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We are the Ammo Chiefs Association, a not-for-profit; fraternal Association dedicated to the promotion of camaraderie among active duty and retired **USAF AMMO Chiefs**. Our members work throughout the year to raise funds for worthwhile charitable causes such as the Richard Gauvin Memorial Fund, the Enlisted Widows Foundation, and a Sunshine Committee to respond to members' time of distress. The ACA contributes to the morale of active duty AMMO troops at the Chapter level through recognition and sports programs. The ACA sponsors awards programs for the AMMO School House Outstanding Performer, and the ACOMAC Outstanding Performer. ACA has contributed to cultural enterprises such as the RAF Welford AMMO Museum. *We are AMMO, and proud of it!* Please visit the AMMO Chiefs web page for more information at <http://ammochiefs/ammochiefs.com>.

From Your Vice President

ACA Members,

As we start the ACA newsletter back up we will need your support to spread the news of our organization. CMSgt (Ret) John Matthews and I have taken on the task of getting the ACA Newsletter back on its feet. We have several chapters up and running and doing great things for the Ammo community and it would be greatly appreciated if you could send in your articles for our newsletter. We have many of our ACA members away from military installations and depend on our website and newsletter to keep them informed on ACA events. The reunion committee needs your support in getting your payment and notification of your intent to attend the 2010 ACA Reunion. The General Membership Meeting will be held at Fort Walton Beach, Florida in November 2010, during the ACA reunion. For ACA Newsletter inputs please send to:

John Matthews at AmmoChief63@comcast.net

Rich Pennington at rpennington7@cox.net

Richard Pennington
ACA Vice President



Secretary's Section

Please provide me with an update of your address and contact details. Drop me an email or snail mail. All members were sent a new membership card this year. If you did not receive yours, please contact me and I will send you a replacement. Also, if you have not received your numbered Membership Coin, please let me know.

Many of you were not able to access the web-site over recent months because it had become infected and was not trusted by Google. Rich McVey our Web-Master has worked extremely hard to fix the site and reduce the vulnerability to the numerous threats posed by web-sites. Try the new site <http://ammochiefs/ammochiefs.com> <<http://ammochiefs/ammochiefs.com/>> . While we are on the subject of the web-site; Rich has been the ACA Web-Master for 10 years and would like to submit his retirement papers, if you or someone you know (not necessarily a Chief or ACA Member) would be willing to take on this frequently thank-less but necessary task, please contact Darrell, Rich P, or myself.

The membership roll on the web-site is current as of 1 July 2010! Please check it and if you believe there is an error let me know. If you have paid your dues continuously you are eligible to convert/upgrade from Annual Membership to Life Membership by paying the additional years to receive credit for 10 years payments. Please contact me for the balance of your pro-rated payments.

If you are shown as an Inactive Member (IA) or you previously joined or submitted an application to the ACA and you are not listed, your membership has lapsed! We would welcome you back, you may be reinstated by paying 2011 dues, \$25; send checks to ACA Secretary, 6046 SW 98 Loop, Ocala, Florida, 34476.

Please check the roster and use it to recruit those active duty or retired Ammo Chief's who are not yet or lapsed members. Send applications to ACA Secretary, 6046 SW 98 Loop, Ocala, Florida, 34476 with a check for \$25 (or life membership \$250)!

Please keep your address and contact details current. A quick e-mail to me will suffice.

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REUNIONS

ACA Reunion

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY

Reunion registration ends **September 15th, 2010**. You have to register before then to get into the reunion. Contact Darrell Beasley or go to the ACA website; <http://.ammochiefs/ammochiefs.com>; for registration instructions. A copy of registration form is included in this newsletter!!

Just a reminder to all...The ACA Reunion is set for November 4 through 7, 2010. If you plan on attending please go to the AMMO Chiefs website and send me your registration form with appropriate amount of money, (do not forget the registration fee). Please send your registration form and check to:

Darrell Beasley
53A Country Club Road
Shalimar, Florida 32579

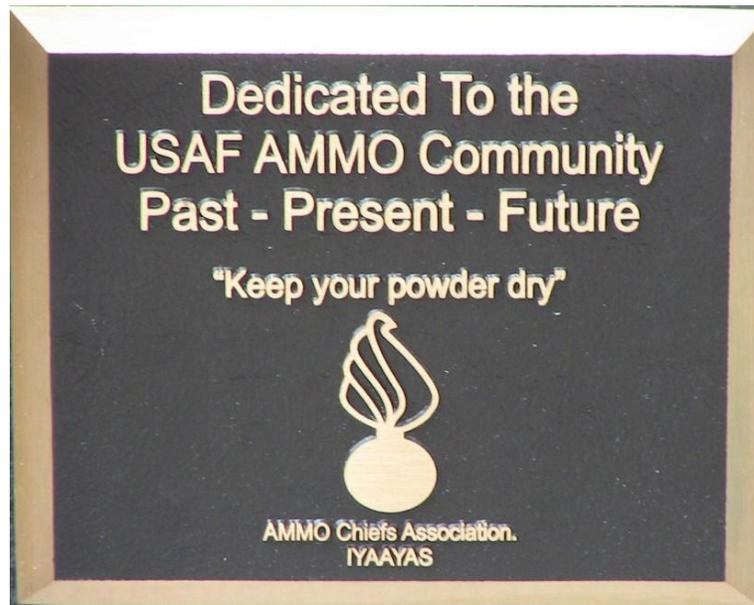
Thanks and look forward to seeing everyone in November. Take care and keep your powder dry.

Darrell

Seventh RAF Welford Reunion

Just a reminder that the 7TH RAF Welford Reunion is in San Antonio, 19th thru 23rd October 2010. Reservations have to be made at the hotel by September 19th 2010 to receive the group rate. I also need to get some idea of the number of folks interested in the bus trip to Fredericksburg to see if it is a viable option. Please can contact me by email at engspee@comcast.net. You can also contact me on my cell phone 707-484-2813 or 503-458-600. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Take care, Tina Speer



On 9 July 2010 at 3 pm the AMMO community from the Wright-Patterson AFB area came together at the National Museum of the United States Air Force to pay tribute and honor the AMMO family. A ceremony was held to dedicate a plaque at the Memorial Park to the memory of the AMMO Community. The plaque was presented to the Museum on behalf of the ACA and the AMMO community by CMSgt (Ret) Mark C. Gossett, the ACA Midwest Chapter President. The Master of Ceremonies was SMSgt (Ret) Charles J. Yockey, the Chaplin was Father Mike Kreutzer, and receiving the plaque for the National Museum was MGen (Ret) Metcalf, the Museum's Director. The event was attended by members from the local Munitions Storage area, HQ AFMC Munitions Office, members of the ACA Midwest Chapter well as many other retired and activity duty personnel.

We had two of these plaques made and plan to dedicate the second one during the ACA Reunion in November. We are working with the Air Armament Center Museum for the dedication, CMSgt (Ret) Johnny Long is heading up the effort for us.

Very special thanks goes out to CMSgt (Ret) Mark Gossett for leading the effort to get plaques made and working with the Air Force Museum to accept our design. We plan to show video of the Air Force Museum dedication during our ACA Reunion.

Richard Pennington
ACA Vice President





You can reach ACA Officers by email at the addresses below if you would like their snail mail addresses contact the Secretary. Please contact any of the members of the ACA Board of Directors if you have any items of interest or information you feel would be of benefit to the organization.

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The ACA does not have a **Sunshine Committee** at this time; however the ACA Officers have been working together to collect information and send cards and funds to the AMMO community. We have a budget line dedicated to the purpose of supporting our AMMO community. We continue to receive donations to support this program. The purpose of our **Sunshine Committee** was to respond to deaths of ACA members and AMMO troops. It also responds to serious health issues of members and their immediate families with cards and notifies the rest of the membership and posts to the web when one of ours is seriously ill so personal friends and acquaintances are informed and can send their letters of care and concern. The Committee may also address issues of personal need where an AMMO troop has fallen on hard times and can use a helping hand. The Committee is one of the main ways through which we support the AMMO community and we are looking to be more proactive in this endeavor. If you are interested in Chairing or serving on the Committee please submit your name to one of the ACA Board of Directors.



Airman Robert A. Hasley was stationed at Misawa Air Base, Japan. He was from Des Moines, Iowa, and is survived by his father, Anthony W. Vestal, and his grandmother Barbara D. Vestal. A memorial service honoring Airman Hasley was held 30 July 2010 at the Misawa Collocated Club. Request you send cards of condolence to:

Mr. Anthony Vestal
5140 NW 2nd
Des Moines, Iowa 50313

Father's email address is awvestal@gmail.com

In the Ammo community there's a pride of belonging and fellowship that is respected and honored throughout the Air Force. During Amn Hasley's short tenure in Ammo it was noted he was an outstanding member of the Ammo team and made a significant impact on the lives he touched everyday while on and off duty.

He was posthumously awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his accomplishments during his assignment with 35 MXS Munitions Flight.

I'm sure it will lift the spirits of his family to receive cards from around the world from the Ammo community.

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Richard Pennington
ACA Vice President

ACA Web Page News

Visit <http://ammochiefs/ammochiefs.com> or further information.

Chapter News 

Wasatch Front Chapter

Colonel Randy Tymofichuk Retires at Hill by Chief Master Sergeant Mike Eisenberg 388th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight Chief 7/5/2010 – HILL AFB, Utah – On June 23, 2010, the Air Force munitions community said farewell to one of its greatest supporters! There was standing room only in the spacious Hill Aerospace Museum for the retirement of Colonel Randy B. Tymofichuk.



Colonel Tymofichuk was the 309th Missile Maintenance Group Commander at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He led depot maintenance and repair for all Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles in support of USSTRATCOM requirements. His group was directly responsible for the assembly and transport of rocket motors for Missile Defense Agency test launches and aging and surveillance testing on various solid rocket motors, munitions, and associated equipment. He served in critical positions in missile operations and maintenance at every echelon in the Air Force to include key staff positions at Numbered Air Force, MAJCOM, and Headquarters United States Air Force, as well as commanding at the squadron and three times at the group level. It was an incredible sight to witness as supporters came out in groves! Many were Air Force General Officers, Commanders, munitions personnel, retirees, and civilians who worked with or under him while he was Commander of the 75th Maintenance Group, Commander, 784th Combat Sustainment Group, and Commander, 309th Missile Maintenance Group.

This retirement ceremony was especially significant in that Colonel Tymofichuk was bestowed the

honor of being nominated and inducted as an honorary member of the Ammo Chiefs Association. His certificate and coin were presented by CMSgt (Ret) Calandra, CMSgt (Ret) Maurer, CMSgt (Ret) Fallen, CMSgt Eisenberg, and CMSgt Jones. Colonel Tymofichuk was truly touched to have received such an honor from a group he has respected throughout his career.



The persistent theme from guest speakers, friends, and family was the Colonel's unwavering dedication and devotion to the advancement of the munitions community and his sincere caring for the personnel that worked for or around him. Although he has retired, his legacy to the munitions community will definitely live on!

Mid-Atlantic Region

Our ACA Chapter entered 2010 with an active and strong membership. A new Vice President was voted into office (Mike Robertson). It has been a good year overall and we have meet as a Chapter on two occasions; 13 Mar at the 1st FW MSA and 19 Jun at my home for a Yard Sale fundraiser, meeting and BBQ. During the 1st Quarter this year the chapter has recognized two regional Quarterly award winners from SJ & Langley with certificates and cash awards. The 2nd Quarter Award selections were recently released and we will be recognizing another Technician at SJ for their superior performance. In addition, the Chapter donated \$250 to the Rich Gauvin Memorable scholarship fund at AFCOMAC.

With regret we said good-bye and gave our best wishes to Chief Tom McConnell as he retired. In Tom's honor the Chapter made a \$50 dollar donation to AFCOMAC supporting the *Chief Rich Gauvin Memorial* scholarship for the many accomplishments and strong Chapter support. Unfortunately, we are losing Chief Pat Bowen to an assignment as a CCM at Robins in early Sep. Pat has been and we are sure will remain an active ACA supporter.

We welcomed into the Chapter some new members: Rick Follett, Dan Munroe, Pat Barcus and Ken Jackson. We continue to look forward and try to find ways to support our AMMO community. The Chapter socialization aspect is great, but supporting our AMMO warriors in the field is high on our target list.

Michael Gavin
Chapter President

Midwest Chapter

In March the Midwest Chapter paid tribute to the 2009 AFMC AMMO winners. The winners were:

- A1C Timothy D. McCracken at the 649th MUNS, Hill AFB
- SSgt Joshua W. Roberts at the 586 FLTS, Holloman AFB NM
- MSgt Ray C. Herman Jr at the 649th MUNS also at Hill AFB
- Mr. Matthew J. Klund at the 412 MXS Edwards AFB CA.

Congratulations to all the winners for the support and leadership they continue to provide to their units.

Don Myers was re-elected as the Chapter's VP. His new term begins on 1 January 2011.

The group had its midyear meeting at a local watering hole, the Quaker Steak and Lube, where a good time was had by all. We continue to get together for lunch so if you're ever in the area and have time to join us just let us know.

Thanks
Mark

Emerald Coast Chapter – Nothing to report



One of our members in Texas, Ammo Chief John Rivard is interested in forming a Chapter to cover the Southwest. Members or potential members who are interested please contact John, john_rivard@msn.com <mailto:john_rivard@msn.com> !

The Ammo Chiefs at Ramstein have formed a chapter. Initial members are Chiefs Chris Hendrix, Brett Kulp, Tim Culbertson, Bill Hendricks, and David Nixon. Any members or potential members in Europe who are interested in joining the European Chapter please contact Chris Hendrix, christopher.hendrix@ramstein.af.mil <<mailto:christopher.hendrix@ramstein.af.mil>> .

Remember it only takes two Ammo Chiefs to form a Chapter!



Membership Application

Dues: \$25.00/year or \$250 Life Membership
(Note: Applications for Associate Membership must be submitted
and endorsed by an active AMMO Chief Member.)

First Name _____ MI ____ Last Name _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Service Status: Active Duty: (Circle one) Yes No

Present Grade/Rank or Rank at Retirement: _____

Date Entered Service: _____

Date of Retirement: _____

War Veteran: (State War or Conflict) _____

Brief history of your AMMO work, i.e., duty/unit assignment, dates, bases stationed at, etc.

6th AMMO Chiefs Association Reunion 4-7 November 2010

Fort Walton Beach, Florida

ACTIVITY SIGN-UP SHEET

Fellow ACA Members. If you intend to participate in the events below, please fill in the appropriate blocks, costs, and totals. The Total costs at the bottom right must be remitted NLT 15 Sep with this sheet to ensure pre-paid event costs are covered. We would like to get a head count by 1 July so you can send us an email to let us know you are coming. You can make reservations at the hotel under code ACR (Ammo Chiefs Reunion), 850-244-8686. Room rates are \$79, \$89, and \$109 per night for the suite.

Full name of attending ACA Member: _____

Guest Name/s: _____

Contact Address: _____ Phone: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00

ICEBREAKER – 4 Nov, 1800-2000 (Vegetable Crudites w/assorted dip, tomato basil/mozzarella Bruschetta finger sandwiches, chicken quesadillas/ guacamole)

Number attending: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

FISHING TRIP- 5 Nov, 0630-1330 (Deep Sea Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico). This trip may cancel due to changing fishing regulations, but we will still plan to go and make refunds if a no go.

Number Fishing: _____ X \$70.00 = \$ _____

AMMO CALL – 5 Nov, 1800-2200 (Keg beer and pizza at Helen Back Bar)

Number attending: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

LADIES NITE OUT – 5 Nov, 1800-2200 (Pay as you go dinner)

Number attending: _____

ACA AMMO GOLF OUTING – 6 Nov, 0900-1200 (Gator Lakes, Hurlburt Field) Pay at the Course

Number of Golfers: _____

COAT AND TIE, SIT DOWN DINNER AND DANCE – 6 Nov, 1800-2300 Meal Choices: (Choose One Per Attendee) (Includes meal with salad, mixed veggies, garlic mashed potatoes, bread, coffee/tea, dessert.)

Prime Rib # _____ **or Chicken Cordon Bleu: #** _____

Number Dining: _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

BREAKFAST, BUFFET STYLE – 7 Nov 0730-0930 (Scrambled eggs, sausage/bacon, home-style potatoes, grits, biscuits/gravy, orange juice, coffee, tea) at the hotel icebreaker room. Note: Must have at least 30 people to signup for this or it will be cancelled.

Number Dining: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED: \$ _____

Add Total costs in the right hand column and remit this amount by cash or check made out to: **ACA Emerald Coast Chapter**”.

**Mail your check and this sheet to: Darrell Beasley
53A Country Club Rd.
Shalimar, Fl. 32579**

(Recommend you cut and paste the appropriate parts of this to your word processor and print out your sheet to mail along with your check. Thanks)