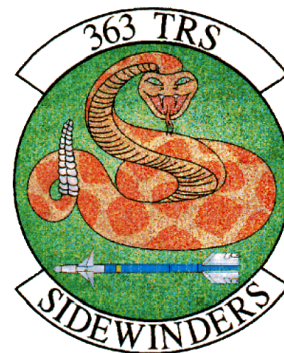
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AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates



SrA Jeffrey D. Huggins

Class: 21021

Hometown: Virginia Beach, VA **Gaining Base/Unit:** Langley AFB, VA



A1C Seth R. Bell

Class: 21021

Hometown: Dothan, AL **Gaining Base/Unit:** Minot AFB, ND



A1C Alexander Letizia

Class: 21020

Hometown: Rye, NY **Gaining Base/Unit:** 105 Airlift Wing, NY



A1C Kevin Propst

Class: 21021

Hometown: Avondale, PA Gaining Base/Unit: Minot AFB, ND



A1C Jared Parsons

Class: 21022

Hometown: Smithfield, NC Gaining Base/Unit: Nellis AFB, NV



Amn Timothy L. Berry

Class: 21023

Hometown: Glendale, AZ **Gaining Base/Unit:** Davis Monthan AFB, AZ



A1C Erin Doyle

Class: 21024

Hometown: Howell, NJ **Gaining Base/Unit:** 108th Wing, NJ



A1C Sarah M. Williams

Class: 21025

Hometown: Yucaida, CA **Gaining Base/Unit:** March ARB, CA



A1C Chelsea L. Field

Class: 21026

Hometown: Saint Claire Shores, MI **Gaining Base/Unit:** 911th MXS, PA



AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

Point of Contact: SMSgt Ulises Sanchez



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

Class 2021-004 - SSgt Collin Henrise
Unit/Base: Dyes AFB, TX



Class 2021-005 - SSgt Matthew Durkovic
Unit/Base: Seymour Johnson AFB, NC



Class 2021-006 - SSgt Zachary Nipper
Unit/Base: Barksdale AFB, LA



Class 2021-007 - SSgt Louis Sansone
Unit/Base: Hill AFB, UT



CMSgt Lonnie Stamper Retirement

Our congratulations to Lonnie Stamper on his retirement from active duty on 2 April 2021 after 27 years, 9 months and 25 days of service to the Air Force. Lonnie remains in California, growing the customary retirement beard and taking in the sun, but plans to relocate to Ohio at the end of the summer

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 is used to fund a future AMMO Heritage Monument which has been discussed in the past year. The idea for a monument 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 Heritage Monument before funds are released.

There are 96 pavers purchased and 91 placed. CMSgt Mark Gossett recently added 4 pavers for A1C James Francis, A1C Frank Uhlic Jr., A1C James Reese, and SSgt Wilburn Vaught. The three AMMO troops, Uhlic, Reese and Vaught, were working nearby the revetment at Korat AB, Thailand that went low order and A1C Francis, an SP, attempted to save them, killing all four. The program has been a success and that is why we want to open it to all of AMMO.

All pavers are 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.

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| AMMO SSGT<br>ROBERT BOOSTER<br>IYAAYAS | SENIOR AIRMEN<br>PAVEWAY D FLUG<br>AMMO TROOP | AMMO WIFE<br>BETTY L BOPPER<br>1945 - 2020 | AMMO TSgt<br>SNUFFY SMITH<br>1978 - 1983 |
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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        |
| 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.



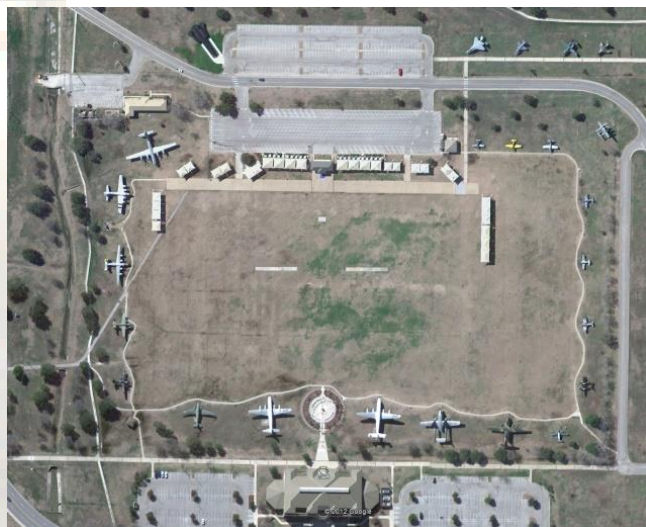
Initially the BOD agreed to purchase a Legacy Paver for all deceased ACA AMMO Chiefs then added all deceased ACA Members. Funding for all other previous AMMO Chiefs was funded by donations, most by ACA members. Several Chiefs have ordered their own.

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/>. 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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**All orders benefit the AMMO Chiefs Association and the AMMO Community.**

## **AMMO Heritage Monument**

Source: Mike Roylance

***Our Goal is to preserve the AMMO Heritage with a Monument that depicts or symbolizes the efforts of the USAF Munitions Systems Career Field personnel and their achievements.***

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

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

### **How to Donate – REMEMBER: NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!**

Donations for the AMMO Heritage Monument are coming in sporadically. The majority of the donations tend to range from \$100 and up. It is important we ensure everyone knows that all donations are important and needed if we are to make this happen. So please help us spread the word: **No Donation is too small!**

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 the donations to date along with the funds previously donated by the ACA over the past few years are shown to the right. 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.

## AMMO Heritage Monument Donation Status



At 36% of goal which is \$40,000

| 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 | 34-36 | 38-40 | 42-44 | 46-48 | 50-52 | 54-56 | 58-60 |

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.*

## Monument Design Contest and Location Suggestions

We are seeking design ideas from the entire AMMO Community. If you have a design you would like to submit, **send it to this email address [AMMOmonument@gmail.com](mailto:AMMOmonument@gmail.com) BEFORE Midnight, July 30, 2021**

A contest with cash prizes is underway for the design of the AMMO Heritage Monument. The top 3 designs as determined by the AHM Working Committee will be sent out to the AMMO Community at large for a vote. The Winners will receive:

- First Place - \$400.00
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up - \$250.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up - \$100.00

Here are the competition rules:

1. All designs must be gender neutral, non-derogatory, and inclusive with respect towards AMMO.
2. Must be an original idea! (Current AMMO designed coins/stickers/clothes are acceptable as long as they do not have copyrighted characteristics i.e. MARVEL/DC Comics.)
3. 3D design is preferred, but not mandatory. All designs must capture the front and back of the monument.
4. The monument will be made from stone material in an effort to provide longevity, so please keep that in mind when designing.
5. Designs may be submitted by individuals or groups. \*All names involved in design (individual or group) must be included with design submission.\*

Points to consider for a design:

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

One design proposal has reached the specification stage and an artist rendition is shown in the pictures here. The blank facet on the front on this proposal is reserved for a plaque honoring the career field.

Likewise, we are also soliciting ideas on where the monument should be located. Our thoughts are that it should be placed at a location where the maximum number of people can access it. Places like the AF Armament Museum, adjacent to Eglin AFB, FL or the Air & Space Museum in Denver, CO have been suggested. If you would like to suggest a primary location for the monument, please email your ideas to: [AMMOmonument@gmail.com](mailto:AMMOmonument@gmail.com) before midnight, 31 July 2021.



## **AMMO NEWS**

### **USAF Slashes Bomb Funding, Hinting at New Systems or Return to Boom and Bust**

Source: Air Force Magazine. Story By John A. Tirpak. June 2, 2021. View the story online [HERE](#).

The Air Force slashed its request for most weapons in its fiscal 2022 budget request, while boosting its ask for longer-range, stealthy systems. The budget proposal indicates the service is either shifting away from short-range missiles and bombs or will soon find itself back in the boom-and-bust munitions procurement cycle—or both.



The Air Force's request for Joint Direct Attack Munitions fell 88 percent, from 16,800 enacted in fiscal 2021 to 1,919 weapons in 2022. The high water mark of JDAM production was 30,872 units in 2019, meaning JDAM production for the Air Force will have fallen more than 93 percent in three years, if Congress goes along.

Most standard USAF munitions were requested at much smaller rates in the 2022 budget. Hellfire missile purchases would be reduced 74

percent; Small Diameter Bomb 1 would drop almost 60 percent; and Sidewinder and AMRAAM dogfight missiles would decline 27 percent and 37 percent, respectively, over enacted 2021 levels.

Maj. Gen. James D. Peccia III, deputy assistant secretary for budget, told reporters at the budget rollout May 28 that the Air Force is “reducing munition procurements as the program approaches warfighter inventory objectives.” The JDAM and SDB 1 “are at, or approaching, healthy inventory levels,” he said, and the money saved by not buying as many of the extant weapons can be plowed back into advanced systems like the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile-Extended Range and hypersonics programs such as the AGM-183 Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon, or ARRW. An Air Force spokesperson said the Air Force is “comfortable” at the level of the weapon stockpile.

Along with other shifts in funding, the munitions buy seeks to modernize the fleet “for a high-end conflict in 2030 and beyond,” Peccia said.

The only weapons USAF is asking to increase are the GBU-53 Stormbreaker (formerly the Small Diameter Bomb 2) and the AGM-158 JASSM-ER, which the Pentagon said is a crucial weapon due to its stealth and reach. Procurement of both weapons would be increased about 25 percent.

#### **Air Force Budget Request for Munitions**

| Weapon Type           | 2021 Enacted (units) | 2022 Requested (units) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| JDAM (all variants)   | 16,800               | 1,919                  |
| AGM-114 Hellfire      | 4,517                | 1,176                  |
| Small Diameter Bomb 1 | 2,462                | 998                    |
| Small Diameter Bomb 2 | 743                  | 985                    |
| AGM-158 JASSM-ER      | 400                  | 525                    |
| AIM-9X Sidewinder     | 331                  | 243                    |
| AIM-120 AMRAAM        | 268                  | 168                    |
| AGM-183A ARRW         | 0                    | 12                     |

Source: USAF budget documents



The Air Force is also working on a successor to the JDAM that would have longer range, reduced signature, and greater maneuvering capability to avoid terminal air defenses, about which the service declined to comment.

The JDAM and other cuts come just a year after Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr., head of Air Force Materiel Command, told Air Force Magazine he was hoping to end the “sine wave” cycle of boom-and-bust weapons procurements, especially as the weapons accounts tend to be bill payers for other parts of the budget.

After the 2021 budget request was revealed, Bunch said USAF was able to “make a dent” in its years-long munitions shortage, and the Air Force was on “a better trajectory” after preferred munitions were no longer being used at a high rate against ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

Bunch said he hoped to “level off” at the 2021 production rates, but that USAF was planning to change its weapons focus to “the high-end fight.”

Former head of Air Combat Command retired Gen. James M. Holmes said last year that the Air Force meant to “start slowing down” on JDAM, both to pay for other weapons and focus on threats such as China, which require munitions having greater range and survivability. JDAM and Hellfire are direct-attack weapons with limited range.

The advantage of smoothing out munitions production would be to give Air Force planners and industry alike more predictability about weapons production and lower costs by making smarter decisions about workforce and materials.

A spokeswoman for Boeing, maker of the JDAM, said, “Our contracts with the U.S. Air Force allow for flexibility in annual orders,” but the company declined to offer further comment.

Mark Gunzinger of AFA’s Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies said USAF’s move to increase the production of long-range systems at the expense of short-range ones is “exactly right” and “one of the few things I applaud in the Air Force’s budget.”

The JASSM-ER and other “mid-range standoff weapons are capable of penetrating contested areas and striking high value targets such as Chinese mobile missile launchers,” and in the case of the Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile variant of JASSM, Chinese ships as well.



“JDAM and SDBs are great weapons, but they were never designed to survive” in an integrated air defense system, Gunzinger said.

Rather, the Air Force needs “fifth-generation weapons for fifth-generation platforms.” He included on his short list of needed weapons the ARRW, of which the Air Force wants to build 12 in 2022 for \$141 million.

That said, the Mitchell Institute’s analysis concludes that “USAF’s planned inventory of JASSM and

LRASM could be depleted in a matter of days during a major conflict with China.” Such systems have been “underfilled for years” by the Defense Department, and “it continues to do so, despite the fact that industry cannot quickly surge their production during a crisis.”

Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, builder of the JASSM and LRASM, is building a new plant to handle expanded production of the weapons at its Troy, Alabama, location.

Gunzinger said the Air Force must “balance the range, size, cost, and cost-per-effect of its future weapons. Hypersonic weapons, he noted, have very long range and are highly survivable, “but they are too large to be carried in significant numbers per sortie and they cost too much to buy in large quantities,” and so they may be “little more than niche weapons.”

Michael White, DOD’s lead for hypersonic systems, said in a Center for Strategic and International Studies program June 2 that the Pentagon aims to build hypersonic missiles “at scale,” and this will become more possible when smaller, air-breathing hypersonic weapons become available. The ARRW and its counterparts in the Army and Navy tend to be large systems which can only be carried by bombers or fired by ships or heavy ground equipment.

The Air Force’s first production numbers released for ARRW, contained in its 2022 budget request, peg the cost of the first tranche of usable missiles at \$13.4 million apiece.

A former senior defense official said recent Pentagon wargames showed that the winner in a Pacific conflict will be the side with the largest magazines of hypersonic missiles and noted there are “thousands of aimpoints” in the theater, requiring the weapons to be affordable.

Based on Gunzinger’s analysis, “there is a sweet spot for munitions that have ranges between 65 miles and out to JASSM-ER’s range,” he said. Such mid-range weapons will “give penetrating aircraft enough standoff to avoid highest-risk point defenses surrounding high-value targets but won’t be so large that they can’t be carried internally by stealth aircraft.” Gunzinger has suggested in previous studies that USAF would find value in modifying some existing weapons with a propulsion pack to extend their range and keep attack aircraft at a greater distance from air defenses.

The Air Force’s budget request for conventional munitions basic research increased from \$127.1 million in 2021 to \$151.8 million in 2022. The request for applied research on conventional weapons increased from \$133.9 million in 2021 to \$157.4 million in 2022.

# **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*