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AMMO CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

We are the AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA) established and operated by retired and active duty AMMO Chiefs dedicated to preserving our AMMO heritage. A fraternal, not-for-profit organization, our members consist of combat veterans and their spouses. The purpose of the ACA is to encourage and facilitate camaraderie and social activities among AMMO Chiefs and members of the AMMO Community by supporting and sustaining worthwhile AMMO related initiatives and programs.

We are AMMO, and damn proud of it!

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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 Chiefs, A lot has been happening since the last edition. With outstanding support from the Emerald Coast Chapter, The AMMO Heritage Monument was erected and dedicated at the Air Armament Museum which was no small feat with all the issues that arose, but it stands and a dedication to all Ammo Troops determination to get the job done. The next major hurdle is the Gauvin Memorial Scholarship, it was decided that AFCOMAC was no longer going to manage the Scholarship fund, so to keep this available for AMMO Troop's family members, the ACA agreed to manage the funds and scholarship process, as such we are establishing a separate bank account to manage these funds separately and allow for donations directly to the funds. Board of Directors elections added Roger Jennings as the newest member. Reunion – Emerald Coast Chapter stepped up, please see the email from the Secretary for sign-up information.

Keep Your Powder Dry. IYAAYAS!

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

By Mark Gossett

I want to thank the Emerald Coast Chapter (ECC) for the outstanding job getting the AMMO Heritage Monument displayed and hosting the reception. Based on the pictures I've seen it all looks great. I also wanted to congratulate the winners of the recent election. To Vicki for her reelection and welcoming Roger Jennings to the BoD. I'd also like to thank the ECC for hosting this year's reunion, 17-19 Oct. We'll keep everyone up to date as things move forward. Hope to see a lot of you there. Until then, stay AMMO and stay safe.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

2023 has come and gone, welcome in 2024 with a vengeance and the year is looking up to be an interesting one.

Had an interesting conversation with an AD AMMO Chief...What is the current purpose of the ACA? Has AMMO evolved and do we need to change with it? Interested to hear everyone's thoughts!

Most of the chapters have been quiet and with the year ramping up, hope to see more action from the chapters. Any info you have to pass on, I look forward to hearing about and sharing with the rest of the Association.

Planning on attending the reunion? Initial poll was 45+ members and family may be there...were you one of them. Let's make this a reunion for the ages, no real reason to complain: sun, beach, beer, friends and AMMO! What more can you ask for, also if you haven't seen the AHM...now's your chance! I sent out the info but if you misplaced it, let me know and I'll fire it back to you! You still have some time to ponder. 17-19 October is a little bit away.

FROM THE TREASURER:

By Mike Robertson

Hello ACA and AMMO! 2024 has gotten off to a good start and we are working on several things. The transition of the Gauvin Memorial Scholarship program from AFCOMAC to the CA is still in work and won't be final until sometime later this year. Scholarship Applications in 2024 will be sent to the AMMO Chiefs Association instead of the AFCOMAC Board of Advisors. However, the AFCOMAC Scholarship fund will continue to pay all Scholarship in 2024. We have set up new checking and savings accounts to manage the Scholarship Funds. This Scholarship relies 100-percent on donations as there is no other source of funds to support it. If the AMMO community wants to maintain a Scholarship fund for deserving AMMO dependents, then we require donations from places like AFCOMAC classes, MAJCOM and other conferences, and AMMO people. That is the only way the Gauvin Scholarship will continue to provide these benefits.

There are three methods to donate to the Chief Gauvin Scholarship Fund.

Method 1: Create a Monthly donation subscription via PayPal using the below link. This method will automatically deduct a specific amount of funds you specify each month and from a bank account you specify and linked to your PayPal account. Click the below link to donate:

Method 2) Submit a one-time donation via PayPal using the below link. This method will deduct a specific amount of funds you specify one-time from a bank account you specify and linked to your PayPal account. Click the below link to donate:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=65B43S8JPE3TU

Method 3) Send a Check by mail to: AMMO Chiefs Association – Chief Gauvin Scholarship Fund, c/o ACA Treasurer (Mike Robertson), 16394 Red Cedar Rd, Piedmont SD 57769

NOTE: The ACA is a Tax-Exempt IRS 501c(19) War Veterans and Non-Profit Organization where donors can deduct contributions. Our Employee Identification Number (EIN) is: 59-3738339.

Also, please note that no Officer or Member of the ACA receives any payment for their time and efforts to the ACA.

So far in 2024, nine (9) more Airman Heritage Foundation (AHF) AMMO Legacy pavers have been ordered in honor of AMMO troops across our community. "AMMO Road" continues to grow longer and the Airman's Heritage Foundation has taken note of the AMMO legacy sending the below e-mail on 6 Mar 2024:

From: Treasurer <treasurer@myairmanmuseum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 1:02 PM
To: acatreasurer@ammochiefs.com
Cc: Rick Ramirez <ricardo.a.ramirez1.civ@health.mil>; Rick Ramirez <rick_ramirez123@yahoo.com>
Subject: BB Stackers

Mike

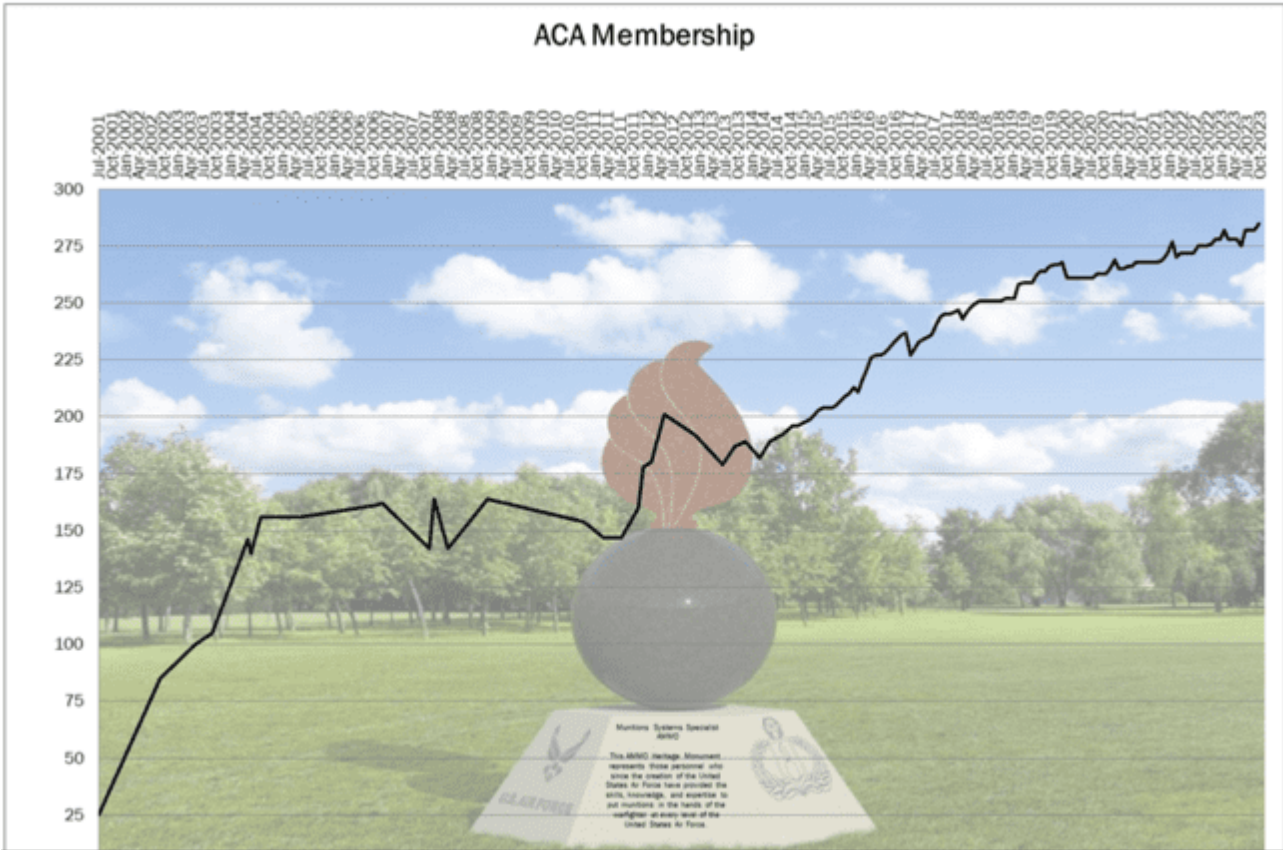
Most of my Air Force career was in Electronic Warfare, an Old Crow, but with the greatest respect and realization of what you guys did, we referred to you AMMO guys as ‘BB Stackers’, realizing it is impossible to stack the BBs that we fired from our toy guns, but they were the ammo I used in my younger days.. Just remembering my past both as a child and the fun I had in the Air Force. Thanks for your service to all of you BB stackers and the honor we have with the AMMO pavers on the Lackland Parade Grounds.

Ray Cornish, CMSgt(Ret)
Treasurer, Airman Heritage Foundation

Membership Totals by Chapter and Type

22-Mar-24

<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>	6	5				1		
<i>MidWest</i>	10	9						1
<i>Desert Mountains</i>	12	11				1		
<i>Wasatch Front</i>	21	17		2		1	1	
<i>Mid-Atlantic</i>	23	17		5		1		
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	56	29		16		9		2
<i>At Large</i>	164	116	12	17	1	11	2	5
<i>Totals</i>	292	204	12	40	1	24	3	8



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



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



No input for this edition

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



Welcome to the 2024 ACA Reunion hosted by the Emerald Coast Chapter.

The reunion event dates are 17 - 19 October. The rates and prices for hotel room, excursions and food have gone up since the last reunion we hosted in 2010, but we hope your able to attend.

We have blocked off 50 rooms at the newly renovated Wyndham Garden; 573 Santa Rosa Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, 32548. They have blocked off a mixture of some rooms with king size bed and some with queen size beds. The reunion registration/sign-in (hotel hospitality room), reception/ice breaker social, annual ACA membership meeting, reunion dinner dance and a departure breakfast will be held in the hotel banquet room or breakfast room.

Make your own reservations online or call. We ask that you make your reservations as soon as possible but NL T 17 Sep. You have the option of Deluxe Standard Room; (\$119 Thursday/\$149 Friday - Saturday) or Ocean View Room; \$139 Thursday/\$169 Friday- Saturday). All rooms will be charged an additional 13% in taxes. Each guest is required to provide a \$200 incidental deposit at check-in (refunded if no room damage).

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/fort-walton-beach-florida/wyndham-garden-fort-walton-beach/rooms-rates?brand id=GN&groupCode=AMMO2024>

To make reservations by phone call 850-244-8686 (mention Ammo Chief Reunion).

Attached you'll find the reunion sign-up sheet. Please fill this out and save the filled-out document as "your last name 2024 ACA reunion signup". Email as an attachment to aca2024reunion@gmail.com by 14 June. If you do not have the ability to email your sign-up sheet, you may mail it to "ACA 2024 Reunion, C/O Johnny Long, 101 Nicole Lane, Crestview, Fl. 32539". Also, if you have any questions, please email to this address also.

The welcome letter and application can be found at: [ACA 2024 Reunion | AMMO Chief's Association \(ammochiefs.com\)](http://aca2024reunion.ammochiefs.com)

Wasatch Front Chapter:

By Chris Hazard

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

No input for this edition.

MID-WEST CHAPTER:

By Don Meyers

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

In March, we recognized the HQ AFMC 2023 Outstanding Munition Performers. They are SrA Rita M. Saucedo and TSgt Andrew J. Brockman from Eglin AFB, MSgt Francis A. Astor from Edwards AFB, and Mr. Eric J. McClellan from Hill AFB. Also, the chapter is celebrating its 20-year anniversary this year with a cook out on 18 May. If you're in the area and would like to attend just let me know.

LONE STAR CHAPTER:

By Joe Dominguez

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



The LSC is 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



No input for this edition.

363RD TRAINING SQUADRON **SHEPPARD AMMO**



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363 TRS/TTMB, Lisa M. Hurt, GS-11, <mailto:lisa.hurt.1@us.af.mil>

AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

Editor's Note: The following PDS' were NO STARTS –23044

The following PDS had no ACA – 23046, 24003, 24005, 24008, & 24010

A1C Shayten Beeson

Class: 23045

Hometown: Armour, SD Gaining Base/Unit: 731 MUNS, Camp Darby, IT



A1C Nicholas Aguilar

Class: 23047

Hometown: Murrieta, CA Gaining Base/Unit: 51 MUNS, Osan AB, ROK



A1C Connor Murphy

Class: 23048

Hometown: Jacksonville, FL Gaining Base/Unit: 354 MUNS, Eielson AFB, AK



A1C Shane McGee

Class: 24001

Hometown: Madison, WI Gaining Base/Unit: Madison ANG, WI



AB Grace Dolan

Class: 24002

Hometown: Nekoosa, WI Gaining Base/Unit: 31 MUNS, Aviano, IT



A1C Chloe Pettitt

Class: 24004

Hometown: Coral Springs, FL Gaining Base/Unit: 388 MUNS, Hill AFB, UT



AB Tristan Goheen

Class: 24009

Hometown: La Porte, IN Gaining Base/Unit: 3 MUNS, JBER, AK



A1C Karsyn Peterson

Class: 24011

Hometown: Lake Park, MN Gaining Base/Unit: 119 AMXS ANG, MN



A1C Danielle Keaton

Class: 24012

Hometown: Ringgold, GA Gaining Base/Unit: RAF Mildenhall, UK



AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

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



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

2401 – SSgt Dylan J. Brown
Unit/Base 3 MUNS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

2402 – SSgt Noah R. Herd
Unit/Base 649 MUNS, Hill AFB, Utah

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

2402 – SSgt Alexis J. Quintanilla
Unit/Base 56 EMS, Luke AFB, Arizona

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

2402 – SSgt Noah R. Herd
Unit/Base 51 MUNS, Osan AB, South Korea

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

- Made a major refresh update to 7-level curriculum. New photos, videos, AFFORGEN Model
- Added GBU-56's (2,000lb LJDAM) and air cargo prep to the frag. Increased forward deployments
- CBU's & mechanical fuzes have been completely phased out
- Added a stand-alone 9 level curriculum with a focus on planning/TTP's, MEP development for the first 2 days before the 7-levels are sked to do that stuff
- AFCOCOMP will take place **19-23 Aug**
- We are working joint & allied forces integration into the SOO

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 2024, 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 fundraising in the future. The ACA will be exploring various options as we move forward with this change. We are also trying to use Mail, Venmo and PayPal to make things as easy as possible. See below for the appropriate QR codes and addresses.

In the future, the ACA Board of Directors (BOD) will determine which applications receive Scholarship awards and how much funds will be awarded.

All scholarship applicants will submit their applications to the ACA Secretary prior to **1 June** of each year.

Applications/information should be sent to: ACA Gauvin Scholarship Committee c/o Matt Lingelbach, 1040 E Nicholes Ave, Layton UT, 84040. Telephone (757) 525-0961 or by e-mail: secretary@ammochiefs.com

Information on the Gauvin Memorial Fund, Eligibility, Requirements, Application Form, and Administration can be found at URL: <https://ammochiefs.com/cmsgt-richard-a-gauvin-ammo-troop-memorial-fund/>. Please distribute to anyone you know in the fAMMOly that can take advantage of this opportunity. AMMO helping AMMO....huuaahhh!!!!



Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship

Please Visit Website: <https://ammochiefs.com/cmsgt-richard-a-gauvin-ammo-troop-memorial-fund/>



The Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) Richard A. Gauvin Memorial Scholarship was established to award scholarships to eligible dependents of munitions personnel who held AFSC 461XX, 465XX or 2W0X1 on active, reserve, or ANG duty in the service of the USAF.

CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE SCHOLARSHIP

Since the Scholarship was established the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center (AFCOMAC) Senior Staff has administered the scholarship. However, in 2024, administration of the Scholarship will transition to the AMMO Chiefs Association (ACA). The ACA continues to look for ways to generate funds and support eligible dependents into the future. The Memorial Scholarship will not survive without continued donations from the 461/5 & 2W0 career field.

The ACA is an IRS 501(c)(19) War Veterans Organization. Donations to the Gauvin Memorial Scholarship are tax deductible depending on your specific tax situation. EID: 59-3738339

Ways to help?

PayPal



Venmo



USPS



Mail Donations to:
ACA Treasurer
c/o Mike Robertson
16394 Red Cedar Rd
Piedmont, SD 57769

Suggested Donation:

- One Time
- Recurring

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

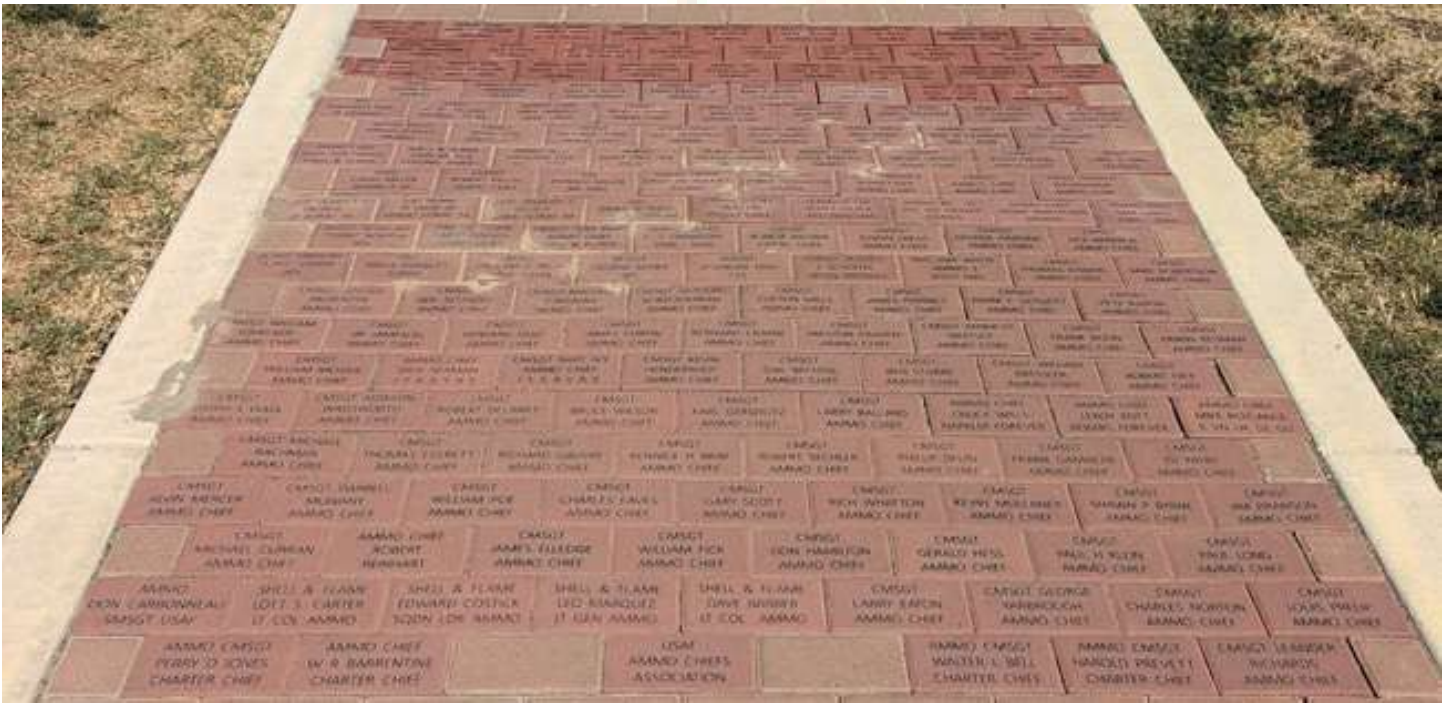
All pavers are placed as ordered and there can be no reserved spaces or special grouping. Orders would remain "First in - First out". Order your own, one for a mentor you respected while on duty, a friend, or a spouse. If you place an order and we find it is a duplicate, we will let you know. We would 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.

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





Last Call

No inputs for this period

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 Gauwin

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

William M "Bill" Jolly

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. Prevett *
Stonewall Ramsey
Erwin G. “Erv” Redman
James W. Reese
Robert “Bob” Reinhart
Leander Richards
Glenn Riley
Patrick Ritchie
Leroy Rott
Neil G. Schaible
Frederick J. Schoettler
Gary Scott

Robert G Sechler
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
Kenneth R. Whitley
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*