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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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ACA holds elections every 4 years. This BOD will look to stagger elections for continuity

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

By Bart Ivy

Fellow Ammo Chiefs, I hope this finds you well and in good health. Just another reminder that December 4th is National AMMO Day. This year, if all goes as planned, the AMMO Heritage Monument dedication ceremony will be on December 2, 2023. You can keep up to date from our web page <https://ammochiefs.com/ammo-memorial/> or on Facebook. We are looking for a Chapter to sponsor our next reunion. Once we nail down the location, we will get the word out.

Keep your Power Dry. IYAAAYAS!

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

By Mark Gossett



Last April I took a drive to Lancaster KY. Stopped by to pay a visit to Kevin ‘Shot’ Hendershot. The reason for the visit was to present him with his Shell & Flame award. I had the opportunity to see all the projects he’s finished around the house and property as well as the ones that are ‘still in work’. He and his wife will be busy for a while. The ACA will be busy this year as well. We have a lot on our plate such as the Elections, the AHM setup and commemoration ceremony, and selecting a location for the 2024 reunion. I hope everyone stays safe and we’ll see a lot of you at the AHM commemoration ceremony in

December.

Until then, keep your powder dry.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

The cold weather is coming in and so are the holidays. Just like that we are almost through another year and ready for a new one. The AHM is progressing and will hopefully be ready for the dedication on National Ammo Day weekend (4 Dec 23).

Things have been quiet across the chapters and hopefully as we jump into 2024 there will be big things scheduled. The ACA needs to begin planning our next reunion; however, there hasn’t been a chapter to step up. Know anyone willing to take on the challenge?

Have a couple positions on the Board of Directors that may be opening Dec 2023. Do you have any inkling to take on a corporate chapter of leadership? The President is certainly coming open and the ACA will be looking for nominees around Thanksgiving. Plus, we may have one more position depending on some feedback. We also need people who are close to the troops...who do you know?

FROM THE TREASURER:

By Mike Robertson

Hello all ACA Members! The last quarter has been a bit slow. Even so, this quarter the ACA donated \$250 to the Central AMMO bowl, \$250 to the Western AMMO Bowl; sent a \$500 cash award and certificate to this year’s top selectee of the Richard Gauvin Memorial Scholarship, Jake Mashburn; helped with a cash donation to help with the AMMO Veteran’s Association (AVA) annual Moody Blues event, and \$250 went to the Atlantic Coast Chapter (ACC) for Care packages for deployed AMMO

Troops. Also, 9 additional AMMO Legacy Pavers were ordered from the Airman's Heritage Foundation (AHF) to be placed on "AMMO Road" located at the Lackland AFB parade ground.

The transition of the Chief Richard Gauvin Scholarship from AFCOMAC to the ACA is still in progress and is not complete. We are waiting for the current AFCOMAC Charitable Program in California to be officially dissolved before the ACA can assume the program.

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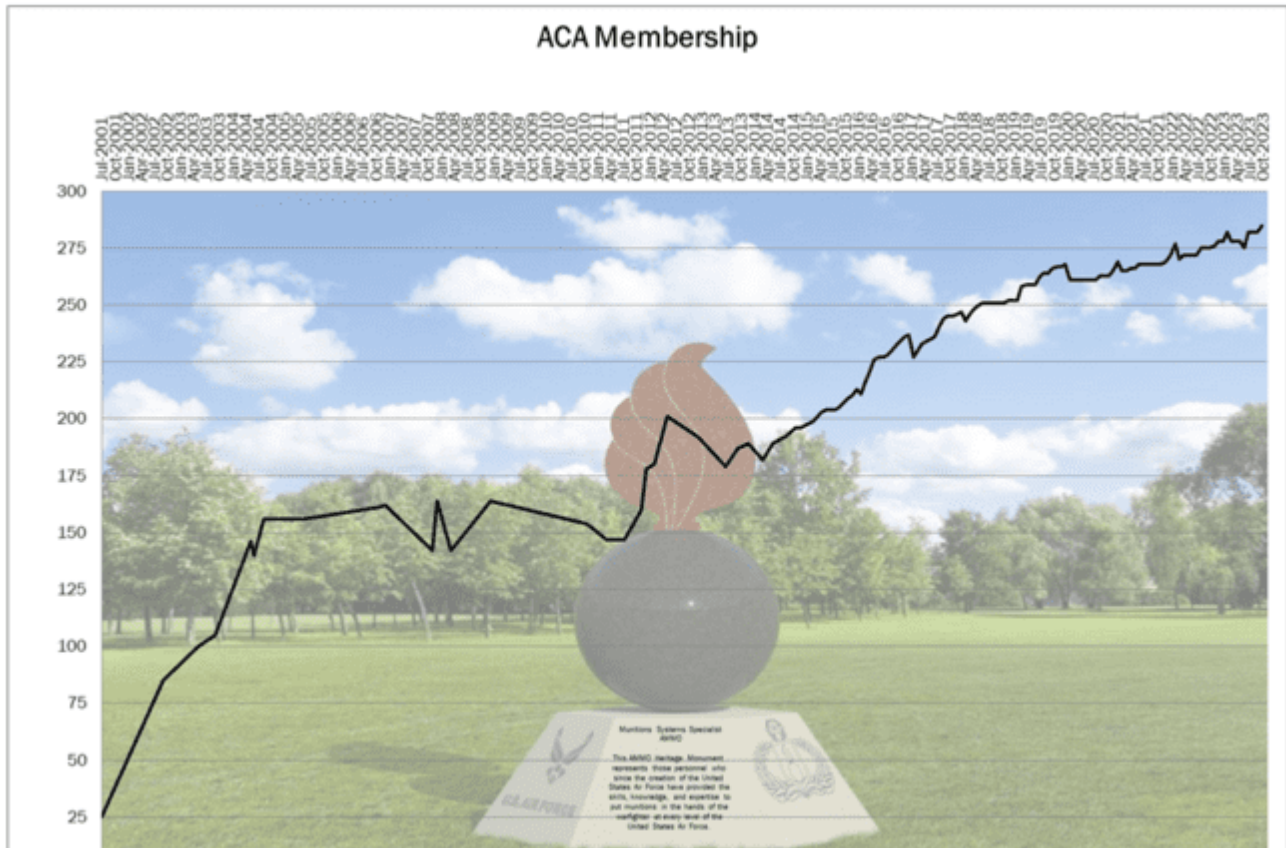
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Membership Totals by Chapter and Type

23-Oct-23

Chapter	Total	Chief Life	Chief Annual	Associate Life	Associate Annual	Honorary Spouse	Honorary	Shell and Flame
Lone Star	6	5				1		
MidWest	10	9						1
Desert Mountains	12	11				1		
Wasatch Front	21	17		2		1	1	
Mid-Atlantic	23	17		5		1		
Emerald Coast	56	31		14		9		2
At Large	157	111	10	17	1	11	2	5
Totals	285	201	10	38	1	24	3	8

ACA Membership



At the end of every March, we update and distribute to members the All Members and All Known AMMO Chiefs List. If you have changes to make, be sure to send them in quickly so your information is updated in the ACA Membership Database. If you want your contact info shown, you need to let us know with either a YES or NO. The default is NO when a new member is added unless they tell us otherwise. Please send changes to: Secretary@ammochiefs.com

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER:

By Phil Kennedy



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



For the 3rd Quarter Meeting, the Chapter members and spouses traveled from all over Virginia to Richmond, VA, to have some of the best mouthwatering BBQ in the region at *Extra Billy's BBQ and Steakhouse...* and somehow fit in a little Chapter business into the outing. A fun time was had by all...



*The gang plus spouses enjoying the phenomenal BBQ at Extra Billy's BBQ and Steakhouse prior to the 3rd Quarter Meeting. From left to right... **Left:** Sue Pennington, Cissy Sharpe, and soon to be retired, CMSgt. Sam Sharpe. **Right:** Mike Gavin, Jimmy Taylor, John Nye, and Phil Kennedy. The official photographer for the ACAMC, Rich Pennington, taking the group picture.*

The ACC has many of the best AMMO troops in the world... none better as they say. Right!!!! The Chapter was able to recognize some of these outstanding AMMO troops in the following categories.

2023 ACC 2nd Quarterly Munitions Awards:

Outstanding Munitions Technician, SrA Kimberly Sanchez, 1st MUNS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis AFB, VA.



Rich Pennington, ACAMC Director-at-Large, presents the Chapter Outstanding Munitions Technician Award certificate to SrA Sanchez.

Outstanding Munitions Supervisor, SSgt Jimmy S. Finley, 1st MUNS, Joint Base Langley- Eustis AFB, VA.



Rich Pennington, ACAMC Director-at-Large, presents the Chapter Outstanding Munitions Supervisor Award certificate to SSgt Finley.

To close out calendar year 2023: the Chapter will recognize the outstanding 2023 Ammo Sharp Troop Award for superior performance in their duties as an AMMO troop; we will take care of our owe through the AMMO Troops in Need Holiday Program; ship Holiday Care Packages to our AMMO troop deployed overseas, and finally, wrapping up the year in December, conduct one final meeting and holiday social event. Until next year...

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



No input for this edition.

Wasatch Front Chapter:

By Chris Hazard

<i>ACAWFC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Chris Hazard
Secretary/Treasurer	Keith Jackson

Wasatch AMMO Chiefs would like to congratulate the HILL AMMO A Team for again bringing home from Nellis the Western AMMO Bowl trophy for 2023! Great job guys!



MID-WEST CHAPTER:

By Don Meyers

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

No input for this edition.

LONE STAR CHAPTER:

By Joe Dominguez

<i>ACALSC</i>	<i>BOD</i>
President	Sabrina Still
Vice President	Fred Lee
Secretary/Treasurer	Joseph Dominguez



It's been a long, hot summer here in the Alamo City. Plans are being made for a general membership meeting to be held before the end of 2023.

The LSC 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>
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Vice President	Bill Pennington
Secretary/Treasurer	Ricky Quattlebaum



No input for this edition.

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AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

Editor's Note: The following PDS' were NO STARTS – 23027, 23029, 23031, 23036, 23039, 23040, 23044

The following PDS had no ACA – 23041

TSgt Franco Sapone

Class: 23026

Hometown: Saranac Lake, NY Gaining Base/Unit: 158 FW Vermont ANG, VT



A1C Danielle Dauer

Class: 23028

Hometown: Buffalo, NY Gaining Base/Unit: 51 MUNS, Osan AB, ROK



SSgt Brandon Conover

Class: 23030

Hometown: Myrtle Beach, SC Gaining Base/Unit: 125 FW ANG, FL



SSgt Matthew Lehner

Class: 23032

Hometown: South Bend, IN Gaining Base/Unit: Fort Wayne ANG, IN



A1C Joshua Lynch

Class: 23033

Hometown: Jeffersonville, IN Gaining Base/Unit: Spangdahlem AB, GE



A1C Kai Ahearn

Class: 23034

Hometown: Kapolei, HI Gaining Base/Unit: Spangdahlem AB, GE



SSgt Brett Martin

Class: 23035

Hometown: Uniontown, PA Gaining Base/Unit: Seymour Johnson AFB, NC



A1C Brett Morris

Class: 23037

Hometown: Flower Mound, TX Gaining Base/Unit: Camp Darby, IT



A1C Ivan Cline

Class: 23038

Hometown: Maple Shade, NJ Gaining Base/Unit: Kunsan AB, ROK



A1C James Nguyen

Class: 23042

Hometown: Seattle, WA Gaining Base/Unit: Anderson AFB, GU



AB Caiden Kendall

Class: 23043

Hometown: Greentown, IN **Gaining Base/Unit:** Anderson AFB, GU



AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

Points of Contact: CMSgt Nathaniel Schilz, SMSgt Jeff Seals
and MSgt David Benner



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

2308 – SSgt Dane Robert Snow
Unit/Base 48 MUNS, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Additionally, AFCOMAC has been working on bringing back more ranks to ensure that there is training throughout AMMO troops career. We plan on implementing SrA and TSgt's back into the course to help streamline and ensure there is more of a structure during class, as well as a continuum of training. AFCOMAC has also been working hard on bringing cargo/pallet build up techniques to the course and focusing on ACE strategies. Finally, we have revamped the 9-level curriculum and lined up the material with real world events, 9 lvl school, and the changing deployment methods.

CHIEF GAUVIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Since the Scholarship was established the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center (AFCOMAC) Senior Staff has administered the scholarship. However, in 2023, over the next several months, while details are being worked out, administration of the Scholarship will transition to the AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA). While future AFCOMAC classes and Ammo Troops worldwide will still have an opportunity to raise funds and contribute to the scholarship, we anticipate challenges with fund-raising in the future. The ACA will be exploring various options as we move forward with this change.

In the short term, over the 2023 summer the current processes and procedures will remain unchanged until the current Scholarship program fully dissolved under California State law.

In the future, the USAF Major Command Functional Managers who make up the AFCOMAC Board of Advisors (BOA) will be the Scholarship Selection Committee to review, approve, and prioritize all scholarship applications. However, the ACA Board of Directors (BOD) will determine which applications receive Scholarship awards and how much funds will be awarded.

All scholarship applicants will continue to submit their applications to AFCOMAC prior to 1 June of each year. Information on the Gauvin Memorial Fund, Eligibility, Requirements, Application Form, and Administration can be found at UR: <https://rgauvin.org/> and <https://ammochiefs.com/cmsgt-richard-a-gauvin-ammo-troop-memorial-fund/>. Please distribute to anyone you know of in the FAMMOly that can take advantage of this opportunity. AMMO helping AMMO....huuaahhh!!!!

ACA MEMORIAL PAVER PROGRAM

By Mike Robertson

The ACA Legacy Paver program include all AMMO ranks and we call it - **AMMO ROAD!**

Details on the program and how to order one or more Legacy Pavers can be found at: <https://ammochiefs.com/aca-memorial-paver-program/>

New: You can now also pay for Legacy Pavers using Venmo to **@IYAAYAS-ACA**. In the comments be sure to include what you want on the paver. Paver text is limited to 3 lines and 14 characters per line (including spaces).

The price of one paver \$95. However, ACA receives a \$15 discount from Airman's Heritage Foundation (AHF), so our cost is \$80 per paver. Also, if you 2 or 3 pavers at the same time, there is an additional \$5.00 / paver quantity discount applied. Be advised that any orders placed via PayPal and paid with credit/debit card will include a PayPal processing fee which is included in the below pricing. The full Legacy Paver pricing chart follows:

The focal point for all orders is the ACA Treasurer.

Method of Payment	Qty	Costs	Links/Email
Check/Money Order	1	\$80.00	Email: acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com Our response will tell you where to send your payment.
	2	\$150.00	
	3	\$225.00	
PayPal Credit / Debit Card	1	\$82.12	https://ammochiefs.com/donations-to-the-aca/ Bottom left side of HOME page; links to PayPal.
	2	\$153.55	
	3	\$230.07	
PayPal.me		\$80	https://paypal.me/AmmoChiefs

Legacy Paver Cost Options

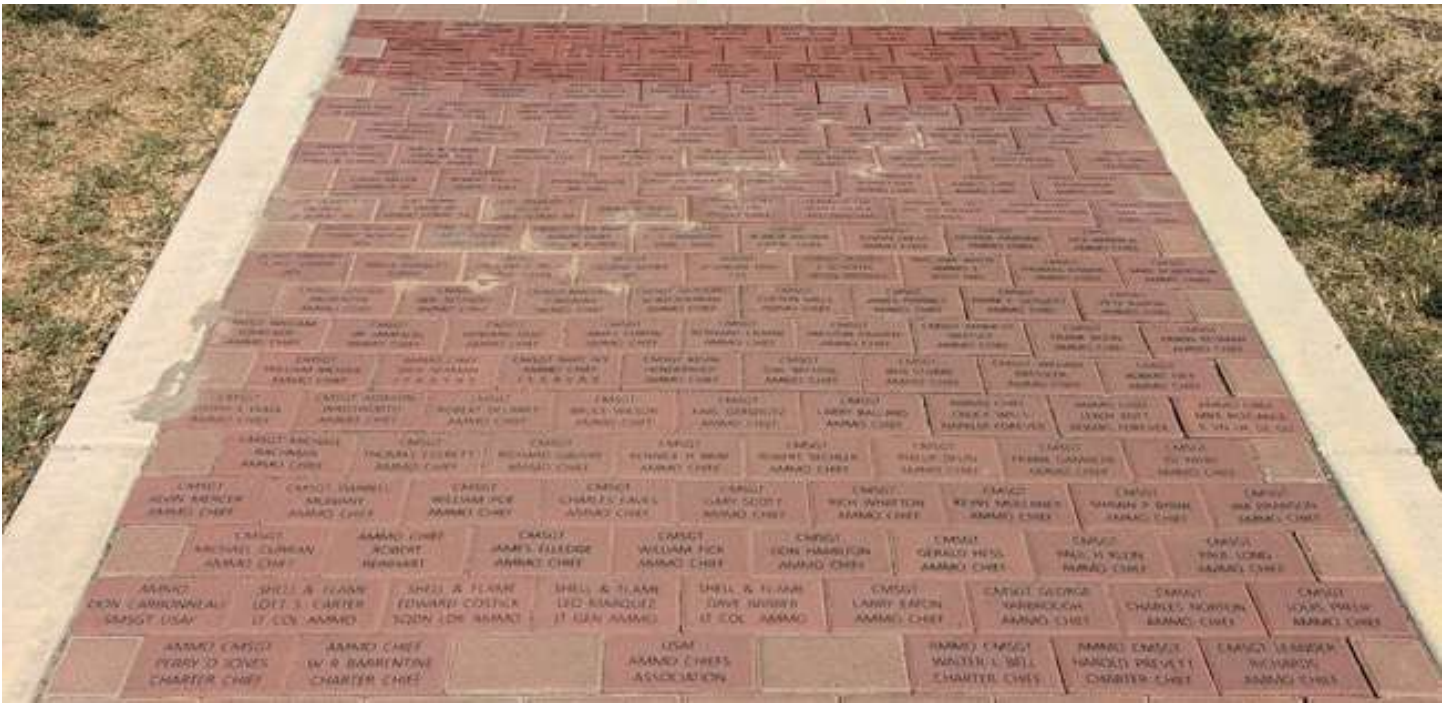
All pavers are placed as ordered and there can be no reserved spaces or special grouping. Orders would remain "First in - First out". Order your own, one for a mentor you respected while on duty, a friend, or a spouse. If you place an order and we find it is a duplicate, we will let you know. We would 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 so AHF knows to place the paver within our Group. Remember there are 3 lines of text limited to 14 characters per (including spaces).

The Pavers are located on the Lackland AFB, Parade Grounds in the location shown on the below Google map.



Google Map

To date, since the AMMO Legacy Paver program began, 145 AMMO Legacy Pavers have been ordered/installed. 91 of those pavers have been installed to honor the legacy of deceased AMMO warriors, Champions of AMMO, or their spouses!



AMMO Heritage Monument

By: Mike Robertson

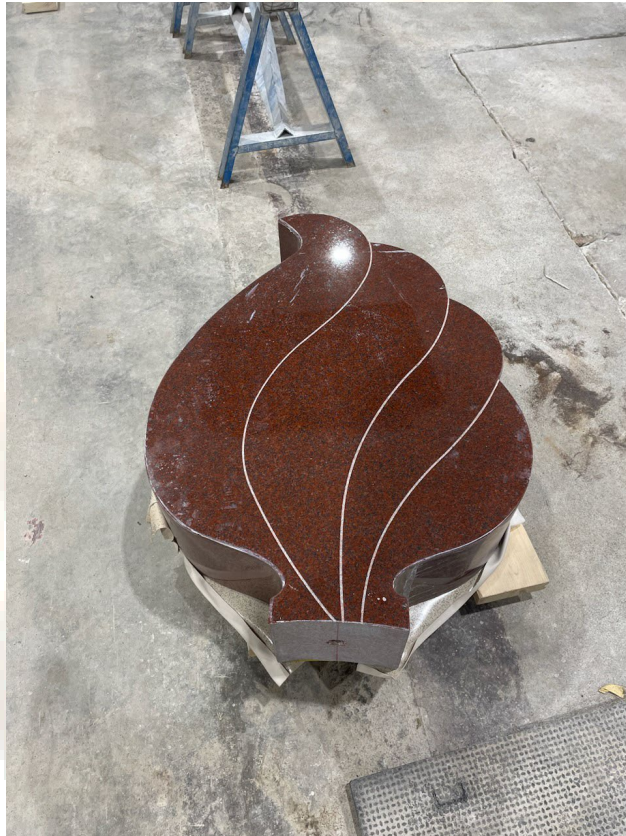
Our Goal is to preserve the AMMO Heritage with a Monument that depicts or symbolizes the efforts of the USAF Munitons Systems Career Field personnel and their achievements.

You can find additional details on the AMMO Memorial Monument at the ACA website: <https://ammochiefs.com/ammo-memorial/>

This will be a big year for the AMMO Heritage Monument Project! All projected costs are currently funded. The projected timeline of Monument Construction, Installation and Dedication looks like this:

PREPARATION: The site will be located at the USAF Armament Museum near Eglin AFB, FL. URL: <http://www.afarmamentmuseum.com/>. The 15' x 15' pad, 3' x 4' walkway leading to the monument, and a surrounding walkway which will be further surrounded by pavers has been poured at the USAF Armament Museum to host the monument.

CONSTRUCTION: The Flame and Ball are complete and Rock of Ages is actively working the monument base and plans to have all AMMO monument components complete and shipped to the Armament Museum by the week of 20-24 Nov 2023.



Monument Flame with lines at Rock of Ages facility (Nov 23)



The AMMO Monument Base in the Rock of Ages Workshop (20 Jun 23)



Base with two remaining cuts then headed to sandblast (Nov 23)



The AMMO Monument Pad has been poured at the USAF Armament Museum

DELIVERY: ACA has informed Rock of Ages the monument must be shipped and received at the Armament Museum no later than the week of 20-24 Nov 2023.

INSTALLATION: Once delivered the monument will be installed and ordered Pavers or blanks will be placed around the monument.

DEDICATION: The AMMO monument and site is planned to be complete and opening dedication to be held on 2 Dec 2023 at 1300 with an AMMO Call to be held at FUBAR Pizza afterwards.

LONG-TERM: The ACA will assume the cost of long-term care and maintenance of the monument (as necessary) as part of our annual budget. We expect those costs to be minimal once the monument is prepared and installed since the Armament Museum maintains responsibility for their

grounds keeping. The ECC Chapter will be managing the ordering and installation of pavers around the monument, which will also help raise funds for upkeep and maintenance.

DONATIONS: ACA is still accepting donations via PayPal, Venmo, or Check by mail.

Last Call



GEORGE LANDER

George Edson Lander, age 83, of West Lebanon, NH passed away on September 18, 2023, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Barre, VT on August 12, 1940. He was the oldest child of Edson Anson and Genevieve Marie Brown Lander. During WWII, he and his family lived in Weybridge, VT. They later resided in South Burlington, VT before moving to Woodstock, VT. He graduated from Woodstock Union High School in 1958 and, in September of that year, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

He was a career serviceman who attained the rank of CMSgt (E-9). Throughout his military career, he was awarded 11 different medals that

included, most notably, the Bronze Star, four Meritorious Service medals, an AF Commendation medal, two Distinguished Presidential Unit Citations, an AF Outstanding Unit Citations with Valor with three oak leaf clusters, a Vietnam Service Medal with four Service Stars, a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, along with 14 service ribbons. He served 29 years and he retired after a long and distinguished career in October 1987. He had tours of duty that included the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Headquarters at Offutt AFB, NE, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and more than a dozen other places in the U.S. and overseas, which included assignments in Ishikawa AB, Japan, Incirlik AB, Turkey, Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam, Kunsan AB, Korea, Utapao RTAB, Thailand, Andersen AFB, Guam, and Ramstein AB, Germany.

He was a devout Catholic, a faithful member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in West Lebanon and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lebanon, NH, and he was a Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus. He had many interests in life that included flea markets, gardening, fishing, and he was a gun enthusiast who enjoyed hunting, target shooting, and shooting trap. He also loved working with his hands, and had a passion for building, repairing, and troubleshooting things that benefited others, especially his church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edson and Genevieve Lander, and he leaves his beloved wife of 64 years, Judith A. Lander; his sisters, Margaret “Peggie” Koos and Jeanne “Bonnie” Watson (Jim “Bing”); his son, Michael George (Martha); his daughter, Karen Brown (Charles); his youngest son, Kevin (Lisa); his grandchildren, Chris (Dorothy), Alyssa, Adam, and Michael; his great-grandchildren, Joseph, Samuel, and Kylie; and his very close friend, Alan Streeter (Rita), who was like a brother to him.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the White River Junction VA medical staff for the exceptional and devoted care that they provided to George throughout many years.

A wake for George will be held from 5 – 7 p.m. at Ricker Funeral Home in Lebanon, NH on September 24, 2023, with a funeral Mass held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on September 25, 2023. A graveside burial service, with military honors, will be held at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at 2 p.m. on September 26, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, the Upper Valley Humane Society in Enfield, NH, and to charities that benefit our disabled vets.

To leave a message of remembrance or condolence, please visit the online guestbook at: www.RickerFuneralHome.com/obituary/George-Lander.

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

Leon B. "Pete" Aaron

Frank Arnold

Michael Bachman

Larry G. Ballard***

Dave Barber***

Wilbur R. Barrentine *

Gail Bechtal (Bectle)

Walter L. Bell */**

Frank D. Bolin

Anthony P Borzomowski

Jim "Jimmie" Branson

Rennice H Jim Bray

Randolph H. Brown

Shawn P Byrne

Don Carbonneau

Raymond L. Caron

Lott S. Carter ***

Martin Church

Gerald R. Conger

Edward H. Ted Costick ***

Preston Craven

Charles Crawford

Bernard C. "Red" Crayne

Michael D "Mike" Curran ***

James Curtin

Thomas E Jr Danihel

Robert J Delaney

Phillip Delisi

William R "Bill" Dressler

Larry Eaton

Charles L. "Chuck" Eaves

Kathy Elle

James N Elledge

Thomas F Everett

William "Bill" Fick ***

Salvatore Fina

James "Jesse" Fisher

Joseph N Freas

Francis J "Frank" Gamache

Richard Gauvin

Karl J Gershutz

Don Hamilton ***

Gerald "Red" Hess

Fredrick "Fred" Hof

Gary A. Hofstetter

Rufus C. Holman

Howard Holt

Ralph B. House

Robert N. Ivey

Jay A. Jameson

Stefiel D. Johnson

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Perry D. Jones

Paul Killion*

Paul H. Klein

Jerrad Kooley

George Lander

John C Lane

Karen Long

Paul Long ***

William Lovelady

Leo Marquez ***

Terrance Martin

John A. Matthews Sr.

Donald Mayo

Arthur L "Lon" McAlister

Alvin "Al" Mercer ***

Donald Miller

Clifton E Mills

Kathy Morgan

William R "Bill" Mosier

Kevin Mullaney

Darrell Mulvany

Charles Chuck Norton***

Michael R Obleman

Gregory "Buns" Osbun

Edward Patry

John A Pfromm

James Phinney

William "Bill" Poe

Louis V. Prelip

Harold P. Prevet *

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Robert "Bob" Reinhart

Leander Richards

Glenn Riley

Leroy Rott

Neil G. Schaible

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George Sevier

Ben Stubbe

Gerald K. Thompson

Richard Twining

Frank A. Uhlic

Wilburn Vaught

Addison "George" Wadsworth

Joseph S "Joe" Wata***

Donald L. Wesolowski

Richard Whatton

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Bruce Wilson

Lyle M. Winnicki

John R. Worrell

George Yarbrough

Michael J. Yurkanin

Thomas Zima ***

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*