

## 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

Fellow Ammo Chiefs, this has been an exciting year and it's not over yet. The AMMO Monument has gone from an idea to an Ammo Approved Design with funding reaching over 70% of the goal to get it built. Our 2022 Reunion scheduled for Tucson AZ from 13-16 Oct has been planned out and signup sheets sent out to everyone. Alicia and I hope to see you there. Keep Your Powder Dry

#### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

**By Mark Gossett** 

I wanted to say welcome aboard to our new Treasurer, Mike Robertson, and thank Mike Roylance for all his hard work over the past several years. The AMMO Heritage Monument funding to moving along and more people are stepping up to help, Thank You! The AMMO Bash at the Beach is on this year at Myrtle Beach SC. It is being held May 19 – 23. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like Kim and I will make it due to other family commitments but I'm still looking at options. I hope a lot of you can make it. We are looking forward to seeing you at the ACA reunion this Oct. Take care, stay safe, and keep your powder dry.

#### FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

Spring showers bring May flowers...

Unfortunately, folks in Utah need as many drops of precipitation we can get. However, since we are in a high mountain desert it makes for some beautiful views. If you all haven't heard we are almost out of COVID seclusion. Get out, enjoy some fresh air however you can and be thankful for every minute you are on this earth. We have had quite a few AMMO brethren make their way through the heavenly gates recently and just wanted to take a moment to express how thankful I am to have what I have! You cannot take any moment you have for granted...enjoy it to the fullest!



Back to business...We have been busy bringing in new Chiefs to the ACA. For a short time if any of your AMMO Chief friends still haven't joined the ACA...when they join they will get two ACA coins (previous version & the new coin will all chapters listed)...while supplies last! Good to hear that we are still gaining numbers because we are going need those leaders to prepare our future Chiefs to be ready for the next fight! When will that be...who knows? BUT, we need to make sure we are ready because as you can see from the current events we are a stray bullet or bomb from being in the STANK again...literally.

Haven't heard from any of the chapters in a while but hopefully they will start to make noise as things open back up. Quick reminder AMMO Reunion in October is quickly approaching. More details and RSVP opportunities coming soon!

#### FROM THE TREASURER:

By Mike Robertson

Stepping in as the new treasurer on 1 Jan 22 I'd like to thank Mike Roylance for his hard work, vision, and selfless dedication during his 8 years in this position. Along with the rest of the BOD, he has helped to position the ACA well and has been of great assistance helping me to step into the role. Mike will continue to lead the way with the Heritage Monument project, VIP shirts orders, and

membership tracking.

On 31 Dec 2021 we just past the 50-percent mark towards our Heritage Monument fundraising goal and the donations have been coming in fast and steady. At the end of Mar 22 we are at 76.5-percent. That is an 8.8-percent per month growth toward our goal. If we keep up the pace, we'll reach our Monument fundraising goal in about 3 more months. We've ordered, processed and mailed out 37 VIP Shirts in 2022 to date in 2022 for donations over \$100. Great job AMMO Family and Friends supporting this project and the AMMO community! We hope to see this done in 2022!



Legacy Paver orders have also been coming in at a steady rate with 13 so far in 2022. We'll let

everyone who ordered a paver know when they are installed and try to get some pictures. The Airmen's Heritage Foundation is making changes to the Legacy Paver program to included new sizes and "Organizational" pavers. We'll pass on additional information as we get it.

Membership Totals by Chapter and Type 28-Mar-22								
Chapter	Total	Chief Life	Chief Annual	Associate Life	Associate Annual	Honorary Spouse	Honorary	Shell and Flame
Lone Star	5	4				1		
MidWest	10	9						1
Desert Mountains	11	10				1		
Mid-Atlantic	22	16		5		1		
Wasatch Front	22	19		2			1	
Emerald Coast	51	31		14		5		1
At Large	149	111	6	16	1	10	2	3
Totals	270	200	6	37	1	18	3	5

Just as a reminder, 2022 dues were late as of 31 Jan 2022. If you are playing annual dues you can pay dues via the AmmoChiefs.com website directly via PayPal by "sending Money" to "AmmoChiefs" or you can mail me a check. Did you know you once you've paid \$250 in annual dues you automatically become a Lifetime Member and do not have to pay dues again – ever! If you want to do that you just need to pay the remaining lifetime dues balance so contact myself or the Secretary, Matt Lingelbach and we'll let you know how much dues are remaining to achieve Lifetime status.

That's it for now. Thanks for all you do AMMO!

#### **MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER:**

By Phil Kennedy



ACAMC	BOD	
President	Phil Kennedy	
Vice President	John Nye	
Secretary Treasurer	Vacant	
Director at Large	Rich Pennington	



2022 started off with a bang... COVID-19 restrictions have subsided in the Chapters AOR... Spring has sprung, flowers are blooming, Easter is around the corner, and folks are moving about enjoying the weather... and the Chapter is trying to get back to some resemblance of normal. Since our December 2021 meeting, the Chapter held an in-person and teleconference business meeting at the 1st MUNS on March 12, 2022. Not missing a beat, the newly elected officers, Phil Kennedy President, CMSgt. John Nye, Vice-President, and Rich Pennington, Director-at-Large skillfully guided the membership through meeting agenda. Here is a sampling of the issues we are currently working on:

- ACC will release the names of their annual award winners soon;
  - The Chapter has a winner standing by to recognize;
- The 2021 ACA audit is in progress;
  - Should be completed before long;
- Honoring Chapter members, e.g., John Matthews, buried at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) with a wreath through the Wreath Across America (WAA) Foundation;
  - Looking to budget \$15.00 per year for this endeavor;
- Bill McCullough caught COVID in January;
  - A Get-Well card was sent to Bill;
- The Chapter Constitution and Bylaws were approved;
- The Chapter BOD is working the proposed 2022 budget;
- Work continues with the Chapter's AMMO Oral History Project;
- Chapter Fund Raising has been stagnant for the past two (2) years due to the pandemic;
  - It was suggested soliciting donations from the membership instead of working the concession stand at the Richmond Raceway;
    - Membership agreed with the suggestion;
      - To date the Chapter has raised \$800.00;
- During the meeting, an idea of taking part in the WAA program was raised;
  - One of our associate members (JT Taylor) provided information to get the process started.
     With this being a year around project should help in supporting the chapter goals of supporting the Ammo community.
- Some of our chapter members also supported the memorial services for MSgt Kooley that was still on active duty with ACC/A4W.
- The chapter is looking forward to the ACA reunion in Tucson.
- The next Chapter meeting is 12 June at 1:00pm;
  - o It will be a destination meeting/bunch affair at a Richmond restaurant;
    - John Nye is the POC and actively looking for a venue.

#### <u>EMERALD COAST CHAPTER:</u>

By John Greer

ACAECC	BOD
President	John Greer
Vice President	Dennis Tangney
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Johnny Long
Chief at Arms	Willie Mothersell



The Emerald Coast is doing well and started 2022 with a general membership meeting on 3 March at Props Sports Bar and Grill in Niceville. The following members were present; John Greer, Pres, Dennis Tangney, VP, Johnny Long, Treas, Jim Shelingoski, Acting Sec, Dave Bressler, Ray Delgado, Mark Madamba, Dave (Andy) Nichols, Bill Reeves, Tim Culbertson, Glenn Riley, Nick Sims, Josh Story, Rick Velasquez, Chuck Wills.



#### Mental Health Association of Okaloosa/Walton Counties

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October 21, 2021

ACA Emerald Coast Chapter ATTN: John Greer 2783 Sumac Court Navarre, FL 32566

Dear John, Doris and Friends,

MHM is gradeful for the carring support you troo ide through John, Doris and Friends,

Chick Event. You make

Chick Event all year ung

Good things are happening at the Mental Health Association because of the

2021 Ammo Chief's Charity Golf Tournament. Your very generous gift of \$2,000 is already at work meeting the needs of our community. Thank you for thinking of the less fortunate in our community.

The MHA mission is saving lives and strengthening our community. We work to accomplish that mission through the creation of free mental health services, which include the purchase of emergency psychiatric medication, assistance to veterans in need of treatment, outreach and recovery programs for individuals with severe psychiatric diagnoses, as well as our new brain health project for students with emerging psychiatric disorders.

This pandemic year has been difficult for many people; and your support will make a tangible difference to those in need. Caring people like you are the heroes who make our services better.

Thank you! We can't say it enough.

**Executive Director** 

The Mental Health Association of Okaloosa/Walton is a 501C.3 Charitable Organization, Solicitation Registration #SC-01318. The IRS obliges us to declare that you have not received goods or services in exchange for your donation



John read an awesome thank you letter the Chapter received from the Okaloosa/Walton Association for our efforts in raising over \$2000.00 during our annual charity golf tourney benefitting homeless Veterans. John thanked all those who supported this successful event.

The motion was still open about the chapter presenting 5-level basic badges to those airmen in Hurlburt, Eglin and Tyndall Bomb Dumps once they are upgraded. Chief Story said we should determine how many are upgraded annually. He said he would take the lead on this and AMMO-DOG Dave Bressler said he would get with his vendors and see what price he could get on the badges.

Annual Ammo Call scheduled for 21 May at the FUBAR bar and Pizza Grill. Unfortunately this is the same time as the Bash on the Beach but this was the only date we had available. So those who are attending the Bash represent us proudly. We are looking for a sponsor for this event. Those interesting please contact John or

Doris Greer is still working with

wives to get more spousal support for our activities. Several new emails from attendees were

gathered and she will be contacting wives to see who is interested in getting together for a meeting to get this ball rolling.

The Southeastern Ammo Bowl softball tournament is presently scheduled for 10-12 Jun, with the icebreaker on the 10th at FUBAR Pizza Bar and Grill. The tournament will start at the Niceville Sports Complex Saturday 0800. John asked all to please come and support this event and share in the festivities with all the FAMMOLY and represent the ECC.

Our Annual Charity golf tourney is scheduled for 24 June 0800 shotgun start at the FWB Municipal course, so get your teams together and come support our main fund raiser of the year. We must have 100 players or 25 teams for our tournament so get the word out now and let's get those teams signed up.

John thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the meeting and continuing to support the Chapter and its activities. He looks forward to working with everyone throughout 2022. IYAAYAS.

## **Wasatch Front Chapter:**

By David VanErt

ACAWFC	BOD	
President	Chris Hazard	
Secretary/Treasurer	Dave Van Ert	

No input for this issue

### **MID-WEST CHAPTER:**

By Mark Gossett and Don Meyers

ACAMWC	BOD	
President	Mark Gossett	
Vice President	Don Myers	
Secretary Treasurer	Vacant	

We're looking at starting up our luncheon events in April and getting a chance to get back in touch with each one. CMSgt Adam Guest has taken over as HQ AFMC Munitions Manager and I'm looking forward to meeting him. If you're in the area and would like to join us just let me know.

The ACA Midwest Chapters recognized the HQ AFMC 2021 Outstanding Munitions Professionals of the Year. We wish them all congratulations on a job well done. The winners were:

- A1C David A. Parrish at the 96th MXS, Eglin AFB, FL
- TSgt Michael S. Owens Jr. at the 649th MUNS, Hill AFB, UT
- MSgt Andrew G. Ruester at the 96th MXS, Eglin AFB, FL
- Mr. Eric J. McClellan at AFTC/SMW, Hill AFB, UT

## **LONE STAR CHAPTER:**

By Joe Dominguez

ACALSC	BOD
President	Steve 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 <u>HERE</u>. Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

#### **DESERT MOUNTAINS CHAPTER:**

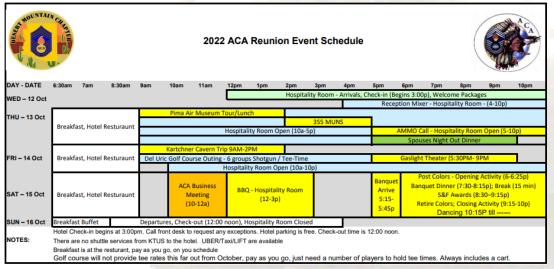
By Tom Cox

ACADMC	BOD	
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:



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).

Signup sheets and the agenda can be

found on the ACA website **HERE**.

Please make all checks payable to **Tom Cox**, **2022 ACA Reunion** so the credit union will allow him to deposit it.

## 363RD TRAINING SQUADRON SHEPPARD AMMO

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#### **AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates**

Editor's Note: No students in Classes 22007, 22008, and 22012 met minimum Top Graduate criteria.

#### **A1C Steven England**

Class: 22005

Hometown: Midwest City, OK Gaining Base/Unit: Cannon AFB, NM





## A1C Roman Burrillo

**Class: 22006** 

Hometown: Shelby, MA Gaining Base/Unit: Shaw AFB, SC



A1C Benjamin Garland Class: 22009

Hometown: Douglas MA Gaining Base/Unit: 104 FW, MA



## A1C Justin D. Spear

**Class: 22010** 

Hometown: Atlanta, GA Gaining Base/Unit: Osan AB, Korea



## A1C Austin Aplin

Class: 22011

Hometown: Prattville, AL Gaining Base/Unit: 187 FW, Dannelly Field ANG



## A1C Brian Colon-Candanedo

Class: 22013
Hometown: Aibonito, PR Gaining Base/Unit: Mountain Home, ID





## AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

Points of Contact: CMSgt Lance Andrews, SMSgt Jeff Seals and MSgt David Benner





#### **ACA Outstanding Performer Awards**

Editor's Note: Class 22-03 was cancelled

#### Class 22-01 - SSgt Nathan Freeman Unit/Base: 4 MUNS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC





#### Class 22-02 - SSgt Jason Sanchez Unit/Base: 48 MUNS, RAF Lakenheath, UK



Class 22-04 – SrA Stephanie Neilsen Unit/Base: 7 MUNS, Dyess AFB, TX



#### CHIEF GAUVIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The Chief Gauvin Memorial Scholarship Fund Applications are available at <a href="www.rgauvin.org">www.rgauvin.org</a>. 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 2WOX1 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. Visit the latest details on the AHF Paver program at <a href="https://www.AmmoChiefs.com">www.AmmoChiefs.com</a>.

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
ROBERT BOOSTER
IYAAYAS
SENIOR AIRMEN
PAVEWAY D FLUG
AMMO WIFE
BETTY L BOPPER
SNUFFY SMITH
1945 - 2020
1978 - 1983

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

| Memorial Pavers Needed |               |              |  |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Last Name</b>       | 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: <a href="https://AMMOchiefs.com/aca-memorial-paver-program/">https://AMMOchiefs.com/aca-memorial-paver-program/</a>.

The focal point for all orders is the ACA Treasurer: 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.

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Orders yours today with a credit card via PayPal. The price is \$72: <a href="https://AMMOchiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/">https://AMMOchiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/</a>. Paying by check or money order, send an email to <a href="mailto:acatreasurer@AMMOchiefs.com">acatreasurer@AMMOchiefs.com</a>. 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.



Design and location are finalized. The design is shown on the left and the location will be at the USAF Armament Museum at Eglin AFB, FL. We have already started the process

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

# **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 <a href="www.paypal.com/ammochiefs">www.paypal.com/ammochiefs</a>, log into your PayPal account, click on Send and then enter AMMOChiefs in the Name block. Be sure to designate your donation is for the AMMO Heritage Monument. Please note that if you donate by credit card, PayPal does subtract a small fee from the donation.
- Visit <a href="https://AMMOchiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/">https://AMMOchiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/</a> to obtain the mailing address and additional information. You can also email the ACA Treasurer at acatreasurer@AMMOchiefs.com.

#### Contest to Win A Miniature AMMO Monument Replica



We have five miniature replicas, each one is serial numbered, that will be given away in five separate drawings to some lucky AMMO supporter.

All that is required is for you to send in your donation as noted above. For every \$50 you donate, one entry will be made in your name. For example, if you donate \$250, you will have five entries in that drawing.

Eligible donations received during the timeframes shown below will automatically be entered into the drawing for that period.

| Eligible Dona              | Drawing Date             |                   |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Starting 15 July 2022      | Ending 14 August 2022    | 21 August 2022    |
| Starting 15 August 2022    | Ending 14 September 2022 | 21 September 2022 |
| Starting 15 September 2022 | Ending 14 October 2022   | 21 October 2022   |
| Starting 15 October 2022   | Ending 14 November 2022  | 21 November 2022  |
| Starting 15 November 2022  | Ending 14 December 2022  | 21 December 2022  |



#### <u>AMMO NEWS</u>

#### Facing Future Threats; Time for Air Force to Stockpile Munitions is Now, Experts Say

By Nick Adde, Air Force Magazine, March 15, 2022. Link (https://www.airforcemag.com/facing-future-threats-time-for-air-force-to-stockpile-munitions-is-now-experts-say/)

Like their colleagues throughout the Air Force, the service's top munitions experts hail the potential of cutting-edge aircraft such as the F-35 Lightning II and B-21 Raider. But without enough of the right kind of munitions, they believe, these and other platforms could fall short of their potential when most needed.

"We lack a deep bench of stores for them when it comes to key weapons," retired Maj. Gen. Larry Stutzriem told a March 3 audience during a panel discussion at the AFA Warfare Symposium.

Stutzreim, who moderated the discussion, is director of research at AFA's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies. He added that the munitions industrial complex is not large enough to surge production of necessary munitions when crises would demand it.

"This all adds up to the conclusion that it's time to have a concerted focus on munitions," Stutzriem said, as he introduced the panel, including John Corley of the Air Force Research Laboratory; and the retired Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula and retired Col. Mark Gunzinger of the Mitchell Institute.

Gunzinger, the institute's director of Future Concepts and Capability Assessments, alluded to the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine. U.S. and allied forces would have to go on the offensive "within hours—not wait weeks" to build up sufficient force structure before beginning a campaign, he said.

"That means airpower will be the predominant means to rapidly respond from inside and outside the theater, to strike those thousands of targets in hundreds of hours, to blunt an invasion," Gunzinger said.

Further, Gunzinger described the stockpile of long- and short-range precision-guided munitions (PGMs) as "unbalanced," thus reducing the number of targets that can be hit.

Deptula, the institute's dean, added, "the Air Force needs to ... move out smartly to develop a new generation of mid-range standing PGMs that cost less than long-range weapons, to help develop the PGM inventory."

These new weapons should be designed for low observability, Deptula said, and carry other features designed to penetrate advanced integrated air defense systems.

"The threat of pure conflict today is real," Corley said.

While Operation Desert Storm involved some 45,000 aim points, a conflict with China or Russia could entail 100,000 or more, Corley said.

"Do we have the number of weapons on hand to deal with [that] magnitude of threat? No, we don't have the capacity to ... generate that number of weapons in a matter of weeks. So we need to start stockpiling more munitions with the capabilities that we desire," Corley said, adding that digital engineering would help meet the demand quickly and at a realistic price.

Gunzinger closed his remarks with a warning.

"We can have the best fifth- and sixth-gen Air Force in the world. We can have the largest bomber force in the world, and we can have NGADs [Next Generation Air Dominance fighters] out of our ears," Gunzinger said. "If they don't have weapons, that does not translate into combat power. And Gen. Deptula is exactly right. The time to buy these weapons is now."

#### **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



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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!

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