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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

Fellow Ammo Chief's, as the holidays near, even after being retired for 16 years, I feel like I should be deployed somewhere or PCSing. Being separated from AMMO so long I feel lost from time to time. Fortunately, it's almost National AMMO Day and we have a reunion to look forward to. We have lost a lot of great AMMO troops this year, so raise a toast to those that have departed and those who have chosen to join AMMO.

Keep Your Powder Dry

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

By Mark Gossett

I want to thank all those who have worked on the AMMO Heritage Monument. The process is moving forward at an excellent pace. Now it's time to raise the necessary funds to get the monument started. To those who have contributed, I thank you. For those still considering a donation, I hope you'll make one here in the near future. The year has gone by quickly with COVID and the Delta variant hampering many activities. However, it looks like the worse is behind us and things are starting to pick up. Kim and I are looking forward to the reunion next year and the opportunity to see everyone again. Take care, stay safe, and keep your powder dry.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

The summer has come and gone, and snow can be seen on the mountain tops here in Utah! Hope everyone had as much fun enjoying the summer's activities as our family did. In July I talked about AMMO Bowl info going on and heard there were some good games and some new winners. Below are the tournament champions I was able to track down. Congrats to all that participated and hopefully everyone has recovered from their injuries.

AMMO Bowl Results:

Southeastern: ORFs

Southwestern: Hill A

USAFE: Spangdahlem

We are still raising funds for the AHM so if you haven't donated there is still time. There has been a lot of time and energy promoting this endeavor so if you know any of them make sure you congratulate them for all their hard work.

Chief release is a month away...who will be on the list? Excited to see who will join the ACA and be part of this honored organization and continue the traditions for years to come.

Have you heard the ACA is developing a new coin? We think we have the design but are open to ideas...there is a suggestion to ensure all chapters are captured on the coin, consideration of including a number or not, and considering removing the Chief head dress due to the current environment. If you have any suggestions, please submit to myself and I will present them for consideration by the Board of Directors.

COVID still has many chapters limited on their movements but hopefully everyone is still tracking the reunion coming up next year in Arizona. They are still nailing down the agenda but I'm sure more info will come out soon. Speaking of get-togethers.... have you heard Luke AMMO is hosting an event soon to honor National USAF AMMO Day on 3 December 2021. Please take a look at the info later in this newsletter for the details.

As always, if you need anything from the ACA please don't hesitate to reach out and we will assist in any way that we can!

FROM THE TREASURER:

By Mike Roylance

As we near the end of 2021 and my 8 years as your treasurer I want to thank those directors and members who supported me over the years. I know, you will likewise support Mike Robertson as he takes over as your new treasurer.

We are making good headway on the AMMO Heritage Monument and have recently hit the 50% mark of the fundraising goal. Hopefully with your connections and continued support we will finish this project sometime next year. I hope to see you all at the 2022 reunion in Arizona. Stay healthy.

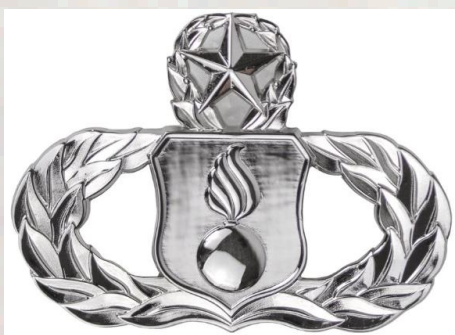
Membership Totals by Chapter and Type

20-Oct-21

<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>	22	16		5	1			
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	51	30	1	13	1	5		1
<i>At Large</i>	146	105	9	15	2	10	2	3
<i>Totals</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>

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



ACAMC	BOD
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.

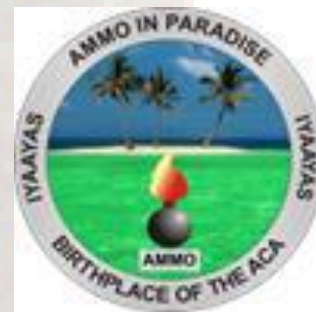
The next meeting is September 25th at the 1st Munitions Squadron.

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/Jan 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.

25 JUN 21 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT HOLE SPONSORS

MARK MADAMBA; CREATIVE AWARDS/FRAMING; JOHN/BRIDGETTE LeGAULT; G-2 ENTERTAINMENT; GENE/CHRIS COX; EGLIN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; BUBBA HOST; LARRY DiAMCO; BRIAN TIMMONS; JACK SHIELDS; BRUCE KNAPP; LANCE ANDREWS; DENNIS TAGNEY; CHUCK WILLS; PLAYGROUND AUTO SERVICE; JOHN LEWIS; PHILL GULLEY; BRETT BERRYHILL; DAN MANK; AMMO-DOG.COM; SILVER MINE JEWELRY PAWN; JOHN GREER; LOIS ZIMA; CHESSER&BARR, PA ATTORNEYS; MARK DUNN; AMMO VETERANS ASSOCIATION; FWB GOLF COURSE; BUFFALO'S REEF; EGLIN GOLF COURSE; GATOR LAKES GOLF COURSE; ROCKY BAYOU GOLF CLUB; BLUE WATER BAY GOLF COURSE; FUBAR PIZZA BAR; MARY ESTHER CVS PHARMACY; CRESTVIEW OUTBACK; CRESTVIEW HEIGHTS RESTAURANT

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 and Don Meyers

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

All's quite at the Midwest Chapter. We're hoping to plan more activities as we move forward to the end of the year and transition into the New Year. We said so long to our AFMC AMMO Functional Manager, CMSgt Sean Crown, as he retired from active duty, and welcomed on board CMSgt Adam Guest as our new AMMO Functional Manager for the command.

We are proud to announce the AFMC Outstanding Munitions Professionals for the 3rd Quarter 2021

- AMN: SrA Conner R. Burke 649 MUNS, Hill AFB, UT
- NCO: SSgt Logan M. Hoskins AFLCMC/EBHMA, Hill AFB, UT
- SNCO: MSgt Duane J. Asbell 96 MXS, Eglin AFB, FL
- CIVILIAN: Mr. Eric J. McClellan AFTC/SMWL, Hill AFB, UT

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.

We've down selected the hotel for the 2022 reunion here in Tucson. The DoubleTree by Hilton is located on Alvernon Way, between 22nd Street and Broadway. They are extremely happy to host the reunion and have opened the doors wide open for our event. The hotel has spacious rooms and a lot to offer. They've offered a room rate of \$139 per night.

Here's what we're planning, but not yet in concrete. As we get closer more details will be sent out as well as the strawman schedule of events. We're planning a tour of the Pima Air Museum, and still trying to arrange a tour of the Bone Yard at DM. Those tours are arranged through Pima Air Museum, but due to COVID restrictions the base hasn't committed to any tours. There is a great city golf course just across the street from hotel for those who play. Based on the number of players, we'll set up some tee times for you. Friday evening, we're looking at the Gaslight Theater for entertainment, old time vaudeville and sing along music. You can order dinner and enjoy it while enjoying the show. They do book large groups, so pretty sure they'll accommodate our fAMMOly. On Saturday, we'll have our business meeting, and later that evening, the banquet/dinner.

We've built a strawman schedule, and once firmed up we'll send out the signup sheet via email. **Until then, if you will, send me a quick email to let me know if you are planning to come and if your spouse is coming as well. My email is ammochief@comcast.net.** This will also help us with blocking enough rooms for everyone.

We have a dedicated hospitality room, half the banquet hall, plenty of room after the banquet for the dance floor for those haven't gone to bed yet, and absolutely great cookies (ask Mike Norton).

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, take care and have a great end of year.



363RD TRAINING SQUADRON **SHEPPARD AMMO**

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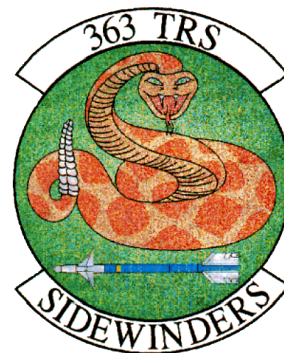
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AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

Editors Note: No students in Classes 21042, 21043 and 22003 met minimum Top Graduate criteria.
on Top Graduates for classes 21032 and 21035 was not available

Information



AB Tony Nguyen

Class: 21027

Hometown: Dallas, TX Gaining Base/Unit: Aviano AB, IT



A1C Nathan Garcia

Class: 21028

Hometown: Reno Valley, CA **Gaining Base/Unit:** Kadena AB, Japan



A1C Kameron J. Nash

Class: 21029

Hometown: Dorothy, NJ **Gaining Base/Unit:** Anderson AFB, Guam



AB Samuel Licon

Class: 21030

Hometown: Livermore, CA **Gaining Base/Unit:** Anderson AFB, Guam



A1C Jacob A. Vindiola

Class: 21031

Hometown: Aztec, NM **Gaining Base/Unit:** Kadena AB, Japan



A1C Sahil Savaja
Class: 21033
Gaining Base/Unit: Camp Darby, Italy



A1C Jun Cai
Class: 21034
Hometown: Cherryhill, NJ **Gaining Base/Unit: 164 ALW, Memphis TN**



A1C Jonathan B. Allen

Class: 21036

Hometown: Scooba, MS **Gaining Base/Unit:** 186 ARW Meridian, MS



A1C Brett Sutton

Class: 21037

Hometown: Boca Raton, FL **Gaining Base/Unit:** Osan AB, ROK



AB Andrew C. Taylor

Class: 21038

Hometown: Yorktown, VA Gaining Base/Unit: Shaw AFB, SC



A1C Jerry Dohey

Class: 21039

Hometown: Fairfield Township, PA Gaining Base/Unit: Kunsan AB, ROK



A1C. Aleeyah Lounsbery

Class: 21040

Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN **Gaining Base/Unit:** Fort Wayne, IN



SSgt Jesus E. Arroyo

Class: 21041

Hometown: Cleveland, OH **Gaining Base/Unit:** 156 AW, San Juan, PR



AB Gavin Wagner

Class: 21044

Hometown: Bloomsberg, PA **Gaining Base/Unit:** Hurlburt Field AFB, FL



A1C Christian Batestil

Class: 22001

Hometown: Exeter, RI **Gaining Base/Unit:** Hurlburt Field AFB, FL



A1C Samantha Belleville-Young

Class: 22002

Hometown: San Jose, CA **Gaining Base/Unit:** Shaw AFB, SC



A1C Tolanni M. Newson

Class: 22004

Hometown: Coconut Creek, FL **Gaining Base/Unit:** Moody AFB, GA



AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

Points of Contact: CMSgt Lance Andrews and SMSgt Ulises Sanchez



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

Class 2021-008 - SSgt Megan Bennet
Unit/Base: Toledo, OH (ANG)



Class 2021-009 - SSgt Cara Shaw
Unit/Base: Barksdale AFB, LA



Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Awards for 2021

Our heartiest congratulations to this year's scholarship awardees:

1. Koleby Miller \$2,000.00
2. Brittany Crown \$1,750.00
3. Cara Brennan \$1,500.00
4. Brianna Whitfield \$1,250.00
5. Brandi Puterko \$1,000.00
6. Monique Caso \$750.00



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Michael Roylance
Treasurer
Washington

Keith Bollinger
Chief at Arms
Florida

Jackie Jones
Director at Large
Oklahoma

Vickie Lemke
Director at Large
Virginia

"Big John" Greer
Director at Large
Florida

Wesley White
Director at Large
Georgia

Koleby Miller

Dear Koleby,

On behalf of the Ammo Chiefs Association I would like to honor you with our annual Chief Master Sergeant Richard A. Gauvin Scholarship Award and prize.

This additional Award is made in memory of all past Ammo Chiefs and is provided to the applicant selected by the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center Board of Advisors.

We wish you the best of luck in your search for a higher education.

Bart Ivy

*Retired AMMO Chief
President and Lifetime Member*

CHIEF GAUVIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund Applications are 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.

|                                        |                                               |                                            |                                          |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|

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.



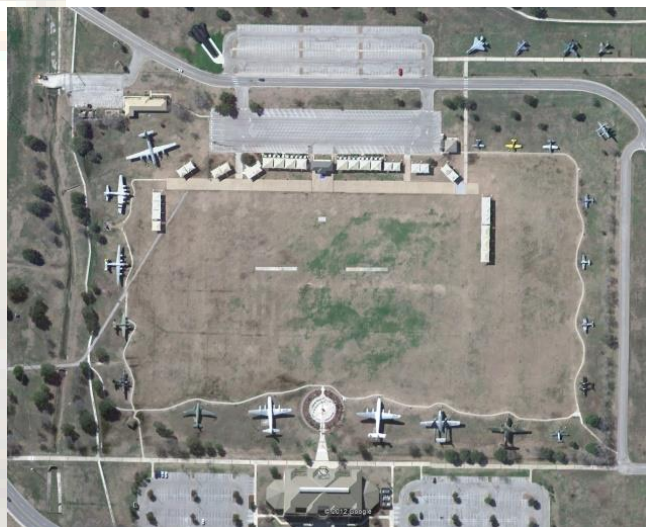
Initially the BOD agreed to purchase a Legacy Paver for all deceased ACA AMMO Chiefs then added all deceased ACA Members. Funding for all other previous AMMO Chiefs was provided by donations, most by ACA members. Several Chiefs have ordered their own.

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

November 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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## **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.***

At the AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion held in Branson MO in October 2016 there was a proposal made to consider development of an AMMO Monument. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that any type action would need to garner the support of the Ammo Community as a whole, active duty, guard, reserve, and retired. The ACA is not the owner of this proposal but some of its members have agreed to help guide its initial formation. A committee to oversee the project was established and is open to all points of view on this project.

Points considered 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.





The committee members held two surveys to determine the best design and location. The design survey was voted on by 229 people from 40 different states and 3 locations overseas. The survey lasted 7 weeks. The results were 136 votes or 53.39 % in favor of the winning design (pictured on left).

The location survey lasted 5 weeks and with 173 respondents with 76 votes or 43.93% in favor of the USAF Armament Museum at Eglin AFB Fl.

The design is settled and the location agreement is tentative and is to be formalized ASAP.

With the goal of raising \$40,000 we have achieved

65% of that goal or roughly \$26,200.

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).

### 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 | 34-36 | 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.*



## **AMMO NEWS**

### **National USAF AMMO Day**

By Matt Lingelbach

56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Munitions Flight is hosting “National USAF AMMO Day Cactus Bash” on 3 Dec 21. This event is being held at Silver Wings Park & Community Commons Blitz Lounge, Building 700, Luke AFB, AZ. There is a large game room with pool tables, ping pong, arcade and computer games. Along with another room where we will have tables to eat. There is also a large patio on the north side of the building. Lastly a park is just west of the building which has a Ramada and volleyball court. The festivities include catching up with current generation of AMMO Troops, games, prizes, and merchandise. Plus, a few items to raffle off (knives, walking sticks and grill presses).



There will be a registration table where you check-in and pay “Non-MSA personnel/family is \$10” POC for RSVPs is MSgt Brian Devlin (623-856-8118).



## Last Call

**CMSgt John A. Mathews Sr. June 21, 1945 – August 3, 2021.**



John Anthony Matthews, Sr. (RET) Chief Master Sergeant, 76, passed away on August 3, 2021 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Born on June 21, 1945 in Waterbury, Connecticut to the late William and Mary Matthews. John proudly served for over 30 years in the United States Air Force, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Ammo Chiefs Association, Air Force Sergeant Association, the Vietnam Veterans Association and the Air Force Association.

John was a longtime resident of Upper Marlboro, Maryland before moving to West End, North Carolina in 2019. He enjoyed fishing and coin collecting. He worked hard and diligently to obtain his Master's degree from University of Maryland, to provide a better life for his family. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by three brothers, Leon DeSantis, Edward DeSantis, and Tommy Mathews; and one sister, Shirley McKelvin.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Myong Matthews; three children, Victoria Matthews, Paula Wallace, and John Matthews, Jr.; two brothers, James Mathews and Gene Mathews; one sister, Christine

Belletti; two grandchildren, John Wallace and Dayna Wallace; also survived by many nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

A visitation was held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 2:00-4:00PM at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes. Interment at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Memorial donations in John's name may be made to Wounded Warriors PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or a Local VFW.

Services are entrusted to Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.





Command Chief Master Sergeant Fredrick Joseph Schoettler (USAF Ret.) of San Antonio, TX passed away on November 4, 2021.

Fred was born April 3, 1956 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin to Francis Joseph “Joe” and Arlene Denzin Schoettler. After graduating Tomahawk High School in 1974, Fred began his military service as an enlisted member in the United States Air Force as a Conventional Munitions Specialist (AMMO). Fred met his wife, Julie, on the island of Guam where they were both stationed. They were married on July 7, 1989 in Great Falls, Montana.

During his 30 years of active duty, Fred had 15 different change of station locations worldwide. He had extensive knowledge and experience as a Munitions Supervisor, ICBM Launch Control Facilities Superintendent, Munitions Flight Chief, Wing Nuclear Weapons Chief, and selected as the 21st Space Wing Command Chief for the Air Force’s largest operational and geographically separated wing. He managed acquisition, sustainment, and retirement of conventional and nuclear weapon system programs. He retired from active duty in July 2004. In May 2005 he started his USAF Civil Service career as the 75th Maintenance Group Resource Advisor for Manpower and Financial Management. He was responsible for supporting two OO-ALC Depot Munitions Squadrons and the USAF successful STAMP/STRAPP Airlift Munitions Programs. He was later assigned to the 75th ABW Plans and Program Flight as a War Planner and Program Analyst. He ended his civil service career in Sept 2015 while assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Group, Civilian Deputy, at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson AZ. Fred held a Master of Science in Aviation Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, as well as completed the USAF Command/Staff and Air War Colleges as a Senior Civilian Leader. His military and civilian decorations include Meritorious Service Medals (one as a civilian), USAF Commendation Medals, and Outstanding Unit Awards. He was a life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Life Member of Air Force Sergeant’s Association, Life Member of AMMO Chief’s Association and a past Board Member of the Armed Forces YMCA. Fred enjoyed traveling the world, fishing, hunting, and visiting family and friends.

Fred is survived by his wife Julie Valderas, his daughter Jenny (Scott) Symonds, step-son Justin Murphy, and mother Arlene Denzin Schoettler. He has two sisters, Jean (Louie) Cordova, Cindy (Bob) Steele, and one brother Thomas Schoettler. Also surviving are his seven grandchildren: Wyatt (Brooklyn), Reed (Ruth), Lena, Tait, Truly, Foster, Jubilee, and one great granddaughter Ashlyn Symonds. Graveside service and burial will be conducted with full Military Honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

## **IN MEMORIAM**



*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*

*Laurence Binyon, "For the Fallen" September 1914*

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"  
Brown, Randolph H.  
Byrne, Shawn P.  
Carbonneau, Don  
Carter, Lott S. \*\*\*  
Church, Martin  
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 \*\*\*  
Matthews Sr., John A.  
Mayo, Donald  
McAlister, Arthur L. "Lon"  
Mercer, Alvin "Al" \*\*\*  
Mills, Clifton E  
Mosier, William R. "Bill"

Mullaney, Kevin  
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.  
Schoettler, Frederick J.  
Scott, Gary  
Sechler, Robert G.  
Stubbe, Ben  
Wadsworth, Addison "George"  
Wata, Joseph S. "Joe" \*\*\*  
Wesolowski, Donald L.  
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*