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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 Ammo Chiefs, I hope this finds you well and in good health. The ACA is in good financial health, and we are continuing to support Ammo Troops around the world and our Chapters are doing amazing things supporting their local Ammo Troops.

Just to let you know at the end of my term as President I will not be seeking reelection. It has been a great honor representing the ACA. I feel that I'm too far disconnected from the Ammo Community to continue to represent the ACA with current events. I think the position needs to be filled by someone who is located around our Active Duty and Retired Ammo troops or still involved in the AMMO business. Please, start thinking of who want to nominate to be your next President.

I'm not going anywhere and hope to see you all at the next reunion or the Ammo Memorial ceremony later this year.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

By Mark Gossett



I hope everyone had a nice transition to the New Year. There is a lot going on in the ACA this year. One of those events is our election. There are several positions coming up this year and I hope many of you will consider taking on a role. Matt will let everyone know when the nomination process begins. Another date to reserve is the first weekend in December. This is when we plan to do the AMMO Monument dedication outside Eglin AFB at the Armament Museum. Hope to see many of you there.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

By Matt Lingelbach

Man, and just like that its July! Time has flown by in 2023...and the year doesn't seem to be slowing down. We are in preparations for the Hill AFB AMMO Picnic coming up on 29 Jul 23. If you are in the Hill AFB area, swing by and chat with the Hill based units, 388 MUNS, 649 MUNS, and others. We are having a competition this year with an overall trophy going to the winning unit/team. There will be cornhole, trash can pong, Beersbee and a BDU-33 Toss. I've been trying to get a retiree team to compete but that is proving to be a challenge. Plus, an opportunity to catch up with the retirees that show up to hang out.

Elections, if you look at the Board of Directors table on page 1 you see that most of our positions are coming to an end. There are a few folks that have considered staying on, but a few will need to be filled (i.e., President). If you know someone with some passion for the career field and wants to continue the heritage, make sure they know when the nominations come out. We need to keep some active-duty presence so if still wearing the uniform, think about throwing your name in the hat.

We are also looking to amend the constitution in the coming weeks. We are addressing staggering the President & Vice President to ensure continuity, maintaining the AHM, and responsibilities for taking on the Gauvin Fund. If you have anything else to add or address, send them my way for consideration.

ECC of the ACA is on track to host the AMMO community for the commemoration ceremony for the AHM at the Armament Museum on 2 Dec 23. They are also starting to take orders for pavers like the parade grounds at Lackland AFB.

FROM THE TREASURER:

By Mike Robertson

We're halfway through 2023 and it's all downhill from here! Not so fast! Lots of folks are continuing to stay busy trying to get things done in 2023 both within ACA, the Chapters and AMMO community. So, what's cooking?

We've set up a Venmo account for ACA to take advantage of spending and receiving funds in multiple ways. We already have PayPal, but a lot more people are using Venmo these days. The ACA Venmo address is @IYAAYAS-ACA. Feel free to try it out and send us a Tax-Deductible donation to ACA which is an IRS designated 501(c)(19) Non-Profit War-Veterans Organization. I'll be adding the Venmo payment option to the AMMO Chiefs Association website (www.ammochiefs.com) soon!

Another reason we're adding different payment options is we are still working on the transition of the Chief Richard Gauvin Scholarship from AFCOMAC to the ACA. We'll need to figure out ways to step-up and increase donations to support that program in the future. The transition requires the current AFCOMAC Charitable Program to be officially dissolved according to California law and that takes time; then ACA can assume the program.

So far this year, we've supported funds for 2 AMMO Bowls, ECC and Wasatch Chapter AMMO calls, AVA event, AF Combat Operations Competition, and AMMO Legacy Pavers for 3 deceased ACA AMMO Chief members.

Please look at the AMMO Legacy Paver and AMMO Heritage Monument sections later in this edition for updates on both programs.

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IYAAYAS!

<i>Membership Totals by Chapter and Type</i>								23-Jun-23
<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>	7	5	1			1		
<i>MidWest</i>	10	9						1
<i>Desert Mountains</i>	12	11				1		
<i>Mid-Atlantic</i>	21	15		5		1		
<i>Wasatch Front</i>	22	19		2			1	
<i>Emerald Coast</i>	54	32	1	15		5		1
<i>At Large</i>	149	110	7	16	1	10	2	3
<i>Totals</i>	275	201	9	38	1	18	3	5

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

SHELL AND FLAME AWARD

On 3 April 2023, Vice President Mark Gossett and his wife Kim, drove down to present Shell and Flame Recipient, Kevin Hendershot his award and citation.

He was awarded the S&F for 30+ years of contributions to the AMMO community as well as the impact he had on multiple generations of future AMMO Troops. He continues to touch the AMMO community with his YouTube videos of construction projects around his locale in Kentucky.



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



The first two Chapter meetings of 2023, 1st and 2nd Quarter gatherings are now history.



Destination meeting at *Anna's Pizza and Italian Restaurant*... members enjoying lunch prior to the Chapters 2nd Quarter meeting. From left to right. Left: Jimmy Taylor, Rick Follett, Rich Pennington, Mike Gavin. Right: Jack Jacobson, TJ Jenson, Phil Kennedy, Steve Parcell, and Eddie Fuquay.

Besides taking care of the normal Chapter business... we continue to recognize some very deserving and outstanding ACC AMMO troops;

ACC Quarterly Munitions Awards;

2022, 4th Quarter;

- Outstanding Munitions Technician, SrA Iyana J. Mathurin, 1st MUNS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis AFB, VA;



CMSgt Sam Sharpe, Senior Enlisted Leader, HQ ACC/A5/8/9, presents the Chapters Outstanding Munitions Technician Award certificate to SrA Mathurin.

2023, 1st Quarter;

- Outstanding Munitions Supervisor, TSgt Branden J. Redden, 1st MUNS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis AFB, VA;
- Outstanding Munitions Manager, MSgt Michael A. Kalman, 1st MUNS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis AFB, VA;



MSgt Kalman receives the Chapters Outstanding Munitions Manager Award certificate from CMSgt Sam Sharpe, Senior Enlisted Leader, HQ ACC/A5/8/9.

ACC 2022 Annual Munitions Awards;

- 2022 Annual Munitions Category;
- Outstanding Munitions Supervisor, TSgt Johnnishe N. Hargrove, 1st MUNS, Joint Base Langley-Eustis AFB, VA;



CMSgt Vickie Lemke, USAF 2W0 Career Field Manager, presents TSgt Hargrove the Chapters recognition certificate during the 2023 USAF 2W0 Senior Manager's Worldwide Conference.

For our 3rd Quarter meeting, we're planning to make it a destination event at Extra Billy's BBQ Restaurant in Richmond... date is TBD.

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



The Emerald Coast Chapter (ECC) of the AMMO Chiefs Association is in the final stages of having the AMMO monument (large pisspot) added to the grounds of The Air Force Armament Museum out of Eglin AFB, Florida. This is the only museum dedicated to the collection, preservation and exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia associated with Air Force Armament and its platforms of delivery. The monument will consist of a 15' X 15' concrete slab, plaque, and a large pisspot as the focal point. The ECC was able to get all the materials needed for the pad itself to be donated by local companies. We will wait until approximately 30 days from the delivery of the monument (pisspot) to begin construction of the pad itself. The last update we received was that the monument would arrive in the September timeframe.

The monument will sit in the center of a large pad that will be surrounded by approximately 900 commemorative pavers. All AMMO Troops that are retired or honorably separated are eligible to purchase a paver to be laid around the monument. The pavers are 4" by 8" and will be sold for \$50 each. Each paver will be able to have three lines of text with 15 characters per line if you want a graphic (pisspot or USAF symbol) or 20 characters per line if no graphic is wanted. The request for selectees from Hurlburt, Eglin and Tyndall Bomb Dumps for Munitions person of the Year will go out the end of August and will be presented at the Annually Awards Dinner on 4 Nov.

Any questions can be sent to Gene Cox spectre1221@gmail.com.

Wasatch Front Chapter:

By Chris Hazard

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

No input for this period.

MID-WEST CHAPTER:

By Don Meyers

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

We wanted to congratulate our VP, Don Myers, on his retirement from Civil Service. Don's transition was a very quiet sailing off to his favorite fishing hole. The chapter also supported

the WP AFB Chiefs Group annual golf event again this year with a \$100 donated to sponsor a hole.

The ACA Midwest Chapter recognized the HQ AFMC Outstanding Munitions Professionals for the first Quarter of 2023. We wish them all congratulations on a job well done. The winners were:

AMN: SrA Samuel A. Cast, 96 MXS, Eglin AFB
NCO: SSgt David A. Tancer, SMW, Hill AFB
SNCO: MSgt Kevin M. Babinski, 649 Muns, Hill AFB
Civ: NH-II Louis Vasquez, 412 MXG, Edwards AFB.

LONE STAR CHAPTER:

By Joe Dominguez

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



Members of the Lone Star Chapter met at the Quarry Hofbrau & Beer Garden in San Antonio on May 6th to conduct a general membership meeting and enjoy a little camaraderie. We were fortunate to have two spouses join us for lunch and participate in some lively conversations. Additionally, we were proud to welcome the chapter's first associate member, Tom Still. Having a quorum present, we held an election for our Vice President. Congratulations to Fred Lee on his re-election.

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>
President	Tom Cox
Vice President	Bill Pennington
Secretary/Treasurer	Ricky Quattlebaum



Our chapter made our first ever recognition of some very special airmen this week, recognition for being the “Go To” members of their units for getting the job done.

Senior Airman Isiah R. Kelsey of the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Munitions flight was recognized for his pursuit of quality maintenance of AETC's largest MMHE fleet ensuring the safe transportation of munitions for the AF's most robust flying hour program of 26,400 flight hours.



Also recognized was Senior Airman Jamie Pina of the 944th Maintenance Squadron, Munitions Flight. SrA Pena was recognized as an integral member for a change of MASO, 100% AMMO inventory count team. His attention to detail was instrumental in the total accountability of 12K munitions line items with zero discrepancies.

We want to recognize CMSgt Jean Thomas for allowing our representatives to be present at their unit’s Flight Call, to make these presentations. ACADMC was represented by Tom Cox, President; Bill Pennington, Vice President; Ricky Quattlebaum, Secretary; and Cam Johnson, retired Ammo Chief.



363RD TRAINING SQUADRON SHEPPARD AMMO



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AMMO Schoolhouse - ACA Outstanding Graduates

Editor's Note: No students in Classes 23014, 23015, 23018, 23021, 23023, or 23024 met minimum Top Graduate criteria.

SrA Lee Wirth

Class: 23012

Hometown: Klamath Falls, OR **Gaining Base/Unit:** 173d FW Kingsley Field ANG



SSgt William Bullock

Class: 23013

Hometown: Fulton, NY Gaining Base/Unit: Hancock Field ANG



A1C Beltran Skinner

Class: 230016

Hometown: Chesapeake, VA Gaining Base/Unit: Mountain Home AFB, ID



A1C Sean Disney

Class: 23020

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA Gaining Base/Unit: Hill AFB, UT



AB Evan Benell

Class: 23022

Hometown: Dumont, NJ Gaining Base/Unit: Whiteman, AFB, MO



A1C Christian Barnett

Class: 23025

Hometown: Redding, CA Gaining Base/Unit: Tyndall AFB, FL



AFCOMAC - 9TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON

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



ACA Outstanding Performer Awards

**2305 – SSgt Cheyanne Bernier
Unit/Base 57 MUNS, Nellis AFB, NV**

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

**2306 – SSgt Christopher Clark
Unit/Base 509 MUNS, Whiteman AFB, Missouri**

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

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, 136 AMMO Legacy Pavers ordered/installed. 90 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 Munitions 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/>. Plans are underway for a 15' x 15' slab to host the monument, a 3' x 4' walkway leading to the monument with a surrounding walkway further surrounded by pavers. The exact plans are in work with the Armament Museum. The pour date for the main pad has been delayed while waiting for additional design and site information/approval.

CONSTRUCTION: Rock of Ages is actively working the monument and plans to have the AMMO monument completed within the next month. The Flame and Ball are completed, and ROA is working on cutting the Hexagonal Base now.

DELIVERY: Rock of Ages has confirmed they can and are prepared to meet a 1 Apr 23 date to ship the monument to the USAF Armament Museum at Eglin once the site is prepared and ready to accept the monument.



Monument Flame being finished at Rock of Ages facility (Apr 23)



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

INSTALLATION: Additional site preparation and installation will occur throughout 2023.

DEDICATION: The AMMO monument and site is “tentatively” planned to be complete and opening dedication to be held on or about National AMMO Day (4 Dec 2023).

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

None 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
Lott S. Carter ***
Martin Church
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
Rufus C. Holman
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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
James Phinney
John A Pfromm
William “Bill” Poe
Louis V. Prelip
Harold P. Prevet *
Stonewall Ramsey
Erwin G. “Erv” Redman
Robert “Bob” Reinhart
Leander Richards
Leroy Rott
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Gary Scott
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Kenneth R. Whitley
Bruce Wilson
Lyle M. Winnicki
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*